

Scouting in Runnymede

A day in the Community

On Saturday 25th October some 20 Leaders from Runnymede District in conjunction with Sainsbury's in Chertsey, held a double event of Leader recruitment for Scouting and Poppy collection for the British Legion.



Working in shifts, and despite the chilly weather the Poppy collection did extremely well, collecting £1082, and on the recruitment front one definite Leader was signed up plus several possibles.

District Cub Christingle Service

This year's service was held on 5th December at St Pauls Church, Egham Hythe, and was attended by more than 300 Cubs, Beavers, Leaders and parents; the numbers even took the vicar by surprise. As always, the sight of the church glowing with lighted candles of the Christingles was enough to make even the hardest-hearted Leader forget that they were in the hands of Cubs!



The collection in aid of the Children's Society raised a magnificent £434.55. The Children's Society works exclusively in the UK funding and running projects for underprivileged young people, those in danger because they have run away from home, those rejected by society for all the wrong reasons, and Christingle services held all over the country at this time of the year are a major fundraiser for them. So thanks to all who gave generously and thanks to all who helped – especially those who braved the weather to organize the car park.

Mary Halls – Cub Scout Leader- 1st Egham Hythe



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1st Englefield Green Marks Scouting's Centenary

As a Group, we decided it would be good to mark the Centenary in a lasting way – to leave something for future generations of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts here in Englefield Green.

Our first project was to make a tile mural to brighten the entrance to our recently built HQ. The idea was to give every member of the Group, young people and adults, both past and present, the opportunity to contribute to this.

We enlisted the help of a local business, which has a pottery on site; Genevieve, the owner, was only too happy to be involved, and came along to help oversee the painting of the tiles. Each person was given a small unglazed tile, and asked to make a design on it which represented something to do with their experience in Scouting.



This produced an amazing array of designs from camps to compasses, mountains to logos – the list was endless. The tiles were then taken away to be fired, and once returned, the job began of putting them in order to show them at their best.

They were finally arranged and put in place by an expert tiler (courtesy of one of our parents!) and the grand unveiling took place at the 50th birthday party of our Scout Leader, Ronnie Verlander who has been involved with the Group since he was a Scout! Everyone who has seen them agrees this was a wonderful project to undertake, and all the young people love showing their parents and

friends which is their tile; this will hopefully still be there for Scouting's next Centenary!

Another long-term project we undertook recently in conjunction with Royal Holloway University was the planting of 100 saplings in the university grounds; again this was something which all sections took part in and is going towards achieving our Group Environment Award.



A 2007 penny was planted in with each tree (collected by the Cubs as part of their 100 Challenges through the year) and the Mayor and local press came along to the event. Once again, this was an activity to celebrate the Centenary, which will still be there long after we have all moved on!

Sandra Hider – Cub Scout Leader

Bring and buy sale

The Christmas spirit started early for the 1st/4th Addlestone Lions cub pack this year with our annual Bring and Buy Sale for charity. The tradition was started a number of years ago by Howard, our assistant cub scout leader at the time in response to the Blue Peter Bring and Buy appeal. It was so popular with the cubs that it has become a highlight of the Autumn term ever since.

The cubs spent the first part of the pack meeting decorating their stalls and then the doors opened for 30 minutes of frantic selling.



Mums and dads were invited in to spend money and help carry the spoils home!



The cubs managed to raise £110.00 which will be donated to this year's charity choice, White Lodge.

Rona Trust - London Sailing Project **Sailing Training Voyage Report**

During the summer 2007 break, Chris Bean and Richard Smith from Endeavour Explorer Scout Unit took on the adventure with the varied British Summer Weather and went sailing with the Rona Trust on their weekly Sailing Training Voyages in August. This 6 day venture into the unknown was on a boat called the Rona II, favorite ship in its class for Tall Ship Racing around the world! During their voyage around the British, French and Channel Island Coast, they covered over 300 miles in 6 days which is a rarity for the Rona Trust. This featured visiting Fé Camp, Cherbourg, Alderney, Weymouth, Poole, Cowes, Portsmouth and finally back to Hamble in Southampton.



