



8TH

ST MARYLEBONE
SCOUT GROUP.

"THE DIEHARDS"

SILVER JUBILEE

1921 - 1946



ONE SHILLING

OUR FOUNDER

The late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, O.M., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B. (formerly Lieut.-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell) who founded the Boy Scout Movement in 1908.



FOREWORD:

A Message to "Diehardia" from Sir Percy Everett

(Sir Percy, now Deputy Chief Scout, was one of those present at Baden-Powell's experimental Camp on Brownsea Island, in 1907, the success of which led to the founding of the Movement)

The Boy Scouts Association,
Buckingham Palace Rd., S. W. 1.

I am delighted to write to wish the 8th St. Marylebone Group Many Happy Returns of its birthday. You are celebrating your 25th anniversary this year. This is a very special occasion and deserves the very best wishes of all friends of your Group.

The 8th St. Marylebone Group holds a fine record of good Scouting. May the years to come bring much happiness to you all, and may your Group continue to train your Scouts to become happy, healthy and helpful citizens.

(signed) Percy Everett,
DEPUTY CHIEF SCOUT



OUR CHIEF

The Lord Rowallan, M.C.,
T.D., The Chief Scout

The Story of Scouting

IT is now thirty-eight years since Baden-Powell held his first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island off the coast of Dorset. Twenty-four boys, drawn from every class of society, were in that camp for a fortnight in the summer of 1907. To-day, the Boy Scout Movement is world-wide. The last world census, taken in 1939, gave a total of 3,500,000 in 49 countries of the world. The world total is now estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 5,000,000.

The spread of the Scout Movement since its inception has been phenomenal. After the 1907 camp "B-P" wrote the now famous handbook of the Movement—"Scouting for Boys." It was first published in fortnightly parts in 1908 and the direct result of it was the formation of Scout Patrols in every part of Britain. It was the boys themselves who started these Patrols and they chose their own Scoutmasters from adults of their acquaintance.

In that way the Scout Movement came into being.

Outlet for Natural Energy

What is the magnet that attracts boys to become Scouts? It is the adventure and Comradeship that it offers. It is because the whole scheme of training is based on the normal desires of the boys. Scouting provides a practical outlet for his natural energy and harnesses it to good purpose. To the boy, Scouting is a great game played with his comrades, as campers, pioneers and frontiersmen.

"B-P" recognised that the divine spark is present in every boy, and that a boy was capable of following an ideal if it is set before him as a standard of conduct, and if he is given the fullest opportunity of expressing those ideals in the form of service to others. So he asked a boy to make a promise on becoming a Scout, and gave him ten laws to keep to the best of his ability.

This is the Promise:-

*On my honour I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God; and the King
To help other people at all times
To obey the Scout Law.*

And these are the Laws:-

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal to the King, his Country, his Scouters, his Parents, his Employers, and to those under him.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful, and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders of his Parents, Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster, without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

Observe that this Law is not a series of prohibitions but a positive statement of decent behaviour. When a boy becomes a Scout he promises to do his best to live up to this standard.

Within a few months of the start of the Movement in Britain, boys in other countries started Patrols and Troops. Chile was the first foreign country to start Scouts, while Canada, Australia and South Africa were the first countries in the Empire to take it up. By 1909 it had spread to Sweden, France, Norway, Mexico, Argentina, Singapore and India. It reached America in 1910. To-day the number of Scouts in America alone is 1,500,000.

The World's High Ideals

This development of the Movement throughout the world is proof of the universal appeal of the Scout method. By far the most significant thing is that the Promise and Law have received almost world wide acceptance among all creeds and have formed a common basis on which the youth of the world can meet at great International gatherings. They embrace in small compass and simple language the highest ideals of all religions and have formed a common bond enabling Christians of all denominations,

Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, and Confucians to work together in the common cause of friendship and understanding.

The great World Jamborees which are held every four years have brought the boys of the world together. They have lived side by side in camp in complete harmony and as one big happy family.

The World Rover Moots—Rover Scouts are young men over 18 years of age—have shown that this fellowship is carried on into manhood. Rover Moots are also held every four years.

So far there have been five World Jamborees—1920, Olympia, London, England; 1924, Copenhagen, Denmark; 1929, Birkenhead, England; 1933, Godollo, Hungary; 1937, Vogelenzang, Holland.

There have been three World Rover Moots—1931, Kandersteg, Switzerland; 1935, Ingaro, Sweden; 1939, Monzie, Scotland.

Now the Scouts of the World are looking forward to the Sixth World Jamboree which is to be held in France as soon as conditions permit.



Scouting in Wartime

The outbreak of war with Germany in 1939 found the Boy Scouts prepared. Just as was the case in the earlier war of 1914-1918 Scouts took on jobs as messengers, orderlies, first aiders, stretcher bearers, wardens' mates, signallers—in fact the list of different tasks undertaken is in excess of 200. Many of the boys were exposed to the greatest risks in carrying out their duties during air raids. 120 members of the Movement were decorated by the King for gallantry, while 187 received awards from the Association.

It is difficult to say how many Scouts, Rover Scouts and Scouters (the term Scouters embraces all officers' ranks) have joined H.M. Forces but this must be considerably in excess of 55,000. The number of ex-Scouts in the Services would, I am sure, reach astronomical figures.

Service men who had the advantage of Scout training were quickly able to adapt themselves to services life and to use a phrase often quoted by them—"they were a jump ahead of the fellow who had not been a Scout." Their training in observation, stalking, tracking, camping, hiking, woodcraft and pioneering equipped them for the demands of the service.

It is not without pride that I record that 22 Scouts or old Scouts have been awarded the Victoria Cross in this war.

The members of the Movement in the services have done everything possible to keep up their Scouting interests. They formed Rover Crews in their units—the formation of such crews was approved by the Admiralty, the War Office and the Air Ministry—and met whenever possible for discussions and Scouting exercises. They assisted in the running of Scout Troops and Wolf Cub Packs in places near their stations, both at home and abroad, and many were instrumental in starting new Groups.

The Scout Movement had been banned in Fascist countries, but after the liberation of Italy, numbers of Italians who had been Scouts in the pre-Mussolini days came forward to resuscitate the Movement. They found among the Allied Services men many Rover Scouts and Scouters who were ready to help. Training Courses were held, our men sacrificing their leave to conduct them, and in that way the Movement in Italy is now rapidly developing on a sound foundation. Already there has been a great rally of Scouts in Rome.

Scouting "Underground"

The Germans banned Scouting in the countries they occupied. In many instances the boys were forced to give up their uniforms, their equipment was confiscated and their headquarters were taken over. But news reached us in London that in spite of all this and dire threats and penalties if the Nazi edict was ignored, the Movement in every one of the occupied countries was being carried on underground. The full story is not yet complete, but the facts in our possession show that the Scouts of the occupied countries remained loyal to the ideals set them by the Founder and that they worked unceasingly, often forfeiting their lives, to help those who laboured underground to speed the day of liberation and freedom.

The Rover Scouts of France formed the spearhead of the Marquis. The Scouts of Holland and Poland distributed the underground newspapers and carried the secret messages; they assisted in sabotage. The same story is coming in from all the occupied countries.

When the liberating armies arrived, there were the Boy Scouts ready to help. They acted as guides to the Troops, traffic controllers, messengers, interpreters and in a score of ways, winning high praise from responsible officers. I have received many letters of tribute from all ranks of the services.



We Look to the Future

During the years of occupation in Europe the youth of all countries suffered, not from lack of parental influence, but from the example of parents practising deceit, forgery, sabotage, theft, from the highest motive of embarrassing the German administration. The result was disastrous when no sure foundation of moral standards existed. Perhaps the greatest achievement of Scouting has been to preserve and foster, even under these conditions, the sense of right and wrong which is essential for the stability and reconstruction of National life. It is only now that there exist any considerable number of men and women among the leaders of national thought on the continent who have come under this influence in their youth, but as the years pass the result of Scout training will make itself increasingly apparent and we in Scouting look to the future with confidence for that reason.

A Government spokesman said during that war "that great as is the history of Scouting, the greatest chapter is yet to be written."

The signs are that the Chapter has begun. The Movement in Europe has emerged from the war stronger in numbers and stronger in faith and spirit. At the next World Jamboree, to be held in France in 1947, the Scouts of all the nations of goodwill will come together to re-affirm their faith in their belief that "men can live as brothers."





THE VARIETY OF SCOUTING : a pot-pourri of people, places and periods which, it is hoped, will be recognised with interest

8th ST. MARYLEBONE SCOUT GROUP

"THE DIEHARDS"



GROUP COUNCIL

Group Scoutmaster: L. J. Kirby, 36 Princes Drive, Harrow.

Rover Leader: G. Scott.

Assistant Rover Leader: B. E. Emmott.

Scoutmaster: J. W. Evans. Asst. Scoutmaster: A. G. Prior. Hon. Scoutmaster: V. A. W. Kirby.

