

A HISTORY OF ROMFORD SCOUTING

Part 3 1980 - 1997 and Beyond



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8 - THE NINETEEN-EIGHTIES

“SLEEP-A-NIGHT CHALLENGE”

“How much are those boy cubs in the window” asked a local paper in September 1981 when Nigel Wright, Nigel Hayes, Keith Pitcher and Darren Clarke, all of the 8th Romford Pack slept for a night in Debenharn’s shop window in order to win a certificate in the *Scouting Magazine* Sleep—a-Night Challenge. Mavis Edwards, Cub Scout Leader, recalls:

Lin Moore (Bagheera) and I had a meeting with Mr. Coyle, the floor manager I believe, who suggested a date during term time, being the night before their summer sale started. They wanted as much mileage out of it as the Scouts. Although we envisaged a royal-looking four-poster, we were offered four divan beds which were in the sale and their main window.

It was easier to choose four boys from the same school to ask for special permission to arrive late at school the next day, and we chose four boys from Mawney School. Together with Lin and our Pack flag we had to arrive about 9p.m., after the shop had closed for the night, and were met by the two security staff who took us to the rest room where we were left to enjoy a great supper of meats and salads left for us in the fudge. It was a very hot night and the drinks dispenser was left at our disposal during our stay

The boys were shown their beds and we were greeted by friends, relations and the District team, who had just left a meeting, peering at us through the window and taking photos. Lin and I were offered beds in the ladies’ rest room. A phone was put at the boys’ disposal to be used during the night to call the security men as the whole sales floor was fitted with laser beams which would be set off by any movement. I had previously contacted Main Road Police as after we had begun to think the project through we had become a bit concerned about the reaction of passers-by late at night, and apparently they (the police) patrolled the Market Place quite frequently and the boys stood to attention and saluted each time they passed. There was not a lot of sleeping done.

In the morning a queue had formed for the beginning of the sale and we had to be up and away before opening time. A long table

had been laid where we all sat round with the managers and reporters from the press, ready to take down the boys’ impressions of the night. Orders were taken for their breakfasts and I was amazed what boys of that age can get through. Everyone was extremely helpful and kind to us and Mr. Coyle followed it up by spending a Pack Night with us and presenting the boys with vouchers to spend. It was great!

For an earlier challenge the Pack had eaten a meal on the stage of the Queen’s Theatre, and during “Tea-making Fortnight” were photographed - nineteen of them - serving tea to a driver at North Street ‘bus garage.

In 1982, Peter Hurren, a Cub and Scout in the 4th Gidea Park and a sufferer from Spina Bifida was presented with the Cornwell Badge for courage by Jim Green, Assistant County Commissioner for Extension Scouts, in the presence of a large gathering of members of his Group, Church, School and others. Stan Lucas, Group Scout Leader at the time says that when the Lions Club bought him a motorised wheelchair to replace his ancient push-type chair, he sent it back to be given to a really handicapped boy, despite the fact that he was severely disadvantaged himself. Clearly a boy that the 4th Gidea Park can always be very proud to have had as a member.

Bill Adams retired as District Commissioner in 1982, and was replaced by Roy Walker. Roy started his Scouting as a Wolf Cub in the 13th Romford in 1935, eventually becoming Group Scout Leader in the same Group. He was District Scoutmaster from 1963 to 1966 and A.D.C. (Scouts) from 1966 until his appointment as D.C. Roy’s position as A.D.C. (Scouts) was filled by Ted Webster, who is referred to again in the next chapter.

1982 “THE YEAR OF THE SCOUT”

1982 was the 75th Anniversary of Scouting (dating its inception from the Brownsea Island camp) and the 125th Anniversary of B.-Ps. birth, and was designated “The Year of the Scout”.



Romford celebrated this event in a number of ways:

Publication of *Scouting in Romford 1982* by Joan Walker.

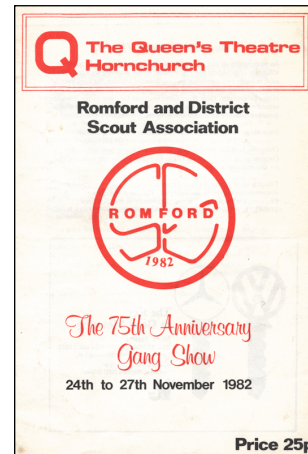
The District Scout Shop produced special T-Shirts with an appropriate anniversary design. The design was by Mr. Howard Newman, 4th Collier Row Parents Committee.

The Association presented the Council with a seat which was, until recently, located outside the Dolphin Leisure Centre. Cub Scout James Graham and Scout Ian Moody, both of the 1st Romford, planted an oak tree and an ash tree in Raphael Park.

Ten floats were entered by the District and various Groups in Romford Carnival.

In July, County celebrated the Anniversary by holding an International camp at the Guide Camp Site at Chigwell Row. Members of the 8th, 10th, 11th and 13th Romford and 4th Gidea Park attended under the leadership of Graham Don, District Cub Scout Leader, and Clare Walker and Gary Cummins (3rd Havering) were members of the Service Team. Scouts from the United States, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany and Ireland also attended and after the camp, 2 leaders and 8 Scouts from Pennsylvania and Maryland, U.S.A., were accommodated in the homes of Romford leaders and presented the District with flags of the U.S.A. (which had flown over the Capitol and has an authenticating certificate) and their States. Visits were available to a handicapped Scouts camp at Gilwell, Romford Police Station and Magistrates Court, and the House of Commons and Greenwich, the latter visits being arranged by Dave Marfell., Scout Leader 1st Romford. The 6th Romford hosted two Patrols of German Scouts. A camp brochure and copies of the camp newspaper are in the District archives.

A display on Romford Scouting at the Central Library included a "push-button" map showing the location of each Group in the District



During November, after two-and-a-half hectic months of rehearsal and a great deal more of preparation, 162 members of Romford District staged a Gang Show, produced by Roy Walker, District Commissioner, at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch. The theatre was filled on all four nights of the production, and both audio- and video-tapes were made of the show. The back-scenes for the set pieces were designed by Mr. Les Dando, President of the Romford and Hornchurch Art Society, who donated the original artwork to be raffled at each of the performances. Bill Adams, former D.C. and Scout Shop manager was Stage Manager, his wife Connie wardrobe mistress, and Doug Shrimpton was the pianist.

The *Romford Recorder* reported:

'The 180 people involved were all, in the words of one of their songs, keen, keen, keen.' "The packed audience were transported from colourful south seas islands to the North Pole and back to the Angel, Islington - via some singable songs and laughs along the way, and that was just the first half"

It was generally agreed that this show generated a great spirit in the District but a proposal to follow it with a further show in 1984 met with no response from the Queen's Theatre.

Cub Scouts from Romford attended the Cub Scout Spectacular in the Royal Albert Hall in December.

In 1983, the District was awarded a certificate under the Havering Environmental Awards Scheme for tree planting in Mawneys Park, Rise Park and Raphael Park. Andrew Kinsey (2nd Romford and District Venture Unit) went to United States as a Camp Counsellor during the summer. A Romford team won the Innsman Trophy in the 4-Inns Walk in Derbyshire. Scouts from the 8th Romford and 3rd Collier Row were 2nd and 3rd in the County Aero competition for the John Corde's Trophy, the competition including making model aircraft, both

static and flying, aircraft recognition and making a flight diorama.

Also in 1983 the 15th World Scout Jamboree was held at Alberta, Canada. Andrew Jones and Michael Tong, 3rd Gidea Park, represented Romford.

GOOD TURNS

In 1981 District Venture Scouts sold programmes on the route of Prince Charles and Lady Diana's wedding and in 1983 they raised funds for the Sri Lanka Water Project to assist Scouts in the Kalutara district of Sri Lanka to establish a clean water supply for the children of their District, in conjunction with UNICEF.

At Easter 1985, Cubs and Scouts from Formby, Liverpool, ran in relay from Liverpool to St. Francis Hospice, Havering, in aid of the Liverpool hospice. Arriving on Easter Monday they were joined at the Havering boundary by runners from the 1st Harold Hill who thereby raised money for St. Francis Hospice. At various points en *route* Scouts from various other Groups were present to cheer the runners on and after a brief stop at St. James Church where the 3rd Havering were in attendance, all runners continued to Havering for a brief ceremony at the Hospice followed by tea in the church hall. An article appeared in *Scouting* magazine later in the year. A copy of the full programme for the run, as supplied to the Formby parents, is preserved in the District archives in case anyone wants to try a similar great undertaking.

CUB SCOUTS

Graham Don, District Cub Scout Leader, organised an "activity day for older Cubs" at Thriftwood in 1984, this being repeated in subsequent years with the name "Scoutbound", the aim being to give older Cub Scouts a taste of the sort of activities they ought to expect when they have advanced into the Scout Troop. The problem of leakage between sections has been an on-going concern during the Eighties and Nineties, and the word "Links" has been often heard. Beaver-Cub Link Days, serving a similar purpose to Scoutbound, have been held annually since 1990.

In 1985 a new award scheme was introduced for Scouts comprising the Scout Award, the Pathfinder Award, the Explorer Award, The Chief Scout's Award, The Patrol Activity Award, the Leadership Award and the Chief Scout's Challenge (the latter already existing). "Going-up" ages were fixed at 10½ Cub-Scout, and 15½ Scout - Venture Scout.

BEAVER SCOUTS

In 1982 a scheme was launched for boys of six to eight years of age. To be known as Beaver Scouts,

this was, at first, an informal arrangement, the boys not being members of the Scout Association, although the leaders were warranted. All Beaver Scouts wore a turquoise scarf rather than their Group colours, in 1986, following pressure from the 'grass roots' this was changed and Beavers became full members of the Association and of their respective Groups. The scheme was received with some caution in Romford, but by 1995 all except three Groups had established Beaver Colonies. The 6th Romford were the first Group in the district to establish a colony.

THE DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

In July 1983 the District Commissioner reported that he had asked Stan Hall, then Deputy District Chairman, to explore the possibility of setting up a Scout Fellowship in Romford. This project finally came to fruition in 1987 and at the first A.G.M. in March 1988 it was reported that 55 people had applied for membership. Officers elected were Dennis Rolls (chairman) Andrew Kinsey (treasurer) - who both continued to hold those offices until 1997 - and Allen Davies (Secretary). It was agreed at that meeting that the primary purpose of the Fellowship was to encourage scouting throughout the district and to assist the district scouters and Groups as and when requested. The accounts for the subsequent year show that, as a result of various fund-raising activities (notably a firework night which raised £306), £500 had been donated to District funds and donations of varying size have continued in each year since then. Donations have also been made to St. Francis Hospice and the County Commissioner's Appeal for Romania.

Social events for members have included coach outings, barbecues and Christmas dinners, barn dances, and recently an annual weekend in Blackpool at "illuminations" time. There has been a wide range of speakers at the monthly meetings, and, in addition to assistance at most District events for the boys, assistance has been given in a number of years to Romford Carnival Committee. Stan Lucas, formerly G.S.L. 4th Gidea Park, became Secretary in 1991, continuing until 1997.

The 16th World Jamboree was held in Australia in 1987. Andrew Mann, 2nd Collier Row, was the sole representative from Romford. Arriving in Australia on Boxing Day (1986) he spent four days in hospitality in Canberra before moving to the Jamboree site for the official opening on New Years Day. Andrew did not, however, last the whole camp, as he finished up in hospital with appendicitis. Nevertheless, he says that it was well worth going.

Also in 1987, Richard Haigh and Peter Hawkins, both of the 1st Romford Group, were awarded Chief Scout's Commendations for Meritorious

Conduct for dealing with fire incidents, one at home and one at camp.

Nineteen-eighty-six was the seventieth anniversary of the founding of Wolf Cubs and over 200 Romford Cub Scouts and Leaders from 20 packs attended another Cub Scout Spectacular - titled Cub—Rah - at the Albert Hall.



Also in 1986 fifty-seven Scouts and Leaders from Romford attended "Rheinland '86", a County-organised expedition.

In 1988, Venture Scouts carried out a "Sherpa Climb" by abseiling in relay from the roof of the Central Library. Their return to the roof *via* the stairs was intended, collectively, to equal the ascent of Everest. A collection was taken amongst passers-by in aid of Sir Edmund Hillary's Appeal for the Sherpas of Nepal.

Beryl Hart, District Press Secretary 1973-1988 was appointed A.D.C. (Leader Training) in 1988.

FUND-RAISING

The District cannot, of course, operate without funds and a considerable number of methods of raising money has been resorted to over the years to minimise the call on Groups, the events ranging from the District Dinners already mentioned, Christmas Draws, and Fashion Shows to mention a few. A very considerable number of people have been involved in these events - the names of Jim Beavon and Ian Marshall come to mind as promoters of many Christmas Draws - but there have been many others. The work of the Scout Shop managers has been recorded in the next chapter and, as mentioned above, in recent years the District Fellowship has played a part. Summer Fetes under the auspices of the District Executive and with help from the Fellowship have been held in 1995 and 1996 at the 2nd Collier Row headquarters. A fund-raising committee exists, chaired by John Gregory, formerly G.S.L. 11th Romford.

THE DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

The District Swimming Club was mentioned in the Thirties chapter. It continued at Mawney Road pool until that closed in 1974 and there was then a lapse until September 1980 when it reopened at Forest Lodge School, with periodic badge-testing at St.

Edwards School. Use of Forest Lodge had to be dropped in 1984 due to rising costs, but badge testing at St. Edwards continued until the early Nineties. Connie Adams (Scout Shop Manager) and Olive Gregory (11th Romford, and latterly District Badge Secretary) were involved in organising the club during this period and Pat Miles (District Cub Scout instructor) and Bill Kinsey (member, District Executive) with badge testing. Pat Miles has also organised annual (sometimes bi-annual) testing for the Cub Athlete Badge at Hornchurch Stadium in the 80s and 90s.

