



## GROUP NEWS

October 2025



All sections have started their meetings after the summer break; most have moved indoors due the evenings getting darker and the wetter weather.

Coming up this term the group will be taking part in the International Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI), plus we will be taking part in Remembrance Sunday Services at our local churches, and we will be holding a family Christingle & Carol Service at Stubbings, 3pm on Sunday 14th December.



## CHRISTMAS TREES 2025

### We are taking orders

Order Form on PG Web Site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead / Littlewick Green/  
Cookham / Hurley areas

Orders by 5pm **Friday 31st October**  
for delivery on Saturday 6th December



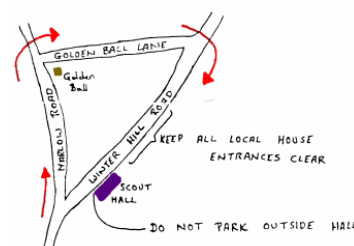
## SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

**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.

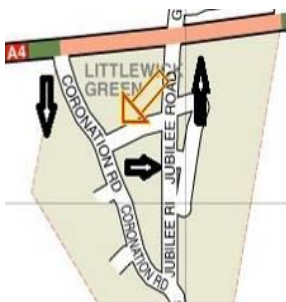
**Do Not Park** in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



**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**

## Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 9pm**

(Term Time)

&

First Saturday of Month

**10am-12noon**

at

19th Maidenhead Scout Hut Holmanleaze

(SL6 8AW)

## UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop.

For more details, plus map for directions:

<http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop>

Please make sure that you know your sons and daughters **Chest & waist size**. The shop will be open Saturday 4th October & every Thursday evening except for half term 30th October.

**PG does have some second-hand uniform for sale.**

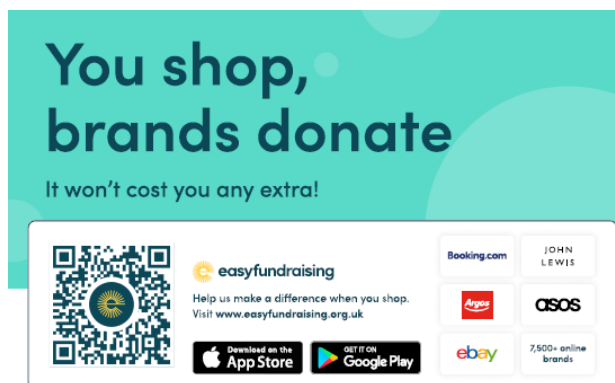
## PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

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/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)



## Cleaning the Hall - Parents Volunteers

We are short of parent volunteers to clean the hall the hall next term, from **end December 2025** until **April 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](http://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT)

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

**A big thank you** goes to all the parents who helped us so far this year, it was a great help.



## Chewing/ Bubble 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.

## Jumble Sale - **CANCELLED**

We have had to cancel our Jumble Sale on **Saturday 4 October 2025**.

Thank you goes to all the parents who had signed up to help or were going to help Scouts deliver leaflets and parents who printed the posters.

## 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](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)



## 29th Jamboree on the Internet - 17th – 19th October



This is the **27th JOTI** since the World Scout Committee's decision that **JOTI** should become an official international Scouting event. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://jotajoti.info> / to find out more. **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.

We use, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange messages with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries take part) we do not manage to make contact with all these countries, but we do normally manage to talk to and contact

Scouts from about 21 different countries.

If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address [pgjoti@gmail.com](mailto:pgjoti@gmail.com)

**Calling all Beavers, Cubs & Scouts** across Pinkneys Green and the District. Join us **Saturday 18th October** and **Sunday 19th October** in the transformed PG Scout Hall for the chance to have some fun and earn a whole range of badges you cannot get elsewhere. Learn how to programme or put your coding skills to the test playing games to earn your Computing Badge, learn about different ways of communicating and talk with Scouts around the world to get your Communicator Badge, and earn parts of your International Badge that are otherwise hard to get! Badge Sessions will start at **10am** and **2pm** on Saturday and **10am** on Sunday.

### Can you help us with any old IT equipment from home or work?

Running Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) takes a lot to keep it going! We are looking for any laptops from the last 6/7 years, any wide-screen computer screens or any networking equipment (such as switches). Laptop charges any ones you don't require.

If you have anything or think your work would be willing to donate on, please email Simon ([Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)) or Alex Robins ([Alex@pgscouts.org](mailto:Alex@pgscouts.org))



We can guarantee that any information on them will be securely wiped, or if necessary, we will accept machines with the drives removed – drop us an email and we can discuss it if you have any question. Thank you for your support!

## 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?

There are **FREE** introductory evenings each Wednesday at 8:30pm starting from October 15th 2025.

