

# MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The closing date for the next issue

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 Please send me your reports by then. Thanks Ed.

## SPRING HAS DEFINITELY ARRIVED AT PRANCES.

The bulbs are bursting through in the chapel area and dotted around the site. Trees and plants are beginning to bud and the morning chorus is loud and clear.

Soon the campers will return and the winter works will benefit the visitors.

The replanting of grass seems to have worked in most areas and the removal of old trees and bushes has cleared out the borders.

New paths have been created and the old tree stumps are being slowly removed.

We have a working party over Easter on Good Friday and Saturday with some projects in mind. All going well we will be fitting a roof to the climbing tower, replacing the fence around the tower and fitting benches.

Additional benches will be created around the camp fire area and the car park will be repaired to try and fill the many deep holes that have appeared.

We also hope to create a hard path area to the shop from the front car park.

So if you are at a loose end or fancy giving a hand please come and join us. Tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches are on offer. Come armed with a packed lunch and join in the fun.

If it is like the last service weekend it will be a great laugh, though this time I don't plan to cut down a tree and end up running away in the path of its fall!

Heybridge scouts and cubs have made bird boxes as part of their program. These are now up around the site. We keep a close eye on these to watch for the new residents. Following the visit from "Owls R Us" they also plan to make an owl box so with a bit of luck we will have another new resident.

A practice day was held for the archery instructors to get their skills back into shape ready for the new season. Most of them can still hit the target!

The Quaser packs have been fully upgraded and we are delighted to offer these out as an activity again.

For all groups please remember the activities we can offer in support of your programmes. Why now try on the these following activities :-

Mountain bike ride around the local area on the Jamboree bikes. All safety equipment and routes with bikes supplied.



Archery, either outside on the range or inside in Peter Church Lodge.

Rifles either on the outdoor range or inside in Peter Church Lodge.

Computer skills and projects in the IT Suite.

Climbing and abseiling on the tower.

Cork guns and suction crossbows for the younger sections.

A four acre field for games and activities and great to run off some steam.

A camp fire circle and BBQ area.

3 acres of grass and woods for back to basics cooking and camping skills.

The main hall with cooking and catering facilities and plenty of room for events.

Indoor hockey, pool table, table tennis and badminton.

The hall is suitable for sleep overs and indoor camps.

Outdoor camping with the benefits of the new toilet and shower block boasting underfloor heating.

Please remember the site is here to be used and you are very welcome. Either come with your own planned ideas or give us a call for some new suggestions of activities and programs.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Andrew and Sara Goodwin. Prances Site Managers.

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## 1ST HEYBRIDGE'S REPORTS:-

3 scouts and 1 explorer from Heybridge joined in for the county cyclo cross at Hoggs Hill today 8th March 09.



2 heats were run for the many scouts.

Nic and Seb Thornton were in the first heat while Jemima (tastefully dressed completely in PINK to match her bike), was in

the second heat.

I am pleased to say they all did their best and completed the course with the others.

Nathan Bentley came third in the Explorers race on his VERY small BMX.

Medals were awarded by Jan Dere the County Commissioner.

In the next few weeks I hope that an announcement will be made that we've all been looking forward to... that a new DC is going to take over and lead the District forwards. I suspect that this will be my last newsletter update, and therefore would like to say "thank you" to everyone around the District for the support you have shown and how welcome you have made me feel. It will be important that when the new DC is announced you show them just as much support and work with them to continue to increase the quality of Scouting in the District.

According to the census the District has grown again! Congratulations to all Leaders, helpers, administrators and other adults that offer such fantastic programmes of activities for young people which has resulted in a growth of 2.6%! Let's keep up the good work and I hope to see another increase again next year.

