

EPSOM & EWELL DISTRICT

Scouting News and Views



Welcome to Your District Newsletter.

A publication, for Scouting by Scouting, raising the image of Scouting in our District.

8th/14th Epsom Air Scout Group review.

A very impressive Group - 8th/14th Epsom look back on a successful year

The 8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts based at Concorde Hall, Horton Hill, Epsom held their AGM on the 11th June for the year ending 31st March 2013. The Group celebrated by holding a BBQ before the formal meeting which was well attended despite the showery weather prior to the meeting.

With previous GSL's in attendance, together with John Jordon (District Commissioner) and Roxanna Bostock (County Commissioner) the meeting was expertly chaired as usual by Dave Blackman. Sadly this was Dave's last AGM as he has decided to stand down and give someone else the opportunity next year.



It was my first AGM as the new GSL and it was a real honour and a privilege to become involved with this very impressive Group. The Groups success could not be achieved without the dedication and commitment of the Group Executive and the various section leadership teams who provide such a wonderful experience for all the young people that attend the 8th/14th.

With so many highlights during the year it would normally be difficult to pick out the key ones.

This past year however included an RAF inspection by a Squadron Leader, who praised the Troop for "raising the bar even further than previously".

This was no doubt helped by the fact that eight of our Scout's received their Chief Scout's Gold Award, so well done to Thomas, Sian, Claudia, Jemima, George, Chris, Anna and Rebecca who worked so hard to achieve the set requirements.

With both Roxanna (CC) and John (DC) present at the AGM, several presentations were made covering Dave Blackman and Peter Osborne who completed five years' service,

Cathy Spalding who completed her Nights Away permit, Akela (Robert Clarke) for completing an amazing forty years' service with the Scouts and Howard Park who received his Silver Acorn.

Congratulations to all of them with respect to their individual awards.



With the Troop and Unit off to Jersey this year for summer camp we are already planning summer 2014, where the Troop is earmarked to attend as part of a Surrey County organised expedition to Kandersteg in Switzerland and the Unit are looking to go to Croatia.

Further details about the 8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts including the Annual report can be found at :-

www.epsomairscouts.org

Graham Bailey,
Group Scout Leader.

What our grandparents knew.

1. To prevent pasta from sticking, add a teaspoon of cooking oil to the boiling water before adding in the pasta.
2. If you have no starch for linens, dip them in water in which pasta or rice has been boiled. Iron when damp.
3. Parsley is rich in vitamins A.B.C. More Vitamin Than Oranges, More Calcium than Milk, More Iron than Steak & More potassium than Bananas. It lowers blood pressure by counteracting Sodium & also has diuretic qualities.

D.C's. Notes

This month has seen District activities take a nautical theme. For Cubs, the 'Water Activities Day' saw 60 Cubs enjoy their time afloat, many for the first time, in a variety of boats.

Thanks to the 1st Cuddington (Warspite) for making their facilities at Thames Ditton available. For Scouts, the Canoe Badge Courses have begun with each course taking one night a week for six weeks to complete.

The County Cub Scout SCRAM took place at a windswept Cranleigh Showground. However, I know that all of those Cubs from the District who attended had a great time.

In the background, the District Service Team have been quietly (when the digger, concrete saw, breakers, drills & dumper have not been operating!!) demolishing their old equipment store and constructing the base for the replacement building.

The commitment and team spirit in this undertaking is surely what Scouting is about. More about this project as it progresses.

As always, it's a pleasure to list the Chief Scout Awards presented, Duke of Edinburgh Award achieved and Service Awards & Wood Badges notified by Headquarters in the last month.

Congratulations to all concerned.

John.

District Commissioner

Congratulations To

Chief Scout's Award

Bronze	Oliver Bowers	- 1st West Ewell
Silver	Charlie Hawkins	- 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Platinum	Guy Brown	- Rowe ESU (2nd Cuddington)

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Bronze	Guy Brown	- Rowe ESU (2nd Cuddington)
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Service Award

5 Years	Amanda Brash	- 2nd Ewell
	David Wells	- 2nd Ewell
	Robert Frisby	- District Executive
10 Years	Anne Hill	- 7th Epsom
	Zoe Dallen	- 7th Epsom
	Sarah Dennis	- "Storm" ESU (2nd Ewell)
	Janet Taylor	- 1st Ruxley
15 Years	Roy Turner	- 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
	Douglas Clasby	- 7th Epsom
20 Years	Peter Hughes	- District Service Team
	Simon Williams	- District Service Team
25 Years	Victoria Saw	- 8/14th Epsom
30 Years	Ann Dallen	- 7th Epsom

Wood Badge

Robert Baker	- 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Paul Dawson	- 8/14th Epsom
Adrian Murphy	- 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

Can YOU help

A few Scout Groups in the Epsom & Ewell area are in need of additional adult help in running Beaver, Cub & Scout sections, with age ranges 6.5 - 18 yrs.

If you would like help and find out more please contact John Jordan (District commissioner)

By telephone on 07768 127329 or
email:- jwjordan46@btinternet.com

EPSOM & EWELL SCOUT DISTRICT



Get in touch...

- how to contact us
- our Scout Group locations
- diary of events and activities

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Sat 09:30 - 12:00

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The Service team's events

The last two months have been very busy with the District Store development at 2nd Cuddington; we have dismantled and disposed of the old store having first unloaded all the equipment into two containers which are on site.

The old base was broken out and the foundations for the new base dugout and filled with concrete, the shuttering was installed and the reinforcement added and on the 14th June the base was laid. Since then the shuttering has been removed and the new drainage has started to be put in position.



There are still lots to do, finish the drainage, reinstate the pathways and the entrance ramp to be installed. Weekend working parties are being organised, if you would like to lend a hand or need more details contact:-

vicechairan@theserviceteam.org.uk



29th June - We are putting up the large white marquee, running the Ariel Runway and constructing a Monkey Bridge at Boidier Hurst for the 2nd Cuddington 70th Anniversary Camp

10th July - Our monthly meeting which are held on the second Wednesday of every month. They are held at The Forge, behind the 3rd Epsom (St Martins) Scout Group in Church Road. Meeting start at 8.30 and last approximately 1 hour. During the meeting we will have feedback from the previous month's activities & discuss future events. All welcome.

12th July - We are putting up Mess Tents and the PA for the Ewell Village Fair.

For more details regarding the Service Team have a look at our website www.theserviceteam.org.uk

Diary Dates

July :- 13 Ewell Village Fair
 20 1st response course - Salfords

Surrey Scout web site address :-

<http://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/SurreyScout/>

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