



GROUP NEWS

July 2025



It was good to see everyone at our Summer Fair.

July will be a busy month, with Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs holding their meetings outside and Scouts going away to summer camp.

September, we have our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th.

Our Summer Fair

We were lucky with the weather, dry and not as hot as expected.

Thank You goes to everyone who helped at the fair over the weekend, plus to everyone who made donations of toys, books, tombola, plants, soft toys and sweets, raffle plus silent auction prizes.

If was a great group effort, with lots of help from parents.

As we go to press it looks like we have raised around **£4,600**.

All of the money raised is used for maintaining our HQ, towards rent for Littlewick, utility bills, repairs and replacing equipment and items for activities.

On behalf of all our youth member and Leaders can we thank you for your support



Maidenhead Scout Shop

Open Term Time

Every Thursday Evening
7pm – 9pm

Plus, second Saturday of month
10am – 12noon
at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/

Yellow PG T-Shirt

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Squirrel, Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm at some meetings during the summer months.

They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform. If you need a new PG T shirt (£10 each), these are available from **Raksha** (Mrs. Sheila Stinton), Tel: 01628 628160 76, Pinkneys Road SL6 5DN

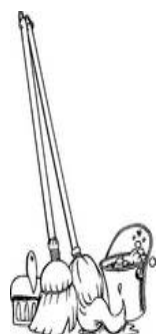
Parents – Volunteers to Clean the Hall Next Term

A big thank you goes to all the parents who have signed up to clean the hall this term. We are looking to fill seven slots on next terms cleaning rota. Week starting, **26 August**.

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.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes, 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**.





BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA - JULY 2025

	<u>St Mary the Virgin, Hurley</u>	<u>St James the Less, Stubbings</u>	<u>St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green</u>
Week 1 Sunday 6th July	God through music 10.30 am	Evenson 6 pm	Holy Communion & Sunday Club 9.15 am
Week 2 Sunday 13th July	Holy Communion 10.30 am	BP Holy Communion 8 am	Songs of Praise 10 am
Week 3 Sunday 20th July	Riverside Communion 10 am		
Week 4 Sunday 27th July	Good in Quiet 10.30 am	BCP Holy Communion 11 am	Holy Communion 9.15 am

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 box.

Raise funds for Pinkneys Green Scouts every time you shop online

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/>

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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

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 4,000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to you, including lots of big-name retailers like Morrisons, John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible.

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

We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to us.

Please remember to use easyfundraising and if you haven't signed up yet, you can find our easyfundraising page at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/

Black Sack of Rubbish / Dirty Tea Towels

Can we thank all the Parents who have been taking a black Sack of rubbish home to put in their wheelie bin or Scout Towels and Tea Towels, to wash. **It's a great help.**

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

The weather this month has been really kind to us so we have managed to get outside a lot.

The Squirrels spoke about aircraft and different types of things that fly. They made paper airplanes and had a competition to see who's could fly the furthest, than had a talk from a pilot.



The Squirrels enjoyed some time with their dads in the woods building dens in aid of Father's Day. We had some great team work and some impressive dens were built.

Due to the hot weather the Squirrels took it a little easier. They got out on the green in the shade and drew pictures of what they could see. Some of the scout hall and some of the trees.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The Beavers have continued to enjoy the glorious recent weather by spending as much time out side as possible!

We were visited by Dan from the Outdoor Project who taught the Beavers about many things including different types of animal poo and made their own version of Plop Trumps!



Our very own Sunshine ran a special Yoga session to celebrate International Yoga Day and last week we visited the Pottery Cafe in Maidenhead which we're looking forward to collecting in a few weeks' time!

Malak, Littlewick (Phil Franzen)

Winter Hill Colony

Another month has passed and the Beavers have been able to get outside. With the help of the Scouts, the Beavers pitched tents then played some games.

The Beavers completed the swimming badge at St Edmond Campion school. They learnt how to tread water and had to collect a weight that had sunk to the bottom.

The last week of the month the Beavers got into the woods and lit some fires. They learnt what was needed to light a fire and the best way to build one.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Littlewick Cubs have had another amazing few weeks, learning some amazing skills and earning some amazing badges. A massive thankyou to all the Scouts who made a wonderful joint evening for them during half term.

