



**1st Beacon Hill  
Scout Group  
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**Happy Christmas  
to you all!**



# Beacon Flame

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## We Need You Postman Pat's (& Patricia's!)

Following close on the heels of the hugely successful Rock Barn Dance, we are now up and running for this year's **Scouts Christmas Post**. Paul 'the rock' Mutton is assisting one last time and guiding us all through, Alison is helping with the co-ordination, and Claire & Alison are on daily post-box collection - many thanks to them for stepping forwards and to those of you signing up on the schedules! We hope to raise £350+ **which will go directly towards a new campfire/shelter area**, scheduled for construction in Spring 2007! (more on that from Andrew in the next issue.....)

Please help with the post any way you can, deliver to a 'round' of streets and/or helping with the sorting one night in the small hut. There are explanatory notes/ opening times in the big hut, near the Street & sorting schedules, and a copy on our Web site or just call or e-mail me if you have any queries.

Sorting & stamping takes place in the small hut and it looks much easier than it sounds! (I avoided it myself for years - Sorry Paul - I thought the fairies did it!) But there is always someone to talk you through it, and it actually looks quite good fun, and if you get a team/family on the job it can be done pretty quickly i.e. 30-40mins - Please help to share the load - Many thanks and a very Happy Christmas to you all. Karl

## Rock Barn Dance Spectacular!

This event was a brave fundraising venture organised entirely by Emma and Claire and it certainly ticked all the boxes-

Over 80 guests (max capacity) filled Great Totham village Hall and had a ball, dancing and listening to the electric music -by the fabulous Bushes and Briars. - Cheers Paul and the gang!

We raised over **£810 clear profit** and we will be looking to spend that on the site improvements and to improve the quality of events that Leaders can put on for 2007!

The raffle of 20 quality prizes, **worth over £300** mainly donated by local businesses (see list page 4) and the hamper put together by generous parents, proved popular. Many thanks to all those that either contributed and/or bought tickets (full winners list on the web site! ...) Next year ' it could be you! '

There was an overwhelming feeling that it was a really great night out for all ages, and the band said we were a 'class audience, really mucking in from the opening chords'

Thanks to Emma (yummy mushy peas!), Alison (raffle), and John (announcements) on the night and to everyone that helped during the evening and in particular to those that stayed to clear up - we were wrapped up within 40 minutes and after a long day setting up, that was most appreciated.

The **Fish and Chips** were great quality, many said, so thanks to The Friendly Fryer of Maldon - Thanks Kevin 'We'll be back!'

There are lots of dodgy photos on the web site - have a gander - sorry about the quality (that was me) - Any David Bailey's, please step forward next year. Everyone wanted a repeat performance in 2007 and I am pleased to say Emma & Claire have agreed - fantastic!.....**but buy your tickets early as it will be a sell-out!**

## News

### Mrs/Mr Mop Wanted!

To keep the hut floors, kitchen and loos in good order we might need to pay for a regular weekly clean up. Currently, the Leaders do a great job getting mud swept out after each session, but having spent hours of their free time looking after scouts it's not fair to expect them to spend excessive amounts of time cleaning! Before we approach 'outsiders' we would be delighted to take on a parent in a professional capacity—so if you are interested please call Claire (01621 892825) or drop her an email: jarvis727@aol.com.

### 2006/7 Subscriptions

Many thanks to those that have already paid this years subs. May I remind those that have yet to pay to do so as soon as possible. Any queries regarding subs should be made to Emma Hodgkinson on 01621 853205.

### Recycling Waste Paper

Please do not forget to drop your waste paper into the 2 bins on site for recycling. We get paid for waste!

### Ink cartridges

We can earn extra cash (as much as £3.50 per cartridge) for recycling the following ink cartridges: Brother; Canon; Compaq; Dell; Epson; HP; Lexmark; Olivetti; Samsung and Zerox. Please seal each one in a food/sandwich bag and drop at the hut.

### District News Flash

The new name of the new combined district of East Essex and Maldon & Dengie will be 'Maldon & East Essex'. This is likely to be up and running from Feb/March 2007 but with a smooth transition planned from that date to April this should not have too much of a disruptive impact.

The new District Commissioner (DC), effective from that date will be Rob Freake and we congratulate him on his appointment. Many thanks to Chas Ingham our current DC for his years of hard work - we hope to see Chas still involved in scouting and I know you join me in wishing him all the best. Karl.



Members of East Essex and Maldon and Dengie District Scout Councils

01/11/2006

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Rob Freake has agreed to become the District Commissioner for the new District comprising of the current Scout Districts of Maldon and Dengie and East Essex. His appointment is effective immediately. However, Rob will work with both Chas and Brian over the coming months in order to make the transition into the new District progress as smoothly as possible.

The new District will be called Maldon and East Essex. Thank you to all of you that offered suggestions for the name of the District your comments were appreciated.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank both Brian and Chas for the work that they have done to grow and develop Scouting in their time as DC. The role of DC is a most challenging position and both have carried out the role with dedication and commitment.

I have tasked Rob with continuing the process, of growing and developing Scouting within your part of the County. I am sure that you will give him all of the support and assistance that he requires to lead the new District forward. Rob will communicate with you in the near future and he can be contacted at:

11 Witham Lodge, Witham CM8 1HG Tel: 01376 513280. Mobile: 07885 371 195

Change is always a difficult thing to manage and there will be things that you will, no doubt, find difficult, but rest assured Rob has my full backing and support. I have every confidence in his ability to work with you all in fulfilling his role. Having spoken to Rob about his plans for the future, I am sure that you will find them as exciting as I do.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months, as you with Rob, tackle the challenges ahead.

