

# Scouting in Runnymede

## In the Footsteps of "Hillary & Tenzing"

Two Chertsey Scout Leaders have achieved their goal of following in the footsteps of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, and reached Everest Base Camp as part of a fundraising trek to raise money for a new 1<sup>st</sup> Chertsey group HQ, in Staines Lane.



*Edmund Hillary*

*Tenzing Norgay*

Group Scout Leader David Moore and fellow group member Perry Burton embarked on the 16-day round-trip hike to Everest Base Camp from the drop-off zone in Lukla, and reached the goal of base camp at 5,550 meters on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. David wrote on Facebook: "We did it! At 1.15pm we trekked into Base Camp. What a feeling".



*Perry Burton*

*David Moore*

David, who has been involved with scouting in Chertsey for most of his life, lost more than four-and-a-half stone in weight and got his fitness levels to a standard ahead of completing the trek. Continued:.....



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He was persuaded to take on the momentous trek by Perry who recently resumed involvement with 1<sup>st</sup> Chertsey Scout Group after an 18 year break, and prior to this had been involved with the group for more than 20 years.

They set off on the trek on November 13<sup>th</sup> and after walking 5 to 12 hours a day, gradually ascended the mountain over a week, managing the altitude and freezing temperatures. They were joined on their journey by their mascot, called "Knitted Dave"



David added: "It's been a real challenge but an enjoyable one for me. I would just like to say a huge thank you to all those who sponsored Perry & me. We have now raised just over £15,500. For both of us it was a trip of a lifetime; we witnessed some absolutely stunning scenery, were led by a brilliant team of Sherpas and found the Nepalese people very friendly and warming to us all. Without the fantastic leadership of the Sherpas, especially Tensi, we would not have made it as it was more difficult than we both expected, but 14 of the 16 in the group made it to Base Camp. One of the highlights for me was the 5am start, the day after base camp when we reached the summit of Kala Phattar at 5550m, watching the sunrise over Everest."

Anyone still wishing to sponsor the adventurous pair can still make a donation, follow Virgin Money JustGiving link from:  
[www.1stchertseyscoutgroup.com](http://www.1stchertseyscoutgroup.com)

**Editor**

### **Be Prepared – for a Gas Attack in Chertsey?**

We asked Chertsey Museum to prepare an evening based around the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War to follow on from our Remembrance Day activities. As

always they came up trumps and a very interesting talk around the local bomb map (did you know a V2 Rocket landed in The Meads and you can still see the crater) was followed by a very clever Gas Mask activity.



The results were a little spooky, something out of Dr Who or maybe even the Pink Floyd video of Another Brick in the Wall. Finally there was an activity based on finding clues around the Museum; basically running around and up and down the stairs with leaders placed at strategic points. Some cubs found the dressing up area and one ended up dressed as Dick Turpin, a bit of a surprise when he appeared! We visit the museum regularly and they always work so hard to ensure we have an interesting evening, inside or outside.

**Gareth Jenkins**  
**1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack**

### **Congratulations**

We start this edition's announcements with the birth of Peggy Iris Valiant, daughter of Stephen and Katie Valiant. Her name is already on the Beaver's waiting list for 1<sup>st</sup> Chertsey.

Steven Turner GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe has been awarded the Bar to Medal of Merit, and Stephen Valiant ADC Cub Scouts has received the Award of Merit.

The following have achieved Long Service Awards:

David Taylor - Scout Active Support - 60 yrs.  
Gareth Jenkins – CSL 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone – 20 yrs.  
Nick Reeves – Water Activities Advisor - 20 yrs.  
Malcolm McGahan – ex Explorer Scout Commissioner – 15 yrs.  
Zoe Coombs – ABSL 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone – 5 yrs.

### **Take note!**

Does everybody receive Surrey Scout update monthly – just go to the Surrey Scouts website and follow the links.

## 100 and Counting

On the 16th December at exactly 7:16 pm we renewed our promise with our friends from Virginia Water. George Kerr came down as our special visitor (longest serving Wolf Cub in the district.....a bit longer than me, I can only manage 50 years and I was in Kingston District with 1st Malden so maybe that doesn't count? I had to admit I was a Wolf Cub during the Golden Jubilee when we morphed into Cub Scouts)



We played one of the oldest cub games with staves, made some special spinners and even fitted in making a Christingle and singing Silent Night. Oh, and singing happy birthday with some special cakes. Phew. Not a bad finish to the year that has included SCRAM and the Centenary Camp. Can 2017 beat that lot? I'm sure we'll have a good go at it!



**Gareth Jenkins & Sandra Timbs-Wentworth**  
1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers & 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water

## District Diary 2017

*Changes and additions shown in red*

### January 2017

*(School starts 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts Winter Camp
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Post
	Christmas Dinner
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Big Splash

### February 2017

*(Half term 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>)*

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Cooking Competition
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive meeting
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Archery Competition
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Active Support 9Pin Bowling</b>

### March 2017

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Activity Badge day
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Cooking Comp
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Shooting Competition

### April 2017

*(Easter Holiday 31<sup>st</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> April)*

Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Georges Day Rehearsal
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Active Support St Georges Dinner.</b>
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Georges Day Parade
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Fishing Comp

### May 2017

*(Half term 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June)*

<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National Archery Comp</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive meeting
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Rambleabout
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Beavers Go Wild, County
	Beaver Camp
<b>TBC</b>	Scout Five a Side football
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cub Football Comp</b>

### June 2017

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Fun Day / Leaders Camp
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Fishing Comp
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	District AGM

### July 2017

*(Summer Holidays Start 21<sup>st</sup>)*

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Beaverabout
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Scoutabout
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive meeting

### August 2017.

<b>TBC</b>	<b>Active Support Archery/BBQ</b>
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### September 2017

*(School Starts 4<sup>th</sup>)*

<b>TBC</b>	Scouts Cardboard Rafting
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	District Cub Camp

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