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## Scouts do some more Toilet Twinning



Last term the Scouts found out a lot about toilets! Inspired by World Toilet Day and shocked that 2.3 billion people have nowhere safe to go to the toilet, the Scouts decided to raise some money to support the work of the charity Toilet Twinning. The charity provides communities with a hygienic toilet (latrine), clean water supply and education about the importance of good hygiene.



During the meetings the Scouts found out how a western toilet works, how water is purified and the impact on a community of not having a safe place to go to the toilet as well as how Toilet Twinning works. During these two weeks

the Scouts donated money every time they used the toilet - or 'Spent a Penny'! This was followed by a sponsored squat at the next meeting – the Scouts were amazing and showed great determination! All their hard work paid off and they raised £180 which means three communities will now have a safe place to go to the toilet, a water supply and health education.

*By Gillian Mead, Scout Leader*

## Silver & Bronze Chief Scout Awards!

Huge congratulations to Cubs Jamie and Jonny for achieving their Silver Chief Scout Award and to Beavers Rory (Clearwater), Skyler, Archie and Harry who were awarded their Bronze CSA at the end of last term.

*Kathy Castledine and Clare DiPlacito (Beaver & Cub Leader)*

# 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scout Transport Manager

Immediate

Do you want to help the Group without needing to attend weekly meetings? Running our 2 minibuses is critical to the Scouting activities that the Group is able to provide. Due to relocation of the current role holder, we are now seeking a new Transport Manager. On behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom (Methodist) Scout Exec, the Transport Manager manages and is responsible for the operation of the group's two minibuses and two trailers. The role includes coordinating:

- . Running and Maintenance, including licensing and insurance
- . Driver Assurance and Training
- . Booking Management

A full role specification is available on request.

If you are able to help or would like to understand more detail please contact Kevin Mead, Group Chairman on 07768066830 or at [meadfamilykam@btinternet.com](mailto:meadfamilykam@btinternet.com)

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News Editor / Communications Role

Again, do you want to help the Group without needing to attend weekly meetings? Our communications role includes coordinating contributions into a newsletter format such as this one (6 editions a year, bi-monthly) that can easily be read on smartphones and online media. It would be helpful for such a person to have access to appropriate software such as Microsoft Word or Publisher and knowledge of social media to expand the role.

If you are able to help or would like to understand more detail please contact current new editor Elsie on [elsje@kichenbrand.com](mailto:elsje@kichenbrand.com) / 07940508133 or Kevin Mead, Group Chairman on 07768066830 or [meadfamilykam@btinternet.com](mailto:meadfamilykam@btinternet.com)

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## New Stores Building Update



It's been months of hard work, but we are delighted to share the latest update on the buildingworks with you.

← Nearly there before all the group's kit can be moved in: just fascia to complete externally, and internally the racking out, then voila all done!

Madagascar 2020 team painting the walls...successfully! →



*By Jo Chartes (Quartermaster)*

# New! Group Polo Shirts and Hoodies

orders by Friday **14 February**



We recently introduced a range of 7th Epsom Group clothing for all young people, leaders, supporters, parents and carers. In fact, they are for anyone who would like them! Both tops are made from premium cotton. The scout logo and group name are embroidered on the chest and printed in large on the back, as shown in the photos. It is intended



that they will be worn on Group activities, where uniform is not necessary, but where it would be good to have a Group identity,

such as fundraising activities, camps and trips.

The cost for all sections (Beavers- Explorers)- Polo shirt: £12.50 / Hoodies: £15.00.

Due to VAT the cost for adults is £17.50 (Polo shirt) and £22 (Hoodies).

The sizes are as follows:

Age	Height (cm)	Chest (Inches)	Size	Chest (Inches)
3-4	104	22"/24"	S	35"/ 37"
5-6	116	26"/28"	M	38"/40"
7-8	128	30"	L	41"/43"
9-11	140	32"	XL	44"/46"
12-13	152	34"	XXL	47"/49"
14-15	164	36"	XXXL	50"/52"

To purchase, please complete the google form via this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/juPHnWuZxOrehEjy1>

Once you have completed the form, please pay to the following: (same as for annual subscriptions):

**Bank:** CAF Bank Ltd

**Sort Code:** 40-52-40

**Account:** 00009254

**Reference:** "GC-"Surname.

It is critical to include the reference as above so we can match your order to your payment.

Orders by Friday 14 February please. This will not be your

only chance – I'll put an order in at the end of each term. If there is enough demand, we can place orders on a more regular basis.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or problems.

By Simon Williams

([asw1975@googlemail.com](mailto:asw1975@googlemail.com)).





# Madagascar 2020 Team update



Our hardy team were put to the test at a chilly camp in January. The theme of the camp was personal resilience and they certainly demonstrated that! It was  $-3^{\circ}$  in the morning when they woke in their tents. Breaking the ice on the outside of your tent is a great way to start the day.

In Madagascar we expect to eat a usual Malagasy diet – they tend to eat rice with every meal. We practiced at lunch by having a spicy bean soup as a *laoka* along with rice. The technique is to use the liquid *laoka* to rehydrate the rice – interesting!

The team are continuing with their fund-raising for the projects by helping at the Book Fair in February as well as planning another quiz night on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please save the day in your diary.

Only 7 months to go – it's getting really exciting now.



