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News from Around
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CAMP FIRE - TOP TIPS!

1. Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make a structure of slivers (including those embedded in the hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match.
8. Repeat 'A Scout is cheerful' and light match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flames.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
13. After thunderstorm has passed, repeat the above steps.

Submitted by the Chairman 1st Maldon

Report from 1st Southminster:-

Regarding news at 1st Southminster cubs we recently invested two brothers. While there is nothing remarkable in this, while Alfie Brewster had been through Beavers and gained his Chief Scouts Bronze Award his brother Joseph aged nine had shown no interest in Scouting. However he was persuaded by his dad to give it a go and once he started could not wait to be invested.

Rupert Killick

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**21st Jamboree ----- latest news & views
from the young people who are going to
attend.**

The 21st jamboree, one hundred years of scouting, forty thousand people from all over the world in Highlands Park. And I am going!!!! Wahoo.....

The fund raising has been a challenge but fun at the same time and I would like to, once again thank everyone for their help and support.

At our first meeting we had to decide a name, and a mascot for our contingent. We came to the conclusion that we were going to be called ERIC, much to the disappointment of the guides who wanted us to be called something soppy like flowers or something. Once we got the name out

the way we had to come up with a mascot. It seemed a bit random at the time but it has grown on us all and we are proud to say that our mascot is a donkey called ERIC.

The days that we have already had with the contingent have been really special. I have already made many new friends. We are a great team and it feels like we have been together for a very very long time. The leaders are all extremely energetic and funny as well. The experiences that I have had with the group have already become extremely memorable.

The day that we got our uniforms (nicknamed D-day) was something else. I have never tried on so many outfits. Short-sleeved shirts, shorts, trousers, polo shirts, a ridiculous hat and an Orange T-shirt were all in the mix. Later on that month I received a package in the mail. I opened it and it contained a bright pink polo shirt with a picture of a cartoon donkey and everyone's name on the back of it. Well they wanted us to stand out.....

Our most recent camp was held at Screens Park. My friend tom and myself were in the middle of our exams at the time but we miraculously managed to persuade our parents to let us go. This was the first camp that we have been on that has had other contingents on it so the rivalry in many of the games has been fierce to say the least. It has almost become a tradition for our contingent to play rugby with other contingents. I, myself are in the team however I did make the point that maybe we should skip playing New Zealand and Australia to save the trip or two to Broomfield Hospital.

To be honest I still don't really know what to expect when it comes to the jambo. I still can't get my mind around the whole 40,000 people bit. I suppose that it will be absolutely mind blowing but I just don't know. So many different people, languages, religions, cultures and backgrounds.

I am looking forward to it, to say the least. I mean, what an experience.....

Report from Richard Huett
Explorer Scout Maldon Unit

The Official Release:-

24 July - 8 August: both the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford in the United Kingdom and Brownsea Island will be on the air with their own, fully equipped amateur radio stations. Both will offer a radio programme to the participating Scouts. The stations are operated by an international team of Scout radio amateurs.

Details of the offered programme are now available. So if you know Scouts that are going to participate in the Jamboree, let them know. Click the logo of the programme guide and have a look at the GB100J exciting programme.

During the Sunrise Ceremony at the 1st of August, GB100J will have a central role in connecting the world together. It will be part of the [Sunrise Network](#). Further news will follow here as soon as available.



The staff at GB100J offer a full radio-scouting set of activities to all Jamboree participants. The station is located at the Central Plaza of the camp site and will be active on all HF bands.

Arrangements are being made for a contact with the International Space Station on one of its passes over the Jamboree.

No doubt, one of the highlights will be the official **JOTA birthday party** on the afternoon of **4 August**; to commemorate that the JOTA idea was born exactly 50 years ago, at the World Jamboree in Sutton Coldfield in 1957. All Scout radio amateurs at the Jamboree site are invited for the birthday cake !



From John Reed, Appointments/Records Secretary.

Hallo, sorry I don't know you all yet but I hope we will be able to put that right in the no too distant future.

Can I just make a few points about CRB and AA forms.

