



ESSEX BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS : SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE 1939
"better to build boys & girls than to mend men & women"

SUMMER
2014

CLUB NEWSLETTER



We celebrate Sport England funding with 460 club members and leaders at our annual Essex Adventure Weekend!

We were thrilled to receive a Community Sport Activation grant of £100,254 earlier this year to allow us to bring more activities to your clubs. 22 clubs will benefit over the next three years from an exciting new sport program, designed to change attitudes to sport and healthy living.

The Essex Adventure Weekend was a great opportunity to launch the news, since we were there with 27 affiliated clubs. Alongside 30 Young Leaders who had volunteered to help us manage the event, 430 club members and leaders enjoyed our biggest weekend of fun, challenge and socializing at Stubbers.

The Summer term was packed with our usual calendar of activities and while some clubs take the Summer holidays off for a well-deserved rest, you may have noticed that the EBGC team are delivering National Citizen Service for 16-17 year olds in South Essex. We're very pleased to report that, so far, two affiliated clubs have benefitted from the NCS teams' volunteering. One team fundraised for SNAC and also ran an activity night of youth games, while another team helped Linford Wanderers to move two tonnes of sand in one afternoon! Get in touch before the end of August if you need help, be it a spot of gardening, a lick of paint, youth activities, surveying of local residents or something else.



Essex Jailbreakers in Tenerife!



Laser Tag Matches



Shooting Championships



The Great EBGC Bake Off



Linford Wanderers display the EBGC Matchroom Trophy at their annual sports weekend



Rep. Cricket Fixtures



EBGC's AGM



Fishing Competitions

CLUB NEWS



Canvey ABC made the news in June when they celebrated their 60th anniversary. Club Leader Terry Dainty said "We have been at our current gym on Charfleets Industrial Estate for two years now and it has given the club a new lease of life." Last December the club's Michaela Aubrey won the national 54kg final after being inspired by watching the sport at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Canvey ABC is based at 1A, Runwood Road, Canvey and is open most evenings. Contact Terry on 07757 050223.

WAY2000's Club Leader Elaine Fletcher was granted the Freedom of Waltham Abbey by the town council, in recognition of her commitment to the club, which provides leisure facilities and counselling for local youth. Elaine joked 'I am no longer a slave to the town!'



Island Boys & Girls FC has had many successes this season. Particular congratulations go to Macie Windsor and Orla Saunders, who have been signed to Millwall Academy (Macie) and Essex FA's Centre of Excellence (Orla). Well done girls! Megan, Aoife, Orla & Macie are pictured here with Arsenal & England international Rachel Yankey in April.

4 Youth Brightlingsea were awarded a grant of £395 from The Variety Club to do work in their garden where they grow flowers and vegetables. Members take a real interest in the garden, tending the plants and using produce to cook at the club.

Chelmsford Boys' Club and nearby **North Avenue Youth Club** are recruiting a Joint Club Leader to manage both clubs from November. For further details of this great paid opportunity, please email Martin martins@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

IN MEMORIAM Jim Armstrong, an original 1975 founder of **St Cedds Youth Club**, sadly passed away in May aged 73. Our thoughts are with his family, which includes St Cedd's, which is run by his nephew John Conaghan.

Please email your club news to juliet@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLUB MEMBERS + LEADERS

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FOOTBALL FRENZY FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER	Laser Tag Saturday 27th September	THE RANK OUTDOOR CHALLENGE 20/9/2014	MOUNTAIN LEADER TRAINING COURSE 6-11th OCTOBER	RED FOOTBALL U16 TRIALS Saturday 11th October
Christmas Card Competition Enter by Friday 31st October	NIGHT EXERCISE SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	EBGC Live Saturday 29th November	CLUB WEEKENDS IN WALES	DODGE BALL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 6/12/14
5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS Tuesday 30th December	ESSEX ADVENTURE WEEKEND 2015 AT STUBBERS FRIDAY-SUNDAY 26-28th JUNE 2015 BOOKING OPENS AUTUMN 2014	NEPAL 2015	<p>AUTUMN COURSE FOR ALL 15, 16 + 17 YR OLDS</p>	



A Welsh centre for Essex, saved

This Spring, after a year and a half of effort, we were thrilled to take over Maes y Lade, a residential adventure centre in Wales.

Previously owned and run by Essex County Council, the centre had been unused for a year and a half. We were desperate to save it for young people from Essex, so we got the funds together to apply in the open bid process. In April 2014 we were successful and were finally able to move in.

Maes y Lade is a converted Welsh Hill farm at the foot of the Black Mountains within the Brecon Beacons National Park, Wales. With 44 beds, in two self-contained buildings, plus outhouses, the centre is a fantastic asset to complement High Row, the 22 bed centre in the Lake District that we lease.

The centre is in easy reach of the River Wye, the Brecon Beacons, some of the most extensive cave systems in Britain and both natural and quarried climbing areas. This local environment provides an area of outstanding natural beauty, and means we are able to offer courses of an adventurous and challenging nature including abseiling, mountain biking, rock climbing, caving, canoeing, gorge walking, kayaking and mountain walking.

Although Maes y Lade is useable there are areas needing maintenance, so if you're a plumber, painter, bricklayer or DIY-er and fancy sharing your skills in return for some fun in the mountains, please get in touch with on-site Centre Manager David Hassard.

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