

Chapter 40

WEST COKER

The rector of the village, Reverend George A. Nicholson, registered the West Coker Scout group in March **1934** having 14 Scouts meeting at the Old Schoolroom on Friday evenings at 7 pm., and they were an 'open' group, when I.H.Q. gave them number 16157. The neckerchief was yellow edged in green, and the uniform was subsidised by the Church.

The newly formed troop, under Rev. Nicholson, joined the district for the annual St. George's Day Service in King George Street, Yeovil, on Sunday afternoon of April 22nd. For a full report see the main chapter, which do so for all district events.

There was a large congregation on Sunday evening of November 11th for a special Armistice Day Service at the Parish Church, when the West Coker Scouts, under A.S.M. J. Jennings, were present along with the Girl Guides and British Legion members.

The annual St. George's Day Service was on Sunday afternoon of April 28th **1935**, when the troop, under Rover J. Jenning of Holy Trinity Yeovil, joined the district, when they assembled outside the Mansion House, Yeovil.

The Silver Jubilee celebration of King George 5th included a procession on Monday May the 6th, leaving the School that included the Girl Guides with their standards, and the Boy Scouts, led by a drum and bugle band, made a grand tour of the village. The procession returned to the Church for a Service of Thanksgiving. Children's sports were held in the grounds of Manor House, lent by Right Hon. Sir Matthew Nathan. Contests between the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts were a feature, with rope passing, relay races and knot competitions. The Brownies played against the Wolf Cubs also. A bonfire had been built on West Coker ridge, when the Scouts lit it at 10 pm. and at the same time a rocket was fired into the sky emitting yellow, red and green stars. This was repeated all over the land at all the other beacon sites.

The troop went into Yeovil on Remembrance Sunday of November 10th, to join the district Scouts in the youth section of the British Legion parade, which assembled outside their Headquarters. The parade marched to the War Memorial in The Borough for the service.

The Yeovil Association annual meeting was held on Wednesday October 21st **1936** when the Secretary, in his report, reported that a small troop at West Coker had lapsed. However, on Sunday evening of November 8th, the Scouts joined the British Legion members in their parade to the War Memorial of the village for a Remembrance Service. Subsequently I.H.Q. cancelled the group registration.

Mr. L.J.M. Eldridge of East Chinnock registered the 1st West Coker group at I.H.Q. in October **1938** with 8 Scouts, as an 'open' group, when number 19761 was allocated to them.

Five members of the troop (of 8) went into Yeovil to compete in the inter-troop sports held for the first time, on Saturday September 7th **1940**, on St. Nicholas School playing fields. When in the Scout events the winners had 54 points, and West Coker had 4 points to come in fourth place.

There were Scouters, Patrol Leaders and Scouts present at the District A.G.M. held in the Park School hall on Saturday afternoon of November 9th, when it was reported that the newly-formed group of West Coker, under Mr. Lee, had sent representatives to the meeting.

At the District A.G.M. held in the Grass Royal School, Yeovil, on Friday October 3rd **1941** it was reported that the troop had difficulty in getting new Scouts sworn in for lack of uniforms, parents being reluctant to part with 'Margarine' coupons for that purpose!

As a Thanks Giving for the end of the war with Germany, representatives from all the organisations, including the Boys Scouts, assembled outside the Liberal Hall, Yeovil, on Sunday May 6th **1945**, and headed by Yeovil Cadet Band, paraded to the Parish Church for the Thanksgiving Service.

John Booth (former S.M. of 5th Yeovil), was supervising the new troop in the spring of **1949**, and it was recorded at the L.A. meeting of 15th June that the leader of West Coker was going to University so could the L.A. find a replacement?

The troop collected over £3 during the Scout Bob-a-Job week, and Michael Dodge came first with over £1, and next was Norman Warr with 17 shillings.

On Saturday morning of June 4th, the Scouts, with the Barwick and Stoford Scouts, went on the 10 am. train from Penn Mill Station, Yeovil, for the Whitsun weekend camp at Sandford Orcas, when the troops camped together.

Some of the troop attended the district sports held at Yeovil School playing field, Mudford Road, on Saturday July 9th, when C.Pinkett won the long jump for 11 to 12 year olds, and the team won the relay for under 15's.

The Barwick and Stoford troop organised a fête in the garden of Keyford House, Dorchester Road, Yeovil, by kind permission of Rear Ad. and Mrs. Warren, on Saturday 20th August. The sideshows were under the supervision of the Barwick Scouts and members of the West Coker Scouts. For a full report see the Stoford and Barwick Chapter.

The Youth Club held a fête at 'The Wash' on Saturday September 17th, when the Scouts helped with the sideshows and competitions.

When John Booth left in October to take up a course, Mr. Ted. Robbins took over as S.M..

At the district L.A. meeting of January 19th **1950** it was reported that the Scouts were not working properly as a troop, being somewhat mixed up with a mixed youth club.

The annual census the end of March recorded there were 8 Scouts and 2 Seniors, with 2 Leaders.

Members of the troop went into Yeovil on Sunday April 23rd for the annual St. George's Day parade, when they assembled in South Street car park with the district Scouts.

At the district A.G.M. on May 10th, in the Holy Trinity Hall, Yeovil, the Secretary reported that the newly formed troop was making good headway, and T.Robbins read the report. So at the District meeting of January 12th **1951**, it was resolved that the application for registration be supported and transmitted to I.H.Q. in London.

The 1st West Coker Scout group was registered by Cecil Robins as S.M., and Ivor Rogers as A.S.M. in July (1950) as an 'open' group, but the form didn't get sent to I.H.Q. until February, who gave them number 28843. The form quoted 8 Boy Scouts and 2 Senior Scouts, meeting at the headquarters, 'The Laurels', East Street.

The group raised £1,1sh. for the Bob-a-Job week activity, to forward to the district treasurer, who deducted a shilling a head for the County quota, but a further 1sh.2d. was deducted (from all groups) to reflect the shortfall by the Barwick and Stoford group who couldn't raise enough for their quota.

At the district meeting on November 9th, the Secretary reported that the troop was closing down through lack of numbers. The S.M. would endeavour to restart a troop at East Coker as most of the boys came from there and absorb keen members from West Coker.

At the L.A. meeting on the 1st February **1952** it was agreed to enquire what funds and property belonged to the troop, and at the meeting on March 28th the S.M. was asked to give an account of any money or property belonging to the former West Coker troop.

Representatives of the Scouts went into Yeovil on Saturday February 16th; when about 250 Scouts and Guides of the district attended a service in the St. Michael's Church to pay homage to King George 6th who had died ten day previous.

The census recorded that there were 12 Scouts, with one leader.

At the district Executive meeting held in Yeovil on 28th it was reported that the S.M. of East Coker was asked to give an account of any money and property belonging to the West Coker troop, when, at their meeting on June 20th it was decided that funds and property belonging to the troop should be utilised for the benefit of the East Coker troop in view of the fact that the remaining Scouters and Scouts had joined the latter. With the group closed, they gave their trek cart to East Coker.

An open meeting was held at The Castle Hut, in the pub. yard, on Tuesday, November 10th **1970**, when the D.C. (Mr. Jack Wiltshire), and Mrs. June Enticott (the Cubs' A.D.C.), came and spoke to parents of boys about forming a Cub Scout pack at West Coker, and what things one had to consider. The prospective leader, Brian R.Taylor, who now lived in the village (from Yeovil) attended a few Cub meetings at Thor Pack, St. Andrew's, Yeovil, to get familiar with the format.

On Wednesday February 17th **1971** a party was held in the hut for perspective Cubs, when about 14 boys turned up to play games. The next week a trial meeting was held, when 13 boys attended for about an hour and the following week another meeting attracted 15 boys for the hour. Come April 14th they were holding proper meetings from 6 pm. to 7.30 pm., with more boys joining, and the next week

there were 20 boys who came to the outdoor meeting, when they cooked sausages, etc., and finished up with a singsong.

A coffee morning was held that raised £3.20 for the funds. The 1st West Coker Scout group was registered by H.Q. in May as number 40114, meeting at The Castle Hut. The form quoted Brian as C.S.L., and two Instructors, with 10 Cubs, as an 'open' group. They had a blue scarf with white borders.

On Tuesday June 8th they had a coffee evening at 'Homing', Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's home, with a bring and buy sale, in aid of the funds, when they raised £6.

On Wednesday the 16th the D.C. (Mr. R.J.Wiltshire), went to the meeting in the hut and assisted at the investiture of 19 boys, in front of their parents, and there was a photo. in the 'W.G.' of the 18th.

The following week the boys were at the Coker playing field practising for the forthcoming district Cub sports, when they went into Yeovil on Saturday the 26th, to Milford School, for the event. However, due to the heavy rain, the sports were called off and a meeting was held in the school hall instead. The Wednesday meeting afterwards, the boys went to Church Lane to Mr. C.Gleave's, for a swim in his outdoor pool.

The district had their Cub camp at Etsome Farm, Somerton, when the pack visited them on the Saturday of July 10th, when they took packed lunches, and during the very hot day joined in the activities. They ate their packed tea ready for the campfire and singsong that followed, and they left at the conclusion at 8 pm.; after an exciting insight into camping. For more details see the main chapter.

The Guides, Brownies and Cubs held a joint barbecue on Tuesday evening of August 24th, in the recreation field, followed by a campfire singsong, when the money they raised contributed £18.5½p. to the Cub funds. On the Sunday morning of October 3rd, the three units went to the Parish Church for the Family Harvest Festival Service.

A large number of parents and friends of the Brownies, Guides and Cubs held a barbecue and campfire in the recreation field on Tuesday evening of August 24th, when cheese, biscuits, drinks and hot dogs were on sale. A singsong was held around the campfire, led by Brian Taylor, and the event raised £16 that was shared by the three groups.

Cub David Gleave served soft drinks from his home on a Saturday in August, when Geoffrey Bungay also in Yellow Six, served cakes and coffee for the pack funds that raised £5.40, and visitors were also able to swim in the outdoor pool.

The Cubs went into Yeovil on their meeting night of Tuesday 21st September, to the Salvation Army Hall, to join their pack meeting that concluded with a singsong, squash and biscuits.

With the Cubs keen on football, the leaders of the district decided to start a league competition, when the pack were placed in Division 'B'.

For the Cub meeting of October 6th, the Cubs went into Yeovil to the Fire Station at Reckleford, for a tour, look at and explanation of the appliances. The next week the fire safety theme was continued with a visit from the Westland Fire Safety Officer, talking about safety in the home, and he demonstrated fire fighting extinguishers.

At the district Warrants sub-Committee meeting in Yeovil on the 21st Mrs. Edith Taylor was interviewed for A.C.S.L., and her application was accepted. So on Wednesday the 27th the D.C. came and presented her (Baloo) with her permit, and Clive Baker (Red Six) was presented with his Bronze Arrow and Handyman proficiency badges.

A Halloween evening was held on Tuesday November 2nd with the Brownies, in the Old School Room, when there was a lantern and mask competition, also a colour slide show of animals, birds, etc..

One Tuesday evening about 30 people went to a coffee evening, and bring and buy sale, at the Taylor's home, when £5.71 was raised for the pack funds. The boys' parents were selling Christmas Cards to augment the funds.

The Cubs had a slide show on Friday the 26th in the Old Schoolroom, given by Mr. C.Hayter, on wildest Scotland, with commentary, when they raised £6.20 for the funds.

The Cubs' football team in the District league, in Group 'B', played South Petherton on Sunday December 5th, and lost. The Tuesday morning over Christmas the Cubs, with their dads in mixed teams, had a game of football.

The parents went to the Cubs' meeting on Wednesday December 15th when the D.C. also attended and told them a Christmas story, then presented badges to 10 boys. The Cubs presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, then they had Carol singing, and mince pies were consumed.

The pack football team in the district Cub League, played Raleigh (4th Yeovil) on Sunday 23rd January 1972, but lost by 3 to nil. Of the six games played, they had lost all of them!

On the first anniversary of the pack forming, a party was held on the February 9th meeting, when the Cubs played games and songs were sung, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor performed a sketch for the boys. Due to the schedule of power cuts, as part of load shedding (due to industrial action by the electricity workers), the meeting of the 16th was cancelled.

The District ran an exhibition at the Methodist Church Hall in Vicarage Street, Yeovil, (lower Quedam) on Saturday March 25th, when the 8 packs entered, and West Coker came fourth.

The parents committee held their first A.G.M. on April 12th, and the week later the Cubs had marching practice for the forthcoming St. George's Day parade, then they went on a trail, to conclude with hot dogs and squash.

A jumble sale on Saturday the 22nd, in the afternoon, was held in the Old Schoolroom, with a competition in aid of the funds and raised £17.

The district St. George's Day parade was on Sunday the 23rd in Yeovil, when the pack attended the service held in the football ground grandstand at Huish, when Cub D.Gleave read the Cub Law during the service.

The pack meeting on May 10th was a joint one with the Salvation Army Cubs coming from Yeovil, when there was a total of 36 boys present, the object being for them to get to know each other for the forthcoming pack holiday.

The meeting of July 5th had a new Six created, when Clive Baker was appointed Sixer of the new Green six.

The district held the Cub camp at Etsome Farm again, when 7 boys went from East Coker, and four, D.Gleave, C.Baker, Robert Galley and Gary Miller from West Coker, arrived on the Friday evening of the 7th to camp together and join in the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor went to Gilwell on Saturday the 22nd for a week, to complete the Cub Wood Badge course.

