

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



February/March 2018

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## best at Bowling! Sat 3rd Feb

On Saturday 3rd February, the Beavers took part in the annual Epsom and Ewell **District Bowling** competition. Once again, 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Beavers showed how brilliant they are, winning all 3 categories. Tamsyn, from Clearwater colony, won the trophy for the highest scoring girl. Jack from Willowlake was the highest scoring boy and Windfalls won the highest scoring colony. Well done to everyone who participated.

Thank you to Judith Sitford, Assistant District Commissioner for organising it and presenting the trophies.

*By Clare DiPlacito (Beaver/Cub leader)*



^^^ Tamsyn and  
← Jack proudly receiving their trophy from Judith Sitford

## **cubs** not first the worst but second the best! Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Not to be outdone by the Beavers, the Cubs had their annual **District Swimming Gala** on the same day. We were only allowed to submit 7 Cubs across all packs to represent 7th Epsom, and they did us proud.

Benedict showed he was born to swim by winning the freestyle race; Grace did a sterling job at the breast stroke- managing to get into the next round and Isaac proved why he swims for Epsom swimming club with a great show of backstroke. Luke, Owen, Jamie and Oscar displayed great team skills that prove you don't need to swim freestyle to do well in the relay!

Well done to all participants

*By Clare DiPlacito (Beaver/Cub leader)*



← Grace, Oscar, Jamie and Isaac from Sioux proudly wearing their medals.

Watch this space... look out for photo(s) of the other swimming gala winners in the next 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom edition.

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## **“Free” Money! Gift Aid for 2017/8** really EASY. Please DO it!

Thank you to those who responded to the Gift Aid email. 😞 Sadly, ***we are throwing away free money*** as less than half 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. Reminder emails have been sent in the last month to those who haven't completed the form.

Thanks for your support,

*Kevin Mead, Group Executive Chairman*

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# cubs attend 'Guildford Flames' IceHockey match!

Sun 18th Feb



On the last evening of half term, two minibuses took 22 cubs to Guildford Spectrum to see

Guildford 'Flames' play Manchester 'Storm'. It was a riveting match which started off with the Flames trailing 2 down to Storm. But they played hard and consistently came back so at full time they were drawing at 3-3. *"The ice hockey was very exciting and you never knew what was going to happen next!"* said Oscar Stopford.



The teams went into extra time but still were drawing so it got to sudden death penalties at the end.

Forrest Williams exclaimed: *"I really enjoyed the match especially when it went into penalties. I couldn't believe how hard the players hit the puck."*



The home crowd's hype was so infectious. The cubs were shouting for the Flames "Guildford, Guildford, Guildford!!!" .... screaming "cheat" at the Storm goal keeper (who'd be tactically moving the goal at key points in the game) and waving their hands in the air like they just didn't care!



Unfortunately, the home team lost out in the penalty shoot-out but that didn't spoil the evening for the cubs.

Ben Williams summed it up perfectly... *'the ice hockey was really fast and exciting and rough, I would really like to go again'!*

by Jonathan Parkinson  
(Cub GL Akela-Sioux pack)

More details about the match: <https://www.eagleradio.co.uk/news/local-sport/2508051/flames-fall-against-manchester-in-penalty-shootout/>



## Update: Epsom Book Fair 15-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

The annual (and famous) Epsom Book Fair has again been a resounding success and 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom

Scouts group is benefitting from a donation of £6,750 (up £1,250 from 2017) of the total 38K profit (up from 36.5k) which is shared amongst various charities who contributed their effort. EMC gratefully noted that the contribution made by 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom was outstanding in terms of getting the clear-out completed on the Saturday.

by Jacqui Raggett, EMC coordinator

# [SCOUTS] Three patrols joint meetup @home Fri 26th Jan

Parental trepidation at a joint 3 patrol meeting at our house was for nought, the Scouts behaved very well, if a tad loudly at times! The deal upfront was all phones had to go into a basket, each PL was allowed a phone for the patrols' research. Splitting up into



^^ Balcony Bulldogs bantering about floods

commenced – “Wonder Woman” may have had a positive message, but the Scouts were so noisily socialising, I’m not sure how much of that actually went in! Even Pumba our dog lapped up the attention. All too soon parents started lining up to collect Scouts. Phew! It was a great evening, I sigh with huge relief.

by Elsje Kichenbrand (Scout parent)

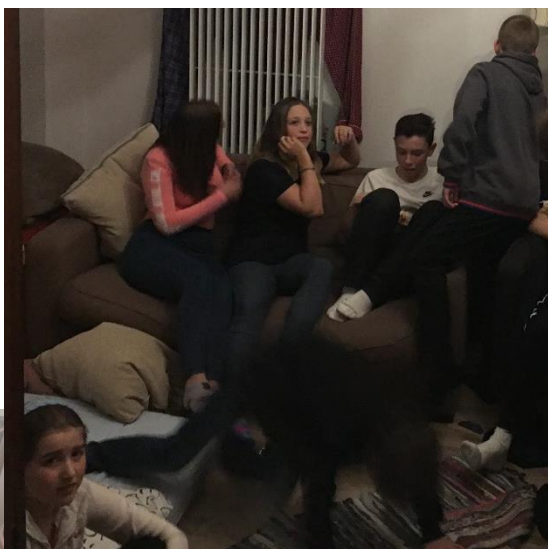


^^ Concentrating Kestrels in the Conservatory, also researching floods



^^Lounge lizards I mean Tigers investigating earthquakes and hurricanes

Socialising, including Pumba  
the dog(fluffy black blur!) and  
deciding which movie→



Talk around the table... Thankfully  
Scouts seem  
to have  
amazing  
appetites so  
not much  
pizza or  
snacks were  
left over... →



← Looks like even relatively new  
Scouts had fun!

