

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

November 2008



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## **GSL's Report**

### **Cub Night Hike**

Another successful event for older Cubs. Thanks go to Ian Melhuish, District Cub Scout Leader and David Ladd, Walk Leader.

### **Bisley Shooting Camp**

Another successful event for Scouts and Explorers in our shooting club. The results are not yet available but everyone who went did extremely well and were a credit to the Group. Thanks go to Simon, David, Glynn, Colin and Grant. Also thanks to Zoe who organised the camp and bought the food but was unable to attend due to ill health.

### **4.7.11 Gang Show**

Rehearsals are now well under way. Book the date now so you don't miss out on yet another spectacular show at the Playhouse on February 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2009.

### **2009 Camps**

Planning for 2009 camps is well under way and dates are published in this newsletter. Please do make a note of them and try to work your family holidays around them. The camps are a great opportunity for the young people to get to know each other and the leaders better, to have a great time and to learn an enormous amount just by being away from home and living with other similar age young people.

### **Fund Raising**

Fireworks and Christmas Post are all but organised! We just need to man the events! Please do volunteer to help where you can!

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**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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## **Dates for your Diary**

### **November**

8<sup>th</sup> Epsom Fireworks Display & Funfair  
9<sup>th</sup> Church parade  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jumble Sale

### **December**

12<sup>th</sup> Community Christmas Post Scheme  
Eagle Christmas Meal (black tie)

### **2009**

24<sup>th</sup> 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  
25<sup>th</sup> April New HQ fund raising event

22-25 May      Spring camps for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers  
25 July – 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Summer camp for Scouts and Explorers  
August          Uganda 2009  
18-20 Sept      Water Weekend  
10<sup>th</sup> October     New HQ fund raising event  
7<sup>th</sup> November    Epsom Fireworks Display and Funfair

## **Congratulations –1000 club winners**

### **July 2008**

1st Prize --- James Arnold  
2nd Prize --- Bob Allen  
3rd prize --- Maria Kiero-Watson

### **August 2008**

1st prize : John Cock  
2nd prize : Sara Curtis  
3rd prize : Jill Enticott Thibaut

### **September 2008**

1st prize : Lou Goolnik  
2nd prize : Sara Curtis  
3rd prize : Sara Curtis

### **6 monthly Bumper Prize**

Winner : Margaret Roberts

### **District Swimming Gala**

The annual District Swimming Gala has been postponed until 24<sup>th</sup> January next year. Trials will be held in the New Year so, if you want to swim, watch out for details or contact Zoe Dallen by email at [zdallen@hotmail.com](mailto:zdallen@hotmail.com).

### **Water Weekend 2008**

Water weekend this year was blessed with sunshine and some surprises at our usual location on the Thames. The forecast was good, as nearly 60 Scouts and guides boarded the coach and minibus to head off to Longridge, in Marlow. Our advance party of Explorer scouts and leaders managed to raise the Marquee and group tent whilst it was still light, then we enjoyed the usual manic hour whilst the scouts and guides put up the rest of the tents in the light of the electric lamps and generator we take for the camp.

Saturday dawned bright, although it had been cold in the night. The cubs joined us, having left Epsom early for the day and everyone launched into a frenzy of canoeing, kayaking, raft building and rowing. Some groups constructed huge catapults on each bank of the river (Longridge is located where an island forms a back channel in the Thames) and proceeded to fire water bombs at each other and to any luckless souls trying to canoe past. The surprise this year was that Longridge have built an enormous new climbing wall, which was a real test for the scouts. There is also a 'leap of faith' activity, which we were not aware they had built, but which is now already booked for next year!

Whilst this was going on, the famous wobbly rope bridge was being constructed across the river. During the afternoon a sequence of people made their way across it, only to "fall off" half way across (yes, we did have a safety boat on the water just in case anyone needed help getting out). At the end of the day, many of the leaders and the explorer scouts made their way up the river to shoot the weir at Marlow. The evening meal was appreciated by all and then a film show was put on in the group tent, featuring two recent blockbusters - wonderful what you can achieve with a generator!

Sunday morning was a repeat of Saturday and then after a good lunch the camp was dismantled and everyone climbed back on the buses to return home full of stories and perhaps

just a little tired. Longridge is already booked for next year, same weekend, so make a note in your diaries now.

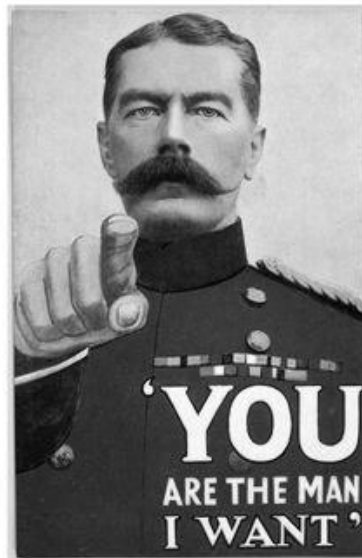
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### Active Kids

Thank you to everyone who donated Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers. We have ordered a tent, juggling set and numerous smaller camping items.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scouts Fireworks Display November 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

# We need you !



We are looking for volunteers to help us run the fireworks display. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and can only happen with your help. Come along and be part of the action.

Please call:

**Steve Low 01737 279197**

### Quiz Night – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to both the organisers and those who came and enjoyed a great evening – we raised over £1,000 towards the New Scout Headquarters

### Jumble Sale – November 22nd

For more information or volunteer to help, please contact Philippa Scott on 01372 748864 or email [surreyscotts@yahoo.com](mailto:surreyscotts@yahoo.com).