



GROUP NEWS

All Sections are busy with their spring programmes.

They are planning camps and sleepovers for all youngsters to take part in including our family camp over the weekend 11th to 13th September at Stubbings.

Our Major Fundraising event this year is our Summer Fair on Sunday 28th June. We will be looking for help from all our member families





POLAND 2027
26th World Scout Jamboree
26e Jamboree Scout Mondial™

Hi, I'm Edie, and I'm 13 years old (nearly 14!).
I run ~~For~~ **Sitting For** Scouts, offering babysitting, pet sitting, and dog walking to help raise money for my trip to the 2027 World Scout Jamboree.
I'm friendly, responsible, and experienced with both children and animals, and I always make sure everyone is safe, happy, and well cared for.

If you would like to learn more please go to my website at <https://bit.ly/sitting4scouts> or use my QR code



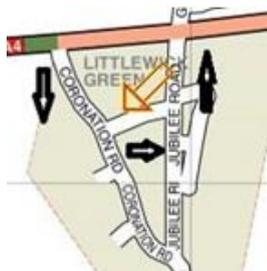
District St Georges Day Event

All members of PG (*Littlewick and Winter Hill*) Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over Maidenhead at this year's District *St Georges Event*

Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngsters, more details near the event.

Please make a note of the date

SATURDAY 25th April 2026, 2pm - 4.15pm.



SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up your children from *Squirrels, Beavers* and *Cubs*

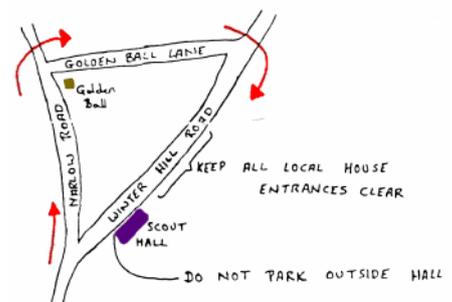
DON'T PARK in Gilchrist Way as this is strictly reserved for residents.

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 Child's leader** if you are not sure.

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*



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

Siblings - wanting to join

Current PG members, do you have younger children/siblings? Are they on our register for joining when old enough? Remember we now have Squirrels that start at 4 years old. We get lots of enquiries and we wouldn't want them to miss the opportunity to join.

If in doubt, please check and ask our G.L.V Erica Hunter erica.hunter2@btinternet.com



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA FEBRUARY 2026

	<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 1st February			9.15 am Family service & meet Bishop Mary with Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 8th February	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	10.00 am Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 15th February	10.30 am God in Quiet	11.00 am BCP Holy Communion	9.15 am Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday 18th February		9.15 am Ash Wednesday COMMUNION	7.00 pm Ash Wednesday COMMUNION
Week 4 Sunday 22nd February	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	

THE PARISH OF BURCHETTS GREEN'S

SNOWDROP TEA

ANNUAL SNOWDROP WONDERS

GATHER THE FAMILY FOR A DAY FILLED WITH JOY, LAUGHTER, AND FUN - THE MORE, THE MERRIER!

Join us for a whimsical adventure as we celebrate togetherness with warm beverages and delicious treats in a blooming garden, surrounded by the beauty of nature.

28 February 2026 | 10:00 am to 4:00pm

Soitau Centre, Stubbings, SL66QW

New Year Walk

To start the New Year off we held our annual New Year Morning Walk. This year 49 people and 3 dogs took part on a bright not too cold morning.



Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening
7pm – 9pm
(Term Time)

First Saturday of month
10am to 12 noon

at
19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze
(Behind Magnet)

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

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 from January to May. 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



Family (Group) Camp

We can confirm that the site has been booked at Stubbings Estate for our Group (Family) camp for the weekend 11th – 13th September 2026

All Pinkneys Green members (Littlewick & Winter Hill) can take part in a fun-filled weekend of camping and activities! Cubs and Scouts will camp in their sections, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders may camp even if their families do not wish to attend/camp. Squirrels and Beavers can camp, but they need to camp with parents. Parents and friends of PG can either camp for the weekend or visit as day visitors. Family Groups need to provide their own tent/caravan, catering equipment and food for themselves and their Squirrels / Beavers, if you have one. We will try to assist if you need any camping equipment. Portaloo toilet facilities will be provided for all.





SQUIRREL NEWS

Littlewick Drey

We started this month talking about a special gift the Squirrels got at Christmas, we had a huge range, each Squirrel explained why it was special to them, what it means to them and some how they worked.

We also gave out some badges, every Squirrel got at least 1. Last week the Squirrels learnt how to wash their hands properly and demonstrated cleaning their teeth, they learnt why it is so important to do it well.

Baloo, Littlewick Green (Erica Hunter)

Winter Hill Drey

We hope everyone had a great Christmas break and lovely New Year.

We welcomed back the Squirrels with an evening of getting to know you games. We also spoke about our golden rules and welcomed our new young leaders.

The following week the Squirrels made bird feeders out of toilet rolls, seed and lard.

Finally the Squirrels celebrated Burns Night, the squirrels played games, tried Scottish food and did some dancing.

