



1925-1975

50 YEARS
OF THE

175th ANNUAL
SCOUTS

SCOUTING IN HARROW

FOREWORD

Within a short while of Scouting becoming an official organisation, Harrow was taking part. An open group was formed in 1909, holding both 1st and 2nd Harrow registrations. They grew rapidly in numbers and possessed a bugle band, in great demand in the district for leading marches and processions. Two Catholic members were prominent in this Group, Leslie Marsden and George Nydryle. The 3rd Harrow only reached Cub Pack stage being at a Kindergarten School in Vaughan Road (Miss Steele). The 4th Harrow came into being when the County School was opened in 1910 under Ernest Young, the Headmaster. By 1914 members there had reached about 250, and with the Group at Manchester Grammar School became the two largest in the country.

The 4th provided Scouters for many future groups in Harrow. The 5th were an open group run by Jack Siggins (of the 4th) and had as H.Q. an Old House in Headstone Drive adjacent to the then Kodak entrance. The 6th were formed at the Bridge School, Wealdstone (demolished now to make way for the Civic Centre). Run by Victor Sainsbury (of the 4th) whose father was headmaster there. They faded out when Victor was drowned in the River Wye when camping nearby.

Local Churches then took up Scouting as an interest for their youth. The 7th were started at the Baptist Church in South Harrow - a cub in this Group in later years reached Cabinet Rank - Mr Peter Walker. The 8th were formed at St Peter's West Harrow

with whom Len Stone played a prominent part for many years. The 9th were registered to become a Rover Group (1st Harrow Rovers) around 1920, formed from Scouters in the 4th Harrow 'Kenton' Troop under Keith Wilson, later to become Assistant District Commissioner - Roxeth. Rovering had not as yet officially started, but for their service they worked with the 11th, when formed, as Scouters. The 10th were at Holy Trinity Wealdstone, later breaking from the Church to become an open Group under Jimmy Dell.

The 11th were started at Quanton Hall School, Hindes Rd by Mont Eyden, then teaching at the school run by his parents. Scouting swung back to Roxeth where the 12th were formed at Christ Church Roxeth Hill, sponsored by the Toc H., their scarf was yellow and white and tied with a Toc H. knot. The 13th at the Presbyterian Church Station Road, and the 14th at the Wesleyan Church Bessborough Road soon followed. The 15th only provided a Cub Pack at a Kindergarten in Althorpe Road. The 16th at St Johns Greenhill, the 17th our own Troop at St Josephs Wealdstone, to satisfy the needs of both Harrow and Wealdstone Parishes. The 18th at the Primitive Methodist church in Weldon Crescent, and the 19th at the Baptist Church, College Road, (later to become an open group in Wealdstone) under Johnnie Walker and Tom Palmer. The 21st were formed at the Congregational Church in Hindes Road, the 23rd at the Wesleyan

Methodist Church in Wealdstone, the 27th at St Joseph's started by a Mr de Lusignan with Leslie Dorling helping at first but later taking over. The registered number of Groups in the District went up to 33 and included another Catholic Group at St Gabriels South Harrow, a Group at Harrow School, a Salvation Army Group, and one at Kings School, Sheepcote Road, the 32nd which Les Dorling ran after leaving the 27th.

All the intermediate numbers did exist but faded out after a short while as did the Groups at Harrow School and the Salvation Army. Most of the church and school groups continued for many years (and still do). The 11th and some of the C of E Groups were members of the London Diocesan Scout Association (LDBSA), but this was disbanded in the early 20's.

Around this time the Harrow District Association included both Stanmore and Edgware areas. The 1st Stanmore was the Village Group run by G.Taylor(ex 4th). The 1st Edgware, the town Group a and the 2nd, started by Mont Eyden and Jack Beet at the Royal National Ortheopedic Hospital at Brockley Hill. The 1st Harrow Weald was started by Mont Eyden who later became District Commissioner. The 2nd Harrow Weald came into being at the Harrow Weald County School with 'Birdie' Swallow a master there, who was also helped 'Timber' Wood of Edgware at the R.N.O. Hospital. The Harrow Weald, Stanmore, and Edgware Groups all went into the Edgware & District Association when formed under 'Timber' Wood.

In 1932 the Harrow & Wealdstone Association split up into three areas a) Harrow & Wealdstone, b) Kenton. c) Roxeth. All under the direction of the Harrow D.C a Mr J.B.Malthouse. The Troops nearest to these areas were drafted in. The 17th very nearly were put into Roxeth as the Guides had been, but they

voted to stay in Harrow.

Kenton are consisted of the 4th (County School)- four Troops, 1st Kenton (St Marys Parish Church), 2nd Kenton (Wesleyan Methodist) and the 3rd Kenton. E. Evans who was GSM of the 4th became Assistant District Commissioner and Bernard Brickell an SM of one of the 4th Troops became District Scoutmaster - Kenton. These positions were held until 1936 when Kenton Scouters felt they were strong enough in numbers to man both posts, so E.Evans and Bernard Brickell retired from the Kenton area. Harrow Association have been fortunate for many years in having a series of District Commissioners who were able to function for long periods. From after the 1st World War these had been Capt. E.Hibbert - in charge of gymnastics at Harrow School, then a Mr Green an R.C. and previously an Anglian Cleric, in office around 1925/26, followed by J.B.Malthouse who was D.C. until early 1943, and then Monty Eyden who held office until 1967. Since then Bob Rowland until he became Borough Commissioner and now Tony Cresswell from the 4th Harrow.

In the 1920's the monthly meeting of Scouters were held at the home of the Association Chairman one Mr Harris who donated the Camping Cup of his name. There had also been a cup or shield donated by the then President of the Association a Mr Jabez Barnes. This is now competed for by Venture Scouts each year and our own Troop has had a number of successes. Jabez Barnes was followed as President by Dr Cyril Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow School, and then Sidney Walton.

Skip took great interest in this from the start, and contributed considerably to the organisation and running of the scheme.



50 YEARS OF THE 17TH HARROW

During the Autumn of 1924, Bernard Brickell was approached by the District Commissioner - a Mr Green, and the local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society with a view to starting a Catholic Group for Harrow & Wealdstone parishes. Bernard Brickell was at that time an Assistant Scoutmaster in one of the 4th Harrow Troops and the question arose as to how many boys would be keen on joining- a matter which the SVP would investigate. The answer came the following spring (1925) that about a dozen boys were interested. Bernard was asked again, and with the help of Jack Beet, a Scoutmaster in a 4th Harrow Troop, held their first meeting in May 1925 in the Parish School annex at Wealdstone by kind permission of the Rector - Father Osmond of the Salvatorian Fathers.

The SVP were the sponsoring authority and their secretary Mr Tom Ross assisted by a Mr Dunbar. They selected a scarf of light blue with a yellow or gold edging, these being St Joseph's colours.

Among those who came along were Henry Brett, J.Brett, D.George, A.Thompson, D.Crowley (who later became Canon Crowley of Hackney), Dennis Bevington, uncle of a future Akela, (now Mrs Mary Southey), Hugh Burke and F.Gregory. Later R.Brett and the two younger Burkes, Pat and Terence joined. All were very keen and by July had completed their initial (Tenderfoot) tests and were enrolled. A Mr.H.New joined the Group with a view to becoming Scoutmaster. No definite camps were held in the early days but cycling trips were made often camping overnight. Mr H.New continued as SM, while Bernard Brickell

and Jack Beet came along each week and assisted. Later the same year a Leslie V.Dorling and Frank Vincent were introduced by Mont Eyden, then District Scoutmaster. They were to look after the Cub Pack which had just been formed. Frank Vincent was also to become secretary of the District Rover Crew which formed later in 1926.

In April 1926 Bernard and Leslie Dorling took part 2 of the Wood Badge on the 6th Middlesex course at Waxwell Farm (now the Grail H.Q.). Both passed, having already completed part 1 at other times.

Bernard was still an active Scouter with the 4th Harrow, where he completed part 3 of the Wood Badge in 1926, (only the second in Harrow, the first being Jack Beet). This badge, at the time possessed a green bead to distinguish it from the Cub Wood Badge (yellow bead) and the Rover Wood Badge (red bead). These distinguishing marks went out in 1927. Apart from Bernard, other holders were Michael Ross who held the warrant as SM about 1949/52 and Lawrence Philpott.

The Group continued to flourish and grow in numbers and by late 1926 Mr H.New had left the Group and Leslie Dorling became SM. Early in 1928, the meeting place at Wealdstone was needed for other things and the Group, with the permission of Father John Hitchcock moved its H.Q. to Harrow and changed its scarf to Scout Green colour. Leslie Dorling was now responsible for both Cubs and Scouts. They met in St.Anselm's School (their present H.Q.) but still a school prior to the new one being built in 1932.

Bernard continued with the 4th as Scoutmaster to the 'Weldon Troop', (it should be pointed out that the 4th Harrow, then attached to the Boys County School ran four Troops), until 1932. At that time the Kenton area of the Harrow Association was formed and he was appointed District Scoutleader.

Unfortunately Leslie Dorling was having repeated bouts of sickness at this time and Bernard was called in to deputise for him for many weeks at a stretch. Around this time the Cub Pack was run very efficiently by two young ladies (ex Guide Rangers) - Connie Williamson, whose family had a bakery and tea shop in College Road, and Peggy Bolton, whose father was Education Office Officer in Harrow.

Camps to be remembered around this time were 1931 Appleton near Oxford, when among others F.George, F.Coastin, Jack Bacon, N.Dixon, R.Brett and J.Brands attended. 1932 Youlbury, 1933 Malden in Essex, and 1934 Arundel while Leslie Dorling and Frank Vincent went to Paris as guests of the French Scouts.

This state of affairs in the Troop existed until 1934 when a Mr Cyril 'Kim' Laker moved into the District from Hanwell. There he had run the local Catholic Group and was Assistant District Commissioner - Hanwell. He was approached by Father Hitchcock to have a look at the 17th.

A meeting was arranged for one parade night when Kim met Leslie Dorling waiting all complete with record books which he handed over lock, stock and barrel, and departed out of the door. A few years later Leslie improved in health and he with a M de Lusignan started a group at St. Josephs Wealdstone - the 27th Harrow, assisted by H. & J Brett, early members of the 17th. A few years later he left them and ran a group at Kings School, Sheepcote Road, 32nd Harrow. Not many years later he became seriously ill again and died in Hackney.

