



Cubs Hindu Temple Visit:

wc 25 November

This week the Cubs visited the Hindu temple in Stoneleigh which was a fantastic outing. The temple were excellent hosts - giving a tour, explaining the Hindu faith and traditions, showing videos of their most important ceremonies, and providing refreshments for the Cubs. Our Cubs really enjoyed the visit and we were very proud of the brilliant questions they asked and their excellent behaviour too.

By Richard Bell, Cub Leader



Madagascar 2020 Expedition

The Expedition took some massive steps forward recently when we purchased 28 airline tickets to Antananarivo and made decisions about the community projects we will be undertaking there – it's very real now!

The team are getting together regularly and continuing the preparations for the trip – see other article about the fundraising activities we are involved in.

The team are very grateful for the support shown by the Group, Epsom Methodist Church and parents and supporters. I will share more information about the projects in the New Year.



Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) 2019 18th-20th October



We are fortunate to have an amateur radio station in the Scout HQ operated by members of local amateur

radio clubs. The 'radio hams' have recently been providing their time to introduce the Scouts to ham radio as part of their Communicator Activity



Badge. Scouts have also been having fun learning about the phonetic alphabet and Morse code.



The radio hams opened up the radio shack in the youth hall as part of this year's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). This is a worldwide annual event which brings together Scouts from over 170 countries. It enables Scouts to connect with each other over the weekend of 18th – 20th October. The 7th Epsom radio shack was visited by several 7th Epsom beavers, cubs and Scouts as well as other members of local Scout Groups. They were able to talk to the radio hams who helped them to use the radio equipment to talk to Scouts in other parts of the UK and the world.

Our handmade bird boxes are flying off the shelf!



The Madagascar team have hand built and are now selling some fabulous bird boxes in order to raise funds for their projects next year!

There are three styles which attract different birds - the 32mm hole boxes are for sparrows and nuthatches, the 25mm hole boxes are for blue, coal and marsh tits, and the boxes with half fronts are for robins. Each bird box is individually named and has instructions attached for how to hang it. One Explorer, Rowan, has also made up bird seed bags which are selling at £2 each too.

We had a successful sale at Glyn Christmas Fayre on 16th November and were at Rosebery Fair Friday 29th.

On Saturday 7th December you can catch us at

- Tattenham's December Market, St Mark Church, 10am-2pm;
- City of London Freeman's School Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm;
- Aberdour School Christmas Fair, 12pm-3pm.



We have completely sold out of the clear bird boxes, but there are plenty of red, green, white and a new lighter, khaki green colour as well.

If you can't make one of the Christmas fairs but you'd like to buy a box, please use the order form at the end of the newsletter and send it to philiandthefish@btinternet.com Or you can support us by donating to our projects

at: <https://wonderful.org/fundraiser/7thepsommadagascar-c84d686b>

Thank you :)

By Phili Coley (Explorer GSL)



Scouts squat to sponsor a toilet! 6 December

Epsom Methodist Church has sponsored the majority of the toilets that are on the premises, and in line with 'World Toilet Day' on the 19th Nov, the Scout Leaders decided that it would be a good idea for the Scouts to learn about the facts behind toilets, the problems that this has on people's lives all around the world, and are hoping to raise enough money to provide at least one toilet (£60) but possibly two toilets and make a big difference to a family who don't have access to a toilet or clean water.

So for 2 weeks we have been learning about the impact of poor sanitation, how toilets work, water treatment and different types of toilets. On the 6th December we will be running some toilet games and doing a patrol sponsored squat to raise money. So to all parents, please sponsor your Scout so that they come along on the 6th with some sponsor money and donations.

Here are some toilet facts that the Scouts have been learning:

- Water pollution kills around 10,000 people around the world – EVERY DAY.
- Every 8 seconds a child under the age of five dies from diseases related to contaminated water.
- 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet
- 1 billion people practice open defecation

If anyone reading this would like to donate to our Scout appeal, then please contact one of the Scout Leaders through 7thepsom@gmail.com.

By Gillian Mead (Scout Leader)

Our Parent Representatives

We are seeking to get a Parent Representative in place for each of the sections in the 7th Epsom Group. The role is not onerous but does require some commitment & allows the Representatives to engage with the leaders and have their say on how the Sections and Group should be run.

We already have representatives in place for most Sections (see below), but **have vacancies for Windfall Beavers and Apache Cubs**, so please get in touch with myself or your Section Leader if you would like to learn more about the role and how to get involved.

Our current Representatives are:

* Michaela Kemp (Willowlake):



* Victoria Pocock (Cherokee):



* Alison Robinson (Explorers)

* Helen Linney (Scouts)

* Sam Stopford (Sioux) but only until the end of this term

* Kim Bowthorpe (Clearwater)

Kevin Mead, Group Executive Chairman meadfamilykam@btinternet.com

Community Christmas Post 🎵 6-13 December / 14-15 December

The boxes are out across our local villages (see posters appended to the newsletter) and the process of collecting and sorting starts this Thursday 5th December. Please hurry to get your cards written and posted as the last collection will be first thing on Friday 13th December.

