

# **A History of Scouting In Dorking**

**1907 – 2007**

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# THE PASSING YEARS

## Milestones in the progress of Scouting

1907	July-August	Experimental Camp, Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset.
1908	January	'Scouting for Boys' Part One published.
	April	The First issue of 'The Scout'.
1909	May	Scout Headquarters opened at 116 Victoria Street, London.
1910	October	Formation of Sea Scout Branch.
1912	January	Royal Charter of Incorporation.
1914	January	Experimental scheme for 'Wolf Cubs' or Young Scouts'.
	August	Scouts enrol for War Service.
1916	September	Cornwell Scout Badge instituted.
1917	May	The First scheme for 'Senior Scouts' introduced.
	June	Opening of new HQ at 25 Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, London.
1918	August	Senior Scout Section renamed Rover Scouts.
1919	July	Gilwell Park opens and first Training Course takes place.
1920	July	1st World Jamboree at Olympia, London.
	August	Baden-Powell acclaimed Chief Scout of the World.
1924	September	2nd World Jamboree, Denmark.
		Special tests for disabled Scouts introduced.
1926	April	1st Rover Moot at Royal Albert Hall, London.
1928	January	Introduction of Group system.
	July	21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Reunion of Brownsea Island Camper's.
1929	July	Coming of Age World Jamboree, Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, England.
	December	Deep Sea Scout Branch formed.
1932	October	1st London Gang Show.
1933	August	4th World Jamboree, Godollo, Hungary.
1934	April	First National Scout Service, St. George's Chapel, Windsor.
1935	July	2nd World Rover Moot, Sweden.
1936	January	Special Tests Branch became Handicapped Scouts Branch.
	April	The First production of 'Boy Scout', in the Royal Albert Hall, London.
1937	May	5th World Jamboree, Holland.
1939	June	First Scouts' Soap Box Derby staged at Brooklands Race Track.
		3rd World Rover Scout Moot, Scotland.
1941	January	Death of Baden-Powell (8 <sup>th</sup> )
		Air Scout Branch formed.
	March	Lord Somers elected Chief Scout of the British Empire.
1942	July	1st National Air Scout Camp.
1944	May	Death of Lord Somers.
1945	April	Lord Rowallan elected Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire
1946	October	Senior Scout Section officially started.
		New plan for Rover Scouts introduced.

1947	July	6th World Jamboree, France.
1948	June	Inauguration of B.P. Guild of Old Scouts.
1949	April	First 'Bob-a-Job' Week.
	August	1st International Camp for Handicapped Scouts, Holland. 4th World Rover Scout Moot, Norway.
1951	August	7th World Jamboree, Austria.
1952	April	The Beret, as an alternative headdress, introduced for Senior and Rover Scouts.
	July	1st World Scouters' Indaba, Gilwell Park.
1953	July	5th World Rover Scout Moot, Switzerland.
1954	September	Beret becomes permitted for Boy Scouts.
1955	July	8th World Jamboree, Canada, attended by 1,000 UK Scouts.
1956	April	New Rules for Rover Scouts published.
1957	June	Centenary Jubilee World Jamboree, Indaba and Moot, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, England.
1958	July	3rd International Camp for Handicapped Scouts, Gilwell Park
1959	July	10th World Jamboree, Philippines.
	September	Sir Charles Maclean appointed Chief Scout of the Commonwealth.
1960	August	3rd World Scouters' Indaba, Netherlands.
1961	July	Baden-Powell House, Kensington, London opened by the Queen. Soap Box Derby grows up, now National Scout Car Races.
	November	Long Trousers become alternative wear for Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts. 7th World Rover Scout Moot, Australia.
1963	August	11th World Jamboree, Greece.
1965	May	First National Scout Band Championships.
1966	January	'Wolf Cub' Golden Jubilee commenced.
1967	May	The Boy Scouts Association renamed the Scout Association.
	June	12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, USA.
	August	Changes to Uniforms.
	October	Implementation of new training schemes for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts. Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts cease.
1969	April	Introduction of 'minimum standards' relating to Group strength and progress in training.
1971	January	New World Membership Badge introduced to wear by British Scouts.
1971	June	13th World Jamboree, Japan.
1972	July	William Gladstone Bt, DL, MA, appointed Chief Scout of the UK and Overseas Branches.
1976	January	Cub Scouts' Diamond Jubilee commences.
1979	July	International Scout Camps in Canada, Sweden, Switzerland and USA in lieu of Iran, 14th World Jamboree.
1982	January	Major General Michael Walsh CB, DSO appointed Chief Scout designate.
	July	Beavers introduced for 6-8 year boys.
1983	July	15th World Jamboree, Calgary, Canada.
1984	September	New Scout Training Programme and Progress Award Scheme announced.
1986	January	'Rainbow Year', Cub Scouts 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary year commences.
	April	Beavers become Members of The Association and renamed Beaver Scouts.
1988	January	Venture Scout Section begins 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary year.

	May	Mr W. Garth Morrison DL takes over as Chief Scout.
1989	April	Members decide to do away with headgear for all Sections.
1990	February	Decision in principle to allow girls into the younger Sections of the Movement.
1991	January	Cub Scouts 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Air Scouts 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary year commences.
	February	Launch of New Cub Scout Training Programme
	April	Royal Charter changes agreed - girls are allowed to be invested in the younger Sections of the Movement.
	July	17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, South Korea
1994	September	Gilwell Reunion celebrates 75 years of the opening of Gilwell Park.
1995	June	18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Netherlands.
1996	March	Mr George Purdy appointed as the new Chief Scout.
1999	December	19 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Chile.
2002/3	December / January	20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Thailand.
2005	July	EuroJam European Jamboree, Chelmsford, Essex.
2007	January	Centenary of Scouting. Year long celebrations begin.
	July	21 <sup>st</sup> World Jamboree, Highlands Park, Chelmsford, Essex.

# Introduction

SCOUTING began in 1907 following a very successful experimental Camp which was held on Brownsea Island, off Poole in Dorset. Robert Baden-Powell had gathered together a handful of boys to join him in putting into practice some of his training ideas.

Shortly after the camp he was approached to publish his training manuals, called "Aids to Scouting" which he had developed for the training of his soldiers whilst fighting in the Boer War.

Following their weekly publication, boys all across the country started to band together and to carry out these activities. Soon there were troops of boys meeting in towns and villages across the country.

So popular were the publications and the interest shown by the young boys that Baden-Powell was asked to take charge of the growing number of boys who wanted to be "Scouts".

It eventually became too much for him on his Own and so he set about forming an Association for boys of 11 years and upwards. This was formally recognised by Royal Charter in 1910 and the movement became known as "The Boy Scouts Association".

Soon Scout Associations were being formed all over the world, and Dorking was one of the earliest Districts to be registered by Scout Headquarters.

This booklet highlights the progress of Scouting in Dorking.

IN MY research for this Short History I am indebted to Graham Coombe, the County Archivist for Surrey Scout County; Doug Bennett, past Chairman Dorking District Scout Council, for hours of wading through old Surrey Scout publications, to Vic Viner, Vice President Dorking District Scout Council, Bernard Moore, Assistant Commissioner (Activities), Terry Wooden, Chairman Westcott Local History Group, and Roy Mansell, President 24th Dorking Scout Group with their assistance of information about the 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Dorking Scout Groups.

There are inevitably some gaps in the story of Scouting in Dorking, but in time I am sure further material will be found that will enable us to fill in the missing information and complete the records.

It must be recognised that in the early days of Scouting, the movement grew so quickly that not everything that happened was recorded properly. Later as Local Associations were formed, records started to be kept by District Secretaries. The amount of information recorded varied from District to District and County to County.

From October 1919 all records were to be kept at Scout Headquarters and it was at this time that Pack, Troop and Rover Crew registrations were started.

In 1928 all Packs, Troops and Rover Crews were re-registered under a Group numbering system. Until this time they had all registered themselves separately. In consequence this has caused much confusion when researching a Group history.

There was a further re-registration and a Census carried out in 1943.

Making research more difficult still, due to lack of storage space available it was found to be necessary by Scout Headquarters to dispose of all outdated Warrant records showing appointments prior to 1947. A lot of helpful information has been lost with this action

# CHAPTER ONE

## The Early Days

### 1908 - 1917

SCOUTING came to Dorking in early 1908 when a small group of boys made use of an old hut in a field adjoining Roman Road, where the present tennis courts are situated. They had been reading "Scouting Aids" written by Lieutenant-General Baden Powell for the Boys Brigade and decided they wanted to have a go. They persuaded a Mr Cavan to be their leader and he became the first Scoutmaster.

However, he had little time to train them and so Mr Cecil Hodges, partner in the old established Dorking firm of solicitors, Hart, Scales and Hodges and Mr Hodges agreed to take over.

At first, the boys did a little drilling and then made some flags for semaphore signalling. Scouting having become an official organisation, the troop had their first experience of camping at Coldharbour, followed by camps at Headley and Holmbury St. Mary, but never far from home and mainly at weekends.

Towards the middle of 1908 the troop had grown to 25 boys and inquiries came from villages around the town as to whether they could join the Dorking Scout Troop.

Towards the end of 1909 the villages began to form their own troops, starting with Westcott, Holmbury St. Mary and Holmwood.

During the period 1909-14 the district, as it had now become, flourished, the founder troops being 1st Dorking, 2nd Dorking (attached to St. Paul's Church) and the 3rd Dorking (attached to the Congregational Church - now United Reformed Church) plus the three villages.

In 1910 Headquarters records show that The Dorking and District Scout Association, as we were then known, was formed on the 2nd November. There was membership strength of 183. We had 12 Troops with 11 Scoutmasters, 7 Assistant Scoutmasters and Instructors.

There was mentioned that Six Cyclist proficiency badges had been awarded during the year.

However, local records show that Scouting by a group of eight boys had been in existence for some 2 years prior to this date. A Mr Cavan looked after them. They called themselves the 1st Dorking Troop and they met in an old black painted wooden hut in the corner of a field next to the tennis courts in Roman Road.

From 1908 until the advent of World War I, the 1st Dorking supplied many of the boys to help form the various Town Troops.

The first President of the Local Association was the Hon. Henry Cubit, the Chairman being Mr Bristow Bovill and the Secretary Mr H. C. Hodges.

From the First Annual Report of the Surrey Boy Scouts Association - "A year has elapsed since the formation of the Association (It was established in 1910)... There are now 15 Associations in Surrey

<Camberley, Chertsey, Croydon, Dorking, Epsom, Farnham, Frensham, Godstone, Guildford, Kingston, Reigate, Richmond, Sutton, Wimbledon and Woking> under 10 District Commissioners who act as Inspectors for the Chief Scout.

Early records are sparse but in the 1911 Annual Report of the Surrey Scout Association details of Scouting in Dorking were given as the:-

1st, 2nd and 3rd Dorking	Mr H. C. Hodges.
Wotton	Mr R. P. Whitney.
4th Dorking	Mr F. Messervy.
5th Dorking (Mickleham )	Mr W. Peters and Mr T. Viney.
6th Dorking (Effingham)	Mr J. Stewart Adams.
7th Dorking (Leith Hill)	Capt. E. Smith.
Capel	Mr F. W. Sutton.
Forest Green	Rev. F. Pilling
8th Dorking (Holmwood)	Capt. Hyde (Church Army).
Peaslake.	Mr Gasser.

No membership numbers were shown on the document nor where the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Dorking we're located.

The District Commissioner for the period from 1909-1911 was Mr H.C. Hodges and from 1911-12 it was Col. Forestier Walker. Mr Hodges became Secretary.

In 1912 the 1st Dorking Troop attended the great Windsor rally.

The District attended the first County Scout Rally was held at Denbies, Ranmore Common in the summer, by kind permission of Lord Ashcombe. The District Commissioner at this time was the Hon. Victor Gibson.

Throughout the year the Scouting programme included lots of Competitions and in the course of which Mrs Gibson the wife of the District Commissioner presented the District with the "Gibson" Banner for the Annual Signaling Competition.

On the 23rd November a Night Raid on Westcott took place. The 1st Dorking Troop under the command of Mr J. K. Nicholson their Scoutmaster carried out a successful raid on Westcott Village. The party were composed of three Patrols of the Congregational Church Troop (3rd), two Patrols of the Central Troop, (1st and one Patrol of the St. Paul's Church Troop (2nd).

The plan of operation was the raiding of Westcott with the object of placing as many as possible of the Dorking party on Westcott Green before 8.00pm without being observed or captured by the defenders who were the Westcott Troop (17th).

The night was inky black which was an advantage to the attackers. The Westcott Troop were placed at various points of approach to obstruct the invaders. Staff Scoutmaster Beams acted as umpire of the proceedings.

The two central Patrols and the St. Paul's Patrols acted independently of the Congregational Patrols and suffered severely, losing 60% of their force. The three Congregational Patrols under the leadership of Scoutmaster J. K. Nicholson, by means of rapid outflanking movements were able to penetrate to the Coast Hill side of Westcott without being detected and advanced to the attack. The Westcott Troop were entirely taken by surprise at having such a large force of the enemy at their rear The three Congregational Patrols dashed onto the Green in Patrol formation without losing one of their number.

Just after their triumph the Church at Westcott chimed the hour of eight o'clock. Great enthusiasm

pervaded the Congregational Troop and they were declared the winners by Staff Scoutmaster Beams. He complimented Scoutmaster Nicholson on their smart movements and successful operations.

The Westcott Scouts then formed up and the Dorking Scouts marched past at the salute on their homeward journey. An instructive and exhilarating evening closed without fatalities. On the 28th December the first Boy Scouts Troop was formed at Abinger, it consisted of fifteen Scouts. The ceremony took place at "Godards" the residence of the new Scoutmaster, Mr M. D. Mirrielees

The District were at the second in the 1914 County rally for Surrey Scouts on Ranmore Common.

As soon as War broke out Troops of Scouts came forward to "their bit". Some were immediately employed on guard duty at the water reservoir on Tower Hill, the loneliness of the situation and the weirdness of the surroundings, calculated to try the nerves of men, did not deter these youths from making their regular rounds as the writer experienced when in company of one of the Water Company's directors, he attempting to enter the enclosure late on a dark autumn night.

During the war a few of the Troops disbanded due to lack of leaders, but after the war many started up again.

In April 1915 the Scouts from Dorking are having a lively time on the Sussex Coast. From 8.00am to 8.00pm there are two Scouts on duty, each four hours and 8.00pm to 8.00am one Scout on duty with a Coast Guard every four hours.

The boys are in a small look-out cabin and provided with a telephone so that they could communicate with the Coast Guard as to the movement of gun boats, submarines or other craft at sea or aircraft inland. They keep a log of their activities. It is all very interesting to watch passing steamers with the ships boats swung out from davits and half-way to the water, ready in the event of attack by enemy Submarines.

Scoutmaster Nicholson, in a descriptive account of the life of the Scouts, says it is a new sensation to watch day breaking over the Channel and be alert to note the appearance of a German submarine which has rested on the sea bed, rise to the surface and cruise about in the morning mists in search of a victim.

A Scout was the first to observe the steamer recently torpedoed, off Beach Head and gave the alarm. Four guns were fired and in a very short time Lifeboats and Patrol vessels were rushing to the rescue. It is clear the boys are playing their part in this terrible war and releasing Blue Jackets from Coast duty in exactly the same way as the men of the National Reserve on Railway duty are releasing soldiers for more serious duties.

Out in Leigh Village, Miss Parish started a Troop with nine boys. In the 1914-18 Roll of Honour, Leigh Scouts, M. Fegan, Royal West Kent Regiment and J. Rochester, Royal Navy were mentioned.

The Association Church Parade was held at Leigh Church to show support for the new Troop. The DSM, Mr Rudolf, decided to pay a visit to the Troop and chose Sunday, 14th November as the Day of the Parade. The march was a long one and although an early start was made the column did not arrive at Leigh until 30 minutes after time. Colours and flags were carried and the band was out in full strength but owing to constant changes by Scout Headquarters and instructions the playing was not all that could be desired. After the Service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. B. De Jersey, tea was provided in the old School.

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In their Association minutes it is recorded '7th July 1916 - It was decided that Leigh Troop could take an entrance fee for their Scout Flower Show but that the SM's attention be drawn to the rules governing this'.

Scout Headquarters started the Wolf Cub section and the 1st Dorking were one of the first Packs to be registered.

Even the Wolf Cub Packs played their part by proudly acting as dispatch runners, taking messages from one Officer to another.

Scouts acted as Orderlies in the Red Cross Hospital and did much appreciated work. Attachments accompanied the marches of the Recruitment Committee during August.

A section of the Coast near Pevensey Bay was patrolled for several months by relays of Scouts from Dorking, various Scoutmasters taking charge of the boys. Later many did from three to six months patrolling duty on lonely parts of the Comish Coast.

On the 28th May the Urban District Council received a communication from the Boy Scouts association offering the services of the boys over the age of 17 to assist the Fire Brigade, which at that time was very short of members owing to the call to the colours. The offer was accepted. As the war dragged on Scout ranks became depleted, all the Scoutmasters and 57 members were called to the highest service which the country can ask from its citizens and few were left to carry on the work of the organization.

# CHAPTER TWO

## After the First World War

### 1918 - 1928

AN EXHIBITION of handicraft work of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides was held on 10th April at which the District Commissioner, Mr L. D. Cunliffe presided and Mr F. H. Harding distributed the prizes.

A small Rally was held on 14th September in Glory Farm. The County Commissioner General Sir Edmund Elles, KCB, making the Inspection and Admiral Anson, CB, MVO, presented the prizes for Sports.

Admiral Anson had recently accepted the position of District Commissioner and to his organising ability and generosity one of his first acts being to secure a suitable meeting room we owe the rapid re- organization and rejuvenation of the Scout Movement in Dorking and district.

A large Rally was held during Whit-week of 1919 at Denbies, Ranmore Common, this being first rally since the start of the 1914 war. In Charge of the camp was the County Commissioner, Sir Edmund Elles, KCB, and fifteen Scout Associations were represented. The final Inspection on the Whit-Monday was taken by Lord Ashcombe when it was estimate that there were 2,500 Scouts present.

The 4th Dorking Troop were shown as being at the Wesleyan Church in South Street, they had twenty boys and two leaders. It was a "controlled" troop.

At Holmbury St. Mary the 12th Dorking were meeting at the Brown House, the had A Wolf Cub Pack with seven boys and one leader.

Major H. H. Gordon-Clark, DL, convened a meeting at the Red Lion Hotel on June 1st to enlist personal and financial support for the movement. Admiral Anson speaking next said that when he assumed office there was one Troop of Scouts existing in Dorking at the Congregational Church (3rd) under the leadership of Miss F. A. Pitts. The St. Martin's and the St. Paul's Troops had completely disappeared.

Miss Pitts had given up her Troop and taken charge of the 1st Dorking Troop which was un-denominational and all her former troop transferred to it. St. Paul's Church Troop now had 21 boys and Sister Comish was in charge. The Pixham Troop (3d Dorking) numbered 35 boys but we're without a regular leader. He emphasized the necessity for men Scouters for older lads.

The Committee which had acted during the war were Dr Fisher, Mr F. H. Harding and Miss Lothian Nicholson. A new Committee consisting of Drs G. Fisher, C. H. Mccomas, Messrs J. Carr-Saunders, JP, F.H. Harding, JP, E. W. Attlee, JP, W. J. Hodges, S. Cousin, H.G. Kingham, W. B. Turner and H. Brown were appointed.

A record of Scoutmasters during the War: It is not imagined that any "Scout" would remain in civil life if capable of bearing arms when his Country called him. Consequently, nearly the whole District Scoutmasters joined H. M. Forces as soon as eligible. Miss Pitts had the distinction of serving Dorking Scout District during the whole of the war.

The following held Office from 1914 to 1919:- F. G. Beams, G. Jerome (killed in action), Miss F. A. Pitts, Rev. Biannerhassett-West, Clive Harding (killed in action), Rev. Chapman, J. K. Nicholson, H. Stockwell, W. Lynn, D. R. Grantham, S. Banbury, S. Townsend (killed in action) and A. E. Wells.

Between the two world wars Scouting in Dorking and the surrounding area made great strides and a steady flow of boys passed through the troops. Apart from normal training the main activity was the biennial Ranmore Rallies organised on a County basis and upwards of 3,000 scouts would be camping

either side of the road from the car park at the Dorking end of the turning to Dog Kennel Green. This rally normally took place over the Whit-Sunday weekend and the Wolf Cubs of pre-scout age arrived from all over the County to join in the great gathering on Whit-Monday.

The 9th Dorking (Ockley) were registered in 1919.

The other two Groups registered in the Reigate District in this period were: 23rd Reigate (Brockham Green) at Brockham and 33rd Reigate (Betchworth) at Brockham Church room. At Brockham Green the Group started on 5th July 1920 under the leadership of Miss E. M. Rickett as SM. They had 27 Scouts and one Officer and 17 Cub Scouts with two Officers. The Group continued until September 1932 where it was recorded as being in abeyance.

On the 12th August 1920 the Dorking Local Association received its Warrant from The Boy Scouts Association authorising Dorking to act in accordance with the Boy Scout Rules within the area of Dorking, Abinger, Capel, Effingham, Holmwood, note no sub-division of Holmwood in those days, Holmbury St. Mary, Mickleham, Ockley, Wotton etc. It was signed by Robert Baden-Powell. The registration document for the Local Association listed the following Scout Troops and membership numbers with the name of the leader in charge

**DORKING SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

**The CHALLENGE Shield**

The Shield presented by the President  
THE RIGHT HON. LORD ASHCOMBE CB

14th September

1918 3rd Dorking (Congregational)

1919 7th Dorking (Okewood)

1920

1921 8th Dorking (Wotton)

1922 8th Dorking (Wotton)

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1924 8th Dorking (Wotton)

1925 8th Dorking (Wotton)

1926 14th Dorking (Holmwood)

<u>Scout Troop</u>	<u>Leader In Charge</u>	<u>Strength</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	Miss Florence A. Pitts	40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (St Pauls)	Sister Cornish	19
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Congregational)	Mr H Armstrong Brown	26
4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	Mr F A Childs	23
5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St Martins)	No Details	6
6 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Effingham)	Lapsed	0
7 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Leith Hill)	Miss C Nicholson	1
8 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wotton)	Rev E Bond	26
9 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Ockley)	Mr R Calvert	11
10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	Mr L H Harrison	13
11 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	At Present joined with Wotton	

12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmbury St Mary)	Miss Middleton	13
14 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood)	Mr S H Bowring	17

And the Cub Packs with membership numbers and leaders in charge were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	Miss Florence A. Pitts	Strength 35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Congressional)	Miss Gwen Giddings	25
14 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood)	Mr S H Bowring	13

This gave a combined membership figure of 285 for the Dorking Local Scout Association. There was no indication as to where the Troops or Packs met or the location of their headquarters.

The first Rover Scout Crew in Dorking District was formed in connection with 1st Dorking Troop.

By now the Chairman of the Local Association was J. P. Harding Esq. J.P., and the Secretary was Mr R. Calvert. Copies of the proposed Bye-Laws for the Local Association had been sent to Scout Headquarters for their approval.

Miss Pitts stated on her Warrant application form that she had started the Pack, 1st and 3rd Dorking, combined in April 1914 but had not received her Warrant as a Scoutmaster until 1915. She had not applied for a separate warrant as Cubmaster as she did not think it was necessary. Their Headquarters was now in West Street, Dorking and their registration number was 1490.

A contingent of 186 Scouters and Scouts from the District attended the Alexandra Palace Rally to welcome the Prince of Wales.

During the year the 3rd Dorking Pack and the 3rd Dorking Troop was registered at the Congregational Church, West Street, Dorking. They were stated as a "Controlled" Pack and Troop which was controlled by the "Young People's Council". The Pack registration number was 1491 and Troop registration number was 8135.

The Wesleyan Church in South Street, opposite the old Bus Garage, started the 4th Dorking Cub Pack. Its registration number was 362 and out in the village of Mickleham the 5th Dorking Troop had six Scouts but no names of leaders were recorded. It was an "Open" Troop and their registration number was 7661.

Wotton Institute was where the 8th Dorking Troop was located. They too were an "Open" Troop and their registration number was 6872.

The 14th Dorking (1st Holmwood) Troop were to be found out at the School House, The Holmwoods, the ex-South Holmwood School near St. Mary's Church. They were an "Open" Troop and their registration number was 6776.

The District Commissioner was now Admiral Charles Chisim.

During 1921 Lady Ashcombe presented the Banner now associated with her name for Inter-Group competitions.

Out at Holmwood the 14th Dorking had registered a Cub Pack with 19 boys and their registration number was 4526.

The 2nd Dorking Troop which was attached to St. Paul's Church, Dorking and met in the Church Room in Falkland Road. They had 22 in membership, were a "Controlled" Troop and their registration number was 8789.

By 1922 Col. J. A. G. Rainsford had been appointed District Commissioner.

The "Dorking Rover Scouts" registered six members but stated that the rest of the Crew were registered separately as Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters with individual Troops. No District number was shown on the form. Their registration number was 10780.

The 12th Dorking Troop were still located at Holmbury St. Mary in 1923 and were meeting at the Holly Bush. They had 6 Scouts and 2 leaders, were an "Open" Troop and their registration no. was 12083.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Troop met at the Playhouse in South Street. They were the 6th Dorking a "Controlled" Troop. No leaders were recorded but they had 11 boys. Registration no. was 11643.

The only record for 1924 was an application for a Cub Pack out in the village of Capel. This was registered as the 10th Dorking. There were 9 boys in the Pack with one leader. It was an "Open" Pack and its registration number was 7629.

In 1925 St. Martin's Church registered a Troop, the 5th Dorking. There were 16 boys and 2 leaders. This was a "Controlled" Troop and the registration number was 13535. Mr Harold Washington was the Scoutmaster and his Assistant was Mr John Walker.

Lt. Col. J. B. L. Stilwell was appointed District Commissioner in 1926.

The Local Association team came third in the County Swimming Championships.

Rover Scout J.E.N. Walker from Dorking was present for the Surrey Rover Committee meeting on 15th July. The Football programme for the year saw Dorking drawn against Reigate.

In 1927 we have the first registration by a private school. Oak Tree School became known as the 16th Dorking. It was a "Controlled" Pack as it only took in boys from the school. They had 7 boys and one leader. The Cubmaster was a teacher named Miss Katheraine M. Bosley. They recorded on their registration form that as the school grew it hoped to double the membership by the following year

## DORKING SCOUT ASSOCIATION

### The SHOOTING Shield

#### Winners 1923-1939

1923	F. Davey	8th Dorking (Wotton)
1924	F. Davey	8th Dorking (Wotton)
1925	D. Dalvey	1st Dorking
1926	P. Knight	1st Dorking
1927	P. Knight	1st Dorking
1928	P. Knight	1st Dorking
1929	W. Batcock	1st Dorking
1930	W. Tanner	1st Dorking
1931	W. Tanner	1st Dorking
1932	W. Tanner	1st Dorking
1933	P. Marden	1st Dorking
1934	R. Overton	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1935	J. Hall	1st Dorking
1936	N. Brint	1st Dorking
1937	P. Read	10th Dorking
1938		
1939	N. Brint	1st Dorking

The 14th Dorking (Holmwood) started a Rover Crew 8th February 1927. During the County Rally over the Whit-Sunday weekend up on Ranmore Common, "B-P" visited the camp along with Lord Ashcombe and President of the Surrey Scout Association who was a frequent visitor to the Rallies.

The Local Association took fourth and fifth places in the competitions for the Rover Standard and Scout Flag respectively at the Ranmore Scout Rally. During the weekend, the districts were judged on the layout of their camp sites and their activity programmes. The Winners were awarded the Rayner flag.

On the 26th November 1928 the 33rd Reigate (Betchworth) Group was formed. They were given registration number 5537. They met in Kilona House, the home of the SM Mr H. F. Gordon. The Group continued to September 1938 when it closed.

This was an important year for Scouting in 1928. Every Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Rover Crew re-registered under one registration. It now meant that all sections came under one umbrella of the "Scout Group".

At the Annual registration details show the Group details as follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Number of:</u>			<u>Registration</u>	
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
2nd Dorking (St Paul's)	34	2	36	8789	5888
3rd Dorking (Congregational)	31	2	33	8135	5889
4th Dorking (Wesleyan)	31	2	33	3374	5890
5th Dorking (St Martin's)	12	1	13	13535	*971
8th Dorking (Wotton)	18	2	20	6872	5891
12th Dorking (Holmbury St Mary)	21	1	22	12083	5892
14th Dorking (Holmwood)	48	2	50	6776	5893
15th Dorking (Rover Crew)	12	2	14	10780	5894
16th Dorking (Oak Tree School)	5	1	6	9583	5895
17th Dorking (Westcott)	No Figures Given For This Group				5896

\*An oddity in the numbering system with no explanation why the number was out of sequence. It is known that the 1st Dorking were in existence at the time and was given the new registration number 5887 (which the Group still carries today) but for some unexplained reason was not shown in the Annual returns to the Scout Association Headquarters.

Total membership strength was 227. We had no registrations from the 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th

Dorking Groups.

From this year Districts had to re-register Groups each year and if they did not return their Registration form by the required date they lost their old registration number and were given a new number when they re-registered at a later date.

The Local Association team won the County Swimming Championships at Kingston Baths.