C.D. 'Kim' Laker carried on

the 17th with the assistance of the other scouts. Ted Young who gained his 'Kings Scout Badge', Tommy Clarke and Bill Rickard. During the next few years the names of Len Hanlon, Jimmy Welch Alec Bleach, Bernard Bleach, David Webb, P. Corbin (killed in the War), Tony Moore, C. Ross, Leonard Coudurier, F. Perkins, B. Crawley and K. Nobes come to mind.

In 1936 Dom Sessions came to live at Kenton from Eastbourne where he had been an ASM and offered to help Kim Laker. Bernard Brickell had now completed his four years as District Scoutmaster in Kenton and came along as an acting ASM. Bill Green a youngster from the 4th also helped.

Camps were held in 1935 at Little Kimble, 1937 at Lyme Regis in 1938 at New Milton, and in 1939 at Woody Bay near Lynton in Devonshire.

During these years the pack was run by Pat Moore. In 1938 Kim joined the Balloon Barrage Corps on a part time basis and had little spare time for Scouting. Dom Sessions, Bernard, and Bill Green were the mainstays. Kim asked a Mrs Baines, the wife of one of the 2nd Kenton Rover Leaders to take on the Pack as Pat Moore had joined the Womens Royal Air Force.

A senior section had just started in the 17th (long before Scout Headquarters had come up officially with the idea) which Dom Sessions had taken charge of. The first two members being Peter Havard and Charlie Porter. Bernard carried on with the Scouts, Bill Green having joined the forces.

1939 was memorable for two events. On 22nd April the Group performed its first Gang Show. An event which for three months took the effort and enthusiasm of all the members plus the 6th Roxeth Guides, and, also a few co-opted, unwary bystanders. One performance was the result of all this work and the takings were £21.0.7d. Profit was

E10.1.7d. which was used to start a Group Fund. Dom Sessions wrote at the time - "A splendid effort which must be repeated." It was clear from the sustained effort on the part of all the members, that the Group had reached a new height in efficiency and organisation. Within less than four months the other memorable event of 1939 occurred. War was declared on the 3rd of September and within a very few months of that date Dom Sessions (ASM), being 'fed up' with the slow moving War Office had volunteered for the Army (Intelligence Corps). Kim Laker had already joined the Balloon Barrage Corps as previously mentioned. Two patrols continued to meet at Kim's house under P.L. Peter Laker, for a few months. It is not surprising he could not keep it going. In the twelve months from April, 1939, the Group had gone from the heights to the depths. By the middle of 1940 it was closed for lack of officers, and lack of boys (who had been evacuated).

Before the hammer blow fell the Troop was very active. Whitsun 1939 was in May and the Troop camped at Caldecote. It is also recorded that some camped at Cranford for a week in May. They returned to Caldecote again in June (presumably a week-end). Summer Camp was at New Milton on the Hampshire coast where, incidentally, Kim Laker lived until 1970 when he removed to Kingsbridge, Devon. It was attended by Kim Laker, Dom Sessions, P. Laker and nine others.

This was followed by a week-end camp at Bentley Priory. It is interesting to note that this was probably the last time that this land was to be camped on by Scouts because it became the H.Q. of Fighter Command at the beginning of the War and remained so for some years after 1945. It is now, of course, a public open space.

So, by mid 1940 all the activity had petered out. The last recorded activity was a



Dominic Sessions -
a mainstay of the Group in pre-war days

week-end camp at Caldecote in April, 1940. The "Old School" no longer rang, shook or quaked beneath the onslaught of the 17th Harrow. The "Jack" no longer flew there and, indeed, it was to be replaced by the Stars and Stripes in the next three or four years.

Among the Scout Members at the time of closure were:-
B.Bleach, P & C Boyle, B.Crawley,
A.Conway, B.Duquesnay, P (Ted)
Fowler, D.Kelley, P.Laker, W.Lewis
W.Lewis, A.Moore, K.Nobes,
F.Parkins, W.Prowse, C.Ross,
W.(Bill) Rickard, E.Spain,
T & J.Turner, J.Wells, P.Wright.

Senior Patrol Members:-
D. Webb, A.Bleach, J.Welch,
A.Rickard.

Rover Crew Members:-
E. Young, H. Fowler, T.Clark.

Scouters:-
Kim Laker G.S.M., Dom Sessions
A.S.M. & Bill Green A.S.M.

THE 1940'S

Although the Scout Group was not operative in 1940 and 1941 the Cub Pack continued under the leadership of Mrs. Baines the wife of a 2nd. Kenton Rover.

This was to prove very fortunate for, when it became possible to re-start, the Pack was there to supply new recruits.

In 1942 Bernard Brickell appeared again. He had been elected Producer, of the '39 Gang Show mainly because of his experience in the "real" Gang Shows for some years before (with Jack Beet). He had been a member of the Gang Show from its foundation in 1932 up to 1939 and had appeared in the Royal Command Performance in November 1937 and again in the Royal Film Performance at Christmas of the same year. He was a founder member of the 4th Harrow Rover Crew having been enrolled with Jack Beet, Monty Eyden, H. Winbush & H. Scrivener who with B.B. made up the original five 1925 members.

Being H.C. and in a reserved occupation (very hush hush) he felt constrained to re-start the 17th Harrow Scout Group. He did so entirely unaided. To have considered the job on this basis was brave, to take it on, almost foolhardy. The Cubs, as I have said, had continued and in fact, managed a Camp at Windsor in 1940. So Bernard, as "Rover in Charge", was supplied with a selection of pink faces to build up his new group. It was officially re-started in April 1942. Among the first lot of those pink faces were A. Fisher and M. Ross, both of whom were to become successful Officers in

the late '40's and early '50's.

Among the other founder members of the rebuilt 17th, Harrow were:-

H. Wyman, W. Sexton, P. Snell, J. Hurke, L. Davey, W. Whayman, K. Davies, T. Geraghty, E. Murray D. McIntosh.

Two nice little Patrols (the Hawks and the Woodpeckers). Being very new, much of the activities in the first year were directed towards getting the new members through their basic scout training. Besides the usual training work, the record shows that twelve Tender-foot Badges were gained before the end of the year when, it should be remembered that every test had to be examined by Bernard himself.

Bernard Brickell (hereafter referred to as Skip) continued to plough his lone furrow through 1943. He could expect to recruit no help in the form of A.S.M.s as any member of the Group reaching 18 years was called up to H.M. Forces and anyone over 18 and not called up was already doing too many jobs. Apart from his own full-time job, Skip was running the Troop, a member of the A.R.P. (Air Raid Patrol) as a fire watcher, cultivating his garden, his own allotment plus two servicemens gardens and allotments (Digging for Victory), was M.C. of the Harrow Church Altar Servers and a married man. Skip's wife gave birth to a daughter in 1944.

Our thanks have been accorded to Mrs. Bricknell in the past but it should be set down in this history, that we all owe much to her for allowing Skip to leave the house on those Friday evenings for she saw little enough of him on the other six days of the week.

Despite the enormous pressures however, a weekend camp was held in the early summer of 1943 at Chalfont Heights. Skip went up by car (he has never divulged where he got his petrol). He took some of the gear and the scouts proceeded independantly by train to Denham Halt. It was Skip's misfortune that in his car - (Morris 8 Tourer circa 1937) he encountered the troop walking up from the Halt to the site. He arrived at the site festooned with small boys on the busers, running boards and anywhere that provided a hand hold.

Skip had an added complication on all his camps, hikes etc. in that at no time could he be far from a 'phone. At fixed times he had to 'phone his firm to discuss with neutron physics professors and like boffins the problems of the construction of radio active equipment. He worked on nuclear research throughout the war, for some time using the Heavy Water taken from Norway prior to the occupation in 1941. He has remarked that he likes to think that the these wartime researches have led to some of the peacetime atomic energy projects we know today.

It was very bad luck that as this was to be the only camp of the year (it was the night of St. Swithins) it was marked by a thunderstorm of truly impressive proportions. Camping was difficult enough at that time - food rationing, tents camouflaged, travelling difficult - but Lawrence Henry Philpott (then 11 years old), of whom we may hear later, distinguished himself at this - his first camp - by raiding the store tent to repossess a seed cake (dried fruit, being a thing one rarely saw, and, if obtained, used only to make Christmas Pudding). Having purloined this delicacy, he managed, in the darkness and the thunderous turmoil, to seat himself upon it, thus rendering it unfit for the purpose for which it had been constructed.



'Skip' - taken in the 1930's. From the look on his face he was obviously having trouble with lighting the stove.

Skip "slept" on through the commotion, the rain and the larceny in his Tinker tent, determined to be undisturbed. I report this somewhat trivial incident to remind those middle-aged among us and re-assure those younger readers that we are all young once!

Those attending this camp were:-
J. Burke, P. Snell, P. Coldwell, W. Whayman, D. McIntosh, L. Philpott, J. Hagger, and A. Fisher.

In 1944 Skip, still unable to afford a week away from his job and family, managed to negotiate with the 27th Harrow (who, you will remember, followed us at St. Joseph's, Wealdstone) for them to take such as could go, on their week's summer camp at Eynsham on the Thames above Oxford. It could be viewed as another step towards the troop returning to it's previous vigour. Ten members of the 17th attended, making up one complete patrol plus a few seconded to 27th Patrols. These weeks were very important to the "free world". The Normandy landings of the Allied Forces had taken place just

before the camp and aircraft were passing overhead frequently.

The Group had now grown something alarming and, despite Skip operating one handed, and also helping with the Cubs (who had recently restarted) had a membership in the Scouts section of 47 - 5 Patrols, some with as many as 10 members. Some measure of the enthusiasm and activity can be gauged by the fact that in the period from April, 1943 to December, 1944 a total of 42 Proficiency Badges was gained. This started a tradition that remained for the next 20 years, that the 17th was top of the District Proficiency Badge Grand Total League almost every year.

I have reported these years in some detail because they are the foundation stones of the Group as we know it today. Boys who started at this time are still connected with the Group now (Lawrence Philpott - now G.S.L., John Hagger A.S.L., Don Williamson, A.S.L. Pat Mead A.S.L.) and what they learned then, affects what is done now.

This was war time and the effects were to be felt for long after V.E. Day in 1945. It may be instructive for some readers, to detail some of the difficulties that had to be faced in running any scouting activities in these years.

