

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



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## Fire Safety

This term our [SCOUTS] have been learning what to do if they discover a fire has broken out at home or at camp as part of the Fire Safety Activity Badge. They also thought about a Home Escape Plan and designed a poster to advise people of how they can help to prevent heath & grass fires breaking out in the countryside. Best of all they all had a go at using a fire extinguisher to put out fires the leaders set in the car park. Even the adults found that very exciting! All the Scouts attained their Fire Safety Activity Badge & learnt something useful that may save lives.



*James demonstrating a fire extinguisher*

*By Paul Carpenter*

## District cubs 100 Birthday



A number of activities were arranged (by district) for Cubs to celebrate their 100th Birthday. We chose to do the The Promise Party: a national celebration that included a

Promise renewal, held on 16 December 2016 to commemorate the official registration date of the Cub Scout section. Our district celebration was held at Bourne Hall. Some activities included demonstrations of the requirements for the badges when cubs was in the 1950s. We had a message from the Queen, read out by our Local MP who also had to walk with a book on his head with the mayor as one of the badge activities!



All three our packs there, Apache, Cherokee and Sioux. As part of the celebration, we got 3 cubs to read out the promise to everyone!

We also were encouraged to tweet or post to social media a selfie with the hash tag #Cubs100

So we did the selfie and passed it on to district. As you can see there were quite a few cubs there! Can you spot yours?



## Scout Kit Working Party: needs PARENT HELPERS

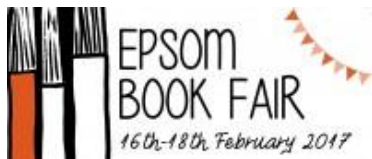
**Sat 29th April 10-1(or 13th May)** What makes our successful large Scout group possible, amongst many things, is the access to the great amount of kit that the group has invested in over the years, that allows each section to carry out their wide and varied programme, giving our young people, hopefully, the best Scouting experience achievable.

Occasionally we need to assess the state of all our kit (pitch, mend, clean and catalogue) So, to that end, I am putting out a call to all parents from all sections (Beavers through to Explorers) to join me at Horton Stores (adjacent to Horton Park car park toilets) from 10 till 1 (ish) (this would also mean all the kit is ready in advance of our first camp of the year, at the end of May)

As you can appreciate, the leaders already put in a lot of their time and no doubt some will come and lend their knowledge on the day, but if I can get a good turnout from parents then it will make for a very simple job

Refreshments will be provided. Even if you can only find an hour to join in, that would also be appreciated. Bring along the young people too and they can literally show you the ropes! Thanks in advance for your support.

By Jo Chartres (Quartermaster) [jochartres@virginmedia.com](mailto:jochartres@virginmedia.com)



The total raised £36,100 is an increase of over £4,000 on the previous year. The Book Fair is now 16 years old and takes place every February half term. £2,000 was raised back in 2002 and each year the total raised has grown. This year over 2,000 people visited.

The organisers wish to thank 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom for the wonderful help we get from the Scouts who deliver Book Fair flyers, move all the boxes of books to their sale positions before the Fair and then load everything onto the articulated truck at the end. The Scouts and Explorers were very hard working and many of the other volunteers remarked on how cheerful and helpful they were. The Book Fair simply could not happen without the help of 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom who also lend the minibus and trailer and take waste card paper rubbish to the dump. In return a generous share (£5,500) of the proceeds was donated to scout funds. .  
[More information here](#) by Organiser  
*Jacqui Raggett*

## Diary Dates

### March

12<sup>th</sup> Church parade (EMC)  
 26-29<sup>th</sup> Sixer/Secunder camp

### April

13-17<sup>th</sup> Easter expedition  
 (Explorers only)  
 29<sup>th</sup> Kit Working Party @  
 (10am-1pm) Horton Stores

### May

13<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale (EMC)  
 (13<sup>th</sup> Kit Working Party? @  
 (10am-1pm) Horton Stores)  
 26-29<sup>th</sup> Boiderhurst Spring  
 camp (Group Camp-  
 Cubs from 27<sup>th</sup>)

### July

7-9<sup>th</sup> **ScoutAbout: Ages10-14.**  
 Only once every 3 yrs!  
 23-29<sup>th</sup> Cubs Summer Camp

### August

31<sup>st</sup> (July)- Sweden Camp  
 12<sup>th</sup> (Explorers/Scouts)

