

Scouting in Runnymede

Skittles, Games & Social Evening

**Runnymede Fellowship/Active Support Team
Invite all Leaders, Helpers and their Partners to join us
for a Fun Evening**

**At 1st Egham Hythe HQ on Saturday 8th June
Start at 7.30 pm.**

**Supper and Refreshments will be provided free by the
Fellowship, but bring your own drinks.**

**Either Phone or Email John Boreham or Dave Kelly by
1st June to book your place and state your supper
preference of Fish, Chicken or Veggie (all with Chips)**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Treasury Notes

"The Small Charitable Donations Act 2012 commenced on 6th April 2013 and gives relief equivalent to gift aid relief on small cash donations to charities. However, cash is defined as coins and notes and so seems to preclude cheques and standing orders. Moreover, membership fees are specifically excluded and this would include subscriptions.

Small cash donations must be for £20 or less and there are restrictions on the total amounts that may be claimed. In addition, charities must have made successful gift aid relief claims in two consecutive years within the previous four years.

The Act therefore appears to benefit charities such as churches and those that raise money by means of street collections. For Scouts, donations received for activities such as bag packing at supermarkets might well qualify but otherwise the scope is limited."

As far as the District is concerned, we will be claiming relief on the collections taken at the St. George's Day services, Christingle services, Beaver Rambles etc. and passing on the benefit to the charities concerned.

If you have any queries on this or need help with your gift aid claims, then please contact me.

Richard Mason – District Treasurer



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Congratulations

Congratulations go to the following on gaining their awards:

Chief Scout's Silver Award to Joseph L of 1st/ 4th Addlestone Tigers.

Chief Scout's Gold Award to Luke C & Joshua B of 2nd Thorpe.

Andy's Notes

Just sitting here recovering after this year's excellent St. George's Day. I am sure you will all agree, seeing all the young people parade was a great sight and certainly impressed our Mayor as it demonstrated how large an organisation we are in Runnymede. With the advent of warmer/ lighter evenings, please ensure we get out and about as much as possible for we need to promote ourselves as much as possible.

Reading the minutes of a recent Cub meeting, it was pleasing to see comments about how large our packs are getting due to the growing number of young people joining Scouting in Runnymede. Whilst I appreciate this presents challenges of their own, well done to all of you, the leaders in Runnymede, for providing such a rich and interesting programmes week in week out for our young people so they want to join us and share in this.

With the AGM season almost upon us I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and I also look forward to hearing more bronze, silver and gold awards being earned by our young people.

Have a good summer's Scouting and I look forward to seeing many of you at forthcoming District Camp.

Andy Sainsbury-Brown District Commissioner

St George's Day with a difference

The Cubs of 1st Egham Hythe once again decided to celebrate St. George's Day with rather more than the traditional parade this year.

We set off bright and early on Saturday morning to spend the day at Brooklands Museum with the aim of completing the Air Activities Badge during the course of the day. They do a great booklet to help with this. We looked at the earliest pedal power planes that

could only stay in the air a few minutes, and had a very entertaining tour of the Wellington Hanger with one of the Stewards who told the Cubs so many great tales that they now all want to be fighter pilots.... We did the Concorde Experience including visiting their flight simulator,



looked around the luxurious plane that once belonged to the Sultan of Oman, helped open the massive doors on a cargo plane and sat in the cockpit and imagined we were counting down to take off! After a run up the hill-climb and a walk around the historic racetrack, we headed off to St. Anns Hill to burn off a bit of steam and for a grand paper plane flying contest.



We had dinner, finished the air activities questions, quizzes and puzzles, played football, built and lit a fire, sang a good few songs then settled down for a peaceful night's sleep in the HQ. Continued.....

After breakfast it was off to St. George's Day Parade, roughly 5 or 6 miles or so via the fields and footpaths of Egham Hythe and Thorpe, through the middle of Thorpe Park – it was about a 50:50 split as to whether we would prefer to be scared to death on the rides or in the middle of a hot hike to Chertsey! Then on to Gogmore Park for lunch and a play on the zip wire and the slides before changing our shoes, getting the uniforms neat and tidy, posing for a few photos and having a mini-parade to meet up with everyone else in the car park after a great weekend.

Mary Halls- Cub Scout Leader, 1st Egham Hythe Cubs

District Diary 2013

(Revised dates in RED)

May 2013

(School half term 27th to 31st)

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

June 2013

Mon 3 rd	Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Sat 8 th	Fellowship/Active Support Social Evening
Sat 15 th	SCRAM Cubs County Event
Thr 20 th	District AGM
Fri 28 th to Sun 30 th	District Camp- Bently Copse

July 2013

(School ends 24th)

Mon 15 th	District Executive Meeting
Sat 20 th	Beaver About

August 2013

September 2013

(School starts 3rd)

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

October 2013

(School half term 28th to 1st Nov)

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

November 2013

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

December 2013

(School ends 20th)

Tue 3 rd	Cubs Christingle Service
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Notes from the Editor

Come on out there. The last couple of editions have been a bit thin. I know your all doing exciting things so why not let the whole District/County know what you have been up to.

When you submit photos please reduce the file size as it makes it easier to handle them.

Chris Couzens

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