Rationing of everything - from bread to bedding - was always with us. Before any camp, the number of ration cards had to be totalled and the menu arranged to fit within (a) what you could afford and (b) what you were allowed. Everything was difficult to get. No new camp gear was obtainable - if you broke it, it had to be mended. There was no means of travel except by train or bus. Private cars were laid up, except for those on official business and for whom petrol was supplied only for approved journeys. There were no private coaches or lorries for hire. No lights could be shown at night and tents had to be camouflaged when pit-

ched. In the H.Q. the windows had to be "blacked out" at night and no heating was available. In fact, as it was also used as a school, the old cast-iron coke stove in the corner (the concrete base still remains) was lit during the day and retained some heat in the H.Q. in the evening as long as the coke in it remained alight. No extra scouting activities could be arranged that entailed the use of fuel, food, travel (except public transport) or raw materials.

All the difficulties were overcome but I detail them in order that the circumstances of these years can be imagined.

The 17th continued throughout the remainder of the forties "growing its new wood".

Summer camps in 1945 & 1946 were at Chalfont again, Mr. J.B. Keefe (father of Kevin Keefe) assisted with the transport in 1945 and loaned (later donated) an army style bell tent which was to be the Troop stores tent for many years hence. It had been Home Guard equipment and can be seen in several photographs. Broadstone Warren in Ashdown Forest was the chosen site in 1947. Ashdown was to be the famous 'Bell Tent' centre of activities in camp for many a year. It finally collapsed about our ears during a very bad storm when camped in Somerset.



be re-visited again and again in the next fifteen years. It had the advantage in 1947 of being relatively easy to get to and had a resident warden in case Skip needed emergency help. Following the Troop's enforced camps near to home, it was a foray into rural England. In 1947 Michael Ross made a first step onto the Continent of Europe, when he attended the Jamboree in France.

He was followed by Lawrence Philpott, Mick Laker and Mick Start who went to the Catholic Scout Jamboree the next year in Luxembourg. The last two years of the decade saw camps at Eynsham (see 1944 site) and Broadstone Warren again. The big "first" of 1949 was the first caving trip undertaken by the 17th members on their own. L.H.Philpott, A.Fisher and J.Hagger did 'G.B.' Cavern and some of the small pots in Burr-

Right: Lawrence, Michael Start, and Mick Laker off to Luxembourg 1948. Below: John Hagger and Tony Fisher in the entrance to 'G'B' Cavern Mendip 1948.





Above: John Hagger - with hair and Lawrence in Cheddar Gorge. Above right: Geoff Tudgay who introduced the 17th to Caving in 1948 seen here with Lawrence, Tony Burke and Tony Fisher. Right Taken in Eynsham on the Thames, during the first canoe trip undertaken by the 17th.

ington Coombe, guided by an energetic Geoff Tudgay. Lawrence together with Mick Laker, Tony Burke, and Tony Fisher had done a previous trip in 1948 together with a group of Senior Scouts from the District, this had whetted the 17th's camping appetite.

The forties had been adolescent years for the group. It had grown from Skip and his few pink faces to a group with a G.S.M. (Skip) and a Senior Scout Patrol (now called Venture Scouts) numbering some six to eight members including A. Fisher and M. Ross who had gained their King Scout badges, the first under the post war rules in Harrow. The troop of Scouts numbered forty strong, and an active Cub Pack was under the guiding hand of Mrs. Laker.



THE 1950'S

The fifties started with a bang. Much time, labour and patience went into a Gang Show directed by Skip and using the combined 'talents' of the 17th Harrow Scouts and 6th Roxeth (now 19th Harrow) Guides, it was produced to mark the 25th anniversary of the Troop and was pronounced a team success after much hard work by Skip. I saw it as less than a personal success as in my only speech of any size at all I dried up completely, which incident caused a deep personal dislike of all things thespian for years after.

1950 also saw the first overseas camp at Swanley on the

Gang Shows were never our forte, but under 'Skip's' guidance we put on a performance that met with approval.



Isle of Wight, You may scoff,
but more effort was needed to
get all the heavy gear on and off
two trains and on and off one
ferryboat than it would take now
to camp on the Isle of Corfu.
Some did camp abroad. Don
Williamson and Mick Theed went



to Rome, and Kandersteg in
Switzerland.

Paul Snell died of polio
in October, aged twenty. He
was a founder member and the
first of the post 1940 members
to go. Unhappily he was to be
followed by a surprisingly large
number of other young men of the
17th in the next twenty years.
They are recorded on the final
page of this history.

In the summer of 1952 the
first of what might be called
the adventure camps, took place.
The usual Troop Camp was at
Maidenhead and was run by Skip
with the help of Pat Nuttgens.
Kim Laker was then District
Commissioner of that area.
Lawrence Philpott and his brother
Rodney went down to the site to
help Skip set up. But the
Senior Scouts camped in the
Scilly Isles under the leadership
of Mick Ross A.S.M. It was a
very successful camp. The wen-
1952 in the Scilly Isles. Rodney Philpott, Ted
Darison, Mick Ross, Roy Hawker, Mick Luke,
Dennis Tucker, Don Williamson, Pat Mead, Michael
Theed & Laurence Grenham.





Also in the Scilly Isles and Dennis Tucker calling some of the boys to "Come and get their flakes".

ther was very kind and, for those camping, it was a taste of something more than a week camp in the traditional style. All the equipment was lightweight (cooking by primus). All the islands were visited during the week. A camp on the Scillies has been attempted again on several occasions but owing to their popularity, and the shortage of space, it is not now possible.

This camp was missed by your historian who was, at that time, flying for the R.A.F. Coastal Command in Cornwall. On the week-end on which the Seniors travelled to the Scillies I was called out to make an air/sea search for a scout who had fallen off the ferryboat "Scillonian". I was relieved to learn later that it was not one of the 17th Harrow who was lost overboard.

This was the first camp for Lawrence Philpott following his

release from the Army. Also at the camp were Pat Mead (on R.A.F. leave), Pat Nuttgens (now the Reverend), M. Theed, Dennis Tucker, Rodney Philpott, Ted Darleson, Roy Hawker, Mick Luke and Donald Williamson.

The Troop was moving into a new era. Mick Ross and Tony Fisher had been giving Skip regular assistance in the running of the Group. As mentioned above, L.H.P. was now "demobbed". I was released in October, 1952 and shortly after so was Pat Mead. Skip lost no time in employing this extra labour in 1953.

In the Spring the caving activities that had been started in 1949 were revived and has continued an interest peculiar to the 17th since that time. Lawrence Philpott and myself did Eastwater Cavern with a group of Bristol Scouts, with a view to making further trips with the 17th Senior Scouts in due course. The Troop had a busy year. The Church ran a Garden Fete to raise funds and the Group was involved



Eastwater Cavern on Mendip. We were pretty keen on this caving lark and went in all weathers. It was warmer down the cave.

for the first time, running many of the side shows. The Senior Scouts attended the Corroborree at Walton Firs. The troop camped at Ashdown again with Skip still at the helm. This camp almost broke Skip's heart. He had undertaken it alone as the Seniors were running a canoeing trip on the same week from Oxford to Lechlade. Tony Fisher and Mick Ross were recently married, and all the other available Officers were involved in canoeing. Ashdown had been selected as being the best suited to his running the camp alone. However, it went wrong from the start. The Patrol Leaders on whom Skip was relying were a constant source of trouble. Several of those in camp drank some questionable lemonade during a hike and suffered varying degrees of food poisoning. Several were in bed for some days, added to which, one boy suffered a severe

sprained ankle necessitating his being taken to hospital. On top of all this the Warden was short of assistance and had appointed Skip as assistant warden with a duty to keep an eye on 12 other troops!! Skip returned almost a nervous wreck, having made himself a promise never to undertake a single manned camp again.

The Seniors by contrast, were having a very successful canoeing trip. (L.H.P. and J.H. plus four Senior Scouts in three canoes). This was the first of what were to be many trips on the Thames in a wide variety of vessels. This was the last camp to be affected by food rationing for which the Quartermaster was duly thankful.

In January of this year Mick Luke had died. He had been an outstanding member of the Group since he had joined the Cubs at eight. He was well on his way to gaining his Queens Scout, was also a member of the then Youth Club and was a regular altar server. He had been

at a Scout Meeting on the Friday evening and died suddenly on 28th January - twenty two days after his 17th birthday. He was greatly missed by all the Group.

In this year, L.H.P. Pat Mead and myself achieved the minimum age for A.S.M. Warrants and were accordingly appointed Junior Officers of the Movement. Pat and Lawrence assisted Skip in running the Camp at Buckfast Abbey near Ashburton in Devon. Skip needed their help to renew his faith! We were to return to this site on the banks of the River Dart on several subsequent occasions. This Camp was remarkable for the fact that from here was mounted the first of what might be called the "tough 1963 and the first Buckfast Camp. Despite the Gasworks - this was a good site adjacent to the Abbey and next to the River Dart and remembered as a good Camp. Faces recognised in these photos:- Pat Nuttgen, Tony Hagger, Rodney Philpott, Terry Vincent, Derek Howarth, Mick Seckerson, Kevin Byrne, David Fisher, Jimmy Ayres, Colin Philpott, Tony Herbert, Peter Russell.





country" hikes. Living as we do in the South East of England, there is nowhere local where a hike can be undertaken over difficult country. Everywhere in the South of England, with the possible exception of Salisbury Plain, which is "owned" by the Army, is crossed by roads little more than five or six miles apart. It is therefore largely unnecessary for map-reading or compass work to be accurate as one will strike a road within a convenient distance in any event. Not so on Dartmoor; also, walking on peat bog is different! The weather is not too good either. Seventeen Senior Scouts set out on this walk in two parties - one led by Lawrence and the other consisting of Senior Scouts. The route was optional but the target was Princetown in the centre of the Moor. The whole Group was to return to Buckfast by following the River Dart back. The hike was successful but with hindsight, it is fortunate that the weather was kind, having regard to the inexperience of the participants. There is no doubt, however, that much was learned by this "tough one".

In 1955 and 1956 the Troop continued to grow and diversify its activities. The Seniors went on another canoeing camp led by L.H.P. and J.H., this time downstream. The Scout camp was at Broadstone again - this time with adequate help for Skip. Caving was popular with the Seniors. Under L.H.P. and J.H. Eastwater Cavern and Swildons Hole were explored (Swildons down to the sump which at that time, had only very recently been dived).

