

1986

The Cub Section welcomed Brian Edge as ASL and the Group warmly accepted the services of "Fund Raising Lady" Barbara Horry to run their annual Jumble Sale.

The Scout section held their annual camp at Barnswood and the Cubs spent time under canvas at Dukenfield Hall.

Emma Pike won the Diving Competition at the annual Swimming Gala for the Venture Section and the Scouts joined the Guides in their production of Cinderella at the Victory Hall on three successive nights to packed audiences.

A joint Christmas party was enjoyed by all the Sections.

Mobberley led the annual St George's Parade and the service was held at St Philip's Church in Alderley Edge.

The First Beaver Scout colonies were formed.



The Scouts regularly attended Church parade at St Wilfrid's Church on the first Sunday of every month, together with 1st Mobberley Guides and Brownies.

David Farrand, Steven Pike, Howard Goostrey, Andrew McKillop, Tony Ward, Robert Buckley, Ian Groves, Jonathan Crimes, Anthony Barker, Richard Buxton, Philip Vann (SL), Stephen Barker, Robert Buxton, John Horry (CSL)



They were joined by the Mobberley Venture Scout Unit - Annabelle Seaton, Emma Pike, John Horry, Lee Ward, Stuart Brown, Philip Vann (SL), Brian Edge

1987

Harold Horry was presented with the Silver Wolf, Scouting's highest honour for service.

Death of Teddy Morton, one time District President and benefactor of 1st Mobberley. Colonel Morton bequeathed the magnificent sum of £10,000 to Mobberley Scouts to build a new headquarters, as Colonel Morton was always aware that upon his death Mobberley Scouts would be made "homeless".

The Scouts were given formal notice to quit Dukenfield Hall by 15th May due to the fact that Mrs Morton was selling the Hall. The new owners did however allow the Scouts until 31st July to remove all their equipment.

Some of the equipment was stored at Springwood Farm, Pavement Lane, by kind permission of Peter Bentley, whose own sons had previously been members of the Cub and Scout group.

As it would appear that 1st Mobberley would now be homeless. Enquiries had been made as to the use of Mobberley Primary School on a temporary basis and discussions ensued as to whether the Scouts should purchase a pre-fabricated building from Saighton camp, a similar building to that which had been purchased for Forest Camp at Sandiway.

A suggestion was made that the Scouts join forces with the Guides, who were running the somewhat rundown building on Hall Bank which had been originally been bequeathed to the "youth of the village" by Miss Bishop.

The estimated cost to lay foundations, realignment of services and erection of a prefabricated building was estimated at a cost of between £15,000 - £20,000.

A meeting was held in May 1987 with Philip Vann as Chairman and Vera Edge, Ken Carsley of 5th Knutsford Scouts, Ernie Buckley, Ron Edge, Tony Leadbeater (5th Knutsford) Viv Pike and Mike Fenton. Ken Carsley suggested a similar building to that erected by 5th Knutsford and estimated a cost of between £40,000 - £50,000, i.e. a Marley pre-fabricated type building. Quotes were requested from Marley, Banbury and Cheshire Portable Buildings for a 60ft x 20ft x 8.10ft building to replace the present Guide Hut on land at Hall Bank, Mobberley.

A further meeting was held on 2nd June at which a representative from Leofric Buildings attended and gave a detailed quotation to the committee.

On 23rd June 1987 at which Ron Edge was elected Chairman. The meeting was attended by several representatives of Mobberley Parish Council, who were the Trustees of the land on which the Guide hut was situated.

An estimate of between £7,000 - £8,000 for the laying of foundations had been acquired and it was suggested that a representative from Marley Buildings be invited to the next meeting.

Lots of fundraising had been done but the fund was still £10,000 short of its target.

On 10th July 1987 a meeting was held at the Guide hut at which the proposed plans were shown to all residents of Hall Bank and details of fundraising done and planning were explained. One or two families raised objections to a new building, stating that it would be in competition with the Victory Hall with regard to lettings and some of the residents preferred the old wooden hut to be refurbished. The residents were informed that this would not be practical.

As a result of the objections raised by the local residents a prefabricated building was out of the question and the building would have to be built from Cheshire brick. The Parish Council supported the erection of a new building for the village but it meant that the committee would have to work hard to fundraise more monies.

Jean & Philip Vann received their Long Service Decoration.

It was at this time that Mobberley made the decision to move from Alderley District to Knutsford District, with the blessing of Alderley District.



1988

A building committee was formed:-
Ron Edge, Chairman, Vera Edge, Secretary
Philip Vann, Viv Pike (Guide leader), Ernie Buckley, Helen King (Assistant Guide leader)
Mike Fenton – Treasurer & Sheila Buckley

As part of the fundraising efforts towards a new H.Q. Knutsford Gang Show went on tour and performed for two nights, 18th & 19th March at the Victory Hall, Mobberley. Several Cubs, Scouts and Viv Pike performed in the Gang Show on tour and proceeds from ticket sales went towards the building fund.

