



GROUP NEWS

February 2022



All sections are holding meetings and the sections are following Covid risk assessment for all activities.

Due Covid-19, the size of the Scout Hall and ventilation, the Groups Parents Support Committee has decided that we will not be holding a Jumble Sale in May.

Queen Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee we are going to be Tea Party on the Green opposite the Scout Hall, on **Saturday 4th June** to which all members and friends of PG will be invited to attend. We also hope to be holding some games and activities for the youngsters to take part in

More details will be available nearer the event



PG Summer Fair

We are hoping to be getting back to normal and hold our Summer Fair on the Green opposite the Boundary Arms on Sunday 26 June. Make a note of the date.

PG Family (Group) Camp

We were due to hold our Family (Group) camp this year, due to Covid and not knowing how it will be later this year, we have decided to postpone it and hold it in September 2023.



St Georges Day Event

All PG members (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join all 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, more details near the event.

Please make a note of the date – SUNDAY 24th April 2022, 2pm-4.15pm.

Used Postage Stamps

A big thank you goes to everyone who has collected and dropped of used postage stamps we are collecting for the RNIB

We are still collecting stamps, please save them for us when they come through your post box or at your work. Make sure 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 section leader.



Younger Siblings

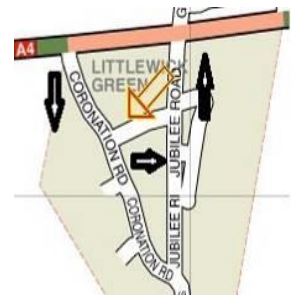
Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 6 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become 6 they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment. If you are not sure that they are on the list, please check, don't leave it till it is too late.

If in doubt please check and ask. For Winter Hill and Littlewick Beavers, email our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com with your child's name and date of birth.

SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up *Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings,*

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! **Please ask your Childs 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 *Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings, Squirrels Thursday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, 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's dark. **Don't Park** in the drive ways of Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House

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

Parish of Burchetts Green -Parish Administrator

The Parish of Burchetts Green is looking for an efficient and conscientious Parish Administrator to commence as soon as possible. The role will require the individual to work independently and with the Vicar, volunteers, professional bodies, the Diocese and contractors.

Applicants should be competent in the use of Microsoft Office and financial software. Training can be provided. Good communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive situations are essential.

Hours of work - 20 hours per week, preferably across 5 mornings but there is some flexibility for the right person.

The parish office is based in the Soltau Centre (behind St James the Less church) in Stubbings.

For further details contact the Parish Office: Tel: 01628 820077 Email: office@burchettsgreenparish.org

Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota 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 a couple of times a year.



We need to sort a rota out for this term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please complete our online form www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean

Anytime between Tuesday morning (Weds only before 5.30) and Fridays before 5pm. **A big thank you** goes to all the parents who helped us, it was a great help.

Yellow PG T-Shirt -

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm in the at some meeting and summer months. (Something to look forward to) 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** (Sheila Stinton), 76, Pinkneys Road. **Raksha** usually brings the T-shirts to Winter Hill, Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. **Raksha** also has PG Scarf's (£4.50 each).

Uniform - District Scout Shop

All members are expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop

Please make sure that you know your child's Chest & waist size...

The shop will be open every Thursday evening From **7pm – 8.45pm** (Except half Term, Thurs 24 Feb) and second Saturday of month, **10am – 12noon**

We do have some second hand uniform, please contact your section leader for more details.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening
7pm – 8.45pm

Plus second Saturday of month
10am – 12noon
at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze
(Behind Magnet)

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

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

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We need your support; it is quite simple to **access our online web shop**,

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We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to 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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BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Green Beavers have been busy again.

We started the new term with our first log chew of the year and an opportunity for some of the older Beavers to share with us their inventions. Last week we welcomed new potential Beavers and we had our first film night at the hall. Young leaders *Dylan* and *Connor* were excellent popcorn makers-thank-you boys.

This week we are excited about our night hike and investing *Malak*.