The 1956 camp was at Wells on a beautiful, if somewhat exposed, site on the Mendips. It was remarkable for a very strong gale which flattened every tent on the site except one which was fortunately, large enough to accommodate everyone at least for the night - albeit in somewhat insanitary proximity.

The continued development



Above: Near Princetown - Dartmoor. Rodney Philpott, Colin Kingston, Laurence Greenham, Peter Russell, Colin Philpott, Tony Herbert.
Right: Proud winners of the Scout Sports Shield. The win was clinched by a superb run by the Senior Relay team. Below: A very happy canoe trip, the boys waiting to go through a lock.







of the Group was evident in 1955 and 1956 by the emergence of the Rover Crew. This had always been a target for Skip. He had been for many years and indeed still was, a member of the the 4th Harrow Crew. Enough of the Troop had now remained active beyond Senior Scout age to make it possible to have a proper crew in the 17th. Skip was elected Rover Scout Leader and Denis Tucker was secretary. The first separate Rover activity was a weekend camp in the grounds of the now closed Beaumont College, where it may be recalled the 1951 Summer Camp had been held. It was no more pretentious than a simple camp as a chance for the newly formed crew members to get away together from their various other duties involved in running the Troop. The College allowed us to use their indoor swimming pool, which was very generous of them. However, their generosity did not stretch to

The first Rover Crew Camp at Old Windsor. Kevin Hourigan, Colin Philpott, Don, David Bird, Laurence G' and L'H'P'. Right: scenes from the Catholic Scout Jamboree at Aylesford Kent 1957. Michael Seckerson had just found something quite nasty in that tin. It was very wet underfoot following a downpour and Maureen Philpott (five weeks married) paid a visit to the camp where John & LHP were trying to construct an altar fire, actually heating it. It was Autumn and not at all warm weather but, if one swam with olympic speed to the other side, one could reach the far side before hypothermia set in. "Very much enjoyed" was the opinion of all. The same weekend was camped, on the same site, the next year in very wet weather, with equal success. Among those in the crew at that time were Skip, LHP., JH., Pat Mead, Denis Tucker, Laurence Grenham, Kevin Hourigan, Tony Hagger, Colin Philpott, Rodney Philpott, Donald Williamson, David Bird, Terry Vincent Mick Theed, Tony Herbert. Quite a strong contingent of assistance for Skip and whilst he could not and



would not take it easy, life was at least becoming easier for him Scoutwise. The Rover weekend has taken some widely different forms but it has always been celebrated annually.

Another tradition in the Crew/Scouters was started in 1958 - the Rover Dinner. This was organised with the thought in mind that this was a young crew and an increasing number were or were becoming married. The idea was to have at least one social evening each year to which the member could bring their respective ladies. A "do" which was not "Scouty" in any way. Some said it was an unvarnished bribe to keep the ladies sweet. The Annual Dinner has survived however, because besides filling a felt want it has appeared in many forms - from Dinners through Dancing, to the Theatre, or a combination of all these three. The first and indeed, the next three or four dinners were held at a hostelry in Soho's Brewer Street and they have been held in subsequent years in a variety of establishments - all of them, however, licenced!

1957 was a historic year for the Movement. Fifty years of existence and progress, was celebrated throughout the world. The 17th sent the one representative that we were allowed (P/L Noel Smith) to the World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield. The Group visited the Jamboree on one Sunday. A coach was chartered and filled in no time with scouts, cubs, Mums and Dads Husbands and wives. The day was brilliantly hot and the Jamboree with its camps, displays and exhibitions was seen in all its gigantic magnificence. It was all very impressive and not a little encouraging.

In the week following the Jamboree there was a Catholic Scout World Jamboree at Buckmore Park in Kent, to which many of the foreign scouts who attended Sutton Coldfield were invited. Also dozens of British

Catholic Troops camped there for a week or more. Buckmore Park is an average sized county site, and with all these campers, it became a little crowded; moreover it rained like the very devil for the first three days of the week and with all the traffic using the camp paths, they became literally inches deep in yellow mud. Also the chalk subsoil being impervious to rain, caused water to pop up out of the ground at some unexpected places - very often underneath already erected tents! This, following upon the two previous annual camps in the rain, the 17th were becoming practised wet weather campers.

The Troop was going strong during this year but the Seniors hit a poor patch. Certain members who should have been taking a leading part were



proving to be teenage trouble-makers. This in itself was not remarkable as the Senior/Ventures being made up of teenagers are more prone to troubles to a greater or lesser extent. Only the adults who have never been teenagers can deny that they were as bad. However, these proved themselves somewhat uncontrollable and a pruning operation was undertaken that reduced the Senior Troop in members for a while.

The Group had been going along very well in these years. Numbers had, of course, varied as I have just mentioned, but they had on the whole, remained at an uncomfortably high level. As the likes of LHP, and myself, Pat Mead and Kevin Hourigan had taken over from Tony Fisher and Mick Ross, Skip had had a reasonable amount of assistance in the recent years.

Now, however came a slight hiatus. LHP got married, as did also Don Williamson and Kevin Hourigan. Lawrence had been providing a lot of assistance in the running of the Troop and he was not, of course, able to continue this same level of activity. The solution eventually worked out was that Lawrence moved from the Senior Scouts to the Scout Section assisting Skip. The Senior Section was taken over by me. LHP had gained his Wood Badge in the Scout Section in any case.

In 1958 we camped at Buckfast again. It had become as popular a private site for the Troop as Ashdown had been an I.H.Q. one. Skip attended this camp, but had to miss the

Another Buckfast Camp - some of the boys in a van on the way to Paddington.



next one. It was about this time he was having difficulties regarding the fact that his job was moving from Wembley to Royston in deepest Hertfordshire This move was to affect all of us presently. Since 1942 Skip has in fact only missed the annual camps in 1944 and 1948, 1959, as stated above, 1970 (Scotland was too far to drive) & 1974 (still suffering from a back injury, sustained while climbing a fence!) Quite a remarkable record. During this camp the Seniors hiked to Princetown and back

-this time in terrible weather - but proved that they were becoming more proficient by overcoming the difficulties and surprising themselves by their compass accuracy (or perhaps it was luck).

This time we did the local caves. For some extraordinary reason we had overlooked their existence on previous visits. It proved a little difficult

Two scenes from the second Dartmoor Hike. A contrast to the first. It poured with rain and is remembered for the a hazardous crossing of Foxtor Mire. The rain did stop occasionally as can be seen when we stopped for lunch.





to get permission to get into the better one but some singularly effective "chatting up" by Lawrence, of the local spellogist extraordinary and elderly local shopkeeper who had, in fact discovered one of the prettiest of them - 'Bakers Pit', several years before, provided the key. As previously reported the Annual Rover Dinner started in this year but also in the Autumn came the first Thames Trip Rover weekend. It was, as I recall, the brainchild of LHP and was that we should hire a large Thames cruiser (40') to accommodate the crew en masse. We proceeded from Thames Ditton on Friday morning in an erratic progression through Windsor, where we picked up those who could not get the Friday off. We turned round at Henley (where there was a Catholic Church). Return was on Monday evening to Thames Ditton, dropping some of the crew on Sunday night at Windsor. It proved a great success, having the atmosphere of a riverside camp with considerably more luxury and with the advantage of an ever changing scene. Our

A Patrol in camp - Buckfast. Laurence Power, Stephen Deacon, Mick Sunderland Tony Collins, and David Kerr.

experience at controlling what was the largest hire cruiser on the Thames was exhibited from time to time but not the least when we contrived to get the prow of the vessel under the horizontal bars of the Boulter's Lock gates with the incoming sluices full open and the lock keeper at lunch. Before LHP, who was at the wheel, could get the engine into reverse, the bow was low enough in the water to raise the screw clear of the surface at the stern. Only

very rapid closing of the sluices and lowering of the water averted a catastrophe that would have made the celebrated "Three Men in a Boat" exploits pale into insignificance.

The 1959 Summer Camp was at Crichowell in Breconshire, Wales. This had been preceded by a training camp at Elstree. The shortage of officers available to run a camp was at its worst this year. Skip was unable to attend and - in

addition Lawrence was not available ("son one" was born this year). It therefore, fell to me to do a Skip (Well almost). I had the help of Terry Vincent and Colin Philpott, both of whom were very newly up from the Senior Scouts, and Noel Smith who was still a Senior Scout. As is the way of things, when difficulties are expected none arise. Even the fact that it was discovered on arrival that we were camped in the field at the end of the local This camping lark is all woodsmoke and Scout Leaders who insist on checking the washing-up. Mick Sunderland & LHP.

D.C.'s garden was no trouble as he was out of the country at the time. The weather was kind to us and the site outstandingly beautiful with a wide view across the River Usk to the Black Mountains.

But at the end of another successful year in 1959 we found that another hurdle had come into the path of the Group.

The H.Q. was in the "old school" behind the Church but it now seemed that it was proposed to extend the school playground to cover part of the area on which the old school



stood. Half of the old school would be demolished. This sounded like a nasty blow but as it turned out, advantages were to flow from the re-arrangements.

Perhaps at this point it would be informative to examine the history of the Group meeting places during its years of existence.

As we have said it was formed in 1925 and registered at St. Joseph's Wealdstone. Research has revealed that the H.Q. was in the then Old School building which stood on what is now the car park between

St Joseph's Church and the school main hall. It was a wood and corrugated iron building that was erected as a temporary building before the permanent structure was built. Like so many of these temporary buildings it remained for many years, during which it was jointly and severally used as a Youth Club, Scout H.Q. (for the 27th Harrow), School accommodation for the Secondary Modern school founded about 1946, and Parish Organisations until it was pulled down to make way for the school extension in the late '50's.

The 17th had moved to Harrow under the leadership of Les Dorling (nephew of Frank Vincent) about 1927/28 and after negotiation with the then Parish Priest Father Hitchcock obtained the use of the 'Old School' as an H.Q.

