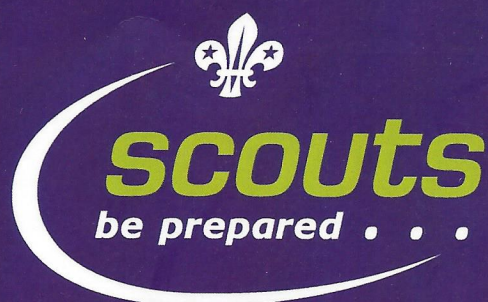
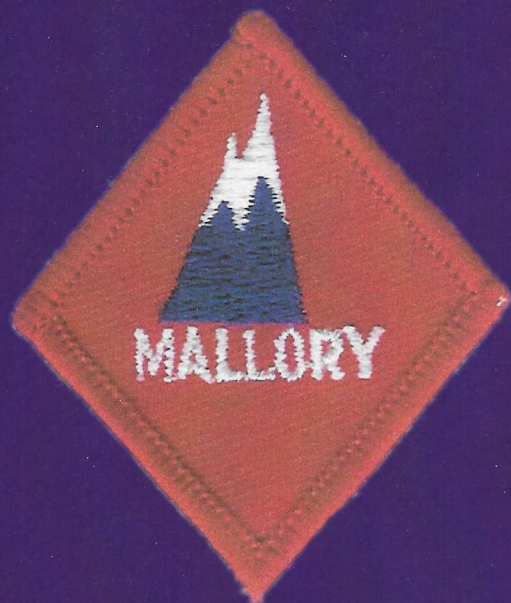
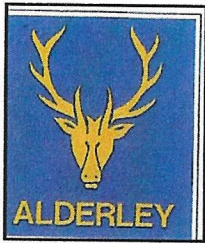


Memories of  
**1st Mobberley**  
**Mallory Scout Group**





# Memories of 1st Mobberley Mallory Scout Group



It all began when.....

**Colin Stuart Jaffrey** was a Scout in the 1<sup>st</sup> Alderley Edge Group during the First World War. That Group was founded in 1910 and was in the District of Macclesfield.

Colin, like many of England's youth in those days could not wait to go in the forces so he enlisted under age. He was badly wounded shortly after going to

France and spent the rest of the war in hospital in Denham and whilst convalescing he became a young leader in the local Scout troop.

Finally returning home he re-joined Alderley for a short period. Lots of Wilmslow boys were making a

weekly trek to the Scout Hall in Talbot Road which is still the Scout H.Q. today.

Anxious to forward his leadership ambition he attempted to start a troop in Wilmslow but the District Scout authorities in Macclesfield and the patrons of the Alderley Group were not happy to be losing 50% of their members to this new venture. In consequence of this resistance Colin approached the Stockport District officials who were more amenable to his proposals and supported his application to be a warranted Scouter in their District. Colin's first warrant was dated 1920 and it hung for many years in the Wilmslow Scout Hall in Alma Lane. Having succeeded in forming one troop and full of enthusiasm to expand Scouting further afield, Colin, with the help of Mr Daniels, the then publican of the Church Inn in Mobberley, started a satellite troop which met in the outbuildings of the pub (many years



later to be known as the Parsons Nose restaurant). Dick Hulme, who became quite a pillar of Scouting in the village in later years was one of the first members. Both Mobberley and Wilmslow boys combined forces during the summers of the 1920s to go away to camp in Deganwy. These camps were big, following the pattern of the Boys Brigade style with lines of ex-army bell tents and

centralised cooking using ex-army field kitchen equipment and with volunteer Mums in residence as catering staff.

Colin's pet activities amounted to lots of fitness training using dumbbells and Indian clubs and doing exercises in tumbling and gymnastics in preparation for displays of pyramids put on at local carnivals.

In the late 1920s Mobberley's link with Wilmslow reduced somewhat for several reasons. With the increase in interest in Scouting and its need to have a national operational structure that suited its development, local groups consisting of Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Rover Crews were re-aligned into specific Districts more appropriate to community interests and balanced management. Alderley, no longer under the control of the Macclesfield Commissioner and other groups that had sprung up in Handforth, Chelford and Holmes Chapel, together with Wilmslow and Mobberley were linked together to make a new and quite separate District in the East Cheshire Scout County.

In their new District, Colin was appointed District Scoutmaster which he combined with his role as Group Scoutmaster with Wilmslow, leaving him with little time to continue leadership in Mobberley. Interest in

Scouting in Mobberley at this stage appears to have lessened if not temporarily expired. A Captain Helm came on the scene as a leader of the Boys Club which was established on land on Hall Bank, given by the then owner of Mobberley Old Hall, Miss Bishop.

A wooden hut was erected for their use. The Girl Guides, who later took over this building, were at that time meeting in outbuildings at Barclay Hall, then known as Mobberley New Hall. The Barclay family promoted Guiding in Mobberley and members of the Barclay family were in leadership there for some time. Also, two sisters from the Carver family who lived in the Old Hall before Miss Bishop were known to be Brown Owl and Tawny Owl in the Brownie Pack. It was somewhat later that Guides came to occupy the hut on Hall Bank. Meanwhile, Scouting in Mobberley at this point in history is shrouded in mystery.

Present day Warford Park, actually situated in Great Warford and previously home to Mobberley Boys School was initially the Open Air School, a Manchester institution. It is known that a Scout Group existed there and that in addition to normal Scouting activities, the Group had a sizeable Drum and Bugle Band. Whether local boys were allowed to be in membership at the School is not known.



Local people who came into prominence particularly in the 1930s and later were Dick Hulme who lived on Beech Hill, George Oatley who lived at 'Oakdene', Broad Oak Lane and Eric Neville who in later life lived in Pavement Lane. These three fellows were in leadership both with the village group and also at Margaret Barclay School. Links with 1<sup>st</sup> Wilmslow Group reduced during these pre-war years and apart from the Group's presence at the annual St George's Day parade and service, competition camps and special events embracing the King George V Silver Jubilee and the coronation of George VI, little has been recorded about them.

The Group did have its own premises, a wooden hut on Town Lane farm land, close by the Victory Hall. During the 1939-1945 war years, this building doubled up as the ARP Warden H.Q. This hut was later re-sited on land adjacent to the Victory Hall. In it there was a plaque in memory of Christopher Longridge, which is now to be seen in the Committee Room of the Victory Hall Memorial Club.

At some stage in this period the Group became dormant. Dick Hulme, a teacher at the Margaret Barclay School was able to keep the Margaret Barclay School Group running with the help of George Oatley, maintaining a membership of twenty plus boys. In October 1949 the Village Troop was reformed by Dick and at the 1950 census had sixteen members rising to twenty seven in 1952, which became a special year in the life of Mobberley Scouts so far.

The District St George's Day Parade and service, which had routinely been held either in Alderley Edge at St Philip's Church or in St Bartholomew's Church in Wilmslow for years, had a venue re-vamp. The District Scout Council decided that in consecutive years, Holmes Chapel, Chelford, Handforth, and Mobberley should take turns to organise the event. Holmes Chapel had a big town church with a gallery which was capable of accommodating the whole parade of

Cubs and Scouts. The other villages had problems which resulted in the sections being split up for the occasion, i.e. Cub Scouts being "Methodists" for the day and the Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rovers going to the Anglican church. In 1952 when it was Mobberley's turn to host the event, services were held at either end of Hall Lane and the parade of Cubs and Scouts marched into Barclay Park to have a special assembly with the Margaret Barclay School Group – quite an occasion. The service was taken by Rev H S Randle.

ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW & DISTRICT  
BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

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Thirty seventh Annual Report of the Executive Committee to be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 26th September 1950 at 8. p.m.