JOAN WALKER

A very large number of Cub Leaders (and others) in Romford will remember, with affection, Joan Walker or "Jay" as Cubs were expected to call her. She first became a District Leader in 1955 as District Cubmaster, and became A.D.C. (Wolf Cubs) in 1966, continuing in that capacity until 1987, thus achieving the record of having the longest continuous service as a District Scouter in our history. For the last eight of her years as A.D.C. Jay was also Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scouts), and London Region representative on the National Cub Scout Board from 1982 to 1988. She is an Honorary Commissioner of Greater London N.E., and became Chairman of the County in 1996. For her services to Scouting she was rightly awarded the Silver Wolf in 1989. Romford has been fortunate in having had some very dedicated leaders, but none more dedicated than Joan.

G.O.S.H.

The National Appeal for 1989 was to assist with fundraising to help rebuild Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, in all, Romford contributed over £4700 to this appeal, a major effort being GOSH-Run, a sponsored run from the Necker Hospital (a children's' hospital in Paris) to Great Ormond Street, a total running distance of 170 miles (excluding the Channel crossing). Runners were Brian Bland, Jocelyn Cornish, Paul Cummins, Ian Gregory, John Hagger, Nigel Jenvy, James Marsden, Richard Partridge, Duncan Phillips, Brian Ray, Andrew Squire, Eugene Walsh and David Vandoorn, supported by a team comprising Graham Don, David Flynn, Julie Hart, David Lyon, George Marsden, Geoff, Maureen and Dean Preston, Ted Rose, David Vandoorn, Helen Silk and Fred Cornish.



Goshrun '88

Roy Walker resigned as District Commissioner in 1989 to make way for a younger man, and David Hart took the reins. David joined the movement as a Wolf Cub in 1946 and served in various capacities with the 2nd Collier Row until 1976, was A.D.C. (Cub Scouts) for five years and District Secretary for twelve. Maureen Preston became A.D.C. (Cub Scouts) in 1989.

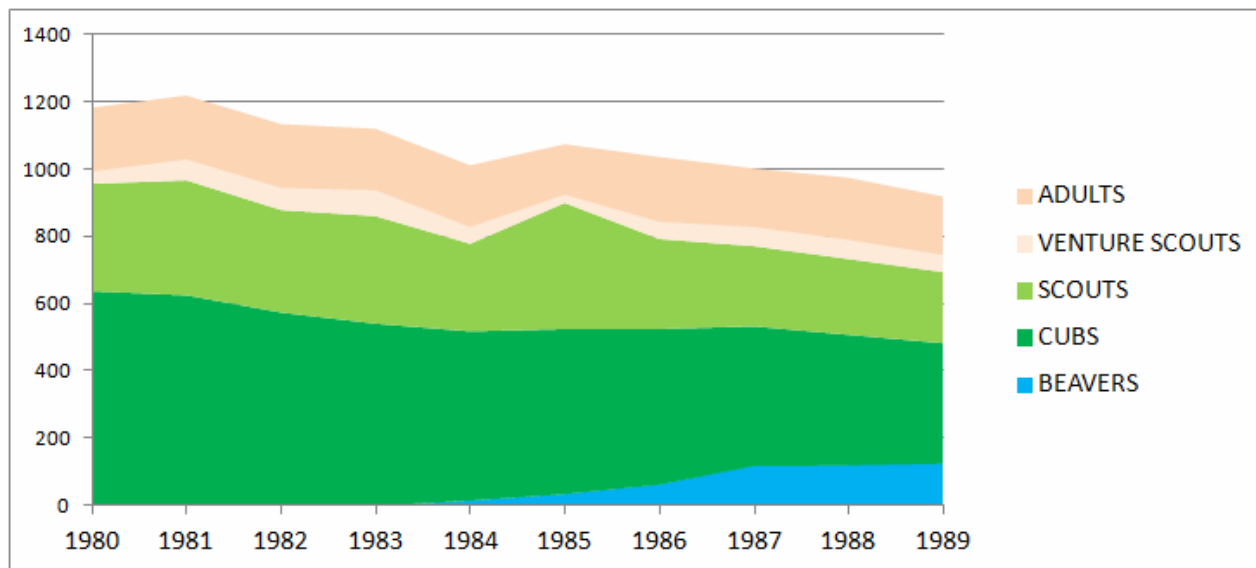


A first edition of the 1985 version of the Scout Record Book along with a Scout Laws card. Both designed to fit into the uniform pocket.

CENSUS FIGURES FOR THE EIGHTIES

	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	VENTURE SCOUTS	ADULTS	TOTAL
1980	-	636	319	40	190	1185
1981	—	624	341	66	190	1221
1982	—	573	304	69	190	1138
1983	—	540	319	80	183	1122
1984	16	501	260	52	184	1013
1985	35	489	374	28	150	1020
1986	63	461	267	54	193	1028
1987	118	414	238	59	175	1004
1988	120	387	225	59	185*	976*
1989	125	357	211	53	174*	920*

* These figures include the District Fellowship.



Despite the introduction of the new Beaver section there is no escaping the overall downward trend in membership numbers during the 1980s most notably in the Cub section.

9 - THE NINETEEN-NINETIES

GIRLS. GIRLS, GIRLS!

In 1990 Headquarters took the arguably giant leap of permitting girls to become members in all sections (they had been permissible in Venture Scouts since 1976), subject to agreement by all sections of the group, and to adequacy of leadership. (However, Tim Jeal has shown, from contemporary evidence - including reference to the 1909 edition of *Scouting for Boys*, a copy of which is in the District archives - that this was B.-P.'s intention from the start, and, indeed, the author's mother was a Girl Scout -*not* a Girl Guide! - in Ilford prior to the 1st World War!) The first Group in Romford to take advantage of the new ruling was the 11th Romford, in 1996. The Cub Scout and Scout Laws were amended to be "gender-free" in 1993.

A new Cub Scout Programme was introduced in 1990, replacing arrows with Cub Scout Award, Adventure Award and Adventure Crest Award. A large element of choice was introduced into the requirements for these awards.

1990: "GOING FOR A MILLION"

This national project, supported by special badges and a great deal of publicity material was designed to strengthen Patrol activity in the Scout section and, at the same time to gain publicity for the movement, and raise funds for a good cause (Barnardo's).



It consisted of a series of challenges for which Patrols could gain "millionaire" points, with prizes for the most successful. The challenges included camping (the aim nationally was for one million camper nights), to raise money for the good cause ("A million IOP's" nationally), water activities, recruiting new members, hiking ("each Patrol member scores three points for every 6 kilometres hiked as part of a Scouting activity"), community service (each Patrol member scoring 3 points per hour of community service), progress in the award scheme, attendance at a Scouts Own, and a treasure hunt in which Patrols "chased the Chief Scout" around the U.K. by means of clues in *Scouting Magazine*.

The Eagle Patrol of the 2nd Romford were first in the District and in the County and 4th in London Region. They received a gold certificate and a prize of £250.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PRIZE

As reported in the July 1990 District News, the 2nd Romford Owl patrol won the County Commissioner's Go for a Million Prize for the most points for "Hiking with a Purpose" They were noted by the D.C. David Hart as looking "so smart" when they received the award at the County A.G.M.

UNIFORM

By 1990 the wearing of the green Scout Beret was regarded as purely optional for Scouts and Venture Scouts but would be phased out altogether by the end of 1991. Mushroom trousers for Scouts were also optional as of January 1990 with most patrol leader's councils in the district electing to drop them in favour of School trousers.

For Cubs, wearing of the cap became optional in 1990 and was phased out altogether by the end of 1991. The green Jersey was replaced with a sweatshirt with Jerseys not to be worn beyond January 1992.

In 1991 the 17th World Jamboree was held in Korea. No representatives from Romford attended. 1991 was also the 75th Anniversary of Wolf Cubs. Romford hosted Cub Scouts from the Isle of Man and Glasgow who were visiting London for the National celebrations, accommodation being at the 2nd Collier Row, 3rd Gidea Park and 2nd Romford headquarters. Meals were provided by the District Fellowship. Maureen Preston (A.D.C. Cub Scouts) with 6 boys and 2 leaders from Romford attended the national celebrations in Westminster Hall, and, in conjunction with Hornchurch and Squirrels Heath districts, two double-decker buses were hired to take a greater number of Cub Scouts to Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park for a day.

"PROMISE" APPEAL

"Going for a Million" was followed in 1992 by a National Appeal to all sections to raise funds to help in the development of Scouting in deprived areas. Special badges were available, and scratch-cards and *special* woggles were available for sale to the public.

CHALLENGE 92



The county ran a link camp at Gilwell Park for older Scouts to encourage leadership skills and build links with the Venture Scout section

Cub Scouts of the 2nd Collier Row "C" Pack became television stars in 1993 when they appeared live on "Blue Peter" to show the authentic medieval armour which they had made - using steel offcuts shaped with specialist tools, and with chain mail crocheted from dish cloth string. An article by Beryl Silk, Group Scout Leader, appeared in *Scouting Magazine* in July 1993.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

A further extension was made to the District Headquarters in 1993 - to provide a "Team Room" for the use of the Assistant District Commissioners - with aid from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust, The Newton Settlement, the Ford of Britain Trust, The Joseph Rank (1942) Trust, the District Scout Shop, the City Parochial Foundation and Groups in the District.

The portrait of B.-P. which hangs in the hall at District H.Q. - a copy of the famous "Jagger" portrait - was painted by Michael Crane, formerly of the 10th Romford, and was presented to the District in 1988 by his father, Mr. Reg Crane, who was presented with a Thanks Badge.

After a short spell as A.D.C. (General Duties) Ted Webster (A.D.C. (Scouts) since 1981) retired in 1994, his place as A.D.C. (Scouts) having been taken by Paul Leeper, who continues to be Scout Leader of the 2nd Romford in addition to his A.D.C. duties. Ted did his early Scouting with the 12th West Ham (Dame Clara Butt's Own) Group, and was Assistant County Commissioner (Air Activities) from 1976 to 1985. Both prior to, and following, his retirement, he has been Warden of the District Headquarters.

Margaret Polden, formerly Beaver Scout Leader 3rd Gidea Park, became A.D.C. (Beaver Scouts) in 1994 replacing Audrey Young who had held the post for the previous five years, she, in turn, replacing Joan Webster who had held the position from 1986 to 1988. Another 1994 appointment was that of Sue Harris, C.S.L. 19th Romford to be

A.D.C. (Cub Scouts) following the resignation of Maureen Preston.

1994 was "Unite" year when members throughout the United Kingdom raised funds for the Scouts of Uganda, particularly to help them carry out a large-scale health education project in their country in conjunction with U.N.I.C.E.F. The Cubs' national Good Turn for 1995 was to raise money for the Children's Society. Romford Cubs contributed the collection at their Cubs Own, a commendable £349.33.



In 1995 Allen Davies, a member of the Romford District Fellowship was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday honours for services to the legal profession. During the same year, Keith Rawlinsong, a 13-year-old Patrol Leader in the 1st Harold Hill Troop, was appointed to represent Greater London for one year on the National Scout Team (formerly the National Scout Advisory Committee).

1995 also saw the launch of a new Beaver Scout programme. This adopted a new concept of a framework programme which each colony is expected to follow, with badges following from participation in that programme.

Johnny Herbert, winner of the British and Italian Grand Prix 1995, was a former Cub and Scout in the 3rd Collier Row. He is reported as having gained his Cub Hobbies badge for karting.

"THE QUEEN WORE A PINK DRESS"

On the 14th June 1995, Her Majesty the Queen visited Gilwell Park. Having made suitable arrangements with the schools (it being a school day) the 8th Romford were able to take 40 members to the supporting activities on which Cub Scout Ben Whitbread reported (with commendable brevity) in the District News:

On Wednesday we went to see the Queen at Gilwell Park. She was wearing a pink dress and she had a bunch of flowers. We were on the news. We sang songs and played games. There was a bouncy castle and a pillow fight and a camp fire. The Duke of Kent was there too.

The 2nd Romford and 1st Harold Hill were also present.

No members from Romford attended the 18th World Jamboree in the Netherlands in 1995.

In 1996 Julie Hart, District Scouter Trainer and A.C.S.L. 19th Romford was appointed Assistant County Commissioner (International).

THE SCOUT SHOP

Mention has already been made of the establishment of a District Scout Shop in 1967 under the management of Syd and Margaret Feidwick. On their retirement, Bill Adams (retired D.C.) and his wife Connie became joint managers. On Bill's death in 1988 Connie took over completely, and with the assistance of other retired leaders built the enterprise into a very profitable concern having in 1996 assets totalling over £21,200. A Guide Shop agency had been acquired in addition to the long-standing Scout Shop agency (once held by Jarvis's in the Market Place) and in 1996 the gross profit was over £4600. Of this, £696 was returned to purchaser-Groups in commission, and £2500 donated to District funds, this forming over forty-five per cent of the Districts net income for the year.

Cub Scouts from the 6th and 8th Romford Packs earned praise in 1996 for helping to clean up the riverside at Rainham, together with Councillors and others. Councillor Ray Harris, chairman of the Council's Environment Committee was reported as saying "The performance by the cubs from the 6th and 8th Romford packs in clearing up the riverside was exceptional. Their enthusiasm and tireless approach was an inspiration to us all." [*Yellow Advertiser*, 3/5/96]

Following the retirement in 1996 of Tony Jones, (A.D.C. (Venture Scouts) from 1975), Jackie Greenwood, V.S.L. of the 19th Rumford Unit was appointed District Venture Scout Leader and, shortly afterwards, A.D.C. (Venture Scouts).

