

# MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



The closing date for the next issue

**18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010** please

send me your reports by then. Thanks Ed.

*February, March & April Edition*

*Welcome to the Maldon & East Essex District*

## New Leaders.

Welcome to the following new leaders who were interviewed by the Appointment Sub-Committee---

. Ashley Purcell. ASI, 1st Silver End.

Fiona Whent, ACSL, 1st Witham.

Louise Dally, ABSL, 1st Maldon

Deborah Few. ASL, 1st Heybridge.

It was a pleasure to meet such an enthusiastic group of volunteers who will be an asset not only to their Group but to Scouting. We wish them every success and most importantly they enjoy their Scouting.

John Reed, Secretary Appointments Sub-Committee.

## **County Awards Day,**

### **Cressing Temple, Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

This event was for those Scouts, Beavers and Cubs who could not receive their certificates last October, as a result of Colchester Castle double booking that day. Essex Scouts had booked the whole of Cressing Temple and the presentations were made in two shifts, to reduce the waiting times. Jan Dear, County Commissioner gave a welcome address to

each shift in the Barley Barn and each District in turn trooped to the Granary where Jan presented each youngster with a beautiful certificate for Chief Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. There were plenty of parents, grandparents and family members to witness the proceedings and to take lots of photos. After the presentations official photographs were taken in the Wheat Barn. The weather was kind to us and I am sure that everyone had a good time. It does the young people good to be given special attention, especially in front of the whole County.

Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Carrwyn Davies	Ben Mills	George Bayliss	Nicola French
Kieron Dolman	Joseph Norster	Llewelyn Davies	Jane Harrington
Lewis Flindall	Callum Pennock	Alexia Williams	Emma Lamb
William Gee	Jack Rice		Lauren Purcell
Nathaniel Heneke	Harrison Smith		
Bobby Holland	Adam Worby		
Scott King			

The next Awards Days are; 9<sup>th</sup> May at Skreens park and 17<sup>th</sup> October at Cressing temple

For Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to be invited to the Awards Days their leaders should advise me as and when they receive the Chief Scouts Awards, and the contact details (name, address, award type, Group etc.). They will receive invitations as soon as I receive the invitation letter template and mail the invites. The personal information on the database will be wiped after the events.

Erik Trawny District Awards Registrar

22, Sherwood Way Feering CO5 9LJ

[erik.trawny@btinternet.com](mailto:erik.trawny@btinternet.com)

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### NEW DISTRICT APPOINTMENT:-

Dear All,  
I am pleased to announce Dawn Kilburn has agreed to take on the role of District Beaver Scout Leader. She will be working alongside Emma to support Beavers throughout the District. I am sure that you will all wish Dawn well in her new role.

Derek J

Contact details for Dawn : 01621 779020

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### REPORT FROM 1ST HEYBRIDGE:-

32 youngsters had a "sleepover" in the nuclear bunker at Kelvaddon Hatch last Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> Feb). As well as a tour they took part in archery, air rifles and abseiling. After which it was time for a burger DVD and bed (half 12) 6am saw them up and doing a wide came collecting bits to explode a bomb!!!



Another event with bitterly cold winds. No not Poland . It was the cyclo cross in Hainault. A well attended event with loads of fun for young and not so young. 4 members of Heybridge Lions troop entered. All had a great time. One member coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the scout section. Well done.

One very brave (or mad) new leader from Heybridge entered the leaders race and did remarkably well considering she was the only female to do so and the scout had to take off her basket and stabilisers so she could join in!!!! And she did need a hand to push her bike up the hill!!!!

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### NEWS FROM SILVER END

2010 has started as 2009 ended – as busy and active as ever! Despite the cold nights we have still been out and about and enjoying the Adventure of Scouting. We have been Bowling, to Rollerworld, had two sleepover, built and raced chariots, done model pioneering, competed in the District Swimming Gala and Handicraft Competition as well as had Scouts go to the County Awards Day to receive their Gold Award Certificates from the County Commissioner. We have also been fundraising hard towards our Iceland Expedition in 2011 (the Country not the Shop) where 60 of us will be having

an experience of a life time in a unique country. Two bag packs over Easter raised over £2100 toward the flights for those going on the trip.