The 'Old School' at Harrow had been built circa 1920. It was like the Wealdstone construction, built as a temporary school prior to the building of permanent accommodation. The present St. Anselm's was built in 1932 and subsequently enlarged in 1960. Whilst it was not purpose built, the Old School, as it has always been known, made a very acceptable H.Q. It was then an L-shaped building - the present hall being half the L and the now demolished half being at the playground end. This part had originally been the church hall, a wooden army hut type of building which was on a site which now forms part of the larger playground of the school. This had been erected after the 'Old School' and when St Anselm's present building was started in 1931 it was moved and attached sideways on, to the end of the existing 'Old School' building. A passage-way ran down the full length of the present hall to a cloakroom at the end with rooms to the right. These rooms were put to all manner of uses in the lifetime of the building. For instance, the centre one



which now forms part of the Scouters Office was at one time a shower, which explains why the floor is sloped, and is the only concrete one in the building. The last room had at one time been the Headmistresses (Sister Mary Gabriel) and also a kitchen, but not at the same time! The present hall was divided into two by a floor to ceiling folding wood and glass partition. The metal channel still remains in the floor and the whole lot was heated by three ancient coke stoves.

The building was used by other Church Organisations - amateur dramatic productions etc - but all in all it was a good H.Q.

After the Group closed in 1940 the whole building was requisitioned by the then War Office together with big houses in Roxborough Avenue (some now demolished to make way for flats) which were used to billet Troops. The H.Q. was used as a cookhouse. Over these years 1940/44 detachments of the Coldstream Guards, Beds & Herts Regt., and lastly soldiers of the American Army.

Thus when the Group reformed under Skip in 1942 we could not go back to our previous accommodation. We would have been well fed but a bit crowded out. For the years from 1942 to about 1946 therefore, the Troop was forced to meet in the classrooms and or the main hall of St Anselm's School. Teachers not surprisingly, expect to find things where they left them the previous night and Scouts become a little exuberant from time to time particularly during games.

However, for these years the School and the Scouts maintained a love-hate relationship in rather trying circumstances. Skip was ever trying to explain how this or that precious or lovingly constructed artefact happened to get broken. Not the least of his worries was to get the

desks put back in the same places as they had been on our arrival. This was made even more difficult if the caretaker (a fearsome gentleman called Mr Dowling had decided to be helpful and had moved the them for us prior to our arrival.

In 1946/47 the Old School was derequisitioned and the Church was able to use its own property again. The Scouts through Skip, immediately laid claim but the need for more school accommodation had increased during the school years. St Anselm's was bursting at the seams. Even the main hall was divided across the middle and used as two classrooms. It was decided therefore that after some renovation the Old School would have to be used as school accommodation yet again. The Scouts would be allowed to use it also. We were still, therefore, in the position of sharing rooms with the school except for one small part of the building. The glass partition referred to previously was to be left in place and we were given the use of the eastern end of the hall. It was of course, much too small for games or a meeting of more than a few, and Skip therefore decided to make it a Senior Scout Den and also for the use of Patrol Leaders.

The Senior Scouts were set to decorating and produced an acceptably high standard of workmanship if a bit bizarre in colour. The ceiling I remember, was a dark red which was dramatic but gave a remarkably poor reflection of light. However the 17th had a toe-hold in their own H.Q. again.

The status-quo remained until what might be called the "Marshall Plan" produced further changes. Fred Marshall had taken over the Headmastership of St Anselm's following the retirement of Mr. Forcer and in 1960 it was planned to enlarge the School and play-

ground. Among other alterations this entailed the demolition of the Western end of the Old School. After much debate which would make a book on its own, it was agreed the Scouts could have the remains of the Old School if they could get

the Council to sanction its remaining. For reasons, which I cannot go into, the authority could only be given if the Old School prouted a toilet of acceptable standards. The old outside toilets had long since been declared a health hazard to the life of the community and had been knocked down. The Group therefore had some problems:-

1. The western end of the hall was completely without a wall. This end had been demolished.

2. The eastern end on examination, revealed that the wall (hidden behind a lean-to hut which was used for stores, had rotted up from the ground to a height of four to five feet in places. In fact the wall was held up by the roof instead of the traditional reverse arrangement.
3. The floor was in a poor condition and moved up and down something alarming when trodden on.
4. We needed to build a permanent toilet.

The roof was good but what held it up no-one could discover. It is to the credit of the then Rover Unit that the reconstruction, for it was rather more than a repair, is still standing in the '70's. A second renovation led by Peter Lee was done in 1973 in which further wall shoring was done and a complete internal decoration.

What a splendid sight... the H'Q' with the 'Loo' in the foreground.



PARTY TIME



At Christmas Parties we have a tendency to do things in a flamboyant style, Fancy Dress affairs always produce feats of ingenuity. Some are so heavily disguised I cannot recognize them. Monica Williamson and Maureen Philpott, John Hagger Maureen Hagger and LHP, Michael and Sally St.Romaine who came as two packers, are amongst those that I can.





CAVING



Caving, always popular in the Group. Some of the most regular enthusiasts Steve Burke, Paul Barrett, Mick Sunderland and Dave Kerr did most of the leading until recently. Below: Mick Coldwell, Peter Moore, Paul Barrett, Dave Curran, Mick Bennett, Dave Kerr, Andrew Sutherland, Joseph Zlotnicki, Peter Galligan and Graham Puddifoot.



THE 1960'S

Much sweat and labour were thus expended but at the end of 1960 we had an H.Q. we were proud of. It was old, it was ugly, it was going to be expensive to run but it was ours, all ours.

It was during one of the Friday meetings in the part decorated H.Q. during 1960 that a certain Mr F.T.Clifford paid the Troop a visit. As I recall his opening remark was something like:-" I don't want to become involved in Scouting anymore but I have a few tents that used to belong to my old Paddington Group which may be of use to you". For the next few years Cliff was simply a member of the Rover Crew. His self appointed office was "Tea Boy" but as we shall see he was

to become the next G.S.M.

During all the building the Troop continued as usual. The Summer Camp was on a beautiful site in Little Langdale in the Lake District. A large field sloping down from the valley road to a private tarn (lake). We have tried to camp there since but the area is now designated National Trust and, therefore not available to camping. A very successful seven days was spent there in the August. Scafell Pike was climbed and some of the leaders of that expedition found out the hard way that the shortest route is not always the easiest

Tony Cooks, John Hagger & LHP on the top of Scafell in the Lake District.



in mountain country. A very "shattered" party returned to camp that night.

Also that summer the Senior Seniors and Rovers took another canoe trip up the Thames. This was one of the first 17th activities that Cliff took part in. The area covered was Oxford to Lechlade and back. Cliff has since remarked on the tortuous route of the River Thames above Oxford. It was on this occasion that upon arriving at our projected camp site (Eynsham of 1944 fame) on the first evening (Sat) it was discovered that we had laboured long and endured the heat of the day covering some six to eight miles but had left three days supply of milk on the boatyard jetty in Oxford!! Cliff volunteered, among the recriminations, to return by road to collect the missing comestibles. In view of the long distance we had travelled and the aching back he had to prove it, he was more than a little surprised to discover that the bus fare from Eynsham

to Oxford was 4d(2p) and the journey lasted some 15 minutes. He was there and back in less than the hour. We decided we must have come the pretty way.

1961 and 1962 were full of activities as usual. The Troop was strong in numbers and the programme very full. The Summer Camps were at Buckfast again in 1961 and in the New Forest in 1962. Caving was still a Troop speciality and it must be reported that it was in the Buckfast caves that Cliff was initiated into this sport. These caves are renowned for their particularly sticky red mud and for their tightness. Cliff got on very well for a beginner but once or twice for "Buckfast" one should read "stuckfast". The New Forest camp was remarkable for two things - Julian Harris put an axe in his knee requiring considerable stitching but some how managed to avoid doing any. Julian Harris is the musician at an impromptu sing song. Cliff wearing his everlasting wasp jumper. New Forest.



permanent harm and Pat Mead on his Scooter with Cliff as passenger, contrived to drive into, and under, a forest pony. Their story is that it emerged at speed from cover and crossed the projected path of the scooter without looking left or right and without giving hand (hoof) signals. Suffice it to say that the vehicle hit the pony squarely amid-ships, passing neatly under its belly but sweeping the two passengers off the rear of their machine. The pony appeared undeterred by this brush with the internal combustion engine and strode into the forest.

By way of authentication of this tale I would state the incident took place before opening time.

The Rover weekend for this year was a slightly new departure in that it was mounted in the Spring and was a trip in a self drive canal barge up the Grand Union canal from Loughton Buzzard. Much was learned about the relative depths of canal and the draughts of boats using it. One unfortunate bargee upon meeting us on a sharp and narrow bend,

Rover Crew Canal Trip. Frank Crowley, Colin Philpott, John Hagger, Don, and Cliff.



was forced to beach his craft in order to avoid a head on collision. We never found out how we should have negotiated that particular bend but the bargee was strong on criticism regarding the methods which we had employed.

The year ended on a sad note, for it was during the Troop Christmas party led by LHP that he received notice that his younger brother Rodney had been killed in an auto accident near Las Vegas in America. Rodney had been in the Troop since joining as a Cub. He had moved up through all levels to obtain his Queen's Scout Badge and had become a Rover Scout. His death was of course a great shock to us all and was even more sad because of the time of the year and the fact that he was so far from home.

1963 started off very cold as I recall. The first event was the Rover Crew outing to 'Butlins' at Bognor. There was thick snow and even the sea had frozen over in parts. However this year saw one of the larger steps made in the 17th's progress. It was decided that in our camps since the War the Troop had seen a lot of the country. Indeed, with the exception of Scotland we had covered quite a bit of it. From the Scillies through Devon, Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Kent, Hertfordshire the Lake District and South Wales.. "Lets do a Continental Camp" said LHP. We admitted we were as green as grass about this so it was decided to try for Luxembourg.

For the uninitiated I would explain that scouting is practically the second religion of Luxembourg and, therefore, is child's play to camp in. It is also very pretty country. Much extra work was necessary beyond that for a normal camp in this country and, in fact probably more was done for this our first foreign troop camp than was strictly necessary. But the

experience gained was invaluable. The organisation was used as the basis for future Continental Camps, that is to provide Groups of boys with daily subsistence money and instruct them to cater for themselves. The country was very interesting and, in the Ardennes area, very pretty. The weather was very British, changing from Mediterranean heat to heavy rain and back. All in all, the venture was voted a great success and definitely to be repeated. In committee, on our return, it was decided that we should attempt a continental camp every other year thereafter and as will be seen, that programme has largely been held to.

