



The 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts

1913—1970

THE EARLY YEARS

And also acknowledged as the oldest scout group still in existence
in the Basildon area 2023



£4.50

Registered Charity no. 1176037

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Registered address: The Green Centre, Wat Tyler County Park, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Essex, SS16 4UH

A brief history of Scouting

Scouting began in 1907 and was founded by [Robert Baden-Powell](#), a lieutenant-general in the British Army, serving from 1876 until 1902 in India and Africa.

In 1899, during the Second Boer War in South Africa, Baden-Powell successfully defended the town of Mafeking in a siege that lasted seven months. Baden-Powell's troops were vastly outnumbered so he used local boys to administer first aid, carry messages and run errands.

On returning to the UK, Baden-Powell realised that boys at home could benefit from similar sorts of activities to the boys at Mafeking. These activities went on to form the basis of the Scouting Movement.

While Scouting remains relevant, educational and exciting today, it has not strayed too far from its roots; outdoor adventure, helping others and Scouting skills remain the most iconic of its activities



Milestones of Scouting

Over the years since our foundation we have constantly had to adapt to meet the needs of society and our young people.

1907

Baden-Powell (B-P) runs an experimental camp for 20 boys, from different backgrounds, on Brownsea Island in Dorset, based on the ideas he had begun to formulate.

1908

B-P writes his ideas in a book titled *Scouting for Boys* (one of the top 10 best-selling books of the 20th century). Scouting took on a life of its own as groups of boys across the country began to organise themselves into Patrols, using B-P's book as the basis for camps and activities, and persuading adults to become their leaders. B-P introduced the motto "Be Prepared" (based on his initials) which is still the Scout motto today.

1912

The Boy Scout Association is incorporated by Royal Charter, granted by King George V.

1916

Wolf Cubs begins for younger brothers who want to get involved. Many years later it would be renamed Cub Scouts.

1918

Rover Scouting begins for young men from 17-25 years old.

1963

The first Little Brothers groups started up in Northern Ireland, they would later go on to become Beaver Scouts.

1966

A report is published recommending the biggest shake-up of Scouting since it began.

1967

Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts amalgamated into a single section called Venture Scouts.

1976

Girls are admitted into Venture Scouts.

1986

Beaver Scouts officially became part of The Scout Association.

1991

The decision is taken to allow girls to become members of all sections.

2002

Venture Scouts replaced by Explorer Scouts and the Scout Network. The Balanced Programme is introduced.

2007

The Scout Association celebrates the centenary of Scouting.

2009

Bear Grylls appointed Chief Scout.

1st Vange Boy Scouts

The Funerals.

Impressive Scene.

The funerals of the three victims of the explosion took place at Pitsea Church yard on Wednesday, when there was a very impressive and moving scene. The three graves, side by side were in nearly the centre of the Anglican portion of the new graveyard, in line with the south door of the church. There was a congregation of over 500 people. Numerous relatives and friends of the deceased attended as mourners, the factory proprietors and staff were well represented, and in addition to the many from the village and places near, there were present post men under Mr Cook, postmaster of Pitsea, police under Sergeant. Coe, members of the Buffalo Lodge in regalia, and boy Scouts, etc.

A contingent of the Boy Scouts bought up the rear. In the church yard the 1st Vange Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Western, were drawn up as a guard of honour.

Chelmsford Chronicle April 1913

Before 1919 either the Scout Troop or the local Scout District would have kept the records.

And this is the only mention of 1st Vange Boy Scouts that I have come across.

In 1911 - 1924 There was a Lewis Richard Western ?living in Bull Road, Vange.

January 1925 Troop Registration for 1st Pitsea and Vange Boy Scouts.



1st Pitsea Wolf Cub Pack October 1924

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS.
Form F
OCT. 1924
12629

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

PACK REGISTRATION FORM.