Cubmaster: H. G. Robertson.

Assistant Cubmaster: J. W. Anderson

ROVER CREW

W. Dent (Rover Mate)	C. Dent	C. Symmons	(With H.M. Forces)
R. Larkin	V. Dodd	W. Barker	P. Quin
L. Pickford	P. Hunt	D. Savegar	R. Kybird
L. Smith	E. Thomas	R. Porritt	P. Strood
A. Cook	H. McGrath	H. Bulcraig	D. Prior
B. Greer	F. Wagstaff	R. Goldstaub	D. Longdon
C. W. Wood (Hon.)	T. Slade		D. Voicke

SCOUT TROOP

Senior Scouts

BULLDOGS

R. Garner, P.L.
R. Daniels, Sec.
J. Wood
J. Knox
R. Slade
T. Coughlan

EAGLES

F. Taylor, P.L.
W. Lee, Sec.
L. Rolph
T. Child
G. Clarke
R. Woodford (Hon.)

Storekeeper

J. Smith

Boy Scouts

BUFFALOES

R. Robertson, P.L.
R. Barker, Sec.
R. Morgan
J. Rolph
B. Smith
D. Lane
T. Sewell
R. Perry

WOODPECKERS

R. Mount, P.L.
R. Wisbey, Sec.
P. Dell
P. Ball
D. Child
D. Morgan
C. Wood
K. Carter

LIONS

R. Kirby, P.L.
J. Cuthbert, Sec.
B. Drinkwater
B. Groom
R. Jamieson
B. Bradshaw
R. Brown
B. Rappa

WOLVES

D. Jenner, P.L.
P. Whale, Sec.
L. Morris
R. Evans
D. Kirby
A. Howlett
D. Rolph
D. Nicholas

CUB PACK

BLACK SIX

R. Scales, Sixer
B. Scates, Second
D. Williams
R. Fleming
C. Lovatt
D. Coughlan

RED SIX

G. Halsey, Sixer
K. Moggeridge, Sec.
T. Curtiss
G. Arkell
M. Walsh
D. Parkinson

BROWN SIX

J. McGinniss, Sixer
B. Ward, Sec.
P. Brown
A. Frisby
D. Bailin
R. Jordan

WHITE SIX

J. Shephard, Sixer
L. Matthews, Sec.
K. Miller
N. Winn
D. Strood
E. Jordan

OLD SCOUT BRANCH

Committee: A. E. Wells (Chairman), H. Bland (Vice-Chairman), J. E. Balls (Secretary),

G. W. Humphreys (Treasurer), W. G. Harvey (Ambulance Instructor), W. G. Lavers,

A. E. Wagstaff, R. Price, G. Duggleby, J. W. Nunn

Our First Twenty-Five Years



Group Scoutmaster Leslie J. Kirby

IN the quarter of a century through which the Group has passed, the tide of our affairs has been sometimes placid enough, though more often swirling with activity; and sometimes indeed it has been downright turbulent—perhaps never more so than at the start of its course.

It is a very remarkable and gratifying fact that the majority of that group of Pilgrim Fathers who, in October, 1921, seceded from the old 5th Troop, are still actively interested in the New World they set out to found, so long ago. Some are warrant-holders in the 8th of to-day; others are in the Rover Crew; more still form the backbone of the Old Scouts' Branch; and only a very few have lost touch altogether.

Frenzied Finance!

They were hectic, those earliest days. There was an air of driving, relentless energy and activity strangely similar to that of the year now just completed—and the objectives were strangely similar, too: funds, a Headquarters, equipment, support, stability. . . . In those days, though, ambition had to be more limited than to-day. The funds were gathered in pennies and shillings then—a Stop-Watch Competition, the sale of perfume cards—Oh, the

labour to sell 3,000, even at a penny!—and carol singing, and a show by the "Dandy" Concert Party.

But the funds came in and were promptly ploughed back into equipment—a trek-cart, typewriter and duplicator being the main items! Pioneers and publishers, right from the start! And the headquarters were established—a "temporary" H.Q. in Capland St. School, where it remained for just short of 25 years. The Troop had its colours (presented by Mrs. Kirby) as also had the Pack (these being presented by Mrs. Johns). The 8th had also adopted, by permission, the sobriquet of the Middlesex Regiment, and had become The Diehards. By the end of that momentous year the Eighth St. Marylebone Scout Troop and Cub Pack were well on their feet. They even had a Finance Committee, as to-day!

The first warrants were held by Les (of course) as S.M., Ed. Anderson as A.S.M., Lew Johns as C.M. and Wal Harvey as A.C.M.

The New Year of 1922 saw the Troop and Pack officially registered at L.H.Q. It also saw the first issue of *The Diehard* published—and to the best of our recollection in many of the copies quite large parts of several of the pages were distinctly legible, with some patent.

Birth of the Rover Crew

By Easter the Rover Crew had come into being, under Bert Emmott, who founded it during the course of Easter camp. Another important milestone this. Before many months the Crew was getting into the public eye in various ways—for example, Jim Mason was winning the District Rover Swimming Championship, and Bernard Woodford was repeating his previous running victory over the mile was. During the year the 8th settled down to a lot of steady Scouting activity; took part in strength in the Prince of Wales Rally at Alexandra Palace, and put in a lot of hard work rehearsing for the District Jamboree—

which, however, was abandoned. Bert Emmott and Leo Thompson took A.S.M.'s warrant and Will Lavers became A.C.M.

Early in 1923 the growing Crew divided itself into three patrols, with Will Smith, Vic Kirby and Harry Bland as Rover Mates. Later in the year the Rovers acquired their own Den, in Lisson Grove. It was far from ideal in size, in convenience and in atmosphere. It was a converted coal order office, but it had the air of a coal cellar. The series of Wellington Hall Dances, started around the same time, was not, however, an idea for treating the Rovers to an occasional evening away from the Den. It was a more ambitious turn to the Fund-raising campaign, and highly successful—for those days. Why sometimes the profits came within a few pounds of reaching double figures!

Sports Champions

That year Bernard won the mile for the third year in succession—it's a terrible thing when these habits get a hold on a fellow!—and the 8th finished the Sports Day with all the points needed to make them Champions.

Most people will remember 1924 as the year of the Empire Exhibition at Wembley. During the course of it an Imperial Jamboree was held in the Stadium. Representatives of Scouts from all over the Empire attended—from Canberra, Calcutta, Cape Town, Cathness, Canada, Cardiff and Capland Street. Yes, the 8th was there, and the Pack took part in the great Grand Howl!

Again this year the 8th carried off the District Rover Swimming Championship, Eddie Davies this time being the victor. Those were great days of swimming talent in our midst, you may remember. We weren't so good at boxing, though, and failed to provide any finalists in the All-London contests for which we entered.

Wireless and photography sections were started in the troop, and in the course of a very good year's badge-work six First Class Scouts were produced.



Palm Sunday; Capland St., 1922

In 1925 the parent body of the Troop—the old 5th—fell into a difficult period and turned for aid to its strapping four-year-old offspring, the 8th. At the request of the Rev. J. Vezev-Mason, we nominated various capable chaps from our own ranks to serve as officers of the 5th Troop and Pack. Leo Thompson became S.M., Ernie Wells became C.M., aided by Harry Bland as A.C.M.

Partly as a result of these moves the 8th had three new warrant-holders that year. Will Smith took the place of Lew Johns as C.M., Tom Johns replaced Wal Harvey as A.C.M., and Vic Kirby became A.S.M. to succeed Leo. Wal Harvey served as Ambulance Badge instructor.

It was a busy year. Among other activities the Troop attended the Empire Day service at Wembley; took part in the Association Flag Convoy to Portsmouth, and made a number of interesting educational visits—to the G.P.O., to a London refuse-destruction plant and to the headquarters of the Fire Brigade. The Rovers got around to

the London Playing Fields Society meeting at the Albert Hall and a Garden Party at Elmbridge. In the field of Service they became Blood Transfusion donors. The Cubs upheld the 8th's athletic laurels that year, taking top place in the District Sports.

St. Marylebone held a Scout Week in 1926, and from the records it would seem that the organisers organised it around the Diehards. At all events the 8th took part in four nights out of the six, and much enjoyed the opportunity while appreciating the honour. At a Cinema Night our collection of camp lantern-slides—quite considerable even then—was shown. At an Exhibition night we showed handicrafts and snaps, and gave a demonstration of publishing *The Diehard*. The Dramatic Night was taken up mainly with our rendering of the Pickwick Trial, and we contributed trek-cart and cycling items to the Display Night.

That was the year of the Rover Moot at Albert Hall, and the 8th Crew took part. The Troop entered the New Zealand Flag competition, worked well and achieved *second* place.

Let it be recorded right away that in the following year, 1927, the Troop again entered the New Zealand Flag competition, worked well and achieved *first* place. There was also a Bullen Shield competition. We came second in that. Other notable successes were aquatic ones. At the swimming Gala the Troop won the inter-Troop relay race and—we nearly said "of course"—the Anderson Shield also, at the hands of George Scott.

