



GROUP NEWS

June 2025



We have a busy term coming up with camps and activities.

We have our Summer Fair at the end of June. We really need your support; it will be great to see you on the day, (either helping or just supporting the group).



SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 22nd June 2025

12noon onwards

On *Pinkneys Green*, Pinkneys Road SL6 5DN opposite Clarefield Drive

Don't miss the fun!

Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, Tombola, Plant Stall,
BBQ, Teas & Cake tent, Bouncy Castle, Book Stall

Fun Dog Show

at 3.00pm

Registration from 2.30pm

Plus many more attractions



OUR SUMMER FAIR - HELP REQUIRED

We need your help with:

- **Tombola Items** Unwanted presents, wine, beer, toiletries, stationery, canned drinks, foods and any other spare items for the **Tombola** – *please drop off all alcohol directly to the leader. Food & Drink to be inside Best Before date of the 22nd of June.*
- **Soft toys** – soft toy tombola - *All Soft Toys must be machine washed please before we can use them.*
- **Toys** – good as new and complete for Toy stall.
- Bake (or buy) a Cake and bring it on the day.
- Please save any plants which you or neighbours are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over for the **Plant stall**.
- **Books** New and Second hand for the **Book Stall**



We really need **volunteers** to make the Fair a success. **Please help for just 90 mins**, either setting up on **Saturday 21st, Morning 10.30am** or afternoon **2pm**, during the Fair or to clear up afterwards on **Sunday 22nd 4.00pm - 5.30pm**.

Anyone willing to help, set up, during the fair on a stall or side shows, sign up sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/X9WYC>

Parents – Summer Fair

All members will be receiving via their child's section meetings

- **A3 Poster** advertising the Fair – Please put it up where it can be seen from the road. If you can put one up in a local shop / school / work please collect another poster.
- **Plastic Cup** with 3 books raffle tickets. Please return the **Cup** to your child's meeting with sweets in it for the sweet tombola.
- **Raffle Tickets** – either return the stubs of the tickets you have sold to your child's meeting or any unsold tickets so we can sell them on the day at the fair or for parent who requires more tickets.



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA – JUNE 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 1 st June	God through music 10.30 am	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion & Sunday Club 9.15 am
Week 2 Sunday 8 th June	Holy Communion 10.30 am	BCP Holy Communion 8 am	Songs of Praise 10 am
Week 3 Sunday 15 th June	God in Quiet 10.30 am	BCP Holy Communion 11 am	Holy Communion 9.15 am
Week 4 Sunday 22 nd June	Holy Communion 10.30 am	BCP Holy Communion 8 am	
Week 4 Sunday 29 th June	Parish Communion 10 am		

Garden Rakes - Do you have a garden rake you no longer require – we are looking for some for the Scouts to use to rake the grass on the green once we have cut it.

If you can help, please let Simon know
Simon@pgtips.org.uk

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 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**.



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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/

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.

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

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Open term time

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 9pm

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

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

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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

Black Sack of Rubbish & Dirty Tea Towels

Can we thank all the Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout Parents who have been taking a black Sack of rubbish home to put in their wheelie bin. This is a great help to us as we don't have refuse collection at the Scout Hall. If you see a black bag of rubbish outside the hall and have space in your wheelie bin, please help us by taking it home

Scout Hall Towels and Tea Towels, also thank you goes to the parents who take home and wash the Dirty towels and tea towels, it saves the leaders having to do it.

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SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

It's been another busy month for the Squirrels. Since the weather has improved, we've been able to get outside and enjoy the local areas.



The first week Squirrels collected flowers leaves and twigs from the green to make wild art including bookmarks. The following week the Squirrels enjoyed a little hike looking and nature and admiring the bluebells at Ockwells park.

The next week the Squirrels had fun fire lighting and cooking sausages and s'mores. The final week on the month we had a bug hunt in the woods. Then we invested our newest Squirrels.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

A short month for Littlewick Squirrels due to bank holidays but hopefully that doesn't mean any less fun!