ANNIVERSARIES

Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts both had anniversaries to celebrate in 1996 - Beavers their tenth, and Cubs their eightieth. The Beaver celebrations included making Colony banners and parties at Crow Camp and Hargreaves (Ilford East camp site, this event being for the whole County). Beaver Scouts also held a Wild West Activity Day at Crow Camp including trying to ride a "bucking bronco" and panning for gold. The Cub section's celebrations also included a party at Crow Camp (which was reported on the "Press Gang" junior page in the *Romford Recorder*) and a County party at Gilwell. Cubs also had an anniversary badge to wear on their uniforms.

The County Chess Competition for Cub Scouts has already been mentioned (Chapter 7) and this was extended to Scouts in 1996 when Leyton District opened up their own competition to the County, Terence Turner, 19th Romford, won.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

Annual Cubs' Own services have been held since at least the nineteen-seventies, latterly at Corpus Christi Church in Collier Row. An annual Carol Service has also been held for a number of years, recently at Trinity Methodist Church. In latter years an annual service for adults has been held at St. John's, Mawney Road.

Having arrived nearly at the end of this history, I am conscious of the fact that no mention has been made of District Chaplains. Nevertheless, since the earliest days when the Revd. Steer no doubt functioned as Chaplain in addition to his duties as A.D. C., the District has endeavoured to maintain a Chaplain for Roman Catholic, Church of England and Nonconformist Churches, and they are usually to be seen at St. George's Day Services, in addition to being available throughout the year to give advice to the District Commissioner on matters concerning the Church Groups.

A MAJOR AWARD

In the St. George's Day Awards for 1997, David Hart, District Commissioner, was awarded the Silver Wolf "*in recognition of service of the most exceptional character in Romford over many years*". David's c.v. has already been outlined in chapter 8. In terms of years, he has not been a District leader for as long as Joan Walker (also chapter 8), but including his previous service with the 2nd Collier Row and as District Secretary his service to Romford extends over fifty years. So far as I can discover, he is the first to receive this award specifically for service to this District - John Moore (now the Rev. John Moore), A.D.C. (Senior Scouts) from 1956 to 1964, received his as a result of his service as County Commissioner and to Headquarters; Joan Walker, similarly, for services to County and Headquarters.

As mentioned in the Preface, a register of leaders who have gained awards over the years has been prepared and was presented to the District at the Annual General Meeting in 1997. It is available at District Headquarters for reference (and inspiration?)

CUB CAMPS

District Cub Camps have been held in most years from at least 1977, mainly, so far as I can discover, at South Weald, but I am suffering from a dearth of material to enable me to report fully. In 1977 and 1978 the camp was combined with the annual St.

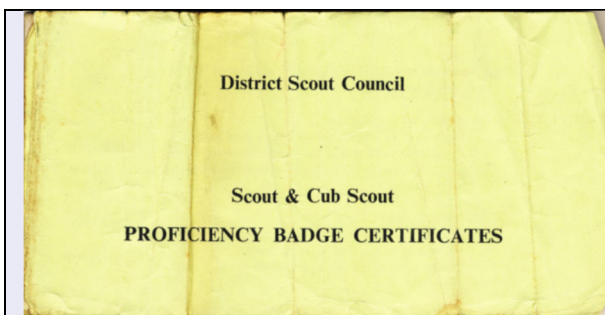
George's Day Competition (the Cub equivalent of the Scout Franklyn Shield) and in 1996 Romford Cubs went to the Chief Scout's Picnic at Gilwell Park. (Leaders of the 8th Romford reported in *District News*, June 1996). Romford Cubs have also taken part for many years in the County "Kubadoo" held biannually at Hargreaves, Ilford East District camp site, and Romford leaders usually run a 'base'.

In September 1997, the 4th Gidea Park and 3rd Harold Hill Groups, which had both been without Scout Troops for some years formed a combined Troop under the leadership of Michael Smith, formerly of the 1st Harold Hill, 19th Romford, and District Scout Leader.

Nationally, the Scout Fellowship reached it's twenty-first anniversary in 1997, and the Romford Fellowship celebrated with a party at Crow Camp, during which the Mayor of Romford (Councillor Del Smith) buried a time capsule. "What will the people think of us when it is found?" asked the editors of the Scout Fellowship News. What, indeed.

After missing a number of World Jamborees, we expect to be back on the world scene at Chile in 1999, our representatives being Chris Greenwood, Scott Leadsham and David Hollands, 19th Romford, and Mick Greenwood, S.L. 19th Romford will be going as a leader.

Late in 1997, Beryl Hart retired from the post of A.D.C. (Leader Training), a position she had held for ten years, and Jackie D'Arcy, Cub Scout Leader 2nd Collier Row "C" Pack, took her place, but with the revised title of A.D.C. (Adult Training).



A book of three part badge certificates from the early 1990s. Inside are pages separated by perforations into three part confusingly titles A, C and B.

No. _____ A	No. _____ C	No. _____ B
Entry for _____		Entry for _____
Stage (if applicable) _____		Stage (if applicable) _____
Name _____		Name _____
*Pack/Troop _____		*Pack/Troop _____
Application made _____		Examiner _____
Result received _____		Date _____ 19____
Badge received and issued _____		Badge Required _____

DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BADGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify that I have examined

of _____ Pack/Troop in the requirements

for the _____ BADGE

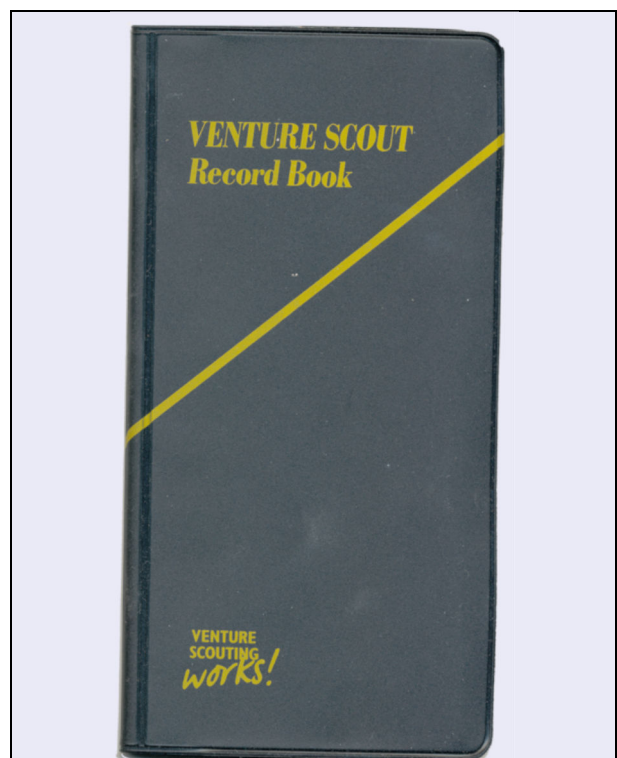
as laid down by The Scout Association, and I consider him fully qualified to wear the Badge. He has, to my personal knowledge, carried out the practical tests (if any) satisfactorily.

Signature _____ Examiner _____

Counter-signed _____ *Cub Scout Leader Scout Leader _____

Date _____ 19____ *Delete as applicable

Thankfully instructions are found inside the front cover. Prior to examination parts A and B are filled in. A is retained by the leader, B & C are given to the examiner. The examiner completes section B and certificate C and sends to the badge secretary who returns the certificate to the leader with the badge.



Venture Scouting Works

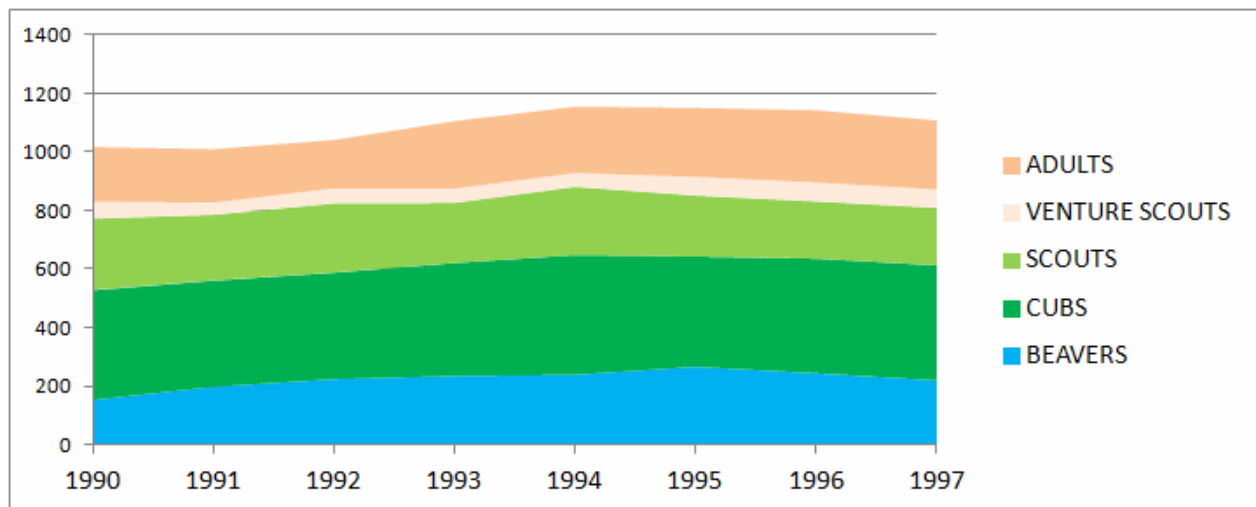
A fourth edition, fourth printing of the Venture Scout Record Book from the early 1990s. By the end of the 1990s very few of our groups had Venture Units and not all of those that did, had dedicated Venture Scout Leaders. Significant numbers of our Venture Scouts were going away to University returning to Scouting in the holidays only.

CENSUS FIGURES FOR THE NINETIES

	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	VENTURE SCOUTS	ADULTS	TOTAL
1990	155	373	245	57	185*	1015*
1991	200	361	225	40	182*	1024*
1992	226	362	237	50	164*	1085*
1993	237	384	206	47	229*	1103*
1994	241	407	234	45	225*	1152*
1995	268	375	209	62	234*	1148*
1996	246	390	196	63	245*	1141*
1997	222	391	197	61	234*	1105*

* These figures include the District Fellowship.

1996 figures represent 4.73 young people per leader/helper (excluding District Fellowship)



During the period 1990 – 1997 Beaver numbers grew steadily, cubs remained more or less constant as did Venture Scouts but membership of the Scout section continued to decline.

In general membership figures across the whole London region and nationally continued downward until 2005, two years after the launch of the new program and the Explorer section.

10 - THE NEW MILLENNIUM



Uniform badge worn by all sections for a year to celebrate the new millennium.



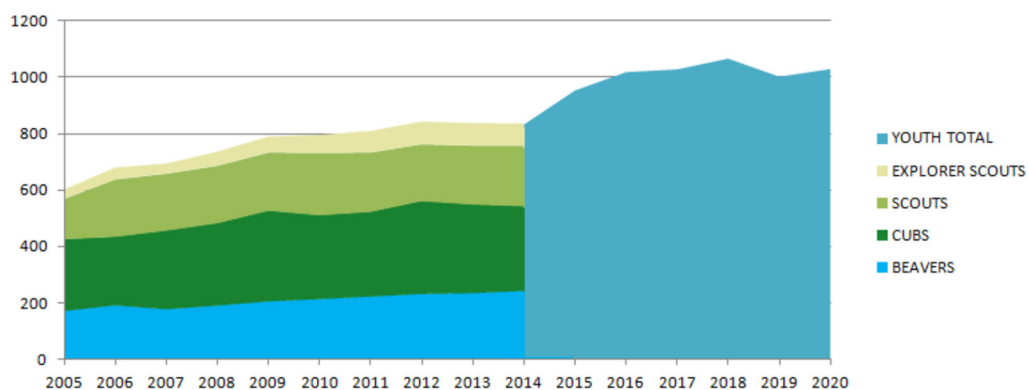
Just as leaders had finally got the last members to remove the 2000 badge, many of which were stuck on to uniforms with glue, we were given these uniform badges to be worn by all sections for the year 2002.



A cloth badge produced for the 2015 "Walk For Paul". Like the original 2013 event, this was a sponsored walk in aid of St Francis Hospice and organised in memory of the Paul Leeper who was DC from 1998 to 2009. Walkers had to visit every group HQ in the district. The event was re-run in 2017.

CENSUS FIGURES

	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORER SCOUTS	YOUTH TOTAL	ADULTS	TOTAL
2005	172	254	143	32			601
2006	192	243	203	41			679
2007	178	279	201	35			693
2008	191	292	203	49			735
2009	206	321	206	55			788
2010	214	297	221	62			794
2011	223	300	210	75			808
2012	232	329	201	79			841
2013	235	314	208	79			836
2014	243	300	214	77			834
2015					955		
2016					1020		
2017					1030		
2018					1068		
2019					1004		
2020					1031		



A growing trend!

2005

By 2005 Romford District Explorers had got themselves a reputation of being able to reliably get things done. When Explorer Scouts were needed for the national founders day service at Westminster Abbey, Romford District was asked.



2007

A lot of special events too place to celebrate Scouting's Centenary Year.



The Scout Section supplement of the January 2007 edition of Scouting Magazine has a Romford District Scout on the cover climbing at Great Tower Camp Site.



Two Romford district Explorer Scout Young Leaders were nominated to attend a special centenary get together and meal at City Hall in London. Jamie and Scott on the left are photographed with the Chief Scout Peter Duncan and two young leaders from Hornchurch District.



District held a camp for Scouts, Cubs and Explorers at Cherrywood. Beavers visited on Saturday.



Our first Explorer Scout to complete his Queens Scout Award paraded at Windsor.