The Troop evolved two further First Class Scouts that year, while S.M. Vic Kirby gained the Wood Badge—a highly-coveted honour.

L. J. K. — G. S. M.

Notice Vic's Scoutmaster rank now? That came about when, at the end of the year, the Eighth adopted the Group System which had just been launched by Boy Scout Headquarters. A Scout Group has a Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Rover Crew, each with its own officers, but also with a G.S.M. as a kind of "Managing Director" of the three sections. Les, of course, became G.S.M., with Vic taking over the Troop and with Bert Emmott and Will Smith continuing as Rover Leader and Cubmaster respectively.

1928 was a year packed with honour and glory! Just glance through this synopsis:

Troop selected to give demonstration of recreational games at Rally held to greet the King of Afghanistan;

Crew selected to enact the "Arthurian" episode before the Chief Scout at British Rover Moot at Birmingham (this was subsequently filmed);

Troop won New Zealand Flag competition for the second year running;

Took three 1st Prizes at Sports, and four 2nds; George Scott won Rover Challenge Cup at Swimming Gala;

G.S.M. gained Wood Badge.

Two new warrants were taken out in the following year, 1929. Eddy Hampton became A.S.M. and Pitt became A.C.M. This was the year, it will be remembered, when B.P. was made Lord Baden-Powell. The Peerage was conferred upon him in the course of the World Jamboree at Birkenhead, an event attended by fifteen members of the Troop. Les was in charge of all the St. Marylebone contingent.

Reg Redman that year became a King's Scout, the first but not the last member of the Eighth Troop to win that fine distinction.

The New Zealand Flag slipped temporarily from our grasp. We ended the competition in second place by a very narrow margin. The Rovers also took second place in the inter-Crew race at the swimming gala, and the Cubs came third in the inter-pack competition.



Rover Moot: Birmingham, 1928



The start of a fine day's hike through the Black Forest, 1930

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A notable event was inaugurated also in 1929—the first Old Scouts' Reunion. Does it seem seventeen years since that gathering?

The year 1930 was another of those years when everything seemed to go well. At the sports the relay team ran into first place; at the gala they swam into it. We won the Anderson shield that year, also.

The Group took a leading part in the St. Marylebone Scout and Guide week, performing "The Pageant of St. Marylebone" on the Dramatic Night, and also staging a fine Jamboree at Capland Street. The Rover Crew produced a daily news bulletin—"The Latchkey." At the Alexandra Park Rally for the Chief Scout the 8th took part in a Transport Display.

Presentations (a Thanks Badge and a copy of the picture "The Pathfinder") were made to our old friends, The Rev. and Mrs. J. Vezey-Mason.

The year saw several notable changes of officers. Vic Evans took Vic Kirby's place as S.M., while Jack Evans and George Scott took up A.S.M.'s warrants and Cecil Bensted became A.R.L. The G.S.M. was appointed A.D.C. (Rovers) but nevertheless found time to write "The History of Scouting in St. Marylebone."

Tragedy marked 1931 with the death of Albert Pitteway. "Pitt," a most talented pianist, had the sunniest of natures and was a friend of all, and his sad passing cast a gloom upon a much wider circle than the Group. Emmanuel Church was packed for the Memorial Service, at which the clock given in "Pitt's" memory was unveiled.

The first cricket match between the Old Scouts and the Rovers took place at Lords. Sports Day was notable for the prowess of Hector Tuke in winning the Long and High Jumps. The Group by now seemed to be getting property-minded; an impressive Group Inventory was published; a new Roneo was purchased; and a Building Fund was established. The Crew acquired a new concealed Den at 34 Wharncliffe Gardens—to the well-converted delight of occupants of the neighbouring flats!

An important event of early 1932 was that the Old Scouts' gathering became a Reunion Supper—a highly-successful evening which was held under the Chairmanship

of Bernard Woodford. The Troop took a prominent part in the Scout and Guide show held at the Foundling Hospital Site, and the Rovers took part in the Venturers Dramatic Quest. The Rev. J. Lee Featherstone became an Honorary Rover. This year again saw the Troop reach second place in the New Zealand Flag competition, in the course of which they came top in the camping item. Joe Anderson won the Anderson Shield at the swimming gala.

And then again the year became marked with tragedy, with the death of Bill Scott. And again our loss was one of the best and most popular lads in the Group—and certainly the happiest.

At the turn of the year our old friend, the Rev. John Vezey-Mason also died, and a Memorial Service was held at Emmanuel both for him and Bill Scott, at the opening of 1933.

Diehards Doing Well

During the year the 8th touched high levels of achievement, winning the New Zealand Flag competition with the magnificent total of 93.3%, and also winning the Bullen Shield. The Anderson Shield was also retained, once again at the hands of Andy. No fewer than eight First Class badges were gained in the course of the year, besides ten Second Class. Eric Wells succeeded Bert Emmott as Rover Leader, while Albert Wagstaff filled the vacancy left by Pitt's death, as A.C.M.

Under the Chairmanship of Eddy Anderson the Old Scouts welcomed Eric Gyngell (ex-Scoutmaster of the old 5th) as Guest of Honour at the Re-union Supper.

In 1934 the previous year's victorious habits were continued. The Troop repeated its success in carrying off the New Zealand Flag. The Pack won not only the sports but also the cricket shield. Jack Evans upheld the Crew's prestige by winning the Rover 3-lengths' race at the Gala.

Lionel Smith was awarded the Gilt Cross for saving life. During the year the Troop gained another King's Scout, while 2 First Class and 30 Proficiency badges were earned. Jack Evans took out his S.M.'s warrant. Will Cruickshank became A.S.M., and Vic Kirby was elected as Chairman, Old Scouts.

The year of the King's Silver Jubilee, 1935, was

marked by appropriate activities on the part of the 8th. The Scouts sold programmes along the route—incidentally seeing the show to great advantage—and the Troop's two King's Scouts were on duty at the United Services Club. The Troop Leader was at the Windsor service. The Cubs attended the Jubilee Camp. And the Rovers enjoyed themselves by building the massive bonfire beacon on Primrose Hill.

The G.S.M. completed his first quarter-century of Scouting, and the Group presented him with a statuette in appreciation. It is to be hoped that there will be a whole row of such statuettes . . . !

New Zealand Hat-Trick

The Troop completed its hat-trick of consecutive successes in the New Zealand Flag competition. The Rovers acquired a new Den at 24 Randolph Mews and, in honour of the event, were reinforced by an influx of 8 Scouts into the Crew—all of them with First Class badges. Will Smith became Chairman of the Old Scouts' Branch, and Colonel Birney, H.Q. Commissioner, was the Guest of Honour at the Re-union.

Bob Larkin took Wag's place as C.M., with Charlie Joby as A.C.M.

At first glance at the 1936 records it gave one the impression that the only thing we didn't win was the Irish Sweep. Certainly we won the Stiles Allen Sports Challenge Cup. Also the Anderson Shield at the Swimming Gala, through Crasher Bangs' efforts. Also the inter-Troop Swimming Relay. And once again we topped the list at the N.Z. Flag camp. Two more First Class badges were gained.

An energetic year it appears to have been, too. The Rovers hiked around Virginia Water. Later, with further surplus energy to dispose of, two of them cycled to Scotland and back. (Yes, Scotland—not Scot-Ellis Gdn's!)

Will Brendon was Old Scouts' Chairman. George Scott succeeded Eric as Rover Leader.



Harrow Weald, 1942

Coronation activities in 1937 brought with them another spell of programme-selling along the procession route—and another opportunity of seeing the show in style! The Rovers erected crush barriers beforehand, and had two members on duty in Westminster Abbey.

The Group inaugurated a special tie—black with double gold stripes—for "civilian" occasions. They were worn for the first time at the Reunion, at which Will Barton was elected Chairman for the year. The Troop had a new A.S.M. in "Dick" Prior, and the Pack a new A.C.M. in Joe Anderson. It was a fine year for badge work—2 All-Round Cords, 50 Proficiency Badges, 4 First Class and no fewer than 5 King's Scout.

Laurels and Honours

Awards of various kinds distinguished 1938 also—the N.Z. Flag for the Troop, the Totem Pole Honour for the Pack, the Scout Medal of Merit for the G.S.M., the Wood Badge for A.S.M. "Dick" Prior, with a further King's Scout and four First Class Badges among the Scouts. The Rovers attended the Rover Moot at Garton Park. Ron Andrew became Chairman of the Old Scouts Branch, and Charlie Joby took Bob Larkin's place as Cubmaster.

Nobody needs reminding of what happened in 1939. The outbreak of war found us with no headquarters and hardly any Troop and Pack, our premises being requisitioned and our boys—most of them at least—being evacuated under the London dispersal scheme. However, the evacuees to Redruth started a patrol there, and the few who were still in London became A.R.P. messengers. Waste paper collections also started, the result being 3 tons by the end of the year. Harry Bland was Old Boys' Chairman—and nobly held down the increasingly-onerous job for seven times the normal year of office. Rovers and Old Scouts in Forces, 13.