A Coach arrived from Yeovil on Saturday August 5th with the Salvation Army Cubs and Mr. and Mrs. Raeburn, to pick up the pack and the Taylors, with 4 Instructors and the boys. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 11th, see fig. 40.1. The 31 boys went to the Chamberlain Hall at Weston-super-Mare for their combined pack holiday. In the afternoon, after unpacking, the Cubs went to the sea front and had games on the sand. They went to Church on the Sunday morning in the St. Saviours Church, and in the afternoon walked to the front again and concluded the day with a singsong. On the Monday they took packed lunches and visited Bristol Zoo and came back for a steak and kidney pie dinner. They went to the swimming pool on Tuesday, as there were showers, and bought sausages and chips for lunch to eat on the sea front. In the afternoon they split up into sixes to explore the town. The next day they hiked to Brean Down Ferry, but when they got there found it was not operating, so the boys played on the beach and searched for crabs, and ate their packed lunches. Thursday morning they rehearsed some stunts and spent an hour in the outdoor swimming pool, had sausages and mash for lunch, and in the afternoon the boys shopped for presents in Weston-Super-Mare for their parents, who arrived in the evening to see them and the show put on by the boys. Friday morning the boys had a talk on tracking, after which they put it into practice and went on a trail. The afternoon they went to Cheddar and visited the caves, coming back to have a barbecue on the beach in the evening. Saturday morning the boys were taken by the Instructors, to the cinema club for a film show, whilst the leaders packed up and cleaned the hall before leaving, when the coach arrived in the afternoon to take them home. Clive Baker received the award for the week's best Cub, from the pack.

The Guides, Brownies and Cubs had a combined barbecue again on Tuesday August 29th in the recreation field, with a singsong, when they raised £16.7½ p. for the new pavilion fund.

The first meeting after the summer break was on Wednesday the 6th when they changed to a new meeting place, the recreational club building. The meeting of the 20th the parents were invited to come and see films of the Cubs' activities, and they made a profit of £1. The next evening the Cubs went to the Salvation Army Cubs' meeting at Yeovil.

They had a jumble sale in the Old Schoolroom and teas were available on Saturday October 7th, when they raised £15.50p.. The jumble (clothes) left over was taken to Houndstone Camp for the Ugandan Asian Refugees who were temporarily being housed there.

The Cubs had got their flag, so on Sunday the 15th, with the Guides and Brownies, they paraded from the square to the Parish Church to the morning United Service during which the flag was blessed by the Rector (Rev. Lionel Bailey). The flag was carried by D. Gleave who had John Worledge and Thomas Neville as escorts. The Brownies and Guides' 'colours' were also taken to the altar. Lessons were read by C.S.L. Brian Taylor and Cub C.Baker. The preacher was the Methodist Minister (Rev. D.Hirst), and the Guides' and Scouts' D.Cs. were also present. After the service the youngsters paraded to the Methodist Church before dispersing.

The first day of November, although a meeting night, was spent with the parents and Cubs going by coach to Bristol to see their Gang Show. The week later the boys brought their Halloween punkies (lanterns) and pictures to Cubs for a competition.

The D.C. came to the meeting on Wednesday November 22nd, to present the first Gold Arrow badges of the pack to C.Baker and D.Gleave. He also presented a Cub Instructors certificate to Miss Sheila Edwards.

The Cubs joined the Brownies and Guides for a procession with their flags to the St. Martins Church, when the Scouts' and Guides' D.Cs. were also present at the service, on Sunday December 10th, for the dedication of the Guides' new flag.

The Cubs were in the district football league in Division 'A', but had lost all 4 games played to date, shown in the table in the 'W.G.' of the 15th.

The first meeting of the New Year of **1973**, on Wednesday the 10th of January, started at 6 pm. with three new boys, and at the Cubs' meeting of the 17th there were 22 boys present, and Gary Miller was presented with a Sportsman and Master Swimmers badge. At the last meeting of the month, Adrian Leppard and Terry Edwards received the first stage Swimmers badge, Kevin Brooks a second stage, and D.Gleave a third (the highest). Robert Gaylard received a Sportsman's badge.

A slide show and commentary, 'Gems of the West', was presented by Mr. L.Hayter to an appreciative audience in the Old Schoolroom on Thursday evening of the February the 8th, in aid of the Cub funds, when refreshments were also served, and they took £7, before expenses were deducted.

The Cubs celebrated their second birthday on the 14th with a party, when Martin Adams presented G.Miller with a Gold Arrow and Hobbies badges, and K.Brooks with an Artists badge, and 5 boys were invested. On the Friday, Martin took the boys on a nature trail.

Shaun Gatehouse received the Sportsman's badge, and G.Miller a Photographer's, at the meeting of March 7th. On the 14th the Sixers and Seconds went to the St. Mary's meeting at Wraxhill Road, Yeovil, to see how they ran a meeting, and the comment was, "they don't seem any better than ours". On Sunday the 18th, the 15 Cubs went to Penn Wood, Pendomer, for a nature trail, when they had lovely weather to take plaster casts of the deer prints.

At the Cubs' meeting of the 25th of April a new six was formed, and Stephen Belben was presented with a Scientist's badge. For the last meeting of the month the Cubs went around the village for a 'tidy up' exercise.

For Scout Job Week the pack raised £35, the maximum being made by Clive Baker, with Thomas Leeson second and Gary Miller third.

Eighteen Cubs, plus 3 leaders, went into Yeovil on Sunday the 29th for the district St. George's Day parade. The Mayor (Mrs. Brown), who took the salute and was judging for the smartest on parade, told Edie (Baloo), afterwards, that the pack was very close second to the winners!

The first round of the district Cubs' football knock out competition was held on Wednesday April 4th, when Mudford beat the pack's team by 7 to nil, so Coker were knocked out! The remainder of the pack had trading posts and games in the pavilion (rec. hut). Afterwards the group held their second A.G.M. in the pavilion when 7 parents turned up at 7 pm. to have hot dogs cooked on the new Gaz Cooker.

In the district league, the football team had not won one of the eight games they had played in their division, at the end of the season.

The group went to Yeovilton camp on Sunday May 13th to join the district in a sponsored walk, for district funds, when the groups could retain half, and £14.19 was sent to the treasurer.

At the Wednesday meeting on the 18th, C.Baker and Sean Gatehouse received Hobbies badges, and G.Miller an Artist badge.

The coach arrived at West Coker Square on Saturday May the 26th, with the Salvation Army Cubs from Yeovil already on board, as the Cubs were joining them for a combined pack holiday in the Sea Scouts' headquarters in Rylands Lane, at Wyke Regis, Weymouth. There were 37 boys and 11 leaders. They arrived at 11 am. and after lunch went down to the beach. On the Sunday morning they had a 'Cubs' Own' service, and after lunch went to Portland Naval Base to look around. The next day, in fine weather, they went to the school playing field to play football and carried out the requirements for the Athletes badge. Tuesday, after lunch, they went to Bovington for the tank museum. The following day was spent in Weymouth shopping, then on the beach, and swimming. Thursday, after lunch, they took a picnic tea to the Nothe at Weymouth, where the boys spent a few hours searching for crabs before going back for a cooked meal, when Mr. J.Wiltshire and his wife paid them a visit. On Friday, Clive Baker was diagnosed by the doctor as having German Measles, so he stayed behind with a leader whilst the rest went by coach to Bournemouth for a day out. After lunch on the beach, they went by coach to Poole to the quayside and the pottery, where they were charged to have a tour of the craft section. Then to the park for picnic tea, and spent a couple of hours there looking at the ducks on the pool, miniature railway, and boating on the lake. They left the hut after lunch, on the coach at 2.45 pm. for home, when, after unloading the Coker Cubs it left for Yeovil. The holiday had a surplus of food and £40. The pack's best six of the week was White, under Sixer Thomas Leeson, and the best Six of previous campers was Kevin Brooks, and new camper, Andrew Belben.

The Cubs held a fête on Saturday 9th June, when they manned most of the sideshows.

The Cubs went into Yeovil to the Mudford Road playing fields for the district 'It's a Knock Out', on Friday the 15th, to compete against the other 9 packs.

Twenty one Cubs left at 11 am. on Saturday the 23rd, when they picked up the Salvation Army boys to go to the County Cubs' day at the Bath and West Show Ground at the County Jamboree being held there, for activities on a fair theme. In scorching weather the Cubs had sideshows, space hoppers and pogo stick races, and after tea left at 6 pm. for home. The surplus money of £40 from the pack holiday paid for the coach.

The end of the month Mrs. Bates and Mrs. M.Hall gave the Cubs instruction on first aid for 5 successive weeks, and 16 boys passed the test to receive the badge at the meeting on the 27th of June.

The Cubs attended the district Camp at the Oak Farm, Lufton, near Yeovil, and took the surplus food over from their pack holiday, on Friday evening of July 6th. The pack combined again with East Coker, at the new District site at the farm. The Lady Mayor and her husband attended the Cubs' Own service in the Chapel on Sunday when afterwards she presented the special camp neckerchiefs to those who had put in 60 hours work on the site, and Brian received one. (see the Appendix).

Akela, Brian Taylor, went with the Martock and St. Michael's combined Scouts to camp in Luxembourg, when they went by coach on Friday August 10th. For a full report see the Martock chapter.

The Cubs went into Yeovil on Saturday 8th September for the first district swimming gala held in the evening at the Huish pool for 2 hours.

The older Cubs were formed into Scouts, so Brian became their leader, leaving Edie to run the Cubs. C.Baker, G.Miller, Michael and Thomas Neville, and Andrew Wain were in the troop and they hiked to the Oak Campsite with Brian on Saturday the 15th, and cooked sausages before returning home.

On October the 3rd after Cubs, Brian as S.L., held the first Scout meeting for the Cubs who were too old to stay in the pack. The week later there were seven Scouts who met after Cubs from 7.40 pm. to 8.30 pm., when they had knotting and games.

In October the Cubs went swimming and six passed the Swimmer's badge, and for their meeting on Wednesday 17th the D.C. and his Wife (Mrs. K.Wiltshire), came out, when the D.C. presented Akela (Mrs. Taylor) with her Wood Badge beads. With guests present, the Cubs entertained them with singing and sketches, and refreshments were served.

The district held a road safety knock out competition for the Cubs, and the first round was on Wednesday November 28th at St. Peter's, Yeovil, when Coker won to go on to the next round.

The D.C. went to the Cubs' meeting on December the 5th to invest Dorlan Evans, T. and M.Neville, Paul Davis and A.Wain, into the troop.

The first meeting of the year had 21 Cubs attend on Wednesday January 9th 1974, and the Scouts followed when there were 5, plus two Cubs doing the Link badge requirements.

At the Cubs' meeting on the 23rd, a referee, Mr. Bowler, came and spoke to the boys about the rules of football and gave them tips on how to improve their game. On Monday February 4th, a team of 4 boys went to the St. Michael's Scout H.Q. in Yeovil, for the second round of the district Road Safety Quiz and won again.

Dave Bennett, the D.S.L., attended the Scouts' meeting after the Cubs on February the 6th, when the 5 Scouts were shown how to cook pancakes on a camp gas cooker. The Scouts joined the Cubs at their next meeting as it was their third anniversary, when they had a film show of Cub activities, and they all had hot dogs and lemonade. The Scouts received Gary Miller, having completed the Link badge, into the troop and he was invested, and Michael Salisbury was welcomed as a new recruit to the troop.

The local P.C. (Ralph Chapman), went to the Cubs' meeting on March 6th and gave the road safety team of C. Baker, Thomas Leeson, Peter Manley and G. Miller an hour of questions, ready for the semi-final for the district competition, when they went to St. Mary's Hall, Wraxhill Road, Yeovil, on Wednesday the 13th. They were drawn against East Coker who scored 50 to the pack's 40, so they lost. However, Edie took them into town for a fish and chip supper before leaving for home, as a reward for getting that far and doing so well, winning the two previous rounds.

In the Sunday afternoon of the 31st Brian took Dorian Evans and Andrew Wain to Oak Campsite, when Len. Pitman gave a talk and demonstration on tying knots, and afterwards they played a compass directions game.

For Job Week they raised £44.79 when the Scout to make the most was C.Baker, and the Cub was T.Leeson, and the group sent £30.60 to the District for the capitation fee.

The annual census recorded that there were 25 Cubs and 8 Scouts, with 2 Leaders and 2 Cub Instructors.

Brian laid a trail before the Cubs commenced their meeting on April 3rd, for the 15 Cubs to follow.

Scouts P.Davis, T.Leeson and A.Wain walked with Brian, to Mr. and Mrs. J.Cranton's home at East Chinnock Hollow to stay overnight camping in their orchard on Saturday 6th, and they returned the next afternoon.

The Cubs and Scouts met together at 'Homing' on Wednesday 10th, when C.Baker received his Link Badge and was invested into the Scouts, then the boys went in two groups around the village collecting rubbish, ending up at the playing field pavilion to receive hot dogs to eat. They then went to 'Homing' to receive their Job cards, after which 19 parents arrived for the A.G.M. that was held there and lasted one hour, when it was reported that there were now 27 Cubs and 8 Scouts. The Committee was all re-elected.

The following week's meeting on the 17th the boys met at 'Homing' and went to 'Lakefield' for marching practice for the forthcoming parade. The next evening Cub T.Leeson, and Scout A.Wain (P.L. of Fox) went into Yeovil for the flag rehearsal in St. John's Church, for the St. George's Day parade on Sunday 21st, when on the day the pennant for the smartest on parade was awarded jointly to the group and Holy Trinity.

The Cubs and Scouts started back to have their own meetings the next Wednesday, and Mrs. Leeson had made a celebration cake for them to enjoy!

The Cubs and Scouts were attending all the district events, such as the St. George's Day parades, etc.. For details see the main chapter.

On Friday 26th A.Wain, Michael Neville and Nicholas Salisbury went to the District P.L.'s. training weekend at North Barrow Youth Centre.

Brian took Cub Stephen Patrick into Yeovil on Saturday May 6th to the swimming pool at Huish for him to take the 3rd stage Swimmers badge, which he passed.

On Wednesday 15th the Scouts went to Mr. Eason's field and dug a trench to hold a fire so that they could cook sausages, when 7 Scouts and T.Leeson, and two village boys also attended and they made coffee.

M. and T.Neville and A.Wain, G.Miller and P.Davies went to the district Scout camp at Oak site on Friday 24th for the weekend. Brian camped in the copse in a hike tent with the other Scouters. The weather was fine and the boys received a Good Camping pennant.

