

Scouting in Runnymede

1st Ottershaw Scouts – Troop Challenge

One evening in May, the whole Scout troop was told that we were going to be creating unique nature art in the woods at Ottershaw in our patrols! The only items that we could use were 'natural resources'.

We all soon warily proceeded into the woods as we were going to construct them in a massive pinecone area! Will (our PL), Kieran, Brooke, Patrick and I decided to create the arrowhead. Brooke designed an exceptional outline of the Scouts sign whilst Patrick, Kieran and I stripped some Silver Birch bark off of some fallen branches to infill the design. This idea came from one of the parent helpers! After the outline was filled, we all collected some purple rhododendron flowers for the badge surround. It looked fantastic!!



Samuel M - 1st Ottershaw Scouts

Congratulations

To Oliver W, Explorer Scout who has achieved the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

And to Doreen and Brian Weavers on reaching their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 30th June.

Festival a Go-Go!

Mud and fancy dress was the order of the weekend when Runnymede Bandits trekked up to Coventry for the annual Scout Network Festival of the weekend of 15-17th June. They arrived late after the usual Friday night M25 traffic but managed to pitch their tents in record time and head to the Friday night disco. 300 Network Scouts from all over the country met in a sodden field for a weekend of swapping campfire songs, games and dance moves.

District Network leader, Louise MacDonald said "Despite the unseasonable weather, we had a fantastic time meeting Network Scouts from Manchester, Scotland, Essex, Somerset and many more places! We were only a small group but made friends very quickly. We can't wait until next year."

Runnymede Bandits are the District Network Group for 18-25yr olds (although we are a bit relaxed about the maximum age - if you can keep up with the pace, you're in). We are a laid-back unit that organises lots of camps, night hikes and trips away. If you're interested in getting involved, then like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/runnymedebandits or contact louise.macdonald@gmail.com



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National Scout Archery Competition

Day 1

Dear Diary, today I am going to an archery competition with 8 people. I am really happy because it is my first archery competition. So after school we had food and went to the H.Q. When I got there the bus was all ready to go. As we got on to the road we put the radio on. The journey was one and a half hours to get there. When we got there we put the tents up. After that we looked around the site. Then I went to bed.

Day 2

When I got up it was 5.30 so went to go and fill up the container with water so we could have some tea to drink. When everyone got up we were about to do some activities. First we went to the cube. It was a big high wire with ladders. As I got to the top I was a bit scared. Next we went to the zip wire it was so good. After that we did the field archery. I got 37 points. After the field archery we did the target archery. I got 60 points in that. Finally the sun went down and we went to bed.

Day 3

Today the awards were going to be handed out to the lucky winners. When we got there I thought we were not going to get any but we did. I got a silver in the 20 yards under 11's and I was really happy with myself! All of my teachers nagging worked.



By Luke H (in his own words)

1st Egham Hythe Beavers – Sleepover / Group Fun Day

On Friday 4th May 15 Beavers met at our Scout Headquarters for a change in plan for our sleepover. It was originally booked for Bears Rails but with the inclement weather we moved it to our Scout HQ. When the beavers arrived they were very excited as they had tent inners to sleep in so having the effect of 'sleeping' in a tent. We

had a fun evening of games and Akela led us in a mini camp fire.



On the Saturday we were joined by more Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides for our Fun Day. We were split into 4 mixed teams and our first task was to 'build' a boat for our pageant. Everyone joined in and 4 brilliant boats were made. We had a welcome hot chocolate and cakes/biscuits (it was a chilly morning) and then we went on a tracker trail having to find various coded clues around our HQ and adjacent field.

After lunch we did a Monopoly style game, again around the vicinity and the younger members did a scavenger hunt. This was followed by a game where 4 people at a time with two small pioneering poles had to transport 4 coloured balls over a mini obstacle course and drop the balls into a bucket at the end.

At approx 5.00pm parents and relatives arrived and we proudly held our boat pageant where we paraded our boats around the crowd of nearly 200 spectators. The evening finished with a grand BBQ

Sally Doe - Beaver Scout Leader

News from the Hut - 1st Virginia Water



Virginia Water really did carry on Scouting in the Scouting Community Week events.

Christ Church in Virginia Water had their outside areas swept, cleared and de-composted by our Cubs, Cabrera Trust Riverside Walk was de-littered by our Scouts, our driveway at the hut was de-weeded and re-planted by our Beavers and shoes all over Virginia Water were cleaned, polished and buffed as part of our Group's sponsored shoe shine.



The most fun event had to be our car wash. The sun shone and despite the hose-pipe ban the cars were still washed to near perfection...even if we did all end up wet at the end after a water fight! Our local policeman came down for a thank you car wash in his police car. Didn't think it was possible for so many Scouts to clean one car at the same time!



Marenello car garage in Egham kindly drove down their new Ferrari 485 Spider for the boys to look at only.



Customers passing by even pulled in for a car wash. I guess we cleaned near to 40 cars!

Sandra Wentworth – Cub Scout Leader

Mexican Stand Off at 1st/4th Lizards v Tigers

We had an interesting visit from Fred Holmes who brought down some of his collection of lizards, geckos and snakes for the Cubs to look at and in some cases hold. They ranged in size but in all cases the Cubs were fascinated, particularly by the last snake on show, the boa constrictor – very impressive - but it was too big for them to hold!



At one point the bearded dragon was put on the floor with some meal worms to show how they eat. It actually turned into a stand-off - who was going to move first! The dragon remained motionless and for a time so, unusually, did the cubs. Obviously the dragon won in the end, as we know children can't keep still for that long!

Gareth Jenkins – Cub Scout Leader
1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack

Runnymede District Diary 2012

July (School Holidays Start Friday 20th)

Mon 9th Fellowship/Active Support meeting
Mon 16th District Executive meeting

September (School Starts Tuesday 4th)

Fri 21st to Sun 23rd Cubs Sixers and Seconders Camp - Farnham
Mon 24th Fellowship/Active Support meeting

Sat 29th BAZAZ - New Date

October (School Half Term 29th to 2nd Nov)

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

November

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

December

Tue 4th Cubs Christingle Service – 1st Egham Hythe

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