

Scouting in Runnymede

Budding masterchefs

"You have one and half hours to produce your best two course meal costing less than £5.00".

Bit like Masterchef perhaps? No, just the start to the semi finals of the County Cooking Competition for the Cub Scout section. Having won the District Cooking Competition, the 1st/4th Addlestone Lions Cub pack found themselves entered for the semi finals of the County Cooking Competition.

Never being ones to turn down a challenge, the cooking team threw themselves into it and practised for several weeks before the event under the guidance of Lawrence and Steve.

On the day, the team were confident in their menu but didn't really know what to expect. The cooking went well, and the dishes looked and smelled wonderful. But how good were the competition?



Finally came the big moment and the positions were read out. The team had enjoyed taking part and had done their best - and it all paid off as they were announced the semi final **winners!**

So fingers crossed as they compete against three other teams in the finals at the end of November. **Come on the Lions!**

Penny Lymany Cub Scout Leader - 1st/4th Addlestone Lions

Congratulations

To Toby B of 1st Englefield Green on gaining his Chief Scout's Gold Award

and

To Kailah P and Abby T of 5th Addlestone Beavers on gaining their Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

District Advisers

Please remember that we have a District Advisor for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – David Taylor 01932 347410 and for Archery – Phil Rigolli who is willing to come to any Group.



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Jamboree Bound

The District would like to announce the outcome of recent selection for the World Jamboree 2011.

Twelve Scouts attended the selection on 6th/7th November who must all be commended for they were absolutely superb; however congratulations go to the following successful candidates as announced by our President Jim Broadhead.



Andrew W - 1st / 4th Addlestone (St Pauls)
Zoe C - 1st / 4th Addlestone (St Pauls)
Thomas M - 1st Egham Hythe
Jack P - 2nd New Haw.

Reserves:

Joshua S - 1st / 4th Addlestone (St Pauls)
William F - 2nd New Haw
Tim F - 1st Egham Hythe

District Equipment

As you can see from the picture, Runnymede District has now acquired via grants and District Funds, a new 20 x 30 Canvas marquee. This is available for groups to hire as well as to be used at District events.



If you wish to use this equipment or any other items available in District stores please contact District Quartermaster Alex Couzens in the first instance.

Andy Sainsbury - Brown

RATS Camp 09

October saw Walton Firs Campsite hosting this year's District Scout camp, an event which, whilst not as well attended as previous years and despite the damp weather, did not put off the Scouts who attended.

Everyone took part in such activities as giant catapults using pioneering poles and water balloons went down well with both Scouts and Leaders alike. (I have never seen so many competitive Scout Leaders!!!). The remainder of weekend saw various activities as archery /shooting / giant games and orienteering etc.

My thanks go to all those Leaders who helped make this weekend a success especially our catering crew of "Pens People" (1st / 4th Addlestone catering team) who managed to keep the hungry Scouts well fed and watered over the weekend.



(The picture is the winning 1st Egham Hythe Catapult team)

Andy Sainbury - Brown
Deputy District Commissioner

Kandersteg 2009

On 21st August, 8 explorers from Intrepid ESU joined in the county expedition to Kandersteg International Scout Centre. After a 20 hour coach journey through France, we finally arrived. Everyone was tired from the journey, however, we still had to pitch our tents and settle into camp life.

On our first proper day in Switzerland, we had our local day where we had to butter bread. Prior to that, we all walked about 20 mins up the road to the local swimming pool where we spent the late morning, early afternoon. When we got back at 3pm we had an hour to get ourselves sorted to start our bread buttering. We were all dreading it; we thought it was going to take us ages. Instead it took us 30 minutes, and with a little sing song, we got it done and got told we were the best (whether that was true or not we don't know). After a rather nice meal in the chalet (thank you 1st/4th Scouts who missed their meal there) we decided to have a fire.

Day two, we had our Troop day where we went to Thun and Speiz. In Thun, we went to an old castle and went to some shops there. After stopping for lunch in a cafe, we went on a boat to Speiz. Once we got to Speiz we decided to divide up into two groups and try to explore the town. We all met back up and got on the coach to go back to

KISC. We ate at the tower that night; it was a nice meal of sweet and sour and rice.

On our third day, in Switzerland, we went white water rafting. It was really good. Once again, Intrepid were singing down the rapids and doing chants to scare the other boats that were with us. No one in our boat fell out which was good. We got stuck a few times on some rocks but we used our skills as working as a team to get over them. We ate at the chalet that night. Once we got back to our pitch we decided to have another fire (the third one of the camp). However, the weather wasn't on our side, so we found a little hut with a small fire circle and had one in there.

The fourth day, we went to the local high ropes centre. At first, I didn't want to do it as I am afraid of heights, but looking back now, I am glad I did. We sat down to a meal at the tower that night. As some of the guys got ready to go on their high walk (which was the next day) Ed and I settled in with 1st/4th Scouts.

Our fifth day in Kandersteg was good. By now, everyone was truly settled into life in Switzerland. Most of the Explorers went on a high walk up to a stay in a mountain chalet. Whilst Ed, Andrew (who was ill during the night) and I went to join in what 1st/4th were doing. Although in the morning many of us were anxious to hear from home what our GCSE results were.