# CHAPTER THREE

## The Second Re-registration

### 1929 - 1938

WE SEE two Groups registered, the 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group with a Cub Pack with 10 boys and one leader and registration number was 9517. The other was the re-registration for the 9th Dorking (Ockley) Group, they too had a Cub Pack with ten boys and one leader. Their registration number was 10398. Both Groups were recorded as "Open".

At re-registration day on 31st October 1930, Scout Headquarters questioned the non-return from the 9<sup>th</sup> Dorking (Ockley) Group.

Lt. Col. E. Carwithen was appointed District Commissioner for Dorking Local Scout Association.

On the 28th September 1931 the 9th Dorking (Ockley) Group re-registered with 10 boys and one leader. They were registered as 13144.

County School (now known as Ashcombe School) started a "Controlled" Troop for schoolboys only. The District number they were given was the 19th Dorking Group. They had a large Troop of 28 boys and 3 leaders. Their registration number was 13387.

The Census on 30th September showed that Dorking Local Association had 8 'open' Groups; 4 'controlled' Groups with 8 Troops, 10 Packs and 4 Rover Crews. There were 7 Group Scoutmasters; 9 Scoutmasters; 11 Cubmasters and 2 Rover Scout Leaders; 112 Scouts; 124 Wolf Cubs and 24 Rover Scouts. The grand total for all ranks was 295, which were 42 down on the 1930 Census figures.

The District held a very successful camp over the weekend of 18th/19th June 1932 at the Farm of Mr Watts. It was reported as being in the Holmwood area. Lt. Col. Carwithen, District Commissioner, was in camp for most of the time. The Ashcombe Banner Competition for 'Efficient Camping' was won by the 17th Dorking (Westcott) Troop with the runners up being the 19th Dorking (County School) Troop.

Troops taking part were:- 1st Dorking; 2nd Dorking (St. Paul's); 3rd Dorking (Congregational); 5th Dorking (St. MarUn's); 14th Dorking (South Holmwood); 17th Dorking (Westcott) and 21st Dorking (North Holmwood). Total number in camp was 93.

The County School Troop did a sketch at the Camp Fire 'a potted version of Babe's in the Wood which was 'much appreciated by all present'. Scouts Own on the Sunday morning was conducted by the Rev. G. L. Cole, Vicar of South Holmwood Church and Rover Scout Leader to 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) Group.

There is no documentation to substantiate that the 21st Dorking were at North Holmwood, only the 18<sup>th</sup> Dorking being registered there. At the time of the camp the 21st were registered at St. Barnabas School Hall, Ranmore Common so this was probably a reporting error.

During the year the District took part in the County Scout Swimming Gala and Dorking took 3rd Place in the Wolf Cub section and the Scouts 8th Place. There was no mention of the Rover Scout section taking part this year.

For the County Scout Camp and Rally on Ranmore Common, Messrs H. G. Kingham of Dorking supplied Tents and Groundsheets. Mr Kingham was a great benefactor to Scouting in Dorking for many years. Lord Ashcombe inspected the Camp and took the salute at a march past of all those taking part in the Rally.

In the Autumn Col. C. F. Birney was appointed District Commissioner.

A Group was registered out at Abinger Common. They were given the District number of 6th Dorking. This number had previously been used by the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Group back in 1923. The Troop was "open" and started with 8 boys and 4 leaders. Their registration number was 14176.

Newdigate Village started a Group in 1932 calling themselves the 1st Newdigate. When they were registered at Scout Headquarters the District gave them the new number of 20th Dorking. They had 8 boys and one leader. Their registration number was 13836.

<b>DORKING SCOUT ASSOCIATION</b>	
<b>The AMBULANCE Shield</b>	
<b>Winners 1926-1963</b>	
1926	1st Dorking
1927	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1928	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1929	2nd Dorking (St. Paul's)
1930	1st Dorking
1931	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1932	)
1933	) 19th Dorking (County School)
1934	)
1935	1st Dorking
1936	1st Dorking
1937	)
1938	) 10th Dorking (St. Martin's)
1939	)
1940	)
1941	10th Dorking (St. Martin's)
1942	19th Dorking (County School)
1943	)
1944	) No competition held
1945	)
1946	)
1947	No competition held
1948	)
1949	)
1950	22nd Dorking (Brockham)
1951	) 19th Dorking (County School)
1952	)
1953	10th Dorking (St. Martin's)
1954	17th Dorking (Westcott)
1955	)
1956	)
1957	)
1958	)
1959	)
1960	9th Dorking (Ockley)
1961	)
1962	)
1963	)

A Troop was started with 10 boys and one leader at St. Barnabas School on Ranmore Common. It was known as the 21st Dorking Group. Their registration number was 14054.

Mr H. G. Kingham presented a trophy to the District in 1933 for the Annual Signalling Competition, to replace the "Gibson" Banner, now completely filled with the names of past winners. It was a statuette of a Scout standing on a rock and plinth. This statue is still in existence today.

In 1934, owing to a lack of Scouters, the Local Association disbanded four "controlled" Groups and in their place one "Open" Group was formed. The comment at the time was 'The change has strengthened Scouting in the District'. No mention was given of the Groups involved in this exercise.

The 10th and 16th Dorking Groups re-registered in 1935. The 10th Dorking were shown as being in temporary accommodation, they had 24 Wolf Cubs, 12 Scouts and 2 leaders. Mr H. R. Redwood (ADC) was acting Group Scoutmaster with Mr W. E. Stapleton as Scoutmaster and Miss A. J. Peaver was Cubmaster. The Group was shown as "Open" and its registration number was 16908.

We now have the 16th Dorking registering their Group as Belmont School, Westcott. They were a 'Preparatory' School with Mr L. B. G. Ballantyne being Cubmaster. The Cub Pack was "Controlled" and had 12 boys and one leader. It was given registration number 17607.

In the programme of the Dorking and District Boy Scouts Association "Scouting Display" of Saturday, 4th July 1936 the following was written under an article 'Association History': "The Association has had a wide fluctuation in both numbers and financial support and examination of the records shows that the office of Treasurer has never been a sinecure and the problems of raising funds has at times been acute. There are plenty of boys available in the District and a good well run Troop will never find difficulty in getting recruits, but the ever-present problem of leaders is a limiting factor and unless these are forthcoming no advances can be made.

There is a great field of Service here for young men and one which brings with it much happiness and health. And we also want the public to be behind the active work and to appreciate the ideals and possibilities that underlie the practice and activities which they may associate with Scouting". The County Scout Commissioner for Surrey Scouts, was Major H. F. Bowell JP.

### **In 1936 Scout Troops in operation were:**

1<sup>st</sup> \ 6<sup>th</sup> (Abinger Common), 8<sup>th</sup> (Wotton), 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> (South Holmwood), 18<sup>th</sup> (North Holmwood) and 19<sup>th</sup> (County School).

### **Cub Packs in operation were:**

1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (Abinger Common), 9<sup>th</sup> (Ockley), 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> (South Holmwood), 16<sup>th</sup> (Belmont School), Westcott and 17<sup>th</sup> (Westcott).

### **Rover Crews in operation were:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Dorking.

#### **1st Dorking.**

SM Miss Florence A. Pitts  
ASM W. Tanner  
ASM R. Chitty  
CM Miss Florence A. Pitts

#### **6th Dorking (Abinger Common).**

GSM C. J. Gibbs  
ASM G. Bowler  
CM Miss K. Davies  
ACM Miss M. Brooker

#### **8th Dorking (Wotton).**

GSM E. J. Holland  
ASM E. Dowling

#### **9th Dorking\_(Ockley).**

CM Miss M. F. Robinson

### **10th Dorking (St. Martin's)**

GSM T. W. Holmes  
ASM N. W. Wilkinson  
ASM A. G. Brooker  
CM Miss H. Wright  
ACM Miss C. M. Barritt

### **14th Dorking (South Holmwood)**

GSM R. Williams  
ASM W. G. Knight  
CM Miss M. C. Watney  
ACM Miss M. R. Elithorn  
RSL Rev. G. L. Cole

### **15th Dorking (Rover Crew)**

RSL J. E. N. Walker

### **16th Dorking (Belmont School)**

CM L. B. G. Ballantyne

### **17th Dorking (Westcott)**

CM H.J. King  
CM R. Wooton  
RS Rev. F. H. Salzmann

### **18th Dorking (North Holmwood)**

SM J. F. Somner

### **19th Dorking\_(County School).**

GSM N. W. Bradshaw  
ASM R. A. Thompson

The Census numbers revealed that Dorking had 11 Groups, 7 Cub Packs, 8 Scout Troops and 4 Rover Crews with 6 Group Scoutmasters, 11 Pack Leaders, 10 Troop Leaders, 3 Rover Crew Leaders, 106 Wolf Cubs, 149 Scouts, 33 Rover Scouts, 16 Local Association Officers. Total membership numbers were 334. In 1935 it was 347.

This year there were fifteen members on the Executive Committee, made up of eight Scouters, three Administrators and four members.

In 1937 Mr Norman Bradshaw was appointed Assistant District Commissioner.

The Dorking district competitions were for the Ashcombe Banner (Camping), the Gibson Banner (Signalling), rifle and shooting shield and of course first aid for the ambulance shield.

The report on the County Scout Camp at Ranmore, said "happily Mr Banham found himself able to take the Scouts Own" and the Lesson was read by the Lord Lieutenant, of Surrey, Lord Ashcombe, who by his continued interest in the County makes this Camp possible year by year.

After the Service the Lord Lieutenant inspected the camp and awarded the "Rayner Flag", on this occasion to Dorking with Wimbledon and Kingston taking 2nd and 3rd Places.

Coronation Souvenirs - Surrey returns. Dorking ordered 470; sold all copies £18. 2s. 0d.

"Christmas Good Turn by Dorking Scouts" This year the District decided to do a joint good turn, the idea was to help other people to enjoy Christmas, and with the cash collected to give a tea party or two in Morden and St. Hellier to the poorer children. Our efforts resulted in about 3,000 lbs of food and £25.00 in cash. We were unlucky with the weather as rain seriously interfered with the collecting. The whole scheme was decentralised, each village doing its bit.

The Cubs took round the leaflets which said "We feel that help should be given to folk who have been transplanted from London Slums to Morden and St. Hellier. We know for a fact there is much distress and unemployment amongst these neighbours of ours numbering 40,000, and including 16,000 children. Work for many, such as Dock labourers, is practically unobtainable."

The Scouts collected up the goods, which eventually, were brought into Dorking and packed up to be sent to Morden and St. Hellier by lorry. On the 18th December a party of Cubs and Scouts went up from Dorking to help distribute the food.

The Census at the end of September showed a total membership for Dorking at 364. In 1936 it was 334.

Another registration of the Local Associations took place in 1938 and we now showed the following Groups in operation:-

<u>Group</u>	<u>Located</u>	<u>Reg. No</u>	<u>From</u>
1st Dorking		5887	1928
6th Dorking	Abinger Common	14176	1932
8th Dorking	Wotton	5891	1928
9th Dorking	Ockley	13144	1931
10th Dorking	St. Martin's	16908	1935
14th Dorking	Holmwood	5893	1928
15th Dorking	Rover Crew	5894	1928
16th Dorking	Belmont School, Westcott	17607	1935
17th Dorking	Westcott	5896	1928
18th Dorking	North Holmwood	9517	1929
19th Dorking	County School	13387	1931

The area now covered by the Local Association was Abinger Common, Beare Green, Capel, Coldharbour, Dorking, Forest Green, Holmbury St. Mary, Holmwood, Mickleham, Newdigate, Oakwood Hill, Ockley, Ranmore, Westcott and Wotton.

Mr G. H. Pett was District Secretary. There is no mention of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 20th and 21st Dorking Groups.

Later in the year we saw another new registration, this time for a Rover Crew. The Rover Leader was Mr Christopher Gamble with 4 crew members. It was an "Open" Group and was registered as the 20th Dorking. But only six years ago in 1932 this number had been given to the Newdigate Group. It stated that their Crew Headquarters was uncertain at the moment but that all correspondence should be addressed to the Cattle Shed, Tillingbourne Valley, Abinger Common, in the County of Surrey. Registration number was 19872.

The County Census for Dorking District showed 11 Scout Groups made up of 7 Cub Packs; 9 Scout Troops; 3 Rover Crews; 27 Scouters; 95 Wolf Cubs; 164 Boy Scouts; 25 Rover Scouts; 36 Local Association Officers, giving a total of 347 in Membership.

County Insurance details showed 1st Dorking (60); 6th Dorking (36); 19th Dorking (40); 14th Dorking (50); 18th Dorking (15) and 17th Dorking no figure.

Mr H. R. Redwood was now acting District Commissioner.

# CHAPTER FOUR

## The Second World War

### 1939 - 1944

EVEN THOUGH War had been declared in September 1939, two registrations were made for the 11th Dorking and the 21st Dorking.

<b>DORKING SCOUT ASSOCIATION</b>		
<b>The KINGHAM Trophy</b>		
<b>Winners 1932-1954</b>		
1932	)	The 11th Dorking Group had started a Cub Pack with 4 boys and one leader, Dr Mary Bowles- Price being the Cubmaster. It was a "Controlled" Group at Denfield Private School with registration number 20478. Back in 1920 the 11 <sup>th</sup> Dorking we're shown as joined with Wotton. Is this a reforming of a Pack or was it a re-issue of an old District number?
1933	)	
1934	) 14th Dorking (Holmwood)	The 21st Dorking up at St. Barnabas School on Ranmore Common changed their title to "Lord Ashcombe's Own". Because of the change in title they were given a new registration number 20300.
1935	)	
1936	)	
1937	)	
1938	) 10th Dorking (St Martin's)	Because of war mobilisation of men and women meant that members of the Scout Headquarters staff were called up for active service in the Armed Forces. From now until the end of the War in 1945 minimal records were kept at Headquarters. Most of the record keeping was done at Local Association level by the District Commissioner and District Secretary.
1939	)	
1940	)	
1941	) 10th Dorking (St Martin's)	
1942	) 19th Dorking (County School)	Richard Leon, Assistant Commissioner, Scouts wrote "The Dorking Boy Scouts have performed and are still performing useful war work. In the early days, the Scouts and Cubs helped with the reception of mothers and babies, the Scouts sorting luggage -and sometimes children and the Cubs serving refreshments. It seemed if every Scout and Cub in Dorking had turned out to help serve the evacuees.
1943	)	
1944	)	
1945	)	
1946	)	
1947	)	
1948	)	
1949	)	
1950	) 17th Dorking (Westcott)	In addition, the Scouts maintained a day and night messenger service at the Surrey County A.R.P. [Air Raid Precaution] control and also at the Group Control. They are still maintaining a night service in the Group Control room and the authorities speak most highly of them.
1951	) 19th Dorking (County School)	Many of the older Scouts have become blood donors".
1952	) 19th Dorking (County School)	
1953	)	
1954	) 19th Dorking (County School)	

Mr Michael Dobson reflects on the time he joined the 7th Dorking Wolf Cub Pack at Leith Hill in the

late summer of 1939. The Cubmaster was Mr Styles. There was no Troop but it was hoped to start one shortly.

The Pack held its weekly meetings in a long corrugated iron building, which was the rifle range and was located on the top of the hill [up behind the school] roughly where the Coldharbour Cricket Club now has its pitch.

A distinguishing feature Michael remembers was that they wore a white badge on the back of their black scarves depicting Leith Hill Tower.

Mr H. C. Hodges became District Commissioner.

In the summer of 1940 we did have a day-camp which he went to for several days but slept at home. This camp was on common land to the left of Dorking Road about half a mile from the village. It was notable because of the Battle of Britain was being fought not exactly overhead but with in visual distance and the sound of the aero engines and machine guns together with the sight of the vapour trails.

Very soon after the camp the Pack ceased to exist, literally over night. Whether true or not, the reason given was that Mr Styles was found to be a Conscientious Objector, which was frowned upon at that time and therefore he was considered unsuitable as a Scouter. No registration number can be found for the Pack.

Scouting did continue in Dorking through the war years, the boys meeting as and when possible. Sometimes the boys continuing to meet without Scouters as more and more men were called up for active duty in the armed services.

Information about the District is sparse for the period 1941-2 however, for 1943 more information is available. A group was registered at Pixham, the 3rd Dorking. They had 17 Scouts in the Troop, and it was registered as an "Open" Group. There were 3 leaders but they also showed that 3 leaders were on active service. No registration number is shown but it was later confirmed number 21701. Mr Geoffrey H. Haynes was Scouter in charge.

At the 19th Dorking (County School) while N. W. Bradshaw and R. A. Thompson were away on War Service the Troop continued to flourish under the combined leadership of F. W. Ashby, A. S. Johnson and 'Pip' Rawlings.

Because of hostilities the Group known as 15th Dorking, attached to Stanway School, Calvert Road, Dorking, moved to Chipping Camden, Gloucestershire. Their registration number was 21245. The 15th Dorking had previously been the number allocated to the Dorking Rover Crew.

Dorking played host to an Evacuee Group. It became know as the 4th Dorking (Evacuee's Own). Registration number was 21702. It was a School Pack but no record of their location in Dorking or their numbers were given. There is however a log book held at Scout Headquarters recording their wartime history in Dorking.

Another School started a Group. This was Charlton House School, located at 87 South Street, Dorking. It was registered as the 5th Dorking. No other details have been found about the Group except that it had a small membership. It was given registration number 21703. The title 5th Dorking had previously been given to the Group at Mickleham and the Group at St. Martin's Church.

At a time when most Groups were experiencing difficulty with leaders a new Group was formed out in Brockham village. It was the 22nd Dorking Group. They had a Scout Troop with 22 boys and

one leader Mr Alan C. Fiest. It was an "Open" Group with registration number 23204.

It was recorded that the percentage of 1st Class Scouts were: Total of Scouts over 14 years= 74, Total: 1st Class Scouts = 24. The percentage was 33, the highest in the County. "... Only one first class Scout in six of Over 14's is not good enough for Surrey. At any given time we ought to have at least one in three – and here let me congratulate Dorking, the only District to reach that proportion". Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) was Mr E. G. Neate.

A Bushman's Thong was awarded to Scout Douglas Eaglen of the 3rd Dorking (st Pixham) Group.

During the war years the High Street resounded to the rattle of trek carts on Saturdays as old newspapers were collected and stored in sheds at the rear of the White Horse Hotel. On Saturday mornings Scouts formed a duty roster at the local Food Office situated above Burton Taylors adjacent to Church Pavements to deliver communications to local retailers.

# CHAPTER FIVE

## Getting going after the Second World War

### 1945 - 1956

FOLLOWING THE War Scouting took on a different format with new Troops coming into being and with old troops disappearing.

The 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group organised the whole of the V.E. Celebrations in their village. They built a bonfire of wood 20 feet in height and round it held a 'sing-song' attended by all the people and children in the neighbourhood.

There were three new registrations in 1945. On the 13th February the 23rd Dorking (Leigh) and the 24th Dorking (Holmbury St. Mary) were formed.

The 23rd Dorking (Leigh) were an "Open" Group with 10 boys in their Troop with one leader, Mr George Perrin. President and Treasurer was Mr W.B. Pollard. Registration number was 23599.

The 24th Dorking (Holmbury St. Mary) Group had a Pack of 11 boys and 2 leaders. This time the District did not use the old Holmbury St. Mary Group number 12th Dorking but gave the Group a new number. Cubmaster was Mrs Johanna McKintosh Abbott with her assistant Miss Gwyneth Chown. Their registration number was 23600.

The third Group was for the Methodist Church in South Street, Dorking. It had now changed its name from the Wesleyan Church. They were re-registered as the 7th Dorking. Remember before the war the Church had been known as the 4th Dorking. The 7th Dorking number was last shown in the 1920 registration of the

Local Association. The Group were now shown as being "Sponsored" and had 7 boys in the Cub Pack, 7 boys in the Scout Troop and with 4 leaders. Mr Eric Frost was Group Scoutmaster Mr Thomas Collins, Cubmaster; Mr Arnold Plummer, Scoutmaster and Mr Alan Crowe as Assistant Scoutmaster. Registration number was 24213.

Mr F. W. Clinton was now District Commissioner.

King's Scout Badges were awarded to G. R. Fisher 19th Dorking (County School) Group and P. A. Mills 3rd Dorking (st Pixham) Group.

The Census figures showed we had 515 members in Dorking Scout District at the end of the war.

The Scout Association started a section for boys between 15 to 18 years of age in 1946. We are still trying to trace records to show how this affected Groups in Dorking. Mr Norman Bradshaw returned from War Service and resumed his role as Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts).

Mr E. G. Neate the Deputy County Commissioner visited the 3rd Dorking (Pixham) Group to see their Christmas Play. "Herein is Love made Manifest". No doubt you read Scoutmaster Geoffrey Hayne's

article in September "Scouter" magazine and District Commissioner Clinton's and the Editor's comment there, with which, after witnessing the performance, one must deeply agree".

Dorking Rovers were active at the Rover Moot and thanks were expressed to the speakers who had made the Moot such a success and to the Dorking Rangers who looked after the "inner man" so efficiently. We could, however, not let this go by without registering our appreciation for all the help and consideration we received from Dr. Trevor Jones (Headmaster of Dorking County School) and to District Commissioner F. W. G. Clinton with his local team ... Harvey Miles Assistant County Commissioner (Rovers).

This year also saw the return of the Annual St. George's Day Parade at Windsor and on this occasion the Surrey contingent was led by Norman Bradshaw 19th Dorking (County School) and the District was represented by King's Scouts G. R. Fisher 19th Dorking (County School) and P.A. Mills 3rd Dorking (1st Pixham).

The Annual Census for the year showed a Grand Total of 505 members.

The Deputy County Commissioner Mr E. G. Neate spent a very pleasant afternoon on Saturday 22nd June at the Dorking Scout Rally held at Sondes Place Farm. He said it was the best 'Grand Howl' by cubs for a long time. There was a good aerial runway provided by the 19th Dorking (County School) Group.

During September the District Commissioners of Epsom, Leatherhead and Dorking agreed with the County Commissioner changes to the Scout District boundaries. It meant that Mickleham became part of Dorking District. The reason for the changes was to make the Scout Districts coincide with the Urban District Councils of Leatherhead and the Urban District Council of Dorking. There were no transfers of existing Scout Groups to or from either Scout District.

A goodly number of Group Scouters had gained their 'Wood Badge'. In Dorking District they were Mr T. O. Kelly and Mr C. White.

The Secretary for Dorking was Mr D. Allan and the Badge Secretary was Mr P. D. Sykes MBE. The World Jamboree took place in France in 1947. It was for Scouts aged 14-18 years'. Dorking District allocation was for 5 Scouts. "It was hoped that the inclusive cost per Scout would not exceed £17.00 per boy".

The Chief Scout recognised the continuing good service to the Scout Movement of Miss Florence Pitts, Scoutmaster 1st Dorking. She was awarded a Bar to the Medal of Merit. In the report on the County Camp and Rally the Deputy County Commissioner Mr E. G. Neate said "My Camp and Rally Staff were entitled to the highest credit. I have thanked them ... Mr Norman Bradshaw (ADC Dorking) and Doctors Brice and Clarke (Dorking) who gave their services so readily all the time. Just one or two of my memories: the workmanlike display by the 19th Dorking (County School) Group of building an aerial runway.

A new Secretary for the District was appointed, Mr A. S. Watkinson.

The March Census in 1948 required details of members in the BP Guild of Old Scouts in Dorking, Miss Florence Pitts, 1st Dorking registered three members and Mr Rickard of the 11th Dorking registered eight members.

Be Prepared. Mr E. G. Neate, County Commissioner said he was pleased to learn from Mr Francis Cowie of the gratitude expressed in a letter from Imperial Headquarters from a gentleman whose mother, an elderly lady, suffered a heart attack while visiting the Exhibition of H.R.H. princess Elizabeth's Wedding presents at St. James's Palace.

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The Scouts on duty as programme sellers immediately gave all assistance in their power to the lady who was unwell and her son, who is not without knowledge in these matters, expressed on her behalf and his own thanks and appreciation for simple but prompt action which, by its immediacy, was really valuable. The Scouts in question were from Chertsey, Dorking, East Surrey and Farnham Districts.

In the County cross-country run in Richmond Park, Dorking District were team winners with the individual winner coming from Wallington. There were 57 runners.

The County Scout Council Annual General Meeting this year was held in Dorking at the County Grammar School, by kind permission of the Governors and the Headmaster. About one hundred hardy souls braved the elements on the 29th May and made their way to the School. Mr H. R. Roland Bourne, the Chairman of

the Urban District Council welcomed us to Dorking and by his words showed that he had a good knowledge of Scouting and all it stands for ... we were guests for tea of Mr N. G. Wilkinson JP., CC. the Chairman of the Dorking Local Scout Association.

Competition was held in spite of rather doubtful weather at Stompond Lane, In September the County Sports Walton-on-Thames. They were a great success and Dorking came 1st with 66 points and Wimbledon 2nd with 36 points

<b>DORKING SCOUT ASSOCIATION</b>			
<b>SCOUT INTER TROOP ATHLETICS CUP</b>			
<b>Winners 1944-1983</b>			
1944	19th Dorking (County School)	1965	17th Dorking (Westcott)
1945			18th Dorking (North Holmwood)
1946		1966	
1947	19th Dorking (County School)	1967	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1948		1968	
1949	1st Dorking	1969	
1950	9th Dorking (Ockley)	1970	
1951		1971	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1952		1972	
1953	19th Dorking (County School)	1973	
1954		1974	
1955		1975	22nd Dorking (Brockham)
1956	10th Dorking (St. Martin's)	1976	
1957		1977	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1958		1978	
1959	19th Dorking (County School)	1979	
1960		1980	
1961		1981	14th Dorking (Holmwood)
1962		1982	
1963		1983	
1964			

The County Swimming Gala at Epsom Baths showed some fine performances and the smooth running of the programme was attributed to District Scoutmaster A. S. Brewer, Dorking and his helpers.

October saw the conferring of an Honorary Warrant to Mrs D. V. Clinton as Assistant District Commissioner, Dorking. The appointment was to run until 30th September 1949. Lastly at the very end of the year Miss H. Wright was appointed Assistant Commissioner (Cubs). The appointment was with effect 13th October.

In 1949 Mrs Muriel Frizelle was guest at the Dorking Sixers and Seconds Get-together, where St. George was the main theme of the proceedings and the Hall was delightfully decorated with illustrations from the legends of the life of the Saint, done by a local Pack Scouter, a good effort, the Cubs coming from the more lonely parts of the District seemed impressed by the number of other chaps there are in the Movement, and that made the affair all the more worthwhile.

In the County Notices the County Camp would take place at Whitsun up at Ranmore Common. The Officer in charge of the Cooking areas was Mr Norman Bradshaw, Assistant Commissioner, Dorking. On the weekend of the Camp, Lt. Col. the Hon. Guy Cubitt, President of the Dorking Local Scout Association was present at the Campfire. The Chief Scout was at the dias and began by presenting the Medal of Merit to Mr F. Clinton, District Commissioner, Dorking and Mr N. Bradshaw, Assistant Commissioner, Dorking, he had conferred on them for their good services to Dorking Scouting in connection with the County Camp.

During 1950 the question was asked "How many Surrey Scout Groups were linked with Scout Groups in other Countries". In Dorking it was the 19th Dorking (County School) with a Group in Belgium.

An Award of The Gilt Cross was presented to Patrol Leader Donald Lloyd, 17th Dorking (Westcott) in recognition of his gallant and prompt action in saving a small boy from drowning in the lake, Westcott, 26th August 1949.

In the County Commissioners letter for March he wrote 'You will have read in the January "S" Sheet of the Chief Scout's Award of the Gilt Cross to Patrol Leader Donald Lloyd, 17th Dorking (Westcott). On the 14th January I went accompanied by the County Secretary to Westcott to make the presentation.

The occasion was the annual combined party of the Scouts and Guides of Westcott, a very lively show. After fun, games and feasting, Scouts and Guides formed for the ceremony a double Horse-shoe, backed by a big crowd of parents and friends and supporters, including Donald's parents, the boy he Rescued and his parents and Col. and Mrs Barclay, the District Commissioner Mr F. W. Clinton and his wife, and members of the Local Association Executive and other Groups. The pride and satisfaction of all in P.L. Lloyd's plucky rescue and its recognition by the Chief Scout were evident. It was in every way a grand evening and District Scoutmaster Brewer as Group Scoutmaster of Westcott Group was a happy man.

In March Miss Helen Wright, Assistant Commissioner (Cubs) was presented with the Long Service decoration.

Easter saw the first County Senior Scout Meet at Hatchland Park. Throughout the weekend camp there was tea and minerals canteen run by Rangers, a Scout Shop run by Capt. Hutchinson and a museum of ideas run by the Scouters of Dorking. Mr Francis V. Cowie,

Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts), said no account of the camp would be complete without mentioning Mr Musgrave of Caterham, Mr Allen of Wimbledon, Mr Reynolds of Mitcham, Messers. Viner and Brewer, of Dorking: who worked in all sorts of jobs without ceasing, to give us all a really memorable weekend camp.

In the Surrey Boy Scout Camping Competition, the 22nd Dorking came 30th with 206 points. The winner on this occasion was Kingston District with 287 points.

In June the Long Service decoration were presented to Mr D. E. Perrin, Group Scoutmaster, 9th Dorking (Ockley) Group and Mr N. W. Bradshaw (Assistant District Commissioner) Dorking, in recognition of faithful and efficient service, over many years to Scouting in Dorking. The Congregational Church reopened their Scout Group. It was a "Sponsored" Group. It was given the District number 5th Dorking. Back in 1928 the 5th Dorking had been registered at St. Martin's Church and further back in 1920 at Mickleham. The Group was starting with a Troop only with six Scouts and two leaders. Mr Bryan Lawrence was Scoutmaster and Mr Keith Baldwin was his Assistant Scoutmaster. The Bob-a-Job week results for 1950 showed Dorking District earned £103.16.0, shillings per member £5.43. Total in the County was £6268.0.1, shillings per Member £5.62.

