

Scouting in Runnymede

District Scout Shoot

The day started around 9:30 when we arrived at the Scout hut. We registered before being told what team we were in and in which lane we would be shooting. The teams were made up of around five people, selected from the groups of ten that were representing their Scout groups. I was placed in team Egham Hythe A. By 10 o'clock every team had arrived and we waited outside under a marquee containing tea, coffee and sandwiches. While the teams shot we entertained ourselves by playing bulldog as the weather was good.

The first target was a standard target; a circle with a black centre and as the afternoon progressed we moved on to different targets, the second being five miniature versions of the previous target spread out. It was harder to achieve a higher score as the black centre was much smaller. After a few more rounds of that target we moved on to the trickiest of all, a polo suspended by a piece of string; this is the hardest target. We were given three shots to hit the target, the least shots you used the more points you got. My team was the last team to shoot, and after a few minutes we were called back in to find out the scores. They started with the individual scores, in the 11 to 12 category. Zack Reed from 2nd Thorpe won and in the 13 to 15 category, I won with 121 points.



Tom Stuart (left) & Zack Reed

They then moved on to the team categories, in which my team, Egham Hythe A won with 97 points; far in front of Egham Hythe B which scored 90 points. Overall the day was enjoyable and I thank the leaders for organizing it.

Tom Stuart - Scout 1st Egham Hythe



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Going for Gold

On Saturday 19th March nearly 70 Scouts and Explorer Scouts from across Surrey, together with their parents, friends and leaders, gathered at the Addlestone Community Centre for the Chief Scout's Gold Award presentation evening. Unfortunately, although it was Runnymede's turn to host this County event, we had no candidates on this occasion. With over 300 guests, the centre was packed to capacity.

The evening began with a reception and refreshments organised by the Active Support Unit. Catering for so many on a restricted budget must have been a logistical nightmare but all we saw were happy, smiling faces.



The formal proceedings in the Tulk Hall were opened by Ryan Boast, Young Leader at 1st Chertsey and one of our Jamboree representatives, who read the opening prayer. Andy Sainsbury-Brown introduced the platform party and gave the obligatory health and safety notices, before the Deputy Mayor of Runnymede, Councillor Alan Anderson, welcomed everyone to Runnymede and apologised for meeting in the middle of a building site. (For those unfamiliar with Addlestone, the town centre is undergoing a major redevelopment.) The other members of the platform party were Roxanna Bostock, County Commissioner, undertaking her last formal engagement before stepping down from the position, Paul Iverson, ACC Scouts, and the guest of honour, Major Rob Marshall, Royal Logistics Corps, resplendent in his dress uniform.



Rob Marshall presented each award recipient with a certificate before making a short speech drawing the parallels between the values of Scouting and those of the British Army – he had been a Cub Scout and four out of five of his superior officers had been in Scouting. David Breakwell then spoke about the opportunities available in Explorer Scouts – an impressive

performance given that he only had a few minutes' notice.

The proceedings were wound up with an audio presentation showing some of the achievements of the award winners, and with the County Commissioner and Councillor Shannon Saise-Marshall receiving bouquets from Ryan and Andy.



The facilities at the Addlestone Community Centre were ideal and a lot of people contributed to make for a successful and enjoyable evening. As well as members of the Active Support Unit providing the catering, David Breakwell and members of the Phoenix ESU manned the car park. David also arranged the display stands. Our three Vice-Presidents acted as marshals and Alan Bostock was the "official" photographer. Mike Wilson, President of 1st/₄th Addlestone and a member of the Addlestone Community Association executive committee was on hand to show us the ropes and put away the tiered seating. Our thanks go to them all.

Richard Mason (for the District Executive Committee)

The Cubs Centenary is now a stone's throw away



As a souvenir that may last the test of time we decided to decorate some pebbles. There were some mixed results, as always, but when they were varnished they all looked OK. Perhaps in years to come they may find these lurking in the back of a cupboard and remember that they were there during the Cub's centenary year.

Gareth Jenkins CSL - 1st/₄th Addlestone Tigers

Explorer Leader gains Queens Scout Award

Congratulations to Sam Lacey, AESL of the combined Endeavour/Intrepid Explorer unit, who has gained his Queen Scout Award at his former District of Burnley & Pendle in East Lancashire.



Sam has been an AESL in the District since autumn 2014 and has recently undertaken the promotion of 'Youth Shape Scouting' within the Unit, as well as encouraging the young people to participate in the Queen Scout & Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes. Sam received his award from Prince Michael of Kent at Windsor Castle on Sunday 24th April. Well done Sam and many thanks for your dedication and commitment to Explorer Scouting in Runnymede.

Malcolm McGahan – DESC

Congratulations also go to Oscar Chandler and Aidan MacDonald both from 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub pack on gaining their Chief Scouts Silver Award.

