
JUNE, 1970

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The Theme this year is Davy Jones Locker, wherein we hope to emulate, as far as possible, the ocean bed. Needless to say, you will be relieved to hear that there will be a certain lack of actual ocean — so the only chance you will have of getting wet will be if it rains!

As this function is our major fund raising event of the year, it is hoped that you will enjoy yourselves to the utmost and, at the same time, support us to the full by dipping into your pockets thrice instead of the usual twice!!!

To those who may be attending one of our functions for the first time, you can be assured of a very entertaining afternoon, and in advance we bid you welcome.

2nd



SIGHT

FIRST AGAIN

CUB FLOAT WINS 1st PRIZE IN 'WHIT' CARNIVAL.

The "Whit Monday" procession through the High Street again proved a colourful and interesting spectacle to Orpington residents.

For the first time ever, the group entered a float advertising our Fete on July 4th, manned by 20 members of A and B packs cub scouts; — and walked off with first prize in the youth organisation section.

Our "whale" was very well received and the amount of work involved in preparing the tableaux was more than amply compensated by the success attained.

Thanks to the usual "Tribe".

GROUP SIGHT

On the 10th June at our Group's A.G.M., I was again appointed Chairman of the Group Council.

It is both an honour and a privilege to serve in this capacity, particularly for such a large and thriving scout group. At that A.G.M. we had reports from the Council and Scouters of the Group; it was pleasing to hear that we have increased in size so that there are 125 boys and young men in the 'SECOND ORP'. Without doubt our rate of growth could easily be greater than that being experienced at present (did you know we have a long waiting list with some 40 names?) — it is being held back by the lack of enthusiastic helpers and scouters, for to carry on efficiently and effectively at the extremely high level being set, the 19 scouters and assistants we have at present are fully extended.

We heard at the A.G.M. of the need to start our second troop, and we already have three Venture Scouts able and interested in helping in this direction, but we need more leaders and helpers. Facilities are available to enable those without experience to learn more about the movement and to assist in providing the fun experienced by all those members of our group, so please think deeply about the need to help our youth to-day.

If you can assist, or know of any possible help, please contact the Group Scout Leader (Orpington 28308) and he will be happy to hear from you.

C.P.M.

It is hoped that the 1st Edition of 2nd Sight was well received — I feel that it is a very essential part of Group Welfare, but I must confess to a certain disappointment in that there has been some 'apathy' regarding contributed items from readers outside the Committee!

I am convinced that parents and friends should participate in the interests of the Group and would therefore like to take this opportunity of asking for items of interest, particularly of scouting, in order to promote good Group/Parent/Child liaison.

Your views on any subject, your comments on the way we operate, your suggestions for any new ideas, would be very welcome!

We in the group, would obviously like to know all you parents better, and we are certain that you would like to know us!

Sincerely,
L.P.T.

TROOP SPRING BANK-HOLIDAY CAMP 1970

After a week of feverish preparation, sorting equipment, buying food and planning activities, thirty scouts and two Guides (Bosun's daughters) assembled at HQ at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday, 23 May. The van had been loaded the previous evening and was groaning under the weight of camp gear so we had to call upon the services of several Dads to help transport us to the site in their cars.

The Scouts, supervised by Skip, Bosun and Senior PL Tim Janes were camping in six separate Patrols, each self-contained with tent and cooking equipment. The two Guides took part in all activities with their adopted Patrols but slept separately in Bosun's caravan.