1989

The building committee met to discuss the failure to be able to erect a Marley type building. Jack Horsfall, a local resident and architect offered to draw up plans for a new H.Q. free of charge. These plans were submitted in June and passed in August 1989 and estimates were requested from local building companies. Complications arose with regard to the lease of the land on which the hut stood. Meeting would need to be held with the Parish Council.

In December, the committee accepted a quote from Lawrence Bardsley, a builder from Nether Alderley and previously of Mobberley, instructing him to start work on the building.

1990

Building work commenced and the Parish Council agreed to fund the demolition of the existing wooden hut and the laying of the foundations for a new building.

The whole of the erection of the roof was donated by an anonymous local businessman.

Appeals for financial help went out in the Parish newsletter and Knutsford Guardian and donations came flooding in from local residents. Among the many donations received – Mobberley Parochial Church Council, The Bulls Head Bowling Club, Ilford, Mobberley W.I., the Prince's Trust and Granada Telethon.

Further appeals were made for professional volunteers to do electrical work, plumbing etc.

Mike Fenton retired as Treasurer and Ernie Buckley took over the role.

The Lease for the land was completed and duly signed.

Philip Vann retired from the committee and Jean & Philip retired from Scouting.

The building was made habitable in September 1990 and Groups starting using the H.Q. despite no electricity.

In November 1990 the electricity was installed with the help of Mike Brighthouse and Steven Pike who borrowed a digger to dig the trench in the field to hold the cables to be installed by Manweb.

Plasterboard was donated by Harold Barker to line the ceiling of the H.Q.

Tony Boston-Davies took over as Scout leader.



Champion Fundraiser - Barbara Horry

There was always a need for fundraising and Barbara Horry organised an Annual Toy Sale at the Mobberley Victory Hall which raised a much needed £178 to buy new equipment for the Scouts.

Trains and teds

TRAIN sets and teddy bears were some of the toys on sale at the First Mobberley Scouts' annual Toy Sale at Mobberley's Victory Hall last Saturday.

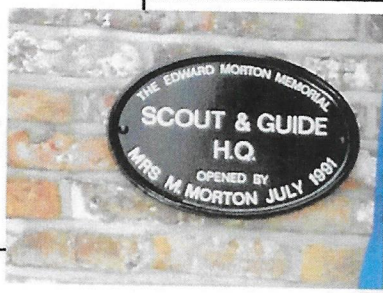
The toys had been collected second-hand over the year, and painted and renovated by the scouts. £178 was raised, which will be used to buy extra equipment for the scouts.

The picture shows helpers at the toy stall, with organiser Mrs. Barbara Horry in the middle.

1991

Carpet was fitted by Roland Jones, local carpet fitter of Hall Lane and David Broadbent, the local Blacksmith supplied and fitted the memorial plaque "Edward Morton Memorial Scout & Guide H.Q. opened by Mrs M Morton - July 1991".

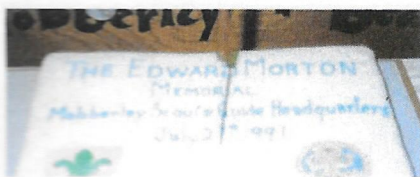
John Mills took over the role of Treasurer from Ernie Buckley, who had held the role for a number of years.



27th July 1991 saw the opening of the new Edward Morton Scout & Guide H.Q. by Mrs Margaret Morton at 2.30pm, supported by her daughter, Susan Jefferies and one of her four grandsons. Mrs Jefferies' own Scout troop, Broadstone in Dorset, was apparently the first Scout troop to be established after the first camp on Brownsea Island. The family also planted trees in memory of Colonel Edward "Teddy" Morton, a loving husband, father and grandfather and great supporter of Scouting.



Many people attended the official opening of the H.Q. with representatives of Scouting and Guiding, including Derrick Roberts, Knutsford DC and Pamela Soult, Division Guide Commissioner, Biff & Joan Smith, Gang Show Director and Producer.



Les Goostrey, the local baker, whose family were always staunch supporters of Mobberley Scouts baked a special cake.

1st Mobberley was registered as a separate charity and Viv Pike took over the temporary leadership of the Scout section as Group Scout Leader.



Mrs Morton and her daughter commence the tree planting.

One of Mrs Morton's grandsons plants one of the memorial trees.



Mrs Morton shakes the hand of Tony Boston-Davies, accompanied by Ron Edge, Chairman, Vera Edge, Secretary, Viv Pike, Guide leader, Julie Edge, Beaver Leader, Alex Smith, Brownie Leader and Jill Hardman, Assistant Brownie Leader.



