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Heritage and Celebration — A Unique Foundation Event

Important and unique events come together over the weekend of 4 to 7 September 2015. The UK Chapter of the World Scout Foundation invite Baden-Powell Fellows and their guests to experience an exclusive programme of ***Heritage and Celebration***.

Our base is the four star Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel and Spa at Egham Surrey <http://www.runnymedehotel.com/> where we have secured superior rooms at a discounted rate including use of the spa Facilities (See booking form)

Close to Heathrow Airport, Royal Windsor and junction 13 on the M25 motorway the hotel lies on the banks of the River Thames.



Friday 04 September – Magna Carta Anniversary Year

This year is the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta by England's King John. In 1215 the English Barons forced the King to place his seal on The Magna Carta at Runnymede. This 'Great Charter' has since formed the basis for protection against tyranny and the development of democracy throughout the world.

On Friday afternoon at 1600 we will visit the woodland memorial commemorating the signing at the 'Fields by the River Thames' (Runnymede) close to our hotel where the Barons camped and the King coming from Windsor Castle signed the Charter.

Runnymede and Magna Carta has close links with the American Constitution and we will visit the John F Kennedy Memorial, Britain's tribute to the 35th President on an acre of woodland on this historic site given to the American people.

The intrepid among you can climb to the Air Forces Memorial commemorating by name over 20,000 airmen lost in the Second World War coming from all parts of the UK Commonwealth and countries overrun whose airmen continued to serve in the Royal Air Force.



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Saturday 05 September – The Gilwell Reunion



Gilwell Park on the Essex border is the home of UK Scouting. Given to Scouting in 1919 it was established by Lord Baden-Powell as the leader training centre for UK Scouting and later an International Scouting Heritage Centre. Thousands of Scout leaders have trained here to gain the Wood Badge. Today its 44 acres are the UK's policy and development centre and has available camping fields, activity areas and many pointers to Scouting's past and future.

Annually over 2000 leaders gather at Gilwell Park for a reunion for leaders with dozens of stands, exhibits and activities. Baden-Powell Fellows and their guests are invited to join this year's Reunion by coach from our hotel. You will be welcomed over coffee by The UK Chief Commissioner Wayne Bulpitt. During the morning you are free to tour the Scouting exhibits and activities around the park.

Lunch will be followed by a presentation on the history of Gilwell, plans for 'Gilwell 100' and the new Education and Heritage centre. You will view an exclusive heritage exhibition and 'Jam Roll' Baden-Powell's Rolls Royce car presented to him by the movement.



Supper on the River Thames

After the return coach trip and a chance to freshen up a hot buffet supper will be served on the cruiser The Lady Margaret Anne on the River Thames returning at about 2300 pm. The cruise starts from the Runnymede Hotel's private landing stage and passes through two Thames locks to reach Windsor with a stunning view of the royal residence of Windsor Castle.



Sunday 06 September – Brownsea Island

On 1st August 1907 Robert Baden-Powell opened his historic experimental camp on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour in Dorset. From that camp for just 24 boys sprang the Scout and Guide movements which now have over 50 million members in over 200 countries and territories worldwide. Over the weekend 4 to 6 September young people will be taking part in an Xperimental Camp on the original campsite on Brownsea Island. We are invited to join this camp for its final stages.



The coach will leave early for Brownsea Island from the Runnymede Hotel. The journey will take 2.5 hours to reach Poole Harbour where the ferry takes us to the Island. The island is owned by The National Trust and we shall be welcomed over coffee by Dr Angela Cott the Trusts Island Manager who will explain its history.



We shall walk to the original campsite through the woodland of the island which is a nature reserve and home to one of the last remaining populations of the UK's red squirrels and passing the memorial stone to the original Scout camp on the way.

Monday 07 September – Departure

After breakfast why not extend your trip and take in:

- A visit to Windsor Castle home of British monarchs since the middle ages and one of the best preserved medieval castles
- The towns along the River Thames with many restaurants and picturesque views
- London which is about 30 minutes away from nearby Egham rail station



Practical Stuff

All events will leave from and finish at the Runnymede Hotel. You can take the complete package including 3 nights accommodation or you can attend the events using your own accommodation. If your time is limited you can take either the day at Gilwell Park or the day at Brownsea Island as a single item. All events will involve walking as there is no wheeled transport permitted at the event sites..

To allow you to choose your preferred options we are asking you to pay the event fee to The World Scout Foundation and book and pay for your hotel accommodation yourself online at : <http://www.runnymedehotel.com/> giving the code WO409 to obtain the discounted rate.

If you are taking the full package you should book for:

- Bed, breakfast and dinner for the nights of the 4th and 6th September – and –
- Bed and breakfast for the night of 5th September
- Plus any additional nights and meals before or after the event to suit your own needs.

Please address practical queries by email to Derek Pollard in the UK at dpollard@scout.org