Patrols were made up as follows :

<i>Eagles</i>	<i>Owls</i>
PL Duncan Hellicar	PL Andrew Jarman
Shirley Mole	John Whitlock
Trevor Adams	Peter Ball
Andrew Lohmann	Stephen Wheeler
Kevin Holland	Guy Smith
<i>Curlews</i>	<i>Hawks</i>
PL Peter Lammas	PL John Whybrow
Paul Snelling	Tim Tickner
Jeanette Mole	Vaughan Hedley
Robert Weighell	Adrien Duce
Martin Austin	David Miles
<i>Merlins</i>	<i>Swifts</i>
PL Alan Lammas	PL Philip Wheeler
Paul Towell	Neil Francis
David Jordan	Simon Chivers
Simon Janes	Garry Austin
Paul Francis	Anthony Kiernan
Stephen Thurbon	

The site was on the Downs near Kemsing and we camped on a level spot, sheltered by a copse of trees and with a wonderful view to the South across miles of rolling farmland and woods. Unfortunately, although the field was extremely large, being over half a mile in length, there were a number of young cows, a bull and a large number of sheep in it. The bull was no trouble, nor were the sheep as they were very timid, but the cows were very curious and closely inspected Bosun's car, despite much shouting and arm-waving by that worthy.

Saturday morning we spent in erecting tents, digging rubbish pits, organising kitchen areas, collecting firewood and preparing fireplaces. This work continued after a packed lunch, with camp gadgets being made and string fences being put up around the kitchens.

At about four o'clock we paused for a hectic game of football followed by the issue of rations and the cooking of the evening meal by Patrols. The Scouts were then free to do what they liked until 9 o'clock when we gathered round a fire, clad in an assortment of blankets for a Camp Fire singsong. This terminated in prayers and the campers dispersed to their Patrol sites for cocoa and bed.

On Sunday morning everybody was up at a very early hour, encouraged no doubt by the bright sunshine and clear sky, and breakfast was soon underway.

HIGH STREET
ORPINGTON

Bruce's Sports

EVERYTHING
for the SPORTING
TYPE

CRICKET
TENNIS
FOOTBALL
FISHING etc.

An inspection of the tents, equipment and kitchen areas showed quite a high standard, particularly as some Scouts were under canvas for the first time.

A short Scouts Own Service was held around the flag and then we changed back from uniform into camp gear for the Patrols to erect incident courses over which competitions were held during the afternoon. Eagles beat Swifts by half a point to win the competition based on the incidents.

The incident course was followed by another competition organised by Mr. Don Hellicar (now known as "Chips") who, with his Guide daughter had joined us for the day. Whilst all this was going on, Skip and Bosun prepared a communal stew on a gas cooker in the back of the van, leaving the Patrols only potatoes to peel and cook for the evening meal to go with the stew.

Sunday evening was filled with odd jobs and the inevitable game of football whilst Chips prepared a Wide Game which was to begin at dusk. In passing we should mention that during a short trip out of camp to obtain matches for "lives" in the Wide Game, Chips' car was damaged by a lorry which ran into the back of it as he was returning to the site. This was a piece of bad luck which temporarily put a slight damper on things.

The Wide Game went off very well, however, with large numbers of Scouts (and Guides) charging madly about in the dark, sneaking up on each other and attempting to 'kill' the 'enemy'. The result was a win for the defenders who, although outnumbered 2 to 1, managed to prevent the attacking forces from carrying out their mission. I think that most of us slept very well that night as a result of the day's exertions.

Monday was also fine and warm and after breakfast, inspection, flagbreak and prayers the Scouts split into two groups, one group for younger Scouts to study map reading and the other to carry out a short compass exercise.

Lunch was quickly prepared and eaten and soon the tents were coming down, rubbish being burnt and equipment being loaded into the van for the return home. The dads appeared again to take some of the boys home and our sincere thanks are due to these Dads who gave us several hours of their weekend to ferry us backwards and forwards. Without their help it would have meant two trips with the van and a considerable time spent waiting about.

Before closing, it should be mentioned that we had a number of minor accidents during the camp, far more than we have had in the past. Curiously enough, as far as we can tell, all the accidents were unavoidable and happened during normal camp activities. The total of damages was :

- 1 Scout - scalded foot whilst cooking
- 1 Guide - cut thumb whilst chopping firewood
- 1 Scout - cut hand by falling on a stone
- 1 Scout - suspected cracked ribs due to falling during a game - had to be taken home. (Injuries later proved to be pulled muscle)

On the whole, apart from these injuries, it was a good camp. The standard of camping was high, cooking was eatable and general enthusiasm and "getting stuck into the job" was commendable. The weather was excellent and I am sure that the tired and rather grubby party that arrived back at HQ on Monday afternoon can all look back on an enjoyable weekend.