Mrs Morton chats with Dr Wilkinson—Karen Davies with her Beaver son, later became a Beaver leader.

1992



The leadership of the Scout section was taken on by John Todd who was a teacher at The Rileys School in Alderley Edge. Under John's leadership the Scouts enjoyed many outdoor activities on a Friday evening.

Amongst those pictured: Chris Trafford, Gareth White, Martin Shannon, Kevin Shannon, Dean Parkes

Sadly John moved to Singapore with his job and the Scout section was without a permanent leader for a while. Viv Pike again took over the running of that section.

Julie Edge was still running the Beaver Section.

Ann Kerr, a leader from Sandiway became the Cub Scout Leader.

Carol Frain joined the Group in 1991 and later became Beaver Leader.

Viv Pike became acting GSL after the departure of Tony Boston-Davies from the Group.



1993

Ann Kerr & Jean Bateman were the Cub leaders. **Richard Warburton** was training to be a Cub leader. **Carol Frain & Karen Luckman** were the Beavers leaders.

Nigel Flatman & Nick Walton were the Scout leaders.

The local Toddler Group now used the building on Monday mornings.

A lean to shed was purchased which was split into two sections, one section housing the Toddler Group's toys and the main section to house canoes and camping equipment.

Mobberley Rangers Football Club also used the H.Q. on Sundays when they had home matches on the Mobberley field. The Toddler Group and Football Club made a donation to the Scouts for the up-keep of the H.Q.

After the erection of the plasterboard to the ceiling, **Steven Pike** and a team of ex-Scouts painted the ceiling and walls of the H.Q.

Members of the Football Club, who were also qualified electricians offered to undertake the fitting of strip lights in the H.Q. at a special rate.



Viv Pike ran the Cub section for a while until Ann Kerr took over the leadership. Amongst those pictured are: Thomas & Matthew Denham, Christopher Lee, Ainsley Tonkin, Ian Norbury and Kassam Edo



Alex MacLeod, James Howard, Max Bielby, Josh MacDonald, Thomas Lyon and Tom. Wood learn how to make a mountain with contour lines.

1995

Mobberley won the prize for the best display at the February Gang Show held at Knutsford High School (Upper School). Carol Frain had designed a Mobberley Monopoly board.

1996

Barbara Horry was awarded the Medal of Merit for her services as an ardent supporter of Mobberley Scout Group, in particular for the organisation of the Annual Jumble

1996

The Committee decided that it was time that we surfaced the car park at the H.Q. It was suggested that we have an official draw with good prizes which would be drawn at the annual Guides pantomime to be held in the Victory Hall in November. Raffle tickets were purchased and prizes obtained from generous benefactors, villagers, local shops and parents. The Scouts and Guides did door to door selling with their leaders and eventually the sum of £5,000 was raised.

The draw took place at the Saturday performance of the pantomime by Neil & Christine Hamilton who at that time were being relentlessly pursued by the Press. Despite their problems Neil and Christine came on stage, joined in with a rousing rendition of "A Pizza Hut" together with members of the Press who were in the audience and did the draw for the fantastic prizes. Whilst the cast lead the audience in a further rendition of popular campfire songs, Neil and Christine were smuggled out of the Victory Hall by the side door.

Neil & Christine had always been avid supporters of Mobberley Scouts.

Manchester Asphalt was instructed to lay asphalt on the car park. This work was ably overseen by John Mills.

1997

Nigel Flatman and Nick Walton were still running the Scout Section.

Pictured: Nigel investing Christopher Lee.



1998

The Committee held a Ceilidh in the Victory Hall, which although made a loss, was enjoyed by all who attended. The Jumble Sale made the record sum of £1320.48.

John Mills was presented with a clock in recognition of 7 years service as Mobberley Treasurer. The Treasurer's role was handed over to Simon Pretty, one of the Guide's parents.

1999

Alan Trafford & Wayne Shannon were on the brink of becoming the new Scout leaders. H.Q. was offered for children's parties at weekends for a donation to funds.

July 3rd 1999 – The Group got involved with Mobberley Primary School by cooking sausages at Mobberley School Fete.

Carol Frain received her Chief Scouts Commendation for 5 years service to Mobberley.

Ann Kerr, Cub Leader received her Long Service Award.

Ann Kerr retired as Cub Leader.

Viv Pike took over the temporary leadership of the Cub Section, assisted by Jacqui Fielding an ex-Guiding colleague from Knutsford.

2000

January – Don Riley supplied paint and labour to give the exterior of the Headquarters a much needed facelift.

24th June – Country Fair at Mobberley School. Flyball racing (Ron Edge) – Birds of prey display, Pet competition organised by Sarah Royle, Lynn Lowndes organised craft. Julie Shannon – pot painting stall. Mini agility course for children to bring pets. Guides served bacon butties and hot dogs.

