

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



November/December 2018

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## Winds of change for 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom 48<sup>th</sup> Fireworks!

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November '18**

Absolutely spectacular choreographed display of fireworks and music by our sponsor **Illusion Fireworks** (British Fireworks Champion no less)- safely delivered



despite gusty circumstances. Gates ran very smoothly owing to first time using e ticketing and scanners on the gates ushering 6500 visitors (slightly down on 2017). We started slightly later than previous years at 7:45 but this seemed to be better for the gates and all round organisation not having to rush people in. Mayor Neil Dallen enjoyed talking to the big crowd and delivered thank yous admirably.

The perfect crisp day was a bit gusty with winds up to 30mph blowing the fireworks in the air hence it had to be slanted backwards. The winds also fuelled the bonfire to seem bigger than usual.

Massive thank yous to all the volunteers who were busy before , during and after the show. In particular, Dave White and his Service Team; Simon Williams and family (Stalwarts to the end); Phili Coley for her magnificent work on the graphics for website, programmes and posters; my wife Marie Thackwell who put a lot of time into gathering sponsors and marketing and David Kennedy who faced up to all the Council's queries. Apologies if I've missed anyone.

Sure we'll be back again for number 49 in 2019!

*By Ben Thackwell, Fireworks organiser.*

\*\* Last year's display is up on the website: <https://www.7thepsom.org.uk/activities/fireworks/>

# URGENT help needed. Calling Xmas Posties

Our 7th Epsom Scouts group provides a great community [Christmas Post](#) service whilst raising funds too, an excellent win-win. We place yellow postboxes around Epsom, Ashted and Ewell and deliver for 30p per card. Last year we delivered 9,900 cards and raised nearly **£3000!**

Due to very low response for deliveries we make an urgent appeal – we need volunteer ‘posties’ to deliver the sorted post in the Ewell/Stoneleigh, Ashted and Tadworth areas. This involves collecting post from the Scout HQ on two occasions and delivering to a round in one of those areas.

Collection dates in December:

## **First collection:**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at 19:30-22:00

OR

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> at 09:30-12:30

Collect from the Scout HQ at Epsom Methodist Church, then deliver when you can, doesn't need to be immediate. Other arrangements for collection are usually possible so please ask about this.

Many thanks.

*by Richard Bell*

*Scouts Christmas Post & Apache Cub Leader [7thepsom@scoutsxmaspost.org.uk](mailto:7thepsom@scoutsxmaspost.org.uk)*



The poster features a dark blue background with white stars and snowflakes. At the top left is the Scouts logo with the tagline 'be prepared...'. To its right is a bright cyan starburst containing the text '30p'. Below this, the main text reads: 'Send your cards by Scout Community Christmas Post Delivery in Epsom, Ewell and Ashted in postal areas KT17.KT18.KT19 and KT21'. Further down, it says 'Final collection – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December' and 'Collection and delivery times, go to [www.7thepsom.org.uk](http://www.7thepsom.org.uk)'. At the bottom, there is a row of small illustrations of houses and trees. Below the illustrations, it says 'Payment (in cash) should be included with the cards and posted into one of the Scout post boxes'. To the right of this is the text 'Official sponsors:' followed by two logos: 'The Ashley Centre' and 'MICHAEL EVERETT'. At the bottom left of the poster, it says 'All proceeds to: TTH EPSOM (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP'.

## **Second collection:**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 17:30-20:00

OR

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 17:30-20:00

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## Explorers expedition Madagascar 2020

On 28<sup>th</sup> November we were very excited to announce the international expedition in 2020 is going to Madagascar! There was a packed hall to hear about the plans so far. The Explorers and Scouts watched a film about previous expeditions. They heard short talks by the leader team about the proposed fundraising and team-building activities and the exciting opportunities the trip to Madagascar will bring.

The next step is for those who are interested in going to complete the application form by 17<sup>th</sup> December and be prepared to attend the first camp in January.

**The Leader Team - Madagascar 2020**

# Remembrance Day Parade Sunday 11 November

The best turnout yet! Thank you to all who attended the very moving and extra special Remembrance Service and parade to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. (See EMC thank you letter below)



All 3 Beaver colonies painted stones to look like poppies which were displayed around one of the "There But Not There" silhouettes of fallen WW1 soldiers.

# Remembrance Parade: Thank you from EMC



## Epsom Methodist Church

Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AQ  
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Registered Charity Number 1127787

Ministers:

Rev Dr Mark Wakelin  
Mr Chris Shaw  
Rev Ung Soon Nguang

Family Worker:

John Wilson

Date 19/11/2019

Dear David,

We wanted to thank you on behalf of the Members of EMC and Judith and Mark Wakelin for the wonderful contribution the uniformed groups made to the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November.