CRB forms should come to me and could you include with them the Scout Association continuation form and also a note of the role the candidate is to fill, their Scout pin number, if they have one, and also the Group they are with.

When we receive the Initial Clearance from Records Office I will let the GSL know and also when we receive the final CRB clearance.

The completed AA forms go to Rob Freake so that he can be aware of new leaders but a CRB form should be completed for the applicant unless they have been CRB cleared in the last few months. Please also ask the person who is to be the referee if they are happy to give the reference. If you have any problems with the AA or CRB forms don't hesitate to either e-mail or ring me and I will do my best to help, office hours are 8.00am till 9.00pm any day of the week.

See you all soon I hope.

John

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I am married with two children, both of whom have been involved with scouting. I first got actively involved by joining the Group Exec when my son joined Scouts (and he's thirty now), and then moved into a more active role when an assistant leader was required for 1st Maldon Eagles Cub Scout pack, finishing up as CSL some 9, very enjoyable, years later when pressure of work meant a break was required. A long time interest in hill walking was encouraged when I discovered and subsequently joined ESMAT. After a break of a few years I was persuaded back into a more active role as AVSL, again with 1st Maldon.

Outside of Scouting my hobbies include restoring and competing in vintage cars, sailing as well as hill walking whenever I can get away.

Mike Hopper.

Belchamps Camp Site's Chapel.

(Copy of) A Letter To All Members of the 4 owner districts.

As Chairman of the Management Committee I thought it right that an explanation should be forthcoming about the Chapel in the woods at Belchamps.

Firstly I must stress that the idea was mooted by a member of the committee and not any of the staff. The Chapel over the last few years has only been used on a handful of occasions and it was suggested that the space the Chapel occupied with make an ideal wooded campsite, something Belchamps could not offer without removing a lots of trees. At the same time the Camp Fire Circle was receiving some attention. It was intended to run electricity cables to the circle which meant microphones could be used and music played. It was then thought that why not combine the two, the circle could still be used for camp fires but easily converted for Scouts Owns and many other gatherings.

The removal of the Chapel was always going to be a contentious issue and it was decided that the decision would be made by the property committee and not at our own meeting. The combining of the Chapel and Camp Fire Circle was included on the agenda of the October meeting of the property committee, which was circulated to the members, which included the four District Commissioners and the District Chairman. One letter was received expressing concerned but all those at the meeting agreed with the proposal.

The proposal was again referred to at the site's AGM in April by the Centre Manager in his report and this was also circulated to all those at the meeting.

Work was eventually started on moving all the surround of the Chapel and the entranceway to the

Circle late April as no one had voiced any complaints about the decision. I am sure that in a few years the new Multi Purpose Circle will be just as welcoming as the Chapel was. There is still a lot of work to be done as the surround to the circle is to be landscaped so it will be very secluded. Some of the seating, which was mainly old telegraph poles, will also be used in the circle but a lot of it has gone rotten. Thought will be given as to how the alter can be transferred. At the time of writing this the management committee has not met to discuss the number of complaints received so I cannot pre judge what the final outcome will be regarding the old Chapel.

Dick Vale

Chair of Belchamps Management Committee

If you have ever camped at Belchamps, as I have for over 30 years, what a great shame that the new warden has removed the 'Chapel in the Woods' This was a blessed area for the quiet happy hours of medication and rejoicing and a place to lend your thoughts to God. I would appreciate your thoughts. Please contact your news editor, or direct your thoughts to the Chair of Belchamps Management Committee, In my opinion it is a disgrace. Ed.

Rounders Match CHALLENGE
Saturday 22nd September 2007
to be held in Maldon.

Competitively Priced Bar-B-Q and Refreshments **Other Games** Raffle

ENTRY FEE

£1.00 per Rounders Player
 We very much look forward to receiving your team details - indicative numbers would be really helpful for catering arrangements) by 27th July with final numbers by 7th September.

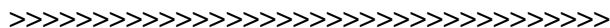
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Advert

Wanted – Driveway Bricks.