Good Scouting to you all.

Rob Lyon  
County Commissioner



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## Events Diary

- 10th January 2007 Executive Committee Meeting
- 3rd February 2007 Giant Jumble Sale. 1.30pm start.
- 16th-18th February 2007 Scout Winter Camp,
- 26th May 2007 Centenary Camp
- 4th August 2007 Sunrise Breakfast

### District Events

13th January 2007 100 years of Scouting Dinner & Dance.  
Cliffs Pavilion. Contact Emmabrowne@themail.co.uk

## Sectional News

### District Cub Quiz.

Congratulations! We won once again! A bumper number of our cubs took part this year!

**District Swimming Gala.** The cub section was a tied 1<sup>st</sup> place for three packs, Beacon Hill, Silver End and Hatfield Peverel. Silver End won the Scout section with Beacon Hill coming in 2nd. 3rd Witham won the Centurion shield, so everyone had something to celebrate. Congratulations and well done to all who participated in this event.

## Scout Lotto Bonus Ball

For just £10 each month you can exclusively 'own' your chosen number. If your number matches that of the Bonus Ball drawn each Saturday under the National Lottery 'Lotto' draw, you win £30. Twice each year this prize money is increased to **£300!**

Anyone wishing to own a number may contact Graham, 891945 for a list of available number.



### Site work

There was a fantastic turn out in November for the 2nd of this years site tidy ups. A big welcome to all new Beaver parents!

The new kitchen is nearly up and running - thanks due to Brian, Tony & Les for an incredible amount of hard work and personal time donated.

There was lots of leaf collecting, trimming, and planting - well done everyone - it's looking really good.

The new big container is on order and the site has been cleared and prepared in readiness of this.

Plans for a new Campfire & Shelter have been drawn up and these will be part of the Spring 2007 projects we have planned.



## Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 12th November the Royal British Legion held a service at the War Memorial. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and this year the Guides attended. There was an excellent turnout and the British Legion thanked all who attended and for supporting this occasion.

1st Beacon Hill and the Guides paraded to the memorial from the hut and when the service was over paraded back for sausage rolls, a cup of juice and for the adults a glass of warm mulled wine.

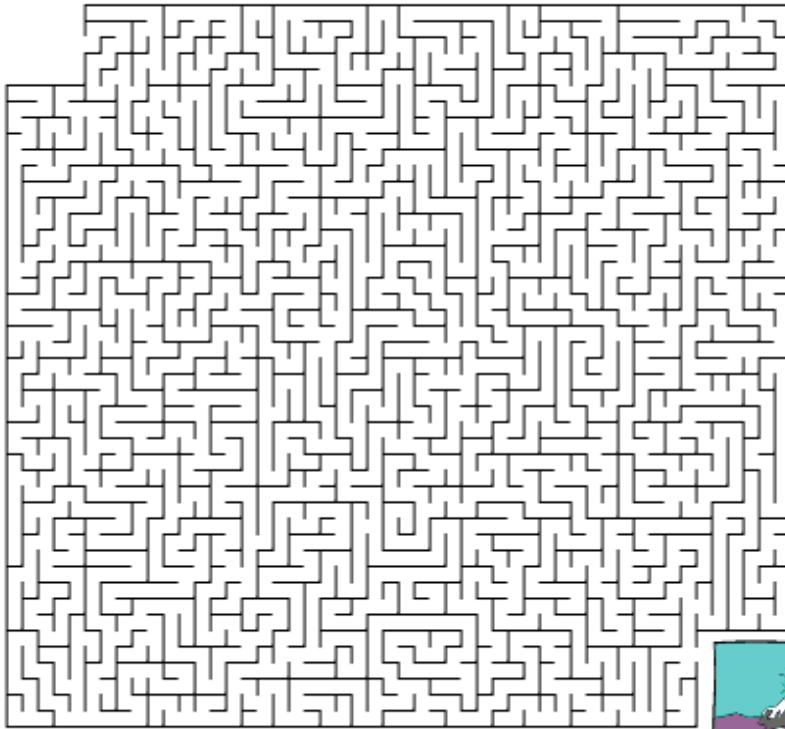
Thank you to all who attended, all of whom are a credit to Beacon Hill.

Andrew Goodwin, Scout Leader



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Take the sled back to the hill, where you can  
go for a ride!



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## Who's Who at Beacon Hill

### Leaders:

Group Scout Leader: Janet Richardson (Tel 893060)

Scout Leaders—Tornados : Andrew Goodwin, Ian Williams. Young Leaders:  
Sebastian Hore & Katy Reid.

Cub Scout Leaders—Eagles: Wendy Westwood, Sue Lucas

Cub Scout Leaders—Wolves: Lucy Bettley, Andrew Garrett, Jerry Read,  
Jennine Pook

Beavers Leaders—Captain's Wood: Maureen Webber, Linda Wyman

### Executive Committee:

Chairman: Karl Jarvis (Tel 892825)

Secretary: Alison Dempsey (Tel 891701)

Treasurer: Paul Anderson (Tel 892089)

Membership Secretary: Emma Hodgkinson (Tel 853205)

Waiting List Secretary: Brenda Heal (Tel 891874)

Quartermaster: Barry & Rita Martin (Tel 891813)

### Other Committee Members:

John Richardson (Tel 893060),

Graham Finch (Tel 891945), Steve Dempsey (Tel 891701), Brian Kennedy  
(Tel 890039), Gordon Knott (Tel 858367)

**Finally, a grateful thank-you to all our Adult Volunteers!**

Please feel free to contact any of the above by phone, or email at  
info@1stbeaconhill.org.uk .