

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



December 2009

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## GSL's Report

### **New Editor for 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News**

Colin Sowman has agreed to take over as editor from January 2010 and 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News will be published mid-month. Please get your articles to Colin by the beginning of the month you would like them to appear.

### **Survey**

Thank you to those who responded. The responses will be discussed at the next Group Executive meeting. If anyone would like a copy, please ask Well done to Clearwater Beavers who returned over 80%. If parents who did not respond would like to contact us, with their views please either email [neil@interim-mgmt.demon.co.uk](mailto:neil@interim-mgmt.demon.co.uk) or ring 01372 728187.

### **Christmas services and church parade**

This year the gift service has moved to the 6<sup>th</sup> December, gifts will be accepted in the church office up to then.

Church Parade is combined with the Nativity service on 13<sup>th</sup> December, the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month.

All are welcome to attend any of the Christmas services.

Neil Dallen (01372 728187)

## Dates for your Diary

### **December**

6<sup>th</sup> Community Christmas Post Scheme – first pick up

13<sup>th</sup> Church parade

### **2010**

April 1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Easter Expedition - Explorers

May 28<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup> Spring Camp – Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> (provisional) Sweden camp - Scouts

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> (provisional) Sweden camp and Explorer Belt**

**Additional dates for 2010** will be published when we receive confirmation, hopefully for the next issue.

## **Parkinson's Christmas Tree of Memories**

Why are we involved?

There was a possibility that Epsom's Christmas decorations would suffer when last year's sponsor of the market-place tree decided that this year they could not sponsor it. The local branch of Parkinson's almost immediately decided to be this year's sponsors, as they already had arranged a box collection on 12<sup>th</sup> December and the publicity would be very helpful. 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom were to have their yellow community post-boxes throughout the Borough, and using them also for the Parkinson's Tree project seemed a good way to help that charity. As a result, Parkinson's have offered to share the proceeds of their project after paying for the tree. It is very good that we also stand to benefit from their sponsoring the tree.

There is no guarantee that the **Tree of Memories** will be a success, (we are not involved financially if it's a loss!), but so much will depend on the generosity of the public.

So please read the literature about it and if possible, give it your support. Incidentally, the initiator of this project has been helping with our Christmas post scheme since it first started. Now is our chance to say thank you in this way.

## **Christmas Tree Sale**

*to raise funds for 7th Epsom and participating local charities*

Premium non-drop trees

Many sizes to choose from

Quality Guaranteed

**December Sat/Sun<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>**

9am to 4pm

**Bring this advert for an extra treat\***

Find out more online... [www.xmastrees.org.uk](http://www.xmastrees.org.uk)

\* Tree purchase necessary and only while stocks last.

### **The winners of the 1000 Club October draw are :**

1st : Christine Cox

2nd : Lou Goolnick

3rd : Margaret Roberts

### **Shooting Success at Bisley!**

Each year in October, the 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Shooting Club sends a crack squad to the National Scout Shooting Championships at Bisley, where they have their own micro-climate and sub-zero temperatures are the norm. It's a bit like the Eden Project, but premised more on Antarctica rather than tropical climes. Fortunately the scouts (and most of the leaders) are made of the right stuff, and so on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we set off for the weekend. In brief the camp was a tremendous success, and not just because I was one of the leaders running it! We always aim to create a fun environment in order that the scouts are able to unwind in between their shooting disciplines and this year provided a lot of laughs. Specific highlights included Teresa O'Leary doing a worryingly good chicken impression, Grant "Tilly" Betts sleeping on the parcel shelf of his car due to his tent being broken (not fun when the temperature is -6!) and Matt Skudder showing a group from Wales how to play rugby properly. Or was that how to spear tackle and slam dunk properly? No matter. Food as always was beautifully prepared by myself and the magnificent Delia Shickle.

More importantly, the squad enjoyed some fantastic success in the competitions. The numbers grow each year (this year there were over 750 entrants from across the country) and the standard of shooting gets higher and higher. Last years squad included a number of members that were shooting in competition for the first time and this inexperience perhaps cost us a little in terms of results. Another year older and another year wiser coupled with a revised coaching structure saw some terrific results across all disciplines. A full set of results is available on request, next month we will publish the highlights. I will only include results that finished in the top ten, but in most disciplines we had a number of members that finished in the teens and low twenties. It was an amazing performance!

We have real strength in depth across the squad now, and with continued focus we aim to build on this success at next years championships. Roll on October 2010!

Colin O'Neill

# EPSOM BOOK FAIR

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010

At Epsom Methodist Church,  
Ashley Road, Epsom KT18 5AQ  
**10am-8pm (until 4pm on Saturday).**  
**Entrance 50p (children and students free).**

**Annual Giant Charity Sale of Secondhand Books, DVDs  
and Music. MANY THOUSANDS OF BOOKS including  
antiquarian, out-of-print, children's, fiction and non-fiction.  
Also CDs, DVDs, records and sheet music.  
Refreshments and light lunches available throughout.**

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for further information and to arrange assistance.  
[www.emc.org.uk](http://www.emc.org.uk)

This event is being run jointly by the EMC Development Appeal (now raising  
funds for a new youth hall for 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scouts) and the Action for Children  
Support Group

Action for Children is a registered charity No. 1097940 founded in 1869.

## **Articles**

for 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News are welcome from anyone and should be sent to the new editor  
Colin Sowman on email [colin.sowman@gmail.com](mailto:colin.sowman@gmail.com).

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

Karolina Whitehorn, 3b The Grove KT17 4DQ.  
Cheques to 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scout Group Building Appeal.