



GROUP NEWS

March 2023

Our **Summer Fair** on Sunday 25 June.

This is our major fundraising event to support all the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with their Scouting at PG.

Coronation Weekend - We will be holding an event on Monday 8th May 2023 on the green opposite the Scout hall. More details will be in April's PG Tips



Quiz Evening

Plans are under away to hold a Quiz Evening in aid of our Jamboree Fundraising project.

The event will be held on Saturday evening 25th March at the Soltau Centre, behind Stubbings Church.

Parents – Hall Cleaning – Summer Term

We are looking for more parent volunteers to join a Parent Rota for Summer Term to clean the hall. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please complete our online form via <https://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT>

The areas than need to be cleaned are: Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet.

Anytime between **Tuesday morning** (Weds only before 6pm, Thursdays before 5pm after 6pm) and **Fridays before 5pm**.



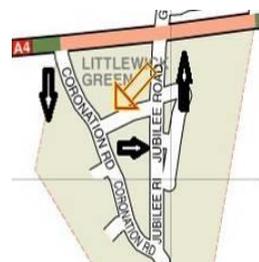
Thank You goes to all the parents who helped, it was a great help.

12 Volt Batteries

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

If you have a working car battery that you no longer require it would be a great help to us.

Please email simon@pgtips.org.uk



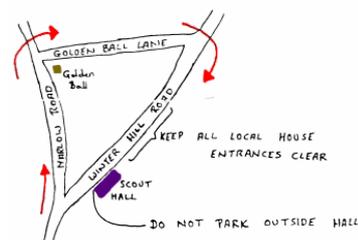
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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

Do not 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!

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



Reg Jakes

We are very sorry to hear that *Reg Jakes* has sadly passed away.

Reg was a PG, Assistant Rover Scout Leader, then Rover Scout Leader, before he moved to Poole in Dorset.

Reg was the youngest of 3 children to Councillor Arthur Jakes and Rosa his wife, when they opened Jakes House Care Home was one of his proudest days.

Reg now joins his wife Betty who died last November 27th 2022 after 74 years of marriage.

Reg led a very busy life. He was born on 27th April 1925 and had 2 much older sisters. He joined the Navy and served on HMS Cerci during the war. He might of stayed in the navy but before joining he had made a promise to Scout Nash, that after the war he would run a Scout Troop and that is just what he did for the next 40 years.

During the later years of the Scouts came the Rover Scouts. It wasn't enough to just go along to meeting once a week, they got in touch with another Rover Scout Troop in Godalming and decided to twice yearly take part in a hike, using both Maidenhead and Godalming alternately, these hikes continued for the next 60 years.

Reg leaves behind his two daughters, Marian and Brian and Shirley and Kelly, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Best wishes of all Group members and our condolences, goes Reg's two daughters and their families.



Outgrown your Uniform or Changed 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 uniform box.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm

(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

10am to 12 noon

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

(Behind Magnet)

Uniform

Can we remind ALL Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout & 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>

The shop will be open every Thursday evening in March.

For **Yellow PG Tee Shirts** please contact **Raksha** (Sheila Stinton) 01628 628160 or at WH Beavers & Cubs.

Has your Child's Coat lost their Coat

In the porch of the Scout Hall, we have **seven** coats ranging from Beaver up to a small adult. **NONE OF THE COATS** as far as we can see, have a name in them. If you child has lost a coat in the last couple months, please check to see if we have got it.



Summer Fair - Gardeners

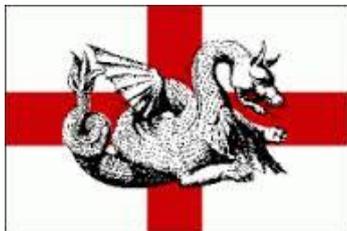
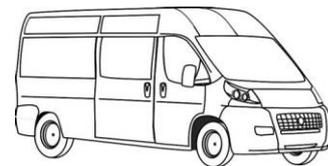
Gardeners, can we please ask for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents & neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. We would much rather find a new home for them.

