

7th Epsom News



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GSL's Report

Spring Camps

Spring Bank Holiday camp forms have been distributed to Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for the camp at Bentley Copse near Shere in the Surrey Hills. It is a great site with a wide variety of activities as well as lots of open country literally next door!

We need to book activities and confirm how many sites we need as it is a very busy weekend. The closing date was the end of February but we are extending it for another two weeks as some appear not to have received a form. If you want to go, please return the form as soon as possible. If paying the deposit is a problem please still return the form with a note stating deposit to follow.

Church Parades

Every Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer and Leader makes a promise that includes doing their 'Duty to God'. As a group we do have many members who are different religions and denominations and rightly go to their own place of worship every week. Equally there are many who do not belong to any particular church and I expect those members to do their best to attend the church parades that are specially designed for us as a Scout Group, along with the Guides.

A lot of time and effort is made to ensure that they are 'youth friendly' and open to anyone so please come along once a month, on the second Sunday in the month. The next parade is on the 8th February and we meet in the Church Hall at 10.10, finishing by 11.45hrs.

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

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.

Dates for your Diary

March

- 7-8th County Explorer Night Challenge
- 8th Church Parade
- 14th District Cub Emergency Aid badge course
- 15th County Cyclocross competition – Scouts/Explorers

April

- 9-13th Eagle Explorer Easter Ex to Lake District
- 25th New HQ fund raising event
- 26th District St Georges Day celebration – all sections

May

- 10th Church Parade
- District Challenge hike for Scouts and Explorers
- 16th Jumble Sale
- District Scout 5-a-side football

22-25th	Spring camps for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers
June	
13 th	Bazzaz – BIG County Beaver Fun Day
14 th	Church Parade
26-28 th	Family camp
July	
4 th	District Cub Athletes badge
10 th – 12 th	County Scout camping and cooking competition
12 th	Church Parade
	District Scout cooking competition
25 th – 1 st Aug	Summer camp for Scouts and Explorers
August	
9-31 st	Uganda 2009
September	
18-20 th	Water Weekend
26 th	Jumble Sale
October	
9 th	District Cub Night Hike for older cubs
10 th	New HQ fund raising event
11 th	Church Parade
	District Scout tin can trophy
17 th -18 th	Jamboree on the Air
November	
7 th	7 th Epsom Fireworks Display – Hook Road Arena

CALL TO ARMS!!

Due to the continued success and growth of the 7th Epsom Scouts Shooting Club, we are looking to increase the number of Instructors.

The Club meets twice a month and is looking to start to offer more training opportunities for its members - hence the need for more instructors so that the work can be split up across more people.

Initially you can come along to see the Club in action, helping out as an assistant. Then, if you like it, training to be an air rifle instructor involves attending a 2-day course and obtaining a Scout CRB Declaration - this is all paid for by the Scout Group. Beyond that there are other opportunities to grow knowledge and obtain higher level qualifications (pistol, .22 cartridge shooting etc).

If there is anyone out there who would be interested in helping out and/or training to be a shooting instructor, please can they get in touch with Simon Wellsted on 07836 348164.

Donations for the new HQ to

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.

Cheques to 7th Epsom Scout Group Building Appeal.

This months vacancy – Fireworks Display helpers.

The Epsom Fireworks Display and Funfair is our biggest fund raiser by a long way! There is a fantastic team with lots of experience that run the event.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join us specifically to help with **Publicity and Marketing** of the event

We are also looking for a **pyromaniac** to take responsibility for organising the bonfire. Explorer Scouts build and light the fire but there are numerous other tasks that need doing – arranging deliveries of pallets, providing paraffin. The current job holder is able to help and advise for this year.

Please contact Irvin Morris on 01372 813511 or Neil Dallen on 01372 728187.

4.7.11 Gang Show retains the Red Scarf

After another breath taking show the editor received many letters of congratulations. Extracts are printed below –

I am writing to congratulate all those involved with the 4-7-11 Gang Show held recently.

I thought that the performers were terrific; all those associated with the production can be extremely proud of their achievements.

Would you please pass on my congratulations to everyone who were involved for producing a very enjoyable piece of entertainment.

Well done!

Richard Shortman, County Commissioner, Surrey Scouts

Well, now it's all come together and everyone involved must be complimented on the eventual standard reached in all areas. The overall spectacle was excellent, and that essential element of the kids showing their enjoyment, left no one in doubt. Happiness oozed, and it augurs well for the next one.

There were the usual strong song and dance items that the youngsters so much enjoy. The stage sets were most suitable, well built, and changed unobtrusively. Hand props were most appropriate, and the technical support excellent. Choreography was better than ever before, yet simple enough and so well rehearsed that even those with two left feet coped with it. That was an achievement! Costumes were superb throughout.

The band was very good, and volume was generally kept at the right level. Apart from the straight song and dance numbers, there were those musical numbers that showed the producers' abilities in co-ordinating props, stage sets and light and sound. Much thought and ingenuity was apparent throughout, and each producer should be congratulated on the resulting presentations.