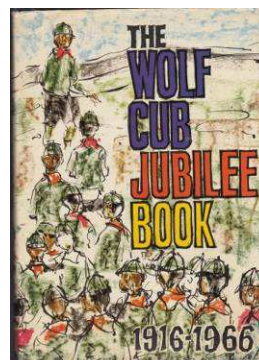
Grants

Runnymede Borough Council has once more made provision of £1,500 for capital grant aid for Scouting in the financial year 2016/17. Applications for grant aid should be sent to me by email by **Thursday 30th June** to enable the District Executive Committee to consider applications at its July meeting. The email should set out briefly the amount and the purpose for which the grant is required and confirm that gift aid claims are up to date. The grants are on a match funded basis which means that the group would need to provide the other 50%. In the year 2015/16 the RBC grant of £1,500 was allocated towards the purchase of camping equipment as follows: 5th Addlestone £120, 1st Egham £600, 1st Egham Hythe £223 and 2nd New Haw £399. The balance of £158 was towards buying the District's second feather banner.

Richard Mason – District Treasurer

History Corner - a look back 50 Years to the Cubs Jubilee

50 years ago I was a member of 1st Malden Cubs and was a proud Wolf Cub. A year or so after I joined we became extinct and morphed into Cub Scouts. When you look through the Jubilee Book you realise just how much things have changed and are still changing. I'll keep my thoughts on that to myself. Mind you, Bob-a-Job week can stay in the past. There were 12,000 cub packs back then, fewer than 8,000 now. Sir Charles Maclean of Duart was the Chief Scout back in 1966; I wonder how much time he spent in the jungle eating spiders? The book cost 10/6d which was probably expensive back then.





The other picture was obviously taken on the way to a pack meeting on a summer evening. It must have been early days as I not reached the dizzy heights Sixer of Blue Six and weighed down with those double yellow bands we had. Note Clarkes Sandals, standard summer-wear, hand in pocket clutching weekly subs and a cap that may have fitted somebody else, not me!





Quiz Questions? How much is 10/6d in decimal and what make are the 3 cars you can see. Answers on a post card to: Willy the Wolf Cubs (rtd).

An Old Wolf stuck in a time warp

RUNNYMEDE DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT


FRIDAY, MAY 13TH 2016
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

CUBS 7-A-SIDE
SCOUTS 6-A-SIDE
Cost: £3 per player
Adults: £1 admission
Deadline for entrants:
April 29th 2016

KICK OFF
6:30 - 9:00
The Laithwaite
Community Stadium,
Woking
GU22 9AA

The kids can use the changing rooms, sit in the dugouts and play on a professional pitch under floodlights!



Bourne Copse

Bourne Copse is open for business for another season. We spent a morning there two weeks ago clearing fallen trees with Steve Valiant and his trusted chain saw (there is plenty of wood available for fires). For those of you that don't know about it here we go.

We have a terrific bluebell wood all to ourselves between Lyne ad Virginia Water. It is ideal for wide games fire lighting and bivouacking. It costs nothing to use and a number of groups from inside and outside the district have taken advantage of it over the years. If you want to come down and have a look you can call Carol Reeves on 01344 843748 and she will arrange to meet you and give you a tour. We have a set of user instructions that we can send you if required. Facilities are basic as in there aren't any, so you will need to bring your own water..... despite this it really is a great venue to do things with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

For more information call Carol Reeves on 01344 843748

District Diary 2015-2016

Changes and additions shown in red

May 2016

<p>Fri 13th Sat 14th Sun 15th Mon 16th Sat 21st</p>	<p>Cubs & Scouts Football Cub Fishing Competition Beaver Ramble About District Executive meeting Adult & Young Leader skills day</p>
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June 2016

(Half term 30th May to 3rd June)

<p>Sat 11th Sun 12th Sat 18th Thur 30th</p>	<p>Scout Fishing Competition Beaver Paddle day Cubs SCRAM 2016 District AGM</p>
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July 2016

(School ends 22nd)

<p>Sat 16th Mon 18th</p>	<p>Beaverabout District Executive meeting</p>
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August 2016

September 2016

(School starts 5th)

<p>Fri 16th to Sun 18th Sun 25th</p>	<p>District Centenary Cub Camp / Beaver Celebration Scouts Rafting</p>
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October 2016

(Half Term 24th to 28th)

<p>Fri 7th to Mon 10th Sun 16th Mon 17th</p>	<p>Active Support Weekend Away County Cubs Cooking Competition District Executive meeting</p>
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November 2016

December 2016

(School ends 21st)

<p>Sat 3rd Wed 7th</p>	<p>Cubs Big Day Out Cubs Christingle Centenary Service</p>
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