

Scouting in Runnymede

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Why all those tens you may ask. Well the picture below was taken at 10 minutes past 10 a.m. on Sunday 10th October 2010 at Freshwater Bay on the Isle of Wight. A memorable day for members of the Runnymede Fellowship Active Support Group who were on their annual weekend away.



This year instead of caravanning we went for more civilised accommodation and stayed 3 days at the Albion Hotel in Freshwater. Saturday saw us exploring the island, and a visit to Alum Bay, including a walk out to the Needles where we explored the Old Battery.



Sunday started with blue skies, and we went on a walk along the River Yar to Yarmouth, where we visited a local hostelry for lunch, before making our way back to Freshwater by various routes.



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Andy's Notes

We have had a busy restart to Scouting after the Summer Break and it has been pleasing to see and hear all the things happening in Runnymede over the past few months. I would like to thank every one of you for your enthusiasm for driving Scouting forward in Runnymede and in particular to everyone who helped to organise, and run the two county events we have hosted for which I have received numerous compliments - so thank you all.

District events have been well run (a big well done to Zoe from 2nd Thorpe for organising her first district event which was well planned - with lots of Cubs enjoying their night hike) and looking forward we have a full diary of events for the forthcoming year with the highlights being Scoutabout and 25th Anniversary Beaver celebration at Legoland, so plenty for everyone.

By the time you read this you will hopefully have also heard about our plans to start up a Network section in 2011 as well as hopefully a few other development aimed at meeting the growing demands for young people wanting to join Scouting.

Finally I would like to congratulate and thank Stephen Livesley for agreeing to take up the vacant post of District Beaver Scout Leader and wish him every success in this role. As this is the final issue before Christmas I would like to be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas

Andy Sainsbury-Brown - District Commissioner

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following on being awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation:- Mike Lacey, Jean Samuels and Wendy Couzens

And to Alan Hewson District Chaplin and Ron Enticott District Chairman for 30 year and 15 year long service awards respectively. Also the following for gaining their Wood Badge: - Mark Staunton, Ron Verlander, Phillip Rigolli and Simon Ratcliffe.

And last but not least Steve and Isabelle Valiant on the birth of their daughter Sophie Betty.

Cubs Fishing

The annual District Cub Fishing competition took place on 25th September. This was the first competition held since the loss of Mike

Aldridge, who had been the organiser of the event for the last 30 years, so we wanted to make it special.

It was a fantastic afternoon – sunny and warm, so the two hours of competition went by pretty quickly. By the end of the competition, all the cubs who entered had caught at least one fish, with one cub from Virginia Water catching a single fish weighing in at 7 oz!

The fight for first place was really close, with a single ounce dividing first and second places. In the end, first place went to 1st/₄th Addlestone Lions, with 1st Virginia Water team 1 coming second.



Well done to everyone who took part, and hopefully Mike would be proud of us!

Penny Lympny

County AGM at Magna Carta School

Just a brief note to extend my sincere thanks for your very kind hospitality yesterday evening. I know that providing the sort of evening that you did required a lot of planning and hard work by a lot of people and that it all went so smoothly and well is a tribute to all those involved. The excellent refreshments must have taken a tremendous amount of time to prepare and I'm grateful to all those who gave up their time to make them possible. Very many thanks to all the Runnymede Team for such a warm and well prepared welcome.

Martin Gerrard - S.E. Region Commissioner

National Youth Dragon Boat Championships

On a sunny Saturday morning 20 boys and girls from 2nd Thorpe Scout Troop made their way riverside and prepared to take on 18 teams from Scouts, Guides and youthclubs for the huge Dragon Trophy on display. After a practice paddle and warm-up under the guidance of our helmsman Clive Hearne (Wraysbury Dragons & GB team) they climbed into the huge Dragon Boat and numbered off from the front with Shamilka Hewagama & Livvy Thomas setting the pace for the "engine room" of the boat, the strong muscled boys. Ellen Carter on Chinese drum kept the rhythm for all to follow and "Thorpe Snapdragons" powered their way to victory amid shouts of encouragement from parents, friends & leaders.

We were a length and a half ahead of 9th Andover Scouts and through to the next round. We battled our way to the semi-final and were beaten by Warrington Orientals (an established Dragon Boat Club) who have won 6 times since 1994 and were eventual winners.



Our congratulations to the winners but remember the name "2nd Thorpe Snapdragons" we'll be back to win next year. Our team all received a certificate from Longridge and of course the Dragon Boating badge for their uniforms.

Our grateful thanks to Clive Hearne & Tim Smith (Scarecrow) of Wraysbury Dragons.

If your Scouts want a new adventure, contact, www.wraysburydragons.co.uk

Alan Hewson

Scouts hit the Target!

