

# Scouting in Runnymede

## Congratulations - 50 years

This month sees a milestone Long Service Award going to George Kerr - District Secretary, who has dedicated the half a century to Scouting in Runnymede.

*"Well done George - a remarkable achievement"*



*George in one of his various "uniforms".*

And the following people have also been awarded Long Service Awards.

Barbara Renham - Active Support member 40 - Years  
Penny Lympany - Cub Scout Leader- 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>th</sup> Addlestone - 25 Years  
Sally Doe - Beaver Scout Leader - 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe - 20 Years  
Sandra Hider - Cub Scout Leader - 1<sup>st</sup> Englefield Green - 10 Years  
Steve Barrett-Jolley - Assistant Scout Leader 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>th</sup> Addlestone - 10 Years

Congratulations to you all, very much deserved and thank you for all that you have done for Scouting in Runnymede.

**Andy Sainsbury-Brown - District Commissioner.**

### Andy's Corner

With the start of the new Scouting year upon us, I hope you all had a good summer break and are looking forward to what will be a busy year in Runnymede. With the new term coinciding with the inaugural meetings for 1st Egham (good luck to you all) plus new young members joining the movement for the first time please can I ask that we all make sure we demonstrate what great value for money Scouting is compared to other organisations and more importantly, take every opportunity to get the parents more involved for we need new leaders more than ever before.

When looking at new ideas for your Sections, I aim to build on the success of Archery under the leadership of Phil Rigolli by launching a Water Activities team under the leadership of Nick and Carol Reeves to provide more adventurous programmes for our young people. Please take advantage of this.

Finally I would to ask you all to remember Andy House, ACC Explorers and Network who sadly passed away in the summer. Andy was a great supporter of Runnymede plans to develop senior Scouting in Runnymede and will be sadly missed.

**Andy Sainsbury-Brown - District Commissioner.**



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## 1st Virginia Water Scouts in Wales

After a good 3 hour drive into Wales, we arrived at our site, pitched the tents and had dinner. Hot Dogs and soup – mmm! After washing up, we all enjoyed playing a rather loud card game called 'Ethel the Frog'.

Next day we started with cereal and a bacon roll, made lunch for our walk, packed our day sacks, and then set off to hike up a BIG hill.



At first it was baking hot and quite tough, near the top, cold and rainy. The scenery was amazing! Tim showed us how to use maps, looking at landmarks around us and contour lines. Back at camp, we had pasta bolognese for dinner, went paddling in a stream and finished the day with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate.



On the last day, we went up another BIG hill and were walking in the clouds. So cloudy we

couldn't see the way we came! We kept on walking and the cloud cleared. On the way down we all slipped once or twice, but we were all fine. There were some boggy patches and we helped each other across with our sticks. When we reached the bottom, it was time to return to the camp site and make our way home.

Thank you to the leaders for driving us and giving up their time for us, and a big thank you to Tim for organising the trip, the great food, showing us the amazing scenery, and passing on (hopefully) some skills.

*Naomi – Scout*

## Poppy collection

Volunteers are wanted for British Legion Poppy collection on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Sainsbury's Chertsey. 9am to 4pm in 2hr shifts, free parking. Contact George Kerr to book a shift.

## 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Scout Group - Centenary Camp



We finished a very busy centenary year for our group with a special camp at Bentley Copse on a sunny weekend in early July. This followed on from:- Tile Painting for all members (now displayed in our HQ), Hog Roast & Barn Dance, a Quiz Evening and a trip to Brownsea Island, so hopefully something for all those associated with 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> to remember!

The camp was the first time we had invited all uniform members to a single camp; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and of course the leaders and all the helpers.

We also had members of the exec, previous members and even some brave parents! Some of the Runnymede Active Support Team came down to help with the cooking – so it was quite a crowd. Luckily we had exclusive use of Bentley Copse as at one time we had over 130 people on site. We used the site activities; climbing, shooting, archery, assault course and go-karts and still had leaders to run craft and cooking bases! A really good team effort.

As we had a captive audience we also decided to hold our AGM around the camp fire on the Saturday night and the D.C. Andy Sainsbury-Brown came down to join in the fun. One of the scouts, Aidan Hall, put on a very good magic show as part of his entertainers badge. One of his tricks included pretending to cut off a leader's finger and for some reason he chose his old cub leader as his assistant – thanks Aidan! I was very glad it worked!



All in all it was a very good end to our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and with the dry weather we managed to put all the kit straight back into the stores, which was the best news of all as we had pretty well taken everything we had and added some district tents on top!

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

### Scouts Summer Camp

1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe Scouts have now returned from their annual Scout Summer Camp. All the Scouts from the group spent 7 nights under canvas at Lees Wood Scout and Guide centre in Hertfordshire.

During the week away all the Scouts achieved the survival badge by building and sleeping in bivouacs, gutting fish and cooking on open fires, building and cooking in cardboard ovens. Also at the camp they had two pioneering tasks to complete, to build a monkey bridge and the other was to build a swing boat seen in the picture. Whilst there, they also took part in archery,

climbing and abseiling. All returned home tired and exhausted ready for next year's adventure.



The Leaders and Scouts would like to thank Mr Mick Wells for his continued support of their Group Summer Camp.

**Steve Turner – Group Scout Leader**

### World Jamboree Sweden

When I was first driven into the Jamboree site it hit me. This event is huge. As I got off the bus different Scouts from other countries were helping us get our kit sorted showing that no matter what country you were from we were all equal so we should help each other out. I made new friends from all over the world, learned new skills, songs and games. Had an amazing time and it just got better and better as the Jamboree went on. I soon began to see that simply Scouting is the best way, nothing complicated but sharing experiences food and skills to help each other and just to have fun.

Home hospitality was also great I found a new family that I could call home, I felt like one of the family and I learnt and tasted part of their culture. The jamboree has not been a let down at all :)

**Andrew W.**

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# **Runnymede District Diary**

## **September (School starts Monday 5th)**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Fellowship/Active Support meeting  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Keeping Children Safe – training  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Appointments Committee  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Cub Scouts Fishing Competition

## **October (School half term 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Oct)**

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

## **November**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Fellowship/Active Support meeting

## **December**

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Cubs Christingle Service  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Appointments Committee