

SCOUTING IN LODERS

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After the First World War the Scout and Guide Movements, Women's Institutes and Ex-Service Men's Clubs kept the spirit of sharing and caring, which was so prevalent during the War. The Loders Scouts and Cubs were started by a Mr. Arthur Garrard in 1920 using the Uploders Room.

Capt. C T Sanctuary had already established a troop at Powerstock in 1920 and the two troops joined in sports activities and training at times, when possible. Each had a cricket and football team for friendly contests, and experts to train for, and others to take the numerous tests required for badges. Tenderfoot on entry, then second class, and finally first class Scout Badges. These were followed later by specialist badges for various sports, trades, skills and studies of all kinds, which were very absorbing and of great benefit to all members.

Rev A B Hutton, a keen naturalist, living at the Vicarage from 1914 to 1931 was always ready to give advice and identify specimens obtained by school children and Loders Scouts and Guides. He carried out the tests required for Naturalists, Bird Warden and other Badges for Natural History.

We used to meet at the Uploders Room, twice a week, and have great fun on trips to the hills, practicing controlled fire lighting, cooking meals for picnics, studying wildlife and natural history, also engaging in sports and signalling in semaphore or Morse.

Our first Annual Camp away from home was in 1920 at Cheddon Fitzpaine, near Taunton, where our Scoutmaster, Mr Garrard's parents made us so welcome and comfortable.

During the camp studies on trips around the district with its varied crafts, buildings, countryside and wildlife were much enjoyed.

Annual competitions with neighbouring troops took place each year for a banner or shield or cup for various sports or general Scouting knowledge.



1921? Can you identify the scouts and cubs?

In 1921 Col Le Breton of Loders Court (later Sir Edward Le Breton) became our Scoutmaster, as Mr. Garrard left for London, and Miss Bishop was Cub mistress. Thanks to Sir Edward Le Breton, Loders Court Tennis and Squash Courts and a Club Room and library were available for all. A Football field

and Club Hut were provided in a level field of Boarsbarrow Farm (between the Loders Mill and the Mangerton River) and, also a Cricket pitch was used. Tennis Courts at Uploders House, and Matravers House were also used.

Annual Camps

1920 at Cheddon Fitzpaine near Taunton.

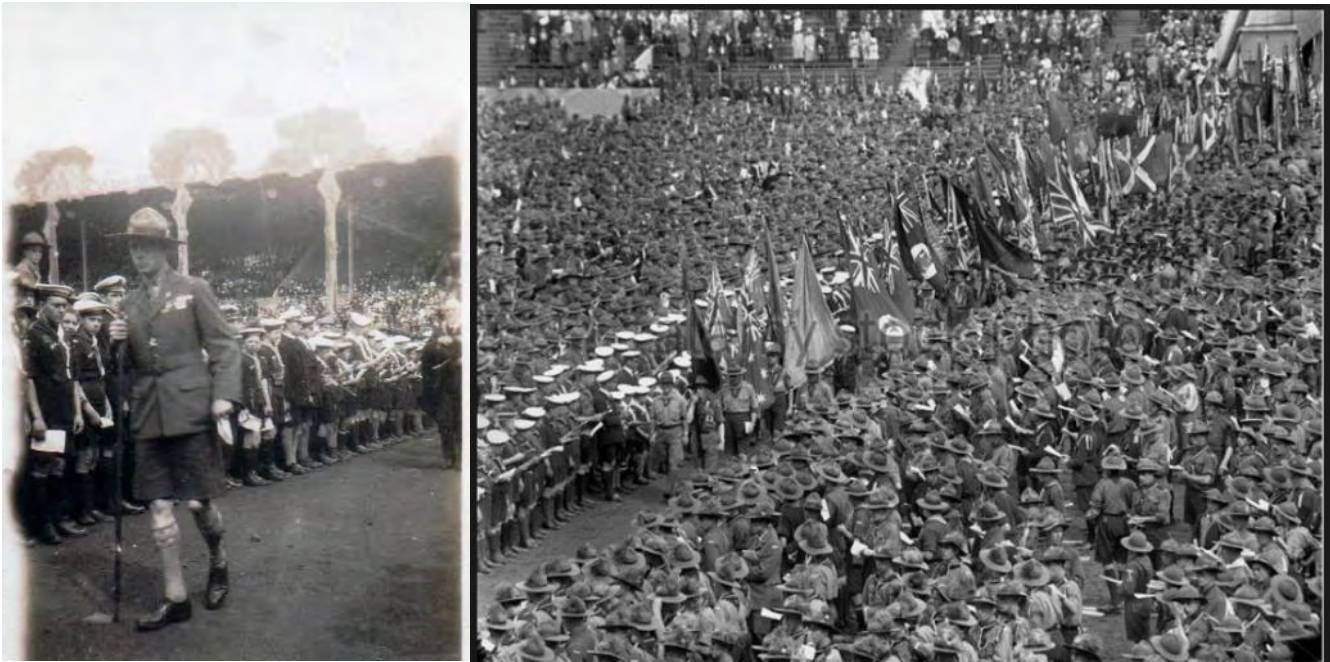
1921 Maidencombe, near Torquay



1922 in Jersey Col Le Breton, our Scoutmaster arranged a camp, also trips to Guernsey and Sark.

