



## GROUP NEWS

With the clock changing later this month, the evenings are starting to get lighter, and the sections are starting to do activities outside.

For our Summer Fair, we are looking for a volunteer to help with organising the Raffle and the **silent auction**.

Our Fundraising events this year are:

- Summer Fair on Sunday 28th June
- Family Camp 11th-13th September.



**2026 Census** - This year at the Scout Association Census, we have **181 youth members**, made up of **22 Squirrels, 35 Beavers, 52 Cubs, 58 Scouts, 14 Young Leaders**. We have **54 adults** (leaders & Trustees).



## District St Georges Day Event

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

Please make a note of the date **SATURDAY 25th April 2026, 2-4.15pm**

## Summer Fair

We would like some volunteers to help with the summer fair.

**Raffle prizes** – Organise printing and distribution of raffle tickets.

If you can help email our GLV *Erica Hunter* [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 and neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out.



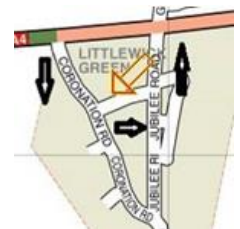
**Fair Date is Sunday 28th June**

## 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*

**DON'T 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 Child's 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 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 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 if it is dark.

**Do Not Park** in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*

**PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

**DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS**

## Margaret Brunsten - RIP



It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Margaret at the end of January from Leukaemia. Margaret was a Cub Leader at Pinkneys Green for many years together with husband Steve who was our Scout Troop leader. When their children were small, they emigrated to Kelowna in Canada. She will be remembered by us for her larger than life character, sense of humour and dedication to scouting. Margaret and Steve have always

remained in contact and you never knew when they would pop up at the Scout Hall, a camp or event if they happened to be in the country

We send our sincere condolences to Steve, children Joanna and David and their families.

*Erica Hunter* Group Lead Volunteer



## BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

### MARCH 2026

	<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 1st March	10.30 am God through Music	4 pm BCP Evensong	9.15 am Communion
Week 2 Sunday 8th March	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	10.00 am Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday	10.30 am God in Quiet	11.00 am BCP Holy Communion	9.15 am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 22nd March	10.30 am Communion	8.00 am BCP Communion	
Week 5 Palm Sunday Sunday 29th March	10.30 am Parish Palm Sunday Communion with procession		

## Siblings - wanting to join

Current PG members, do you have younger children/siblings? Are they on our register for joining when old enough? Remember we now have Squirrels that start at 4 years old. We get lots of enquiries and we wouldn't want them to miss the opportunity to join.

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

## Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 9pm**  
(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

**10am to 12 noon**  
at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze  
(Behind Magnet)

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

## Uniform - District Scout Shop

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

The shop will be open every Thursday evening, from **7pm – 9pm** and Saturday 7th March, **10am – 12noon**

## Outgrown your Uniform or 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.

## Clean Hall - Parents Help Required



We are looking for some more parent volunteers to join a Parent Rota to help clean the hall, toilet area and kitchen and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen, Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year.

We have slots to fill on 19th May, 2nd, 23rd & 30th June, and from 14th July.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you. Please complete our online form <https://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT>.

If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk) or talk to a parent who has already done it.

**Thank you goes to all the parents** who have already signed up...

## **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

## Latest World Scout Jamboree Meeting

On 31st January 2026, Unit 56 (the Berkshire contingent for the world scout jamboree) gathered at 1st Burghfield & Sulhamstead Scout Hut for a focused training day in preparation for the 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland. With the entire unit and leadership team present, the day centred on time management and balancing overlapping tasks — a challenge that quickly proved more demanding than any single activity. Patrols completed three main tasks: an environmental sustainability project (including ideas such as producing Jamboree badges and scarves from sustainable bamboo fibres), cooking baguette “pizzas” over an open fire for more than thirty people and independently planning and completing a local hike using map-reading skills. While none of the activities were unusual on their own, managing them all within strict deadlines — and with limited direct leader input — required real organisation, communication, and teamwork.

### Ellington Morris - FREE introduction to Morris dancing

Did you know that Ellington Morris dancers also use the Scout Hall during the winter months as they learn new dances for the following year?



We practice every Wednesday at 8:30pm from January to May. You are welcome to come along any evening to see what we do!

Why not try something different and come along and join us?

It is fun to learn and no experience is necessary - sticks and hankies are provided!

Both dancers and musicians are welcome.