They then added to their hike's badges, whilst seeing the difference seasonal changes makes to the countryside we live in. Many of the Cubs took to the water for the first time, with paddleboarding. Lots of young people stepped



outside their comfort zones and even more had as much fun in the water as on it. We then had a wonderful time, again on the water, with Cubs in canoes. They showed wonderful teamwork and impressive skills including some games on Maidenhead's water ways. They then learnt about a range of reptile species, with a focus on geckos and their different habitats/adaptations plus an opportunity to play with some ferret kits. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces supporting the Summer Fayre and enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and weather. The Cubs then not only did Littlewick Green, Pinkneys Green, Cubs and Scouting proud, but most importantly themselves proud with their positive behaviour and attitude at our Sports evening. We had a go at a variety of games such as basketball, cricket and table tennis, where most importantly they showed fantastic teamwork.

Again a massive thankyou to our parent helpers. Our evenings off site would not be possible without your support.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

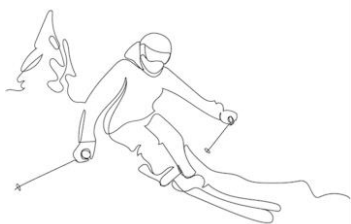
This month has been a busy one. Cubs in Canoes was a great success and the 8 attending Cubs really enjoyed themselves out on the water in Maidenhead Town Centre. Communication with directions especially during games was coordinated well.



During our sessions we have been Pond dipping at Braywick Nature Centre, which the cubs loved. We also enjoyed a 4 week rotation where each group took it in turns experiencing Fire Lighting, Tent pitching, Tree and flower identification and Trails. Each group has worked well together, enjoying time spent outside and it has been great to see the older Cubs sharing their knowledge with the younger members of the pack..

Akela, Winter Hill (Matt Bolton)

Reports



During the Easter holiday I went to Austria to ski. On the first day we hired all our ski gear, we needed a helmet, skis, ski boots and poles. The second day we went to the beginners slope just outside the hotel where we learnt how to stop by pointing the tips of our skis together to make a pizza shape. That same day I moved up to the bigger beginner slope which was 20 metres long. There I learnt how to put my skis parallel to one another which basically looks like two chips next to each other.

On the 3rd day I had to get a ski pass as I was going up the mountain. It was amazing to go on a chairlift and see the beautiful view of the mountains. On the day I had moved up to my final group we went on red slopes and blue slopes and I learnt how to jump on my skis. On my final day we had a race to see who could get the fastest time and I came 2nd with 32.13 seconds. And won a silver medal. I had the best time and I can't wait to go again.

Finlay McKeand

SCOUT NEWS

Scout Tombola's at Summer Fair

Thank you goes to the fifty-three Scouts from both troops who helped on the Tombola's and also helped on other stalls at our Summer Fair.

Also, to everyone who donated items for the Tombola's.

The Tombola's took £997



Scout Summer Camp

Over fifty members of both Troops, will be going on summer camp this year, the last two weeks in July, Due to problem this year with finding drivers for the minibuses, we have changed where we are going. We are now going to a field in Oxfordshire.

Littlewick Troop

This run of meetings started with the scouts filming safety videos for general hazards when pitching tents. This covered lifting heavy things, taking care of others when carrying poles, trip hazards and suitable footwear. The scouts acted out both good and bad scenarios. Some considerable care was taken to ensure the bad scenarios were just acting! We are waiting for a rainy meeting to edit these videos together.



The following meeting, the scouts built basketball nets from pioneering poles and other items from the hall and then we played a large game of netball (the grass was not conducive to basketball). After this we had a meeting in the woods where the scouts built shelters.

For our most recent meeting we tried the coke an Mentos experiment. The Mentos cause the carbon dioxide in the

coke (or similar) to be released much faster and therefore you get a fountain. We experimented with the mixtures and it seems the key thing is to get the Mentos into the coke as soon as it is opened.

Over this period we have also invested two scouts into the troop. Welcome *Thomas* and *Atharv*.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We start of the month with a challenge the Scouts in groups of three, had to light a fire and burn through a piece string, a meter of the ground.

The following week the Scouts went to St Edmond Campion school and used the swimming pool and sports field. They were tested they could swim 50 meters, and did parts of the staged swimming badge.



William Wespieser and *Zach Puddephatt* have made their Scouts promises and been invested as members of the Troop. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)