

# Scouting in Runnymede

## Congratulations



To George Kerr - District Secretary and Chairman of 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone on being awarded the Scout Association's highest award The Silver Wolf.

To Mary Halls - Cub Scout Leader from 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe on being awarded the Award for Merit.

To Chris Couzens - Scout Active Support for his 25 year Service Award.

And the following Cub Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Lions on their Chief Scout Silver Award.

Leo Peirson-Hagger, Billy Nuttall, Andrew French and Henry French

And Emily Fisher from 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers.

## Scouts Highest Award

It was a real honour to have my Queen's Scout Award presented to me by the Mayor of Runnymede, Cllr. Yvonna Lay, accompanied by Ian MacQueen Deputy County Commissioner, in front of everyone at the end of the St George's Day Parade in April. It was a big surprise too, to be asked to lead back the parade of 450 people after the service (to be honest, I didn't really know where we were going and I could easily have led everyone into Burger King!).



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I've had an amazing journey with the Scouts, with expeditions all over the UK and an amazing camp in Iceland last year. I've bred quail, ducks and chickens; played tennis; helped at Beavers for my QSA... and I've made some great friends.



*Sylvester and I*

The Award represented the culmination of many fantastic years' Scouting in the 1st Englefield Green Scouts Group and Endeavour ESU. I'd like to thank everyone involved in helping me to achieve this Award (and my Gold DofE Award), especially to Ron Verlander for his leadership (and for transporting me to hospital A&E units on many occasions as I was rather accident prone at times!).

***Oliver Wood - formerly Endeavour ESU and 1st Englefield Green Scout Group.***

### **Blue Peter Badge**

Have you ever wondered how many years the BBC has been broadcasting Blue Peter? It first aired in 1958 and is the second longest-running TV show in the UK. For those who remember black and white television, with 3 channels that you had to change by physically pressing buttons on the set, the first colour edition of Blue Peter aired on 14 September 1970, and the last black and white edition on 24 June 1974.....gosh ! And not forgetting the ever famous phrase...."Here's one I made earlier...."

Well it's nearly as popular today as it was then so we gave our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts a challenge to write a letter to Blue Peter and we received some fantastic responses. Our aim was to see how many Blue Peter badges our Group could achieve so I wrote directly to the editor to say that our Scouting sections Beavers, Cubs & Scouts are this term working on some exciting activities and in recognition for their

achievements, creativity, entertainment, adventure, astronomy, wild life knowledge to name a few we would like to reward the Scouts with a "Blue" Blue Peter Badge. We even took photos of the activities during the term to create a photo diary to record these events.



Within days I received a reply that said that Blue Peter would love to hear from each Scout member individually to tell them about the activities they take part in and what they enjoy about Scouts. So within a few weeks we had the first batch of letters ready to post to Blue Peter, and I must comment on their promise, as within a few days each Scout received a personal letter from the editor and Blue Peter team with their badge. The photos have captured some happy faces of those who brought their letters and badges to the HQ for a photo shoot.

The Blue Peter badge allows holders free entry into a number of visitor attractions across the UK.

***Akela, Sandra - 1st Virginia Water Cubs***

### **Cardboard City Sleepover**

On Friday 28th March 29th Scouts from 1st Egham Hythe discovered what it is like to sleep rough. They were given a selection of cardboard boxes and told to build themselves some shelters to sleep in.



Some Scouts built individual pods and others combined and built small apartments.

All 29 Scouts survived the night despite a cold weather front coming in throughout the night. This experience is part of their Global and Community Challenge in seeing how people worse off than themselves survive on a daily basis with very little in the way of comfort and proper housing.

**1st. Egham Hythe Patrol Leaders Council**

### **Museum Murder Mystery**



Tigers Cub Pack had one of their regular visits to Chertsey Museum, this time for a Murder Mystery Evening. They had to find clues hidden all around the building and then work out who had committed the crime. This followed on from making a code wheel and solving a secret puzzle. All in all a really interesting evening and as always we were well looked after by the staff who had worked really hard to make the evening fun.

**Gareth Jenkins - CSL**  
**1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack**

#### **Andy's Notes**

We have recently seen awards announced to George Kerr (Silver Wolf), Mary Halls (Medal of Merit) and Oliver Woods (Queens Scout Award). These awards recipients are to be warmly congratulated for their achievement; this continues to reflect on the quality of our leaders and young people in Runnymede.

In the coming months the Scouting year is looking very busy so thank-you to all in Runnymede for making this happen and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months at various District events.

Good luck to the Archery team at the forthcoming national championships.

**Andy Sainsbury-Brown**  
**District Commissioner**

### **Scouts District Cooking Competition**

Scouts love cooking, or is it the art of making a meal out of a concoction? The latter we believe. So in February our Scout Leaders arranged the annual Scouts Cooking Competition, held at 1st Englefield Green Scouts HQ. Teams arrived, with no idea of the ingredients they would be presented with, let alone how to cook them...boil, steam or fry? This year it was themed around the idea of Ready Steady Cook. Six teams entered with little or no idea of what the competition entailed. They had an hour to discuss and cook a meal of their choice for the judges to try. Each team was given a bag containing some basic ingredients such as: Oxo cubes, leeks, tinned beans and sausages to name a few.



Everyone had lots of fun and nevertheless a great deal of mess was made; but after some tense moments the team managed to turn the same basic ingredients into something unique and very tasty!

But as with any competition we had to choose a winner... The team had complete freedom as we didn't set specific rules. The winning dish was stir fry created by two girl Scouts from Virginia Water Scout Group.

**Mino, Scout Leader - 1st Virginia Water**

### **Badge Secretary Wendy Couzens**

Following Wendy's recent announcement of her wishing to relinquish the reins of Badge Secretary at this year's AGM, a role which Wendy has made very much her own and provided an invaluable service to Scouting in Runnymede over the years, I would like to say publicly to Wendy – **Thank-you** on behalf of everyone in Runnymede.

**Andy Sainsbury-Brown**  
**District Commissioner**

## Fellowship / Active Support Group



Members of the team hard at work running a base at the Scouts Day Prowl.

On St. George's Day we held our usual celebratory dinner at HUGO's in Egham.

### Compass

All GSL's and Section Leaders should become familiar with the new version of the spreadsheet emailed to you by Gareth Jenkins, as this is the one that will be used to migrate to Compass in October this Year.

### District Diary 2013-2014

#### May 2014

(School half term 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>)

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Response Course
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	National Archery Competition
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts Canoe Camp
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Meeting
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Football Competition
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver POW-WOW & sleep over

#### June 2014

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Keeping Children Safe
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Fun day
Thr 19 <sup>th</sup>	District AGM
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Scoutabout

#### July 2014

(School ends 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers Gilwell 24
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Meeting

#### August 2014

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers International Scout Meeting Germany
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#### September 2014

(School starts 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts Cardboard Rafting
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Sixers & Seconders Camp

#### October 2014

(School half term 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>)

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship/Active support Weekend Away
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Meeting
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Response Course

#### November 2014

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fellowship/Active Support Meeting
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Night Hike

#### December 2014

(School ends 19<sup>th</sup>)

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Day Trip
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