VISIT TO SUMMER CAMP SITE 20/22 MARCH 1970

It had been decided that a visit should be made by the Patrol Leaders' Council to the proposed site of the Summer Camp in order to obtain some idea of the facilities available and the layout of the area. Consequently at 11 p.m. on Friday, 20th March two Scouters, Bosun and Buzz, six PLs and several hangers-on met at the HQ, loaded their gear into the bus and turned its nose towards Dartmoor.

The night was fine and dry with a bright moon and we made good time with the two Scouters taking turns at the wheel. We had previously moved two of the rear seats from the bus and placed a mattress on the floor so that some of the passengers were able to sleep, despite the noise and vibration of travelling.

Several times we stopped to fortify ourselves with coffee and sandwiches whilst the drivers changed over and by 5.00 a.m. Saturday had reached Honiton, some 17 miles from Exeter. At this stage we needed to fill up with diesel but garage after garage was passed, each either being closed or not selling diesel, and we eventually decided to try the centre of Exeter. Here we were also unlucky and we finally choked to

a halt on the inevitable yellow line at about 6.00 a.m.

An early-rising newsagent allowed us to use his telephone and a call to the Police put us in touch with the AA who agreed to supply a can of fuel. The time was now 7.00 a.m. and traffic was beginning to appear when we, having duly received a visit from the AA, motored to the nearest garage and waited for it to open at 7.30. It didn't; so we drove on out of Exeter until we were able to top up our tank before venturing out onto Dartmoor.

We finally arrived at Cator Court, the site of our Summer Camp, at about 9.00 a.m., about two hours behind schedule. The farmer was very helpful and we were soon erecting our tent in the woods by a stream and sorting ourselves out. Nobody felt much like breakfast, probably due to the fatigue and the overnight sandwiches, so we had a plate of cornflakes and a hot drink before setting off to explore.

At first we were not impressed with the possible sites we saw. They were too far from the farm and a readily available source of water. Later, however, we saw the ideal site, a large field, sheltered by a wood and right opposite the farm buildings. We could not go into the field at that time as there were many sheep with new-born lambs and the farmer did not want them disturbed.

After lunch a steady rain began to fall which made life rather difficult. The Scouters went off in the bus to visit the local Assistant District Commissioner at Ashburton whilst the Scouts explored, tried to dam the stream and pulled down a number of small dead trees. There was also a certain amount of skylarking and Simon Janes, representing the Merlins, was bumped on the nose causing it to bleed intermittently during the rest of the day.

That night, after cocoa and biscuits, a rather tired party turned in at about 8.30 p.m.!!

The following morning, Sunday, we rose early, breakfasted, cleared up and struck our tent in fine dry weather. A quick farewell to the farmer and we were motoring through the narrow lanes on our way home. The morning sunshine gave the forbidding moor a much more cheerful aspect with the browns and greens of bracken and gorse blending to dispel the previous day's uniform grey drabness.

BACK at 6.00 p.m., almost to the minute - a very tired party arrived at HQ and after unloading, and spreading the tents to dry,

everyone
went
off
home
to
eat
and
REST !

BOSUN

VENTURE SIGHT

VENTURE UNIT It is very pleasing to note that the Venture Unit is becoming a very useful section to the group and to the community.

Their most notable achievements in recent weeks have been the construction of a magnificent greenhouse during job week, and at very short notice providing a Swimming Life-Saving team for the Ramsden Girls School Sponsored Swim. All thanks to Venture Scouter R. Bruce, S. Evans and A. Chivers for this important role. The unit is voluntarily assisting both Cub-scout packs, and also helping out a Petts Wood Cub-scout pack.

