

Scouting in Runnymede

1st Chertsey Scout Group pull together for new HQ

Members of 1st Chertsey Scout Group put in a marathon effort to pull an antique trek cart around a field on Saturday 26th September. The Group completed 125 laps of Abbey Field – a total of 26.2miles – in six hours and twenty minutes to raise funds for a new HQ.

Starting at 9am, Mayor of Runnymede Cllr. Derek Cotty started the pull with a cart full of Beavers and completed two circuits of the field in Chertsey. He enjoyed the experience so much that he returned in the afternoon, after a Mayoral event, to continue with the pull.



Teams of two, four or six BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, leaders and parents took it in turns to drag the cart with 50 people taking part throughout the day. Trek carts were traditionally used by Scouts to pull tents and camping equipment to camp in days when the roads were much quieter. The feat raised more than £800 towards a target of £400,000 that has been set for the new Scout HQ in Staines Lane.

All involved had a great and very enjoyable day and it was a pleasure to see so many families taking part.

Brian Perry- Chairman HQ fundraising Committee.

Congratulations

Congratulations to David Breakwell and Harriet Mahood on being awarded a Commissioners Commendation for their commitment and energy in preparing and organizing the young people in their units for the World Jamboree in Japan. These were the first awards of this type in Runnymede.

Congratulations also to Rosie Andrews ACSL of 1st Englefield Green on becoming District Network Scout Commissioner for Runnymede.



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Jamboree in Japan

For 12 days this summer, Scouts from across the globe met in Kiara-Hama, Japan for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. Four Leaders and two young people from Runnymede were amongst the 35,000 Scouts from 150 countries that attended this amazing event.

Jade Tregoiing and Ryan Boast were selected two years ago to represent Runnymede Scouts as part of the 81 Explorer Scouts and Leaders that formed the Surrey Contingent to the Jamboree.



Their Jamboree adventure started with in Omura where they were hosted by Japanese families. In addition to taking part in traditional Japanese archery



and a classic tea ceremony at a local school they got to experience Japanese home life and food. The families were fantastic hosts and made us all feel incredibly welcome.



Jade and Ryan weren't the only Runnymede Scouts at the Jamboree – Harriet Mahood and David Breakwell were selected by the County to be Leaders in the two Surrey Units. Will Fairminer and Jack Page who attended the 22nd Jamboree in Sweden four years ago representing Runnymede were part of the International Service Team at the Jamboree.

The Jamboree site was on the Japanese coast on the site of a country park and for two weeks this became a massive tented town with its own shops, banks, hospital and daily newspaper. Japan experienced a mini heat wave this summer with daily temperatures over 40°C. Putting up your tents and creating a home from home in these sorts of temperatures wasn't easy. Being surrounded by fellow Scouts from every corner of the globe however was amazing – it is easy to forget when we Scout in our huts that we are a member of a massive worldwide movement.

On our second day on site the whole Jamboree gathered in the site Arena for the opening ceremony. We were entertained by traditional Japanese music and dance and watched the raising of the Jamboree flag. We all shared the moment as Scouts renewing our Scouting Promise and making new friends.

A recurring theme of all Jamborees since the first in 1920 is Global Peace. Every Scout visited Hiroshima to learn from the events of 1945 and to reflect on the horrors of the nuclear bomb and the Japanese hope for future peace. We placed 1000 origami cranes on the Children's Peace Monument. We camped near a Unit from Hiroshima and at 8:15am on August 6th shared a minutes silence with them.

In the Global and Science activities we learnt about the positive and negative impacts we have on the planet and how we can improve things through volunteering, the use of technology and reducing our own environmental footprint.

With almost every country attending the Jamboree, Cultural Exchange Day was a great way of experiencing food, games and entertainments from across the globe. The

evening Arena show featured an Astronaut, a Royal Prince, a Red Bull air display, Pikachu and some amazing live music.

After the Jamboree we travelled to Tokyo by Bullet train and spent 3 days exploring Tokyo – from the world's busiest railway station and experiencing an earthquake in a simulator to visiting shrines and eating in traditional Tokyo restaurants.



We loved the many contrasts and contradictions that make Tokyo such an amazing capital city.

David Breakwell – GSL 2nd New Haw

Tigers hit the wall



Cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers took part in an evening of climbing on the walls of High Sports at XCEL Walton-on-Thames. Some of them had been on climbing walls at PGL and various camps but these are much higher than any of those. They all 'did their best' and some managed to reach the dizzy heights of the top. It was pretty scary up there and this was confirmed by the YL's and ACSL's who had a go. The guy running the activity commended me on the behavior of the Cubs and was impressed that they all gave it a go and gradually improved during the session. Success all round then!