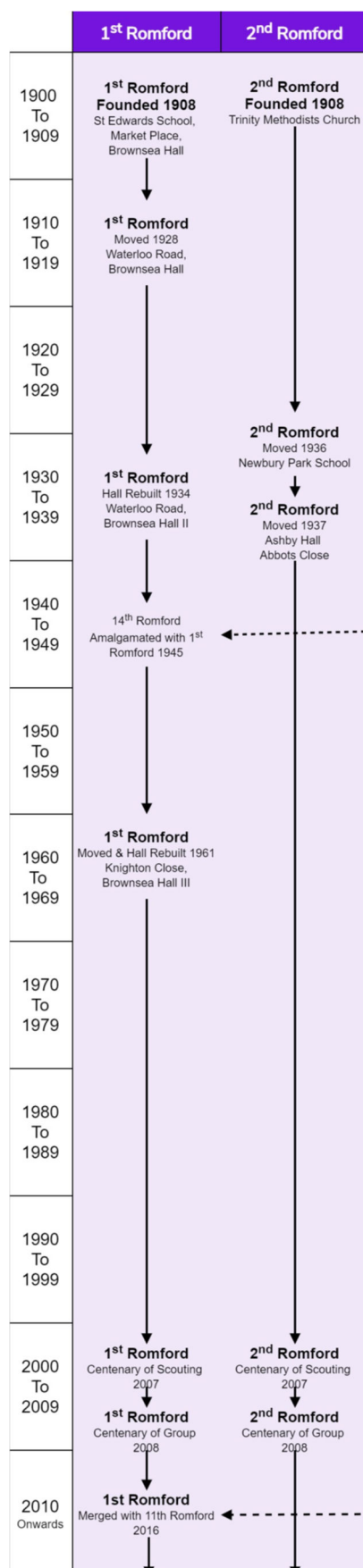


The district built an assault course at the County Centenary Activity day at the Chigwell Row Guide Campsite.



A large number of our Explorers attended the World Scout Jamboree with many leaders and youth members joining them on a day visit.

APPENDIX 1 - AROUND THE GROUPS



1st ROMFORD

Founded 1908 at St. Edwards School, Market Place. Brownsea Hall, Waterloo Road from 1928. This destroyed by fire 1934 and rebuilt as Brownsea Hall II. Brownsea Hall III, Knighton Close from 1961. A year-by-year history of the Group was published by them in 1982 and a copy is in the District archives. Group still existing in 2021.

Brownsea Hall I can just be seen - bottom right of field, top left - in aerial Photograph 125 in *Romford, Collier Row & Gidea Park* by Brian Evans [Phillimore, 1994]

11th Romford Merged with the 1st in 2016

2nd ROMFORD

Founded 1908. Originally at Trinity Methodist Church. London Road School and Newbury Park School in 1936/7. Ashby Hall, Abbots Close from 1937, as a result of the generosity of Mr. Thomas England - "Mr. Romford" - who also gave personal and financial support to the Association generally. Existing in 2021. [See Jubilee Year souvenir booklet (1958) in District archives]

3rd ROMFORD (in 1937 Yellow Scarf)

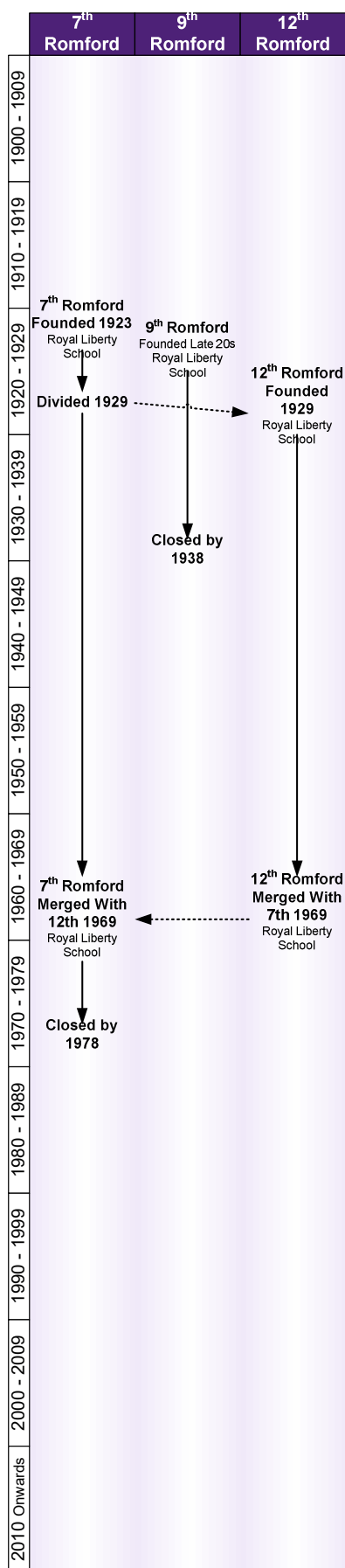
Existed in 1913 possibly at the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Club, North Street. May have lapsed during the 1st World War. Title reallocated in 1937 to the 1st Hornchurch (See Chapter 3.) Then at Kim's Hall, Hornchurch Road. Now in Squirrels Heath District

4th ROMFORD

Salvation Army. Date of formation unknown, probably early twenties. Scoutmaster in the late twenties said to be a Mr. Ashman. Not included in District returns in 1928. The Salvation Army Youth Hall was destroyed by enemy action 1944 and it is probable that early records are lost. Restarted in the late 'forties, but in January 1950, it was reported to the District Executive that the 4th Romford "would have to vacate the use of the stable as the house was now empty". A Cub Pack existed in 1950 and 1951 and is known to have existed in 1957 when their appeal was made for leaders. Finally closed 1961.

5th ROMFORD (In 1937, Maroon with Gold Cross on back)

Probably founded originally in the early 'twenties, but no information found. Title allocated in 1937 to the former 5th Hornchurch (Founded April 1935) (See Chapter 3). Then at Holy Cross Church. Squirrels Heath District from 1948; later merged with former 3rd Romford as 1st Squirrels Heath. Still operating in 2021.



6th ROMFORD

(St. Edwards Roman Catholic Church.)

This Group has had a somewhat chequered history.

Originally founded in the early twenties, it had ceased to be included in the District return in 1928. It was re-registered in 1943, but Headquarters record no sections operative in 1947, 1948 or 1949. A further re-registration took place in 1950, since when the Group seems to have operated without a break, and is still functioning in 2021.

7th ROMFORD

(Royal Liberty School.)

Founded probably 1923. Closed 1978

8th ROMFORD

(St. John's Church.)

Founded possibly 1923. In 1924 they won a cup for the "best turned out Troop". Existing 1997. Merged with 13th in 2003 to form the 21st Romford

9th ROMFORD (Royal Liberty School.)

(Blue and gold diagonal scarves?)

Included in District return 1928, probably founded between 1924 and 1927. "Temporarily disbanded" in 1938 and did not restart.

10th ROMFORD

(St. Andrews, Romford)

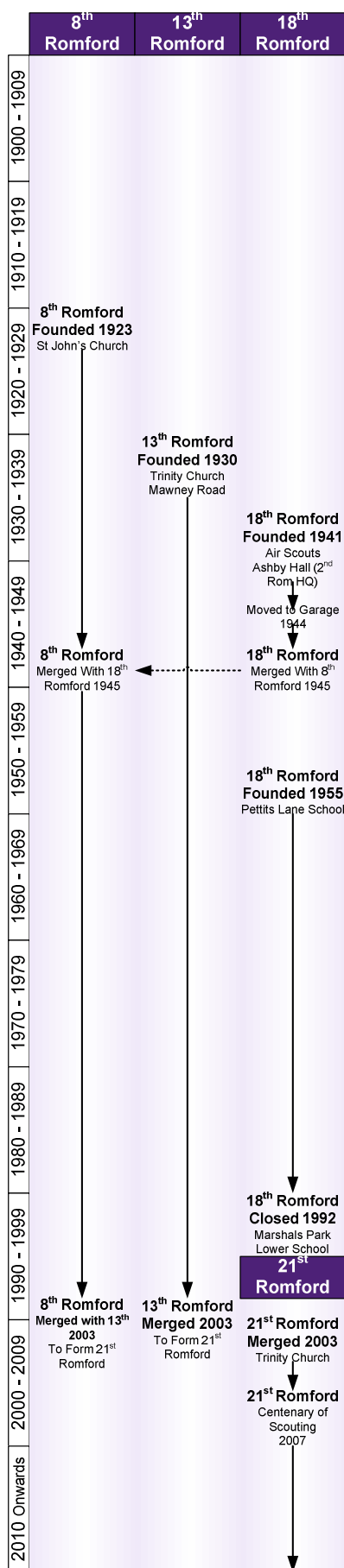
Formation approved by the District Executive in January 1929. In 1936 was stated to be meeting at the Drill Hall, Hornchurch Road (now South Street), but defunct by the Annual Census at 30th September that year. See entries for 15th and 16th Romford. Restarted 1948 at St. Andrews Church, Cotleigh Road with a "B" Troop at St. Augustine's Mission Hall, Rush Green which became an independent Group (11th Romford) in 1952. Still existing 2021.

11th ROMFORD

Originally at Royal Liberty School. Founded 1929. Closed 1938/39. Title re-allocated 1952 to the newly-independent "B" Troop of the 10th Romford at St. Augustine's Church, Rush Green. Merged with 1st Romford 2016.

12th ROMFORD

Royal Liberty School. Founded 1929 on division of 7th Romford. Amalgamated with 7th Romford 1969. A Register of all known members, and log books from 1934 to the late 40s are in the District archives.



13th ROMFORD

Trinity Church, Mawney Road. Founded 1930. Existing 1997. [See Golden Jubilee souvenir booklet (1980) in District archives] Merged with 8th Romford in 2003 to form the 21st Romford.

14th ROMFORD

Open Group meeting at St. Edwards School, Market Place. Founded 1934. Amalgamated with 1st Romford 1945.

15th ROMFORD

Originally a section of the 10th Romford, from 1934 a separate Group at St. Albans Church, Princes Road. Included in a District return in 1948 but thereafter lapsed.

16th ROMFORD *(Grey and green diagonal scarves?)*

Drill Hall, South Street. Apparently another off-shoot from the 10th Romford. First registered during year ended 30th September 1936. Defunct.

17th ROMFORD (HYLANDS) *(Gold and Navy scarves?)*

Hylands School. Founded 1936 as Hylands School sponsored Troop. Defunct by 1943. Now, in any case, within Squirrels Heath District.

18th ROMFORD

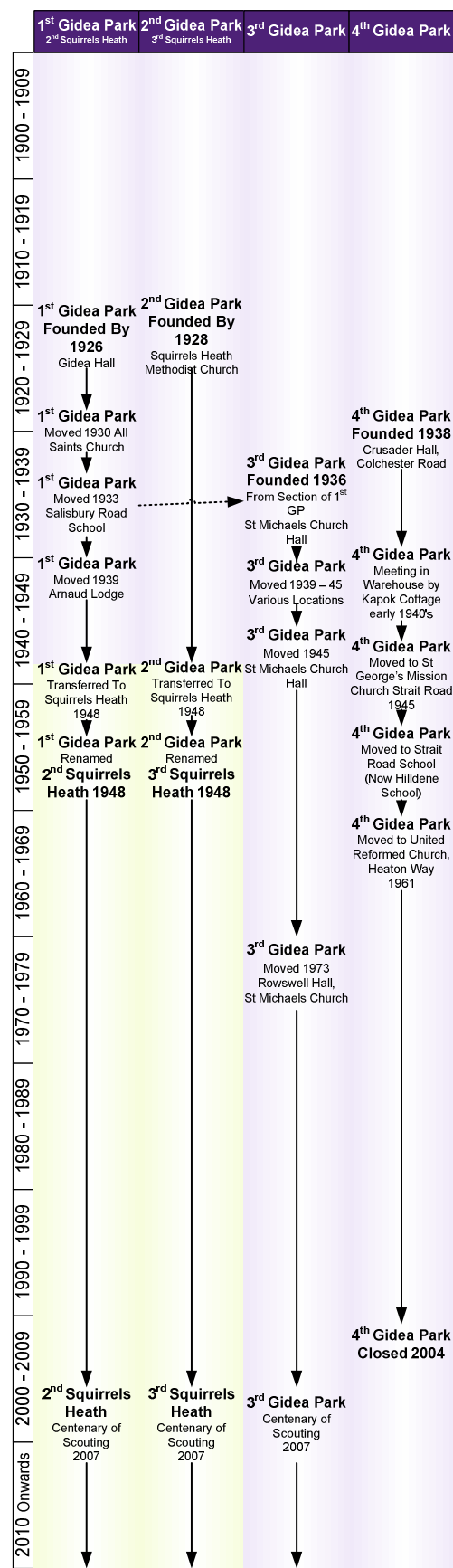
From 1941 an Air Scout Troop meeting at Ashby Hall, 2nd Romford H.Q., but in 1944 were meeting in a garage. See Chapter 4. Merged with 8th Romford 1945. Title re-allocated 1955 to Group meeting at Pettits Lane School (later Marshalls Park Lower School) Closed 1992

19th ROMFORD

Founded 1945. Sponsored by Christ Church (Pentecostal), Victoria Road from 1945 to 1951. In 1950 at Albert Road School, later at St. Albans Church, Princes Road. Still existing 2021.

21st ROMFORD

Formed in 2003 by merging 8th and 13th Romford. The new group scarf took colours from both the 8th and 13th. Still operating in 2021.



1st GIDEA PARK

Founded before 1926. A paper in the 3rd Gidea Park archives indicates that this Group was started in Gidea Hall by Miss D. Reid-Wilson, mentioned in Chapter 2. When the hall was demolished in 1930 the Group moved to All Saints' Church (then at Squirrels Heath), then from 1933 at Salisbury Road School until 1938 when Arnaud Lodge was built in Slewins Lane. (Officially opened 24th July 1939 by Miss Yvonne Arnaud, a well-known actress at the time.) Their scarves in 1936 were Hunting Stewart Tartan! Now in Squirrels Heath District as 2nd Squirrels Heath

2nd GIDEA PARK (METHODIST)

3rd SQUIRRELS HEATH

Existed before 1928. Squirrels Heath Methodist Church. Squirrels Heath District from 1946. In view of the Methodist connection, was this the Squirrels Heath section of the 2nd Romford? Now 3rd SQUIRRELS HEATH meeting on Upper Brentwood Road with a Sea Scout Troop. Back in Romford district from 2015.