In the next few weeks we will be off to the Peak District for a Caving and Walking weekend, to Mersea for an 'Eco Camp' as well as taking part in Scuba Diving. Along with 9 other teams from the District, 3 teams from Silver End will also make up the total of 41 teams from Essex that are taking part in the County Incident Hike for Scouts – called 'More Than A Walk In The Countryside'. There will be approximately 250 people taking part in the event, so will feel like a mini-jamboree in the evening when everyone have pitched their tents and are enjoying mixing and socialising before resting tired legs and feet.

### **Explorers visit Poland**

From the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> February 38 members of the district visited Krakow in Poland. We all meet at Stansted airport at 4am to embark upon a trip that will not be forgotten!

On arrival in Poland, the coach took us off to our home for 4 days which was the Goodbye Lenin Hostel in Jewish District of Krakow. Having pre-registered who was staying in what room, we arrived, checked in, changed out of uniform had an early lunch and was then out on walking tour of Krakow. It may have been cold when we left the UK, but in Poland there was heavy snow and freezing temperatures – the snow was 3 foot deep in some places, which many of the Explorer Scouts had never seen before. Split into two groups we learnt about the History of Poland and Krakow and saw the important sights of the city. There was then free time for a bit of shopping or for those that couldn't stand the snow and cold to retreat early to the Hostel for a warm shower.

The evening meal was in the restaurant next door to the Hostel, where a Polish Soup and Main course was served. English food was

an option when booking the meals, but I feel when travelling abroad, it is important to only eat local food and embrace local culture as that is part of the experience and adventure.

Local Culture was certainly embraced after the meal as we meet with a group of Polish Scouts. They were such a great bunch of young people. Their English was far better than our Polish, but during the night we taught each other greetings, hellos, goodbyes and main phrases to get by with when in each others Countries. We also learnt about each others Scouting and how different it is. They are still very traditional. They only have 1 camp a year, but is for 5 weeks living in a forest and living off the land, using the lakes and streams for water and washing and making their own entertainment. Completely different from our activity weeks that most troops run. It is hoped to continue the friendships that were made by helping to get them to England this year or next for a week's camp at Prances, with local groups entertaining them each day and showing them some of our local historical places or entertainment venues. If you would like to be involved in that please email me at dan@silverend-scouts.org.uk.

Sunday morning was one of the highlights of the tour, as we went on a Communist Tour of the former Soviet District of Nowa Huta. The guides arrived at 9am with a fleet of Trabants to whisk us off a few miles from Krakow. The little 600cc 2 stroke cars took us around the district showing how the 'socialist ideals' were implemented in Poland. It was a real fun way to learn about recent history. Hearing the stories of what people had to put up with only 20 or so years ago was a bit surreal. We have always had our Freedom in the UK, but it wasn't that long ago that people in Eastern Europe lived in fear!

After the morning of fun, it was a bit more solemn in the afternoon as we went on the Jewish History Tour. We learnt about the Ghettos, saw where the Jews were sorted in to groups to go to Labour or Concentration

Camps and Schindler's Factory. Many had read about or been talked to in History at School, but being there made it that more real.

The following day it really hit home as we went to Auschwitz. Trying to imagine how the inmates survive in their pyjamas in subzero temperatures in brought tears to everyone's eyes. We were wrapped up in layers of clothing, with hats and gloves but many of them were forced to stand for role call naked for 12 hours! It's a very personal experience and can not be summed up in words or emotions. The room full of human hair always upsets me, but seeing 14 – 18 year old Explorer Scouts break down in tears when they see it is a more moving experience. It's then that you realise they understand what they are seeing and it is having a life changing effect on them and the months of planning is all worth while as those young people will return from Poland different people.

The final evening in Poland was spent at a 'Pheasant restaurant'. Traditional Polish



Food was the only option on the menu, along with a folk band and dancers. We didn't just watch though. They had everyone up and dancing. It was a good party atmosphere and a great way to end the trip.

