

“LIGHT TO THE RIGHT”

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From the Editor

Due to the change of editor it has taken a very long time to get this edition of “Light to the Right” out but it is at long last here. My name is Magnus Kelly and I have become the temporary editor for this one edition... It has been a year since the last edition of Light to the Right and many things have happened since then. I have not managed to get reports from some people about all the events that have happened but I do have reports on camps, swimming galas and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations!



Magnus Kelly – Editor

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Through the (New) Chair

This is my first attempt at a “Chairman’s Message” for Light to the Right and I only hope I can live up to the standard of my illustrious predecessors! For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Wendy Morris and my son Tom has been a 2nd Norbiton beaver, cub, and is now a scout, so I’ve been connected with the Group for about six years. My daughter Naomi is in 10th Kingston brownies (our sister organisation also meeting in the Parish Rooms) and I am a regular at St. Peter’s, which provides a link with our sponsoring authority. I have always been involved with uniformed organisations, having been a brownie, guide, ranger and subsequently a guider for several years, and I am delighted now to be helping out on the scouts’ side of the movement.

I took over as Group Chairman from Jonathan Law in September 2000 and my first duty must be to thank Jonathan for all his untiring efforts and calm cheerfulness throughout his long term of office. I know all the leaders really appreciated his steady and loyal support, particularly last year, when he carried on as Chair, despite no longer having sons in the Group. Many thanks Jonathan, from all at 2nd Norbiton, and a special personal thank you from me for all your help during the hand-over period.

The past six months have been a difficult time for 2nd Norbiton, completely overshadowed by the loss in June of our dear friend, Geoff Mynott. I don’t really feel

qualified to assess the gap that Geoff leaves in our Group and in Scouting in general, as I only got to know him well during the past two years when his illness was slowing him down. Geoff did SO much for us and was held in such high regard and affection by all of us, that he is quite simply irreplaceable. Perhaps any more “mature” members or friends of the Group reading this might like to write in with their own personal memories of Geoff and we will try to print them in the next issue of Light to the Right.

We are hoping to set up a special “charity” fund with all the donations given in memory of Geoff, which will be used for the direct benefit of the boys in the Group and not for everyday items such as rental. The idea is that the fund will be used to give financial support to subsidise any lads who cannot afford to participate in specific activities, due to temporary money troubles, and to replace vital pieces of equipment, such as tents. Dave Batten also wishes to put the proceeds from the Four Peaks event into this fund – many thanks, Dave.

During the autumn we finalised our sponsorship agreement with St. Peter’s and as soon as a complete inventory of the Parish Rooms has been agreed, we will be able to sign it. Many of you must have noticed the improvements in our facilities carried out by the Church (new toilets, re-fitting the kitchen, decorating etc.) and we are very grateful to St. Peter’s for their continued help and support.

Numbers in both the cub pack and the scout troop are down and one of the root causes of this is our continued lack of a beaver colony. If you (or anyone you know) might be able to help with the beavers in any way, please get in touch with me as soon as possible (tel. 8949 2856). Re-opening the beaver colony would re-vitalise the Group and help safeguard its future. Similarly if any parents feel able to help by serving on the Group Executive Committee (informal and infrequent meetings with friendly faces!) please let me know.

Finally I would like to thank Magnus Kelly (a.k.a. Scout Patrol Leader, Cub Pack helper, Environmentalist, Carpenter, Mountaineer and countless other hats besides) for offering to take on the role of “Temporary Editor” for this one issue. Many thanks too to the Howard family who have agreed to take over Light to the Right after that – it’s so good to be able to keep it going.

Best wishes

Wendy Morris – Group Chairman

TRIBUTE TO GEOFF MYNOTT

(Read by Dave Batten at Geoff's Funeral)

50th Anniversary Celebration Service

Two and a half weeks ago at the 2nd Norbiton 50th Anniversary Celebration I was invited to speak at the Celebration Service here at St Peter's on Sunday morning. The subject: 'True Brotherhood', tying in the Scout Law with the Apostle Paul's instructions in Romans 15:1-3, showing how the Scout Law is an example of what Paul was driving at in those verses. I didn't know – and couldn't have known – then that I would be standing here today paying tribute to one of the Scouting Movement's greatest exponents, Geoff Mynott.