On Monday after the camp broke, Brian had hardly packed all the gear in his garage when he was picked up to be taken to join his wife Edie, with the Cubs on pack holiday at Ferndown, in the early evening. They were in a Scout hut near Bournemouth, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 31st. Tuesday they all caught a double-decker 'bus for Poole, when they walked from the 'bus station to the quay to catch a boat to take them to Brownsea Island where they spent 3 hours, and ate their picnic lunch. When they returned to Poole they looked around the shops before catching the 5.20 pm. 'bus back. The evening was spent playing and having a 'disco'. The boys had an episode from 'Aristocrats' from the L.P. record of the sound track of the Disney film. The next day they caught the 'bus into Bournemouth coach station from whence they walked down to the beach for a swim and made sand barriers against the sea. After eating their packed lunch they went to the Ice Rink, then some went shopping whilst others had a go at the crazy golf. They all met back in the park for a picnic tea, to leave on the 6.45 pm. 'bus. On Thursday they erected a 'Scout' tent, did some fire lighting and tin foil cooking, under the supervision of Scout M.Adams. In the evening they had a concert when the visiting D.C. called, and stayed for 2 hours. The following day they caught a double-decker 'bus to Wimborne and split up in sixes to look around, arranging to meet up in the park at 1 pm. for fish and chips lunch break, followed by ice cream and squash drinks. In the evening the local Scouts came and played a game of rounders with them, followed by a campfire singsong, when they had hot dogs and drinking chocolate, also the A.D.C. Cubs called on them. The favourable weather allowed them to build 'dens' on the Ferndown common. On Saturday prizes were presented, when the winning Six of the competition were Sixer Terry Edwards, Second James Hayward and Cubs Clifford Yeoell, Gary Challis and Philip Arrow. Also at the final 'Grand Howl' to Sixers T.Leeson, Terry Edwards and Jonathan Parsons. Prizes for best Cubs of the week went to James Hayward, Peter Morley and Adrian Hawkins (a guest Cub from St. Michael's), then they packed up and after a light lunch returned by coach.

The pack went into Yeovil on Friday evening of June 7th for the district 'It's a Knock Out' competition, when the leaders ran a crazy golf game for teams of four.

Scouts C.Baker, D.Evans, T.Leeson, S.Hall, N.Salisbury, G.Miller and M.Neville, with Brian, went sailing under instruction, in a Mirror dinghy on Sutton Bingham reservoir on Sunday morning of June the 9th. On Saturday the 29th the Scouts went again when Brian and Clive, after an hours instruction, asked if they would like to go on their own, which they did, but soon capsized, but after righting the dinghy were able to continue.

While Dr. and Mrs. Wells were away on holiday they said that the group could use their swimming pool, so the Cubs used it first on their meeting night of Wednesday 12th of June, the Scouts followed and afterwards had some compass practice. The following week's meeting they went swimming together in the pool and the Cubs afterwards did some knotting. The following Saturday Brian took Cub T.Leeson to Yeovil Swimming pool, when he took the second stage Swimmers badge and passed, so that at the next meeting he received the badge and a Gold Arrow.

Nine Cubs joined with East Coker, when Mrs. Gloria Lawrence also helped them, when they went to the district Camp at Oak Farm on Friday evening of the 12th July, for the weekend. They had terrible weather on Thursday when they set up the camp, which fortunately cleared by the Friday evening when the boys arrived. On Sunday after lunch, mini sports were held when, in the tug-o-war, the two Cokers were the finalists but East won by two pulls.

Brian became G.S.L., so his wife, Edie, took over as C.S.L. for the pack.

The Scouts collected wastepaper on Wednesday the 24th and took it to Mrs. Hall's to store in her outbuilding. The Scouts went to the Oak campsite on Tuesday the 30th to meet up with the St. Michael's Scouts with their S.M., in the evening, when they spent 3 hours doing axemanship, firefighting and cooking.

Brian had hired a minibus from Vincents of Yeovil, and on Monday August 12th morning, 9 Scouts loaded their kit and they went into St. Michael's, Yeovil, when G.Herrick was with 12 of their Scouts in a minibus joined them. They loaded some of their equipment on the Coker 'bus to leave for Sparkford to go on the A303 main road, to continue on the A4, round the North Circular Road, to

reach Gilwell at 3.10 pm., where they set up camp at the Scout Association site. The next day was spent on site, when the boys went swimming in the outdoor pool, canoeing and fishing. Wednesday was a beautiful day for them, when they took a packed lunch with them and split up into 5 groups, going on different routes to hike 6 miles into Epping Forest. In the evening they joined the campfire in the famous 'circle', and on Thursday the St. Michael's Scouts caught the train into London, and the West Coker Scouts went by the two minibuses into London and parked them at B.-P. House. Some boys went to the Museums and the others by underground and caught a sightseeing 'bus for a tour of the City for two hours. They all met at B.-P. House at 4.30 pm. to have a look around, then sat down for a cooked meal at 6 pm., before leaving to return to Gilwell. The next day they took packed lunches to go in the minibuses to Heathrow Airport where they watched the planes taking off and landing. In the evening they were given a slide and tape commentary on Gilwell. Saturday they went swimming and fishing again, and in the afternoon drove to Connaught Waters where they went rowing and canoeing, and back at the campsite they went swimming again. In the evening they joined the campfire singsong and on Sunday they attended the 'Scouts' Own' service, which as it was raining, was held in the Storm Hut and the Warden presented them with Gilwell 'Camping Standard' pennants, being satisfied from the camp staff inspections on 4 mornings during the week. They made a packed lunch and had to strike camp in the rain, so they left with the wet tents packed up at 1.20 pm. for home, stopped at a service station on the M3 for their lunch break, to arrive at St. Michael's at 6.10 pm.. After unloading their kit off the Coker minibus, they went to Coker to offload, for Brian to return the 'bus to Yeovil.

The Cubs started a new term on September 4th in the Recreation Club house, and the Scouts followed, with C.Baker, D.Buttle, R.Lane and R.Williams, who were the only ones who attended, when they collected wastepaper to store it in Mrs. Hall's barn. The following week's meeting a new boy arrived, Michael Hunt, and R.Lane, D.Buttle and R.Williams were invested into the troop. D.Evans received a Swimmers badge, and C.Baker was appointed Second of the Fox patrol.

Three district Scouters and Brian went to Taunton on Wednesday September 18th for an interview for the County Scouter to go to the next World Jamboree, but they were unsuccessful.

The end of the month the Cubs received £43.75 in memory of Mrs. Vera Miller.

The Cubs went into Yeovil on Saturday evening of the 28th for the district swimming gala, when the team was third in the egg and spoon relay. David Evans was third in the football push for under 9 yr. olds.

At the end of the Cubs' meeting on October 23rd, the Scouts attended to receive Thomas Leeson in the 'going up' ceremony (he was the last founder Cub of the pack from its inception again, to go up). Alan Chainey came to give the Scouts a 20 minute film show of the East Coker's visit to Switzerland in 1969.

Brian had made and put up three posters to advertise the Icelandic Slide show that was presented by Mr. Hayter, from his visit last year, when he gave a talk on Thursday the 24th and there were refreshments provided, the proceeds were in aid of the group funds.

The district organised a Scouts cooking day on Sunday 27th at the Oak Farm site, when Brian took D.Evans, M.Neville and A.Wain, while D.Buttle and R.Lane cycled. They cooked minced beef, cauliflower, and boiled potatoes over open fires, with stewed apple and custard, finishing with a cup of tea.

On Tuesday morning of the 29th Brian took Scouts T.Leeson and G.Miller on a 10½ mile hike, when they went via East Coker Church, Barwick Park, to have lunch by Jack the Treacle Eater. They then went down Summerhouse Hill, on to Pen Hill, through Nine Springs and up Nash Lane and Holywell, back to West Coker, on a nice but cold day.

Five of the Scouts turned up for the first district swimming gala on Saturday November 9th held at the Huish pool in Yeovil in the early evening. G.Miller received placings, a second and third, and Brian entered the Scouters race and swam the four lengths against the other four entrants, to win.

The Cubs went to the district Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church on Monday evening of the 16th December, when Cub Adrian Leppard read a lesson, and Mrs. Taylor told a part of the Christmas story.

The Cubs' last meeting before Christmas, on the 18th, they had presentations of awards and an investiture, and were given a packet of crisps each with a drink of orange squash, before the Scouts,

who had Dave Bennett (A.D.C.) come out to give 4 of them a talk on first aid, arriving at 7 pm. to join them to sing carols.

The Cubs, Scouts and Guides met at St. Martin's Church on Sunday April 13th **1975** when the D.C. (Mr. Wiltshire), came and gave an address, and during the service conducted by the Rev. L.Bailey, he presented warrants to Skip (Brian Taylor), and Akela (his wife, Edie). The Scouts' new flag was blessed, and Scout T.Leeson read a lesson. Flag bearers and escorts were (Scouts) G.Miller, A.Wain and M.Neville, (Cubs) C.Yeoell, S.Parsons and R.Janes.

The group went into Yeovil to lead the St. George's Day parade on Sunday the 20th, and Cub John Hammond read the Cub Law at the service held in St. John's Church. The groups' capitation fee was £49.40.

The Cubs joined St. Michael's Cubs for a pack holiday at St. Andrew's Hall, Exmouth, in May and there was a photo.of them about to depart on the Baker's coach, in the 'W.G.' of the 30th. They hiked over to Sandy Bay, had trips to Bicton Gardens, Exeter to see the Cathedral, Maritime Museum, and the Football Club and ground. They went across the River Exe estuary on the ferry at Exmouth, and caught the train to Dawlish.

Fourteen Cubs attended the district fun camp over the first weekend of July at The Oak campsite.

At one of the July meetings, the village P.C. came in his Police car, and gave the Cubs a very informative talk about his role, and he used visual aids for the boys. After which the Cubs were shown over the car and its aids, and listened to the police radio.

Seven Scouts, with the S.L. and Cub Instructor, Miss P.E.Lewis, went to the Scout site at Butchers Coppice, Bournemouth on Saturday August 9th for a week, when there was a photo. of them before leaving, in the *Western Gazette* of the 15th, see fig. 40.2. They went to see the Rufus Stone in the New Forest on Monday, followed by a hike in the forest. Tuesday they visited Poole Power Station and the park, and the next day went to Poole to get the ferry to Brownsea Island, and back to Poole to visit the harbour. Thursday they had a trip to Hengisbury Head to visit the nature trail and took part in running over an assault course. Friday they went to Christchurch to visit the Priory, museum and pleasure park, and returned to have a campfire in the evening, that was rained off, so the boys had a singsong in the van. D. Buttle and R. Lane did their 12 mile hike for the Advance Scout Standard tests, when they went camping overnight and to Hengisbury Head, near Christchurch and back via Hurn Airport.

A patrol of 3 Scouts from the Badgers went to the district Jamboree at the Oak Camp, the last weekend of August, to join the other 12 patrols camping there.

The pack entered a team in the district football league again, but were not very successful in the results.

The Scouts went to Yeovil on Friday November 15th for the district swimming gala at the Huish pool, and the S.M. (B.Taylor), entered the Scouters race to win it.

The Cubs had Salvation Army football team come to play them on the playing field on Saturday morning, January 24th **1976**, when the visiting team won by 6 to nil.

The group held a sponsored silence organised by Akela, when 30 Cubs and 7 Scouts raised £80. The money was for the Yeovil Opportunities Group, and Mrs. M.Kibblewhite attended at the recreational hall on Wednesday the 28th, to receive the cheque, when there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 30th.

The Cubs went with the Salvation Army Cubs, for a training weekend at Clapton Youth Centre on Friday evening of the 30th. The heating went wrong so the leaders came back to borrow electric fires to keep them warm until the heating could be corrected.

Mr. Roy Lane went to the Scouts' meeting on the Wednesday 11th of February to talk to the three Scouts present on weather, aided by charts and slides.

On 'Thinking Day', February 22nd, which fell on a Sunday, the Scouts and Cubs joined the Guides and Brownies for the service, when they assembled in the Square and paraded to the St. Martin's Church, with Stephen Parsons and Nigel Edwards carrying the flags. During the service, conducted by the Rev. Bailey, prayers were read by Justin Taylor and C. Baker. They all sang thanksgiving songs, and B.-P's. last message was read by Matthew Manders. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 27th.

After lunch on Saturday the 27th the new A.S.L. (Nigel Edwards), with Brian and a Scout and 3 Cubs doing their Link badge, hiked via Brympton to Houndstone where D. Buttle joined them to continue to Oak Campsite where they made a fire, cooked sausages, and made a hot drink. They returned via Higher Odcombe and along the public footpaths to West Coker, via Dibbles Lane, in the early evening.

The capitation fee due was £68.45 for the group, to be paid to the district treasurer.

Six members of the troop with the two leaders and another adult helper went on a midnight hike on Friday April 9th, when they set off from the Bent Tree Café at Hazelbury. They went across country lanes to Halstock to have a meal break, then covered 11½ miles before returning home via Hardington Moor, which they reached at 2 am., which was earlier than planned, so three slept in the front room of 'Skip's' home.

At the Scouts' meeting on the 21st, a P.L. and A.P.L. from St. Mary's came with their Dad (a Scouter) to assess the meeting as they were interested in joining the troop, who erected a hike tent and did some compass work.

The group held a meeting on Tuesday the 27th when there was a good display of Cub and Scout activities for the parents to view. The D.C.S.L. (Len. Pitman) attended, when a new Committee decided that the Cub and Scout meetings would move, to be held in the Pavilion.

At the last Scout meeting in the Recreation Club on May 5th they had instruction for the forthcoming Fox Trophy competition hike. As a result of the move on Saturday, two cupboards with contents were moved to the Taylor's garage for storage.

C.Baker, R.Lane and D.Buttle entered the Fox Trophy hike that started that day, from Maiden Newton to end up at White Vine Farm, Hardington, where they camped overnight on Saturday the 8th.

The group with some parents organised a coffee evening on Wednesday the 12th, with a bring and buy sale, in the Old Schoolroom, when the Cubs assisted and the proceeds of £16 were towards the D.C's. (Mr. Jack Wiltshire's) retirement present as he was giving up at the end of the month.

The Scouts had arranged to go sailing on the Sutton Bingham reservoir on Sunday the 16th, but had to cancel it as the strong winds could overturn the boats. However, four Scouts were able to go the following Sunday for a four-hour session.

Brian took Scouts Stephen Patrick and Matthew Manders into Yeovil on Friday the 21st to the swimming pool, when he passed them for the Swimmers badge.

The Cubs played their dads in a comic football match on Saturday the 22nd, to celebrate the Cub section's 'Diamond Jubilee of Scouting'. The village policeman, Ralph Chapman, refereed the sponsored game, when the boys beat their dads by 5 to 4 and raised £15, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 28th.