In reporting on the activities of the Association your Committee tenders thanks to our Scouters, Rovers and Senior Scouts for the admirable work they continue to do. This work is of real importance in building up the moral and social characteristics of our boys. The greater interest in our work is much appreciated and we welcome the support given by parents and particularly the Group and Ladies Committees. We are, however, still short of Seniors to assist in the training and games activities and an appeal is made to all old Scouts and others to assist in any way they can.

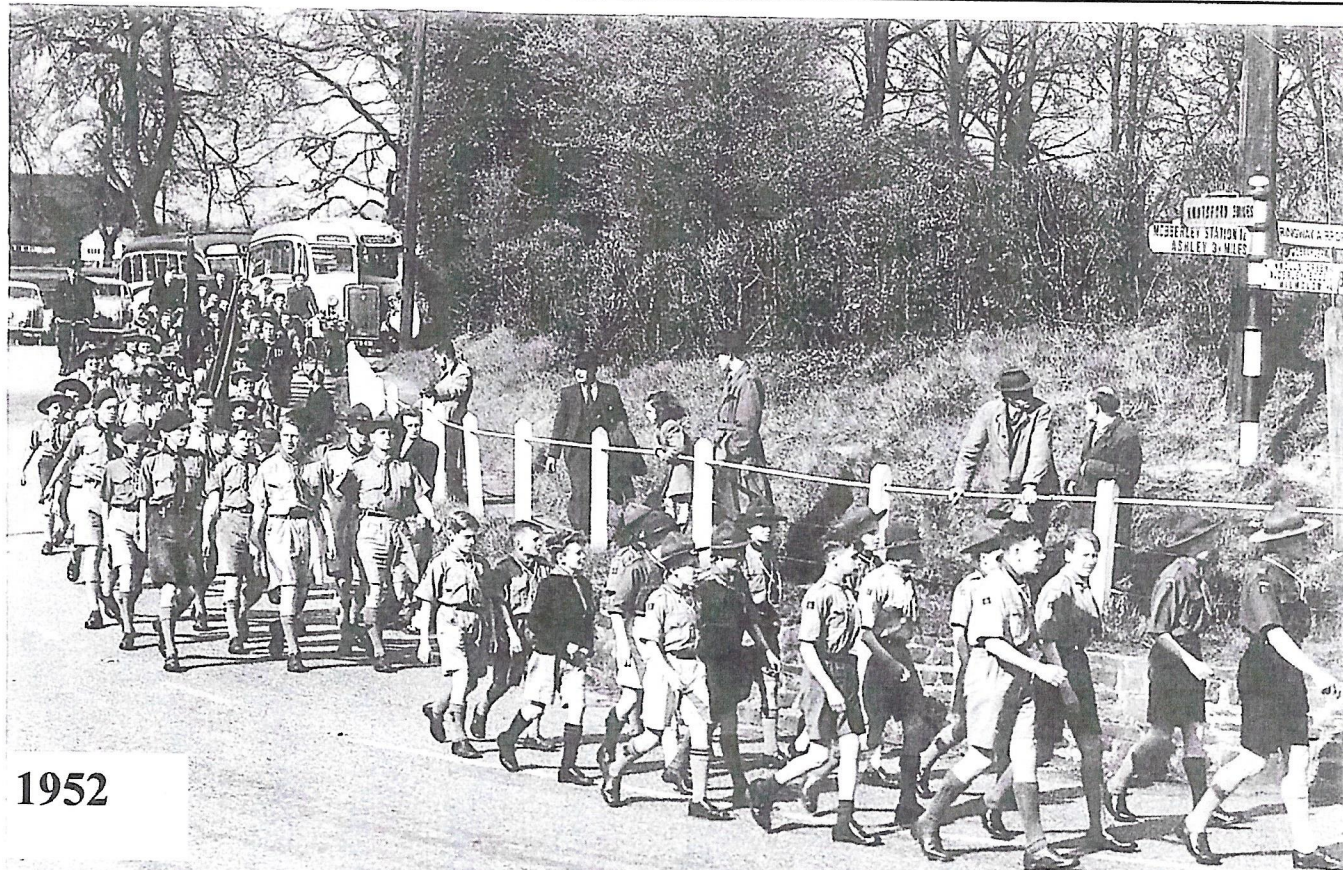
MEMBERSHIP

The following is a comparison of the membership of all the Groups forming the Association:-

	Total of all ranks 31st March 1949.	Total of all ranks 31st March 1950.
1st Chelford Group	17	14
2nd Alderley Edge Group	56	39
1st Alderley Edge Group	64	53
David Lewis Colony	51	52
1st Wilmslow Group	103	110
Margaret Barclay Group	24	27
Soss Moss School Group	21	23
1st Handforth Group	18	58
1st Mobberley Group	Formed October 1949	16
	<hr/> 354 <hr/>	<hr/> 392 <hr/>

The increased membership is gratifying to your Committee more particularly in connection with the newly formed Groups.

ST. GEORGES DAY.



1952

ALDERLEY EDGE, WILMSLOW & DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

To all Groups.

Instructions for St. George's Day Service.

The Association St. George's Day Parade will be held at Mobberey Parish Church on Sunday, April 20th, at 3 p.m. Groups will assemble at the Victory Hall, Mobberey, at 2.15 p.m. Correct uniform must be worn by all ranks, including the Scout Hat. Berets are only permissible providing all the members of the Senior Troop wear them. Colours will be carried, and the bearers, on reaching the Church, will remain in the Porch until told to proceed to the Chancel, and hand over their colours on the right knee, to the Chaplain. The order of the Parade will be as follows:-

Bands: Queens Colours: All Wolf Cub Packs:  
Mobberey Scouts and Senior Scouts:  
David Lewis Colony: Chelford: 2nd. Alderley:  
Wilmslow: 1st. Alderley: Handforth:  
Sonn Moss: Guides.

The Saluting Base is at Hall Bank, and the order will be eyes right. If transport is required, please contact Mr. Brooks the D.S.M. (Phone Alderley 3341). It is sincerely hoped you will use every endeavour to make this an excellent turn out, and get the maximum support from your parents and friends, who will be admitted to the service.

Yours sincerely,

Golin S. Jaffrey, D.C.

**1954 - 41st Annual Report of the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Boy Scouts Association**

"Bob a Job Week - Again it was necessary for the Chief Scout to ask all members of the Movement to earn two shillings per head to meet the needs of Imperial Headquarters which could not be met from income and the Committee are pleased to report that each Group raised its full quota.

Groups acted as sellers of the official programme in connection with the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II"

In the 1950s there was a general upsurge in the interest of Scouting and from a static membership of 350 or so in the District, within ten years the membership figures had increased to over 500. Gerald Brooks had been appointed Assistant District Commissioner for the Scout section and had devised a system of training for all the troops in the District to follow. Miss Cunliffe of Alderley Edge was so impressed by the idea that she presented a trophy to go to the most efficient Troop, who were tested over a period of two weekends in the Summer. All Troops were required to enter and whereas there was great enthusiasm amongst most, the reverse effect was felt in Mobberley where a leadership vacuum occurred due to Dick Hulme's retirement and the demolition of the ageing Scout Hut.



THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION  
County of East Cheshire



YEAR BOOK 1963

Medal of Merit - Harold Horry

**Local Set Up**

A Group covers Cubs, Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts

**Cubs** - ages 8 to 11 years are in charge of a Cubmaster (C.M.)

**Scouts** - ages 11 to 15 years, in charge of a Scoutmaster (S.M.)

**Seniors** - ages 15 to 18 years, in charge of a Senior scout Leader (S.S.L.)

**Rovers**—ages 18 to 24 years led by a Rover Scout Leader (R.S.L.)

Responsibility for the entire group rests with a Group Scout Master (G.S.M.)

**1965**

1st Mobberley met at "The Barn", Dukenfield Hall, Mobberley by kind permission of Colonel Teddy Morton. The GSM was A MacBrown. Meeting nights were: Cubs - Thursday, Scouts - Friday. Necker was Blue with Red edging.