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

Chertsey Beaver receives a special 'Well Done' Award for earning all Beaver badges

Edith Schofield of 1st Chertsey Bourne Beavers has successfully completed all 24 Beaver Activity Badges, including the badges phased out in 2015 and all of the new badges introduced in 2015, and 1 activity plus badge for completing the gardener's badge two years running. David Moore congratulated Edith as he awarded her last two badges at 1st Chertsey Scout Group AGM in September 2015. Edith has also earned her Chief Scout Bronze award and 12 staged activity badges.

Edith has been a Beaver Scout for 2 years and has been earning her badges at Beaver meetings, District Fun Days, and by taking part in other hobbies and completing badge projects at home for Beavers' Badge Show & Tell nights.



What was your favorite badge to earn?

"The Space Badge. I want to be an astronaut when I grow up. The Rosetta mission was sending Philae and we all learned about it at Beavers."

What was the hardest badge to earn?

"The Animal Friend Badge as I don't have a pet and I had to ask everyone on my road if I could look after their pets for them"

What made you want to earn all of the badges?

"I had got quite a lot of badges; I really liked getting them and seeing my arm fill up on my uniform. When I saw the new badges, I wanted to earn them too but some were actually a bit like homework, then I thought I could maybe be the first Beaver to get all of the badges so I finished them in the summer holidays.

I think it's really cool to be the first Beaver in Chertsey to get all the badges and I'd like to know if other Beavers have done it too?"

Edith starts Cubs in October 2015, she plans to start collecting all over again but she won't be the first to earn all the Cub activity badges in Chertsey. That was done by a Chertsey Cub last year!

Alexandra Schofield – BSL 1st Chertsey Bourne Beavers

Active Support Weekend Away

For the 21st annual weekend trip we went north, instead of our usual southerly visits, to Charlecote, a village in the sticks halfway between Stratford on Avon and Leamington Spa. After settling in on the Friday afternoon some visited the local garden centres or Charlecote House, the adjacent National Trust property. After dinner was the first quiz of weekend when we learnt such things as the favourite food of the Tongan rugby team, the necessities of the Jets American football team, and how many fingers the man who didn't had!



Saturday saw the whole party visiting Stratford, some touring city by boat, some walking and some on the open top bus.



The Bards house

Sunday was our traditional hike round the area, ending up as usual in a local hostelry for lunch. The local water mill was open on way back to hotel so we paid this a visit and by doing so missed the last flypast by the Vulcan bomber that had been laid on especially for us!



After a leisurely breakfast on the Monday, some went the few miles to Warwick Castle, others went off in search of the family "skeletons in the cupboard" seeking out details of a murderer in the family many years ago.

All in all, a great weekend, good weather, food and company.

George Kerr

Twinned Toilets

I'm slightly ashamed to say that there are bits of the Cub programme that don't fill me as a Leader with much enthusiasm, and arranging a session to 'Find out about the work of an International Charity' is one of those.

It just goes to show how wrong you can be. One of our dads works for Tearfund and was happy to come and talk to the Cubs and inspire them to spend one of their pack meetings trying to raise a bit of useful cash for the charity. His talk was factual, and fun, and, above all, thought provoking, and he ended with a challenge.....could we raise enough to twin one of our HQ toilets with one that Tearfund would build for a poor family in a community far away? He challenged us to imagine life without access to decent toilets, to clean water, to all the other things that we take for granted that keep us safe and healthy, and to consider the transformation that providing a loo would make to a family without one. And all for the amazingly small sum of £60! We thought we could do that – but we thought we'd aim to twin all three of the HQ toilets....could we raise £180?

So, two weeks later, we had arranged a bring and buy sale, a cake sale, a raffle, lots of games, a few challenges...doughnuts on strings (no hands!) and even a dad's hula hooping challenge. We got to work setting up at 6.30, invited the parents to return at 7.15 and join in, have some fun and spend some money and see how much we could raise by 8 o'clock...Just 45 minutes. The Cubs worked hard – selling toys, books, cakes and cosmetics, running the lucky dip and the raffle, encouraging everyone to have a go at shove ha'penny and the racing cars, nagging their dads and mums to try to top the leader board for the longest hula hooping, and serving many cups of tea and mugs of hot chocolate. The evening was

a great success and we beat our target and raised £211...three toilets and a bit more!

