

# Scouting in Runnymede

## Congratulations All Round

On Saturday 22nd November 2014 three Scouts from 1st Egham Hythe Scout Group went to Brooklands College in Weybridge and were presented with the Chief Scout Gold Award by Surgeon Captain Hughes from the Defense Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Hedley Court and the County Commissioner Roxana Bostock.



The Scouts Jack McCleery Harry Stuart and Daniel Roach have now moved onto Explorer Scouting with Jack and Harry also becoming Young Leaders. Connor Bacon of 5<sup>th</sup> Addlestone has been awarded the Chief Scouts Silver Award.

The following adults have been awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service:

Tim Page – Group Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haw  
Martin Riordan – Group Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> Englefield Green  
Gwyneth Austin and Barbara Renham, Active Support Members

Well done all of you.

## Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings to Doug Waine, go on 12th January. Doug was a major fund raiser when 1st/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone were building; paper collections and barn dances at the old Aircrow hall were his specialty. He got involved when his sons were in the Cub pack, one of which - Mike is now ASL at Ottershaw. Doug still turns out for working parties at 1st/4<sup>th</sup> and regularly helps out at jumble sales.

## Thinking of Him

We have been told that Vic Waters – “95 years young” has now moved up north and is in a nursing home suffering with dementia. Vic is one of our District Vice Presidents, and for years was to be seen at all district events in his unofficial capacity of District General Factotum and editor of the District magazine for many years before our current editor.



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## Andy's Notes

Happy New Year everyone, and I hope you all had a great Christmas. Reflecting on 2014, what another great year of Scouting in Runnymede with 1<sup>st</sup> Chertsey opening another Beaver Colony and being granted planning consent for a new headquarters. Virginia Water also looking at a potential new HQ, coupled with 2 Queen Scout awards "well done Harriet Mahood and Oliver Woods".

The Archery team performed well again at the national championships, and also many groups in Runnymede raising their profile in the community, with events like bag packing and Christmas post, attending events like the Magna Carta Fair plus supporting District activities. And Explorer Scouts and 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haw getting involved in International Scouting. All this in addition to our normal Scouting Activities.

Congratulations to recipients of awards in 2014, both uniformed and non-uniformed, with special mention of George Kerr on his Silver Wolf.

So what lies ahead for 2015? Shortly I will be announcing details of the new shooting range at New Haw, a new Scout Troop starting later in the year, and I also hope to see the shooting teams enter the National Competition in October together with adults entering the National Archery competition for the first time: just for starters.

On a final note I would like to thank all those who have been involved in the Compass process. I know it has been a difficult journey and frustrating process for us all, as with any change but I'm sure as 2015 progresses we will all start to see the benefits. Thank you all for making Runnymede the Best!

**Andy Sainsbury-Brown District Commissioner**

## Tigers take a bite out of The Big Apple



Cubs from 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack visited The Big Apple in Woking for our usual end of term treat. A game of laser quest was followed by a buffet meal and finished with a game of 10 pin bowling. As always the cubs had a great time and the Father Christmas hats gave the evening a bit of festive cheer!

**Gareth Jenkins CSL 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers**

## Cubs Christingle

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, around 90 cubs arrived in a fleet of cars for the annual District Christingle Service at 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>th</sup> Addlestone HQ. The first task of the evening was to make the Christingles – it wasn't easy to explain to the cubs (or the leaders – and you know how you are!!) that there should be enough sweets left to go on the cocktail sticks!



Lou (1<sup>st</sup> Chertsey) then took a brilliant Christingle service. A lively rendition of the 12 days of Christmas was followed with a mix of carols and a story, with some brilliant acting by Lou's "volunteers" and some good reading. The highlight as always was the lighting of the candles, dimming of the lights and the cubs singing Away in a Manger – a real ahhhh moment.

**Penny Lympany**

## Cubs Day Out

Our Runnymede District Cub Scout day out to Cadbury's began on a very cold morning waiting for the coaches which had somehow travelled to a different meeting point. They were located, arrived at the correct address and we quickly got

on board and set off towards Birmingham. In our coach we were watching the film 'Arthur Christmas' on the monitor. The Cubs quietly watched it and we got to Cadbury's in no time at all and hardly anybody asked 'are we there yet?'

