

# Scouting in Runnymede

## Chief Scouts Gold Award

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3 Scouts (now Explorers) were presented with their Chief Scouts Gold Award. The ceremony took place in Ashted, Surrey with the presentation of certificates being made by the Chairman of Surrey County Council Mrs. Sally Marks alongside the County Commissioner Joe Rogerson.



*Thomas Sterry, Charlie Hart & Elliot Marsh-King.*

All three Scouts have continued in Explorers and are also working as Young Leaders.

## Andy's Notes (or the ramblings of our DC)

Scouting in Runnymede are record breakers - TRUE, with thanks to all Leaders and helpers in Runnymede we have broken the magic 1000 barrier for the first time. When I took over as DC I promised the then County Commissioner we would hit this goal. For the last seven years we have been up year on year breaking records each year and now this great news.

The last edition saw notes from our new Youth Commissioner. This month I am pleased to advise you as some are already aware; we have now restructured Explorers to plan for the next level of growth. Thanks to David Breakwell we have now re launched Explorers at 1st Virginia Water and shortly plan to do the same at 1st Chertsey complete with a D of E focused section under the helm of Malcolm McGahan. 2017 is promising to be another exciting year with Jamboree selections looming, and Scoutabout for starters. As you all know I have always believed Scouting should be value for money and thanks to Richard Mason and the Executive, Runnymede has for 7th Year running, held its portion of Capitation and I plan for us to continue to do so.

In order to continue our growth please watch for further news of changes in the coming months to help us move forward to make Runnymede the best District in the County. Please keep doing the great Scouting you all do.

Hope to see you all at District AGM. (June 27<sup>th</sup>)

Thank you

**Andy Sainsbury-Brown - District Commissioner**



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## Scout's Shooting Competition

The second District Scout's shooting competition took place at the Egham Hythe Headquarters on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Teams from 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haw, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thorpe and 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia water all took part. After 5 rounds of shooting at various types of targets, and a lone "Polo", 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe A emerged as overall winners.



*Benjamin Pudney, Ronnie Pen, James Smith, Patrick Pemberton and William Perry.*

The final placings were in order as follows:-  
1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thorpe A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thorpe B,  
1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe B, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haw A, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haw B & 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water.

Top Gun of the day was Ronnie Pen from 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe.



Well done to all the competitors who made it a good fun enjoyable competition.

**Steve Turner.**

## Beavers World Faith Badge

On 8<sup>th</sup> March the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water Beavers spent the evening at St. Peters Church, Chertsey. Malcolm Loveday, the Tower Captain, told us of the history of the Church and showed us the bells. Later we were able to take a closer look by climbing the bell tower and hearing the bells being rung. The visit was fascinating and the Beavers wrote up their visit to complete part of their Faith Activity Badge.

*'For our World Faith Badge we visited this very old, beautiful church. It was an incredible church and the kind priest talked to us about the history. All the Beavers thought this was very interesting. Next we learned how to ring the bells. I felt like the INCREDIBLE HULK ringing the heaviest bell (which weighed 1 tonne). Then we climbed the exciting spiral staircase to the top of the tower where we saw the enormous bells. It was a very exciting day.'*

**Amelia**



*'Last Wednesday we went to St. Peters Church in Chertsey with Beavers. I liked the signal downstairs for the bells to ring upstairs. We saw the music box and we went up the ladder to see the bells. We even saw the biggest one. I was so scared I was about to cry and my eyes were watering. I felt better once I got downstairs and got home.'*

**Ollie**

*'When I was at Beavers one night we went to a Church and a man talked about the Church and I was very excited. It was St. Peters Church and it was in Chertsey. And then we rang the bells and one of the bells was so hard to pull down that we all started to pull on it. And then we split into 2 groups and one group went up a humongous tower! And the another group played some games and when the group that went up the tower came down, the other group went up the tower and I was very excited. It was my turn to go up the tower! I was really interested. I found out lots of things. When I was at the top I heard the bells they were really loud! They were amazing and lovely to hear.'* **Heath**

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'The things I loved about going on a Beavers trip to St Peter's Church in Chertsey. I loved climbing up the ladders to see the bells. It was a bit scary going up to the top. We saw the bell go round and round. All the Beavers were given a chance to try to pull the rope for the bell that weighed a ton. It was very hard pulling the rope but we managed to ring the bell a few times. I enjoyed the trip very much.'