3rd GIDEA PARK

(ST. MICHAELS)

Originally a section of the 1st Gidea Park. An independent Group from 1936. During the 1939-45 war met in various emergency locations due to the use of St. Michael's Hall as a respirator centre. The Group holds extensive archives relating to its early history. Existing 2015.

4th GIDEA PARK

Founded 1938 at Crusader Hall, Colchester Road. Also believed to have met for a time (late war period) in a warehouse adjoining "Kapok Cottage", Colchester Road. By 1945 at St. George's Mission Church, Straight Road, then at Straight Road School (now Hildene School), and in 1961 became sponsored by, and moved to, the Congregational (now United Reform) Church in Heaton Way. Closed 2004.

1st EMERSON PARK

(CONGREGATIONAL)

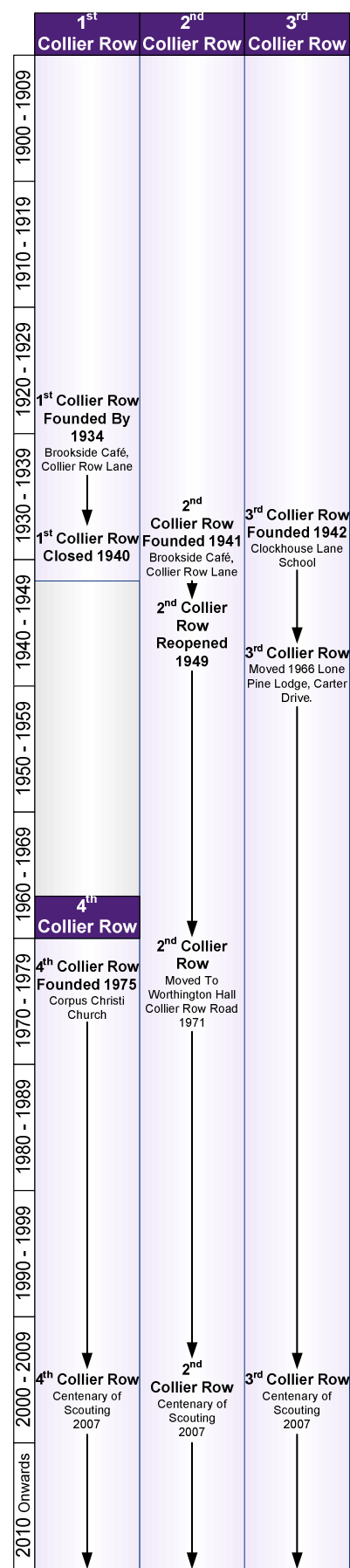
Founded 1930. Squirrels Heath District from 1946. Dark green scarves with yellow ornamental C?

1st HAROLD WOOD

Founded 1926. War Memorial Institute, Gubbins Lane, later own premises in Queen's Park Road. Squirrels Heath District from 1946. 9th SQUIRRELS HEATH closed.

2nd HAROLD WOOD

Originally founded 1932 at Harold Court School. Reformed 1937 at Harold Wood Hall (an Essex County Council boys' home). The D.C. reported in 1942 "I found the boys in bed the last time I called officially". Reported as closed in 1944 "due to evacuation". An attempt to revive the cub pack was made in 1946 by T. Robinson previously of 3GP. Harold Wood Hall was destroyed by fire in the 'eighties and the shell converted into private dwellings. The Group would be in Romford District if it still existed.



3rd HAROLD WOOD

Harold Wood Methodist Church. Squirrels Heath district from 1946.

1st HAVERING

(Originally 1st Havering-atte-Bower (St. John's)).

Founded 1934 at the Parish Hall, Havering, then Calvary Mission Hall then Clockhouse Lane School, then own premises in Belle Vue Road (destroyed by fire 1980)

Closed Easter 1989.

3rd HAVERING (ST. JAMES)

St. James Church, Chase Cross Road. Founded 1969. Existing 2021.

2nd HAVERING

Rise Park Junior School. Founded 1965. Existing 1997. A history of the Group to 1981, with photographs, is in the District archives.

4th HAVERING (Rise Park).

Havering Road Methodist Church. Founded 1977. Closed 1984.

1st UPMINSTER

In Romford District in 1921. Transferred to newly-formed Upminster District (later Hornchurch District) in 1933 still operating 2021.

2nd UPMINSTER

Part of Romford District in 1926, when they took part in Romford District Sports. Transferred to Upminster District in 1933.

1st COLLIER ROW

Brookside Cafe, Collier Row Lane. Founded before 1934. Defunct by 1940.

2nd COLLIER ROW

(CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION)

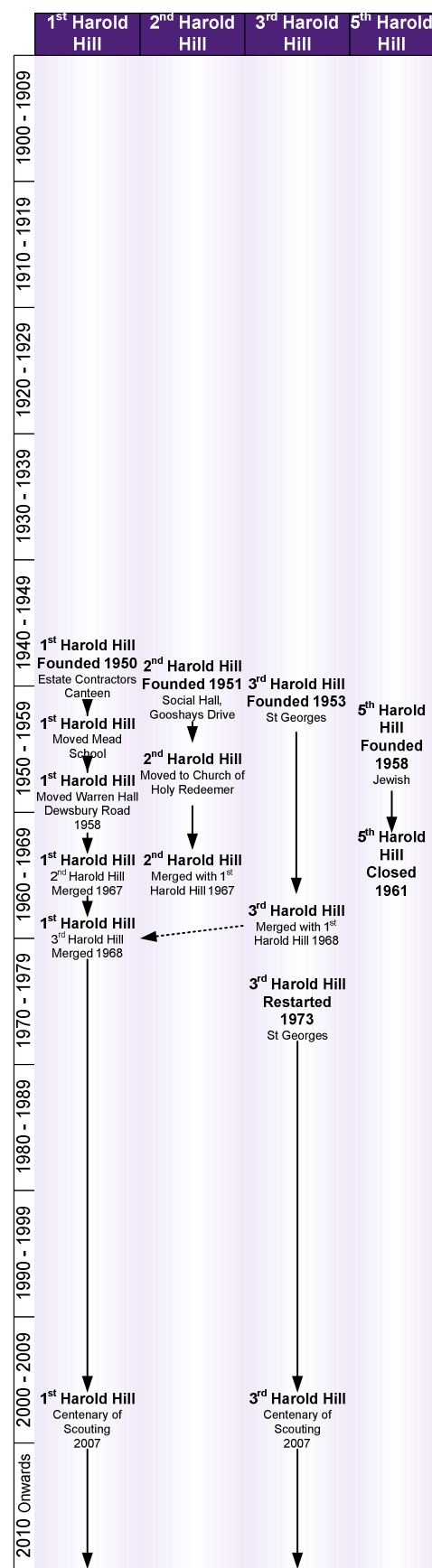
Original registration 1941. Mr. J. Ling was G.S.M. at inception. The Troop then apparently lapsed (it was reported as having reopened in October 1949). Celebrated their 21st birthday in 1970, eight years late. Now at Worthington Hall, Collier Row Road. The Hall was opened on 17th April 1971 by W. Worthington, described on a plaque in the hall as Founder Scout Leader, but it is possible he actually joined in 1949, when they thought they had begun. Still existing 2021.

3rd COLLIER ROW

Founded as a lone Patrol in 1942. See Chapter on The Forties. Registered 1943. Clockhouse Lane School until 1966, then Lone Pine Lodge, Carter Drive. Still existing 2021. For a large part of the Troop's history, see "A Very Ordinary Troop" by A. A. Reeve [Bower Publications 1992].

4th COLLIER ROW (CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH)

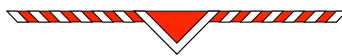
Founded 1975. Sponsored open Group. Still existing 2021.



1st DAGENHAM

Probably part of Romford District 1913. Date of transfer not known.

1st CHADWELL HEATH



Probably part of Romford District 1915. Date of transfer not known. Still operating 2021.

1st HORNCHURCH (See 3rd Romford, ante)

5th HORNCHURCH (See 5th Romford, ante).

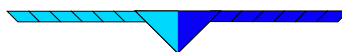
1st ARDLEIGH GREEN

Founded 1933 at Ardleigh Green Methodist Mission Hall, but by 1938 at Ardleigh Green School, possibly because they had outgrown the mission hall. Squirrels Heath District from 1946.

1st NAVESTOCK SIDE

Date of founding unknown. Transferred to Ongar District by 1942.

1st HAROLD HILL



Founded .1950, originally in the estate contractor's canteen, then at Mead School, then Warren Hall, Dewsbuiy Road from 1958. Existing 2021. [A detailed history of the Group to 1989 is in the District Archives]

2nd HAROLD HILL (CHURCH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER)

Founded 1951. Originally at the Social Hall, Gooshays Drive and sponsored by St. Edward's R.C. Church, Romford. Later at Church of the Holy Redeemer. Merged 1967 with 1st Harold Hill.

3rd HAROLD HILL (ST. GEORGES)



Founded 1953. Merged 1968 with 1st Harold Hill. Reopened 1973. Existing 2021.

4th HAROLD HILL

Title not used, to avoid confusion with 4th Gidea Park.

5th HAROLD HILL (JEWISH)

Founded 1958. Closed 1961 owing to insufficient Jewish boys on the estate.

DISTRICT VENTURE UNIT

Only records at Headquarters are for 1981, 1982 and 1983, but not removed from District returns until 1995.

EXPLORER SCOUT UNITS

Unlike Venture Scouts before them, Explorer Scout Units were always district based, even though meetings normally took place on group premises. The first District Explorer Scout meeting took place on October 3rd 2002 and after that the units started meeting on a weekly basis. A joint summer camp was held at Kandersteg international Scout Centre in 2003 with members from all three active units in attendance.

DISTRICT YOUNG LEADER UNIT

Founded January 2003. This unit set up to train Explorer Scouts who were helping run Colonies, packs and Troops started meeting bi-monthly at District Headquarters before switching to monthly and moving to the Rowsell Hall at St Michaels Church. By 2011 the unit had moved back to District Headquarters. In the early days attendance was somewhat erratic but by 2009 unit meetings were regularly attracting twenty or more Explorers with guest leaders being brought in to help run specific training modules. During 2012 and 2013 strategy for training young leaders changed with more of a focus on multi module days or weekends and less reliance on running regular monthly meetings.

UNIT J

St. James Church, Chase Cross Road. Founded October 2002.

UNIT M

St Michaels Church, Gidea Park. Founded October 2002 Closed September 2010.

Unit M won the County Endurance camp in 2004 and successfully defended the title in 2005. Less than three years after opening, in the spring of 2005 they had their first member participate in a practice Queens Scout Award Expedition. That year they also won the Ilford North Forest Boundary Hike, a title they defended successfully in 2006. Summer camp in 2006 was back at Kandersteg International Scout Centre but included a European tour lasting several days on the way back. By 2007 they had their first of many Queens Scout Awards. The Summer Expedition in 2009 was to Italy where several Explorer Belts were completed. The unit closed in September 2010.

UNIT H

Founded September 2010 Warren Hail, Dewsbury Road but now closed.

UNIT A

Founded September 2010 St. Albans Church, Princes Road

UNIT E

Founded September 2012 Brownsea Hall III, Knighton Close, Romford

UNIT X

Founded 01 October 2014 Worthington Hall Collier Row

UNIT Z

Zennith were attached to the Sea Scout group on Upper Brentwood Road and became part of Romford District's provision when Squirrels Heath district was reorganised.

UNIT C

Founded on 27 September 2019 meeting at Crow Camp as a Bushcraft unit.

NETWORK UNITS

THE ROMFORD DISTRICT "VIKING" NETWORK

After two attempts at setting up a local Network the third attempt started in 2013 showed more promise. The Viking network met on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at District HQ for about a year.

APPENDIX 2 - DISTRICT OFFICIALS

PRESIDENTS

1913-1918	Lord O'Hagan. (But see note against Lord O'Hagan below)
1934-1943	L.G. Peake.
1943-1958	W. O. Russell, J.P., O.B.E.
1959-1961	F. Hay-Davies
1961-1965	The Mayor of Romford
1965-1967	H. H. Green, J.P.
1968-1977	E. H. Wall, J.P.
1978-1979	(Vacant)
1980-1983	Councillor W. Smith.
1984-1991	Councillor Norman Symonds
1991-.	H. Layer.
???? – 2011	Stan Hall
2015-	Geoff Hutton



DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

About 1912-1918 Rt. Hon. Lord O'Hagan (Mid-Essex and Romford) (Lord O'Hagan is variously described as District Commissioner and District President. It is likely that in early days the D.C.'s function was less executive than it is now, and that the two titles were interchangeable)

1918 – 1920	J. O. Thompson (Acting D.C. Mid-Essex and Romford)
1920	Brigadier-General J.T. Wigan (Mid-Essex and Romford)
1920 – 1926	Brigadier-General C. H. de Rougemont (Mid-Essex and Romford to 1922, then Brentwood and Romford.) Each Local Association In this District apparently had its own A.D.C. who was effectively D.C.
1922 – 1925	Rev. Charles Steer M.C., Vicar of Hornchurch. (A.D.C. Romford)
1925 – 1927	Major Godfrey Pike. (Firstly A.D.C. Romford. From March 1926. Romford became a District in its own right and Major Pike became D.C.)
1927 – 1934	Lt. Col. A.M. Turner, DSO, DL.
1934 – 1940	F. W. Ashby
1940 – 1947	E. C. Crisp
1948 – 1967	W. G. Archer
1967 – 1971	P. Giles
1971 – 1982	W. J. Adams
1982 – 1989	H. R. Walker
1989 – 1998	David. Hart
1998 – 2009	Paul Leeper
2009 – 2014	Keith Pethers
2014 - 2020	Andrew Mann
2020 -	Anne Smith & Sam Sparks
2021 -	Sam Sparks



LT. COL. A. M. TURNER, D.S.O., D.L.
DC Romford District 1927 – 34



W. J. (Bill) Adams
DC Romford District 1971 – 1982



W.G. ARCHER (By Dick German of the Romford Recorder)
DC Romford District 1948 – 67



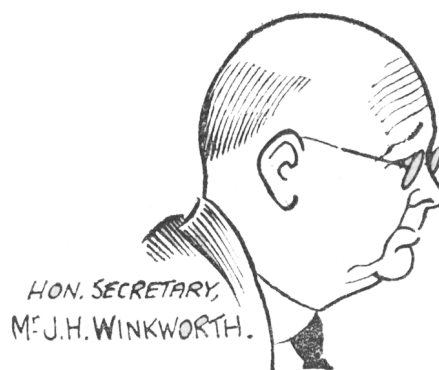
Paul Leeper - DC Romford District 1998 – 2009
Presenting Gold Chief Scout Awards. All 5 Scouts went on to become leaders across 4 different sections.

