

Southend Estuary Scout District News and Notes



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Send your articles to newsandnotes@southendestuarydistrictscouts.org.uk by 20th of the month to be included in the next edition. We would especially love to hear from the young people about their Scouting adventures with photos as well.
Derek Hagan Editor.



District Commissioners Report October 2017

Visits. I visited the District selection weekend camp to choose young people to go forward to the County selection weekend for the 2019 World Jamboree in America and was impressed with the enthusiasm and camaraderie of the attendees and wish those scouts who have been chosen to go forward every success at the County event. I also went to see the scouts at the Indoor badge weekend which seemed to be going very well with a good mixture of badges on offer namely Chef, Craft, DIY, Electronics, Geocaching, Mechanic, Model Maker, Photographer and Pioneer. Some of the activities were outdoors and thankfully they were blessed with good weather. Similarly, the rain kept off for the Explorer Halloween event at Dove Woods though it was pretty cold. Whilst there I judged the Halloween Costumes, which was a difficult task as there were some superb costumes. Thanks to all the leaders who put in a lot of time to make these events so successful. I have made a number of visits to meetings and as usual seen a wide variety of excellent activities in progress.

Wake Up Weekend and Renewal of Promise. A date for your diary is the weekend of 13-15 April 2018 and Renewal of Promise will be on the Saturday evening as usual. This year we will not be sharing with Crouch Valley District so the queues should be shorter for activities.

New adults / Interviews / Training. Once again I need to emphasise the importance of new leaders being interviewed, DBS checked, completing their 'Getting Started' training and all other leaders completing their wood badge training timely. If the dates of courses in Southend Estuary are inconvenient courses are run in neighbouring Districts. Also please note that courses for all modules will be running at Scout School at Moulsham High School, Chelmsford on the weekend 3-4 March. Lifts can be arranged if leaders have no transport. Can I ask that if you need to complete anything listed above you contact your GSL so we can get up to date with all these requirements. Also if no days when training courses are being run are suitable please tell your GSL which days / evenings you are able to attend.

2019-23 Strategy. The level of response from within the District was rather disappointing and unsurprisingly views differed according to which section people were involved with. I have completed the on-line survey from the responses I received.

The two principal themes identified were the need to attract more leaders, to offer better quality training (digital for those working with younger sections, more practical for those working with older sections) and enabling leaders to provide better quality programmes and better systems for record keeping. Other themes were better publicity of what we are doing and the benefit of experience of scouting in adult life such as improved career prospects and a better life style.

Shop. Jean Collins had a spell in Hospital and I'm pleased to say she is now recovering well though of necessity must take things easy for a while yet. The shop was closed for a short period of time but Frank Castle (ESL Mercator) has reopened the shop and together with some other leaders, Explorer scouts and helpers the shop is doing well again and gifts of goods will be very welcome. Opening times are Mon-Sat 9.00am till 3.00pm.

Newsletter: Please note the newsletter is now to be issued every two months rather than monthly. From the beginning of 2018 the newsletter will be issued at the end of January, March, May, July, September and November. As ever please send articles and pictures of exciting activities to the editor Derek Hagan.

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Belchamps Scout Activity Centre

Massive thank you to all those that came to last nights Fireworks Display. Also a big thank you to all the staff that volunteered there time to make it happen and all of the volunteers from our local Scouting community that also came and helped run the event. The event was a great success and we look forward to seeing lots of you again next year.



Belchamps JOTA JOTI Busy & hugely rewarding day with so much going on, lots of radio activities and internet activities, all along with activities open around the campsite, great games like the radio chase and some electronic activities, lots of Cubs and Scouts passing the communicators badge.

The Essex ham team supporting the event were just amazing, with their enthusiasm for radio being passed on with the some skills used for amateur radio. new for this year JOTI.tv with JOTIcafe a world scout approved connection, this proved to be an amazing opportunity to meet and chat and even a camp fire song or two

This young man on
the air for the first
time.

Just one of the Communicator
Badge work bases in action.

B BE our special event callsign
on use all weekend

Training Courses and Validations

There are a number of training courses available to help you get you wood badge and stay up to date, as well as validation nights to get your training recorded.

There is a requirement to book onto the training courses, this is to make sure enough recourses and enough of the District Training team can be there of you.

To make this easy to do we have made you the following links.....



1. Register for training with Essex Scouts (your membership number is useful for this)
2. Browse the courses (you can only book if you log in first)
3. If you are returning to the webpage to log in you will need to start at the first box

That is all there is to it guys, good luck with your training Valerie the Local training manager is the last box above, this is incase of a problem.

You can find this info and more on the district website..

<http://www.southendestuarydistrictscouts.org.uk/training/>

Derek

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Southend Estuary Scout District Shop

49 Ness Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9DB

The profit from the shop helps support ALL Groups in the District, by subsidising the annual membership fees, district events, badges and awards to All our young people.



Please encourage parents and supporters to visit, or donate good quality items.

Why not come see for yourselves and buy a bargain from our variety of quality goods!

**Shop Open: Mon - Tus - Thurs - Fri
9am - 3pm**