

Scouting in Runnymede

District Scouts Cooking Competition

On a grey February day five teams, representing six Groups around the District, took on the challenge of the annual District Cooking competition.

Arriving with just a list of utensils likely to be required, each team was presented with a bag of ingredients and a three course menu to produce.

Undaunted by this "Ready Steady Cook" approach the teams went to work and things soon hotted up.

The menu required consisted of a starter of 'Salad Lyonnaise', a main course of 'Spanish Chicken' all followed by a opportunity for the Scouts to show creative flair by inventing a final dish based around a 'Banana Cup'.

Each team would produce a dish and then offer it for assessment. Judging wasn't only based on the high quality of dishes produced, though team work, presentation and the dreaded washing up were also scored.

The Judges deliberated for a long time, tasting each dish and then going back to taste again. Finally, commenting on the wonderful dishes they had sampled, and based on all the criteria selected, a winning team was chosen.

Each team did a fantastic job in preparing and presenting excellent dishes and so close was the scoring, only one point separated the first and second place.



So well done to all who took part and in particular, well done to 1st/4th Addlestone Scouts, winners of the 2012 Cooking Trophy.

Steve Barrett-Jolley Scout leader 1st/4th Addlestone

Charity Cake Sale

1st Ottershaw (Foxes) Cub pack held a cake sale as part of our Community Challenge badge. The cubs all decided what they wanted to do to raise money and for which charity and they picked Cancer Research UK. The cubs brought in the cakes and the sale took place at the Ottershaw HQ. We raised a fantastic £47.85 on the night. Continued....



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We have a large bottle that we collect small change in and that is filling up nicely. We will count this at the end of term and put that together with the money raised from the cake sale to send to Cancer Research UK.

Lynn Alden, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Ottershaw Foxes

Treasury Notes

At the District Executive Committee meeting in January the budget for the year 2012-13 was approved. It was agreed that there would be no increase in the District subscription, in view of the income being generated by the District's on-line Scout Shop. However, the HQ and County subscriptions have again gone up by 75p and 15p respectively, so the total subscription for the year will be £34.40 per head; this represents an increase of 2.69% on the current year. The breakdown is:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
HQ	21.00	20.25	19.50	19.10
County	5.25	5.10	4.95	4.75
District	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15
Total	£34.40	£33.50	£32.60	£32.00

Payment is due by 1 April 2012 and Group Treasurers have been asked to let me have post-dated cheques by Monday 26 March. This is so that I may have cleared funds to pass on the County and HQ by the second week of April.

A couple of requests have been received for funding of Keeping Children Safe training; details of the online course can be found at: <http://platinum.educare.co.uk/scouts>

Grants towards the costs of training for specialised activities are available and application should be made through the District Commissioner; recent requests have included archery, climbing and wilderness first aid.

There are new guidance notes on the HQ website for Group Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers. The links are:

Chairmen:
<http://scouts.org.uk/factsheets/BS310022.pdf>

Secretaries:
<http://scouts.org.uk/factsheets/BS310020.pdf>

Treasurers:
<http://scouts.org.uk/factsheets/BS310021.pdf>

Richard Mason District Treasurer

Forty Years for Aunty

No, not a crime but an honour. It was a great occasion to honour a great lady.

In January, Lyn Taylor was presented with her 40 Years of Service to Scouting Award.

The occasion was cunningly disguised as the annual 'thanks' to the lay members of the Group. That backbone army that support and fundraise for the Group. However, Lyn is no lay member.

Back in the days when 1st Addlestone Scout Group existed, Lyn joined as a Cub Pack Leader. Then, when in 1966, it was decided that 1st and 4th Addlestone should amalgamate, there was no question as to who the first choice for the Tigers Pack Leader was to be - Lyn, of course.

Twenty-one years later, and no doubt having seen her early Cubs bringing their own children to benefit from her leadership and guidance, Lyn felt it was time for a more challenging role.

Now affectionately known as "Aunty Lyn" (but you'd better not cross her) Lyn stepped up to the mark to accept the role of Group Scout Leader for 1st/4th Addlestone Scout Group.

How many times she told prospective leaders 'It's only an hour and a half a week and a bit of planning', has never been recorded, but under Lyn's leadership the Group flourished.

Lyn continued as GSL until 2005 when she stepped down. Down, but not out - Not Aunty!

Now as our Group Administrator, (is there no stopping her?) Lyn still continues to this day, working with all sections, helping to maintain the smooth running of the Group, doing all that 'back room stuff' that the uniform sections seem to neglect.