2nd Billericay are looking for your old driveway bricks as they wish to re-surface their car park. If you know of anyone renewing their drive and getting rid of their bricks, please let us know. On gsl@2ndbillericay.org.uk



Why not plan to support your County?



Between the **26th July to 2nd August 2008**, thousands of Scouts and Guides from around the world will gather together for a week of fun and activities. For more information please go to:- www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree2008

Diary Dates

District A G M

M & E E District
A G M
12th September 2007
at Prances Camp Site
Great Totham Road
Wickham Bishops.
7.30pm for 8.00pm

**Update from your
District Chairman
Barry Cousins**

**DC's
Slot**

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES UPDATE

Are you a fully signed up member of The Scout Association? From autumn this year Membership Cards are being issued for all adult members - make sure you get yours!

Whatever your adult role, be it warranted or not you should be registered on the Membership Services Database at Scout HQ. We have been trying to update this record for the last three years. If you receive the bi-monthly copy of Scouting Magazine then your basic information will be recorded; you were asked to check this detail with the last issue of The magazine.

If you do not receive a copy of the magazine then chances are you are not recorded as a member. To address this you should complete an AA form immediately and process it through your GSL or the DC to the Secretary of the Appointments sub-Committee for processing. The AA (Adult Application) form is for any adult role in a Group or District, not just for warranted positions, and includes Administrators, Section Assistants as well as members of The Scout Fellowship [although not all administrators in Scout Groups have to be members - but you may want to]. If your membership dates back for some time, years even, we can enter the appropriate 'start date' - but only if we know! The Database also provides the means for the automatic issue of Long Service Awards so it is important that we have you service properly recorded.

It is especially important for those who had District appointments in the former Districts to ensure that an AA form is completed for any new role (even though it may not have changed) because all District positions in M&D and East Essex were 'closed' on the system with an end date of 31st March 2007.

If in doubt, give me a shout! 01621 893298 or secretary@essexscouts.org.uk

"I will keep it brief as many of you have had to endure me in person as I have attended many of your Group AGM's over the last few weeks. These were diverse, reflecting the characters of the people and communities around our District, and I enjoyed meeting you all. To those who I have not met - there are a few Groups whose AGMs I missed for one reason or another - I look forward to meeting you soon. If you have a suitable Group event scheduled please let me know and I'll try to get along to it.

The management of the District is settling down as Barry pulls the District Executive committee together, and we have our 1st General Meeting scheduled for 12th September at Prances - further details to follow in a subsequent issue.

As the summer camp season approaches I wish all those who are venturing out, whether locally or further afield, a successful camp. Please submit accounts of your camps and expeditions to Cliff and we'll perhaps have a post camp issue in September containing camp related features.

The one last thing to say now is to remind you all about Scouting Sunrise on 1st August. I would be pleased to hear about all the events you have put on to celebrate this momentous point in our history, the official 100th birthday of Scouting. I hope that all members of the District will have the opportunity to renew their Promise at this significant moment."

Regards,

Rob Freake
District Commissioner
Maldon and East Essex Scouts

A Special date

**Barry Cousins, Chairman and Rob Freake,
District Commissioner**

Warmly invite you to the

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

on WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2007,
7.30 for 8 pm until approx. 9.30 pm
at Peter Church Lodge, Great Totham Road,
Wickham Bishops.

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Note from the Editor.....

If you have any news from the Groups, sections, individual snippets of info, dates of your group events, items for sale, stories and photos of any activities, Sunrise reports, camping stories, anything to share with other Leaders and members please let me have your submissions for the next issue of your newsletter by September 23rd.

Please note

Change of Address

Badge Secretary,

Margaret Pritchard,

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07929932016**

with immediate effect.

District Directory

The new District Directory will be published soon. I have found it very difficult in completing this task because some information has been given to the DC and not to me. I am still waiting for completed lists of leaders / committee info etc from nine Groups.

Come on Guys please give me the info and enable me to complete the task. Many thanks.

Cliff. Newsletter Ed.
And Directory co-ordinator.