My relationship with Geoff

When I was first introduced to 2nd Norbiton Scouts more than 25 years ago, Geoff was Scout Leader of a strong, very active Troop. One of my first memories of Geoff was the Black Hand Gang and Geoff coming round inviting me to part of the 'plot'. A couple of years after my joining, Geoff moved on to be GSL. Not long after then, he moved up into District, taking on the posts, consecutively, of ADC Scouts and then DC. But I kept my contact with him as, for 3½ years I was a drummer in the Kingston & Malden District Scout Band (as it was then), and I can still recall him bellowing instructions at us as we practised our displays on Tiffin Boy's playing field.

As many know, he moved from being DC to Leader of the Scout Troop at Bedlesford School for handicapped children and, for a long period, he passed from my immediate circle of acquaintances. After some 12 years, Geoff contacted 2nd Norbiton and suggested that we run a joint Summer Camp with Bedlesford, an activity that had a great impact on me as a leader and many of the boys at the time. When Bedlesford closed, several of the boys were integrated into 2nd Norbiton and Geoff returned to take the post, once again, of Scout Leader with the Group.

Geoff retained this post until he reached retirement, when he handed the mantle to me, but he stayed on as helper and was regularly at Scout meetings and Camps right up until the time of his death. Which brings me back to 2nd Norbiton's 50th Anniversary Celebration Service, the last Scouting activity that Geoff was to see.

Geoff's Life – the Scout Law

A Scout is to be trusted

Whatever Geoff did in relation to Scouting, you could trust him to get in with it. He was never one for politics and anything he did was always for the sake of the boys – never for himself. Whether it was running the Troop, the District or just the Troop Accounts, you could always rely on Geoff to do it the best of his abilities without any deceit or guile or self-interest. Geoff could always be trusted

A Scout is loyal

Geoff first became a Cub in 1941, though only for 9 months owing to the Air Raids. He was evacuated in 1943 and rejoined as Scout in the 18th Rochdale in Lancashire and from then on has been involved in Scouting in many and varied ways. Whenever Geoff took on a position in Scouting, he was loyal to a fault. He was involved with the Band from its inception in 1950 right through to his retirement, having held the position of Band Master some 35 years. When he took on Bedlesford Scout Troop after his tenure as DC, he kept at it for 12 years until the Troop had to close. And, when he returned to 2nd Norbiton, he once again took up the role of Scout Leader until his retirement and, even then, he carried on helping the Troop and the Group as much as he was able.

There was no question of Geoff's loyalty

A Scout is friendly and considerate

Geoff was almost always cheerful in everything he did and cared very much for the feelings of others. Even through his illness over the last few years, Geoff was always there to offer help, advice and assistance as much as he possibly could. Many past members of the Group – some of whom are here today – reminisce fondly of his friendship and, though naturally we occasionally had our disagreements or misunderstandings, we all have our own memories of how kind and gracious he was to us. Geoff always made a point of remembering boys' birthdays and he would always try to make sure that every boy attending the Scout Christmas Party got at least one Christmas card – even Cubs invited for the occasion. Geoff understandably got frustrated with his speech difficulties and physical infirmity – but email gave him a new lease of life and he was frequently writing and offering his advice and help, beavering away in the background. When we, as a Troop, were going through a difficult patch recently, Geoff was always there with encouragement.

A Scout is a member of the World-wide Family of Scouting

Geoff had no barriers to his view of Scouting. I have already mentioned his work with the handicapped Scouts at Bedlesdford but that's only part of his vision. In 1953, as part of his National Service, he was posted to Egypt and there, whilst with the garrison at Moascar, he ran the Cub Pack. Back in the UK with 2nd Norbiton, he ran Scout Summer Camps in Switzerland, Sweden, Luxembourg and Holland, expounding his view that a Troop should Summer Camp abroad at least once every 5 years so that every Scout had the opportunity of visiting another Country.

