

March / April 2019

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## Cubs' trip to Croydon Historic Airport Visitor Centre

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, two minibuses full of noisy excited cubs travelled from Epsom to Purley Way



for a visit to Croydon Historic Airport Centre. The airport was active during World War I, the Battle of Britain of second World War and was London's international airport prior to closure in 1959. It was from Croydon airfield where Amy Johnson achieved global recognition in the 1930's through her numerous world record-breaking flights who became a leading role model for women's equality across the globe. The



centre holds extensive displays located in the world's oldest air traffic control tower inside the airport building. Bob Long said how he really enjoyed the trip and learnt lots of interesting facts. He said "When we got there, we went to



look where the old runway would of been. We got to try on the clothes that they would of worn back in the days. We also learnt that planes today are the size of the museum building A corner of it got blew up and the British quickly fixed it. On the planes, the pilot would have no roof and get soaked when it rains." Isaac Newby found this whole trip fascinating. He said that it was great to learn the part that Croydon played in World War 2 and about how flights to different parts of the world took place from the airport. Vishal also said that it was fascinating because they spoke about spitfires in WW2 and how it felt real because there was a dressing up area. Dylan particularly enjoyed the interactive parts such as dressing up and the game. George Burstow and Lokesh mentioned how much they liked the models and the flight simulator was the best bit. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to support the trip. This enabled to Cubs to achieve their Stage 2 Air activities badge





## Scouts Fence for 3 weeks in February

Our Scouts attended fencing sessions for 3 weeks early in February so they must have a good idea by now whether to sit on the fence or take up fencing!

From the photo you can see they've got the musketeer stance already. On guard!

*Photo by Gillian Mead (Scout Leader)*

## Wee Beavers turn Scottish to earn Thistle Award

Every Christmas Beaver Leaders get together to decide the Spring term Programme. We always 'tip our hats' to the Scottish and celebrate Burn's night. This year we decided to take our love of Scotland to the next level and do a Scottish challenge badge- the amazing Thistle Award. Amongst a wealth of Scottish events

involving plotting Scottish landmarks, Beavers learnt the Scottish Song 'You cannae shove yer Granny aft a bus'. Apologies if you are an in-law! They also baked shortbread, made models of Nessie, went on a haggis hunt and finally followed tradition to enjoy hopscotch & skipping with a rope. Special thanks goes to Karl Nicholas for allowing the Beavers to wear this wonderful badge on their sleeves.



*By Clare Diplacito (Beaver Leader)*



## Chief Scout Silver Award →

We are very proud of committed Cub Daniel → Booker who achieved his Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cubs. Well done!

*by Richard Bell, Cub Leader*



## Chief Scout Bronze Awards

Congratulations to Alex, Stan and Paul of Clearwater Beaver Colony who have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze awards. Well done!

*by Kathy Castledine, Beaver Leader*



A team of 21 Scouts and Explorers and 8 Leaders are travelling to Madagascar in August 2020. Whilst there we are going to work with the Tily Scouts on

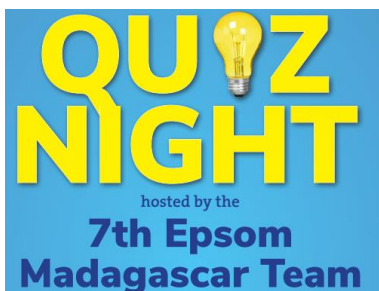
some charity projects (to be confirmed by September 2019). We have a contact at Akany Avoko Faravohitra, which is an inspirational children's refuge caring for destitute, abandoned and neglected girls. We would like to do some work with WaterAid as well as almost half of Madagascans have no clean water, and around nine in ten still have nowhere decent to go to the toilet. The Tily Scouts also help WaterAid to deliver their water hygiene education programme. We are now fundraising for our potential projects and have set up an online donation page at: <https://wonderful.org/fundraiser/7thepsommadagascar-c84d686b>

The team has taken part in two weekend camps and a day activity so far and we have learnt how to build flag poles, many interesting facts about Madagascar, how important it is to trust each other and we have started our greatest challenge - to learn the Madagascar Nation Anthem in Malagasy!