Chris Bean said that; "sailing was amazing, can't wait to go again!" and Richard Smith had to say; "had the time of my life that week, bring on the

next voyage!!" Both Chris Bean and Richard Smith received the Rona Trust, London Sailing Project Amory Award which gives them both the opportunity to be selected for the Tall Ship races in 2008.

**James Moore – Explorer Scout Leader
Endeavour Unit**

Autumn Sleepover

Q: What would you do faced with a huge pile of dry Autumn leaves?

A: If you were a beaver or a cub, you would probably jump in it!



That is exactly what the Beavers and Lions cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone Scout group did a lot during their Autumn Sleepover. Nearly 30 Beavers and cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone descended on Runway's End Camp Site in Aldershot one weekend in November.

The weather had been very cold all week, and the forecast for the weekend was cold and wet. However, Saturday dawned cold but dry with a fantastic blue sky. The cubs arrived first, and got settled into a programme of activities including climbing, shooting, pedal carting and fire lighting. The older cubs also completed their camping badge and cooked their own lunch on trangers. The catering team ignored the comment that it was the best ever food the cubs had eaten at camp!!



The beavers joined the cubs later and went caving, carting, fire lighting and tested their skills on the obstacle course.

The weather continued to be kind to us, and we had a camp fire and fireworks in the evening. Some of our cubs even braved the weather and stayed outside in the patrol tent they had put up earlier – well done George and Joseph!

All in all, we had a great time, with lots of things to do, but best of all, there were leaves.... Lots of them!

Penny Lympny – Cub Scout Leader 1st/4th Addlestone Lions

What to do with those really noisy cubs?

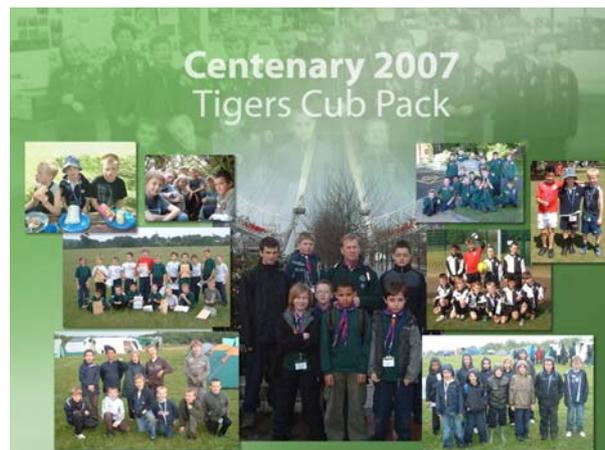
We've all had those meetings when you wish you could find a way keep 'those' cubs quiet. Well, I would like to recommend this method to anybody out there – have an Egyptian (or as we did) a Halloween evening and then suggest to each six who should be mummified! The results can be quite satisfying as you can see and a good team activity.



Now, you could put them in a corner and leave them there till the end of the evening, or you could get the others to pull them apart after judging and then recycle the tissue paper, the choice is yours!

It's been a busy year for cubs; three camps instead of the usual two, a trip to the special founder's day service, a **very** wet evening at Chertsey Fire Station; not rain, just hose pipes and much else besides. The cubs put together a booklet of their own memories of 2007, which we then all signed and at the end of the year we

produced a montage of pictures and gave them all a framed copy.



Will they remember what an important year 2007 was, probably not, but maybe in 25 years when they find their scarf, special badges, mug and all the other special centenary stuff their mum carefully stored away, perhaps they will and they can say to their children – I was there!

Gareth Jenkins - Cub Scout Leader 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers

"Free"

4 ft. Snooker table with equipment, to be collected from Woodham, if you are interested please contact David Taylor on 01932-347410

"Free"

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96.4 Eagle FM

To ensure Scouting still carries on into our new centenary we need to keep the momentum going to keep it in the local media. And it's great to announce that Eagle FM have now appointed a Scouting Champion – Rob Harris – who will be the liaison point between Eagle FM and Scouting.