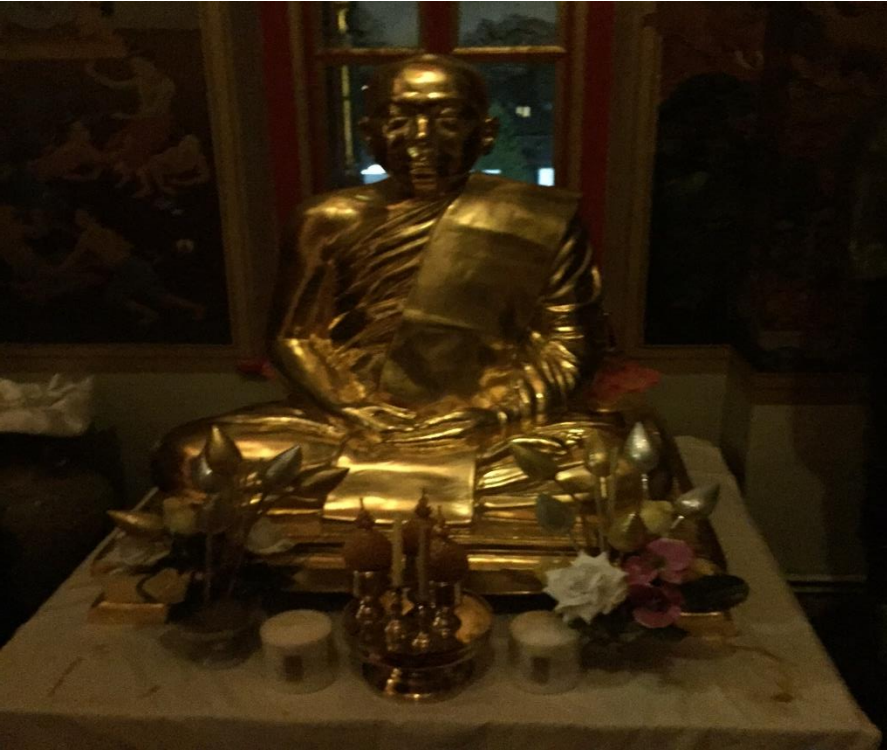
### September

15-17<sup>th</sup> Water Weekend (nr  
 Kingston)  
 30<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale (EMC)

Write an article for 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News? Send in via text to 07940508133 or email to [elsje@kichenbrand.com](mailto:elsje@kichenbrand.com) We would love feedback on events such as the District Scouts Swimming Gala, the Epsom Book Fair or any Scout related activities you've participated in...

## **cubs** Visit to Wat Buddhapadipa Temple

The Cubs of the three packs, Apache, Cherokee and Sioux are working their way to their Chief Scouts Award Silver. To obtain this badge, they must complete the following seven challenge badges.



1. Our World Challenge Award
2. Our Skills Challenge Award
3. Our Outdoors Challenge Award
4. Our Adventure Challenge Award
5. Teamwork Challenge Award
6. Team Leader Challenge Award
7. Personal Challenge Award

As part of the Our World Challenge award, they need to *"Find out about a faith or culture other than your own"* To that end a joint outing was arranged by Chil to our local Buddhist temple. Meeting



earlier than usual, our eager cubs were soon on their way to Wimbledon. Once inside the temple, they learned about Buddha's life from birth to death and the afterlife including the stages of heaven and hell. They also learned about wood monks and town monks, who lead similar lives benefitting from the donations from the local Buddhist community. The temple had three permanent artists for



three years with 14-part time assistants to create the beautiful murals including the spectacular ceiling.

The temple is open to all on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April if you want to visit it yourself (Thai new year) – there is food, dancing and other activities.

<http://www.watbuddhapadipa.org>



*By Ian Watkinson*

# Scoutabout!

Once in THREE YEARS, coming soon to a place



near you: ScoutAbout 2017 weekend camp at Ardingly (East Grinstead) 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July is definitely one not to be missed! Around 5000 Surrey scouts / guides (10-14) converge on the showground for an exhilarating weekend of continuous fun.



Over 100 different activities / challenges to try, such as abseiling, archery, bungee running, caving, canoeing, circus skills, cooking, crafts, inflatables, laser clay shooting, quad biking, rifle shooting, rock climbing, Scoutabout's Got Talent, simulators, sub aqua, water slides, etc. Once it gets dark, the day does not stop, with things like live bands and discos.



We stay under canvas and the camp is fully catered by us friendly leaders and some even more friendly parent volunteers, so apart from pitching and striking camp, the scouts have nothing else to do but clean behind their ears and have a fantastic time.



Understandably, we need lots of adult help, especially to setup camp on the Friday evening, and strike camp on Sunday afternoon. We will also need a team of people to man the one activity we will be offering and a catering team to provide main meals plus continuous cups of tea and drinks. Any parents who can spare the weekend or just come at the beginning or end would be most welcome.

We need to confirm numbers in April, so please click on the [OSM link](#) and complete your payment by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Questions? Gillian Mead 01372 729800 or [meadfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:meadfamily@btinternet.com)



Helpful links: <http://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/scoutabout/>

<https://www.facebook.com/scoutaboutlive/>

<https://twitter.com/scoutaboutlive>

Ps – from the Facebook page the following request: Got a Scout or Guide camp coming up before the end of May? We're looking for a group to help us film the next Scoutabout 2017 video! Drop a message if you're interested: [news@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:news@surrey-scouts.org.uk)