



GROUP NEWS

May 2022



All sections are getting back to normal with their weekly meetings.

The group are planning events which include a Street Party to celebrate Queens Platinum Jubilee and Summer Fair, in June.

We will be looking in to see if we can have Jumble Sales in September.

PGs Platinum Jubilee Street Party

Saturday 4th June 2022 - 2pm

On Green Opposite Our Scout Hall



All members, parents and friends of PG we hope will be able to join us on Saturday 4 June for afternoon tea and games.

Members will be receiving information via their section leaders, friends of PG please check for latest information www.pgscouts.org.uk

District St Georges Day Event

It was so good to see all the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders and Leaders at this years District St Georges afternoon event at Braywick Nature reserve

The Squirrel, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined other youngsters in their sections from all the Groups in Maidenhead and took part in fun games.

PG leaders *Avril Broadley, Erica Hunter and Simon Wheeler* were awarded the *Bar to Silver Acorn* by the County Commissioner *Nigel Bevan* for distinguished service to Scouting.

The closing ceremony all members renewed their promises. A collection was taken for *Alexander Devine Children's Hospice*. and over £400 was collected.





BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

MAY 2022

Week	St Mary the Virgin Hurley	St James the Less Stubblings	St John the Evangelist Littlewick
Week 1 Sunday 1 st May 2022	10.30 God through Music Lay lead	5.00 Choral Evensong	9.15 Family Eucharist (Common Worship)
Week 2 Sunday 8 th May 2022	10.30 Holy Communion	8.00 Holy Communion	4.00 Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 15 th May 2022	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Family Eucharist (Common Worship) Sunday Club
Week 4 Sunday 22 nd May 2022	10.30 Family Communion	8.00 Holy Communion	
Week 5 Sunday 29 th May 2022		10.30 Parish Service	

Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 4 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that they can join, when they are old enough. 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 as, Email *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com with your child's name and date of birth.

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, Thurs before 4.30pm and after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm. **A big thank you** goes to all the parents who helped us, it was a great help.



12 Volt Batteries

We are still looking for old 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

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Party Tents For Hire

As part of our fund-raising activities hire our Party Tents, which are suitable for garden parties. We have various sizes available.

Party Tent 4m x 4m (13.12ft x 13.12ft)

Party Tent 4m x 8m (13.12ft x 26.25ft)

We ONLY hire in the Maidenhead area, prices on application and this includes Pitching and Insurance. Our tents are only available for secure sites and are best suited to Garden Parties and enclosed secure sites.

For more details, prices and availability please contact our Marquee Coordinator **Vanessa Wallace** e-mail: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

Yellow PG T-Shirt

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Squirrel, 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.



PG Summer Fair

We are holding our Summer Fair on the Green and Fun Dog Show opposite the old Boundary Arms, Pinkneys Road, on **Sunday 26 June**.

We will be looking for support from Squirrels, Beaver, Cubs and Scouts and their parents, with our major Fundraising event of the year

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.

Tombola Items Can you please collect unwanted presents, wine, beer, toiletries, stationery, canned drinks, foods and any other spare items for the **Tombola** – *please drop off all alcohol directly to the leader.* **Food & Drink to be inside Best Before date on the 27th June** If you can help, please email help@pgtips.org.uk

2023 World Scout Jamboree

Hello everyone I am *Joel Wallace*, a PG *Winter Hill* Scout. I am going on the 25th World Scout Jamboree to South Korea in 2023, and representing PG and Maidenhead as part of the Berkshire Unit.



Two weeks ago I went on a training weekend with all the people from unit 68, We arrived on friday late in the afternoon, we set up our tents then spent a couple hours bonding and choosing a name for our unit, The ***Baar-kshire Monarchs***, while also choosing a badge for our unit as well. We ate dinner and then went to sleep, while we were trying to sleep it snowed and I froze the entire night! The next day we made an extremely tasty breakfast, we found an explorer group who were also on a training weekend, we played rounders with them for the majority of the day while also writing up a code of conduct, that night we had a bonfire with the explorer group which everyone enjoyed. The next day was much warmer, we spent the morning talking about how to fundraise for the Jambo in the dining room and

then headed to the woods where we would then play games which people played back in their scout groups.

Overall I had an enjoyable, although cold weekend making friendships that will last for the next two years of our jamboree experience and last much longer afterwards.

SQUIRREL NEWS

This month the squirrels have been busy. They did lots of activities and craft for Mother's Day. The Squirrels made cards, a picture with a pasta frame, flowers and decorated biscuits. They got really creative with their biscuits.



Another evening, we got out on the green and collected natural material to make a book mark. Before we left the hall we talked about road safety and the rules of the green and the boundary. The Squirrels collected lots of leaves and twigs then stuck them to card. The final meeting of the term, the Squirrels were invested. We spoke about why we shake with our left hand, and how to do the scout sign. The Squirrels all said their promise. They all did very well.



The Squirrels also took part in the district St George's Day event at Braywick Nature Reserve. They all hiked from Oldfield School. and then took part in various activities including Space hopper races and parachute games.

Tic Tac Squirrel Leader (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

Another month of fun and friends at Beavers. This month the beavers had two weeks to complete their disability badge. On week 1, we went into the woods and talked about different disabilities and ways we help people. In pairs the Beavers blindfolded each other whilst one of them guided the other around a course. The Beavers also learnt some of the promise in sign language. Week 2 saw the Beavers use different senses to identify things. They had to use touch to identify soil, a



cuddly toy and a ball. They had to use taste to identify different flavours of crisps and smell to identify peanut butter and jam amongst other things.