For further details contact Chris Bell on 01628 623023 or our website [www.ellington.org.uk](http://www.ellington.org.uk)





**POLAND 2027**  
26th World Scout Jamboree  
26e Jamboree Scout Mondial™

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

I run **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



Despite most of us having met only twice before, icebreakers (including the memorable challenge of fitting seven scouts into one hula hoop) quickly built team spirit. Leadership emerged naturally within patrols, particularly during cooking and project presentations, and everyone contributed when lunch needed preparing. For many, the highlight was simply getting to know one another better and working together effectively, especially during the hike.

The day felt surprisingly short given how much we achieved, but it was undoubtedly a valuable and enjoyable step towards Poland 2027 — and certainly one to remember.

*Edie Wespieser.* PL Winter Hill Scouts

## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey

This month The Squirrels have had lots of busy evenings.

We started the month off with mini pioneering. The Squirrels made catapults with lollypop sticks and elastic bands. It was quite tricky to start with but once they got the hang of it, they enjoyed it.

The following week we talked about personal safety. We spoke about people who help us. The squirrels drew a picture of people that help like doctors and police. They then drew their house and learnt the number of their house and the name of the road, in case they ever got lost.

The final week, the Squirrels enjoyed pancakes. We also invested our newest Squirrels.



*Tic Tac,* Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

## Littlewick Drey

This month the Squirrels have been creative, making a house for their favourite toy, and doing the Story time badge in a den. We hope you all enjoyed half term and look forward to seeing you all soon.



We are looking for more leader help at our Littlewick Squirrel Drey. Please get in touch if you can help.

*.Baloo, Littlewick Green* (Erica Hunter)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

The Beavers have had a busy February, starting with safety we've learnt about the Green Cross Code and how to cross roads safely, as well as the importance of being SAFE around water.



We embraced National Story telling week, with the Beavers bringing their favourite book and reading to their friends and we made monster bookmarks so we didn't lose our pages.

We've invested four new Beavers this month and celebrated the end of term by making our own pizza designs for National Pizza week before a well earned week off!

*Malak, Littlewick* (Phil Franzen)

### Winter Hill Colony

The Beavers, as usual, have had a busy month

The first week the Beavers designed paper aeroplanes. They tested out their designs, then had to change and improve the design before racing them. The following week the Beavers completed their personal challenge badge. They learnt how to iron their neckerchiefs, light a candle, brush their teeth and tie their shoe lace.



The final week of the month the Beavers played some games and enjoyed cooking and eating pancakes. They had various toppings to choose from including golden syrup, chocolate sauce, banana, or lemon and honey. Of course many of them wanted all of them!

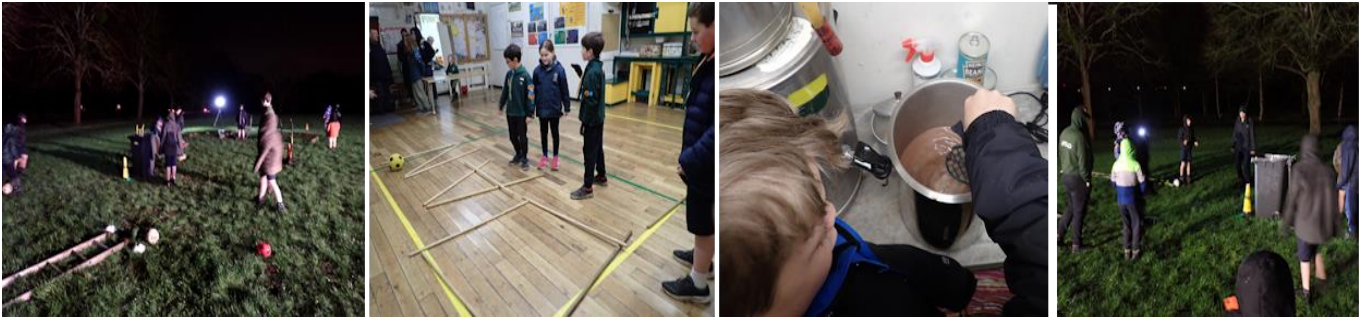
*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## CUB NEWS

### Half Term Meeting - Run by Scouts

Eighteen Scouts ran a special meeting for both Cub Packs. The activities were supposed to be on the green and in the woods, but due to the very heavy rain, two of the activities were moved into the Scout Hall.

The Cubs had to complete a challenge course on the green. In the hall they had to complete Matchstick puzzles using broom sticks and sent / received a Morse code message using a torch from the Tomlin room to the office.