A Scout has courage in all difficulties

Whatever life threw at Geoff, he faced it with courage and refused to allow it to get in his way. I have mentioned several times today how he carried on even in his illness, not just keeping himself busy but being an encouragement to many and helping out wherever he was able. Though his body was failing, his mind was not and, despite his frustrations he kept on working to the end – not just with the Troop accounts but as minutes secretary for the Group Executive and DSL's meetings, and as Editor of the Group's magazine "Light to the Right".

A Scout makes good use of his time and is careful of possessions and property

This has become evident in all the examples I have mentioned in Geoff's life. He was never idle, always beavering away in the background: for example, for some years, he ran a second Summer Camp, so that those boys who couldn't attend the main Summer Camp had the opportunity to attend the second one! For some years, too, he was involved with the BLS football league and, though he saw football as an extension to Scouting he still gave his support. Sure, he slowed down a bit towards the end, but only because his physical condition enforced it upon him and even then, he was probably doing more with his time than many others do.

A Scout has self-respect and respect for others

There was never any discrimination with Geoff – in race, or colour, or class, or disability. To Geoff, a Scout was a Scout whatever his background and he never treated any boy differently to another, though he would pay special attention to the most needy. And Geoff often retained contact with those families who had particular problems, even after the boy had long left the Troop.

CONCLUSION

In 1998, Geoff was finally awarded the Silver Wolf in recognition of his long and distinguished service within Scouting. To me, and I'm sure to many both here today and absent, Geoff was the epitome of what a Scout should be and will remain in our memories as an example to us all. He will be sorely missed by many. The final words I would like to say come from Geoff himself: he wrote a short piece on his life in Scouting for his language therapy and this quotation comes from the final paragraph:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my 56 years in Scouting – the biggest Youth Movement in the World, working with youngsters, and I would do it all again."

I think I can safely say that he *is* doing it again – through those he has nurtured and taught in Scouting throughout his life. He may not be with us in the body any more, but his spirit lives on...in those hundreds his life has touched.

I began by mentioning 2nd Norbiton's 50th Anniversary Service, referring to Paul's words in Romans 15:1-3

This is what he said:

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me"

That was Geoff.

50th Anniversary Barbeque

When I arrived at the party people were just finishing setting up. The barbecue had just been lit and burgers and sausages were just going on. I hung around the barbecue for a bit trying to get a few tit bits before I was told that I was to help if I was there. So I donned an apron and helped set the bread rolls and buns out.

After a while the first burgers were ready and guess what there I was first in line, this is what I had hoped for by hanging around the barbecue.

I got my burger and went and sat down. Alas the burger after 60 seconds had disappeared! I couldn't figure out where on earth it had got to so after about 10 minutes of trying I finally succeeded in getting another burger, it must have been jinxed as it suffered the same fate as the first one.

I then had a third helping, that took longer to eat and after that I felt rather full so I wandered over to the drinks table where I had a drink before wandering over to talk to Geoff and look at the marvellous display of old photographs of the group and the exhibition on the Jamboree Tom Law visited.

By this time Dave and Jamie were building the campfire and muttering to each other about how the scouts never listen when they teach them about how to build a campfire so they had to do it themselves, groan, grumble, etc. But after a while it turned out ok, at least it lit well that's for sure.

We then had campfire songs including two about elephants, one of which I was included in as the other elephant who came to play on the spider's web, which meant I was the one who had to be pushed over in order to make the whole line of elephants fall over one the spider's web broke! I was not pleased!

I also noticed the BRAVO shouting of the leaders led by Roger, which I found quite amusing!

Then came the draw of the raffle and all though I didn't win anything I enjoyed it all the same.

The District Commissioner then said a few words about how the Group had been very active over the years before the evening drew to a close.

I really enjoyed the evening and even though Geoff died shortly after the event it was nice to see him live to enjoy himself as much as he did that evening.

Thomas Morris

Memories of 2nd Norbiton Cub Pack

Let's start at the beginning some 50 years ago. The pack started with 9 boys and they were called Wolf Cubs. Our uniform was navy blue at that time. We used to meet in the St Stephen's Hut in Vincent Road next to St Stephen's Church, which is no longer on the site. The site now consists of 4 houses. Being a new Pack we were invited to 1st Norbiton Pack meetings and they met in our now meeting place of the Parish Rooms, Washington Road, to see how it was run. With the help of the Assistant District Commissioner the late Mrs M Batson we got the pack up and running. Our first big occasion was St Georges Day Parade in 1951.