Mrs D. V. Clinton's Honorary Warrant was extended to 30th September 1951.

In the Senior Scout Notes we record "Our heartiest congratulations go to another 18 King's Scouts who either received their Royal Certificate at the Mansion House on 28th October or at the Naval College on 25th November". The boys from Dorking District were James Greenfield, st Dorking and Leonard Edwards, 17th Dorking Groups. Mr A. J. Rivett was now the District Secretary.

1951 was Festival of Britain year and it saw the 14th Dorking start again. They were located at South Holmwood School, near by St. Mary's Church. They had 13 Scouts in the Troop with one Senior Scout and 3 leaders. Mr Thomas King was Scoutmaster and Mr Norman Tuppen and Mr George Fairbrother were Assistant Scoutmasters. It was an "Open" Group with registration number 28992.

The death of Daniel Ernest Perrin occurred in April. Daniel founded the 123rd London in 1915, this later became the 33rd Camberwell Scout Group. For 25 years he served in London and was awarded the Medal of Merit; he also held the Wood Badge. In 1940 he moved to Capel and immediately took over the 9th Dorking (Ockley) Group.

He was buried in the little cemetery of St. John's Congregational Church at Ockley Green, attended by a Guard of Honour, with Colours, composed mostly of the Scouts' of his Troop. The padre spoke of his service to Youth, which was great and recited the ten Laws. Many of the old Scouts of the 123rd London attended. A friend to all, Scouting has lost a grand Scout. A few hours before his death he did his last good deed, that of writing a letter of commendation for one of his Scouts. We offer our deepest sympathy to his sister and brother. "R.I.P. - Freddy Clinton, District Commissioner".

The Group Scoutmaster of 17th Dorking (Westcott) Mr A. S. Brewer was awarded the Medal of Merit.

The Whitsun Camp on Ranmore Common gave mention to the excellent work by Mr N. W. Bradshaw as Officer in Charge of the Cooking areas.

The fifth presentation of the King's Scout Certificates held this year took place at the 7th World Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria. At this presentation there were 224 Scouts from the British Isles and Dominion's who received their certificates from the Chief Scout, and of these - we are proud to say - 22 were from our own Surrey Contingent. Dorking had one boy from the 19th Dorking (County School) Group present to receive is award, S. E. Sheppard.

Recorded in the results of the 1951 Surrey County Boy Scout Camping Competition was 10th Dorking in 24th position with 219 points. Mr W. G. Davies was appointed Local Association Secretary, with Vice Secretary being A. J. Rivett.

Reporting on the Senior Scout Adventure Camp, Mr Francis V. Cowie, Assistant County Commissioner (Senior Scouts) said the Competition consisted primarily of a test in camping, but because Senior Scouts should be able to camp under difficulties, teams were given a difficult hike to do on the Saturday evening so that they had to pitch camp in the dark and when tired. Twenty-one teams started but only eighteen completed the tests. The results were as follows: 1st place Dorking District with 204 points, 2nd place Caterham, Chertsey, Ewell and Sutton with 176 points.

At the beginning of 1952 four King's Scout badges were awarded to P. T. Gardner and P. A. Rogers of the 19th Dorking (County School) Group and Robert J. Fisher and Alan Fox of the 10th Dorking Group. In March Mr Vic Viner, Group Scoutmaster 1st Dorking Group gained his Wood Badge. The Senior Scout Cross County Team Race resulted in Dorking taking fifth place with 109 points. The winners we are told had 250 points. A group starts at St. Paul's Church as a "Sponsored" Group. It is the 4th Dorking. It's the third time this number has been used by the District. The Group started with only 4 boys and one leader, Mr Norman

Cooper is the Scoutmaster. The boys are being trained as Patrol Leaders before more boys are allowed to join. Registration number was 30254.

For Bob-a-Job Week the average amount collected by each member was £8.4.8.

The result of the Senior Scout Adventure Competition was 1st Purley District with 250 points and in 17th place Dorking District.

The Senior Scout Cross Country Race was run at Dorking on Saturday 14th February and as a 'valentine', we received a heavy fall of snow. The Team result was 1st Farnham District (14 points) and 5th place Dorking District (17 points). Our grateful thanks go to Mr Peter Fairfoul who organised and ran this event for us and to the Dorking County School and Mr Norman Bradshaw, Assistant Commissioner (Scouts) who were our hosts.

In May, we record the first Queen's Scouts awarded in the District. They were to P. C. Mills and D. N. T. Strudwick, 3rd Dorking (1st Pixham) Group and C. R. O. Garrett, A. J. Jordan and D. J. Powell, 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group.

The Medal of Merit was awarded to Miss Helen Wright, Assistant Commissioner (Cubs) and Cubmaster 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group. The Wood Badge was gained by Mr A. C. Fiest, Scoutmaster 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group.

Mrs Muriel Frizzelle, Assistant County Commissioner (Cubs) records her visit to the Dorking Cubs wonderful weekend camp. There were plenty of Old Wolves to keep an eye on the boys, with Troop Scouters to do the cooking - if their coffee was anything to go by the meals must have been "super".

One or two good ideas from this camp - the Cubs collected different leaves, flowers etc, then in their Sixes they stuck their collections in albums (Exercise books) and named them, the clever ones adding sketches to amplify the specimen. The albums were quite good when finished and the Cubs must have learned a lot during the game. As I left they were dashing off to find flowers etc., the first letters of which would spell a place name!

In October Mr A. R. Bravery Scoutmaster 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group gained his Wood Badge.

The County Boy Scout Camping Competition results showed Dorking District in 1st place with 189 points out of 290 points.

The November Senior Scout Adventure Competition saw 16 teams take part. Dorking came 15th with 85 ½ marks out of 150.

The Bob-a-Job results this year showed that Dorking collected £233.2.0.

A Group restarts at Ranmore and the District give it the title 6th Dorking (Ranmore) Group. In 1938 the 6th Dorking had been out at Abinger Common but of course this wasn't the same Group, just the re-issue of an old number. The Group was based at St. Barnabas School. The Cubmaster was Miss Anne Mawson, who was living at the Dairy Farm on Ranmore Common. There were nine boys in the Cub Pack. But why wasn't it given its original Group number the 21st Dorking?

Something different this year was the transfer of an area into the Dorking District Area. Boxhill was formally part of Banstead District. The 1st Boxhill Group became the 2nd Dorking Group. It kept its original registration number 5907. The Scouter in charge was P. M. Brodie. No membership figures were given on the transfer form.

The Census returns for the year 1954 show Dorking membership at 506. Last years figure was 456.

In November P.R. Drysdale of the 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group gained his Queen's Scout Badge. In the Senior Scout Adventure Competition in October out of a maximum 300 points Dorking District came 8th with 231 points.

A new Secretary was appointed Mr P. F. Ennis as Mr W. G. Davies had resigned. In the County Cub Gala Dorking came 17th place with just 6 points.

The yearly results for Bob-a-Job Week showed that Dorking collected £299.3.11.

The Assistant County Commissioner (Senior Scouts) Mr Francis V. Cowie joined the 10th Dorking Senior Scouts at the Parish Church for Evensong after which a new Senior Scout Colour was dedicated. He said it was most excellently arranged and well attended and it was a great privilege to be allowed to be there.

The 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group entered the National Soap Derby in April 1955. On a Saturday afternoon in May the Senior Scout Meet was held and bicycle trials took place organised by Messrs. Viner and Hood of Dorking District.

In June we received the Annual Census Report showing Dorking Local Association strength at 541. Later in September the Bob-a-Job results showed Dorking collecting £284.10.3. Also that month Miss M. C. Watney, Cubmaster 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) Group was awarded her Long Service Decoration.

The result of the County Boy Scout Camping Competition showed Dorking we're in 24th place with 313 out of 390 points.

In December the County Commissioner, Mr E. G. Neate writes ... I recall the occasions to which I have alluded in these letters and many others equally happy of which space has not allowed me to write, among them, for example, the 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group Reunion Supper in September, a happy "family gathering" and one of the Old Scouts there who reminded me that a decade or two ago as Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts), I had presented him his King's Scout Badge. It was reported that more Preliminary Training Courses had taken place at a lovely spot on Ranmore

Common. The site being chosen by Dorking and neighbourhood Scouters and a happy group they were though small in number.

In the April 1956 Notice a report said "Scouting Still Banned". The danger area in the Dorking District has not yet been cleared and camping and wide games should therefore, continue to be banned:- The area on O.5. Sheet 170, lines drawn from Feldemore, P, "O" in contour 450, "y" in Friday Street, "W" in Wootton Common, back to Feldemore - all within is still un cleared. Believe the matter has now gone to VIP'S including local MP in hopes of hurrying up the army authorities. Therefore the area is still out of bounds, please for Scout Camping and Scout Wide games.

The 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group entered the National Soap Box Derby again.

At the St. George's Day Awards on 23rd April, Mr Frederick G. Clinton, District Commissioner, Dorking, was awarded the Silver Acorn.

Annual Census Dorking Local Association recorded their highest membership of 606.

In mid summer we had six Queen's Scout Badges awarded to members of the 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group. The recipients were J. Fricker, A. Fricker, I. Hinkley, P. Moore, M. Sheppard and J. Wren. This year Dorking District didn't do so well in the County Camping Competition. The Guildford Cathedral Scout Memorial Fund Subscriptions - First List, included the 16th Dorking (Belmont Feldemore) School £1.1.0. In the Second List 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group were included with £1.0.0.

The Chairman for the Senior Scouts Adventure Competition sub-committee 1956 was Mr Vic Viner. In the Competition this year Dorking obtained 7th place.

## **DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **The SCOUT SPORTS SHIELD Under 13 years**

#### **Winners 1974 - 1985**

1974	22nd Dorking (Brockham)	1980	)	
1975	22nd Dorking (Brockham)	1981	)	
1976		1982	)	
1977	14th Dorking (S. Holmwood)	1983	)	14th Dorking (S. Holmwood)
1978		1984	)	
1979		1985	)	

# CHAPTER SIX

## Half a Century of Scouting

### 1957 - 1965

IN THE Guildford Cathedral Scout Memorial Fund Subscription - Fourth List - 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Rover Crew 16s. 0d.

For the first time Leigh village has a Scout Group, the 23rd Dorking. It was for a "Sponsored" Cub Pack with 12 boys and 10 boys in the Scout Troop and with 2 leaders. Mrs Phoebe Williams is Cubmaster and Mr John Williams is Scoutmaster. They meet in the Church Hall. Registration number is 33473.

This year Scouting celebrated its 50th Birthday with a big Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in Warwickshire. Many boys and leaders from Dorking take part in the camp. A train was arranged from Dorking for members of the District to visit the Jamboree. Staffing for the 10 Surrey Troops were:- Troop 8, Assistant Scoutmaster P.H.F. Styles (Dorking) .Troop 9, Scoutmaster A.5. Brewer (Dorking), Assistant Scoutmaster A.R. Bravery (Dorking), Assistant Scoutmaster K. Benner (Leatherhead). Composition: Harley (4), Dorking (10), Reigate (8), Banstead (2) and Leatherhead (9).

The Long Service Decoration was presented to Mr A. 5. Brewer, District Scoutmaster and Group Scoutmaster 17th Dorking (Westcott).

On the 4th January 1957 Miss Florence Pitts died. "A great Scout" is a worthy and apt portrait of this grand old lady of 85 years. Florence Pitts was a cultured and gentle lady who had amazing influence on youth. In December 1907 a few boys in the Town banded themselves together and in January 1908 when B.P. officially started the Scout Movement Florence became interested and the 1st Dorking Troop came into being under the leadership of Mr F. G. Beams as Scoutmaster.

Later in 1914 Miss Pitts took over as Scoutmaster when Mr Beams joined the Armed Forces. She started the 1st Dorking Wolf Cub Pack. As Scoutmaster she always camped with her Troop on Ranmore Common at the Whitsun County Camp. She had the Medal of Merit and Bar and Dorking Scouts subscribed for a silver- mounted walking stick when she retired nine years ago. It was presented by Lord Rowellan, Chief Scout at a Ranmore Rally. She always kept in touch with Dorking Cubs as an examiner and camped with them on the Isle of Wight up to 1955.

"Old Ma" was the name the boys called her and she was proud of this. She has now reached the end of her trail. We do not grieve but thank God for a life so gladly in his Service and our fellow man.

In the County Commissioner's Letter Mr E. G. Neate writes: Dorking Rotary's Gift. Just one week before Christmas, 1956, the District Commissioner, Dorking, the Field Commissioner and I were invited to lunch with the Dorking Rotary Club, so that by their wish I might tell them something about Surrey Scouting, and receive on your behalf from the hands of their President, Mr H. V. Knight, A very handsome trophy. It is in the familiar form of the Rotary Wheel, about 14" in diameter. The rim is inscribed in blue on silver "Surrey Boy Scouts Association First Aid Challenge Shield" and in smaller letters on the hub "Presented by the Rotary Club of Dorking". This fine trophy has been made in polished oak by a Dorking gentleman.

As I expect you know (and if you don't some of the Surrey Scouters who are also Rotarians will be able to tell you) the motto of Rotary is "Service not Self", so we start off with the advantage that there is a certain community of object between Rotary and Scouting. (Many years ago I had the privilege of hearing Baden-Powell talk about Scouting to the Rotary Club No. 1 of London at the old Hotel Cecil).

The purpose of the Dorking Rotary Club in making us this gift is to encourage proficiency in First Aid among Surrey Scouts. They were good enough to accept my suggestion that this might best be done not by holding a special competition which might become the preserve of a few First-Aid-minded groups, but by awarding the trophy annually to that Local Association which, during the year, had gained the greatest numbers of First Aid and Ambulance Badges in proportion to its numbers of Scouts and Senior Scouts 15 and over, as shown by the Census returns.

At this year's St. George's Day Awards Mr Norman Bradshaw, Group Scoutmaster 19th Dorking (County School) Group and Assistant Commissioner Dorking was presented with the Silver Acorn.

The Annual Census showed a further increase in Dorking membership. It had risen by 42 to 644.

A Queen's Scout Badge was awarded to J. Strudwick, M. Spicer and B. Strudwick of the 3rd Dorking (t51 Pixham) Group.

The Wood Badge was gained by Mr P.A.S. Baker, Assistant Rover Scout Leader 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group.

And lastly this year Dorking District came 11th place in the Surrey Senior Scout Adventure Competition organised by Mr Vic Viner (Dorking) and his fellow Committee men who served the County well, as did the Stewards and Judges who assisted him. All in all it had been a busy and most enjoyable year in Scouting in Dorking.

In February 1958 Dorking District was accredited with collecting 7s. 0d. towards the Presentation to the Chief Scout.

Muriel Frizelle, Assistant County Commissioner (Cubs) reported Dorking may be a Country District, but that did not deter some 24 Pack Scouters from the neighbourhood and as far away as Redhill and Guildford from coming along to the 10th Dorking Group Headquarters for a most enlightening and successful Preliminary Training Course on a pouring wet Sunday morning in March.

The 1st Dorking Group celebrated their Golden Anniversary by giving a show entitled "The Mayor's Nest" which was written and produced by their Scoutmaster, a very talented Scouter indeed. The show was very good entertainment and Vic Viner made a splendid Mayor! The whole cast appeared to thoroughly enjoy taking part.

It was pleasing in June to award Mr P. D. Sykes, MBE with the Medal of Merit for his services as the District Badge Secretary. Within two weeks of the presentation Mr Sykes died. Mr Sykes was held in much respect and affection and had been a supporter of the Movement for many years.

In the same month G. Chapman and D. Peters of the 1st Dorking Group gained their Queen's Scout Badges.

Good figures were recorded in the Annual Census. Dorking District were five up with a total membership for 1958 at 649.

In October the County Commissioner announced that Mr Norman Bradshaw would be the new

District Commissioner for Dorking District Scouts. On standing down as District Commissioner Mr Freddy Clinton was accorded the honorary rank of District Commissioner.

As the year closed the Senior Scouts had another good entry for their Senior Scout Adventure weekend. Dorking District came 24th with 181 points.

In January 1959 the 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group had two Leaders presented with their Wood Badge, they were Mr F. J. Ashley, Assistant Cubmaster and Mrs D. C. Ashby, Cubmaster.

An announcement was made regarding the Dorking Rotary Trophy Competition. To avoid possible confusion because of the Ambulance Badge is worn on both arms, Badge Secretaries are reminded that "the number of new Ambulance Badges gained" means number of individuals who have gained the Ambulance Badge.

In an extract from the County Commissioner's Letter, Mr E. G. Neate writes: A bad show undoes the reputation of 100 good ones all too easily. I hope you will all earn such praise as Colonel the Hon. Guy

Cubitt, DSO, TD. DL. was able to bestow at Dorking Annual General Meeting. He said "I often see two or three Scouts coming along under enormous loads of camping equipment. Some want to camp around High Barn. They always ask for permission, they always decline any offers we make of extra comforts for their night's camp and they never fail to come next morning to say 'Thank you' What I like is that if my wife is not here they ask me to thank her too and if I am not there they ask her to thank me. Scouting deserves encouragement even for the quality of good manors alone".

The Group at Abinger Common restarts with a Scout Troop. It is the 6th Dorking. Mr Terrance O'Kelly was the Scoutmaster and the troop had six boys. They met in the Bowls Pavilion. It was registered as an 'Open' Group. Not long ago in 1953 the 6th Dorking were registered as being at St. Barnabas School on Ranmore Common. We must assume that the Ranmore Group had ceased to function.

The Group at Mickleham now restarts too, as the 11th Dorking. They were registered as a Open Group with eight Scouts and two Leaders. Mr John Clark was the Group Scoutmaster with Frank Phillips as Scoutmaster and Adrian Goldsmith his Assistant. Their Headquarters was at Boxhill School. Registration number was 34799. Originally the Mickleham Group was 5th Dorking. During August Mr T. H. Mole, Assistant Scoutmaster at the 1st Dorking gained his Wood Badge. The Census figures for the year ending 31st March were down to 617, a drop of 32 members on the previous year.

It was recorded that the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund, Roll of House Founder Groups, No. 20 in Surrey, included the 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group.

We had another good report from Muriel Frizelle, Assistant County Commissioner (Wolf Cubs). She said that when I arrived at the Dorking District Cub campsite I found a campfire ready to be lighted. A circle of logs, but no Cubs! However at the call of "Pack, Pack, Pack" from Winnie Viner (the District Cubmaster in charge of the Camp) all tent flaps opened and the Cubs came running to greet the visitor and the Campfire was duly opened. Those boys sung with much gusto the old Cub Scout songs and several from Mrs Melville Smith's little Song Book, it was all very jolly and the discipline was good.

In September in the Surrey County Camping Competition, Dorking District obtained 638 points and came in 16th place. When December came the Surrey Senior Scout Adventure Competition showed Dorking District doing slightly better, the team coming in 13th place.

Early in the year the 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group were experiencing problems with a leadership shortage. The Group Committee suggested a tie-up with the 1st Dorking Group and in due course an amalgamation was agreed. At that time the Group Scarf of the 1st Dorking Group was plain scarlet and the 10th Dorking Group Scarf was fawn with royal blue edging. The new arrangement meant the Group became locally as the 1st/10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group. The new Group Scarf they chose was scarlet with royal blue edging.

Later in the year when the registration document for the new Group was submitted to Scout Headquarters it was rejected as the 1st Dorking Group was listed as a "Founder Group" and had been in continuous existence since 1908 and with its original registration number. By 1962 the 10th Dorking part of the new set up had been dropped in favour of retaining the Founder Group status. The Group Scarf reverted to plain scarlet. At this time the Group asked St. Martin's Church to act as Sponsoring Authority which they readily agreed to. The Group was then officially registered as 1st Dorking (St. Martin's) - status Sponsored - Open.

In May, Mrs Winnie Viner ran a Cub Instructors Course at the 1st Dorking Group Headquarters in Mint Garden, near to St. Martin's Church.

Assistant Scoutmasters Mr Ralph A. Sewell, 3rd Dorking (1st Pixham) Group gained his Wood Badge.

The District Rover Crew restarted and was given its old District number 20th Dorking. They started with 20 crew members and three Rover Leaders. The address of their Headquarters is shown as the Vicarage,

Westcott Road, Dorking. It was an "open" crew with Mr Albert Baker, District Rover Leader was acting in the capacity as Group Scoutmaster. The Rover Leader was Mr John Gale and his assistant Mr John Spiller. The Crew was registered on 24th April but no registration number appears on the form.

During the year further Groups were registered in the Roll of House Founder Groups for the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund. The included in Roll 92 - 3rd Dorking (St. Martin's), Roll 108 - 19th Dorking (County School), Roll 123 - 6th Dorking and Roll 124 - 1st Dorking (St. Martin's).

From the County Cub Scout Notes of October came this report: At alternative quarterly County Cub Scout Committee Meetings, each Association (District) gives a report on its recent activities. Mostly reports follow the same pattern but at our September meeting we had a delightful account of a special weekend that I suggest could well be taken up by other 'County' Cub Packs.

Mrs Viner, Akela of the 1st Dorking (St. Martin's) Cub Pack, was instrumental in the organisation of this fine effort in July last year. Through the meeting of Akela's of the 1st Dorking and the 5th Southwark (London) Cub Pack who came from the Crossways Central Mission at the Elephant and Castle area the idea germinated and blossomed into a wonderful good turn.

Like all successful ventures, it called for a lot of careful planning with a vision of what it might be. Train times, food arrangements, accommodation and so on. The parents of the 1st Dorking Cub Pack were approached and perhaps not without misgivings, all agreed to take one of the twelve quests from London for the Saturday night.

The visitors were met at the station and off they all went to a part of the very lovely countryside around Dorking where the London boys seemed somewhat overawed by the green fields, trees, hedgerows and wild-life. Even their dinner was neglected with the wonderment of their surroundings.

A programme of games, adventure tacking through woods and exploration, made the afternoon soon pass by, all sheer delight to the London boys whose normal playgrounds are bombsites by their homes.

Then followed Tea that had been prepared by those same parents, more fun and games and a sing-song before each pair of Cubs were away to the homes of the hosts.

A fine Sunday morning and a "Cubs Own" to start the day, held at the Ranmore District Campsite. A wonderful yarn, stirring hymns and prayers all set amidst the peace and calm of nature, a truly memorable half-hour.

More games, space ships and then dinner cooked on a real campfire of sausages, potatoes and beans followed by jelly and fruit. No dinner tasted so good. After washing up the boys listened to a breath-taking yarn.

Parents of the Dorking Cubs then joined them for more games and tea. Cameras came into view and snaps of the wonderful adventure were recorded, to treasure afterwards. And so at last the weekend came to an end and the London boys who were seen off by their new but firm friends, returned to bricks and mortar of South London with wonderful memories and the feeling that Cubing can mean so much more than they probably realised.

The Thanks! Well it was all contained in the remarks of one London Cub on his way home "That was the best weekend of my life" Well done Dorking Cubs, Akela and Dorking Parents. Others please copy. Edgar F. Lee, Assistant County Commissioner (Wolf Cubs).

On the 17th August Mrs Winnie Viner was appointed to the County training position of Assistant Akela Leader for Surrey.

At the beginning of the 1961 Mr Ennis resigned as the Local Association Secretary. In the April Senior Scout Cross Country event Dorking took sixth place.

Two Medal of Merit awards were made in May to Mr and Mrs Vic and Winnie Viner. Vic was Group Scoutmaster 1st Dorking Group and District Scoutmaster (Senior Scouts) and Winnie was Cubmaster 1st Dorking Group and Assistant Akela Leader, Surrey.

Also in May Mr A. W. Howard was appointed the new District Secretary of the Local Association.

In the Roll of Honour of House Founder Groups for the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund number 78 it records the 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group with certificate No. 3019.

In June the Queen's Scout Badge was awarded to Michael P. Viner of 1st Dorking Group. At the end of the year the Annual Adventure Competition for Senior Scouts saw Dorking District just losing out on first place by 663 points to 675 points.

Lastly in this year we record two Wood Badge Awards to Mr A. C. Hubbard, Scoutmaster and Mr C. A. Weight, Assistant Scoutmaster both of 10th Dorking (St. MarUn's) Group.

The 1962 March Senior Scout Cross Country Run was blessed with fine weather and the County thanked Dorking Scouters and Scouts who were responsible for all the arrangements. At the beginning of April Mr Vic Viner was appointed Assistant District Commissioner (Senior Scouts) Dorking.

Rover Scouting was still to the fore as the Dorking Rovers were congratulated upon the success of their Four Hills Hike. The numbers entering were a record, including entries from other Counties and

the time a record too, which will want some beating.

The 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) reformed with 10 boys in the Pack, 8 boys in the Troop and 4 leaders. Mr Gordon Bates was Group Scoutmaster; Mr Harvey Leeson, Cubmaster; Mr Derek Ludlow, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster we're Mr Robert Miles. It was an "Open" Group and its registration number was 36312.

In the Awards list for May the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award was gained by R. E. Way, 1st Dorking Group.

Three Queen's Scouts Badges were awarded in June to P. King of 10th Dorking (St. Martin's) Group and B. Roberts and R. Way of the 1st Dorking Group.

In November Mrs Winnie Viner was appointed Assistant District Commissioner (Wolf Cubs) Dorking. The December Surrey Adventure Competition saw Dorking in 10th place with 127 points.

In the St. George's Day Awards of 1963, our District Commissioner Mr Norman Bradshaw was awarded a Bar to the Silver Acorn.

The District Cubmaster Mr J. E. Moon is recorded as moving to a new address in North Holmwood. There is no record of the Group he was attached to.

Two Queen's Scout Badges were awarded to K. O'Kelly, 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group and D. Beazley, 9th Dorking (Ockley) Group.

In February 1964 the Long Service Decoration was presented to Mr Vic Viner, Assistant District Commissioner (Senior Scouts).

It was yet another record. More entries than ever before for the Senior Scout Cross Country Run and we were again congratulated on the organisation and efficient running of the event.

The following boys attended the Chief Scouts reception at Gilwell Park to receive the Royal Certificate for gaining their Queen's Scout Badge. They were D. Beazley, 9th Dorking (Ockley) Group, I. Clinging, 4th Dorking Group and K. O'Kelly, 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group.

Mr Peter Mills, Scoutmaster 3rd Dorking (1st P;xham) Group was awarded the Medal of Merit and Long Service Decoration in June.

In July the County Commissioner said he was pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Winnie Viner as Akela Leader for Surrey.

And in September Mr Peter Mills was appointed Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) Dorking and Mrs Marian Robathan, 1st Dorking Group gained her Wood Badge.

Newdigate village started the 12th Dorking Group with their Headquarters at Newdigate School. It was an "Open" Group. They had 5 leaders and 10 boys in the Pack and 10 boys in the Troop. They state that previously the Group had been known as the 11th Dorking. Mr Arthur Butler was Group Scoutmaster; Mrs Jean Allport, Cubmaster; Mrs June Taylor, Assistant Cubmaster; Mr Alan Allport, Scoutmaster and Mr Leonard Taylor, Assistant Scoutmaster. They were registered number 37128.

In 1965 Mr Arthur H. White, Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) high-lighted the 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group, who serve their Church by being responsible for the flight of the flag of St. George. Also the service they give to the people of the Parish, 'triggered-off' by the

displaying of an arrowhead card in the window.

We did not do very well in the Boy Scout Camping Competition this year, Dorking came in 7th place.

Mr D. R. M. Ludlow, Scoutmaster and Mr R. S. Miles, Senior Scoutmaster, 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group received the Long Service Decoration.

At the beginning of 1966 Mr Terrance O'Kelll was appointed Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) Dorking. Mr T. E. King, Group Scoutmaster, 14t Dorking (South Holmwood) Group was awarded the Medal of Merit and the Long Service Decoration. Mr A. W. Howard resigned as District Secretary and in his place Mr James Sherlock was appointed.

In the November County Commissioner's Letter he records his pleasure in announcing that Mrs Winnie Viner, Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts) Dorking and member of the County Training Team had agreed to Serve on the National Cub Scout Board. He said it was good to know that Surrey will have a representative on this National Board during the coming formative months.

<b>Swimming Galas</b>					
<b>Winners 1985 – 1995</b>					
1985	Cub Scouts		1991	Cub Scouts	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Leigh)
	Scouts			Scouts	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
	Combined			Combined	
1986	Cub Scouts		1992	Cub Scouts	
	Scouts			Scouts	
	Combined			Combined	
1987	Cub Scouts	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)	1993	Cub Scouts	
	Scouts	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)		Scouts	
	Combined	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)		Combined	
1988	Cub Scouts	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)	1994	Cub Scouts	
	Scouts			Scouts	
	Combined			Combined	
1989	Cub Scouts	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1995	Cub Scouts	
	Scouts	12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Newdigate)		Scouts	
	Combined	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)		Combined	
1990	Cub Scouts	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Leigh)			
	Scouts				
	Combined				

# CHAPTER SEVEN

## A complete Reorganisation

### 1966 - 1974

IT WAS in the summer that the Scout Movement had made major changes to its training programme for the sections and also introduced new style uniforms.

