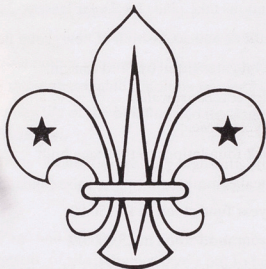


The last ever event at the
'Old Mansergh



8th St Marylebone Scout Group
founded by Les Kirby in 1921

'The Diehards'

Dec 8th 1996

Landmark events of the
Mansergh-Woodall building
Group Headquarters
1946-1996

50 years golden Anniversary





Landmark events of the Mansergh-Woodall building

- 1945** • Negotiations take place for 7 year lease.
- 1946** • Silver jubilee and acquisition of new group headquarters.
- 1947** • New metal gates fitted by Fred Larkin.
- 1948** • New brick forecourt wall.
- 1953** • New 14 year lease.
 - New brick foundations to the stage built.
- 1965** • HQ appeal committee set-up to raise funds for freehold .
 - End of year fund stood at £2,750.00.
- 1966** • End of year fund stood at £5,000.00.
- 1967** • Group became free holders of the Mansergh-Woodall club with the Scout Association Trust Corporation as trustees.
 - Including legal fees total cost of building amounted to £25,475.00, of this sum £17,182.00 was grant aid leaving £8,000.00 to be raised.
 - Apart from £1,000 which had to be borrowed from scout HQ, the whole sum was raised by July 19th 1967 the date of purchase.
 - Santum Window dedicated to the memory of Mrs Mary Prior after over 40 years of devoted service to the group. Window was designed by Les Lawrence, constructed by Albert Wagstaff and donated by her friends in the Lake District.
- 1968** • £1,000 dept to scout HQ repaid.
 - Fire alarms and water heaters fitted.
- 1969** • New roof retiled.
 - Fluorescent lighting fitted.
 - Old scout branch supply fire alarms.
- 1970** • Due to lack of boys, leaders and funds over this 16 year
- 1986** period, the building falls into a dilapated state.
 - Considerable money required to be spent on the building to bring it into a reasonable condition for use (approx £250k).
 - The remaining life of the building and its usage now becomes issue of discussion.
 - Running costs of building are very high with little income, all grants have now been determined with the demise of the GLC.
- 1987** • Royston Page and Bill Brookes Jnr explore possibilities of redevelopment `of site, schemes prove not to be viable.
- 1992** • Derek James designs and builds new toilet facilities for £1,300.00 (materials only).
- 1994** • Mike Harvey Chairman, Phil Peeling, Tony Thomas, Derk James and Cliff Jordan, known as new development committee open discussions with four developers.
- 1995** • Group develops plans for new HQ with Wendover developments.
- 1996** • Group grants a 999 year lease to developer to build new Mansergh HQ with residential above.
 - Group obtain an approx 5,500 SF facility with a high standard of finishes and low maintenance costs.
 - Group benefit from £135,000 to be invested in trust schemes (less professional fees, ie. solicitor, charities report etc).
 - Some of the above monies to be used to fit out facility.
- 1997** • Existing building to be demolished in January.
 - New Mansergh target date for completion, end of 1997.