It was heartening to see so many young people dedicated to the task and participating in the service.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the readings, prayers and music.

Please can you pass a special thank you to Rory for his playing of the last Post on the bugle which took courage and resilience. He did very well.

Yours sincerely

Jane Williams, Senior Steward; Mark and Judith Wakelin

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### Message from Judith Wakelin

As you may remember, at the request of the Uniformed Groups last year, we reduced the number of Parades so that there is one Family Parade Service each term on the second Sunday in December, March and June, plus Remembrance Sunday. We look forward to seeing you at the next one which will be the Gift Service on December 9th, Chris Shaw will be leading this. We will be sending gifts to the same charities as last year and will let you have more information again about what would be helpful in the way of gifts for each charity.

The Spring Term Parade should be on Sunday 10th March and in the Spring Term – 9th June. We hope these dates fit in with your plans but do let us know as the Circuit Plan has not yet been done. We also welcome your ideas and suggestions and input.



*The main room heaving with jumble and keen buyers...*

## Bumper Jumble Sale raises > whopping £1,600

Jumble flowed into EMC like never before for the latest Scout Jumble Sale on Saturday **17<sup>th</sup> November**.

At times, the sheer volume threatened to overwhelm us, but our cheery team of parent



volunteers and the sterling work of the Explorers had everything sorted and ready for perusal when the doors opened – first for traders, then general buyers. Long queues of eager shoppers lined EMC well in advance of the opening time.



*Cool Jake in dressup...*

*Modelling Max struts in high heels when not joking or sorting jumble*



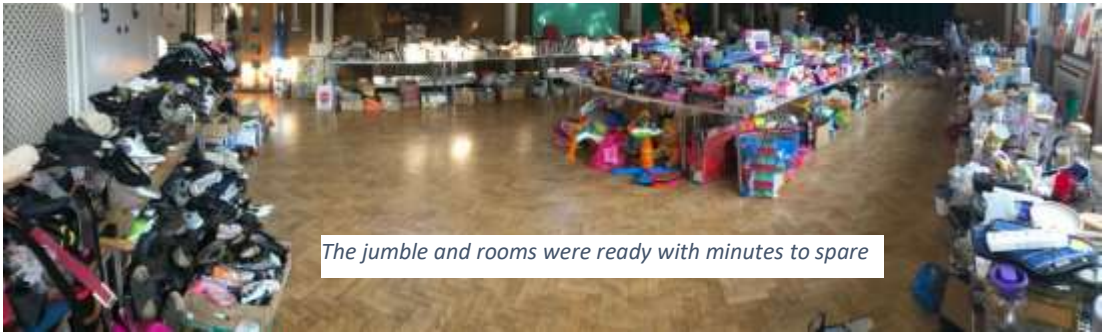


A hot drink, witty banter and Explorers having fun whilst helping kept us entertained until the serious traders arrived.



*Parent helpers ready for the shoppers*

Thankfully we had an eager crowd of buyers to match the mountains of Jumble and we raised over £1,600 - more



*The jumble and rooms were ready with minutes to spare*



than double the amount raised last time. Thank you to everyone who helped and we look forward to seeing you all at the next sale on Saturday 11 May!

*By Catherine Williams (Jumble organiser & Explorer Parent)*

# Explorer Charlotte is going to Jamboree 2019



Last year, I was fortunate enough to be selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree in North America in 2019. Since then I have been doing various events to fundraise for my trip. Firstly, in September at the group AGM, I helped organise a raffle event (the funds raised from the event is for Love Me Love My Mind) and a cake sale. I also talked at the event about the Jamboree and the charity that the Explorers are supporting this year.

Throughout the year I have also been selling my unit badges at Beaver and Cub meetings at £2.50 each and the funds will go my unit fundraising. Unit fundraising has meant that we can purchase group hoodies and do extra team building activities before the event. As a unit we have also held sausage sizzles and bag packing events.

In October, my family and I held a quiz and curry night. We were lucky enough to have Tony as the quizmaster and my Dad cooked curry for all 120 people. The event ran smoothly, there was a lot of laughs and lot more excess curry. My friends were generous enough to help me set up and the night was a lot of fun but hard work. Overall, fundraising has been exciting, and I have enjoyed doing it. Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the last year, it is much appreciated.

*By Charlotte Williams (Explorer)*



## Chief Scout Gold Awards

We are very proud of two of our Explorers who have recently been awarded the Chief Scout Gold Award.

- **Harriet Williams**, who achieved all her badges as Scout but is now an Explorer:

Recently I achieved my Chief Scout Award. It took several weeks to finalize all the badges, but I really enjoyed the experience. With each individual challenge badge, came a variety of different activities to complete. For example: one of the requirements for the Outdoors Challenge badge was a certain number of nights away. Another one was to, demonstrate how to pitch and strike your tent. If you are interested in completing your Chief Scout award, I would definitely recommend going for it. I certainly learnt a lot of new skills and had a lot of fun.