CHAIRMEN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

? - 1922	Revd. Canon G.M. Bell.
To 1934	G. de Ste. Croix
1934- 1939	The District Commissioner (Lt. Col. Turner/F.W.Ashby)
1939- 1943	J. Twiun,
1943- 1945	J. A. Button
1945- 1947	A. E. Occomore
1947- 1948	J. Bishop
1949- 1959	F. Hay-Davies
1959- 1968	E.H. Wall, J.P.
1969- 1970	C. Crutchley
1971- 1991	H. Layer
1991- 2004	Stan Hall
2004 -2014	Geoff Hutton
2014 -2015	Keith Pethers (Acting Chair)
2015-	Alan Dennison
2020	Keith Pethers

SECRETARIES

1912-1913	C. V. Dipnall.
1914-1916	P. Weston.
1917-1918	H.W.C. Muskett.
1919-1921	W. S. Knopp.
1922-1928	J. A. Budd
1929-1930	P.J. Millar
1931-1934	L. Wolsey
1935-1938	S. T. Milbourne
1938	H. Dunball
1938-1939	J. Parsons
1939-1941	S. R. Bragg.
1941-1942	Mrs. Bragg deputising for her husband, absent on war service.
1942-1943	J. N. Davey
1943	C. C. Card and Miss N. Millen briefly
1943-1951	J.H.H. Winkworth.
1952-1954	Mrs. E. Gould.
1955-1956	J. Barrett
1957-1958	Miss M. J. Stebbings
1959	Mrs. E. Gould
1960-1962	P. Stebbings
1963-1972	C. Scanes.
1973-1977	D. Weller
1977-1989	D. Hart
1989-1994	Mrs. M. Rew
1994-2016	Mrs. H. Geach.
2016	Miss Penny Williams



APPENDIX 3 - THE STORY OF CROW CAMP

Until 1814, the land we now know as Crow Camp was part of Havering Common (shown as "Havering Plain" on some maps) which was an area of common land lying to the north of the Manors of Dagenhams and Gooshays, and north-east of the Royal Manor of Pyrgo. In 1814 an Act of Parliament, The Havering Enclosure Award (which can be seen in the Public Record Office) discontinued all "rights of common" which existed over Havering Plain and allocated definite pieces of land to the various commoners. The Award also provided, according to a history of the Parish of Havering-atte-Bower written in 1925, for the roadway from the blacksmith's forge (near the church) northwards to Stapleford to be gravelled out of the proceeds of the enclosure. The land we now know as Crow Camp, and another piece of land in Benskins Lane were reasonably rich in gravel (and might previously have been dug for *ad hoc* repairs of the roads) and were accordingly left without owners but were "for the use of the highway surveyor for the time being", the road to Stapleford no doubt being in mind.

The author of this history has seen correspondence, dated 1902, which confirmed that the land had once been used for gravel digging, but "not within living memory". This means that the last gravel was probably dug round about 1820-1830 (which would accord with the above), but it is still possible to see the gentle slope where the horses and carts were driven into and out of the large excavation in the middle of the site.

Thus, both pieces of land came, in due course, into the possession firstly of the Overseers of the Parish, then Romford Rural District Council, then in 1936 of Romford Borough Council, and finally in 1965 of Havering Borough Council, all of which acquired the duties of "highway surveyor" in turn. They did not, however, own the land: they only "had the use of it".

For some years from about 1904, Sir Thomas Neave, Lord of the Manor of Dagenhams (or Dagriarns as it is sometimes spelt) paid rent to the Council (Romford Rural) for shooting rights over the land. Possibly he allowed his farm-workers to use their guns here - as he had a right to do, since he was paying rent for the purpose - and this may have given rise to a local legend that he "gave the land to the Parish". This is not so: Sir Thomas owned much of the surrounding land, but not this piece, and could riot therefore have given it away.

Shortly after the last war, around about 1948, Romford Scouts were looking for a camp site as a memorial to those members of the District who had given their lives in the war, and the Council

(Romford Borough Council by now) allowed us to have the use, on a year to year basis, of both pieces of land - i.e. Crow Camp and the Benskins Lane piece - and for fifteen years we paid them a nominal rent of one shilling (5p) per year! At this time we were using mostly the Benskins Lane bit, and occasionally Crow Camp - but the latter was very overgrown and had had a lot of rubbish dumped on it. And not a blade of grass! However, because we only had the pieces of land on a year to year arrangement we did not feel that we could spend any money or do too much hard work on them and so around 1964 we asked the Council if they would grant a lease of both pieces for 21 years. They could not do this straight away, however because, as stated above, they were not legally the owners.

Romford Council (Havering Council after 1965) therefore went to some trouble and expense to apply to the High Court for a legal title to the land: that is to say, they asked for a deed showing that the land, because of their many years' possession of it, was actually theirs.

Before the High Court would listen to the Council, however, the Council were required to advertise their intentions in the local papers and at this point a Mr. Taylor, a resident of Stapleford Abbots, came upon the scene and claimed that he had been using both pieces of land for many years (although in 15 years we had never seen him, or he us). The Council, therefore, "did a deal" with him. They agreed that they would give up their claim to one piece of land if he would give up his claim to the other. They asked us which piece we would prefer, and after looking at the cost of laying on water, and the fact that Crow Camp had a made-up road outside, we chose Crow Camp, and Mr. Taylor got the Benskins Lane piece. (The M25 motorway now runs right through it, so we would have lost our camp if we had chosen the other way round!)

The High Court agreed to this arrangement, but still the title was not "absolute", as it is called. The law requires another fourteen years of undisputed possession to pass before a claimant can actually say that the land is theirs. It was, however, enough for the Council to grant us a 21-year lease, which they did in 1966, and that was when work really began. An earth mover was brought in to clear the main paths around the perimeter of the site and he dumped his spoil in a hole which may not have been caused by gravel digging, but by a small bomb dropped from a German aircraft "on the run" from the London anti-aircraft defences during the 1939-45 war. Work also began on clearing

undergrowth, moving the rubbish into one of the holes and burying it, and encouraging grass to grow. The car park was also constructed.

Although we have referred all along to this land as "Crow Camp" it was only at this time that it got its name. It had previously been known as "the old gravel pits, Chequers Road" and it is still in the Council's records by this name. It was not a convenient name for a camp site and so the District sponsored a competition amongst local Scouts to design a badge and give the site a name. This was won by Rover Scout T. Burt of the 2nd Collier Row Group with his delightful stylised crow, which you can now buy as a badge. His prize was a ruc-sac given by Mr. Jim Beavon, a staunch friend of Crow Camp until his death, and so Crow Camp got its name.

Following the grant of the lease, Bunny Warren, G.S.L. 1st Harold Hill took on the responsibilities of Warden of the site, a position which he held for twenty-one years before handing over to Dennis Rolls, a member of Romford District Scout Fellowship and formerly G.S.L. 2nd Collier Row. Dennis, with members of the Fellowship as a

Service Team has greatly developed the site as present users will be aware.

In 1997 Havering Council finally granted us a 99-year lease on the land which means that we should be secure for the greater part of the next century. This followed a boundary revision along the line of the M25 motorway, which "moved" Crow Camp from Havering into Brentwood, although Havering continue to be the owners.

(it is not strictly part of the history of Crow Camp, but it is interesting to note that the road outside - officially Chequers Road - has been known locally as "Coffin Hill", it has been suggested to the writer that this may at some time have been the place where horses drawing coffins to the churchyards at either Noak Hill or South Weald were given a rest. Not to mention the mourners, who at funerals of poorer folk, were no doubt on foot. No-one has yet reported a ghost at Crow Camp. The site lies close to the line of an ancient pilgrim's road from St. Albans to Canterbury between the point where it is "lost" at Passingford to a point where it picks up again near South Weald.)



EASTER CAMP 1949 NAVESTOCK VICARAGE CAMPSITE
(3GP ARCHIVE)

APPENDIX 4 - DISTRICT COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES

Thought its history the district has run competitions between troops, packs, colonies and even groups. Here are a selection of the longer standing tropes and winters.

THE SWIMMING CUP FOR SCOUTS

Romford and District Scouts' Association Swimming Club

The Williams Trophy

Presented By Capt S.W.Williams. 1st Hornchurch Troop

To be Competed for Annually by Scout Troops In the

Romford District

Winners

1923 2 nd Romford Troop	1958 1 st Harold Hill Troop	& 3 rd Havering (St James)
1924 2 nd Romford Troop	1959 3 rd Gidea Park	1987 3 rd Havering (St James)
1925 7 th Romford Troop	& 7 th Romford	1988 3 rd Gidea Park Troop
1926 7 th Romford Troop	1960 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1989 11 th Romford Troop
1927 7 th Romford Troop	1961 2 nd Collier Row Troop	1990 3 rd Gidea Park Troop
1928 7 th Romford Troop	1962 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1991 3 rd Gidea Park Troop
1929 11 th Romford Troop	1963 2 nd Romford Troop	1992 3 rd Gidea Park Troop
1930 11 th Romford Troop	1964 2 nd Romford Troop	1993 3 rd Gidea Park Troop
1931 11 th Romford Troop	1965 8 th Romford (St Johns Troop)	1994 3 rd Gidea Park Troop
1932 11 th Romford Troop	1966 6 th Romford (St Edwards) R.C.	1995 2 nd Romford
1933 11 th Romford Troop	1967 6 th Romford (St Edwards) R.C.	1996 3 rd Havering
1934 11 th Romford Troop	1968 6 th Romford (St Edwards) R.C.	1997 3 rd Havering
1935 11 th Romford Troop	1969 1 st Havering	1998 3 rd Havering
1936 11 th Romford Troop	1970 2 nd Havering (Rise Park)	1999 3 rd Havering
1937 1 st Gidea Park Troop	1971 2 nd Havering (Rise Park)	2000 3 rd Havering
1938 1 st Gidea Park Troop	1972 13 th Romford (Trinity)	2001 2 nd Havering
1942 7 th Romford Troop	1973 13 th Romford (Trinity)	2002 2 nd Havering
1943 7 th Romford Troop	1974 13 th Romford (Trinity)	2006 3 rd Gidea Park
1944 7 th Romford Troop	1975 3 rd Havering (St James)	2012 1 st Romford
1947 2 nd Romford Troop	1976 (13 th Romford)	2013 2 nd Romford
1948 2 nd Romford Troop	1977 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	2014 1 st Romford
1949 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1978 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	2015 2 nd Gidea Park
1950 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1979 2 nd Havering Troop .	2016 3 rd Squirrels Heath
1951 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1980 2 nd Havering Troop .	2017 21 st Romford
1952 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1981 4 th Collier Row (R.C.)	2018 3 rd Gidea Park
1953 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1982 4 th Collier Row (R.C.)	2019 3 rd Gidea Park
1954 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1983 11 th Romford Troop	2020 <i>Postponed due to Coronavirus</i>
1955 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1984 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	
1956 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	1985 3 rd Havering (St James)	
1957 19 th Romford Troop	1986 3 rd Gidea Park Troop	

The Williams trophy is presented the Scout Troop who win the annual district swimming gala. The cup is an impressive hallmarked silver cup with base.

