



## GROUP NEWS

April 2026



In April, as the clocks have changed the sections have started doing some activities outside.

We are still looking for help with our Summer Fair; we are looking for a volunteer to help with the Silent Auction and someone to coordinate the raffle

### **Summer Fair on Sunday 28th June**

## District St Georges Day Event

All PG members (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & leaders, will be receiving details about this year's *District St George's afternoon event*, via their sections.

**SATURDAY 25th April 2026, 2pm - 4.30pm.**

Meet us at Oldfield School (Bray Road SL6 1UE) by **1.55pm.**

**To avoid creating a traffic jam** by cars crossing the road in front of the school can all parents and leaders approach Oldfield School **from the Bray direction**, not Maidenhead.

**All members to wear full uniform** plus bring a small bag containing a drink and waterproof coat.

We really encourage every Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event, as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminds us of what being part of the scouting movement is all about and involves taking part in an hour of fun packed activities. We will be joining members from the other eleven Scout groups in Maidenhead. Parents are welcome to come along as well.

## St George's Day



## Our Summer Fair

Our Scout Summer Fair is on **Sunday 28th June.**

We require:

- **Crockery** for the Crockery smash game
- **Tombola prizes**
- **Silent Auction items**

We are also looking for a few people to help organise our Raffle or Silent auction an area we need to do more with. Do you have a *Classic Car* or *Motorcycle*, you could bring along.

We also need a musician as our own maestro Richard is sadly not available.

If there are any other ideas for stalls alongside our usual, please do let me know [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

## 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.



# BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH - SERVICE ROTA

## April 2026

<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 Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 Maundy Thursday			7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion
Week 1 Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 Good Friday	10.30 am Reflections at the Cross	2.00 pm An hour at the Cross	10:00 pm Songs of Praise
Week 2 Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 Easter Sunday	10.30 am Easter Communion	11.00 am BCP Communion	9.15 am Easter Communion
Week 3 Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Communion	10.00 am Songs of Praise
Week 4 Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	10.30 am God in Quiet	11.00 am BCP Communion	9.15 am Holy Communion
Week 5 Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 pm BCP Communion	

## Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger siblings that are under 4 years and not yet old enough to join?

**Are they on our waiting list** so that when they reach four, they can join? We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment.

If in doubt, please check and ask. Email our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

- **Squirrels** are 4 – 6 Year Olds
- **Beavers** are 6 – 8 Year Olds
- **Cubs** are 8 – 10 Year Olds

### SOLTAU CENTRE

#### ST JAMES THE LESS STUBBINGS

The Soltau Centre is available for hire at reasonable rates  
Our versatile space can be used for exercise classes meetings  
and social meet ups

There are new toilets and excellent kitchen facilities  
The Centre can offer broadband for hybrid or online meetings

Please contact Claire at the office on 01628 820077  
for further information

### Maidenhead Scout Shop

**Open term time**

Every Thursday Evening  
**7pm – 9pm**

at  
19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

## Outgrown your Uniform or have Moved 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.



### **POLAND 2027**

26th World Scout Jamboree  
26e Jamboree Scout Mondial™

Hi, I'm Edie, and I'm 14 years old

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





## Welding

**HELP** Can you weld or know someone who can do some welding for us for a reasonable price? We have a couple of things we need to have welded

Please email [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk) with any suggestions.



## **RIAT TRIP**

*Kaa* and *Shere Khan* with Littlewick Green (PG) Cubs are running a trip to RIAT (Royal International Air Tattoo) on the 17th July at a cost of £10 per young person. This is a fantastic event offering amazing hands-on experiments with industry leading companies and technology in the STEM tent, breath taking (and deafening air displays) and opportunity to see some aircraft and their crew. As of the 1st April we will be opening places to Littlewick Green and Winter Hill Beavers or Cubs.

Whilst we can appreciate this is a school day, several of our young people have been granted permission by their headteacher already, which we must receive evidence of. All the information is included in the form and

places are limited so please reach out for forms to [talonsam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:talonsam@hotmail.co.uk)

We will be looking at running fundraising to cover the rest of the coach cost, so please let us know how you can help getting the young people to this incredible event.

We will also require leader volunteers from the different sections.

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## **SQUIRREL NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Drey**

The Squirrels celebrated Lunar New Year with a fun and creative session. They made dragon masks, crafted Chinese lanterns, and even tried some traditional foods, including prawn crackers and spring rolls.

For World Book Day, the Squirrels enjoyed a themed evening where they created bookworm bookmarks and used their costumes to inspire imaginative stories about the characters they came dressed as.

The squirrel had an evening on upcycling and junk modelling run by Emma from Berkshire district as part of her king scout award.

In preparation for Easter, the Squirrels made papier-mâché egg balloons, ready to decorate the following week. In the final session before Easter, they decorated their creations and took part in an exciting Easter egg hunt.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter!



*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

### **Littlewick Drey**

This month the Squirrels have explored space, making space helmets, looking at moon shapes and learning about planets.

The had a fun evening with "toy" crossbows and the last week of term working toward the Brilliant Builder badge with Lego/Duplo construction.



We return on Monday 13th April.

*Baloo, Littlewick Green* (Erica Hunter)

## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

It's been a busy month for the Beavers, starting with celebrating Founders Day and learning about Robert Baden-Powell, as well as discussing our dream pets, with a visit from Teddy the Cavapoo.

We made cards to help celebrate Mother's Day or say thank you to important people in the Beaver's lives and we embraced the Spring-like weather by planting Sunflower seeds in our individually decorated pots.



We also joined over 125 Beavers at the Maidenhead Beaveree, this year it was themed around Eco Space, and the



Beavers attempted to complete 12 individual activity stations! Thank you to all the Beavers for the money

they raised for our chosen charity of Baby Bank.

