



Monday 24 August 2023

What did you get up to on your first full day at KIX?

You wasted no time getting stuck into the programme yesterday, with white water rafting, high ropes, mountain walks and toboggan runs just some of the adventures taking place across Kandersteg. We want to hear what **you've** been up to. Tell the KIX+ team about your day and you could find yourself in a future edition...the more you send us, the better KIX+ gets.

You'll find us at the front of Sunneblick, you can send us email at KIXplus@surrey-scouts.org.uk, or upload your photos straight to our SmugMug using the QR code opposite.



Plenty to (Oeschinen and Blau)see...

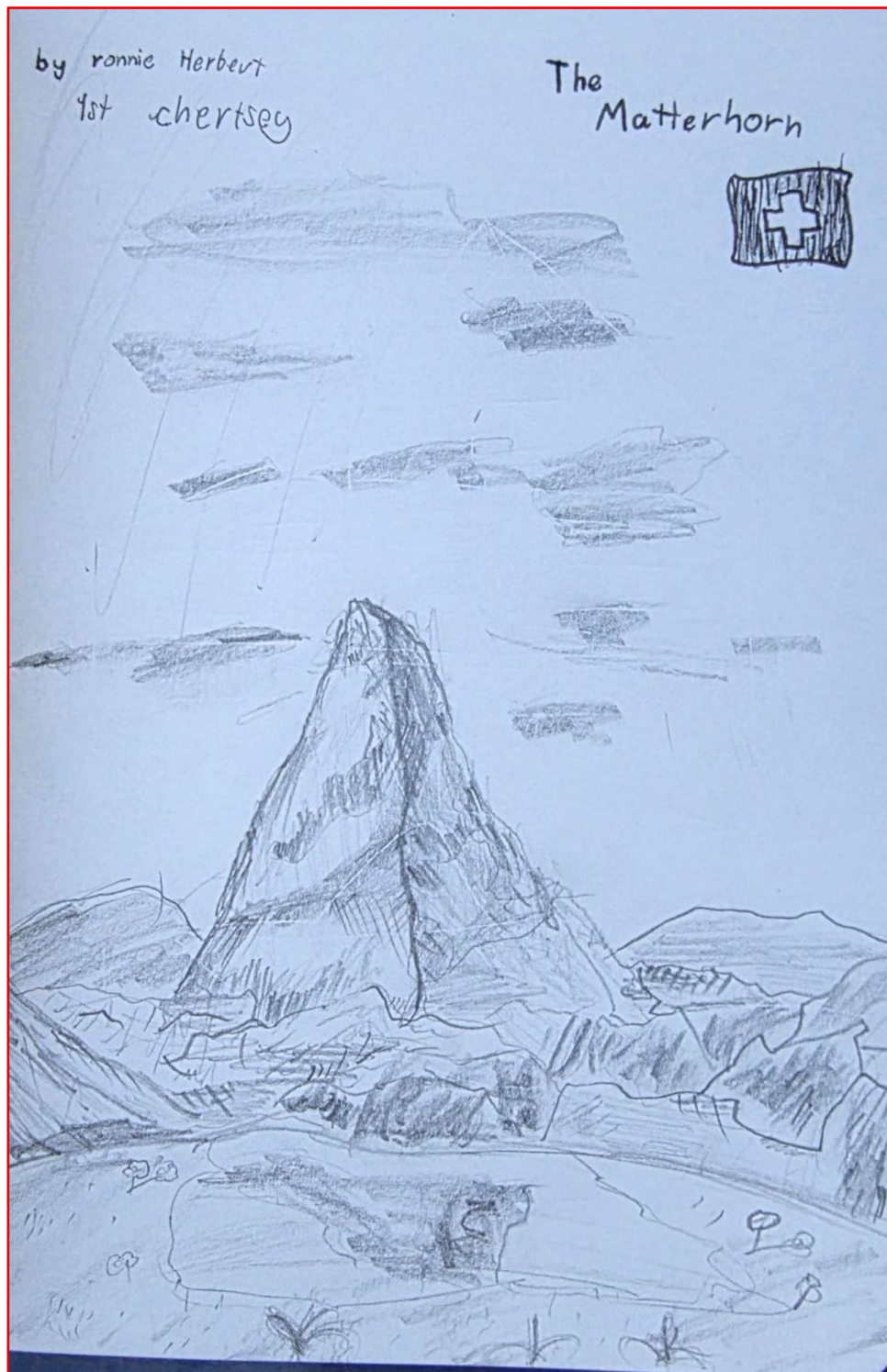


Lake Oeschinen and Blausee were clearly popular choices yesterday, with plenty of KIX Scouts heading out to two of the area's most spectacular spots. Judging by the photos we've been sent, nobody seems to have been disappointed by the views.



