



GROUP NEWS

November 2025

Last month all members of PG, had the chance to take part in this years International *Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI)*, which we held at the *Scout Hall*.



Coming up this month, we will be taking part in Remembrance Sunday Services at Littlewick & Stubbings churches.

Congratulations to Winter Hill Scout *Edie Wespieser*, on being selected as part of the Berkshire Scouts Unit to 2027 World Jamboree in Poland.

Remembrance Sunday



Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Services

- *Littlewick* Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at *St John the Evangelist*, Littlewick Green
- *Winter Hill* Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at *St James the Less*, Stubbings

We hope that, as many members of PG (*Littlewick & Winter Hill*) and their families will be able to attend one of these services. The service will remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 9th November 2025– 10.35am**

Members to wear, **Full Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform** and a poppy

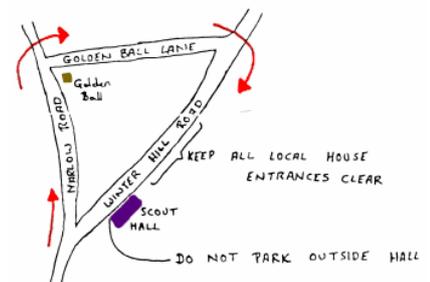
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.

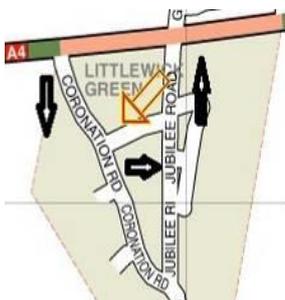
Do Not Park in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



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 Childs leader** if you are not sure.



PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS
DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR
NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS

Christmas Trees and Gift Aid

Last orders for Christmas Trees is 31st October.

The Trees are always an excellent shape and I am fussy!!.

Support your child's Scout group by getting your tree from us and spread the cost of Christmas by paying for your tree now!

Christmas Trees the Summer Fair and Gift Aid are our 3 sources of fund raising during the year. By supporting each and completing a Gift Aid Declaration we keep the subs low but are still able to offer a full program.

We have recently heard that our yearly capitation fee that we pay to HQ/Berks and Maidenhead Scouts will be £68 per head.

Thank you

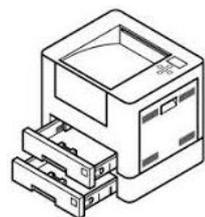
Erica Hunter Group Lead Volunteer

PGs Carol & Christingle Service

Our annual Christingle & Carol Service for all members & their families will be held on **Sunday 14th December 3.00pm** at Stubbings Church followed by Tea & mince pies in the Soltau centre.

Replacement Laser Printer(s)

We are looking to replace our two laser printers, colour one and a Black & White one. The black and white one we do a lot of printing on 500-800 copies a month.



If your company is upgrading theirs or you know where we can get one for a reasonable price then please let us know, Simon@pgtips.org.uk

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 9pm

(Term Time)

&

First Saturday of Month

10am-12noon

at

19th Maidenhead Scout Hut Holmanleaze
(SL6 8AW)

Cleaning the Hall - Parents Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to clean the hall the hall next term, until **June 2026**. 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 volunteersignup.org/9WYRT

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



SOLTAU CENTRE

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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

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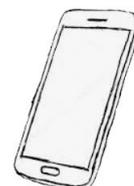
Tarka (*Barry Palmer*) is collecting used postage stamps for RNLI.

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.

Old Mobile Phone

The phone we use for Scout Camps and Scouting Activities only works on the 3G network which they are switching off. 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





BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA – NOVEMBER 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 2 nd November	10.30 am God through music	4 pm BCP Evensong	9.15 am Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 9 th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.45 am Remembrance Service	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.45 am Remembrance Service	10.45 am Remembrance Service
Week 3 Sunday 16 th November	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 am BCP Communion	9.15 am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 23 rd November	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Communion	
Week 5 Sunday 30 th November	10.30 Advent Communion		



29th Jamboree on the Internet

Over the weekend 17th - 19th October, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in 29th JOTI.

We had Cubs and Scouts join us from eight other Groups in Maidenhead. Some of the Cubs & Scouts did the *Digital Maker* staged badges or Cub / Scout *Communicator* badges. In total 120 badges were gained.



JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups of all ages.

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



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.

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/

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World Scout Jamboree 2027 – County Selection Weekend

The following report was written by **Edie Wespieser**, who was one of PG Scouts who attended the County Jamboree Selection Weekend:

When I first heard about the 2027 World Scout Jamboree, I really wanted to apply! The idea of meeting Scouts from all over the world and being part of something that big sounded amazing. I filled in the application form and couldn't wait to take part in the selection weekend. The selection weekend was incredible — there were so many Scouts from different troops, each with their own ways and experiences of scouting. It was really interesting to see how Scouting was different for others compared to Pinkneys Green.

Throughout the weekend we took part in all sorts of challenges and activities, from a quiz night to space hopper football! My personal favourite was performing in our mini pantomime, Jackie and the Beanstalk + the Cow, where I got to play Jackie. There were plenty of chances to show teamwork and leadership too, like guiding blindfolded Scouts into a pen and singing together around the campfire. We also had some free time to chat and get to know everyone better, and it didn't take long to make new friends. I think showing that we could adapt, work together, and have fun really helped when it came to being selected.

A few days after the weekend, I got the call to say I'd been chosen to go to the Jamboree — I was so happy, I was in tears. I'll be heading to Poland as part of Unit 52, the Berkshire Troop, and I'm so proud to have been selected. I can't wait for this new adventure and to represent Berkshire in 2027!

Edie Wespieser

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

At the start of the month, whilst the weather was still nice, the Squirrels went into the woods. They identified trees and leaves, and discovered all the different types of plants we have in our local area.



The next week, The Squirrels enjoyed a session with Lego. we spoke about electricity and where and how we get it. The Squirrels then made models related to electricity. We also said goodbye to our eldest Squirrel who moved up to Beavers. Finally, the week before half term, the scouts ran our Halloween party. The Squirrels enjoyed apple bobbing, trying to eat a doughnut off a piece of string and turning Squirrels into mummies.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

The Squirrels have had a busy month. They did their first Hike or should I say run! Food tasting, trying something you haven't had before and some Yoga where everyone joined in.



A visit from a Policeman who talked about what he had to wear and some of his kit. The Squirrels really enjoyed trying it on and asked some very good questions. We also invested Olivia and Ivy.

Baloo, Littlewick Green (Erica Hunter)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

It's been a busy few weeks for the Beavers completing a variety of badges including learning First Aid, practising our knots and building rockets as part of World Space Week!



The Beavers have also been trying different foods from around the world and we ran a collection for FoodShare (thank you again for the donations). Finally, we celebrated Molly earning her Bronze award and we wish her well as she moves up to Cubs this term

Malak, Littlewick (Phil Franzen)

Winter Hill Colony

At the start of the month the Beavers enjoyed a sleepover. They made pizzas, played games did some craft, watched a film and toasted marshmallow. We hope the Beavers enjoyed themselves.

Whilst it was still reasonable weather the Beavers got into the woods and toasted marshmallows during their weekly meeting.



We had a week on safety. We talked about what to do in a fire, how to cross the road and if there was a fire at the hut; how we would evacuate.

The final week before half term, the Beavers made poppies to go on our wreath in readiness for our remembrance service at

Stubbings. We also said goodbye to our two eldest beavers who moved up to cubs. We wish them well.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Cubs from both *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill* packs took part in this years JOTI (Jamboree On The Internet)

The cubs could do the Cubs



Communicator badge learning Morse code and semaphore as well as sending emails, texting and making a phone call, The other badge they could do was the **Digital Maker** badge where they used computer to complete the badge

Littlewick Pack

The Littlewick Cubs have been busy earning their badges, especially working towards their Silver awards. We focused on their money skills badge, looking at different currencies and budgeting for activities they'd like to do on camps. They also visited the Cavalry Museum in Windsor, thank you to *Shere Khan* (Alan) for organising. Where they were able to visit the stables whilst meeting military rider and horse. They then learned the history of the uniforms and were able to try several elements on. The following week we utilised the woods in Winterhill, with

den building and fire lighting, the latter of which EVERY Cub in attendance made sparks, many for the first time and several also managed to light their kindling. We finished this off with some hotdogs cooked over the fire and



they all made their own s'mores. Several of LWPG Cubs attended the JOTI/JOTA event earning some amazing badges. We then looked at the Day of the Dead, discussing its history and the importance in remembering. They celebrated the occasion by making 3d candy skulls, tissue paper marigold flowers and playing Pirinola. One of our Littlewick Scouts, Joshua, also ran his activity of trick or treat tubs, which all the Cubs participated in

