

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



April/May 2018

[www.7thepsom.org.uk](http://www.7thepsom.org.uk)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Spring Camp at Earlywood – fantastic feedback from Scout Sections



# Spring Camp- BEAVERS Sleepover 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May

28 excited Beavers from all three colonies, three leaders and some very helpful parents joined the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers at Spring Bank Camp for one night at Earleywood Campsite in Berkshire. We had an action packed time which included building shelters, taking part in a camp fire,



climbing, archery, a game with members from the other sections and lots of other outdoor activities. We also tried learning some knots to make breadstick rafts and built catapults that fired marshmallows!

A big thank you to Jane Barden who kept the Beavers fed and watered with some lovely food. Everybody had a great time, made new friends and tried some new challenges.

The sleepover was what Beavers is all about...Fun and Friends!! Here's to the next



sleepover in October at Boidierhurst....

*By Kathy Castledine  
(Clearwater Beavers leader)*

At this years' camp Amy- very excitedly telling her friends the raft floated →>>

<<←Henry and Charlie proudly showing their multicoloured strawberry laced 'string' helping their breadstick raft float.

*Clare DiPlacito (Beaver Leader)*



## Spring Camp – **SCOUTS** report 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> May

We travelled to Earley Wood campsite near Ascot on Friday night, and setup camp. There were 28 scouts, put into 5 patrols.

On Saturday we stayed on site. After the scouts had collected wood, lit their fires and cooked a good hearty breakfast, we got on with the activities of the day. As the theme of the camp was the Royal Races, we set to in making hobby horses, making chariots and doing a bit of archery. The weather was warm and dry, so with lots of fantastic food to eat everybody was content and happy.

The afternoon began with a whole group activity, where Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers were put into teams and set challenges to win prizes – a great time was had by all, brilliantly organised by Zoe.

The evening culminated in a wide game where each patrol had to rescue their royal character, lit up by a spectacular lightening display. Fortunately, although we had rain it was certainly not the downpour that was predicted.

Sunday saw us going off-site. We dropped the scouts in Virginia Water park, and they had to navigate themselves around the lake, answering questions along the way. They were rewarded at the end of a long hot walk by an ice-cream.





Sunday night's campfire was ably run by Clare, with participation by all sections. Scouts were then given the opportunity to sleep under a bivouac, which most took up, but noise levels went on for rather longer than the previous 2 nights.



Monday again dawned dry and fair. After fires and breakfast there was much cleaning and scrubbing of patrol boxes, and then our royal races begun. We had chariot races and hobby horse races, which gave scouts and leaders a huge amount of fun. The final packing up begun

after a 'finishing up' lunch, which consisted of trying to get the scouts to eat as much left-over food as possible. We had the final flag break and set the buses to return to Epsom. A great weekend, and returned with dry tents, which is always a huge bonus!

*by Gillian Mead (Scout Leader)*



**NEWSFLASH!!**

## CONGRATULATIONS to ex-7<sup>th</sup> Epsom GSL Neil Dallen – the new Mayor of Epsom & Ewell

Drumroll!!! We are so proud and happy to share this little nugget of news... Congratulations to our previous GSL Neil Dallen on your appointment as Mayor – no doubt you will have the same level of energy, enthusiasm and commitment as you did for Scouts... Such good news for E&E. His civic service at EMC is soon on 10 June where many 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scout section members will be proudly present, no

doubt!

<https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/news/new-mayor-epsom-ewell-councillor-neil-dallen>

# Spring Camp: First Nation **cubs!**

On Saturday morning 26 excited cub scouts from the 3 packs were picked up from EMC and taken to Earleywood campsite near Sunningdale. The theme of the camp was First Nation People (aka native American Indians) and the cubs were divided into groups named: Blackfoot, Crow, Hopi, Mohawk, and Wappo. The activities on



the camp were linked to this theme and included smoke signals, story stones, and making dream catchers, totem poles, and bows and arrows.

Other activities involved tracking, a blind fold trail and cubs were able to use the climbing facilities, as well as having a go at archery and shooting.

Forrest Williams said "I loved the shooting best as I had not done it before" and Isaac Newby said "I



had a brilliant time at cub camp, I really enjoyed the activities especially the climbing. I also liked spending time with friends, but I didn't like the mosquitos very much." Even

the hike had a First Nation People theme as it ended by the totem pole next to Virginia Water – although it was so hot that most cubs were more interested in their ice creams by that point!

