



Diary

Thu 23 Apr First Eagles of term
Mon 27 Apr First meeting of term

Sun 3 May Church Parade - St Nicholas - 9.15 a.m.
Mon 4 May Bank holiday - no meeting
Sat 16 May Barn Dance band - Sev PS
Mon 25 May Half term - no meeting
Thu 28 May Half term - no Eagles

June & July - Monday meetings in Knole
when the weather is fine. Check website.

Mon 13 Jun Day out to Portsmouth Dockyard

Thu 9 Jul Last Eagles of term
Mon 13 Jul Last meeting of term
Tue 21 Jul Camp Premier begins - Craftsmen & Leaders
Sat 25 Jul 10+ camp begins.

Mon 7 Sep First meeting of term
Thu 10 Sep First Eagles of term



A big thank you to everyone who took time out in their evening to join us for Sensational Science last term. It was most encouraging to see a full church. Our aim for the evening was to produce sparks in a whole variety of ways from a large Jacob's ladder of sparks to something like ball lightning generated in a microwave oven. We, at least, deemed the show a success - essentially because everything worked.

June & July in Knole

During June and July, we are planning to hold our Monday meetings out of doors in Knole Park. This should give us the opportunity to use a selection of our popular field games and wide games. It does all depend on the weather. See inside for details.

Summer Camp - balance of fees

If you are still intending to join our summer camp (year 5 upwards), but you have not booked a place, could you please book now. We are in the process of booking a number of activities and it is important to know how many places we will need. For all those who have booked - thank you - please pay the balance of fees for 1st June.

What price a bath?

Over Easter, Elizabeth and I visited the Roman baths in Bath. You will know how much the Romans loved their baths and, with a warm water spring, this location must have ticked all their boxes. Though in more recent times (1970's) swimming in the water was banned due to a fatality and the revelation that the water contained some rather nasty bugs. I don't know how the Romans got on with that.



Bath

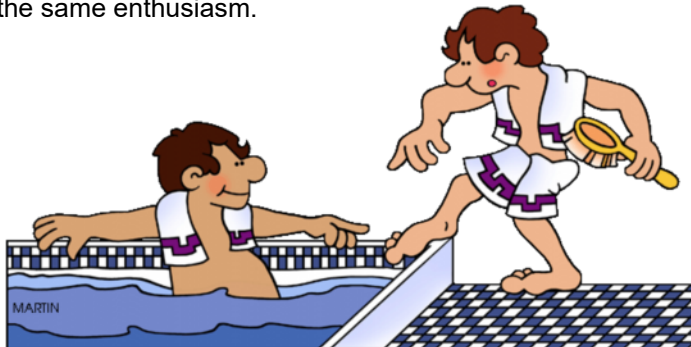
Anyway, the extensive remains in Bath reminded me of a much more remote Roman location: the fort on the high and rugged terrain of Hardknott Pass in the Lake District. The huge fort was built on the rock at 800' above sea level, so as to house around 500 soldiers plus their followers. Many thousands of tons of rock and earth were hacked out to make a parade ground about 50% larger than a standard football pitch. And, of course, there had to be a bath house with the necessary collection of hot and cold baths.



Roman fort - Hardknott Pass

The bathhouse couldn't be dug into the rock, so it had to be built on top with retaining walls (and their foundations). Streams from higher on the mountainside provided the water. What with furnace and hypocaust arrangements the bathhouse alone must have been an enormous project, and all to provide some creature comforts in that remote location!

That thinking served to remind me of the great struggles we sometimes endure to provide for ourselves in this world and made me wonder whether we are ever ready to pursue spiritual matters with the same enthusiasm.



Leaders & Craftsmen

In the term ahead, we would like to use the band outside church on 3rd May.

We are also looking forward to Camp Premier at the end of term, with a batch of exciting activities.

Ready, steady, cook.

This year the project was to make a batch of quick pizzas from scratch, together with a selection of hot deserts, including Bakewell tart. As you might imagine, this produced some challenges revolving around what was in the oven when. But all the logistics were resolved and a very happy meal was produced. Well done! to all.



