

June 2011

## MALDON AND EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### FORMAL NOTICE AND INVITATION

*The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council is to be held  
At Prances*

8.00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Refreshments/Bufferet will be served from 7.30pm

All, as listed below, are invited.

Note: The following are voting members of the District Scout Council:

Commissioners;

Scouters; Both Leaders & Assistant Leaders

Administrators; Include Group Chairmen/Secretaries/Treasurers as well as District Officers etc.

Section Assistants;

Skills Instructors; (formally appointed)

Advisers; (District level);

[All Explorer Scouts;](#)

All members of the District Scout Network; n.b. We do not have one!

Chairmen of Troop Leadership Forums in the District;

Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District and including Members of District Scout Active Support,

[All parents of Explorer Scouts;](#)

Persons elected or reselected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee;

And from the County:

The County Commissioner and County Chairman are ex officio members of the District Scout Council.

***RSVP: Madeleine Flowers, District Secretary, 12 Hunt Close, Feering, CO5 9LN***

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**Scouts from Silver End** recent went away on camp to a farm in West Mersea. This was a basic camp, where the girls and boys aged from 10 – 14 enjoyed the countryside and entertaining themselves without the extreme activities such as climbing and archery.



They built their own shelters in the woods, learnt how to do survival cooking and took part in various competitions and crafts. One activity was designing and making their own 'Crazy Golf' course, but the highlight of the weekend was the chariot racing. In true 'Scrapheap Challenge' style, the young people had just two hours to make, decorate and test a sedan chair before the parents arrived to cheer the teams on in the various races – most of which involved getting wet!

#### Special points of interest:

- Group AGM's
- Stolen Tents
- Awards
- Campsite News

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# 1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group

Our AGM was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Scout & Guide HQ, commencing at 7.30pm. In attendance, were visitors from the Maldon & East Essex District, as well as parents, children, leaders and others connected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Hatfield

Peverel Scout Group. After the election/re-election of the Executive Committee, awards were presented to: Christopher Weston (Beaver of the Year), Oliver Middleton (Cub of the year), Max Lenoir (Most Improved Scout of the Year), Gavin Hosking (Explorer of the Year), and the Ppear family (Family of the Year). David Evans received his Chief Scouts Bronze Award and Kira Jarvis her Gold; the highest awards possible in Beavers & Scouts respectively. At the close of the meeting everyone enjoyed a barbeque in the garden .

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**Congratulations to Chris Child ( Pictured above) Assistant Cub Scout Leader with the Kestrel Cub Pack with 1st Maldon Scout Group., who was presented with her 5 year Service Award and Certificate. The presentation was made by the Group Scout Leader Cliff Hunter on behalf of the District Commissioner Derek Joyce.**

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**The District Appointments Advisory Committee would like to welcome the following :-**

Claire Rogers, ABL 1st Maldon

Sean Bannister SAC 1st Beacon Hill

Nikki Moore CSL Tiptree

Alasdair Dodds ABSL 3rd Witham

Stephen Wiseman ACSL 1st Heybridge.

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## 1st Maldon All Saints Scout Group's News

The AGM was held on Tuesday 17th May. It was very well attended with over 50 people present.

The business part of the evening got underway and special welcome was given to the District Commissioner Derek Joyce and Ann Dukes Deputy District Commissioner. Our Group Chaplain gave an opening prayer. Reports were all read and confirmed. Committee correctly appointed for the ensuing year. The DC made a few CSA Bronze Award presentations. Some section leaders also made presentations to young people who had gained various badges recently.



Emma Wenden was duly Invested into the Maldon Viking Explorer Unit and the evening concluded with a Bar B Q which was cooked and served by members of the Maldon Unit.

Whilst every effort it made to try and keep the District Directory up to date it will inevitably contain some errors, these I do try to keep as few as possible.

If only Group Scout Leaders would pass on the information about new people, altered home addresses, Telephone numbers, Mobile numbers and most that seem to change often is your emails.

Communication is the main link to a successful District , please help me to improve this important link.

Any Leader who would like a copy sent to them as a PDF file please let me know. Ed.

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AND GANGSHOW FELLOWSHIP

# SHOW IN A DAY



*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011*

*Peter Church Lodge Prances*

*7.30 p.m.*

*Cost £3.00*

*Seating limited so book early*

*To reserve your seat contact*

**Rupert Killick**

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The idea of holding a 'Show in a Day ' is absolutely marvellous...the young people thoroughly enjoy the day and it is after all only one day to which you are committed.

It starts in the morning with the cast learning all the various parts to make a show worthy to show to the public the same day in the evening.

I cannot encourage you enough , if you have not supported this event before, either as leaders or young people ,to give it a try. From my own experiences they come up with a very good show and deserve a larger audience. I am about to book my tickets and I HOPE YOU DO TO. See you there. Cliff Ed.