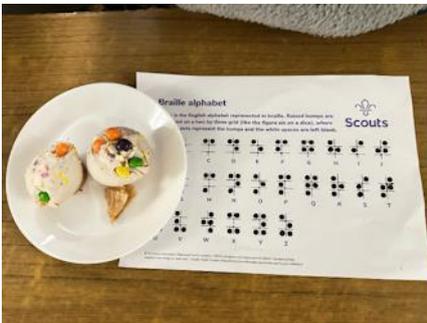
Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

We have enjoyed being back after the Christmas break, starting the year by learning about the importance of Brail and having a local resident talk to us about living with blindness and demonstration of how to use a Braille Typewriter!



Last week, we built lots of different types of bird feeders as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, hopefully helping boost numbers in our local gardens before the big count this weekend!

Malak, Littlewick (Phil Franzen)



Winter Hill Colony

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. We welcomed the Beavers back with a games evening.

The following evening the Beavers learnt about disabilities and how animals can help us. Keo brought in her dog, Harper (although not a service dog) so the Beavers could see how easily dogs can be trained. Keo showed the Beavers some of the tricks Harper could do, then they had a go themselves. The tricks performed were sit, paw, turn around and lie down.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



CUB NEWS

Half Term Meeting - The Scouts will be running a Special Cub meeting for all *Littlewick & Winter Hill* Cubs who are not away during half term. **Wednesday 18th February 6.25pm** on Green, Opposite the Scout Hall, Winter Hill Road. Your Cub Team Leader will be giving the Cubs more details week before the event.

Littlewick Pack

The Cubs started their new term back with a Dragons Den style pack forum. They discussed ideas of the badges/activities they wanted to do this term and then presented them to our Dragons. There were some wonderful and creative ideas too, with lots to implement into their upcoming programming #youshape. This was also *Noah's* last session with us as he moves up to Scouts. A massive congratulations to him for being such an integral part of the pack and we wish him the best as he continues his Scouting journey. We also invested two new members, and congratulate *Forrest* and *Doug* on officially becoming members of our Cub pack.



Many then completed part of their personal challenge badge and animal carer with our animal handling session. We covered several welfare aspects of exotic pets and the effect it has on wild populations too. Plus, of course, the hands-on experience of looking at different equipment and handling a variety of exotic animals including reptiles and ferrets.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

Report - Trip to Pantomime

I went to see the Robin Hood play at Norden farm.

It was really good and funny. My favourite characters are the henchmen because they were so funny and did 67. At the interval every Cub except me and someone else went to the toilet.

by *James Hamon*



SCOUT NEWS

Half term Scouts Running Cub Meeting – We are looking for help from Littlewick & Winter Hill Scouts, to run an evening on the green and in the woods for the Cubs - **Wednesday 18th February 6pm.**

Year 6 Training Course - 23 Scouts from both Troops attended the year six training course at the Scout Hall. The Scouts learnt some basic skills to prepare them for our weekend camp in May. They were taught how to use a bush saw; what cooking equipment each patrol has at camp and what it's used for; personal and camp hygiene. They also they learnt cooking fried breakfast; washing up; mapping and compass skill; artificial resuscitation, using a CPR Manikin; and fire lighting using a flint, in very muddy conditions in the woods. Plus they had a look at the activity badges they can do (over 80 to choose from). Also they played various games including some muddy ones in the woods and watched a couple of films.



Thank you goes to PLs *William, Reuben* and *Edie* & leaders *James Pagliero* and *Callum Kunchur* (He came down from Scotland to help) for stay with us and running the events.

Scouts New Year Party

We held a New Year party for Littlewick and Winter Hill on Friday 2nd January, thirty-eight attended, a very busy and noisy evening of games and food.



Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

Littlewick Troop

At our first meeting of 2026, the scouts designed and came up with a sales pitch for a new breakfast cereal. Several approaches to attract customers were taken, from high chocolate content to staff wellbeing. The audience of scouts then voted for their favourite cereal that was not their own invention. At the next meeting, we practised our knots and then had a relay competition where they had to perform the knots as a team.



For our most recent meeting we did a number of challenges that the scouts could only complete as a team. These included passing instructions between scouts where they could either not see or speak, so they had to work together and communicate in mime. Another team activity was to move as a group in something that resembled a simplified Rubik's Cube (made out of hula hoops). As they were quite good at this, the leaders kept having to increase the difficulty of the moves to make it more challenging. At this meeting we also invested *Arthur* and welcomed him to be a full member of our troop.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

Last month has been very busy, with over 40 Scouts, so it has been a challenge to play some of the games, and we have had to split the Troop into two so everyone got a go

We have done Emergency Planning - Including Fire Drill and what the Scout has to do in an emergency in the Scout Hall. Also the Scouts have worked out a Home Escape Plan – how to get out of their house if there is a fire and no light, plus where their front / back door keys are kept. Also, we have done some activities in the dark.

The PLs held a Patrol Forum planning badge they would like to do this month, plus deciding what activities should be put into the programme for this.



Congratulations go to Winter Hill Scout leaders *Mathew Miller* and *Callum Kunchur* on being awarded their five-year long service award and *Paul Conacher* on being awarded his fifteen-year, long service award.

Astri Roberts, *James Hamon*, *Tommy Dunn* have completed their **Moving Up** awards from Cubs last month. With *Elvie Comrie* they all have made the Scout promise and been invested as Scouts. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)