It is very encouraging to see enterprise of this nature, for, although accepted as part of Venture Scout Training, it is hoped that future leaders in the Scout movement will emerge.

R. Bruce and G. Maunder assisted at the District A.G.M. in May.

Apart from spring-cleaning and redecorating the workshop and Den, the Unit has now started work on installing new lighting and power points in the HQ.

Future activities include the possibility of an organised expedition abroad sometime in 1971.

Keep up the good work and congratulations to the Unit as a whole.

CUB SIGHT

CUBS 'A' PACK

ARROWS:- 1 Silver - C. Andrews
4 Bronze - S. Marchant
C. Blake
T. Clubb
M. Jordan

SUPER FUN with the P.T. display at the District A.G.M. M. Nicholas and C. Blake jumped over five boys — could have done six if we'd had the room. A. Ralph, R. Wilson, R. Minns and M. Jordan.

28 boys and 10 Scouts from both packs went to CAMP in May and yet we still lost one cub (for a while). My compliments to the chefs — great food!

We stayed in a hut with triple bunk beds. We still couldn't get the boys to sleep.

We came second in the DISTRICT FOOTBALL COMPETITION — a great improvement on past performances.

A. Duce, P. Marchant, and D. Miles went up to Scouts - Good Scouting boys.

Since last magazine - Scout Philip Wheeler has received the Chief Scout's Award and this was presented by the District Commissioner at a Troop meeting.

CUBS 'B' PACK

ARROWS:- Bronze - Jonathan Chivers
Neil Perrett
Robert Skrine
Geoffrey Smith
Silver - Martin Austin
Gary Morris
Gold - Bevil Rdwards
Proficiency Badges: - Bevil Edwards -
Troubador

At the GOING-UP CEREMONY held on 4th May 9 Cubs went up to Scouts:

M. Austen, D. Currie, B. Edwards, P. Francis, T. Ludlow, G. Morris, R. Northam, P. Rene, S. Wheeler — GOOD LUCK, SCOUTS!

On the 7th May 11 new boys were enrolled and one cub was transferred from East Wickham (Christopher Westerman).

A coffee morning was held on the 2nd May to welcome new boys and their parents.

Also on the 2nd May both packs entered teams of six boys to partake in the Culbertson Flag Competition. The following team from 'B' pack reached 4th place :-

Peter Ludlow, Steven James - *Newly Invested*
David Currie, Matthew Stagg - *Bronze Arrow*
Bevil Edwards, Brian Patrick - *Silver/Gold Arrow*

15th to 17th May boys from both Packs went to Camp at Bradstone Warren — 28 in all — enjoyed a very interesting weekend.

SIGHT



**BOSUN RECEIVING WOOD BADGE
FROM THE D.C.**

A WORD FROM THE G. S. L.

Again I am extremely pleased to be able to contribute to our Group magazine; I have recently been improving my own knowledge of scouting by attending a 'wood badge' course by the training team at Gilwell. There are many facets to our organisation, but the principles throughout the world are the same, Duty to God/Religion, Loyalty to one's Country, World Friendship and Brotherhood, Service to others, Living the Scout Law and Promise, Voluntary Membership, Independence from Political influence, and a unique programme for training boys and young men for responsible citizenship. We

are all proud of our wide world brotherhood and of our group and section to which we belong; with the many problems existing in the world today it is very heart-warming to think that at least we are doing our best to ensure the future.

W. K. T.

FUTURE DATES (Fixed at time of going to press)

4th July	...	H.Q.	...	"Davy Jones Locker"
13th July	...	7th Orp. H.Q.	...	District Cub Scouters Meeting
14th July	...	H.Q.	...	District Scout Scouters Meeting
19th July	...	All Saints	...	Church Parade
25th July / 5th August	...	'Widdicombe'	...	Scout Camp
September	...	Bowles Centre	...	Ski-ing Course Venture Sports
9th September	...	G.S.L.'s house	...	Group Scouters Leaders Meeting
20th September	...	All Saints	...	Church Parade
18th October	...	All Saints	...	Church Parade
31st October (provisional)	...	H.Q.	...	Wine & Cheese
15th November	...	All Saints	...	Church Parade
28th November	...	H.Q.	...	Camp Fire

WHAT MAKES THE GROUP TICK!