Over the years the Sports Day and Swimming Gala were well attended. The Queens Coronation was another big day as was a visit to Sutton Coldfield Jamboree in 1957. The Jamboree was a big eye opening for the boys and myself. We also attended Cuberec and Cubs Day at Gilwell. Another big occasion was our Annual Pack Holiday at Seasalter (which is near Whitstable) run by the Church Army, where we joined cubs from all different parts of England. This we did for 25 years.

Then came the change over, all cubs had to wear the same uniform and were to be known as Cub Scouts. I had some wonderful camps with the cubs, thanks to the district.

In 1975 we had a 25th Anniversary Party and now after 50 years we have had a Barbeque. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting some of the old boys and their families as well as past Leaders. In 1974 I was awarded my Medal of Merit and in April 1995 I received my Silver Acorn and had the pleasure of attending the St George's Day Parade at Windsor.

I would like to thank everyone for their Friendship over the years.

Connie Bangs.

“To get something done a committee should consist of no more than three people, two of whom are absent”.

Robert Copeland

Christmas Fair

This year we had our fair in the Parish Rooms, hoping to catch some passing trade, as well as being located within walking distance for many members of the Group. We were very well supported by parents, friends and a good number of brownies and guides and their families. The overall profit was £188 – not a huge amount, but we had an enjoyable day, with the boys testing out their cooking skills, their head for heights (putting up decorations) and of course honing their digital abilities on the Nintendo stall!

A big thank you to all who helped out on the day - I know many of you came for a one hour shift and stayed for the whole event. Particular thanks to June and Peter Batten who again ran our very successful tombola and to Maureen Hyman for all her hard work and support. We are so lucky to have such good friends in the guides and brownies.

Wendy Morris

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Cub Scout Pack

Jokes

What do you get if you cross the Atlantic with
The Titanic?
About half way!

Why was 6 so scared?
Because 7 8 9!

Joshua Peck.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Egbert.
Egbert who?
Egg but no Bacon!

Anonymous.

Cub Camp

From Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th June the Cub Pack went on a camp with the Cub Pack from 2nd Malden. The camp was being held at Bentley Copse. I had been asked by Nick to go along to lend a hand. We spent most of the first day setting up camp but managed to have an hour of archery. On the first night the Cubs slept in the hut that we had booked. Therefore we only had to put up five tents for the leaders.

The next day was when we started doing the main activities. The Cubs were split into three sixes. They each had three activities that they needed to do before supper. There was putting up the tents that the Cubs were sleeping in, building shelters and fire lighting. As Edress had not been able to come on the camp I was helping Cheryl to demonstrate fire lighting. The evening meal was to be cooked on an open fire so we were preparing them for that challenge. We managed to get all the fires lit after an exhausting amount of effort. We got a brief rest and then moved onto the evening meal.

After a couple of hours of collecting wood we started the fire. We got the fire going and the Cubs were all cheering when they found out they had overlooked the second fire down the hill which still had to be lit. We finally got both the fires going and cooked the meal (Spaghetti Bolognese).

The next day we set out on a 10km hike. We were trying to reach a Car Park but got lost several times on the way (It was finally decided it was due to out of date maps and a road that should not have been there). We avoided the road and made our way back (only getting lost once this time). We then had a quick shot with the air rifles and prepared for our own campfire. In spite of the cubs being very tired everyone joined in and had a good evening.

The next day mainly involved packing up and getting ready to return home. We did however manage to get a quick go on the assault course. It was a very fun and interesting weekend but one that needed several days rest to recover from.

Magnus Kelly (Scout)

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The Cub Pack had to say a sad goodbye to Nicholas Cortizo, one of the eldest Cubs, last year as he moved to Brighton where he is hopefully continuing his Scouting with a new Group.