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Sent: 17 June 2011 09:54  
To: [adccubs@meescouts.org.uk](mailto:adccubs@meescouts.org.uk)  
Subject: stolen tents

Hi,

If anyone offers you any virtually new (used once in fact) Turcana 6 man or 2 man Vangos or indeed any slightly older 6 and 3 man tents please let us know. Ours were stolen from our LOCKED shed in our LOCKED compound. We went down to pack for GIGA last night and they were gone. Let's hope its not too wet this weekend as we're having to use all our obsolete stuff.

Ed

Sorry to hear this news, I received it from ADC C

Cliff.



Dear Colleagues,

In case you haven't heard, the annual chaos known as the "Maldon & East Essex District Cub Scout Funday" returns this year on Sunday 18th September.

The venue as usual will be Prances with the cost for each Cub Scout being £5.00 .

It would be great to see how many Cub Scouts from across the District that we can gather together to share in the fun and adventure, so please try and support the event

Please note: If you are unable to join us yourself, your Cubs can still come as there will be a large number of adult volunteers on hand to look after the young peoples welfare.

There is a dedicated website for the event at [www.cubfun.co.uk](http://www.cubfun.co.uk) where posters, letters and forms can be downloaded, and more info will be added to this as the event draws closer.

### Help Wanted!

As always, we need as many adult volunteers as possible to help the funday run smoothly.

If you are available to run an activity base or simply help out in general, please get in touch as any assistance with running the event would be greatly appreciated.

As much as possible will be set up from around 10.00 am on the Saturday preceding the event, so if you don't mind getting your hands dirty putting up marquees etc., please get in touch !

Also, if you have any ideas for new bases or activities, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Best Regards,

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*If you really want this newsletter to survive I need NEWS to put into it. Without news coming to me it would be a complete waste of time to try and continue.*

*If it wasn't for the very few regulars, to whom I thank, send me the various bits and bobs of news and stories I would publish a blank newsletter for all to see., including the County team.*

*I would like to have regular reports from:- the DC, DDC, ADC Beavers, ADC Scouts, ADC Activities, ADC International,, SAS Units, Sectional news, who has won what ..when etc.*

*Phil ADC Cubs thanks for all your input.*

# PRANCES NEWS

We are now into the summer season and on most evenings there are groups here having fun. There are many from our own District and others from far afield coming to use the activities. The activity team feel as though they have moved in recently. We all take turns in making cakes and swapping recipes! As the activity team love their tea and coffee new much larger mugs (buckets) were purchased) though some members of the team now need to make several toilet trips as a result!

The Tower and Archery are as popular as ever and with the tower now floodlit this can carry on later into the evening.

If you are looking for a new activity then don't forget the Zip Wire. It is proving to be very popular and tends to get used alongside the new adventure area. Those that have been to site recently and have used the new activities have all agreed that they are a real asset to your district site.

There have been a few District events over the last few months and they have been supported really well. For us it is great to see everyone here have so much fun. The young people make new friends so that when they go off to Gilwell or other County Events these youngsters are bound to meet a familiar face.

We have had a couple of County Events held here recently, the first being More than a Walk followed by the David Clare Archery Competition. Both events were great and extremely well supported. The David Clare Archery Competition has already been booked for next year, if your group hasn't been involved before come along, it is a great day and your standard of Archery will dramatically improve as you have plenty of training and support from the County Archery Team. You will also get the chance to try different activities rather than shooting at a standard target.

We are seeing a few more schools using the site for D of E use – mainly the Bronze award.

We are currently having the woodwork replaced on the tower. Thanks to all of the service team who gave up the bank holiday to progress the well need renovation. Once this is complete we hope to set up a caving simulator. This is going to be created in the mud mound in the wooded area at the bottom of Prances field. We have most of the equipment it is now just a matter of finding a weekend when most of the service team are available to come and put it all together.

If we haven't seen you yet this summer and you are booked in we look forward to seeing you – if you haven't booked in to come over for an evening we look forward to hearing from you. You don't have to use the activities; you could just try a BBQ and campfire with wide games. With two fields we have plenty of space on offer.

We would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Les Taylor as the Service Team Leader. Many of you may already know Les and have seen him at Prances running activities or with other groups. We would also like to thank all of the service team volunteers who support Prances making sure the activities run smoothly, and those who work behind the scenes on site repairs and general site works. We just could not function without this team. We would also like to thank those younger members who join us to assist in activities. They are learning how to run these activities so that eventually they will be able to gain their own activity permits. If any other Explorers are interested in trying this please let you leader know or contact Prances directly.

Andrew and Sara Goodwin.

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Explorer Scouts  
Having FUN  
Around the  
District



