

Condovers Activity Centre

As you all know Condovers warden Colin Howes lost his fight with cancer in June this year but I think he would be happy with the changes we are trying to make. We have just started an outdoor rifle shooting range and we are hoping that by next season we will have an indoor archery/rifle shooting range that can be used all year round. Also in the near future



we hope to have a new caving system built and a new camp fire circle which will also have an outdoor stage and film screen. We are also trying to get the funding for new toilets and showers that are desperately needed at the site. There is an activity cupboard that has various ball games (cricket, rounders, basketball etc.) and many more indoor/outdoor games.

We would like to thank the groups that have used their meeting nights to come and help us with site services, they have been a great help.

We would like to thank Phoenix Network for the tree they had planted for Colin which is lovingly called the 'Moaning Tree' and will eventually have a bench built around it.

This year we have seen a lot of non-district groups and Guides camping but not many of our own groups. We would like to see more local groups using the site and supporting us, don't forget you don't have to pay to camp because it comes out of your membership fees. Scout Patrol camps are welcome anytime (they don't even need a leader with them!) and we might even find them a job or 2 to do!

Your GSL should now have copies of our new prices list, if not please email me at Condovers@hotmail.co.uk and I will send one out to you.

HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CAMPSITE!

Sue Cole
Condovers

East Tilbury Group Dedication to Jan Wall

Janice Wall, ASL and fundraiser with East Tilbury Scout Group passed away suddenly at home on the 9th July after 21 years service. It was a total shock to everyone and she will be sadly missed, especially for her cooking skills and her constant smile.

In honour of Jan's dedication to the Group a Flag pole has been erected outside the H.Q.



HOT & HECTIC WEEKEND AT CHERRYWOOD

3 separate groups chose probably the best week-end of the "summer" to use the Cherrywood facilities

1st Ockendon Cubs were there until mid afternoon using the Log Cabin and the woods for a varied programme and food cooked on an open wood fire

The Playscheme team were working like Trojans, manoeuvring two 20ft. containers, and then repacking the contents into them. They just about finished as dusk fell.

After lunch, 7th Grays booked in to stay overnight in the woods. Scouts, Leaders and Parents arrived for bivouac building and backwoods cooking. There were mixes of Fathers & Sons, Mothers & Sons and a family of Mother, Father Son & Daughter. There were 14 separate bivvy's and wood fires burning and a varied mixture of menu's and cooking smells. I was invited to join in and eat with a Father & Daughter, and eat camp food for probably the first time in about 20 years. I thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere amongst all participants and the bonhomie. It was so warm overnight, there was probably no need to sleep under the bivvy for those on site. I went home to my bed!

What a way for those Groups that don't have a great parent involvement, the chance to meet the Parents and others in a relaxed way, and for the Parents to relive some of their childhood experiences. I'm certain that many parents would jump at the opportunity to cook again on an open fire & sleep under the stars, Groups may be able to persuade some participants to assist in their Groups as future leaders or as committee members.

Dave Gregory (Cherrywood Trustee)

Directory Amendments

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19	Tilbury	Change	Tanith Cosans	BSL Trident	01773 282011	tanithalice@hotmail.co.uk
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