Mobberley Cubs came 2nd in the Annual District Sports which were held on Saturday 24th July at Ryleys Playing Field, Harden Park, Alderley Edge

**1966**

**Wolf Cubs Jubilee Year**

Harold Horry was acting G.S.M. The Cubs gained the following badges: cyclist, entertainer, first aider and house orderly.

On 29th January we were among the 5,000 Cubs who cheered and clapped at a special Circus Rally at Belle-Vue.

On 18th June Cubs presented a Cub Cabaret and Coffee evening which was enjoyed by over 200 parents and friends.

**County Commissioners Challenge -**

"Each Patrol Leader should engage his patrol in a named activity each month from October 1965 to March 1966. Patrol Leaders accepted the challenge which consisted of a Night Adventure, Pioneering, a good turn, exploration, backwoods cooking and camping. The December challenge benefited the elderly in the District by having Scouts do their gardening, shopping and chopped firewood. Pioneering projects were interesting - free standing flagpoles, hoists, skylons, a ballista and rafts. Roast beef, baked potatoes, barbequed mushrooms, tomato and bacon followed by coffee, all prepared without utensils for the Backwoods Cooking Challenge. The Scouts even learned a novel way of boiling water. Take a Jaffa orange, cut off the top, scoop out the fruit, dry and fill with water, boil on a hot ember fire".

**1967**

1st Mobberley won the District Sports Trophy on 22nd July and visited the Chief Scouts Rally at Devisdale on 20th May 1967. The Chief Scout was Sir Charles Maclean. Despite a very wet weekend the Scouts enjoyed many activities including archaeology, canoe building, car maintenance, casualty simulation, folk dancing, golf, instant cooking, judo, model car track, mountain craft, obstacle course, offbeat pioneering, sea scouting, scout cars, ski slope, weather station, weight lifting, trampolines and various shows by the Army and the Air Force. These were followed by a Sunset Show and the Alderley District Scout Band performed just before flag down.

## 1968

Colin Jaffrey retired as District Commissioner but remained GSL of 1st Wilmslow and Chairman of the BP Guild. Harold Horry took over the position of District Commissioner.

Cub Scout Section included the Bronze, Silver and Gold arrow, the Scout section's basic skills were covered by the Scout Standard, Advanced Standard and the Chief Scout's Award. This would then be followed by the Venture Award which would be achieved as a member of Venture Scouts (aged 16 to 20). The final and most coveted award was to be the Queen's Scout Award which would be presented at Windsor on St George's Day.

### Situations Vacant

(appeared in the issue of Scout 1969)

**YOUNG MEN WANTED** - aged 18—30 who seek creative and absorbing spare time activity involving young people. Must be fond of open air life. Camping and climbing ability an advantage. Guaranteed 100% job satisfaction.

**LADIES** - interested in helping to look after 24-30 boys aged 8-11 years, one evening per week required in most localities. Pleasant relief from housework and husbands.

## 1969

Saw the introduction of "Scoutabout" a programme of events to encourage recruitment of adults.

Mobberley held a Scout & Guide bonfire party on 5<sup>th</sup> November at Dukenfield Hall and a Cheese & Wine evening on 7<sup>th</sup> November at Mobberley Cricket Club.

There was also a cabaret show called "Boy-O-Boy", an all boy cabaret show with a cast of 100.

## 1970 - Extract from Scoutabout 70

"The Cub Pack was thriving but the Scout troop was dormant due to lack of leadership.

No Scout Group enjoys the use of premises with such a Scouty atmosphere. A beautiful reproduction of the famous portrait of Baden-Powell by Jaeger, in oils, hangs in the spacious lofty 19<sup>th</sup> century barn at Dukenfield Hall. The rough brick walls, exposed roof timbers and the trophies of some long departed hunter seem to awaken the magic of Scouting's early history. In these premises each Monday evening throughout the year, apart from the darkest and coldest of winter evenings, a very thriving Cub Pack meet. They carry out a very full programme of activities and enjoy Cub Scouting par excellence. At this moment in time however, the boy who reaches the age of 11¼ must either leave or travel 4 - 6 miles to take part in Scouting activities.

New equipment and good quality tents lie idle, boys who have found enjoyment in collective activity in the Cubs now find gaps in their free time that Scouting could easily fill. With premises, equipment and finances available new Scouters would find their task of leadership so much easier. This picture of 1971 could be so different if someone would volunteer.

An Extension Group for physically handicapped children which meets every Thursday in the grounds or premises attached to the Mobberley Hall. Originally evacuated from Manchester at the outbreak of War in 1939 it has become part of the Cheshire scene and taken the name of one of Cheshire's well known Guide Commissioners. If one is unaccustomed to the needs of children with such severe handicaps it is hard to imagine the way in which Scouting must be conducted. Most, if not all of the boys rely on a wheel chair for mobility and the greater part of training given by Scouters is only possible with assistance from the nursing staff. An evening of slides or "home movies" of camps etc. with a "camp fire" to close really makes them feel part of the great family of Scouts."

## 1971 - Extracts from the Pack Log Book of the Margaret Barclay School, Mobberley Hall Cub Scouts

**September 16th** - We practised the Grand Howl. This caused some merriment when they realised they were allowed to shout as hard as they could.

**September 30th** - A lovely evening which we spent entirely out of doors..... Michael spotted two baby rabbits eating grass so we stalked as close as we could to observe....

**October 7th** - Skip and the Scouts joined the meeting at 6.30 and we had a presentation to Akela Chapman, a picture bought by the boys, in appreciation for all her work with the boys.

**October 14th** - The Rev Eric Challener came to see us and Ian & Richard performed a mime on window cleaning. They both passed their miming test.

**October 21st**

We had a game of Soldiers & Brigands which turned out to be the most popular.

**1971 - Extracts from the Pack Log Book of the Margaret Barclay School, Mobberley Hall Cub Scouts**

October 28th - All the Cubs washed their own scarves.

November 11th - The Cubs listened to a bit of 'the Cub Scout Handbook' on a record.

December 2nd - We divided into sixes and had a quiz 'Top of the Form' style. The Cubs then chose to play Bean Bag Bombs which was very hilarious.

**1972 - Extracts from the Pack Log Book of the Margaret Barclay School, Mobberley Hall Cub Scouts**

January 13th - The Cubs were in good form for their first meeting of term and had noticed that Akela had put their East Cheshire badges on during the holidays.....

January 20th - We played a game of guessing the hidden objects under beakers..... We learned how to tie a reef knot.

February 17th - All 9 Cubs were present for the first time this term. We had a lively game of lifeboats and after that we tackled the subject of home safety. We all struck matches the correct way.

9th March - Tonight we concentrated on 'know your District'. The Blue Six were given a list of things to find, ie. fire extinguishers in the phone book while Yellow Six learned how to use the phone in an emergency.

17th March - Owing to ill health, this term's work has got a bit behind, only one out of 9 meetings were all present. Nevertheless they have all worked hard and got a lot of fun out of their 'Cubbing'.

29th June - We went off to the woods for a campfire! The Cubs were told what wood to collect and all tried hard to break it up. Roy & Richard picked the site and cleared it with sticks. We soon had a splendid fire going and then enjoyed some soup.

20th July

The 9th Annual District sports of the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Scout Council were held on the Fison's Sports Ground in Holmes Chapel.

7 Cubs and 2 Scouts went to the 9th District Sports at Holmes Chapel. It was a glorious day. We spent the afternoon cheering the Mobberley pack.

We had ice creams and gallons of squash and lots of people came to talk to us. The District Commissioner, Harold Horry asked if we would like a special race and 1st Handforth came to push for a chariot race. It was very exciting and fast.

After the race we all piled back into the brake to set back to school.

Britt entertained us with songs on the way home.