The tale of increasing war effort and decreasing numbers was continued in 1940. Forces members had grown to 47, but although we regained part use of our H.Q., the blitz reduced our active numbers to 6 Scouts and 4 Cubs! And the waste paper reached 8 tons.

In common with Scouts the world over, we mourned in 1941 the death of our Founder and Chief, Lord Baden-Powell. Of our own number, with no fewer than 67 in the Forces, we began to taste the bitterness of personal loss—first, Old Scout Jock Munro, then Rover Dick James, who was killed at Crete. A memorial service was held in Emmanuel Church, and the "Dick James" Statuette was given to the Group in memory, by Dick's parents.

Vic Kirby took over the 2nd Harrogate Troop, and began to model a second Diehards in Yorkshire.

A Memorable Resolution

Under the stress of war the Group celebrated a very austere 21st Birthday in 1942, but resolved that as a War Memorial we should aim to have our own Headquarters by the time of our 25th Birthday. S.M. Jack Evans left for the Forces, taking the total of Diehard warriors to 95. The Group added the erecting of Air Raid shelters to its continued task of waste-paper collecting, and took part in Marylebone Youth Week. We were again faced with sorrow when two more of our lads—Joe Cook and Stan Jenner—were reported missing. Mr. and Mrs. Jenner presented the Group with a silver cup in Stan's memory.

In 1943, with 106 Rovers and Old Scouts in the Forces, the Rover Crew virtually ceased to exist, but the Troop and Pack carried on with their gallant remnants, and began to show something of their old strength and liveliness.

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River Clyde trip, from "Loch Lomond" camp, 1929

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The record number of 64 badges were gained. All four P.L.s became King's Scouts. The Troop had a unique part in the Albert Hall Rally to Lord Somers, the Chief Scout, and the Troop and Pack were honoured by a visit from Gen. Sir John Shea, County Commissioner. Diehardia developed further outposts when Old Scouts Stan Mason and Will Smith took over the 16th Wembley Cub Pack, and Fred Larkin became S.M. of the 3rd Stanmore Troop. The H.Q. campaign commenced and the Building Fund began to take shape, reaching £160. P/O. Alf Cook was awarded the D.S.M. The group suffered tragic blows with the news that Jack Prior was reported missing on air operations, that Frank Reynolds had been killed in action, that John Bresnahan had died in enemy hands and that David Phillips had died of wounds.

Sorrow and Pride

With the death in 1944 of Lord Somers, the Chief Scout, 4 of our Scouts attended the memorial service at Windsor. This was another year of tragedy for Diehardia, first as a result of the flying bomb on Wharncliffe Gardens, by which 3 members of the Group lost parents, and many of our friends were rendered homeless; and later, with the news that John Dell was reported missing on air operations, and that Cyril Evans had been killed in action. It was also another year of pride, in that Jack Prior was posthumously awarded the D.F.M.

Vic Kirby was presented with the Medal of Merit. Den Longden received a Certificate of Merit for A.R.P. work. The Pack won the District Totem-Pole Honour, and the Group was commended by the Town Clerk for its work in erecting 50 Air Raid shelters. Diehardia in the Forces now totalled 112. The Group earned £15 on behalf of the Overseas Scout Relief Service. The Christmas Good Turn Fund was this year devoted to our many friends who had suffered through the Wharncliffe disaster.

With the coming of peace, 1945 saw an intensive campaign to secure the Group's own H.Q. The Fund was raised to over £1,000 by the end of the year. Negotiations were opened regarding the Mansergh-Woodall Club. The

Group staged two Dances at the Seymour Hall, a Grand Draw, a Christmas Bazaar, a Rummage Sale and Fun Fair. Hon. S.M. Vic Kirby returned from Harrogate to take charge of the Troop.

The Scouts began dismantling the shelters they had erected (but *not* returning the very many tons of waste paper they had also collected!). With the resumption of the Swimming Gala we won the inter-Troop Relay and came 1st and 2nd in the race for the Anderson Shield. We had a welcome visit from Paul Brock and Malmgaard Nielsen, our Scouter friends from Denmark. The year closed with no fewer than 117 Rovers and Old Scouts in the Forces.

Promise and Achievement

And so we reach 1946. This, our Silver Jubilee Year, has been one of splendid achievement and wonderful promise for the future. We are proud and fortunate to have Mr. E. C. Woodall, O.B.E., as our Group President. We are proud and fortunate in having secured such a fine Headquarters as the Mansergh-Woodall Club, on which we have just been granted a seven-year lease. We remember with admiration the fine work for Youth with which the building has always been associated, and we are determined to maintain that proud tradition in our own efforts there.

With the majority of our warriors released from Service, a Welcome Home Dance was held at the Seymour Hall, and a Grand Post-War Reunion Supper, at which Ernie Wells was elected Chairman, relieving Harry Bland after 7 years. At the new Headquarters, work has proceeded apace on alterations and renovation.

H. G. Robertson ("Robbo") succeeded Charlie Joby as C.M.

A Ladies' Committee is in being, in the service of that Memorial Sanctum which has always been in the forefront of our plans, to the memory of comrades who have passed on.

It may be appropriate to mention here how much the Group has always gained from the interest, understanding and constant support of its parents and friends, and of its Old Scouts. That spirit of co-operation has been and will be a great factor in our strength and our success.



Palm Sunday, Capland Street, 1937 (compare with picture on page 7)

PROGRAMME

of

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

November, 1946.

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE

will be held at

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HAMILTON TERRACE, N.W.8

on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, at 3.30 p.m.

Preacher: THE REV. J. LEE FEATHERSTONE, A.K.C., T.D., Hon. C.F.
(Vicar of St. Saviour's, Westcliff)

Officiating Clergy:

The Rev. W. T. VEEL, M.A. (Vicar of Emmanuel, Maida Hill)

The Rev. A. J. FISHER, L.Th. (Vicar of St. Paul's, Rossmore Road)

The Rev. D. KIRBY BURT, A.L.C.D. (Assistant Curate, St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace)

Organist: Mr. F. G. ELLYATT (formerly of Emmanuel)

The Choir will be composed mainly of Old Scouts who served in Emmanuel Church Choir 25 years ago

During the service the Danish Flag presented to the Group in August 1939 by the Scouts of Copenhagen will be consecrated

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE GROUP MEMORIAL SANCTUM

The above Service will be followed by the

OFFICIAL OPENING of the new GROUP HEADQUARTERS
Mansergh-Woodall Club, 24-28 Hill Road, N.W.8

by

GENERAL SIR JOHN SHEA, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. (County Commissioner)

Hoisting of new Headquarters Flag Planting of Silver Birch tree

Afternoon Tea Cutting of Birthday Cake

A short Public Meeting of Welcome

Chairman: E. C. WOODALL, Esq., O.B.E. (Group President)

Visitors will be conducted, in small parties, over the new Headquarters, including the Memorial Sanctum shortly to be dedicated to our Scouts "Called to Higher Service"

Silver Jubilee Programme

SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER

A Grand Dance

at

THE SEYMOUR HALL, SEYMOUR PLACE, W.1

7.30 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.

HOWARD BIGGS AND HIS BAND

LICENSED BAR AND BUFFET

M.C. - Mr. T. MAY

Tickets (in advance) 3/-; (on door) 4/-

MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

Exhibition and Fun Fair

at

MANSENGH - WOODALL CLUB, HILL ROAD, N.W.8.

Commencing 6.30 p.m.

*Exhibits of Scout and Cub Handicrafts, Collections, and Photographs
Demonstration of Model Making*

Opened by Mr. J. RAMSAY (Asst. County Commissioner, N.W. London)

All the Fun of the Fair - Refreshments - Competitions - Admission 3d.

TUESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER

An Old Time Night

at

MANSENGH - WOODALL CLUB, HILL ROAD, N.W.8

Commencing 7.30 p.m.

PART I. OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

PART II. OLD TIME DANCES

Chairman: Mr. A. J. GRIMES

M.C.: Mr. C. A. KIRBY

Admission by Programme 1/6d.

WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER

Scouting On The Screen

at

MANSENGH - WOODALL CLUB, HILL ROAD, N.W.8

Commencing 7.30 p.m.

Films of World-wide Scouting

Lantern Slides portraying our Group activities over 25 years

Chairman: Captain A. V. CALL (Asst. H.Q. Commissioner for Kindred Societies)

Supported by Mr. W. H. DENT

Admission 6d.

Silver Jubilee Programme

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

28th / 29th NOVEMBER

ANNUAL DRAMATIC SHOW

"Jubilation"

at

THE PORTLAND HALL (Polytechnic Extension) LITTLE TITCHFIELD ST., W.1

Commencing each evening 7.30 p.m.

