

# 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News

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## **GSL's Report Programme**

We have now got most of the 2008 major events under way. Camp sites are booked and planning has started.

To effectively organise transport, food and the programme we need to know numbers so please do return your forms by the due date – it can make the difference between using one minibus and trailer or needing a 52 seater coach and lorry in addition to our minibuses and trailer!

Some Czech Republic scouts will be joining us for our summer camp and will require home hospitality for a week after summer camp. This is a new link and we have already had an open invitation to join them in Prague sometime in the future!

## **Census**

January is census month for scouts and I will include the results next month. We are still a large group and I firmly believe it is because of the active, varied and challenging programme we offer.

For this to continue we must recruit more adults to help both as leaders/helpers and on the support side, especially fund raising.

## **New HQ**

The church is helping us with grants and fundraising and we need business contacts so they can be approached for donations.

Almost every parent works for a company – we need you to find the right person to approach in your company for corporate donations!

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**

10 <sup>th</sup> February	Church parade
1 <sup>st</sup> March	County Explorer Night Challenge for Explorers
	Fund raising quiz night and social for new HQ
5 <sup>th</sup>	Group Executive meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Church parade
15 <sup>th</sup>	Group Jumble Sale
20-24 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Easter expedition
30 <sup>th</sup>	District Cross Country Competition
6 <sup>th</sup> April	District Challenge Hike at Bentley Copse (Scouts, Explorers, Network & Leaders)
10-13 <sup>th</sup>	PL/APL training weekend
13 <sup>th</sup>	Church parade
17-19 <sup>th</sup>	EMC Book Sale
18-20 <sup>th</sup>	Knights Away for Scouts and Explorers

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

### **Donations for the new HQ to**

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.

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

### **7th Epsom Scouts Quiz Night - March 1**

As part of its fund-raising efforts to build a more modern, and much enlarged scout hut behind the Epsom Methodist Church, the 7th Epsom Scout Group is hosting a special Quiz Night on March 1st.

What promises to be a fantastic night out will get underway at St Josephs Church Hall, in St Margaret's Drive, Epsom, at 7.45pm, and the quiz itself will start at 8.00pm.

Tickets cost £8.50 and will include a buffet supper. There will also be a licensed bar running until 11.00pm.

Tickets are available on a first come, first-served basis from Ann Dallen on 01372 728187, or any of the scout leaders.

Group scout leader Neil Dallen says, "We are now the biggest scout group in Surrey and one of the biggest in England, with around 350 registered scouts, from Beavers up to Explorers. We have outgrown our present hut and urgently need to build a replacement. The Quiz Night will help kick-start our fund-raising efforts in 2008."

### **1000 Club News**

December Draw

Congratulations to :

1st : Maria Kiero Watson [no. 21]

2nd : Yvonne Argent [no.4]

3rd : Pam Brogan [no. 25]

Support the Scouts -- help raise funds for the new Scout Hall ---- keep buying your shares!

---- contact William Brogan 01737 813643 for your share application form.

## 4.7.11 GANG SHOW 2009

Yes, we have already started preparing for the 2009 show; in fact we are well under way and have identified most of the material required!

We are looking for volunteers to help produce, ideally with some experience, but enthusiasm is more important!

Please contact Pam Brogan on 01737 813643 for more information

### 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

**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](http://www.simplefundraising.co.uk/1877) and get shopping to help our new HQ fund.

Due to an administrative hiccup we are unable to obtain an update yet.

**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).

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