Before catching our flight the following afternoon, we had a two hour tour of the Salt mines as well. Another unique tour and the

only place in the world where you can taste salt 130m underground – yes, some of the Explorers did lick the walls to see if it was really salt ☺

It was a fantastic 4 days with many new friendships being made, both in Poland and from our District. Lots of handshakes and hugs took place at Stansted on saying goodbye to the each other – and that was just the boys! At the beginning of the trip, they were apprehensive of sharing rooms with people they didn't know, but at the end of the trip were sad to say goodbye.

Since the trips I have had emails or phone calls from parents of the Explorers saying what an effect it has had on their child and all positive. Being a leader can sometimes be a thankless task, but when you get feedback like that you know it's worthwhile and the young people have got so much out of the Experience that has been offered to them. The next Poland Trip will be in 2012. If you want to be involved, please contact me.

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## MALDON AND EAST ESSEX BEAVER AND CUB OUTING 15TH MAY 2010

Dear Leaders for Beaver and Cub Scouts. We are planning an outing to **'Bewilderwood' in Norfolk** on the **15th May 2010** and would like to know if your Beavers and Cub Scouts would like to come a long. The cost of the day will be £20.00 for each child this will cover the cost of the coach and the entrance fee. A Deposit of £5.00 for each participant will be needed on Cheques to the District account made payable to 'M.E.E.D.S.C.' to be sent to

**Cancelled**

ADC Beavers Scouts as soon as possible for booking coaches and please send these to:-  
 Emma Prime, 8 Cornel Close, William, CM8 2XH Tel 01376 511835  
 Email :- [emmaprime@talktalk.net](mailto:emmaprime@talktalk.net)

We intend Coaches to be run from different points in the District depending on demand, The participants will need to bring their own lunch.

More details will follow to show you what the numbers are taking out. In the meantime you can find out more about 'Bewilderwood' at [www.bewilderwood.co.uk](http://www.bewilderwood.co.uk)

**A Brief description of venue.**  
 Bewilderwood is a massive forest of family fun and outdoor adventure with Tree houses, zip wires, Jungle bridge, ruckle-bogs, Twiggles and Boggle, bobtubs (which by the video looks you could get wet! (so wet gear is a plus!), and marsh walks.

**If you would like your Colony/Pack to take part please complete form below with deposit or full payments cheque to the above addressee thank-you.**

I would/would not like my Colony/Pack to go to 'Bewilderwood' in Norfolk  
 Colony/Pack name

I enclose £5.00 deposit per Child  
 Signed Leader  
 .....date...

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**1st Beacon Hill, Typhoons Troop**

**A Term of Medals and Presentations**

Another Scout term is over and a new one is soon to begin with lighter evenings which will give lots of opportunities for outdoor activities.

During the darker evenings of the Spring Term Typhoons Troop has been concentrating on the on the Creative Challenge, part of the Chief Scout Gold Award during the Monday Troop evenings.

Two evenings were spent making our entries for the District Handicraft Competition held at Prance District Camp Site. Competition was great with many entries from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, in the various categories with a "Journey around the World" theme.

Typhoons were not disappointed with their entries and with a number of awards up for grabs we had success, with Ryan Archibold coming second in the Australia categories with his model of a Didgeridoo. We were also awarded



Ryan with the second place Didgeridoo (above)



Entry – The Peace Pole

first prize for our Troop Entry of a Peace Pole.

Earlier in the term, Typhoons entered a small team of Scouts into the District Swimming Competition held at William de Ferrers Sports Centre, where we won a total of 6 medals.

Sunday 21 March was the County Awards Ceremony, held at Cressing Temple where Alexia



Williams was presented with her Chief Scout Silver Award which she gained at Cubs prior to moving up to Scouts.

Well done to all in Typhoons Troop for the effort and enthusiasm shown to taking part in the various activities and badge work we have done this term, we are all looking forward to the new term where we can get outside in the evenings.

1<sup>st</sup> Maldon's [News:-](#)



Congratulations to Mercedes Child, of the Kestrel Cub Pack, who was presented with the Chief Scouts Silver Award. This award was presented on April 1<sup>st</sup> by our District Commissioner Derek Joyce.

