



# NEWSLETTER

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## SUN SHINES FOR SUMMER CAMP

A better week could not have been chosen for the 2011 EBGC Summer Camp as the sun blessed us with its presence for the majority of our stay in the Lake District. Nine young people from *EBGC Respect, Upminster CC, Linford Wanderers, West Bergholt YC and Ingatstone Boys Own Club* met at Stubbers on Saturday 30th July to begin the long journey up to High Row.

An action packed programme of climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, canoeing and camping awaited the adventurers, but only after a spirited couple of games of Kwik Cricket and football on the common after a long bus journey!



A particular highlight of the week was day three with the mountain biking at Whinlatter Forest, near Keswick, Britain's only purpose built mountain biking complex.

Day four saw an outing on the canoes at Derwent Water. With only four canoes to go round, it was decided to lash them together to make two rafts. Whilst the session was started with good intentions and

the plan of having a race, it soon descended into a mass water-fight!

The week was concluded with the expedition. A 7 mile hike out over High Pike saw young Andy Stark (*West Bergholt Youth Group*) conquer his first ever peak! At the campsite, after cooking on Trangias, the boys took the chance to explore the mines, as well as desperate yet futile attempts to find mobile phone reception!



On returning to the campsite the midgets descended like some sort of plague! By 10.30pm there was still no let up and shining a torch in the air revealed black clouds of them hovering just above our head! At 11pm the decision was taken to head back to the centre, so began the infamous 7 mile hike back in the dark! On the plus side it was a beautifully clear night and the motion kept the midgets at bay. However there were more than a couple of blisters on poor Zak Murray-Richman's (*Upminster CC*) feet! Ah well, a lesson learnt Zak, don't wear Timberland boots up a mountain!

## COMEBACK KINGS!

The Essex Boys and Girls Clubs U16 Representative Football Team recorded a fantastic win against Ritsumeikan Moriyama School U16, who are currently touring England.

The two contrasting styles of football from each team clashed to provide a fascinating spectacle. In the first 30 minutes the Japanese showed their class on the ball and proved very difficult to handle in midfield, going 1-0 up after 20 minutes with a stunning 30 yard strike that glanced off the underside of the crossbar on its way in.



The introduction of James Tremain (*Brentwood Athletic FC*) as a lone striker, and debutante Billy Bilton (*Upminster CC*) tucking into to centre midfield to form a 4-3-3 changed the complexion of the game as EBGC began to find their feet and dominate possession. Goals from Tom Dempsey (*Island Boys & Girls FC*) and Gareth Clark (*Woodham Radars FC*) eventually proved decisive in a closely contested match.

Thanks to Carl Simpson, Chairman at *Maldon & Tiptree Youth FC* for hosting the match and also agreeing to a friendly between MTYFC and the Japanese U18 team at the same time. The facilities and welcome provided were second to none.

# A WEEKEND OF ADVENTURE



The weekend of 23rd – 25th June encompassed the third Adventure Weekend at Stubbers Adventure Centre. After a slightly damp Friday night, Saturday morning broke bright and sunny with over 250 young people from Essex, Kent, Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Hertfordshire emerging from their tents for an intense day of activities.

The weekend runs over three days starting at 6pm on Friday when groups arrive and set up camp in preparation for two days of activities before leaving on Sunday evening. A queue and go system is used on the Saturday and Sunday, much like an amusement park. There were thirteen activities to choose from across the weekend, these were; *Climbing, Abseiling, Leap of Faith, All Terrain Boarding, ARGO Cat Driving, Tunnelling, Canoeing, Bell Boating Banana Boating, Jet Skiing, Archery, Air Rifle Shooting, Drascomb Sailing and High Ropes.* After an action-packed day the adventurers were treated to a piping hot meal kindly provided by volunteer caterers Berna Cranmer, Sue Pell, Jan Davis and Claire Broadbent, before the evening

activities began with the football cage being set up as well as Kwik Cricket.



Thanks to Stubbers Adventure Centre and its staff without whom the weekend would not have been possible. Dates have now been set for the weekend of **22nd- 24th June 2012** so get it in your diaries and look out for the Posters and Entry Forms in the New Year!

## THE PAVILION VIEW...

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs brought their cricket season to a close with a resounding victory over Maldon CC at Great Totham Cricket Club. The time honoured tradition from Maldon is to let the opposition bat first. EBGC got off to a good start with openers Waj Bukhari (*Frenford Clubs*) and Matt Webb (*Halstead CCC*) put on 53 for the first wicket in 11 overs. EBGC continued this positive start with good contributions from all the batsmen, together with some lusty blows from the lower order. After their 35 overs EBGC had compiled a commanding 182 for 5, with Tristan Blackledge (*Halstead CCC*) top-scoring with 56.

his 62, Maldon never really looked like reaching the total and were eventually bowled out for 123. Pick of the bowling was Sam Walters (*Halstead CCC*), 3-19 in 6 overs and George Edwards (*Halstead CCC*), 3-11 in 6 overs.