THE ninth annual district sports of the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Scout Council, were held on Saturday at the Fison's Sports Ground, Holmes Chapel. The Waxing Shield was won by the 1st Handforth Group Cub Scouts and the 1st Wilmslow Group Scouts, gained the Scout Trophy. John Harding of the 1st Chelford Venture Group won the Venture Individual prize and the group prize went to the 1st Wilmslow Group.

Cub totals: 1st Handforth 84; 1st Lindow 68; 1st Holmes Chapel 57; 1st Chelford 49; 5th Wilmslow 37; Alderley Edge 33; Wilmslow 45; 5th Wilmslow 26; 2nd Handforth 26; 1st Mobberley 26; Alderley Edge 24; 1st Chelford 10. Individual venture totals: John Harding 36; Andrew Leese 12; Andrew Fielding 8. Scout totals: 1st Wilmslow 106;



Dick Hulme and George Oatley retire from Scouting.

**1973**

The Margaret Barclay Troop visited the Swimming Gala and the County Rally and took part in the District Sports.

Mrs Jay Paul became ACSL and David Paul ASL. The Cub Scout membership increased and two Gold Arrows were awarded. The Scout Troop were now the proud owners of their own fibreglass canoes.

1973 - 9 Scouts & Cubs went with Akela and Baloo to Mobberley Old Hall and had a fabulous afternoon. 1st Mobberley Cubs looked after us and pushed chairs around. We listened to Mr Horry introducing Dr Wilkinson who opened the Fete and then we spent our money on the various stalls and the Tombola. We won lots of trophies. 5 Goldfish were acquired in plastic bags from one competition and the younger ones enjoyed some donkey rides.

9<sup>th</sup> July 73

on Saturday all the cubs and scouts went to the Old Hall, and there were some other cubs and and Scouts there as well, and we had some money to spend, and there was some cubs to push us round.  
 I won a fish and some of the other cubs had a ride on a donkey then I had a go on the Tombola and I won a car with a thermometer on it and when we got back MR PARR put the fish in to the fish pond

On Saturday some venshur Scouts came, and they song songs and did some plays and they did a play a Bawt School, and it was funny and they song The nashural hamthum and they song a song about I am getting Manil in the Morning, and some of the ranchur Girls came as well and the song some songs one of them we new, and wen it finished David and Burney made a spech, and then it finished and we all went down two out Bed Room and then we had our super.





Scouts and helpers at one of the stalls.

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**THE FIRST** Mobberley Scout Group held its first garden party in the grounds of the Old Hall, Hall Lane, Mobberley.

More than 250 people attended the event and the scouts realised £126 for their funds.

Dr. J. F. Wilkinson, president of the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Scout Council, opened the event and Mr Harold Horry, the district commissioner, carried out the introductions.

The Margaret Barclay School, Scout Group and brownies helped with the games, and at the stalls.

The fancy dress competition was won by Miss K. Baker and Miss J. Gregory.

Mobberley's rose queen, Miss Dianne Norbury officiated at a competition. One of the high lights of the afternoon was a display by the Mobberley Senior Girls Morris Dancing team, who gave a good demonstration of timing and movement.

The Garden party at the Old Hall

**15th November -**

PC Mayers, our village policeman came to visit. He showed the Cubs all over his patrol car and took all the signs etc out of the boot. They listened to his radio and he told them all about his work and showed us his truncheon and his handcuffs. He put the handcuffs on Carl!

**1974 - St George's Day Parade—Sunday 28th April**

St Phillips Church, Alderley Edge was packed with Scouts, Cubs and their leaders. We sang some favourite hymns and we all renewed our Promise led by a Cub & Scout from 1st Mobberley standing on the steps with the DC Harold Horry. The Bishop of Stockport preached the sermon. New District colours were dedicated at the close of the service to the late Colin Jaffery, whose death during the year was a sad loss to the District.

**1974 - May 18th - Cheshire County Rally - Oulton Park -**

The Chief Scout visits 8,000 at camp. Nearly 3,000 will camp and another 5,000 members will visit. Today we met the Chief Scout, Sir William Gladstone, great grandson of the Liberal Prime Minister. At about 3pm all the Cubs and Scouts assembled. The Chief Scout spoke to all the Cubs and shook each one by the left hand. The County Commissioner also spoke to us all and we had yet another photograph taken in the rain! Everyone gave the Chief Scout three cheers.

SCOUTS SEE NEW CHIEF



John Horry of 1st Mobberley Scout Troop meets the Chief Scout.



**1974**

Membership: Cubs 20 Scouts 1

Leaders: Philip Van (Acting GSL), Jean Vann (CSL), Jay Paul (ACSL) A Dean (ACSL), David Paul (ASL) - Chairman - Lt. Col. Teddy Morton

Scouts were now firmly established under this leadership. The Group won a prize at the Rose Queen Festival for disguising a Landrover as Stephenson's Rocket, complete with top hatted and dirty faced engine driver.

**July 1974—Youth Service at Mobberley**

A new Cub flag was dedicated for the Margaret Barclay Pack

**1975**



The Margaret Barclay School— Cub Pack—July 1975

**Margaret Barclay Group**

S.L. - J Woodcock,  
 CSL - Elizabeth Orford,  
 ACSL - Jean Mottershead

The Margaret Barclay School for spastic children was accommodated in the spacious Mobberley New Hall, one time home of the Barclay family from which it took its name.

Thursday evening was Scout evening. The Cub Scouts under the leadership of Elizabeth Orford and Jean Mottershead regularly enjoyed a full programme of activity organised to suit. This is followed by an equally absorbing programme for the Scout section supervised by Joe Woodcock.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 1975 changes were made in municipal boundaries. The East Cheshire County Scout Council was divided with 55% of the membership moving into Greater Manchester East, 20% into Greater Manchester West and moving the balance, including Macclesfield, Alderley Edge and Knutsford into a smaller but unified Cheshire.

**Greater Manchester West - Cub Day - Dunham Park  
 Britt Rae 'quenching the fire'**



**1975**

Saw the Scout troop regularly joining with Alderley Edge for joint programmes and the Cubs enjoyed a pack holiday at Hathersage and a Sixer & Seconder Camp

Margaret Barclay enjoyed visits from other groups, including the Handforth Venture Unit who together with the Ranger guides put on a show for the school as a whole. The troop took part in the 'paper chase'. One of the boys, Michael Reilly was chosen to attend the parade at Windsor on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

ANNUAL CENSUS  
31st March, 1975 31st March, 1976

	31st March, 1975					31st March, 1976						
	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Venture Scouts	Instructors	Scouters	Group Total	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Venture Scouts	Instructors	Scouters	Group Total
Alderley Edge	41	52	12	2	7	114	41	44	10	2	7	108
1st Chelford	18	26	-	-	5	50	25	21	-	-	5	52
1st Goostrey	29	-	-	-	2	31	31	23	-	-	5	62
1st Handforth	71	38	7	5	10	131	75	33	3	8	11	130
2nd Handforth	24	12	-	1	4	41	17	-	-	-	-	20
1st Holmes Chapel	23	18	-	2	5	48	36	32	-	-	5	73
1st Lindow (St. John's)	50	42	-	7	7	108	53	32	-	8	9	102
Margaret Barclay Sch.	6	-	-	-	3	15	5	-	-	-	-	16
Soss Moss School	-	14	-	-	1	15	dormant	-	-	-	-	-
1st Wilmslow	60	50	7	3	12	132	62	52	6	2	13	135
3rd Wilmslow	63	20	-	3	9	95	47	37	-	3	6	93
4th Wilmslow												
(United Reformed)	36	15	3	1	4	59	32	22	7	5	3	69
5th Wilmslow	35	18	-	3	4	60	23	7	-	2	6	38
6th Wilmslow	14	6	-	2	4	26	20	30	-	1	4	55
Totals	496	330	29	31	81	967	488	362	26	36	89	1001

GROWTH RATE 5% INCREASE ON 1975

A REMARKABLE MAN

Dr. John Frederick Wilkinson, elected in April 1976 for his sixth term of office as President of the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Scout Council, is a remarkable man. He has many claims to fame — his biography occupies a large slice of Who's Who, covering an eventful life over more than threequarters of a century. And it is possible that he is the oldest surviving Scout with continuous service since joining the Movement nearly 69 years ago, surely an unbeaten record. As the D.C. said at the A.G.M.: "We are proud of our President."

