

Scouting in Runnymede

Cub Scouts cooking

Well, it's a lot of work for the leaders, but the kids love it, and this year our team from 1st Egham Hythe managed to beat all comers to take 1st place. Well done to Ryan S, Aaron H, Kyra E and Liam H for all their enthusiasm and hard work.

Our Menu

*Sweet and Sour Chicken and Rice
Strawberry Pancakes*

The team laid the table to a high standard, including some nifty napkin folding by Ryan. The food tasted lovely – the judges seemed keen and there certainly wasn't much left on any of the plates! The cubs also took great care with the washing and clearing up – it's all part of the competition.

The standard in all the kitchens was very high – judging this kind of competition is not an enviable task for sure, but George and his team got stuck in and tasted all those dishes with real enthusiasm. It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it! Congratulations also to the teams from 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers who were second, and 1st Chertsey who came in third.

The teams were presented with their certificates by Jan Jobson, the Assistant County Commissioner for Cub Scouts and the winners were invited to take part in the County Cooking Competition in the Autumn.



Mary Halls - Cub Scout Leader

Thanks!

I would like to thank all those who helped in whatever way with the Civic Reception held just before Christmas. Thanks to Bex for her presentation and to the Jamboree contingent for doing the PR and finally the BA ground control team who did sterling work in the car park.

My second thank you is to those who helped at the Mayor's Opera Evening in February. Several thousand pounds were raised that evening and District will benefit in due course by at least £1500.

By the time this reaches you we will have had the Jazz evening at Thorpe Park and I will report on that next time. These events have all helped to raise the profile of Scouting in the Borough so it has been worth while.

Ron Enticott – Runnymede District Chairman.



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Water water everywhere!

As if it hadn't rained enough over the last few weeks (or snowed), there was a passion for more of the wet stuff! This time however it was a lot warmer as it was in the roasting environment of the Woking Leisure Centre, as Cubs from all over Runnymede gathered for the Big Splash on Saturday 23rd January.

Following on from last year's event at Windsor, the idea was to increase the numbers of Cubs involved and find somewhere that would actually provide drinks and have a café that was open! The good news is that all of these were achieved; as this year saw 94 Cubs and 15 Leaders encounter the slides, flumes and general chaos of the pool.

It was obvious from the noise that the event was being enjoyed, and the viewing galleries were packed with parents and other Leaders (the sensible ones who stayed dry?? – but as I saw some Leaders knitting - then you could maybe argue about the sensible bit!). For the sensible Leaders (see above for qualification) it was a good opportunity also to see some of the other Leaders and therefore catch-up, without having to worry about looking after Cubs!

After the end of pool eviction, the success of the evening continued, as I can honestly say that I don't think any of mine lost anything! Sure, we had a drama about getting one of the wrist straps off, and the fact that it was difficult to communicate that hair doesn't dry itself – but as someone lost underpants and a coat last year – I see this as a distinct improvement!

Huge thanks to Dan Bisacre for booking the pool and sorting the evening. Hopefully he'll be around to get this message – as last I saw he was carrying about 94 lots of £4 and was talking about Barbados or something Oh well ...

**Mark Staunton – Cub Scout Leader 1st
Ottershaw – Otters**

Congratulations

To Freddie W of 1st Englefield Green on gaining his Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Runnymede Explorers take on the Surrey County Night Challenge

This is an annual event for Explorers in Surrey and for the first time this year and in their own category the Network Sections.

On Saturday 6th March ten Explorer Scouts from Intrepid ESU undertook the challenge along with over 30 other Explorer teams. A maximum of 5 people are allowed in each team.

Upon arrival each team has to pitch their tent within a specified time then report for a briefing before

setting off for a potentially long night walking and completing an assortment of challenges at the checkpoints. Once finished the teams returned to the site for some well earned rest. It was a very cold night this year with temperatures dipping to -7 c.

The following is an account of the experience from Patrick S of Intrepid ESU:- We set off on Saturday evening to Bentley Copse for the County Night Challenge. Some of us had completed the challenge last year and so would be walking the 24km double loop, whilst the other team would be walking a shorter, but still challenging 12km route. We set off after a safety brief and left Bentley Copse just after 20:00. Without getting too lost we arrived at all of the check points on the first loop in good time and completed the various challenges waiting for us. We were particularly good at the timed obstacle course recording the best time so far in the evening. We continued despite the bitter cold which not only kept us shivering but also made the foot paths rock hard and covered in dangerous ice. The drop in temperature and general fatigue of the team contributed to us taking the decision to pull out of the competition and not complete the second loop. Even so we had a very enjoyable hike which was not ruined by exhaustion or injury which may not have been the case had we chosen to continue. We left camp at 10:00 the next day returning to HQ and then home for some well earned sleep! The County Night Challenge was a challenging but rewarding event which we look forward to doing again next year.

**Malcolm McGahan - Explorer Scout Leader,
Intrepid Explorer Scout Unit**

Appointment

I am delighted to announce that Malcolm McGahan has been appointed to the role of District Explorer Scout Commissioner, with immediate effect. Malcolm has been keen to take on this role, and I'm delighted to welcome him to the District Team.

