



CLUB NEWSLETTER



Cross Country Championship



5-a-side Football Championship

Getting clubs together for the good of your members

This season we've had great fun at some of our inter-club events, some of which are pictured here. Full event reports, results, videos and photos can be found on our website: www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

These events exist to provide your club members with wider experiences and the opportunity to strive towards higher achievement, as well as offering you, as leaders, the chance to network with other volunteers and youth workers. If you attend these events, please tell us what you think of them, including how you think we can improve them. If your club doesn't come to our events, let us know why - is it cash, transport or volunteers? Or are your members just not interested? We can help you overcome these, whether it's by helping to apply for funds, finding free transport options, linking you up with local volunteers or running activity tasters at your club.

"It is great to hear members say 'I wish I had this at my club' or 'I don't like that, our way is better'".

"Getting young people to see that there is a life away from their own club is priceless, especially for young leaders or potential new leaders."

"Members don't always know what else they can have or want, so inter-club activities foster the process of thinking outside the box."



Stubbers Activity Day



Dodgeball Championships



EBGC Live



Rep. Football Squad



Table Tennis Championships



Arts Awards Theatre Trips

Local News

Cuts to Essex Youth Service

As many of you know, Michael O'Brien, Head of ECC's Youth Service, is a voluntary trustee for EBGC. This ensures that we have a good working relationship with the council and an understanding of the statutory Youth Service. We are working closely with the Youth Service to get the best outcomes for our voluntary groups and the young people of Essex. The impact of the funding cuts is likely to increase the need for voluntary support for the young people of Essex, particularly for targeted work for the most at risk and challenging young people. If you would like to know more please contact [Martin](#).



Our North Essex project

You may have read in local press that we were awarded £405,829 from the BIG Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund. The grant is to fund a 5 year project to expand our current support for young people in the rural districts of Braintree, Maldon, Tendring and Uttlesford.



After a public recruitment period, the 2-man team are Youth Provision Development Officer [Stewart Rutland](#) (right) and Youth Worker [Jamie Drummond](#) (left). They are helping interested communities to set up and run activities for young people aged 11-19 years old and to provide youth leadership development activities.

This year they are working in:

Braintree: Finchingfield, Helions Bumpstead, Hedingham YC, Braintree Youth Project Charity, Colne Engaine YC.

Maldon: Heybridge, Southminster, Cold Norton, Da Latchingdon YC.

Tendring: Bockings Elm and Little Clacton, Gt Bromley, 4 Youth Brightlingsea.

Uttlesford: Takeley, Wendens Ambo, Newport, Gt Chesterford, The Ashdon Hangout, Sampfords Youth Club, Great Chesterford Youth Club, Thaxted Youth Club.

National Citizen Service (NCS)

We are delivering NCS in Essex for 16-17yr olds. We really believe in its value for young people, providing with important skills, exciting experiences & new friends. We're recruiting now for Spring, Summer & Autumn holidays and the £1,000 cost per head is paid by the government, meaning the cost to the young person is **only £35**.



Contact [Gavin](#) to come and talk to your members about NCS.



Get some help this Summer

Whether you've got some DIY jobs that need doing, need some volunteers to play games with your members or would like some fundraising for the club, our NCS groups are here to help. They have to complete 30 hours of volunteering so get your requests in to [Juliet](#) if you'd like your club to benefit.

Club Volunteer Training

We will be organising Club Volunteer Training Workshops in the coming months (May/June) during evenings and weekends. Topics will include; safeguarding, fundraising, social media, basic first aid, plus other training tbc. More information about the workshops will be sent out by email. If you would like to see specific volunteer training or to find out more please contact [Scott](#).



Funding News

The Community Foundations

administer a huge portfolio of funds for individuals, businesses and charitable trusts. A mention of your club's affiliation to EBGC tends to go down well.

Essex CF covers the whole county including Southend & Thurrock. They are currently looking for more applicants, and one application will be presented by them to multiple potential funders. Rolling deadline.



East End CF covers the City of London, Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets. Next deadline: 2nd June.



London CF has around 80 live funds and covers the whole of Greater London including the East. You must apply to each individual fund when it is open so it's worth signing up to their grants newsletter. **Note:** The former East London CF has now joined forces with London CF.



Variety

Unlike last year, Variety now has money to award to Clubs which apply for equipment costing around £500. They like to see that the Club has done something towards raising some of the money themselves and that lots of young people will benefit. Past awards for our Clubs have bought boxing gloves, arts materials, beanbags and a new carpet. EBGC's [Sue Pell](#) presents your applications to the Grants Panel so contact her for the paperwork. Next deadline: 7th April



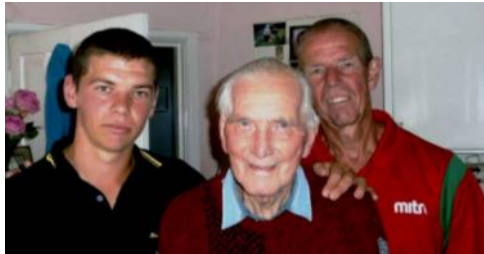
Worshipful Company of Weavers Benevolent Fund

Open to small registered charities, supporting projects working with disadvantaged young people to ensure they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential. Grants of up to £15,000 for projects last up to 3 years. Next deadlines: 1st April / 4th August.