In the reception area we were met by a gigantic chocolate Christmas tree. Delicious we thought – if we were only allowed a piece! The tour began with everyone being given 2 chocolate bars each – "good start".

We were taken through various displays, cinema type information films, a performance of the history of Mr. Cadbury, his two sons' involvement and how the business evolved, as well as how well they looked after their staff through housing, pay, health, schooling and so on. They seem to have been an amazing company to work for as it gave the workers and their families' security and contentment. The Cadburys build a complete village with schools, medical facilities, a church, the lot. We were also given more chocolate plus a beaker of warm, runny chocolate with choice of toppings. "Lovely"!

After learning a lot about chocolate making and production thereof, we had our lunch outside by the African Trail, a fantastic play area, loved by the children. Although they all had said how hungry they were, not one started eating until they had been trying out the trail for at least half an hour. Some of us went to see the pantomime Cinderella - in 25 mins. Very funny and certainly different from any other pantomime we had ever seen.

Having had a bit more play time, we went to see Santa. He was very kind and everybody was given a packet of pencils, pencil sharpener and a rubber all with the Cadbury name on it. Santa cannot have shaved for ages because he displayed the most magnificent beard you have ever seen.

Unfortunately it was time to return home after that. We had a good trip back as well with the Cubs chatting away – and some of us playing 'I Spy...' Surprisingly nobody fell asleep and nobody was sick – even after consuming so much chocolate. We got back right on time – and we were taken to the correct place.....

It was a brilliant day and the Cubs loved it. And the Leaders, although I can only speak for 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe, had a great day, as well as all the Cubs in our care who were very well behaved.

Thank You to Steve Valient our A.D.C. for organising it all.

*Tone Kelly –ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe*

### **5th Addlesone go to see Santa on Santa Special**

Cubs and Beavers from 5<sup>th</sup> Addlestone went to Woking miniature railway to see Santa.



We made our way to the station ticket office to get our pre booked tickets for a train ride to see him. During the journey we stopped at Santa's Halt and the Cubs and Beavers were greeted by Santa. All were given a presents specially selected for the various age groups. After the train ride we made our way back the station waiting room to receive a drink and a biscuit and a chance to take a look at the presents.

*Mike Lacey - ACSL 5<sup>th</sup> Addlestone*

### **Correction from the last edition**

In the last edition of Scouting in Runnymede I wrongly stated that Dave Burt was the warden of our District camp site Bourne Copse. I should have said Carol Reeves.

My apologies to you both.

*Editor*

### **Note**

Scoutabout badges should now be removed from all uniforms.

## District Diary 2015

### January 2015

(School starts 5<sup>th</sup>)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> to Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Scouts Winter Camp  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Active Support Post Xmas  
Dinner  
Thr 22<sup>nd</sup> Training Working Safely with  
Young People  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Cubs Big Splash

### February 2015

(Half term 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> District Executive meeting  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Scouts Cooking Competition  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Active Support Meeting

### March 2015

(School ends 27<sup>th</sup>)

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Cubs Cooking Competition  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Training First Response  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Beavers Circus Skills

### April 2015

(School starts 13<sup>th</sup>)

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> All Sections Michael Patrick  
Challenge  
Thr 23<sup>rd</sup> St Georges Day Flag Rehearsal  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Active Support St Georges  
Dinner  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> St Georges Day Parade &  
Service

### May 2015

(School half term 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Training First Response  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Beaver Family Ramble  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Cubs Water Activity  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> National Archery  
Championship  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> District Executive Meeting  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Scouts Football Competition

### June 2015

Thr 4<sup>th</sup> Training Working Safely with  
Young People  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Leaders Challenge Day  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> to Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sixer / Seconder Camp  
Thr 25<sup>th</sup> District AGM  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Beavers Bazazz

### July 2015

(School ends 21<sup>st</sup>)

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> District Executive Meeting

### August 2015

### September 2015

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

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Leaders Skills learning day  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Cubs Fishing Competition  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Scouts Fishing Competition

### October 2015

(Half term 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> to Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Active Support Weekend  
Away  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> District Executive Meeting  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Beavers No Cook Cooking  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Training First Response  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Scouts A to Z Challenge

### November 2015

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Cubs Night Hike  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Leaders Skittles  
Competition  
Evening

### December 2015

(School ends 18<sup>th</sup>)

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Cubs Big Day Out  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Cubs Christingle Service

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