We now have certificates not only confirming that our toilets are twinned, with one in Bangladesh, one in Burundi and one in Pakistan, but giving us the precise longitude and latitude co-ordinates so that we can track them down on Google maps!

So next time you visit the HQ at 1st Egham Hythe, when you need to use the loo just take a moment to look at the certificates and imagine the lives that have been transformed by that gift of health and hygiene.

Mary Halls CSL 1st Egham Hythe Cubs

Andy's Notes

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a good summer break. Over the past few months it has been exciting to see leaders giving up their time taking young people to camp, thus helping them to experience one of the best parts of Scouting. Many of these camps echoed some of the old traditional camping skills and yet all the young people were having a great time.

The recent Sixer and Secunder camp also demonstrated how well people work as a team in Runnymede, something we must not lose sight of, for our future growth in the District is based on these values. I was also privileged to join the Active Support section for their annual weekend away; for it demonstrated that we also have a largely untapped resource in this team, and must not be afraid to use their knowledge and experience.

By the time you read this 1st Egham will have started their new Scout Troop – Congratulations to Ivan and his team. Over the course of this year I will be looking to all our groups to develop our under used resource of Young Leaders – these are our Leaders of the future and we must encourage and develop them at every opportunity.

At our last AGM I announced that following discussions with the County Commissioner that I would be retiring in June 2016. But after recent conversations with the Assistant County Commissioner Ian MacQueen, the County has rescinded their decision regarding a change of District Commissioner in Runnymede and has asked me if I would continue for the foreseeable future. I have without hesitation accepted, and would like to thank all those who helped me through this difficult time.

I look forward to seeing you at our many events over the coming year.

Andy Sainsbury-Brown District Commissioner

In Memoriam

You will have read in issue 185 of Scouting in Runnymede we reported the death of Eddie Maybury, a previous DC and Vice President.

We have now been informed his wife Hilda has also died on the 9th September aged 90. Hilda was CSL at 5th Addlestone for quite a while and also a Vice President of Runnymede Scouts.

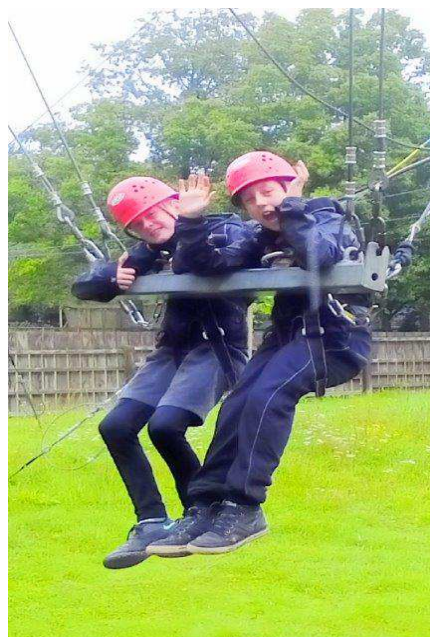
George Kerr

PGL Activity Weekend to the Isle of Wight

1st 4th Addlestone, 5th Addlestone and 1st Virginia Water Cubs arranged a trip to the PGL Activity Centre on the Isle of Wight and the adventure began.

On a sunny morning in August we set off on the coach to Portsmouth to catch the ferry to the Isle of Wight and the adventure began. Some Cubs hadn't been on a ferry before and to all of us this was a giant sea vessel and before we knew it our crossing was over, ready for the short trip to the PGL Centre at Wotton Creek.

Set in 48 acres of woodland on the banks of Wootton Creek, and with log cabin style accommodation, it would be easy to confuse Little Canada with the country from which it draws inspiration. Locations don't come much better than this and the site also has access direct to the water from the seafront.



We had a fantastic range of activities to choose from including high swing, zip wire, quad biking, canoeing and kayaking in the sea, fencing, archery range, team games and more.

The smiles on the faces of our Cubs really do show the fun we had.



Accommodation was great, no tent pitching as we slept in wooden log cabins with electricity, hot running water and comfortable bunk beds. Just as well when we saw the amount of luggage the Cubs had for the weekend!



Tom our PGL host for the weekend was great and was able to ensure the Cubs all had the best time, we all got to the activities on time and best of all we were all lined up for meal time and ready to eat "Toast" !

Sandra Wentworth- GSL & CSL 1st Virginia Water

1st Egham Hythe Beaver Scout sleepover

On Friday 25th and Saturday 26th September we held a sleepover at our Scout Hut; great excitement as they arrived. After organising tents we played games, had hot dogs and hot chocolate before holding a Camp Fire led by Mary Halls.