As part of this new initiative Eagle FM have produced new “**I love Scouting**” car window stickers, which are part of their Petrol for free competition (where if your vehicle is spotted with an Eagle sticker and your registration number is read out on air you have 96.4 minutes to phone in to win £50) but of course by having an “I love Scouting” sticker also promotes Scouting at no additional cost to us.

These stickers are free and Surrey Scout have ten to give away, the first ten people to e-mail the County Media Manager for TV & Radio will have one sent to them, please include your full name, group and district as well as your address.



Further stickers can be obtained from Eagle FM – send SAE to:- 96.4 Eagle Radio, Dolphin House, North Street, Guildford. GU1 4AA or listen to Eagle Radio to find out where their Love Crew is on the streets of Surrey or Hampshire and pick one up from them or pop in to the Eagle FM studio in Guildford.

The County would like to be the liaison point for County events but the County Media team will gladly assist in any media opportunities districts may have. However the County also welcomes any opportunities to be sent direct to Rob, but can you c.c. Neil Wibberley in your e-mail correspondence.

Tarka's Return

After a break of 3½ years, the 1st Ottershaw Otters cub pack re-opened in September. The Tuesday pack was originally closed due to a shortage of leaders, with the Wednesday pack (Foxes) keeping the 1st Ottershaw flag flying.

Due to the strength of the Wednesday pack, full and a waiting list near double figures, GSL Heather Howell decided to look to re-open the Tuesday pack. All she needed were a couple of

gullible, sorry – suitable, volunteers. Alison Gibbons was one, and then there's me

All I will say is never let Heather talk to you in a pub – her powers of persuasion are remarkable! Having known her for about 7 years, what started as a random conversation, suddenly gathered strength. I suddenly found myself thinking – “I was a scout once – it can't have changed much”. The challenge of helping start a pack from scratch was too great, so I agreed to volunteer.

The weeks since then have flown by. We now have 8 regular cubs, and have completed nearly all the investitures. We have also managed to complete nearly all of the map reader's badge, and start work on the global challenge badge. Having Heather's and Alison's cub experience has been invaluable, but sending me on the sixers and seconders camp at Bentley Copse in my second week seemed a bit harsh !!

I have found it both challenging and rewarding. With training evenings and planning evenings, Remembrance Sunday and Christingle, and then the pleasures of the warrant committee, it has taken a reasonable amount of time commitment over the last months. However I'm pleased to say it has been all worthwhile, as well as enjoyable.

From the tingle down my spine as The Last Post was played by a bugler during the Remembrance service, to seeing the enjoyment of cubs at camp, and also seeing our own 8 cubs develop in only a few weeks – I'm confident that I don't have to shoot my lovely GSL after all. I think that I even have finally got over calling our sixes “patrols”, although I can be prone to the odd lapse!

Mark Staunton – ACSL – 1st Ottershaw (Otters)

Treasury Notes

At the last District Executive meeting, with the price of petrol topping £1 per litre, it was agreed to increase the District's mileage allowance from 25p to 35p per mile. Where mileage allowances and other expenses are donated back under gift aid, to avoid any potential problems with HM Revenue and Customs, there will be an exchange of cheques rather than just a book entry. It is recommended that Groups follow suit.

The District's budget and level of capitation for 2008/09 will be set at our February meeting when the census numbers are in. We have been advised that national and county subscriptions will remain the same, so capitation will be at least £31.00 per head. Group Treasurers will be invoiced for the exact amount in early March for payment on 1st April.

Richard Mason – District Treasurer

Runnymede District Diary 2008

January 2008 (School term starts 3rd)

Thu 3 rd	ADC's Meeting
Tue 8 th	Scout Leaders meeting 1 st Englefield Green
Fri 11 th to Sun 13 th	Gilwell Frost Camp – Scouts and Explorers.
Tue 15 th	Beaver Scout Leaders meeting 2 nd Thorpe 8.pm
Thu 17 th	Leader Training – Risk Assessment
Mon 21 st	Fellowship meeting
Mon 28 th	“Chairmen’s Forum”- Group Administrators meeting. (Chairmen, Treasurers and Secretaries)

February (School half term Sat 16th to Sun 24th)

Sat 2 nd	Fellowship Social
Sun 10 th	Cubs Cooking Competition
Mon 11 th	District Executive meeting
Wed 13 th	Group Scout Leaders meeting
Sun 17 th	Scouts Cooking Competition
Thu 21 st	Leader Training – Modules 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 Leader Training – Risk Assessment

March (Easter 21st to 24th)

Sat 1 st and Sun 2 nd	County Explorer Challenge
Mon 3 rd	Fellowship meeting
Tue 4 th	Scout Leaders meeting - 1 st New Haw
Wed 12 th	Beaver Scout Leaders meeting - 1 st Virginia Water
Sat 15 th	District Swimming Gala
Sun 16 th	County Scout Cyclocross

April (School Holiday Sat 5th to Sun 20th)

Thu 3 rd	Leader Training – Introduction to Nights away
Sat 5 th	District Beaver Scout Ramble
Fri 11 th to Sun 13 th	Scouts Camping Challenge
Thu 24 th	St. Georges Day Parade Flag rehearsal.
Fri 25 th	Fellowship St. Georges Dinner – <i>To be confirmed</i>
Sun 27 th	District St. Georges Day Parade And Service

May (School Half Term Sat 24th to Sun 1st)

<u>June</u> Fri 2 nd to Sun 4 th	Scout Expedition
Mon 5 th	Ottershaw May Fair
Tue 6 th	Beaver Scout Leaders meeting 1 st Virginia Water Scout Leaders meeting
Wed 7 th	District Executive meeting
Mon 12 th	Fellowship meeting
Thu 15 th	ADC's meeting

Sun 18 th	Michael Patrick Challenge (District event)
Fri 16 th to Sun 18 th	County Scout Expedition Challenge

June

Tue 3 rd	Scout Leaders meeting 2 nd Thorpe
Fri 6 th to Sun 7 th	Sixer & Seconders Camp
Mon 9 th	Beaver Scout Leaders meeting 1 st Englefield Green
Thu 12 th	District AGM
Fri 20 th to Sun 22 nd	Scoutabout
Tue 24 th	Group Scout Leaders meeting.

July (School Holiday Starts 24th)

Sat 5 th	Beaver Scouts Runnymede POW WOW 1 st /4 th Addlestone
Mon 7 th	District Executive meeting
Tue 8 th	BSL Evaluation meeting – The Pelican 8.pm
Fri 11 th to Sun 13 th	County Scout Camping Comp.
Sat 12 th	Black Cherry Fair
Sat 19 th	Cubs and Scouts Football Competitions

September

Thu 4 th	ADC's and GSL's meeting.
Fri 5 th to Sun 7 th	Gilwell Reunion Camp -date <i>To be confirmed</i>
Mon 8 th	Fellowship meeting
Tue 9 th	Scout Leaders meeting
Mon 15 th	Beaver Scout Leaders meeting 1 st Englefield Green
Thu 18 th	District Planning Meeting for 2009
Mon 22 nd	District executive meeting
Sat 27 th	Cub Scouts Fishing Competition

October (School half term ???)

Sat 4 th	Scouts Fishing Competition
Thu 9 th	Leader Training – Modules 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6
Fri 10 th to Mon 13 th	Fellowship weekend away .
Sat 25 th	Explorer Scout Sedan Chair Competition

November

Mon 3 rd	Fellowship meeting
Tue 4 th	Scout Leaders meeting 1 st Egham Hythe
Thu 6 th	ADC's meeting
Sat 10 th	Cub Scouts Night Hike
Mon 10 th	Beaver Scout leaders meeting 1 st Chertsey
Fri 14 th	Scout Night Hike
Mon 17 th	Group Scout Leaders meeting

December

Sat 6 th	Cubs Big Day Out
Mon 8 th	Beavers & Cub Scouts Christingle Service
Fri 12 th	Fellowship Christmas Dinner – <i>To be Confirmed</i>