Lyn's award was presented by District Commissioner Andy Sainsbury-Brown (incidentally one of those 'just an hour and a half' former leaders). However, we would all like to thank Lyn for all the time and effort that she has devoted to Scouting and look forward to her continuing support in the future.

Thank you Aunty, from all at 1st/4th.

Sculpture Cooking at 1st Egham

Take 8 Cubs, add a lump of inedible dough, a pinch of spice, 3 mad Cub Leaders, strange paper hats and chef whites on loan from The Runnymede On Thames and you have all the ingredients for a great Cub Pack evening!

To start our activity we allocated various kitchen staff roles to each Six. We had commis chefs, sous chefs, pastry chefs, head chefs and a couple of KPs (these are the kitchen porters who do all the washing up!) when they knew what job they had been allocated each Cub then had to put on their hats, aprons and their own chef whites. These were huge as they were adult sized with the sleeves rolled up.

We were finally ready to start. Each Cub selected their dough, they designed their own thing to make and they were off! After lots of laughing, shouting, moaning and giggling were had some interesting creations. There were animals and flowers, geometric shapes and Christmas trees (in January!!!).

As the pack meeting is only 90 minutes long one lucky Leader had to take the creations home to cook for 2 hours ready to be returned at the next pack evening.



Now that the Cubs have had a go with some inedible dough, we may even let them loose and try some proper cooking. So watch our Gordon Ramsay and Jamie Oliver, 1st Egham Cubs are getting ready!

King Louis – Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Egham

Star Gazing

On Monday 30th January 1st Egham Hythe Beavers did a spot of star gazing, or to be totally correct, Moon, Jupiter and Venus gazing. Due to the extremely cold and clear night we were, with the aid of a big telescope and binoculars, able to see the Moon clearly with Jupiter just below and Venus off to the right just above our Scout HQ.



We only had 4 Beavers out at a time and each one was amazed at the enlarged view and how clear it was.

Sally Doe – Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Egham Hythe



District Cubs Big Splash – 4th February

Despite the first snow of the winter arriving and temperatures plummeting, 91 cubs from around the District (a record for this event) braved the cold and took part in the annual Big Splash at Woking Leisure Pool. This isn't a gala or any form of competition, it is just a fun evening in the leisure pool playing on the slides and braving the wave machine. The centre had made a slight mess of the booking and half way through the session the Cubs had to migrate to the main pool to continue playing with an assortment of floats. Overall a good time was had by all despite the two pool experience!

Gareth Jenkins District Cub Scout Leader

Runnymede District Diary

2012

March

Sat 3 rd to Sun 4 th Night	County Explorer/Network Challenge
Sun 4 th	Cubs Cooking Competition - 1 st /4 th Addlestone HQ
Sat 10 th Fri 16 th Sports	1 st Response Course Scouts Football – Egham Centre.
Mon 19 th	Fellowship/Active Support meeting.
Sun 25 th	Beaver Family Rambleabout

April (School Holiday 30th March to 15th April)

Thu 19 th Fri 20 th	St Georges Day Flag Rehearsal Fellowship/Active Support
Sun 22 nd	St Georges Dinner District St Georges Day Parade and Service
Sat 28 th	Leaders' Skills Day

May

Fri 11 th	Cubs Football – Egham Leisure Centre
Sat 12 th Sat 12 nd	Scouts Fishing Competition 1 st Response Course

Mon 14th
Mon 21st

District Executive Meeting
Fellowship/Active Support
meeting

June (School Half Term 4th June to 8th June)

TBC Tue 5 th Thr 14 th Sat 16 th Sat 16 th Sat 23 rd Sat 30 th	Chertsey Beacon Lighting Queens Diamond Jubilee District AGM Beavers Bazzaz Scouts Dragon Boating Cubs Summer Fun Day - 1 st /4 th Addlestone HQ Beaverabout – 1 st /4 th Addlestone HQ
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July (School Holidays Start Friday 20th)

Sat 7 th Mon 9 th Mon 16 th	District Leaders "Shin Dig" Fellowship/Active Support meeting District Executive meeting
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August

September (School Starts Tuesday 4th)

Fri 21 st to Sun 23 rd Mon 24 th	Cubs Sixers and Seconders camp - Farnham Fellowship/Active Support meeting
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October (School Half Term 29th to 2nd Nov)

Fri 5 th to Mon 8 th Sat 6 th Sat 13 th Mon 15 th	Fellowship/Active Support Weekend Away Cubs Fishing Competition - New Haw Lock 1 st Response Course District Executive meeting
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November

Fri 9 th Fri 16 th	Scouts Night Hike Cubs Night Hike
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December

Tue 4 th	Cubs Christingle Service – 1 st Egham Hythe
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