

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



June/July 2018

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## BEAVERS - Chief Scout Bronze Awards

5 Beavers from Clearwater Colony and 6 Beavers from Willowlake Colony have completed their Chief Scout Bronze Award this term. This is the highest award that can be achieved in Beavers and the

culmination of lots of hard work. Congratulations to all the Beavers!!

*By Kathy Castledine, Clearwater Beaver Leader*



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## Animal Magic at Beaver Bazzaz 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Lots of excited 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Beavers joined thousands of Beavers across Surrey to attend "Beaver Bazzaz" at Merrist Wood.

Held only once every 3 years, this was a fantastic (and very tiring!) day out. The sun shone all day and the Beavers had great fun having a go at lots of exciting activities such as inflatables, climbing, go-karting, circus skills and Nerf gun challenge as well as some quieter ones including badge making and hook a duck.

A massive thank you to all the parents who came to help on the day.

*by Kathy Castledine, Clearwater Beaver Leader*



# BEAVERS head to the Wild West and win Tug of War

15th July

With temperatures reaching 30°C, Beavers attended the District Event **'Party in the Park'**, held at Nescot Sports Ground. Whilst dressed as cowboys and cowgirls, they rotated around a carousel of activities. These included- panning for gold, making sheriff badges, archery, head band and dream catcher making, hobby horse making and hobby horse racing, the list goes on! The day finished with a tug of war and our winning streak is continuing. Well done 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Beavers for being the strongest colony!



Edward & Bertie mounting their hobby horses



Tamsyn showing her homemade sheriff badge

Robert said that it was a very good, fun day, he recommends that lots of children should take part. His favourite bit was the archery but it was nice to try lots of different skills. He stated we should say thank you to all the helpers as they made it happen. I couldn't have put it better myself! Thank you Judith, Orion and



Asher aiming with a modern gun!

Louise for organising the event.

by Clare DiPlacito (Beaver Leader)



The winning team!!

# BEAVERS brave a Bug Hunt w/c 2nd July



Archie found the pregnant woodlouse

On the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> July the Beavers went to Chessington Discovery Centre to hunt for bugs.

*'Next week we will be going to Chessington World of Adventures'* I said. A massive cheer went up to which I replied *'...but not to go on the rides'* To which they responded with a massive groan!

However, the evening was truly fantastic and I'll let the Beaver's comments below show what a great and truly fruitful time was had. Bertie was delighted when Archie managed to find a pregnant woodlouse, which just happens to be Bertie's Mum's favourite bug. A massive thank you to all the staff at the Discovery centre, who made this happen for the Beavers.

Marley said *'I saw lots of animals including a centipede.'*

Skyler said *'It's a place where you can see a blood worm and any other creatures that you might have only ever seen in books before. Me and Samuel saw a centipede that was 10 times the size of my teddy's arm!!!!'*

*by Clare DiPlacito (Beaver Leader)*



Edward displaying his find-  
'a massive blood worm'



*As well as seeing a toad and a small birds nest, Caipher, Vishal and Oscar were amazed to see mushrooms growing on the trees.*



## 'Fun'draising the EXPLORERS way!

Every year the 7th Epsom Explorers commit to raise money for a different cause. Our charity of 2018 is the Epsom-based registered charity, [Love Me Love My Mind](#).

**LMLMM** aims to promote better understanding of mental health and to support the wellbeing of everyone in the community. They are run entirely by volunteers and funded by grants and donations. Their mission is to break down stigma and inspire understanding about mental health.



Reg. Charity No. 1125595

In order to raise money for **LMLMM** we are organising a **Charity Fun Run**, which is taking place on 28th September. We are planning to run laps of our own Explorer-designed and created assault course. It will feature obstacles such as a slip & slide, tyre run, balance beams, powder paint colours, tunnels and cargo nets. We are hoping to be sponsored for completing as many laps

of this course as possible during our Friday meeting. Please look out for our sponsorship forms and give as generously as you can.