Thanks to Maldon CC and Gt Totham CC for hosting the day and to the two appointed umpires – Trevor Merrell and Bob Barnes. There was a man of the match award for both sides which went to Tristan and Jack respectfully.



In reply Maldon got off to the worst possible start, after 2 maiden overs, George Edwards (*Halstead CCC*) got one to nip away and a brilliant reaction catch from Frankie Adams (*Upminster CC*) behind the stumps saw Patel removed for 0. Despite Jack Dobbinson batting very well for

### EBGC U14 SEASON

P	W	D	L
7	4	1	2

#### BATTING PERFORMANCES

G.Pritchard ( <i>Halstead CCC</i> )	91 v. Eton
T. Patel ( <i>Maldon CC</i> )	66* v. Harrow
T. Blackledge ( <i>Halstead CCC</i> )	56 v. Maldon
J. Ahmed ( <i>Frenford Clubs</i> )	54 v. Harrow

#### BOWLING PERFORMANCES

M. Bryant ( <i>Maldon CC</i> )	3.2-1-6-5 (Kim)
M. Foster ( <i>Maldon CC</i> )	6-0-36-4 (Upp)

### EBGC U12 SEASON

P	W	D	L
4	4	0	0

#### BATTING PERFORMANCES

M. Zaidi ( <i>Frenford Clubs</i> )	71 v. CRGS
M. Zamir ( <i>Frenford Clubs</i> )	50 v. Oundle
W. Bukhari ( <i>Frenford Clubs</i> )	40 v. Oundle

#### BOWLING PERFORMANCES

M. Zamir ( <i>Frenford Clubs</i> )	5-0-19-5 (CRGS)
C. Boreham ( <i>Orsett CC</i> )	5-1-11-2 (Kim)

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

24/09/11

Ingatstone Regional Fishing Match

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29/09/11

Bentley Golf Day Fundraiser @ Bentley Golf Course

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01/10/11

33rd Essex Jailbreak Fundraiser @ Chelmsford

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08/10/11

U16 Rep Football Trial @ Basildon

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15/10/11

CYP Boxing, Anglian Round

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22 - 26/10/11

Mountain Skills & Mountain Bike Skills (separate events) @ High Row

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23/10/11

CYP Boxing, Regional Round

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26 - 30/10/11

Young Leaders Weekend @ High Row

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05/11/11

Paintballing Day @ Delta Force, Upminster



# NEWS FROM RINGSIDE

It has been a calm couple of months for some of our boxing clubs as the summer holidays are upon us and our volunteers are taking a well earned rest. However with the season becoming ever closer, and London 2012 to look forward to, there is still plenty of planning to be done developing the sport across Essex.



With the introduction of the first ever competitive women's boxing event at the London 2012 Olympic Games, we piloted a number of ladies-only sessions across 3 clubs. These were Chelmsford ABC, Vange and Pitsea ABC and Chadwell St Mary ABC. The sessions have proved very popular and we hope this may result in

finding another star and national champion to follow in the footsteps of Nina Smith.

We already have numerous county fixtures and championship rounds being staged in Essex which can all be found on [www.abae.co.uk/eastern](http://www.abae.co.uk/eastern).

Our boxing clubs have a great advantage over other areas across England, with access to more than just boxing through the Essex Boys and Girls Clubs. Last year we had over 40 boxers in the EBGC Cross Country, and 2 boxers and a coach from Canvey Island ABC completed the EBGC Three Peaks Challenge in under 24 hours. This year is a great time to get involved in more EBGC activities with the Jailbreak Fundraiser coming up in October, Cross County in the New Year, the County Skipping Championships, the Three Peaks Challenge in June and Stubbers Adventure Centre always open for team building and fun days out.



We have boxing clubs all across Essex linking with other partners in the form of local clubs, schools, further education establishments, community programmes and local authorities. With recent news about the riots nationwide I don't think it was luck that very little trouble was caused in Essex. It is our great volunteers that keep inspiring young people week in, week out across the county that is making the difference. I hope you have all enjoyed some rest and are looking forward to the new season as much as I am!

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# NCS: SUMMER OF SUCCESS!

Young people from across the county have taken advantage of a fantastic opportunity piloted by the Government this summer to take part in an exciting programme called NCS being run by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs in partnership with Catch 22.

NCS gives 16 year olds (young people coming out of year 11) the chance to take part in a summer programme that is challenging, fun and develops skills and confidence. The programme has been piloted in Thurrock, Southend and Braintree and has so far been a fantastic success. It runs over a three week period, starting with a week of outdoor activities and challenges at High Row, the EBGC residential centre in the Lake District. The week is designed to improve teamwork and confidence. The two day expedition was a great experience with the groups proud to 'grab a peak' and learn camp skills while sleeping under the stars for

two nights in bivvy bags. Other activities during the trip included ridge walking up Sharp Edge, climbing and abseiling, a gully bash and waterfall climb, as well as canoeing and a river cross.



