

# EPSOM & EWELL DISTRICT

## Scouting News and Views



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

### 1st West Ewell Scout Group

#### Group News

The dedicated leaders at 1<sup>st</sup> West Ewell have been providing an excellent programme of activities throughout the year for the young people of West Ewell and the surrounding areas. From visits to the underground tunnels in Ewell to town trails, pantomime visits, shooting and even teaching life's basic skills of shoe cleaning, ironing and the most important skill of making a good old cuppa!

The group have just returned from an excellent group camp at Park Farm campsite in Banstead where Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts attended with their families took part in Archery and Climbing as well as the usual camp activities. Our thanks go to Lesley Bellworthy (Cub Scout Leader) who organised the event; and had it validated for her Nights Away permit! A big thank you from all at the group must go to Lesley.

#### Latest news from 1st West Ewell Beavers.

Numbers have stabilised at 17 on the register with a regular attendance of 15 Beavers, most of whom attended the Whitsun Camp at Banstead with the Cubs and Scouts at the very end of May, either for the day or staying overnight. At a recent meeting the array of Camp Fire Blankets was impressive, even if the singing needs a bit of work to come up to scratch.

Fourteen Beavers gained their Emergency Aid stage 1 activity badge over two evenings, and they only have to produce a poster for their Information Technology stage one activity badge for which we have to thank Matt Preston father of one of our Beavers. Well done, Matt. In addition, eight awards of 'Participation 1' have been presented as well as Shannon receiving her Promise Challenge and Hugo and William receiving their Faith Activity badges.

Tommee with his latest Challenge Award is fast approaching his Bronze Award, whilst the three Lodge Leaders and three Assistant Lodge Leaders have settled into their routines within the Colony. Nick Purdue, Carly and Paull Spindler have been great assets to our section over the past year, but we do need more parental input and volunteers to progress the Colony further.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> West Ewell Beavers and Cubs working in the community

On Saturday 25 May 2013 1<sup>st</sup> West Ewell Cubs and Beavers spent the morning planting summer flowers at Wendover Residential Home, Chessington Road, West Ewell. They planted begonias, geraniums, pansies and lots more. The planting was done in pots and in the grounds of Wendover House. The previous Saturday the Scouts had spent the morning clearing the winter flowers and spring bulbs and preparing the ground for this week's planting.

Wendover House is home to 9 elderly residents and a cat. The residents are extremely pleased with their new-look garden and one resident commented "The children work very hard and our gardens look lovely when they are finished - the flowers are a joy to look at".



1<sup>st</sup> West Ewell will return to Wendover house in the Autumn when they will remove the dying summer flowers and plant winter wallflowers and spring bulbs. 1<sup>st</sup> West Ewell have been doing the gardens at



### [Re-Development at 1<sup>st</sup> West Ewell](#)

With the re-development of the Church site adjacent to our Headquarters there have been on-going meetings with the developers to ensure that the building works goes smoothly and does not impact on the Group too greatly. The development itself is due to commence in mid July and be completed towards the end of April 2014. As part of the process, the conifers planted along the boundary between the 2 sites have been cut down and the stumps will be removed when the main work starts.

Additionally, the contractors will use part of the grounds to base their cabin. In return, they are going to remove the garage at the Scott's Farm Road end of the site, replace the fencing on both sides of the headquarters and install a new gate at the Scott's Farm Road end, a new notice board and lighting.

# MUSIC *for a* SUMMER'S EVENING

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## D.C.'s. Notes:-

Gone Home 24th May 2013

### Sir W Garth Morrison CBE Chief Scout 1988 -1996

Full tributes to Garth can be viewed on the Scout Association's website - [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk).

The District football competitions took place on Saturday 18th May at the NESCOL sports grounds. All of the matches were hotly contested, but, in a very sportsmanlike manner. Congratulations to all players and their Leaders/Team managers for ensuring that the taking part was as important as the results. Also a big thank you to the parents and supporters for their 'touch line' demeanour; too often we hear of the wrong sort of support from the spectators.

The results were:

Beaver Scouts - Winners 7th Epsom & Runners-up 1st Ewell Court

Cub Scouts - Winners 7th Epsom & Runners-up 2nd Cuddington

Scouts - Winners 3rd Stoneleigh & Runners-up 2nd Cuddington

Explorer Scouts - Winners 2nd Cuddington

World Scout Jamboree 2015 - Japan

Surrey will be sending 2 Units to the Jamboree. Each Unit will consist of 36 Explorer Scouts and 4 Leaders. The District's selection process for Explorer Scout representatives will be announced shortly. However, I'm pleased to announce that the County's selection process for the 8 Leaders has taken place and two of those selected are from Epsom and Ewell. Congratulations to Zoe Dallen (7th Epsom) and James Turner (2nd Cuddington) on their selection.

As always, it's a pleasure to list below Chief Scout's Awards presented and Service Awards, notified by Headquarters, in the last month. Congratulations to all concerned.

**JOHN**

District Commissioner

## Congratulations to:-

### Chief Scout's Awards - Bronze

Anthony Pires - 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

Thomas Rosa - 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

### Service Awards - 5 Years

Claire Baker - 2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

Coralie Gavin - 1st West Ewell

Lesley Bellworthy - 1st West Ewell

Barrie Mustow - 1st Ruxley