

We left the Mansergh at 5.15 p.m. and with the exception of one mishap, when one of the vans broke down, we arrived safely at Liverpool Harbour in time for the one o'clock ferry.

Saturday - after spending an hour in a lay-by we drove on to the camp site and at 7.15 a.m. began unpacking the gear from the vans. Most of Saturday was spent pitching camp and after tea we all had an early night. On Sunday morning we were awakened by John Sherry and Fred Judson who had arrived on the six o'clock ferry. Inspection was late and consequently the 10 o'clock service at Kirkbraden church was missed. Badge training took place. Lunch was at one o'clock and the afternoon was spent exploring the area and preparing the camp fire which was held in the Peckers kitchen. After inspection on Monday and flag break we set off for Port St. Mary and the Calf of Man. We had lunch of salad and free time until 5 o'clock when we returned to camp. Tuesday morning was spent in Douglas and 'group projects' were the activity of the afternoon. In the evening the patrols each went in a different direction on a set course of about three miles. Only one patrol completed the course.

M. Kilcooley

On Wednesday the troop were to spend the day in Ramsey but first we made a brief visit to the most northern part of the island namely Point of Ayre. We were allowed some swimming time during which a heavy sea-fog settled down. Because of this the fog horn had to go into operation, so while we ate the salad lunch which we had taken with us, we were subjected to loud blasts of air which vibrated through our heads. Of course, the moment we decided to leave the horn stopped and the fog lifted. When we got out of the vans at Ramsey an icy cold wind ran up our trousers which was totally different to the hot sun we had encountered at Point of Ayre. Once in Ramsey, we had free time which was spent fishing for crabs, buying presents, playing golf, taking photos of the bridge that ran across the harbour entrance and of course, drinking. We all met back at the vans at 5.30 in time to go into Douglas for a meal in one of the restaurants. Here, Mary offered to help cook our meals as only the manageress was working. Bob also helped by doing the drying up. After the meal we had some free time and returned to camp about 10 p.m. Thursday we went swimming at Laxey. After swimming we played football on the beach. We stopped after twenty minutes because of sore feet and went back to camp. In the afternoon we did some badge work and a number of tests were passed. After dinner all the patrols went on an evening hike to different places via many various map references. When all the patrols had returned we went to bed. Friday - after the usual procedure of getting up and having breakfast etc. we went to the home of 'Manx kippers' and sunsets Peel. In Peel we visited the ancient castle and took many photographs. After this we spent time on the beach and fishing, during which time we saw Portugese Men of War. After dinner we had a game of football.

P. Nolde

Now settling down Wednesday started off with a visit to Ramsey. Followed by a proposed visit to the top of Snaefell but owing to heavy mist this was cancelled and so we visited a motor cycle museum. We returned camp for evening meal and an informal camp fire round the Peckers fire. There were no stunts just stories interspersed with stupid comments from that idiot Chris Robinson e.g. 'From Molly Malone, But here ghost wheels her barrow, Through streets broad and harrow, Crying ALBATROSS! (The troop understands this) and then we went to bed. Thursday started off with swimming and then we played an Irish troop at football which we won. John Larkin then took us on an evening hike, (the fool). We started walking along a disused railway track and eventually ended up on a steep downhill scramble. Needless to say this was not much fun. Friday was a day out to Peel which started with a visit to Peel Castle followed by free time until time to return to camp and a hot drink and bed.

C. Robinson



We woke up on Tuesday morning to find (as usual) a heavy mist hanging all over the site. After breakfast we were called to a game of rounders by the Irish troop in the same field as us. For the afternoon was scheduled a walk up Snaefell, when we got there we could just about see 20 yds. in front of you, and the walk was abandoned. Instead, we visited the Motorcycle Museum. We then had a birthday party for Mark and Nicholas Ponicter. Immediately after this it started raining this went on all evening. Instead we had a sing song in the stores tent. After this everyone went to bed. Wednesday was taken up by badge training and then we went to about 50 foot from the summit of Snaefell. Some of us found the easiest way down was to slide on their bottoms. After this we split up into three groups, one to go to the Laxey wheel, a large water wheel, another to go to Douglas, and the last one to go back to camp. After dinner we had the evening excursion and we ended up going to Peel for the Viking Festival. During the festival they have timed races in the viking longships over a certain course. We would like to thank John Sherry for leading us in our yells which we think put at least two oarsmen completely out of rhythm - it looked quite funny. Thursday was spent in camp. We played football and volleyball. After lunch we had a wide game. In the evening we had the last camp fire which after the first few songs, petered out. We went to bed about 11 o'clock. Friday everyone was up early to go to Douglas to do our last minute shopping. Afternoon was spent clearing up the site. Then the campers worst enemy struck RAIN, which meant all the tents had to be opened when we got home. The patrol competition was won by the Peckers. After this presentation, there was a presentation to Tom and Mary Chandler and amid stunned silence it was announced that Andrew Sherry had had chicken pox and not a heat rash as we had been told. We arrived back at the Mansergh at about 12.30. On behalf of the troop I would like to thank all the Scouters and their helpers for making it an enjoyable camp.

R. Foster





SUMMER CAMP

Campers :

J. Sherry S/L. A. Barney, J. Larkin, F. Judson, A.S.L's.

R. Larkin, Q/M, P. Lomax, I. Judson, Venture Scouts.

T. Chandler, Driver. A. Sherry, Messenger. Mrs. M. Chandler, Catering Supervisor

Bufs : P. Nolde, J. Cotchings, G. Smith, R. Brooks.

Swifts : R. Foster, M. Pomictor, A. Goodrick, I. Gardiner.

Peckers : M. Kilcooley, G. Rayner, N. Pomictor, E. O'Neil, J. Gilbride.

Lions : C. Robinson, P. Williamson, M. Williams, A. Rayner, L. Baker.

The address of the Camp is Glen Lough,  
Union Mills,  
Isle of Man.

Doctors name and address is Reel, Pycroft and Cousins,  
2 Sydney Mount  
Douglas.

Swimming will only be allowed at Scouters discretion and then only under strict supervision. Anyone breaking any swimming rules as laid down by the Scouter i.e. swimming will be barred from any further swimming.

All cases of accident or illness must be reported at once to John Sherry or any other Scouter who may be in charge at the time.

PROGRAMME

Friday 23rd July	17.00 meet at Mansergh.
Saturday 24th July	Pitch camp, games.
Sunday 25th July	Church, Swimming, Exploration, Games, Campfire.
Monday 26th July	Day out to Port St. Mary, Evening ramble.
Tuesday 27th July	Swimming, Group Projects, Free time.
Wednesday 28th July	Day out to Ramsey, Mountain climb, wide game, Camp fire.
Thursday 29th July	Swimming, Incident course, evening hike,
Friday 30th July	Day out to Peel.
Saturday 31st July	Camp sports, Swimming, Free time, Camp fire.
Sunday 1st August	Church, Exploration, Badge training.
Monday 2nd August	Day out to Castletown, Group projects, Night Op.
Tuesday 3rd August	Visit Snaefell Mountain, free time "Diehard Knocks", Camp fire.
Wednesday 4th August	Venture and Treasure Hunt, free time, evening excursion.
Thursday 5th August	Round trip, Group projects, Badge training, camp fire.
Friday 6th August	Free time, swimming, strike camp.
Saturday 7th August	12.00 - arrive at Mansergh.