The D.C. attended the meeting on the 26th when the Scouts started earlier to be with the Cubs for their last ¼ hour of their meeting to see him present Pauline Lewis with her Wood Badge beads and A.C.S.L's. warrant. Also Stephen Patrick moved up to the Scouts, to be welcomed by them and Brian. After the Cubs were dismissed, Roy Hooper (A.D.C. L.T.), who was present, presented certificates to the three Scouts who completed the Fox Trophy hike, and he returned their log of the event and gave them a few words of advice for the future. S.Patrick was presented with a Swimmers badge, Matthew Manders had also passed the badge.

R. Lane and D. Buttle went with St. Michael's Scouts to the County Jamboree on Friday, the 28th for the last weekend of the month, at Tetbury, near Frome. On Monday it rained during the closing ceremony so the tents were packed up wet to clear the site, and the boys received First Class and Good Camping pennants.

The Dennett's coach, with the Salvation Army Cubs on board, arrived at Coker to pick up the Cubs and their equipment on Tuesday June the 1st from the Square at 9.30 am.. They went to the Salvation Army Recreational Centre at Sunbury on Thames with 40 Cubs, 6 Instructors and 6 Leaders, including Nigel, Brian and his wife, Mrs. E.Taylor (Akela). When they arrived, just before 1 pm., they unloaded the kit to convey to the chalets before eating their packed lunch. When they were in bed, Brian read them 'Smuggler Boys' story. On Wednesday they went to Windsor Wild Life Safari Park when admission was £12.75, and they drove through the lion park on the coach (that cost £30), before splitting up in sixes to look around before meeting up later for a picnic lunch, before going on to look at the Castle. They returned to the site at 4 pm. and in the evening they played football and had a

swim in the open-air pool. Thursday was fun day on site, when they did the requirements for the Athletes badge, held a swimming gala, another football match, and in the evening a campfire, when a Sunday School, who were also there, joined them. In nice weather they took a packed lunch with them on Friday, when they walked into Sunbury and crossed the Thames on a punt ferry and walked about 3 miles along the river before stopping for lunch. On the way they stopped to see the lock gates being operated. They went on to Hampton Court where nearly everyone went around the famous maze. They returned by 'bus, to have a campfire in the evening. They left the site on Saturday for the 1½ hour coach journey, costing £40, to Gilwell, when they ate their packed lunches and paid the 10p. visitors fee for a tour of the Scout site and left at 4 pm.. Back at their own site they had a swim, as it was so hot and in the evening a disco was run for them. On the Sunday the boys and Instructors had a swim while the leaders packed up and the men loaded the Dennetts' coach, for them to leave at 2.45 pm., to arrive back at West Coker at 6 pm.. They had 92 pints of milk for £4.04, 34 loaves of cut bread for £4.93, and 60 long rolls for 'hot dogs' at £1.80.

On the Cubs' Wednesday meeting of the 9th June, they started the Conservation badge by tidying up the path and grass to the pavilion, etc., and the Scouts joined in. Afterwards they did tracking and first aid. For the following week's meeting, the three Scouts who attended went to Dr. Wells for a ½ hour swim before an observation test along East Street, to end at 'Homing', where they had a cup of coffee. Terry Edwards was invested in the Scouts on Wednesday 23rd, and the boys were making ballista.

The pack had a 14 ft. square tent lent them by East Coker group to take to the district camp on Friday the 25th, when they also took 4 tents and a dining shelter for the weekend at Oak Farm. It was really hot on the Saturday for the base activities, when the leaders ran 'making jackets' and 'Lance' making bases for the boys, for the Indian theme.

The Cubs were given a guided tour of the Yeovil sewage works at Penn Mill in July, as part of their local knowledge training in the Arrow series of badges. They had an activity weekend the end of the month, at Church Farm.

For the Scouts' meeting on the 30th, Brian had laid a trail beforehand for them, when the six boys followed but they lost the trail so finished at 9 pm! The following week's meeting they went to the Yeovil sewage works at Penn Mill for an hour to have the working explained to them, and on their way back to the Old Station car park, where their parents were waiting to take them home, they bought some chips to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor took their two daughters to the County family camp at Huish Woods on the Friday evening of the 9th July, and camped with Nigel and the Raeburns (Salvation Army). The next morning they went around the various sub-camps to chat to the others there. In the afternoon, 'It's a Knock Out' was held and an aerial runway was built which the girls enjoyed. There was a campfire in the evening for an hour, followed by a buffet in the site building. A short Scouts' Own service was held on Sunday before lunch, then children's sports were held, archery and a nature trail, when the weather was hot again. They left just before 6 pm. for home.

At the Cubs' meeting on Wednesday the 14th, three boys were invested and as the Cubs had made bird tables they went around the village and to Burrells House to place bird feeding tables (as part of their conservation badge work). There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 16th putting up one in Mr. and Mrs. I.Guppy's garden. For the Scouts meeting that followed, they constructed a bridge across a stream using scaffold poles.

As there was no water on the site of the proposed camp at White Vine Farm, 10 gallon milk churns were borrowed from the Unigate Dairy at Bunford, Yeovil, in the morning, from whence they were taken out to Hazelbury to fill up to take to the farm, to the big field below the farm, on Wednesday August 5th. They were next to the woods where there was ample fallen wood to burn on open fires. Brian and 7 Scouts cycled out there and their kit and equipment, with Nigel and his cycle, were taken out in Michael Hedge's van. They organised a meal for dinner, then spent the rest of the day setting up their camp. On the next afternoon they hiked to Penn Wood and went on the trail and had tea. They hiked back to West Coker to join in the campfire singsong and barbecue, in aid of the group funds organised by the Committee, when £33.36 was raised and the Scouts helped with the side shows, before going back to camp. On Friday after breakfast, they cycled to Bridport and West Bay when they stopped for lunch at Beaminster. They had to cycle steadily as M. Manders had had an

appendicitis operation only a month before! They spent nearly three hours at West Bay and some went swimming. On the way back they stopped at Beaminster for a meal of fish and chips, and when they got back to camp warmed a drink on the Primus stove. The weather was still fine on Saturday so they cooked their midday meal back woods style, and in the afternoon held an inter-patrol cricket match, which the Badgers won. After an early tea the boys made bivouac shelter from natural materials, and Stephen Patrick, M.Manders, R. Lane and D.Buttle slept out in them overnight. In the late evening a successful campfire was held in the Fox patrol compound. On Sunday they held a Scouts' Own service when they discussed the law and promise, and Brian read a few poems from Patience Strongs' book. The Badger patrol was led by D.Buttle, who won the competition for the best patrol, by a narrow margin. In the afternoon they packed up and cycled home. After, Brian and Michael took the van out to collect the gear to bring back. Then Brian drove a Sherpa van, hired from Vincents of Yeovil, to join the Salvation Army Scouts on their trip to Luxembourg, when he went into Yeovil on Thursday the 12th at 5 pm. for the start. For a full report see the Salvation Army chapter; they returned at midnight on Monday the 23rd.

The two patrols camped separately when they went to the District Jamboree on Friday evening of the 27th, at Netherton Farm, for the weekend. They had good weather on Saturday for the activities, which included cooking a meal, when a Scouter joined them to sample and assess it.

For the Scouts' meeting on Wednesday September the 15th Brian set up a trail from the 'bus shelter, up the Church Lane, down a lane and across to Hardington Moor, up to Primrose and then across a field to finish off at Windmill cottage where a 'gone home' sign was left. The Badgers set off first at 7 pm. and the Foxes ten minutes later, when the Badgers returned an hour later and the Foxes 25 minutes after; Edie came to make them a drink of coffee.

For the meeting of the 22nd September, the Scouts had new P.Ls. and Seconds appointed, when D. Evans was P.L. for the Badgers, with Terry Edwards his Second, and C. Baker P.L. of the Foxes, with M. Manders the Second, there being 4 boys to each patrol. The senior P.L. was D.Buttle.

A jumble sale was held in the Old Schoolroom on Saturday the 25th, in the afternoon, when £25 was raised for the funds despite heavy rain that would have deterred people attending.

The Cubs planted young trees around the playing field, under the supervision of Mrs. E.Adams and Mr. R.Greenwood, as part of their Conservation badge work, the end of the month. During the evening a conker competition was won by Richard Chalmondeley, with Martin Williams runner-up.

Having been mentioned in the national *Scouting* magazine as 'the second worst Cub football team in England', they played their first game of the season on Saturday October 2nd against Barwick School and won 4 to 3. Bevan Horley scored 2, also Russell Greenslade and Paul Studley scored, so breaking their bad record.

A series of first aid lectures was started on Monday the 4th in the Pavilion, for 2 hour meetings, to run for 6 sessions, when some Scouts, Nigel Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor also attended.

D. Buttle and R. Lane went to the County chess competition on Saturday afternoon of the 23rd at Taunton and were placed second and fourth respectively, out of the 45 competitors. That evening the group organised a dance with chicken and chips supper in Odcombe village hall, when 76 people attended and a profit of just over £11 was made.

The Scouts at their meeting on the 27th made simple cakes and sweets, and the following week the 6 boys who attended had a wide game with a pioneering project to follow, constructing a bamboo structure fitted with a lighted candle to burn through a piece of nylon cord by remote control.

The district Scouts' swimming gala was held in the Huish pool on Saturday November 13th, when S.Patrick swam 3 lengths to win the freestyle race for 13 to 14 yr. olds, and came second in the backstroke race, having swum 2 lengths. Andrew Davis also swam for the troop, and the S.M. entered the Scouters' freestyle race and came second.

As it was the third Wednesday of the month on the 17th, the Pavilion being booked, the Scouts for their meeting had it postponed to Saturday afternoon when 4 Scouts turned up to do a scavenger hunt for 2½ hours, a search for interesting objects and information about Coker.

It was a wet day for the special family morning service when the group, Guides and Brownies joined the Sunday school children on the 28th, when each section sang a carol.

Posters were made and put up to advertise the coffee evening and Christmas toy sale on Wednesday December 1st in the Pavilion. The Cubs manned the stalls, selling calendars and cards

they had made, and they also sold their old toys and books, and raised £23.50. A photo. of them was also taken.

The Cubs Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Edie Taylor, helped by the Scouts and Guides, entertained members of the Burrell's residential House in their common room on Wednesday the 8th, to sing carols to them, and a recitation, when solo items were played by Scout Clive Baker (who was working for his entertainers badge) on a Stylophone, and three Scouts sang the solo verses of 'We Three Kings', and Nigel showed a short film of parts of the conservation badge work, and the pack holiday at Gilwell Park. Nigel and Edie had made a crib and refreshments were provided by parents of the Cubs. Conservation badges were presented by Mrs. E.Adams, a Parish Councillor. The Cubs gave Hyacinth bulbs in peat, in used and decorated margarine containers, also mince pies, to the residents. The D.C. (Mr. L.Long), who was also present, spoke of the Cubs' discipline and enthusiasm, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of December the 10th.

For the last meeting of the year, on Monday the 13th, the Scouts met in the Royal George skittle alley at 7.30 pm. to have a game, and they finished two hours later. The Cubs finished on Wednesday when they met for one hour for prize giving, an investiture, and finishing up with eats and a drink. See fig. 40.3.

The A.S.L. (Nigel Edwards), became the S.L. in the New Year of 1977 and then completed the Wood Badge training to receive the beads.

The evening of Friday January 7th the Scouts went to North Barrow Youth Centre for the weekend. The boys were instructed on the Saturday morning on enlarging maps and how to produce hill contour profiles. After eating a packed lunch they hiked through Lovington to East Lydford and back again, when, during the course of the 6½ mile hike, they witnessed a foxhunt. The Scouts made weather maps and wind vanes on Sunday morning, and left for home in the afternoon.

The meeting of the 12th the boys went into Yeovil where a trail was laid and followed, and they finished up having chips. On Thursday the 20th the Cubs went into Yeovil to join the Salvation Army group at their hall to see two films about Guide Dogs for the Blind, and a talk was given about them.

The first game of football for the year was played on Saturday the 22nd when the team won against Holy Trinity, and a week later they beat Martock. Andrew Greenwood won the Cubs football competition.

The Cubs went on a weekend to North Barrow Youth Centre on Friday February 4th, and returned on the Sunday afternoon.

Two Scouts went with Brian to Huish Woods, the Taunton District campsite, for a P.L.s. training weekend on Friday March 11th, when they arrived in pouring rain to unload the kit from a lorry, but the weather cleared up later when they erected the tents. They went orienteering on the Saturday morning, and in the evening watched a film 'This is Scouting'. The Sunday they went on a hike of 4½ miles round West Hatch.

The Cub meeting of Wednesday April 20th they did some marching practice in readiness for the St. George's Day parade on Sunday. The Scouts meeting afterwards with 5 Cubs who were holders of Gold Arrows, went to East Close Gully, to do some cooking, when they baked potatoes and apples in tin foil, making twists and cooking them. The Cubs, at the end of the evening, were awarded the Link badge, as they had completed the last requirement by taking part in a Scout activity, to receive it. On May 4th the A.D.C. Cubs (Mrs. Hartley), was present to see the 'Link' Cubs go up to Scouts.

The Cubs went dressed as pirates to their special meeting on the 18th, when they went to the playing field and made ships and pirate flags, and there was a treasure hunt and games.

At the district league football final held at Yeovil Town ground at Huish on Friday May 27th, Bevin Horley won the penalty competition.

The Badger patrol went to the County Jamboree at Taunton the first weekend in June, and were in the Cardiff sub-camp, when they received a Good Camping pennant.

A 'National' coach came to the village on Saturday June 4th to pick up 19 Cubs and leaders, with their kit. The coach then went into Yeovil to pick up the 28 Salvation Army Cubs with their leaders and kit, to go to Bournemouth to Butchers Coppice for a combined pack holiday. On Monday they went to the tank museum at Bovington camp to look around and after eating their packed lunch, they took a coach to Sandbanks but the weather turned cold and wet so they only stayed an hour before returning to the site and had shepherds pie. Tuesday, after fish fingers for lunch, they had a Jubilee tea

in Poole Park. Thursday they went to Poole to visit the pottery but there was a booking error, so they couldn't go around the pottery, but managed to get their booked ferry to Brownsea Island time brought forward so got on the Island to have a picnic lunch of filled rolls there. They just started when it rained, and continued as some walked around the island, until they returned to Poole. The ferry was 60p. for adults and 33p. for children, and the landing fee was 30p. for adults and half for children. They bought fish and chips for supper. They were invited to a campfire by a Scout troop camping there. Saturday was wet again so the Cubs walked to Kinson swimming pool in the morning for a swim before returning home in the afternoon.

