



## GROUP NEWS

February 2025



All Sections are busy with their spring programmes.

It was great to hear from all the old PG Members, after we sent out our special 40-year edition of PG Tips, last month.

Our Fundraising events this year are:

- Summer Fair on Sunday 22nd June
- Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th September.

## District St Georges Day Event

All members of PG (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over Maidenhead at this year's District St Georges Afternoon Event.

Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngsters, more details near the event.

Please make a note of the date – **SATURDAY 26th April 2025**, 2pm - 4.15pm.



**Scouts are Looking for Help** - We are looking for someone to drive a minibus at Summer Camp for a few days between 19th July – 1st August 2025.

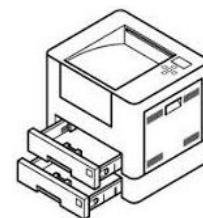
If you can help or think of anyone who can help us, please contact Simon [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk) for more details.

## Plea for a Laser Printer

We are looking to replace our colour Laser Printer, which we are struggling to get to print – If your company is upgrading theirs or you know where we can get one for a reasonable price, then please let Simon know, Thank you.

We are also still looking for donations, of computers, laptops (they can have a broken screen), computer monitors, disk drives and network equipment. These are to help youngsters with their scouting. Some of what we have is very old so we would really appreciate any help!

If you have an old computer or laptop, you no longer use or if you think that you could convince your work to donate some old equipment, please contact Simon. Email: [Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)



## SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO YOUR CHILD'S MEETINGS



**PINKNEYS GREEN** - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *Can we remind Parents to operate a One-Way System when dropping off or collecting your children from Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours' driveways and DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are outside the hall.*

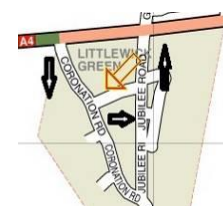
***Please Drive Slowly Down Golden Ball Lane, below the 20mph Speed Limit.***

Park on the Scout Hall side of the road, facing Furze Platt Road, parking lights on when it is dark. **Do Not Park** in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House.*

**LITTLEWICK GREEN** - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up your children from *Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs.*

**DON'T PARK** in Gilchrist Way as this is strictly reserved for residents.

We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **Please ask your child's team leader**, if you are not sure.



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS**



## Used Postage Stamp

A big thank you goes to everyone who has been collecting postage stamps and sent them along to the Scout hall. Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting them.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box or drop them off at your child's section meeting.

## Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 4 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our waiting list** so that when they reach four, they can join Squirrels. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment.

If in doubt, please check and ask. Email our Group Lead Volunteer *Erica Hunter* [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

**Squirrels** are 4-6 Year Olds    **Beavers** are 6 – 8 Year Olds    **Cubs** are 8 – 10 Year Olds

## Uniform - District Scout Shop

All members are expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop

Please make sure that you know your child's Chest & waist size...

The shop will be open every Thursday evening, from **7pm – 9pm** (Except half term, Thursday 20th Feb) and Saturday 8th February, **10am – 12noon**

We do have some second hand uniform; please contact your child's team leader for more details.

## Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 9pm**  
(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

**10am to 12 noon**  
at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze  
(Behind Magnet)

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

## Outgrown your Uniform or Moved Section

If you have a uniform jumper, shirt, shorts, trousers or Yellow PG Tee shirt that your child has outgrown or no longer requires, please donate it to us. Please give it to a leader, so it can go in the second-hand uniform box.

## Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes

**- Once a term**

We are looking for more parent volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the hall, toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year.

We have slots to fill from 22 April. 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, Thursdays before 5pm after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm.

If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk) or talk to a parent who has already done it.

**Thank you goes to all the parents** who have already signed up...



## **Black Sack**

A big thank you goes to all the parents who have taken home a black sack of rubbish after their child'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 can go to the tips, and see black sack rubbish, please help us by taking it.