On Saturday after a brilliant breakfast (introducing most beavers to eggy bread) we walked up the road to catch the bus to Battersea Dogs Home (Windsor). We arrived and were split into two groups, one shown around the cats and one around the dogs; then we swapped. The cats were taking part in the Rugby World Cup as their 'homes' were decked out as the different countries.

We were taken to the main room and watched a video of the dogs available at that time and were told what the home does and why the dogs/cats are there. Then two Staffordshire puppies were brought up and we were all allowed to stroke them, they were so sweet.

We had a tour of the outside of the buildings and then had our lunch in the grounds.

Bus back to the Scout Hut, ice creams then back - more games including indoor curling incorporating mixed teams - very strategic playing especially the beavers.

Then home and chill.

Sally Doe – BSL 1st Egham Hythe Beavers

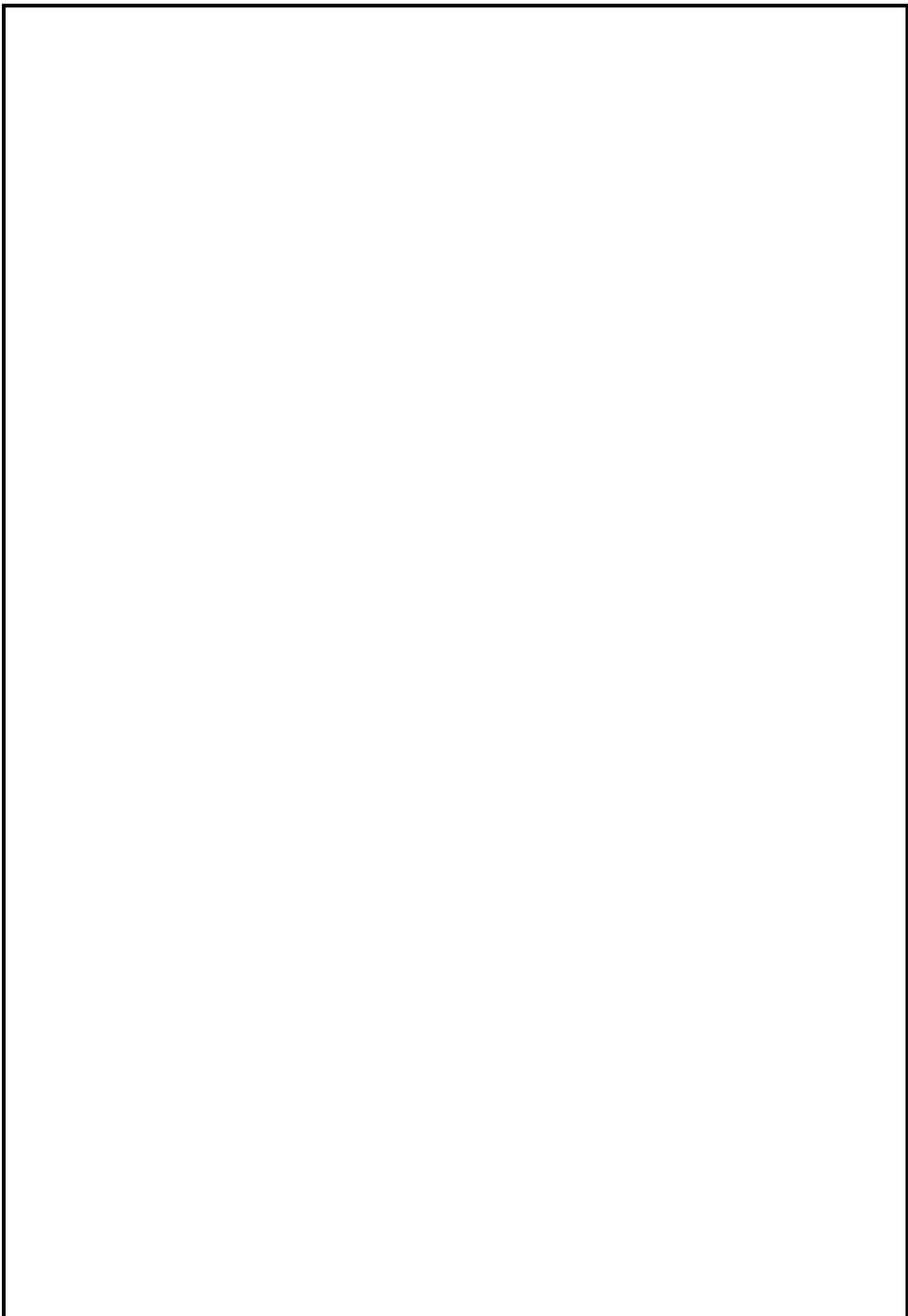
Comedians raised as much money as laughs for new Scout hut

A COMEDY fundraising event raised lots of laughs and money for the 1st Chertsey Scout Group on Saturday 17th October. Nick Root, of Barely Regal Crown Comedy, was back in Chertsey with another adult comedy night to raise money towards the Group's new HQ.