The Explorers' raffle is still ongoing with more prizes being added. Top prizes are the top 3 prizes are £200, £75 and £25 with many other exciting prizes as well. Proceeds are supporting **LMLMM**, 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.

Thank you for supporting the Explorers and our charity of 2018!

*by Phili Coley (Explorer Leader)*

## EXPLORERS rave about Gillwell24 7/8<sup>th</sup> July



Last weekend saw over 4000 Explorers stay awake for (almost) 24 amazing hours at Scout Adventures Gilwell Park. 14 of them were from the 7th. There were hundreds of fun, challenging and adventurous activities, sleep wasn't really an option. From fairground rides, bands and a huge disco, to water slides, scuba diving and bag jump, to tank driving, bungee jumping, wood carving, football competitions, escape rooms etc etc.

Explorers had a great time, most crashed out at 5am, 3 made 24 hours! Their intrepid leader went to bed at 12pm and rudely awoken at 5am! - He survived.

*by Tony Exans (Explorer Leader)*

Some quotes from Explorers who attended:

'Gilwell was really fun and exciting, tho tiring. Best bit was the rave'

'Loved Gilwell, my 3 favourite activities were the Disco (rave), Tank driving and Shooting. I hardly slept'

'Gilwell was awesome, my throat is still hoarse from the rave, but I also loved the Fairground Rides, Shooting and Tank Driving. Next year I'd like to book Scuba Diving'

'Tank driving, Shooting and Lazer Tag were my favourite things'

# Group Diary Dates

## September:

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

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

**28<sup>th</sup>** Explorers LMLMM Charity FunRun (all to sponsor please!)

## October

**19-21<sup>st</sup>** **JOTA Jamboree** on the Air/ Internet @HQ  
(<https://www.jotajoti.info/>)

## November:

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

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

## December:

**-mid** Christmas Post

## Community Corner...our Mayor of Epsom & Ewell

Exciting updates from our ex-GSL Neil Dallen on his first few months



I am deeply honoured to have been chosen as Mayor of Epsom and Ewell for the year and am grateful to EMC for their support and encouragement. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can whilst fulfilling my mayoral duties. Revd. Gill Long, has agreed to be my Chaplain for the year. She is just realising what a commitment she has taken on!

I am passionate about our community and if my presence could support your organisation's objectives I am happy to give short talks, present certificates, start or open an event or simply support whatever you are doing.

If you would like me to take part, please get in touch with the Mayors' office at the town hall, email [easkew@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:easkew@epsom-ewell.gov.uk).

As Mayor I believe that I have two main duties:

**firstly** to support as much community activity as possible,

visiting clubs, schools, homes and anywhere else

**secondly** to support my 3 chosen charities, to raise much needed funds & their profile:

- **Girlguiding UK**, specifically for projects in the Borough to improve facilities for not only Girlguiding but other youths including Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.
- **Talking Newspaper** based at Swail House and providing a 'lifeline' service to those who are blind or partially sighted.
- **Work Stress Solutions (WSS)** who support a wide range of disadvantaged people, young and old, by improving their self-esteem, providing training and offering volunteering or employment opportunities.

For more information see e-Borough Insight or [www.mayorscharitiesepsom.org.uk](http://www.mayorscharitiesepsom.org.uk).

My theme for the year is **hope** and I aim to give hope to many youth and disadvantaged individuals and organisations in the borough during my year.

## **News from your Mayor – May 2018**

A fantastic and busy 4 weeks:

Some of the more prestigious events were Epsom College Founders Day, Breakfast with the Stars (Racing owners, trainers and jockeys in the Duchess's Stand), The Derby, The Queens Garden Party, and drinks on the Terrace of the House of Commons.

There were some more formal events including raising the Suffragette flag, four civic services (including my own), Opening the Employment Fair and The City of Sanctuary award to Mikey and Carmen at Zig Zag café.