Alongside many other fundraising activities, we are also available for any odd jobs: house clearances, gardening, or anything you need us to do. Please contact us at [hello@7thepsomexpedition.org.uk](mailto:hello@7thepsomexpedition.org.uk) Thank you, The Madagascar Team :)

## Madagascar Team Quiz Night 6<sup>th</sup> July

We are hosting a Quiz Night on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7-11pm at St Martin's Junior School. Tickets are



£13 each and the price includes a curry & rice supper. There will be a licensed cash only bar and a raffle with many superb prizes. The quiz will be run by the fabulous Tony Evans and it will be a night to enjoy - whilst also helping the Madagascar Team to raise funds for their potential projects. Please either fill in the Google form at: <http://tinyurl.com/yxn3mvd1> or speak to your Madagascar Team rep for tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

*by the Madagascar Leader Team*

## Epsom Book Fair raises record amount! £7,500 for Scouts



A huge thank you to all the Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, parents and leaders who helped in so many ways with this year's Book Fair. We are grateful to everyone who helped deliver flyers, rearranged meetings so the Book Fair team could have use of the hall and Explorer room the week before half term, moved books

from the scout hall to the church before the fair, to the Madagascar team who helped heave boxes of books about and sorted fiction in the church community hall and to the huge team who so cheerfully and efficiently loaded our 40ton articulated truck – to the brim! – with books at the end of the Fair. We were pleased and relieved to see it safely loaded and on its way to west Wales to the book dealer who had purchased them. Thanks also to the leaders who transported waste paper and card to the recycling centre and the remaindered records for sale in Guildford after the Fair.

Yet again our Book Fair raised a record amount for charity. We raised £41,241 up from £37,688 last year and donated £39,450 to charities. The Scouts share was £7,500, of which £2,500 was earned by the Madagascar team.

We could not run the Fair without the help of so many volunteers who willingly give their time and expertise. Huge thanks go to all of them for making this another successful event. Both Andrew and I look forward to planning for next year's Fair.

*By Jacqui Raggett & Andrew Jennings (Book Fair organisers)*



7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scouts

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019

# JUMBLE SALE

**Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road**

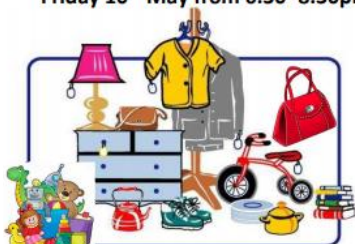
Doors Open at 1.30pm for Public: 50p entry  
10.30 – 11.30am Early Birds: £5 entry

Donations: please leave at Epsom Methodist Church on:  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30 - 8.30pm or Saturday

9 to 10.30am.

Thank you !

If you have any items which you would like collected, please call the volunteer collector.



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

Enquiries: 07736 771864



## Jumble Sale: Spring Clean & Volunteer please

11 May'19

Saturday May 11 is the date for the next Jumble Sale. Perfect timing to recycle all the stuff that you discovered you no longer need during your Spring sort out. The last Jumble raised over **£1800**, but in order to repeat that we need help. So far volunteer\* numbers are low, so please email Catherine Williams to offer help on

[catherinemax@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemax@btinternet.com)

*By Catherine Williams (Jumble Sale team leader)*

\*volunteer tasks:

Cakes, Leaflets, Posters, Donations, Sorting, Selling, Clearing

## Group Diary Dates

May:

11<sup>th</sup> [Jumble Sale](#) at EMC (Sat am)

24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Spring Bank Camp @Frylands Wood, Croyden. (Cubs from 25<sup>th</sup>)

July:

6<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night @ St Martins. Tickets:

<http://tinyurl.com/yxn3mvd1> or speak to your Madagascar Team rep

July:

20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Summer Camp (new date) for Scouts & Explorers

September:

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Water Weekend

14<sup>th</sup> AGM (incl presentations & awards)

28<sup>th</sup> [Jumble Sale](#) at EMC (Sat am)