


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



June / July 2017

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## Beavers are (district football) winners!

On Saturday 20th May,  
our brilliant   
took part in  
the annual Epsom and  
Ewell District 7 a  
side football  
competition. Out of 60  
Beavers we managed to  
scrape together a mixed  
ability team. My  
expectations were low-  
we only had 7 players so



there was no room for injuries or no shows. Our team was truly fantastic. They worked together passing the ball to every team player and we rotated positions to ensure everyone had a chance at being goalie- the coveted position! The Beavers played six games and only lost one. As a result they were crowned the winners and were awarded a shield which has been engraved and sits pride of place in the trophy cabinet, so please do have a look at it.

*by Clare Diplacito – Beaver Leader*

# 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Spring Camp 2017



Our Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all enjoyed a great weekend at Boider Hurst. The Scouts and Explorers set up camp on Friday evening for the traditional 3-day camp. With the Beavers camping overnight on Friday and the Cubs arriving on Saturday morning, we had **all four sections together** for the first time.



We organised a number of cross section activities; they enjoyed team games with teams comprising all four sections, tag rugby as well as the crackling campfires.





Scouts Own was taken by our 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Group Scout Leader, David Shickle, on Sunday morning when we were invited to reflect on recent tragic events in the UK.

All sections enjoyed the zip wire - including some leaders! – and the climbing wall was a great success. We are grateful to our leaders who ran the climbing wall and zip wire – we are fortunate to have that expertise in-house.



Even though the weather was sporadically not very kind to us, all of our young members had a fantastic time.

Explorers slept in hammocks and the Scouts built a bivouac (*see below*) for the last night – most ‘survived’ the torrential overnight downpour. They went home tired, a little bit grubby but hopefully with an experience they will remember for some time to come.



*by Paul Carpenter – Scout Leader*

## Thank You to Neil Dallen - Sunday 2nd July

On the afternoon of Sunday 2nd July around 150 people joined in a celebration of 7th Epsom and the legacy left to the Group by Neil Dallen, our Group Scout Leader for 28 years.





The event was in the form of a family picnic which took place at Horton Country Park. Being well prepared, a marquee was pitched just in case the weather was not accommodating, however, it stayed dry and a good time was had by all and the marquee provided some welcome shade.

Invitees included some who had been scouts with Neil as he grew up as well as current and past leaders and helpers from 7th Epsom and Epsom and Ewell District, and parents and children with association with 7th Epsom over the years.

After a few short speeches, Neil was presented with a gift and a video from the current 7th Epsom team and a magnificent cake was cut and shared with all who attended.



*by Kevin Mead - Group Exec Chair*



*From 7th  
Epsom  
Group  
Executive  
Chair Kevin  
Mead*

## 2017 / 8 Subscriptions and Gift Aid

😊 Thanks to the majority of you who paid your subscriptions on time - it makes life so much easier for Bev, our Subscriptions Secretary. However, there are still a significant number of people who are yet to pay and subscriptions are now overdue. **Please** action payment immediately if you have not yet paid.

☹️ Sadly, **we are throwing away free money** as less than a quarter of you have filled in the Gift Aid Form which can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/94lydgVs2kDspC0I3>. If there is a taxpayer in your household, please complete the form as it means we get 25% extra back from the government to help run a quality programme for the group. (Government rules have changed this year, so we need you to fill in the new form even if you filled in one in previous years)

*Thanks for your support,  
Kevin Mead,  
Group Executive Chairmain*

## Diary Dates

### July

7-9<sup>th</sup>

**ScoutAbout:** Ages 10-14.  
Only once every 3 yrs!  
Cubs Summer Camp

23-29<sup>th</sup>

### August

31<sup>st</sup> (July)-  
12<sup>th</sup>

Sweden Camp  
(Explorers/Scouts)

### September

15-17<sup>th</sup>

Water Weekend (nr  
Kingston)

30<sup>th</sup>

Jumble Sale (EMC)  
email Catherine to help  
[catherinemax@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemax@btinternet.com)



*Letter From 7th Epsom Group Scout Leader  
David Shickle*

## Appeal: WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear Parents.

Please take the time to read this short message. It is an appeal for your involvement! As many of you know 7th Epsom is a fairly large group and is able to provide great experiences to all of the children that come through our door.

For the avoidance of doubt, the group operates entirely with volunteers and fund



raising, every person who contributes to the success of 7th Epsom Scouts is unpaid and gives their time freely. Most of the leaders do not have children in the group anymore and still continue to provide their time. And we have a small team of volunteers who support with things like finance, collecting of subs, transport, Fireworks, arranging Jumble sales, Christmas Post, shooting club etc.

Without these fantastic people we would not be able to operate the kind of scouting we do.

A very important part of the success of 7th Epsom is fund raising to continue to do the activities we do.

SO - The appeal...

7th Epsom has around 215 young people regularly attending Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers. Which I estimate must mean at least 350 parents outside of those who already help with the group.

We recently had to cancel the jumble sale as we only had 5 parents come forward to offer help on the day of the sale.

So as well as the volunteers who help regularly we need parents to volunteer to provide adhoc help or support a committee to assist with the fund raising. Autumn is one of our busiest fund raising time.

Which is where we need much better parental support

If you are already helping, we are hugely appreciative, thank you!



**WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Please don't just assume someone else will do it - because everyone else is assuming someone else will do it. Just a few hours a year from 100 people would make a huge difference.

**HELP MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.**

*David Shickle  
GSL 7th Epsom Scout Group*

