

THE ESSEX ADVENTURE



Is it sunrise yet?

George Cook is joined by Beavers and Cubs from Colchester. Their celebrations started with a viewing of Shrek 3, they then all had a sleep over (well some did) at the Town Hall before renewing their promise together with the rest of the district.



A new dawn for scouting at the new campfire/chapel at Belchamps

Over 1500 saw in the sunrise at Belchamps with an inspiring speech from Den Tubby. And whilst there was some quite reflective time, the Scouts' voices could be heard across the camp as they celebrated by singing campfire songs from around the world.



Burning the camp at each end

If they aren't going to sleep they might as well see the sun come up. That was the attitude of the cubs at Chigwell row campsite. After the disco some probably got a little sleep but they were all up if not awake to see the sunrise. This was followed by a wide game, breakfast and the renewal of promise at 8am.



Jumping for joy

"Baden-Powell brought 20 scouts together on Brownsea Island. We have brought 20 to the Mulberry harbour" said James Robinson "despite many things changing Scouting still brings together a real mixture of people to have fun."



A great adventure

Sunrise at Thriftwood was not just about the 8am renewal it was a celebration. They started as they meant to go on with an array of activities to entertain and challenge. This was the beginning of a great new adventure!



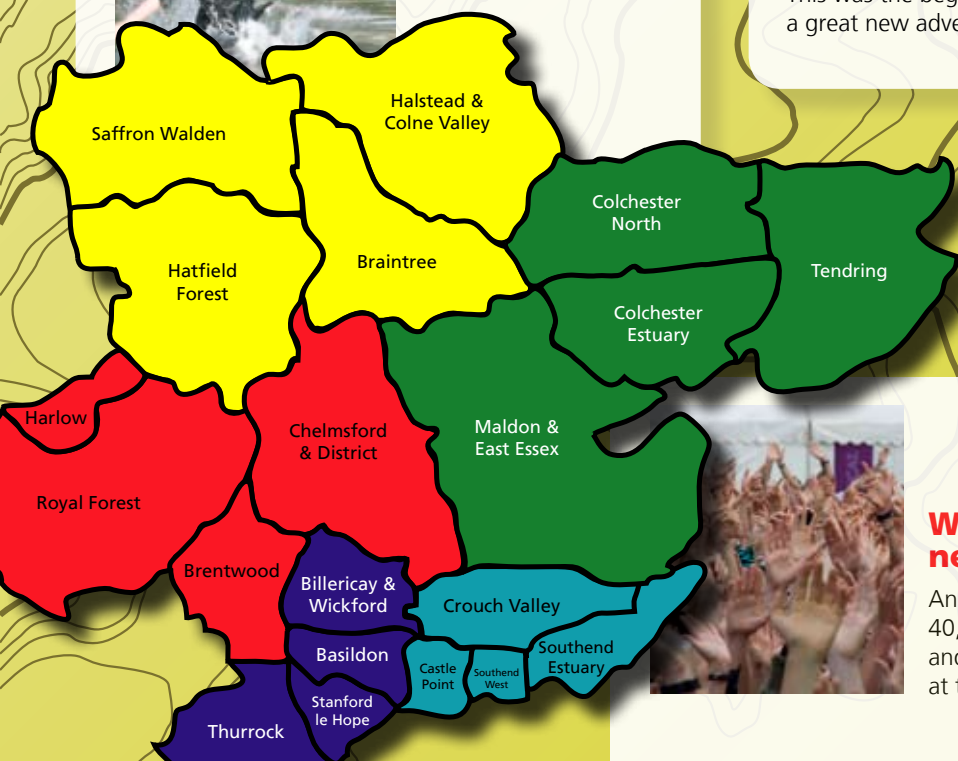
Seaing in the celebration

Scouts from Colchester made the most of the good weather and celebrated on the estuary. Members from all sections joined in to ensure that it was a renewal of promise and friendships.



Welcoming in the new century

And of course we couldn't forget the 40,000 who lifted their hearts, hands and voices to see in the new centenary at the World Scout Jamboree.



THE LAST ADVENTURE



The Essex Experience a great example!

The 12th Essex Experience proved to be the most successful yet and not just for the youth of Essex. In a year when the politicians are wanting more people to get involved in volunteering and physical challenge, Essex is doing just that.

The activity camp is organised by Scouting, and run by volunteers for young people who aren't Scouts. They

are a great opportunity for participants and leaders to develop themselves and their friendships; increase scouting; and of course, to improve people's lives.

From the week's intensive training for the leaders, to the real business scenarios for the young people to run. From the outdoor activities, to the more thought provoking workshops the Essex Experience has it all.

Its success has led to many awards including a regional training award and numerous High Sheriff's Awards. It is innovative and so highly considered by The Scout Association that they are encouraging its duplication across the UK – it has already been picked up by Scouting and other interested groups in Northern Ireland.