1923 our Camp was at Rugby.

1924 World (Imperial) Jamboree was held at Wembley, London, at the British Empire Exhibition, with two weeks performances in August at the new Wembley Stadium by Scouts.



Edward Prince of Wales (Later Edward VIII) on parade at Wembley Stadium during the 1924 Empire Scout Jamboree – photo in a Loders archive

When at Wembley one patrol had to join in the Grand Parade each day in the Wembley Stadium, with our own Loders Scout Banner, West Dorset Banner and Dorset County Banner.

Whilst in London Col Le Breton arranged a coach tour for us to see London's special buildings of historic and National importance, also Parks, Gardens and Zoo. A time of great interest for Loders boys and excellent training for youth.

In 1925 our Camp was at Swanage, and we explored the region around Purbeck and Poole, where the first Scout camp for the movement was held by Sir Robert Baden Powell on Brownsea Island in 1907.

1926 was at Christchurch, and with the New Forest and Bournemouth nearby there was plenty of interest and activity for all.



16th September 1926 - Scout Lorry at Loders Fete

Seated: Harold Darby, Cecil Read (Rad?), Percy Read, Ron Legg, Doug Dunham, George Fooks

Others: Fred Darby, Roy Richards, ? Read, ? Hyde, David Hyde, Rob Tolley

1927 Camp was in Wales, Wye Valley and Snowdonia fully explored.

1928 the Lake District.

1929 another World Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead with Col Le Breton as Camp Commandant, and the Loders troop attached to Headquarters staff, who were responsible for the issue of food rations each day, also postal information and enquiries Centre. A letter of thanks from Robert Baden Powell to Le Breton is held in our archives. This also led to Sir Edward being asked to accompany him to New Zealand and Australia in 1930.



Col Le Breton (Chief Scouts Commissioner), W J Holdsworth (Auckland Metropolitan Commissioner),
Sir Robert Baden Powell (Chief Scout)

The Scout Banners were kept in the Church but are now held by The Loders Local History Group.



1924 Great activity for competitions for the West Dorset Scouts' Banner took place among local Troops, and was held in Bridport. Loders Troop was lucky enough to win this, and went on to compete with North, South and East Dorset for the Dorset County Banner, which they also won that year.

missioner. Dr. Colman, Col. E. P. Le Breton, Mr. Sanctuary and Col. Owen acted as judges. Competition was very keen and in the end Loders won, although Charmouth and Wootton Fitzpaine their rivals, were not far behind. The names of the winning team are as follows :— Patrol-leader Wilfred Hansford, Patrol-leader George Hecks, Second Harold Saunders, Second Edward Collins, Scout Frank Crabb, Scout Elston Paul.

The Loders Patrol will now go forward to meet the winners from other districts at the County Competition finals at Kingston Maurwood on May 31st. We wish them every suc-

District results Bridport News 11 April 1924

The results of the various competitions are set out as follows :—

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	ting	lance.	Ex'cise	B'iling	C'mpass	Tot.	
Loders	128	85	80	37	12	—	337
Parkstone	126	76	89	34	10	—	335
Bourton.....	124	82	75	26	10	—	317
Martinstown ...	106	85	61	40	0	—	292
Swanage... ..	95	60	84	15	20	—	244
Corné Abbas...	91	66	49	32	0	—	238

Loders thus won the County Banner from Bourton (last year's winners) and Parkstone was a close second.

County Results Extract from the Bridport News 6 Jun 1924



LODERS SCOUT TROOP 1941									
Vic Mears	?	Horace Read	?	?	Oscar Symes	Pete Rogers	Philip Symes	Peter Lee	Denis Yarde
Clifford Pitcher	?	Dennis Chilcot	?	?	?	?	?	?	Wilfred Crabb

Loders oral history recordings held in our archives on 18 CDs and transcripts have scouting memories from the following:

Philip Symes, Uploders. Doug Darby, Loders. Bill Budden, Loders. George Hyde, Uploders.



1940 Philip & Oscar Symes



Philip Symes	Dennis Yarde
Roy Taylor	Wilfred Crabb
Mrs Dalgorn's Garden (Sunnyside) by railway bridge 1941	



Elizabeth II
Coronation,
1953. Fancy
Dress
procession,
Matravers to
Loders
Court.
Taken by the
Uploders
Chapel.



Unknown Scout – Le Breton, Willmott, Bogle-Smith or Loders boy?



Askerswell Guides 1955

? Miss Edwards ? ?

? ?

? Rosamund Willmott, Mary Willmott

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Farewell to Mrs. D. Cross,
About 1975



Brownies Guides c1975