

7th Epsom News



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GSL's Report

Summer Camp

Scouts, Explorers and Czech Scouts had a great time at Buddens, a Scout camp site in Dorset.

Everyone visited Brownsea Island as part of a days outing and all the usual camp activities were experienced.

For the Czech scouts this was followed by a week Home Hospitality and sight seeing, mainly in London, and a trip to Chessington World of Adventure. They had a great time and have invited us back to camp with them in the Czech Republic. Thank you to all the host families.

Water Weekend

Another successful camp towards the end of September at Longridge and the weather stayed dry which was more than could be said for the Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Guides! Thanks to Bob and Tony for organising this annual event.

4.7.11 Gang Show

Rehearsals have started and the show is only 4 months away. Book the date now so you don't miss out on yet another spectacular show at the Playhouse on February 19th – 21st 2009.

Uganda 2009

Team building events and meetings have quietly been going on since January this year. Flight tickets now need to be purchased and the next 9 months will be really hectic finalising the details and a lot of team building so that we are really ready to go and cope with anything that may happen. "Expect the unexpected" is a very apt phrase for Africa.

Fund Raising

As the main camping season draws to a close the fund raising starts stepping up! Please do volunteer to help where you can, we can't do it without you!

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

Dates for your Diary

October

4th Quiz Night for New HQ
10th District Cub Night Hike
12th Church parade
18th Shooting camp at Bisley

November

8th Epsom Fireworks Display & Funfair
9th Church parade
22nd Jumble Sale

December

12th Community Christmas Post Scheme
Eagle Christmas Meal (black tie)

2009

24th January District Swimming Gala
New HQ fund raising event

19-21 February 4.7.11 Gang Show in Playhouse
9-13 April Eagle Explorer Easter Ex to Lake District
25th April New HQ fund raising event
22-25 May Spring camps for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers
25 July – 1st Aug Summer camp for Scouts and Explorers
August Uganda 2009
18-20 Sept Water Weekend
10th October New HQ fund raising event
7th November Epsom Fireworks Display and Funfair

Congratulations – June 1000 club winners

1st Prize --- no 50, Richard Robertson

2nd Prize --- no.27, Pam Brogan

3rd prize --- no 32, Debra Brooker

July, August and September will appear next month

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.

Summer camp with the Czechs

23 Explorer Scouts were joined by 13 Czech Scouts for their Summer camp at the end of July.

The challenge was running a large Explorer camp with few leaders and the English and Czech scouts and leaders not knowing each other!

Jill and Zoe picked the Czechs up from the airport Friday afternoon and brought them to the church for the start of their journey with us to camp.

We quickly finished the packing and hit the road with three very full minibuses and two trailers. First stop was Christchurch (yes, Christchurch, Epsom) when we received a phone call from one of the Explorers asking us to look on the trailer for his watch! Miraculously, it was still balanced where he had left it.

While closing the minibus sliding door, the door fell off! Was this the shape of things to come? Being good scouts we managed to tie it on and continued our journey to Dorset.

We arrived at Buddens camp site, quickly unloaded the trailers and minibuses as they were returning to pick up the scouts next morning! Marquee and tents were quickly pitched and some sort of organisation evolved.

Saturday morning we hit the ground running (or driving in Jill's case) with teams being shuttled to and from the ferry to Brownsea Island. Those on site continued to set up camp and started building a flag pole under the direction of Natasha who agreed to build a 'skylon' but had never seen one before!

Sunday saw Jill continue her shuttle service dropping off teams for a coastal walk with climbing at Dancing Ledge on the way!

The day ended with a Scouts Own with the Scouts.

The next three days included archery, shooting, canoeing and a two day hike, camping in a field overnight.

Thursday we 'relaxed' at a local water park during the day and then went on a night incident hike till the sun came up!

Friday was sleep in day, rafting in the afternoon, and a camp fire to finish. (It was also welding day for the minibus door and also a seat that had broken!)

Saturday was culture day with a visit to Corfe castle and a beach barbecue. Sunday we struck camp and returned home.

Quiz Night – Saturday 4th October

Our next fund raising event is a Quiz Night on Saturday 4th October. This promises to be a fun filled evening for all. Tickets are available priced £8.50 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 challenged by the questions as well as having a great time. 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.

Epsom Fireworks Display and Funfair

Did you know that 7th Epsom organise the [Epsom Fireworks Display](#)? It all started in 1971 in St. Martin's School field and has grown to be one of the biggest and best in South East England!

This involves a large number of people, not just from our Group, but also from many other organisations (mostly Scout related).

This year we are planning to put on an even bigger and better display and need adult help in a number of areas especially manning the park and ride stops.

We also need help with publicity, programme distribution, gate and crowd control.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Doug Clasby on 01372 723077 or email at doug@clasby.demon.co.uk

Thank you.

Jumble Sale – November 22nd

Our jumble sales normally raise around £1,000 and need a large number of people to sort, sell and clear up. The organising committee also welcome new blood to help in the overall organising. Parent reps will be asking you to volunteer either Thursday, Friday or Saturday of the sale, please do so as many hands make light work and it is fun!

For more information or to volunteer directly, please contact Philippa Scott on 01372 748864 or email surreyscotts@yahoo.com.