



## GROUP NEWS

December 2025

Coming up this month, all members and families are invited to attend our family Christingle & Carol Service at Stubbings, on Sunday 14th December at 2.55pm.

We are also holding our Annual New Year Morning Walk on Thursday 1st January, 10.30am.

Next Year, our Summer Fair will be on Sunday 28th June.



### Christingle (Carol) Service



We are holding a PG Carol Service on  
**Sunday 14th December 2025 at 2.55pm**

at our local Church  
**St. James the Less at Stubbings.**

All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts,  
Young Leaders, parents, brothers, sisters, friends  
are invited to join us at this Special Service

**Tea and Mince Pies will be served  
afterwards in the Soltau Centre**



### New Year's Day - Morning Walk

Our annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Thursday** 1st January 2026.

Time: **10.30 a.m.** at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park,  
to approx. **12 noon.**

Our walk is open to all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, their families and friends of PG.



**We hope you will be able to join us.**

### Used Postage Stamp

Tarka (*Barry Palmer*) is collecting used postage stamps for RNLI.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Start collecting stamps as they come through your post box or at your work. If possible, can you leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp.

Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box or give them to your child's leader.





**BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA**

**December 2025**

<u>Week</u>	<u>St Mary the Virgin, Hurley</u>	<u>St James the Less, Stubbings</u>	<u>St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green</u>
Week 2 Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 God through Music	4.00 Evensong	2.15 Christingle
Week 3 Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 Christingle	8.00 BCP Communion <b>3.00</b> <b>PG Scout Christingle</b> 4.30 Carols by Candlelight	
Week 4 Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	4.30 Carols by candlelight	11.00 BCP Communion	5.00 Carols by Candlelight
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15 Crib service 11.15 Midnight Mass	4.30 Crib Service 11.15 Midnight Mass	2.00 Crib Service
<b>Christmas Day</b> Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 Christmas Communion	11.00 Christmas Communion	9.15 Christmas Communion
Week 5 Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December			10.00 Family Communion

**Black Sacks of Rubbish**

A big thank you goes to all the parents who have taken home a black sack of rubbish after their child's s section meeting. We have to pay to have rubbish collected and this helps us save some money.

If you have space in your black Wheelie bin or you are going to the tip, and you see a black rubbish sack, please help us by taking it.



**Remembrance Sunday Services**

It was good to see all PG members and their families at this year's Remembrance Sunday Services.

Pinkneys Green Scout Group along with parents and families attended the annual Remembrance Sunday Parades.

**Littlewick Green** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders attended the service at *St John the Evangelist* in Littlewick Green.

**Winter Hill** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders attended the service at *St James the Less* in Stubbings.



**Maidenhead Scout Shop**

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 9pm**

(Term Time)

&

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**10am-12noon**

at

19th Maidenhead Scout Hut Holmanleaze  
(SL6 8AW)

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

**SOLTAU CENTRE**

**ST JAMES THE LESS STUBBINGS**

The Soltau Centre is available for hire at reasonable rates

Our versatile space can be used for exercise classes, meetings  
and social meet ups

There are new toilets and excellent kitchen facilities

The Centre can offer broadband for hybrid or online meetings

Please contact Claire at the office on 01628 820077 for further information

## Ellington Morris - FREE introduction to Morris dancing



Did you know that Ellington Morris dancers also use the Scout Hall during the winter months as they learn new dances for the following year?

We practice every Wednesday at 8:30pm throughout November and December. You are welcome to come along any evening to see what we do!

Why not try something different and come along and join us?

It is fun to learn, and no experience is necessary - sticks and hankies are provided!

Both dancers and musicians are welcome.

For further details contact Chris Bell on 01628 623023 or our website [www.ellington.org.uk](http://www.ellington.org.uk)



## Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under four years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our waiting list** so that when they reach four, they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment.

If in doubt, please check and ask our G.L.V Erica Hunter [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

## PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

We need your support; it is quite simple to **access our online web shop.**

If you are shopping online for anything at all, please remember to go via **easyfundraising** to raise free donations for us. Easyfundraising has over 7,500 brands which will donate to us at no extra cost to you, including lots of big-name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza, Morrisons and Audible.

All you have to do is go through the **easyfundraising** website or App whenever you shop online and we will receive a percentage of what you spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us.

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## Parents Volunteers to Help Clean the Scout Hall

We looking for parent volunteers to clean the hall next year from March and looking for some new parents to help.

Areas include the Toilet, kitchen and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen, Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please complete our online form <https://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT>

**Anytime, between** Tuesday morning (Weds only before 5.30pm, Thurs before 4.30pm and after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm.