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](http://www.ellington.org.uk)





## BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA – OCTOBER 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 5 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am God through music	6 pm BCP Evensong	9.15 am Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.15 am Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 God in Quiet	11 am BCP Communion	9.15 am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am Holy Communion	8 am BCP Communion	

### SOLTAU CENTRE

#### ST JAMES THE LESS STUBBINGS

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

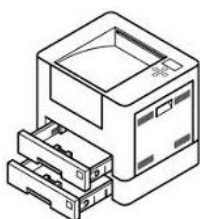
The Centre can offer broadband for hybrid or online meetings

Please contact Claire at the office on 01628 820077 for further information

### Black Sacks of Rubbish

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



### 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 me know, Thank you. [Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)

### Store Eight Empty Gas Calor Cylinders

Do you have any where we can store eight Calor Gas Cylinders till May. We are looking to store the cylinders for the winter months.

If you have a location ( bottom of garden ? ). Please email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)



### Free Fish Tank

We have an 80-litre fish tank, pump, light etc. to give away.

If interested, please Contact Natasha: 07970 656017

## **SQUIRREL NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Drey**

We welcomed the Squirrels back this month with a games night. We played some 'getting to know you' games and went over the golden rules. We also introduced the newest Squirrels.

The following week, the Squirrels did a little bit of cooking. The Squirrels learnt a new skill. They made a picnic. They buttered rolls and added ham or cheese, they then practised chopping cucumber.

The last week of the month, as the weather was still nice, the Squirrels got out on to the green and made natural book marks and did some leaf bashing. The Squirrels collected some natural materials such as flowers, leaves and twigs and stuck them to a strip of card using double sided sticky tape. They then all took it in turns to have a go at leaf bashing. They collected green leaves then placed it on a block of wood and put a piece of material over the top and hit with a hammer, the leaf left an imprint on the material which the Squirrels could take home.



*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## **SQUIRREL NEWS**

### **Littlewick Drey**

We have had a busy return to Squirrels. We welcomed 2 new Squirrels, George and Olivia and also a new Young Leader Isla. The Squirrels collected lots of natural objects and made pictures.



We also visited Maidenhead town centre to explore and find out about the different statues and the gold letter box. Squirrels are looking for new leaders, if you would like to find out more please contact me.

*Squirrel Leaders, Littlewick Green*

## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

We've enjoyed being back after our summer holidays, starting with a Log Chew to plan out the term and hearing about exciting summer holiday activities, we then went litter picking around Littlewick Green and collected enough for two large rubbish sacks from the local fields and roads!



It was third time lucky for the Beavers as we finally made it out on Taplow Lake! We had lovely autumnal sun and got to try out both Kayaks and Canoes, some even tried swimming...

*Malak, Littlewick* (Phil Franzen)



## Winter Hill Colony

The Beavers' first week back after the summer was a games evening. The Beavers played some team building games to get re acquainted. They played hula hoop games in relays. One game they all had to hold hands and without breaking the chain pass through the hoop. The following week, as the sun was shining, the Beavers went on a mini hike around Pinkneys Green.

Coming up we have the Beavers Sleepover. The Beavers will be sleeping at 1st Maidenhead HQ and will enjoy making their own pizzas and taking part in some craft activities.



*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## CUB NEWS

**Wednesday 29th October** (During Half Term), The Scouts will be running a *Scary Party* for **both Packs** at PG Hall.

### Littlewick Pack

The Cubs have had a busy couple of weeks back. Several of the LW Cubs had a fantastic time on the joint Cub Camp, getting involved with lots of fun activities.



Our usual meetings saw us manage to get out on the paddleboards again before the change in seasons, where the Cubs had a fantastic time playing a range of games and still wanting to get in the water. We also visited Braywick Nature Reserve for some pond dipping. The Cubs found an amazing array of creatures whilst they enjoyed the sun setting. They caught 19 fish, snails, water scorpion, water stick insect, beetles, water boatmen and dragonfly nymphs. We are excited to welcome our new members in the coming week.

*Kaa, Littlewick Green* (Sam Lewis)

## Winter Hill Colony

This September has been a busy one, new Cubs joining the pack and as others fly on to new chapters we have enjoyed a lot. Games to bring everyone back together and bring new Cubs in. Personal skills learning about safety while outside and keeping safe discussing the dangers of sites like quarries, building developments and lakes.



We also explored money skills where Mysa took them through some games and challenges involving budgets and recognising good old fashioned loose change!

Cub camp was well attended with 22 cubs enjoying the surprisingly

dry weekend at Dorney Wood camp ground. A great experience for my first cub camp and those sharing the first camp under canvas we had smiles all round.

Camp fires, popcorn making, paracord woggles, archery and wide games amongst other fun. Many other fun sessions lined up as we head towards darker nights and colder days.