Still more awards.....

Congratulations to :-



Toby Dally, Connor Smith, Oliver Bromidge, Jake Bond, William Mahoney and Owen Haley all members of the Otter Colony who were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards by the District Commissioner Derek Joyce.

And finally.....

Well done to the Merlin Scout Troop for achieving 7<sup>th</sup> place ( leader assisted teams) in the 'More than a Walk in The Countryside' organised by the Essex County.

Full list of Winners printed in this issue.

**Maldon and East Essex District**  
**Cub Scout**  
**FUN DAY**



**Sunday September 19th**  
**10.00 am - 5.00pm**  
**Prances Campsite, Wickham Bishops**

☆Abseiling ☆Archery ☆Cork  
Guns ☆Crafts Activity  
☆Games  
☆..Plus a load more!

**£ 5.00**  
**Per Person**

**A whole day of fun activities for all Cub Scouts from the Maldon and East Essex District**

**FOR MORE INFO**  
Contact PRANCES 01621 892876  
[prancescout@btinternet.com](mailto:prancescout@btinternet.com)



Reminder from Nights Away Advisor

Reminder from Nights Away Advisor a NAN form must be sent every time a member of the movement under 18 spends a night on a Scout event ideally via email to me at [chris@theburtons.org.uk](mailto:chris@theburtons.org.uk) .

Some Scout leaders have mentioned about getting Greenfield added to their permits. If there are enough I can run a weekend which will enable the leader to be assessed for Greenfield. They will need to bring along a patrol of scouts and have all the equipment necessary. I would be looking to do it the last weekend in September. If anybody is interested contact me via email.

**Chris Burton N A A**

'A Walk in the Country....'

# RESULTS

LEADER ASSISTED TEAMS				
POSITION	GROUP	TEAM NAME	SCORE	TIME TAKEN
1	2nd Hawkwell	Cobles	88	4:36
2	2nd Langham	Aashvark	79	4:57
3	1st Silver End	Group 3	76	3:05
	1st Wickford	1st Wickford A	76	4:29
5	3rd Rayleigh	Big Green Robots	74	5:33
	1st Ramsden & Downham	Ramsden Rangers	74	6:07
7	1st All Saints	Marching All Saints	73	4:58
8	1st West Hamdon	W.H.E.N.	71	4:13
	1st Ramsden & Downham	The Raiders	71	6:02
10	Orsett & Bulphan Cooper	Hawk	70	4:04
	2nd Hawkwell	Lions	70	5:01
	Orsett & Bulphan Whitmore	The Monsters	70	5:29
13	Kelvedon and Feering	Badgers	69	4:43
14	1st Silver End	Who's In Front	68	4:25
15	Kelvedon and Feering	Canonium	67	5:03
16	1st Wickford	1st Wickford B	66	4:14
17	Orsett & Bulphan Whitmore	The Gangsters	65	4:13
18	Thameside	Ark Royal	61	5:35
19	1st Witham	Witham 2	58	7:00
20	Kelvedon and Feering	The Young Ones	57	4:06
21	7th Harlow	7th Harlow	46	6:47
22	4th Dovercourt Sea Scouts	JACK TARS	35	5:48
23	1st West Hamdon	W.H.Y.	0*	4:10

\* score sheet not handed in

INDEPENDENT TEAMS				
POSITION	GROUP	TEAM NAME	SCORE	TIME TAKEN
1	2nd Langham	Bison	94	3:34
2	Kelvedon and Feering	Minifits!	63	3:40
3	3rd Brentwood	3rd Brentwood 2	62	5:01
4	1st Ingatestone and Fryerning	Team Alex	56	3:26
5	2nd Langham	Buffalo	55	3:29
7	1st Rayleigh	ALPHA	51	6:47
8	30th Epping Forest	30th B	48	6:34
9	4th Epping Forest	Epping A	45	4:01
	3rd Brentwood	3rd Brentwood 1	45	5:07
	30th Epping Forest	30th A	45	6:29
12	4th Epping Forest	Epping B	43	3:25
13	6th Rochford	Eagles	36	6:38
14	1st Holland on Sea	1st Holland	34	6:00
15	3rd Billericay	Orion	33	6:29
16	1st Witham	Witham 1	42	Withdrawn
17	1st Ingatestone and Fryerning	Team Joe	17	Withdrawn

## District Campfire

2010

Prances campsite Wickham Bishops

Date June 24<sup>th</sup> 2010

Time 6.15pm for 6.30 start

Closing Date June 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

The cost of this activity is £ 1.50p per person  
(Payable on booking please)

This cost will include camp fee, hot dog and a drink

### Booking Form

Name .....