Local Scout Associations now became District Scout Councils and Warranted Officers now became Scout Leaders instead of Scoutmasters. The Senior Scout section changed its name and programme and became Venture Scouts and sadly the Rover Scout section ceased to exist. The BP Guild of Old Scouts also changed its name to The Scout Fellowship. All in all a very big shake up for the entire Scout Movement.

In the December directory amendments it is recorded that Mr P. Mills was to be the representative of the District on the County Scout Council. Mr Len Edwards was shown as District Scout Leader.

Mr W. Burgess, Lay member, Dorking District was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.

The first Wood Badges of 1967 were awarded to Mr R. S. Miles, Venture Scout Leader, 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group and Mr L. Taylor, Group Scout Leader, 12th Dorking (Newdigate) Group.

"From around the County" talk of doing things in style, Dorking's retiring Vice Chairman, Mr W. Burgess, was presented with the Chief Scout's Letter of Commendation to the sound of popping champagne corks. Surrey Scout is always pleased to send its only reporter to such events. On the 30th, 31st March and 1st April 1967 Dorking District presented their Diamond Jubilee Year "Gang Show". Booking forms were available from Mr C. Weight, 121 Parkway, Dorking. Surrey Scout understood that a member of the County Staff would be rendering 'Sail Your Dream Boat' - no doubt his 'dream' was that all the Annual Census forms would be in before the last performance (District Secretaries were asked to take note!).

The report on the Show said: Dorking District have recently run their own "Gang Show" again all sections taking part. The County Secretary made a very impressive singing policeman but a Cub Scout probably stole the show by his obvious enjoyment in everything he did coupled with no small amount of talent.

The 20th May saw the official opening of the 3rd Dorking (1st Pixham) Group Headquarters in Pixham Lane by the County Commissioner Mr Jim Elliot. The project was masterminded by the Scoutmaster, Peter Mills ably supported by the Group Chairman, Kenneth Spicer. In 1965 Peter Mills spotted an advertisement in the Dorking Advertiser advertising the sale of redundant Woman's Army huts at Aldershot. A visit and a deal were concluded with personnel for the purchase of a hut for £250.00 plus £25.00 delivery charge to Pixham where it was re-erected by Brian Chandler of North Holmwood.

The 11th Dorking (Mickleham) Group amalgamated with the 3rd Dorking (1st Pixham) Group on 19th November. Pixham lost its registration number as the Group kept the Mickleham number of 33799.

They then became known as the 3rd/11th Dorking (Pixham and Mickleham) Group.

Mr D. R. M. Ludlow was appointed Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Training) Dorking.

The First new Venture Scout Unit was formed in 1968, known as the "Four Hills" Unit. Their Unit title was taken from the four hills surrounding Dorking town: Leith Hill, Ranmore Common, Box Hill and Bury Hill. They had 18 in the unit. Venture leader was Mr Robert Fisher and his Assistant was Frederick Thoroughgood. Their registration number was 38813.

In the St. George's Day Awards, Mr Norman W. Bradshaw, District Commissioner, (Dorking) received the Silver Wolf, the highest honour the Scout Movement can bestow upon a Leader.

In the 'Scouts Challenge 68', further prizes were awarded to the Owl Patrol, 19th Dorking (County School) Group.

The Queen's Scout Badge was awarded to Nicholas Westbrook and Ian Brooks, Dorking. There was no record of their Group was shown in the report.

In March 1969, the Chairman of the District Scout Council, Colonel J. O. Attlee, TD, DL, was awarded the Medal of Merit.

It was reported in April that Dorking District had recently opened a District Activity Centre. A really magnificent building which will obviously be put to a great deal of use both by the District and the County! Given to the District by an anonymous donor it was to be known as the Wilkinson Centre. The name commemorates a local gentleman remembered for his services and generosity to others.

Congratulations were given to Nigel Taylor, 12th Dorking (Newdigate) Group on gaining the Chief Scout Award.

Venture Scouting was in the news in October. The Four Hills mixed Venture and Ranger Guide Unit made an attempt on the record for running the farthest in 24 hours. They managed 223 Miles 912 yards, not beating the record, but a worthwhile effort, especially as they were mentioned on radios 1 and 2 while they were in action.

Nothing was reported for the early part of 1970 but in June Mr J. G. Bates, Group Scout Leader 1st Dorking (North Holmwood) Group and Hon. County Secretary received the Medal of Merit. In September the County Commissioner said, Finally, I should like to refer to a change in Leadership of Dorking District where, after a period of over twelve years, Mr Norman Bradshaw is retiring from the position of District Commissioner. Mr Bradshaw has rendered the most exceptional service to Scouting in Dorking (a grand total of 34 years) and Surrey, having been awarded the Silver Wolf by the Chief Scout in 1968.

I should like to express both my own and the County's thanks to Norman for all that he has contributed and achieved and to wish him a long and happy retirement. I am pleased to say that Norman has accepted my invitation to become an Honorary Commissioner and I know we shall continue to enjoy his interest and support in both Dorking and the County. I am also pleased to report that Mr Vic Viner, who has been a Group Scouter and Assistant Commissioner, has accepted my invitation to become the new District Commissioner, Dorking. I am confident that the District will continue to expand to develop under his leadership. J. M. Elliott, County Commissioner.

The Medal of Merit was awarded to Mr D. R. M. Ludlow, 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group and

Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Training) Dorking.

In the County Trophy for Full-bore Shooting the trophy was presented by Major A. Dunoon, the Ranger Superintendent of Bisley, to the 3rd Ashted Venture Unit with our own Four Hills Venture Unit a close second!

No records for the year 1971 have been discovered so far! and 1972 is no better than the recording that Staines won the Tug-o'-war; the 15th Reigate the Football and 5th Dorking the Trek cart race at the County Scoutabout '72 event.

In July 1973 Vic Viner, District Commissioner (Dorking) resigned from the County Mixed Activities Committee. He had served the committee for over six years. Bruce Wood, County Venture Scouts thanked Vic for all his enthusiasm and hard work on the committee.

Congratulations were in order for five boys from the District who had gained the Chief Scout's Award. The boys were Jonathon Adam and Jeremy Rider from the 1st Dorking (St. Martin's) Group; Nigel Field and

David Slater from the 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group and David Smith from the 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group.

At the end of the year Mr Gordon Bates resigned as Group Scout Leader, 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group.

On the 1st January 1974 Mr Gordon Bates is appointed County Commissioner (Surrey Scouts).

<p><b>Dorking Scout Association</b></p> <p><b>Scout Sports Shield</b></p> <p><b>13 – 16 Years</b></p> <p><b>Winners 1974 - 1983</b></p> <p>1974 18th Dorking (North Holmwood)</p> <p>1975 22nd Dorking (Brockham)</p> <p>1976 22nd Dorking (Brockham)</p> <p>1977 14th Dorking (Holmwood)</p> <p>1978 14th Dorking (Holmwood)</p> <p>1979</p> <p>1980 22nd Dorking (Brockham)</p> <p>1981 14th Dorking (Holmwood)</p> <p>1982 14th Dorking (Holmwood)</p> <p>1983 14th Dorking (Holmwood)</p>	<p>The 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group celebrate their Golden Jubilee. The report said that they were a small Group but managed to muster some 120 members, old members and friends to a Dinner Dance. It was a great success. Besides donating a special seat for use of everyone in the village, the Group donated a sum of money to the Bentley Copse Development Fund.</p> <p>In May there were another four boys, all from 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group gaining the Chief Scout's Award. They were John Mills, Martin Alexander, Simon Drakeley and Peter Ludlow.</p> <p>Mr R. J. Fisher became Assistant District Commissioner (Venture Scouts) for Dorking on 1st July.</p>
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The Census figures were announced and Dorking District had a total of 500 members. We were 17th in size out of 21 Districts. The smallest Group was the 17th Dorking (Westcott) with only nine members followed by 3rd Weston Green (Esher District) with 10 members.

Further donations of money, by members of the 4th Dorking Group (£16.00); 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) Group (£5.00); 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group (£20.00) and the

17th Dorking (Westcott) Group (£100.00), were given to the Bentley Copse Development Fund.

Long Service Decoration was presented to Mr C. A. Weight, Scout Leader 4th Dorking Group.

In December the County Commissioner, Gordon Bates said that Vic Viner was shortly coming up to 50 years' Scouting in Dorking. Vic had decided that it was time to hand over the reins to a younger man. Mr Derek Ludlow currently Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Trainer) and Group Scout Leader 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group would succeed Vic as District Commissioner in the New Year. Derek was formally a Sea Scouter of 25 years warranted service before joining Dorking District at North Holmwood.

The year rounded off with Mr Len Edwards, Group Scout Leader 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group being awarded the Medal of Merit and the presentation of the Chief Scout's Award to Ian Watling 6th Dorking Group.

<b>DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL</b>			
<b>CUB SCOUT CROSS COUNTRY</b>			
<b>Competition</b>			
<b>Winners 1984 – 1992</b>			
1984	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		
1985	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		
1986	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		
1987	Under 9's	Richard Digence	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)
	Under 10's	David Bays	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (North Holmwood)
	Under 11's	Daniel Hulbert	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)
1988	Under 9's	James Lampard	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)
	Under 10's	Matthew Taylor	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (North Holmwood)
	Under 11's	Richard Digence	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)
1989	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		
1990	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		
1991	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		
1992	Under 9's		
	Under 10's		
	Under 11's		

# CHAPTER EIGHT

## Still going strong!

### 1975 - 2001

IN 1975 the Bentley Copse Development Fund received another donation of £10.00 from the Four Hills Venture Unit.

In the St. George's Day Honours Awards, Vic Viner was awarded the Silver Acorn.

The Census figures record an increase in Dorking District Membership and we were now 526 in number. Five years ago we were 486 (+8.2%).

In the Spring Mrs Jean Ludlow became Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Trainer). Also Mr R. Smith became Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts).

Mrs Phipps was still District Secretary and Mr Len Edwards was appointed District Scout Leader.

Mrs Winnie Viner who for many years has been involved with the Cub Scout section at County level and in Dorking including the training of leaders has resumed activities with the county training team having recently completed the International Trainers Course at Gilwell Park. Winnie will be concentrating her activities as an adviser on Pack Holidays and Camping Courses.

More donations were being sent to the Bentley Copse Development Fund. This time it was 22nd Dorking

(Brockham) Group (£25.00) and Dorking District Scout Council (£10.00).

The Chief Scout's Award were presented to Stephen Fisher, 1st Dorking (St. MarOn's) Group and Keith Harding, 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) Group.

The 'Holmwood' area registered a Venture Unit at the Holmwood Scout and Guide Headquarters. This was the new building behind the South Holmwood School. They had seven in the unit with one leader, Mr Michael Sukman. Registration number was 41988.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church restarted a Cub Pack. They were given the District number 8th Dorking. They had 16 boys in the Pack, two Instructors and three Leaders. The Group Scout Leader was Barry Anderson; Cub Scout Leader, Brian O'Connor and his Assistant Cub Scout Leaders were Veronica Richardson. It was a "Sponsored" open group and registration number was 41987.

The 1976 Census figures showed once again an increase in membership. We now had 560 members (+34 compared to last years figure).

David Salter, 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) Group; Paul Child, Neil La Croix, Gary Wood, 13th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group and Mark Cruikshank, David Higgins, 22nd Dorking (Brockham) gained their Chief Scout's award.

Long Service Decorations were presented to Mr A. R. Mansell, Scout Leader 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) Group and Mrs Jean Ludlow, Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Trainer).

In 1977 the Dorking District Scout Council held a Jubilee Ball at the Dorking Halls. A licensed bar was provided and dancing was to a folk group. The admission price was £1.25 and included a Ploughman's supper.

Membership numbers were increased again in the Annual Census. This time we had 577 members (+17).

The Chief Scout's Award were awarded to Steven Kelsey and Ian Slatter, 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group.

The Medal of Merit was presented to Mr F. H. Hoad, District Chairman.

In the Annual Shoot at the N.R.A. Ranges it was reported that the standard of shooting was high. Kerry Hewson of the Four Hills Venture Unit won the Ladies Plate. 22 teams entered the competition.

At the end of the year Guy Compton, Bobby Howell, and Brian Rothwell 5th Dorking (United Reformed) Group, Jimmy Beirne, Gary Rose 17th Dorking (Westcott) Group and Simon Wright 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group gained their Chief Scout's Award.

In January 1978 the County Commissioner announced that he was appointing a County Quartermaster. Vic Viner a former District Commissioner for Dorking had kindly agreed to take on this position. Over the years we have acquired quite a bit of County-owned equipment and Vic will now look after it all. Suitable storage facilities are being sought in the Dorking area which is a good centre for the County.

In March the Medal of Merit was awarded to Mr R. J. Fisher Assistant District Commissioner (Venture Scouts) and in the St. George's Day Honours list Mr Derek Ludlow was awarded the Silver Acorn.

In the May News, Dorking District received congratulations for being the second District to return their census details to the County Secretary. Our figures were five down on the previous year and stood at 572 members.

Ian Wright 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group gained the Chief Scout's Award.

The County Full Bore Shield team event saw the Four Hills Venture Unit gain 112 points and the Annual County Swimming Gala held at Guildford Baths saw Dorking take ninth place with 18 points.

Also in this year the 9th Dorking (Capel) registered a Cub Pack. They had 14 boys and Veronica Mary Richardson was the Group Scout Leader.

In March 1979 the Long Service Decoration was presented to Mr John Robathan, Scout Leader 1st Dorking (St. Martin's) Group and the Chief Scout's Award was gained by Nicholas Ring 5th Dorking (United Reformed) Group.

We were down by seven members in the Census figures for the year. Membership stood at 565.

Mrs Marian Robathan 1st Dorking (St. Martin's) Group was awarded the Long Service Decoration and the Medal of Merit.

In the County Swimming Gala Dorking Venture Scouts gained third place with 13 points.

Steve Hall Assistant County Commissioner thanked Districts and Groups for sending him their Newsletters and in particular Dorking District and the 8th Dorking (St. Joseph's) Group.

Complaints were received by the County Secretary that Scouters were not receiving their monthly Scout mail. The Districts with problems were Dorking, Banstead and Woking.

This year's St. George's Day Awards saw Mr Douglas Bennett, the County Treasurer and Editor of Surrey Scout receive the Silver Acorn.

More Chief Scout's Awards were awarded to Peter Butcher, Simon Ring and Philip Currie of the 5th Dorking (United Reformed) Group.

Yet another drop in numbers we're recorded in the Dorking figures in the Annual Census. Our membership was now 572, down seven on the previous year.

Dorking Cub Scouts came third in the December County Swimming Gala.

23rd Dorking (Leigh) Group reopened. They had 12 boys in the Cub Pack and the Cub Scout Leader was Timothy Bebbington and his assistant was Mark Livermore. It was an "Open" Group with registration number 43800.

Alex Dungate 8th Dorking (St. Joseph's) Group gained his Chief Scout's Award. We held the membership numbers at 572 in the Census returns.

During the year Ian Bradbury, Stephen Bullen, Nigel Skilton 5th Dorking (United Reformed) Group, Philip Bradley, Mark Humphries 12th Dorking (Newdigate) Group and Ian Watford 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group gained their Chief Scout's Award.

The Medal of Merit was awarded to the Rev. R. W. A. West, Group Scout Leader 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group and Mr A. Phipps, Scout Shop Manager, Dorking. The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Services was awarded to Mr R. S. Bartter, Chairman 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group and Mr C. Swadling, Badge Secretary, Dorking.

Four Chief Scout's Awards were presented in 1982 to Ian Mitchell 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group, Julius Buckle, Simon Long and Timothy Mills, son of P. A. Mills, 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group.

The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Services was awarded to Mrs M. Dold, Secretary and Mrs P. Sutherland, Chairman 5th Dorking (United Reformed) Group.

There was a big drop in the Census figures by 23 to 549 members this year.

In the 1982 St. George's Day Honours, Mr Gordon Bates, County Commissioner Surrey Scouts was awarded the Silver Wolf.

The reception to present the Queen's Scout Award saw Stevan Kelsey 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group being a recipient.

Scouting Magazine in September gave Surrey Scouts two mentions. The second item reported

on Simon Long of 22nd Dorking (Brockham) Group becoming the 10,000th Scout to take advantage of the "Air Experience" scheme, which had been going for 10 years. In the December Activities Regatta Results the 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) Group did well and came fifth in Dinghy Sailing and came sixth in the Cock of the River Trophy. The Venture Scouts of Dorking took part in the County Swimming Gala and came 4th in their section races and sixth place in the County Trophy.

## **1983-1985**

This portion is still under research and is currently being put together for inclusion in the booklet.

## **1986-2001**

During 1986 the amalgamation of the 9th Dorking (Capel) and the 14th Dorking (South Holmwood) took place.

The new title for the Group would be the 24th Dorking (Holmwood and Capel) Scout Group. They would continue to meet in the Holmwood Scout and Guide Headquarters, behind South Holmwood School.

They had 12 Leaders, 3 Instructors, 6 Beaver Scouts, 30 Cub Scouts, 33 Scouts and 6 Venture Scouts. Nicholas Tanton was Group Scout Leader with Assistant GSL Susan Tanton, Cub Scout Leaders, Raymond Boalch and Veronica Richardson their assistants were Norman Ede and Christina Fairbrother. The Scout

Leader was Crieghton Muirhead with assistants of Edwin Bray, Kenneth Sommerfield and Kevin Jobson. The Venture Scout Leaders were Alan Salter and Terrance Winchcombe. Their new registration number was 44775.

Richard Bourton was District Commissioner from 1st June 1987 to 31st January 1993.

He writes "I joined Scouting as District Commissioner at the tender age of 41½ having had no previous involvement with the Movement. The District had not had a DC for some time and Dr Derek Pollard, the County Commissioner, had approached local business leaders seeking nominations for what is essentially a leadership and management role. Mr Adrian White proposed me and Derek appointed me. I am grateful to them both.

During my time in office, I tried to ensure that the focus of the District was on the needs and aspirations of the Groups (and indeed that it was on the particular interests of each of the sections within each of the Groups). I think this emphasis was the main reason for the increase in District membership from 578 in 1987 to 634 in 1993.

The District pursued a range of development initiatives during this period, for example having a large District stand (complete with abseil tower) at the Dorking Carnival. There was also progress on the District property front, in particular establishing a 15 year lease for the Ranmore Scout Camp Site.

The Chief Scout visited Dorking on the 5th February 1993 for a meeting at Denbies which was attended by a large number of members of the Scout movement (from Groups, District and County) and by representatives from many local organisations. This provided an excellent opportunity for me to thank all those who had supported Scouting and helped me during my time as DC. I was grateful to them then - and remain so now".

From the 5th February 1993 to 31st March 2002 Barbara Roger was our District Commissioner.

She writes, "I was standing in the middle of the field at Lower Boxhill Farm at a District Cub Camp when Richard Bourton first put the idea of being District Commissioner into my head. Oh! I thought and wandered off to do my stint on the semaphore base. But after a lot of thoughts, an interview with John Walsh the County Commissioner and a look at Dorking District from a completely different angle, it seemed a possibility.

Richard spent ages explaining district systems, describing all the aspects of the job, offering invaluable advice and handing over the amazingly organised paperwork. He then organised the most incredible evening at Denbies sports hall when loads of Dorking Scouters were presented with Warrants and awards by Garth Morrison, the then Chief Scout. What a way to start! The next day there was a County Symposium when the Chief Scout spoke about "Values" and I suddenly knew that Scouting was even bigger than I thought. But Dorking District was my priority and I set about my new role in Scouting.

Initially Dorking District lost numbers, but by 2000 it was holding steady. Like all voluntary organisations it is becoming more difficult to attract leaders who wish to continue for more than a few years. You've either been in it for years or just dipping your toe in. At first I worried about numbers but the down to earth leaders calmed me down'.

A brief note about each Group will highlight some of the successes of the 1990's.

Richard Bourton took on the 1st Dorking (St. Martin's) when he finished as District Commissioner. His newly formed Beaver Colony followed through to Cubs and then Scouts and reinstated themselves as the premier Group in Dorking, much to the delight of Vic and Winnie Viner. I have fond memories of their delightful Beaver Scout Leader, Philippa Swithinbank as she was the one person Yvonne Staines and I recruited from a cold and fraught day we spent making dragons with young children in St. Martin's Walk. As I write this, their Scout Leaders are all female and Richard is still acting Group Scout Leader.

The 4th Dorking (Wilkinson Centre) unfortunately lost their Beaver Colony, leaving probably the biggest gap in the District. And the legendary Judi Currie gave up as Cub Scout Leader. However she has been

recycled and is now Deputy District Commissioner and is continually looking after leaders to make sure they are happy with what they are doing in Scouting. But, as one door closes another opens and an experienced Scouter from Epsom answered a plea from Bernard Moore and Mike Sturges was installed as Group Scout Leader. The Scout Troop flourished under Graham Wild and Mike took on the Cub Scouts. But still there is no Beaver Colony.

I always see the 5th Dorking (URC) as a family Group. They have good support from the United Reformed Church and Scouting there always seems so much fun for the leaders. The enormous Beaver Colony who always have such ambitious programmes and lots of helpers. I wonder just how many biscuits they have iced in their time! Eileen Rings Cubs in the Follet Hall and Dave's Ring's Scouts at the cooking competition. That's how I always see them. My biggest memories of the 5th must be their Venture Scout Unit. From the activities of their Queen's Scout Award winners, their love of Ranmore, fundraising for the Diane Melrose fund, to their unusual interpretations of the uniform. Characters All, and that includes the leaders.

The 12th Dorking (Newdigate) and their Scout Hut will always be special to me. Group Scout Leader Tina Callcut is special to the 12th • Studying, exams, a new job and still no one in the village are safe if she is on track for a new leader. The Scout Hut and I will call it a Hut as it is the one true Scout Hut in the District, has been transformed. New cladding, new floor, new storage extension and even a string of new Scout Leaders still brings a steady stream of

youngsters to the Brocus for the ultimate Scouting experience.

The 17th Dorking (Westcott), although it no longer exists, produced a lot of good friends. Sid Miles and Bernard Smith and their families were the 17th for many years and I first met them (and their big piece of khaki canvas) at the now famous 12th/17th cub camps in the BO's.

Bernard's daughter Jackie ran the cubs and then Simon Ring. We tried starting a Beaver Colony, but sadly with no success. When numbers dwindled to two or three members overall it was decided to have a break and the group became dormant. Sadly, the trustees of the Reading Rooms asked for the store hut to be emptied. Some of their equipment was shared among troops in the district and some went into the store at Pixham Scout Centre. About three thousand books saved from jumble sales went into a skip behind the Dorking Halls. The store hut, which once housed the local fire engine, has since been demolished.

The 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) is still supported by Derek Ludlow, who was District Commissioner (04.12.1974 - 31.12.1985) when I came to Dorking in 1977. There have been changes of leaders in all sections but caring active scouting continues to be offered. I never cease to be amazed how much equipment can be pulled out of their store. Their family camps have a strong tradition. I would love to be one of her Cubs AS Dawn Moore is their Cub Leader.

I always feel that the 22nd Dorking (Brockham) just gets on with it. Of course, we all know their bus and all the adventures it shares with the Group. The Scout's summer camps get more grown ups than Scouts wanting to go. That says it all. The Cub Pack is enormous and so well behaved and very well organised. I think that just follows on from the excellent Beaver Colony. They have definitely developed the concept of young leaders at the 22nd• I can soon see a time when oldies don't even have to get out of bed at cub camp!

There are still ten Cubs at the 23rd Dorking (Leigh). There always have been and there always will be. Yvonne and David How are brilliant leaders with exciting programmes and Stan Boulton is still there in the background.

Holmwood and Capel. We still don't call them the 24th Dorking but they are not really fussed any more. Yvonne Staines and Sharon Wannell ran a lovely Beaver Colony in the lovely Methodist Hall with the lovely carpet. 'Stumpy' Kevin Jobson ran the Cubs at Capel but sadly it closed due to diminishing numbers. Michael Messam ran exciting Cubs in the South Holmwood Scout Centre. With the departure of Creighton Muirhead there were a succession of Scout Leaders and a lot of help from the 5th to keep going. When I was appointed Group Scout Leader in 2002 all the leaders left! I have to say this was because Nick moved to Lincoln, Michael retired to Wiltshire and Yvonne and Sharon said they had been going for three years! Watch this space...

The President of Dorking Scouts in 1993 was Adrian White but he asked to be relieved due to work commitments. John Butcher, who will also be remembered for refereeing Cub Six a side football games in the eighties, followed him

## DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### The SCOUTS INDOOR SPORTS Competition

#### Winners 1987 – 1993

1987 Table Tennis	V. Lawrence	8 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St Josephs)
Badminton (Doubles)	V. Lawrence & N. Rose	8 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St Josephs)
Darts (Threes)	A. Smith, D. Monk & A. Browning	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
1988 Table Tennis	James Bray	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
Badminton (Doubles)	Andrew & Christopher Pitchford	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
Darts (Threes)	A. Sawyer, J Briejo & D. Monk	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
1989 Table Tennis	J. Crouch	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)
Badminton (Doubles)	D. Farquharson & C. Pitchford	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
Darts (Threes)		24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
1990 Table Tennis		
Badminton (Doubles)		
Darts (Threes)		
1991 Table Tennis	D. Wright	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)
Badminton (Doubles)	W. Seelig & M. Clear	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
Darts (Threes)		22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)
1992 Table Tennis	D. Wright	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)
Badminton (Doubles)	J. Penfold & S. Clabby	12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Newdigate)
Darts (Threes)		5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)
1993 Table Tennis		
Badminton (Doubles)		
Darts (Threes)		

Doug Bennett chaired The District Executive Committee from 1994 to 2002 and I really appreciated his sensible knowledge on all things to do with property, money legal things and of course practical scouting in general. Without him I would have made big mistakes in scouting protocol.

Dorking Scouts were discovered by Brian and Betty Smith at a Dorking Carnival on Meadowbank when they first moved into Dorking. They had been active members of Battersea Scout Fellowship and came to see what we had to offer. And so we discovered an excellent and very thorough new District Secretary.

Jackie Smith became our Treasurer in 1993 and was followed by a work colleague of mine, Fiona Greenhalgh. When Fiona resigned both John Butcher and my self were busy approaching possible candidates. It turned out to be the same person - Ian Hudson, who had already had scouting experience in Epsom and Ewell District. An excellent choice - he is still holding on to the purse strings.

The Executive committee has been small and exclusive and therefore busy. Peter Mills has continued his enthusiasm and considerable support as Chairman of The Property Sub

Committee, overseeing all we have done. Which brings us to 'The Properties'; something of which I knew nothing about at first. The Pixham Centre was a typical Scout Hut with bright blue hairy tiles on the orange walls and seven layers of carpet on the floor. The plumbing from the tank to the loo contained seven right-angled joints and still the loo had to be set on a block of wood to meet it. (I think someone said this earned the 18th Scout troop a plumber's badge).

After a lot of persuading the executive released a lot of money, supported by grants and some very generous donations and a local builder, Bernie Lewis gutted and completely redecorated the building and it now deserves the title of Scout Centre.

The Wilkinson Centre still looks much the same. The arrangements for the lease/use remain the same. The same Scout Shop continues to operate on the same 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month run by the same wonderful Muriel Cook. The 4th Dorking Group still use it as their Headquarters and have added bright caring touches to the floor and walls. I cannot comment on the secrets of their camping store... Although it seems as if nothing changes we did remove all the ivy from one end and the concrete structure has been treated to prolong its life. As for parking outside - nothing changes.

In 1993 after lengthy negotiations we extended the lease and acquired more land to use at the Ranmore Scout Campsite. This included the old wood yard and the land as far as the track on the west side. Colin Farquharson did brilliant work closing the original entrance and establishing a new opening. The 5th Dorking Venture Scout Unit did some maintenance as part of their Queen's Scout Award. The Cubs held their District Cub Camp there and it was used by various groups in the District on pack and troop nights and it was taken for granted that it would always be there... but then one day the Forestry Commission filled the car parking area with giant logs ready for auction. And Dorking Scout District sprang into life! The Ranmore Management Sub Committee was convened with Stan Boulton as Chairman. Action on Ranmore was almost hectic. The 'car park' was cleared, talk of opening up the canopy and clearing the undergrowth was heard and fencing the eastern boundary began. Bernard Moore, Bob Melrose and Colin Scarff held meetings in The Lincoln Arms Hotel and soon there were plans for a waste disposal point. Within years it was reality - such bliss! This prompted action from Mick Bent and his band of merry men to erect the covering structure and this story continues...

But let's turn now to the most important people in Scouting - the Scout membership. Yvonne Staines took over from Helen Campbell-Hart as Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts, and

continued to support the colonies and arrange district events such as the memorable Christmas party for over 100 beavers at the United Reformed Church and a sports day at South Holmwood. Recently the Christmas parties have been held on Ranmore, complete with Santa in his grotto. Beavers have such lovely open and uncomplicated minds. I was once asked 'did you want to see my stitches'? While I was wondering what part of his body I was about to be shown, he produced from his pocket, carefully wrapped in a tissue.

On another occasion, the answer to 'Do you want to see what just came out of my bottom? Was a splinter! I have to thank Irene Melrose for introducing me to Beaver Sleepovers. Actually, they are brilliant events and you have to go on one to see what it's all about.