Scout Troop

This Autumn and Winter has been very busy for the troop but enjoyable too. As well as taking part in the Scouts Swimming Gala and enjoying climbing ropes back at the hut, I have also had a busy half year trying to complete my Scout award, rushing around bird watching, putting up tents, taking them down, and frantically trying to think of Countryside rules to put down on a piece of paper (which weren't feeble!) with Magnus Kelly and David Young. In this article I would like to tell you briefly about these events over the past half-year. I have not had to write an article for Light to the Right for a long time and I am very glad to see it back again, so I hope I am not too enthusiastic when it comes to detail.

In order to get the fitness section of my Scout Award Magnus Kelly and I cycled round Richmond Park once every weekend for three or four weeks gradually getting faster every time. This involved getting very muddy, carrying a lot of water, exhausting yourself and oh, exhausting yourself! During the course of this we nearly fell off and I almost ran over a deer whilst speeding down a hill trying to make up time! After three or four weeks we decided that we had done enough laps (we had improved our times considerably) and that we would like to get back to the normal pattern of computer games on a Sunday afternoon.

To get our World Conservation Badge, Magnus Kelly, David Young and I had to sit or lie in the most uncomfortable position imaginable for 2 hours in an old bush holding heavy binoculars to our eyes, by the flooded patio in Magnus' garden. It was cold. It was wet. Magnus was okay in his scruffy clothes but I had my best tracksuit on. Mum was not impressed. We had to do lots of other things for our badge including building bird tables and identifying drug health risks and this was not the highlight, although some of the birds we saw were quite interesting.

Thomas Morris

“The only limits are, as always, those of Vision”

James Broughton.

Scout Christmas Party

The Scout party was good. We had lots of food, coke and sweets. We played lots of games. The one where you had to pop other people's balloons was funny.

Joshua Peck (Cub Scout)

The Christmas Party was absolutely wonderful even though all the Cubs chose the other table to eat and drink at. Did Kestrels care about this???? No - they were the only table with hot pizza and they had it all to themselves, so they were overjoyed. The games were great fun and I was especially pleased with myself for drawing with my PL in the game of stamp on and pop the oppositions balloon tied to their foot. We also tied up the two Mums who made the mistake of coming to help. It was a brilliant Christmas party and I would like to thank all involved, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thomas Morris

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The Scouts District Swimming Gala

When I got to the Malden Centre where the gala was to be held, I found out that the Cubs had only



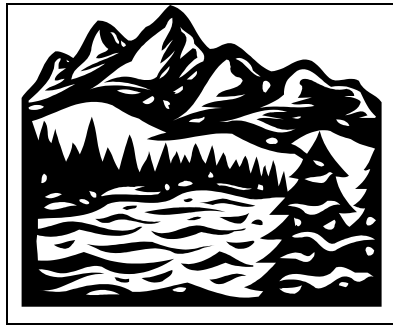
just started because the Beavers could not start until 30 minutes after the time they originally booked for, because there had been an error on the computer. Naturally nobody was very happy about this but it couldn't be helped. I spent the time spotting people I knew from school in other troops, who had been keeping the fact that they were in Scouts away from people who know nothing about the movement.

Eventually we were allowed in and the gala began. Nearly everyone in the troop took part, even Dave who swam an excellent race, it's not the winning it's the taking part Dave! There were many varieties of races from transporting cones across the pool, to serious swimming races. Everyone had some free swimming time at the end and many took advantages and proceeded to Bomb in to the pool without anyone noticing! We all had a great evening and came joint 2nd over all, pretty good considering the opposition!

Thomas Morris

Mountaineering Weekend in Wales

From Friday 24th to Sunday 26th last November an Older Scouts Mountaineering Weekend was held in Snowdonia. On the Friday we had to rush home quickly in order to be at the Scout hall for five o'clock. We met up with the group of Scouts from 7th Malden and then started off on the six hour trip in Nobby II to North Wales. We finally arrived at the hut in Bethesda shortly after midnight. We unpacked all the equipment and then quickly went off to get as much sleep as possible before the next day.