If anyone has been intending to volunteer to deliver a round, please get in contact with Richard Bell at 7thepsom@Scoutsxmaspost.org.uk asap.

Richard would also like a helper or two at our Scout HQ for the days when the post persons collect their post for delivery. That is on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December. If you can help, if only for a few hours, please email

7thepsom@Scoutsxmaspost.org.uk

Many thanks, *Kevin Mead, Group Executive Chairman* meadfamilykam@btinternet.com
(editors note: See flyers at the end of the newsletter with details and postbox locations)

Group Diary Dates

December:

Christmas Post – need Posties

* 6- 13th Sorting

*14th / 15th Collection for Posting

February:

12th Book Sorting for **EMC Book Fair** starts (huge fundraiser for 7th Epsom Scouts. All volunteers enthusiastically welcomed!

20th-22nd Epsom Book Fair @EMC

March:

7th **Jumble Sale!** (next one 14/11)

14th Madagascar Quiz Night

Camp Dates:

May 22-25 Group Spring Camp @Bentley Copse

June 26-28 Scoutabout (Scouts) @Ardingly

July 18-25 Summer Camp (Scouts+Explorers) @New Forest

August 8-30 Madagascar Expedition

7th Epsom Madagascar 2020

Bird Box Pre-Order Form

**£15
each**

Your bird box(es) will be reserved now and will be available to take home by your MadTeam20 representative after the team day on Saturday 7th December.

All profits raised go towards our projects in Madagascar in 2020.

Thank you for your support :)



BIRD BOX TYPE	RED	GREEN	CLEAR	WHITE	ANY!
Bird Box with 32mm hole for Sparrows & Nuthatches					
Bird Box with 25mm hole for Blue, Coal and Marsh Tits					
Bird Box with half front for Robins					
Surprise Me!					

BY CHOOSING 'SURPRISE ME!' FOR YOUR BIRD BOX TYPE OR 'ANY!' FOR THE COLOUR YOU ARE LEAVING IT UP TO OUR DISCRETION TO CHOOSE YOU A LOVELY BIRD BOX

Name of MadTeam20 rep _____

Total number of bird boxes _____

Amount enclosed _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE £15 PER BOX EITHER IN CASH OR A CHEQUE
MADE PAYABLE TO 7TH EPSOM (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP



Location of post boxes

Note: all post boxes are yellow except those in the Ashley Centre which are blue



Epsom

Clarks (outside)	The Ashley Centre	KT18 5AB
Hotel Chocolate (outside)		
Superdrug (outside)		
W H Smith (outside)		

Ebbisham Centre (by library)	High Street	KT19 8AG
Tesco Express	Chantilly Way	KT19 8SP
Costcutter	Manor Green road	KT19 8RA
Ajits Local	Sefton Road	KT19 9HG

Epsom Methodist Church	Ashley Road	KT18 5AQ
Save 'n Smile	Wells Estate	KT18 7PF
Dorking Road Stores	Dorking Road	KT18 7JZ
Old College Hospital Surgery	Alexandra Road	KT17 4BL
Corner Shop 4U	Burgh Heath Road	KT17 4LU
Sainsburys	Kiln Lane	KT17 1EQ

Ewell / Stoneleigh / Cuddington

Sainsburys Local	Cheam Road	KT17 1SN
Nisa	166 Ruxley Lane, West	KT19 9HA
Smiths Mail Shop	12 Ruxley Lane	KT19 0JA
Ballards	Chessington Road, West	KT19 9UR
Sainsburys	65 The Broadway,	KT17 2HP
Vale Road Post Office	173 Vale Road,	KT19 0PJ
Bourne Hall	Spring Street, Ewell	KT17 1UF

Epsom Downs

The Shop on the Corner	Langley Vale	KT18 6AW
McColls	Tattenham Corner	KT18 5QG

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Marks and Spencer	The Street	KT21 1AA
McColls	The Street	KT21 1AW
Tesco Express	Craddocks Parade	KT21 1QJ
The Surgery	Gilbert House, Woodfield	KT21 2BQ
Gary's Greengrocers	Barnett Wood Lane	KT21 2DB



Only
35p

Send your cards by Scout Community Christmas Post

**Delivery in Epsom , Ewell and
Ashted in postal areas
KT17, KT18, KT19 and KT21**

LAST COLLECTION 10 am Friday 13th December

**Collection and delivery times, go to
www.7thepsom.org.uk/activities/christmas-post**

*Payment (in cash) should be included with the cards
and posted into one of the Scout post boxes*

All proceeds to :

7TH EPSOM (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

Official sponsors:

**The
Ashley
Centre**

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