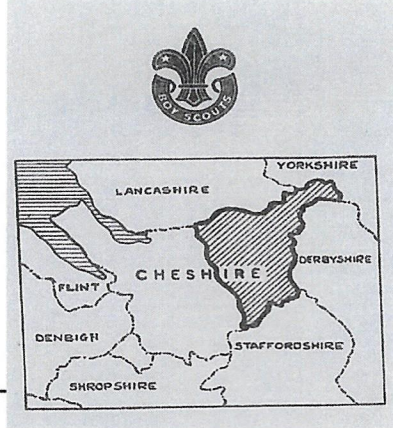
1976

CUB SCOUT DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

**Harold Horry** - Received the Silver Acorn award for his involvement in Scouting for over 30 years. His tremendous enthusiasm for the movement and his contribution to the District was recognised at the St George's Day Parade by the presentation of a surprise gift, a table cloth embroidered with over one thousand names of Scouts and Officers in the District.



Harold Horry



The Scout County of Cheshire now covered the area of Alderley Edge, Chelford, Chorley, Cranage, Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, Marthall, Mobberley, Mottram St Andrew, Nether Alderley, Over Alderley, Snelson, Swettenham, Twemlow, Warford, Wilmslow and Lower Withington.

President was Dr John F Wilkinson of Mobberley Old Hall.

The Cub section was run by Audrey O'Connor, Cynthia Wilson, Mrs K Currie and Mrs P Brown



The Great Sausage Sizzle with 5th Bowdon - 1st July 1976



Duncan & Steve surveying the 53 foot sausage

**1976** - contd..

Margaret Barclay Cubs continued to thrive under the leadership of Elizabeth Orford. Jean Mottershead resigned as ACSL.

Cubs (14) participated in the 'Mini Jamboree' held on Autumn Saturday where the Cubs depicted dress, scene and activity of the country of their choice.

The Scout troop (25) was now thriving . Summer camp was spent in Scotland with Alderley Edge troop. Group funds were greatly assisted by the collection of waste paper by the boys.



(Picture by courtesy of the Wilmslow Advertiser)

Harold Horry's leadership as District Commissioner was recognised by the District on Sunday, 25th April, 1976 by a special gift — a tablecloth embroidered with the signatures of over 1000 cubs, scouts and officers. For once, the D.C. was lost for words as the District's newest cub recruit, Andrew Mooney of 3rd Wilmslow (centre) presented him with the surprise gift in front of scouts and cubs assembled for the St. George's Day Parade. All groups helped with the embroidery work over a period of many months, with Amy Shepherd co-ordinating the project.

**1977**

The award of the Cornwell Scout Badge (the Scout VC) to Ian Wallhead, PL at Margaret Barclay School Troop for courage and endurance marked a high point in the history of the School Troop. Dr John Wilkinson "Wilkie", our President, was awarded a further degree, a Doctorate of Science and the Silver Acorn. Amy and Harold Shepherd were the Scout leaders and unfortunately the Cub Pack became dormant.

Mobberley Scout troop thriving with four patrols. Summer camp was enjoyed along with Alderley Edge in Scotland. Both Cubs and Scouts took part in the Mobberley Rose Queen Festival.

**Pat on the back for Scout chief - and for Scouting**

ALDERLEY Scout District Commissioner Harold Horry was praised on two counts at the Scout Council's annual meeting last Tuesday: First for his qualities of leadership, and second for his literary abilities!

His annual report was described by the president, Dr John Wilkinson, as "a model of its kind".

"I think it should be printed and circulated all round the district so that everyone could read this concise and eloquent summary of what Scouting means to the area," he said.

In the report, Mr Horry said the resurgence of Scouting among Venture Scouts was cause for encouragement and he expressed pleasure at the

increased number of Scouts gaining the Chief Scout Award.

He said that the Cubs' section was the largest and most lively, and that 48 Cubs had obtained Gold Arrow awards. The lack of adult leaders was the greatest single hindrance to further expansion.

Scouting with the handicapped was progressing well, he said, noting that the Margaret Barclay troop (adopted by 6th Wilmslow) was flourishing.

The Wilmslow Guild Fellowship was increasing in interest. Mr Andie Tait had acted as camp quartermaster during a visit by Danish Scouts to Barnswood Camp; Mr Wilf Bagshaw had visited Canada and returned with

mementoes of Canadian Scouting; and Mr Len Jackson had completed 60 years with the movement.

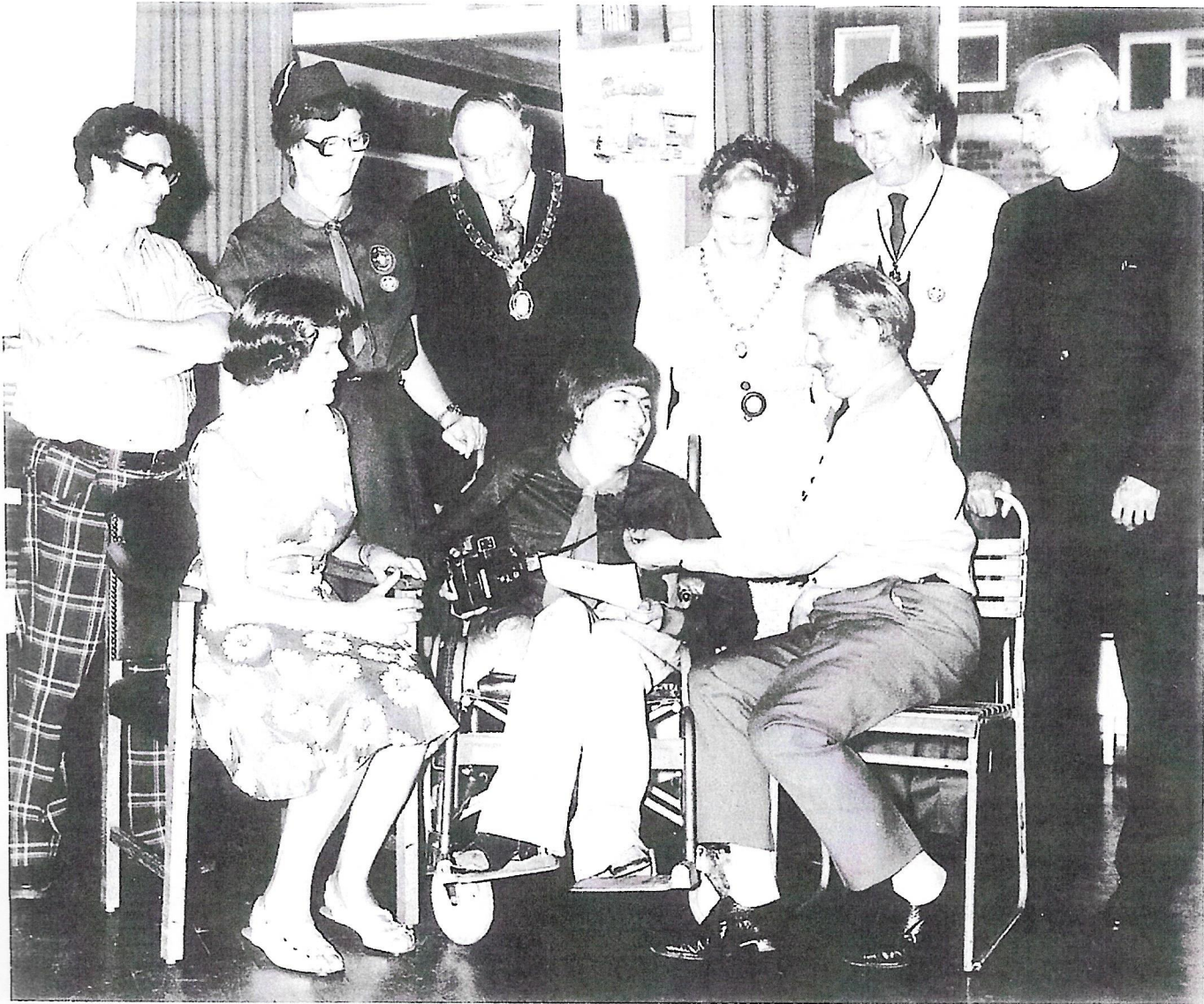
The Deputy Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr. Fred Atkinson, was a guest at the meeting, and he promised his continuing support, saying how impressed he had been with the work of the past year.