Address .....

Number Attending Activity..... Phone number .....

Section .....

Return to  
Mrs C Baker,  
91 Nipsells Chase  
Mayland Chelmsford  
Essex CM36EJ

Please make cheques payable to Mrs C Baker Phone Number 01621 740888

## MALDON AND EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT

COUNCIL

FORMAL NOTICE

AND INVITATION

The Third Annual General Meeting of the  
District Scout Council is to be held

At Prances

7.30 for 8 p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Rsvp: Madeleine Flowers, District Secretary

12 Hunt Close, Feering CO5 9LN

[madeleine.flowers@tesco.net](mailto:madeleine.flowers@tesco.net)

Refreshments will be served

## Silver End Scouts.....

### SCOUTS UNDERGROUND ADVENTURE

During the Easter Holidays, Scouts from Silver End travelled to the Peak District for a long weekend. Staying in Hostel Style accommodation in Ashbourne, a short distance away was the Spa Town of Matlock. It was there that they delved underground to go caving in a disused Lead Mine. The young people had to navigate tight twist, turns, holes and passages during the two hours spent underground. It may have been warm and dry above ground, but deep below the surface it was wet and chilly.



While one group went underground, another stayed above ground and hiked around the countryside. After a short break the groups swapped over so everyone got to experience the thrill of caving.

During the trip, the Scouts also had guided tours round other 'tourist mines' in Matlock Bath, went on a cable car and an afternoon at a leisure pool.

Report from Dan Sutton SL.

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**From:** Rupert Killick [mailto:[rupert@killick.plus.com](mailto:rupert@killick.plus.com)]  
**Sent:** 16 April 2010 11:31  
**To:** PA TO THE SHOW DIRECTOR  
**Subject:** Show in a Day

Dear All,

Now that the successful Pantomime is behind us, our thoughts have turned to planning

## Show in a Day.

### Prances

## Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

Details

For those who do not know, the concept of Show in a Day is "what it says on the tin" turn up on Saturday Morning and after intense rehearsals put on a show to a paying audience in the evening. (Please note if the show follows last year's pattern you will not have to learn the words of the songs as you will have a script to read)

At this stage the above is all you need to know.

If you are free on that Saturday and think the day is for you please register your interest with me by no later than **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. As soon as practical after the deadline full details of the day including what to bring will be sent to those who have registered an interest by sending me an e-mail address. However we would not wish to exclude anyone who does not have internet access, which is why we have circulated this e-mail as widely as possible. If you fall into such a category let me have your postal address and I will send the details by snail mail. Rupert KillickE-Mail: [Rupert@killick.plus.com](mailto:Rupert@killick.plus.com)  
Phone: 01621 772077

A note to All GSL's:-

If you have not already done so will you please inform the District Commissioner of your intended date, place and time of you Group's Annual General Meeting.

Also Gsl's

Any alterations needed within your Group please let me have all details so I can insert the various Leaders into the correct sections. I try to keep the District Directory up to date but it is a difficult task without the correct information coming in. Thanks cliff.

CRB Changing Process.....

Dear All,

As you know the CRB checking process is changing and from July CRB checks will have to be carried out using new forms. The **NEW FORMS** will be Adult Application (AA), Occasional Helper (OH) and Repeat CRB Check (RCRB), I should have a supply of these forms from mid June or they can be ordered from the Scout Information Centre after 14th June. I will not be accepting the "Old" CRB, AA or OH forms after the 1st July, as they have to be to Records Office by 9th July, but will not be able to input data from the new forms until 26th July so there will be a long gap when we will not be able to CRB check people, if you need anybody checked for camps etc please get the forms in ASAP. From 1st July all CRB checks will be carried out using one of the new forms this will include parents etc.