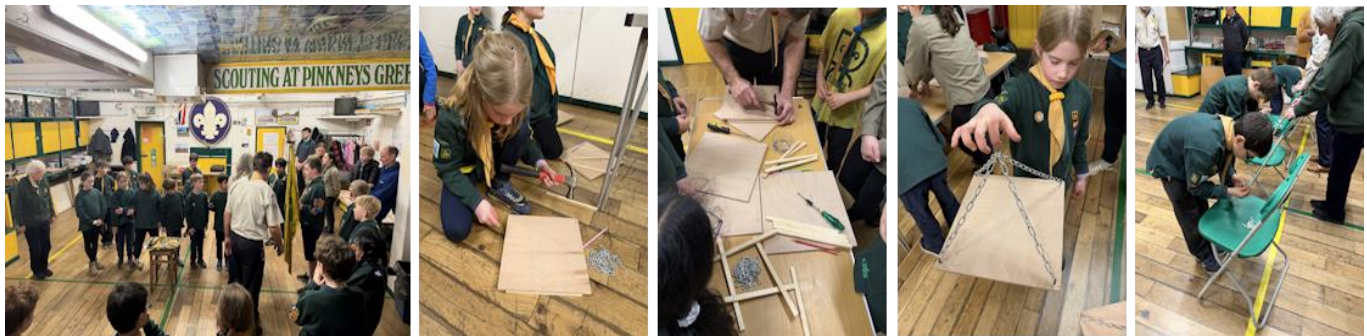


After the activities all the Cubs, Scouts and leaders enjoyed hot chocolate made by one of the Scouts using a potato masher. Thank you goes to all the Scouts and leaders who ran the activities and coped with the heavy rain.

### Winter Hill Pack

PG Cubs have really enjoyed introductions to DIY tasks this month. From learning tool safety with hammers, saws and drills. This was then put to good use by creating and building their very own bird tables.

Further work awaits with varnishing before being able to be displayed in their gardens at home for the Spring preparations and feeding the birds.



Tarka invested our newest Cubs, who made their promise confidently and proudly joined the pack. They have really enjoyed getting involved and meeting new friends.

*Akela, Winter Hill (Matt Bolton)*

### Littlewick Pack

The Littlewick Cubs completed a night hike this term, the weather held off and they did a wonderful job at memorising and drawing out their route afterwards. Again, a massive thank you to all the parent helpers who attended and make these evenings possible.

We then had some wonderful Pancake Day celebrations, participating in pancake related athletics and eating the pancakes generously made by one of our parents, thank you *Alda*. This was followed by investing our newest Cubs,



congratulations *Rupert, Harvey* and *Oscar*, alongside presenting lots of badges to all our young people. It was also a special honour to be able to present *Alice* with her Silver award, the highest award obtainable by a Cub and well-deserved awards to two of our leaders, a massive thank you to everything you have given the group *Ali* and *Pete*.

We then joined with the Winter Hill pack for joint activities run by the Scouts. The young people persevered through the rain and mud completing an obstacle course, stick challenge and practicing their morse code skills. A massive thank you to the Scouts and leaders for running this evening.

*Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)*

March 2026

## SCOUT NEWS

All Scouts should have received a letter about our weekend camp in May. The Scouts are planning to go away **Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May 2026** 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 - [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk).



**Year 8 Training Course** - 15 Scouts attended the year eight training course at the Scout Hall. The Scouts learnt some advance Scouting skills, to prepare them for this year's camps. They were taught about all the equipment a patrol has at camp, personal and camp hygiene and had a refresher on artificial resuscitation. They also played various games (including some muddy ones in the woods), plus stinger and watched a couple of films.

WH Leader *Kieran Patel* popped in and was awarded his five-year long service award.

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

### Littlewick Troop

Our first meeting this month we ran the Trading Game. This is a board game style activity where small teams of scouts represent a nation and have to trade to manufacture products (precisely cut out shapes of paper). However, the different nations do not have the same resources, knowledge or tools so trading must occur and the playing field is not level. This time the mid-tier countries did very well and outperformed the developed countries, upending the expected outcome. Good leadership gets a team / country a long way!

With the Winter Olympics coming up, the next meeting was the scout version. We did curling, ice hockey, bobsleigh,



biathlon and ice dance with the items available in the Scout Hall. It was a very active meeting and a lot of fun. The next meeting we made macramé woggles.

They are difficult to start, but then it gets a bit more straight forward as the knot starts to repeat itself. Our most recent meetings was an annual favourite, cooking pancakes. There were some surprisingly healthy toppings provided this year!

During this period, we have also invested and welcomed *Noah* into the troop.

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

### Winter Hill Troop

The first Friday in **February**, the **6th**, was our **117th Birthday**, as our birthday fell on a Friday the Scouts decided to hold a special evening to celebrate our birthday. The Scouts organised "Party" games and had pizza and cake. We also took a photo of all the Scouts who were present



Other meetings in February included completing a Trebuchet Challenge, using canes and cooking pancakes

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