The pack went into Yeovil on Friday the 7th to the Johnson Park for the district 'It's a Knock Out' competition, when the pack Scouters organised a crazy golf game.

For the Cubs' meeting on the 13th they carried out the requirements for the Entertainers badge, which produced a lot of laughs. The following week's meeting they went into Yeovil to go swimming in the pool at Huish.

At the Cubs' meeting on the 22nd it was announced that they had been given £82 from an anonymous donor to use for however they wished. The Scouts went to the Observer Corps Headquarters at Southwood, Yeovil, to be shown around whilst an exercise was going on, and afterwards they were given tea and biscuits.

Ten Cubs went to the district camp at Netherton Farm on Friday the 24th for the weekend and joined in the activities, taking their previously made shields. The boys received a special 'Jubilee' commemorative certificate, see fig. 40.4.

The 16 Cubs had a sports evening for their meeting on July 6th, and the Scouts, now 10 in number, had half of them invested that evening and ended their meeting cooking beefburgers.

The troop's summer camp was held at Melbury Park near Evershot, when the boys set off on Saturday August 20th. In between normal camp activities they went by train on Thursday from Yetminster station to Weymouth for the day, when they split up into three groups to meet again on the front for their packed lunches. They met again at 5 pm. for fish and chips, before catching the 5.50 train back. On Friday they hiked to Rampisham, Benvill Bridge and Castle Hill, taking a packed lunch. They packed up and broke camp midday on Saturday to return home.

At the District Scouters meeting at St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday September 15th, the County Commissioner (Peter Christopher), came to present Brian with the Long-Service award for 15 years service to the movement.

The troop meeting of the 21st the Scouts went into Yeovil on a word trail, starting and finishing in The Borough, and they had 10p's. worth of chips each before returning to Coker.

The week later the parents helped the Cubs dress up as T.V. characters, when they went to the Pavilion for a harvest supper. They made corn-dollies and a donation was given to Operation Nosebag, to provide a pony for the handicapped.

The Cubs and their Dads, all in fancy costumes, played a sponsored football match, when the local P.C. (R.Chapman) refereed the game, that was a win for the Dads by 5 goals to 4, and they raised £15 for local funds. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.'.

A large congregation attended the family service at St. Martin's Church on Sunday November 20th, for a two-fold purpose. A service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Jubilee year, and the blessing of the Union Jack, presented to the group by Mrs. V.Still to mark the Jubilee. The Scouts and Cubs joined the Guides and Brownies and Sunday school children for the service. Cubs, Martin Williams, Andrew Greenwood and Keir O'Donnel were the Cubs' flag bearers, Dorian Evans, Terry Edwards and Kevin Brooks were the Scouts', and the Union Jack party were Graham Still, Paul Studley and Daniel Evans.

At the committee meeting of 5th December Mr. D.Caines and Mr. W.Bowles agreed to organise all fund-raising events, with help from the others. The tents had been taken to Paull's of Martock for repair, and they were enquiring about having new ones. So a new tent at £123 was ordered next March. The Chairman was Mr. Reg. Baker, with his wife as treasurer, and the Secretary was Mrs. Heather Docking.

Richard Chalmandeley went to the district Scouts chess competition on Saturday December 10th, when he was runner-up of the 10 who competed for the trophy.

The meeting of the 14th the Cubs went to Burrells House to sing carols to the residents, and gave them entertainment with a nativity play, that was interspersed with carols, and small presents that the Cubs had made were given. Parents provided refreshments and the Scouts served them.

The Cubs celebrated their seventh birthday in **1978** when Rikki (Brian Docking) awarded prizes for cards made by Andrew Greenwood – First, Timothy Hooper – Second, and Jason Field – Third.

The parents of the group met on Thursday 27th of April to hear the progress of the troop who were now 13 in number, with 2 leaders, and the pack, when some of the work of the Cubs and photographs of the last 7 years were on display. The Chairman (Mr. Baker), announced the resignation of the G.S.L. (Mr. Taylor), who had equipment in his garage, so was enquiring about its insurance.

On Thursday May 4th the Cubs went into Yeovil to be shown around the Fire Station at Reckleford and afterwards were instructed in the fire drill pertaining to their meeting place.

The Committee arranged a jumble sale on Saturday the 6th in the Old Schoolroom, when they raised £36, and a disco was held on a later Saturday to boost the funds and raised £78.96.

The district Cub packs entered football teams for a league that was formed into two groups, when the pack were in Division 'A', and the Cubs' quarter final saw the two Coker packs play each other and East Coker scored one, with West Coker having 3 goals, reported the 'W.G.' of March 17th, when they had played 7 games and won 4. They had won 5 out of the 8 games played, with one draw reported the 'W.G.' of April 26th.

The pack went to the district Cub camp at Castle Farm, Ilchester, the second weekend of July, when A.Greenwood won the penalty football competition.

The Cubs spent their pack holiday under canvas over the spring Bank Holiday weekend at Charmouth. Over the four days they went to the Moores Biscuit Factory at Morecombelake, and stirred walnuts in a mix, and also went to Lyme Regis. See fig. 40.5. Five Scouts, under S.L. Edwards and Brian, now an Instructor, camped for the week at the Manor Farm, Charmouth, in reasonable weather. The activities included cooking, and during free time football, and cycling to West Bay, Bridport and Lyme Regis. Also an 8 mile hike, when they visited Lamberts Castle and they also went to the nearby Moores biscuit factory, and down to the beach for swimming.

At the committee meeting on 23rd October, the Treasurer reported to them that they had £131.7½p in hand.

The pack went to Burrells House before Christmas to entertain the elderly residents, telling the Christmas story and singing carols, with tea and mince pies being served. The Chairman of the group presented Brian Taylor with a silver tray to mark his retirement after 19 years of warranted service, when there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of 22nd December, see fig. 40.6.

The Cubs celebrated their birthday in February **1979**, when, during the evening, besides doing work on Nepal project, 'For the Year of the Child', they played games and had refreshments. There was a good entry for the Valentine Card competition.

The acting D.C. (Mrs. Leveridge), went to the pack meeting the end of April and presented Brian Docking with a Cub Leader Warrant. He had already spent 5 years with the pack, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of May 4th, see fig. 40.7.

The Cubs, with the help of their parents, held a successful jumble sale in the Old Schoolroom in May that raised £55.50 in aid of the fund for the Cubs forthcoming pack holiday in London.

Six Scouts with the S.L. and two adults, camped at Halcombe, near Dawlish for the week, the end of July - beginning of August. They had perfect weather, when they enjoyed hiking and swimming, and they visited Dawlish and Teignmouth.

Twenty Cubs were charged £15 each, and with 5 leaders and two Guides, went to London in the October half term for the annual pack holiday, to stay at B.-P. House. They had an action-packed four days with visits to Heathrow Airport, Underground trips, Wembley Stadium, and R.A.F. Hendon. They had night tours to see the lights of London, the Tower, St.Paul's, Harrods, London Museum, Madame Tussaud's, and Windsor Castle.

The Cubs' spring term for **1980** ended on March 26th, when 5 boys were invested by Akela (Mrs. E.Taylor). There was a great number of Easter Eggs entered for a competition for the best decorated one, when all were beautifully done and most varied. Refreshments were served to the parents present.

The Scouts went to the County Jamboree at Stogursey for the last weekend of May, when the Fox patrol were given a Novices award, as they had not camped at the Jamboree before.

The Cubs spent a pack holiday weekend at North Barrow on June 15th, and they attended the district camp at Mudford the first weekend in July, see fig. 40.8.

The District called a meeting of the parents on the 1st, as the Scout Leader was having to resign, and only one parent offered to help.

Eight Scouts, with three dads and three leaders, went on a 15 mile circular hike in August, when they camped overnight at White Vine Farm near Penn Woods, by permission of Mr. P.G.Oxenbury. At Halstock, they visited the site of a Roman Villa and were shown the site of a dig.

Some of the Scouts went on the (J.A.W.S.) District water activities weekend on September 21st, at Bridgwater.

The Cubs went into Yeovil on Wednesday October 1st to the P.O. telephone automatic exchange in Clarence Street, to see it in operation, and the next week, they went to the Sorting Office in Huish to see the mail being franked and sorted.

On Sunday October 12th, the Cubs played the first football match of the season against Tintinhull, and beat them 8 to nil. At the committee meeting on the 14th, it was decided to raise the Cub's subs. from 10p. to 15p. a week.

The 13 Scouts had a sponsored pram push around the playing field for 24 hours, when throughout the night they did one hour on and had three hours rest. Paddy Ashdown (a prospective parliamentary candidate for Yeovil), came and gave them a push off on Saturday October 4th. They did 80 miles in the time and raised £175 for the troop funds, when they hoped to buy lightweight tents, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 10th, see fig. 40.9.

The British Legion members invited the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies and the Sunday school to join them for the parade from the Square to the Church, on Sunday morning of November 9th. The flag bearers were senior Scout Paul Studley, Scout A.Greenwood, and Cub Timothy Hooper. The G.S.L. (Brian Taylor again), laid a wreath at the War Memorial. The Remembrance Service was held in the St. Martin's Church when Akela (Mrs. Taylor) read a lesson. The ceremony of the torch was performed by the chairman of the Legion and the youngest Cub, Benjamin Bruce.

The Cubs held their birthday party on Wednesday February 11th **1981**, when they had magician Ron. Batson come to entertain them in the Old Schoolroom. The occasion also had certificates presented to A.Greenwood and Carl Docking who jointly had second place in the County competition for pack holiday log book entries from their holiday in London. Also, the eldest Cub Steven Lawrence, presented Akela a bouquet for her work for the Cubs over the years. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.'.

The group went to Martock for the St. George's Day parade on Sunday the 26th, when after the second hymn the Cubs put on a play, also a Cub from the pack recited the law.

The group A.G.M. was held in the Pavilion on April 30th, when the D.C. (Cdr. Young), and Miss R.Peaty (A.D.C. Cubs), were present to hear that the group had £250 in the bank. The Cubs report mentioned that they helped at the Church fête held at the Manor on a Saturday in June. It was reported that the Parish Council had agreed for them to erect a shed in the recreation field to store their equipment. The committee was all re-elected, and Mr. Edwards was acting S.L..

The Scouts and Cubs joined the British Legion members on Sunday 3rd of May when members of the three local branches paraded with their standards, and there were eleven other branch standards carried by their representatives, and the Cubs and Scouts carried their flags to the Parish Church for the special service, as the Coker branch had a new standard being dedicated.

The Cubs held their annual football match against their fathers on May 20th on the recreation field at Lakefields, when there were 42 boys playing 18 dads! The ex local policeman, Mr. Chapman, was the referee, when the result was a four all draw and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 29th.

The 17 Cubs spent a weeks pack holiday at Butchers Coppice, near Bournemouth, at the end of May, when they visited Poole Pottery, the Lifeboat museum, and Brownsea Island, see fig. 40.10. They all did the requirements for the Athlete and Explorer badges, to receive them at the conclusion of the week.

Spencer Woodhams went to Yeovilton Air Station to the museum for the district Gold Arrow reception on Friday, July 10th, when Captain M.Rowlinson presented the boys with a certificate and there was a photo. of them in the following week's 'W.G.'

At the committee meeting on the 13th, it was reported that the Scouts would soon have three patrols so would need another patrol box.

The Cubs celebrated Halloween with a party that had a fancy-dress competition and a best 'punky' competition. They held a Christmas bazaar and a coffee evening in Early December, which raised £108 for the pack funds.

The residents of Burrell House were entertained by the Cubs with poems, prayers, carols and a short play, before Christmas. Afterwards they presented gifts, and served mince pies and coffee to the residents. The poems were written and read by Warren Dean and David Tuck, and the prayers by Richard Dyer and Graham Bishop. The prologue to the play was read by Sean Gold, Leon Doble, Stefan Sturman, Paul Bartlett, David Studley, and Benjamin Bruce. The actors were David Barker, Simon Greenwood, Carl Docking, Adrian Hughes, Matthew Mitchell, William Smith and John Salter. The compere was Neil Harris, and afterwards the boys were presented with badges to commemorate 75 years of scouting, to wear on their uniforms next year.

The Cubs donated money from their pocket money, and at the Wednesday meeting of February 6th **1982** Leon Doble presented a tin containing £25 to Mr. L.Dicks, for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 19th, see fig. 40.11.

The Scouts had been using the antique Bier (four-wheeled coffin carriage), kept at the Vicarage, for transporting their gear, but it was decided to place it in a Museum. There was a photo. of Cubs Adam House, Richard Milverton, Steven and Richard Higgs, Steven Lawrence and Dean Gould with it in the 'W.G.' of the 28th.

Following the parade from the school on Sunday, the Rev. David Hunt welcomed the Scouts and Cubs to St. Michael's Church for the service. Cub Durgan Cooper read the lesson, and Scout Jonathan Kossman read the Act of Dedication. A parable from Korea was presented by Cubs Peter Snelling, Richard Hunt, David Riley and Martin Twelvetree.

The Cubs celebrated Easter with an Easter Egg competition, won by N.Harris, and a card design was won by L.Doble.

The Cubs went to the County Day at Barwick Park on Saturday April 24th, and as well as organising the special St. George's Day quiz, were placed runners-up in the base activities.

The group A.G.M. was held on the 29th when the committee was re-elected, and Mrs. Jill Harris was introduced as a new C.S.L.. The D.C., who was present, explained the capitation fee and suggested a term or annual membership fee to replace the weekly subs., when they were paying 15p. a week, but it didn't become popular with some parents, as their sons paid their own subs. from their pocket money!

Twenty Cubs went to London to spend four days at B.-P. House in early June, when they visited Wembley football stadium, and St. Paul's Cathedral when they went up the dome. They had a river trip to Greenwich and saw the Cutty Sark, also went to the Maritime Museum and Heathrow Airport. See fig. 40.12.

