

Scouting in Runnymede



SCOUT DISTRICT SHOOTING COMPETITION

On Sunday March 18th the re-arranged shooting competition took place. Sadly only three groups entered either as individuals or as a team; however those that took part created a very competitive shoot with 1st Egham Hythe B team winning the shield.



Ben Higham, Finley Hudson, Ben Williams, Benjamin Pudney, Alex Hawkins

In the individual Top Gun trophy **Ben Higham** from 1st Egham Hythe won the over 12's competition and **Jaiden Neta** from the same group in the younger competition



This year we had a Leaders shoot out with **Ben Webb** from 1st Virginia Water being the overall winner showing special skills with the Pistol.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Steve Turner - 1st Egham Hythe Scout Group



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Tom, Dick and Harry learn Flossing

On another fine evening we went over to the park to play games loosely based around a theme for the air activity badge we are working on. They all had other names but were changed to bring them in line.

We started by playing a wide game called the Great Escape. All the prisoners in the camp were from the RAF (good linking) and had to collect 12 items to make up their escape kit and then solve the puzzle. This involved running all over the field finding the items and noting down what they were on the card they had been given.



We explained that the cards dated back to the war as they were so faded. Unfortunately, this fib was found out when one of the cubs said they had just been dyed brown with old tea leaves. Very observant! They all completed the task and luckily returned to camp before lights out. The clues turned out to be the names of the 3 tunnels they had built; Tom, Dick & Harry.



The next game we called bombing run. The Cubs had to risk a run down a narrow valley with anti-aircraft guns positioned both sides firing what looked suspiciously like footballs. The mission wasn't too successful and none survived the first attempts. We reduced the target area the guns could hit and it was much more successful and most lived to fight another day.

We then set up an area for a game called bomb disposal, basically making sure their area was emptied of as many 'bombs' as possible with totals remaining added up. After a few goes it was switched round and they had to collect as many as possible which led to quite a few being removed from the opposition's area. The last game was called bomb aimer where they had to throw a device into a small target.



For some reason it was then suggested we had a 'floss-off' where one of the Cubs was chosen as the best dancer. To be honest they all seemed very good so this must be very popular at the moment.

Bagheera - 1st Virginia Water Cubs

Congratulations

Chris Tingley of 5th Addlestone has been awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation.

Breaking Ground at last

After a long and hard few years of fundraising 1st Chertsey Scout group has broken ground for its new Head Quarters. Pictured here with the Mayor of Runnymede Dolsie Clarke.



Welcome Back

After a gap of about 9 years, All Saints 1st New Haw opened its doors to a Beaver Scout Colony on a Wednesday evening. 13 Beaver Scouts have joined and were invested in May.



They have already taken part in District (Medieval Mayhem) and County (Bazzaz) activities and the colony will be growing and joining in after summer.

Anyone with Wednesdays free, please contact Alex Couzens - GSL.

Next will be the cub pack.

Brown Beaver

Medieval Mayhem

On 19 May over 130 Beaver Scouts gathered at Birchmere Scout campsite for a weekend of Medieval(ish) fun.

After lunch and a healthy hike (highlights were apparently cow pooh and watching a cow pooh) we had an afternoon of many activities. Space hopper jousting, crossbows, paintballs, crazy golf and falling off a horse were all very popular.

The evening saw a campfire led by Graywolf; and Squirrel from Virginia Water treated us to the Mango Song.

After hot chocolate the campers went to bed and might have slept. Some went home. 129 Beavers, I counted them, stayed the night and after breakfast and Beaver's Own played wide games in the woods, none lost. After one final meal everyone went home happy.

Thanks to Alex, Chris, Wendy, Ken & Dave from the Active Support Team for feeding the troops so well and frequently.

Thanks to the site warden for all his assistance and to all the Leaders and helpers for making this work as well as it did

Brown Beaver

Bazzaz

On an exceedingly hot day in June 2,500ish Beaver Scouts (and Rainbows) met at Merrist Wood for Bazzaz. 1st and 2nd New Haw, 1st Ottershaw, 1st Chertsey, 1st Egham Hythe and 1st/4th Addlestone joined the fun.



Listing the activities would take up space, but feedback such as 'best day ever' 'loved everything especially archery' and managing to wear out adult Leaders from Cubs and Scouts says much more.



Back again in another 3 years, bigger and better. Next: Beavers Go Wild (again) May 18/19 next year

Steve Liversley – ADC Beaver Scouts

National Archery Camp

The 13th National Scouts Archery Competition took place on 11th to 13th May at Phasels Wood in Hertfordshire. A team of 12 Cubs and Scouts, accompanied by 7 Leaders, represented Runnymede during the weekend and competed against 415 archers in the disciplines of clout, target and field archery.



Despite the torrential rain, the Runnymede Archery Team brought home 4 medals and a trophy making 2018 the most successful out of the last 7 years of attending the competition.



Illian Taylor won gold in the U11 Clout Competition with an impressive score; in the 20 yard Target Competition. Thomas Huffer won silver in the U11 category and Frazer Williams won bronze. Frazer continued to win a further bronze in the Field Archery event.

Rebecca Huffer (Parent Supporter – Runnymede Archery Team)

District Diary 2018

Changes and additions shown in red

July 2018

(School ends 23rd)

Fri 6th to Sun 8th Explorer Gilwell 24
Mon 16th District Executive meeting

August 2018

Sat 11th Active Support – Shooting & BBQ

September 2018

(School starts 4th)

Fri 14th to Sun 16th Cubs District Camp

October 2018

(Half Term 22nd to 29th)

Fri 5th to Sun 7th District Scout Camp at Walton Firs
Fri 12th to Mon 15th Active Support Weekend Away

November 2018

December 2018

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