

Maldon & East Essex

District



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Your District News.....

Notices.....

The only information I have to give you regarding St George's Day Parade is that which if you were at the Leaders meeting in February you will remember the following...
SUNDAY 27th APRIL SERVICE starts at 3pm to be held at St Nicks Witham.

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ALLA-DIN AND HIS MAGIC TEAPOT

MALDON TOWN HALL FEB 15TH AND 16TH 2008

As I hope most of you know the above was the latest Pantomime produced by the Maldengiedoo Roadshow Gang Show Scout Fellowship. Although this was the latest of a series of pantomimes staged going back to 2002 (alternating with a more traditional Gang Show), in one important respect this was a first. It was the first Show to be produced following the formation of Maldon and East Essex.

When the editor asked me to write it up for the Newsletter I had to decide from what angle to approach it and what you as readers would want to know about.

I could report on the financial success or otherwise. However that can wait until the accounts are produced at the AGM.

I could report on whether the audience enjoyed it. However that would involve research. Also I would rather leave such a report to those who actually came to see the production. I am sure the editor would be pleased to publish any constructive comments good or bad. Or you can contact the Roadshow direct.

I feel the correct way to approach the review is in terms of its Scouting Success.

Where are we in the District?...answers to the Ed.

On the 7th June 2007 the Roadshow committee met with Pauline Roche (Assistant Cub Scout Leader at Southminster and Maylandsea) who had written a script for the pantomime. It was then decided to go ahead and invite all interested parties to an initial meeting at Prances on June 28th.

At that initial meeting the Roadshow committee members and families were joined by representatives from 1st Beacon Hill, Kelvedon and Feering, Southminster and Maylandsea as well as the Goodwin family from Prances.

The representatives included some young people and it was agreed that those who had made the effort and wanted a speaking part would be rewarded for their attendance by being given one.

It was clear from comments made at the meeting that there was more support for the enterprise around the District. It was therefore agreed that the Roadshow committee would go if invited and talk to groups about the Pantomime and we would then reconvene on September 20th for our regular Thursday Evening rehearsals which apart from a break at Christmas would go on until the performances.



September 20th arrived and the initial core of young people were joined by some from Hatfield Peverel and Kelvedon and Feering as well as Southminster and Mayland. At that meeting the rest of the speaking parts were filled and we had enough young people to form a chorus of non speaking parts. This meant that I was free to act as PA to the director as there were enough young people on stage without me. (Those of you who know Laurence will know how much he would need a PA). Also in the intervening period Andrew Goodwin had volunteered to play the part of the Dame. (Don't let him fool you that he was press ganged into it)

As well as young people Kelvedon and Feering provided much needed adult support in making the tea and coffee during the rehearsals. This support was continued into organising the Front of House on the days of performance.



From day one everyone seemed to get on and the whole cast and crew worked together and cooperated as if they had known each other for years. This to me was the real success of the production to see young people from different parts of the district working hard together for a common goal. The same can also be said for the adults.

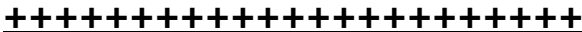
For the performances the front of house crew were strengthened by members of the Hatfield Peverel Fellowship and for Saturday Evening by members of Southminster and Maylandsea committee. As I was moving passed the kitchen I overheard the remark "It was good to meet you we hope to see you next year".



To me this is the mark of the success of the production friendships made, barriers broken down and the confidence of the Young People increased.

Here is to many more shows and also similar success stories in other aspects of Scouting within Maldon and East Essex.

Rupert Killick
PA to the Panto Director
And Treasurer of the Maldengiedoo Roadshow Gang Show Scout Fellowship



FIRST RESPONSE TRAINING
MODULE 10 TO BE HELD AT
PRANCES

PLEASE BOOK YOUR REQUIREMENTS
WITH ROD SANDYS ON:-

r.sandys@homecall.co.uk or tel 01621-815748

One day Courses.....