St George's Day is just around the corner, so I hope all Groups that have something planned enjoy their events. The District is organising a series of short walks/ hikes ending up at Prances where we will hold out Renewal of Promise ceremony (details have been sent out by email, but please let me know if you haven't received anything). I hope you can make it. I strongly believe that whatever we do needs to be appropriate for the young people and in some way demonstrate the adventure of Scouting. This is why I have steered away from a "traditional" event and I really hope it will be an enjoyable afternoon for everyone who takes part. Renewal of Promise is an important event in our calendar, and that is why we should try and make the most of it by making it something enjoyable and challenging for the young people.

Last, I recently attended the different handicraft competitions. The number and quality of entries was

fantastic, and I congratulate all the young people who took part for their exceptional efforts. If your Colony, Pack or Troop didn't take part this year, make sure you don't miss out next year.

Best wishes,

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Matt Mills

Acting District Commissioner

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# MALDON AND EAST ESSEX BEAVER SCOUTS HANDY CRAFT CHALLENGE

First I would just like to say a big well done to all the Beavers Scouts who entered our Handy Craft Challenge.

The judges had a tough time deciding between each of the entries but in the end the results where as followed:-



The overall winners 1<sup>st</sup> Blackwater second, 1<sup>st</sup> Beacon Hill and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hatfield Peavel

For the

Colony Challenge the Winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Hatfield Peavel 2<sup>nd</sup> BRUNHAM 3<sup>rd</sup> Beacon Hill

The day was really good and it was nice to see so many Beavers in the afternoon.



Next year I hope to build on the success of this year.

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## BEAVER EASTER CRAFT DAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Just a note to remind you it not to later to come to our Easter Craft Day at Prances.

The day starts at 10.am finishes at 4pm. Cost of the day will be £5.00 per Beaver Scout

I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of you there to join in the fun.

If you need any more inform just give me a call

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BEAVER COUNTRY FUN DAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT CRESSING  
TEMPLE

I would like to think as this event is taking place just up the road from many of us that we will have a good turn out for this county event.

I have paid the registration fee for the District so we can all go at the lower cost of £11.50 per Beaver Scout.

The County Fun Day is only held every 2 years so that Beaver Scouts can experience a large event before they go up to Cub Scouts

Cressing Temple is a great venue, there is too much going on for me to list here but if you would like to help run our base just give me a call.

Please remember we can be proud that the County have come to Maldon and East Essex to run an event

I'm looking forward to seeing loads of our Beaver Scouts leading the way in the Fun, Fun, and Fun.

Have you seen the Fun Day Badge yet? It's never too late to book.

Emma Prime ADC (B)

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**1st Beacon Hill's Trip to The National Dino Pedal Car  
Olympics 2009 Thriftwood**



On the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 7 Scouts and 2 leaders braved sub zero temperatures and bitter winds to go camping at Thriftwood Campsite, to challenge for the Pedal Car

Olympics Cup. It was the fifth year of the competition. The first year had only 18 teams, this year there were 115 teams or over 400 scouts, not counting all the helpers and leaders.

We arrived at 18.30 sharp on Friday evening to set out our sleeping equipment and gathered firewood but it was all frozen, so we had to get some wood burning and lean the frozen wood up next to the fire to defrost it. Once the fire was



going well we went for dinner at the food hut, where we could either have cottage pie or fish and chips. After dinner we headed back to camp and got some shut eye early, because tomorrow we had a big day with lots of events that you can score points on, to boost your chance of winning the grand prize.

7 o'clock on Saturday morning we had to get up for breakfast, sausage and bacon in a roll, a breakfast baguette. Then wrapped up in at least 2 layers of jumpers, thermals and anything else to hand we set off to watch the Under 14's competing in their first event. "The Individual" was a fifty-metre course which you had to drive around 5 times making a total of 250 metres. That was followed by "The Pursuit" again five laps of a shorter course but it finished quicker if you caught up and "touched" or "slammed" your opponent. The winner of each heat went into a final, and then the winner of the final went into a timed lap challenge for the Pursuit Award. Then the Under 14's had the Tractor Pull which involved pedalling a pedal cart with the weight increasing the further you went.