In the morning we had a very filling breakfast before we made lunch then discussed the routes we would take. We packed all our kit and then set off to the car park in the pouring rain and gusty wind. We were split into two groups and we set off on our different routes. There were six people in my group, five of these being leaders, and we set off on our route along the bank of a lake called Llyn Idwal. We headed up towards a rock face encountering a number of overflowing streams which each created their own problems to cross. We finally reached the base of the cliffs and sat down in the shelter of a very large rock and ate our lunch.

Once we had eaten we split into two groups and went in different directions. I went with Dave and Jamie to try and reach a peak while Roger, Janet and Chris headed back towards the car park. My group passed the Devil's Kitchen and we then walked up onto a ridge in winds gusting up to about 75 mph, which at times forced us to crouch down to prevent being blown over. The wind was carrying small hailstones that were constantly hitting us. After a brief rest at the peak we started to walk back down and Jamie and I indulged ourselves in the snow by rolling around. We walked down on the other side of the lake and got back to Nobby completely dry due to the strength of the wind.

As we drove back to the hut there was an enormous hailstone storm and the whole of the street turned completely white. That evening we were shown all the climbing equipment and how it worked and how to put it on and the correct calls for

climbing. The next morning we set off to do rock climbing and abseiling. The temperature was still very cold and a strong wind was blowing down the gorge that we were in. This made climbing very difficult as the cold weather turned hands numb. The rock face was also damp which made it very hard to get a good grip. But with Dave and Jamie belaying who needed to worry? Once we got back we packed all our clothes and then cleaned the hut we were staying in. Then after we had eaten lunch we came home in the minibus.

Thank you to Dave for organising the weekend and to all the leaders who came along (the leaders outnumbered the boys 2-1!)

Magnus Kelly

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Scout Troop Summer Camp 2000

This year's summer camp was held at Kingsdown International Camp Site on the south coast near Dover with Calais visible on the horizon. The camp was held from Saturday 22nd –



Saturday 29th July. There were only five scouts going this year and as a result we had only one patrol, which meant we had to take less camping equipment. Once we got to the campsite we sat down near an old cannon and ate our lunch. We then walked down the hill to our camping spot and were joined shortly by Nobby. We changed out of our uniform and then put up the tents and stored all the equipment in them. That night our meal was cooked for us on the gas cookers and we then went to bed shortly after.

The next day we started doing our own cooking and did not have too many problems with the campfires. Fortunately no one got ill during the week from the cooking and the food was enjoyed by all with just a few complaints and moans of course. During the week we got the opportunity to do climbing and abseiling, sailing, hiking, pioneering, grass sledging, air rifle shooting, a day outing and several other activities.

At the end of the week we attended the weekly campfire and had a good evening's entertainment. At the end of the evening the warden made presentations and I was given a certificate for having the highest air rifle score on the campsite

that week. On the Friday we took down several tents to save us doing it the next day. As we were doing this it started to pour with rain and everyone retreated into the tents. However in the rain Sam and I donned our raincoats and started to clear out the wood tent and dismantle our cutting area. We spent the night crammed in a store tent that had been left up.

The next day we took all the tents down and packed Nobby and prepared to set off. After the tiring week all of us fell asleep on the journey home. We arrived back at the hut and then unloaded the minibus and put the equipment in the hall. Although the number of people on the camp was very low the camp still went well and we managed to enjoy the week.

Magnus Kelly

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Panther Patrol Camp

Last year's Panther Patrol Camp was held at Bentley Copse Scout Camp site in Shere. We went from Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th August for a three day camp.



We put up our own tents, collected wood and cooked our own food on campfires. The planned activities were air rifle shooting, archery, orienteering and hiking. At the end of the camp we were relieved to see Magnus' mum pull up to take us home, because we were all exhausted!

The camp was very enjoyable and hopefully the Patrol Camp in Easter will be as good.

Thomas Harris

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Crossed Keys Venture Scout Unit

This report was written for Light to the Right in April 2000 but due to the sad events of last year never got published.

In mid February 2000 the Unit Leaders met with the Troop Leaders and Jonathan to discuss the future of the Venture Scout Unit. After much deliberation it was decided that the time was right for one last try to save the Unit.