CUBS FREESTYLE SWIM

Romford Boy Scouts Association

The Roger Goody Cup

For Cubs Freestyle Swim

1964	E Corbett	6 th Romford
1965	J Corbett	6 th Romford
1966	G Corbett	6 th Romford
1967	G Corbett	6 th Romford
1968	M Ibbunson	6 th Romford
1969	P Gregory	3 rd Gidea park
1970	R Dawson	8 th Romford
1971	S Morris	18 th Romford
1972	C Suthenwood	2 nd Romford
1973	J Alder	13 th Romford
1974	P Williamson	8 th Romford
1975	N Cline	2 nd Romford
1976	G Richardson	11 th Romford A
1977	K Engstrom	2 nd Havering
1978	K Engstrom	2 nd Havering
1979	P Lane	11 th Romford A
1980	G Long	11 th Romford A
1981	M lane	10 th Romford B
1982	D Blake	Collier Row C
1983	R Oatham	3 rd Gidea Park B
1984	T Lawler	6 th Romford
1985	A Timcke	2 nd Collier Row C
1987	G Francis	3 rd Gidea Park
1988	R Couchman	2 nd Collier Row
1989	D Baker	10 th Romford
1990	G Leadsham	19 th Romford
1991	R Philpot	3 rd Gidea Park
1992	S Richardson	3 rd Gidea Park
1993	S Richardson	3 rd Gidea Park
1994	T Martin	4 th Collier Row
1995	T Martin	4 th Collier Row
1996	N Abbot	3 rd Havering
1997	C Seneviratne	13 th Romford
1998	M Pietkiewicz	4 th Collier Row
1999	J Marchant	10 th Romford
2000		
2001		
2002	M Preston	4 th Collier Row
2006	T McKiernan	
2012	M Pearce	3 rd Gidea Park Tigers
2013	A Marshal	6 th Romford
2014	L Oatham	3 rd Gidea Park
2015	S Panton	3 rd Gidea Park
2016	S Panton	3 rd Gidea Park
2017		3 rd Gidea Park
2018	C Charnick	3 rd Gidea Park
2019		3 rd Gidea Park

NOTE R. Oatham (winner 1983) is the father of L. Oatham – winner 2014

THE CUBS SWIMMING TROPHY

1987	10th Romford
1988	6th Romford
1989	6th Romford
1990	6th Romford
1991	3rd Havering
1992	3rd Gidea Park
1993	3rd Gidea Park and 6th Romford
1994	2nd Havering Unicorn
1995	2nd Havering Seeonee
1996	6th Romford
1997	6th Romford
1998	4th Collier Row
1999	6th Romford
2000	1st Romford
2001	1st Romford
2002	4th Collier Row
2006	4th Collier Row
2012	6th Romford
2013	?
2014	3rd Gidea Park
2015	3rd Gidea Park.
2016	3rd Gidea Park Leopard.
2017	3rd Gidea Park Tigers.
2018	3rd Gidea Park Tigers.
2019	3rd Gidea Park Tigers
2020	<i>Postponed due to Coronavirus</i>

THE CUB SWIMMING RUNNER UP SHIELD

1976	11th Romford A Pack
1977	3rd Havering & 11th Romford A Pack
1978	11th Romford
1979	11th Romford
1980	3rd Gidea Park B Pack
1981	13th Romford
1982	3rd Havering & 6th Romford
1983	2nd Havering
1984	3rd Gidea Park B Pack
1985	10th Romford B Pack
1987	3rd Gidea Park B Pack
1988	10th Romford B Pack
1989	3rd Havering
1990	3rd Havering
1991	3rd Gidea Park
1992	3rd Havering
1993	19th Romford
1994	2nd Collier Row
1995	10th Romford
1996	3rd Havering
1999	3rd Collier Row
2000	3rd Gidea Park
2001	4th Collier Row
2002	3rd Gidea Park
2006	6th Romford
2012	3rd Havering
2013	?
2014	21st Romford
2015	2nd Collier Row
2016	
2017	3rd Gidea Park (Leopards)
2018	3rd Gidea Park (Leopards)
2019	3rd Gidea Park (Leopards)

THE ANNUAL GROUP SWIMMING CHALLENGE

1998	3 rd Gidea Park
1999	3 rd Collier Row
2000	3 rd Gidea Park
2001	1 st Romford
2002	2 nd Havering
2006	4 th Collier Row
2013	1 st Romford
2014	3 rd Gidea Park
2015	3 rd Gidea Park
2016	3 rd Gidea Park
2017	3 rd Gidea Park
2018	3 rd Gidea Park
2019	3 rd Gidea Park
2020	<i>Postponed due to Coronavirus</i>

THE KINGSWOOD CUP FOR INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING

1926	P. Goodwin	1959	R. Goody	1991	D. Truman
1927	R.A. Still	1960	M.A. Edwards		3rd Gidea Park.
1928	R.A. Still	1961	R.F. Gavin	1992	R. Philpott
1929	H. Kelsey	1962	R.F. Gavin	1993	G. Leadsham
1930	J.A. Mackie	1963	R.F. Gavin	1994	G. Leadsham
1931	J.A. Mackie	1964	R.F. Gavin	1995	T. Turner
1932	B. Berry	1965	H. Taylor	1996	J. M. Kinsey
1933	N. Iraill	1966	D.G. Chamm	1997	C. Braybrook
1934	B. Wade	1967	D.G. Chamm		19th Romford
1935	D.C. Mackie	1968	D.G. Chamm	1998	J. Kinsey
1936	A.C. Thompson	1969	D.R. Tydemann		3rd Collier Row
1937	D.C. Mackie	1970	D. Hamm	1999	J. Kinsey
1938	J.W. Bruce & T.I Parkinson	1971	D. Hamm		3rd Collier Row
1942	G.E. Brown	1972	Nel McKechnie	2000	J. Kinsey
1943	D. Thomat & G.E. Brown	1973	Carl Suthenwood		3rd Collier Row
1944	G.E. Brown	1974	?	2001	C. Chapman
1945	A.K. Yates	1975	M Hilton		2nd Havering
1946	A.K. Yates	1976	S. Alder	2002	J. Kinsey
1947	A.K. Yates	1977	J. Alder		Abbots Venture Unit
1948	B.P. Gamester	1978	A. Kinsey	2006	J. Clowrey
1949	L. Thorogood & J. Raper	1979	A. Kinsey		3rd Harold Hill
1950	J. Raper	1980	A. Kinsey	2012	
1951	A.V. Green	1981	A. Kinsey	2013	J. Sparks Unit J.
1952	C. Carter & J. Miles	1982	A. Kinsey	2014	
1953	B.J. Ruffeu	1983	A. Kinsey	2015	S. Lisney
1954	J.R. Baskerville & H.J. Eaton	1984	A. Fearr		3rd Harold Hill
1955	S.R. Baskerville	1985	N. Clifford	2016	S. Lisney
1956	C. Bull	1986	N. Clifford		3rd Harold Hill
1957	R. Goody	1987	N. Clifford	2017	? Unit J
1958	R. Goody	1988	N. Clifford	2018	H. Panton Unit A
		1989	R. Couchman	2019	? 3GP
		1990	R. Couchman		

THE CUB SCOUT QUIZ

This trophy comprises of a wooden shield with metallic shields engraved on it.

Winners

1996	19 th Romford	2007	2 nd Romford
1997	4 th Collier Row	2008	3 rd Gidea Park
1998	4 th Collier Row	2009	2 nd Romford
1999	6 th Romford	2010	21 st Romford
2000	19 th Romford	2011	3 rd Gidea Park
2001	4 th Collier Row	2012	6 th Romford
2002	3 rd Gidea Park	2013	2 nd Romford
2003	2 nd Collier Row	2014	3 rd Harold Hill
2004	6 th Romford	2015	3 rd Gidea Park (Leopards)
2005	6 th Romford		
2006	4 th Collier Row		

THE DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION

This trophy comprises of a large wooden spoon. The trophy was retired between 1982 and 1994 as during this period the Portman cup was being awarded for camp cooking and it was felt two cooking competitions in the calendar was a bit much. Once the Portman cup (later replaced by the Roy Walker Cup) for camp cooking was incorporated as part of the Franklin Shield event the district cooking competition where teams cook on gas and host a dinner party with three course meal was re-instigated

The District Cooking Competition

Winners

1976	11 th Romford	2003	19 th Romford
1977	11 th Romford	2004	3 rd Gidea Park
1978	11 th Romford	2005	2 nd Romford
1979	2 nd Collier Row	2006	2 nd Romford
1980	3 rd Havering	2007	3 rd Harold Hill
1981	1 st Romford	2008	2 nd Romford
1995	2 nd Collier Row	2009	2 nd Romford
1996	2 nd Collier Row	2010	21 st Romford
1997	19 th Romford	2011	2 nd Romford
1998	3 rd Collier Row	2012	19 th Romford
1999	3 rd Havering	2013	21 st Romford
2000	3 rd Collier Row	2014	3 rd Gidea Park
2001	2 nd Romford	2015	3 rd Gidea Park
2002	TBC?	2016	19 th Romford

THE RON BARTON CHALLENGE TROPHY

Awarded to the Winning Scout Team

At the Romford District Scouts Annual Hiking Competition

Winners

1973: 1st Harold Hill, I. Reade P.L.
 1974: 1st Harold Hill, P. Baxter P.L.
 1975: 1st Harold Hill, A. Jones P.L.
 1976: 8th Romford, B. Constable P.L.
 1977: 6th Romford, I. Goddard P.L.
 1978: 3rd Gidea Park, Richard Tong P.L.
 1979: 3rd Gidea Park, Peter Mitchell P.L.
 1980: 3rd Gidea Park, Peter Mitchell P.L.
 1981: 8th Romford, Andrew Notman P.L.
 1982: 3rd Havering, Gary Cummins P.L.
 1983: 1st Romford, Mat Jones P.L.
 1984: 3rd Havering, Jason Wapling P.L.
 1985: 3rd Havering, Jason Wapling P.L.
 1986: 2nd Romford, Peter Fishliegh P.L.
 1987: 1st Romford, Richard Connell P.L.
 1988: 2nd Romford, Ben Guynan P.L.
 1989: 3rd Collier Row, Damian Murray P.L.
 1990: 2nd Romford, James Godden P.L.
 1991: 2nd Romford, R. Booth P.L.
 1992: 2nd Romford, J. Daltrey P.L.
 1993: 19th Romford Tigers, D. Greenwood P.L.

1994: 2nd Romford, S. Tovell / I. Whitty
 1995: 3rd Collier Row, P. Foster P.L.
 1996: 3rd Havering, Tom Hammond P.L.
 1997: [Joint] 19th Romford / 3rd Collier Row
 1998: 19th Romford, C. Greenwood P.L.
 1999: 3rd Havering, Graeme Charlton P.L.
 2000: 11th Romford, Mark Clissold P.L.
 2001: 3rd Havering, Jack Hammond P.L.
 2002: 19th Romford, D. Smith P.L.
 2003: 1st Romford, P. Webb P.L.
 2004: 2nd Collier Row, Craig Markwick P.L.
 2005: /
 2006: 3rd Gidea Park, Jamie Gildea P.L.
 2007: /
 2008: 3rd Gidea Park, Tom Sandberg P.L.
 2009: 3rd Gidea Park, Tom Sandberg P.L.
 2010: 3rd Gidea Park, James Taylor P.L.
 2011: 2nd Romford, Sammy Rees P.L.
 2012: 2nd Romford, Robert Leeper P.L.
 2013: 2nd Romford, Robert Leeper P.L.
 2014: 3rd Gidea Park, Isobel Martin P.L.

Table:

	Group	Wins
1	2 nd Romford	9
2	3 rd Gidea Park	8
3	3 rd Havering	6
4	19 th Romford	4
5	1 st Harold Hill	3
5	3 rd Collier Row	3
6	8 th Romford	2
7	6 th Romford	1
7	11 th Romford	1
7	2 nd Collier Row	1

THE BILL ADAMS TROPHY

Awarded to the Winning Scout Team

At the Romford District Scouts Annual Orienteering Competition

Winners

1982 3 rd Havering	1995 3 rd Gidea Park	2010 2 nd Romford
1983 6 th Romford	1996 19 th Romford	2011 3 rd Gidea Park
1984 3 rd Gidea Park	1997 3 rd Havering	2012 21 st Romford
1985 3 rd Gidea Park	1998 3 rd Havering	2013 21 st Romford
1986 3 rd Havering	1999 3 rd Havering	2014 2 nd Romford
1987 1 st Romford	2000 2 nd Collier Row	2015 2 nd Romford
1988 11 th Romford	2001 3 rd Havering	2016 3 rd Gidea Park
1989 3 rd Havering	2002 4 th Collier Row	2017 21 st Romford
1990 11 th Romford	2003 4 th Collier Row	2018 3 rd Gidea Park
1991 3 rd Gidea Park	2004 2 nd Romford	2019 21 st Romford
1992 2 nd Collier Row	2005 3 rd Gidea Park	2020 4 th Collier Row
1993 2 nd Romford	2006 3 rd Gidea Park	2021 <i>Not contested due to Covid pandemic</i>
1994 3 rd Gidea Park		

It was contested 25 times between 1982 and 2006.

In 2005 the Romford Event was combined with a county event and the Bill Adams Trophy was presented to the top team from Romford which happened to be the 2nd placed team from GLNE.

In 2006 the orienteering competition was run as the second day of the Barton Challenge Event however it was open to teams that didn't take part in the full Barton Challenge. In 2007 neither the Barton Challenge or the Orienteering took place and the Orienteering event didn't restart until 2010 when it continued in its original format as its own event.

THE CONNIE ADAMS TROPHY

Awarded to the Winning Venture Scout or Explorer Scout Team

At the Romford District Scouts Annual Orienteering Competition

1991 13 th Romford	1999 V.U. 1 st HH	2016 Unit A
1992 R.V.U. (3 rd G.P.)	2003 UNIT M	
1993 ABBOTTS (3 rd Hav.)	2004 UNIT M	2018 Unit E
1994 R.V.U. (3 rd G.P.)	2010 UNIT YL (3GP)	1019 Unit Z + Others (All 3GP)
1995 R.V.U. (3 rd G.P.)	2011 UNIT A	2020 Not Contested
1997 V.U. 1 st HH	2013 UNIT E	2021 <i>Not contested due to Covid pandemic</i>
1996 R.V.U. (3 rd G.P.)	2014 UNIT J/UNIT E	
1998 R.V.U. (3 rd G.P.)	2015 Unit E	

THE FRANKLIN SHIELD

The Franklin Challenge Shield is considered the premiere event for Scouts in Romford District. Many of the names on the trophy read like a who's who of Scouting in Romford.

