

Scouting in Runnymede

End of an era

1st Egham Hythe Cubs always have a good 5-day summer camp at Bears Rails, and this year was no exception. We did bivvy building, camp cooking, gun runs and archery, made willow lanterns, made bughouses, tiled mosaics and designed T-shirts. We had camp sports...space hopper racing, top golf, wellie throwing, three legged races and wheel-barrow races, discus with a frisbee, javelin making good use of garden canes, we achieved the Navigator badge, Communications badge, Naturalist badge as well as clocking up several nights away and really earning the hikes away badge – it was the wettest hike on record. A nice round walk of about 5 or 6 miles with the main intention of reaching the village shop in the park and buying them out of ice creams was cheerfully achieved by all, despite being soaked to the skin.



Left to right Jane, Gwyneth and Barbara

For as long as I can remember, we have been looked after at our Summer camp by the best catering team in the world – Barbara Renham, Gwyneth Austin and Jane Forster. Since taking over as CSL I have never once had to think about the menu, the shopping, the cooking and most of the clearing up after meals at this camp – it has all been done for me by these wonderful friends. But as they say, all good things come to an end and this year I had to admit defeat and believe them when they said it was time to retire. So, a million thanks to Barbara, Jane and Gwyneth – I don't know how we are going to manage without you. As one of the mums said this year – the service at the Bears Rails Hilton is going to be a very hard act to follow!

Mary Halls – Cub Scout Leader



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Young Poets

The Water Dragons Cub pack from 1st Virginia Water set themselves a challenge to achieve their book reader badge during the summer term. Their mission included collecting many versions of the Jungle Book and Dr Seuss books from friends, charity shops...where ever. Then off they went to read at home, then bring their books back to Cubs to complete the challenge and to finish the fun, to write a poem in the style of the famous author and poet Dr Seuss. Some poems did rhyme; some were quite ridiculous of course to keep in the Dr Seuss style so we would like to share with you a poem by Wills.



Chicken & Cheese

1. I like Chicken 2. I like Chicken
I like Cheese I like Cheese
I never knew that You go outside
Birds had knees And see the trees

3. I like Chicken 4. I like Chicken
I like Cheese I like Cheese
You go to dinner You go to New York
And eat peas And say GEEZE

By Wills aged 10

Sandra Wentworh, 1st Virginia Water Dragons Cub pack.

Congratulations

To Dawn Holmwood of 2nd New Haw on completing her Leader Training and gaining her Wood Badge.

The following Scouts have been awarded the Chief Scouts Gold Award:- Christian Scott, George Pemberton and Richard Williams all from 1st Egham Hythe. Joshua Orlog and Shaun Osborn from 1st/4th Addlestone.

The following Cub Scouts from 5th Addlestone who have been awarded the Chief Scouts Silver Award:- Abbey Tingly, Daniel Emburey, Dean Henshaw and Charlie Mills.

And last but not least we would like to congratulate Louise MacDonald on her marriage.

Reminder - Groups have the "Thanks Badge" available to show appreciation for those who have "helped" in some way. But do you have anyone in the Group who has gone that bit further and you feel deserves "The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Services". If you have, I will need their name, address and telephone number, and how long they have been involved. Please contact me.

George Kerr

Lest we Forget

The Scouting Memorial project is a national campaign to build a Scouting Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, to build a memorial to those who have suffered through conflict and given service to Scouting.

As part of this, we in Runnymede will be wearing a memorial badge to help raise awareness of the act of Remembrance as well as raise funds for this cause. The badges will be made available through myself and to date we have raised over a £1,000 for this cause and will continue throughout this Scouting year. Thank you for your support to date.

Andy Sainsbury-Brown

Poppy Collection

I have arranged for the District to do the Poppy Collection for the British Legion outside Sainsbury's in Chertsey on Saturday 26th October and will be asking for volunteers in the near future.

George Kerr

1st Egham Hythe Beaver Sleepover

On Friday 28th June at 5.00pm, 18 Beavers arrived at 1st Egham Hythe Scout HQ for a Beaver Sleepover.

Once tents had been allocated we split into groups for a game of Twister (forgot how good this game was!!) parachute games and making paper aeroplanes. At approx 8.00pm we had hot dogs and hot chocolate then went outside for a campfire where we sung many songs and laughed a lot.

After a long night for some of the Leaders, we began the Saturday morning with breakfast, introducing the Beavers to **Eggy Bread**, which went down very well. We then left the Scout HQ and hiked towards the Staines Sainsbury store where we caught the bus to Chertsey to visit the Chertsey Museum. For many Beavers this was their first experience on a bus. As we were early Robert took us around the ruins of Chertsey Abbey and regaled us with tales of blood thirsty Romans and the life of the Monks at that time.

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When we arrived at the Museum we split into groups and were given quiz forms by the very helpful staff, and starting at different points, the groups had great fun trying to find all the answers.

Lunch was taken in the garden and after eating and drinking, we continued with a walk around the rest of the exhibits. I had forgotten how good this Museum is.

We then took the bus back to the Sainsbury's store bus stop in Staines and continued our hike back to the Scout HQ, singing VERY LOUDLY all the way back!!!

Once back, we re-packed the Beavers' bags and played games until the parents came to collect them, leaving some very tired Leaders behind !!

Kit (Sally Doe) – 1st Egham Hythe

Tigers & Time Team

Tiger's cub pack had a very busy end of term, which included one of our regular visits to Chertsey Museum. Taking advantage of the unusually good weather, we booked a 'Big Dig' evening and then spent a happy couple of hours in true Time Team fashion unearthing the secrets under the Abbey Fields.



As you can see, not only did we discover a vast range of artefacts which covered the history of Chertsey back to the time before The Abbey was built, we discovered what happened to several of those 9th Century monks which the Vikings chased across these very fields (maybe). All in all, it was a great evening for the cubs and as always, this was due to the hard work of the staff at the museum.

Gareth Jenkins
CSL 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack

Andy's Corner

Sitting back reflecting on the last Scouting year, which has been challenging, we should all pat ourselves on the back as Runnymede has again moved forward, not only in terms of growth but also in what we do for our young people, providing a wide range of activities and learning opportunities. Not many districts can say that this much. **So a big Thank-You to all of you.**

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention to the hard working team of Steve Valiant, Penny Lympany, Alex Couzens and Steve Livesey who organised and contributed so much to our District camp. Without their efforts this would not have happened – Thank-you and Well done!

Andy Sainsbury-Brown

A selection of District Camp pics.



Time for food



On the range



On the water



On the climbing frame



Budding Formula 1 drivers



"Wolf"- Beware



Backwoods cooking



Camp Fire

District Diary 2013

September 2013

(School starts 3rd)

Mon 9th Fellowship/Active Support

Tue 17th
Fri 27th to Sun 29nd

Meeting
District Planning meeting
Sixers/Seconders Camp

October 2013

(School half term 28th to 1st Nov)

Sat 5th
Fri 11th to Mon 14th

Cubs Fishing Competition
Fellowship/Active support
Weekend Away

Mon 14th
Sun 20th

District Executive Meeting
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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