

Scouting in Runnymede

First District Scouts Archery Competition

On Sunday 19th February 46 Scouts from across the District took part in, what is hoped to become an annual event, the Scouts Archery Competition. It was open to all Scouts whether they had fired a bow before or not. Taking place in the main hall of 1st/4th Addlestone HQ, the Scouts arrived at their allotted times and were given a safety briefing, before squaring up to the butts.



The Scouts were split into two age groups, under and over 12. The winner of the under 12's was Edward Tomlinson of 1st Englefield Green with 62 points, and in the over 12 age group there was a tie for first place with Daniel Jones of 1st Ottershaw and Matthew Phillips of 1st Englefield Green both scoring 65 points.

Many thanks to the District Archery team for running the event, and to Dawn Holmwood and David Breakwell for the scoring, and not least, members of the Active Support for refreshments throughout the day.

Editor

Census Tops 1000!

The latest census shows an overall increase in the number of young people involved of 5.5%, with all sections showing an increase. Beavers now 220, Cubs 325, Scouts 218 and Explorers, including Young Leaders at 59. Including Leaders and other adults (but excluding occasional helpers) there are now, for the first time ever, over **1000** people involved in Scouting in Runnymede. Congratulations to all who have helped achieve these figures and thanks to those who got their data in so promptly.

With more young people wanting uniforms etc the work load for Andy and the District Shop has increased considerably. The profits benefit both District and the Groups who use it. Could you help in any way, visiting sections, getting orders, distribution, etc? Please give Andy a ring.

Please be aware that on the District web site there is a comprehensive list of equipment which is in the District and available at very reasonable hire charges. Charges and how to order are with the list.

George Kerr – District Secretary



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Treasury Notes

Good news about capitation! At a recent District Executive Committee meeting it was decided to make no change in the District's capitation, so in 2017-18 it will remain at £6.50, having dropped from £8.10 in 2015-16. The profits from the District shop make a valuable contribution to the District's finances of about 50p per head, as well as giving rebates back to Groups. Thanks, Andy, for all your sterling efforts.

The bad news is that HQ and County's capitations are going up by £1 and 50p respectively, so the total capitation will be £41 for the coming year. The breakdown is as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
HQ	21.00	25.50	26.50
County	5.80	7.50	8.00
District	8.10	6.50	6.50
Total	£34.90	£39.50	£41.00

Remember that from 2016-17 capitation has only been payable for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Young Leaders.

Invoices based on the new census numbers will be sent to Group Treasurers in early March.

Richard Mason – District Treasurer

You Shaped Month

#YouShape

February acts as the perfect time for me to write my first piece for this newsletter, due to it being #YouShape Month, in which Runnymede participated, through the signing of the Bronze Pledges. However I understand there has been some confusion over what exactly Youth Shaped Scouting (YSS) is, and so I would like to try and explain briefly the main points to it.

The idea of the #YouShape Month is to kick off the year with a whole month dedicated to YSS, and to launch the aims of the year, which this year are: Programme, Leadership, Management and Governance.

YSS is not a new concept but one that has been given more focus in line with achieving the aims of Vision 2018. It is about young people shaping their Scouting experience in partnership with leaders, to gain the most out of it. On top of that it is about keeping young people interested and

involved in Scouting to allow them to become the leaders of the future both at section level, but also county and regional level.

YSS shouldn't be seen as something to make lives harder, if anything easier. In terms of programme planning, the young people should guide their own programme through ideas and suggestions, which then the leadership team can combine with their ideas to produce a programme that everyone is happy to run and participate in. It can also include:

Beavers: Each lodge picking the next game, or activity out of a choice of ones the leaders are happy to run.

Cubs: Choosing the badges to work on for next term, again out of a choice of ones the leaders are happy and confident to run.

Scouts: Opportunity to run a takeover night, where a patrol plans and runs the evening with guidance and support from the leaders. Alternatively, on a weeklong camp each patrol plans and runs the activity for each evening or patrol leaders leading the campfire.

Explorers: Organizing and planning their own camp, again with guidance from leaders.

Looking forward YSS is also about starting to introduce young people to leadership roles but also executive roles within Scouting. One way to easily do this is the "Wear the Necker" activity. It gives the young people a chance to experience what it is like to be a Section Leader, GSL, Group Chair, or even a DC! More information can be found online, but it would be fantastic at some point this year, for a selection of young people to want to take part in this, and I would be happy to hand over my necker, and know Andy would be happy to do the same.



