

Scouting in Runnymede

Runnymede and The Magna Carta

As this year is the 800th Anniversary of the Signing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede, I thought it was time to re-print the description of the iconography in the Runnymede District Scout Badge.



The Runnymede Scout District Badge was designed by David Burt of 1st Egham Hythe and adopted in 1976 and symbolises the joining together of the former separate Scout Districts of Chertsey and Egham into Runnymede District on the reorganisation of local government which took place just prior to 1974.

It is interesting to note that the formation of Runnymede District re-established the status quo prevailing before 27th September 1946 when the separate Local Associations (now Districts) were formed on the resumption of Active Scouting after the Second World War. Prior to 27th September 1946 the district was known as "Chertsey and District Boy Scout Local Association" and covered the present boundaries of Runnymede District.

The Badge design is symbolic of the area as described below.

- The light green background represents the fields and meadows of the district.
- The two Scout badges in gold represent the Scout Movement.
- The crown in gold represents the association of Runnymede with King John and Magna Carta.
- The sword and key in gold are taken from the coat of arms of Chertsey Abbey.
- The tree in dark green represents the woods in the area.
- The swan in white, on wavy lines of blue, both represent the river Thames
- The rope in red, edging the badge, binds together the areas of Addlestone, Chertsey, Egham, Egham Hythe, Englefield Green, New Haw, Ottershaw, Thorpe, Thorpe Lea and Virginia Water.

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Treasury Notes

At the District Executive Committee meeting in early February the budget for the year 2015-16 was approved. It was agreed that there would be no increase in the District subscription, in view of the income continuing to be generated by the District's Scout Shop (many thanks, Andy). While the HQ subscription also remains unchanged, the County's is going up by 25p, so the total subscription for the coming year will be £34.90 per head; this represents an increase of 0.7% on the current year. The breakdown is:

	2015/16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
HQ	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
County	5.80	5.55	5.40	5.25
District	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.15
Total	£34.90	£34.65	£34.50	£34.40

The District subscription finances contributions to sectional activities, general District activities, such as the St George's Day parade service, additional insurance for all leaders above the basic cover provided by HQ, and underwriting the costs of Runnymede's representatives at World Jamborees.

Invoices based on the 2015 census numbers are being issued to Group Treasurers with a request for cheques post-dated to 1 April 2015 to be sent to me by **Wednesday 25 March**. This is so that I have cleared funds to pass on the County and HQ by the second week of April. If any Group has difficulty in meeting this timetable, please let me know in good time.

It has also been agreed that the District's mileage allowance will remain at 45p per mile, in line with HMRC guidelines.

Richard Mason - District Treasurer

Runnymede Cubs make a bigger Splash!



At the end of January, on a very cold night, over 100 cubs from around the district gathered at The Pool in the Park in Woking for the usual start to the year's activities, the Big Splash. This year we had 2 hours of fun booked and that's just what they had, the pool to themselves, with a leader or two and lifeguards on duty. Water slides, wave machines, a Jacuzzi or two and a fountain, the whole 9 yards, plenty to keep them amused. No problems no lost property and lots of happy cubs and relaxed leaders. Now that is what you call a successful event! Thanks to S.V. for all the organising as always, but he could have checked if Woking were playing at home☺They beat Alfreton Town 3-0, so the fans were happy, but they had made the car park more interesting as they were coming out as we arrived!

Gareth Jenkins – District Cub Scout Leader

Congratulations

To the following Cub Scouts from 1st Egham Hythe on gaining their Chief Scouts Silver Award
Jack Silvester, Ben Higham and Jonathan de Mello.

And Welcome

The District would like to welcome the 10 new leaders that completed the Getting Started training in February.

District Diary 2015

Changes and additions shown in red

March 2015

(School ends 27th)

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

April 2015

(School starts 13th)

Sat 18th All Sections Michael Patrick
Challenge
Wed 22nd Active Support St Georges
Dinner
Thr 23rd St Georges Day Flag Rehearsal
Sun 26th St Georges Day Parade &
Service

May 2015

(School half term 22nd May to 1st June)

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

June 2015

Thr 4th Training Working Safely with
Young People
Sat 6th Leaders Challenge Day
Thr 25th District AGM
Sat 27th Beavers Bazazz

July 2015

(School ends 21st)

Mon 20th District Executive Meeting

August 2015

September 2015

(School starts 2nd)

? Cubs Sixer/Seconder camp
Sun 13th Leaders Skills learning day
Sat 19th Cubs Fishing Competition
Sun 27th Scouts Fishing Competition

October 2015

(Half term 26th to 30th)

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

November 2015

Fri 13th Cubs Night Hike
Sat 14th Leaders Skittles Competition
Evening

December 2015

(School ends 18th)

Sat 5th Cubs Big Day Out
Wed 9th Cubs Christingle Service

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