Organisations visited include Epsom Camera Club for their exhibition (very high standard!), Epsom Bowls Club for their open day, Seeability at the start of their collection day, Epsom Primary School for their aspirations day, Appleby House during Dementia week and launch of purple angels, Ruxley Church to start their sponsored walk, Epsom Symphony Orchestra playing at the Playhouse (the International pianist was out of this world!), BANOS version of Oliver played at the Playhouse and a visit to Bentley Copse scout camp site for the County Scouts garden party,

I was visited by Epsom Primary School and chaired a mock Council meeting where the Motion to give teachers a pay rise was narrowly defeated!

On the social side we were welcomed by the Surrey Mayors association, visited Loseley Hall with other Mayors and helped Peacock Solicitors celebrate their first year in Epsom!

## **News from your Mayor – June 2018**

Photo – Matthew Wing, Surrey Wheels for All



My second month as Mayor has been just as busy as the first month.

Invitations have once again covered a wide variety of events and happenings.

Visits to schools have been a major part of the month with visits to Stamford Green Fun Day and Wallace Fields 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. A mini sports day by Ewell Castle held at Priory Court showed the very young and not so young successfully working together. Orchard Hill college celebrated success at the Racecourse and highlighted many young people who are overcoming their disabilities and achieving success in many ways.

An evening celebration of Glyn School Arts showcased a variety of art and drama skills. This was followed a few weeks later with the MGS04 festival starting with a Musicians Guide to a happy marriage and ending with an interesting Epsom Wells Street Theatre event in Epsom Square.

Continuing the arts theme, we opened a week long art exhibition by a very talented local artist, Mrs. Kumar, visited Happy Glaze Ceramics "have a go" day in Waterloo Road and enjoyed listening to the Epsom Male Voice Choir at St Barnabas.

We launched Busylizzie at Ewell Court House, a 'club' for mums to be and mums with babies, visited Epsom Sure Start for their Healthy Childrens Centre award and relaunched Surrey Wheels for All at King George V playing fields (Harriers race track) where there were a variety of bikes that had been adapted so anyone could have a go at cycling including those in wheelchairs. Even the Mayoress, who has not been on a bike for 50 years had a go!

We were invited to present Duke of Edinburgh awards to young people at Ruxley Church, we attended the Surrey Youth Games reception at the RAC club where team "Epsom and Ewell" were given a good send off. The following week we attended the games at Surrey University where team "Epsom and Ewell" excelled again! A few weeks later I attended the Active Surrey school games at St Georges college in Addlestone where many primary schools from Epsom and Ewell could hold their head up high. On a more social side we visited the new Wellbeing "Daycare plus" service at the Community and Wellbeing Centre in Sefton Road, opened the Big Day Out at Shadbolt park, were invited to the Epsom Club for a meal in honour of the Mayor, attended a fundraising tea and boat trip at Spelthorne, Suddies in Waterloo Road celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by running a cake stall for Age Concern and we attended the Independents Day celebration at Hobbledown where I ended up on the high ropes course. The Mayoress declined gracefully but enjoyed watching me!

The more formal events were an invitation to Iftar at the Islamic Centre in Hook Road (the breaking of the fast during Ramadan) where we shared an enjoyable meal with both Muslims and those of other faiths or none. We were invited to the Joint Armed Forces service at Guildford Cathedral, the raising of the Armed Forces day flag, a multi faith service at Elmbridge and an invitation to County Hall in Kingston for a Civic Network event. A jobcentre Ability Fair in Dorking found a number of employers and charities with stalls visited by numerous job seekers.

The highlight of our second month must be the visit to Chantilly, our twin town in France, where we were treated like royalty. The 3 day choral festival was a great success and we met many people from Chantilly (the organisers) as well as their two other twinned towns. The Epsom choir, Baristers, were in great form and we were fortunate enough to hear them before we travelled (as well as a few times in Chantilly).

Alongside all the invitations the charity committee have also been busy and the Mayoress, Ann, ran a very successful Ladies Lunch and Geoff Morris opened his magnificent garden with cream teas and Pimms being served.

*by councillor Neil Dallen, ex GSL and current Mayor of Epsom & Ewell*