

Scouting in Runnymede

Runnymede District Master Chefs

On Saturday 9th February, several teams of Scouts converged on 1st/4th Addlestone's HQ for the annual District Cooking Competition.

Their brief was to produce an Italian 3 course meal – minestrone soup, then pasta and meatballs (of fish/vegetarian option) followed by an Italian themed dessert. Tables were to be decorated and all the preparation/cooking was to be done on the day. They even had to wash up afterwards – a new concept for some young people!

Samuel, Morgan, Ben and Solomon from 1st Ottershaw Scouts decided to split the cooking, with Samuel and Morgan producing the soup and Solomon and Ben the main course. They put their thinking caps on for the dessert and Ben came up with the idea of making decorated pancakes that looked like pizzas. It seems that this idea was the deciding factor and they were very pleased to be announced the winners!



*Heather Howell (very proud) Group Scout Leader
1st Ottershaw Scout Group*

Congratulations

The following people have been awarded Service Awards.

Andy Sainsbury-Brown - 20 years

Donald Neighbour - 15 Years

Debra Norwood - 10 Years



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Andy's Notes

Following my recent annual review with the County Commissioner, she was very complimentary about the running of Runnymede and about our growth in numbers this year (3.424% precisely), so a big well done to you all for this is purely down to you as we are seeing a consistent year on year growth compared to many other districts.

Having attended a recent Scout Cooking competition and Beaver Badge day, it is easy to see the reason for that success is that our young people enjoy the programmes laid on by leaders of all sections. We cannot rest on our laurels however as we have to keep up the good work again this year, with the onset of the District Camp in June which will be a big opportunity for all in Runnymede to celebrate being part of this. Please ensure, at every opportunity, that we encourage our young people to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all at activities and events in the coming months; hopefully with better weather so that we can all take advantage of Scouting outdoors.

Andy Sainsbury-Brown District Commissioner



I think this year we could have re-named this event – The Bigger Splash!

As always, the first activity of the year for Runnymede Cubs is the 'The Big Splash' - an hour of fun in the Leisure Pool at Woking. Only two or three years ago, we struggled to break even, but last year the numbers suddenly jumped to over 90. This year we had an incredible 155 cubs in the pool, 63 more than last year! Despite this, they all said they had had good fun and this has become, by some distance, the most well attended Cub event on the calendar.

Gareth Jenkins – District Cub Scout Leader

Spot the deliberate mistake at Chertsey Museum



Hard at work looking for clues

In February, Cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone (Tigers) had one of their regular trips to Chertsey Museum for an evening of fun. In this instance, it was to "spot the deliberate mistake". Several objects had been placed in displays that had no business being there. The Cubs had to identify them and then work out the famous local "hooligan".

The evening had started with the Cubs making a mint flavoured sweet mouse and a box to take it home in. All unrelated? - well, apparently not when the villain was revealed (if they got all the clues). I won't give the game away but this person has 'previous' in Chertsey and was responsible some serious vandalism in the past and probably for giving most of us a sweet tooth!

**Gareth Jenkins - Cub Scout Leader
1st/4th Addlestone (Tigers) Cub Pack**

District Diary 2013

(Revised dates in RED)

March 2013

(School holiday 29th to 15th April)

Sun 3rd Scouts Ramble Quiz
Sun 3rd Cubs Cooking Competition
Sun 17th 1st Response Course
Mon 18th Fellowship/Active Support
Meeting
Thr 28th to Tue 2nd Network Camp
Sun 31st Beaver Ramble

April 2013

Tue 16th Parade Flag Practice
Sun 21st St Georges Day Parade and Service
Mon 22nd Fellowship St Georges Dinner.
Fri 26th Scouts Five-A-Side Football
Sat 27th Keeping Children Safe

May 2013

(School half term 27th to 31st)

Sat 4th 1st Response Course
Mon 13th District Executive Meeting
Fri 17th Cubs Football Competition

June 2013

Mon 3rd Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Sat 15th SCRAM Cubs County Event
Thr 20th District AGM
Fri 28th to Sun 30th District Camp- Bently Copse

July 2013

(School ends 24th)

Mon 15th District Executive Meeting
Sat 20th Beaver About

August 2013

September 2013

(School starts 3rd)

Mon 9th Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Fri 27th to Sun 29nd Sixers/Seconders Camp

October 2013

(School half term 28th to 1st Nov)

Sat 5th Cubs Fishing Competition
Fri 11th to Mon 14th Fellowship/Active support Weekend Away
Mon 14th District Executive Meeting
Sun 20th 1st Response Course

November 2013

Mon 4th Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Fri 15th Cubs Night Hike

December 2013

(School ends 20th)

Tue 3rd Cubs Christingle Service

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