The Over 14's first event was Ice climbing which pretty much explains itself, the fastest to the top won, although the ice wasn't real, despite the weather. We had to use proper ice climbing tools on a type of compressed foam. This was followed by the Relay and since at least two of us hadn't raced in the carts before we were feeling nervous as it was the biggest race and we weren't very experienced. We came fourth out of five so pretty good for first timers. After the Relay was lunch of either a burger, jacket potato, veggie burger or a bacon roll. The 300 meters Endurance race was next in which we as a group did very well, coming an average of 3<sup>rd</sup>. After this we had Blind Skills, where when one scout is blindfolded and the other has to guide him/her round the course, all in a pedal car. The next event was Skills. This is an assault course in a pedal car, you had to go over the bridge, slalom around the tyres, under the limbo and then over the see-saw. Finally we had Jousting; a pole was attached to the back of our pedal car, pointing forward over your head which was used to get two small rings onto the end of our pole by jousting them off of their stands.

For dinner we could have either Lasagne or Chicken Curry. After dinner there was a big bouncy castle disco for all to attend and it was a lot of fun. When the cold and the tiredness got the better of us we headed back to camp and sat by the fire and the eventually went to bed to get ready for another hard day of work.

In the morning we got up at the same time again, although this time we had to be woken up, and went to collect our breakfast baguettes. We went off to do our final events which were the Individual, the Pursuit, the Tractor Pull and the Sprint. The Sprint was a 60 metre straight line and it was first over the line that won. After all our events had finished we went and watched Beacon Hill's best pedal car racer; Thomas, in his final of the pursuit.

In the first round Thomas, 14, came out victorious. In the quarter final he just missed out but 4th out of 400 scouts is very, very good.

After Thomas's unlucky defeat we went to watch the final results, unfortunately we didn't win anything. So after all of this hard work we came away empty handed, but we all had fun and are already getting ready for next year. So this shows no matter what the weather is like whether hot or cold you can always have fun. So until next year, Thriftwood Pedal Car Olympics, goodbye.

James Pook a Scout at 1<sup>st</sup> Beacon Hill Scout

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## Scouts Enjoy Belchamps Winter Activity Weekend

Following a week of floods, high winds, sunshine, freezing temperatures and snow, over 20 Groups from afar afield as Wiltshire took part in a winter activity weekend at Belchamps Scout Centre, Hawkwell, Essex with an action packed programme of activities and workshops.



The site was busy with youngsters taking part on the adventurous The Jacobs Ladder, Leap of Faith, Crate Stacking, Climbing, Abseiling, Archery, sports competitions plus a huge range of basic outdoor skills

bases ranging from campfire cooking, first aid and survival skills. Youngsters could also choose to learn circus skills, performance and fun with inflatable's and a rodeo bull.



Jake from 7th Clacton said, "I'm campfire cooking because I'm hungry! We don't get a chance to do this very often"

Daniel of 1st Hawkwell was seen at the mud oven, "We've just had a mud fight so we've come over here to dry out. It smells nice and it's warm. While we were here we've eaten some toad in the hole from the oven."

Sarah, Leader of 7th Hampton, said, "This weekend is brilliant, lot of different things are going on, our group are trying to do everything."

Report sent to me from

Justin Mullender <justin@essexscouts.org.uk>

PHOTOS: Jamie / Jonathan of 1st Witham Scouts

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Just a reminder about booking a presentation for Poland 2010. So far I have only had to two groups book a date with me. If you take a look at [www.poland2010.scoutsgointernational.org.uk](http://www.poland2010.scoutsgointernational.org.uk) they are listed on there so there may already be one that you can get along to. Just make me aware so I know not to start without you.

If you want me to come to your group I need to know ASAP. I won't be able to offer any places after March as I have to confirm numbers with the Hostel in Krakow so don't miss out!

