

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

September 2009



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## GSL's Report

### **New Headquarters**

We are now hoping to start building early next year. The next fund raising event is a Quiz Night on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets from Ann Dallen 01372 728187.

### **Camps and activities**

The last 2 months have seen the Scout and Explorer summer camp, the Explorer expedition to Uganda and numerous competitions. September is just as busy with the annual Water Weekend, the group jumble sale and a variety of activities as the sections all get started after the summer break.

### **Leaders**

Due to new/revised work commitments Kirsty Alger is giving up as Sioux Akela but remaining as AGSL, co-ordinating joint Cub activities and Lucie Dallen is now working shifts and cannot attend every week.

Explorers have got so numerous that the unit is splitting onto two (by age) and a new team of leaders is required!

If you think that you, or anyone you know could help, please contact me!

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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).

### **Donations for the new HQ to**

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.

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

## Lost property

Any unclaimed lost property will be put in the next Jumble Sale on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Either claim it beforehand or buy it back on the day!

## Summer Camp – New Forest

### Explorers

9 Explorers attended the summer camp at Ferny Crofts in July. The numbers were small due to the impending trip to Uganda, nevertheless a great camp was had by all!

The usual variety of on site activities were available included the High Ropes course, archery and climbing but a lot of time was spent off site in the surrounding area.

Mountain biking for a half day ended with half the party being rescued and the remainder arriving back late, the last one back managed to 'drop' his bike and write off the pedal! The highlight must be the graceful descent of one explorer when he stopped on a cattle grid and his foot went through the gap!

The Isle of Wight was too close to ignore so the two teams were given maps of the Island and a lift to the ferry. A camp site had been booked at Corfe but one team decided that they would use a 'different route' and, when darkness fell, knocked at a farmer's door and got permission to camp on his land. (10 out of 10 for initiative; 0 out of ten for navigation!)

Lyndhurst was also attractively close so a half-day was spent exploring the town and shopping (I suspect that most of the time was spent shopping!).

Bob Allen, canoe instructor, had agreed to take the Explorers canoeing for a day and a great time was had canoeing from Bucklers Hard to Beaulieu. Thank you Bob and Richard.

The local swimming pool did not escape and we took advantage of their free swimming programme!

All the catering was organised by the Explorers who planned the menu, shopped at the local Tescos and prepared and cooked all week.

Overall it was a very successful and enjoyable camp. (if you don't agree, please write to the editor with your version!).

Thanks go to Richard Beckett and Faith Sibthorp Protts without who the camp could not have taken place.

## Uganda 2009 – a quick resume

To get the full story, please come along to the report back on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Epsom Methodist Church, starting at 19.30hrs.

### Sightseeing

- The Source of the Nile
- Bugagali Falls
- Open air swimming pool at Jinja Club
- Baboons on the Iganga – Tororo Road
- Tororo Rock
- Safaris

### Projects

- 3 protected springs
- tree planting at schools
- 3 piggeries (pig sties) for an orphan school

### Experiences

- A night in a mud hut
- Milking cows
- Catching flees
- Making bricks
- Mud fights
- Torrential rain
- Babies and toddlers at the orphanage
- Buda budas
- Fire engines round the plane
- Competition camp sites at Kaazi
- Jungle runs
- Sun rising over Lake Victoria
- Cold showers as a luxury
- Pit latrines

- 'motorway' café
- Speeches

And much much more!!!

Hope you can all make the report back on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September when there will be pictures to illustrate the stories!

**Dates for your Diary**

**September**

13<sup>th</sup> Church Parade  
 18-20<sup>th</sup> Water Weekend  
 26<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale

**October**

9<sup>th</sup> District Cub Night Hike for older cubs  
 10<sup>th</sup> New HQ fund raising Quiz Night  
 11<sup>th</sup> Church Parade  
 District Scout tin can trophy  
 14<sup>th</sup> District Beaver Skittles evening  
 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Air  
 Bisley Shooting camp

**November**

7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Fireworks Display – Hook Road Arena  
 8<sup>th</sup> Church Parade  
 Remembrance day parade  
 11<sup>th</sup> District Scout Quiz

**December**

Community Christmas Post Scheme

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

19.30 – 23.00hrs.

St. Josephs church hall

Licensed cash bar

Buffet meal

£8.50 per ticket

Teams of up to 10 people

Proceeds to new Scout HQ

Tickets from Ann Dallen - 01372 728187