Resource Day

Many thanks to all who set aside a Saturday for our Resource Day. A great deal was accomplished. Our first mission was to further the plans for summer camps. We then spent time on preparing and praying for the Summer term, in training for running some of our regular activities. A number of 'make and mend' projects were accomplished, together with a band practice. It was also a joy to have food and refreshments together. All-in-all, a most productive day.

Puzzle for the term

Parents may well have discovered that the children have an insatiable demand for lateral thinking puzzles. We are aware that some families have been regaled, possibly inaccurately, by some that have come from us. Here is an opportunity for you to redress the balance - always assuming that you can solve the following:

A boy wanted a new bike. His parents were reluctant, but in the end promised him that if he sold lemonade to his friends, they would give him the mathematical square of whatever profit he could make.

The boy sold enough drinks of lemonade at 20p to give a net profit of £3. The parents happily produced £9, but the boy pointed out that they actually owed £900 and proceeded to prove the point with accurate arithmetic.

How could he possibly do that?



Church Parade - 3rd May - 9.15 a.m. at St Nicholas Church

We hope that all of our members will adjust their Sunday routine as needed to join us for this service. We plan to use the band outside the church, to sit together in uniform in church and to carry colours. Craftsmen are expected to be present at this service.

This is not a family service, so there will be separate teaching for children during part of the service.

If you don't usually go to a church on Sundays, please consider being with us on that day. It would be great to see you.

Subscriptions:

**£1.20 per week (£1.40 for Eagles)
or at a discount for the term in advance**

Mondays £1.20 or £10.00 for the term in advance
(10 Mondays)

Eagles £1.40 or £12.30 for the term in advance
(11 Thursdays)

Craftsmen pay a membership fee for the term. It is in line with the discounted termly fee, so please pay £10.00 within the first two weeks of term.

Please make cheques payable to 'Sevenoaks Campaigners'. Cash or online payments are also fine.



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The Eagles subscription is higher than for the other sections because that age group is provided with uniforms at no extra cost.

Clan Cs



Eagles: 'God doesn't give up' and 'Working together,' both based around Israel's exile experience in the Old Testament. Then caring for others.

Junos: We will be looking at matters of Christian faith and practice.

Inters: We are also considering topics of Christian faith and practice, though the series is different from the Junos' one.



How does God answer our prayers?

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

13th June

This outing is open to all our members. It is also open to parents and they are welcome to bring other members of their family with them.

The plan is to meet outside 24 Lambard Road ready to leave by car at 9 a.m. Everyone will need a packed lunch and our members should wear their uniform top. Take note of the weather forecast for the day and bring appropriate protection (e.g. hat for sun, cagoule for wind and rain).



£25
(Including travel)

BOOK NOW!

The cost of the outing will be our special price of £25 per head and that includes transport.

There is a great deal to see at the dockyard. The remains of King Henry VIII's flag ship, the Mary Rose, can be seen in a special exhibition. Nelson's flag ship, HMS Victory, is there in dry dock. The site also contains the steam-powered, 40 gun frigate, HMS Warrior, which was the first iron-hulled and armour plated warship to be built in the mid-Victorian era. There is a great number of other exhibits at Portsmouth, so we are not expecting to see everything, but will aim to cover the highlights.

We do need bookings quite promptly for this outing needs to be booked in advance.

Our numbers will also be limited by the transport available. Offers of additional transport would be welcome, just in case we need to use them.



Booking and consent forms from our reception desk.

Online transfers to 'Sevenoaks Campaigners' 60-19-02 a/c 30302102



"According to my horoscope, this is a good week to preach against false doctrines."

Meetings in Knole Park

During June and July we will hold our Monday meetings in Knole when the weather is suitable. Information on that will be posted each week on the home page of our website. Conflicting weather forecasts can make for difficult decisions, but we will have posted a final decision by 5.30 p.m. on each Monday. Often, we will have been able to post well before that time, but please make a last minute check.

For Junos, we meet by the Sevenoaks Leisure Centre and enter the park via the path by the playground in the environmental park. For children who are there in good time (shortly after 6 p.m.), we will escort them into the park. We will also escort children back to the Leisure Centre at 7.45 p.m. This will save parents from making the trip on the slope into the park. It helps if you can collect children promptly.

We assume that Inters will be able to make their own way in and out of the park.