

Scouting in Runnymede

Kandersteg Adventure

Our group of 5 Scouts and 2 Leaders joined 500 other Scouts for the coach journey from the University of Surrey to KISC (Kandersteg International Scout Centre) in the Swiss Alps on 17th August. We went on a ferry and travelled through France before arriving the following day. There was lots of sunshine and we were shown where to pitch our tents. The views were amazing!



On our first day, we stayed on site and completed a 'work day'. We had to butter bread for everyone and it was good to get our jobs done so that our remaining time was for activities. We also spent some time trading badges with Scouts and managed I even managed to get a leather woggle!

On our second day we went in a cable car and then tobogganing which was great fun. We had lunch by a lake and also saw some beautiful waterfalls - the water was freezing!!

We visited a chocolate and cheese factory on our third day. The chocolate was nice but the cheese smelled funny so we didn't stay too long there.

My favourite day was when we visited Bern. We took part in a rafting activity which included 16km of rafting. We got to swim as well.



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We spent one day completing a high walk. We set off from camp at 1200m and climbed. We saw a glacier and also had ice cream. We walked about 20km on this day and all slept well that night.



We packed up and got ready for our journey home – muddy and tired but armed with amazing memories of our experience.

Sleeping outside was fun but a bit noisy – there were cow-bells and a train line near us.

On our last day, we had our first non-sunny morning. The clouds were in our camp site because we were so high up. We did a high rope course on that day.



Becky – Scout 1st/4th Addlestone

On our last evening we took part in the international camp fire which was amazing. We all sang songs from our home countries and Scouts from Germany, Spain and Canada were there with us.

Congratulations

Dawn Holmwood - Group Chair and ASL of 2nd New Haw has been awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service.

Heather Howell - GSL of 1st Ottershaw
30 year Service Award

James Moore - District Web Manager
15 year Service Award

Shabeena Geere - ABSL 1st/4th Addlestone
10 year Service Award

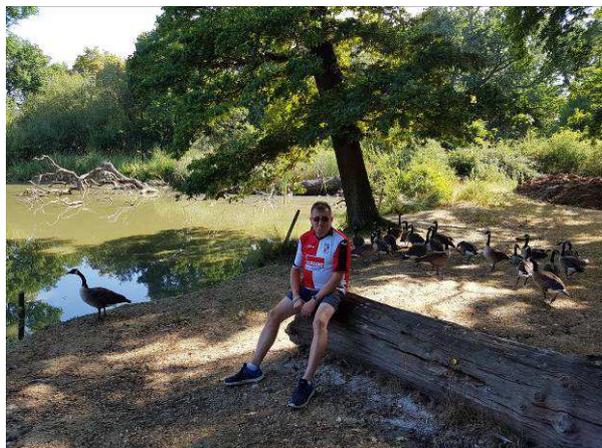
Katherine Grigg - 1st Virginia Water and
Christopher Mobsby - 1st/4th Addlestone
5 year Service Awards.

And the following Scouts from 1st Egham Hythe have all gained their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Sarah Stevens, Louise Carter, Ben Higham, Bella Hopkins and Harry King.

John Forster- Forever Camping

We always have our Cub Summer Camp at Bears Rails campsite in Windsor Deer Park, and one of the things that John Forster really loved to do at camp was to sit each evening on his favorite log, and as the light faded watch the bats flying in the trees and over the pond. He always said that when his time came he'd like his ashes to be scattered there, so, on the 20th July- the night before this year's camp, in the early evening when the bats were just thinking about leaving the roost, his family invited all his 1st Egham Hythe friends to join them to do just that. We gathered with Jane, Paul and Nikki to scatter John's ashes around his favorite place and then adjourned to the pub to raise a glass or two to our absent friend.



If you happen to be at Bears Rails, stroll down to the pond - you know where to find him. And as a reminder, this is a picture of Paul on his dad's favorite seat ☺

Incidentally, if you have seen the Christopher Robin film that was released last summer, you'll have seen this wonderful log in the opening shots. John wasn't the only person who thought it was perfect.

Mary Halls – 1st Egham Hythe

The SAS at target practice

(That's the Scout Active Support, not the army)

Saturday 11th August (yes Saturday George) saw the shoot-out at the 1st Egham Hythe Ranch. 25 leaders/helpers gathered down to the Pooley Green Corral for an afternoon target shooting and B.B.Q.

Bob, Jeff and John officiated at the shoot-out, well organized and overseen, whilst Alex "Ramsey" Couzens prepared and served a feast for us all.



There were some superb markspersons attending, Carol even hit the target (not necessarily her own!!!)

However the outcome was Karen "ANNIE OAKLY" Couzens was the best ladies shot and won a bottle of sparkly and Brian "WILD BILL" Austin took the men's title to win a few bottles of refreshment.

Following a well fought contest, it was fairly close at the finish, we sat down (indoors due to a sudden change in the weather) to a great feast of pork, lamb, beef and chicken all marinated in Alex's magical herbs and spices, accompanied with a range of special salads, home-made tzatziki dip with an Alex twist and breads.



A great afternoon/evening spent amongst friends, and we now have added some new members to our happy throng.

My Sincere thanks to BOB, JEFF & JOHN who oversaw the shooting elements of the afternoon, and a very special thanks to ALEX for serving up one of the best BBQ meals ever. Have no photos of the meal as everyone, including myself were concentrating on our plates. (You would only have been jealous if you saw what was served) Needless to say, clean plates all round.

All in all, despite the August English weather, we had a brilliant time. Welcomed new recruits, and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon/evening. So here's to our next weekend away, other get-togethers and then our annual post Christmas feast.

Dave Kelly - SAS Manager



Despite one or two bumps and scratches they all survived the obstacles and were rewarded with a great selection of cakes and a drink. We then awarded all the badges they have been working on this term and a special prize for each Cub as a reward for something special they had done. Seven weeks off for the Cubs and us leaders to recharge the batteries before the New Year starts with a bang in September, District camp down at Garners Field at the end of the first week back!

Now, will the weather be kind to us?

Bagheera - 1st Virginia Water Cubs

Walton Firs Dust Bowl

What a great way and place for our last meeting of the Scouting year back in July. I have camped there and used the facilities many times before but have never seen it so dry.



There isn't a blade green grass left on the site. When they were running around the assault course the cubs were creating clouds of dust as it was bone dry.

By the end of the session they were filthy - as cubs should be after an evening out having fun. We have been out and about several times this term and the weather has been great for every activity, something I have never experienced before!

District Diary 2018

Changes and additions shown in red

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

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