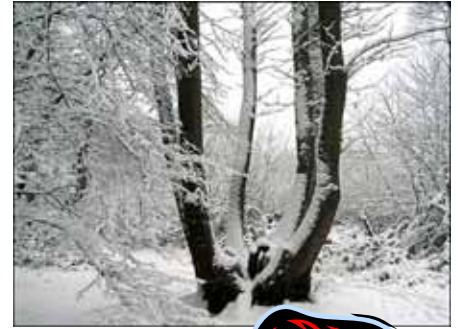


Maldon &



East Essex



District



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Christmas Edition



It is with much sadness that I have to report the sad passing of David Evans whilst out and about in his home village of Terling on Wednesday 3rd October 2007. David will be remembered by many in Essex Scouting as an ACC [1959/64] and Deputy CC[1964/70] then as County Commissioner for 18 years from 1970 to 1987, he was County President 1987 to 1998...and Vice President from 1998 to date....Ed.

District General Meeting

At the General meeting of the Scout Council on 12th September the Report and Accounts for the former East Essex District were adopted, having been approved by the Executive committee, and presented by Chas Ingham the former District commissioner. The Chairman advised that the Accounts for the former Maldon & Dengie District were in process of compilation with various other accounts to be consolidated. Thanks were expressed to Rupert Killick for his continuing help in this respect. It is anticipated that the Accounts will be completed and Audited with a target date of the end of this year. The Accounts and Report will then be forwarded to The Charity Commission who have advised that they will not close the Charity registrations until receipt of the Accounts and Report from the former Trustees.

Appointments

We are learning more about the new Adult Appointments system and District Appointments sub-Committees to be renamed District Appointments Advisory Committee. It would seem that with the treatment of all Adult members on an equal basis with personal Membership Cards for all and the end of the phasing out of Warrant Cards, it is particularly essential that all adults are registered

on the HQ Membership Database by completing an AA Form. Don't delay, ensure you are registered as a member now either as a Member or an Associate Member. Many of you will have received your new membership Card in the September issue of *Scouting*. If you did not then speak to your GSL or Group Secretary...it may be that you are not entered on the HQ Database because an AA Form has not been submitted. [All Adults should complete an AA form (Application for Membership) whatever their role]. GSLs or Group Secretaries should refer queries to John Reed without delay.

Membership Cards will be issued each April and there will also be interim mailings for new adult members.

Census

It will not be long, only next month, before we shall be completing the Census for January 2008. Would Group Secretaries advise Madeleine Flowers, the District Secretary if they intend to complete the forms on-line themselves or if they intend to send the 'Group Register of Membership' with a paper copy of Census numbers to her for inclusion by the District. Rule 3 of PO&R requires that a list (two copies) of all Group members is sent to District each year. Madeleine will advise the log-in passwords etc. as soon as they become available. Please do not wait until the last day of January before starting membership lists and Census work. All figures should be entered or submitted to Madeleine at least by the last week in January so that we have a couple of days to run a final check before asking County to sign off our District Summary. We shall aim to have a Census and Membership Subscriptions meeting in mid February to finalise the District Return and onward payment.

Barry (Chairman)

PRANCE'S INTERNET STATION



Jamboree On The Internet

Over the weekend of 20th/21st October Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) and Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) took place. At Prances, the District Head Quarters, we ran a JOTI station from 10am Saturday through to the early hours of Sunday.

With 18 Scouts from Silver End staying onsite together with a Scout and Cub from Beacon Hill the station was kept open until 'the last one dropped'. This was 1.30am Sunday, but the supervisors of the station stayed up all night to talk to other people from around the world.

For those who don't know what it is – it involves 'chatting' to other Scouters and Guiders from all around the world in secure, monitored, Scoutlink chat rooms by typing to each other or by using a piece of software called TeamSpeak which actually enables the young people to talk using a microphone to each other. It is a fantastic way to communicate and see how big the Scouting World is. Once contacts are made – pins are put on maps to show where we have spoken to.