13th April

4th May

22nd June

7th September

26th October

10th November

14th December

Any section leaders requiring help for the Emergency Aid staged activity badge please get in touch with me - Rodney

Sandys 01621 815748 email

r.sandys@homecall.co.uk

DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS :-

Kay Fish of Kelvedon & Feering
please amend email address to
kay.fish@btinternet.com

Geraldine Kennedy of Kelvedon & Feering
please amend email address to
kennedysandg@aol.com

Please delete Peter Taylor and Elizabeth
Armstrong, both of North Fambridge
And please note the Cub Pack has closed until
further Notice.

William (Bill) Meeham District President
update

Please insert Great in front of 'Totham' and
change postcode to read CM9 8DH
And insert email address
William.meeham101@ntworld.com

Please delete Janet Goetz of 3rd Witham

Please amend email address for Sandra Amey-
Martin of 1st Tillingham to
Sandra.martin1966@virgin.net

Please add:-
Richard Beckwith ABL 1st Maldon All Saints

MALVERN CHALLENGE

The Ultimate event for all Scouts & Guides - Explorers and Senior Section Guides under 16 years old

27th - 29th June 2008

A whole weekend of activities which starts Friday night with The PARTY featuring Famous Bands, Dancers, Guest Dj's and entertainment. Saturday's main event is the Malvern & more testing Cotswold Challenges, both 7 mile activity hikes. Participants are in patrols and rotate around checkpoints including a caving maze, rifle shooting (optional), abseiling a rock face, mountain bike obstacle course, mini Olympics, laser clay shooting, climbing wall competition and other traditional skill type checkpoints e.g. Map reading and first aid challenges. Points are given at all checkpoints and trophies awarded on Sunday. Later on Saturday the emphasis changes, where all the Scouts & Guides will be able to participate in a wide variety of sports competitions and activities. This is followed by the now famous talent show, with more disco and headline bands. Finally we conclude with a Grand Fire Spectacular. On Sunday there is a Fayre with loads of attractions including Euro bungee, gladiator games, fair rides, bucking bronco, car driving and many stalls and a craft section where everybody will be able to make something - everything is free.

Over 3,000 attend so make sure you book your place now. We also want the Leaders to enjoy it, so all the food is provided. All they need to do is bring a tent and the boys/girls; there's even a Leaders' bar throughout the weekend. The event is in Gloucestershire. For an information pack please phone the Malvern Challenge Hot-Line (01242) 240736 (24 hours) or Fax (01242) 240750. Email info@sr-mc.org Website www.sr-mc.org

Please also note the 2009 dates are 26th - 28th June 2009

Sun Run 4th - 6th July 2008

For all older fun loving members of the movement - Explorer Scouts and Senior Section Guides (Aged 15 upwards), Scout Network, Leaders, Fellowships Etc.

THE COOLEST MIDSUMMER WEEKEND AT THE HOTTEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

It all starts Friday evening at our THEMED TOGA PARTY with various bands, dancers, guest Dj's etc. Also at the Cafe Venue there will be live entertainment. Recuperate on Saturday watching top entertainment, jugglers, comedy acts, street theatre and live bands. Also participate in gladiator games, fairground rides, bouncy castles, bucking bronco, Euro bungee and a wide variety of sports and competitions - football, volleyball, netball, tug of war and of course for the energetic the famous Sun Run and Moon Run.

We have kept to last years routes which are circular starting from the site - the Sun Run is the more testing with the distance being a full marathon (26.2 miles) but

for those who still wish to participate in a run, but cannot face the distance we have the Moon Run which is 13 miles. Those not running can carry on partying with additional bands at the campsite while waiting to see the runners finish. We have a licensed late bar both evenings.

Over 1500 attend every year, so it is an ideal opportunity to meet new units and forge new friendships! To make it really easy we also have a full catering option so all you need is a tent and a sleeping bag! The event is in Gloucestershire. For an information pack please phone the Sun Run Hot-Line on (01242) 240736 (24 hours) or Fax (01242) 240750 Email info@sr-mc.org Website www.sr-mc.org

Please also note the 2009 dates are 3rd - 5th July 2009

International Scouting

What a year we have just had! 100 years of Scouting and with Scouts to be found in nearly every country of the world. Many of us visited the Centenary Jamboree and the District was well



represented by attendees and staff. It was a golden opportunity to forge friendships; indeed one of our Scouts has collected on his PC a list of more than 200 contacts. The jamboree was a unique event with representatives of nearly

ADC International at Centenary Stone, Brownsea Island, September 2007.

every nation meeting in peace and harmony. Not many international organisations can match that. Some of our visitors will no doubt become future leaders in their countries and will have taken away pleasant memories of their time in the UK. In my travels over the years, both for business and for pleasure, I have been fortunate to meet Scouts and former Scouts in many countries. The Scouting experience has certainly been beneficial to them.