## **BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA**

**FEBRUARY 2025**

<b><u>Week 2025</u></b>	<b><u>St Mary the Virgin, Hurley</u></b>	<b><u>St James the Less, Stubbings</u></b>	<b><u>St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green</u></b>
<b>Week 1 Sunday 2<sup>ND</sup> February</b>	<b>10.30 God through Music</b>	<b>16.00 Evensong</b>	<b>09.15 Holy Communion</b>
<b>Week 2 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10.30 Holy Communion</b>	<b>08.00 BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>09.15 Songs of Praise with Sunday Club</b>
<b>Week 3 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10.30 God in Quiet</b>	<b>11.00 BCP Communion</b>	<b>09.15 Holy Communion</b>
<b>Week 4 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>10.30 Communion with Sunday Club</b>	<b>09.00 Come to the Table</b>	

## **PG – ONLINE SHOPPING**

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

If you're 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 your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us.

**Please remember to use easyfundraising website**

If you haven't signed up yet, see our page at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)

## **New Years Morning Walk 2025**

A few brave souls took part in this year's annual New Year's morning walk, despite the weather warning. It was still fun. It wasn't as windy as predicted and we did get a downpour but were in the woods at the time. Well done to the Beaver Cub and Scout that came. We started off at the National Trust car park next to the cricket club; from there it went across the green to Stubbings Church yard, where we stopped and looked at the Tree, we planted in 1993 to celebrate our special venture with a Hungarian Scout Troop after the Iron curtain came down. From here we walked under the A404 bypass using Stubbing lane, before walking through the thicket to foot bridge back over A404. Then across the open thicket to Pinkneys Drive car park then back to the cricket pitch.

## **We have still got all these COATS**

*We still have not been able to find who all these coats belong to.*

See photo, they vary in size from squirrels, (four-year-olds), to Scouts (fourteen-year-olds).

Please make our life easier to return lost items and put **your child's name** in their clothes, **including uniform**, PG Green & Yellow scarfs.



## **12 Volt Batteries**

**We are looking for 12 Volt batteries to run our LED lights at camp.**

If you have a working car battery that you no longer require it would be a great help to us. Please email [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk)

## **Chewing 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.

## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Littlewick Drey

A big hello from Tufty! I return to Squirrels post maternity leave and am thoroughly looking forward to getting to know the Squirrels in the drey as many have moved on in the last 10 months!

We have been off to a flying start by working towards our Challenge badges. Talking about how we celebrated Christmas and what we ate and then understanding where we are in our family tree by crafting together photos and tree leaves.

We also made Anzac biscuits and learnt about Australia for Australia Day!



*Tufty Littlewick* (Hannah Smith)

### Winter Hill Drey

I hope everyone had a restful Christmas and a good New Year. We started back with a Lego night the theme was electricity. We spoke about what energy and electricity was and talked about renewable energy. Then the Squirrels to create models with the theme in mind.



We also welcomed our newest Squirrels.

The following week we made kites as we were celebrating the international kite festival. Finally, we had an evening on healthy eating and exercise. The Squirrels tried some new fruits including Sharron fruit passion fruit and grape fruit. They also designed a healthy meal.

*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## BEAVER NEWS

Note the date of the District Beaveree in last month's PG Tips District have changed it to **Saturday 1st March 2025**, it will be held 2pm at Altwood School. Your child's Beaver Team Leader will be giving Beaver parents more details.

### Littlewick Colony

Beavers was back with a bang after our Christmas break, first week back we reflected on what we loved from 2024 and set some goals for things we'd like to achieve in 2025.



We also have made bird feeders as part of the Big Garden Birdwatch and making sure they have food whilst the weather is still cold!

*Malak, Littlewick* (Phil Franzen)

## Winter Hill Colony

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

We started back with a games night and welcomed the new Beavers



The following week we spoke about our Beaver promise and what it is to be a good Beaver. We spoke about what it means by 'doing your best' the Beavers then made a pledge to what good turn they would do for a week.

*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## CUB NEWS

The Scouts will be running a Special Cub meeting for all *Littlewick & Winter Hill* Cubs for those Cubs who are not away during half term. Wednesday 19th February 6.25pm on Green opposite the Scout Hall, Winter Hill Road. Your Cub Team Leader will be giving all Cubs more details week before the event.

