

# Scouting in Runnymede

## Congratulations to the following:

### Chief Scout's Gold Award

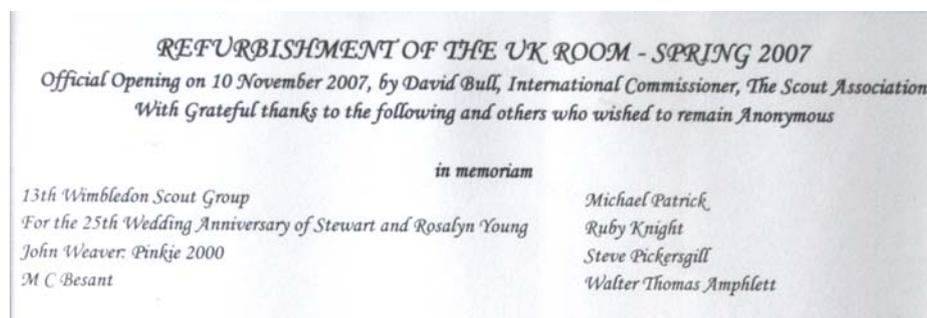
Sean R, Bhavik B and Oliver W  
Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Englefield Green

### Chief Scout's Silver Award

Oliver W, Rory B and Christopher H  
Cub Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Ottershaw

## Michael Patrick Remembered

Shortly after our late District Commissioner Michael Patrick died, the District made a donation in his memory towards the refurbishment of the UK Room at Kandersteg, a place which he loved. During the recent K9 Surrey Scouts expedition there, members visited the room to see Michael's name recorded there for posterity



## You add the caption

Look at the photo of our District Commissioner below and think up a suitable caption to go with it. The best one received by the editor before the next issue will win a small prize. Judged by the District Secretary.



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## Chief Scouts Presentation

After more than three years, I had finally achieved my Chief Scout's Gold Award! I'd got my Bronze in Beavers and my Silver in Cubs, so I was dead keen to complete the trio. Bhavik, Sean and I were the three Scouts from the 1st Englefield Green who completed their Awards around the same time and were delighted when we heard we could go to the July County Presentation.

The traffic jam on the M25 meant that my Dad's sat-nav had to take us across-country to ensure we would get there on time. I didn't have sat-nav on my Scout hikes so I'm sure I could have map read us there easily, and with a nicer voice.

We were greeted by the County team and invited to meet the County Commissioner. It was a bit like queuing to see Santa at Harrods, although we didn't have to sit on the CC's knee... And we didn't get a present. He was really nice and I told him about my cooking for Junior Masterchef that formed part of my Award.

We then went and had a drink and eventually went into the hall and found out seats. After some talking from the people in charge, we were presented with our certificates – us three were first on stage! After the presentations, we were shown a load of photographs from an Explorer Scout Group that went overseas recently. I can't wait to join Explorer Scouts, and have got my sights set on attending the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011.

### ***Oliver W, Scout 1<sup>st</sup> Englefield Green***



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 my family and I travelled to Yehudi Menuhin School in Leatherhead, to collect my Chief Scout's Gold Award.

When we arrived we had to sign in and then join the queue to meet the Vice President of Surrey Scouting – Adrian White. He asked me a few questions about what I did to gain my Award. In the main hall there were over 50 Scouts from different regions all waiting to collect their Gold Award. My Troop 1<sup>st</sup> Englefield Green was the first to be called, myself, Oliver W and Bhavik B were the first ones on stage. It was really exciting.

It was a great achievement and I worked very hard over the last few years in gaining all the 9 challenge badges. I am now looking forward to going to Explorer scouts.

### ***Sean R, Scout 1<sup>st</sup> Englefield Green***

## Jamboree on the Air

1st Englefield Green Scouts are hosting a JOTA weekend from Friday 16th Oct - Sunday 18th Oct 2009. This year we would like to invite District members to pop along to our HQ to be a part of the experience. Obviously with a limited number of radio mikes available, we need all those who want to visit to please contact us beforehand. We believe this is suitable for young people above the age of about 9.5 years. All visiting youngsters need to be accompanied by adults. Please contact Yvonne Edwards 01784 437892 or y.edwards@rhul.ac.uk .