I have also had some flyers printers, so if you want a few give me your address and I will get them in the post to you. There is a gap at the bottom to put a presentation date.

I can be contacted via this email or on Skype at dan.sutton

Regards Dan

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### Nights Away Permits

Permits were introduced in 2004 with a maximum life of 5 years. The first permits issued are due to expire shortly.

Should permit holders wish to continue to take youngsters away they need to apply for a new permit in time for a one to be issued.

The system changed last year and now the permit holder should approach me for an assessment to be carried out. For those who already have a permit this is almost a formality. But no application no permit. Once the assessment has been carried out the form will be returned to applicant for them to approach the DC for the permit to be issued.

Chris Burton  
Maldon and East Essex Nights Away Advisor

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You must be b\*\*\*ing m\*d.....



Heybridge reach new depths today in their bid to boost their leader numbers. This investiture was caught on comers as the latest member was invested in the hall (will do the crb later!).

Rocky Goodwin, whose bark is worse than his bite, will bring a new view to herding cubs. When asked what he thought of the job he was quoted as saying it was "ruff". But he was looking forward to the hikes!!

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# Latvia '09



It doesn't seem like it was 12 months ago that we were in Poland with a contingent of Explorer Scouts and Leaders from the District, but a year on we went back to Eastern Europe. This time it was a four day trip to Latvia. It was much colder than in Poland, with plenty of snow and I don't think it was above -1 degrees the whole time we were there – even dropping to -9 one day!

An afternoon flight meant that everyone was awake and excited at Stansted and eager to be on their way. Most people had a meal while waiting for the flight to depart as we wouldn't be getting to Latvia until 8pm local time. Once we had arrived at Riga airport, Pierre from the Hostel was there to meet us and give us a short guided tour to what would be our home for the next few days.

The accommodation was a second floor Hostel just on the outskirts of the city. It was very basic, but functional. We would after all only be sleeping there so no need to spend ridiculous sums of money on hotel accommodation with all the 'mod-cons' that we wouldn't have chance to use. Once settled into the hostel, which was called 'The House', we went out for a late evening meal. The restaurant stayed open late for us and on offer was traditional dishes or for the less adventurous Pizzas!

Sunday morning began with a walking tour of Riga. We were shown the many sights of the City and were educated in the history of Latvia and Riga and informed about local culture etc. I don't think we appreciated how many times they had been occupied by other countries, including Sweden, Germany and the USSR. Fittingly, the tour concluded at the 'Occupation Museum' where we learnt about the suffering at the hands of the Russians and Nazi's. On display was a photo from 1929 of a group of 'Boy Scouts' from Latvia on a camping trip in the UK, as well as artefacts from the 'Young Pioneers' which was the Soviet equivalent of the Scouts which the banned under their occupation.

After lunch, we had some time to shop or just sight see round the market. It is in 5 huge hangers that the Zeppelins were built in during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. It's nothing like a market you would of seen in the UK with carcasses hanging up and virtually every piece of an animal offered for sale. Walking from one hanger to the next the different smells of the contents hit you. One would be the meat market,

another the fish and then the cheese. It was pointed out by someone in our group that the Scottish Salmon in the fish market was cheaper in Latvia than in the UK – how does that work?

The rest of the afternoon was spent around the Latvian War Museum before going up to the 26<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Reval Hotel to the Skyline Bar for panoramic views of the city.

That evening we went to a Lido Restaurant, which is a 'fast food chain'. Unlike our fast food outlets though, you had proper tables and chairs and the food wasn't just burgers and chips. There must have been around 30 different dishes on offer from ribs, snitzels, fish, chops, and salads. Each individually priced, so you just pick and choose what you want. If still hungry after eating the very generous portions you could just go back and buy some more. A rack of ribs, potatoes, salad and drink for less than £8 was certainly good value!