Many of our Groups already promote International Scouting. I would welcome details of your international activities which can be added to the International Slot in the District Newsletter. I will also be pleased to accept invitations to any international events no matter how small. To promote International Scouting in our District I will be pleased to present a prize at the end of the year to the leader who, in my opinion, has been the most innovative in the international scene during 2008.

Erik Trawny
ADC International
erik.trawny@btinternet.com

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Prances News.

If you saw the Pantomime held recently at the Maldon Town Hall, what a great show you saw. It was organised by the Maldengiedoo Roadshow/Gangshow Fellowship. The cast were fabulous and the young people really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all involved for providing a great

opportunity for all groups from the new district to come together and work to achieve the goal.

You will also probably not view Andrew (Twinkle, the dame)



in the same light again. He truly was "the only camp warden in the village". You will be pleased to note that he is not intending to dress in ladies clothes for the foreseeable future and his

voice has returned to normal. The phrase "see you later darlings" has not been heard for over a week. Thank heavens for that!



We look forward to the Gangshow to be held next year and let's hope we'll see plenty of new faces as well old ones.

See more photos on the District Web Pages

www.meescouts.org.uk

Sara was lucky enough to go on the Explorer trip to Poland at the beginning of half term, it was a fantastic trip although very tiring, she walked miles! We all learnt a lot as Poland is steeped in history especially the lead up to, during and after the war. Our trips around Krakow and Auschwitz were a humbling experience and maybe a trip that we should all experience. The Explorers were a credit to the District and thanks to Dan for organising the whole event.

If you fancy a change to your normal evening program why not come along to the district site and try a different format. We can offer archery, rifle shooting, the climbing and abseiling tower, laser packs (similar to Quaser but played in the field and around the wooded areas of the site), assault course, suction cross bows and cork guns. Don't forget the computer suite in the Bill Meehan Loft.

We also have mountain bikes available for a cycle route around the area with a quiz sheet available.

Why not try a backwards cooking evening or BBQ around the campfire area.

It's a great venue for a wide game evening with campfire to close.

Why not try a night hike in the area again with route sheets provided.

Or maybe you have your own ideas and we are ready to assist wherever we can to help you make that special event a success.

If you want to have a venue to cover service activities for scouts or the Explorer Activity Service Centre Badge then again just give us a call and we will be ready to assist.

If you want to camp or organise a sleepover just give us a call and we will make you all very welcome.

And just a quick update on the building works. The toilet and shower block is nearing completion and will make a real difference to the site adding valuable services for all visitors.

Andrew and Sara Goodwin.

Prances Camp Site.

01621 892876

prancescout@btinternet.com

New factsheets

New factsheets and updates can be seen on **HYPERLINK** www.scouts.org.uk

www.scouts.org.uk ...Go to Resources tab and click on 'recent updates'.

The following is a list of recent updates.

| Date | Type | Title/Item | Reference | Notes |
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| Jan 08 | Factsheet | E-mails and text messaging guidance for Leaders | HYPERLINK documents/fs330086.pdf | FS330086 New |
| Jan 08 | Webpage | Prohibited and Restricted Camping Areas | HYPERLINK "http://www.scouts.org.uk/aboutus/activities/campsites/" | Link New - Replaces Factsheet BR732002 |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | Speech, Language and Communication Impairments | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs250060.pdf" | FS250060 Updated |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | Allergies | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/s250051.pdf" | FS250051 Updated |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | Young Carers | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/s250058.pdf" | FS250058 Updated |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | Active Support - a complete guide to the Scout Fellowship. | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/s330090.pdf" | FS330090 New |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | Setting up a Scout Fellowship | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/s330089.pdf" | FS330089 New |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | Developing and Revitalising your Scout Fellowship | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/s330088.pdf" | FS330088 New |
| Nov 07 | Factsheet | What is a Scout Fellowship? | HYPERLINK "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/s330087.pdf" | FS330087 New |

