

October 2007

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GSLs report

October is the month when, traditionally, harvest festival is celebrated. In British churches, chapels, and schools people bring food from the garden, the allotment or farm. The food is often distributed among the poor and senior citizens of the local community, or used to raise funds for the church or charity. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia). I am hoping that, during October, 7th Epsom will be able to celebrate with good news about giving to the new HQ fund!

I am also able to share lots of good news this month –

- We have a new Transport Manager, Anthony Harrison, 63 Hazon Way KT19 8HG, telephone 01372 721738.
- We have two adults who have volunteered to run the Thursday Beaver Colony, Windfalls, and we will be restarting it after Christmas.
- Two parents have offered to help run fund raising events.

Thank you to all 5 volunteers.

Elsewhere there is a list of vacancies, please respond if you can help with any of them.

Fund raising - We are launching the 1,000 club in October and next month I am hoping to report that sales have exceeded expectations but that is down to every one of you playing your part!

Scouting activities are continuing to be successful with Water Weekend being the major event last month. There is a report in this newsletter.

Next month brings JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) when we hope to contact scouts from all over the world as well as learning about Amateur Radio. At the World Jamboree scouts were talking live to astronauts on the space station using amateur radio.

Some of our scouts and explorers are also going on the National Air Rifle shooting camp and championships over the same weekend as JOTA.

Neil Dallen 01372 728187

Dates for your Diary

12 th October	District Cub Night Hike
14 th	Church Parade / District Scout tin can trophy
19-21 st	Jamboree on the Air/Air rifle camp & comp.
3 rd November	Fireworks Display and Funfair
10 th	Guide Jumble Sale
11 th	Church Parade / Remembrance Parade
17 th	District Swimming Gala (all except Beavers)
24 th	Festival of Scouting at the O2 arena.
29 th	District Explorer Quiz
5 th December	District Inter Troop Challenge night
9 th	Church Parade and gift service
1 st March	Fund raising quiz night and social
20-24 th	Explorer Easter expedition

17–19th **April** EMC Book Sale
18-20th Knights Away for all uniformed sections.
23-26th **May** Spring camp for Cubs and Scouts
7th **June** Group AGM and Family Barbecue
20-22nd June Scoutabout for Scouts
25th July- 3rd August Scout and Explorer summer camp

More 2008 dates to come next month!

Vacancies

These are just a few of the opportunities available in 7th Epsom at the moment:

- **Christmas Post** scheme – We are looking for a Distribution Manager, responsible for ensuring each round is collected by a ‘postman’ for delivery.
- **Quartermasters** – we need volunteers to join the team to ensure that our equipment is safe, maintained and stored correctly; booked in and out; and replaced when necessary.
Equipment includes a variety of tents, stoves, lights, axes, saws, camp beds, first aid kits, games equipment, maps, compasses, ropes, pulleys, cooking and kitchen equipment.

Applications and requests for further information to Neil Dallen (Group Scout Leader) 01372 728187 or Jonathan Dart (Chairman) 020 8393 1644.

Donations for the new HQ to Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ. Cheques to 7th Epsom Scout Group Building Appeal.

Water Weekend

Really good fun – Hannah & Paul

A great way to finish off my adventure with the scouts (before going to Explorers) - Robert
Great the way everyone gets a chance to try new and fun things, and that everyone gets involved – Steph

Lovely time, definitely come again – Alex

Great time, lots of fun, come again. Wish it was longer – Mini

Really great, more wet activities please – Jack

Great last camp in scouts. Organise more camps each year and try not to hit the rush hour on Friday. Overall gr8 – Benjie

Great fun but very wet. Now I get why they call it water weekend – Jack

Fun for ages, memories forever – David

Great first time I’ve been. Really fun, probably coming next year, very memorable.

Great fun and very exciting

I liked the climbing best but it was all really good and challenging

Every year its better and better but where’s the shooting? – Sam

The rope bridge was great but water weekend should be longer – Charlie

It was a gr8 weekend I loved the bridge and kayaking was jokes to. Lol Charlie! Wish we could have more time in the water and could sleep outside, lol. Thanks love you all – Ela

Had such a great time. Loved canoeing – lol Laura

Water weekend this year was wicked. It was probably the funnest I’ve ever been to – Megan

Water weekend was really fun and I can’t wait till next year – Helen

Water weekend was great - Olivia

It was cold and in the morning 4 ducks sat on top of our tent – Matthew

We blowed up a bottle – James

Ice cold water! Freezing cold. Cold

My friend found a duck in our tent (it was real!)

Fun – I made friends and loved kayaking.
Water weekend was really fun – Alice
It was cool coz we got to do stuff we normally don't – Hannah
I have never been camping before or on a camp with scouts – first impression GREAT. I would definitely come again – Hattie

What can I add other than – Thank you to the organisers, Bob & Tony, and everyone who helped!

Thanks to everyone who gave Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers, we got a Giant Pic-a-stick, compasses & chopping boards.

Jumble Sale

Despite the building works the jumble sale committee ran a very successful sale and raised nearly £900.

It was a major team effort with

- Beavers, cubs and scouts delivering leaflets
- Scouts in patrols acting as 'sherpas' between the road and halls to bring the jumble in.
- Parents and friends sorting it into categories and laying it out ready for the sale.
- Experts dealing with the dealers.
- More parents and friends manning the stalls and supplying refreshments during the sale.
- Reinforcements to remove all the unsold items either into the dealers lorry or the trailer.
- The dedicated few clearing up and setting up the hall for church services the next day.
- The treasurers counting and banking the money.
- The committee who ensured that it all happened.

Thanks to everyone involved, it was hard work but a rewarding result.

Epsom Fireworks Display and Funfair (bonfire and much more!)

One of the largest displays in South East England is run by 7th Epsom Scouts in Hook Road Arena on Saturday 3rd November.

Please display posters in your window and on your car; this is one of our major fund raising events. If you would like to help on the night there are many opportunities, just ask!

Epsom's Community Christmas Post Scheme

Planning is well under way for another major annual event run by 7th Epsom Scouts and we have started recruiting over 100 postmen!

Being a postman involves delivering post for about 90 minutes in a small area during the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas.

This scheme succeeds by everyone doing a little, please help!

Articles for 7th Epsom News are welcome from anyone and should be sent to Neil Dallen at 77 Hazon Way, Epsom KT19 8HG or emailed to neil@interim-mgmt.demon.co.uk.

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