- **Tom Ade-Parsons:**

When doing my Chief Scout Gold Award, I realised how many things that had already been done. I found the experience especially gratifying given the strong criteria for the award. The variety of the things necessary to attain it was good for me as it meant I had to do things out of my comfort zone. Whilst the process took me over a year, primarily due to delays in the final stages, I was never bored and I believe it was a very positive experience and helped give me some purpose during my Scouting experience.

# Beavers show they can work together...

As you can see, the Beavers are working really hard on their Teamwork challenge badge. Definitely deserved...

Coming up on 15 December our Beavers are planting the trees which they grew from cherry stones 18 months ago, what a wonderful prospect!



*By Clare DiPlacito  
(Beavers and Cubs Leader)*

# Raising money for the Mayors charity: Girl Guides...



The Beavers and Cubs wanted to support one of the Mayors charities- Girl Guiding. What better way than to raise money for our own 7th Epsom Guides and their project to build Little Acres Lodge, at Horton. The outside shell has been built but now they desperately need funds to kit out the interior. This site will be available to be used by lots of youth groups. The Beavers and Cubs made camp fire cakes and sold them to their parents. Thanks to everyone's generosity we have raised over £150.

<< Milo proudly showing off his cakes

*By Clare DiPlacito  
(Beavers and Cubs Leader)*



# Community news from our previous GSL & Mayor

October & November

The end of September & start of October have been busy with at least 25 events including visits to clubs, chairing AGMs, starting events, opening buildings, presenting prizes & certificates, visits from schools & various civic events both in & out of the Borough during the month.

They included the Concert celebrating the end of

World War 1 & the unveiling of the mural of those in the Borough who died during the war; events during Epsom Mental Health & Wellbeing Festival week, Celebrating Surrey businesses & their award presentation at the Racecourse (picture) & the reading challenge at Stoneleigh Library with one of the best number of entries in the County. We were also invited to Watermael-Boitsfort, a suburb of Brussels, who were celebrating 60 years of twinning with Chantilly. We accepted & made a four day visit, this time by train & spent a very enjoyable time with both the locals & Chantilly residents & dignitaries, some of whom we had met earlier this year.

We have supported a number of very enjoyable charity events run by other Mayors & the Armed forces. Headway, a charity supporting those with brain injuries, arranged a meal with wine tasting; Spelthorne Mayor's charities run a Murder Mystery meal with some participants also taking acting parts (I have a best actor certificate to prove it!); the Mayoress supported a ladies lunch in Elmbridge & we both enjoyed a visit to Denbies.



November events continued the commemoration of the ending of World War 1. Many have been very moving. The primary schools garden of remembrance service at Bourne Hall started the beginning of Remembrance week, planting trees in the

centenary woodland at Langley Vale in the rain was certainly a memorable day & the Remembrance Day service & the beacon at Bourne hall ended the week. This was

followed on the Monday with a very poignant & moving commemoration by Epsom College at the Playhouse which summarised everything in an entertaining but serious play.

Some of the other events we have attended include the annual 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scouts Fireworks display, the first ever Epsom Film Festival, Scout Jamboree on the Air, ELOC's West side story, Celebration of 60 years of VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) organisation, Celebration of Nonsuch girls school GCSE results, Diwali ball at Elmbridge, a fund raising event on Stoneleigh Broadway for Royal Marsden (photo) & the Riding for the Disabled celebrated a very successful year at Blenheim school where I presented certificates & cups to the riders.

Visits to the Town Hall have included a group of Taiwanese students visiting Epsom & studying at Rosebery school for two weeks & a group of Brownies from Ewell.

We ran a competition with the local Girlguiding sections to design the Mayor's Christmas card & received some very talented & imaginative entries. The results will be announced late November. The Mayors Charities fund raising quiz night added over £1,800 to the total & raising the profile of the three charities which are -

- **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 & 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 & old, by improving their self-esteem, providing training & offering volunteering or employment opportunities both within & outside their organisation.

Their next major fundraising events are –

- A **coach trip to Winchester**, including their excellent Christmas Market, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- A **curry night** at Everest Spice on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- A **Tapas meal** at El Pateo on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- The **Mayor's Ball** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Alongside all the invitations the charity committee have also been busy running & planning a variety of events including the first Café Bridge event in Epsom I am passionate about our community & if my presence could support your organisation's objectives I am happy to take part by giving short talks, presenting certificates, starting or opening an event or simply supporting 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 [mayor@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@epsom-ewell.gov.uk).

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