The younger scouts and those not able of wishing to go to the Luxembourg camp, went to the normal summer camp which was held at Youlbury near Oxford, a return to a site previously camped in the 1920's. Cliff presided as Rover in Charge, Skip was in a new role

Below: Luxembourg 1963. A Group of the boys pause for a rest during a stroll. Right: At the cafe on the mountain above Vianden. Michael Wales attacking a coca cola. Below right: John, Mick Theed, and Pat Mead wait for a train. From the grass peeping through the track it would appear it did not run very often.

as assistant, or was it a return to his original one.

The next year, caving was the attraction again and it was decided to extend our spelio-logical experiences to the Peak District holes. By now Dave Kerr, Mick and Dick Sunderland had become efficient devotees and were taking over the sport from the "ageing" J.H. & LHP. Also the Peaks provided some excellent climbing and scrambling rocks for instruction purposes on Stanage Edge, which was very close to the site. As I have said the three named above were beginning to make



themselves felt in the organization. Others were also showing their mettle, Tim Clifford, Nick & Derek St Romaine, Mick Wales and Nick Bennett.

1965 was twin peaked. The second continental camp was mounted by LEP this time in the Black Forest area of South Germany. Laurence Grenham, home from Australia, came along on that trip. Many places were visited, and it was on an excursion to Zurich in Switzerland that the Group bumped into Fabian Fisher, who was working over there at the time. Quite a lot of walking was done, much in heavily wooded country. Some unkind things were said about the navigator who blamed the continental maps.

The second peak came later in the year. Bernard Brickell retired officially from the job of Group Scout Master. After more than twenty years he had been easing out for sometime, not necessarily from choice but because he lived near Royston and found activities more and more difficult to attend. The occasion was suitably marked and a presentation/social was organised to which every ex-member was invited.

Many faces were there that had not been seen for many years, and most of the District Officials also attended including the Rev. (Monty) Eyden, the then District Commissioner, himself about to retire, and Jack Beet, then ADC., and now unfortunately, deceased. Many of the boys who Skip had seen grow into manhood were there, several from the 1942 group. It was altogether a most satisfactory event if a little nostalgic for Skip. In case our readers should imagine Skip declining into quite retirement however, it should be noted here that he has come to attend almost every Summer Camp since and at least one Group Mass a year. At the Summer Camps he continues to bring his own style of quiet constructive comment if things





Skip on the occasion of his retirement and Cliff being presented with his warrant as GSL by the D'C Monty Eyden. Above: Taken during the practice hike for the Black Forest Camp 1965

are not continuing to be done up to an acceptably high standard.

Who was to follow such a performance? You may well ask. The 17th were indeed fortunate to have on hand a willing and experienced replacement. The former 'tea boy' Cliff was invested as Group Scout Leader the same evening that Skip retired, thus making a remarkable continuity.

Cliff, as we have stated in passing previously, had run a Troop in Paddington for several years prior to his moving house into the Harrow area. He was, therefore, well experienced and also quite aware of what he was taking on. He, of course, brought with him many of his own ideas but, considering Lawrence Philpott had practically run the Group himself in the last few years of Skip's reign and continued as S.L. (Scouts) under Cliff, it struck me at the time how evenly the change was effected. No theatricals, no upsets. Much credit for this must go to Cliff.



Scenes from the Black Forest Trip.
 A high standard of camping was maintained despite the continual movement around the area.
 Above: The Rovers waiting for a train to take them into Switzerland.
 Right: The Scouters lost in the Black Forest.
 Far right: Terry Phipps setting a good example to Paul Barrett, Mick St.Romaine and Mick Curran.
 Right: At Lake Aha, venue of our first site.
 Below: Dick & Mick Sunderland with Dave Kerr checking food purchases from the local town.





Cliff's first Summer Camp in charge of the 17th was at Harlech in 1966. It was a very pleasant site next to a river and amid the foothills of the Cader Idris. The site was a deal more attractive than its owner, however, who made his presence felt on several occasions during the camp. It had not occurred to me before this how generous and helpful the average farmer is, who let scouts camp in his fields. There had to be the exception however, and this one lives at Harlech. The weather was also not very good and was made no more acceptable by the fact that from close to the site one could see down the valley to the coast. This was often sunny all day while we were shrouded in mist and rain.

In the autumn the Venture Scouts achieved a goal at which they had been aiming for many years. Each year, except for a break in the War, the Harrow District Scouts had run a district competition. Initially for Scouts and then upgraded to Senior Scouts when formed in 1948 and lastly for Venture Scouts. This had been in various forms mostly based on camping skills. It had however, developed in recent years into a test of walking and compass skills and had been transferred from local venues up to Derbyshire (the M.1. now making it much easier to get there). The competition is named the Jabez Barnes Competition (after a local J.P. circa 1920 who was interested in youth works in Harrow and Weald stone). In 1966 the 17th won the cup for the first time. It had been a long wait. The Troop had won the equivalent competition for Scouts (The Harris Cup) on several occasions over the years but the Jabez Barnes had always eluded us. It was not however, a "flash in the pan" because the Ventures have continued to win it approximately every alternate year since.

In that autumn the Rover

Crew had arranged again to staff the St Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital trip to Littlehampton. This was an activity first arranged the year before (1965) at the request of John Philpott, Lawrence's brother (and former member of the Group), as St Vincent's patients had for some years been taken on an outing by the local Society of St Vincent de Paul. This organisation had, however, found that although they could organise it, they were short of "humpers" for the severe cases. These boys and girls although in



A proud moment for the Venture Scout Unit when they won the Jabez Barnes Trophy. Dave Kerr, Mick Wales, Terry Phipps, Paul Barrett. Below: Descending the 'Kinder' Down fall during the competition.



many cases quite normal mentally were mostly unable to move themselves about. This proved to be a "job" for which the Rovers were well suited and a convoy of cars, motor cycles and scooters followed the hospital bus down to Littlehampton for the children to have a day out at the seaside. This event has been arranged every year since at different venues, and has proved a sober reminder to many of us that we should be grateful for the full use of our limbs, which we take so much for granted.

In 1967 and 1968 the Group

continued to prosper under Cliff's guiding hand. In 1967 the Troop won the District Scout camping competition (The Harris Cup). The Ventures camped in Liechtenstein in the Summer of 1967 and the Troop at Blea Tarn in the Lake District in 1968. It was in 1968 however, that a tragedy was to sadden all the Group membership and many others. The Rover weekend camps had

Lichtenstein 1967. After a grueling climb led by Dave Kerr the Venture Scouts and Rovers reach the top of a mountain expecting to have a magnificent view which was marred by low cloud.. not surprising as we were 7000 ft up.



become a regular feature since their inauguration in 1956. In the March of 1968 the weekend was another trip on the Thames from Thames Ditton to Henley. The full compliment assembled on the evening of the Friday at Windsor. The boat set off on Saturday. It was cold and windy day and in the afternoon at Bisham Abbey near Marlow, Tim Clifford slipped from the catwalk around the side of the boat and fell in. The coldness of the water together with the amount of thick sweaters Tim was wearing nullified his efforts to swim and within seconds he sank from view and was drowned. Several of the Rover Crew went

in after him, but there was a strong stream flowing and they could not locate him. Tim had been a member of the Group since he was a Cub. He is remembered with affection. A Tim Clifford Memorial Fund was set up and at the request of his family it was used to buy, in his memory the Troop marquee. Several members of the Group have died at an early age but none more tragically than Tim Clifford.

In 1969 another Continental camp was mounted by Cliff and LHP. This time in Austria. On

1968 - Lake District and the Troop uses the Tim Clifford marquee for the first time.



this occasion Maureen Philpott and Monica Williamson came along with their respective husbands and families. Whilst the scenery was excellent it was marred to a large extent by the fact that you could not see it for most of the time. The weather was almost exclusively wet. This was made more than usually inconvenient because most of the tentage being lightweight was unsuitable for permanently foul weather. The party survived the experience but it was reported that as a holiday it had few high spots. The year was typical in other respects and I therefore quote below the diary of the main activities of the year

as an example:-

- Feb: Patrol Leaders Training Course at Elstree.
- Mar: Rover Dinner at the Mylett Arms
- May: Caving in the Mendips. Group W/End Camp at Chalfont.
- July: Annual Camp Edale in Derby.
- Aug: Venture/Rover Camp-Austria.
- Sept: Venture/Rovers help at St Vincent's Hospital Trip.
- Oct: Venture Scout Jabez Barnes Competition.
- Nov: Group Winter Camp.
- Dec. Christmas Parties.

Peter Moore and Steve Burke - Austria 1969.



THE 1970'S

If the 60's were Cliffs great years with the 17th it would seem that the 70's are destined to belong to Lawrence Henry Philpott (of seed cake fame). I need not chronicle the story of LHP's history in the Group as his name has appeared from time to time since 1942 in this book. He had been a very active deputy to Skip and had continued to do the same 'back up' job for Cliff. When Cliff decided in 1972 that in view of his impending fatherhood he should resign as GSL he said at the time that he recognised himself to be in a very unusual

position. He could resign without fear as to the quality of his successor. Cliff had done a magnificent job as GSL. He would I am sure, claim no great credit on the grounds that he enjoyed every minute of it. This being his second spell as a GSL, his previous stint being with his Paddington Troop. Like the widow who remarried, it could be a victory for hope over experience

He brought some new views to the 17th on old subjects. Guided the Group safely

Round the camp fire - the traditional way of finishing the day in camp.



through the difficult period of adjustment after the disbandment of the Rovers and the modernisation of the Scout image in 1968 following the Chief Scouts' much heralded 'Advance Party Report' (One change was the arrival of the new long trousersed trousered type uniform). He like Skip, is still active in the background and long may he remain so. Scouting needs the Cliff's of this world, they are thin on the ground.

So Lawrence Philpott took over as GSL. It will be noted that he was only the third in the office since 1942. To use a Baden Powell word, this shows the remarkable stickability in our GSL's.

As I have stated, we had by now camped over a large part of the British Isles but not Scotland. This was remedied in 1970. An area near to Loch Tay was viewed by Terry Phipps and

Chris Bell in the winter and a beautiful site was found next to the Loch. The weather was, as the Curates egg, good in parts, but the site, the Loch and the mountains made up for it.