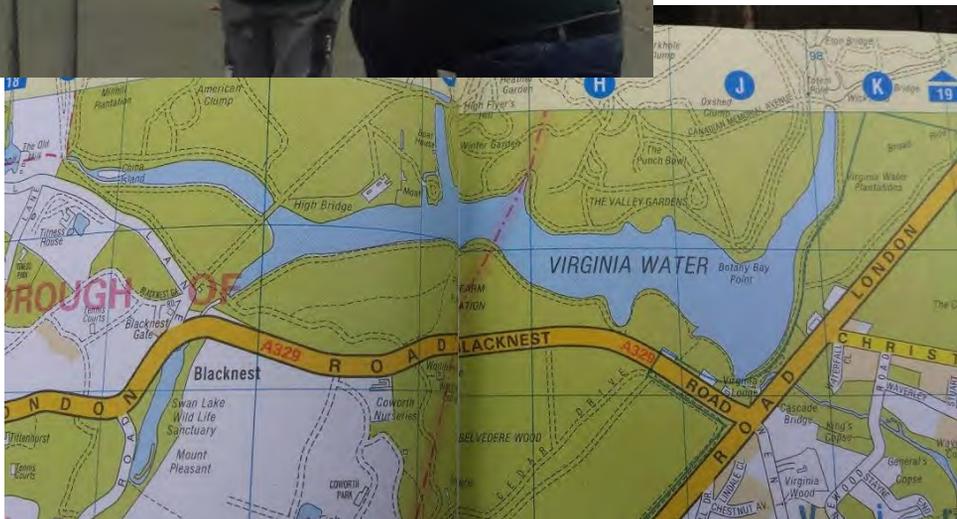


The camp would not have been possible without the help from the following parents: Phil Kirk, Paul Linney, Jenny McDonald, Simon Pocock and Nick Williams. Neither would it have been possible without our amazing camp cook Jane Barden, and strong support from Zoe Dallen, Jill Venables and Katie Bruce. Clare Diplacito did an

amazing job preparing all the activities and Holly Venables ensured that we had the right equipment as well as ensuring that the cubs were able to practice archery and shooting, which were two of the most popular activities.



Alex Foulger wrote "Everything was amazing! I managed to have fun - even with a fractured collar bone! I really enjoyed the shooting" and his brother William said "It was great! I especially enjoyed the



climbing wall - I got higher than I thought I would be able too!" Rosie McDonald wrote "the best part of cub camp was ambushing and making the bridge because we tried to make it unstable for Jonathan".



Photos of the camp are available at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/R9PV1e4Lae8b1Wqu2>  
by Jonathan Parkinson – Sioux Akela Cub leader

---

## Win with EXPLORERS!

Look out for the Explorer's Charity Raffle  
Raffle tickets are £1 each and the top 3 prizes are **£200**, **£75** and **£25** with many other exciting prizes as well.

Proceeds are supporting our chosen charity of 2018: **Love Me Love My Mind**, alongside our very own, Charlotte Williams - who is fundraising for her trip to the 2019 Scout Jamboree in America.

The draw takes place on Saturday 15th September at the Group AGM.

More details to follow in July's edition. Thank you :) *by Phili Coley (Explorer Leader)*

---

## District Football: **BEAVERS** keep engravers busy

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, two teams from 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Beavers took part in the annual District Beaver 7-a-side football tournament. In very hot and sunny weather, both teams played with great enthusiasm and really "tried their



best" against other colonies from Epsom and Ewell. Cheered on by parents and leaders, there was some great football played with a fantastic attitude from all players. One of our teams won the overall competition in a very exciting final game. Thanks also to the parent referees who gave up their morning to help out. A great time was had by all!



*by Kathy Castledine (Clearwater Beavers)*

## District Football: **SCOUTS** play well

Sat 19th May

Once again we were blessed with brilliant sunshine on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> May for the annual district Scout 5 a side competition at Nescot Sports Ground. Clearly the other



Troops were rattled by our previous year's dominance, so the turnout was smaller (!)

The over 12's only had the one (extended) game and it was a high scoring, competitive battle which we lost 5-4 unfortunately.

Stanley Palmer, Daniel Linney, William Marshall, Oliver Hislam and Oliver Weston all played very well and nearly pulled it off at the end.

The under 12's had more opposition and William Mason, Luke Vamos, Thomas Stopford, Ewan Morgan and James Beer swept the board, winning all their games brilliantly, coming out as champions !



Thanks to all the parents who came to support and thanks to Simon and Nick who fulfilled their lifelong dream of being football managers !

*By Jo Chartes (Scout Leader)*

---

## Diary Dates

---

### June:

**10<sup>th</sup>** EMC Church Parade - Neil Dallen as Mayor (inauguration service)

### July:

**21<sup>st</sup>** Summer Camp at Buddens

### September:

**15<sup>th</sup>** AGM all welcome-new exciting format!

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** Water weekend at Thames Young Mariners near Richmond.

### November:

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Epsom Hook Rd Fireworks

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

# SCOUTS Spring term tasks



In the spring term the Scouts practiced making camp gadgets – A shoe rack to keep their shoes out of the mud! The Scouts spent an evening deciding on a couple of personal challenge to be completed at home over the following few

weeks. The leaders hope the parents appreciated their Scout tidying their rooms, making meals and practicing their sports and musical instruments. It was great to see such a wide range of challenges set and accomplished.

*by Paul Carpenter (Scout Leader)*

---

## Easter EXPLORERS Extremes in Peak District...

Fri 30 March – Tue 3 April nr Bamford



What a difference a day makes! This year's Easter Ex was an example of how the weather in the hills can change overnight. 18 Explorers and 6 leaders travelled to The Peak District over the Easter weekend and stayed near Bamford. We enjoyed three days of walking in the hills

On Saturday the sun shone and some fantastic views over the surrounding countryside were our reward at the top of the hills. Sunday was less pleasant with rain, low cloud and some snow on the ground. It was a challenge to find our way across the very



difficult terrain on Kinder Scout - crossing deep gullies with snow, ice covered streams and soft peat banks was a joy!

After heavy snowfall overnight, we spent the day walking in deep snow drifts in places. Not a usual type of conditions we

encounter at Easter. And some of the Explorers took advantage of it and enjoyed hours-long snowball fights!

It wasn't all walking though – there was a quiz and games evening and lots of opportunities to spend time with each other after the chores were completed. The Explorers enjoyed their 5 days away and we look forward to some more exciting weather next year.

*by Paul Carpenter (Scout Leader)*