Sept 07 Factsheet Nights Away Permit Scheme
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 Nights Away Permit HYPERLINK
 "http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/ac120990.pdf"[AC120990](#) New

The above as supplied by Barry. (District Chairman)

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CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

Come and join us for an evening of good food and stimulating entertainment!!!!

on

Saturday, 26th April 2008 – 7.00 for 7.30pm

at

1st Beacon Hill Scout site, junction of Gt. Totham Road and Kelvedon Road, Wickham Bishops.

Tickets £6.50 for adults, children 13 and under £4 [family ticket of 2 adults and 2 children £20]. Teams of 8 people maximum.

Tickets available from Maureen Webber 01621.891815 or Janet Richardson 01621.893060. If your child is a member of the Group, money and slips can be given to leaders. Cheques payable to 1st Beacon Hill Scouts.

Remember to bring your own cutlery, glasses and drinks.

There will also be a raffle.

Please indicate below the number of tickets you require and also food requirements [there is lasagne for those who do not like curry]

Name..... No. tickets.....

Telephone no.....

Curry - Mild.....
 Hot.....

Lasagne.....

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Maldon & East Essex Explorer Scouts Poland Trip 2008 – By Dan Sutton (Trip Organiser)



Before the report on the Trip, you maybe interested to know why Poland and who I am as the organiser. I'm the Scout Leader from Silver End who occasionally helps out at the Vortex Explorer Unit, and recently been appointed the Deputy ACC Scouts for Essex. So never a quite moment in my life – I also work full time as well!



The idea started back in November 2006. At my Groups (1st Silver End) Remembrance Service the theme was

Freedom. Having visited Auschwitz 12 months before, as the curator of the Scout/Guide part of the service I decided to incorporate the Holocaust into it. It was very moving and afterwards a number of the Young People expressed an interest in going there for themselves. A bad habit of mine is actually doing what the young people want and although couldn't do in the short term, as was busy organising a Scout trip to Hungary in 2007, I didn't say no and said maybe sometime in the future.



In the summer of 2007 with most of the paperwork and organising done for Hungary I decide to see who was interested in a trip to Poland. Not just to the concentration camps, but as a cultural and educational trip. Having previously organised trips to Switzerland and now Hungary I had the confidence to 'go it alone' and not use a tour company. Reservations were made at a Hostel for 20 people and emails sent to negotiate discounts on food, and tours. I then went on a 'road show' around the then fairly new District to the other Explorer Units I knew existed to see if more than just Silver End was interested. The uptake was amazing! Including leaders/helpers and Explorers the total went up to 44! So from needing two minibuses I suddenly needed a whole coach to transport us about.

Bookings were changed, more rooms added, more food booked, bigger discounts negotiated etc and then in June/July flights booked. It seemed a bit mad organising a trip for February 2008 and I had yet to go on the Hungary trip that was still 6 weeks away. The advantage was that anything booked in 2007 for 2008 would give us 2007 prices.

The summer past and come the winter, paperwork was sent out, money collected and forms, passports, medicals details collected and insurance organised. In early December a meeting was held for all those going. With it involving 4 units from across the district it was a good way to get to know a few of them.

Six weeks later we were at the airport and something that was just an idea 21 months ago was a reality!

At 4am on Saturday 9th February, we meet at Stansted Airport. Everyone was there present and correct – if not awake. I don't know what happened to the two hours before the flight as it seemed to take that long to check in, go through security and get all 44 of us to the gate ready to get on the plane. The flight was just over two hours. Most people slept, read or ate.

Arriving at the Goodbye Lenin Hostel in Krakow at 10.30am, after unpacking and having lunch it was into the City for a guided walking tour. Which included the sites of Wawel Hill, The Royal Castle and Cathedral. A good way to get our bearings of the city and to meet some local Polish people.