The Christmas of 1970 saw one of the more bizarre of the Venture Scout Activities. On Christmas Eve, Michael Sunderland whilst other (as he put it) more sensible beds were putting up their festive decorations; together with Dave Kerr, Chris Bell and Tom Galligan set off to darkest and coldest North Wales. After some problems in finding the remote disused mill they were looking for, they set up their living quarters. The mill did not sport any heating. A cold Christmas Day was spent preparing to climb Snowdon on

Not the North Pole - but the top of Snowdon, Christmas 1970.



Boxing Day in the company of Dick Sunderland and Derek St Romaine who were to come up on the 26th. It was so cold on Christmas Day that Mick decided to phone Derek and Dick to ask them to bring with them a parafin heater. Some concern was expressed that the request might discourage them from going up at all but the need was greater than the risk. All was arranged by Boxing Day and the party generated the required heat to sustain life while they climbed Snowdon to the cafe at the summit. There was a lot of ice about, some snow, a lot of wind but no people. Not surprisingly therefore the cafe was not open! The full party completed several other expeditions on the next day including the Devils Kitchen and after two days of privation returned home. The usual questions about the sort of Christmas holiday they had spent were met with the answer "we went away for Christmas".

1972 witnessed all the events that had by now become permanent fixtures in the Scout calendar. A Scouters Dinner in February, a Spring camp at Well End in March, Whitsun Annual camp at Princetown on Dartmoor, Jabex Barnes week-end expedition in October, Winter Camp at Well End in November, this time attended by some of the older cubs and thoroughly enjoyed by them. Plus a Christmas Party. Amidst all this F.T. Clifford the GSL dropped his bombshell when he let it be known that in the Autumn he would like to resign. So, as I have said, started the era of 'Lol' as he has been known for more years than he cares to remember. Lawrence took up the reins without fuss. He had of course had some experience from the time when Skip had been easing himself out. Lol is a man who is wholly enthusiastic about what he does. Partial commitment is not for him and this attitude has bred a very enthusiastic and strong Troop. By the end of March 1975 (when we go to press)

we have a Cub Scout Pack of 34 a Scout Troop of 31 and a Venture Unit totaling 15 plus Scouters, Instructors and others to make a Grand Total of near 100. The unifying factor of the Church is a strong influence and the support from the Clergy and also the Headmaster of St Anselms School is a terrific and constant help to us. The debt we owe to Father McGowan and Mr Marshall is set down here but has always been recognised by us.

The first Annual Camp with Lol as GSL plus continuing his roll as Scout Leader was at Braithwaite in the Lake District. A beautiful site nestling in the folds of the hills of Cumberland. The weather was kind to us far more so than it had been the year before on Dartmoor. Our faith in a Whitsun camp was restored.

In 1973 Maureen Philpott agreed to help Mila Jakubowska (later Mrs Steve Burke) to run the Cubs as a solution to the regular lack of leaders in this section. The previous incumbent

Nuala Molloy had fled the area immediately following her marriage. Whether Maureen having been married to Lawrence for some years, and having 3 sons in the Cubs and Scouts agreed to join them if she could not beat them has not been fully investigated, but her decision certainly filled a long felt want in this case. When Mila left with Steve to go to New Zealand, Maureen took over as Akela thus achieving an Akela, GSL, SI in the same family.

Thus we come to 1974, the last full year of our history. The first month or two were overshadowed by the backwash of the Christmas Bazaar of 1973 which the Group offered to organise for the Church. This was a new departure which has heralded an increased liaison between the Group and the Church Above: The Venture Scout Unit 1973. Below: The Scouters - 1973, Don Williamson had at last been persuaded into the new style uniform after years of sporting those indestructable 'shorts'.





A Cub Scout Enrolment. The start in the game of Scouting. Maureen Philpott and Mila Burke officiating.

in many areas of service and entertainment. Lawrence encouraged the setting up of a Group Supporters Association to provide the most necessary funds to keep a healthy and lively Group going. Assorted 'Supper Soirees' Disco Suppers had been organised plus a Barbeque, all with a high success value both socially and financially. An enthusiastic Chairman and his wife, Mr & Mrs Ivor Thomas) have played no small part in these events.

A sponsored walk for the RNLI was well supported by the Cubs and the Scouts. The young Venture Scout team entered for the Jabbeex Barnes gave a creditable performance by coming second only 2 points behind the leaders in dreadful weather conditions in the North Yorkshire Moors. The Venture unit received a considerable shot in the arm by the transfer of eight members from the Troop simultaneously, far a record for the Group. And Most of them had gained their Chief Scouts Award.

Their arrival coincided with the acquisition of a building more suitable for their own H.Q.

Our annual camp was in Brecon near the famed Beacons and for a year of very poor weather in the Summer we were very fortunate again at Whitsuntide. There is a feeling of climax coming. 50 years is a long time to keep an organisation going that needs only the sudden removal (for any reason) of the head man to threaten its existence. We intend to mark 1975 with several events amongst which will be a commemorative Camp for all the Group at the end of May and two weeks camp in Luxembourg in late July which will be supported by over fifty members of the Troop and Ventures.

There will be a lot of back slapping and congratulations to all the Cubs, Scouts & Venture Scouts who have made up the membership of the Group during those 50 years. Without them no amount of organisation would have achieved anything. If you were one of them, whether you are now 8 or 88 I hope you enjoyed the game; we did.

THE GSL'S AND THE TROOP



Bernard Brickell (Skip) sits with Cliff and Lawrence in what must be a unique photo of 3 Group Scout Leaders of the 17th. Proving that they don't fade away but only move over.



Above: The Cub Scout Pack 1975.



Below: The Scout Troop 1975.



Above: The Venture Scout Unit 1975.

Below: The Scouters 1975.

WELL END CELEBRATION CAMP



50th Anniversary Camp at Well End - a most happy occasion supported by almost 100% of the Group.

Right & below: Many parents and Group Supporters attended the camp and joined in the Barbeque prepared by the Supporters Committee - feeding in excess of 300.

Below: Terry Phipps the new Scoutleader of the Troop and Skip (ex SL & GSL etc etc) jointly enrolling 7 new members of the Group at this most special of occasions. Troop Leader David Thomas (holding the Union Flag) is wearing the original Troop Scarf, somewhat faded in colour from the original Blue and Yellow. This dates from the time the Group first started at St. Joseph's Wealdstone in 1925.



The following is a list of all known and remembered members of the Group. We apologise if we missed anyone.

The dates quoted are those when they joined either the Cubs or the Scouts are were known to be in the Group.

John Aherne	1952
John Aherne	1963
Peter Aherne	1965
Geoffrey Alder	1975
Stephen Alder	1973
Alan Aldous	1942
Paul Alexander	1973
Simon Alexander	1972
Anthony Allen	73
Brian Allen	52
Peter Angelo	54
Arthur Archer	43
Stephen Arthur	65
Stephen Arthur	67
Matthew Arthur	67
Hugh Arthur	66
Stephen Arvay	57
John Ashe	66
James Ayres	51
Jack Bacon	pre 39
Mrs Baines ACL	
John Barrett	43
Paul Barrett	60
Patrick Baker	47
Phillip Banks	45
Peter Barrett	59
Peter Beamish	45
Michael Beer	67
John Bents	52
Tad Bielicki	70
Michael Bennett	65
Gerald Bennett	70
Peter Bennett	67
Phillip Benson	74
Dennis Bevington (Founder)	25
David Bird	49
Geoffrey Bird	47
Alec Bleach	35
Bernard Bleach	37
Henry Bolger	73
Peggy Bolton AGL	
Mark Bond	71
Edward Bourne	42
Geoffrey D. Bourne	57
Cornelius Boyle	39
Peter Boyle	40
Brian Bradbury	44
J.Brands	
Christopher Brason	64

Christopher Breen	62
David Breslin	72
Henry Brett (Founder)	25
J. Brett	pre 39
R.Brett	pre 39
Bernard Brickell	pre 39
William Brockley	56
Laurence Broderick	72
John Buckley	43
John Burke	42
Anthony Burke	42
Anthony Burke	72
H.Burke	pre 39
Pat Burke	pre 39
Joseph Burke	66
Stephen Burke	61
Michael Butler	63
Anthony Byrne	42
James Byrne	72
James Byrne	48
Jimmy Byrne	65
Kevin Byrne	50
Michael Byrne	45
Keiron Cahill	72
Paul Cahill	71
David Cairns	43
David Calder	
Christopher Carey	74
Nicholas Carey	72
Michael Carlin	71
Andrew Carney	74
John Carney	74
Keith Cartmell	72
Paul Cartmell	73
Ian Cartmell	74
John Cawley	74
Kevin Cawley	72
Robert Chambers	
Barry Clark	60
Tom Clarke	37
John Clarke	70
Frederick T.Clifford GSL	60
Timothy Clifford	60
Anthony Cochrane	40
Michael Cochrane	44
Peter Coldwell	43
Christopher Coldwell	52
Michael Coldwell	65
Gregory Coldwell	70
Michael Coleman	70
Michael Coles	45
Terry Coles	38
Derek Colley	60
Anthony Collins	57
John Collins	65
Michael Collins	44
Ian Colquhoun	46
James Connors	40
John Constantine	74
Brendan Connolly	63