Entered a float in the Rose Festival – Theme – Mallory



John Mills was presented with the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service.

Viv Pike gave a presentation on the 19th World Jamboree which she attended in Chile in December 1998/January 1999. Viv was one of the Contingent leaders for the Cheshire troop of 36 Scouts. They enjoyed home hospitality with families in Puerto Alegre in Brazil after the Jamboree.

Family Camp – 14th – 16th July Tatton – The families enjoyed lots of activities included sailing and canoeing on Tatton Mere and a hilarious It's a Knockout style competition. The camp finished with a blind trail where the Scouts thoroughly enjoyed soaking Alan Trafford & Rob Bielby.

The security posts on the car park were replaced with two metal five barred gates.

The Scout Group was resurrected in September under the leadership of Wayne Shannon & Alan Trafford.

The Scouts enjoyed wind surfing and sailing and a trip to Birkenhead docks to see the warships. The first Friday night of every month was spent swimming at Knutsford Leisure Centre, along with other groups from Knutsford District.

The Cubs went to the County Cub camp in Tabley.

Cub Shield was presented to Alex Macleod and the Scout shield to Kevin Shannon



2001

Viv Pike was GSL, Carol Frain, AGSL, Peter Stratford, Chairman, John Mills, Treasurer, Elaine Gentles, Secretary.

The Footballers were still using the H.Q. as their changing rooms for local matches.

Tracey Caveney moved from the Beaver section to the Cub Section .

Brenda Mills took on the arduous role of keeping the H.Q. clean. She was always donating fresh mugs and tea towels to the kitchen equipment.

New floodlights were installed over the front door and at the rear of the H.Q.

Leaders uniforms were updated in the form of optional beige polo shirts, navy activity trousers and grey fleeces.

Martin Shannon became a Young Leader with the Scout section.

A group of handbell ringers used the headquarters one evening per week to practice.

The H.Q. was used for the committee to select the Scouts to represent Knutsford District at the 20th World Jamboree in Thailand.

Jordan Webb won the Cub Shield
Claire Fenton—The Guide Shield



Alistair MacLeod, Chairman of Mobberley Scout Group, pictured helping out on the book stall at one of the famous Jumble Sales.



Barbara and Harold Horry pictured at the famous Jumble Sale in September 2007

2003

Viv Pike volunteered to go to the 20th World Jamboree to be held in Thailand in December/January 2003 as a member of the International Service Team . What a fantastic experience it was to be part of such an international team, camping right next to the beach where the IST celebrated Christmas Eve. Viv worked in an area called the Crossroads of Culture where she taught Scouts from all over the world the make up of the Union flag and how to make Union flag pin badges from coloured beads. Friendships were forged with Scout leaders from all around the world. Upon her return Viv gave presentations to Scout Groups

Carol Frain took over the role of GSL from Viv Pike in 2003. Carol had been involved with the group since the summer of 1980, when she answered an advertisement in the Parish Newsletter. It said that the scout group was on the look out for a second hand cooker for its new premises. Carol and her family had just moved to the village and were doing up their house. Having been in a scouting family Carol wanted to help. The response to her phone call was "Thank you, we have already been given a cooker but we do need a Beaver Leader!"

2007

John Mills, sadly passed away on 16th January 2007.



2007

Carol Frain writes:-

I am so proud to be part of the Mobberley group. We have an enthusiastic and dedicated team of leaders and an ever-expanding group of young people. In the time I have been involved we have seen many national changes. New uniform, new programme and the involvement of girls in the movement. Mobberley, I am pleased to say, have embraced them all.

As I write this we are the only group in Knutsford and one of only three in Cheshire to have increased their membership for 6 years in a row.

So how did we celebrate the Centenary of Scouting—2007? Well we threw ourselves whole-heartedly in to all the celebrations. Firstly, in January, there was a district event – "Let's get this party started" held at St John's Church in Knutsford. We joined the other three groups and even had a cake with 100 candles.

In February, many of our group were involved in the District Gang Show and I was part of the production team. What a great show – complete with our district's own Baden Powell!

In March we went to the Broomfield plantation and planted trees in a copse to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

The year progressed and we were very proud that two of our scouts, Amy and Tom Baston, and two of our leaders, Shirley Baston and Viv Pike were selected to be part of the World Jamboree in Chelmsford, Essex. Amy and Tom were part of the cast and were on stage dancing and singing for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Scouting Sunrise and also put on a show every day for the visitors. Shirley and Viv were part of the IST team and provided English crafts (Corn dolly making) for some of the 40,000 scouts from around the world. As a result of this Viv was invited to write an article for the Guild of Straw Craftsmen in house magazine, the "Guild News".

