



GROUP NEWS

May 2025



We are looking for parents to volunteer to help at our Summer Fair on Sunday 22 June.

We had a good turnout, at the District St Georges afternoon; thank you goes to everyone who attended.

Some sections are busy planning camps / residential experiences for their section.

District St Georges Day

It was so good to see over 80 members of PG, *Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders* and *Leaders* joining other groups at this year's District St Georges afternoon event at Braywick Nature reserve.

The Squirrel, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined other youngsters in their sections from all the Groups in Maidenhead and took part in fun games.

At the closing ceremony all members renewed their promises, there was a talk from *Matthew Bolding* a Rowing Eight's Gold medal winner at the Paris Olympics talking about his chosen charity NYAS (National Youth Advocacy Service) - <https://www.nyas.net>



SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO YOUR CHILD'S MEETINGS

This is for the Safety of your child and all our members.



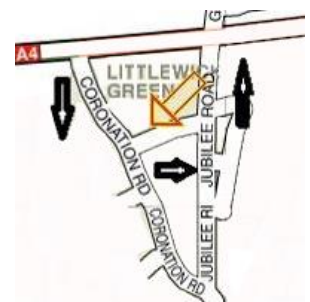
PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - ***Can we remind Parents to operate a One-Way System when dropping off or collecting your children from Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours' driveways and DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES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



PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

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



Paint the Scout Hall Fence + Garden Rakes

We have been donated some Cuprinol fence paint by St Davids Store; we are looking for a volunteer for someone to paint the Scout Hall fence. If you have time, please let us know.



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**.

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 or talk to a parent who has already done it.



Congratulations

Congratulations to *Catherine* and *Jon* (Hathi and Jacala) on the safe arrival of *Ottillie* (Tillie) *Corbitt* over the Easter break.

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. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment.

If in doubt, please check and ask.

Email our GLV *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com

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.

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

12 Volt Batteries

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

If you have an old working car battery etc. that you no longer require it **would be a great help to us**, please email help@pgtips.org.uk



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

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Pinkneys Green Scouts
every time you
shop online**

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

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100,000 causes



Burchetts Green Parish Church Services: May 2025

	St Mary the Virgin Hurley	St James the Less Stubblings	St John the Evangelist Littlewick Green
Week 1 Sunday 4 th May	10:30am God Through Music	6pm BCP Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion (with Sunday Club) Festival Eucharist
Week 2 Sunday 11 th May	10.30am Holy Communion	8am BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 18 th May	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 25 th May	10.30 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Holy Communion	

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 as we are not classified as domestic, if we paid commercial price, it would cost us £300+ a year to have our rubbish collected. 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.

PG Summer Fair

We will be holding our Summer Fair on the Green opposite the old Boundary Arms, Pinkneys Road.

We will be looking for support with our major Fundraising event of the year. Please sign up to help with our fair. we still have slots to fill.

Fair Rota <https://volunteersignup.org/X9WYC>

We still are looking for:

- Wellie Boots a mix of sizes for a new game at the fair.
- Crockery for the Crockery smash game
- Silent Auction items



Raffle Tickets - All members will be receiving some raffle tickets to sell.

Tombola Items - Can you please collect 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**
Use by Date of 24th June 2024



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






SQUIRREL NEWS

Littlewick Drey

Hoping everyone had a good Easter break and looking forward to more adventures this summer term! We will try to get outside and enjoy the sun where possible so please bring jumpers and hats as appropriate.



At our end of Spring term party, we invested Jack into Squirrels but also said 'goodbye' to a number of Squirrels - Robyn, Oliver and Arthur - as they moved up to Beavers! Before moving on, Oliver received his Acorn Award - well done, Oliver! Wishing them all the best!

Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

Winter Hill Drey

We hope everyone had a great Easter break.



This month the Squirrels once again have been busy. We had an evening for Mother's Day. The Squirrels made cards and arranged flowers. The following week, just before the Easter holidays, the Squirrels celebrated Easter by making some chocolate Easter nests and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

We enjoyed the sunny weather in the last few weeks of term, playing games outside including a very competitive giant Jenga session. We celebrated Mother's Day by making cards for our loved ones, then finished the term with a night of Board Games at the Hall.