John Reed

**Various Winners of the Swimming Gala:-**

**Cubs: Breast Stroke**

- Gold Joshua Downs
- Silver Nathan Knights
- Bronze Edwardo Vazquez

**Back Stroke**

- Gold Michael Bradley
- Silver Oliver Johnson
- Bronze Matthew Thompson

**Front Crawl**

- Gold Zak Mainwaring
- Silver Oliver Johnson
- Bronze Joe Davies

**Relay**

- Gold 1<sup>st</sup> Beacon Hill Wolves
- Silver 1<sup>st</sup> Maldon Kestrels
- Bronze 1<sup>st</sup> Beacon Hill Eagles

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**Scouts**

**Younger Breaststroke**

- Gold Michael Tye
- Silver Joseph Robert
- Bronze Max Lenoir

**Older Breaststroke**

- Gold Jordan Hudson
- Silver Alex Claydon
- Bronze Ryan Archibald

**Scouts cont:-**

**Younger Scouts Backstroke**

- Gold Michael Tye
- Silver Gus Brown
- Bronze Kira Jarvis

**Older Backstroke**

- Gold Alex Claydon
- Silver Samantha Clark

**Younger Front Crawl**

- Gold Rhys Howard
- Silver Alex Low
- Bronze Molly Edwards

**Older Front Crawl**

- Gold James Oldfield
- Silver Samantha Clark
- Bronze Ryan Archibald

**Younger Medley**

- Gold Michael Tye
- Silver Charlotte Golding
- Bronze Max Lenoir

**Older Medley**

- Gold Kordan Hudson
- Silver Luke Howard
- Bronze Ryan Archibald

**Younger Relay**

- Gold Hatfield Peverel
- Silver 1<sup>st</sup> Beacon Hill Typhoons
- Bronze 1<sup>st</sup> Silver End

## Older Relay

Gold Hatfield Peverel ; Silver 1<sup>st</sup> Silver End

Bronze Southminster & Mayland

## Explorer Scouts

### Breaststroke

Gold Oli Brighton; Silver Matthew Luck

### Backstroke

Gold Ben Warsell

### Front Crawl

Gold Oli Brighton; Silver Adam Huggett

### Medley

Gold Oli Brighton ; Silver Ben Warsell

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## St George's Day 2010

This year the District was split on the decision of what this day means---- which resulted in some Group's doing their 'own thing'. But whatever way Groups and Members celebrated this special day the weather was kind and at least the rain stopped.



I can only report on what happened in Maldon.

This special day was supported by nine of the District's Groups and over 300 members took part with their parents. We assembled in the Maldon Prom and marched the length of the High Street to All Saints Church where the Service took place.

Our District Commissioner and all his ADC's were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Maldon, the Mayor of Witham , the Mayor of Burnham and the

Chairman of the Maldon District Council. Other guests were the Presidents of the District and Alastair MacLachlan Assistant County Commissioner Scout Fellowships.

During the Service we all renewed our Promise and various presentations were made to :-

'Skip' John Papworth our very own 'Town Cryer' Scout Leader with the Kelvedon & Feering Group, holder of the MBE, holder of the Chief Scouts Silver Acorn and now presented with his 60 years of service to the Scout Association. The Presentation of his award and certificate was made by the DC Derek Joyce.



A Special award in memory of Trisha Harris's Husband was presented to Kai Bundy of

the Southminster & Mayland Group for his continuing and unflinching participation in many scouting activities and Gang Shows. The award which is given each year to worthy members was presented by Trisha and her Son. This brought a huge smile of the face of young Kai.

Finally, the last presentation of the day was made by Barry Cousins to Cliff on behalf of the Chief Scout for services rendered over a long period of time, the Silver Acorn. Cliff refused an Invitation to attend Windsor as he had promised to organise and run the Parade in Maldon.



The collection made during the service raised a total sum of £265.68. This will be presented to the Burnham Royal National Lifeboat Ass'n to help with their new boatshed at Burnham.