## Littlewick Pack



It has been wonderful welcoming the Cubs back after their break. Especially welcoming all the new faces. The older Cubs have done exceptionally well at looking after the new members and the new members have well and truly been doing their best.

We started this term with a pack forum, dragons den style. The young people presented their ideas clearly and concisely and all of our dragons were very impressed. We also covered the second half of the elements for Emergency Aid (3), with many of our Cubs having now completed this badge.

Finally, we saw our oldest Cub, *Zach*, moving up to Scouts. He was wished a fond farewell, but the Cubs look forward to hearing all about his time at Scouts when they see him again.

*Kaa, Littlewick Green* (Sam Lewis)

## Winter Hill Pack

Cubs enjoyed sessions of games and reflection this month. Sitting down in groups discussing what we enjoyed in the past, what we would like to do in the coming months and games and activities we would like to do.

Some are not worth the risk assessments, but looking forward to getting outside in better weather and giving these a go.

Cubs discussed home safety, security and crime prevention. Working in groups to think about how we can keep ourselves and others safe.

*Akela, Winter Hill* (Matt Bolton)



## SCOUT NEWS



**Looking For Help** - We are looking for a parent to drive a minibus at Summer Camp for a few days between **19 July - 1 August 2025**. To drive a minibus, you need to complete a MIDAS course, which we will pay for. If you can help or think of anyone who can help us, please contact Simon [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk) for more details

## **HALF TERM – Running Cubs Activities on the Green**

We are looking for help from *Littlewick and Winter Hill Scouts* running a joint Cubs meeting during half term. Wednesday 19th February 5.45pm – 8pm.

We will be setting up an assault course on the green and a blind trail in the woods, plus Matchstick Puzzle. If you are not away at half term and not doing anything and can help (All Scouts can help). Scouts need to wear your uniform, waterproof coat & boots, plus bring pair shoes to wear in hall.



### **Littlewick Troop**

2025 has featured three meetings so far. For our first one back, the main activity was for the scouts in small groups to design and then pitch their own character for a Disney/Pixar style movie. The leaders really liked the one that looked like a cube. We also played Kim's Game and the scout's memories are much better than mine!

The second meeting of term was 10 years and 1 day since the Littlewick Green Troop started. We therefore had a tenth birthday party including improvised ten pin bowling and a quiz themed around 2015. This largely had to be based around extrapolating from now because the scouts would have been between zero and five then.



Our most recent meeting was a meeting on investing (scout suggested). The scouts were given information about 20 shares to choose from and a budget. From this they could select a portfolio. We are going to track the value of these over the term and whoever ends up with the most valuable portfolio will win a chocolate bar.

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

### **Winter Hill Troop**

The 3rd January the older Scouts organised our first meeting of 2025. They invented some new games including four-way skittles and blindfolded skittles, as well as an old favourite, Stinger, using 100 tennis balls!

The following week we held a Safety evening; the Scouts conducted a fire drill and worked out what to do in the event a fire at home, including an evacuation plan for their family in case of fire or flooding. A few Scouts did not know where their window or door keys were kept at night! They also played a game with dumbbells that they normally play, but did it blindfolded, to get them thinking about moving around in an evacuation situation.

Another week the PLs and APLs taught their patrol basic knots, before they had to complete a challenge using what they learnt. The Scouts also played another new team game of noughts and crosses, using skittles for crosses and dumbbells for noughts. In teams, the Scouts had to run down the hall in turn and place either a nought or cross on the grid mark on the floor.



The Scouts also practised making improvised stretchers this month. They then competed in teams to recover an injured scout from the other end of the hall in the fastest time, but, they had a ball balanced on their tummy, so they had to carry them carefully, not just quickly, to the other end of the hall without the ball falling off.

We would like to warmly welcome *Likhil Senthil Kumar* and *Oli Hubbard* and their families to the Troop. *Likhil* and *Oli* have both completed their *Moving Up Award* from Cubs, made Scout promise and been invested as Scouts.

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