Becky's Marathon Blog

After weeks of planning and an aspiration to win, we set off to the New Forest to compete in the 2007 County Marathon.

I couldn't wait, and even though I'd completed other hikes the idea of packing anything with the word 'emergency' always creates a little apprehension! After a great start, our team, Orpheus A from Brentwood took a turn for the worst.

By evening the team was tired, wet and lost. Sunday did brighten up a little and so did our step, although not enough to win. I just can't wait till next year! **You can read all of Becky's marathon blog online.**

The winners were:

Explorer Novice – Lynx B – Crouch Valley

Explorer Experienced – FIENNES A – Castle Point

Network Experienced – Trax C

Fellowship/Leaders Novice – 1st

Earls Colne Halstead & Colne Valley

Explorer Experienced – The Undertakers Halstead & Colne Valley



Why in Wye?

The Queen Scout Award is still seen as a key achievement for Scouts and for six members of the Scout Network they are one step, or rather stroke, closer. To meet one of the requirements they paddled nearly 80 miles from Hay to Monmouth.

Because they had to be completely self sufficient they packed the kayaks to the brim. Frankie Abbott from Phoenix Network in Grays said "I'm really glad I chose to complete my expedition on the water, as much as I love walking, kayaking just made the trip really special."



"We thought the jamboree was fantastic, but living in our new friends homes made the experience even better, thank you tortoisies!"
Aleya, Karin and Linda, Switzerland did HOHO in Stanstead

"Jambo!" **Samuel**, aged 3, day visitor



"This was by far the most exciting, enjoyable and fun experience I have ever had through Scouting. It was a truly international experience even though I was only 30 minutes from home!"
Karen Packer, Unit Leader



"So many people from so many countries it was so much fun" **Dan Bodey**, participant



Messages from the World Scout Jamboree

One minute interview

Bob Bye

The new County Commissioner



When did you join Scouting?

1968, no it was 67. Good grief it's 40 years ago!!

Why did you join Scouting?

Probably like most boys of my age – my mum sent me!

Why did you carry on in scouting?

I enjoy it, the friendships and the fun!

Other than your recent experience at the WSJ what is your most memorable moment in scouting?

Probably meeting the Duke of Edinburgh and receiving my D of E gold award. The reason I remember, other than the obvious achievement, was when I came over to me he asked "What's a sea scout climbing up mountains for?"

Why did you want to become CC?

To be given the opportunity to make a difference to young people.

What do you aim to achieve?

To make scouting more widely available for youngsters by ensuring scouting is enjoyable for adults and leaders too.

How do you hope to do that?

By having more leader support and activities.

For some scouting is just about badges – what's your favourite?

The one that reminds me of what I'm here for. My membership badge!

You've organised and been to hundreds of camps. What's the one thing you always remember to pack?

That's easy, my toothbrush!

Vacancy list

- Local Training Manager – Braintree
- Local Training Manager – Brentwood
- Local Training Manager – Southend Estuary
- Team Leader Roles – Essex
- International Jamboree 2008
- County Scout Network Administrator
- Essex County Scout Archery Team
- Child Protection Coordinator
- Activity Instructors for Skreens Park
- Thriftwood County HQ Centre Manager
- County Fundraiser

For more information on role, responsibilities and how to apply go to www.essexscouts.org.uk/vacancy

Working together to achieve the adventure for all

Scouting in Essex is stronger than any other county and it's profile has obviously been increased with the WSJ. As a county it is therefore imperative that it goes from strength to strength. Because of this, in addition to the general mission of the everyday adventure, the county team with the support of the DC's have created a list of aims for the next year.

Aim 1: Better Communications

Aim 2: Effective Adult Volunteer Support

Aim 3: Increased Pool of Adults in Scouting

Aim 4: Recruit and retain Young People as future adults in Scouting

For more details on what these aims mean and how we aim achieve them together look on www.essexscouts.org.uk/ countydevelopment

Supporting your Development

For ideas on when the next training course is to help you grow your Group look on www.essexscouts.org.uk for details of training events or www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources/ for learning options.

For all other training enquires contact Ian Scott – County Training Manager on 01375 385 985 / training@essexscouts.org.uk

YOUR ADVENTURE



Where did you get invested?

One's investiture, one's entry into the family of scouting, is an important moment. For Owen Childs, from Stifford Dolphins, it was a day he'll never forget.

As a day trip from his camp at Condoovers, Owen and his pack went to the WSJ. "It was amazing, I stood in the World Scout Centre, in front of my pack, visitors and Scouts from all over the world and Akela invested me. After it finished everyone came up and congratulated me."

A special opportunity for Owen, but do you remember yours, and even more why you did it?

