

7th Epsom News

July 2008



GSL's Report

Lost property

Once again we have numerous items of lost property. They are in two dustbins by the door of the Scout HQ and also hanging up on the coat racks in the toilet. Any lost property still there at the end of July will be thrown away or passed to a jumble sale.

Spring Camp

The end of May Spring Bank Holiday saw our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all enjoying very active camps at Frylands Wood camp site in New Addington.

Cubcraft and Sleepover

The District Cubcraft competition saw the Joint Sioux/Cherokee six come 20th and Apache sixes 24th and 33rd. Well done to all who took part. This was followed by an overnight camp for 24 hours in glorious weather and, as part of the National Sleepover and we are hoping to get into the Guinness book of records!

Scoutabout

Once again the Scouts took part in the County Scoutabout at Ardingly along with around 3,500 Scouts and Guides from all over Surrey. A great time was had by all.

Thank you to all the leaders and parents who helped make these camps such a success.

Summer camp for Scouts and Explorers is at the end of July. We have 17 Czech Scouts camping with us and then staying for a week home hospitality from 6th – 13th August. **We still need volunteers to 'home' the Czech Scouts for this week;** they will be going on outings every week day and hosts are invited to go with them. The commitment is to provide breakfast, a packed lunch, an evening meal and a bed. If you can help, please ring Ann Dallen on 01372 728187.

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

Dates for your Diary

July

- 5th Fund raising Casino night for New HQ
- 13th Church parade
- 25th July- 3rd August Scout and Explorer summer camp at Buddens in Dorset

September

- 14th Church parade & Gang Show Workshop
- 17th Gang Show Workshop
- 19-21st Group Water Weekend at Longridge

October

- 4th Fund raising event for New HQ
- 10th District Cub Night Hike
- 12th Church parade
- 18th District Beaver Skittles
- Shooting camp at Bisley
- Jamboree on the Air weekend

November

8 th	Epsom Fireworks Display & Funfair
9 th	Church parade
15 th	District Swimming Gala

Congratulations!

County Cyclocross champion

Congratulations to Grant Betts who is the 2008 County Explorer Under 18 champion. Well done Grant.

More shooting successes

Congratulations go to James and Yasmin for picking up medals (Gold and Silver respectively) in the Liphook Scouts Postal Competition that has been running for first half of the year.

James won Gold in the Sporter Air Rifle; Yasmin won Silver in the Junior Air Pistol Well done to Steph also who finished 4th in the Senior Air Pistol, so just outside the medal positions but who shot 2 personal best scores in last weekends British Pistol Club Open at Bisley - a fantastic achievement.

I hope many more will enter the 2009 Liphook competition. It is good practice under competition conditions and good fun as well.

Simon.

Subscriptions - Thank you for a superb effort

We have now collected over 50% of the subs. First reminders have just gone out.

Please return the form with a cheque or phone Ann Dallen to discuss any queries which will save the postage on further reminders.

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A PLEA FOR BEDS!

As many of you will be aware, we are fortunate to be playing host to the National Methodist Youth Brass Band on the second weekend in September. There will be around forty members of the band performing in the concert on Saturday 13th September in aid of the Youth Hall building fund and taking part in the church services on Sunday. The band members will be travelling to Epsom from all over the country after work on the Friday evening and will be accommodated in the church premises. They are a great bunch of people and very adaptable, however, we would prefer not to have them sleeping on the floor! We need to find forty (or thereabouts) camp beds and/or air beds which we can supply for our guests.

I know September seems a long way off right now with summer holidays still to come but if you have a camp bed or air bed which you would be willing to loan for the weekend, I really would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

Please call Carol Thorley on 01372 727592.

COFFEE CUP

Coffee Cup is now open at Epsom Methodist Church on Monday – Friday mornings from 10 – 12 o'clock. We serve coffee, tea and hot chocolate together with homemade cakes and all at the best prices in town! We promise our customers a warm welcome and all our profits are going towards the Youth Hall building fund.

The Coffee Cup Team

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.

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

Casino Night – Saturday 5th July

Our next fund raising event is a Casino Night on Saturday 5th July. This promises to be a fun filled evening for all. Tickets are available priced £10 for over 16's. The evening starts at 7.45pm and runs through to 11pm at St Josephs Church Hall, St Margaret's Drive, Epsom. There will be a licensed bar and included in the ticket price is a buffet meal. You will be taught various different games and have a chance to play with pretend money. We are raising money for the 7th Epsom Scouts Building Fund. Please come and support us for what promises to be a truly exciting evening. Tickets are available from Neil Dallen. We look forward to seeing you there.

GANG SHOWS — PREPARATION FOR THE WEST END?

Rachel Chiles (18 yrs) a former 7th Epsom scout and Explorer scout is soon to perform at the Epsom Playhouse in a principal role in the Dorking Academy of Performing Arts (DAPA) production of the musical Pippin. Pippin follows a young boy's search for a purpose to his life, written by Stephen Schwartz who also wrote Godspell, and the acclaimed current West End success- Wicked. The cast is made up of young rising stars of Surrey.

Rachel started her performing career at the age of 11, with the 4-7-11 Gang Shows in Epsom produced by Neil Dallen. Like Ralph Reader before him, Neil says " I may not have put her name in lights- but at least I can say I helped put in a light bulb!" Rehearsals start in September for the 2009 4-7-11 Epsom Gang Show.

Rachel left Explorer Scouts to join DAPA , performing twice a year in youth theatre productions of Les Miserables, Copacabana, West Side Story and Sweet Charity.

This will be her first principal role before leaving in September to study at Trinity College of Music, London for a degree in Musical Theatre, in order to train for a career in the West End.

She would have made her grandfather proud- the late John Potter- former Group Scout Leader of 2nd Durrington Scouts a Queen Scout and Assistant Producer of the Worthing Gang Shows- " Gee It's A Wonderful Life".

Pippin runs from 10th- 12th July at Epsom Playhouse. Tickets from the Box Office 01372 742555