*By Paul Carpenter (Madagascar Team Leader)*

## Group Diary Dates

### February:

**16<sup>th</sup>** Book Sorting for **EMC Book Fair** starts (huge fundraiser for 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scouts. All volunteers enthusiastically welcomed!

**20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** Epsom Book Fair @EMC (see article & flyer)

### March:

**7<sup>th</sup>** [Jumble Sale!](#) (next one 14/11)

**14<sup>th</sup>** Madagascar Quiz Night (see flyer)

### 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

**September 25-27** Water Weekend

# Community Christmas Post update 🎵

You have raised over £2700 - this is a great result and the monies raised will directly benefit all 7th Epsom Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers.

This last Christmas we made two changes to the post arrangements with just one delivery and an earlier finish. The organising team met in January to review how the Scout Post went this season - if you have any further suggestions or comments please do let us know at [7thepsom@Scoutsxmaspost.org.uk](mailto:7thepsom@Scoutsxmaspost.org.uk) asap please.

*Elsje for Richard Bell, Chief Postie Organiser*

## Epsom Book Fair Needs Our Help

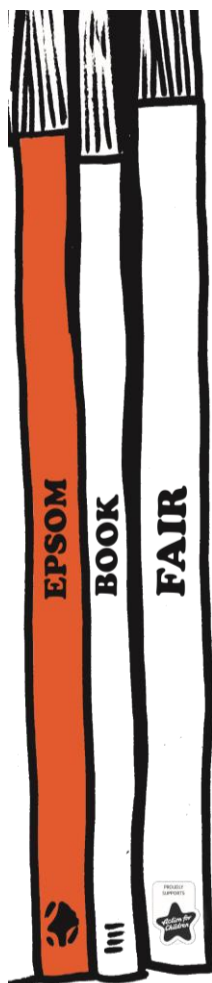
**Moving: 16 Feb / Clearing 22 Feb**

The annual Epsom Book Fair is a vital fundraiser for scouts so help from scouts, explorers and their parents is urgently needed to complete two tasks:

- moving books from the scout HQ to various parts of the church at 7pm on Sunday 16 February – the job takes about an hour and a half
- clearing up at the end of the fair – packing books back into boxes and loading them onto an articulated truck from 4.15pm on Saturday 22 February – this task takes about two hours.

If you happen to have a porter's style trolley or even a wheelbarrow, please do bring it along with you.

*By Jaqcui Raggett for EMC*



## EPSOM BOOK FAIR

*20th-22nd February 2020*

AT EPSOM METHODIST CHURCH,  
ASHLEY ROAD, EPSOM KT18 5AQ  
THURSDAY 20TH & FRIDAY 21ST - 10AM-8PM  
SATURDAY 22ND - 10AM-4PM  
ENTRANCE 50P (CHILDREN AND STUDENTS FREE).

ANNUAL GIANT CHARITY SALE  
OF SECONDHAND BOOKS,  
DVDS AND MUSIC

OVER 60,000  
BOOKS INCLUDING:  
ANTIQUARIAN,  
OUT-OF-PRINT, CHILDREN'S,  
FICTION AND NON-FICTION.  
ALSO CDS, DVDS AND RECORDS.  
REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT LUNCHES AVAILABLE

**DONATIONS**  
We would be delighted  
to receive your donations of  
books, DVDs, CDs and  
records at the church  
(between 9am and 8pm)  
from Wednesday 12th to  
Saturday 15th February.

(Please note this is  
the final deadline).

FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND ENQUIRIES ABOUT  
DISABILITY ACCESS PLEASE RING 01372 728535  
EMAIL: [OFFICE@EPSOMMETHODISTCHURCH.ORG.UK](mailto:OFFICE@EPSOMMETHODISTCHURCH.ORG.UK)  
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# SSSh: Soon it's Spring & (Jumble) Sale, Help!

**Volunteer 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March(Fri/Sat)**

Spring is just around the corner and that means that so is the next Jumble Sale on Saturday 7 March. Time to clear out your jumble and send an email volunteering to help on either the Friday evening, Saturday morning or Saturday afternoon to [catherinemax@btinternet.com](mailto:catherinemax@btinternet.com)

# QUIZ NIGHT



hosted by the

**7th Epsom Madagascar Team**

**Chilli & Rice supper included**

**+ a licensed cash bar + raffle**

**on Saturday 14th March 7.00-11.00pm**

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

**Tickets £13 each** Tables of approx 8 people.

Please fill in the form below to book your tickets

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

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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I have organised my own team of approx. 8 people

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

Number of chilli & rice suppers required: (PLEASE WRITE NUMBER FOR EACH)

\_\_\_\_\_ Meat \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian (ALL MEALS WILL BE GLUTEN & DAIRY FREE)

Please return form & cheque made payable to 7th Epsom Scouts to your Explorer/Madagascar representative or contact Phili (07957 283760) for online payment details. Thank you.



# Beavers go Green at Cupboard Quiz (sneak preview)

w/c 3 February



Shhhh...7<sup>th</sup> Epsom News has inside information about the unfinished business between Beavers and Fetch'emFromTheCupboard sustainable shop in Ashted where they have been very busy finding planet friendly alternatives to support their Green Ambassador badge.

Many parents and young leaders at hand to help our young planet protectors scout for earth friendly alternatives...



Mum's the word as they will only receive their prizes next week, so shhhhh!



*By Elsje Kichenbrand (ed & fellow planet protector)*