

Scouting in Runnymede

Wood Badges Galore!

At the District AGM on the 30th June, 5 Leaders were presented with their Wood Badge; these are awarded at the completion of training in a particular section.



Left to right :-

David Breakwell (District Section Leader), Jeffery Liddiard (ASL 1st Egham Hythe), Steve Turner (GSL 1st Egham Hythe), Katy Halls (ACSL 1st Egham Hythe), Louise Liddiard (ABSL 1st Egham Hythe) and Joe Rogerson County Commissioner who presented the awards.

There were also 2 long service awards presented to Alex Couzens (District Quartermaster) 20 Years and Victoria Coombes (ABSL 1st/4th Addlestone) 5 years.

Scout Survival Camp 2016

1st Virginia Water and 2nd Thorpe Scouts spent the bank holiday weekend on Scout camp at Walton Firs Activity centre camp site in Cobham. This year it was the turn of 1st Virginia Water Scout Leaders to arrange and run the camp. We had a great time with fantastic weather. The Scouts had to camp for survival, so after learning the ropes last year, the challenge was to set up their own camp.



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When they arrived all the equipment and tents were still packed so they had to pitch their tents and dining shelters and collect water. The next major task was collecting and chopping wood to make their open cooking fires, scan the site for suitable wood and track down the wood pile and brick supply.



The Scouts were given a set of ingredients to cook their Saturday breakfast, evening meal "Cowboy mince with baked potatoes", and a full "English" for Sunday breakfast. It was quite amazing to see how many variations there are on cooking mince and veg. It was boiled, steamed, or fried. One patrol cooked it on water, one chucked all the raw ingredients straight into the billy-can and another perfectly softened the onions & browned the mince, but we have to say all concoctions tasted delicious! The troops did really well to pull together as patrols and we are so proud of their efforts and how they coped over the weekend.

We took part in the onsite activities... an adventure course, caving, orienteering and rifle shooting, as well as having Scouts own time in the surrounding woods. This year we invited our Explorer Young Leaders to help run the camp and teach the Scouts whittling, the use of axes and saws, knots and to share with them their knowledge and skills they learnt as Scouts. And

we now have more aspiring Young Leaders soon to follow in their footsteps. It was great to see the two troops gel together and make new friends.

Sandra Wentworth - GSL 1st Virginia Water

Farm to Fork **1st/4th Addlestone Spinney Hill** **Beavers**

On Thursday 12th May 2016 1st/4th Addlestone Spinney Hill Beavers visited Tesco's Addlestone for Farm to Fork learning. A very nice lady, called Jane looked after us.

Firstly, we did an activity which showed us where our food came from. We had to look at the food packages and write down the name of the food and the country it came from. Next we held a whole fish! I think it was a big mackerel, we all wore big blue gloves and looked funny. The fishmonger showed us how to cut it open and take out its heart and lungs (to gut it). It was a bit yucky disgusting but interesting to see. Some Beavers went 'ughhhhh that's disgusting!'. We also saw different cheeses and we tried some, there was a smelly garlic one and an applewood cheese - they were tasty.



Our next stop was the bakery area and we saw a cheesy bread and a white bread, again we tried some. Jane then took us behind the big doors to the back of the store to the big freezers where everything is kept - we could walk inside them. The first one was chilly but the next one was freezing! In the chilly freezer there were pizzas, chocolate and milk, and in the freezing one there were chips, peas and ice creams.



Afterwards we were taken to the Managers office - where we filled out our activity packs.

Tesco kindly gave us some water, an apple and some stickers. It was very interesting and we had lots of fun learning.

Thank you Addlestone Tesco's - can we come again please?!

Finley Warren – Beaver Scout
1st/4th Addlestone Spinney Hill Beavers

Camp Fires and Doughnuts

On a perfect early Summer Evening (remember them!) we were joined by Cubs from Virginia Water for an evening of fire lighting followed by camp doughnuts.



We decided to make three different types of fire to see which one worked best; Pyramid, Lean-To and Tepee. They all worked hard in their teams and when alight it was a close run thing as they were all burned really well, but was a Lean-To that eventually won. The wind was blowing from the East, away from the motorway, so no problems with drifting smoke and no Cubs were damaged.

We then started on the doughnuts and as we know, these are probably well up there in the list of the most unhealthy foods! Jam Sandwich, covered in batter, deep fried and then covered in sugar. The Cubs love them! Some came back for seconds and one or two enquired about thirds but that was pushing it, even for them. There was enough left for us Leaders to have one as well, which is unusual. Throughout the whole evening all the leaders worked really hard and with excellent teamwork all the tidying, washing up, etc. was completed on time. You can see from the picture, it was like a feeding station; helping them make the doughnuts, cooking over the very hot BBQs, serving the finished article and supplying a drink!



As we know, meeting prep is everything for an evening like this. Sandra brought all the ingredients for the doughnuts, I had all the components for the fire lighting, including what was left of three fence panels of mine % Storm Katie – saved a visit to the tip! We did this evening a couple of years ago and practice makes perfect as we know. Thanks to Sandra and her team from Virginia Water for making it such a successful and fun evening.

Gareth Jenkins CSL 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers

Road Safety Night

On 25th May, the last meeting before half term, we welcomed some special visitors.



Horace and his handler Jacqui had been invited to attend, complete with their RAC van, to talk to the Cubs about road safety. After some introductions, the evening commenced with a relay race in 4 teams, each racing to put the correct road sign with its description. Suitably excited, the Cubs were then given a tour of the van, and allowed to get all the lights flashing before discussing why it is so important that you can see both wing mirrors of any vehicle you are walking behind, especially vans and lorries.

Next up came in-car safety, and the new laws governing who needs to be using a booster seat in the car. Surprisingly we found quite a few who should have been using one and weren't! Correct seat belt positioning followed, and the Cubs were asked to demonstrate, using rolls of tape and willing victims, or Leaders, as we are otherwise known. Suffice to say Akela was very secure by the end of this activity....



The evening finished off with a run through of all the different types of road crossing; we never knew there were so many. A wonderful evening and a huge

thank you to Rikki for contacting the RAC and arranging for them to come along. We all loved it.

Alan Tiller - CSL 2nd Thorpe

District Diary 2015-2016

Changes and additions shown in red

July 2016

(School ends 22nd)

Sat 16 th	Beaverabout
Mon 18 th	District Executive meeting

August 2016

September 2016

(School starts 5th)

Fri 16 th to Sun 18 th	District Centenary Cub Camp / Beaver Celebration
Sun 25 th	Scouts Rafting

October 2016

(Half Term 24th to 28th)

Fri 7 th to Mon 10 th	Active Support Weekend Away
Sun 16 th	County Cubs Cooking Competition
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

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