On our last full day in Kandersteg, we went on the walk with 1st/4th. As the rest of Intrepid arrived at camp, we could tell they were tired from their walk. However, from what I could tell, it was well worth it. From the photos I have seen from the guys that went up there, the sights were amazing.

We woke up on the 28th, had breakfast, and packed away our luggage and tents. By 1pm, we were on our way back to England. We arrived after a good journey, at 6 a.m. on the 29th.

Switzerland is an experience I will never forget. Most of us were not too happy about not going into our schools to get our GCSE results. I was at first, but once I got to Kandersteg, saw the sights, heard the many cowbells, I realised that this was a scout camp that no one was going to forget. We also learnt and taught a lot to our sister group 1st/4th. We are sorry Nick!

Victoria C, Intrepid ESU

Runnymede District Diary

December 2009 (School term ends 18th Dec)

Mon 7 th	Explorers Bowling Competition.
Tue 8 th	Cub Scouts Christingle Service
Wed 9 th	Appointments Committee.
Thr 10 th	Beaver Scouts Christingle Service.
Fri 11 th	Fellowship Christmas dinner.

January 2010 (School term starts 4th January)

Fri 8 th to Sun 10 th	Frost Camp Gillwell
Fri 15 th to Sun 17 th	District Scouts Frost Camp
Tue 19 th	ADC's/GSL's meeting
Thr 28 th	District Administrators Evening.

February (School half term 15th to 19th Feb)

Mon 1 st	District Executive meeting
Sat 6 th	District Scout Cooking Competition
Mon 8 th	Fellowship Meeting
Sun 21 st	Sixer & Seconder Training Day
Mon 22 nd	Keeping Children Safe, Training

March

Sat 6 th to Sun 7 th	County Explorer Night Hike
Sun 7 th	Cub Scouts Cooking Competition
Sun 7 th	First Response (Extended) – Training
Sat 13 th	Scout Fishing Competition
Sun 14 th	Bourne Copse Maintenance Day
Fri 19 th or Sat 20 th	Fun and Fundraising night – in Support of the Mayors Charity
Sun 21 st	County Scout Cyclo Cross
Sat 27 th	District Swimming Gala
Sat 27 th	Chief Scouts Gold Award Presentations.

April (School holiday 1st to 18th Apr)

Sun 11 th	Beaver Family Rambleabout
Mon 12 th	Fellowship Meeting
Fri 16 th to Sun 18 th	Explorer Camp
Fri 23 rd	Fellowship St Georges Dinner
Sun 25 th	District St Georges day Parade and Service
Wed 28 th	ADC's/GSL's meeting.

May

Mon 3 rd	Ottershaw May Fair
Thr 6 th	Getting Started – Training
Mon 10 th	District Executive meeting
Fri 14 th	Cubs football Competition
Fri 14 th to Sun 16 th	Scouts Standing Camp
Sat 15 th	First Response – Training
Fri 21 st to Sun 23 rd	County Scouts Expedition Challenge
Sun 23 rd	Michael Patrick Challenge
??	Scouts Cardboard Rafting

June (School half term 31st May to 4th June)

Mon 7 th	Fellowship meeting
Sat 19 th	Cub Scouts Scram 2010
Thr 24 th	District AGM
Fri 25 th	Scouts Five-a-side.
Sat 26 th	Chief Scouts Gold Award Presentations.

July (School holidays start Friday 23rd)

Sat 3 rd	Beaver Runnymede Raiders
Sat 3 rd	County Scouts Cooking Challenge
Fri 2 nd to Sun 4 th	County Scouts Camping Challenge
Mon 19 th	District Executive meeting.

August

September (School term starts Thursday 2nd)

Mon 6 th	Fellowship Meeting
Thr 9 th	ADC's/GSL's meeting
Fri 17 th to Sun 19 th	Cubs Sixer and Seconder Camp
Sun 19 th	First Response (Extended)-Traning
Wed 22 nd	District Planning meeting For 2011
Sat 25 th	Cub Scouts Fishing
Mon 27 th	Getting Started- Training

October (School half term 25th to 29th Oct)

Sat 9 th	Beaver Badge Day
Fri 8 th to Mon 11 th	Fellowship Weekend away
Mon 11 th	District Executive Meeting
Fri 15 th	Cubs Night Hike
??	Patrol Leaders Training
Sat 16 th	Chief Scout's Gold Award Presentation.

November

Mon 15 th	Fellowship meeting
Sat 27 th	Cubs Craft Competition

December (school Term Ends 18th Dec)

Wed 1 st	Cubs Christingle Service
Fri 10 th	Fellowship Christmas Dinner
Sat 18 th	Explorer Christmas party.

Mayor's Charity Events

Sat 13 th February 2010	Opera/Musical evening at the Royal Holloway College – 7.30 pm £25.00pp
Fri 12 th March 2010	Jazz Concert at Thorpe Park – 7.00pm £10.00pp.
Sat 24 th April 2010	St Georges Dinner & Ball at Wentworth - 7.30pm & £50.00p

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