We had another evening completing the gardener badge. The Beavers planted vegetables and some planted a couple of baskets to brighten up the outside area of the scout hall. Finally the Beavers took part in the St George's Day event at Braywick Natural reserve. They hiked from Oldfield school to Braywick. They enjoyed lots of

activities including sack races, parachute games and tug of war against the leaders.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

We have been making the most of the good weather at Littlewick Green Beavers. We had a great evening den building (and biscuit eating) in the Little Thicket as well as meeting some native British wildlife. This was a gorgeous hedgehog called Dianna who had been cared for by Pickles Hedgehog rescue in Holyport. We also held a fun Easter egg hunt and some of us enjoyed the District St George's Day celebrations. We are looking forward to lots more outdoor activities this term too.



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie),

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

Blind Trail - Zachary H

In this activity, we had to have partners and this is how it worked: one person would be blindfolded and the other would not. Earlier on, the leaders set up a trail across the room, the person blindfolded would have to trust their partner across the trail. The way this worked was there was a rope across the room guiding the person through all the obstacles. Even though the rope was here it would sometimes be disconnected, so that the person not blindfolded would have a chance to tell the person blindfolded what they had to do. We went through several rooms and multiple obstacles to reach the end of the trail. We went under tables, over chairs and mucked about a bit, this was probably the funniest meeting I've ever been to.

Kite Creations - Freya T.

We got a large piece of paper that was diamond shaped and stuck one piece of bamboo across the longest length with some green plastic zip ties and sellotape at each end of the bamboo and in the middle. We then took the shortest piece of bamboo and put it across the shortest length and tied it with zip ties and sellotape to the paper and to the other piece of bamboo. We then attached the string to the middle of the kite where the two bamboo pieces cross over.



Maidenhead Heritage Center - Mattie

At the start we were split in to two groups. Upstairs we learnt all about the different aeroplanes and their stages. There are 6 different stages, We learnt all about as association they had not qualified pilot helping the qualified pilots by flying the aeroplanes from the factory to the camp. 4 lucky cubs members got to fly a spitfire simulator. Downstairs we learnt all about Maidenhead and Windsor coat of arms. Maidenhead and Windsor came together in 1974. We had a Lego contest. We had to build a juplo bridge without a middle support.

Guide Dog - Zachary H

In this meeting, we had a person come in with a guide dog from a charity and explain to us about what a guide dog does. She explained how Guide Dogs can be very clever helping their owners or renters. Guide Dogs can be very clever with their sense of smell and touch. She told us how these dogs can sniff out road crossings and direct their owners hand to the crossing button. Guide Dogs can help people with all sorts of things like getting food and helping to shop. Guide Dogs don't work all around the clock though because of course they need to get some rest, due to this they take shifts, for example they take a midday shift, morning shift and evening shift. Guide Dogs can be bought and rented, they are mainly rented through charities and fundraisers. Guide Dogs love children as well as adults so if a child has problems with vision they can also have a guide dog.

Akela Winter Hill (Jon Corbitt)

May 2022

SCOUT NEWS

The scouts will be away over the weekend 6 – 8 May 2022.

Scouts will be camping and sleeping in their patrols, using our patrol tents to sleep in. The Scouts in their patrols will be cooking all their meals on wood fires. The older Scouts will be teaching the younger Scouts basic camping skills.



Activities will include archery & shooting and on the Saturday afternoon a Cooking Competition where the PLs will be given £22 to produce a three-course meal for their patrol cooked on their wood fires.

Parents & Scouts help is required on the Thursday evening unloading the lorry and setting up the large canvas.

Littlewick Troop

We have finished the term with three outdoor meetings which has made the most of the better weather and the change of clocks. The first of these was a hike from the scout hall to the centre of Littlewick Green, via Burchetts Green. This is a nice route that is nearly all off roads. The patrols navigated sections in turn.

For the following meeting, we made a human sized table football table from pioneering poles. We then played football where the scouts had to be in contact with their allotted pole. This worked reasonably well, but in hindsight the poles should have been longer to give a wider pitch.

For our final meeting of term, we did some patrol tent pitching. This was in part to give those going on Troop Camp some practise before arriving on site. The troop was split into scouts who claimed to know how to pitch a patrol tent and those who thought they would need some instruction. The scouts who knew what they were doing were supervised but largely left to their own devices. Those that did not were taught how to do it. Both tents went up, so it seems to the claims of knowledge were correct.



We had a short break in meetings over the Easter holidays, however the St. Georges Day event happened during this period. Six of our scouts came along for the parade. It was great fun to take part in activities with scouts from all over Maidenhead and to see the scale of scouting when all the sections are involved.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop



We taught the Scouts how to do a Prusiki knot. The Scouts then went Prusiking and had to ring the bell in the hall. Prusiking is climbing a rope using two loops, one attached to the climber's harness and one used as a foot loop. Both loops are attached to the rope with the special Prusiki knot.

The following meeting, we started to prepare for camp, the Scouts sorted out the camping equipment they would be using and the first time Scout campers had explained the camp routine, plus what equipment they need to take to camp and how to look after it. The most important thing was that they knew what they had packed in their bags for camp and where it was.

During the Easter holidays we were able to use Boyne Hill Atwood's Scout Hall, so we took the Scouts Crate Climbing. They had to see how high they could build a stack of crates with two Scouts standing on the top. They Scouts had safety ropes, when the stack collapsed they



were left hanging in mid-air.

Good Friday we help our annual Easter Egg hunt on the green opposite the Scout Hall, the Scouts had to see who could find as many eggs as possible. The three Scouts who



collected the most Easter Eggs won a large Easter egg and all the eggs that were found were divided between all the Scouts. This year the Scouts did very well, finding all but one egg.

St Georges It was good to see all the Scouts who were able to attend; Joel Wallace who is going on the World Jamboree carried the Union Flag at the front of the parade. The Scouts joined other Scouts from the District and took part in games.

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)