THE SCOUTS present

"TREASURE ISLAND"

By Robert Louis Stevenson

CUBS Nigger Minstrels

- ROVER Sketches

- OLD SCOUT Sea Shanties

CHAIRMEN:

THURSDAY:

His Worship the Mayor of St. Marylebone (Alderman C. S. STEEL, F.C.A., J.P.)

Supported by Mr. Councillor H. F. RYAN and Mr. Councillor F. FRAME

FRIDAY:

C. MCKENNA, Esq., F.C.I.S. (Chairman, St. Marylebone Youth Committee)

Supported by E. C. WOODALL, Esq., O.B.E. (Group President)

and C. T. WELLINGTON, Esq. (District Commissioner)

Tickets 2/6d. and 1/6d.

All seats numbered and reserved

SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER

Jamborette

at

MANSENGH - WOODALL CLUB, HILL ROAD, N.W.8

PART I (commencing 3 p.m.):

Open only to Cubs and Brownies, Scouts and Guides, Rovers and Rangers,
Scouters and Guiders IN UNIFORM.

PROGRAMME: Games - Displays - Preliminary Competitions
Exhibition and various Sideshows

Guest of Honour: COL. J. S. WILSON, O.B.E.

(Director of Scout International Bureau)

PART II (commencing 7 p.m.):

Open to all Supporters of the Group

PROGRAMME: Selected Display items - Finals of Competitions
Fun Fair and Camp Fire

THE GRAND FINALE

Admission Free

Tickets for the Grand Dance and the Dramatic Show may be obtained from the Group
Treasurer, Mr. C. W. Wood, 214 Scott Ellis Gardens, N.W.8. (Tele: CUN 1416.)

The Silver Jubilee Roll

The following list contains the name, with year of investiture, of every Dierdard who has had at least one year's service with the Eighth Group.

1909					
L. J. Kirby	1921	C. Brown	E. Dunn	B. Hagger	
W. G. Harvey	E. O. Hampton	J. Coppings	P. Dunn	D. Jenner	
	I. Martin	E. Siani	J. Bagley	R. Goldtub	
	R. Price	R. Sullivan	T. Plumridge	W. H. Lee	
1910	F. Stockley	J. W. Nunn	D. S. Savaegar	R. Kirby	
E. E. Anderson	W. Wakefield		J. Wagstaff		
			K. D. Smith		
			S. G. Jenner		
1911		1922		1940	
B. E. Emmott	J. E. Ballis	J. H. Prior	A. Jenner	D. Hart	
	C. W. Joby	A. G. Prior	A. List	J. Whistler	
	F. Foster	J. W. Anderson	J. Siani	J. Smith	
	W. Williams	R. Bangs	H. Sutcliff	D. Adams	
1912	W. Smith	W. Rianon	W. Gibbons	D. Bynham	
L. P. Thompson	W. Colbourne	J. Slann			
B. E. Woodford	E. Fitzjohn	J. Ramsley			
	L. Kemp	H. Miller			
1913	J. Kemp	J. Disdale			
P. Rumsey	W. E. Lodd	W. Merriman			
E. H. Mason	A. Russell				
	K. Phillips				
1914	V. A. W. Kirby	1928		1941	
W. G. Smith	F. Duggleby	W. Verralls		R. Robertson	
H. S. Bland	K. F. Redman	I. C. Todd		C. Payne	
J. R. Andrew	E. Bender	L. Conway		P. Barham	
	J. Mackintosh	K. Whittle		A. Gaston	
	E. Lockyer	F. R. Wilson		P. Wells	
	J. Waller	S. Miller		B. Smith	
	W. F. Waller	L. Shea		G. Bender	
	H. List	W. Quersley		K. Slade	
	C. C. Bansted	T. Martin		J. W. Cuthbert	
	E. Davies	C. N. Dent			
	H. J. Mason	Y. Dodd			
	M. W. Hunt	E. Samuels			
	E. Hamling	S. Foby			
1916	1923	1929		1942	
S. G. Mason	C. Webb	L. Wilson		R. Daniels	
H. Lewin	H. Larkin	J. Baldwin		P. Yarnes	
	J. Bresnahan	R. A. West		D. Badger	
	W. Larkin	A. Dunn		R. Barker	
	R. Miller	W. Dunn		P. White	
	W. Hunt	A. Barker		R. Simper	
	G. Sandig	W. Barker		C. Tursley	
	W. E. Barton	John Dell		E. Bailey	
L. Brown	E. Adamson	Lionel Smith		R. Bardell	
	C. Martin	R. Grace		D. Lane	
	D. Tregeser	G. Andrews		R. Jamieson	
	F. Moody			D. Atkins	
	K. G. Lockyer			P. Ball	
				T. Sewell	
1919		1930		C. C. Wood	
T. H. Johns	S. Willgrass	J. G. Langdon		D. Kirby	
E. C. Long	F. Strange	M. G. Langdon			
W. G. Lavers	Y. S. Evans	G. Simons			
W. Shephard	J. Bryant	W. C. Cruickshank			
T. Bangs	E. Stockley	W. Tofts			
G. Taylor	E. Hunt	S. Davidson			
R. Winter	E. C. Long	H. T. McGrath			
Y. S. Evans	J. Stockley	L. Vincent			
J. Bryant	E. Hunt	R. Wright			
E. Stockley	E. C. Long	K. Johnson			
J. Stockley	E. C. Long	H. A. Young			
E. Hunt	E. C. Long	S. Geere			
G. Lewin	E. C. Long	E. Thomas			
S. Long	E. C. Long				
H. Catlin	E. C. Long				
G. Scott	E. C. Long				
J. W. Evans	E. C. Long				
P. Harrington	E. C. Long				
R. Williamson	E. C. Long				
P. Smith	E. C. Long				
B. Hampton	E. C. Long				
F. Hampton	E. C. Long				
R. Harvey	E. C. Long				
W. J. Scott	E. C. Long				
F. Breardon	E. C. Long				
D. Harrington	E. C. Long				
A. E. Wargstaff	E. C. Long				
G. W. Humphreys	E. C. Long				
C. Scates	E. C. Long				
A. Nye	E. C. Long				
1920	1926	1932	1939	1945	
W. L. Johns	J. R. Eatwell	A. T. Cook	R. D. Garner	C. W. Wood	
E. Wright	J. Little	M. Goodwin	R. Daniels	L. Morris	
E. Harrington	B. Mailett	H. Webber	W. Thomas	D. Morgan	
L. Lewin	W. Bresnahan	T. O'Neill	K. Lowman	B. Scates	
G. Charlton	W. Coghill	B. Lovett	R. Russ	T. Coughlan	
				D. Maiden	
				T. Curtis	
				L. Matthews	
				B. Carter	
				P. Dell	
				J. Rolph	
				J. Frost	
				K. Moagridge	
				G. Clarke	

IN MEMORIAM

OUR Jubilee booklet would not be complete without a reference to those of our number who have been Called Home. Over such a long span as 25 years, including 6 years of war, we could scarcely expect to escape the incidence of death. But when we see some of our Scouts cut down in their youth it is natural that we should pause awhile and consider what we can do to perpetuate their memory, and bring a little comfort to those who mourn.

It has long been our desire to establish some form of Group Memorial, and now that we have our own Headquarters it is our purpose to set aside one room as a Sanctum—to be used only for "Scouts Own," Investiture ceremonies, Vigils and other Spiritual gatherings. Photographs of our departed brothers will adorn the walls, and the Group's consecrated Colours will find a home therein.

An altar will be built and dedicated, above which will hang the Group Memorial Flag and the picture of "The Pathfinder."

A Guild has been formed, composed of the parents and relations of the deceased, who will be responsible for the arrangement and preservation of the Sanctum, and for a regular weekly supply of flowers. Any friend who would wish to be associated with this floral tribute by making himself responsible on any one Sunday during the year is invited to communicate with Mrs. James, 90 Scott-Ellis Gardens, N.W.8, who will act as Secretary of the Guild.

"Those whom the Gods love die young." It is indeed a remarkable fact, often commented upon, that the Scouts "Called to Higher Service" were all boys or young men rich in character. Let us consider these names.

