

7th Epsom News

April 2008



Diary dates

April	6 th	District challenge hike at Bentley Copse (Scouts, Explorers, Network & Leaders)
	10 th – 13 th	PL/APL training weekend
	13 th	Church parade
	17 th – 19 th	EMC book sale
	18 th – 20 th	Knights Away for Scouts and Explorers
	20 th	Knights Away for Beavers and Cubs
	26 th	The Happy Prince performed by the Silhouette Theatre Company.
May	11 th	Church parade
	23 rd – 26 th	Spring camp for Cubs and Scouts at Frylands Park
June	8 th	Church parade
	14 th	Giant sleepover for Cubs
	20 th – 22 nd	Scoutabout for Scouts
	28 th	AGM and family BBQ
July	5 th	Fundraising casino night for new HQ
	13 th	Church Parade
	25 th – 3 rd Aug.	Scout and Explorer summer camp at Buddens in Dorset
Sept	19 th – 21 st	Group water weekend at Longridge
Oct	4 th	Fundraising night for new HQ
	11 th	Fundraising with a difference!
Nov	8 th	Annual fireworks display at Hook Road Arena

GSL's Report

New Editor

I omitted to welcome and introduce Paul Downs, our new editor, in last month's 7th Epsom News. Please support Paul by sending him articles for consideration. They are welcome from parents, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders, fund raisers and anyone else!

Programme

Spring and summer camp forms are issued and should be returned as soon as possible to help with the planning. Scouts from the Czech Republic are joining the Explorers for the summer camp at Buddens in Dorset and will be coming back to Epsom for a week as our hosts.

We need families to volunteer to look after them (feed and sleep) and there will be activities/visits organised during the day. If you can help, please let me know.

Car park

The car park is back in action! Please drive slowly and carefully if you drive on the unmade surface by the Scout HQ.

Fund raising

The quiz night made £1,500, thank you everyone who helped. Next is 'The Happy Prince' on 26th April followed by a Barbecue on 28th June and Casino Night on 5th July. Please ensure that everybody has the opportunity to buy tickets!

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

Date change for AGM and BBQ

Despite begging on bended knee and elbow, Epsom Downs Racecourse has refused to change the date of the Derby! Therefore we have a new date for the AGM and family BBQ. It is now on Saturday June 28th so don't forget to put it in your diary!

1000 Club winners

January

1st prize: James Arnold, [7]
2nd prize: Ann Dallen [29]
3rd prize: Jacqui Raggett [39]

February

1st: John Cock [2]
2nd: Beverly Alford [6]
3rd: Victoria Goolnik [33]

Jumble sale

Congratulations and a big thank you to all who helped with the Jumble sale. We raised a magnificent £1290 which is only a few £'s short of the record.

Don't forget

Tony Froud - an Albany Beavers parent – is shortly to embark on a 420 mile cycle ride to raise funds for our new HQ. Sponsoring Tony is easy. Just click on <http://www.justgiving.com/tonyfroud> and follow the instructions on your screen. For more information on this venture please email Tony at: anthony.froud@btinternet.com

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Another shooting success!

we report that James Wellsted, a member of the Scout National Rifle Squad has just received a call up to the Senior Rifle Squad. This is our first such call up, so well done James! Congratulations on your first steps in due course.

The Happy Prince

This beautiful story of friendship, love and sacrifice by Oscar Wilde has been adapted by the Silhouette Theatre Company into a great new show with puppets, songs and comedy to bring to life this quite magical tale. This production, by a much respected theatre company, is one not to be missed.

Adults £10 and children £6 enquiries 01372 728187

Tickets from Church office or

77 Hazon Way KT19 8HG

Saturday 26th April at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church, Ashley Road.

All proceeds to the building fund for the new HQ.

In the news

This article appeared on the National Scouts website last week and is reproduced here, in edited form, to fill the blank space left by the lack of local input.

Former Children's Laureate, Dame Jacqueline Wilson has claimed that young people are growing up too quickly. The best-selling author made an impassioned appeal on BBC Radio 4 arguing that young people are under pressure from peers to take on adult habits, responsibilities and attitudes too soon. While acknowledging that young people today may no longer be interested in "the picnics and lashings ginger beer" of her youth, they should not feel they need to have 'five ear piercings' to fit in. A study conducted by her publisher Random House indicates that 55% of parents consider that childhood ends somewhere around the age of 12.

The Scout Association now offers challenge and adventure for young people from 6-25 - having extended its youth provision beyond the age of 20 in 2002 with the Scout Network.

Each age ranges offers unique challenges - from a visit to a Fire Station for a six year old, to a trip to Kenya to help rebuild schools for an 18 year old - Scouting respects the right of young people to grow and develop at their own pace.

What do you think? Is Dame Jacqueline Wilson right? Let me know your thoughts and they may even get to fill the blank spaces!