COOL WALL

RESOURCES NEEDED

-  Blu-tack
-  Flipchart paper
-  Images of badges
-  Sticky notes or labels

To prepare for this activity write a variety of activities on a sheet of labels or sticky notes and leave some blank for the Young People to fill in, or you can print off and cut out images of the section's badges. These can be activities and badges you have already done or brand new ones.

Next, set up your cool wall by pinning up four large headings - seriously cool, cool, uncool and seriously uncool (you can choose your own headings if you prefer).



Working in groups, give each a set of the pre-labelled sticky notes or badge images. Explain that the Patrol Leader should lead the discussion on each activity, trying to let each young person express their opinion. Young Leaders and leaders should be on hand to assist if they feel that they need some help.

When the group has come to an agreement on the activity or badge, one of the young people should attach it to the appropriate part of the cool wall.

At the end, show the whole section the cool wall and highlight any obvious trends right away.

TIME

15 - 20 mins

One meeting

OUTCOME

A great way of reviewing badges and activities or finding out what to do next in your programme.

BADGE LINKS



Find out more at...
scouts.org.uk/youshape

In terms of addressing leadership, management and governance, the easiest way is to organize and run forums. They can be as formal or informal as you like, and the amount of forums you run is up to you, but the most important thing is the ideas and opinions generated are actioned by the leaders, because how do we know what young people want to do if we don't ask them?

YSS is not a new thing, and, from reading this I hope you all agree that Runnymede has already been doing it and doing it well! However there are still some areas to improve on which, through working together, and with a few easy changes over time, will make Runnymede Scouting the best it can be! I look forward to this and working with you all to achieve it over the next few years. To make it easier for leaders there is now a dedicated area on the Scouts website which has advice, activity packs for each section, templates, and resources for you all to use.

For those on Facebook please look out for the new Runnymede YSS page which should be live within a few weeks. It will allow for you all to submit photos and activities of YSS taking place, as well as myself being able to advertise new activities and information, reducing the amount of emails having to be sent! If you have any other questions please let me know, and I will do my best to answer and action them.

"The more responsibility a scout master gives his patrol leaders the more they will respond." RBP

Andrew Selwyn – District Youth Commissioner

They came from the land down-under



In January we had a visit by two Cubs from Mareeba Scout Group, near Cairns, Queensland, Australia. It wasn't on the off chance, they are cousins of Katie. An interesting comparison in

uniforms, their version is perhaps more suited to life in (nearly) the tropics. At the end of the meeting I invested a new Cub and for many years I have told them about the Membership (world) Badge and for once I could actually prove everybody in Scouting wears it as the boys had theirs!

They gave me a set of badges including their Centenary version. Buzz Lightyear would have been pleased, not 'too infinity and beyond' just the more down to earth 'future'. I swapped a set of ours and during their first meeting back Joshua did a 'show and tell' and explained what they all stood for. We are planning to do some linking so the Cubs can keep in touch.



All in all a very interesting evening; they even saluted when we broke a slightly different flag! I will be in Cairns in December, so perhaps I'll pop in and find out what Cub meetings 'down there' are like!

**Gareth Jenkins -
1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack**

District Diary 2017

Changes and additions shown in red

March 2017

Sat 11th Beaver Activity Badge Day
Sat 18th Cub Cooking Comp
Sun 19th Scout Shooting Competition

April 2017

(Easter Holiday 31st March to 18th April)

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

May 2017

(Half term 29th May to 2nd June)

Fri 5th to Sun 7th National Archery Comp
Mon 8th District Executive meeting
Fri 12th Cub Football Comp
Sun 14th Beaver Rambleabout
Sun 14th 1st Response Course
Sat 20th to Sun 21st Beavers Go Wild, County
Beaver Camp
TBC Scout Five a Side football

June 2017

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

July 2017

(Summer Holidays Start 21st)

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

August 2017.

TBC Active Support Archery/BBQ

September 2017

(School Starts 4th)

TBC Scouts Cardboard Rafting
Fri 15th to Sun 17th District Cub Camp

October 2017

Fri 13th to Mon 16th Active Support Weekend away.
Sat 21st 1st Response Course

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St Georges Day Parade & Service

Please note that this year's service is at St John's Egham and will start 30 minutes later than usual at 15.30 pm.