THE ESSEX ADVENTURE

Welcome back to another edition of the Essex adventure. We have had some great feedback on the last edition, I'm glad you are enjoying it, so please keep it coming.

In fact the only piece of negative feedback is that not everybody got the chance to read it. Because of this we are reviewing our distribution system. Remember, this is about the adventure of scouting in Essex, so should be read by everyone involved in Scouting and those that would like to be. So if you would like your own copy there are two ways you can receive it – by mail or by email. All you need to do is

1. Go to www.scouts.org.uk/membership and update your membership details
2. Email us your membership number and either your address or email address and we will ensure that you get your own copy

Finally this is your county newsletter, if there are items you'd like to see in it then please let me have them!

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"Having helped make it happen it was amazing to be there while it happened and the experience will certainly stay with me for ever." **Stuart Watson**, IST

"I was really honoured to have the opportunity to meet Prince William and really proud to share scouting with him" **Jess Preston**, Participant, Eastie Beasts



THE NEXT ADVENTURE

Following a year of high profile events in Essex to celebrate the centenary of Scouting, the jamboree fever continues into next summer with the eagerly anticipated 15th Essex International Jamboree 2008.

Jamboree Fever '08



The jamboree is a special opportunity for Essex Scouts and Guides over the age of 10 to experience the worldwide family of Scouting by camping together with their

Troop in small sub camps alongside youngsters from across the UK and the world. During the week, Scouts and Explorers will get to take part in a wide range of activities and entertainments covering everything from the quiet and relaxed to the noisy and thrill seeking.

The Essex International Jamboree boasts the largest number of participants to a county jamboree in the UK, and it is likely that it will match the number of participants that attended EuroJam in 2005. A tented town will be constructed on Devereux Farm in Kirby-le-Soken, home to the last three events, where you can expect to find a whole host of shopping, eating and relaxation areas for all.

If you're aged over 16 you also have the opportunity to join in on the fun and become a member of staff where you'll have plenty of time to relax or party whilst helping to ensure you do your bit to make the event take place.

The jamboree runs for a week between the 26th July to the 2nd August and further information, including online booking details, can be found on the website – www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree

The Leader

"The Essex International Jamboree is an experience that no Scout should miss. Not only is a chance to catch up with old friends it's a great way of meeting new ones. My Scouts get the chance to learn how others from around the world live and the contribution scouting makes." – Gary, Scout Leader

The Staff Member

"I was part of the Bog Squad team going round checking and cleaning the toilets and showers. It sounds like the worst job at

the Jamboree but I have done it more than once and I love it! I really enjoy working with Site Services, I can't wait to see them all again in July" – Amy, Brownie Leader

The Organiser

"I hope that everyone at the jamboree gets a truly international experience, so that everyone meets new people, makes new friends, has a go at activities they may not usually get a chance to try and to learn a little more about the world around us" – Clare, Assistant Scout Leader

Activities

The jamboree provides a week of fun and adventure with archery, canoeing, abseiling, air rifles, incident challenge, ice-climbing, sailing, day visits and crafts.

Services

The jamboree site will be put together with 13 miles of pipes, wires and cables, 700 light bulbs, 2 million litres of water and 10 thousand toilet rolls.

Location

Devereux Farm is 126 acres of farm land on the outskirts of the village of Kirby-le-Soken in the north east coastal area of the Essex countryside.

Entertainments

36 hours of live acts and music, 20 hours of dance music and 2 films per night for 5 nights will keep everyone entertained all week.

Prices

The participant fee of £125 includes all jamboree activities and entertainments.

The staff fee is £65 and includes catering and access to staff social areas including bars, entertainments and relaxation areas.

A special fee of £20 is available to Staff Support Leaders, who are Leaders wishing to cook and camp with their Troop but can offer part time staff support to the event.

All the jamboree fees also include a badge, a scarf and your camping fees.



ECSCT



Who are they? Essex County Scouts Caving Team

Why are they there? To help expand the wealth of experience that Scouting can offer. Caving stretches individuals in many ways not the least of which is overcoming fears of tight places and heights.

What do they do? ECSCT provides the opportunity for older Scouts and Explorers to try caving and to gain the relevant badges. Any young person that shows an aptitude for caving will be offered the opportunity to train further so that they can assist on the Badge Courses and become a member of the team. Scout Network and Leaders can also join the team

and with training and assessment gain their Caving Permit.

Where have I seen them? Well caving is unusual in that that none of the places we cave are in Essex – indeed the only caves we have are artificial ones. We provided the Caving Simulator for the WSJ.

Where can I next see them? If invited we will come to your troop or unit to explain what the team does, what it involves and how we can provide the Caving experience for you. Our next badge course will be in June 2008.

How can I contact them? Visit www.ecsct.org or email caving@essexscouts.org.uk.



Wordsearch

Find the Essex Jamboree-themed words in the puzzle! Words can be found going left, right, up, down or diagonally.