## Update: Christmas Post 2017.

**Thank you** to all the organisers, sorters, post persons and anyone else involved in making Christmas Community Post a success again. Despite a slightly smaller delivery area, we despatched 10,042 cards and as a result have generated **£3,080** towards 7th Epsom Group Funds. *That's the same as last year - well done!*

by Kevin Mead, Group Executive Chairman



# Supporting Education in Africa

In 2015, sixteen 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Explorer Scouts and leaders embarked on a trip to Tanzania. The aim was to provide them with a fantastic experience whilst supporting the improvement of educational facilities in the country.

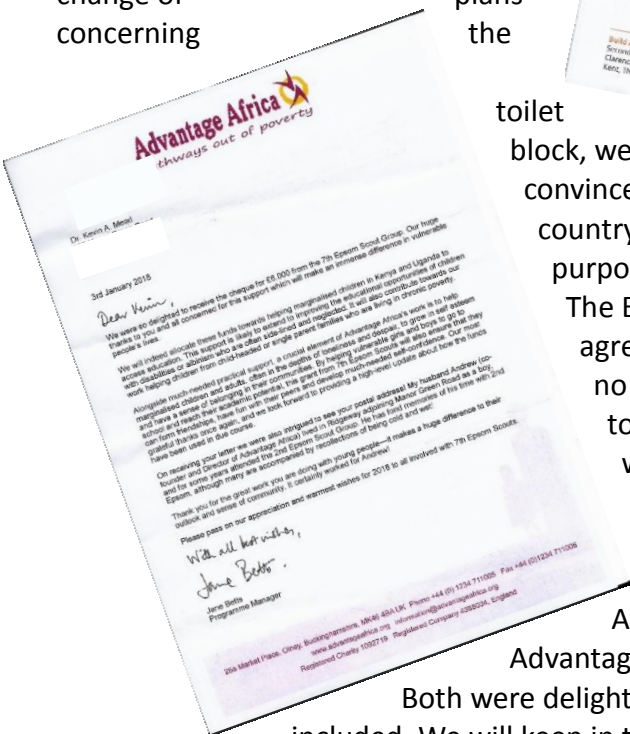
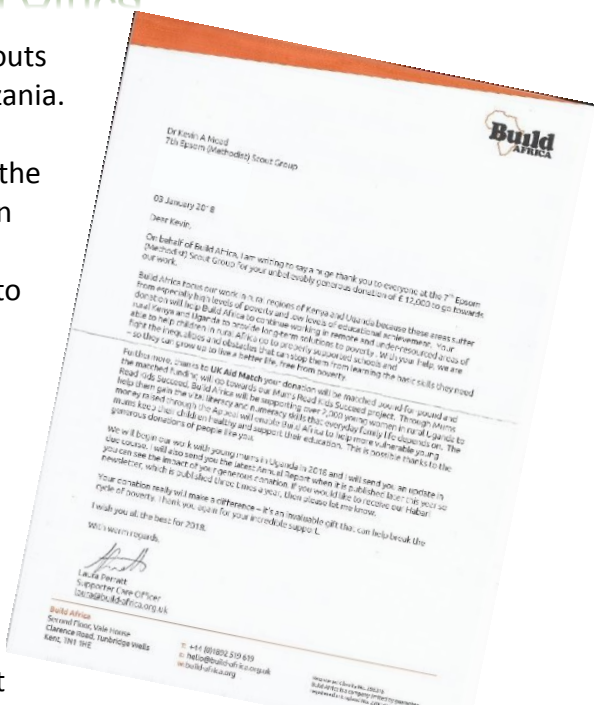
Extensive fundraising was undertaken to provide funds to support the cost of materials and in-country support for the construction of 3 large classrooms and a toilet block. Our excellent fundraising efforts meant we raised a lot more than expected and due to a change of plans the

toilet block, we were not convinced that funds left in the country would go towards their intended purpose after we left.

The Executive Committee has now agreed that the residual funds should no longer sit in our bank but be put towards the purpose for which they were originally raised. So, in December we donated the money to two different Charities who each support child education in Africa – Build Africa (£12,000) and Advantage Africa (£6,000).

Both were delighted and their letters of thanks are included. We will keep in touch with them and track the progress of their work.

by Kevin Mead, Group Executive Chairman



## Diary Dates

**March:** (busy month!)

**10<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 Jumble Sale:** offers of help or cakes to [catherinemax@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemax@btinternet.com) (See leaflet below)

**11<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:00 District Cross Country @NESCOT** (Beavers to Explorers)

**25<sup>th</sup> 9-4 District Challenge Hike@Christchurch Epsom** (Explorers / Scouts)

**30<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Expedition @Peak District** (Explorers / Scouts)

**September:**  
**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** Water weekend

**November:**  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Jumble Sale



7th Epsom Scouts, Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road

## **Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 10th March 2018 1.30pm: Entrance 50p**

**Dealers/Early Birds 10.30-11.30am – prior to the sale £5.00**

**Donations: please leave at Epsom Methodist Church on:**

**Friday 9th March from 6.30 -8.30 pm, Saturday 9 to 10.30 latest**

If you have any items which you would like collected, please call the volunteer collector near to you:

***NO FURNITURE OR LARGE ELECTRICAL GOODS, PLEASE. LIMITED PARKING ON SITE***

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