



GROUP NEWS

March 2022

All sections are holding meetings and the sections are including Covid risk assessment for their 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

We're celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As she reaches this historic milestone, HM The Queen will have served the nation for seventy years as monarch.

As HM The Queen is also our Patron, this makes it an extra special occasion for us 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.



For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Scout Association have partnered with Girlguiding to create a special joint woven badge. The badge has the official Jubilee logo on it as well as both organisations logos. It's an official occasional badge and it can go on the uniform.

All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Young Leaders and their leaders will be receiving one of these badges. They need to be sewn on to their uniform, above the World membership badge (Next to PG110 badge if they have one)



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,*

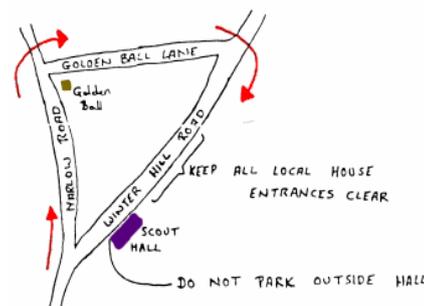
Do not park in Gilchrist Way as this is strictly reserved for residents. We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - **Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way**

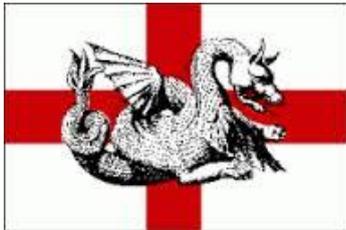
System when dropping off or collecting your children from *Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings, Squirrels Thursday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are outside 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



District 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. There will be activities for each Section.

Meet at Oldfield school at 1.50pm, the event will be over at 4.15pm. More details will be given to you by your section leaders.

Make a note of the date – **SUNDAY 24th April 2022, 2pm-4.15pm**

PG Summer Fair

We are holding our Summer Fair on the Green opposite the Boundary Arms on **Sunday 26 June**. Please make a note of the date.

Opportunity to help PG via the Summer Fair Raffle - The raffle at the Summer Fair is an interesting project. Ideally two people sharing (or one could manage) can ask for donated prizes (we have regular contributors); design and order the tickets (we have templates and contact); distribute tickets via sections and run the raffle on the day of the fair.



Most of this can be done from home and in your own time.



If you can help please email help@pgtips.org.uk

Gardeners - Can we plea 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. They would much rather find a new home for them.

National Census

Every year, we have to complete an annual census, on 31st January, which this year we had 140 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 10 Young leaders (Explorers), with 51 adults, (leaders, assistants, instructors and exec), giving us a total of 201. We have to pay a capitation fee to Scout Association, plus County for leader training & District, which for all the PG members will be £8,670

Invitation to join Parents' Support Group

PG Scouts **Parents' Support Group** plays a vital role in the running of our Scout Group

We ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to our young people.

Our focus includes co-ordination of:

- fund raising
- Scout hall and equipment maintenance, and repairs
- finance, census etc.

We meet once a month (on-line at the moment) for just an hour.

We're keen to encourage more people to get involved:

- ✓ **to support the group**
- ✓ **suggest new ideas**
- ✓ **make a difference**
- ✓ **enjoy volunteering**



If you would like to get involved, or want more information, please contact:

Natasha Medhurst (Executive Committee Chair) natasha_medhurst@yahoo.co.uk or

Erica Hunter (Group Scout Leader) erica.hunter2@btinternet.com



12 Volt Batteries

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

If you have a working car battery etc. that you no longer require it would be a great help to us, please email help@pgtips.org.uk



25th World Scout Jamboree

Congratulations goes to WH Scout *Joel Wallace* on being selected to represent PG on the 25th World Scout Jamboree to Korea in 2023. Joel will be part of the Berkshire Scout Unit.

The event aims to bring young people from around the world aged between 14 and 18 together for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, fun and friendship.

Joel will be updating us with what he is doing, plus what fundraising activities he is planning.