In 1993 Phil Currie was Assistant Cub Scout Leader at the 4th and Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts. An excellent organiser, he was snapped up by County to become Assistant County Commissioner Cub Scouts, a position that he still holds. He was followed in Dorking by Simon Ring and then June Mills. District Cub Camp is a big tradition in Dorking and each one has been memorable for different things. Perhaps the strongest memory is the everlasting traffic noise at Birchmere, which makes Walton Firs almost tranquil. Recent Cub Camps have been over run by an abundance of young, lively, exciting and excitable young leaders. They are wonderful - the cubs love them and they keep us oldies on our toes. Best of all, there is hope for the future of Scouting.

District cub events include the strongly contested six-a-side football at Friends Provident beneath picturesque Box Hill, and quiz at Leigh, indoor games at the United Reformed Church, badge days at three different venues at once and crystal maze. Then every now and then County throws in something like SCRAMM. You have to be fit to keep up with the Cub section. Scouts are funny things! They are at a funny age. They don't want to get out of bed, but given the right challenge they are off... I was involved in the selection of the representatives for three World Jamborees, the first in The Netherlands, the next in Chile and then in Korea. I was especially pleased when Mick Bent was chosen as a Leader to go to Holland. I also went to three 'Scoutabouts'. This is where Scouting is really on display. Loads of activities run by loads of leaders. All the leaders come out to play and so does the canvas.

The 17th's khaki tent arrives in yet another form, the 22nd's triangular vangoes make another appearance. The 18th pull tent after tent out of a posh trailer and Steve Martin of the 12th gasps in amazement at the tents needed for 3000 scouts and guides. Oh yes, the Guides. What a transformation happens as the activities end and the disco warms up. I think Saturday night at 'Scoutabout' is an amazing experience. So many young people out and about without grown ups watching their, and for want of a better word, courting techniques and all in a safe environment. Then on to Sunday morning, it's back to Scouting activities. Wonderful! It's almost as good as the sight at the closing ceremony with everyone and their flags gathered together.

But Dorking District Scouts had their own activities. Bernard Moore's night hikes were just as spectacular; tramping across Holmwood Common looking for the illuminated soup stop at Fourwents pond, hunting for the 17th and their khaki canvas by the War Memorial and the slightly smelly and steaming scouts, preparing to stay the night at Pixham Centre, disco dancing in their sleeping bags. The night we held it through the vineyard at Denbies when the moon was so bright it was like a day hike. No one really got lost and the Guides usually won the event!

Bernard Moore had been ADC Scouts for millions of years and so he was recycled as Assistant District Commissioner Activities and still arranged scout events. However, they were opened up to more sections; an event such as Cyclocross was introduced. Bernard also took on the ever increasing paperwork relating to Forms W, C and M. Colin Scarff was appointed Assistant Commissioner Scouts and he and his computer arranged many fine events.

There is always a lot of controversy as to why youngsters leave Scouts. Peer pressure, the uniform, too much homework are the usual excuses offered, but it is a well known fact that it is a sparkling programme that will keep them there. Trained Leaders produce sparkling programmes and Dave Ring, as Assistant District Commissioner Leader Training, has seen so many of us through our training. He feels that in Scouting he has an excellent product to sell and everyone needs it. He has guided us from initial training courses through to our Wood Badge and we are all very grateful. It is typical of Dave, that now the whole system is to be changed, he is still as enthusiastic as ever.

Venture Scout units were another mystery. The 5th and Bob Melrose were always active, noisy and in your face. They were so proud of their monopoly of the upping and downing of the seating in the Dorking Halls for the Leith Hill Festival. They also upped and downed the District marquee for a small fee, no job was ever refused. The 4th on the other hand, were the smart ones. They apparently met in a caravan, which, they told me, explained their constant membership of 4 to 10. No room for any more. One year they were Venture Scouts, the next Young Farmers. But always available and ready to help when asked. Sadly the 24th Unit disappeared in 1994. And, of course, all Venture Scouts have now disappeared.

Dorking District Scout Fellowship! Well, I know they're not that young but they might as well be. I did have hopes of a young fellowship, but it didn't develop beyond one games evening at the Pixham Centre. However, Vic and Winnie Viner agreed to take on joint chairmanship of our Fellowship and things developed from there.

They seemed to specialise in early morning breakfasts on County night hikes, AGM refreshments, district or county - no problem, marshalling at cyclocross, running bases at camps, peeling potatoes at cub camps and Ready Steady Cook at 'Scoutabout'. Is this what you expect of our more senior citizens? Apparently yes! I was always hearing people at county level singing the praises of Dorking Scout Fellowship. And then they have parties at Pixham Centre. Any excuse - New Year, AGM, diamond wedding anniversary! It's funny how beaver parties and fellowship parties both follow the same format of games, food and drink and lots of fun.

<b>DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL</b>	
<b>CUB SCOUT SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL</b>	
<b>Tournament</b>	
<b>Winners 1990 - 2005</b>	
1990	1998
1991 24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)	1999
1992	2000
1993	2001 No Tournament
1994	2002 No Tournament
1995	2003 No Tournament
1996	2004 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)
1997	2005

It was a real talking point in the area and we had full cover in the Dorking Advertiser for five weeks. The letters page was full of comments from all over the place. (I think it equalled the Pixham Road closure!). I had big discussions with the Police and Mole Valley District Council and Scouters and a new plan and everyone's co-operation the Parade was reinstated the following year. This was a big achievement in my term as District Commissioner. I think we achieved the ultimate risk assessment.

It was a sad day when the Dorking Scout and Guide Band finally ceased to exist. John and David Tyler gave much time, tuition and enthusiasm to a very loyal group of players and helped by Stephen Woollard it had brief flourish after a brilliant Dabble Day held at Sondes Place School.

Some of its instruments are on loan to the Kingfishers Scout Band and some were sold to the band of the 135 Squadron Air Cadets at Redhill who have played at St. George's day ever since.

We have some very loyal and long serving members of the Scout Association in Dorking and many of them have been recognised with Scouting Awards. Long service certificates and awards, including 40-year award, are now sent direct from Scout Headquarters at the appropriate time. I think that there is a complete list of the Awards given to Dorking leaders and supporters elsewhere in this story and you will see that Dorking has some very distinguished characters.

And so the time came for me to hand over to a new District Commissioner and Bob Melrose was chosen as our new DC. All was set for him to take over at the District Annual General Meeting on the 3rd July 2001. At the end of June he was at SCRAM and he was full of ideas to maintain the quality scouting already available and branch out with new ideas for scouts in Dorking. He'd got it all worked out and couldn't wait to begin. Sadly, Bob died four days later and we will never know what might have been. We were all so sad to lose a great character.

However, by the next AGM Mick Bent (another individual with plenty of character) took on the role of District Commissioner for Dorking Scouts and Scouting in Dorking goes on...

# CHAPTER NINE

## All change as we go into the New Millennium

### 2002-2007

THE **PRESENT** day scouts are worthy successors to the early pioneers of the Scout Movement in Dorking.

"You never see Scouts about now as you used to in my day" This is often said today, particularly as most older people are remembering early times - it was still true up to the sixties - when Scouts wore Khaki shorts and broad brimmed hats, familiar to everyone in or out of Scouting and so readily recognisable.

To day, there are more boys in the Scout movement than at anytime in the past 96 years. In our District of Dorking, which covers the villages of Brockham, Newdigate, Leigh, Capel, North and South Holmwood as well as the town itself, there are nearly 500 uniformed members and with parents, friends and members of the Scout Fellowship and other supporters the total involved must be nearly 2,000.

Statistics show that in Surrey almost one in six persons is concerned in scouting in one way or another. "Why do we not see them?" The answer is that with the varied activities boys and girls undertake, the uniform is much less evident than it once was. That uniform, in its modern guise, is reserved for parade evenings and for such special events as the St. George's Day Parade when Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and members of the Scout Fellowship are joined by Rainbow Guides, Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides march through the town to the Dorking Halls for the annual service of remembrance and re-dedication.

One positive side of Scouting, boys and girls in the district engage in canoeing, mountain walking, pot-holing, air experience and other adventure type pursuits as well as the ever popular camping, in this country and abroad, hiking and general out door delights. For all these they wear the appropriate clothing and so are identifiable only by the Scout badge on an anorak or by the use of a Group Scarf worn with an activity t-shirt or sweatshirt.

As with all voluntary organisations scouting is still in need of dedicated men and woman who are willing to become leaders or administrators in our Groups, thus enabling the movement to take in more boys and girls who are waiting to join.

All those interested in the movement, but with little spare time to devote to active participation can join the Scout Fellowship, of which there is a branch in Dorking. It has its own social programme as well as offering opportunities to those able to assist in administration, fund raising, public relations, organising events, giving instruction or in testing badge work, helping to maintain equipment, our district campsite and our scout centres.

The Records for 1913, 1917, 1933-35, 1941-42, 1944, 1948, 1953, 1971-72, 1983-85 and 1987-1992 are still being gathered together at the District office at the Pixham Scout Centre (former Headquarters of the **3rd** Dorking) and will be added when information is found. Over

the years we have had 24 Numbered Scout Groups and three named units in the Dorking Scout District.

The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Dorking Group numbers have been reused several times over in different locations when the District registered new Scout Groups. There have been 68 Dorking registrations of Scout Groups or sections at Scout Headquarters to date.

**DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
The Barry Long Trophy  
Super Scout Competition Cup**

**Winners 1983 - 2007**

1983	Neil Simpson & Sean Ede	24th Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
1984		
1985		
1986		
1987	Stephen Alexandra & Matthew Nightingale	22nd Dorking (Brockham)
1988	Paul Wilson & Alistair Cooper	4th Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
1989	Tom Horton & Scott Innes	4th Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
1990	Paul Furlonger & Jason Denman	18th Dorking (North Holmwood)
1991	Spencer King & Philip Knight	4th Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
1992		
1993		
1994		
1995		
1996		
1997		
1998	Philip Lyons & Mark Hawker	5th Dorking (United Reformed)
1999		
2000		
2001		
2002		
2003		
2004		
2005		
2006		
2007		

# CHAPTER TEN

## Scouting Today in Dorking

### IN THE TOWN

<u>Location</u>	<u>District No</u>	<u>Group Reg. No. from</u> <u>30/09/1928</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>In Existence</u>
<b><u>ST. MARTIN'S</u></b> HQ. The Scout Hut, Roses Cottages, West Street, Dorking The Group has a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop	1st Dorking	5887	1908	100 years+

<b><u>UNITED REFORMED</u></b> HQ. The Follett Hall, Church Street, Dorking. The Group has a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop.	5th Dorking	28542	1950	59 years+
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### AROUND THE VILLAGES

<u>Location</u>	<u>District No</u>	<u>Group Reg. No. from</u> <u>30/09/1928</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>In Existence</u>
<b><u>NEWDIGATE</u></b> HQ. The Scout Hut, Brocus Field, Henfold Lane, Newdigate. The Group has a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop.	12th Dorking	37128	16/11/1964	45 years+

<b><u>NORTH HOLMWOOD</u></b> HQ, The Village Hall Spook Hill North Holmwood The Group has a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop.	18th Dorking	36312	14/11/1962	47years +
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<b><u>BROCKHAM</u></b> HQ. The Church Hall, Wheelers Lane, Brockham. The Group has a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop.	22nd Dorking	23204	05/08/1944	65 years+
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<b><u>LEIGH</u></b> HQ. Abbots Pass Hall, Bunce Common Road, Leigh.	23rd Dorking	43800	03/06/1981	28 years+
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The Group only has a Beaver Colony and Cub Pack.

**SOUTH HOLMWOOD** 24th Dorking 44775 01/03/1986 23 years+

HQ. The Holmwood  
Scout Centre, Horsham  
Road, Rear of ex South  
Holmwood School.

The Group has a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop.

## **DISTRICT UNITS**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>In Existence</u>
<b><u>SCOUT FELLOWSHIP</u></b>	Pixham Scout Centre Pixham Lane, Pixham, Dorking.	01/09/1946	63 years+
<b><u>EXPLORER SCOUTS</u></b>	*Pixham Scout Centre Pixham Lane, Pixham, Dorking.	01/09/2002	21 years+

*\*Main HQ but will meet at various locations to suit needs of their programme and boys taking part.*

# CHAPTER ELEVEN

## Complete Register of Dorking Scout Groups

### DORKING TOWN

Since Scouting began in 1908 there have been 18 registrations of Sections (pre 1928) or Groups (post 1928) serving Dorking Town. Majority of these were attached to the town Churches. Some were Church Sponsored and one was a Controlled Group

<u>Location</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Group Reg. No. from 30/09/1928</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
<b><u>CONGREGATIONAL</u></b>				
HQ. Church Hall, Church Street.	3rd Dorking (Troop)	1908	5889	
	(Pack)	1914		
	5th Dorking	1950	28542	
<b><u>UNITED REFORMED</u></b>				
HQ. Follett Hall, Church Street.	5th Dorking (Troop)	1980	28542	
	(Pack)			
	(Seniors)	1955		1965
	(Ventures)	1980		2002
<b><u>FOUR HILLS VENTURE SCOUT UNIT</u></b>				
HQ. Wilkinson Centre, off Roses Cottages, West Street.		1968	38813	1985
<b><u>WESLYAN</u></b>				
HQ. South Street.	4th Dorking (Troop)	1908	5890	
	(Pack)	19/10/1920		
<b><u>METHODIST</u></b>				
HQ. South Street.	7th Dorking (Pack)	20/12/1945	24213	1962
<b><u>ROMAN ROAD</u></b>				
HQ. The Hut. 1908- 1918				
<b><u>CAPE PLACE</u></b>				
HQ. Off 47-51 High Street 1918-1920	1st Dorking (Troop)	1908	5887	
	(Pack)	1914		
	(Seniors)	1946		
<b><u>ROSES COTTAGES</u></b>				
HQ. The Hut, Off West Street, 1920-1923.				

GREEN ROOM 1<sup>st</sup> Dorking (Group) 1908 5887  
 HQ. Rear of Dorking Halls, 1957-1960.  
ROSES COTTAGES  
 HQ. The Hut, Off West Street, 1960-

**ST. MARTIN'S**

HQ. Church Room, Church Street.	5th Dorking (Troop)	16/03/1925	13535	1926
	5th Dorking (Group)	26/10/1928	971	1933
	10th Dorking (Troop)	05/02/1935	16908	1962*
HQ. The Hut Roses Cottages, Off West Street. 1988	1st Dorking	1908	5887	

\*In 1960 the 1st and 10<sup>th</sup> Dorking unofficially joined together but by late 1962 only the 1st Dorking continued as a Group.

**ST. JOSEPH'S**

HQ. The Playhouse, South Street.	6th Dorking (Troop)	17/09/1923	11643	
HQ. Church Hall, Falkland Road.	8th Dorking (Pack) (Troop)	15/06/1976	41987	1983 1983

**ST. PAUL'S**

HQ. Falklands Road	2nd Dorking (Troop)	29/09/1921	5888	
	4th Dorking	02/12/1952	30254	
Temporary HQ. URC Church Street, 1990-1992.	4th Dorking	02/12/1952	30254	

**Wilkinson Centre**

HQ Roses Cottages, Off West Street. 1988-	4th Dorking	02/12/1952	30254	
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**THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES**

Most of the surrounding villages of Dorking have had a Scout Section or Group at one time or another. Going round the villages in alphabetical order they are:

<u>Location</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Group Reg. No. from 30/09/1928</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
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**ABINGER COMMON**

HQ. Goddards, Abinger Common.	6th Dorking	04/06/1932	14176	1947
HQ. Bowls Pavilion, Abinger Common	6th Dorking	25/05/1959	34501	1979*

\*(Transferred to Shere and Peaslake Group in Guildford East District).

### BOX HILL

Village Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Box Hill (Troop)	1913	5907	1946*
				<i>*Registered with Banstead District until 31.04.1946.</i>
	1 <sup>st</sup> Box Hill (Troop)	1913	5907	1975*
				<i>*Transferred in from Banstead District on 01.05.1946.</i>

### BETCHWORTH

Met in Kilona House and Brockham Church Room	33 <sup>rd</sup> Reigate	26/11/1928	5537	01/09/1938
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### BROCKHAM GREEN

Met in Brockham House.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Reigate	05/07/1920	6282	01/09/1932
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### BROCKHAM

HQ. The Church Hall, Wheelers Lane.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking	05/08/194	23204	
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### CAPEL

	10th Dorking (Troop)	16/03/1925	7629	
	9th Dorking	03/02/1978	42645	1986*
				<i>*Amalgamated with 14th Dorking to become 24th Dorking on 01/03/1986</i>

### EFFINGHAM

	6th Dorking (Troop)	1911*		<i>*No further records available.</i>
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### FOREST GREEN

	(Troop)	1911*		<i>*No further records available.</i>
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### HOLMBURY ST. MARY

HQ. The Holly Bush	12th Dorking (Troop)	29/12/1923	5892	
	(Pack)	20/10/1919		
HQ. The School	24th Dorking	07/03/1945	23600	

### SOUTH HOLMWOOD

	8th Dorking (Troop)	1911*		<i>*No further records available</i>
HQ. The School House	14th Dorking (Troop)	30/09/1920	5893	1944
	(Pack)	21/10/1921		
	(Rovers)	1926		1940
HQ. South Holmwood First School	14th Dorking	03/05/1951	28992	1986*
				<i>*Amalgamated with 9th Dorking to become 24th Dorking on 01/03/1986.</i>

### HOLMWOOD & CAPEL

HQ. The Scout Centre, 24th Dorking 01/03/1986 44775  
Rear of ex South  
Holmwood First School.

### LEIGH

The Old School. 00th Reigate 1915 1918  
23rd Dorking 07/03/1945 23599  
23rd Dorking 09/10/1957 33473 01/03/1965  
HQ. Abbots Pass Hall, 23rd Dorking 03/06/1981 43800  
Bunce Common Road.

### LEITH HILL

The Riffle Range 7th Dorking 1911\*  
Coldharbour Lane. 7th Dorking 1939\* 1940  
*\*No official records are available*

### MICKLEHAM

HQ. Box Hill School, 5th Dorking (Troop) 1920  
London Road. 11th Dorking 03/12/1959 34799 1967\*  
*\*Amalgamated with the 3rd Dorking (15th Pixham) Group*

### MICKLEHAM & BOX HILL

HQ. Pixham Scout 3rd/11th Dorking 12/12/1967 34799 1985  
Centre, Pixham Lane.

### NEWDIGATE

HQ. The Village Hall 20th Dorking (Pack) 29/03/1932 13836 1935  
11th Dorking 1939 20478  
12th Dorking 1943 21704  
HQ. The Scout Hut 12th Dorking 16/11/1964 37128  
The Brows Field.

### NORTH HOLMWOOD

HQ. North Holmwood 18th Dorking 27/02/1929 9517 1940  
Village School, Spook 18th Dorking 14/11/1962 36312  
Hill

### OCKLEY\*

9th Dorking 07/11/1929 10398 1931  
9th Dorking 28/09/1931 13144 1973  
*\*Joined up with Capel in 1978.*

### PEASLAKE

1911\*  
*\*No further records available.*

### PIXHAM

HQ. Church Hall, Pixham Lane	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking	31/03/1943	21701	1967*
The Scout Centre, Pixham Lane	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking	10/05/1967	21701	1984

*\* Amalgamated with 11th Dorking on 10/05/1967.*

### RANMORE

HQ. St. Barnabas School Hall, Ranmore Common Road.	21 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (Troop)	19/05/1932	14054	1935
(Lord Ashcombe's Own)	21 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (Troop)	13/05/1939	20300	
	6 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Pack)	10/02/1954	31112	1958

### SOUTH HOLMWOOD VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

HQ. The Scout and Guide Centre, rear of South Holmwood School.		15/06/1976	41988	1980
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### WESTCOTT

HQ. The Reading Room institute Road	17th Dorking (Troop)	29/09/1923	5896	31/03/1998
	(Pack)	16/03/1925		

### WOTTON

HQ. Wotton Institute	8 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Troop)	1911*		
	8 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Troop) (Rovers)	30/09/1920	5891	

*\*No further records available.*

## GROUPS ATTACHED TO SCHOOLS

No fewer than six schools in the Dorking area ran a Section or Group. The largest of these was the 19<sup>th</sup> Dorking at the County School in Ashcombe Road, Dorking.

<u>Location</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Group Reg. No. from 30/09/1928</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
<b><u>OAK TREE*</u></b>				
Located on the Bradley Estate (now part of Denbies Vineyards)	16 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Pack)	23/06/1927	5895	
				<i>*Changed name to Stanway School 1936</i>
<b><u>COUNTY SCHOOL*</u></b>				
HQ.The School Hall, Ashcombe Road, Dorking	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Troop)	28/11/1931	13387	1969
	(Rovers)	1931		1966
				<i>*Changed name to Grammar School in 1951</i>
<b><u>BELMONT*</u></b>				
HQ School House, near Abinger Common.	16 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	10/12/1935	17607	1967
<b><u>BELMONT FELDEMORE*</u></b>				
HQ School House, near Abinger Common.	16 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1969	39469	07/07/91
				<i>*Changed name of School in 1959.</i>
<b><u>STANWAY</u></b>				
HQ.School House, Calvert Road, Dorking	15 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Pack)	1941*	21245	
				<i>*Evacuated to Chipping Camden, Gloucester in 194 and did not return to District</i>
<b><u>CHARLTON HOUSE</u></b>				
HQ. 87 South Street, Dorking.	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Pack)	1943	21703	
<b><u>DENFIELD</u></b>				
Location not known.	11 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Pack)	1939	20478	

Dorking District Scout Council	
The Scout Camping Challenge Competition	
Winners 1985 - 1994	
1985	Cooking Camping
1986	Cooking Camping
1987	Cooking Camping
1988	Cooking 17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott) Camping 4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson)
1989	Cooking 4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson) Camping 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)
1990	Cooking Camping 17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)
1991	Cooking 4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson) Camping 4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson)
1992	Cooking Camping
1993	Cooking Camping
1994	Cooking Camping

Dorking District Scout Council	
The Scout Challenge Trophy Cup	
Winners 1985 - 1994	
1985	
1986	
1987	Mark Bell & Scott Weavin 24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
1988	William Seelig & Scott Weavin 24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
1989	
1990	
1991	Jonathan McDermott & Steve Vance 4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson)
1992	
1993	
1994	

# CHAPTER TWELVE

## BP Guild of Old Scouts and the Scout Fellowship

### DORKING TOWN

The BP Scout Guild was formed after the War in 1946 and has continued in the District through to today. In 1980 it became known as the Scout Fellowship. The Guild and Fellowship were never registered as separate Groups but were part of the District numbers in the Annual Census returns.

In September 2001 the Fellowship were included in the training programme of the Scout Association for the first time. On the 2007 Census they had 26 registered members. Derek Ludlow was Chairman.

### GROUPS THAT REMAINED OPEN DURING 1939-1945 WAR

<u>Location</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Group Reg. No.</u> <u>from 30/09/1928</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
<u>EVACUEE'S OWN</u>				
	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1943	21702	
<u>MINT GARDENS</u>				
HQ. Off Church Street, Dorking.	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	1908	5887	
<u>COUNTY SCHOOL</u>				
HQ. The School Hall, Ashcombe Road, Dorking.	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	28/11/1931	13387	1969
<u>DENFIELD</u>				
Location not known.	11 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1939	20478	
<u>ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH</u>				
HQ. The Hut, Off West Street, Dorking.	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	05/02/1935	16908	1962

## Rover Crews

There were two District Rover Crews with their own registrations. However, members of the Crews were also attached to Groups as Leaders or Instructors.

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### THE VICARAGE

Westcott Road, Dorking	15 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (The Dorking Rovers)	29/12/1922	5894	
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### GLEBE ROAD

HQ The Tin Hut, Off Westcott Road Dorking	20 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (District Rover Crew)	29/11/1938	19872	
	20 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (District Rover Crew)	29/04/1960	35039	1666

## Rover Crews attached to Groups were:

### MINT GARDENS

1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	1918	5887	1966
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### SOUTH HOLMWOOD FIRST SCHOOL

14 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	08/02/1927	5893	22/07/1942
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### COUNTY SCHOOL

19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1931	13387	1966
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## DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

It was in 1972/73 that Tony Phipps first opened the Dorking Scout Shop in the Wilkinson Centre, off Roses Cottages, West Street, Dorking, to help raise funds to send boys to Jamborees. The shop opened on Tuesday evenings.

At that time badges were obtainable from Cyril Swaddling who lived in Rose Hill, Dorking and the system was that he was given the request together with badge certificates and he would leave the badges to be collected from a box by the gate of his house.

When he gave up the position of Badge Secretary the badges were moved to the Wilkinson Centre and Jack Cook was appointed Badge Secretary in 1975.

There was very good support for the shop which sold a good variety of items from waggles to tents, uniforms, books, presentation trophies and many miscellaneous items with the profits going to District Funds. They also set up shop at District Activity days.

When Tony Phipps resigned in 1981 the management of the shop passed to Jack Cook who continued until his death in 1995.

The shop is still very much a success story which today is run by Muriel Cook with able assistance from members of the District Scout Fellowship. It now opens on the first and third Tuesdays in the month, except in school holidays and on occasional Saturdays. With the change to a new training programme and the introduction of new uniforms the shop hopes to continue to be successful for many years to come.

# CHAPTER THIRTEEN

## A Brief History of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 5th Dorking Scout Group

**(Formally 3<sup>rd</sup> Dorking Congregational Church)**

### Preface

This brief history of Scouting at the West Street, United Reformed Church in Dorking has been compiled from the records of the church and the memories of its members over the last 80 years.

The idea for this history was first discussed at the 75th Anniversary Camp held in 1987 when several former members agreed to pool memories together if someone would collate the information.

The results are this collection of facts and memories. If they in turn awaken memories of Scouting, then we have succeeded in our aim. If those memories were with the 5th Dorking Scout Group, we would like to hear from you to complete the history for future generations to know the traditions and how it all began.

This history was compiled by the writer with thanks to the following former members, Brian Lawrence, David Hollands, Mike Shuckman, Steve Casselden, Diana Moore, the late Bernard Johnston and all those former members who offered information at the Anniversary Camp.

The future of the Group is in capable hands and it is hoped that leaders will find time to organise another reunion of its former members shortly to update this history.

Bernard Moore 1993

### How it all began

Scouting in Dorking Town began in 1908 with the formation of the Town Troop lead by Miss Florence Pitts a member of the Congregational Church, from a group of boys who had formed patrols based on the ideas described in a fortnightly magazine "Scouting for Boys".

Under Miss Pitts direction the ideas written so vividly by Lord Robert Baden-Powell appealed to the boys of Dorking. Scouting grew until groups of boys were looking to find other people and places to help

them, their motto "Be Prepared" challenging them to face the opportunities available. Thus after only four years members of the Congregational Church Sunday School asked their teacher Mr Beams to start a Troop at Church, no doubt encouraged by Miss Pitts who continued with the Town Troop for another 37 years.

A Troop was agreed and was formally made part of the activities of the Church's Sunday School and its members encouraged to join the other youth organisations of the church as well for the cost of a

penny per organisation (Band and Gymnasium). The Scout Association charging its members one penny per week. The Church ruled that no Boy Scout pays more than two pence per week to belong to its youth organisations.

At a meeting of the Church in June 1912 a Mr Stanley Dennis was appointed Assistant Scoutmaster.

By the October meeting of the young people's organisations, Mr Beams had been promoted to Staff Scoutmaster of the District and resigned as Scoutmaster of the Troop, a Mr J. K. Nicholson was agreed as his successor and on the 1th December the church formally applied to the Boy Scouts Association to be registered as an independent Troop and be allocated a number.

The Troop and Band carried out many joint activities during this period including attending a parade of the Dorking Troop of Boy Scouts. By 1914 the Minister, Rev. T. Grantham had become Assistant Scoutmaster as well and the Troop was meeting in the Gymnasium.

In 1916 the demand for something for the younger boys was such that when Baden Powell created the Wolf Cub's, based on stories of Rudyard Kipling and gave them a separate motto "Do your Best" the Church was quick to agree to the starting of a Pack. Mr Dennis and his wife accepted the challenge and formed it on the same conditions as the Troop. The age range was Wolf Cubs 8-11 years and Boy Scouts 11-18 years.

So successful was the Scout Movement that by 1920 when Mr Armstrong Brown was running the Troop there were 27 members and the Pack 23 members. The Boy Scouts Association having now organised themselves into Scout Groups and the Church Group became the 3rd Dorking (Congregational) Scout Group.

### The In-between years

The Scout Group had by 1920 become self-supporting for its activities but had reached a stage where camping in Bivouac's and army capes was no longer approved by parents for a week's camp, so the Church Sunday School was asked for financial help to purchase tents. In exchange the Church Deacons expressed a wish that spiritual welfare of the boys who were not members of the Sunday school should be met by the Church.

A Mr Weller proposed that Church Parades should be held to encourage this. Mr Andrews the new Cub master reminded the Deacons that the Scouts were not a military organisation and did not parade. The Church decided that a parade every three months was a reasonable request, and this was agreed. It is of interest to note that this has continued to this present day.

In 1928 the Church's Young Peoples Youth Council at their meeting on 12th July were given a display of work and activities by Cub Pack, while the Scout Troop demonstrated their skills in Scout craft to what aim the Minute Book of the Youth Council does not reveal, but in the following January the Cub Pack held a party for the poor children of the Town instead of a Christmas Party for themselves, while the Scout Troop provided games and activities at the Annual Church Summer Picnic held in "the Field" on Ranmore Common.

The Group continued to support and be supported by the Church throughout the 1930's while entering District events and enjoying camping, hiking, and craft skills days with much success.