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)



Winter Hill Colony

We hope you had a good Christmas and New Year, and wish you all the best for 2022

The first week back we welcomed our new beavers by playing getting to know you games and introducing everyone and how we do things at beavers.

Second week the beavers focused on morse code. With torches they learnt simple phrases including SOS. The beavers were also asked to bring in a phone number of a parent or carer. The beavers were then tasked with learning the number, Incase they were ever in need and had to ring them.

We then did endangered animals, they were painting them or making play dough animals.

This month *Dylan, Ernest, Freddie* all swim up to cubs. We wish them well on their continued scouting journey. We also say goodbye to *Megan* who leaves us and will be taking up gymnastics. Good luck!



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Wednesday 23 February, during Half Term, the Scouts will be running a special evening for the Cubs, an incident hike on the green and in the woods, opposite the Scout Hall.

Winter Hill Pack

Here's what's been going on since the last update:

Treasure Island Pantomime - 9th December

Before Christmas a group of us went to see Treasure island at Holyport hall. We got dropped off and sat next to our friends. It was really funny with lots of silly jokes and there were great actors in it. We all had fun shouting at them and saying "it's behind you" and shouting "boo" when the villain was on stage.

My favourite person in the play was The Dame who was the funniest as they had the silliest jokes. It was a great start to Christmas.

Henry

Fencing and Morse Code

This week we had a very exciting lesson on fencing and morse code. In fencing, we had a man come in to show us how to fence and show us how to stay safe while fighting. The most important thing in fencing



is balance. Balance is very important in fencing because if the opponent is trying to stab you it is important that you stay on your feet. Whilst we were fighting we had to wear these masks to protect our faces

When we did morse code we went to the field in front of the hut. It was very dark out so it was good we were doing light morse code. It worked like this: we would stand in a line and wait for our turn to do a word. How we knew how to do the word was we had a sheet with all the letters and what light signals we should do for the other team to understand. While the other team was on the other side of the field we stood at the other end and we thought up our word, our first word was CAN. We did this for about half an hour and then my feet were frozen. After about another 10 minutes we did the morse code and went in.

Zach H



Akela Winter Hill (Jon Corbitt)

SCOUT NEWS



Littlewick Troop

We restarted the term on the 10th January after our Christmas break.

For the first meeting of term, the scouts had to design a breakfast cereal in small groups. To do this they needed to decide on what was in the cereal and design the box with a logo. Each group then pitched their idea to the rest of the scouts and at the end we had a vote on which was the best. Flavours and themes varied, but sugar content was generally high.

For our most recent meeting, inspired by last month's *PG Tips*, the scouts built cages out of canes that could fit a scout. This was before trying to fit them with as many scouts as possible.

We look forward to getting stuck into a full term and will be strengthening our patrols by appointing some new APLs soon.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

The new year started off with a challenge in teams of 3 to design and build the tallest free standing tower out of lolly sticks, the Scouts came up with some interesting structures.

The following week in peer groups, the Scouts wrote an *Expected Code of Conduct*, before all the Scouts came together to discuss it and decide and agree on the final version, which they took home and discussed with their parents.

The scouts tried to play a new version of noughts and crosses using nine chairs and eight Scouts, it needs to be worked on, and we nearly got it working.

We then did a knotting activity which in pairs the Scouts had to construct a swing that would take their weight without them falling off it.

We had three Scouts *Alexandros Antonas*, *Tom Atkinson* and *Noah Thomas* join thirty other Scouts on the District Patrol leaders Training course. They learnt how to work in groups, and how to improve their job as a Patrol leader.

This year we are holding a Troop Weekend Camp over the weekend 6 – 8 May 2022. **We are looking for a parent volunteer to drive a lorry** over on Thursday 5 May and one for the return trip on Sunday 8 May. So far we have confirmed that we will be doing archery and shooting. The instructors have all confirmed they can run the activities for us. The camp will teach the Scouts basic camping skills, we will be using the patrol system and the Scouts in their patrols will be cooking all their meals on wood fires.

We are looking for Old 12 volt Car Batteries to replace the ones we have that no longer hold their charge.



WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)