County Essex
 Commissioner's District S.E. Essex
 Local Association Stanfordle Hope

Instructions.—The Cubmaster is requested to complete 3 copies of this form and send them to the Hon. Secretary of the Local Association, who will forward them through the District Commissioner to Imperial Headquarters. The Pack will then be registered at Imperial Headquarters, until the following 30th September, and notification will be sent to the Cubmaster through the Secretary of the Local Association. One copy of the form will be retained by Imperial Headquarters, the second sent to the County Secretary, and the third returned to the Hon. Secretary of the Local Association.

Name of Pack 1st Pitsea Wolf Cub Pack
 (The complete official name of the Pack must be signed. Any subsequent alteration should be reported to Imperial Headquarters immediately.)
 Address of Pack Headquarters Bob-Win Church & Hill Drive
Pitsea Essex

(a) Is the Pack "open" or "controlled" by some Church, School, or Organisation (see Rules 2 and 20)? Open
 (a) If "controlled," by whom?

STRENGTH OF PACK.

Officers.

Rank.	Name.	Address
Cubmaster	Alfred Robert Weaver	Bob-Win Church Hill Drive Pitsea Essex

Any special particulars with regard to the Pack, e.g.,—
 If it is confined to any particular religion, trade, works, etc.
 If it is intended for physically defective boys.

Number of Officers in Pack 1
 Number of Cubs 19
 Total all Ranks 20

Signed A.R. Weaver Cubmaster. Date 14-10-1924

Recommended by Stanfordle Hope District Local Association.
 Approved by Stanfordle Hope Hon. Secretary.
 Approved by Stanfordle Hope District Commissioner.
 Approved by Stanfordle Hope District.

FOR IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY.
 Date of Registration by
 Imperial Headquarters
 *Registered No. of Pack 7244
 * This number must be quoted on all returns and correspondence.

B.S.A. Fin. 7/23
 10s. 11/20.
 10s. 11/21.

With thanks to the Scout's heritage collection.

Cubmaster Alfred Robert Weaver

1st Pitsea and Vange Registration January 1925

Form C

Changed Ret. Attchd 18.4.25.

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

TROOP REGISTRATION.

County Essex

Commissioner's District Basildon & Leigh *How Stanford & Hope*

Local Association ~~Long Troop~~ *How Stanford & Hope*

Instructions: The Scoutmaster is requested to complete 3 copies of this form and send them to the Hon. Secretary of the Local Association, who will forward them through the District Commissioner to Imperial Headquarters. The Troop will then be registered at Imperial Headquarters until the following 30th September, and notification will be sent to the Scoutmaster through the Secretary of the Local Association. One copy of the form will be retained by Imperial Headquarters, the second sent to the County Secretary and the third returned to the Hon. Secretary of the Local Association.

Name of Troop 1st Pitsea & Vange

(The complete official name of the Troop must be stated. Any subsequent alteration should be reported to Imperial Headquarters immediately.)

Address of Troop Headquarters Brick House Farm Pitsea

(1). Is the Troop "open" or "controlled" by some Church, School, or Organisation (see Rules 2 and 76)? OPEN

(2). If "controlled" by whom?

STRENGTH OF TROOP.

Officers.

Rank.	Name.	Address.
S.M.	Charles James Noble	Windsor Cottage Windsor Rd. Pitsea

Any special particulars with regard to the Troop, e. g. :-
 If it is confined to any particular religion, trade, works, etc.
 If it is intended for physically defective boys.

Number of Officers in Troop 1

Number of Active Scouts, viz.:-

Not including Sea Scouts	Scouts	<u>29</u>
and Sea Scouts given below.	Rovers	
	Sea Scouts	
	Sea Rovers	

Total all Ranks 30

Signed Charles James Noble Scoutmaster.

Recommended by _____ Local Association.

Hon. Secretary.

Approved by James H. H. H. H. District Commissioner.

Basildon & Leigh District.

Date Jan 8th 1925

FOR IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY.

29 JAN 1925

Date of Registration by _____

Imperial Headquarters LONDON, S.W.1.

* Registered No. of Troop 13349

* This number must be quoted in all returns and correspondence.

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THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION. CHANGE IN GROUP REGISTRATION.

FORM C 2.