But by 1938 the troop was without a leader and closed. The Cub Pack continued and with the event of the Second World War was enlarged to receive evacuees from London. They brought their own flag which was paraded at the Church and inscribed "Evacuees Own".

The Group equipment had by this time worn out and the Church Minute Book records that they had little equipment 'only leaky old tents'. Most activities confined to joint meetings with other Groups who were also without leaders because of the War.

No records have been found to show what happened during the war and indeed until 1949, when Bryan Lawrence an ex-scout of the 19th Dorking (Grammar School Group) Group troop and a church member began discussions with the Church to reform the Group.

### **The 5th Dorking (Congregational) Scout Group**

The Troop held a week's camp at Ranmore in 1949 with other troops in the District after the Canadian Army had left the area. The cost for this week, a large sum of 15 shillings (75p) + food coupons! In 1950 Bryan Lawrence ran the first Group camp after the war at Lockers Farm, Farley Green, cost. £1.00. He had for a time run the troop with one boy Arthur Haunton. However, his patience paid off and 'Skip' as he became known, rebuilt the troop while his wife Rita ran the Cub Pack.

The Group was reformed and renumbered from the 3rd to the 5th Dorking in 1952 when the Church formally requested the District Scout Association to recognise the Group being independent again following the end of the war.

The foundations laid by Bryan and Rita of the Church and Scout Group working together form the basis of today's Sponsorship of Scouting by the West Street Church.

One of the first activities of the new Group was to collect jam jars for James Robertson, the marmalade manufacturer. For every 12 clean jars a sum of nine pence was paid, which provided much needed funds for new equipment.

Camping now became a regular feature of the programme and by 1953 the troop was venturing further from Dorking. The camp report for that year stated that a full programme had been arranged and during the host District Commissioner's visit the boys were engaged in 1st class tests and instruction, all boys were in good health and spirits. However, the high point of that year was the visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan to the Surrey County Rally held across the top of Ranmore Common Road from 22nd to 24th May.

The Cub Pack changed their meetings to Saturday mornings and had several successes at District events and in 1953 some 20 boys attended a major District Camp to celebrate the Queen's Coronation.

The Troop's need for transport for local events had reached a situation by 1954, that the Group again turned to the Church for help and a Trek Cart was purchased. The Trek Cart as suitably appointed in Blue and White became a familiar sight around Dorking or on the road to Ranmore. Tents were a problem and the two very poor ridge tents inherited from before the war leaked badly and as funds became available, they were replaced with new Patrol tents.

In 1957 the Scout Movement celebrated 50 years and many of the Senior Scouts of the troop attended a wet Jubilee Jamboree in Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, where Scouts from around the World had gathered for a week of activities.

### **The 1960's**

The troop continued to grow under Bryan assisted by Arthur Haines and the transport situation improved when Bryan aquired a van from his company, which ran for about 18 months taking boys to camp at Laycock in Wiltshire, while Mick Shuckman as a senior scout undertook the printing of programmes and church stationary on the aquired printing press with Steve Casselden in the room at the back of the Church Hall.

During 1963 Arthur Haines and his wife Rita moved from Dorking and Bryan became Group Scoutmaster with one of the former scouts, Colin Twanley becoming Scoutmaster, after having being Quartermaster for several camps. The summer camp for that year took place at Grosmont near Abergavenny and from the detailed log compiled by Colin, the scouts travelled by train to Hereford and then by lorry to the campsite.

The troop was accompanied by the Senior Scouts and during the week hiked to the Sugar Loaf peak. The highlight of this camp was the camp sports in which all present took part including leaders. The patrol competition was won by the Jackal's Patrol.

1966 was an eventful year for scouting in the 5th Dorking Group when Colin left shortly followed by Bryan and Rita on moving to Reigate. The Group did not let them escape without Bryan being subject of a Group farewell in the form of "This is your Life" presentation based on the then new television programme.

The troop then passed into the hands of John Hills a much-travelled leader from Boxhill where many patrol camps were held. Travelling to any of John's camps was if possible, by his Land Rover which the boys loved. The highlight of the scout year was the summer camp and during John's time they travelled far and even went to Holland in 1967 and 1968.

The Cub Pack meanwhile continued to meet on Saturday mornings led by Bob Casselden and Margaret Cobbold, partaking in sports, camping, handicrafts and above all football at which the District Competition was regularly won. The Pack always went to Camp with the District and run many of the events for them.

The year 1966 was also a turning point for Scouting as the Scout Association published its "Advance Party Report" which changed the Scout Movement completely. The names of Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts disappeared overnight and in their place, they became Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts and older members of the Group who had been Rover Scouts of the District ceased to exist or became members of the BP Guild which sadly never worked in Dorking. All sections had new training programmes and new uniforms to go with the new names to start the next era of Scouting.

## The 1970's

The start of 1970 saw a change in leadership of the Group as John Hills left for a teaching post in Iran. The Group was now without a Group Scout Leader and a Scout Leader. The name of Scoutmaster was changed in 1966.

The challenge was now taken up Steve Casselden, Bob's brother, both of whom had been scouts under Bryan Lawrence, so troop and pack traditions were continued. The troop at this time was very small and Steve ran it single handed and no camps were recorded for two years, but the links between the pack and the troop were improving and camping returned in 1973 with a camp at Hardham, near Pulborough on the side of the river Arun, where canoeing was enjoyed by all using canoes the boys had built, helped by Eric Mansfield, one of the boy's fathers.

During this time Scouting acted as a marriage bureau when first Steve Casselden and Margaret Cobbold were married, complete with guard of Honour of both Cubs and Scouts. This was followed by Bernard Moore and Diana Rothwell who were both Assistant Leaders in the Group.

The Troop leadership again changed hands when Steve took over the vacant role of Group Scout Leader in 1976 when Dave Cooper took the reins of the Scout Troop for a short while, which ended in a Summer camp at Fairhorne Manor, near Batley, Southampton. Dave who lived in Redhill decided after camp that being a policeman and travelling to troop meetings was too much so passed the troop

leadership to his assistant Bernard Moore.

The Cub Pack meanwhile changed its meetings to Monday nights and also changed leadership when Margaret and Bob (who had moved away from Dorking) handed over to Diana Moore. The Packs highlight of 1975 was again winning the six-a-side District football competition, with help from Roger Currie and Kevin Longhurst both former Scouts of the Troop.

The older Scouts of the Troop in 1979 asked the Group to form a Venture Scout Unit, which with the Church approval and Scouting's agreement commenced in November when Ted and Jane Bellingham became its first leaders. The Unit not only had members from the Scout Troop but older Guides from the Church Guide Company as well so the unit was a mixed Unit.

The enlarged Group now spread its activities further a field and canoeing, rock climbing and hiking became regular weekend events. Such was the need for transport that another van was obtained from a local company to assist with transporting of members to the various activities. The Scouts most memorable event being a Patrol Leader training course held on the side of Boxhill, in snow in February. Dave Cooper helped on this occasion.

Summer camps in the late 70's took the troop to Stroud, Gloucester; Maidstone, Kent where strong links were formed with local troops which continued into the 80's.

The Cub Scouts while working on the new Arrow Tests also found time to take part in a County Cub Rally held on the Nower in 1976 to celebrate 60 years of Cubbing and Cub Camps at Lemons Farm, Abinger, Surrey, where tales of rabbits biting boys and burrowing under tents are still talked about by former members!

### Looking to the future

The Troop started the 80's by attending the Cotswold Jamboree and continued visit friends in Maidstone, Kent and again the Cotswold Jamboree in 1985 while the Venture Scouts walked the Hadrian's Wall, visited Switzerland and took part in Venture Scouting's 21st Birthday Party.

The 80's were also years of anniversaries. In 1982 the Group joined in the National celebrations of 75 years of Scouting when the District held a camp for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts at Boxhill Farm when the Group Leaders organised activities for the weekend, but not including the unscheduled landing of a Hang Glider.

More importantly in 1987 the Group celebrated its own 75th anniversary with a Church Parade and a glorious camp at Boxhill Farm when all or friends from Maidstone, Reigate and Stroud joined us for celebrations at which past members and leaders of the Group gathered for the weekend to swap memories of Scouting at West Street.

The 1980's were to see further changes in leadership when Diana Moore retired as Akela of the Cub Pack. She was replaced by Eileen Ring. Bernard Moore replaced Steve Casselden as Group Scout Leader and Bob Melrose took over as Scout Leader and in 1987 David Ring a long serving assistant of both Bernard and Bob became Group Scout Leader while the Venture Scouts replaced one husband and wife team with another, Pete and Janice Brown.

In 1987 the Group were also one of the first to respond to the challenge of the younger Boy when The Scout Association permitted 6-8 year olds to become Beaver Scouts and the Church agreed with this and a Colony was started. This quickly became a very busy and happy group of boys, initially lead by Silver Beaver, Pam Strudwick, and then by Irene Melrose and her group of helpers.

The Scout Group to day has a membership of 80 + and a very active programme for its members, a new van complete with Group name on its sides, to allow opportunities for maximum enjoyment in many events at Group, District and County level.

In the beginnings of the 90's it is pleasing to see seven members reaching the climax of their Scouting career by obtaining their Queens Scout Award. The future is ensured for the next generation of Scouting at the United Reformed Church in Dorking, where Scouting has always been fun, thanks to unselfish work of its many leaders, both passed and present.

## Congregational/United Reformed Church Scout Group Leaders

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Congregational)

#### Wolf Cubs

Mr S. Dennis	CM	1916 -
Mrs Dennis	ACM	1916 -
Mrs G. Brown	CM	1920
Mr Andrews	CM	1920 - 1930
Mrs Russell	CM	1930 - 1932
Miss P. Cummins	CM	1932 -
Miss P. Marshall	ACM	1932 -

#### Scout Troop

Mr Beams	SM	1912 - 1912
Mr K. A. Nicholson	SM	1912 - 1920
Rev. T. Grantham	ASM	1914 - 1920
Mr A. Brown	SM	1920 - 1938
Mr P. G. Shute	ASM	1920 -
Mr F. Hoad	ASM	1930 - 1931
Mr F. Hoad	SM	1931 -

1932 to 1965 no records, closed during the war 1939 – 1945, Group restarts 1950

### 5<sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed Church)

Mrs R. Haines		- 1965	Mr A. Haines	ASM	1950 - 1965
Mrs R. Lawrence	CM/CSL	1950 – 1966	Mr B. Lawrence	SM	1950 - 1966
Mr R. Casselden	CSL	1966 - 1970	Mr C. Twamley	ASM	1963 - 1966
Miss M. Cobbold	ACSL	1966 - 1970	Mr J. Hills	SL	1966 - 1972
Mrs D. Moore	CSL	1973 - 1983	Mr S. Casselden	SL	1972 - 1975
Miss J. Carter	ACSL	1974 - 1976	Mr D. Cooper	SL	1975 - 1975
Miss J. Colling	ACSL	1976 - 1980	Mr B. Moore	SL	1975 - 1982
Mr J. Wicks	ACSL	1974 - 1981	Mr R. Melrose	ASL	1975 - 1983
Mr R. Currie	ACSL	1976 - 1988	Mr P. Brown	ASL	1974 - 1985
Mrs E. Ring	CSL	1983 -	Mr D. Ring	ASL	1975 - 1987
Mr S. Ring	ACSL	1988 - 1991	Mr C. Yeomans	ASL	1985 - 1990
Mrs F. Yeomans	ACSL	1988 - 1994	Mr M. Wick	ASL	1987 - 1996

#### Senior Scouts

Mr C. Twamley	SSM	1958 - 1963
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#### Venture Scouts

Mr E. Bellingham	VSL	1979 - 1985
Mrs J. Bellingham	AVSL	1979 - 1985
Mr P. Brown	YSL	1985 – 1992
Mr D. Brewer	AVSL	1983 – 1988
Mrs J. Brown	AVSL	1988 - 1992

#### Beaver Scouts

Mrs P. Strudwick	BSL	1987 – 1991
Mrs I. Melrose	ABSL	1987 – 1991
Mrs I. Melrose	BSL	1991 -
Mrs S. Yeomans	ABSL	1987 - 1991

#### Group Scoutmaster/Leaders

Mr B. Lawrence	1963 – 1966
Mr S. Casselden	1976 – 1981
Mr B. Moore	1983 – 1988
Mr D. Ring	1988 -

## Record of Troop Summer Camps from 1949

1949 Ranmore		15s (+food Coupons)
1950		
1951 Lockers Hatch Farm, Farley Green, Surrey	17-22 August	£1.00
1952 Pewsey, Wiltshire		
1953 Colestope Farm, Ambledon, Near Henley-on-Thames	1-8 August	
1954 Carters Lodge, Handcross, West Sussex	31 July - 7 August	£1.10s
1955 Amroth		
1956 Whitbread Farm, Paddock Wood, Kent		
1957 Shropshire		
1958 Pontrilas, South Wales.		
1959 Whitbread Farm, Paddock Wood, Kent		
1960 Derbyshire Peaks		
1961 Lacock, Chippingham, Wiltshire		
1962 Abergaveny, South Wales		
1963 Mill Farm, Kentchurch, Herefordshire.		
1964 Lulworth Castle, Warham, Dorset.	31 July - 11 August	£4.15s
1965 Torcross, South Devon.		
1966 Clearbrook, Near Yelverton, South Devon	9-17 August	£5.00
1967 Moorlands Farm, Ambersham, Midhurst, West Sussex.	20-28 August	
1968 Huntsham Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.	27 July-4 August.	
1969 Pull, Wyke Bay, Ambleside, Lake District.	23 August-6 September	£11.00
1970 Uttle Buds, Petts, Hastings, Kent.	22-31 August.	£5.00
1971 Rydall Hall, Ambleside, Lake District.		
1972		
1973		
1974 Hardham, Pullborough, West Sussex.	23-30 August	
1975 Fairthorne Manor, Botley, Hampshire.		
1976 Formosia Place, Cookham, Hampshire.	31 July-7 August	£18.00
1977 Upper Lutheridge Farm, Horsley, Stroud, Gloucester.	30 July-6 August	£15.00
1978 Stone House, Boxley, Maidstone, Kent.	27 July-5 August	£18.00
1979 Park Mill Farm, Shillinglea, Chiddingfold, Surrey.	28 July-4 August.	£15.00
1980 Cotswold Jamboree, Selsby, Stroud, Gloucestershire.	26 July-2 August.	£30.00
1981 Stone House, Boxley, Maidstone, Kent.	25 July-1 August.	£30.00
1982 Palmers Farm, Fordcombe, Kent.	24-31 July.	£30.00
1983 School Farm, Hardwicke, Stroud, Gloucestershire.	23-30 July.	£30.00
1984 Birchmere, Wisley, Surrey.	28 July-4 August.	£30.00
1985 Cotswold Jamboree, Stroud, Gloucestershire.	27 July-3 August.	£50.00
1986 Stone House, Boxley, Maidstone, Kent.	19-26 July.	£35.00
1987 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camp, Boxhill Farm, Dorking, Surrey.	25 July-3 August.	£35.00
1988 Park Barn, Brighton, East Sussex.	24-31 July.	£40.00
1989 Garnersfield, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey.	23-30 July.	£40.00
1990 Stone House, Boxley, Maidstone, Kent.	28 July-4 August.	£45.00

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COUNCIL**

**The CUBSCOUT  
INDOOR SPORTS  
Competition**

**Winners 1985 - 1994**

<u>1985</u>	
<u>1986</u>	
<u>1987</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
<u>1988</u>	8 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St. Joseph's)
<u>1989</u>	
<u>1990</u>	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (N. Holmwood)
<u>1991</u>	
<u>1992</u>	12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Newdigate)
<u>1993</u>	
<u>1994</u>	

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Competition**

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<u>1985</u>	
<u>1986</u>	
<u>1987</u>	
<u>1988</u>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)
<u>1989</u>	
<u>1990</u>	
<u>1991</u>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Leigh)
<u>1992</u>	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)
<u>1993</u>	
<u>1994</u>	

# CHAPTER FOURTEEN

## A Brief History of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dorking Scout Group (Westcott)

### Preface

To attempt to write a history of Westcott Scouting is a task that has proved more than difficult, after all, no one can really agree as to when the movement first started in the village.

However, the 29th September 1923 is the date that is registered at Scout Headquarters for the Westcott Troop designated the 17th Dorking (Westcott).

It is from that date then that we can claim our Jubilee. That there were scouts in the village before that date is confirmed by men who can remember being part of the troop - but who started it and who ran it is not only shrouded in mystery but beyond recall of most of the inhabitants that we have been able to talk to.

For this reason we can only hint at those early days and rely for subsequent years on the memories of those who are still alive today.

Starting with the Rev. Holt in 1923, who seems to have run the troop for four years, when he was followed by Mr Williams. In 1936 Mr Leon took over and continued right up to the war in 1939. Mr A. S. Brewer then led the troop until 1958.

Mr Len Edwards became Assistant Scoutmaster to be followed by Mr T. O'Kelly who had been a helper for some time. He went on to be Scoutmaster through to 1973.

The memories of Mr Leon, Mr Edwards and myself, (there is no mention in the Jubilee Booklet of the author) are rich and varied and must perforce provide the story for thirty of those 50 years we Celebrate. To mark this Jubilee the Group with a committee drawn from the present parents committee and bringing me out of retirement, has drawn up a programme of which this booklet forms but one item.

The others include:

- The provision of a memorial seat, to be placed on the common at Westcott.
- Provision of new colours for both the Pack and the Troop and the dedication of the new colours at a special service at the Holy Trinity, Westcott.
- The donation of £100 to the Bentley Copse, the County Scouts training centre at Shere, Surrey which will go towards the new permanent buildings.
- A grand dinner and dance at Dorking Halls on 1st March 1973 when some 200 'Old Scouts', Present scouts, County Scout Leaders, Local dignitaries together with their ladies are expected to assemble.
- For the younger members of the Pack and Troop a Social evening together with parents will be held in the Reading room.

This is an ambitious programme, but one which is felt you will all support, making it worthwhile in this unique year, which by the way runs from 31st March 1973 to 31st March 1974.

That there will be mistakes and omissions in this booklet we gladly acknowledge now, before you have a chance to tell us. But circumstances like the three day working week have meant that the printers could not wait while we checked every date and circumstance if we were to have it ready in time, so please forgive us, we have done our best.

### Those early days

That the troop was active in Westcott in 1923 is an undoubted fact, the Skipper was the Rev. Hold who was Curate to the Rev. Saltzman, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Westcott.

The first camp run by Rev. Holt was apparently held at Upper Merredon by kind permission of Co. Barclay, who later gave the site as a permanent site for camping by the Westcott troop. Now unfortunately it is National Trust Land and is no longer available to the boys of the village. I wonder how that privilege came to be Lost?

The first camp seems to be remembered for the division between the timid and the bold - The timid that slept in the barn and the bold that decided to camp, as scouts should, under the stars. But when the heavens opened and it poured with rain the bold decided they had had enough and sought shelter in the barn only to be met with refusal of entry from those snug and warm inside.

In those days we learn of funds being raised by making rush mats from the local rushes cut from the Westcott lake - a rural skill that seems to have been lost with the passing of time, a pity, for with rush floor coverings now popular again, it might be a good idea to restart this craft again.

On the departure of the Rev. Holt a Mr Williams took over. That much we know, but from then on until 1937 there seems to be a lack of information.

To add to the mystery, who were the Westcott Rovers? We know they existed, for their Flag proudly emblazoned with the words 'Westcott Rover Crew' surmounted by the Dorking Cockerel still exists, but no one seems to remember them. Curiouser and Curiouser, as Alice would have said.

However in 1937 Mr R. N. Leon with the help of Mr D. Nolan, known as Eagle Eye, reformed the troop and the log book of those days is part of the heritage treasured by the present troop. From this log book we learn many interesting facts. How nine boys were formed into two patrols, the Owls and the Swifts to recommence the troop? The Barn in Stones Lane was to be their Headquarters by kind permission of Sir

Norman Touche. Incidentally, the Barn was in use right up to 1958 although latterly owing to the Barn structure being unsafe, only for wide games.

What games we had in those grounds, their very nature, wild and unkempt, provided a natural site for all those scouting activities which demand nature in the shape of trees and coveys where boys can really let off steam.

As this history is written, plans are well advanced to build houses on this ground so never again will the boys of Westcott play there, but from all who did and still remember with affection the privilege we enjoyed, may we say once again 'Thank you' Sir Norman.

May 12th, 1937 was Coronation day of King George VI and Westcott scouts in common with all other scouts throughout the Empire were on duty selling official programmes. Having sold out by mid-day, they joined the celebrations centred at Belmont School where they carried out many and varied tasks. Later the scouts

together with most of the village sallied into Dorking for the fireworks.

Many weekend camps were held and visitors included Col. And Mrs Barclay and the District Commissioner Col. Birney.

### First King's Scout and First Jamboree

At a troop meeting in July we read that Scout Dennis O'Connell was presented with his 'All Round Cords', his First Class badge and his King's Scout badge - the first recorded King's Scout of the troop.

Summer camp was held at North Walsham and joining this camp a day late after travelling back from Holland was John Way who had attended the Jamboree there. John was the first boy from Westcott to attend an International Jamboree; I bet he still treasures that memory.

At North Walsham camp a Mr Nicholson was Camp Chief, apparently the Scoutmaster of the Paston troop of where we know not and why he was with the Westcott boys, is like so many things unexplained.

It was in this year 1937 that the boys were involved in a really gigantic good turn. They were collecting food for folk transplanted from "London Slums" to Morden and St. Hellier and believe it or not a total of some 3,250 pounds of food was collected, transported by lorry and distributed to some 404 families. In addition a scrumptious tea was provided for some 100 poor children.

Packed in amongst notes of the unusual activities, Concerts, Whist Drives, Carol Singing etc there is mention of a shield with escutcheons carry the names of King's Scouts, but alas no names, so we can cannot say whether others should join Dennis O'Connell in claiming this outstanding distinction.

In 1938 Boxing seems to be the abiding passion and matches against North Holmwood and Belmont School are recorded in all their gory details. We believe too, that Westcott won the shield!

This was also Ranmore Rally year and on this occasion Westcott carried off the Ashcombe Banner. This may have been the literal truth because if I remember rightly on the first occasion that the Ranmore Rally was organised after the war, the Ashcombe Banner could not be found!

But the log book now tends to get hazy; things are not noted as they were before, indicative of the unrest that seems to permeate those days as the ominous war clouds gathered over Europe.

### The War Years

I came to the village of Westcott as an evacuee in 1939 when my company took over Milton Court as their wartime headquarters. An idle word dropped at a Woman's Institute meeting and the District Commissioner, the late Freddie Clinton, was on my cottage doorstep asking me, an ex-London Scouter, to take over the village troop as their Skipper had gone to be a soldier! That was the beginning of 12 years of active Scouting with the Westcott troop that left me with a skein of memories that I recall with affection, reliving all the wonderful times that we had together.

When the Government said, yes the Scouts can camp again, provided that the tents were camouflaged or pitched beneath a covering of trees, off we went to our first camp under the trees with a canopy of stars and the insistent drone of German Bombers on their way to London, with a back cloth of the flash and crump of anti-aircraft batteries in the far distance, but we were far more interested in rounding up the cows that had at that moment decided that they wanted to share our tents.

## After the War

The great adventure in 1947 when we went to Wales to camp, insight of Snowden, at the little village of Talsarnau, an adventure indeed for boys who had grown up during the war when holidays were unknown.

Will they ever forget that day we climbed by way of the famous 'Pig Track' to the summit of Snowdon, that last exciting scramble over loose shale around that rocky corner with the sheer drop that took your breath away as you looked down?

The weight of the rucksack that Norman Jupp my faithful Assistant Scoutmaster and I shared to ensure that we ate a memorable lunch on the Summit! The two sick boys who had come up on the Mountain Railway, one on crutches who determined not to be left out of the final pinnacle had to be given a 'piggyback' to get there.

The Welsh girls who provided a problem! The day we played the village at football, the swimming in the estuary, the evening we got lost on the mountain and the Shepherd looking for lost sheep, who put us lost sheep on the right path again. The great rock lifted out of the wood to provide the finest latrine any troop ever had. But enough of Talsarnau!

The V.E. Peace Celebrations we organised on the Common and the bonfire that must have been seen all over Surrey that night.

The V.J. Celebrations that we organised in camp at Siddlesham that despite the weather had a fire that brought the local populace from miles around to join our revels including the Admiral and his many naval friends who rounded off the night with an impromptu fireworks display into the small hours, which must have left the Naval stores sadly depleted of flares.

The tradition that every Westcott scout should be a good cook-troop cooking was done; rations made food too valuable to risk to patrol cooking. Each patrol took their turn and their efforts were exceptional. Those enormous 'plum duffs' we made. Every boy was expected to come to camp with a pudding cloth, but one forgot. On his allotted day he was not to be outdone, full of eagerness and initiative off came his scarf and into the Dixie went the pudding, to emerge with a bright orange skin! For years he continued to wear his scarf now of a different hue to all the others in the troop. Incidentally the pudding tasted just as good as usual, didn't it Basher?

Those baked rabbits after the harvest shoots that fetched the farmer and his wife to find what smelt so good and stayed to join in the tasty meal. The row of boys all learning to skin and prepare those rabbits before they were cooked; an additional part of their education that I am sure they still possess.

The swimming hole at Graffham and the fun we had there. The boy who thought it fun to push a stick down a wasps nest on his way back, leaving the bulk of the troop who were following in bathing kit to walk into the justly annoyed wasps. Never have I had to apply medication in so many unusual and very private parts.

The Christmas parties and the never to be forgotten pantomime, "The Tinder Box" performed not only in the village but by public demand repeated at Holmwood and here in all modesty let me quote from the local paper:-

"Scouts in Hans Anderson Story. An appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed "The Tinder Box" produced by the 1th Dorking (Westcott) Scouts, under the direction of Mr A. S. Brewer who adapted the story very freely from the Hans Anderson Story. R. Noakes as an efficient Witch egged on the ambitious Soldier. N. Jupp, until his greed overcame the fear of the frightful dogs realistically played by G. Gatford, R. Rose and C. Miles, the Princess, the Queen and the lady in waiting played by Craig, Ede and E. Jupp, while J. O'Donahue, was the poor harassed King. The Inn Keeper, J. Holland almost disappointed that his customer had no more money, as was the hangman H. Childs when his client escaped the noose.

R. Moore, J. Miller and R. Kempthorne as servants and M. Rogerson, M. Wood, M. Cannon and F. Stone as the guards and D. Smith as the Shoemakers boy backed their colleagues. Great credit is due this troop together with their "Skipper" for a most refreshing show and North Holmwood is looking forward to their next visit".

What do you do when you arrive at the railway station in Devon to find that British Railways has lost all your camp gear? That is what happened to us at the East Portsmouth camp site. After holding the Railway responsible and finding there was no Hotel accommodation available we were offered a first class train shunted into a siding for our exclusive use. Four boys to a carriage and we all slept that sleep of the just.

The washing in the morning in the Station Fire Buckets was a sight that should have been photographed for posterity but was not.

The news of our predicament had gone round and the local troop and school and crowds of private well wishers waded in to help. With borrowed tents and little eiderdowns from the nursery school printed with 'teddy Bear' motives we chanced moving out of the site. Here the farmer and his wife helped with more tents and some pots and pans. But we had no knives and forks or spoons- so in the best traditions of the great outdoors each boy was faced with the task of making his eating irons from sticks cut and trimmed from the hedgerow.

Three days later our gear was found in Warwickshire and sent down by express goods train- so we gradually got back to normal. The local District Commissioner who had heard the story before he reached us was more than complimentary for the way, in which faced with such a dilemma, the boys had coped with all the difficulties and overcome them.

Ashurst Farm was another camp that brings a flood of memories but the awful sight of rabbits dying of Myxamatoxis was one best forgotten. The river and the eight man canoe however provided grand opportunities for both boating and as a base for fishermen! Remember Gus Ferguson in his kilt who when demonstrating how to cross a river on a rope fell in! More by accident than design I would say, and then proceed to have his swim, making light of all those yards of the Ferguson tartan around his waist.

The Camp Sports, the open days when the parents came to sample that famous "Westcott Plum Duff". The red "Tent Peg" presented to the biggest goof of the week inaugurated at Talsarnau in 1947, it became a tradition which remains to this day. Hung on the Patrol tent the "Red Peg" amused Lord Rowallen, Chief Scout when visiting our site at Ranmore, especially when he heard the doubtful honour it bestowed!

Kingswear, when we camped beside the River Dart, will I am sure he remembered for slow-worms. Found under the rotting baulks of timber, remains of the ship builder's yard beside the camp, nearly every lad had a slow-worm for a pet. Coming home the troop was told - 'remember no slow-worms' but boys will be boys and Westcott certainly had a massive increase in the slow-worm population as a result of that camp.

We had to wait until 1951 before another Westcott boy was to know the excitement of a Jamboree Camp. In that year David Wright was selected to go to the Osterreich Jamboree. This is an experience that every scout longs for, but such is the competition for the places that the selection is a real test of merit and any boy that is finally selected can be justly proud. I still have the card David sent me from that camp and I am sure he still treasures the experience.

### **Len Edwards takes over**

Len Edwards who has been my Assistant Scoutmaster returned from the services in 1958 and took up his Warrant again and after much gentle persuasion and a lot of shoving finally agreed to take over the troop, a decision hastened by the fact that Terry O'Kelly who had been helping for some time had decided to reform the Abinger Troop and left Westcott for that purpose.