Comedians, including headliner Jonny Awsum, all took to the stage for an evening of superb comedy. The sell-out, 100-strong audience raised in total more than £4,600, with £1,000 alone from the Auction of the 'Money Can't Buy Prize' of a Tour of McLaren Woking with Rob Melville Chief Designer McLaren Automotive. Jonny Awsum 'exchanged' his fee for a signed photo of Brian May playing on the roof of Buckingham Palace during the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.



Stephen Di Placito (above), compere for the evening said: "Another top gig raising money for a great local cause, pleasure to mc great acts and tip of the hat to a top promoter [Nick Root](#). Everyone was full of praise and couldn't get enough of [Alistair Williams](#) Tom Holmes, [Alasdair Beckett-King](#) and [Jonny Awsum.](#)"



[Nick Root](#) replied: "Fantastic comedy night for 1st Chertsey Scout Group. Lots of money raised and we had a ball doing it. Many thanks go to those that organized it and to all our fabulous comedians. From the charismatic compere Stephen Di Placito, to the amazing Alistair Williams, the tremendous Tom Holmes the astounding Alasdair Beckett-King and the jubilant and jolly Jonny Awsum. It was a perfect night with such a great atmosphere from the sell-out crowd"

The comedy night was held at the 1st Chertsey Scout Group Hut, in Ford Road, Fordwater Trading Estate Chertsey.

The next fundraising event will be the 'Fireworks Display and Bonfire' Night at Chertsey Cricket Club on Saturday November 7th with gates open at 5:30pm.

Brian Perry

District Diary 2015-2016

Changes and additions shown in red

November 2015

Fri 13th	Cubs Night Hike
Fri 27 th	Scouts Night Hike

December 2015 (School ends 18th)

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

January 2016 (School starts 4th)

Sat 16 th	Active Support Dinner
Sun 24 th	Scouts A to Z Challenge
Sat 30 th	Cubs Big Splash

February 2016 (Half term 15th to 19th)

Tue 8 th	District Executive meeting
Sun 28 th	Scouts Cooking Competition

March 2016 (School ends 24th)

Sun 6 th	Cubs Cooking Competition
Sun 13 th	Beavers Badge day
Sat 19 th	Chief Scout Gold Award Reception (Runnymede Host)
Sun 20 th	Scouts Shooting.

April 2016 (School starts 11th)

Sat 9 th	Adult & Young Leader skills day
Sat 16 th	Active Support St Georges Dinner
Thur 21st	St George's day Rehearsal
Sun 24 th	St George's day Parade

May 2016

Sat 14 th	Cub Fishing Competition
Sun 15 th	Beaver Ramble about
Mon 16 th	District Executive meeting
Fri 20 th	Scouts Football

June 2016 (Half term 30th May to 3rd June)

Sat 11 th	Scout Fishing Competition
Sun 12 th	Beaver Paddle day
Sat 18 th	Cubs SCRAM 2016
Thur 30th	District AGM

July 2016 (School ends 22nd)

Mon 18 th	District Executive meeting
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August 2016

September 2016 (School starts 5th)

Fri 16 th to Sun 18 th	District Centenary Cub Camp / Beaver Celebration
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October 2016 (Half Term 24th to 28th)

Fri 9 th to Mon 12 th	Active Support Weekend Away
Mon 17 th	District Executive meeting

November 2016

December 2016 (School ends 21st)

Sat 3 rd	Cubs Big Day Out
Wed 7 th	Cubs Christingle Centenary Service

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

On Saturday 24th October Leaders from Runnymede raised £806.00 in Chertsey.

Winners!!!

Winner of best article in Scouting in Runnymede in the over 15 category is **Alexandra Schofield** BSL 1st Chertsey. Well done, it was a difficult choice. Please contact Andy Sanisbury-Brown for your Prize. As there were no articles submitted for the 15 and under age group, the prize will be carried over for the future.

Editor.

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