Similar compliments were expressed by Dr Wilkinson, who said the packed programme of future events filled him with excitement and pleasure.

During the election of officers, Mr Tom Normanton, MP, was elected as the new vice-chairman of the district.

**1977**

*Ian Wallhead, PL at Margaret Barclay Troop received the Cornwell Scout Badge for courage and endurance*



The Cornwell Scout Badge—the Scout VC—was awarded to 15 year old Ian Wallhead, a patrol leader in the Margaret Barclay School Troop at Moberley. Ian, whose home was in Hattersley, Hyde, received the award from County Commissioner, Hugh Gorton. Ian has had more than 20 operations and is confined to a wheelchair. Ian has amazing courage and will-power and was a source of inspiration and courage to the other children at the school.

His Scout leader, Joe Woodcock said that despite Ian's illness he demonstrated leadership to such an extent that his patrol appointed him as their patrol leader over two years ago. Ian had been a sixer in the Cub pack and he always set a high standard for his six and was always courteous and kind. He gained a bronze arrow badge and artist badge in Cubs and held the Scout standard award, librarian and artist badges. Mr Bernard Mayers, Chairman of the B-P Guild presented Ian with a camera saying that this was a gift from the Guild to commemorate the award. The Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Scout Band put on a special performance of marching and playing in Ian's honour.

**REFLECTIONS ON A JUMBLE SALE - Nigel Porter (Cambridge)**

Well how would you like to help with THE JUMBLE SALE at the Victory Hall next year? These words were spoken by Barbara Horry some 20 years ago as I was staying with Harold and Barbara at their house Barithon during the summer of 1977. This was followed by YOU WILL LOVE IT and so I have. So on that first Friday night a year later before the sale on the Saturday, Barbara and I drove with her car full of jumble (most likely Better Wear!) to the Victory Hall to a sight that took my breath away, I had been used to a jumble sale of fairly modest amounts of stuff but here was a mountain of black bags and all sorts of things piled high in the small room of the Hall.

Barbara then introduced me to her merry band of helpers with "this is my friend from London he has come all the way to help." So began the ritual of first putting up tables and the rails for the clothes followed by the opening of the bags and what treasure was found! It never seemed to stop coming in, the stage became full, the tables were full and yet it still came. What struck me very hard was how everybody got on with the job chatting away and calling out "Barbara" or more often "Nurse" every so often and Barbara greeting people with "Hi Love." It seemed to me that I had been added to a kind of family all here for the good of the Scouts and Guides but having a kind of party while sorting out the jumble.

The day of the jumble sale Barbara asked if I would go on the Stage to help Ernie Buckley who I had met with his wife the night before as she needed the men to help out there. So from the advantage of the stage I watched as Harold took the money at the door at the other end of the hall and the tide of people rushed towards us; it was a sight that still every year is amazing. The next hour or so passed with people wanting to buy this or that. When it was all over and the hall cleared Barbara said "so will you be coming next year?" And I said "Oh yes, I was hooked."

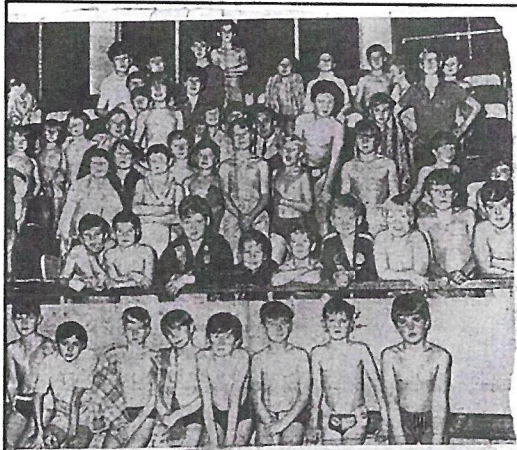
Since that first jumble sale I have only missed at the most two sales. I have met an amazing group of people over the years, mostly people from Mobberley, and it has been a great privilege to have known so many lovely and friendly people who year after year greet me each year as though I have never been away. It is also sad that so many helpers who I met in the early days are no longer with us and I find myself remembering them when I come to the hall. There is something very special about the jumble sale: the way people from all walks of life come to help in so many ways and pick up from the last year as though it had been last week and also the regulars who come every year to the sale who buy similar stuff (they must have big sheds).

Finally I have to say a word about Barbara, for without her the jumble would be very different. She has such drive and energy over the jumble sale, the organising, the running of it, the sheer stimulation that she gives off to other people is simply amazing and you cannot help being caught up in it. Long may it continue.

**1978**

There were now 20 Cubs and 14 Scouts. The Group also had 2 Venture Scouts.

Brian Tillotson of 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow took over the leadership of the Margaret Barclay Scout section in conjunction with running 6<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow troop. The Cub pack was still dormant.



**Alderley swim to Group Trophy at scout gala**

Three hundred and fifty enthusiastic swimmers took part in the Alderley swim to Group Trophy at scout gala. The event was held at the Alderley Sports Centre and was a great success. The swimmers were from various clubs and schools in the area. The trophy was presented to the winning team by the Scout Group.

**1979**

3 Scout teams entered the Cheshire Hike and were then looking forward to tackling the Cleveland Way.

District President, Dr John Wilkinson, having been involved in the movement for 71 years recalled that he took his first Scout Promise in 1908.

He attended a training camp at Gilwell Park led by Lord Baden-Powell. Dr Wilkinson came away from that camp determined to train more leaders in the movement. He set up the first training camp in the world outside of Gilwell, in Alderley.



Jeremy & Gareth Moores  
Jean & Philip Vann  
John Horry  
Stephen Thorpe

**Scouts complete 105-mile trek**

Venture Scouts and Scouts from 1st Mobberley have just completed a 105 miles hike across the Cleveland Way, North Yorkshire, with their leaders for their group summer expedition. The Scouts began their hike with five travelling by rail to Thirsk and three taking a landrover which was used as a back-up vehicle during the hike. The 105 miles were covered in six days travelling an average of 16 miles, but on one day 20 miles were covered. Stephen Thorpe was responsible for driving the landrover as well as finding sites and pitching the tents which served as overnight accommodation. Some of the Scouts taking part are pictured above with the landrover (left to right back) Philip Vann, group leader, Jeremy Moore, Stephen Thorpe, Mrs Christable Vann, cub leader. Front Gareth Moore and John Horry. Mr David Paul also helped lead the party and Venture Scout Andrew Paul also took part.

**1980**

The Group now had 6 Venture Scouts.

The future of Margaret Barclay Troop came under threat with the resignation of Brian Tillotson but fortunately the Venture Scouts of 4<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow along with Brian Barton and John Eddie came to the rescue.