So on to Monday. Pierre was our guide again for the USSR Tour, which informed us about the Soviet period of history in Latvia. The tour lasted nearly five hours and took us out to the Television Tower Island, past Communist Era apartments, to the Victory Park which has soviet realist art statues dedicated to those that fought in the war between 1941 and 1945 and to the Motor Museum which contains cars from various periods of Latvian History. It even has the car in it that Nikita Khrushchev crashed! Back in the city we were shown the radio station building that still has the cars of the uprising in 1991 of bullet holes scattered along it.

Fittingly we then moved onto the Museum of the Barricades of 1991. This was the best experience for a lot of our group as it was modern History and in their life time. While some remembered small parts of it broadcast on the news in the west, they didn't realise the true extent of what happened and how young some of the victims were. It was a small, but very personal museum that had a lot of heart in it. Later we found out it was put together by one of the 'freedom fighters' so probably explains the feel of it. If anyone ever goes to Riga make sure you pay it a visit.

The day concluded with a meal in a medieval restaurant. On the way we stopped at the House of the Black Heads in the main square to get some photos of it lit up at night. Just as we were leaving the square burst into music and a light show was performed on the house. It was as if it was almost planned for us.

Tuesday was the last day of the trip. With an evening flight we still had time to do things though and not just waste it sitting around. We went on a Jewish History tour in the morning where we saw a memorial in one of the forest where they took Jews from across Europe to shoot and then pile into mass graves as well as one of

the synagogues that survived the period of the Holocaust.

After going up the St Peter's Church spire for one last panoramic look over the city we got back in our coach for an hours drive to Bauska, on the border with Lithuania. As an extra activity for the group I had paid for us to go on a visit to an SOS Children's Orphanage. We didn't really know what to expect after seeing on TV the way that orphanages can be in Eastern Europe, with lots of children all crammed into one room. This place though was nothing like that! It was basically a cul-de-sac of house, with a Mum in each one with 5 – 7 children in. There was also specialist on hand to help the mentally and physically disabled and a Kindergarten for the younger children. The older ones went to local schools so were included in the local community. We may knock former Eastern Block countries, but we could learn a lot for the methods of the SOS Children!

So a tiring, but very educational trip finally came to an end. There may not of been the response that was hoped for, but the crowd of people that went were great and making friends, and socialising with people you don't normally get the opportunity to do it with is another worth while aspect of these short trips.

I hoped those that went enjoyed it as much I did and learnt a lot form the experience.

So on to 2010 and it's back to Poland. If you didn't get a booking form in by the deadline of the end of March, you may of missed out on going – but if I booked a 6 bedded room and there are only 5 people in it you may still get to go, so contact me at [dan@silverend-scouts.org.uk](mailto:dan@silverend-scouts.org.uk) ASAP.



To all readers:-

To see more of the photos that you kindly sent me please go to [www.meescouts.org.uk](http://www.meescouts.org.uk)

In this month I have had more that 50 photos sent in...

Well done, please keep the various reports coming.



1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group went along to the County Tracks event held at the Redbridge cycling Centre Forest Road Hainault Essex 2 Beavers 3 Scouts and 2 members of the Hatfield Peverel Fellowship took part along with some Scouts and Explorers from Haybridge (contact Clive Searl for details) we all had a great time, unfortunately none of us at Hatfield Peverel were placed but we all got a medal for taking part (much to the delight of our beavers I believe that a Explorer Scout from Haybridge came 3rd overall but again check with Clive for precise details. What a Track it is, it's going to be the training centre for the 2012 Olympic cycle X, BMX and road racing teams. For a first event by County at this venue it was well organised, but could be better.



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Tony Price

### Want shelter for the night ? weekend ?, week ?....then contact..?

1<sup>st</sup> Maldon All Saints are opening their doors this year as a pack holiday centre / sleepover. Can accommodate up to 60 in two halls, fully equipped kitchen 8 burner and 4 oven cookers, 2 toilets ( one fully fitted as a disabled toilet) shower, small fridge and freezer. Headquarters has already been used by Scouts from the Netherlands, Italy and Chelmsford later this year.