**Yvonne Edwards – Group Scout Leader**

Please note correction:  
In the last edition of Scouting in Runnymede I gave you the wrong Telephone number for Chertsey Museum. It should be 01932 575 370

## Thank You

The following was read out by Ben an eight year old cub from Englefield Green

*"Thank you for coming to the AGM. I've been in Cubs for 6 weeks now. Because my Dad is a Leader I got to go to Sixers & Seconds Camp. This was my first camp in Cubs. It was really good because all my friends were there like Johnny, Archie, Ryan, Joseph and Nathan. We did loads of activities like canoeing, cooking, obstacle courses – everything really. I can't wait until we go on our next camp."*

## The Tiger - A Terrestrial Cat:

Tigers are essentially terrestrial animals which confine climbing to their juvenile years:-

They are very clumsy when aloft.

Despite their incredible muscle power tigers need to enter a tree at a run, being unable to simply pull themselves up in the manner used by leopards.

They may get stuck in trees. Not being climbers by nature, it takes them time to learn that the best way to descend is backwards.

They usually find that though claws make tree climbing possible, their angle also makes the descent an awkward job. That's all very well but I beg to differ with the experts, I know a group of

Tigers that find tree climbing very easy!



We went to St. Ann's Hill for an evening of walking, map work and a BBQ to finish and as soon as the cubs saw this leftover from the great storm, they decided to prove the experts were indeed wrong!

**Gareth Jenkins, Cub Scout Leader**  
**1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone (Tigers) Cub Pack**

## PGL Osmington Bay

Cubs & Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone spent the August bank holiday weekend at PGL Osmington Bay, near Weymouth.

A weekend of fencing, archery, fossil hunting, dragon boating (at the new Olympic water sports venue no less!) and much else ensured the Cubs and Scouts had a great time. The weather was mixed, two days of sun followed by some horizontal rain on Sunday – but as always that didn't dampen the spirits – we are used to rain! The views over Weymouth Harbour to Portland were stunning (when the sun was out) more difficult when it disappeared in the mist!



Cubs from Lions & Tigers Cubs on the cliff top with Portland in the background.

## Fire & water, a walk in the grass, swings & roundabouts



We organized an evening at Chertsey Fire Station and as always the fireman made sure the Cubs learnt something but also had a good time. Unfortunately we were then reminded that they are on call and after 35 minutes they got a 'shout' – a lady was trapped in a lift in Weybridge – and we were left twiddling our thumbs as they disappeared in a blaze of blue lights and sirens.

What to do?



A quick walk and play in the long (wet) grass in the Meads,



and we were at the swings in Mead Lane and as there was nobody about (the rain had probably scared them off, but being Cubs we are used to being rained on!) we had 20 minutes of swings and roundabouts. The parent left behind at the fire station then rang – they were back, so we returned to finish our original plan for the night.

Planning on the hoof maybe – but Cubs enjoyed three activities in one evening!

**Gareth Jenkins – Cub Scout Leader**  
**1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack**

## Runnymede District Diary 2009

The next issue will feature next year's diary.

### October (School half term 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Scouts Rats3 Camp  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> - Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Fellowship weekend away  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Cub Scouts Craft Competition  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> District Executive meeting

### November

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Fellowship meeting  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> ADC's meeting  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> District Remembrance Parade  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Group Scout Leaders meeting  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Cub Scouts Big Bang  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Scout Night Hike  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Group Scout Leaders meeting

### December

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Explorers Bowling Competition  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Cub Scouts  
Christingle Service  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Appointments Committee  
Thr 10<sup>th</sup> Beaver Scouts  
Christingle Service  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Christmas Dinner –  
TBC

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