The Beavers are now enjoying a well earned Easter break and looking forward to meeting up for the St George's day event on 26th April

Malak, Littlewick (Phil Franzen)

May 2025

Winter Hill Colony

We hope everyone had a restful Easter break. It's been another busy month for the Beavers. For Mother's Day the Beavers made a paper heart with a message inside and paper flowers.



The final week of the term, the Beavers got green fingered. The Beavers were set a challenge to see who could grow the tallest sunflower. Benny also gave the Beavers a tomato plant and set the challenge to see who could get the first tomato from it.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The LG Cubs have been very busy and enjoyed a well-earned Easter break. We had a team enter the challenge flag, Noah, Ted and Alice did a wonderful job representing the group, especially considering they were the smallest team. The group then completed some amazing, personalised Mother's Day gifts, consisting of button flowers and a shrink plastic handprint. On Mother's Day we spent the day working as a team achieving some amazing challenges at the County Wild Adventure Day. The young people encouraged and supported each other throughout the day. They participated in rock climbing, quick drop, crate stacking, gladiator, go karts, circus skills, tug of war, parachute games and the rabbit run. An additional thanks goes to Autumn, *Rich* and *Mark* for volunteering their day. We then finished the term with the beautiful Waltham's hike through Shottesbrooke. A massive thanks again to the continued parent support we receive to make these hikes happen.



We began our new term with a pack forum, ensuring the programme for the term is based on what the Cubs want to focus on, and they came up with some wonderful ideas. We finished off a few badge elements and also looked at their badge progress so far. We then invested our three newest members into the pack, *Elijah*, *Jamie* and *Ash*, a massive congratulations to them. We are excited for this coming term. Especially with the warmer weather and lighter evenings to enjoy the outdoors even more.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

Report

Cubs is fun. We get to do fun games, activities, hikes and skills. Today we got to guess the price of shopping and the group that got the closest to the amount got a chocolate orange. Two weeks ago we got to make our own track out of stuff we could find in the hall. Thanks to all the Leaders for making this possible.

Zach

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Open term time

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 9pm

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

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

SCOUT NEWS

Year 5 & 6 Training Weekend

Year 5's & 6's from both *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill* Scouts attended a weekend at the Scout hall.



They watched a film on Friday night, after cooking breakfast, they were taught basic scouting skills, including tent pitching, axe and sawmanship, personal hygiene, including washing, food hygiene, lighting fires and cooking twist. We were lucky on the Saturday morning as there was a 30% eclipse of the sun, they each built a pin hole viewer – photo above of the eclipse. The biggest challenge was trying to get them to go to sleep on the Friday night.

Littlewick Troop

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 school to do a baking competition inspired by the TV show *Bake Off*. The scouts had an hour and a half to prepare and bake cookies from scratch before they were judged on the outcome. This was quite a difficult thing to achieve in such a short time but the scouts all gave it a good go. The other activity was a hike from Cookham Dean back to the Scout hall. Being in smaller groups gave the scouts more of a chance to do map reading. One highlight of the two hikes was seeing a spiral of cloud and a light in the nights sky which was moving quite quickly. We could not figure out what it was on the evening but it turns out it was a SpaceX rocket on its way into orbit.



For our final meeting before Easter, we finally got back outside on the Green due to the

clocks having changed. After some games the scouts then came inside and started their Personal Challenge badge. For this they have to set themselves a challenge to do over around 6 weeks. This challenge can be anything but it is self motivated. We will see how they do. At this meeting, *Sophia* was presented with her Chief Scout Gold Award. Congratulations on achieving this to her.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We started last month with the Scouts taking part in a wide game, on the last evening before the clocks changed. The following week, the Scouts cleared the green, of cut grass and collected all the rubbish they could find.

Good Friday, eighteen Scouts took part in the annual Easter egg hunt. The team of four Scouts who collected the most eggs got to choose a large Easter Egg each. The first meeting of the summer term, eight groups' of 4/5 Scouts built a Ballista, to shoot a bean bag. The Scouts also joined eleven other groups from all over Maidenhead to celebrate St Georges Day.



We would like to welcome *Will Smith*, *Zach Puddephatt*, *Daniel Leahy*, *Jack Harris*, *William Griffiths*, *Simran Griffiths*, *James Frazen* and *Theo Barnes* and their families to the Troop; they have started their *Moving Up Award* from Cubs.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)