

7th Epsom News

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GSL's Report New Headquarters - Update

2008 seems a good time to look at the past, present and future position of our Headquarters. A few years ago I was hoping that we would have started but ...

Past - The New HQ has gone through many changes over the last 20 plus years as circumstances have changes. These include blight during the possible relief road through the site, Day Centre possibilities and a variety of different iterations of the plans. During more recent years there have been a number of fund raising initiatives both joint with the church and scouts only. The joint money raised has gone towards purchase of number 13 Ashley Road, needed to give space to build our new HQ, providing utility services ready for when we build and meeting professional fees for plans.

Present - We now have a church development that is nearly complete and planning permission for a new Scout HQ. The present budget estimate for the new HQ is around £600K. We now have around £150,000 towards the building. We failed in our bid for £250,000 lottery money and are now approaching other grant giving organisations to help fill the gap.

Future - A realistic, but challenging, target is to raise enough to start building next year. To achieve this we need everyone's help and support, not only for the fund raising activities but in many other ways. The church is helping us with grants and fundraising, we also need business contacts so they can be approached for donations, we need help in applying for further grants, we need marketing skills to sell ourselves and many other skills. By the end of June we will again review the position and, hopefully, will have raised or have pledged enough to instruct the architect to proceed with drawing up tender documents.

If you have any questions or would like to be more involved, please contact Doug Clasby (01372 723077)

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

Dates for your Diary

13 th January	Church Parade
16 th	Group Scouters and Helpers meeting
25-27 th	Adult trip to North Wales
10 th February	Church parade
1 st March	County Explorer Night Challenge for Explorers Fund raising quiz night and social for new HQ
5 th	Group Executive meeting
9 th	Church parade
15 th	Group Jumble Sale
20-24 th	Explorer Easter expedition
30 th	District Cross Country Competition
6 th April	District Challenge Hike at Bentley Copse (Scouts, Explorers, Network & Leaders)
10-13 th	PL/APL training weekend
13 th	Church parade
17-19 th	EMC Book Sale

18-20 th	Knights Away for Scouts and Explorers
20 th	Knights Away for Beavers and Cubs
11 th May	Church parade
23-26 th	Spring camp for Cubs and Scouts at Frylands Wood
7 th June	Group AGM and Family Barbecue
8 th	Church parade
14 th	Giant Sleepover for Cubs
20-22 nd	Scoutabout for Scouts
5 th July	Fund raising night for New HQ
13 th	Church parade
25 th July- 3 rd August	Scout and Explorer summer camp at Buddens in Dorset
19-21 st September	Group Water Weekend at Longridge
4 th October	Fund raising night for New HQ

Simple Fundraising provides an online shopping gateway to 100s of stores and gives us commission on anything you buy. Go to www.simplefundraising.co.uk/1877 and get shopping to help our new HQ fund.

There is no space for an update this month so, keep shopping and watch out for the update next month!

QUIZ NIGHT – 1st March - £8.50 including food

Have a great night out with friends
Licenced bar

More details and tickets from Ann Dallen 01372 728187

Xmas Post 2007

What a great result - we delivered 9821 cards, 1500 more than last year, and grossed £1610 for the rebuilding funds. Ashtead continues to support us with a quarter of our total number, with the Ashley Centre providing another quarter. A heartfelt thanks to you all for suffering crushed fingers in letter boxes.

Anne Hill

1000 Club News

Congratulations go to the November draw winners :

1st prize : Gwenda Froud
2nd prize ; Margaret Roberts
3rd prize : Maria Kiero-Watson

Active Kids

Last year 2007 we collected Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers and saved Group money by obtaining compasses, chopping boards and a few other small items. This year we could save even more!

Please put any Active Kids vouchers into the Scout HQ letter box

Thank you

Donations for the new HQ to

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.

Cheques to 7th Epsom Scout Group Building Appeal.

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR !
from
7th EPSOM '1000' CLUB

The '1000' Club has now been running for 3 months and is a great success !

Why not join the fun ---

-- win CASH prizes --

and also raise funds for

7th Epsom Scouts.

Download an application form from the 7th Epsom website or contact :
William Brogan on 01737 813643

Going for Olympic Gold

After over a year of planning and (at times convoluted and frustrating) negotiations, 7th Epsom Scouts Shooting Club held its inaugural live ammunition shooting session on the afternoon of December 9th. 12 members of the Club met at a local range and spent the afternoon target shooting prone .22 rifles over 25yds. As the only currently active Scout-Group-based Home Office Approved Shooting Club in the Country, this is an immense achievement from all concerned. I would personally like to extend an enormous vote of thanks to all the Leaders and Helpers involved, without whom this simply would not have been possible. The Scout Troop is lucky to have both a National Smallbore Rifle Association Club Coach and a .22 Prone Instructor amongst its Leadership Team, plus an additional 4 NSRA Air Rifle Instructors. The Club also boasts a team of dedicated and suitably qualified helpers who give up their time to assist with sessions - however we could always do with more!!! If you have shooting qualifications or are simply interested in helping out with Club sessions, please contact Neil Dallen in the first instance.

Here's to a successful 2008 for the Club.

Simon Wellsted - Club Secretary.