A **big thank you** goes to the 22 parents who have helped clean the Scout Hall this year.

## Chewing/ Bubble Gum

Can we remind all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders that **Chewing and Bubble Gum is BANNED** from the Scout Hall and all Scouting activities that they take part in, as members of PG. The reason is that Chewing & Bubble gum can be dangerous if swallowed. It is also VERY antisocial when left on the Scout Hall floor, on tables, chairs etc.



## Old Mobile Phone

The phone we use for Scout Camps and Scouting Activities only works on the 3G network which they are switching off at the end of the year. Does anyone have a mobile phone – they no longer require – It only needs to make / receive phone calls / messages and work on the 4G network. If you can help email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey

At the start of the month, after half term, the Squirrels enjoyed junk modelling. They designed and made cars and had fun racing them.

As it was World Kindness Day in November, the Squirrels spoke about kindness. The Squirrels made kindness rocks to give to someone, with a kind message attached.

For road safety week, the Squirrels had a session on how to cross the road, different types of crossings then demonstrated what they had learnt by acting out how they would cross the road.

*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

### Littlewick Drey

We have had another busy month. The Squirrels made a wreath and learnt about Remembrance Day, 4 attended the parade with leaders and laid their wreath. They also carried the Squirrel flag.



We had a visit to Waitrose in town to learn about where food is produced around the world which was part of the Super Chef badge. Each Squirrel then chose a piece of fruit to have.

4 Squirrel attended the District Room in the Broom Day on 15th Nov, they had great fun going craft activities and cooking popcorn.

Finally we had an evening of Experiments organised and by one of the parents, they learnt all about germs, one experiment we will have to wait for the results next week.

*.Baloo, Littlewick Green* (Erica Hunter)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

November started with us learning about Guy Fawkes and making firework pencil toppers, this was followed by our very own 'Brickies' night at the hall, with the Beavers using all their creativity skills to make their own model worlds.



Last week we took a trip to Salt Hill Activity Centre for a night of trampoline fun, although a lot of time was spent constructing foam houses for the Beavers to live in and we clearly have a few future architects within the group!

*Malak, Littlewick* (Phil Franzen)

## Winter Hill Colony

The first week after half term, the Beavers enjoyed a Halloween party run by the Scouts. They enjoyed apple bobbing, eating donuts off string and turning each other in to mummies. Thank you to all the Scouts who came to help. The next week, the Beavers had an evening on safety. They learnt basic first aid. How to apply a plaster how to do a sling, tried to learn one of their parents' phone numbers in case of an emergency and how to make an emergency phone call.



The following week the Beavers used their imaginations and created firework pictures. They used paint and black paper to produce their images.

*Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)*

## CUB NEWS

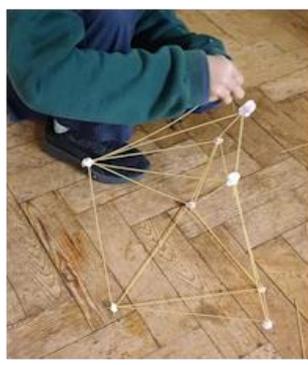
During half term twelve Scouts ran a Scary Party for both packs at the Scout Hall.

Games included apple bobbing, smarties hidden in flour, donuts on a string.

The cubs came in a scary costume and brought an item in a bag to scare a leader.

## Littlewick Pack

Littlewick Cubs have been busy mastering some important skills at the core of Cub values. Many of them completed the second part of our Emergency aid training to gain their level three award. They demonstrated great teamwork and



ingenuity building spaghetti and marshmallow towers. We looked at essential items for camping and hiking, alongside navigation skills and map work. We followed this with a night hike, seeing how the

seasons had changed Shottesbrook over the months and enjoying some hot chocolate at the end. A massive thankyou to all our parent helpers on the evening. We also gave out lots of badges and invested four new Cubs into the pack, a huge welcome to them,

*Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)*

## Winter Hill Pack

A busy month again for WH Cubs. We started the term working independently and in our sixes using paracord to create three knots. Each knot added together created a Poppy and could be worn as a brooch or key ring. The pack was focused and worked hard. Unfortunately, very few successes but the team work,



commitment and controllable frustration meant that instead of success, we took the knots home to try and create them in our own time.

Many Cubs returned the following week with great attempts and proof that practice and patience is key. We then worked together to build fires, light them and cook on the embers while discussing fire safety, match usage and risks involved around open flames. Cubs made popcorn, enjoyed marshmallows, cooked twists and sausages all in the darkness of Autumn. Lots of fun and lovely to see great memories being shared around the campfire.