The Matterhorn, by hand

Among all the photos being taken this week, we loved receiving something a bit different.



The Matterhorn, drawn by **Ronnie Herbert**. 1st Chertsey.

A little about the Matterhorn

- At 4,478 metres, the Matterhorn is one of the highest and most recognisable mountains in the Alps.
- It sits on the border between Switzerland and Italy, overlooking Zermatt on the Swiss side.
- Its distinctive pyramid shape has four faces, roughly facing north, south, east and west.
- The first successful ascent was in 1865.

A day in the life of Gerald

Gerald made quite an impression yesterday, and he's already been busy exploring KIX with the Young Leader Squad. Today he's been getting his wings dirty with a spot of forestry work...

Hello everyone,

It's Gerald, I hope you're all remembering my challenge. I had a great day today with the young leader squad. This morning someone was quacking on about forestry work today that we were going to do- and I thought I was meant to be the duck!? Anyway I set off with the young leader squad and we met up with two pinkies Jodi and Maja and then with Luke and Flora from the Swiss forestry commission. They gave me some gloves to put on my wings, which made flying pretty difficult. We then set off following Luke with his chainsaw cutting lots of trees down while we cleared them out of the way. I asked Flora why we were doing this and she said she didn't speak duck. Luckily Luke did so he translated and I found out that it was so there was more sunlight and habitat area for local reptiles.

I hope you all had a great day as well, see you soon.

Gerald



A KIX friendship, three years on

Back in 2023 **Denise** and **Paul Iverson** from the KIX staff team met Eva and Erich by chance in Kandersteg. They kept in touch after returning home, and this week that chance meeting turned into a very special reunion. Denise picks up the story:

Three years ago, we met Eva and Erich Jetzer, a couple from Zurich who were fascinated to hear about what we were doing in Scouting and where we had come from. As it turned out, Erich already had a Surrey connection. In 1964 he lived in Sheerwater and worked locally, as well as playing football for Sheerwater FC. When he returned to Switzerland at Christmas 1965, the club presented him with a pair of silver cufflinks in recognition of his 'teamwork and friendship'.

Eva also knew England well, having lived and worked here for 17 years.

Erich joined Scouts in Switzerland in the early 1950s and, more than 70 years later, still keeps in touch with his old Scouting friends.

After meeting in 2023, we exchanged contact details with Eva and have kept in touch ever since. When we told Eva and Erich that Surrey Scouts would be returning to Kandersteg this year with around 700 Scouts and leaders, we arranged to meet again.

Yesterday we were reunited in Kandersteg. It was lovely to see them both again, catch up and, of course, exchange a few more Scouting stories.

Messages from home

Yesterday, one person had an apparently unassailable lead in the KIX+ postbag. You've clearly taken that personally! Lots more messages have arrived since then, both by email and through the blog comments, so thank you. We'll be sharing them all. Keep them coming at KIXplus@surrey-scouts.org.uk or leave us a comment on the blog.