Andrew Conway		40	John Evans		53
Barry Cooke		45	Michael Evans		48
John Cooke		52	Peter Evans		54
Frederick Cooke		56	Paul Fahey		68
Michael Cooke		60	John Farrow		38
Richard Cooper		73	Michael Farrow		40
P. Corbin	pre	39	Ronald Feeney		72
F. Costin	pre	39	Stewart Feeney		74
John Costello		66	Nielsen Felix		74
Leonard Coudourier	pre	39	Christopher Fielder		73
Michael Cox		50	Anthony Fisher		42
Roger Cox		61	Bernard Fisher		46
D. Craine		39	David Fisher		49
Brian Crawley		39	Fabian Fisher		53
Martin Crosby		72	John Fitzgerald		74
Derek Crowe		43	Robert Fitzgerald		74
Denis Crowley		62	Charles Forcer	pre	39
Francis Crowley		55	Anthony Foley		53
Martin Crowley		67	Robert Fowler	pre	39
John Costello		66	Richard Fowler		38
Raymond Cullis		44	B. Fox		40
John Cummings		45	Graham Franklin		60
Michael Curran		60	Terry Friech		74
Christopher Curran		64	Alec Gair		61
David Curran		67	Rory Gallagher		63
Alan Curtis		71	Thomas Galligan		65
Timothy Cusack		74	John Galligan		66
John Dagg		66	Peter Galligan		67
Michael Dagg		65	Gerald Galligan		69
Mark Daly		71	Carlo Gandolfi		67
Jonathan Daly		72	Anthony Garibaldi		47
Joseph Daly		71	Phillip Geary		63
David Daniels		75	Thomas Geraghty		42
Edward Darlison		47	D. George	pre	39
L. Davey		42	F. George	pre	39
Christopher Davies		64	Andrew Gilbert		73
David Davies		61	Paul Gilbert		72
Ken Davies		42	Anthony Gilbert		46
Leonard Davey		42	Gordon Gillick		51
Adrian Day		60	Victor Gillick		50
S. Day		40	W. Green	pre	39
Philip Day		54	F. Gregory	pre	39
Andrew D'Costa		72	Laurence Grenham		48
Jeremy D'Costa		73	Michael Grenham		53
John Deacon		53	Ronald Griggs		43
Stephen Deacon		55	Anthony Griggs		60
John Delia		73	Ivan Grimer		68
N. Dixon	pre	39	Vincent Grimer		72
Leslie V. Dorling	pre	39	John Gill		60
Patrick Dowling		44	Giovanni Grosso		73
M. Dowling		42	Edward Gosney		60
Aiden Doyle		74	John Grayston		60
Dominic Doyle		73	Andrew Hagger		74
Brian Dudley		47	Anthony Hagger		45
Paul Duffy		72	John Hagger AGSL.		43
John Duffy		72	Simon Hagger		75
Bertrand Duquesnay		39	Kenneth Hankard		48
Martin Edwards		73	Michael Hamill		68
Kelvin Elledge		68	Leonard Hanlon	pre	39
John Evans		47	Julian Harris ASL.		54

Francis Harris	62	Christopher Locke	62
Maurice Harvey	43	Michael Locke	60
Peter Havard	42	Keith Longman	43
Leonard Hawker	45	Michael Luke	47
Roy Hawker	46	Barry Lynch	64
Peter Hay		Brian Lynch	65
Patrick Heatherman	48	John Lynch	71
Michael Heavey	70	Michael Lyne	51
John Hennessey	68	Edward Mahoney	68
Gerald Hennessey	69	John Maloney	43
Michael Henry	52	Anton Mainwaring	52
Anthony Herbert	48	T.Maloney	43
Christopher Hinton	72	Antoey Mannion	72
John Hockenhuil	48	Tony Marshall	
William Hockenhuil	44	Anthony Martin	53
Paul Hogan	71	Brian McDowell	44
James Holland	43	Ian McGillivray	64
Edward Honan	46	Anthony McGrail	45
James Honan	46	David McIntosh	42
Anthony Horn	60	William McKeon	43
Kevin Hourigan	43	Richard McNulty	73
John Hourihan	66	Anthony McNulty	73
John Hourihan	73	Joseph McMeechan	48
Brian Howarth	51	Paul McMeechan	48
Derek Howarth	52	John McPolin	56
Brian Howell	46	Michael McQuillan	54
Colin Hegner	63	John Mead	
Stephen Hutchinson	67	Patrick Mead	43
		Bernard Mears	53
Kevin Illand	72	Daniel Messer	45
Martin Irisarri	72	Anthony Mitchell	53
Mila Burke C.L.	72	Ivor Mitchell	54
Mark Jervis	72	Anthony Molloy	51
Andrew Keal	71	Richard Molyneux	64
David Keal	74	Anthony Moore	39
Edward Keal	72	Christopher Moore	65
Kevin Keefe	43	Peter Moore AVSL.	61
Tony Keller	68	Steve Moore	67
John Kelly	38	Alan Noran	75
David Keogh	60	John Moran	64
Edward Keogh	39	Peter Moran	62
Stephen Kenny	70	Gregory Morgan	73
David Kerr	56	David Moriarty	68
James Kerr	67	Alastair Muir	66
Michael Kiely	61	Ian Muir	70
Colin Kingstone	50	Bernard Mulchrone	65
Ronald Kingstone	47	Eamon Mulchrone	61
P.Knott	43	Gary Mulchrone	67
Terence Kinsella	45	Graham Mulchrone	69
Major Kim Laker S.M.	pre	Sean Murchan	75
Mrs K.Laker	pre	Eamon Murchan	75
Michael Laker	42	Michael Murphy	63
Peter Laker	37	E.Murray	42
John Lashmar	62	K.Nobes	39
Michael Last	43	H.New S.M.	25
James Lavary		Patrick Nuttgens	44
Terence Lemon	43	William O'Brien	
Peter Lee A.S.L.	74	Donnis O'Brien	47
Michael Lingane	56	John O'Callaghan	61
Alan Llewellyn	66	Finian O'Driscoll	67

Terence O'Hara	50	Thomas Searle	50
Jeremy O'Keefe	37	Dominic Sessions	pre 39
Anthony O'Malley		Kevin Sexton	75
Kevin O'Malley		Michael Sexton	72
Thomas O'Reilly	64	Brian Sexton	70
Dennis O'Sullivan		William Sexton	42
John O'Shea	75	Michael Seckerson	54
Peter O'Sullivan	47	John Sheldon	73
John O'Toole	50	Anthony Sheridan	61
Eugene O'Reilly	69	Michael Sheridan	57
Patrick O'Reilly	70	J.Simmonds	40
Brian O'Shea	67	Kevin Siems	45
Clive Osborne	57	Christopher Smith	60
Alan Oxley	68	Dominic Smith	60
Paul Oxley	66	Peter Smith	48
George Pankiewicz	72	Noel Smith	56
James Peasey		Noel Smith	67
Terence Patterson	45	Mark Smell	50
F.Perkins	pre 39	Paul Smell	42
Anthony Philpott	73	Hugh Southey	72
Adrian Philpott	71	Mary Southey C.L.	58
Lance Philpott	69	P.Stack	43
Colin Philpott	49	David Stamp	47
Rodney Philpott	47	Michael Start	46
Maureen Philpott C.L.	70	Derek St. Romaine	61
Lawrence Philpott G.S.L.	41	Michael St.Romaine	60
John Philpott	pre 39	Giles Stephenson	75
Terence Phipps S.L.	58	Edward Stewart	61
Kim Pierson	65	Gordon Stewart	60
Curt Pierson	68	Laurence Stewart	63
Anthony Piff	45	Karl Stokes	74
John Pilny	69	Keith Stone	75
Anthony Power	57	John Street	62
Lawrence Power	55	John Sullivan	56
W.Prowse	39	Anthony Sunderland	
Graham Puddifoot	62	Richard Sunderland	57
Leigh Puddifoot	64	Michael Sunderland	55
Brian Quilter	52	Andrew Sutherland	66
David Quilter	54	Barry Sutton	47
Anthony Rasmelt	47	Michael Sutton	44
David Ramsey	43	Graham Symons	69
John Ratcliffe	45	Eugene Taaffe	62
Gerard Rea	72	Stephen Taaffe	62
Paul Rebbitt	56	Michael Theod	43
Antony Rickard	39	David Thomas	69
William Rickard	pre 39	Eric Thomas	43
William Riley	65	Paul Thomas	66
Albert Rimmer	45	Marc Thomas	67
Timothy Roberts	72	A.Thompson	
Terence Rooney	45	Stephen Till	67
C.Ross	pre 39	John Trinci	72
Michael Ross	43	Daniel Thomas	68
Stephen Ross	43	Ken Thomas	pre 39
Kevin Rowland	65	Wensley Tristram	72
Michael Russon	60	Dennis Tucker	42
Peter Russell	48	Frank Truman	44
John Ryder	73	Terence Turner	39
John Saunders		Kirk Vancil	59
Hugh Schoonhoven	61	Gordon Vanderputt	71
Anthony Scott	65		

John Vicary	ASL	75
Margaret Vicary	ACL	75
Frank Vincent (Founder)		25
Terence Vincent		47
Peter Vosper		56
Michael Waites		65
Michael Wales		58
Robert Wales		68
M. Walsh		42
Richard Walsh		63
Peter Wall		44
Mark Walters		71
Joseph Watkins		43
William Wayman		43
David Webb		36
Colin Welch		61
James Welch		36
Philip Welch		61
John Wells		39
Brian Whyman		42
William Whayman		42
Michael Withey		
Allan Williams		60
Christopher Williams		63
Gordon Williams		67
Lawrence Williams		57
Michael Williams		66
Stephen Williams		69
Martin Williams		65
Connie Williamson	ACL	pre 39
Donald Williamson	ASL	44
John Wilson		60
Mark Wilson		72
Michael Wilson		44
Ronald Wilson		74
Stephen Wilson		60
Joseph Withey		64
Michael Withey		60
Nicholas Woolford		61
Edward Wojcik		60
Peter Wright		39
Edward Young		31
Michael Young		56
Paul Zabczynski		63
John Zlotnicki		63
Joseph Zlotnicki		65

The following are those boys who gained the highest award possible during their Scout Training, being holders of either the King or Queen's Scout Badge.

David Bird	Q.S.
Anthony Fisher	K.S.
Bernard Fisher	Q.S.
Fabian Fisher	Q.S.
Laurence Gresham	Q.S.
John Hagger	K.S.
David McIntosh	K.S.
Michael Laker	K.S.
Patrick Nuttgens	K.S.
Colin Philpott	Q.S.
Rodney Philpott	Q.S.
Lawrence Philpott	K.S.
Michael Ross	K.S.
Michael Theed	Q.S.
Terence Vincent	Q.S.
Edward Young	K.S.
David Kerr	Q.S.

In Memoriam

Dominic Sessions	died ONS 1939-45 war
Leslie Dorling	
Paul Snell	died of Polio October 1950, aged 21
Michael Luke	died of heart condition January 1953 aged 17
Brian Howarth	killed in work accident 1959, aged 20
Rodney Philpott	killed in car accident U.S.A. December 1962, aged 27
Tim Clifford	drowned in boating accident March 1968, aged 18.

OCTOBER 1975.

We are pleased to note that the years of devotion to Scouting that have been given by Cliff and Lawrence have come to the notice of the Scout hierarchy. The Chief Scout has awarded them the Medal of Merit in recognition of their outstanding services. Our congratulations to them both, on this timely and well deserved award.

Acknowledgments

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Bernard Brickell	1925 - 1939
John L. Hagger	1939 - 1975