Fair Date is Sunday 25th June

Volunteer to Drive a Minibus

We are still looking for an Adult over 25 to drive a minibus for Scout camp this year, the dates we are looking for help are Saturday 22nd July or Wednesday 26th July or Friday 4th August 2023

For more details, please contact Simon Simon@pgtips.org.uk



St Georges Day Event

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

Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngster.

We will meet at Oldfield School before walking to Braywick Nature Reserve, to take part in activities before members all renew their promises. More details will be given to members nearer to the event. Please make a note of the date.

SATURDAY 22nd April 2023, 2pm-4.15pm.



Ellington Morris celebrate their 50 year anniversary of dancing

Did you know that Ellington Morris are also based in the Pinkneys Green Scout Hall?

They practice in the Hall every Wednesday at 8:30pm learning dances for May 1st.

It's great fun and a chance to do something different and make new friends. Newcomers are always welcome!!! both as dancers and musicians.

Interested? See website for details www.ellington.org.uk or call Chris Bell 01628 623023



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

March 2023

<u>Week</u>	<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 th March	10.30am God through Music	5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 2 Sunday 12 th March	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	4:00pm Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 19 th March	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 26 th March	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

It's been another busy month. We had an evening on all things Scotland to celebrate Burns night. With Highland Games and Scottish food. Haggis, smoked salmon and oatcakes, scotch eggs and Tunnocks teacakes all washed down with Irn Bru. Surprisingly most of



the squirrels tried the food and liked it.

One evening we spoke about our feelings and emotions. We played a game where the squirrels had to act out different emotions. Then the squirrels broke out into different groups and came up with a short sketch that focused on a different emotion and the rest of the Drey had to guess

what the feeling/emotion was we also spoke about how to regulate their feelings and emotions. The final week the squirrels made cards, decorated biscuits and arranged flowers for valentine's day. We continued the theme of feelings and emotions and took the opportunity to speak about love and who they loved. Then our latest squirrel climbed down the tree and put a log on the river to continue his scouting journey to become a beaver.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have been having fun with Chinese New Year and also looking at what makes a good friend, so far this term.

We turned our whole colony into a huge Chinese dragon-lead by are great young leaders! Which was good fun.

We can't wait for the lighter nights so we can get back outside now!



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

Winter Hill Colony

The first week of the month the beavers learnt about Chinese New Year. We spoke about the different animals that make up the Chinese zodiac. They made a Chinese new year box. The idea behind it is the beavers can put their own new years resolutions in it and look back to see if they've achieved them.



The next two weeks we focused on science, so the beavers could complete their science badge. Week 1 the beavers did some science experiments. We talked about how air moves to help propel a simple "plane" and how we can make a paper

bridge strong to hold some coins. The beavers then worked really well all contributing their ideas to exploring and experiment different ways they could make a simple straw plane and bride work. Week 2 on science we looked at static electricity. We looked at how a tin can, can move with a balloon and making a tissue paper windmill with a ruler. Finally the beavers celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making and cooking pancakes.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

This month has been full of fresh starts. We welcomed new cubs into the mix and said a (musical) goodbye to our older group as they moved to scouts.

All the cubs enjoyed the night hike which ended with much enjoyed hot chocolate.

A selection of the cubs also enjoyed the half term fun put on by the scouts they enjoyed the blindfolded night trail very much with some great communication being used.

Thank you to the scouts for organising.

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)



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Winter Hill Pack

A variety of activities for the Cubs this month, we started learning how to make rope from wool which went toward the Pioneering Badge. Loz Marchant our Deputy District Commissioner brought the rope making devices. All of the cubs helped to make the rope and each took a sample home.

The following week we talked about mental health and decorated a message to put in a flower pot which we asked them to give to someone who they thought would like an act of kindness and also in secret.