**Elijah**

### ***Squirrel & Weasel & Squeasel***

### **District Scouts Cooking Competition**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February District Scout cooking Competition took place in Addlestone. Teams from 3 Groups, 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haw and 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe took part in the highly competitive event in which they had to prepare and cook a 3 course meal.



Louise Carter, Joel Marsh-King & Sarah Stevens

In the end the Judges decided that 1<sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe team A were the overall winners. *Perhaps a future "Masterchef" contestant in the making.*

#### **Judges Results:**

Best Starter	1 <sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe A
Best Main Course	1 <sup>st</sup> Egham Hythe A
Best Dessert	1 <sup>st</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Addlestone
Highly Commended	2 <sup>nd</sup> New Haw

Well done to Steve Barratt-Jolly and his team for organizing an excellent event.

**Steve Turner.**

### **Cubs District Quiz & County Quiz**

1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water Cubs couldn't believe their luck when they won the Cub District Quiz in early March....it was a bit of luck that we had been working on the Pioneering Badge and they had a chance to show their knot skills and knowledge.



We had completed the inter pack quiz a few weeks before so our winning team were already set to take on the bigger challenge and after brushing up on their general knowledge and Scouting knowledge we arrived ready to face Cub packs from across Surrey District.

All together there were 12 packs ready to go head to head...and a great time was had by all.

Congratulations to the winning team, East Surrey.

**Sandra Wentworth – CSL 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water**

### **Success on a plate**

After quite a few close calls, 4 cubs from 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers won the District Cooking Competition. They cooked a Chicken and Bacon Fricassee with tomato sauce and herbs. This was followed by a Steamed Pudding with golden syrup topping. They certainly impressed the judges and it was an improvement on the practice the week before – Scrummy!

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The team was made up of, left to right; Jamie, Becky, Sebastian and Josh, basically all my sixers. Great teamwork of course helped. Well done! 3 of the team will be in Scouts by the time the County final comes round, time to bring on the subs.

**Gareth Jenkins - CSL 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone Tigers**

### Scouts get all tied and dyed

When you suggest to Scouts that it's time for a craft activity they don't realise they are going to be set free with marbles, string, candles and wax. So with free range to make their own designs their creations began, tying marbles into the t-shirts, melting wax to achieve the batik technique and finally leaving them in dye vats for a week.



After removing the string and melting off the wax the Scouts were amazed to see their final designs.

**Sandra Wentworth - 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water**

## Farm to Fork

We followed up a very interesting talk from The Community Champion from Tesco's in Addlestone with a Farm to Fork tour of the shop the week after.



During the talk we learned some pretty shocking facts about the amount of salt & sugar in many of the drinks and snacks aimed at children. The worst offender by a distance was Frijj Milkshakes that contain the equivalent of 13 sugar cubs. Shame, I really like the Strawberry one 😊



On the shop tour we started at the fish counter where they all handled a mackerel, before it was gutted. We then went on to the bakery, very popular, and they finished off two trays of assorted speciality breads.

The cheese samples next stop disappeared just as quickly! One or two even tried an olive for the first time.....not quite so good. We went out of the back into the store and then into the freezer, nippy to say the least. We finished by looking round all the vegetables and fruit to work out where they came from.

All in all two very useful and interesting evenings. Thanks to Tesco (and you won't get me saying that very often) for all their hard work and support.

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

## Congratulations

The following Cub Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Addlestone have all been awarded their Chief Scout Silver Award.

Becky McBride  
Sebastian Slodek  
Jamie Shawyer  
Josh Fernandes.

## District Diary 2017

*Changes and additions shown in red*

### May 2017

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

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

### 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.

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Archery/BBQ
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### September 2017

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

TBC	Active Support Quiz/Skittles
TBC	Scouts Cardboard Rafting
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	District Cub Camp

### October 2017

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

### Diary Note!!!!

Scouts District "RATS" Camp at  
Walton Firs 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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**24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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