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

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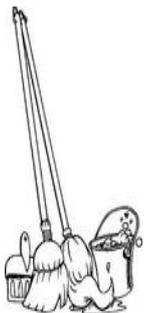
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Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

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 via 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.

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** 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 SQUIRREL DREY

This month we are opening a **Squirrel Drey for children** between the ages of four and six years that will meet at the Scout hall during term time, on Thursdays late afternoons, between 5.15pm - 6.15pm at the Scout hall,

Tom Beynon (*Tic Tac*) will be the Squirrel section leader, with his assistant leaders Catherine Weeks (*Hathi*), Matt Bolton (*Bushy*) Richard Stevenson (*Nutkin*) and sectional assistant Linda Ruffell (*Tufty*). With help from Parents/Carers who will be required to help on a Rota system...

Squirrel Scouts and Squirrel leaders will all wear the Squirrel Scout uniform, which is a *Red Squirrel sweatshirt as well as a Pinkneys Green yellow T-shirt, a woggle and the group neckerchief.*

Meetings will be packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, badges, laughter and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. As well as enjoying a fun packed programme, a Squirrel Scout may also gain the **Chief Scout's Acorn Award**, which is gained after completing four challenge badges and two activity badges.



The Squirrel Scout Promise is *I promise to do my best and to be kind and helpful and to love our World*

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

The beavers did an evening on the solar system learning about the planets. They talked about the order and sizes of the planets and ways to remember the order. We also spoke about Pluto being downgraded from a planet and why the moon is not a planet.



We had an evening on flags. Learning different countries and matching their flags this was to help complete the international badge.

On evening the beavers learnt about Covid

from a local GP. She discussed what she had to go through. She spoke about the different PPE and what doctors had to do to protect themselves.

Also we said goodbye to 3 of our beavers who swam up good luck *Ernest, Freddie and Megan.*



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

During half term the Scouts ran a joint meeting for both Packs ion the green and in the woods for both Cub Packs.

The activities the Scouts ran included an obstacle course on the green, a blind trail in the woods and completing a match stick puzzles using 6ft wooden poles.

The evening was finished off with hot chocolate and biscuits

Thank you goes to all the Scouts who set up and ran the activities



SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

Our recent run of meetings started with a knot evening where the scouts either learnt or revised 6 knots then competed as a team to do the 6 knots the fastest in a relay. The more experienced scouts helped teach the less experienced ones.

The next meeting we did our version of the Winter Olympics. The scouts split into 4 different countries and competed in:

- Biathlon – skiing (running lengths of the hall) and shooting (knocking skittles over with tennis balls)
- Bobsleigh (pushing a heavy bag across the hall as a team and then jumping on it to sit like in a bobsleigh)
- Ice dancing (team routines in their socks)
- Curling (with loops of rope)



The scouts very much got into the spirit of it. If I remember correctly, Team Neverland came out on top of the medal table.

Our most recent meeting was an evening on codes and communications. In threes the scouts wrote messages in invisible ink, cracked some codes and tried to Morse code other teams the opening lines of famous children's books. The latter was very difficult, but "Mr and Mrs Dursley..." was successfully communicated.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

Thank you goes to parent John Wilson who helped run a meeting where the Scouts had to do some research on the dangers and harmful effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs. The Scouts started off with a version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire game to see how much they knew, this was followed by research.

Friday during half term the Scouts held a special meeting and built an assault course around the Scout hall, they held a competition to see who could get around the quickest.

Thank you goes to all the seven Scouts who helped run the Cub meeting during half term and set up and ran the activities.

We would like to welcome cubs, *Bertie Cox*, *Zack Perrott* and *Varsha Vishak* who will be starting their **Moving Up Award** with the Troop.



TROOP CAMP - We are still looking for a parent volunteer to drive a lorry over on the evening, of Thursday 5 May and one for the return trip on Sunday afternoon, 8 May.

We will be away over the weekend 6 – 8 May 2022. So far we have confirmed that we will be doing archery and shooting, 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.

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)