The evening wasn't spent just relaxing and recovering from the early start. After a dinner of Beetroot Soup and Peirlogi we went on a Fun Ghost Tour taking in some of the legends and myths of the City. After this there was time to relax in the Hostel lounge playing pool, table football, watching the TV or just chatting and getting to know each other. Not many stayed up late that night!



It was an early start on Sunday as breakfast was ready at 7.30am. The morning was spent around the Jewish quarter seeing what was left of the ghetto, were the selection process took part for the 'relocation' of the Jews and Schindler's Factory. We were also taken to where some parts of the film 'Schindler's List' were filmed. A lot was learnt from this and helped to answer some questions about what was in store for us at Auschwitz on Monday



Sunday afternoon was spent stepping back just 20 years to the Nowa Huta District which was a 20 minute Tram ride outside of the city – an adventure in itself. This unique socialist city has amazing cold war urban ideas, communist architecture and an extraordinary ambience.

Completely different to Krakow and good to see some of the real Poland and not just the tourist area.

Unfortunately, we couldn't meet up with the Polish Scouts in the evening, but the Explorers were more than happy to relax in the Hostel making use of the lounge facilities and the free internet room to send emails back home or talk to their friends on MSN.

The last full day on Monday was a completely a different experience with it spent at the Auschwitz Birkenau state museum. The Explorers saw for themselves the monstrosity and the scale of the Nazi "Final solution" plan. Hardly anyone spoke and all you could hear was the sniffing of people shedding a tear or two and the sound of footsteps as we walked through the camps. I'm sure it had an effect of everyone there and looking back at some of the video footage we took, the expressions and body language of the Explorers and adults speaks a thousands words. Its shear disbelief and bewilderment. Explorers that are normally the 'clowns' and happy go lucky type at the weekly meetings are deep in thought and can be seen with a tear in their eyes. It was very moving and humbling and all left with their own private thoughts.

After a day like that, for the final meal I had booked us into a restaurant near the hostel which served traditional Polish Peasant food. Such delights as beetroot soup, pickled cucumbers and Pigs Trotters. We had the whole restaurant to ourselves and it was such a good atmosphere and excellent way to end the trip. Explorers who two days ago didn't know each other were happily sharing a bit of a pig between them (well we think it was pig).

Before flying back home on Tuesday afternoon there was a stop at the Wieliczka Salt Mine for a two hour tour of this network of amazing underground chambers, connected with a web of richly illuminated underground corridors, filled with backlit sculptures made out of translucent salt. There is also the underground cathedral cut directly in a rock of salt and Crystal chandeliers glowing around. Something you don't see every day.



Back at the airport we filmed the Explorers comments of the trip and not one regretted going on it. One even commented that they will miss Poland and was sad it was over. At the end of the trip strangers had become friends and learnt a lot about a different country and culture.

For me seeing what the young people got out of the experience was well worth the effort put into organising it. Would I do it again? Defiantly! When? February 2010.

So if yourself or any Explorers from your units or Young Leaders are interested, get in touch with me and I'll add

your name to the interest list. Initial information will go out in the spring/summer of 2009.

For more info on what we did and photos take a look at www.poland2008.com. You can even hear on radio the interview that 4 of them gave on the Dave Monk show on BBC Essex just 2 days after returning from the trip.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank some of the 'Backroom Boys' that helped either before or during the Trip. So Elma van Baasbank (in Poland), Tim Pomfret, Tony Bugg and Glyn Hall, please take a bow ☺

I should also thank the Explorers that went for their excellent behaviour and for making it one of the most memorable trips I have EVER organised.

Dan Sutton

You can see all the photos by going to:-

www.poland2008.com

Letters of Thanks.....

MALDON TOWN COUNCIL

**Town Council Offices Town Hall, Market Hill
Maldon**

Essex CM94RI

**Town Mayor: Cllr. J. Almond Town Cleric Mrs.
T. Bytes**

Mr. B. Baldry,

4 Acres Avenue, Shelley,

20th February, 2008

On behalf of the Town Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr. John Almond and his wife Lyn, I am writing to thank you for inviting them to attend the Scout Gang Show production of Alla-Din and his Magic Teapot. They thoroughly enjoyed attending the production and thank you and members of the Maldengidoo Roadshow Scout Fellowship for making them feel so welcome. It gave them special pleasure seeing how much fun everyone was having and they request that you forward their congratulations to everyone who was involved in this wonderful production.