If anyone is interested please contact Cliff and request a booking form. 01621 852013

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Please note that reports are most welcome from any group, but because of space and ink (for those who print off) only two photos per article will be accepted, others again if space allows will appear on the District Web Page via ADC Cubs Phil Kilburn. Ed

	DISTRICT	HANDICRAFT		RESULTS 2009	
		Name	Group	Points	
<b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>1st</b>	Adam Hugget	Southminster & Maylandsea	10	
	<b>2nd</b>	Jonathan Gould	1st Witham	9	
	<b>3rd</b>	Sam Fish	1st Silver End	7	
<b>CUBS</b>	<b>1st</b>	Charlie Leavett	1st Blackwater	9	
	<b>2nd</b>	Chris Cutner	1st Hatfield Peverel	8	
<b>Joint</b>	<b>3rd</b>	Phoebe Maxled	1st Blackwater	4	
	<b>3rd</b>	Jack Norman	1st Blackwater	4	
<b>TROOP</b>	<b>1st</b>		1st Southminster & Maylandsea	29	
	<b>2nd</b>	Canonium Troop	Kelvedon & Feering	26	
	<b>3rd</b>		1st Witham	20	
<b>Pack</b>	<b>1st</b>	Endeavour Pack	1st Blackwater	29	
<b>Joint</b>	<b>2nd</b>		1 Hatfield Peverel	12	
	<b>2nd</b>	Eagles Pack	Kelvedon & Feering	12	
	<b>3rd</b>		1st Southminster & Maylandsea	9	
<b>Total Number of Entries</b>					
	<b>CUBS</b>	<b>SCOUTS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		
	<b>309</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>407</b>		

Phyl Rixon has asked me to send you the results and some photos of the district Handicraft competition, you should have received an e-mail from me with the 31 photos on as an attachment? this was sent from my other computer. this e-mail should have the results sheet which I copied from Trish Harrises hand righting.  
Yours in Scouting Tony Price 1st Hatfield Peverel

You may look at all photos on the District Web Page when they are inserted.

I accept no responsibility for any mistakes in this edition as I have not the time to correct .I have pasted and copied as the reports were supplied to me. Ed.

Hi All,  
Many, Many thanks to everyone who made Saturdays District Cub and Scout Handicraft competition such a fantastic event, the response was overwhelming, with a great deal of effort and commitment being shown in the quality of the entries by the young people from within our District. Special thanks go to Phyl Rixon ADC Scouts who pulled it all together. Full results will be available on the District website shortly, but in the meantime, a selection of photos of the event, courtesy of Anthony Price are online. Please follow the link below.

[http://www.meescouts.org.uk/images/galleries/District\\_Cub\\_and\\_Scout\\_Handicraft\\_2009/](http://www.meescouts.org.uk/images/galleries/District_Cub_and_Scout_Handicraft_2009/)

Looking forward to next year!  
Yours in Scouting,  
Phil Kilburn

ADC Cub Scouts

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### Charity St George's evening.....

Would you please promote to your various scout groups that I am holding a charity St George's evening at the Plume school in Maldon on the 23rd April 2009, this includes two course meal entertainment from the Essex Police Brass band, the Maldon Morris dancers and students from the Plume school.

Licensed bar available, lots of music and dance to celebrate our national day, classic music could be the last night of the proms.

Tickets are £16 each from the Maldon Town hall on 01621-857373 speak to Jackie If you would like to attend please posters available.

Regards. David Denyer

Town Mayor.

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### STOP THE WORLD – WE'VE ARRIVED!

This year's District Gang Show was performed to packed audiences on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February - three performances in all. Cast confidence grew with each performance and by the Saturday night all first night nerves were completely forgotten.

