

# 7th Epsom News



May / June 2019

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## Another successful Explorers' Spring Bank camp! 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May

Very active weekend at Frylands Wood with Explorers being independent by rotating cooking and washing up duties... Activities included archery, practical exercise building a vertical double rope bridge (and crossing it!), obstacle coursing, rock climbing and organising & running games for the younger sections - Cubs, Beavers & Scouts...



Great weather allowed many Explorers to sleep in hammocks...

<< Helping Clearing rubble for Frylands Wood. Good physical labour practice for Madagascar!

Obstacle course being explained →





Crossing the rope bridge that Explorers made. Great orienteering exercise!

Explorers putting on a show for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts →



Singing Happy Birthday to Euan followed swiftly by devouring of cake! →





# Spring Camp 2019 – Scout section 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May



25 scouts enjoyed 3 nights under canvas; collecting wood, building fires and cooking for themselves. They had a great time learning how to start their fire – even when the wood isn't dry – and how to prepare and





cook their own food. Lifelong skills! Other highlights were the campfire with Cubs and Explorers, the activities and investing 3 new scouts into the section. We enjoyed the joint games with the Beavers & Cubs which were organised by the Explorers and later had a wide game with the Explorers chasing each other around the camp site. It exhausted the leaders just watching them. 😊 Special thanks to all the leaders and parents who lent a hand over the weekend – without which we couldn't have provided such a rich experience for the scouts. Looking forward to even more help next year!

*by Paul Carpenter (Scouts Leader)*



## BEAVER SLEEPOVER AT SPRING BANK CAMP

**24–25<sup>th</sup> May**

29 Beavers, 3 leaders and some very helpful parents had an action packed time at the Beaver sleepover from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May at Frylands campsite.

The Beavers had a go at grass sledging, climbing and archery and enjoyed a camp fire despite a rather heavy shower of rain! They also learnt some knots and first aid, went on an animal hunt and made a bug hotel which went towards their Camp Craft activity badge and My Outdoors Challenge Award.





On Saturday afternoon we had a joint activity for all the 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom sections where the Beavers had a chance to get to know the older sections when they took part in some games with the Cubs and Scouts which were run by the Explorers.



Thanks to our wonderful cooks the Beavers (and leaders) enjoyed some lovely food including a full English breakfast which they ate outside!  
A big thank you to all the helpers for their support with the sleepover.



*Kathy Castledine (Clearwater Beaver Leader)*



# Group Diary Dates

## July:

6<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night @ St Martins. Tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/yxn3mvdI> or speak to your Madagascar Team rep

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)

## Cubs Conquer Camp 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May

Spring Camp 2019 was superb. With 42 Cubs, an army of fantastic parent help and a packed programme, coupled with wonderful weather we could not have had a better weekend.



The Cubs impressed us with their team work and efficiency in erecting their tents. The theme was exploration and adventure and in the afternoon the Cubs climbed, shot arrows and wrestled each other wearing sumo suits and had great fun mixing with

other members of 7th Epsom and soaking them with a sponge! Thanks to Phil for excellent supplementary activities, the Cubs enjoyed tracking, firelighting and an adventure challenge. They even learnt about Ralph Fiennes,



Captain Cook, Bear Grylls, Tim Peake, Christopher Columbus and Amy Johnson. After an hour long hike they were rewarded with toasting huge marshmallows and making smores followed by a very entertaining 7th Epsom Camp fire. Monday meant barrel carts, slack-lining and grass sledging. No wonder a few slept on the way home! Not one of the Cubs complained they were hungry or asked how long until home time.

Let's hear what they thought of Camp:

Loui- It was my first ever Cub camp and I enjoyed every moment.

Dylan T- I loved it. It was the best.

Milly- I loved the joint activities with the scouts and the Explorers. It was very funny.

Tyler M- The sumo suits were awesome. I've never tried it before but I want to do it again!

Jamie H - I liked being able to make new friends And finally from John- Thank you to all leaders for a fun weekend.

*By Clare DiPlacito (Sioux Cub leader)*



# QUIZ NIGHT

hosted by the

**7th Epsom Madagascar Team**

**Curry supper included  
+ a licensed cash bar & raffle**



**on Saturday 6th July 7.00-11.00pm**

at St. Martin's Junior School, Ashley Rd, Epsom KT18 7AD

**Tickets £13 each** Tables of approx 8 people. Tickets available from your Explorer/Madagascar team representative or fill in the Google form at: <http://tinyurl.com/yxn3mvd1>

Explorer/Madagascar rep: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at £13 each

and enclose cash/a cheque for: £ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have organised my own team of approx. 8 people

☐ I am happy for you to put me on a table of like-minded people

Number of curry & rice suppers required: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements (PLEASE WRITE NUMBER FOR EACH):

\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_ Other (PLEASE SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form & cheque made payable to 7th Epsom Scouts to your Explorer/Madagascar rep.

## Madagascar Team Quiz Night 6th July

We are hosting a Quiz Night on Sat 6th 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  
2020 Leader Team*