Mrs. Jackie Good
Mayor's secretary



**The above two
items of thanks
were passed to me
from Rupert Killick.
Road show Panto**

Be prepared for Adventure

Caving is one of the activities your scouts or explorers will either love or hate.

Essex County Scout Caving Team provides the opportunity for all young people in Scouting that are over the age of 12 years to try Caving and gain the relevant badges.

A member of the Team would be happy to explain to your people just what is involved and we do not require Leaders to accompany them.

We can be contacted at caving@essexscouts.org.uk and further information including a poster, badge course details and an application form can be found at www.ecsc.org.

Paper copies of the posters and application pack are being posted to all known ADC Activities, ADC Scouts, DESCs in some cases DCs and District Newsletter Editors.

Please do not let your young people miss out because **YOU** have not told them what is available.

The Essex County Scout Caving Team.

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1st MALDON SCOUT GROUP
PRESENTS YOUR INVITATION TO THE
Brickhouse Farm Race Night
NOT the film show version!!

Saturday 19th April

Brickhouse Farm, Poulton Close, Maldon

Paddock Opens at 7.00 p.m. (meet the Runners and Riders)

1st Race 7.30 p.m. "SCS Stakes"

50p entry to the Brickhouse Farm Race Course (parking free!!)

6 Races Programme – 20p bets through the TOTE

and 'Fleecem & Scarper' Bookmakers

Jockey's required for the runners shown below (Beavers, Cubs or Scouts) –

please speak to Cliff, Siobhan or Keith to choose your race horse!

Bring your own champagne, caviar, picnic hampers and binoculars.....

R.S.V.P. and all Jockey Enquiries to

Keith Gower keithgower@googlemail.com or Cliff Hunter cliff.hunter1942@btinternet.com

THE RUNNERS

"In The Nude"

"Soon To Be Glue"

"Hoof Hearted"

"Oziozi"

"Knickers In A Knot"

THE FORM

Out of "Unhappy Wife" – beat "Tongue Pie" last time out.

A real exhibitionist but beat "Bare Necessities" last time out.

Nervy horse – yet to win a race.

Caused a stink at Aintree last month in the Winners Enclosure.

Oi, Oi, Oi!!

Fell in the paddock last time out.

Help Needed !

If anyone has any time to give and are qualified in any of the following, or would like to be a qualified as an Instructor for Archery; Shooting ; Abseiling ; Climbing or can give any help to your District Camp Site on the service team. I know you will be well looked after and greeted with open arms.....if you fit the bill thenplease contact Sara or Andrew at Prances, your District Camp Site

Tel 01621 892876 Email prancescout@btinternet.com

Scouts Underground Adventure

Some of the Scouts from the 1st Silver End Scout Troop enjoyed a night of activities with a difference. Staying at the 'Secret Nuclear Bunker' at Kelvedon Hatch the girls and boys were split into two teams to take part in what was themed a 'Cold War Camp'. The first 3 hours were spent playing laser games in the bunker where they were kitted out with hi-tech equipment from a company called Laser Mission that were hired in to run the first part of the evening. After various missions involving team work to capture 'radio-active' containers and set off or diffuse bombs, there was then other team activities to earn points to see who would be the overall winners come the following morning.

The teams, called NATO and CCCP to tie in with the theme, had to complete a laser beam obstacle course, blind trail, photo quiz and treasure hunt around the bunker. To add to the fun there was also dressing up in various uniforms, pizza and movies throughout the night and abseiling down the lift shaft!

Unlike the real cold war the event was won by the CCCP who were awarded some original soviet medals brought from the Ukraine. The Silver End Scouts next adventure will again be below the surface, but this time scuba diving and caving. Photos and video's from teh activity can be found on our website at www.silverend-scouts.org.uk

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Please note:- Closing dates for reports etc will be, May 10th ; July 12th ; September 13th ; November 15th ; Any items or stories etc please to the Ed on time. Thanks.