The following week the groups met at Stubbers Adventure Centre for a further week under canvas to take part in activities and to plan a community volunteering project. These projects included a beach clean at Grays beach and the transformation of a walled garden at Stubbers Adventure Centre by volunteers from Thurrock. The Southend and Braintree contingent

transformed the grounds of Cardfields Environmental Centre at Hatfield Peverel, which included refurbishment of the BMX track ready for future use by schools and youth groups. A second group from Thurrock arranged visits to homes for the elderly at Collins House in Stanford Le Hope and Heatherbrook in Romford where they helped with various maintenance projects and built relationships with the residents.



If you are interested in taking part in NCS during 2012, and are in moving into year 11 in September, please contact Keith at EBGC for further details.

## DOES YOUR CLUB NEED MONEY?

Whatever you need money for, there are a host of organisations which are there to help voluntary groups like yours, and there are new funds appearing regularly. Our Fundraising Team can help you find the right funds to apply to and can help with your application - just get in touch!

Like us on Facebook for regular fundraising updates. Here are just a few we've been looking at...

### FOR BUILDING/RENOVATING YOUR CLUBHOUSE

LandAid Capital Projects Fund. £5,000 - £25,000.

Deadline 31st August

[www.landaid.org/grants/](http://www.landaid.org/grants/)

### FOR CLUB RUNNING COSTS, SALARIES & PROJECT COSTS

The Henry Smith Revenue Grants Fund. £10,000+.

[www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/capital.html](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/capital.html)

BT Community Connections.

Free broadband for 12 months for groups encouraging people to go online. Deadline 15th Sept.

[www.bt.com/communityconnections](http://www.bt.com/communityconnections)

### FOR ACTIVITIES

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust for UK projects helping disadvantaged young people develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. £300-£500.

[www.andyfanshawe.org](http://www.andyfanshawe.org)

O2 Think Big for 13-25yr olds

who want to start a project.

Up to £300 [www.o2thinkbig.co.uk](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk)

### FOR SPORT

Sported (see enclosed)

[www.sported.org.uk](http://www.sported.org.uk)

Sport England Inspired Facilities supported the refurbishment of sports facilities to increase their long-term use. £20,000-50,000 .

First deadline 28th Sept. <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org>

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### FOR MEMBERS

The Dickie Bird Foundation cost of sports equipment, clothing and training. £100-£5,000.

[www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk](http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk)

The 16-19 Bursary Fund for young people in need. Up to £1,200.

<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/1/16-19%20bursary%20factsheet.pdf>

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# A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR...

This summer has been particularly productive for us. The National Citizen Service began with sixty young people engaging in the pilot programme with us. Running over 6 weeks they certainly kept our staff occupied!

I am thrilled with our new Activity Programme (included in this mailing) and can also announce two exchanges to Nepal for members aged 16+ during 2012. For more on this contact Dave Hassard.

You will also find with this mailing details of an organisation called Sported. Their representative in the Eastern region is David Sollis, who is working out of the EBGC office. For our London Boroughs the contact is Lekan Ojumu. They are offering financial and business support to voluntary sports organisations. Some clubs have already benefitted to the tune of £2,000 from their small grants programme! Make sure you don't miss out!

Martin Solder, County Director

## RYLA WEEK JACK PETCHEY

Rotary Young Leadership Awards, or RYLA, is a scheme designed to identify and train young leaders. Rotary's partnership with EBGC has now entered its fifth year. Young people are nominated to be on the scheme by Rotarians and then have a day at Stubbers completing various tasks. Those who excel are then chosen to go for further training on a residential course at High Row in the Lake District, which is run by EBGC.



This year 14 young people were selected to go away on the residential on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and they took part in a variety of challenging activities over the four days. Fortunately the first days were dry and sunny, so the mountain biking and ghyll scrambling proved to be great fun. Visiting the Lake District has to include climbing a mountain so, in slightly more inclement weather, they set off to conquer High Pike, Knott and Carrock Fell and returned somewhat damp!

Having explored practical and theoretical styles of leadership, everyone had excelled in some way. This year's Rotary Young Leader Award; decided by staff and the group, went to *Ayomi Tucker* and she will be awarded the 2011 Trophy at a reunion in September.



[www.jackpetcheystation.org.uk](http://www.jackpetcheystation.org.uk)

Since the beginning of March 2011 12 clubs in the south of the county have been taking part in our new Jack Petchey Club Support Scheme. These are *AB Phab, Crown & Manor, East Tilbury Youth Club, Frenford Clubs, Linford Wanderers, Loughton Youth Project, Rainham Royals, Seabrook Rise, SNAC, St. Cedds, St. Stephens Youth Club* and *Theydon Bois Youth Club*.

The scheme is backed by The Jack Petchey Foundation and the YMCA George Williams College. It is designed to not only get the views from members in clubs but also involves putting their views into action and getting them to take true ownership in their clubs. To date it has been well received by both clubs and young people.

The young leaders in the clubs have had the chance to complete their Level 2 pre graduates course in Informal and Community Education run by the YMCA George Williams College, and we currently have 12 participants on the course with more to follow in the future.

As a result of the scheme we welcome Ryan Keen as a trainee at EBGC starting in September.

We hope for the scheme to be extended to other clubs in the county soon if you wish to be part of the scheme please contact Jamie Drummond on 01708 256708 or [jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)