Name of Group 1st Pitsea I.H.Q. Registration No. 13379.
Present Local Association Stanford & Hope District
District Stanford & Hope District County Essex *Orest.
Instructions :- Three Copies of this form when completed as necessary, should be sent to Imperial Headquarters by the Secretary of the Local Association (in the case of a transfer, the Local Association to which the Group is to be transferred). After the desired change has been made, I.H.Q. will return one copy to the Local Association Secretary and send one to the County Secretary for preservation amongst their records.

I. FOR CHANGE OF TITLE.

New Title by which the Group is to be known. 1st Pitsea & Tange
Date April 2nd Signature of Group Scoutmaster B. F. Wollcott (acting)
Approved by Local Association } Signature of Secretary B. M. Coates
and District Commissioner } Signature of Commissioner Philosophy are

II. FOR CHANGE OF NATURE OF REGISTRATION. (Open to Controlled or Controlled to Open).

The Group has been _____ Body by which the Group HAS
In future it will be _____ BEEN or WILL BE Controlled.
Signature of Group Scoutmaster _____
Date _____ Signature of Controlling Authority _____
Approved by Local Association } Signature of Secretary _____
and District Commissioner } Signature of Commissioner _____

III. FOR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

Local Association to which the Group is to be transferred. _____
Date _____ Signature of Group Scoutmaster _____
Approved by Local Association } Signature of Secretary _____
to which the Group is to be transferred }
and District Commissioner } Signature of Commissioner _____
Approved by County Commissioner (of both Counties in case of transfer to another County).
Signature of County Commissioner } County _____
(or County Secretary on his behalf). } County _____

After the above change(s) has/have been made by Imperial Headquarters, this copy should be attached to the copy of Form C in respect of this Group.
In a case of Transfer (No III) the Secretary of the former Local Association should send his copy of Form C to the Secretary of the new Local Association.

FOR I. H. Q. USE ONLY.
CHANGE(S) EFFECTED
7 APR 1948

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Annual Group Re-Registration September 1928

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

Form F.
1924 | 8 | 20

ANNUAL GROUP RE-REGISTRATION. AS ON 30th SEPTEMBER 1928.
This form is only to be used for renewal until 30th September 1929 of registration already effected.

COUNTY Essex LOCAL ASSOCIATION Stanford-le-hope

NOTE :- The officer in charge of Group is requested to complete this form and return it not later than October 3rd to the Hon. Secretary of the Local Association (who will forward it, through the County Secretary, to Imperial Headquarters). The Group will then be re-registered until the 30th September 1929 and notification of this will be sent to the officer through the Secretary of the Local Association. Only Groups registered at Imperial Headquarters will be recognised.

Group Title as registered at I.H.Q. :- St Peter's Vange I.H.Q. No. 13379

GROUP OFFICERS.
Warranted or on Probation: the latter must be starred *.

Rank.	Name.	Address.
Group S. M.	<u>G. F. Woolcott</u>	<u>"The Den" Thames Haven Essex</u>
Scoutmaster	<u>S. F. Hyde *</u>	<u>1 Grove Terrace, Barkingham Essex</u>
Cubmaster	<u>J. Linley</u>	<u>"Warewood" Magolica Drive Pitsea</u>
Rover Leader		
A. S. M.	<u>St Rowe</u>	<u>"Woodleigh Dairy" High Rd Vange</u>
A. C. M.	<u>G. Rock</u>	<u>1 St Johns Cottage Vange</u>
		<u>High Rd Vange</u>
A. R. L.		

Enter in this space which, if any, of the following applies to the Group:-
Works Group, Deaf, Blind or otherwise disabled Scouts, School, Industrial School, Home, Orphanage, &c.

Signed G. F. Woolcott Group S.M. (or officer in charge).
Date 8/10/28

Re-Registered at Imperial Headquarters on 12 NOV 1928
New Number 3242 by AB

Those holding more than One warrant or Officers who are also Rovers should only be counted once.

NUMBERS.