Year	Group	SM/SL	Patrol	PL	APL
1921	1st Romford	DC Mackness			
1922	1st Romford	E Davies			
& 1922	2nd Romford	FW Ashby			
1924	2nd Romford (Newbury Park Section)	N Shelford			
1925	2nd Romford	FW Ashby			
1926	1st Romford	FH Davies			
& 1926	7th Romford (RLS)	SB Hartley			
1928	8th Romford	W Gable			
1929	9th Romford	SG Graham			
1930	1st Gidea Park	R.L. Eltham (SM)			
1931	1st Gidea Park	J.R. Poel (G.S.M.)			
1932	1st Gidea Park	J.H. Sharman (A.S.M)			
1933	1st Gidea Park	A.R. Tilston (A.S.M.)			
1934	8th Romford	F.E. Koester (G.S.M)			
1935	13th Romford	A. Cheetham (S.M.)			
1936	13th Romford	S. Bragg (A.S.M)			
1937	1st Gidea Park	A.R. Tilston (S.M.)			
1938	1st Gidea Park	F.T. Wenborn (A.S.M)			
1939	12th Romford (RLS)	J. Morley (S.M.)			
1942	1st Harold Wood	F.W. Edwards (A.S.M)			
1944	1st Harold Wood	F.W. Edwards (S.M)	Lion	C Davis	
1945	3rd Harold Wood	R.C. Vickers (G.S.M)			
1946	1st Emerson Park	A. Corben (S.M.)			
1948	1st Romford	E.C. Baskett (G.S.M)			
1949	7th Romford (RLS)	J.E. Moore (SM)			
1950	12th Romford (RLS)	J. Morley (S.M.)			
& 1950	10th Romford	J.V. Jones (S.M.)			
1951	2nd Romford	G. Clarke (A.S.M)			
1952	12th Romford (RLS)	J. Morley (S.M.)			
1953	1st Havering	J. Fogg (G.S.M)			
1955	7th Romford (RLS)	J.E. Moore (SM)	Woodpecker		
1956	2nd Romford	S. Feldwick (S.M)	Owl		
1958	3rd Collier Row	A.A. Reeve	Tiger		
1959	3rd Collier Row	A.A. Reeve	Rattlesnake		
1960	13th Romford	A. Peacock			
1961	3rd Collier Row	A.A. Reeve	Tiger		
1962	7th Romford (RLS)	J.C. Tarrant	Bulldog		
1963	2nd Romford	F. Potter (S.M)	Panther		
1964	2nd Collier Row	D.H. Rolls	B' Spring Patrol		
1965	10th Romford	R. Barton	Falcon		
1966	3rd Gidea Park	A.C.A Matthews (S.M.)	Falcon		
1967	8th Romford	B.A. Richards (S.L.)	Tiger		
1969	2nd Romford	W.J. Adams	Owl		
1970	8th Romford	D.C. Perry	Panther		
1971	8th Romford	D.C. Perry	Panther		
1972	8th Romford	R.J. Young	Stag		
1973	4th Gidea Park	R.J. Dansey (S.L)			
1974	1st Harold Hill	J.B. Warren (G.S.L.)		M. Smith	
1975	2nd Romford	T.J. Speller	Kestrels	A. Smith	
1978	2nd Collier Row	D.H. Rolls	Kestrels	C. Davies (A.P.L)	
1979	3rd Gidea Park	T. Lawrence (S.L)	Hawks	G. Edwards (P.L.)	
1980	2nd Collier Row	A.F. Geach (S.L.)	Kestrels	C. Davies (P.L)	
1981	2nd Romford	P. Leeper (S.L.)	Owl	A. Beaumont	
1982	6th Romford	J. Ellis	Lions		
1983	4th Collier Row		Hawk	A. Fearn	
1984	4th Collier Row		Lion	R. Green	
1985	3rd Havering		Bulldog	J. Wapling	
& 1985	2nd Romford		Owls	G. Simms	
1986	1st Romford		Otter	J. Graham	
1987	2nd Collier Row		Bulldog	P. Marshall	
1988	11th Romford		Kestrel	D. Smith	
1989	2nd Romford		Owl	J. Godden	
1990	2nd Romford		Owl	B. Guynan	
1991	2nd Romford		Eagle	J. Godden	
1992	2nd Romford		Eagle	J. Godden	
1993	19th Romford		Bulldog	K Greenwood	J. Farnes
1994	19th Romford		Wolves	R. Reeve	C.K-Watson
1995	2nd Romford		Eagle	S. Tovel	I Whitty

Year	Group	SM/SL	Patrol	PL	APL
1996	19th Romford		Cobra	G.Leadham	C.Keeble-Watson
1997	3rd Collier Row		Kestrels	M.Foster (S.P.L.)	
1998	19th Romford		Cobra	D.Rodgers	A.Masterson (A.P.L)
1999	3rd Havering	A.Mann	Lions	G.Charlton	
2000	2nd Romford		Eagles	D.Matson(S.P.L.)	R.Taylor (P.L)
2001	3rd Havering	A.J.Mann	Stags	D.Smith	
2002	3rd Havering	A.J.Mann	Stags	D.Smith	
2003	3rd Gidea Park		Ravens	S.Finch	M.Shanahan
2004	3rd Gidea Park		Cobra	V.Lunnon	J.Gildea
2005	3rd Gidea Park		Hawks	M.Isaacs	C.Bassett
2006	3rd Gidea Park		Hawks	M.Isaacs	T.Sandberg
2007	3rd Collier Row		Lions	Anna Skipworth	
2008	3rd Gidea Park		Wolves	C.Wren	C.King
2009	3rd Collier Row		Cobra	C.Merritt	J.Smith
2010	3rd Gidea Park		Meerkat	G.Swann	G.Eklund
2011	3rd Gidea Park		Dragon	G.Eklund	M.Reeve
2012	2nd Romford		Wood Eagle	R.Leeper	L.B.Raymont
			Owls		
2013	2nd Romford		Wood Eagle	R. Leeper	M. Burke
			Owls		
2014	21 st Romford		The Girls Patrol	J. Mortimer	A. Sullivan
2015	2 nd Romford		Eagles	K. Sadler	D Hunt.
2016	2 nd Romford		Eagles	M. Leeper	
2017	2 nd Romford				
2018	2 nd Romford		Three and a half Scouts		

THE KIPLING SHIELD

The Kipling Shield is the Venture Scout and since the 2004 event Explorer Scouts equivalent of the Scout's Franklin Shield.

Year	Unit
1997	2 nd Romford Vanguard Venture Scout Unit
2001	3 rd Gidea Park Rowswell Venture Unit
2002	3 rd Gidea Park Rowswell Venture Unit
2004	Unit J Explorer Scout Unit
2005	Unit M Explorer Scout Unit
2006	Unit M Explorer Scout Unit
2007	Unit M Explorer Scout Unit
2008	Unit M Explorer Scout Unit
2010	Unit A Explorer Scout Unit
2011	Unit A Explorer Scout Unit
2012	Unit A Explorer Scout Unit
2013	Unit J Explorer Scout Unit
2014	Not contested.
2015	Unit J Explorer Scout Unit

THE WALKER CUP

The Walker Cup replaced the Portman Cup and is awarded to the Scout team who does the best camp cooking during the course of the Franklin Shield event.

Year	Troop
2008	3 rd Gidea Park
2009	3 rd Collier Row
2010	3 rd Havering
2011	2 nd Romford
2012	2 nd Romford
2013	2nd Romford 'Wood Eagle Owls'
2014	21ST ROMFORD FOXES
2015	3CR Mighty Ducks
2016	21st Romford

THE PORTMAN CUP

The Portman Building Society Trophy for Scouting Skills (Portman cup) was donated by the Portman Building Society and was originally awarded to the Scout Patrol who scored the most points at an annual camp cooking competition. At some stage (probably at about the time of the re-introduction of the regular cooking competition) this event was combined with the Franklin Shield and the Portman cup was then presented to the Scout Patrol who score the most points in the camp cooking elements of the Annual Franklin Shield competition.

1982 2nd Collier Row Lions	1990 Scouts Go For a Million	1999 3 rd Havering Lions
1983 2nd Collier Row Beavers	1991 4 th Collier Row Wolves	2000 2 nd Romford Eagles
1984 1st Harold Hill Woodpeckers	1992 11 th Romford Eagles	2001 3 rd Havering Stags
1985 11th Romford Falcons	1993 19 th Romford Bulldogs	2002 3 rd Havering Stags
1986 6th Romford Wolves	1994 4 th Collier Row Lions	2003 3 rd Gidea Park Ravens
1987 3rd Havering Stags	1995 2 nd Romford Kestrels	2004 3 rd Gidea Park Ravens
1988 3rd Havering Tigers & Stags	1995 2 nd Romford Eagles	2005 ? (2 nd R?)
1989 1st Romford Stags	1996 19 th Romford Cobras	2006 3 rd Gidea Park
	1997 3 rd Collier Row Kestrels	2007 ? (3CR?)
	1998 19 th Romford Tigers	

THE BEAVER SPORTS SHIELD

The Bill Archer Trophy

Beaver Scouts

District Sports

1991 3 rd Gidea Park	2007 4 th Collier Row
1992 13 th Romford	2008 3 rd Gidea Park (Not engraved)
1993 3 rd Gidea Park	2009 6 th Romford
1994 4 th Collier Row	2010 4 th Collier Row
1995 3 rd Havering	2011 4 th Collier Row
1996 2 nd Romford	2012 10 th Romford
1997 2 nd Romford	2013 - 2015 Not Engraved
1998 3 rd Collier Row	2016 19th Romford
1999 6 th Romford	2017 2nd Romford
2000 6 th Romford	2018 3rd Gidea Park (Penguins)
2001 ? Romford	
2002 1 st Romford	There is also a random 2nd Collier Row with no year on it.
2003 1 st Romford	
2004 2 nd Havering	
2006 4 th Collier Row	

THE ST. GEORGE'S COMPETITION RUNNERS-UP TROPHY

1952	11 th Romford	1983	11 th Romford 'B' Pack
1953	10 th Romford	1984	3 rd Gidea Park 'A' Pack
1954	3 rd Collier Row	1985	18 th Romford
1955	10 th Romford & 13 th Romford	1986	2 nd Collier Row 'A' Pack
1956	2 nd Collier Row	1987	6 th Romford
1957	2 nd Collier Row	1988	10 th Romford 'B' Pack
1958	13 th Romford	1989	2 nd Romford
1959	13 th Romford 'A' Pack	1990	10 th Romford
1960	1 st Romford	1991	2 nd Collier Row 'A' Pack
1961	2 nd Romford	1992	10 th Romford
1962	13 th Romford 'A' Pack	1993	10 th Romford
1963	2 nd Collier Row 'B' Pack	1994	2 nd Romford
1964	13 th Romford	1995	2 nd Romford
1965	3 rd Gidea Park & 3 rd Harold Hill	1996	2 nd Romford & 11 th Romford
1966	3 rd Harold Hill	1997	19 th Romford
1967	8 th Romford & 3 rd Harold Hill	1998	11 th Romford
1968	3 rd Collier Row	1999	2 nd Collier Row
1969	1 st Havering 'B' Pack	2000	2 nd Romford
1970	11 th Romford 'A' Pack	2001	2 nd Romford
1971	2 nd Collier Row 'B' Pack	2002	11 th Romford
1972	2 nd Romford	2003	3 rd Harold Hill
1973	1 st Romford	2004	2 nd Romford
1974	10 th Romford 'B' Pack	2005	11 th Romford
1975	2 nd Havering	2006	2 nd Romford
1976	2 nd Collier Row 'B' Pack	2007	10 th Romford
1977	13 th Romford, 3 rd Gidea Park and 3 rd Havering	2008	10 th Romford
1978	11 th Romford 'A'	2009	10 th Romford
1979	13 th Romford	2010	4 th Collier Row
1980	2 nd Collier Row 'A' and 13 th Romford	2011	2 nd Romford
1981	2 nd Collier Row 'A'	2012	3 rd Havering
1982	13 th Romford	2013	21 st Romford
		2014	3 rd Gidea Park

APPENDIX 5 - UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

08/09/2014	Ted Rose got in touch to point out that it was 3 rd Havering who were the 6 th troop who in 1967 attended the Greater London North-east Diamond Jubilee Camp at Schmitzburg, Germany but hadn't responded to Bunny's original request for information. This section was updated accordingly.
27/12/2014	Notes added in pale purple panels about the Dyer Cup and Romford winning the county swimming gala in the late 1940s. Picture of Bill Adams added to the DC page. Note added in pale blue box regarding 4 th Romford re-starting to 1950's chapter. Note added in pale blue box about international exploits to the 1950's chapter. Two photos of Group Gang Shows added to illustrate Bunny's original text on that subject. A picture from St Georges day 1954 is added at the end of the section.
01/06/2018	Added pictures to the Jamboree 1957 section. Some pictures to a 2007 section and updated trophies section.
09/12/2018	Added picture of the District's 1957 Jamboree Contingent as well as a picture of the Author with Scouts at the Main Road Bench in 1957. Also some trophy updates. Added Year of the Scout and Cub Anniversary badges to the 1980s
27/12/2018	Added details from district news in the early 1990s and pictures of record books.
22/03/2020	Added a section about the Author.
06/04/2020	Added pictures of Camps at the Benskins Lane Site used by the District. And note about Alan Yates of the 12 th Romford winning the Kingswood Cup three times in the 1940s. Added picture taken on camp with French Scouts just 1 month before start of Second World War. Added pictures of 1937 Jamboree. Added picture of 1 st Gidea Park taken in Belgium.
09/05/2020	Added notes from the 1939 County Handbook.
19/05/2020	Added new DCs and youth total census figures for the last few years.
16/06/2020	Added notes from 1937 County Quarterly.
08/09/2020	Corrected captions relating to Navestock Vicarage campsite. Added details of two extensions to District HQ in the 1960s and 70s.
09/09/2020	Added St Georges Service sheet from 1943.
08/02/2021	Added pictures of Coronation Display in Raphael's Park and gave answer to one of Bunny's un-answered questions about this event.
30/03/2021	Added details about the Opening of 3 rd Squirrels Heath's Scott Lodge to the 1950's Section. Added dates for 11 th Romford's Merger with the 1 st .