Over the weekend of 25th/26th September, 6 Scouts from 5th Addlestone successfully completed an intensive shooting course. The course followed the National Small-bore Rifle Association's Youth Proficiency Scheme, covering safety, the Law, and basic techniques of air rifle shooting. The course was completed with a theory test and NSRA badges were awarded according to the level of shooting skill reached.



The Scouts said it was great fun and are hoping to shoot again soon.

James Nash – Scout Leader

Mayors's Civic Service

On the afternoon of Sunday 17 October it was the Mayor's Civic Service. It was held in the chapel at Royal Holloway College. I received a call, on the Friday before, from the Mayor asking if I could find some scouts to act as ushers and at the end of the service to hold collecting buckets for donations in aid of the Mayor's charities, one of which is the new youth building at Thorpe. Hurried phone calls resulted in a response from the Rigden family and on Sunday Stuart with James his son, a scout in 1st Englefield Green, and his daughter Emily, a cub in 2nd Thorpe, came along to help me. They did a great job and collected just over £300, so well done.

Afterwards there were refreshments in the Picture Gallery and Emily and James were introduced to the Mayor and to the High Sheriff both in their ceremonial garb. Apparently Emily commented (not to his face) that the High Sheriff looked like a pirate! He is now aware and found it amusing. My thanks to Stuart, James and Emily for giving up their Sunday afternoon. Our local MP Philip Hammond was there, so once again we have been able to raise the profile of Scouting in Runnymede.

Ron Enticott – District Chairman

Runnymede District Diary

November 2010

Thr 11 th	ADC's Meeting
Sat 13 th	1st Response Course
Sun 14 th	Remembrance Walk
Mon 15 th	Fellowship Meeting
Wed 17 th	Warrents Committee
Fri 19 th	Scouts night Hike
Sat 27 th	Cubs Craft Competition

December (School Term Ends 21st Dec)

Tue 7 th	Cubs Christingle Service
Wed 8 th	Network Scout Launch
Thr 9 th	Beaver Christingle Service
Fri 10 th	Fellowship Christmas Dinner
Sat 18 th	Explorer Christmas Party

January 2011 (School term starts 5th January)

Fri 7 th to Sun 9 th	Frost Camp Gillwell
Sat 29 th	Cubs "Big Splash"

February (School half term 21st to 25th Feb)

Wed 9 th	District Executive meeting
Wed 16 th	Warrents Committee
Sat 19 th	Fellowship Games Evening
Mon 22 nd	Keeping Children Safe, Training

March

Sat 5 th to Sun 6 th	County Explorer Night Hike
Sat 5 th	Scouts Cooking Competition
Sun 6 th	Cub Scouts Cooking Competition
Fri 11 th to Sun 13 th	PL's/APL's Training Camp
Sun 13 th	1 st Response Course
Sat 19 th	District Swimming Gala
Sun 27 th	Beaver Family Rambleabout

April (School Holiday 8th to 25th Apr)

Fri 8 th	Cubs 5-a-side Football
Fri 15 th	Fellowship St Georges Dinner
Sun 17 th	District St Georges Day Parade and Service

May

Mon 2 nd	Ottershaw May Fair
Mon 9 th	District Executive Meeting
Wed 18 th	Warrents Committee
Sat 21 th	Keeping Children Safe – Training
Sat 21 st	Beaver & Cub leaders Trip to Brownsea Island

June (School half term 30th May to 3rd June)

Fri 10 th to Sun 12 th	Cubs Sixers and Seconders Camp
Thr 16 th	District AGM
Fri 24 th to Sun 26 th	Scoutabout

July (School Holidays Start Friday 22nd)

Sat 2 rd	Beaver Fun day
Wed 6 th	"Big Balsom" Pull
Mon 18 th	District Executive Meeting

August

September (School Starts Monday 5th)

Sun 18 th	Keeping Children Safe – Training
Wed 21 st	Warrents Committee
Sat 24 th	Cub Scouts Fishing Competition

October (School half term 24th to 28th Oct)


Sat 1 st	1 st Response Course
Fri 7 th to Mon 10 th	Fellowship Weekend Away
Sat 8 th & Sun 9 th	25 Years of Beaver Scouts - Legoland Weekend
Mon 10 th	District Executive Meeting
Fri 14 th	Cubs Night Hike

November

December

Tue 6 th	Cubs Christingle Service
Wed 7 th	Warrents Committee

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20th December 2010
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Thames to Pyrford volunteer group

Would you like to help us with a range of conservation and maintenance jobs?

Come and join us every Wednesday at 9.30am—3.30pm, meeting at New Haw Lock

Bring sturdy footwear, waterproofs and a packed lunch. We will supply tools.

For further details contact New Haw Lengthsman, Steve Vallant on 07786 703835 or the Navigations Office on 01483 561389