ROLL OF HONOUR

CHARLIE MARTIN	Born July 1915	Died 6th September 1929
ALBERT WILLIAM PITTEWAY	Born 5th September 1906	Died 20th August 1931
WILLIAM JOHN SCOTT	Born 8th August 1911	Died 31st December 1932
DUNCAN MUNRO	Born 17th July 1912	Died 1st January 1941
DICK SIDNEY JAMES	Born 20th June 1922	Killed in Action 29th May 1941
JOSEPH WILLIAM COOK	Born 26th April 1916	Missing from Air Operations 18th June 1942
STANLEY GEORGE JENNER	Born 26th April 1922	Killed in action 15th Oct. 1942
JOHN HENRY PRIOR, D.F.M.	Born 2nd October 1915	Missing from Air Operations 5th April 1943
FRANK REYNOLDS	Born 3rd October 1920	Killed in Action 13th May 1943
DAVID LOUIS PHILLIPS	Born 6th Nov. 1922	Died of Wounds 25th Aug. 1943
JOHN BRESNAHAN	Born 17th January 1912	Died in enemy hands 1943
JOHN FRANKLIN DELL	Born 21st December 1921	Missing from Air Operations 29th April 1944
CYRIL CAREW EVANS	Born 31st Oct. 1924	Killed in Action 6th Sept. 1944
RICHARD GEORGE WRAIGHT	Born 3rd April 1922	Died October 1944
ALAN BARRATT	Born 6th June 1923	Missing from Air Operations March 1945

THE 8th ST. MARYLEBONE Scout Group is an "Open" Group, i.e., it is open for membership to boys of all religious denominations, and not sponsored by any one particular church. Nevertheless, Duty to God remains the fundamental basis of Scout training; and all our plans and ambitions will be worthless unless we recognise the paramount importance of the Scout Promise, with all that it implies.

We believe fervently that the dedication of a Memorial Sanctum to those Scouts who have passed on will help to

spread a spirit of love and fellowship, as well as of sacrifice and service, in our midst, whilst the home folk of our lost brothers will surely derive some consolation in the knowledge that the memory of their loved ones will ever remain with us.

The presence of the altar in that hallowed room, and the opportunity it affords for Holy Communion, will follow the injunction of Him who said: "Do this in remembrance of me."

L. J. K.



The start of the 5-Rover Cycling Tour of France, 1922

Diehards in Camp and on Tour

CAMP life plays an important part in Scout training. In camp a boy learns self-reliance and the pleasures of unselfish comradeship in a way that could not be excelled elsewhere. It is therefore a slice of real good fortune that this method of training is also one of the most enjoyable ways that can be imagined, of spending a holiday.

The Eighth has always been a great camping Group—competent in the technique of camp-running, and imaginative in the choice of camp locations. Indeed, “adventurous” might be a better term than any, for our tents have been pitched in the choicest parts of the whole of Britain—north, south, east and west, in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man—yes, and over half the Continent of Europe!

We Do Get Around

We have camped on the rolling Downs and amid the mountains; amid the Lakes and by rivers; inland and by the sea. We have camped for weeks at a stretch, and we have snatched with gladness the passing week-end or even a single night under canvas. By bike and bus, row-boat and steamer, train, lorry, car or Shanks's pony, we have sought and found the pleasures of holiday-making close to Nature, and have once again filled our nostrils with that subtle blend of fresh air and the soft incense of drifting wood-smoke.

You may be interested in a few statistics. Totting up the numbers of chaps attending the various camps in the course of our 25 years, we get the astonishing total of 1,068. (That doesn't mean that we've had over a thousand different campers, of course; if a boy goes to camp three years running he naturally gets counted three times in the total.)

But wait a bit. If we now multiply the number of camp attendances by the length of time involved in each case (one night, or twenty-one, or whatever each boy did) we get a total of 14,639 nights (and days, roughly). In other words, if one chap had done all that camping himself, it would have occupied him—all day and every day—for

well over forty years! (Luckily for the rest of us, one chap did *not* do it all by himself.)

1922 - A Notable Beginning

We held our first camp in March, 1922—just a week-end at Batchworth Heath. At Easter we went to Bushey. At Whitsun there were two camps—the Scouts at Northwood and the Rovers at Bognor. Summer saw us with a three-week camp at Felpham, near Bognor. We snatched odd week-ends at Edgware and Northwood, and we got our foot into the doorway of Continental travel when five of the Rovers did a cycling tour of France. An auspicious start to our camping and touring career, you will agree.



Wiesbaden, Germany, 1930. (“Moved on” by French Occupation Army.)

But just see where that beginning led us, as the years moved on. We have kept the record largely in synopsis form, for ready reference. (The bracket-notes are there to refresh your memory about especially interesting visits and events.)

1922. (See above.)

1923. Easter and Whitsun at Northwood. Summer: 3 weeks at Snettisham, Norfolk. (Hunstanton, King's Lynn, Sandringham.) Week-ends at Gilwell. Cycling tour in Devon by 4 Rovers.

1924. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun: Scouts at Godalming, Rovers at Bognor. Summer: 3 weeks at Aldwick, Sussex. (Selsey Bill, Littlehampton.) 7 Rovers toured Denmark, spending 1 week at International Jamboree and 1 week in billets at Odense. (Thanks Badge to Mr. Michaelson.) Week-ends at Northwood, Edgware and Wendover.

1925. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Wendover. For the summer, 3 weeks at Maidencombe, Devon. (Princetown, Buckfastleigh, Paignton, Teignmouth.)

1926. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Wigginton. Summer camp—2 weeks—at Pevensey. (Eastbourne, Hastings.) Sixteen Rovers and Seniors toured Switzerland (via Paris, Berne, Thun, Kandersteg—with its Scout Chalet—and Geneva, home of the League of Nations.) We climbed Blumlisalp and Gemmi Pass, and six of us visited Pallanza, in Italy.

1927. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Watford. Summer camp at Pensarn, N. Wales. (Carnarvon, Llandudno, ascent of Snowden, descent of Point-of-Ayr coal mine.) We camped for no fewer than 24 other week-ends that year.

1928. Easter at Goring. Whitsun: Scouts at Twyford, Rovers at Birmingham (for the Rover Moot.) Summer at Sandbanks, Dorset. (Bournemouth, Swanage, Lulworth.) Ten Rovers and Seniors toured Scandinavia, via Gjentofte (Zealand), Halsingborg (Sweden), Odense (Funen), Fredericia (Jutland).



At League of Nations Building, Geneva, 1926

1929. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun, a 25-mile hike through Hertfordshire and Middlesex. Summer: a week at Birkenhead, for the World Jamboree, and 2 weeks at Auchingillan, Scotland. (Glasgow, Edinburgh, boat trip up River Clyde, climbed Ben Lomond.)

1930. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Scal Chart, Kent. Summer at Bexhill. Twenty-one members toured Germany. (We were only the third British Group to go there since the First World War ended.) We did 60 miles afoot with a trek cart, through the black Forest, during the first week; then, for our second week, we went up the Rhine by steamer, visiting Freiburg, Heidelberg, Weisbaden and Cologne, and staying either in Youth Hostels or under our own canvas.

1931. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. Summer camp at Bude, Cornwall. (Tintagel, Newquay and a Rover hike to Land's End.) Two members attended the Rover Moot in Switzerland.

1932. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. Week-ends at Downe, Gilwell, Potters Bar, Hatfield. A District Rover Night-hike around St. Albans. Summer camp was at Windermere. (Kewick, Kendal Grange, climbed Coniston Old Man.)

1933. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. Attended opening of Downe Camp by the Chief Scout. Summer camp at Jersey. (St. Malo, Brittany, P.L.'s visit Guernsey. Took part in “Battle of Flowers” at St. Helier.)

1934. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. Summer camp at Glen Mona, Isle of Man. (Douglas, Ramsey, Laxey, P.L.'s visit Belfast.)

1935. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. Summer camp at Hythe, Kent. (Canterbury, Dover, Dungeness.) Thirteen members toured Belgium, hiking through the Ardennes and then, via Liège, Namur, Laroche, Rochfort, Dinant, Mons, Ypres, Grottoes of Han.)

1936. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun: Scouts at Harrow Weald, Rovers at Hythe. Summer: Windermere



At Kandersteg, Switzerland, 1937

again. (Climbed Helvellyn.) The A.S.M. attended opening of Great Towers Camp by the Chief Scout.

1937. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun: Scouts at Harrow Weald, Rovers at Medmenham, Berks. Summer camp at Milford, Hants. (Isle of Wight, Southampton, Bournemouth.) Eleven members toured Switzerland, spending a week at the Scout Chalet, Kandersteg, and hiking for the second week across Joch Pass to Engleberg and across Suren Pass to Kulmburg, where, owing to a spot of misdirection, we had to descend 4,000 feet in the dark. From what we could gather afterwards the route we climbed down had never been taken before—and it *wouldn't have been taken then, if we could have helped it!* The tour ended with a couple of days at Zurich.

1938. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun: Scouts at Harrow Weald, Rovers at Reigate. Summer camp was at Powerscourt, Eire. (Dublin visit, and climbed Great Sugar Loaf.) Took part in District Rover Night-hike in Surrey.

1939. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. In the summer, fifteen Scouts toured Denmark, being billeted with Danish Scouts at Odense at Copenhagen, and camping at Elsinore. The party was presented with the Danish National Flag at Travl. Spent a day in Sweden. A telegram from I.H.Q. recalled us home 3 days before war was declared.

1940. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Dorking, this camp being interrupted by the invasion of France. In

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Summer a week's camp was held at Knebworth, Herts, where we undertook some tree felling and lake weeding.