Mobberley Venture Unit walked the Cleveland Way and sailed the Cheshire Canal. Alasdair Seaton and Andrew Paul gained their chief Scout's Award, the first in the group and the Cubs took part in the annual Rose Queen Festival.

**1981**

Alderley District fixed its identity by issuing the now familiar District Badge and Alderley Group celebrated 70 years of Scouting. The Venture Scouts took part in the Tinker Trophy which took the form of a night exercise won by Alderley Wizards but Mobberley came second.

Margaret Barclay troop reformed after a break of six months under the leadership of Jean Stokes.

The Mobberley troop now progressed to three sections, now having 7 Venture Scouts. Jeremy Moores, a previous Venture Scout, took on the role of ACSL. The Scouts enjoyed a cooking competition against Mobberley Guides and won and the Cubs hiked to Styal Mill and enjoyed a Christmas presentation for their parents. There were several entries in the Cheshire hike and another float was entered in the Rose Queen

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# THOUSANDS MARKED 75 YEARS OF SCOUTING

THEY came in their thousands to race, sing and cheer, but most of all to celebrate 75 years of Scouting.

Of every age and size Clubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts from 10 districts throughout Cheshire gathered at Tatton Park in Knutsford last weekend for a major county rally.

But despite being an overall success, the event was marred by the death of 12-year-old Terence Pierce, who drowned in an out-of-bounds mere.

**Chief Scout**

The young Scout from Brookdale, Hough Green, Widnes, had taken a home-made raft on to the water when he panicked, and either fell or jumped in. His body was recovered nearly five hours later by frogmen.

The tragedy occurred in Melchett Mere as one of the major highlights of the weekend was taking place — the visit of the Chief Scout, Major General Michael Walsh, who arrived in a helicopter to the delight of the young boys.

But it was a far from a "dying" visit. The major spent most of the Saturday afternoon with the troops watching Cubs and Scouts enjoying the activities.

With 1982 being officially "The Year of the Scout" the organizers were determined

to make the event one to remember.

By Friday evening many of the districts, which included scouts from Knutsford, Alderley Edge, Handforth, Wilmslow, Warrington, Runcorn, Northwich, Winsford and High Legh, had started to arrive.

Camp fires burned brightly, and on one case a little too brightly, when a gas bottle leaked, setting fire to a tent. Luckily its occupants escaped without injury with the canvas being the only victim.

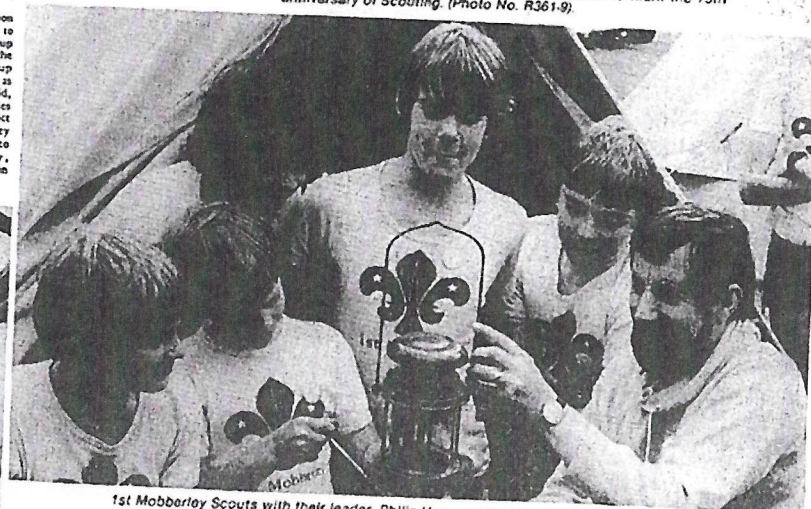
By Saturday all the Scouts were looking forward to the day's activities which included canoeing, sailing, hot air ballooning, special courses, chess and raft races and para-gliding.

Into Sunday, and the activities and the Scouts were still going strong until the memorable event: was brought to a close with the traditional flag-down ceremony.

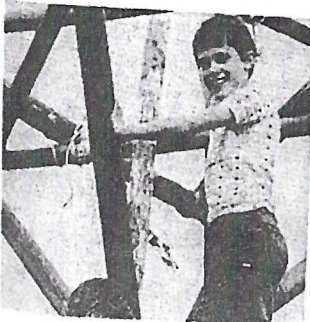
By Monday afternoon Tatton Park was back to normal after the clean-up campaign by members of the Knutsford Scout Group whose members such as chairman Ken Hatfield, district commissioner Gus Harper, and assistant district commissioner Bas Mortley had worked so hard to organise the rally, preparation for which began in 1979.



The Chief Scout, Major General Michael J. Walsh (third from the left) listens to the welcoming speeches at the county rally in Tatton Park last weekend to mark the 75th anniversary of Scouting. (Photo No. R361-9)



1st Mobberley Scouts with their leader, Phillip Vann, on the right. (Photo No. R361-3)



**1982**

**10 DISTRICTS FROM CHESHIRE GATHERED IN TATTON PARK TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF SCOUTING**





1st Mobberley at the County Rally —Tatton Park—July 1982

John Horry, Jeremy Moores, Andrew Prosser, Brian Edge, Andrew Baguley, Richard Buxton, Jonathan Conroy, Anthony Barker, Andrew Prosser, Lee Ward, Stuart Brown, Ernie Buckley (Camp cook), David Boswell, Jean Vann (CSL), Steven Pike, Michael Barker, Howard Goostrey, Jonathan Baguley, Robert Buckley, Alisdair Seaton, Mike Brighthouse, Jonathan Crimes, Tony Ward, Scout Leader - Philip Vann, Andrew McKillop, Philip Barker

## 1981

As a Mum, Viv Pike can reflect on her young son Steven, in Cub Scout uniform, armed with rake and hoe and running into the yard at Dukenfield Hall to join the rest of the Cubs to weed the tennis courts for Colonel Morton, doing a good turn in return for the Cubs and Scouts being able to have the use of the grounds and purpose built campsite at the rear of the hall, complete with camp oven, campfire circle and lake for canoeing.

Christmas time was particularly memorable when the Cubs put on a show for all the parents.

**REFLECTIONS OF A CAMP COOK - Ernie Buckley**

1st Moberley Scouts favourite campsite was Tidnock Wood, Marton.

The boys had gone to a great deal of trouble to make this site both permanent and an ideal layout. To the cook, the best thing was a fixed log table, working height, plus log benches and stands for various cooking items and a "big plus" a working camp oven.

Each Patrol had their own area and campfire and they cooked their own breakfast with the help of one Senior Scout who watched over the proceedings. Twice during camps the Senior Sout, losing patience, managed to show the way and overturned the pan into the fire. Luckily, a back up was always available in the kitchen.

During activities, orange juice and chocolate biscuits were available in camp and the route between each of the activities always seemed to come past the site. Lunch was generally cold, but nothing ever seemed to be left over.

More activities, more orange juice and more biscuits.

The evening meal, by request, was always stew with lashings of bread and at least two helpings each.

Comments:

"Will you teach my Mum to make stew like this" (collecting third helping)!

" I wish you were my Mum, she can't cook like this" (again on third helping) (This comment we kept off the record)

During the sing-song round the main campfire, the camp oven was put to good use. Baked potatoes! served with butter, along with a large mug of cocoa. The more we did, the more they ate (it's impossible to fill up a Scout at outdoor camp).

Strange how "Top Brass" so often appeared about then to make sure all was well ("Oh well, I wouldn't mind a small one, anyone lend me a plate?").

Two o'clock in the morning - screams from Tent No.1. An earwig has crawled into my ear!!! Panic all round. Comment from Tent No.2 - it must be a space invader! From Tent No.3 - Turn him on his side and it will drop right through. Shake him and you will hear it rattle around!.