Mr. A. E. SHAW, GROUP TREASURER, HAS BEEN IN SCOUTING MOST OF HIS LIFE AND IS AT THE PRESENT TIME RECOVERING FROM HIS ACCIDENT.

TO START OFF THE GROUP PROFILE, MR. SHAW HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING STORY OF THE RESUSITATION OF THE 2nd ORPINGTON SOME 33 YEARS AGO.

Early in 1937 I moved from Streatham to Orpington owing to ill-health.

It wasn't long before the then D.C., Captain Gibson and the Rev. Osborne, Vicar of All Saints, approached me with a view to starting up the Group again, which had folded up many years before

I must say that to begin with, I was most reluctant, as many years as ADC in Medway and Streatham had left me somewhat exhausted. However, Scouting, as we all know, has its peculiar form of persuasion, and so I agreed.

Upon taking stock, the only remaining assets in the archives were a Patrol Cup dating back to 1912 and a rather tattered flag.

The Vicar publicly announced the re-formation of the Group in Church, and also advertised in the Church Magazine — **ONE BOY TURNED UP!**

(I was not unduly discouraged, for about 20 years before a like situation had developed in Gillingham).

The Vicar, to help out, one evening mentioned to his Choir boys that we were looking for Scouts and shortly afterwards 18 boys burst into the Church Hall bent on letting off steam. I politely told them that we weren't looking for artistes for a Comic Opera, but if they went home to think about things, I could give them some fun if they 'played the game' my way.

The following week seven turned up and we decided to go ahead training as PL's and seconds. I had been joined by that time by Cyril Lyne, a very experienced Scout who lived in Bark Hart Road. Between us, Cyril and I, working mostly in our own homes, got those lads keen and all stayed with us until they were called up during the War.

Our first Camp consisted of five boys and two Scouters at Harvel near Meopham, and my most vivid recollection of that was the field at night literally sparkling with the glow from thousands of glow worms — it had to be seen to be believed.

The troop flourished and a cub pack was started until the war took away the Church Hall as a meeting place and this and the war duties of the Scouters made things difficult until we obtained the use of two small outhouses at Bark Hart House, on the site of the now church car park. It was here that Bob Whybrow, our present S.L. joined us as an Air Scout and he has reminded me that he passed his cooking test in my garden.

We continued at Bark Hart for a number of years under various SM's until the demolition of Bark Hart House compelled us to look elsewhere for Headquarters. Mr. Franks and I looked at one or two prospects until at last we managed to obtain the present building. The collection of that from the middle of Brixton Market on a Saturday was an epic — it weighed over thirty tons and the longest members were twenty three feet long. It was all good fun and I enjoyed being part of it.



**THE GROUP RECEIVE
NEW STANDARDS**

A. E. SHAW

MISCELLANEA SIGHT

WORLD SCOUT QUIZ :-

As most Scouts are aware, they belong to the "worldwide" brotherhood of scouting, but how much do you know about this. The following quiz can be tried by all in the movement including Scouters. The first Scout with completed solution given to the G.S.L. will receive a just reward.