The Cubs went to the district camp at Mudford on Friday July the 4th, when they were given the choice to go on 6 bases on Saturday. The pack leaders ran a woggle-making base.

Carl Docking received the Gold Arrow badge in July, and he had 17 proficiency badges! The Cubs went to his dad's orchard for a weekend, and held a Campers badge camp.

A special meeting was held on January 10th **1983** when the A.D.C. (Miss Peaty), and the District Secretary (Mrs. Young), attended, as Mrs. Shirley Sturman was wanting to start a Cub pack at Odcombe, attached to the Coker group, but it was unanimously agreed that the leaders and Committee should have been informed earlier to discuss this. However, the meeting did approve of the formation of a new group, who would have their own committee and fund-raising at Odcombe, but would provide a list of boys, etc., to the treasurer, for the census.

Scout Leader Stuart Raeburn, from the Salvation Army group in Yeovil, came to the Cubs' meeting on February 2nd to talk to them about international scouting.

At the committee meeting on the 8th, the Treasurer reported that the funds were £246, so they were going to buy 2 small tents, a portaloos and a gas cooker.

On the 16th, the Scouts visited Yeovil Fire Station in Reckleford, and on the meeting of the 23rd the D.C. came to present Brian Docking with the Wood Badge beads, as he had completed the leader training.

The Cubs working for the Conservation badge, had transplanted young trees from the grounds of Devonshire House to the site of the new village hall, when there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 18th.

There was a special service at East Chinnock Church on Sunday March 4th, when the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies attended the Communion Service.

At the last pack meeting in March, Mr. W.Gould presented A.Hughes of the Cubs' team, with a 'Footballer of the Year' award. Adrian was the team's goalkeeper and had done very well that season. Other boys who were leaving the team, received a signed certificate. The boys presented the manager and referee with gifts, and there was a photo. of the presentation in the 'W.G.' of the 1st April, see fig. 40.13.

The Sixers and Seconds of the pack went, with the Scouts, for a weekend camp in Chick's Orchard at West Coker, on Friday evening, the 8th. On the Sunday three boys were invested into the Scouts, and three Cubs received Campers badges. It rained midday so the tents were left standing when they 'broke' camp in the afternoon.

The Group A.G.M. was held on Thursday the 21st when Mr. and Mrs. Baker resigned and they were presented with small gifts. The new Chairman was Mr. C.Bartlett, with Mr. Keith Harris Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Ann Smith as Treasurer. Mrs. H. Docking was re-elected Secretary. Mr. Colin Osborne, the S.L. gave the Scouts report. The group were selling the Webb Ivory Christmas Cards, etc..

The Committee at their meeting of May 10th, decided to stop collecting silver paper for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, as it had become unprofitable.

The Scouts went to the County Jamboree on Friday, the 27th, for the weekend at Bruton, and the Badger patrol, led by P.L. Tim Sturman, with his brother Stefan, Carl Docking, Richard Dyer and William Smith won the novices award and they also achieved a Good Camping pennant.

Sixteen Cubs went to Wyke Regis for a pack holiday during the school half term in early June, when they visited Portland and the lighthouse, and worked for badges. They played indoor football, chess and draughts in their spare time. See fig. 40.14.

Dave Byrne ran his first Scout meeting in the Old Village Hall on Wednesday the 8th June, and reorganised the 10 Scouts in the Kestrel and Eagle patrols.

The Cubs visited Sutton Bingham pumping station at the reservoir, on June 15th, to look around.

At the committee meeting on July 5th the Chairman announced the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and introduced David Byrne who had taken over as S.L. from Colin Osborne. Mrs. Sue Greenwood took over as G.S.L., and Brian Docking as C.S.L.. The Treasurer reported that they had £71.21 in the bank. The Scout subs. were going up to £1 a month.

Simon Greenwood had achieved the Gold Arrow badge so went to the special County Reception held at Cheddar Caves on Friday 1st July, when the A.C.C. (Pam Jamieson), presented him with a certificate, see fig. 40.15. The Cubs had been to B.Docking's orchard on July 13th to do some cooking.

The Committee had a cake stall at the East Chinnock 'Under Fives' fête on July 23rd, and as the village held a bazaar on August 7th, the group had a 'White Elephant' stall there.

The Scouts went sailing on Sutton Bingham reservoir on Saturday morning of July 30th, when they paid 50p. each, and they went again on Saturday October the 29th for a session, paying the same fee.

The group held their annual fancy-dress football match on Wednesday 14th September, which resulted in a 3 all draw.

After much discussion at the committee meeting of the 20th, it was decided to increase the Cubs' subs. to £3 a term. The Scouts would remain at £1 a month, but parents would be reminded that proficiency badges would have to be paid for at 10p. each.

The next evening was a special meeting of parents, with the D.C. and his wife attending, when Edie and Brian Taylor were presented with a clock radio from the Committee, and the Field Commissioner (Mr. D.Toms), presented them with a Medal of Merit each. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 30th, see fig. 40.16.

The group held a jumble sale on Monday October 3rd in the Old Schoolroom and raised £28, and on Saturday the 8th they held a book sale in the room in the afternoon and raised £50 for the funds.

The Scouts went to the Quantocks for the weekend of November the 4th to 6th, when the boys were charged £8 each. They went ice skating on the 26th, when they paid £2.75 a head.

The pack went to Yeovil to the district swimming gala at the Huish pool on Saturday, the 12th, when they were first in the open relay freestyle race for under 9½ yr. olds, and second in the over 9½ yrs. event, and had the most points at the end to receive the trophy. See figs. 40.17 and 18.

The group went to join East Coker at a Carol Service in the Parish Church of St. Michael's, East Coker, when lessons were read by Nicholas Doye, Adrian Hughes, Stephen March, Phillip Robbins, John Salter and Timothy Vincent.

At the committee meeting of January 30th **1984** the Treasurer, Mrs. Anne Smith-Stephens, reported that there was £180 in the funds. The Cubs would fund-raise to buy a football strip, but the Cub Leader reported that they required lamps, tables, etc.. The Scouts wanted two tents, axes and bush saws, and had bought two tents from High Ham group for £100, of which the Committee agreed to pay half. A recent wastepaper collection had raised £38.27.

Eight Scouts paid £1 a head to cover the petrol of the transport and refreshments, to go to Tedbury campsite at Frome on February 26th, to enter the Cyclo-Cross, when the entrance fee was 30p. a race.

On March the 13th, the troop had a slide show on climbing, when their parents were invited, and the following week they had a caving slide show as the Scouts were engaged in these activities. They went to the County event on the 25th, that cost £1.50, not including transport.

On Wednesday April 11th, the D.C. (Cdr. Young), came to the Scouts' meeting in the Pavilion to present Timothy Sturman with the Chief Scout's Award, the first to be presented to the group, and it had only taken him 6 months to achieve the Advanced Scout Standard. There was a photo. of him in the 'W.G.' of the 13th with the S.L. (Dave Byrne), see fig. 40.19.

Scout Neil Harris earned the most for Job Week, £10.95, with Lloyd Thorpe £9.80 and John Salter £8.20.

At the committee meeting of the 18th it was mentioned that the storage-shed roof needed repairing. It was agreed that travelling expenses would be paid, subject to the approval of the G.S.L., and the group would also pay for courses and leaders' uniforms, but they would remain the property of the group.

The group held an open day in the Pavilion on Saturday May 19th, showing Scout and Cub displays, and a coffee morning, which raised £46.

Fifteen Cubs went for a pack holiday at Bishops Lydeard, when they spent a day at Butlin's Camp at Minehead, and a day with the local pack.

The Treasurer at the committee meeting of June 7th reported that there was £294 in hand, and the youngsters' disco had raised £16, and £52 was required for insurance of the sheds and equipment.

S.L. D.Byrne, took the Scouts to the J.A.W.S. weekend, the 15th to 17th, at Chilton Trinity near Bridgwater for the water activities, when unfortunately they had a tent damaged by a fire from the misuse of gas.

The Committee learned at their meeting of July 12th, that the tee shirts were unsatisfactory as the colours were running, so they were looking for a new supplier, also a new logo design.

The Scout's subs. went up to £1.50 a month for the new term in September, as the Schoolroom rent was increased. Due to the unsatisfactory camp at the Spring Bank Holiday, Nigel Leveridge was approached to take over the troop.

At the committee meeting of the 13th the Chairman (Keith Harris), introduced Nigel who said that the troop, who were meeting on Tuesdays, required two Tilley lamps at £29.95 each, 2 sets of Billies at £9.95, and 2 bush saws at £4 each, and the Committee approved the expenditure of £95. Nigel reported that he had 8 Scouts attend the first meeting, and for the second 10 turned up. Shortly afterwards D.Byrne left. A Union Flag was purchased for the Cubs at £11.95, to replace the one that was lost.

The Cubs were learning road safety for the forthcoming District competition, when they entered a team on October 6th and won that round, but later they were knocked out.

At the district Cubs' swimming gala on Saturday November 10th, E.Coward came second in the beginners race, Robert Hughes came third in the width under 9½ yr. old race, with Mark Andre winning the backstroke under 9½ yrs. race, and Paul Cleal was second in the breaststroke under 9½ race. They won the freestyle relay race for the under 9½ yr. olds, and the team were runners-up for the shield.

The Cubs went into Yeovil one evening to roller skate at the club in Stars Lane, and the leaders gave the boys a Christmas party this year.

The Cubs held a Carol Service in the Church on Wednesday evening of December 12th that was conducted by the Rector (Rev. M.K.Raikes), when they had the six carols and the collection was for the Shaftesbury Homes.

At the committee meeting of January 10th **1985** the Chairman (Chris. Bartlett), read a letter from Mrs. Greenwood resigning as G.S.L.. The recent wastepaper collection had raised £38.27 for the special project. It was reported that Odcombe had approached the D.C. to have their own group. The Scout section wanted a new cooker for £20.74, which the Committee agreed to purchase, and their subs. would include the capitation fee in future. Several designs for the tee shirts were passed around but nothing was decided upon. There was a farewell presentation for Sue at the Harris's home on Saturday February 23rd, and Mrs. H.Docking took over as G.S.L..

A report from the S.L. was read by the new Secretary (George Leaver), at the committee meeting on Thursday March 14th, when Nigel expressed he was very despondent with the troop and suggested that they should either be disbanded, or join East Coker or Odcombe. The Committee discussed this and decided not to combine on a permanent basis.

At the district Scouters meeting in the Odcombe Village hall on Wednesday the 20th, Mesdames Jill Harris and Shirley Sturman were presented with the Wood Badge beads by the D.C. (Cdr. Young), when there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.', see fig. 8.17.

The annual census the end of March recorded that there were 33 Cubs with 5 leaders, and 10 Scouts with one leader, plus a G.S.L.. The form recorded that 8 Scouts had been on a camp lasting more than five days.

The group went into Yeovil for the St. George's Day parade on Sunday, April 21st, when they went to the United Reformed Church for the service, and a Scout from the group read a prayer.

The group A.G.M. was held on Thursday the 25th when the D.C. and A.D.C (Dave Carrington), attended. Keith Harris was elected the new treasurer, and Mrs. Mary Horsley as Secretary. Nigel had given up running the Scouts, and Brian Docking had taken them over, when he reported that 10 were invested, 3 half way through Scout Standard badge, and 4 Advanced badge. The troop spent last Whitsun weekend May/June, camping at Odcombe with some Welsh Scouts. It was reported Mr. Stonelake was going to run the Odcombe Scouts, and he would have been prepared to run the West Coker troop, however, Odcombe were now a separate group!

The group tee shirts were available again in May was reported at the committee meeting on the 2nd. They decided to place an item in the Parish magazine and *Yeovil Mail* newspaper enquiring for an interested person to become the Scout Leader, also help with the Cubs was required; but they had no response!

The parents of the Cubs in fancy-dress, played them for the annual game of football in May, see fig. 40.20. The pack went to stay at B.-P. House in London for the half term weekend, see fig. 40.21.

The group had a craft stall at the Bank Holiday Monday fête at Johnson park, Ilchester Road, Yeovil, on Sunday the 26th.

A 'W.G.' in June reported that the group were urgently in need of a Scout Leader as at present Brian Docking was running the Cubs and Scouts, when Jill Harris was helping with the Cubs.

The pack went to the district sports held at Bucklers Mead School on Saturday the 15th, and 16 Cubs attended the district camp at Odcombe over the last weekend of the month.

At the committee meeting of the 20th, they decided to try and get newspaper reporters to attend their meetings to write about the leader problems in the local papers. The Committee agreed to buy cups and saucers for their own use in the pavilion, and arranged a jumble sale in the evening of Tuesday the 9th of July at the Old Schoolroom. The Cubs were meeting in the pavilion on the recreation field on Wednesday evenings from 6.15 pm. to 7.45.

The pack went to the County Day at the Bath and West Show ground at Shepton Mallett on Sunday July 14th, when they went dressed as clowns and took a decorated hoop. They were judged third for their costumes for the Peaty Shield, and received a Commended Certificate for their hoop. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 19th. See figs. 40.22 and 23.

At the Committee meeting on Thursday September 26th, it was reported that the Scouts were meeting in the Old Schoolroom on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm. to 9, and agreed to pay £2 for its use. The Committee agreed to have a fund-raising purge next year, when they hoped to raise £500 to purchase a marquee.

The group started to collect newspapers again when they met at the pavilion on Saturday morning of the 23rd to go to allocated areas to collect the paper, and they raised £47.50.

The Cubs went into Yeovil to attend the district swimming gala held on Saturday December 7th, when they won the relay freestyle race for over 9½ yr. olds, and the team accumulated enough points to win, and so received the trophy. See fig. 40.24.

The group held a cheese and wine party on Wednesday the 11th, in the Pavilion at the recreational field, in aid of the funds for a marquee, and raised £24.80.

The Brownies joined the Cubs for the Carol Service on Wednesday December 18th, when the six carols were sung and the collection was for the Shaftesbury Homes.