Hi **Mason** (4th Weybridge): We are really enjoying seeing the pictures. It looks amazing! We hope you are okay and managing to get some sleep as well as making memories. Everyone is fine and super proud of you. See you Sunday. Love all of us xxx

Hi **Molly** (1st Sunbury): So proud of the huge hike you did today - hope the trip to town goes well. Big hugs Mum, Dad and Fin x
To **Logan** and all the other scouts and amazing leaders from 4th Frimley, we hope you are all having a fabulous time and making memories to last a lifetime. Logan the house is lovely and quiet without you 🥰 but we cannot wait to hear all about your Swiss adventures next week! Love you lots Mum xx

Hello **Ethan** (1st Godstone): Hope the journey wasn't too long! It looks beautiful from photos we have seen of the camp and high walks. Enjoy the rest of the activities. We all love you very much. Can't wait to hear all about your adventures when you're home. Hope you are enjoying the Swiss food? Lots of love Mum, Dad and Amy xxx ps Dad said Godstone beat Barnet 6-0

Hi **Josh** (Englefield Green): Hope you got some sleep on the coach - bet you slept well in your tent! Hope the water park was fun! Can you believe Brentford beat Spurs 3-0, Daddy missed you at the match. (And Liverpool drew 2-2 with Newcastle.) Missing you lots at home, it's very quiet without you. Love Mummy, Daddy, Connor & Bella xxx

Hey **Ryan** (1st Tattenhams, Banstead District): Hope you have settled well in the camp and enjoying the activities there. We are all missing you here at home. Have fun dude! Xx Love from Mum, Dad, Grand dad and Grand mum

Hi **Fraser**! (4th Frimley): We hope you are having lots of fun - proud of you for taking on challenges, sleeping by the mountains and trying out new activities. Sending big hugs and lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Jack and Lola xxxx

Hi **Oliver** (1st Godstone): I hope you're ok! How are your legs from your hike on Sunday? The pictures that have been sent to me look amazing! Make sure you take lots of pictures and make lots of happy memories. Freya and I are missing you so much. Love Mummy and Freya xxx

Harrison (West End): Hope you're having an amazing time and you enjoyed the rafting today. Love seeing all the photos! Love Mum, Dad and Izzy

Hi **Duncan** (1st Oxted): It looks as if you're having an amazing time! Hope the Brigerbad baths were fun. Your Arsenal prediction of 3-0 was correct! Lots of love Mummy, Daddy, Zoe & Jazz

Hello to 1st Old Woking particularly **Rowan** and their leader **Matt**. It looks like you're having an amazing time. I can't wait to see the go pro footage of you guys coming down the coaster track. Also, a shout out to any of my students from Esher High School! Looking forward to hearing your stories when we get back to school in a couple of weeks. Have a great time.
Ryn /Mum/Mrs Joyes!

Morning **Matthew** (3rd Ashford): Hope you're having a great time! Just remember "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think" Michael, Ivy - Rose and baby Danny send their love. Love you always. Dad and Holly XXX

For **Molly** (1st Sunbury):

You're in a magical place have a great time and enjoy yourself. Lots of love, grandad

Wow, what a hike you did yesterday. Well done! You must be shattered.. We are so proud of what you have achieved so far. Have fun in town. Love and hugs Nanny & Pops

Hope you are having a wonderful time in Kandersteg. It always rains when we go there but hopefully you have some sunshine. Looking forward to hearing all about your favourite bits when you are home. We can compare notes. Love Nanny Jane xxx

Hi to all the **3rd Ashford** Scouts and Leaders at KIX 2026! 🙌 The photos you have been sending through have been amazing and very much appreciated by all of us back here. Loving seeing where you are and what you've been up to. That river rafting looked brilliant - and glad the leaders took a swim too! 🥰 Thought it was really lovely that the town give families Sunday afternoon off to enjoy the river, such a nice idea, even if town was a bit quiet for you guys. Campsite looks a dream, picture postcard views every morning! Otilie - bet your thinking how much Dad would love to be hiking up in those mountains!

🇨🇭 Looking forward to seeing what else you get up to over the week. **Otilie** - we didn't do much for Dads birthday as he was achey from the 3 peaks (which he managed to complete!) and he wanted to wait to celebrate it with you too, so you haven't missed out on any fun or cake!! Take care and have fun, love to all from Otilie's mum, dad, brother & sister. Xxx

Hike pictures looked amazing, what a beautiful place to be exploring. Hope you are having a brilliant time **Zach S** (East Surrey) (Arsenal are off to a winning start!!) Xx

That's all for this issue...keep the photos, stories and messages coming. More from KIX+ tomorrow!

Tomorrow in Kandersteg...

Night



12°

Morning



16°

Afternoon



21°

Evening



15°