- 1) WHICH WAS THE FIRST NON-BRITISH COUNTRY TO START SCOUTING?
- 2) WHEN DID B.P. BECOME CHIEF SCOUT OF THE WORLD AND WHERE?
- 3) WHAT IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF WORLD SCOUTING?
- 4) HOW OFTEN DOES IT MEET?
- 5) HOW MANY MEMBERS / VOTES MAY EACH COUNTRY HAVE?
- 6) HOW MANY SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS ARE THERE IN
 - (a) Sweden
 - (b) Denmark
 - (c) France
 - (d) South Africa
 - (e) Ireland
 - (f) Belgium
 - (g) Lebanon
- 7) WHO DECIDES WHERE WORLD JAMBOREES ARE TO BE HELD AND WHERE IS THE NEXT ONE?
- 8) HOW MANY MEMBERS CONSTITUTE THE WORLD COMMITTEE?
- 9) HOW MANY COME FROM GREAT BRITAIN?
- 10) WHERE IS THE OFFICE OF THE BOY SCOUTS WORLD BUREAU LOCATED?
- 11) WHERE ARE THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE WORLD BUREAU?
- 12) WHAT IS THE CURRENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE PAYABLE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES?
- 13) HOW MANY MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ARE THERE?
- 14) NAME THE FOUR COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP.
- 15) WHICH COUNTRY HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ROVERS?
- 16) WHAT IS PECULIAR ABOUT THE ORGANISATION OF SCOUTING IN INDIA?
- 17) WHERE IN THE FAR EAST AND AFRICA IS SCOUTING USUALLY CARRIED OUT?
- 18) WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT SCOUTING IN U.S.A.?
- 19) WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT SCOUTING IN AUSTRALIA?
- 20) WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT SCOUTING IN CANADA?
- 21) WHICH COUNTRY HAS CONSIDERABLY MORE CUBS THAN SCOUTS?

(The above questions were prepared by a member of the Training Team at Gilwell for a Commissioners' and G.S.L.'s Training course)

SUCCESS

21st March to 4th April	Ran booking agency in Tom Bruce's shop for Scout Job Week. £113. 5. 1. was raised by Group.
11/12th April	Cub Scouters' Basic Practical Training Course held at H.Q.
18th April	Jumble Sale raised £35.
26th April	District St. George's Day Parade at All Saints — Cubs and Scouts combined. Seating of some 800 organised by Venture Scouts.
30th April	Coffee evening for parents and sons due to enter Troop. Slides of camp life shown.
3rd May	Coffee morning at H.Q. for parents and boys about to enter Cub Packs — a start to the membership of family group.
21st May	District A.G.M. at Crofton Vale H.Q. 'A' Pack Cubs did P.E. Display 'B' Pack Cubs did Magic show G.S.L., with help from two Venture Scouts, organised evening's entertainment.
25th May	Entered float in Spring Carnival and won first prize of £3 for Youth Organisations. Theme: Mercub School. About 20 Cubs took part.

FOOTBALL

SOME YEARS AGO, football was included in the Group curriculum. First Mary, then Arthur and after Sally gave up Saturday mornings to supervise the ensuing melee.

TO BEGIN WITH, it was quite a job, trying to get some sort of order from a group of excited youngsters trying their best to belt the daylights out of a not so spherical ball!

AFTER SOME HEADACHES, some sort of order was achieved, and it was decided to arrange a few games with other packs. A "team" was formed, and they did their best. Successes were few, failures many, but still they persevered.

THE SEASON CAME and passed and a new Season dawned, surprisingly with great enthusiasm, with Kaa still in control and her mother still washing eleven muddy shirts — as she had been doing during the previous year.

THEN CAME THE MOMENT OF TRUTH! — a match had been arranged against the 9th Orpington 'A' pack, and one of the boy's fathers turned up to watch the game. 2nd Orpington lost — nay, were thrashed by 22 goals to nil!

DESPITE this rather severe setback, the boys' spirits were high — **THEY HAD PLAYED A GAME OF FOOTBALL** — against a very good team.

THIS UNQUENCHABLE SPIRIT in the face of a heavy defeat moved the father to ask 'Kaa' if he could be of assistance in helping to teach the boys **FOOTBALL** — and was welcomed with open arms!

LITTLE DID HE KNOW at the time that GSL's Akalas and Scouters are indeed very persuasive individuals, with the result that in no time he found himself attending Training Courses, eventually
P.T.O.