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

This term Pinkneys Green Cubs have enjoyed a range of activities. Pumpkin Carving was well received with a lot of different techniques, carving skills and designs! Besides the smell and mess, they all followed the step-by-step process and worked together to get the spooky job done! JOTI was held at the PG Scout Hall, and several Cubs made it to the sessions where they enjoyed a range of computer skills, signalling and sharing communications with each other as well as those overseas. It was such a great event to watch everyone work together and share time bonding over games and activities. Personal skills were explored with the Cubs showing they knew / or learnt how to peel potatoes, make a cup of tea and plan an evening meal for a family of 5 at £2 per person. Some embraced the challenge with a balanced diet including a main, desert and a drink. Others confidently chose mars bars for dessert, Coca Cola for a drink and ham and one Ham and Pineapple pizza between 5! Apparently, it is also appropriate for a family to share plain pasta and a tin of tuna!



The group also took part in a Tai Chi evening provided by Tarka's group, learning the skills of Martial Arts incorporating meditation to move slowly and precisely in a range of movements relating to animals. Everyone got involved and learnt valuable skills including breath work, balance and fine-tuning body movements for good form.

Coming up we have a number of exciting sessions before the end of the year to look forward to.

Akela, Winter Hill (Matt Bolton)

SCOUT NEWS

2026 Summer Camp – all Littlewick and Winter Hill Scouts should have received details about next year's camp. Don't forget to reply by Thursday 6 November.

Saturday Night of JOTI - Scouts from both *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill* spent the night on computers.



Special Thank You goes to leaders *Alex Robins* and *Myles Rankin* for making the event a great success and trying to survive the Scouts going through the night.



Remembrance Sunday – Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Services

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Winter Hill Scouts – go to the event at *St James the Less*, Stubbings

Sunday 9th November 2025– 10.35am. Scouts are to wear Full Scout Uniform and a poppy.

Parents are welcome to join the Scouts

District Night Hike – all Littlewick and Winter Hill Scouts will be receiving details about the District Night Hike on Friday 14 November.

We will be looking for help from parents with walking with the Scouts or assisting with our base, which will be at the brick Kiln.

Littlewick Troop

For our latest run of meetings, in our first, the scouts who had not been on Summer Camp this year interviewed those that had in a “chat show” style format. Highlights and funny stories were shared alongside the challenges of leading a patrol.

At the next meeting, each of the scouts took on a disability or ailment and assessed where the scout hall or green might pose challenges to a person with that. Given that the scout hall is over 150 years old, a number of issues were found and it was good to see the scouts putting some thought into this.

For the most recent meeting, we ran four bases which covered various aspects around hiking. This included various direction-finding devices and discussing where they might not work, access rights, how to pack a rucksack and the impacts on the environment hiking (particularly careless hiking) can cause. At this meeting we also invested *Laurie* and welcomed him to the troop.



Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

The first meeting of the month, the Scout took part in a Wide game at Cookham Dean Common, it was a very wet evening, and 39 Scouts survived and enjoyed a chip supper.

We had an evening where all the Scouts debated and came up with *An Expected Code of Conduct*, after a lot of discussion they agreed on a final version.

The Friday of the JOTI weekend the Scouts worked on the Digital Maker staged badges using the computer we have had donated.

The Thursday before half term, the Scouts ran a Scary Party for the Squirrels, The Squirrels & Scouts did apple bobbing, getting donuts of a line, eating it, not using their hands and turning a squirrel in to a mummy, using lots of toilet roles. We also had an evening on Mapping, where the Scouts in pairs plotted the route for the night hike and did a mapping quiz.



Natty Cranch, Flo Murrill and Raffi Strudwicke have made their Scout promise and been invested as a member of the Troop, we would like to welcome them and their families, to the Scouts.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)