Making up for it by getting outside and enjoying the sunny weather! We did a scavenger hunt around the Green spelling out 'SQUIRRELS' (always need to get creative with Q!), we've talked about the people around who can and do help us and we've looked at what to pack for an adventure!

Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)



BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The Beavers have enjoyed the recent sunny Mondays with lots of outdoor games on the green, on our first week back after Easter we made Morse code messages with buttons and straws led by our Young Leaders.



The Beavers also got to handle a number of very special visitors to the hall - including a snake, gecko and ferret - thank you Kaa for coming to visit.

We rounded off this mini term with an evening walk from Pinkneys Green to the Hall to celebrate National Walk Week

Malak, Littlewick (Phil Franzen)

Winter Hill Colony

It's been a busy summer term so far for the Beavers.

The first week they planted hanging baskets for the scout hall, and played some games.

The Beavers had an evening focusing on the disability badge. Three-legged race, Lip reading and undoing a knot with one hand

The final evening was a busy evening. Firstly, the Beavers played a wide game. They then collected items to make bug hotels; next we awarded some badges. Then finally we said goodbye to our eldest beavers who swam up to cubs.



Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The Cubs have done incredibly well these last few weeks. We had a wonderful turn out for the St Georges day celebrations, where the Cubs had opportunity to meet young people from all over the district and renew their promise. They learned some amazing gardening skills. This went towards their gardener's badge, which they are committed to completing by looking after their selection of herbs each week. Alongside this they have been helping to care for millipedes and giant hissing cockroaches each week, to go towards their animal carer badges.

One of our Young Leaders, *Autumn*, then completed another one of her missions by running an evening of backwards cooking. Not only did she complete her mission, but she also covered the entirety of the backwards cooking badge, thus helping the Cubs to earn another badge. Well done, *Autumn*. The Cubs had a wonderful time.



making and trying a variety of foods cooked in a variety of ways. We also had a team of three enter the JOTT hike, they decided to focus on their teamwork and just have fun with the activities. They did themselves and their group proud, being placed joint second. A massive congratulations to *Noah, Alice and Tommy*

The Cubs then practiced some important skills making their own afternoon tea. They made scones and then took turns teaching each other how to make sandwiches and cups of tea, displaying very strong teamwork. Finally, with the nicer weather now here and the opportunity to spend more time outdoors we covered some personal safety. The Cubs gave some fantastic ideas on staying safe whilst still having fun.

We have an action-packed next half term ahead of us and we look forward to growing the pack even more.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

Cubs have enjoyed competing for their Athletes badge, planning a hike including map reading, route selection and preparing a kit list for what they need to take with them. They then completed one of the routes created in groups sharing navigation using an OS map. Mini Pioneering the Cubs were tasked with building a structure capable of throwing a bean bag. Working in their sixes and sharing ideas to create a range of successful structures.



Four cubs represented Winter Hill at the JOTT hike, the group worked brilliantly together navigating along the route and completing each of the bases. They were graded on their team work and completion of the task and should be proud of their efforts.

Akela, Winter Hill (Matt Bolton)

Reports

Cub Meeting run by Scouts. During, the spring half term I went to Cub Scouts. There were 3 activities. For the first activity there was 2 rounds. We had to make a 2 by 3 grid out of poles then we had to move the pole to make 3 squares with limited moves. The second round we had to do the same task starting with a 3 by 3 grid with a few extra moves. For the second activity I had to do an assault course. You had to crawl under a long tunnel and then jump over a bench, duck under a bench, push a heavy wheelbarrow and then finally push a wood plank down to finish. My time was forty seconds, and which made me come in second place in my group. And for the last activity, I was blindfolded, and I had to hold on a rope and walk a distance. We had to duck the rope and go up a little steep part.



When we finished the activities, our group had some time left so we had a game of hide and seek in the woods. Finally, we all went inside for hot chocolate. I had 2.5 cups of hot chocolate and 3 biscuits just before we went home.

Will Smith



Ben Nevis is in Scotland and it is the highest mountain in the UK (1345m). Me and my dad climbed up in the Easter holidays and it was quite tough.

After we climbed up the gravelly slope for a bit we started to head into a cloud. Whilst we were going through the cloud the ground suddenly was covered in snow.