James Nash - District Commissioner

Addlestone Scouting history on Facebook

To celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Addlestone we have set up a Facebook identity and group.

If you are a former member or supporter of 1st Addlestone, 4th Addlestone or 1st/4th Addlestone, ask to be a friend of **Addlestone Centenary**. This is where we are assembling albums of scouting photographs. To see the albums make a friend request and give your connection to 1st/4th, (we may need a little time to confirm this). These albums are only accessible to friends. If you have photos to contribute please contact us.



For information on upcoming events and photographs from events as they happen ask to join the Facebook Group **1st/4th Addlestone (St. Paul's) Scout Group**. Celebrating our great Scouting memories and creating even more.

Stephen Livesley - Beaver Scout Leader, 1st/4th Addlestone

Woodland capers

On 30th January, 20 Scouts from 1st Englefield Green Scout Group braved the freezing temperatures and ventured into Cooper's Hill Woods nature reserve to spend the day working towards their Foresters badge

The young people worked with the National Trust rangers to learn about the woodland, watch a chainsaw demonstration and to do some woodland management work.



Oliver W (14), said: "The National Trust rangers showed us how to look after the trees and showed us how to cut and prune them properly. We were all given a chance to thin out the overgrown trees and stack the cut branches around the base to prevent animals damaging the trees. We also learnt how to identify the trees and found out how the NT people look after them to protect the countryside. It was a really cold day but we were kept busy and got warm as we did the work. Finishing off with a barbecue was a great end to a hard day's work"

At the end of the day, 7 new Scouts, along with 2 new Leaders, were invested at the Magna Carta monument. More photos from the day can be seen in the photo gallery at www.egsg.org

Dave Moorcroft - Scout Leader 1st Englefield Green

Thomas Dolby had a point there

On the 27th February, Cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack visited Royal Holloway College in Egham to take part in their Science Open Day. Despite some torrential rain at times (scouting weather) we managed to stay dry and in the space of a few hours; panned for gold (and found some), knapped some flints, discovered fossils, solved puzzles and much more. We could have done with some more time as there was still more to see but even so we had a great time and the Cubs that came

finished the science badge we had been working on for a few weeks. The staff and students put on a really great event and I would recommend this next year to anybody thinking of going.



Flint knapping with Stig of the dump (maybe)

Oh and for those wondering about the title and probably too young to remember it, Thomas Dolby had a big hit in 1982 called – "she blinded with me with science" – we were and it was great!

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

Ottershaw Scout & Guide Group have super climbing wall for May Fair

May 3rd Bank Holiday Monday will see Ottershaw Scout and Guide Group showcasing a 24ft climbing wall at their May Fair.

The wall has 4 different climbs each of which has two routes with one challenging climb on each route.



It will be open from 11:30am onwards and the main Fair with many other stalls and attractions will be open from midday. Although it has yet to be confirmed, we hope to be able to offer a discount to anyone in Scouting/Guiding uniform.

Heather Howell - Group Scout Leader, 1st Ottershaw

Haiti fundraising

In February, Cubs from the 1st Englefield Green Scout Group had plenty of fun whilst raising money for the Haiti earthquake victims and working towards their Global Challenge Badge.

They brought along bags of small change and had a race in their Sixes to see who could lay the longest line of coins along the length of the HQ in 15 minutes!

It was interesting to see the team tactics brought into play, with some Sixes sending off Cubs further along the hall to start laying a line ahead of the start and others pairing off in sections.

The winning Six succeeded in getting one and a half lengths of coins before time ran out!

Amazingly when all the coins were added up (no mean feat!) we discovered that the Cubs had raised £96 and 13pence! This was all donated to the UNICEF Haiti Earthquake Children's Appeal.

Needless to say the Cubs were all very proud of their fundraising effort, knowing it will be put to good use.

Sandra Hider – Cub Scout Leader, 1st Englefield Green

Runnymede District Diary

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
Fri 7 th to Sun 9 th	Scouts Standing Camp
Mon 10 th	District Executive meeting
Fri 14 th	Cubs football Competition
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 meeting	District Executive

August

September (School term Starts Thursday 2nd)

Mon 6 th Meeting	Fellowship
Thr 9 th	ADC's/GSL's meeting
Fri 17 th to Sun 19 th	Cubs Sixer and Secondar Camp
Wed 22 nd	District Planning meeting For 2011
Sat 25 th	Cub Scouts Fishing
Sun 26 th	First Response (Extended)-Traning
Mon 27 th	Getting Started- Training

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

Date TBC	Scout Night Hike
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 Scouts Gold Award Presentation

November

Date TBC	Scout Shooting
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 Dinner	Fellowship Christmas
Sat 18 th	Explorer Christmas party.

Mayor's Charity Events

Sat 24 th April 2010	St Georges Dinner & Ball at Wentworth - 7.30pm & £50.00.
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