Len decided that one of his first tasks would be the formation of a Parents' Committee which today is still going strong although naturally the members have changed with the passing of the years, but as always perform valiant service.

Relieved of the financial problems, the troop as a result of various fund-raising activities is now reasonably well off. Jumble Sales, Wine and Cheese Parties, Coffee Mornings, Christmas Draws all have helped but the best money raiser of them all have been the Three Christmas Bazaars held over the last few years. This left the troop time to concentrate on training and made it possible for the troop to spend a great deal of its time out and about.

The Summer Camp has always been the pinnacle of the scout year and long may this remain so. Those many boys in our pictures will be the first to agree that it is from these camps that the memories and stories come flooding back.

The first Annual camp that Len Edwards ran, with the able assistance of Alan Davey as Assistant Scoutmaster was at Stoke Fleming near Dartmouth, South Devon! Remembered for the fact that it only rained once in fourteen days! Reg Rose too, was in camp with the boy's, he first joined the troop years ago and went on to be one of the best Patrol Leaders. We still can't persuade him to take a Warrant but my goodness what wonderful work he has done at all the camps where he has come along in the guise of a 'helper'.

The journey to this camp incidentally, was made by night train, an experience that was new to all the boys. Mind you, how they ever caught the ferry for the train home they will never know.

Winter programmes vary very little from one year to the next, but the Troop and Pack have always taken part in the District Competitions frequently either winning or being placed in the first three.

In 1960 our annual camp went back to the well loved site at Cathanger Farm, near Petworth, West Sussex. A visit to Cowdray Park to watch the Polo, was naturally a must, as it has been each time the troop have camped in the area. At this camp on open day some 60 parents and friends, probably a record number, came along to see and enjoy the fun. Memories keep coming back, of camps at Shere and Ranmore and our own local Pam Meadow.

The return of the troop to Talsarnau was like a pilgrimage for here were boys going back to where their fathers had been before them, 13 years ago. Who lost his 'sole' on Snowdons mountain slopes? All those chests that stuck out when you told the group of 'Hells Angels' that you had all come up the hard way! The heat at the Isle of Wight camp! The mystery of the 10lb piece of cheese that disappeared on the first night at Dolgellau together with the Wireless Set and the Cricket gear- we never went there again!

Sir Charles Maclean, the Chief Scout who visited us in camp at Reigate, where despite an appalling wet weekend he made time to shake hands with so many of the boys. The glorious start to the weather at our New Forest camp and the flooding that followed at the end!

The Bob a Job weeks, Paper collections, Seed Box making all with one purpose in mind-to keep the troop out of the red at the bank. The Father and Son camp of blissful memory, only one parent had reason to regret his coming-and we are not going to say why, no matter how often you ask.

Scouters have many problems, how would you have dealt with a sit-down strike on the summit of Cader Idris, or for that matter deal with the boy who went to bed with his boots on.

## Now what of the future

Let us Scouters never forget to be grateful to those boys it has been our privilege to have known. We shared so much with them and have in turn learnt so much from them.

Many of those boys are now men who, with the passing of years have seen their own children grow up to become Cubs and later Scouts. These were the boys of my memories and now more and more boys will grow to manhood who will become Len's memories and so hopefully it will go on. I have always had a great kick from meeting husbands and wives (sometimes, I must confess with changed faces that are hard to place) who greet me with a cheery "Hello Skip", then proudly show me their off springs, first as babes- in-arms, later as Cubs and still later as Scouts.

To me, like so many of you, Scouting has provided a rich basket of happy memories, so in conclusion may I say Good Luck, Good Health, keep your scouting memories green and if there is anything you can do personally to help the movement continue in this dear old village of Westcott, please offer your help for the sake of the boys today and tomorrow.

## The Cub Pack

We can not in leave out our younger brothers the Cubs. So here, enjoying themselves, are the 'little uns' at a Dorking District Cub Camp at Gilwell Park.

From little acorns mighty oaks have grown, thanks to Akela's that have 'howled' through the years with the Westcott Pack. Dorothy Clinton, Carol Brooks, Gwen Kiddle and all the Pack helpers who cut their first teeth of responsibility with the Pack- Reg Rose, George Gatford, H. Childs, D. Glaysher, Alan Bridger, Alan Davey and Michael Westbrook are names that spring to mind but there have been many more.

## Westcott Scout Honoured

"The Chief Scout has awarded the Gilt Cross for bravery to Donald Lloyd, A Patrol Leader of the 17th Dorking (Westcott) troop for his bravery in saving the life of a brother scout who was in danger of drowning in the lake at Westcott" Those words recorded act that took place in August 1949 and in the autumn of that year the Scout Commissioner of Surrey, Mr E. G. Neate visited Westcott to present the Gilt Cross to Donald Lloyd.

The Dorking District Commissioner Mr F. W. Clinton reminded the Scouts, Guides and all parents who were attending the annual party that one of the joys of Scouting was service - "to help other people at all times". The highest form of service was to risk one's own life for another, this Donald Lloyd had done and all Dorking and district were proud of him.

Mr Neate as leader of the 22,000 Surrey Scouts, said he had met many brave scouts and always they thought what they had done was nothing. From speaking to Donald he had formed the same opinion of him. "Be Prepared" was always useful, Donald was prepared, he had taken his opportunity of doing the highest service and his prompt action had averted a tragedy. Many Scouters of other Dorking troops and many well known Westcott personages had joined the gathering for this unique occasion. After the ceremony, the Senior Scouts of Westcott chaired Donald around the hall.

Recalling the incident that led to the award, I remember that neither of the principal actors of this drama said anything to their parents. Only through other boys talking did it become common gossip, eventually reaching the ears of the parents of the boy who was rescued. Feeling that they had come very near to losing a son they told me the story and I feel proud to be able to retell it once again.

## The Jubilee Jamboree

In 1957 the scout movement celebrated their Jubilee year and this was marked by the famous, Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, claimed as the biggest gathering of Scouts of all time.

To me this was an unforgettable year, for I had the personal satisfaction, in this almost my last active year in active scouting, to be chosen to lead one of the Surrey Troops. We became Surrey 9 and were allocated to sub-Camp Moisson. My troop was drawn from boys of Dorking, Leatherhead, Banstead, Reigate and Harley. Included among the Dorking boys was one from my own Troop, Alan Davey. Another Dorking Skipper was my assistant, Tom Bravery.

In addition to all the excitement of an International Camp I found myself responsible for producing part of the pageant telling the Baden Powell Story and so my boys became Zulu warriors and Baden Powell's Army. Alan Davey will I am sure remember those rehearsals first on Epsom Common and then latter on the huge arena at Sutton Coldfield.

To me the outstanding memory will be that crowd of Cubmistresses all wielding six-inch brushes with baths of brown paint, busy turning those milk white bodies into dusky brown warriors!

# CHAPTER FIFTEEN

## A Brief History of the 24<sup>th</sup> Dorking Scout Group (Holmwood & Capel)

### (Formally 14<sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood) & 9<sup>th</sup> Dorking (Capel))

#### Scouting came to Holmwood

In 1912, just five short years after that first experimental camp on Brownsea Island. Mr J. C. Nicholls, the Schoolmaster at the village school, became the first warranted Leader in that year. It was fairly common practise in country villages for the school master to double as Scout Master and this was indeed so in the Holmwood right up to the 1943 census in the Second World War: Messrs SH. H. Bowring, R. Williams and H. E. Jay following in Mr Nicholls footsteps.

By 1920 Scouting had developed to such an extent that a national registration system was established and the First Holmwood (14<sup>th</sup> Dorking) became officially No. 6776. The Boy Scouts Association Dorking District Census for that year shows 17 Boy Scouts and 13 Wolf Cubs (one of only three Wolf Cub Packs in the District.) The Pack was officially registered as No. 4526 the following year.

There has always been a strong tradition of competing in District events as witnessed by the various trophies and the March 1922 edition of the "The Scout" (the movement's national magazine) mentions the 1st Holmwood Troop and Wolf Cub Pack winning the Lady Ashcombe Banner for the most efficient troop and indeed the Group proudly displayed right up to the building of the second more permanent Scout HQ. A whole shoal of trophy shields demonstrating the boys' expertise in First Aid, Signalling and Camping. Unfortunately these had to be packed away in the early 60's and haven't surfaced since. Incidentally, 1999 St. George's Day Parade saw the Holmwood Troop awarded the best Turned out Troop trophy.

The Rover Crew was added to the Group in 1926 which led to the decision that the Group required its own accommodation and the Old Mission Room which had stood in the grounds of Priory Cottage, Mid Holmwood was acquired and moved piecemeal during the course of 1927 to a spot behind the school.

The Group was indeed flourishing as the 1928 Census shows 22 Boy Scouts, 20 Wolf Cubs and 6 Rover Scouts. During these pre-war years Summer Camp was regularly held at various locations on the South Coast: Bognar and Worthing crop up in the minutes. There is an account of the Rover Crew making their tent for the 1927 County Camp held on Ranmore Common. These camps continued until the 1950's when, because of security problems they were transferred to more secure campsites, from the 1970's onwards at Ardingly Showground.

The Second World War saw disruption in Scouting across the country not least in Holmwood where the Headquarters building was subject to the regulations for blacking out and the requisitioning of the HQ for educational purposes by the Army. Further we learn that the East Surrey Regiment was going to commandeer the Hut for sleeping during 1940. Nonetheless, the whole Group continued to function; the Rover Crew being delegated to help with the Troop.

There is also a record of the Navy circulating pamphlets to all Scouts, Rover Scouts and Sea Scouts asking for volunteers aged 18-20 years to help as Signallers. Eventually Scouting went in abeyance from 1944-47 when, as with all other Groups across the country in the same situation, registration was cancelled.

With the return of men from the Front and the re-establishment of peacetime living patterns Mrs Lang of Grandon Lodge decreed that Scouting should be part of the village life again and delegated her gardener Mr Tom King, to become the new Scout Master at Holmwood with Mr Norman Tuppen and Mr George Fairbrother as Assistant Scout Masters (Mr Fairbrother had, in fact, been a Leader with the Troop for some time up to 1940.) The 1st Holmwood was re-registered as No. 28992 in 1951. The Wolf Cub Pack was re-established the following year under the care of Miss Watney from Brookwood Corner.

A regular Summer Fete and Christmas Fair with Father Christmas in attendance, Whist Drives and Beetle Drives, Coach Outings and Christmas Dinners "for the old folk" all made for a very flourishing support group. All this in addition to the on-going Scouting activities: camping more regularly, at more widely spread locations around the country, involving rock climbing, canoeing and caving. At least one new Boy Scout remembers the first Summer Camp after the War besides a fledgling River Arun in a field at Rudgwick and who was it that pitched a tent right on top of a wasp's nest?

Summer Camps for Cub Scouts (recently renamed from Wolf Cubs) between 1968 and 1978 was regularly held at Ecclesdon Farm, Angmering, West Sussex.

The local Guide Company was using the Scout Hut for their meetings so eventually the need arose again for a more permanent purpose-built hut. The parents' association plus the leaders, with Mr Sam Norton as the foreman, provided the labour force. Does everyone remember the wettest year on record when the foundations filled up with water and were never going to drain! After seven years of fund raising and hard work the new HQ building was finally opened by Mr & Mrs Henman on the 11th June 1966 in the presence of District and Guiding officials and all the youngsters in their best bibs and tuckers.

The old timber building still wasn't allowed to retire as it was moved yet again to the District Campsite on Ranmore Common. Regrettably it was destroyed by arsonists several years later.

The Group expanded yet again by adding a Venture Scout Unit in 1975 and girls appeared in the mushroom coloured uniform when the Unit went mixed in 1977.

With the arrival of a new Scout Leader - Creighton Muirhead - in 1980 the Group indulged in a couple of very successful Gang Shows and a major enterprise, a band, which was eventually taken over by the District.

The Holmwood Group evolved again in 1986, changing both its name and registration number when it offered to amalgamate with the 9th Dorking (Capel) Group when they found themselves suddenly leaderless. Henceforth the Group became the Holmwood and Capel Scout Group, registered as the 24th Dorking.

Summer Camps have been a major feature of our Scouting year and one of our favourite locations was Mr Trumper's Farm at Pant-y-Beiliau near Abergavenny with the river Usk for on site swimming, canoeing or just mucking about.

A particular project which is recalled is the creation in 1974 of a pond above Spring Cottages on Holmwood Common by the Cub Scouts. This was for the use of wildlife which at that time had no water hole in that area.

## The Eightieth Anniversary

The 80th Anniversary of Scouting in Holmwood and Capel was celebrated by a very exciting activity weekend attended by absolutely everybody, who could, including parents, at Blacklands Farm Campsite, near Forest Row, East Sussex.

Throughout all the years since it was built the HQ has been upgraded in several ways: a stage was added first, gas fired blown-air heating, a tongued and grooved timber floor, stairs to the loft, exterior lighting and most recently a brand new kitchen.

Sadly, the closure of the village school on the same site has created a feeling of isolation for the Scout HQ and its activities. Although vandalism has always existed it has gathered momentum of late. Regrettably the Scout Group has had to come to terms with this by blocking up a lot of the windows.

However, local groups but predominantly the Holmwood Village Produce Association has made use of the HQ building and its kitchen and toilet facilities when using the field for events. The HQ is listed in a Scout publication called "Floor for the night" and is used on a regular basis by other Scout Groups for activities in the local countryside. You may remember that for many years our frequent visitors were the 16th Bermondsey Scouts chaperoned originally by "Ben" the leader's best loved cat whose obituary appeared in Scouting magazine.

The Group continues today with a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troup. Most of the boys at the present time come from the Holmwood area rather than Capel. The older boys wishing to continue Scout join the District Explorer Scout Unit. In the Census for 2004 the Group registered 50 members.

<b>DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL SCOUT NIGHT ADVENTURE Competition</b>	
<b>Winners 1985 - 1994</b>	
1985	
1986	
1987	16 <sup>th</sup> Bermondsey (By Invitation)
1988	17 <sup>th</sup> Darking (Westcott)
1989	
1990	
1991	24 <sup>th</sup> Darking (Holmwood & Capel)
1992	17 <sup>th</sup> Darking (Westcott)
1993	
1994	

<b>DORKING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL SCOUT FIRST AID Competition</b>	
<b>Winners 1985 - 1994</b>	
1985	
1986	
1987	
1988	
1989	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)
	William Seelig & Ben Relh
1991	
1992	
1993	
1994	

# CHAPTER SIXTEEN

## A Brief History of the 18<sup>th</sup> Dorking Scout Group (North Holmwood)

### The Group Restarts

The 18th Dorking (North Holmwood) was first registered in 1929 when a Cub Pack of 10 boys and 1 Leader were formed. In 1936 the District Records show a Scout Troop as being in operation, then at the outbreak of the Second World War the Group was closed in 1940 due to lack of Leaders.

In 1962 the then Vicar of St. John's Church, North Holmwood, Rev. Donald Gray wrote in the Spire Magazine asking for help to reform the Group and Gordon Bates offered to be Group Scoutmaster with Harvey Leeson as Cubmaster and Derek Ludlow as Scoutmaster together with Robert Miles as Assistant Scoutmaster. The Group began with 10 boys in the Cub Pack and 8 boys in the Scout Troop. They met weekly in the garage of Derek Ludlow's house in Tollgate Road, Dorking. A Parents committee was formed of Mesdames Cook, Watts and Edser supported by Donald Gray and Gordon Bates.

In 1963 the Group was flourishing with boys from Goodwyns and Chart Downs now meeting in the village Hall in Bentsbrook Road at an annual charge of £12. Cubs had grown numbers to 21 boys and Scouts to 23 boys and so Fundraising was needed for purchasing equipment. In that year's Bob-a-Job Week the boys raised £24.7. 1, the equivalent of 2 weeks average salary (say £400) and tents and cooking utensils were bought.

The Cubs went to a County Rally and the Scouts attended Operation Touchdown, a County Camp at Reigate all meeting the Chief Scout, Lord Mclean.

Dick Barter became the first Group Chairman when his son joined the Group. The first Garden Party was held in the Grounds of the Vicarage, Inholms Lane by kind permission of the Vicar and thanks were recorded for all the hard work put in by the parents. The Summer camp was held at Longridge Scout Campsite, Marlow, Near Maidenhead.

1964 Mrs Jean Ludlow and Mrs Jennifer Leeson became Assistant Cub Scout Leaders and the boy's weekly subscriptions were put up to 6d (2 ½p) . Eight Boys went up from the Scout Troop to form the Senior Scout section under the Leadership of Robert (Bob) Miles. The first Jumble Sale showed a profit of £35.15.3. A Group Fete was held in the Orchard of Inholms Lodge, the home of John Clark the Group's first President. Profit of £97.0.11 was recorded - currently about £1,200. It was noted that 6d (2 ½p) was considered too high and the price of hot dogs (4d) too low. The 4 Patrol Leaders visited Gilwell Park and Summer Camp was held at Broadstone Warren, Near Forest Row in East Sussex.

In 1965 two Jumble Sales were organised. At Redlands School (now St. John's School) a Fete was planned with Police Dogs as the main attraction. The Scout Troop now had 30 boys in 5 Patrols. Derek Ludlow and Bob Miles were presented with 15 year Long Service Award following their service to previous Groups.

The Scouts held an Old Peoples Party at the Village Hall and had a rota to shop for the elderly of Goodwyns

and Chart Downs was set up. Summer Camp was held at Warsash on the Solent.

The Vicar, Donald Gray left the parish in 1966 and was presented with the Scouts Thanks Badge at that year's Annual General Meeting for all he had done in helping to foster the Group. The 18th was now running with Gordon Bates as Group Scout Leader, Derek Ludlow as Scout Leader, Chris Sawyers and John Slater as Assistant Scout Leaders and Mrs Jean Ludlow as Cub Scout Leader with Brenda Smith as Assistant Cub Scout Leaders. Nigel Field joined as a Cub. Summer Camp was at Cathanger Farm near Petworth, West Sussex. The Senior Scouts had a cycle tour of Devon and Cornwall.

In 1967 the 18th were running regular camps and outings for the boys with good financial support from Jumble Sales, Scout Job Week and the Annual Fete. Two Senior Scouts passed the Adult Certificate of St. John Ambulance and Summer Camp was held at Langridge again on the Thames at Marlow.

During 1968 the Senior Scouts formed the nucleus of the new District Venture Scout Unit. A new uniform was adopted with long trousers. Mike Shukman joined as Assistant Scout Leader. Parent's evenings were being held on a regular basis. This year Summer Camp was held at Bedgebury Park, Goudhurst, Kent.

Mrs Muriel Cook left the Group in 1969 to become a Leader with the District Venture Unit. Scouts enjoyed a 30 mile hike in the new Forest over Easter. Summer Camp again held at Langridge Scout Campsite near Marlow because of popular demand.

1970 Gordon Bates, Derek Ludlow and Bob Miles were awarded the Scout Medal of Merit. Bob Miles and Brenda Smith were married. Mike Cook took over as Cub Scout Leader. This year Summer Camp was held at Petworth, West Sussex and was a joint camp with the 11th Dorking (Mickleham) Scouts along with 35 Scouts from Denmark.

In 1971 The Group bought its first minibus for £120. David Ludlow gained the Chief Scouts Award. Anne and Graham Phillips became involved with the Group when Peter their eldest son of 4 joined the Cub Pack. All their boys went through the Group. This year the summer camp was in the Lake District at Rydal Hall.

1972 the Troop went to the Scout Jamboree in Denmark with the 11th Dorking (Mickleham) Scouts following a joint camp in Sussex with Danish Scouts.

1973 Nigel Field and David Slater gained the Chief Scouts Award, the highest achievement in the Scout Troop and summer camp held at Goathland, near Whitby, Yorkshire.

In 1974 the Group had two Cub Packs with 24 boys in each and a Scout Troop of 30 boys. The District Capitation fee was £50 for the Group. Four boys: John Mills, Martin Alexander, Simon Drakeley and Peter Ludlow obtained the Chief Scouts Award. Gordon Bates became the County Commissioner for Surrey Scouts and Derek Ludlow left the Group to become District Scout Commissioner, Dorking District.

The District put on a Gang Show in 1975. It was produced by Tony Phipps, a committee member of the 18th Group which was strongly supported by the Group. Mrs Jean Ludlow was awarded the Long Service Decoration and became ADC Cub Scouts. Graham Phillips took part in his first Father and Son camp at Bethesda when Peter became a Scout.

The two Packs in 1975 with Alex and Edie Ockendon (Rowallen) and Mike Cook (Mclean) were now running strong football teams who were runners-up in the Guildford and Dorking FC 7-a-side Tournament. There were now 58 Cub Scouts with 4 Leaders and 40 Scouts with 3 Leaders. David Ludlow became the Group's first Queen's Scout with Peter Child, Neil Lacroix and Gary Wood gaining their Chief Scouts Award. Tony Polley was enrolled as a Scout and Shirley Polley joined the Parents Committee. Mike Shukman was now GSL.

In 1977 a 42 seater coach and a 30cwt van were purchased to transport all the boys and equipment to camps

and events. At the Group Committee the Cub section asked for a budget of £12 and the Scout section for a budget of £1,000. Easter camp for the Scouts was at Bethesda, North Wales which was now a regular event with many Dads and Mums going along to enjoy Hill Walking and visits to local attractions. Steven Kelsey and Ian Slater gained their Chief Scouts Award. The Group held its first Auction and raised £245.

1978 Derek Ludlow was awarded the Silver Acorn.

1979 the Scout Leader Nigel Field who had gone through the Group as a Cub Scout and Scout Troop reported that 40 scouts and 35 parents had attended a Scouts Own Service organised by the Patrol Leaders. The 18th now had its own Venture Scout Unit with 12 members. Mike Cook and Malcolm Edser two of the original scouts were now leaders. Two dads offered to help the unit. Peter Drakeley became the GSL and David Popple became the Venture Scout Leader. David Copas from the unit became an Instructor and John Slater an ASL. Simon Drakeley was the second scout to gain the coveted Queen's Scout Award.

During 1982 Gordon Bates was awarded the Silver Wolf and Scouts from the 18th did well in the County Sailing Regatta. Ian Mitchell was awarded the Chief Scout's Award and Steven Kelsey became the Group's third Queen's Scout.

In 1983 Derek Ludlow returned to the Group as Scout Leader after running a District Scout camp at Kanderstag, Switzerland. The Group were now using the old wooden hut adjacent to the Village Hall which had been used by a boy's club. Peter Drakeley was GSL AND Mrs Sadler was CSL. The Scout Troop now had 14 boys and the Cub Pack 20 boys. Ian Mitchell won the Mirror class dingy race at the County regatta.

1984 Marjorie Killick joined the Group as CSL and Julie Mann, a guide, became an Instructor. 17 scouts attended Scoutabout a County Scout activity camp.

In 1985 Graham Murnane and Nigel Catteral joined the troop as leaders and Rut Murnane became CSL. A Father and Son bowling evening was held in Crawley with canoeing weekends at Thames Young Mariners and summer camp was held in the Peak District.

1986 activities included Easter camp at Abinger, an Air experience day, Super Scout weekend camp and summer camp at Kielder Forest in Northumberland.

During 1987 and 1989 the Group continued to run well with an average of 24 Cub Scouts and 24v Scouts undertaking their usual activities. The Annual Treasure Hunt on Ranmore Common was now a regular feature in the yearly programme. Ann Phillips and Ruth Murnane started a Beaver Colony (6-8 year olds) with 12 boys.

1990 Peter Drakeley retired as GSL and Derek Ludlow took over as GSL. Graham Murnane became SL and Marjorie Killick became CSL. Mrs Ann Phillips was BSL and Graham Phillips became Group Chairman. The Group now consisted of 23 Beavers, 27 Cubs and 25 Scouts. Beavers planted 6 Willow Trees on Willow Green. 43 Beavers and Cubs went to London for the Lord Mayor's show. Chris Popple gained his Chief Scouts Award and was selected to go to the World Jamboree in Korea together with Julie Mann as a leader. The troop summer camp was held in the Brecon Beacons, Wales.

1991 Dave Rogers took over as SL. Graham and Ruth Murnane move to Germany.

In 1992 the Group was now meeting in the new Village Hall. At the AGM there was an objection to a proposal that subscriptions be raised to £30 per annum. Ann Phillips and Kathy Davis BSL welcomed offers of help from Pam Shaw and Phil Fillary. Eirwen Spicer took over as CSL AND Steve Killick became SL. Graham Phillips stood down after 10 years as Chairman. The Group obtained a minibus.

In 1993 Mke Shaw became Group Chairman. The Fete, Jumble Sale and monthly markets were still regular

fund raising events. 24 Beavers, 18 Cubs and 12 Scouts all had an active year with weekend camps at Bentley Copse and Ranmore Common and summer camp was on the Hamble River, Hampshire.

It was in 1994 that the Beavers had an outing to Guildford Leisure Centre for a bowling session and the Cubs a day out to Gilwell Park. Ann Philips reported that she and Pam Shaw were retiring as leaders. Summer camp was at Kingsdown, Kent.

1995 and Darren Spicer was SL and John Kinal was selected to represent Dorking at the World Jamboree in Holland and Julie Mann went as Leader. The Group Fete was held for the first time in the Village Hall instead of Redlands School and was a great success. Alison Edser was now BSL and Marjorie Killick CSL. The Scout Troop won the trophy for the best turnout at the St. George's Day Parade. Derek Ludlow reported that Group Funds were very low.

1996 Tony Kinal became Group Chairman. The Beavers had a visit from 15 Ugandan Scouts. Marjorie Killick retired as CSL. Darren Spicer left the Group to live in Horsham.

In 1998 Derek Ludlow retired as GSL to become Group President and Tony Kinal became GSL with Dave Rogers as CSL. Beavers Christmas craft evening started and a visit to Drusilas Zoo was made. Total funds raised were £1,507. Five Cubs achieved their highest award the Adventure Quest. Scouts made a visit to a Laser Quest. A new minibus was acquired with forward facing seats. Diana Yates started to help with collecting raffle prizes.

The Group elected Pauline May as their new Chairperson in 1999. Fiona Watkins became a Beaver helper and Dawn Mounsey became CSL. Adam Scarff was a Cub Scout helper and John Burchinshaw was ASL. Barbara Roger the District Commissioner for Dorking related that the 1st was a great Scout Group with 'exciting boys and parents being second to none for being involved in Scouting'. Alison Edser and Bernadette Smith were awarded their Wood Badge.

In 2000 the Beavers reported a Junk Race modelling evening and the Cubs did well in the District 5 a-side football competition.

2001 the Quiz night and raffle were now the main fund raising events during the year and the boy who sold the most tickets got a prize. It was reported that the Scout Troop would close due to lack of numbers.

In 2002 John Burchinshaw volunteered to become GSL. Pauline May retired as Chairperson but no replacement was found. Police checks through the CRB became mandatory for all adults working with children. Harry Potter experienced with the Beavers and Cubs at the July camp. The minibus was sold for £2,847 and the money went into Group funds. Thanks were due to Mark Watkins for setting up the Quiz evening. Beavers and Cubs were moving to Wednesday evenings for their meetings. Colin Scarff and Julie Mann left the Group.

2003 saw Marie Taylor take over the position of Chairperson. Alison Edser completed 10 years as a leader. Beavers and Cubs with the Scout Troop restated with Adam Scarff and Sarah Pegram were now following the new Training programme. Graham Edser left the Cub Pack to help the 2th Dorking (Newdigate) Group. Shirley Polley MBE died the day after apologising for missing a committee meeting. It was suggested that all parents sign Gift Aid Forms so that the Group could reclaim income tax from the tax authority.

2004 and the Group is looking forward to the future with stable leadership and committee members under the Leadership of Alison Edser GSL AND Mark Watson Chairman.

In 2005 and 2006 the Group was flourishing with good programmes and outdoor activities and getting ready to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting.

## A List of Group Leaders and Officers 1962-2006

### Group Chairperson

Dick Barter	1962 - 1982
Graham Philips	1982 - 1992
Mike Shaw	1992 - 1996
Tony Kina!	1996 - 1999
Pauline May	1999 - 2002
Marie Taylor	2002 - 2003
Mark Watkins	2004 -

### Beaver Scout Leaders

Ann Phillips	1987 - 1994
Alison Edser	1994 - 2005
Fiona Watkins	2005 -

### Scout Leaders

Derek Ludlow	1962 - 1974
Michael Cook	1974 - 1975
Roger Collis	1975 - 1976
Peter Drakeley	1976 - 1979
Nigel Field	1979 - 1982
Derek Ludlow	1983 - 1990
Graham Murnane	1990 - 1992
Dave Rogers	1992 - 1993

### Group Scout Leader

Gordon Bates	1962 - 1973
Derek Ludlow	1973 - 1974
Mike Shukman	1974 - 1979
Peter Drakeley	1979 - 1990
Derek Ludlow	1990 - 1998
Tony Kina!	1998 - 2002
John Burchinshaw	2002 - 2004
Alison Edser	2004

### Cub Scout Leaders

Harvey Leeson	1962 - 1965
Jean Ludlow	1965 - 1970
Michael Cook	1970 - 1975
Alec Ockendon	1975 - 1979
Carol Sadler	1980 - 1984
Marjorie Killick	1984 - 1985
Ruth Murnane	1985 - 1990
Eirwen Spicer	1990 - 1992
Marjorie Killick	1992 - 1995
Eirwen Spicer	1995 - 1998
Dave Rogers	1998 - 1999
Dawn Mounsey	1999 - 2002
	2002

Steve Killick	1993 - 1995
Daren Spicer	1995 - 1997
Colin Scarff	1997 - 2002
Julie Mann	1997 - 2003
Adam Scarff	2003 - 2005
Sarah Pegram	2005 -

The 18th has always been a very friendly family orientated Group. Since its concept when a boy has joined many mothers, fathers or both have become involved with the Group either as supporters or leaders. This has meant that a number of local families over the years have been connected with the Group: The Burchinshaws, Cooks, Drakeleys, Edsers, Killicks, Kinals, Ludlows, Phillips, Popples, Scarffs, Slaters and Spicers.