During Half term 8 cubs attended the meeting run by the scouts outside followed by hot chocolate.



Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

HALF TERM – Running Cubs Activity Evening

The Wednesday during half term, the Scouts ran an event for both Cub Packs.

The Cubs had to complete an assault course on the green and a blind trail in the woods, plus Matchstick Puzzle, using 1.8m poles. It was followed by drinking chocolate in the Scout hall. Thank you goes to the 15 Scouts for running the activities.

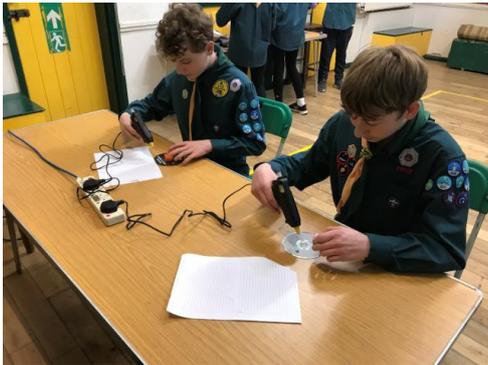


Troop Camp

All Scouts should have received a letter about our weekend camp in May. The Scouts are planning to go away **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May 2023** to a green field site near Henley. The Scouts will be camping in Patrols, cooking all their meals on wood fires, doing various activities including archery and air rifle shooting. There will be an inter patrol cooking competition as well as the Scouts being taught basic Scouting skills. If your child has not received details, please contact Simon

Littlewick Troop

Just after Luna/Chinese New Year we had a meeting themed around this. We made Chinese lanterns, wrote Chinese characters and played “the tail of the dragon” game (maybe slightly incorrectly). We then had a meeting with activities based around good diet and sleep. The main activity was planning meals for a day out of a random selection of ingredients. Given the restrictions on the ingredients, this was quite hard. Consequently we ended up with teams with menus varying from balanced to hilarious. At this meeting we also rearranged the patrols and have now expanded to having four.



For the next meeting, the scouts split into teams and had to come up with an advert targeted at new cubs which they had to write and perform. This was judged by a panel of cubs who are in the process of moving up to scouts, with accuracy of advertising claims being held to account by the room. For our meeting over half term, the scouts had to build a balloon powered hovercraft from a bottle cap and an old CD. They then tested these on several different surfaces to see where they would work. Unfortunately these hovercraft did not work on water, but it was interesting to try. Our most recent meeting was the one closest to Shrove Tuesday so it was time for pancakes. Each patrol had a cooking station and I was impressed with how they got on with it independently. They successfully prepared the mixture, cooked at least one pancake each, ate it, and the washed up within the 1.5 hours of our meeting.

Scout Leader Littlewick (Mark Courtier)

Winter Hill Troop

We went to Warhammer shop in the town and started the model maker badge. Jay the manager made us very welcome and guided the Scouts through making the models. The following week the Scouts finished off painting the models.



We had an evening using our new 6ft poles. The first challenge the scouts attempted was they were in a circle, with one hand behind their back had to pass the pole to person on their left and catch the pole coming from the right after a bit of practice they all managed to do it a video is on the Troops Facebook page www.facebook.com/PGScouts/

The Friday after Shrove Tuesday all the Scouts had a go at cooking pancakes, they all managed to complete the challenge and eat their creations.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (Simon Wheeler)

Pinkneys Green Scout Group

QUIZZ NIGHT

Saturday 25th March

Soltau Centre, Stubbings Church Hall
7.00 pm for 7.30 start

Featuring trivia, music, picture questions and team challenges!

£10 per person (incl pudding)

Please bring your own snacks, we provide the pud!
Beer and wine will be available for a donation

Max 8 people per table / team
(We will help make up the teams)

To reserve your tickets email
pgscoutsfundraising@gmail.com

Proceeds will go to World Scouts Jamboree 2023