At the committee meeting on January 19th **1986**, Mr. George Leaver was welcomed as the new Chairman. It was announced that the school P.T.A. would loan the Committee the outstanding balance in the purchase of a marquee, interest free, so that they could hire it in July! Mrs. Gill Harris reported that she had had a break-in and the £63 subs. and holiday money was stolen. (She joined the Cubs' sponsored silence for an hour, the first week in February to recover the money lost), and the Cubs raised over £200. The special project account stood at £110, the total balance being £460. The Cubs' sponsored silence money raised was used towards the group's purchase of a marquee.

The D.C. came and presented Paul Cleal and Andrew Lock with Gold Arrow badges. The Cubs attended the Family Service on Sunday the 9th in St. Martin's Church, to celebrate the pack's 15th birthday, and Mrs. E.Taylor, Ben Hillard and Edward Coward were readers. They held their party at West Coker Club on Saturday the 22nd, when over 100 people attended the disco, and admission was £2 per adult and £1 a child, to include the buffet. Akela (B.Docking), and the previous leader, Mrs. Taylor, cut the cake.

The D.C. came and presented Mark Cleal with the County Commissioner's Certificate for Courageous Conduct, for his recent four months illness, when he was in three hospitals. There was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.', see fig. 40.25.

The Treasurer reported, at the committee meeting of March 9th, that the balance was now £356, with £589 in the special project account. Miss Sarah Wright had joined the group as an A.C.S.L., from Mudford pack.

The group went into Yeovil on Sunday, April 20th, for the St. George's Day parade, when Carl Docking carried the troop flag, and Paul Cleal the pack's flag.

The Group A.G.M. was held in the pavilion on Thursday April 24th, when it was revealed that the 32 Cubs had raised £115 for Job Week, and the 8 Scouts £17. Anne Stephens became the new secretary to take over from Mrs. M. Horsley, who was now a Cub leader. The D.C. was in attendance when it was reported that names had been given in for prospective Beavers and a leader (Kate Osborne), so they will start the section. There was enough money in the bank now from the wastepaper collections, to buy the marquee. The Cubs' football manager, Martin Cleal, reported that they had played 9 league games, won 7, lost two and were in the semi-final on Sunday.

At the committee meeting on Thursday May 8th, the treasurer reported that they had purchased a Portaloo for £39.40, and with £1,153 in hand, had ordered the marquee for £700, plus £75 to be treated fire retardant. They discussed the possibility of their own headquarters, perhaps the pavilion to buy or lease, or another one? In June the Committee asked the council if they could buy or lease the pavilion, as they wanted their own headquarters, as they were starting Beavers. The Cubs were meeting there, but the Scouts were meeting in the Old Schoolroom. However, the Parish Council said that they could extend the pavilion in the same style to get their own premises.

The Cubs' football team was joint runners-up after playing eleven games in the league, and they went to Huish ground in Yeovil on Tuesday evening, May 13th, to play the K.O. final against

St. Mary's, when they beat them to receive the shield. They were also presented with medals for being runners-up in the league. See fig. 40.26.

The Committee gave the Cubs £20 towards the cost of hiring a coach that took them to the County Cub Day at Wells on Saturday the 17th.

The Cubs went into Yeovil on the 7th for the district sports held at Bucklers Mead School playing field, when they were second in the open relay race, and came third overall for the trophy.

In June the Cubs held a pack holiday at Lymington, when they were entertained by the local Cubs to a campfire, and later taken by one of their leaders up the Church Bell Tower. They spent a day at Bicton Park and had a barbecue at Exmouth. There were competitions during their spare time, when Jamie Turner was judged as designing the best card, and best colourings were done by James Kearney and Danny Want. The trading post game was won by Christopher Horlsey, and Mark Taylor won the table skittles. Robert Morton won the chess, and Paul Cleal the draughts.

The first meeting of the Beavers was on Monday the 16th in the Old Schoolroom, led by Kate Osborne, from 5.30 pm. for an hour, and the subs. were 30p. a week. The Group gave them £20 to start them off and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.'

The Cubs went to the district camp at Wigborough Manor, near South Petherton, for the second weekend of July, when their fancy-dress costumes were judged third, and they came second in the competition.

The Mayor of Yeovil (Mrs. Joy Stanton), attended the group's barbecue on Friday 18th July to officially hand over the new £735 marquee to the Scouts, from the Committee who had raised the money from their fund-raising efforts, and there was a photo. of her in the 'W.G.' of the 25th with Cub C. Horsley and his mum, Mrs. Horsley (A.C.S.L.), Scout Carl Docking with his dad, Akela (Brian Docking), and his wife Heather, the G.S.L..

At the Family Service on Sunday, September 14th, the flags were dedicated. At the committee meeting the next evening it was reported that Dave Imber was acting as S.L. to the end of the year, and the Scouts had entered the raft race at Muchelney.

The Parish Council considered the request in November for the group to erect a new H.Q. on the recreation field, but although they were sympathetic, they were rather concerned, as there were already a few huts on the field.

The group held a Family Service at the West Coker Church on Sunday December 14th, which was conducted by the previous Akela, Mrs. E. Taylor, and the collection of £27 was given to the N.S.P.C.C.. She conducted the next years service on the 13th, when the Brownies also attended.

In the New Year of **1987** the Cubs' football team had a 'strip' presented to them by the T.S.B. Bank who also gave them £25 donation towards the new H.Q.. There was a photo. of the team with Akela (B. Docking), and treasurer (K. Harris) in the 'W.G.'

The Cubs entered a team in the district 6-a-side football competition held at Yeovil College on Saturday February 7th, when they won. The football team also won the District League competition.

The group joined the district for the annual St. George's day parade in Yeovil on Sunday April the 26th, see fig. 40.27.

On the 29th April, Carl Docking, the first Scout of the group to achieve it, received the Chief Scout's Award from Eddie Wellman (A.D.C. Scouts), when there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.' of the 15th of May. Eddie had been running the troop for a few weeks in the New Year, as the group was still without a Scout leader.

The group A.G.M. was held on Thursday the 30th, when the new Secretary was Pat Purchase, and the meeting was dominated by the talk of new headquarters. They had bought a wooden building, an ex show one, from the closing-down of Messrs. Hebditch's factory at Martock, that matched the pavilion, to be re-erected next to the pavilion on the playing field. They had received a quote of £200 to dismantle and re-erect it, as the building and planning had been accepted by Yeovil District Council. The Scout Association would be trustees, for a fee of £50, and the District Council would give a grant of 50% of what was spent, up to a maximum of £3,000. It was reported that the group had a stall at the Church fête last June.

The group of 4 Scouts and 11 Cubs went to Huish Woods for the spring bank holiday week, when the Cubs were lighting fires and cooking twists, and the Beavers visited them on Wednesday.

As holders of Gold Arrow badges, Edward Coward, Kevin Pippard, Matthew Le Fevre, Karl Taylor and James Turner went to the County Cricket Club at Taunton for the Gold Arrow Reception on Friday July the 10th, and there was a photo. of them in the 'W.G.', see fig. 8.32.

The Coker Open Village Weekend Committee presented cheques to local organisations, when the group received £500 on Wednesday evening, in the village hall.

The district held the Cubs' cricket competition on Saturday the 11th and Sunday 12th, when the team were runners-up. The Cubs went to Earls Court on Friday the 31st to see the Royal Tournament in the afternoon, when they were in the front seats that cost £7.50 each.

At the committee meeting on September 10th, it was reported that Brian had received the Chief Scout's Commendation for service to the movement. It was also reported that the new building was up, and needed windows and a roof. The Parish Council said that they would pay half of the costs of netting to protect the windows from cricket balls!

The Cubs went into Yeovil on Saturday November 5th, for the district swimming gala, when they won the freestyle open relay race for 9½ year olds, and came third overall for the trophy.

Mike Miller went to the Manor Hotel in Yeovil, the end of November, to receive a cheque for £250 from the Lions Club from their fund raising, and there was a photo. in the 'W.G.' of December 4th.

The Cubs had a team of Rob Foote, Mark Cleal, James Kearney, Gerald Went, James Holloway, David Brice and Robert Foster enter the district 6-a-side football competition held at Yeovil College in the sports hall on Saturday February 6th **1988**, when they won.

The Scouts went to the Cyclo-Cross Country race at Frome on Sunday the 28th, when K.Pippard was third in the 11 year olds' cross-country race.

In March the pack football team had won all 12 games they had played, so won the District League competition to receive the cup and they went to Huish, Yeovil, to play St. Mary's in the K.O. final in May to win and receive the shield. See fig. 40.29.

With the start of Beavers, the census for the end of March recorded there were 9 boys, Cub numbers had dropped to 20 as some had gone up to Scouts, making their number to 13. There were 6 leaders plus the G.S.L..

At the group Committee meeting on April 11th, it was reported that the Job money would go towards new chairs and tables for the headquarters. The accounts showed £230 in the deposit, and £39 in the current. The accounts showed that they had spent over £7,000 for the last year.

A Scout from the troop won the 11 year olds Cyclo-Cross race held on Sunday the 17th at Hamdon.

The Group A.G.M. was held in the new H.Q. on May 19th, when Vince Worley took over as the new Chairman, with Brenda Pippard as secretary. The D.C. with his wife (the District Secretary) were present, as was the A.D.C. Beavers (Mrs. Sue Greenwood), and A.D.C. (P.Wiltshire), when the D.C. (Cdr. Young), said that they should try to get the parents to pay the membership fee by Deed of Covenant, when the group could claim back income tax paid by the parents. K.Osborne had given up running the nine Beavers, and Mrs. M.Horsley had taken over as S.L. for the troop, having given up her Warrant as A.C.S.L.. It was reported that the Cubs had attended the County Cub day last July, see fig. 40.28.

The Scout and Cubs' camp was held at Huish Woods near Taunton reported the 'W.G.' of June 17th, when they visited the R.S.P.C.A. Centre, went swimming, played skittles and visited the Butlin's Camp at Minehead. On Monday they were visited by the Beavers when they played games and had a picnic. The Cubs went on a nature trail and Scott King had the highest score for the inspections, closely followed by Adam Primmer. Tim Stevenson won the wide game, with James Ball second and Matthew Stevenson won Kaa's challenge.

The new H.Q. in Halves Lane was officially opened in June by Mr. David Bowerman, an eminent local businessman. The parents, leaders, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies were present, and Mr. K.Harris, the Treasurer, was presented with a 'Thanks' badge for all the hard work put in by him. The Scouts changed their meeting night to Monday evening's, from 7.15 pm. to 9.

At the committee meeting on September 11th it was decided that the money from the wastepaper collected would go to the H.Q. Fund.

The group had a refreshment stall at the village steam rally on September 25th, when they sold coffee at 20p. a cup, or tea at 15p., and midday were selling hot dogs and beefburgers, with tea and coffee again in the afternoon.

The group held a sponsored swim for the Cubs and Scouts on November 19th, when they raised £65 for the funds.

The Cubs' football team won the District League Competition again in **1989** to receive the cup again.

At the District Executive meeting on 27th September, it was brought up that the group wished to have a badge on their scarves and was agreed, see fig. 40.30.



Fig 40.1



Fig 40.3



FIG.40.7



FIG.40.2

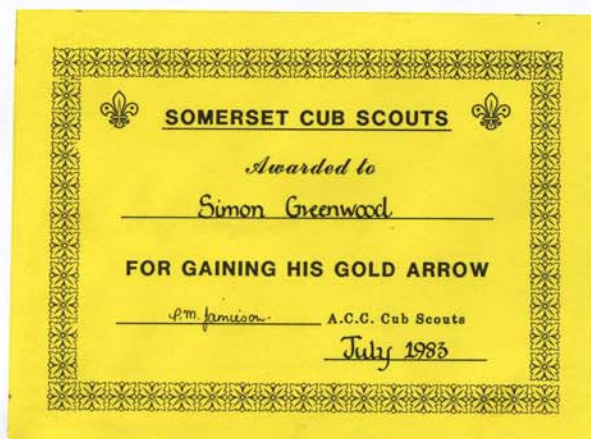


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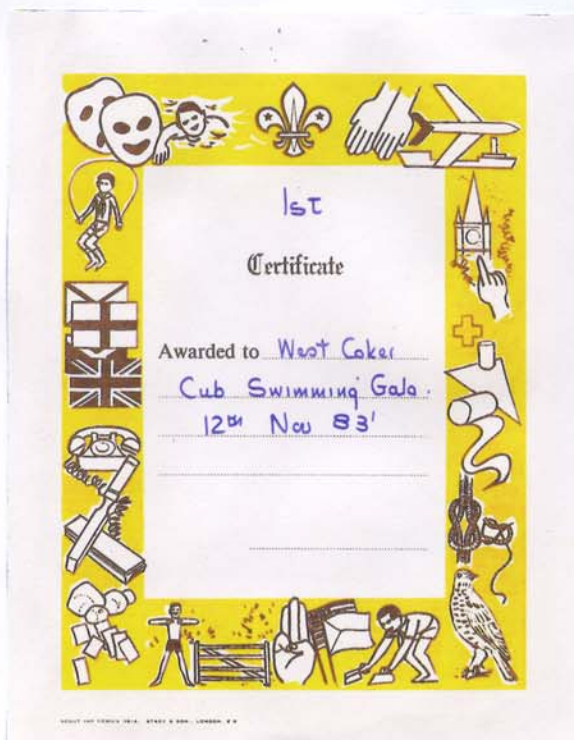


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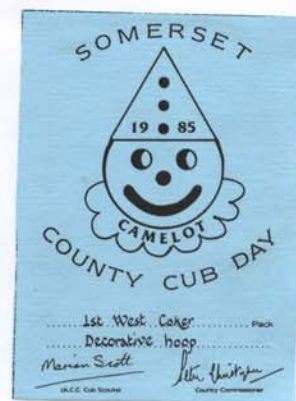


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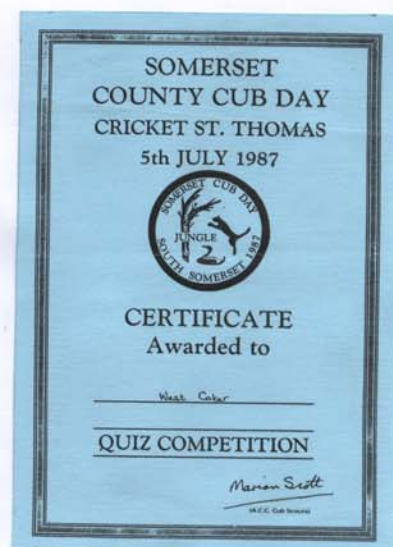