The 'Stop The World – We've Arrived' theme centered around a globe-trotting flight around the world visiting each of the seven continents en-route. Passengers (the audience!) were treated to a magnificent variety of song, dance and comedy sketches performed by youngsters and leaders representing various groups from the Maldon and East Essex District and the St. John Ambulance.

Prior to take-off, passengers were requested to pay close attention during the 'safety talk' by the glamorous stewardesses. The less glamorous Captain and First Officer, Caruthers and Fanshaw, took up their positions on the flight-deck and together with their 'Navigator Chappie', provided much of the in-flight entertainment and kept the passengers up-to-date with information on the various destinations, weather conditions and flight times.

The first re-fuelling stop was Europe and straight into the old ABBA favorite 'Waterloo' followed by a saucy 'Can Can' and then a 'Bell Hop Boogie' performed by five very badly behaved Monks who really did know how to boogie! Asia, Africa, Australia and The Americas followed with an equally entertaining mixture of song, dance and comedy at each destination. There was even a brief stop-over on Antarctica!

The show was a big hit and a great advert for Scouting in the District. The costumes were magnificent and the stage props the best yet. Congratulations to all the cast and support crew.

Keith Gower Show Publicity

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## PRANCES NEEDS YOU!

### CLIMBING INSTRUCTORS

How would you like to become part of the Prances Climbing Team?

We are planning to hold a Climbing Instructors course over the coming months.

If anyone would like further details of what is involved please call Sara/Andrew 01621 892876 or email [prancescout@btinternet.com](mailto:prancescout@btinternet.com)

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MALDON AND EAST ESSEX DISTRICT

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## DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

It's been another very busy year in the District Scout Shop and without the help of our little army of workers it would have been difficult for us. So we must THANK them for their most valuable assistance PHYL, MARGARET, JENNY, KEVIN, TRICIA and not to forget SARA who hold the fort during the week. There is also MERLE who runs the Shop at Southminster.

It has been a very difficult year for Scout Shops Ltd what with the Flag supplier going into administration and having to resource another supplier and the VAT reduction which only really affects some of the items which we sell. It is good that they have been able to maintain prices on the uniforms at the same level for the last 4 years, hopefully that will continue.

The new Scout Handbook is now in stock retailing out at £8, it covers all Scout Troops Land, Sea and Air and feedback has been very good, another new item out will be The Young Leader's Investiture Certificates, on order and should be in the shop soon. The Baseball caps for all sections have been redesigned, Beaver and Scout's are in stock, Cub's are on order.

A number of Hut/outdoor Games are now available to order only they are all Giant size, Playing Cards £10, Snakes and Ladders £12, Wooden Skittles £22, Noughts and Crosses £8, 4 in a Row £22, Draughts £11, Dominoes £12, Chess £23, Quoits £5.75p, Croquet £16, Tower £24, Pick up Sticks £17, Boules Set £17 and Limbo £17.

It is hoped to have an updated version of The Beaver Scout Badge Book in stock soon.

There are two Thanks card in stock in the shop, one has a woven logo inserted into the card and comes with an envelope the other is postcard size with picture and words from the Chief Scout.

The Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Belts at £2.25 have been a very popular buy.

There is a large selection of Certificates in stock which include Beaver Investiture, Well Done, Moving On and The Bronze Award, Cub Investiture, Well Done, Moving On and The Silver Award they are not on display so please ask to see them.

There is also a large selection of posters in stock for all the sections.

With sale figures keeping abreast with last year I would expect the surplus made should be as good so your Group credit returns should be as last year around 15%.

So Thank you to all that support The District Scout Shop whether it is at Prances or at Southminster, where at both you will receive a warm welcome. We do hear that at Prances it sometimes becomes a Leaders meeting place.

SCOUT SHOP ADDRESS

PRANCES SCOUT CAMP

GREAT TOTHAM ROAD



MALDON AND EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

ARE AGENTS FOR

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS