

# MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The closing date for the next issue

March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please send me your reports by then. Thanks Ed.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR ACTING DC

2009 should be an exciting year for Maldon and East Essex. We have the beginnings of a District programme, and more regular meetings and opportunities for Leaders to get together and share ideas. Please do your best to support the District events and get along to any meetings organised for you. The District is there to help try and make the lives of section Leaders a little easier, so please keep in touch with me and the relevant ADCs so we know how best to support you.

I am delighted to announce that both Laurence and Merle Bundy have been awarded the Award of Merit. Laurence is GSL of Southminster and Maylandsea Scout Group and many of you will know him through the Gang Show & Maldengidoo roadshow. Merle is Beaver Scout Leader at the same Group. Congratulations to both!

One of my next priorities is to focus some more energy in to adult training. Training is an extremely important part of our role, and we need to ensure that all new Leaders especially are supported through the training scheme. To do this we need to have a number of Training Advisors who can support Leaders in getting their woodbadge. Ideally I would like each Group to have at least one Training Advisor so if you are interested in taking on such a role then please contact me or drop a line to our Local Training Manager John Smith.

best wishes,  
matt :o)

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### Scouts Arctic Weekend at Gilwell Report from Dan Sutton. SL Silver End.

Each year the older Scouts in the Troop are offered the opportunity to go to the National Winter Camp at Gilwell – the home of Scouting. This year nine of them were brave enough to take up the challenge.

Leaving Silver End in the dark and cold on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January on the journey up it just seemed to get colder all the way. Once on site there was time to sort the tents out before heading to the Disco.



After the disco finished at midnight it was back to the tents to wrap up warm to spend a night under canvas where the temperature dropped to as low as -6 degrees. Having survived the extreme night time temperature, Saturday day time wasn't much better with it only getting up to -3 degrees! There was plenty to do though around the campsite to keep warm. Activities ranged from Zorbing, Quad Bikes, Archery, Shooting the Fair Ground and indoor crafts or console games. In total there were over 70 activities on offer. If they wanted a break from activities they could visit the burger bar, cinema or catch up with old friends from other Troops that they haven't seen in a while.

A couple of them also got the opportunity to work with the onsite Media Team and they have subsequently appeared on a video on the Internet about the camp.

Saturday night the temperature started to rise a little with it only being -2. So after partying hard at the Disco again until midnight not quite so many layers of clothing were needed to sleep in.

One advantage of the weekend being



cold was there was very little mud until it started to thaw

out at about midday. It meant the tents went away clean and mud free but not all were happy... Before the camp Melanie said she was looking forward to it "because you have different weather so you get to wear wellies and you get to get muddy and its just really fun to be honest".

She got to wear her wellies but not to get muddy! Maybe next year...

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Report from the ADC Cubs Phil Kilburn

Dear All, A big thank you to all who managed to get to the Cub Scout leaders meeting last Wednesday. It was an extremely productive meeting with all four corners of the District being represented in some way. There is a second meeting planned for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Maldon's Headquarters meeting starting at 7.30pm, so that some of the plans can be firmed up a little. In the meantime, please bear the following dates in mind.

## CUB SCOUTS & SCOUTS HANDICRAFT COMPETITION 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009 AT PRANCES

Please note that this Handicraft Competition is open to all Cubs and Scouts

## CUB SCOUT FUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009

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Please may I urge you to look at and use the District Web Pages for all sorts of information, newsletters, District Directory ( safe guarded ) if you need the password then apply completing the request slip.

You will find the District Web Site at [www.meescouts.org.uk](http://www.meescouts.org.uk)

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MALDON AND EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUTS

In Association With

THE MALDEN GIEDOO ROADSHOW

PROUDLY PRESENT

Departures:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and  
7:15 p.m.

**Maldon Town Hall**

Boarding Pass (Ticket) Hotline: 01376 570854 –  
Tickets: **£5.00**



**Please do not forget to book your tickets and show your support to your District. Ed**

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