T E A N O G A R D O D O M O K
 T H I I P D E A H D Y R R N G
 A A E U M N G M M N R K E P R
 H P Y G M Y H I P P O U E A A
 U C A N A D I A N W O L F D D
 I A O E A M A M I E A E I N N
 A V N P B M E U E L K I I A I
 D S O T G A L R L E E L T P M
 R E N D T P A T E G A U L D V
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 A M L M G G I R N N A L V R G
 H H H U U A O U T O M R N E R
 E D M H K R A V D R A A E Y E

Amur Tiger
 Pygmy Hippo
 Red Panda
 Orangutan

Elephant
 Humboldt Penguin
 Komodo Dragon
 The Game Reserve

Lemur
 Canadian Wolf
 Aardvark



Obituary

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of David Evans who passed away earlier this month. For many he will be remembered in his formal roles as CC or County President for others as the well spoken man who was always ready to help, the last to leave and the one who picked up everybody else's litter!

Remember Remember the 5th of November

All over the county, Scouts are celebrating Guy Fawkes.

Belchamps - Saturday 3rd November Gates open at 6pm Bonfire 7-30pm Fireworks at 8pm
 On the gate adults £4 and under 16s £3
 01702 562692 for Tickets & info

Danbury fireworks - Saturday 3rd November Gates open at 5.30pm Bonfire 7-30pm Fireworks at 8pm Tickets adults £6 and under 16s £3 call 07792963498 for Tickets & info
 Check out what your camp site is up to.

The next Lewis Hamilton?

Forget horse power it's Pedal power we are interested in!! Yes on the 11-13th January 2008 Thriftwood host the national pedal car Olympics. Last year saw Corringham Pegasus Scouts win the junior section and they are eager to be back to back champions. If you think you have the legs then contact Thriftwood 01277 212784 for more details.

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Never before, never again, one day, one place, once in a lifetime, the best of 2007. Join us at the festival of scouting on the 24th November at the O2 Arena.

Not only will you get see circus activities, bands and performers from all sections celebrating 100 years of scouting. You will get to see the Essex contribution. Essex is coordinating the Network section together with the cast of the Southend Gangshow participating within the 3000 cast. Tickets are still available: www.scouts.org/live07 Contact administrator@southendgangshow.org



Photo competition

What has captured your imagination this year? What has been the moment that for you sums up the centenary. Well if you got it on camera then we want to see it. The top 10 will appear in the next edition and the winner will receive a copy of the WSJ Gift DVD and Book.

All entries to be sent to news@essexscouts.org and must be in by the 1st December 07.



SUPPORTING THE ADVENTURE

Forever Autumn

As it gets dark earlier, the leaves change colour to burnished gold and the temperature drops, we know that Autumn is upon us. This seasonal change brings with it lots of opportunities to experience the adventure of Scouting both in and outdoors.

Autumn Leaves

- Collect fallen leaves and make leaf rubbings using thin white paper and crayons, or poster paint to make prints
- Collect acorns and plant them up to grow oak trees. Those that are successful could be donated to the local campsite for planting out
- Make compost – not just for the sake of it, but to fertilise the Unit Veg patch at the headquarters (what do you mean you do not have one?) Grown your own in the ground or in tubs / pots and enjoy the harvest!

Autumn Outdoors

- Go on a nature walk with the Colony or Pack – see what is just starting to grow and what bugs there are
- Go Night Hiking with the Troop – try a sundown to sunrise event
- Run an Incident Hike or Survival Camp for Explorers or Network

Autumn Larder

- Fungi hunt – find a local expert that can take your section out on a Mushroom Hunt and help you find the safe and tasty varieties. Don't attempt this unless you have someone with you who knows what to pick and what to avoid
- Go berry picking – again make sure that you know what you are collecting. Hedgerow treats such as Blackberries could be turned into jam as a novel activity within the section meeting (all you need is sugar, fruit, stove, pans and jars)
- Visit a local farmers market and see what produce is on offer from the surrounding area and then have a cook off competition

Autumn Festivals

- Bonfire Night will be upon us later in the year. Why not take the opportunity on a dark autumnal night to have an activity that involves firelighting – campfire singing or fire eating – whatever takes your fancy
- Harvest festival – many Christian Churches will hold a Harvest Festival Service to thank their God for the bountiful supply of food that this season brings. Arrange your own Scouts Own Harvest Festival (multi faith) to give thanks for the food that we eat. Arrange a food collection for products that can be sent out to countries less fortunate than us (look on the web for groups that support this activity)

Essex Support

Finally, or should it be eventually, you will find all the factsheets about Scouting in Essex on the website that will help you with your Scouting in the county. A new directory has recently been added and they can be all viewed under the adult support menu at www.essexscouts.org.uk