Last week we had great fun sharing our collections. From fridge magnets to medals, pen collections to magnetic monkeys and coins. Learning about each other is so important and being able to discuss each others interests, hobby's and passions was great.

*Akela, Winter Hill* (Matt Bolton)

### Report – Cooking

At Cubs on the 12.11.25 we went onto the green to make some fires. We went into groups and I was with Rory, Jessica, Cara, Ethan, and me. We were the first to get a fire going when Rory blew the fire and it lit into beautiful colours. First, we had to wait for a long time but then finally the embers heated up and we made twisters by getting dough and wrapping it round a stick. After that, we made sausages but while we cooked the sausages (that took for ever to cook) our leader Frank cooked popcorn. I was waiting for my sausage to cook then I had a few minutes left so I ate a marshmallow! THEN FINALLY the sausage was cooked and we went back to the Scout Hall for ground howl.

By Astri Roberts



## SCOUT NEWS

**DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION** – Both Troops put a team into the District Cooking Competition. They had to produce a three-course meal for four people, with a budget £21, on a double gas burner.



Congratulations go to WH team William Grayson, Nathan England and Charlie Peck on Winning, with their Italian style meal. Menu: Antipasto – Bruchetta (bruschetta), Principle – Pollo di parmigiana (chicken parmesan) and rice; Deserto – Torta di formsaggio (cheesecake); Plus, homemade lemon & lime drink. Also, congratulations go to LG team Jack Lewis, Joshua Lewis and Arthur Marshall-Pullinon coming second. Their meal was Feta Salad, Chicken & Bacon Pasta and Welsh Cakes

**DISTRICT NIGHT HIKE** – Winter Hill and Littlewick both put teams into the District Night Hike. This year the hike route used footpaths in the area bounded by Bigfrith, Cookham Dean and Cookham Rise to the north and Pinkneys Green and Furze Platt to the South. The teams had 8 activities to complete. They were very lucky with the weather; there had been a yellow weather warning, but it stopped raining at 8pm and the organisers decided the event could take place. PG entered **6 teams, 51 Scouts and adults took part** from PG, the most we have ever had



**Results: PL Max Carter, Team 1 - 18th=; PL Jack Lewis, Team 2 – 15th; PL Jonah Puddephatt; Team 3 - 13th=; PL Edie Wespieser, Team 4 - 2nd, PLs Will Grayson & Reuben Cranch, Team 5 - 4th=, PL Varsha Vishak, Team 6 - 11th.** There were **29** teams. *Thank you goes to all the parents Dan Carter, Matt Travers. Barry Puddephatt, Faye Scarff, Mark England, Claire Murrill, Daniel Bartlett, Luke Wespieser, Debbie Cranch and Luke Turner and leaders Alan, Paul & Matt who walked with the teams, plus the leaders: Mark, Ben, James and YL Sri, who ran the PG base at the Old Brick Kiln.*

There is a selection of photos - [www.facebook.com/pgscouts](http://www.facebook.com/pgscouts)

**Littlewick Troop**

Our recent meetings have included building marble runs from equipment in the hall, pumpkin carving, cooking paella in groups, plotting routes on OS maps (practising for the District Night hike) and making thaumatropes to understand how our vision (we see) works.



Cooking paella went particularly well with three versions being produced by different groups of scouts.

Thaumatropes are when two different parts of an image are drawn on different sides of a rotating piece of card. When it rotates quickly enough, we perceive this as one image. For example, drawing an image of a person on one side and prison bars on the other will produce a combined image of the person behind the bars when it is spun.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (*Mark Courtier*)

**Winter Hill Troop**

This year the Scouts ran four Halloween parties. They ran one for both cub packs on the Wednesday in half term, on Friday 31st October the Scout had their own party and got quite messy with the games, and the Monday after half term they ran one for the Beavers, who were even wrapped up as mummies using toilet paper.



Thank you goes to Scout, Max Hofton for holding the Scout Flag, Young Leader Jude Sander for holding the Union Flag and to all the Scouts who attended the Remembrance service at Stubbing church.

Troop meeting has included making Turks head woggles, trying to light a candle on the other side of the hall just using string and garden canes, plus plotting the route for the District Night Hike.

We welcomed back Sripratish Rao back to the Troop as a Young Leader, after a break after being too old to be a Scout. Sri has made his Scout promise and was invested.

**Scout Leader Winter Hill** (*Simon Wheeler*)

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S**

**& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM**

