

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



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## GSL's Report

### **Explorers**

Easter saw 21 intrepid Explorers and leaders survive Dartmoor! Carrying their own food, equipment and everything else they needed to survive for 4 days on one of the remotest parts of England, they spent a very enjoyable, yet challenging, time hiking over the moor with the weather supplying strong driving wind, hail, sleet and snow as well as rain and even a little sun!

It tested their navigation skills as well as their ability to put up tents in adverse conditions while cooking an appetising meal from dried ingredients rehydrated with water from the local stream (suitably treated!).

There was considerable improvement in teamwork and, from one Explorer, an acknowledgement that hair straighteners were not a necessity!

Thanks must go to Pete Browning who did all the preparation work to ensure success and to Jill Evans who helped him with the route planning and general support.

### **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers**

Everyone had the opportunity to participate in the Knights Away celebration of St. George's day at Boidier Hurst.

The Explorers spent the weekend camping with their activities of Car Driving and High Ropes on the Saturday and helping run the activities on the Sunday.

Everyone else arrived for the celebration on the Sunday.

Scouts went to High Ashurst for three adventurous activities of their choice – Archery, Shooting, Climbing, Abseiling, High Ropes 1 and 3, Challenge course and Mountain Biking.

The Beavers and Cubs were given passports and spent the day choosing from over 30 activities at Boidier Hurst which included an Aerial Runway, Bouncy Castle, assault course, craft bases and fish gutting and cooking.

Thanks go to many leaders and adult helpers, especially to Lucie Dallen who planned and organised the Boidier Hurst activities with support from Zoe who co-ordinated High Ashurst activities.

**Looking forward** there are many camps and activities over the next few months – ensure that you do not miss out by returning the forms on time and, if possible, offer to help!

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

## Dates for your Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> June	Church parade
14-15 <sup>th</sup>	District Cubcraft & Sleepover for Cubs
20-22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scoutabout for Scouts
25 <sup>th</sup>	Gang Show meeting for parents and potential cast

28<sup>th</sup> Group AGM and Family Barbecue  
5<sup>th</sup> July Fund raising Casino 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> September Group Water Weekend at Longridge  
4<sup>th</sup> October Fund raising dance for New HQ

## **Congratulations!**

To Tony Froud who successfully completed his cycle ride across Spain and raised over £2,500 for the New HQ!

Thank you Tony

There is an even bigger space than this just waiting for your  
article next month!

### **7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Cubs Football Champions of Epsom & Ewell District**

7<sup>th</sup> Epsom 'B' team stormed to a fantastic win in a nail biting penalty shoot-out of the final in the recent Epsom and Ewell District Cub Scout 6-a-side competition. Two teams were entered by 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom. The 'B' team won most of their matches including a 6-1 defeat of local rivals. There were some spectacular goals and great skill including 'Ronaldo' back heels. The 'A' team also had a great competition winning two matches and drawing two others. Unfortunately it wasn't quite enough to get them into the final. Both teams played exceptionally well and showed great team spirit.

7<sup>th</sup> Epsom 'A' Team (Undefeated!):

Ruairi O'Leary, William Harding, Aaron Seath, Sebastian Vander, Duncan Caldwell, Ben Kirby, Finn Moran, Sam Stevens (& William Ladd – late substitution).  
Managers – Martin Symonds & Dave Ladd.

7<sup>th</sup> Epsom 'B' Team (Champions!):

Thomas Steinmetz, Matthew Symonds, Toby Cotrell-Roberts, Matthew O'Neill, Matthew Mackinnon, Nicholas Woolgar, Joshua Slatter, Alex Scott.  
Managers – Colin O'Neill & Dave Slatter.

Many thanks to Steve Cotrell who (bravely) refereed, and also thanks to the many parents who came along and supported the teams.

Looking forward to having two 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom teams in the 2009 final!  
David Ladd, Cub Scout Leader (Apache Pack)

### **This month's vacancy**

**Quartermaster** – responsible for leading a team to look after the group camping equipment. Detailed job description available on request from Neil Dallen 01372 728187.

**4.7.11 GANG SHOW 2009**

Parents & cast meeting to find out more  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at EMC from 19.00hrs  
Contact Pam Brogan on 01737 813643 for more information

**Active Kids**

We still need your vouchers – last opportunity as the scheme is ending - please put any vouchers into the Scout HQ letter box

Thank you

**Donations for the new HQ to**

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.

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

**1000 Club News**

Congratulations to :

April Draw

May Draw

1st : No.41, Tani Jolaoso

No.46, Paul Downs

2nd : No.45, Sara Curtis

No.28, Pam Brogan

3rd: No.24, John O'Leary

No. 31, Debra Brooker

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.

**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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