



Essex Experience News

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A Dark Presence At Skreens Park...

Chilling sightings are beginning to confirm the rumoured legend of Black Shuck. It is said that Black Shuck's eerie presence is the only remaining legacy of the old Skreens Park Manor House.

For many years now, individuals have taken it upon themselves to provide evidence of the existence of this so-called legend, but unfortunately to no avail.

We require your help to unravel the age-old mystery that haunts this place to this very day.

**Please meet us at the
Campfire Circle at 8pm.**

We need your help!

**You've got to be
joking...**

Today's offering comes from Harlow Challenge....

Q: What do you call a donkey with three legs?

A: A Wonkey

If you think you can do better, then let us know at *Essex Experience News* and the best ones will appear here.

Dancing Queens?

Check out this great dancing from last night's disco!



Random request to all Leaders...

If any of you are using *Kingsmill* bread this weekend, and it has 'Kit for Clubs' tokens on it, please can you save them and drop them into the *Essex Experience News* office. Thank you!

Film!

You may think you're in the middle of a field (well you are!) but with no expense spared, tonight's entertainment comes in the form of a cinema. At 9pm, *The Pirates of the Caribbean* will be shown in the barn.

In true cinema style, popcorn will be available at 50p.

Get there early if you want to get a back seat...!

Photos

You may have noticed some people wandering around the site pointing cameras in your face. If you want to look at photographs taken this weekend, or indeed any Essex Scout event, log onto

www.photos.essexscouts.org.uk

where you can view photos, and even buy prints!

Got something to say?

Essex Experience News Headquarters is sited in the Leaman Building. It's the new building, straight up from the toilet block, and also houses the First Aid Centre.

If you have any interesting news, exciting stories or more or less anything that you'd like to see in a future edition of *Essex Experience News*, give it to your Challenge Leader, who'll pass it on to us.

Warning! Wildlife!

As you've probably noticed by now, we are sharing the site this weekend with a large number of friends with fin and fur.

Chelmsford Challenge would like to warn all of you about the wolves they spotted last night. Apparently they are small, red, and have bushy tails. (We think they actually saw foxes...!)

You might have thought it was too stagnant and smelly, but down at the lake a rather large pike was spotted leaping out of the water. Reports vary on its size, but there are rumours that it's the same fish that 'attacked' a member of the canoeing team when he was a Cub, many years ago...

If you're all quiet later(!), you may see other furry friends coming out to play, so keep your eyes open.

News from the Challenges

Loads of fun was had on Saturday, with water playing a major part! Participants from **Uttlesford Challenge** were seen trying to catch the water filled balloons as they were fired from their ballista... down at the lake members from **Ford Challenge** kept capsizing, so gave up with their canoes and started chucking each other in the water... slightly drier were **Southend Challenge** who spent some of their time making cards and decorating egg cups to take home... **Colchester Challenge** have adopted a new member from Uttlesford. Toni would have been the only girl on Uttlesford Challenge, so rather than her be lonely, she was kindly taken in by Colchester... Colchester also enjoyed a game of football against **Chelmsford Challenge**. No-one can remember who won, or even what the score was, but everyone's pretty certain that Chris scored a hat-trick... Perhaps they're feeding them too much at **Thurrock Challenge**. Whilst taking part in the high rope activity, a branch started creaking and snapped off! (They blamed the wind...!?)

A quick word of warning to all those playing football. Always keep your eye on the ball, but don't forget to look where you're going at the same time. Watch out for fences....



**You don't need us to tell you what you've been up to today, you were doing it!
See if you can spot yourself in any of our pictures.**