



### GSLs report

October was a very successful month with a bag full of trophies and awards from the National Air Rifle Championships at Bisley and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the District Tin Can Trophy! Well done to all participants and to the leaders and helpers who's hard work over the last year made this possible.

November brings our annual Firework Display (the Epsom Fireworks Display and Funfair) at Hook Road Arena. This is closely followed by the Community Christmas Post Scheme. This year it also brings the very first draw of the 1,000 Club, our latest fund raising venture. Shares are £5 per month and there are lots of prizes! Odds are much better than the National Lottery and you know that 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom receives all the proceeds!

The building of the new HQ is still being discussed with the contractors to see when we could possibly start the building BUT this all depends on raising enough money in a very short time. To do this we need everyone to help!

Planning of the 2009 Gang Show has started and the second workshop is taking place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to be involved in the creative side, please contact either Nick Prottis on 01737 350390 or Pam Brogan on 01737 813643.

Neil Dallen 01372 728187

### Vacancies

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

- **7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News editor** – **Just** a few hours a month to edit.
- **Quartermasters** – we need volunteers to join the team to look after our equipment

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

### Dates for your Diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>November</b>	Fireworks Display and Funfair
10 <sup>th</sup>	Guide Jumble Sale
11 <sup>th</sup>	Church Parade / Remembrance Parade
17 <sup>th</sup>	District Swimming Gala (all except Beavers)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Scouting at the O2 arena.
29 <sup>th</sup>	District Explorer Quiz
5 <sup>th</sup> <b>December</b>	District Inter Troop Challenge night
9 <sup>th</sup>	Church Parade and gift service
13 <sup>th</sup> <b>January</b>	Church Parade
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>March</b>	County Explorer Night Challenge for Explorers
	Fund raising quiz night and social for new HQ
2 <sup>nd</sup>	District Challenge Hike at Bentley Copse (Scouts, Explorers, Network & Leaders)
20-24 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Easter expedition
17-19 <sup>th</sup> <b>April</b>	EMC Book Sale

18-20<sup>th</sup> Knights Away for Scouts and Explorers  
20<sup>th</sup> Knights Away for Beavers and Cubs  
23-26<sup>th</sup> **May** Spring camp for Cubs and Scouts at Frylands Wood  
7<sup>th</sup> **June** Group AGM and Family Barbecue  
20-22<sup>nd</sup> Scoutabout for Scouts  
5<sup>th</sup> **July** Fund raising night for New HQ  
25<sup>th</sup> July- 3<sup>rd</sup> August Scout and Explorer summer camp at Buddens

**More 2008 dates to come next month!**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007/2008**

This has been a record year with over 90% payments received by the end of October 2007. Well done to Marion Johnston and thank you all, this greatly helps with our planning for the Group.

Please check you are not one of the 10% still outstanding as we know some have got delayed and lost by the recent Postal distributions. It would be great if we can achieve a 100% before the end of this year.

If you have a problem or are not sure if you are one of this small number please contact Ann Dallen on 01372 728187.

This will enable us to a smooth start to 2007/2008 in April 2008 thank you all again for your support

Ann Dallen.

**Tin Can Trophy success**

Well done to all of those that took part in the District Scout Tin Can trophy competition. 7th Epsom managed to get 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place! The detailed scoring sheet will be on the website soon for those that took part. The winning team was Matthew Breese, Harry Smith and Hector Leitch; Kit Parker, Sam Owen and James Lawton came second and Taylor Mee, Sam Goodliffe and Aaron McIlroy came 3rd.

David Shickle, Scout Leader

**Clearwater Colony – pyrotechnic madness**

To celebrate Guy Fawkes day the beavers from Clearwater had a pyrotechnics meeting. There were three bases –

1. Making a guy which will obviously be the best guy on the bonfire at the Epsom Fireworks Display.
2. Designing fireworks using coloured chalks on quality A4 paper.
3. The beavers were allowed to exhibit their artistic skills using sparklers.

The meeting then culminated with a spectacular indoor display of a wide variety of effects including “Bats Breath” that produced puffs of smoke; “Warlocks Illumination” which produced green flares and “The Magic Fern” which produced from a piece of paper a mini fern plant that looked as if it were alight.

When the smoke had cleared we checked that we still had all the Beavers and ended the meeting with the usual Beaver Yell.

Lucie Dallen, Beaver Leader

**Donations for the new HQ to**

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.

Cheques to 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scout Group Building Appeal.

**Articles** for 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:neil@interim-mgmt.demon.co.uk).

The editor reserves the right to change, edit or exclude items.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Shooting Success**

Now that the cold weather is coming you would think that we would put our tents away, but no! 14 Scouts and 6 Leaders from 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom spent a weekend in October camping at the National Shooting Centre at Bisley. We were there to enter the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Scout Air Rifle Championships. Over 700 Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Leaders attended this event from all over the country.

We arrived on Friday night, in the dark, where we had to find our site and then put all the tents up. Saturday morning saw us waking up to find ice on our tents! After a briefing of the arrangements for the weekend and a safety talk, the competition was opened. All of our Scouts and some of the leaders took part in the shooting. Everybody shot 6yrd rifle, 6yrd pistol and field target (shooting at 10 targets all different distances away). There was also the 'knock out round' where 2 people shot at the same time and whoever did best at the end of 2 minutes went through to the next round.

Sunday morning was another cold one. We all gathered in the mess tent and lit all the lights to try to warm up! The shooting continued and was over by lunchtime. We packed up our tents and headed to the results ceremony.

7<sup>th</sup> Epsom managed to win 3 trophies and 9 medals. Sam Owen won the 'Most Improved Shooter' (compared to his results from last year). James Wellsted won gold in the junior field target and Yasmin Caon-Beik won bronze in the under 12's 6yrd air rifle. The team of best rifle shooters, Zoe Dallen, James Wellsted, Sam Owen and Yasmin Caon-Beik, got silver for the 6yrd rifle.

Everybody had a fun weekend with some good results. We're already looking forward to next year's competition!

Zoe Dallen

**For Sale - ring Laurie Garrett 01372 727439**

**Artificial Christmas Tree - 6'8"** – donation to Scout Building Fund

**Gents bicycle CLASSIC - 12 gears, lights**  
£40.00 ono – 50% donation to Scout Building Fund

**2 Pannier bags - £4.00** – 50% donation to Scout Building Fund