It was therefore agreed to hold a meeting on 22nd March, to which the three Venture Scouts and all the older Scouts who are, or are nearly ready for Venture Scouts, plus any of their friends who might be interested would be invited. To this end letters were sent out to ten (10) potential members. The day came for the meeting and all four leaders arrived at the H.Q., along with David Howard. Calls had been received from Tom Law and Philip Green showing interest but neither could make the meeting. Andrew and Ben Duffy also phoned to let us know that they were not interested.

And so we waited and waited and nothing happened. The other five neither phoned, nor wrote or came to the meeting. It was therefore decided that the Venture Scout Unit would be closed, and the District have been notified that 2nd Norbiton no longer has a Venture Scout Section.

After nearly eight years, much has been achieved, not least of which are five Queens Scouts and a further three Venture Scout Awards. Add to this our full and varied programme which included trips to France, Holland, twice to Eire and our wonderful three and a half weeks in Canada. We also went flying, caving, canoeing, climbing and spent some excellent New Years in Derbyshire and the Lake District and once even saw the New Year in – a blizzard at the summit of Coniston Old Man. Other activities included making a 7ft. hot air balloon, karting, model aeroplanes, cooking, DIY, swimming, ice skating and much, much more. We also carried out various service projects and supported the Group in all its various activities.

I feel that it is a great shame that all this has now come to an end, because some of the young men in the Group have not taken up the opportunity to accept the challenge. However as they say, "you can take a horse to the water but you can't make it drink".

Unfortunately I shall not be able to attend this year's AGM as I will be on camp with my first Group celebrating their 50 years and so may I take this opportunity to wish you all well at 2nd Nobs. And finally a quote by Robert Frost, "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on."

Roger Howard (Venture Scout Leader)

Group Honours

Cub Pack

Christopher Bowes Jonathan Young	Invested as Cubs.
David Deeth Jonathan Ewing Thomas Palgrave Joshua Peck	Athletes Badge (stage 1) (stage 2 & 3)
Tom Bowes Joe Dancy David Deeth Jonathan Ewing Thomas Palgrave	Health and Fitness
Jonathan Ewing Thomas Palgrave	Cooks Badge
Thomas Palgrave	Swimmer (stage 1)
Jonathan Ewing David Deeth Thomas Palgrave Joshua Peck	Home and Help Badge Cub Scout Award
Tom Bowes Joe Dancy Jonathan Ewing	Adventure Award
Nicholas Cortizo Andrew Grey	Adventure Crest Award & Cub Scout Challenge
Jonathan Ewing Thomas Palgrave	Appointed Sixer. Appointed Seconder.
Michael Rhodes Thomas Harris David Young	Invested as Scouts
Thomas Morris	Swimmers Badge Stages 1 & 2
Magnus Kelly	Musicians Badge – Piano
Magnus Kelly	Junior Airman Badge

Thomas Holmes	Hobbies and Interests
Magnus Kelly	Pathfinder Award
Magnus Kelly	Leadership Award
Thomas Holmes	Appointed PL of Kestrels
Thomas Morris Sam Whatley	Appointed APL of Kestrels Appointed APL of Panthers

Dates for your Diary

25 th March	Mother's Day Service 11am St Peters Norbiton. All welcome.
29 th April	St George's day Parade
7 th May	May Merrie <i>Please start saving items that we can sell on our stall.</i>
21 st – 28 th July	Scout Troop Summer Camp ooo)0(ooo.....

This concludes the 16th issue of Light to the Right and my brief turn as the third editor. A year after the last issue was sent out it is good to know that the magazine will continue. The back page contains a list of phone numbers for people involved in the group. I would like to thank the people who gave me articles to publish in this newsletter. Therefore on this note I hope you have enjoyed reading this magazine and are looking forward to reading the next issue.

“Accept that some days you’re the pigeon, and some days you’re the statue”.

Roger C. Anderson.

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(Cub Leader)



Eidress Khier
(Assistant Cub Leader)



Scout Troop:

Dave Batten
(Scout Leader)



Jamie McConnon
(Assistant Scout Leader)



Roger Howard
(Venture Scout Leader,
QM and Minibus Carer)



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