There have been many boys who have joined the 18th and became leaders or instructors in the Group: Michael Cook, Malcolm and Melvyn Edser, Nigel Field, David Copas, David Ludlow, Adam Scarff, John Kinal and Adrian Edser. The hand of Scouting has touched many boys from the area through joining the 18th - some for a few months - others for many years and it is to be hoped that as they travel through life they have been helped through that association to become better citizens of this country or wherever else they have now settled in the world.

One of the Venture Scouts Andrew Green when he left to join the Marines wrote "I spent the first year in Byfleet Scouts until the age of 12, I moved to Dorking and joined the 18th for reasons I am not sure, this seemed to be the turning point in my Scouting career. Within a month I had completed my Scout Standard and by the time I became a Venture Scout I had gained my Advance Scout Standard, my Chief Scout's Award and several proficiency badges.

As previously mentioned I am unsure for this change of attitude but my memories of the Byfleet Troop include a Scout Leader who had practically given up on us as a Troop whose sole intention was to make life difficult for the Leader. However, at the 18th I discovered a well organised Troop which was closely linked to and supported by the District and the activities offered were far more numerous with Night activities, Camps, Outings, Bethesdas etc".

# CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

## Dorking Scout District Annual Census Returns

### 1908 - 1944

Year	Members	Year	Members	Year	Members
1908		1921		1933	
1909		1922		1934	
1910		1923		1935	
1911	183 (+18 SM)	1924		1936	575
1912	201 (+13 SM)	1925		1937	592
1913		1926		1938	616
1914		1927		1939	
1915		1928		1940	
1916		1929		1941	
1917		1930		1942	
1918		1931		1943	
1919	194 (+19 SM)	1932		1944	
1920		1933		1945	

### 1945 - 2007

Year	Members	Year	Members	Year	Members
1945	515	1966	570	1987	578
1946	505	1967	515	1988	585
1947		1968	541	1989	572
1948		1969	490	1990	575
1949		1970	492	1991	592
1950		1971	544	1992	616
1951		1972	545	1993	634
1952		1973	523	1994	625
1953	456	1974	500	1995	567
1954	506	1975	526	1996	587

**1955**  
**1956**  
**1957** 606  
**1958** 644  
**1959** 617  
**1960** 607  
**1961** 612  
**1962** 587  
**1963** 541  
**1964** 541  
**1965** 575

**1976** 560  
**1977** 577  
**1978** 572  
**1979** 565  
**1980** 572  
**1981** 572  
**1982** 549  
**1983** 540  
**1984** 512  
**1985** 456  
**1986** 470

**1997** 535  
**1998** 497  
**1999** 494  
**2000** 425  
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**2005** 485  
**2006** 490  
**2007** 503

**2008 - 2022**






























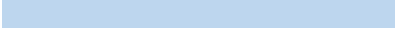

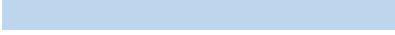








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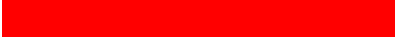













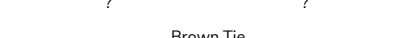
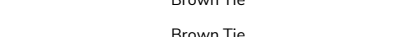





<b>Year</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>2013</b>	
<b>2014</b>	
<b>2015</b>	
<b>2016</b>	
<b>2017</b>	

<b>Year</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>2018</b>	
<b>2019</b>	
<b>2020</b>	
<b>2021</b>	
<b>2022</b>	

# CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

## Dorking Scout Group – Scarf Colours

<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To date</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Border</u>
1st	ST. MARTIN'S	5887		Still Open		
2nd	ST. PAUL'S	5888	1921	n/k		
2nd	BOXHILL	5907	1913	1975		
3rd	CONGREGATIONAL	5889	1908	n/k		
3rd	PIXHAM	21701	1943	1967		
4th	WESLYAN	5890	1908	n/k		
4th	ST. PAUL'S/WILKINSON	30254	1952	2005		
5th	UNITED REFORMED	28542	1950	n/k		
5th	ST. MARTIN'S	13535	1925	1933		
5th	MICKLEHAM	no record	1920			
5th	CHARLTON HOUSE SCH	21703	1943			
6th	ST. JOSEPH'S	11643	1923			
6th	ABINGER COMMON	14176	1932	1947		
6th	EFFINGHAM	no record	1911			
6th	ST. BARNABAS	31112	1954			
6th	ABINGER COMMON	34501	1959	1979*		
7th	LEITH HILL	no record	1911			
7th	LEITH HILL	no record	1939	1941		
7th	METHODISTS	24213	1945			
8th	SOUTH HOLMWOOD	no record	1911			
8th	WOTTON	no record	1911			
8th	ST. JOSEPH'S	41987	1976			
8th	WOTTON	5891	1923			
9th	CAPEL	42645	1978	1986*		
9th	OCKLEY	10398	1919	1930		
9th	OCKLEY & CAPEL	13144	1931			
10th	ST. MARTIN'S	16908	1935	1962		
10th	CAPEL	7629	1924			
11th	MICKLEHAM	34799	1959	1967		
11th	DENFIELD SCHOOL	20478	1939			
3rd/11th	MICKLEHAM & PIXHAM	34799	1967	1985		
12th	HOLMBURY ST. MARY	5892	1919			
12th	NEWDIGATE	21704	1943			
12th	NEWDIGATE	37128	1964	Still Open		
14th	SOUTH HOLMWOOD	5893	1920	1944		
14th	SOUTH HOLMWOOD	28992	1951	1986*		
15th	STANWAY SCHOOL	21245	1941	1943		
15th	THE DORKING ROVERS	5894	1922			
16th	OAK TREE SCHOOL	5895	1926			
16th	BELMONT SCHOOL	17607	1935			

16th	BELMONT FELDEMORE	39469	1969	1971	
17th	WESTCOTT	5896	1923	1998	
18th	NORTH HOLMWOOD	9517	1929	1940	
18th	N. HOLMWOOD	36312	1962	Still Open	
19th	COUNTY SCHOOL	13387	1931	1969	
20th	NEWDIGATE	13836	1932		
20th	DISTRICT ROVER CREW	19872	1932		
20th	DISTRICT ROVER GREW	35039	1960	1966	
21st	ST. BARNABAS	14054	1932		
21st	ST. BARNABAS	20300	1939		
23rd	Brockham Green (Reigate)	6282	1920	1932	
22nd	BROCKHAM	32304	1944	Still Open	
No record	Leigh (Reigate)	No record	1915	1918	
23rd	LEIGH	23599	1945		
23rd	LEIGH	33473	1957	1965	
23rd	LEIGH	43800	1981		
33rd	Betchworth (Reigate)	5537	1928	1938	
24th	HOLMBURY ST. MARY	23600	1945		
24th	Holmwood & Capel	44775	1986	Still Open	
No record	PEASLAKE	No record	1911		
No record	FOREST GREEN	No record	1911		
VU	SOUTH HOLMWOOD	41988	1976	1980	
VU	WILKINSON CENTRE	38813	1968	1985	
ESU	District Explorer Scot Unit		2002	2019	
ESU	District Explorer Scot Unit (Hole Hill)		2020	Still Open	
	SCOUT FELLOWSHIP				
	Scout Active Support				

# CHAPTER NINETEEN

## ROLES OF THE DISTRICT

### Presidents

#### Local Scout Association

1910-1920

1920-

1949-

The Right Hon. BARON ASHCOMBE CB, TD.

Lt. Col. the Hon. GUY CUBITT DSO, TD.

#### District Scout Council

1977-1988

1988-1994

1994-1999

1999-2006

2006-

Sir CARL AARVOLD

Mr ADRIAN WHITE CBE, DL.

No appointment made

Mr JOHN BUTCHER

Mr ADRIAN WHITE CBE, DL.

### Vice-Presidents

#### Local Scout Association

Mrs ARBUTHNOT

E. W. ATTLEE JP.

Col. C. F. BIRNEY *oso.*

E. BROOKE SEWELL

H. H. GORDON CLARK JP, DL.

T. CORNISH

Mrs RICHARDSON

C. J. A. EVELYN

C. B. FLOOD

C. J. GIBBS

C. E. HEATH

C. W. P. HODSOLL

H. G. KINGHAM

1936

Col. C. F. LODGE CMG, *oso.*

Mrs MacANDREW

Dr. C. H. McCOMAS

H. MARTINEAU

C. G. MONTEFIORE

A. G. MORRISH MVO.

S. MORTIMER

Mrs C. MORTIMER

A.A.ORME

A. PATERSON

V. REID

G. G. TAYLOR

G. c. TOUCH MP.

#### District Scout Council

01.07.1990 - 08.06.2003

01.07.1997

01.07.1997

01.07.2000

NORMAN BRADSHAW

VIC VINER

DEREK LUDLOW

PETER MILLS

# Chairmen

## Local Scout Association

1911-1914	BRISTOW BOVILL
1914-1925	F. H. HARDING JP.
1926-	E. W. ATTLEE JP.

## District Scout Council

1953 - 1968	Col. J. O. ATTLEE
1968 - 1970	JOHN PRINGLE
1970 - 1979	FREDRICK HOAD
1979 - 1987	HOWARD SIMMONDS
1987 - 1990	RAY COUPE
1990 - 1994	Mrs LINDA POPPLE
1994 - 2002	DOUG BENNETT
2002 - 2006	CHRIS YEOMANS
2006 - 2007	No appointment made
2007 -	Mrs JUNE MILLS

# Secretaries

## Local Scout Association

1911 - 1912	H. C. HODGES
1912 - 1917	H. PINNOCK
1917	C. FROSTICK
1917 - 1919	Miss LOTHIAN NICHOLSON
1919	H. C. HODGES
1919 - 1920	ARMSTRONG BROWN
1920 - 1923	C. HAYNES jointly with Mr CALVERT
1923 - 1926	Lt. Col. J. B. L. STILWELL
1926 - 1927	H. E. JAY
1927 - 1928	H. R. REDWOOD
1928 - 1932	G. E. P. BOWMAN
1932 - 1934	A. E. KIBBLEWHITE
1934 - 1940	G. H. PETTS
1946 - 1948	D. ALLAN
1948 - 1950	A. S. WATKINSON
1950 - 1951	A. J. RIVETT
1951 - 1954	W. G. DAVIES
1954 - 1961	P. F. ENNIS
1961 - 1966	A. W. HOWARD

## District Scout Council

1966 - 1969	JAMES SHERLOCK
1969 - 1970	C. VALLANCE
1970 - 1980	Mrs P. PHIPPS
1980 - 1981	Mrs V. SIMMONDS
1981 - 1990	Mrs LINDA POPPLE

1990 - 1991	Mrs D. LEE
1991 - 1994	Mrs SUE GRANT
1994 - 1996	JON GRANT
1996 - 2005	BRIAN SMITH
2005 - 2008	Mrs JUNE MILLS
2008 -	Miss LERRY N MILLS

## Treasurers

### Local Scout Association

1911 - 1913	Rev. A.C. NICKOL
1913 - 1917	No record
1917 - 1922	Dr. G. FISHER
1922 - 1923	W. B. TURNER
1923 - 1928	Dr. A. MINNS
1928 -	C. B. FLOOD
1953 - 1966	CYRIL SWADDLING

### District Scout Council

1966 - 1974	PETER WATSON
1974 - 1981	FREDRICK HOAD (Junior)
1981 - 1985	G. CROOKS (NatWest Bank)
1985 - 1986	STUART GRANT
1986 - 1987	ERIC PETTS
1987 - 1990	DOUG BENNETT
1990 - 1991	DOUG BENNETT (Acting).
1991 - 1993	Mrs JUNE STAFFORD
1993 - 1994	No appointment made.
1994 - 1997	Miss JACKIE SMITH
1997 - 1998	Miss FIONA GREENHALGH
1998 - 2000	DOUG BENNETT (Acting).
2000 - 2008	IAN HUDSON
2008 -	PAUL JOHNSON

# District Commissioners

1909 - 1911	H. C. HODGES
1911 - 1912	Col. FORESTER WALKER
1912 - 1916	Hon. VICTOR GIBSON
1916-1918	J. CUNLIFFE
1918 - 1923	Admiral CHARLES ANSON
1923 - 1926	Col. J. A. G. RAINSFORD
1926 - 1930	Lt. Col. J. B. L. STILWELL
1930 - 1932	Lt. Col. E. CARWITHEN
1932 - 1939	Col. C. F. BIRNEY oso
1939 - 1949	H. C. HODGES
1949 - 1958	FREDDY CLINTON
07.05.1958 - 01.09.1970	NORMAN BRADSHAW
12.08.1970 - 04.12.1974	VIC VINER
04.12.1974 - 10.05.1983	DEREK LUDLOW
10.05.1983 - 01.10.1985	NORMAN GREENWOOD
01.10.1985 - 31.05.1987	PETER LANKESTER*
01.06.1987 - 01.02.1993	RICHARD BOURTON
01.02.1993 - 27.05.2001	Mrs BARBARA ROGER
28.05.2001 - 27.06.2001	ROBERT MELROSE**
28.06.2001 - 31.03.2002	Mrs BARBARA ROGER
01.04.2002 -	MICHAEL BENT

\* *Field Commissioner acting as District Commissioner - no district appointment made*

\*\* *Appointed District Commissioner (designate) from 28th May 2001. Bob tragically died on Tuesday, 27th June. As a mark of respect the Annual General Meeting for Tuesday, 3rd July was postponed. Barbara Roger agreed to continue as District Commissioner until a new appointment was made.*

# Asst. District Commissioners

1924-1926	Lt. Col. J. B. L. STILWELL
1926-1931	Lt. Col. A. L. BETHELL OBE.
1931-1932	Col. F. C. BIRNEY oso.
1933-1940	H. R. REDWOOD
1937-1958	N. W. BRADSHAW

## BEAVER SCOUTS

01/06/1986 - 01/01/1991	Mrs MARION ROBATHAN
06/10/1992 - 29/06/1996	Mrs HELEN CAMPBELL-HART
01/04/1997 - 31/03/2001	Mrs YVONNE STAINES
01/04/2003	Mrs IRENE MELROSE

## WOLF CUBS

01/06/1939 -	R. N. LEON
- 01/04/1948	Mrs D. V. CLINTON
30/09/1948 -	Miss HELEN WRIGHT
03/10/1962 - 15/04/1970	Mrs WINNIE VINER

## CUB SCOUTS

30.04.197 - 31.03.1977  
06.06.1977 - 30.09.1985  
01.11.1985 - 31.12.1991  
01.04.1992 - 31.03.1996  
01.04.1996 - 31.03.1998  
01.09.1998 - 20.07.2004  
21.07.2004 -

Mrs JEAN LUDLOW  
Mrs MARION ROBATHAN  
DAVID CHITTY  
PHILLIP CURRIE  
SIMON RING  
Mrs JUNE MILLS  
Mrs SUE HAYWARD

## SCOUTS

07.03.1957 - 31.12.1963  
01.07.1964 - 26.01.1966  
27.01.1966 - 31.03.1975  
01.04.1975 - 31.03.1976  
01.04.1976 - 22.01.1983  
23.01.1983 - 20.09.1993  
01.04.2000 - 31.03.2003  
01.04.2003 -

VIC VINER  
PETER MILLS  
TERRANCE O'KELLY  
RICHARD SMITH  
  
BERNARD MOORE  
COLIN SCARFF  
No appointment made

## SENIOR SCOUTS

01.04.1962 - 05.12.1967

VIC VINER

## VENTURE SCOUTS

06.12.1967 - 31.12.1972  
01.07.1974 - 31.03.1978  
01.04.1978 - 31.03.1987  
01.03.1990 - 29.02.1992  
01.04.1992 - 31.03.1995

VIC VINER  
  
RAY COUPE  
PETER BROWN  
DAVE POPPLE

## SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

23.01.1983 - 31.08.1989

DIANA MOORE

## LEADER TRAINER

16.08.1967 - 04.12.1974  
05.12.1974 - 16.01.1989  
17.01.1989 - 31.12.2003

DEREK LUDLOW  
JEAN LUDLOW  
DAVE RING

## TRAINING MANAGER

01.01.2004 -

DAVE RING

## ACTIVITIES

20.09.1993 -

BERNARD MOORE

## DEVELOPMENT

01.04.1999 - 30.06.2002

JUDI CURRIE

## GENERAL DUTIES

01.01.1975 - 31.03.1976

VIC VINER

## DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

01.07.2002 -

JUDI CURRIE

## DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUT COMMISSIONER

01.07.2002 -

- 31/08/2018

14/12/2020-

RUTH WOOD

MIKE COLLINS

SEAN RIX

CHRISTOPHER PIKE

# Assistant Badge Secretaries

1933

01.04.1946 - 01.06.1958

02.06.1958 - 01.06.1960

02.06.1960 - 30.06.1975

01.07.1975 - 01.08.1995

01.09.1995 - 30.04.2006

J. E. N. WALKER

P. D. SYKES, MBE.

LES HENMAN

CYRIL SWADDLING

JACK COOK

MURIEL COOK

# SCOUT SHOP MANAGERS

01.01.1972 - 31.03.1981

01.04.1981 - 01.08.1995

01.09.1995 - 30.04.2006

01.05.2006 -

TONY PHIPPS

JACKCOOK

MURIEL COOK

SAM CURRIE

# HONORARY WARRANTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Honorary Warrant</u>	<u>Presented by Group, District or Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Mrs D. V. CLINTON	Assist. Commissioner Cub Scouts	County	30.09.1949
FREDDY CLINTON	Commissioner	County	08.05.1958
VIC VINER	Commissioner	County	
Mrs WINNIE VINER	Assist. Commissioner Cub Scouts	County	
NORMAN BRADSHAW	Commissioner	County	01.09.1970
PETER MILLS	Scout Leader	3rd Dorking	01.06.1986
RAY COUPE	Assist. Commissioner Venture Scouts	District	01.06.1987

# CHAPTER TWENTY

## ST GEORGES DAT AWARDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Group or District</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Date</u>
Col. J. O. ATTLEE	District	Chairman	Medal of Merit.	1969
R. S. BARTER	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	Chairman	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.	1981
GORDON BATES	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSL	Medal of Merit.	1970
MICK BENT	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking	GSL	Medal of Merit	2002
RICHARD BOURTON	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	CSL	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. Medal of Merit	2006
NORMAN BRADSHAW	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSM & ADC (S)	Medal of Merit.	1950
A. S. BREWER	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSM & DSM	Long Service Decoration Medal of Merit.	1951
FREDDY CLINTON	District	DC	Long Service Decoration.	1957
Mrs MURIEL COOK	District	Badge Secretary	Medal of Merit. Long Service. Decoration Bar.	1949
Mrs JUDI CURRIE	District	ADC (D)	Medal of Merit.	2006
Mrs M. DOLD	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	Secretary	25 years Service. Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.	2001 1982
LEN EDWARDS	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSL & DSL	Medal of Merit.	1974
COLIN FARQUARSON	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	VSL	Chief Scouts Commendation For Good Service.	2000
R.J. FISHER	District	ADC (VS)	Medal of Merit	1978
FRED HOAD	District	Chairman	Medal of Merit.	1976
T. E. KING	14 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSM	Medal of Merit. Long Service Decoration.	1966 1966
DAVID KNIGHT	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking	ASL	Medal of Merit and Bar.	
DEREK LUDLOW	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	SM	Long Service Decoration. Medal of Merit.	1965 1970
Mrs JEAN LUDLOW	District	ADC (LT)	Long Service Decoration.	1975
Miss JULIE MANN	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	ASL	Long Service Decoration.	1997
ROY MANSELL	14 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	SL	Long Service Decoration.	1975
BOB MELROSE	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	VSL	Chief Scout's Certificate for Meritorious Conduct. Medal of Merit.	
IRENE MELROSE	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	BSL	Medal of Merit.	
MICHAEL MESSAM	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	CSL	Medal of Merit.	

R. S. MILES	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	SSL	Medal of Merit.	1970
PETER MILLS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking	SL	Medal of Merit.	1964
			Long Service Decoration	1964
			Decoration Bar	1997
			Chief Scouts Long Service	1999
			Decoration.	
D. E. PERRIN	9 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSM	Medal of Merit.	1940
			Long Service Decoration	1950
ANTHONY PHIPPS	District	Scout Shop	Medal of Merit	1980
DAVE RING	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSL	Medal of Merit.	
Mrs EILEEN RING	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	CSL	Chief Scout's	1987
			Commendation for	
			Meritorious Conduct.	
			Medal of Merit.	1996
			Long Service Decoration	1997
SIMON RING	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	ASL	Long Service Decoration.	1999
JOHN ROBATHAN	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	SL	Long Service Decoration	1979
Mrs MARIAN	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	CSL & ADC (CS)	Medal of Merit	1979
ROBATHAN				
			Long Service Decoration	1989
Mrs BARBARA ROGERS	District	DC	Medal of Merit.	
MICHAEL STURG	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	GSL	Chief Scout's	1983
			Commendation for Good	
			Service.	
			Long Service Decoration.	1999
Mrs P. SUTHERLAND	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	Chairman	Chief Scout's	1982
			Commendation for Good	
			Service.	
CYRIL SWADDLING	District	Badge Secretary	Chief Scout's	1981
			Commendation for Good	
			Service.	
P. D. SYKES	District	Badge Secretary	Medal of Merit	1958
VIC VINER	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking	GSM & DSM (S)	Medal of Merit.	1961
			Long Service Decoration.	1964
			Decoration Bar.	1997
			Chief Scouts Long Service	1999
			Decoration	
WINNIE VINER	District	DCM & AL (Surrey)	Medal of Merit.	1961
			Long Service Decoration.	1964
			Decoration Bar.	1997
Mrs ALISON WADEY	Guildford	CM	Medal of Merit.	1995
Miss M. C. WATNEY	14 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	CM	Long Service Decoration	1955
Rev. R. W. A. WEST	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking	GSL	Medal of Merit.	1980
C. A. WRIGHT	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	SL	Long Service Decoration	1974
Miss HELEN WRIGHT	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	CM & ADC (CS)	Long Service Decoration	1950
			Medal of Merit.	1953
CHRIS YEOMANS	District	DL (D)	Chief Scout's	2000
			Commendation for Good	
			Service.	
Mrs JUNE MILLS	District	Secretary	Medal of Merit.	2005
Mrs RUTH WOOD	District	ADC (ES)	Medal of Merit.	2006
IAN HUDSON	District	Treasurer	Long Service Decoration.	2006

# ST GEORGES DAY AWARDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Group or District</u>	<u>Silver Acorn</u>	<u>Bar To The Silver Acorn</u>	<u>Silver Wolf</u>
FREDDY CLINTON	DISTRICT	1956		
NORMAN BRADSHAW	19th DORKING	1957	1963	1968
GORDON BATES	COUNTY COMMISSIONER			1981
DOUGLAS BENNETT	COUNTY	1980		1989
JUDITH CURRIE	4th DORKING	1998		
DEREK LUDLOW	18th DORKING	1978	1997	
ROBERT MELROSE	5th DORKING	2000		
PETER MILLS	DISTRICT	2000		
BERNARD MOORE	DISTRICT	1992	1998	
DIANA MOORE	COUNTY	1999		
DAVID RING	5th DORKING	2000		
BARBARA ROGER	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	1990	1998	
BRIAN SMITH	DISTRICT	2000	2006	
VICTOR VINER	DISTRICT	1975		1985
WINNIE VINER	DISTRICT	1977		2003
MURIEL COOK	DISTRICT	2006		
MICHAEL BENT	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	2006		

# WOOD BADGE

## TRAINING AWARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Certificate</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mrs D. C. ASHBY	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)		Cub	1959
F.J.ASHLEY	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)		Cub	1959
ROY BATCELOR	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St. Paul's)	19502	Cub	20/01/1966
MICK BENT	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)	143624	Venture	10/05/1996
RICHARD BOURTON	Dorking District	112484	DC	05/06/1989
	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (St. Martin's)*	135217	GSL	04/07/1994
NORMAN BRADSHAW	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (County School)		Scout	
			GSM	
JANICE BROWN	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed)	127566	Venture	30/09/1992
TINA CALLCUT	12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Newdigate)	156664	GSL	18/10/1999
MURIEL COOK	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)		Cub	
JUDI CURRIE	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)	97516	Cub	26/04/1985
A. C. FIEST	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)		Scout	1953
BOB FOLEY	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)	155468	Scout	26/05/1999
JAN FUTCHER	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (St. Martin's)		Scout	2003
CHARLIE GOODSHIP	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)	135216	Scout	04/07/1994
A.C.HUBBARD	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St. Martin's)*		Scout	1961
IAN HUDSON	Epsom and Ewell District		Scout	
DEREK LUDLOW	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (N. Holmwood)		Scout	
JULIE MANN	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (N. Holmwood)	104395	Cub	04/11/1987
		121551	Scout	15/04/1991
BOB MELROSE	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed)		Scout	
IRENE MELROSE	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed)	144522	Cub	24/07/1996
MICHAEL MESSAM	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)	77689	Cub	10/10/1978
			GSL	14/03/1993
R. S. MILES	18 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (North Holmwood)		Scout	1967
DAVID MILLS	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)		Cub	2003
JUNE MILLS	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)	132109	Cub	25/10/1993
T. H. MOLE	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking		Scout	1959
DIANA MOORE	Dorking District	103411	ADC	22/05/1987
		156309	ACC	06/09/1999
JAMES NORMAN	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)		Cub	2003
DANIEL PERRIN	9 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Ockley)		Scout	1935
DAVE RING	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed)	98862	Scout	08/11/1985
		107291	GSL	21/06/1988
SIMON RING	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed)	127565	Cub	30/09/1992

MARIAN ROBATHAN	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (St. Martin's)"	162314	Scout	07/09/2001
BARBARA ROGER	12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Newdigate)		Cub	1964
BRIAN SMITH	12 <sup>th</sup> Battersea (Canon Clarke's)	12231	Cub	02/07/1997
RALPH SEWELL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (1st Pixham)		Cub	06/09/1957
YVONNE STAINES	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)	154410	Scout	1960
MIKE STURGES			Beaver	03/03/1999
L.TAYLOR	12 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Newdigate)		Scout	1967
VIC VINER	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking		Scout	1952
WINNIE VINER	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking		Cub	
SHARON WANNELL	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)	144521	Beaver	24.07.1996
MARK WICKS	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (United Reformed)	138010	Venture	29/03/1995
GRAHAM WILD	4 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Wilkinson Centre)	148448	Scout	02/07/1997
C. A. WRIGHT	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (St. Martin's)*		Scout	1961
MARTIN WRIGHT	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Brockham)		Scout	03/11/1989

*\*The St. Martin's Church Groups were 10th Dorking prior to June 1962 and the 1st Dorking from July 1962.*

# Kings Scout Award Holders (1944-1951)

<u>Scouter Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Year</u>
12 in District No Names		1945
10 in District No Names		1946
M Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (St Martins)	1950
P Ferguson	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)	1950
J Greenfield	1 <sup>st</sup> Dorking (St Martins)	1951
L Edward	17 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Westcott)	1951
M Dobson	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (County School)	1951

# Queens Scout Award Holders (1952-2023)

<u>Scouter Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Year</u>
R Fisher	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1952
A Fox	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1952
S Sheppard	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1952
P Gardner	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (County School)	1952
P Rogers	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (County School)	1952
Peter Mills	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Pixham)	1953
D Strudwick	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Pixham)	1953
A Jordan	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1953
C Garrett	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1953
D Powell	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1953
P Drysdale	19 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (County School)	1953
R Sewell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Pixham)	1954
J Fricker	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1955
M Sheppard	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1956
P Moore	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1956
I Hinkley	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1956
A Fricker	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1956
J Wren	10 <sup>th</sup> Dorking	1956
John F Green	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dorking (Box Hill)	1957
Michael Spicer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Pixham)	1957
Barry Strudwick	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorking (Pixham)	1957
Michael A Shukman		1958
Ronald Rosbrook		1958
George Chapman		1958
David Peters		1958
Michael Viner		1961
Peter King		1962

David Ling		1962
Barry Roberts		1962
Richard Way		1962
Kieran O'Kelly		1964
Derek Beazley		1964
Ian Clinging		1964
O'Kelly	6 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Abinger Common)	1968
N Westbrook		1969
I Brooks		1969
Malcolm Elvey	Mole VSU	1970
Simon Smith	24 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)	1993
Anna Walford	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1993
Linda Lucas	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1993
Christopher Fisher	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1993
Russell Watkins	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1993
Simon King	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1993
Dianne Melrose	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1995
James Brown	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1996
Daryl Burdfield	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1996
Dawn Moore	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	1996
Chris Pike	Dorking ESU	2012
Richard Pike	Dorking ESU	2013
Jo Currie (TBC)	Dorking ESU	
Vanessa Wiltshire (TBC)	Dorking ESU	
Jess (TBC)	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	2023

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<u>Scouter Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Year</u>
Mellissa (TBC)	5 <sup>th</sup> Dorking (URC)	2023