Throughout the weekend as well as the young people from Silver End and Beacon Hill there was also members from 1st Witham and Heybridge come along. Some for just an hour, others for 3 or 4. It seems to get bigger nationally every year with at one stage about 2000 young people from all over the world communicating with each other.

Everyone that came along enjoyed their time there, Elle from Beacon Hill Eagle Cubs said:- "I stayed up until about midnight talking to different people from all over the globe. We mainly talked about the rugby. I liked talking to the Scottish and the Dutch. In the big hall Dan had set up a large television screen for playing on the play station 2 and watching the rugby. There were also two other smaller screens being used for playing a further playstation 2 and a joystick game. I really enjoyed myself, meeting other cubs and scouts from around the district and look forward to next years JOTI".

The only disappointment was with the District being twice as big that only the JOTI regulars turned up and no-one new. Was this because all the other Groups were busy the same weekend or the information didn't get down to the section leaders? Next years event will take place over the weekend of 18th/19th October (it's always the third full weekend in October). We are also looking at possibly running a few hours just for Adults/Leaders so those that are afraid of technology or chat rooms can see how much the young people could benefit from it.



If you want more information or details about what goes on at JOTI before next year, please contact Dan at dan@silverend-scouts.org.uk or take a look at www.joti.org

MALDON'S INTERNET STATION

During the period from Saturday 20th until Sunday Evening 22nd October 1st Maldon had six computers connected to our Broadband Internet connection in order to take part in the 11th Jamboree On The Internet where all scouts can contact each other throughout the World.

The countries connected were South Africa; Malta ; Sweden ; Germany ; Portugal ; Erith (Kent) ; Curacao Islands ; N S W Australia ; Czech Republic ; Warwick (UK) ; Italy ; Canada ; Austria ; Queensland Australia ; Finland ; Norway ; Saudi Arabia ; Illinois USA ; Florida ; Scotland ; Mexico ; Malaysia ; Indonesia ; and Wickham Bishops' call centre Prances.

DUXFORD VISITED BY CUBS.....



On a sunny Sunday in September 2007 members of the 1st Maldon Kestrel and Heron Cub Packs visited Duxford Air Museum in order to work towards and attain the Air Activities Badge.

The cubs were very interested in seeing the different types of aircraft, tanks and military equipment.



This day out comes highly recommended.
Details of Duxford and what they have to offer,
information and worksheets required
for the badge may be found at <http://www.duxford-update.info/>

**Congratulations on achieving
the CSA Silver Award**



Jordan Dorrell (right) and Aaron Child,
Members of the 1st Maldon Kestrel Cub Pack on completing
all the requirements for the Chief Scouts Silver Award. They
now look forward to the County Presentations next year.

YOU HAVE NEWS ???

If any Group has any items of who has won or achieved
what please let me know so the article may be included
in the next issue. Closing date for entries is January 26th
2008. Please help me keep our newsletter full of
information for all.

Thanks Ed. Cliff.hunter1942@btinternet.com

From: Clare Bellehewe

To: maldoneastessex@essexscouts.org.uk
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2007 11:35 AM
Subject: Swimming Awards Night at Bramston Sports
Centre
To Whom It May Concern

We are holding a Swimming Awards Night at
Bramston Sports Centre on Thursday 20th December 2007,
4.30pm - 6.15pm. We would like to invite as many Beavers,
Cubs and Scouts as possible to come along if they wish to
either swim a distance or work towards their badges. The cost
is £2 each which can be paid at Main Reception on the night.

If possible, please could you forward this email to
all Group Scout Leaders in and around the Witham area.

If you would like any further details please feel free
to contact me on this email address or on the contact telephone
number below.