Club News

In Memorium: Bernard Cranmer MBE

The mould was broken when Bernard Cranmer was born. A lifelong member and supporter of Ingatestone Boys Own Club and EBGC from 1937 until the day he died he showed the sort of dedication and selflessness that is rarely seen.



Bernard, with son Keith and grandson Lee

One of my best memories of Bernard was when he received his MBE, which was richly deserved, from the Queen. At our AGM that year he also received a standing ovation from the 120+ guests and dignitaries including Lord Peter, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, in recognition of his lifelong work with young people.

I do not think that I have ever seen someone so happy and pleased as well as humbled at the recognition and for me that really summed Bernie Cranmer up, someone happy and contented with life and devoted to his village and the Boys Club movement.

By Martin Solder.

In Memorium: Peter Overton

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Peter Overton. Peter ran both the Wivenhoe Youth Centre and the Brightlingsea Youth Centre until they closed in the mid-to-late eighties. Unusually for County Council Youth Centres, both were affiliated to the Association, with Wivenhoe in particular being very active with us. Peter was the person who got EBGC involved with the 100 Mile Canoe Test, taking groups to paddle each year, and he was key to introducing many youngsters to outdoor careers.

We are sure that Peter will be sadly missed by his family and friends and will be fondly remembered by many people who remember his youth club days.

By Richard Bonnington.

Sparring Partners

Lots of our boxing clubs regularly spar together. We love sharing pictures on club blogs and social media feeds and we look forward to seeing some of these faces at the championships later in the year.

Tommy (Colchester ABC) & Reece (Harwich ABC)



Flipping Pancake Day!

Clubs meeting on Shrove Tuesday and lucky enough to have kitchens took the opportunity to make pancakes. Our mouths watered as pictures popped up on Facebook!

Louise, Amy & Chloe (NAYC)



Rugby League season starts...



Club Rugby League runs mainly in the Summer months. Our three Essex clubs have started training and expectations are high after their achievements last year.

... and the Cricketers prepare

Cricket season begins in April and our six clubs have an opportunity to give their colts a headstart with our Cricket Camp on 5-7th April.



New Affiliations

We are very pleased to welcome new affiliations this quarter from:

Rowhedge Youth, previously Last Resort YC, just south of Colchester.

Prospex, a multi-centre club near Kings Cross, North London.

We hope both clubs will find their membership worthwhile and that we see them at upcoming events.

Young Leader News



Eight clubs sent members to our Young Leader Training Week at High Row in half-term. Bradley Darling (Ab Phab) said: *"I definitely feel that I have changed from my weeks experience in the Lake District, it was really good after I got speaking to everyone"*

Participating Clubs: Ab Phab, Bergholt Youth Group, Chelmsford Boys' Club, EBGC Senior Members Club, The Massive Project, Thaxted Youth Group, Trinity Family Centre, Seabrook Rise.



Dan Bing grows up through the ranks

Dan joined SNAC in Grays at the age of 12. Now, at 23 years old, he is a staff member at this special needs activity club. Pictured here with Club Leader Kay Maynard, Dan credits the EBGC Young Leaders Program with giving him the confidence and skills to get where he is today.

America Trip 3-23rd Sept 2014

An exclusive opportunity to visit America is available to Young Leaders. This September, we take a group to hike The Appalachian Trail for a week, before working with the Rocky Top Trail Crew for a week doing conservation volunteering. We'll end with a weekend of fun with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

There are just 10 places.

The cost is £600, with EBGC covering the remaining £1,500. Contact [Martin](#) on 01245 264783.



Club To Do List...

SPRING
2014



1. Renew your affiliation to Essex Boys & Girls Clubs by Tuesday 1st April

- > remain affiliated to ensure you and your members can access all EBGC events and opportunities
- > email Gerry if you need another form gerrys@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

2. Check out EBGC's events at www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org and book your members in to upcoming events

- > call the office on 01245 264783 or email the team:

Cricket Camp, Easter Cup, Street Cricket,
Laser Tag, Shooting Champs, Canoe Test.....afsheenp@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Essex Jailbreak, Adventure Weekend.....juliet@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
AGM, Golf Day.....davids@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Bake Off, Film Festival.....lucyc@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
National Citizen Service (NCS).....gavin@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

3. Plan your Summer Term programme

- > drop us a line if you'd like ideas or support for club night sessions

4. Look ahead to Autumn

- > consider the club's needs now and there's plenty of time to have everything in place.

Speak to an EBGC expert and we can help make it easy.

Fundraising for Activities / Buildings / Equipment / Transport.....juliet@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Volunteer Recruitment & Training.....scott@d@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Residential, Young Leaders & Duke of Edinburgh Award.....davidh@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Sports Projects & Coaching Training.....afsheenp@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Arts Projects & Arts Award.....lucyc@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

5. Have fun & send us your news and photos!

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