Finally after climbing for hours we made it to the top and as you can see in the pictures it was extremely snowy.

On the way down it was really slippery and I fell over it left a huge bruise. It took 4.5 hours to get down and in total it was about 8.5 hours (12km).

Peter Cox

SCOUT NEWS

Troop Camp – Over 50 from Littlewick and Winterhill Scouts spent a weekend camping in Henley. The Scouts took part in a traditional Scout camp, working together in Patrols. Activities included learning basic Scouting and camping skills, including cooking all their meals on wood fires, as well as archery, shooting, cooking competition, wide games, and a volleyball tournament.



Photos on: <https://tinyurl.com/44rdxxsx> - Plus Scouts Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pgscouts>

Congratulations go to:

- **Panthers** - **PL Reuben Cranch** on winning the Cooking Competition.
- **Falcons** - **PL Varsha Vishak** on winning the Camping Competition.

Well done to all the Scouts for all their hard work at camp, especially with the hard ground we had, they managed to break 11 mallets and quite a few pegs!

Can we thank all the parents who have helped with this year's camp, we had a great response which made the camp go a lot easier and helped my assistants have a better camp..

Thank You goes to dad, *Ian Miller* for driving the lorry to camp, *James Woodward* for organising the Air rifle shooting; *Matthew Milston*, for organising the archery. *Tom Beynon & Rob Harris* for judging the Cooking Competition, Ben Fogle, International Adventure, Explorer and Television Presenter popped in during breakfast on Sunday and gave Scouts an inspiring talk about his adventures. *Paul Conacher and James Pagliero* for running the campfire. Plus, leaders *Alex Robins, John Bannerman, Myles Rankin, Peter Marshall, and Rodrick Griffiths* for helping during the weekend.

Special Thanks goes to the leaders: *BoB Weingarth, Mark Courtier, Matthew Milston, Paul Conacher, Callum Kunchur and James Pagliero* for helping and camping for the whole weekend.



Plus, the PLs, Scouts and parents who helped move equipment, load and unload the lorry and put all the equipment away at end of camp.

Ben Fogle visit Troop Camp

Ben Fogle came to troop camp on Sunday morning, while we were cooking breakfast. Many stories including how a panther nearly ate his friend in the Amazon Rainforest. After breakfast he told us how he climbed up Everest and his oxygen exploded. He explained how he had to build a spare respirator out of a coke bottle. He told us how he started his career on an island in Scotland, in the television program *Casterway*. He then answered our questions and we invested him as an honorary member of P.G. Scouts.

Reuben Cranch (PL)

Littlewick Troop

Since the Easter holidays we have been making the most of the green and the woods. We have also been doing training for Troop Camp. For the first meeting we practised putting up dining shelter tents with the side task of checking that they were ready for Troop Camp. For the next meeting we did some fire lighting in the woods, cooked marshmallows and played some games in the woods. For our most recent meeting we cycled along the Jubilee River for the evening. Fortunately we had a gloriously sunny evening so could pedal along enjoying the view and wildlife. Outside of normal meetings we attended the St Georges Day event and enjoyed the activities. A large number of our scouts also went on Troop Camp. Many thanks to *Simon* for organising such a successful weekend.



For two meetings in a row, we split the troop in half to enable us to do some activities in smaller groups. The scouts then swapped to the other activity for the second week. One activity was taking over the food tech rooms at St Piran's

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We started last month with the Scouts sorting out the equipment they would be taking to camp, with the PLs sorting out all the cooking equipment they required and packing their patrol boxes. The following week the scouts did basic tent pitching, in groups of four.

Meeting during half term, first meeting was for the Scouts and we had some team games on the green. The following week they had a wide game in the woods. Thank you goes to all the Scouts who helped run the joint meeting during half term, collecting litter on the green and in the woods.



Will Smith, Daniel Leahy, Jack Harris, William Griffiths, Simran Griffiths, James Frazen and Theo Barnes have made their Scouts promises and been invested as members of the Troop. We would like to welcome them and their families to Scouts.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)