1941. Easter and Whitsun at Knebworth. Summer camp was at Home Farm, Purley, Berks. We undertook some farm work, visited Oxford, Pangbourne and Didcot, and had a boat trip to Goring.

1942. Easter and Whitsun at Knebworth. Summer: ten days at Purley Park, Reading, where we again did some farm work.

1943. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. Four different Patrol Camps were also held at Harrow Weald during the year. For Summer Camp we returned to Purley Park, Reading, to resume our role of Camper-Farmers.

1944. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Harrow Weald. The Senior Patrol enjoyed a Boating Camp along the Thames. Then, for Summer camp—Back to the Land once more, at Purley Park.

1945. Easter at Dorking. Whitsun at Purley Park. The P.L.s spent a Working Party week-end at Gilwell. The P.L.s and Seconds also camped with the P.L.s and Seconds of the 3rd Stanmore Troop at Chorley Wood. With the war over, we spent a fortnight at Windermere for our Summer camp, climbing Helvellyn and Garbourn Pass. Four P.L.s did their First Class Hike.



At Milford, Hants, 1937



At Copenhagen, Denmark, 1939

1946. Easter at Dorking (for the twentieth time!), Whitsun at Purley Park. Summer camp at Brynarthor, North Devon. (Clovell, Westward Ho! and Ilfracombe visited. Joined 2nd Marylebone Troop at Instow, for Cricket Match and Camp Fire.) Four P.L.s did their 20-mile hike for Venturers' Badge.

Some Epic Incidents

As is to be expected, our campers, hikers and tourists have experienced many epic incidents during the course of 25 years. It would be impossible to recount them all here. Two or three only may be mentioned.

There was, for example, that evening in 1930, in Germany, during our hike through the Black Forest. Our destination was the little village of Muggenbrunn, and as the evening wore on it seemed that we should never reach it. On and on we plodded—and suddenly, at a turn in the mountain road we saw the lights of the toy-like village twinkling invitingly only just below us. There was a little café there, and in less than twenty minutes they produced dinner for twenty-one hungry tourists; a glorious end to a wearying day.

Or there was that incident in Belgium in 1935. . . . One of the lads having cut his foot while paddling in a river, he and two others were sent on by train to Rochefort, where we were due to reach them two days later according to our programme. However, we found camping conditions at Laroche were not inviting, so we pushed on—and joined our three astonished forerunners in Rochefort. And what a cheer they gave us as they realised that we had done a march of 22 miles with full pack!

Or again, there was that moving moment during the World Jamboree at Arrowe Park, in 1929, when the Archbishop of Canterbury stirred the imagination with his sermon, on the text: "Behold, this Dreamer cometh."

We have had our lighter moments, too, in plenty. From hundreds, one only must serve. It was at the cricket match at Snettisham, when a rash onlooker promised half-a-crown to anyone who could hit the ball over the wall for six. He under-estimated us. Will Shepherd earned his half-crown with the very first ball of the match!

Yes, this camping business is great fun, and it is a wonderful developer of self-reliance and comradeship among all who take part, from the youngest to the oldest. On behalf of the boys we are grateful for the co-operation of all those parents who have allowed or encouraged their boys to share in our great camping and touring adventures. In particular we should like to re-emphasise our gratitude to parents for those gifts of extra food for our war-time camps, for without this help we should have found camping difficult or even impossible.



At Odense, Denmark, 1924



On the summit of Helvellyn; 1936



"Scouts' Own"; Bude, 1931

Three "Centuries" of The Diehard

"IT'S all in *The Diehard*—all the 8th news." That is why it is so popular. It brings you up-to-date. Every Diehardian reads it and the farther away from Diehardia he is the more eagerly he looks forward to it. Here very briefly is the history of the magazine:—

The old 5th, the parent Group of the 8th, produced a magazine, with a circulation of 50, called *The Dandy*, which was edited for some time by "L.J.K."

The first issue of *The Diehard* appeared in January, 1922, on the birth of the 8th and took its name from the sobriquet adopted by the Group. Since then it has been published every month without a break. The cover was designed by Mr. Cyril Kirby and has altered very little in the last 25 years.

Under B. E. Emmott, the editor for the first 3 years (excepting for 8 months when E. E. Anderson took over), the magazine flourished and developed upon the lines which it has largely followed ever since.

"See Next Month's Thrilling Instalment . . ."

In those early days exciting serials were featured in the magazine. Older readers may remember "The Secret of the Sphinx," which ran for many months, by A. E. Wells, who later became Editor. Ernie's Editorship ran from January, 1925, to December, 1928, when we see it recorded that the circulation had reached 150 copies, which remained fairly constant until the war, when it gradually climbed to 240.

In April, 1930, at the time J. W. Evans occupied the Editor's Chair, *The Diehard* celebrated its Centenary number by publishing congratulatory messages from such well-known Scouting personalities as Lord Hampton, Hubert Martin, J. F. Colquhoun, F. Haydn Dimmock and others. Later in Jack's term of office, in September, 1931, a supplement was brought out in memory of "Pitt," our first brother Rover to be Called to Higher Service. In January, 1933, another such supplement appeared, in memory of Bill Scott; and during the war years it is sad to record that others were published in honour of the following gallant warriors: Dick James, Stan Jenner, David Phillips, John Bresnahan, Frank Reynolds, Cyril Evans, Joe Cook, Jack Prior and John Dell.

From 1933 till September, 1939, the magazine was carried on under a procession of Editors—W. G. Cruickshank, J. H. Prior and L. Smith—and passed its double Centenary in August, 1938, when a congratulatory message was received from the Chief Scout.

The Magazine Goes to War

During the war years *The Diehard* reached its highest peak of popularity and usefulness. With the youngsters evacuated and the older fellows in the services, the magazine, for a time, was the only link holding the Group together. "L.J.K.," Acting Editor, and A. G. Prior, Business Manager, took their coats off and got down to publishing the magazine, month by month, editing, typing, duplicating, binding and circulating—a big job which normally takes a staff of six or more.

Under these two stalwarts the circulation rose over a hundred and copies found their way all over the world, giving pleasure and news to Diehardians at Wharnclyffe Gardens to Burma.

In those grim years "Extracts from Letters" and L.J.K.'s masterly page "News from the Diehard Front" were the main features of the magazine; and—before paper became too scarce—Stan Mason's Christmas Supplements, together with Bert Emmott's composite photographs, made Diehard history.

Within less than a year after the end of the war, the pre-September, 1939, magazine staff took over their old jobs and relieved Les and Dick of the task they carried out so magnificently throughout the previous seven years.

It's worth looking through the complete set of volumes of *The Diehard*, in the Group Library. It gives a detailed history of the 8th and will refresh your memory, whether of the time you got stuck in the mud at the Birkenhead Jamboree or fell in the lake at Windermere or any other notable event in your Scouting career. It also gives the names of those worthies the magazine has published, business managers, typists, contributors, distributors whose hard work has been instrumental for the success of *The Diehard*, which in December 1946 reaches its 300th edition.

"The Eighth" on the Stage

THIS year the Group stages its Twentieth Annual Show (for of course these events weren't held during the war years). Remember that the Annual Show is usually a three-night affair and you will see that there are nearly sixty full-scale performances to our credit—close on eighty if you count the necessary dress rehearsal for each.

But wait—what about repeat performances? Well, "Pickwick Number One" was subsequently played in no fewer than eleven different halls; "Number Two" was given on two further occasions; and "The Broker's Man" spent several extra evenings "on tour." Then there were the various pageants the Eighth participated in, concerts given in chapel halls and hospitals, Gang Show and Youth Week items, and so on—yes, the Diehards are by now quite experienced stage performers.

There might even be an excuse for a printer's error in calling them a "Boy Scout Troupe"!

Trek Cart Drill

Certainly we have come quite a long way since the evening of November 23rd, 1922, when a much-washed, combed, brushed, but highly nervous group of youngsters assembled in the middle of the floor of Capland St. School Hall, for "Item One: Rally and Inspection." You can tell how far we have come by glancing at some of the other items—"Trek Cart Drill," "Rovers' Cycling Exhibition," "Staff Drill & Exercises," "Signalling," "Ambulance Display," and so on. There was a lot of chair-shoving in the interval, and the second half of the programme was given from the stage—"Robin Hood."

That first effort marked the beginning of the end of the old-time Display. True, 1923 followed much the same lines, with "Alfred the Great" providing the second-half item, but by 1924 the whole Show was firmly transferred to the stage—where it has remained ever since.

Trials, Good and Not so Good

That was the year of the "Pickwick" Mock Trial—

which many people would rank as our best effort. It was followed, in 1925, by one of our worst—an incoherent affair when famous characters from history were supposedly hauled before a modern magistrate. We retrieved our reputation in 1926 with a good scout play ("If I Were a Boy Again") and with "The Gunpowder Plot" (which involved the building of a secret panel by the ever-improving stage-managers); and maintained it in 1927 with "The White Gables Mystery," written by the Rovers.