Many Thanks
Clare Bellehewe

**Clare Bellehewe – Duty Manager/Marketing
Assistant**

Bramston Sports Centre
Tel. work: 01376 533404

**Happy Christmas from
Happy Christmas from!**

**District Scout
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Wednesdays 17.00 to 19.00 Hrs

Other Times by appointment only

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District Scout Shop News

New in stock Beaver Scout Sweatshirts 22” and 4
½ year old Activity Trousers

GSL's don't forget to use up your groups credits
before the end of February 08.

Thank you all for your continued support during the
year as we have moved on to pastures new; we
are still putting all our energy into “The Scout Shop”
for you.

Teresa and I thank all the staff Phyl, Trish, Jenny &
Kevin, Karen and Sara for all their hard work over
these changes, and we are thankful to Sara for
opening “The Shop” on Wednesday evenings.

Don't forget “The Shop” is open Saturdays from
10.00 until 13.00 hrs and Wednesdays from 17.00
to 19.00 hrs.

Once again thank you for your support, which just
leaves us to wish you all the Best for Christmas
and a happy Scouting New Year.

Dave & Teresa

LONDON ADVENTURE

Over the weekend of 27th / 28th October 31 Scouts (half the Troop) from Silver End and 2 Vortex Explorers spent a weekend in London. Travelling to the City on public transport they arrived at Victoria Coach Station before then travelling across London to Baden Powell House. They left their bags in the baggage room and had lunch before setting off to Madame Tussauds.



Outside BP House



Madam Tussauds

The afternoon was spent mingling with the rich and famous and for the brave there was the opportunity to go into the 'Chamber Live'. From the Queen, to Lou and Andy all the famous people were there. There was also the chance to sit in the Big Brother Chair and make a short film. An edited version of these can be found on the website www.silverend-scouts.org.uk.

After completing the tour it was then off to get some food at Piccadilly Circus. After refuelling there was a surprise in store for the Scouts. As they walked along the streets they were told to stop in front of gated off road. None of them realised where they were. They were then allowed in past the security guards and barricades to find themselves standing on the steps of Number 10 Downing Street. As well as time to take photos on the step they also chatted to the policeman outside who was more than happy to talk to them and let them try on his helmet.



Outside No 10

It was now getting late and they headed back to BP House for the night. It was up early in the morning to go back across London, via a stop at St Paul's Cathedral, and going across the millennium bridge, to visit the bizarre world of the Tate Modern Gallery. Who would ever have thought that a pile of bricks was considered art? The main attraction was a giant crack that runs the length of Turbine Hall. Apparently all hand carved.



Tate Gallery



Millennium Bridge

Before going back to BP House to get their bags and heading for the coach park there was time for a short stop at the Science Museum.

It was a brilliant weekend enjoyed by all and a bargain at only £40 each including all transport, food, accommodation and entrance fees. Plans are already underway for next years London Adventure...

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**ARE YOU FREE ON SATURDAY 2ND
FEBRUARY 2008 ?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A TRIP OUT IN
THE AFTERNOON ?**

**WOW !!! HAVE WE GOT SOMETHING FOR
YOU.....!**

**IT'S BIG....possibly the BIGGEST
IN THE AREA**

**1st Beacon Hill are pleased to
announce
that on **Saturday 2nd February** they
are holding their annual
Jumble and Book sale
from **1.30 till 4pm.**
Where.....at their Scout
Headquarters Wickham Bishops.**

**If you can, please come and give your
support.**

*May I personally take this opportunity to
wish every one in our District a VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.
Please keep the stories, photos, adverts coming
in....it all helps to make your newsletter
what it is.
God Bless you All.*

Ed. Cliff.hunter1942@btinternet.com

**Why not visit the Maldon Victorian Evenings.
Thursday 6th and 13th December. A very good
evening is ensured. High street is closed to traffic
from 6.30 till 9.30pm, hope to see you there. Ed.**

Training Module 10

(First Aid) part of their training requirements, either for the first time or as a refresher, please contact either John Smith (LTM) or Rod Sandys---Tiptree Scouts.