*Malak, Littlewick* (Phil Franzen)

### **Winter Hill Colony**

The Beavers took on a fun challenge to build the tallest free-standing tower using only newspaper and tape. It turned into a great competition with lots of creative designs.

They also enjoyed some outdoor parachute games on the green, followed by colouring activities and making their own Easter baskets.

The following week, the Beavers got hands-on with planting, sowing sunflower seeds and tomato cuttings.

In the final week before Easter, they did some cooking, making chocolate nests filled with mini eggs—a tasty treat to end the term!



*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Cub Camp**

The Cub camp date has been confirmed for Friday 29th May to Sunday 31st May at Dorney Wood Camp Site, Cubs from Littlewick and Winter Hill, will be receiving details this month.

### **Winter Hill Pack**

This month was all about preparing for outdoor skills. Map skills, compass bearings, road signs, Scout knowledge quiz among other things. Teamwork, supporting each other and learning new skills to put to good use as the weather gets warmer and the incoming longer days.



We visited the Maidenhead Fire Station where not one but two Fire Engines had to leave the station almost leaving us without a session. But the retained fire crew were brilliant and very welcome of all the questions and excitement to see all of their kit. The highlight of the session was definitely being allowed to use the fire hoses and spray cones as well as cars!

6 Cubs represented PG WH in the District flag competition and landed a fantastic 2nd place for their hard work! A gun run, map skills, fire lighting, obstacle course, first aid. Whatever they faced they worked as a team and were rewarded! Well done to *Caleb, Jack, Jessica, Zachary, Finn* and *Theo*.

*Akela, Winter Hill (Matt Bolton)*

### **Littlewick Pack**

The Littlewick Green Cubs showed superb teamwork over our Founder's Day celebrations, with our version of Blockbusters. They also made origami butterflies from maps of Littlewick Green, a nod to Baden-Powell's use of drawing enemy positions on butterfly sketches to evade being discovered. They also received a special occasion badge to wear on their uniform as we celebrate 110 years of Cubs this year. They then worked incredibly hard getting their Mother's Day makes put together, comprising of personalised voucher books and



white chocolate red velvet truffles. Lots of care and thought going into their amazing creations.

We were then fortunate enough to have a guest speaker, Emma, thanks to Winter Hill's Akela. She ran a wonderful session for us where the young people redesigned old clothing to make it unique and reusable. We then did some local exploration, to see the essential and interesting aspects of our unique site. They combined this with litter picking and sorting the rubbish we found as we went into recycling and non-recycling.

*Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)*

### **SCOUT NEWS**

**Scout Support**– On Sunday 28 June, all the Scouts will be running the Tombola stall again at our Summer Fair. We need help from every Scout to do an hour shift to make it a success, last year the Scouts raised over £1,000 on the Tombola, and we could not have managed it without all the Scouts support

**Good Friday** – we will be holding a Special Meeting for both Littlewick & Winter Hill Scouts - our annual Easter Egg hunt. Friday 3rd April 6.45pm at Scout Hall (Clock will have just changed so we will have a little more daylight)

**PL & APL Training course** - 12 Scouts attended the PL / APL training course at the Scout Hall. The Scouts learnt some advance scouting skills, including lighting a Primus stove (pressurised-burner paraffin stove), They also learnt advance camp hygiene and the importance of personal hygiene. They also played various games (including some muddy ones in the woods), plus card games and watched a film.



We also held a PLs' forum, where they discussed ideas for Scout meetings and camp. Some of them are going to investigate activities they could do at Summer camp.

*Scout Leader Winter Hill (Simon Wheeler)*

## Littlewick Troop

For the first meeting of this month we did the egg drop challenge. This is a rather typical Scout challenge where teams of scouts have to build a contraption to protect an egg dropped from the rafters. This time we had some devices that aimed to catch the egg (rather than just slow its fall) which was a bit different. Two out of the four eggs survived!



For the next two meetings the scouts planned and then did the Chip Shop Survey. This is a hike between several chip shops in Maidenhead and at each shop we bought some portions of chips to share and for the scouts to score. This year the winner was GBK in the town centre, although unfortunately we fell a bit behind schedule so did not reach all the intended destinations.

For the most recent meeting we did some indoor pioneering. The Scouts had to build a bridge across a “river” which a tennis ball could roll across. The last requirement made it quite a lot more difficult but some teams did succeed.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (*Mark Courtier*)

## Winter Hill Troop

We started the month off with a Mapping evening . The Scouts in small groups, were taught basic mapping skills, which they will put to use when they go out on a hike.

The following week, Scouts in small groups had to construct a bridge over a river, made out of newspaper, using lolly sticks, spaghetti, elastic bands and twine. Some came up with some interesting constructions!

Last week, as it was a dry evening and we had 40 Scouts; we held most of the meeting on the green. One of the activities was to transport a Scout the length of the green. There were 5 Scouts in a team, they had 2 staves and the Scout being transported had to stand on the staff which 2 Scouts were holding. When a Scout was standing on a staff the Scouts holding it could not move, so the other 2 Scouts with their staff would move to front and the scout would stand on the next one. The distance was 100 meters, when they got to the finish they would move on to the next Scout and go back to the start, until all 5 Scouts had been carried. The winning team was *Flo, William W. Jack, Elvie and James F.*



We have also had a local photographer, *Dave Cox*, [www.davecoxphoto.co.uk](http://www.davecoxphoto.co.uk) who did the photographer activity badge. Twelve Scouts put in a lot of work and have gained the badge. A special Thank you goes to *Dave* for coming to Scout meetings and doing running the badge.

**Scout Leader Winter Hill** (*Simon Wheeler*)