An ambitious fire-rescue scene enlivened the Scout Play of 1928, while in the Rover Play, "The Broker's Man" a real three-course meal was served—a popular item both to the audience and the players. A good "Marry, Queen of Scots" in 1929 preceded a thoroughly bad Mock Trial in 1930—the less said about "Thronout v. Charming" the better! Once again it became necessary for the Annual Showmen to pull their socks up, and there was certainly a big improvement in 1931 with the drama "Of One Blood." By 1932 we were at a very high level with "A Couple of Trumps" and "Thread of Scarlet."

Another Fire

In 1933 the Scout Play involved a hair-raising fire rescue scene, and the Rovers had two good plays in "By Their Fruits . . ." and "Banquo's Chair." 1934 can best be remembered by saying that the Cubs—as *always*—were good, but that nobody else had much to bite on. The Rovers certainly made up for it next year, with the magnificent-acted thriller "The Marie Celeste," which they followed in 1936 with a *premiere* of "A Flash in the Dark," played before the author, Hugh Beresford. In 1937, "Above the Law" and "Sir Herbert is Deeply Touched" were the big items; in 1938 the "Diehard Fitch" was meant to be—but the Rovers' "Nineteenth Hole" was far better. Came the war and came the peace. Then, in 1944, "The Black Barn" led up to 1945's high spot—the "Pickwick" revival, with most of the caste of 21 years earlier.



"Ye Mariners of England":
Pangbourne, 1943

The Cubs enjoy a day at
Wimbledon Common, 1934

Is There a Formula?

With so much experience, has the "Eighth" evolved what might be called a Display Formula? Has the Group, by trial and error, found a general recipe which can be relied upon to produce a satisfactory dish whenever it is used? Well, a number of Golden Rules seem to be followed. One of them is that every Cub and every Scout and every Rover who isn't tied up with some job of stage management, shall by hook or by crook be brought on to the stage at least once during the show. Another apparent rule which has been evolved by experience is that it isn't necessary to work into the show a lot of examples of scouting in practice. It is better that, say, a scout play should be interesting or amusing, than that it should incorporate an incident in which somebody has to be carried off on a stretcher made in ten seconds out of two jackets and a couple of staves.

Again, the various sections of the Group now seem to have found the type of item best suited to their own capabilities. The Cubs should—and usually do—have at least one singing item. The Scouts, on the other hand, have never shone in any singing item; but they can, and do, make a very good job of little one-act plays, particularly when they call for a lot of action and less dialogue. As for the Rovers, they have proved themselves really talented dramatic actors, and seem to be most at home in putting on a tense, blood-curdling thriller.

The success of "Pickwick" encouraged the idea that trial scenes in general might be a kind of touchstone to success. It certainly has not worked out that way. There is so little action in a trial scene that the dialogue has to be really brilliant.

Lighter Moments

There is enjoyment both sides of the footlights in a Diehard Annual Show. For years, one humorist made a point of introducing an unrehearsed incident calculated to make one or more of his fellow-actors laugh in the wrong place. He usually succeeded. Nobody minded. But perhaps the funniest incident of all was when, in an ice-rescue scene, the supposed "hole" in the frozen river emitted clouds of steam! Yes, the Diehard Annual Show is an annual "bright spot"—for everybody.



Easter Saturday, 1946; on the Tow...



Watford, 1927



At 'Toc H,' Poperinghe, 1935



Shell Bay, Dorset, 1928



The scene at Lord's : Friday, 5th April, 1946

Rovers and Old Boys :

The Great Post-War Reunion

‘...so I’ll say Cheerio for now, Les. We’re giving Jerry some good smacks lately so maybe it won’t be so long before we get that Reunion — and Oh, Boy! what a night it will be when...’

(Typical Diehard extract)

IN practically every issue of *The Diehard* all through the war years, in letters from warriors all over the world, there were references to the great day that would some day become a reality—when, with the war over, old friends from far and near would be re-united in a happy gathering which would be the best of all Old Boys’ Reunions.

During the evening of Friday, 5th April, 1946, the high hopes were fulfilled—amply fulfilled—on an occasion which was outstandingly the best of its kind. Demobilisation allowed a gratifyingly high proportion of ex-warriors to be present and provided a thoroughly post-war atmosphere. This was the first Reunion to be held at Lord’s Hotel, and it was generally agreed that the venue was a great improvement upon any previous one.

The evening had its gay and its solemn moments;

the speeches made covered an extraordinarily wide field, looking back over the war years with full appreciation of what had been endured and achieved, and looking into the future with high hopes. Each of the four Services—Navy, Army, R.A.F. and Civilian—had its point of view. Tributes were paid, toasts were drunk, songs were sung, reminiscences were exchanged, good food was enjoyed, the old comradeship was re-cemented.

The honoured nine-o’clock toast of “Absent Friends” provided a poignant moment and showed that in a very real sense these brothers of the Group were far from absent.

This, the first Post-War Reunion of the Old Scouts’ Branch—pictured here—lived up to all that was expected of it and pointed with confidence into the future of this worthy section of the Group.

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The Road Ahead

WE have thus reached the twenty-fifth milestone along our road; from it we have looked back into the past with all its joys and sorrows, its comradeship and adventure; and now we may also with confidence and hope look forward into the future.

It is certain that the future must be tremendously influenced by the Group's splendid new Headquarters, the acquisition of which would alone have made this year memorable above all the others.

The New Headquarters

A brief survey of the Headquarters at this point may help to give some idea of our present progress and our aims and ambitions for the future:-

GROUND FLOOR.

1.—*Large Hall*: This will be used for Troop and Pack parades, for games, for gymnastics and for physical training. Additionally it will be used for Parents' Evenings, Socials, Whist Drives, Displays and Concerts. Before we can gain full benefit from it, however, it will be necessary for the flooring to be restored and for a stage with full facilities and effects to be constructed.

2.—*Scouts' Workshop and O.M. Stores*: A large work-bench has been erected here by the A.S.M., and the Scouts have already begun their handicraft activities. The Quartermaster has brought our inventory up-to-date and our equipment has never been more conveniently nor more tidily stored.

3.—*Photography Room*: This has now been fitted out by the Rovers and is in constant use. The results of their labours will be seen in many forms during Jubilee Week—not least, when the pages of this book are turned.

4.—*Kitchen and Canteen*: The necessary food licence has been obtained and all members of the Group have learned to enjoy the refreshments prepared by the Resident Caretaker in collaboration with the Catering Committee.

5.—*The Diehard's Publishing Office*: Here our magazine is produced each month. The room also serves as a Cloakroom and First Aid Post.

6.—*The Plunge Pool and Shower Baths*: We hope these will be ready for use at no distant date.

MEZZANINE FLOOR.

1.—*The Memorial Sanctum*: A hallowed place in honour of our members who have made the supreme sacrifice; to be used only for Investitures, for Scouts' Own

and other meetings of a sacred nature.

2.—*Scouters' Cabin*: Here all Group records are kept and the Group Council and Committees meet.

3.—*Library*: This room is actually the Balcony overlooking the Large Hall, and a sliding partition which the Works Committee members are making will enable it still to be used as a Balcony when required. This room may also be used by the Local Association for housing records and for other purposes.

TOP FLOOR.

1.—*Troop Room*: At present this room is being used for Cub, Scout and Guide meetings, Whist Drives, Socials, etc., and will continue to be so used until the Large Hall is completely restored.

2.—*Rover Den*: The Rovers' own room, except when they invite their Old Scout friends.

3.—*Cub Lair*: Primarily for the Cubs.

4.—*Hostel*: Here it is hoped to improve the facilities to enable us to extend hospitality to other Scouts, whether foreign or provincial, who may be visiting London. (We remember with gratitude the many occasions in the past when Scouts in other counties and other countries have entertained us so royally.) We have already had the pleasure of giving hospitality to some Swiss and French Scouts for a few nights this Summer, and next year we hope to do the same on a larger scale.

5.—*The Resident Caretakers' Flat*: (We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hampton will be as happy to be with us as we are to have them with us!) The flat was adapted by their son and by our Works Committee.

Facing the Future

Yes, truly this is a magnificent Headquarters. But it is not an end in itself—it is a means to an end, and it must help us towards better Scouting. Certainly we shall now be able to give a wider interpretation to our Fourth Scout Law ("A friend to all and a brother to every other Scout").

Looking, then, onwards along the road from this our 25th milestone we can face the future without fear. Our confidence in the Scout Movement and in our own Group has been strengthened by our 25 years' journeying. There is only one Pathfinder to follow. And so, with God's help and guidance, the "8th" Scout Brotherhood goes on along the road ahead hoping to be a source of happiness to ourselves and to our fellow-travellers.

V. A. W. K.



*"Now as I start upon my
chosen way
In all I do: my thoughts,
my work, my play;
Grant, as I promise,
courage new for me
To be the best—the best
that I can be."*