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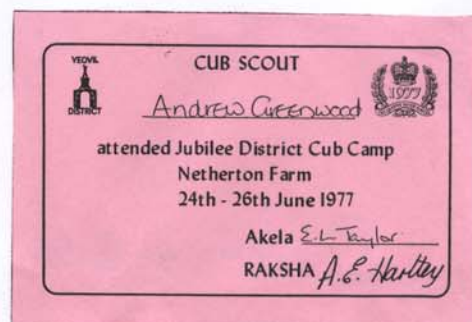


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FIG. 40.17



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Fig 40.6



Fig.40.8



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Fig 40.9



Fig 40.11



FIG. 40.13



FIG. 40.12



FIG. 40.16



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Fig 40.19



FIG. 40.21



FIG. 40.20



FIG.40.26



FIG.40.22



Fig 40.22



Fig 40.24

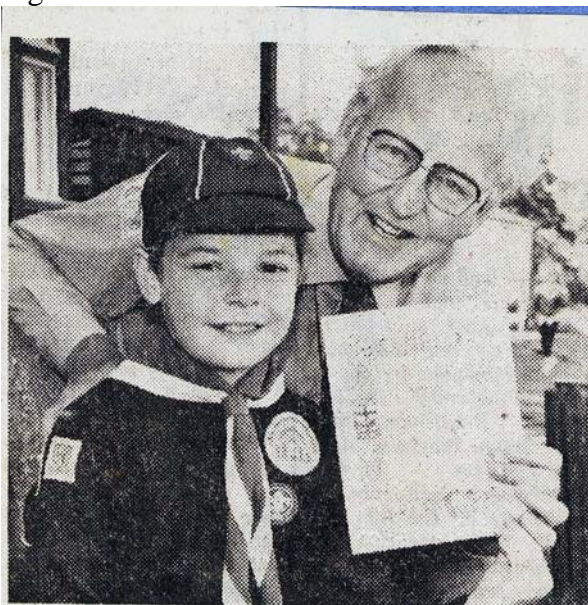




FIG. 40.29



FIG. 40.30



FIG. 40.27

West Coker-Illustrations

Fig.40.1. 1972 August. The pack and Salvation Army Cubs before leaving for a combined pack holiday at Weston-super-Mare. From a photo. in the *Western Gazette* of the 11th. From l. to r. Rear Pauline Lewis, Robert Neville, Brian Taylor, Sheila Edwards, Mrs. A.Raeburn (Salvation Army). Next row, Mrs. E.Taylor, Paul Gear (S.A.), Stuart Field (S.A.), ? , Earl Harding (S.A.), ? , David Faulkner (S.A.), Ken. Thompson (S.A.), Kieran Issacs (S.A.), ? , Nigel Thompson (S.A.), Paul Howard (S.A.), Kevin Wilton. Next Row, ? Hewitt (S.A.), Philip Westlake, Thomas Leeson, ? , Clive Baker, Gary Miller, Robert Gaylard, Stephen Belbin, Graham ? (S.A.), Kevin Brooks, Geoff. Bungey, ? , Robert Galley. In front Philip ? , ? Westlake (S.A.), Rodney Hall, Timothy Lawrence, ? , Dorian Evans, Terry Edwards.

Fig.40.2. 1975 August. The Scouts before leaving for camp, from a photo. in the *Western Gazette* of the 15th. From l. to r. On minibus, Thomas Leeson, Andrew Wain, Brian Taylor (S.L.). In front, Robert Williams, Miss P. Lewis, Michael Neville, Roy Lane, David Buttle.

Fig.40.3. 1976 December. The pack and helpers. From l. to r. Rear row, Marcia Taylor, Debra Brooks, Pauline Lewis, Amanda Field, Richard Cholmondley, Jason Field, Robert Kelloway, Simon Smith, Bevin Horley, Russell Greenslade, ? , ? Lock, Justin Taylor, Nigel Edwards, Edie and Brian Taylor. Kneeling, Ben. Taylor, Richard Baker, Martin Williams, Andrew Greenwood, James Bowles, Darren Dalwood, Lawrence Yeoell, Neil Williams, Stewart Plympton, ? , Robert Rice, Simon Pape. In front, Robert Beasley, Jonathan Timmis, Mark Hayward, Keiron O'Donnell, ? Cholmondley, David ? , Robert Loxton, ? , Graham Still, ? Neville.

Fig.40.4. 1977 The 'Queen's Silver Jubilee' certificate (on pink card) given to every Cub who attended the district Cub camp at Netherton Farm.

Fig.40.5. 1978 May. The Cubs camped at Charmouth, from l. to r. Rear, Rupert Evans, Keir O'Donnell, Mark Hayward, Lawrence Yeoell, Andrew Greenwood, Robert Kelloway, ? , Stewart Plympton, James Bowles. Middle row, Jason Field, Martin Williams, Colin Tilzey, Jonathan Loxton, Robert Rice, ? , Nicholas Chudley, Simon Pape. In front, Derek Caines, Adam Hess, Darran Dolwood, Carl Docking, Steven Lawrence.

Fig.40.6. 1978 Chairman of the group committee Mr. Ray Baker presented Brian Taylor with a silver tray upon his retirement from the group. From l. to r. Mrs. E. Taylor, Mrs. Sue Greenwood, Marcia Taylor, Katherine Higgs, Brian, Mr. Baker, Debbie Miller, Brian Docking. Next row, Steven Higgs, John Worledge, Lawrence Yeoell, Jonathan Loxton, ? , James Bowles, Stuart Plympton, Jason Field. Next row, Colin Tilzey, Derek Caines, Robert Rice, Keir O'Donnell, Andrew Greenwood, Rupert Evans, Robert Loxton. Front Adam Hease, Saun Dyer, Spencer Woodhams, Timothy Caines, Christopher Walford, Steven Lawrence.

Fig.40.7. 1979 May. Brian Docking received his Cub leader warrant from the acting D.C. (Mrs. June Leveridge), on far left Mrs. A. Hartley (A.D.C. Cubs).

Fig.40.8. 1980 July. The pack at the district camp at Mudford. From L. to r. leaders in the rear Mrs. S.Greenwood, B.Docking, Mesdames Heather Docking and E. Taylor. Rear row boys, Thomas Kerwin, A.Greenwood, Robert Loxton, Steven Higgs, ? , Chris. Worledge, William Smith, Steven Lawrence, Warren Dean, Leon Doble. In front, Carl Docking, Paul Sandford, Neil Laird, Neil Harris, Stephan Sturman, Simon Greenwood, Shaun Dyer, Stewart Laird, David Studley, Samuel Gould, Adrian Hughes.

Fig.40.9. 1980 October. The Scouts had a sponsored pram push around the playing field, when Paddy Ashdown (the prospective Liberal parliamentary candidate for Yeovil) came to set them off, from a photo. in the *Western Gazette* of the 10th. From l. to r. T. Hooper, ? , Steven Higgs, Stuart Plympton, Adam Hesse, Kevin Wilton, James Coward, Robert Rice, Brian Taylor (G.S.L.), Clive Baker, Bill Laird (S.L.). In front Andrew Greenwood, Paddy, Mark Hayward and Paul Studley.

Fig.40.10. 1981 May. The Cubs whilst on pack holiday at Bournemouth spent a day at Brownsea Island, when they saw the commemorative stone for B.- P.'s first camp. From l. to r. On left of stone, Mrs. Taylor, Sean Dyer, Spencer Woodhams, Andrew Greenwood, Clive Baker, Neil Harris, Richard Dyer, Christopher Worledge. On ground, Warren Dean, Adrian Hughes, Charles Blackmore. On right of stone, Brian Docking, Mrs. S.Greenwood. Next row, Steven Lawrence, William Smith. Next row, Leon Doble, Sean Gould, Simon Greenwood, David Studley. On ground, Ben. Bruce, Matthew Mitchell, Carl Docking.

Fig.40.11. 1982 February. The Cubs had collected over £25 when Leon Doble give it to Mr. Dicks for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. From a photo. in the *Western Gazette* , on left Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Docking and Mrs. Greenwood.

Fig.40.12. 1982 June. The Cubs went to London for a pack holiday staying at B.- P. House, when on the steps of the building are, from l. to r. rear Mesdames Taylor and G.Harris, (visiting Scouter) 'Bill'. Rear row, C.Docking, M.Mitchell, L.Doble, T.Kerwin, W.Smith. Middle row, Paul Bartlett, Shaun Gould, David Baker, Warren Dean, David Tuck, Richard Day, Brian Docking. In front, Simon Greenwood, Charles Blackmore, Neil Harris, Tristan Doble, Benjamin Bruce, Graham Bishop, Adrian Hughes, John Salter, Michael Lock.

Fig.40.13. 1983 April. Mr. W.Gould presenting Adrian Hughes with a tankard as Footballer of the Year. From l. to r. Shaun Gould, Lindsey Foster, Martin Perham, Simon Greenwood, Neil Harris, The referee. Front row Mr. Keith Harris, David Tuck, William Smith, Carl Docking, Bill Gould, Adrian, Paul Bartlett, Charles Blackmore. In front John Salter, Ben. Bruce and Ian Lever.

Fig.40.14. 1983 June. the Cubs who went to Wyke Regis for the pack holiday. From l. to r. Rear, Lindsey Foster, Daniel Gillet, Simon Greenwood, David Tuck, Paul Bartlett, Paul Geeg, Neil Harris, Adrian Hughes. In front, Ian Lever, Rupert Furneaux, Paul Cooper, Martin Berry, John Salter, Ben. Bruce, Lloyd Thorpe.

Fig.40.15. 1983 July. The certificate (on yellow card) given to S.Greenwood (having achieved the requirements), at the Gold Arrow reception held at Cheddar caves.

Fig.40.16. 1983 September. The Field Commissioner (Mr. D.Toms) came to present Mr. and Mrs. Taylor with a Medal of Merit. From l. to r. Miss Rachael Peaty (A.D.C.), David Byrne, Brian and Edie Taylor, Mrs. S.Greenwood, Mr. Toms, Cdr. John Young (D.C.), Brian Docking.

Fig.40.17. 1983 November. The team who won the district swimming gala with the shield. From l. to r., Rear, Robert Hughes, Paul Bartlett, James Miller, David Tuck, Graham Bishop, Paul Gegg. In front, Paul Cleal, Paul Cooper, Marc André-Cruise, Ian Lever.

Fig.40.18. 1983 November. A First certificate presented in the swimming gala.

Fig.40.19. 1984 April. Timothy Sturman achieved the Chief Scout's Award and the D.C. Cdr. Young (on left) came to present him with the certificate. In the photo. from the *Western Gazette* of the 13th is also David Byrne (S.L.).

Fig.40.20. 1985 May. The teams for the annual fancy dress game of football. From l. to r. Rear, Vincent Walney, Keith Harris, George and Val. Lever, Tony Taylor, Referee, Martin Cleal, Darrel Truscott, Mr. Wants, Mrs. C.Jacobson, Mr. Cruise, Brian Docking, Jane Le Fevre. Middle row, Rubert Furneaux, Daniel Bruce, Mark Taylor, James Holloway, Ian Lever, Mark Andre-Cruise, Christian Leggett, Paul Cleal, John Smith, David Tuck, David Ryan, Steven Turner, Chris. Horsley, Rebecca and Hanna Le Fevre. Front, Leigh Thorpe, Simon Walney, Kevin Pippard, Joe Hillard, Andrew Lock, Matthew Bruce, Andrew Blackwood, Matthew LeFevre.

Fig.40.21. 1985 May. The Cubs went to London for a week-end. From l. to r. Rear, Paul Cleal, Robert Hughes, Christian Leggett, John Smith, Leigh Thorpe, Chris. Horsley, Jamie Turner. In front, Matthew LeFevre, Edward Coward, Rupert Furneaux, Simon Walney, Andrew Blackmore, Kevin Pippard and Michael Lock.

Fig.40.22. 1985 July. The pack went dressed as clowns for the County Day, from l. to r. Mark Taylor, Mark Andre, Robert Foster, Simon Walney (holding the hoop), John Smith, Andrew Lock, Andrew Blackmore, Leigh Thorpe, Daniel Bruce and Andrew Pippard.

Fig.40.23. 1985 July. The pack received a certificate (on blue card) for their decorated hoop taken to the County Day.

Fig.40.24. 1985 December. The certificate for the Cubs who won the freestyle Relay race for over 9½ year olds, at the district swimming gala.

Fig.40.25. 1986 March. The D.C. (Cdr. Young) came out to present Mark Cleal with a certificate for courageous conduct, from a photo. in the *Western Gazette*.

Fig.40.26. 1986 The pack's football team at the Yeovil Town ground for the K.O. trophy final game, when they won. With their manager Mr. M. Cleal, from l. to r. in their blue striped shirts. Rear Mark Andre-Crews, Robert Horton, David Ryan, Danny Want, James Holloway, Paul Cleal, Robert Hughes. Front, Christian Leggett, Kevin Pippard, Andrew Blackmore, Mark Taylor, Chris. Horsley, Simon Walney, Mark Cleal.

Fig.40.27. 1987 April. The group assembled ready for the St. George's day parade. From l. to r. Brian Docking (Akela), John Salter, Charlie Blackmore (holding flag), Carl Docking, Paul Longsdale, Edward Coward, Ian Purchase, Mrs. Mary Horsley (A.C.S.L.), Simon Walney, Robert Foote, Mark Cleal, James Holloway, Robert Foster.

Fig.40.28. 1987 July. The boys entered the quiz whilst at the County Day to receive a certificate, on blue card.

Fig.40.29. 1988 May The Cubs won the district football cup and shield. From l. to r. James Farnham, Robert Foote, Andrew Blackmore, Stuart Primer, Simon Walney, James Kearny, Kevin Pippard, James Smith, Daniel Bruce, Robert Foster, James Holloway. In front, Scott King, James Walker, Mark Cleal, Gerard Want, Adam Primmer, Daren Dalwood, Craig Abbot.

Fig.40.30 1989 Neckerchief with new badge