*Akela, Winter Hill* (Matt Bolton)



## **SCOUT NEWS**

**JOTI Weekend** - all Littlewick and Winter Hill Scouts **have** the opportunity to stay over on Saturday night 18th October - spend the evening / night playing games in the Scout Hall, plus chance to talk to Scouts around the world (Countries who would be asleep during the day time).

**To stay over the Scouts will need to have completed the Scout Communicator badge** or do the badge on Saturday 18th October either at 10am or 2pm session - Places need to be booked contact Simon if you have not received details.

**2026 Summer Camp** – all Littlewick and Winter Hill Scouts will be receiving details about next year's camp. Camp should be between **Saturday 18th July 2026 – Saturday 1st August 2026**.

### **Littlewick Troop**

We have had three meetings since restarting for the autumn term. For our first meeting we did some pioneering and built a simple suspension bridge. The aim was for it to support the weight of scouts but we had issues with the stakes at each end moving so did not quite achieve that.

The next two meetings were based around the sport of Hobby Horsing. For the first meeting the scouts made hobby horse heads out of cardboard and then decorated them with paint. We ended up with an excellent collection of horse, unicorn, wolf and Trump heads. The following meeting the heads were attached to broomsticks and the scouts competed at "three-day eventing". The "cross-country" was held on the green and then "dressage" and "show jumping" were held indoors. The scout with the combination of the lowest number of faults and the best horse and rider impression won.



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

### **Winter Hill Troop**

**Last month** the Scouts did some coppicing for the National Trust, cutting the growth around the trees along Furze Platt Road and clearing the ditches. Fourteen members of the Troop took part in the Maidenhead Waterways event



canoeing in the town centre. Thank you goes to district for organising the event.

Our final meeting that was dry before evenings got to dark, the Scouts did some pioneering, in groups of three using six-foot poles they had to design and build the tallest free-standing flagpole. The following week due to rain we had our first meeting in the hall, fitting over forty scouts in is always a challenge and I forgot about how noisy they can be when they are playing games. Our final meeting of the month we had an evening on Mapping. In groups of two or three they did some mapping exercises. Special thank you to our young leaders last week *Austin* and *Sri* for controlling them when running the games in the hall.

Scout Ernest Roberts did the drawing of the Scout Hall on the front page..

We would like to welcome *Sripatish Rao* back to the troop, after a break, as a Young Leader and *Raffi Strudwicke* and his Family to PG.

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

# Pinkneys Green Scout Group

Reg. Charity 300501

## Christmas Trees 2025

Dear **PG Tips** reader,

We know it seems early but we are delighted to announce that once again we are offering Christmas Trees to be delivered to your door. As you may be aware, this service is run by volunteers, with all profits going directly to the Scout Group so we really appreciate your support! As in previous years we deliver in the Maidenhead / Cookham / Hurley / Littlewick Green areas.

Deliveries will be made on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

We also offer a recycling service where, for a small charge (£5) we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. (If you did not buy your tree from PG the charge for recycling will be £10)

Twelfth Night is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January so we will be running our Recycling collection on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.

We ask that you please place your order either by completing the online form <https://www.cognitoforms.com/PinkneysGreenScoutGroup/PGScoutsChristmasTreeOrderForm2025> or by completing the attached form and returning it to the address on the form.

It may seem early but **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Pinkneys Green Scout Group to The Querns, 130 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead, SL6 5DN) or by BACS to: Sort code 30-95-36, Account number 59993668. Please use "Tree" followed by your postcode as the reference.

We look forward to receiving your order and may we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Peta & Charlie Almond  
PG Scout Group  
01628 784545  
[Trees@PGScouts.org.uk](mailto:Trees@PGScouts.org.uk)

*Copy of forms / letter / online order form - are on PG Web Site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)*



## ORDER FORM 2025

Please complete in block capitals, and return with payment (cheque to Pinkneys Green Scout Group) to The Querns, 130 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead SL6 5DN if not using the online order form. **By Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October please.**  
PLEASE NOTE SIZE IS A RANGE ONLY – TREE MIGHT BE AT EITHER END OF THIS RANGE

### NORWAY SPRUCE

Traditional scented tree, dark green prickly dropping needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£38		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£42		
2.4- 2.7m (approx. 8ft)	£74		

### NORDMAN FIR

Non-drop, soft dark green needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£35		
1.5-1.8m (approx. 5ft)	£50		
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£63		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£94		
2.4 – 2.7m (approx. 8ft)	£130		

### FRASER FIR

Slim based, scented tree with non-drop blue-green needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£34		
1.5-1.8m (approx. 5ft)	£47		
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£62		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£91		
2.4-2.7m (approx. 8ft)	£125		

### RECYCLING

	Cost	Quantity	Total
PG Tree	£5		
Non PG Tree	£10		

TOTAL PAYMENT

Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Phone No:	
Email:	

Any additional information to help locate your house, particularly if no number: