

Scouting in Runnymede

Scouts Cooking Competition.

On a bright and sunny if not cold Sunday morning in February, six teams of Scouts from the district assembled at 1st/4th Addlestone Headquarters to take part in the Annual Cooking Competition. Armed with all their equipment and ingredients the teams (a maximum of 4) set up their kitchens in the main hall. Their task was to create a three course meal for four people in 1hr 30 min, being judged all the time on team effort, cooking skills, hygiene as well as the final product. They had a set menu of Starter: Home made soup, Main Course: Pasta with a Complimentary Side Dish, and Dessert: Cheesecake or a Cooked Fruit Dish.



Winners 5th Addlestone 'B' team.

After much deliberation the judges reached a final decision and a very close result, with 5th Addlestone 'B' team in 1st place with 114 pts, 1st/4th Addlestone in 2nd place with 113 pts, and 1st Egham Hythe in 3rd place with 105 pts. Well done to all the teams who took part!!

Congratulations to the following on their awards

Kirstie Slater of 2nd New Haw - Chief Scouts Commendation
Doreen Weavers of 3rd Addlestone - 25 year Service
Malcom Wade of 1st Egham Hythe - 15 year Service
Ron Verlander of 1st Englefield Green - 10 year Service
Steve Valiant of ADC (Cubs) - 10 year Service
Sally Battyll of 1st New Haw - 10 year Service
Stephen Livesley of 1st/4th Addlestone - 5 year Service
Sarah Cole of 2nd New Haw - 5 year Service

And a warm welcome to

Mark Staunton - Assistant Cub Scout Leader 1st Ottershaw



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Beaver Banter

Good to see so many of you at the Leaders meeting at 2nd Thorpe. I hope the email minutes are improving communications for most of you. St. George's day Beaver Service is now in the final stages with our dancers/singers "beavering away" on the new songs and actions. Do encourage the Beavers to come along for a multi-media event which will be full of fun and excitement whilst still remembering our foundation of the Law and Promise.

"Bex" a young Scout from 2nd Thorpe will be leading the singing and dancing with of course Lulu and the team. Bex has just completed "Pan" at the Magna Charta theatre where she played the villainous Hook. We are lucky to have her talents in the Beaver Scout section. Joshua is also working on some Break-Dancing for the service. See you all on the 27th April.

Next leaders meeting on 12th March at 1st Virginia Water, we would like to see all groups represented please.

A big thank you to Kevin and Lulu for all the help. If you want to practice air guitar before St. Georges day ask Lulu for the best supplier! C U soon Tirian.

Alan Hewson – ADC (Beaver Scouts)

Treasury Notes

At the District Executive Committee in February the District budget for the year 2008-09 was approved and it was agreed that the District subscription should be increased by 50p. The total subscription for the year will be £31.50 per head; this represents a below inflation increase of 1.6% on the current year. The breakdown is:

	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
HQ	19.10	19.10	19.10
County	4.60	4.60	4.10
District	7.80	7.30	7.10
Total	£31.50	£31.00	£30.30

Invoices have been sent to Group Treasurers for payment **by Wednesday 2 April 2008**. If any Group anticipates a problem in meeting this deadline, please let me know NOW.

The Charity Commission annual returns are due to be submitted within 10 months of the accounting year end, so returns for the year ended 31 March 2007 should all have been sent off by now. The Charity Commission publishes a list of defaulters and we hope not to see any Runnymede Groups on that list. If your Group is required to send a copy of the report and accounts, you need to be aware that the Charity Commission (and the charity directory, GuideStar UK) are producing the documents including signatures on their websites. So to avoid your

signatures appearing on the internet, you should only send copies with typed names.

Richard Mason – District Treasurer

Activity Award

I was delighted to be able to call in at Egham Hythe to present Richard Garland with his Form M, Terrain Two Summer, activity permit recently.



Along with Ronnie Verlander of Englefield Green, Richard & Ronnie have undertaken several months of demanding training and assessments in order to achieve this valuable qualification. In fact they are the first Leaders in Runnymede to gain this qualification.

Well done to both of these highly dedicated Leaders.

James Nash – District Commissioner

Fellowship Social

The District Scout Fellowship held its annual social on Saturday 2nd February at 1st Egham Hythe headquarters. Numbers were down this year but the stalwarts carried on with some quizzes, and Indoor Curling Competition. The final was hotly contested by Eddy Renham and Wendy Couzens, with Eddy the eventual winner.



Chris Couzens – ADC Scout Fellowship

Beavers Bronze Award

13th Bronze Award at 2nd Thorpe Beavers goes to Sarah Phillips. Unlucky for some but not for Sarah! Sarah joined 2nd Thorpe in 2005 and has been a pleasure to have in our colony.



She has a very caring and thoughtful personality and has a permanent smile from arriving at Beavers to going home!! Sarah has earned every activity and challenge badge over the 2 years, we certainly will miss her, but wish her good luck in the Cubs. She will be a great asset.

Sarah Kinnaird - Beaver Scout Leader

Skittled out at The Cricketers

On the 1st of February, 29 cub leaders and helpers from around the district gathered for the second evening of skittles at The Surrey Cricketer in Windlesham. A good time was had by all and as well as the skittles it was a chance to socialise with other leaders, something we don't get a chance to do very often.

The team event was a close run thing but eventually team B captained by Paul Forster of Egham Hythe came out on top.



Team B celebrate with the trophy

After dinner another hard fought individual 'last man/person standing' game took place and to keep it in the family; it was won by John Forster of Egham Hythe!



John proudly wearing the winner's hat and medallion

Circus Skills

I run Circus Skills Workshops for Scouts, Guides etc and their leaders. Most recently with Surrey West Guides and some individual groups in Ash.



I have equipment for up to 50 people at a time and have been teaching and insured for 19yrs. The link to my website and further details including the equipment used is www.mrgiant.co.uk

Thanks, Alan Mercer aka Mr. Giant

In Memoriam

We have to announce the sad news that Mr Terence Brettell, has passed away. He had been a District Vice president for years, and started a Scout Group at Scaithcliffe Boarding School, Englefield Green in 1954 and ran it till the mid 1980's.

Runnymede District Diary 2008

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
Sun 6 th	First response Course
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

June)

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
Tue 6 th	Scout Leaders meeting
Wed 7 th	District Executive meeting
Sun 10 th	First response Course
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
Wed 21 st	Explorer Scout Leaders meeting

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
Wed 16 th	Explorer Scout Leaders meeting
Sat 19 th	Cubs and Scouts Football Competitions
Sun 20 th	Explorer Operation Pigeon

September

Thu 4 th	ADC's and GSL's meeting.
Fri 5 th to Sun 7 th	Gilwell Reunion Camp - <i>date 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
Wed 17 th	Explorer Scout Leaders meeting
Thu 18 th	District Planning Meeting for 2009
Fri 19 th to Sun 21 st	District Explorer Scout Camp
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 8 th	Cub Scouts Night Hike
Mon 10 th	Beaver Scout leaders meeting 1 st Chertsey
Wed 12 th	First response course part 1
Fri 14 th	Scout Night Hike
Mon 17 th	Group Scout Leaders meeting
Wed 19 th	First response course part 2
Wed 19 th	Explorer Scout Leaders meeting

December

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

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