**75th Anniversary Camp, Tatton Park**

It was like living in an ants' nest, Scouts rushing about everywhere. I missed the camp kitchen and tried to make do. Stew was o.k. but there were no baked potatoes.

The activities were called off mid afternoon and everyone was summoned to return to their sub camp for a head count. Fatalities were feared on one of the lake activities. All, but two report back, Rob and Steve. Panic rained for a while until they both strolled into camp for orange and biscuits (they never heard a thing!). Then it was Skip's turn to sit down for tea (strong, two sugars please).

Packing up the following morning the Scouts detailed to take the loo buckets to a certain point to be emptied. Lid on tight? Off up between the lines of tents. One Scout trips over a guy rope and the contents were spread neatly over the end tent - The District Commissioner's tent!

Wonderful days, wonderful times - unfortunately Anno Domini says 'NEVER TO RETURN' - for me at least.

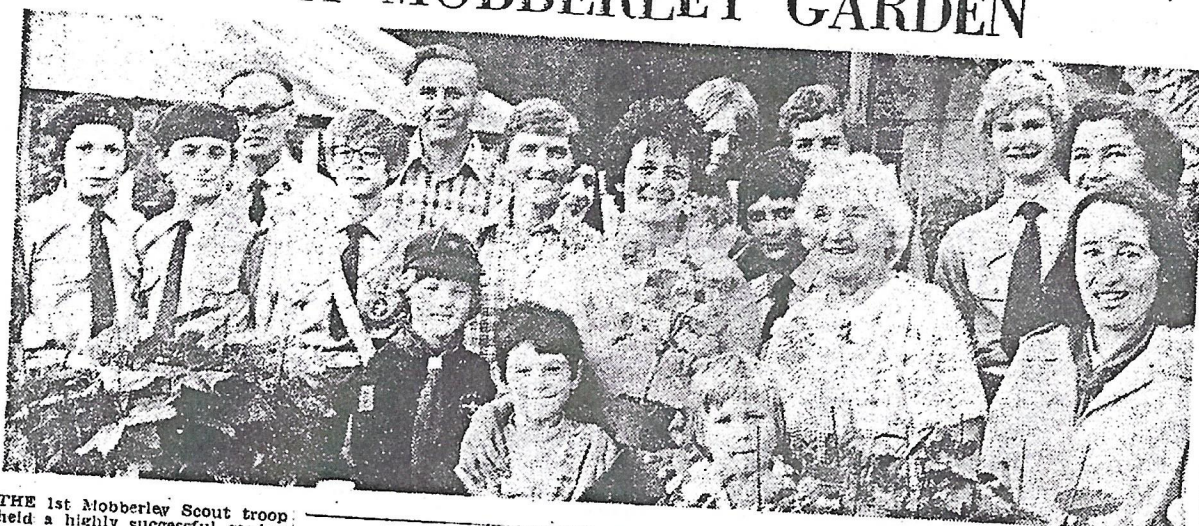
## 1982

The Margaret Barclay troop was thriving under the joint leadership of Jean and Alan Stokes. Jean and Philip Vann were each awarded their Wood Badge. C Haliday became ASL.

The Cubs held a very successful Activity Day at The Barn. The Group were so lucky to have such a wonderful venue, with its own pond for canoeing, campsite for fires and tent pitching. Summer camp was enjoyed at Barnswood and teams entered in the Cheshire Hike. Unfortunately the numbers of Venture Scouts fell due to lack of leadership.

The "Year of the Scout" had been memorable for the Mobberley Scout troop with many events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Scouting. The troop, together with Cubs attended the County Rally and everyone had a great camp. The climax of the year was the presentation of the new Mallory Badge, two Chief Scout awards and the presentation of two Thanks Badges, to Barbara Horry and to Teddy Morton for their assistance to the Group over many years.

## IN A MOBBERLEY GARDEN



THE 1st Mobberley Scout troop held a highly successful garden party recently at 'Barithon', Hall Lane, Mobberley, the home of the district commissioner, Mr Harold Horry.

The many stalls did a roaring trade, especially the plant stall, which was run by Mrs A. Smith. The good as new stall and the oak stall were also very successful and contributed to the fine total of £153 which was realised for the scouts' funds.

Several games were set up on the lawn and strawberries and cream were served later in the evening.

The district scout band provided music.

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## 1983

This year saw the awarding of 7 Scout Standards at the Margaret Barclay Troop. Several boys achieved the Musicians Badge and the Artists Badge but sadly the school was under threat of closure, a tragedy for the boys who would lose a unique combination of school, residential care and of course, Scouting.

Summer camp for the Mobberley troop was held at Tidnock Wood, a popular venue.

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## Scouts get their badge

Cubs and Scouts of the 1st Moberley group proudly display their new emblem. They are pictured with Scouters Phillip and Jean Vann. (SA24/6).

SCOUTERS Jean and Phillip Vann of 1st Moberley, hosted an evening at the group's headquarters, Dukenfield Hall, Moberley, when the new Group Badge was presented.

The group is the first to have its own Group Badge in the Alderley District, and each boy was presented with the badge by Mr Harold Horry, the district commissioner.

Presentations of the Chief Scout Award were made to Stuart Brown and Lee Ward, the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to Brian Edge together with nine Proficiency Badges to other

A special presentation of the Scout movement's much coveted Thanks Badge, given only to lay helpers, was made to Mr B. E. L. Morton, group chairman, and Mrs Barbara Horry, chairman of the supporters committee, for their much valued help and assistance to the group over many years.

All boys, parents, and friends enjoyed a supper together, of which the highlight was a huge cake, made by the local baker Mr L. Goostrey, decorated with the new Group Badge. The refreshments were served and prepared by Mesdames Mary and Sue Barker, and Sheila Buckley.



Lee Ward and Stuart Brown are presented with their Chief Scout awards from Mr Harry Horry, the district commissioner. (Photo SA24/5).

The 1st Moberley Venture Scouts were presented with their new colours, donated by Mr & Mrs Bamford.

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## Their true colours

*SHOWING their true colours at a recent open evening are Moberley Venture Scouts Annabelle Seaton, Lee Ward, Stuart Brown and Brian Edge, with District Commissioner, Harold Horry (second left) and Group Scout Leader, Mr. Phillip Vann (far right).*

*The Venture Scouts had been presented with their new colours, donated by Mr. and Mrs. F. Bamford during the evening.*

*Visitors to the First Moberley Scout Group's headquarters at Dukinfield Hall, were shown an indoor display, and a mock scout camp complete with camp kitchen.*

*The District President, Doctor Wilkinson was also present at the very successful evening held as part of the recent Alderley District Scoutabout Week.*

*The Group's Venture Scout Unit are in need of assistant leaders, anyone with some experience of scouting or guiding who feels that they would be able to help young people in the 15½ to 21 age group should contact Mr. Vann (Knutsford 3622).*

## 1984

Two new leaders in the Cub section, i.e. Peter Thorpe as ACSL and John Horry as ASL. Summer camp was again held at Tidnock Wood and the Cub Activity weekend with a pirate theme was very much enjoyed despite the weather. Brian Edge, Lee Ward and Stuart Brown each gained the Chief Scout's Award which was presented to them by Bobby Charlton OBE at a special presentation at Dean Row High School in November. Philip & Jean Vann were each awarded the Medal of Merit.

## 1985

Sadly, the school and consequently the Margaret Barclay School Troop closed in July. Scouting must surely have been an important part in the lives of the boys who had been members of the troop. Also the many young people and leaders who had assisted over the years (particularly from 4<sup>th</sup> Wilmslow and 5<sup>th</sup> Knutsford) gained immeasurably from the experience.

Two Venture Awards were presented, two charge certificates (Canoes), one Duke of Edinburgh Gold and Pack Holiday Certificate for the ACSL.