FOOTBALL (continued)

gaining his ACSL's Warrant and ever giving forth as Grey Wolf.

SPRING CAME and football stayed on. The smaller lads played rounders not knowing that any ball game is a start of team spirit and not just individual effort. They soon learned the art of anticipation of where to be to collect the ball quickly and to throw the ball to a team mate nearer the stumping base, which later on became a quick pass to an unmarked player on the football field.

MEANWHILE THE OLD STAGERS! 9½ year olds were showing 8½ year olds how to kick, trap and head a ball.

ALL THROUGH THE EARLY SUMMER practice matches were played and after much shouting, quiet explanation did not seem to sink in at first, the boys started to think and play as a team.

SO WE CAME TO THIS SEASON and to everyone's delight a Cub League is formed. Real competition and a shield for the winners! At this point thanks should be given to all the people who instigated and worked out the league fixtures and rules, and who compile the points each week.

We started to play serious football, success followed success, confidence and team work worked well and our record to date reads as follows :

Played 13; Won 12; Drew 1; Lost 0.

The drawn game was against our old friendly enemies 9th Orpington Pack. The score 4 - 4. This was a ding dong battle, first one team on top and then the other. Good football moves were used by both sides and the atmosphere was that of Cup Final Day, with Mums and Dads shouting their heads off. When this match was over twenty-two very tired lads, soaking wet, trooped off the pitch. They had played their hearts out, and nobody could have left the ground and say that they had not been entertained by these boys.

As to whether we win the shield or not, nobody could be more proud of these lads and their efforts than I. Special thanks must be said to two parents in particular, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Wickenden, for their support each week, and supplying transport. The boys themselves play as a team and to mention good scorers would be UNFAIR. Goals are built up from the defence to the strikers and everyone plays his part.

After matches and tactical discussions I have a quiet smile when I hear the following remarks from these proud footballers :

"Steven plays deep when we are pressed; this gives us three backs".

"Don't watch the overlap when going in to tackle, Barry, you cover him".

"Richard, you're our main player, roam the field picking up loose balls, and take them through".

"Martin, when Trev comes off the goal line fall back to collect the lobs and cover the goal".

"Watch the 'No man's land' between backs and half-backs - close the gap up".

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THAT 22 to NIL DEFEAT - AND WE START ALL OVER AGAIN NEXT SEASON.

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER :

There is no boy that is all bad. Find one good point and work on it.

Puzzle Page for the Young'uns

Here are ten PROFICIENCY BADGES.
Each one is jumbled up.
See if you can sort them out.

- 1) TEEHALT
- 2) POLERREX
- 3) SITTAR
- 4) CERRUSE
- 5) MASHFIREM
- 6) STINGILU
- 7) WIMSMER
- 8) CINESTEST
- 9) CISTCLY
- 10) STILATURNA

OLDER READERS COMPETITION

Can you fill in the spaces so that each word reads the same down and across?

B	A	R	G	E
A				
R				
G				
E				

HOW MANY WORDS of three or more letters can you make from the word

F O O T B A L L

We can find 32 words - Can you do better?

A THANK YOU

On the 13th June, a date considered to have some superstitious significance, I received, with my wife, one of the most unusual compliments I consider ever paid to a Group Scout Leader. It is still with shock and yet pleasure, that I realise how secretive it is possible for one's friends to be; to find that you are the subject of a 'closed circuit' "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" would I think stagger most people — it almost floored me! That certain members of the Group should wish to be associated with providing a pleasurable (if somewhat nerve-racking) evening for myself and family I still cannot quite absorb and it is, I feel, a true compliment to Scouting that in spite of all that was revealed, I am still able to count those responsible as my friends.

May I, with my wife, take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for the evening, completely unexpected as it was, and for the treasured gifts of the engraved paint brush (that will now never see a pot of paint) and the silver tray for formal occasions in the future.

I do not doubt that somewhere a full account of what transpired is being written!

Thank you all,

KEITH TICKNER