

Scouting in Runnymede

District Water Activities

It's that time of year again to get your kayaking/canoeing sessions booked.



We will be running our paddling sessions on Wednesday evenings starting as soon as we return from the Easter break. I already have three enquiries and I am sure we will fill up as quickly as ever. So if you want your Cubs/Scouts or Explorers to have a Wednesday evening session you will need to email me as soon as you can. I expect to run the usual Beaver session on a Sunday and will liaise with Steve Livesley to confirm the date.

The fees will remain unchanged this year at £6.00 per head. Can all groups give me an estimate on numbers when you book and confirm the actual numbers a week before the session starts. We look forward to yet another busy season and for small groups we will be joining groups together to ensure we fill the sessions as much as possible.

My email address remains unchanged as nick.reeves60@outlook.com and if you have any questions you can call me on 07859 816714.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can this summer.

Nick Reeves

Signing Off

As most of you will know from the email Andy sent out, I'm standing down as editor of Scouting in Runnymede; this will be my last edition. I took over the reins from Vic Waters nearly 22 years ago (who incidentally was also editor for 22 years), and feel it is time to pass on the job to someone new, perhaps to someone with more varied computer skills. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all contributors over the years.

Yours in Scouting
Chris Couzens



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District Scout Shooting Competition

On Sunday 10th March 6 teams entered into the Scout shooting competition with a total of 30 Scouts. Each team had 5 rounds of shots and then a final shot at a hanging polo mint. The competition was very close with some superb shooting from all teams



Overall winners were the 1st Egham Hythe A team.

Top Gunn's this year in the over 12s were Ben Williams from Egham Hythe and the younger age group was won by Alex Hawkins also from Egham Hythe.



A big thank you to all who took part and to those who organised the event.

Steve Turner

Gong Shi Fa Tsai – 2019 The Year of the PIG

For Chinese New Year we arranged some activities and games on this theme. We started by learning the Chinese for Happy New Year, which they repeated at the end of the meeting. Next, we had a game where the Cubs had to catch a selection of animals from the Chinese Year; The Tiger, The Dragon, The Monkey and The Pig. At

the back there was a mini-pig but this was never caught. Points were awarded for each animal and at the end the winners were Yellow Six.

Akela then read a story that explained how the Jade Emperor decided there should be a way of measuring time. On his birthday he told the animals that there was to be a swimming race across a fast-flowing river. As the story went on you discovered why there is no year of The Cat and why since that day, they haven't been friends with The Rat. As always when we read a story the Cubs sit quietly and listen, the old ways are the best maybe.



The Cubs then completed their montage relating to their own year which was either, The Rat, The Ox or The Tiger including them having to copy the Chinese Symbol for their animal. They all turned out really well as you can see from the pictures. Isaac and Amelia were chosen as the best two and they won a prize of items that were actually bought at The Great Wall!



As this is the year of The Pig, we finished by making a Pig and a Piglet out of Marshmallows joined together with a cocktail stick and icing. Again, these turned out very well and Heath won this with his creations – almost lifelike.

Bagheera -1st Virginia Water Cubs

Runnymede Beavers Celebrate 20 years of The Gruffalo

On Saturday 23rd March, 155 Beavers from across the district met at 1st/4th Addlestone for a day of fun and interesting activities to gain most of the Outdoor Challenge Award.



From First Aid Stage 1 to Hunting the Gruffalo around the field, there were craft bases, collage, clay hedgehog and leaf crowns, skills bases throwing beanbags and knots, Scouting and friendship bracelets, and wide games to find Gruffalos and Gruffalo parts.



Virginia Water and Egham were awarded prizes and the whole day was finished with a rousing campfire led by Gray Wolf, who had already spent the day cooking twists.



After a day like that we can only hope that Pow-Wow on the 8th and 9th of June is just as much fun. See you all then.

Steve Liversley - ADC Beavers

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District Diary 2019

Changes and additions shown in red

April 2019

(Easter Break 5th to 23rd)

TBA	Active Support St George's Dinner
Thr 25 th	St George's Flag Rehearsal
Sun 28 th	St George's Day Parade

May 2019

(Half Term 27th to 31st)

Tue 7 th	District Executive meeting
Sat 11 th	Scouts Day Prowl
Fri 17 th to 19 th	District Cub Camp

June 2019

Sat 15 th	Scout Fishing
Sat 15 th to 16 th	Beaver Powwow
Sat 22 nd	Cubs Scram
Thr 27 th	District AGM

July 2019

(School Ends 24th)

Wed 5 th	Scout Football
Tue 16 th	District Executive meeting

August 2019

September 2019

(School starts 4th)

Fri 6 th to 8 th	Gilwell Reunion
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October 2019

(Half Term 28th to 1st Nov)

Sat 5 th	DC's Symposium
Fri 11 th to 14 th	Active Support Weekend Away

November 2019

Fri 22 nd	Cub Night Hike
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December 2019

(School ends 20th)

Tue 10 th	Cubs Christingle
Wed 11 th	Beavers Christingle
Sat 14 th	Cubs Big day out

Looking for a new home

David Burt has a collection of books relating to many aspects of Scouting e.g. games, knotting, camping, handicrafts, songs, prayers etc.etc. About 2 dozen in total.

If anyone is interested please contact David on david.burt@live.co.uk.

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