Warranted :-		
Group S.M.	<u>1</u>	Scouts <u>27</u>
S.M. & A.S.M.'s.	<u>27</u>	Sea Scouts <u>15</u>
C.M. & A.C.M.'s.	<u>2</u>	Wolf Cubs <u>15</u>
R.L. & A.R.L.'s.	<u>1</u>	Rover Scouts <u>1</u>
★ Total On Probation.	<u>1</u>	Rover Sea Scouts <u>1</u>
No of Scouts	<u>45</u>	Total <u>42</u>
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		Group Total <u>42</u>

With thanks to the Scout's heritage collection.

1930 Pitsea Carnival



No Troop details visible

VANGE



Church Parade.- The 1st Pitsea and Vange group of scouts and Wolf Cubs and Girl and Brownies held a church parade at the parish church on Sunday. The Scouts paraded with their new band for the first time. The rev St John Methuen, rector, preached on "Endurance."

Chelmsford Chronicle June 1930

1st Pitsea & Vange Scouts at Clacton c1932



Back row no 3 Charlie Thomas, no 5 Albert Wicker

Photo's courtesy of Alan Wicker

1st Pitsea Rangers

Presentation of Little Women 23rd—26th March 1933 at the church hall, Vange.

T. E. THOMAS,
MOTOR & GENERAL ENGINEERS
MAPLE WORKS, VANGE.

<p>WET. DRIED.</p> <p>SHELL, FRIED.</p> <p><i>We Fry Daily</i> <i>from 12 till 2 and 6.30 till 11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SID'S</p> <p>BULL ROAD, VANGE.</p> <p>SATISFACTION GUARANTEED</p> <p><i>All Haddock's cured on the</i> <i>Premises in the Best Oak Dust.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>THE NOTED SHOP FOR</i></p> <p>DOG EQUIPMENT, CUT LEATHER, SPORTS GOODS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. A. KIGHTLY,</p> <p>GAMES.</p> <p>BOOT REPAIRS, GRINDERY, SUNDRIES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOP BOOT SHOP, VANGE.</p>
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THE VANGE DRAPER.

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SCENES
from
L. M. ALCOTT'S Famous Story

LITTLE WOMEN

will be presented by
1st. Pitsea Rangers
(Assisted by 1st. PITSEA & VANGE ROVERS)

ON
THURSDAY MARCH 23rd.
IN THE
SCOUT HALL, VANGE.

At 8 p.m.

Chairman: F. W. HAYDON Esq.

Admission with Programme: 9d.

ALL SEATS RESERVED

Doors open 7.30 p.m.

CARS FOR HIRE

MOTOR & CYCLE ACCESSORIES

OXY ACETYLENE WELDING TURNING BRAZING VULCANIZING ETC.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.
(in order of appearance.)

JOSEPHINE (Jo)	Edith Thomas
MARGARET (Meg)	Noel deMonti
AMY	Winifred Bowden
ELIZABETH (Beth)	Helen Charlton
Mrs. MARCH (Marmee)	Gwendoline Ashby
HANNAH (faithful retainer)	Ellen Cunningham
THEODORE LAWRENCE (Laurie)	Marion Cowles
Mr. LAWRENCE	Ted Wyatt
JOHN BROOKE (Laurie's tutor)	Len Bishop
Mr. MARCH	James Carr
AUNT MARCH	Doris Lane

Mrs. MARCH'S Sitting Room.

ACT I.

Scene 1. A week before Christmas.

"It was a comfortable old room, tho' the carpet was faded..... books filled the recesses chrysanthemums and Christmas roses bloomed in the windows, and a pleasant atmosphere of home-peace pervaded it."

Scene 2. Christmas Day

"That's loving our neighbour better than ourselves and I like it."

ACT II

Scene 1. 8 months later.

Pilgrims in Progress

Scene 2. Same afternoon.

"Life has its shadows as well as its sun."
E. Wheeler Wilcox.

INTERVAL

ACT III

Scene 1. 3 months later.

"O, aching hearts be satisfied,
Look up and have no fear,
The saddest night, the darkest tide,
The dawn will soon be here."
F. Weatherley

Scene 2. A Week later

Laurie makes mischief.

FINALE

Christmas again.

"The world is a wheel, and it will come round alright."
Disraeli.

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ANNUAL DISPLAY.



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"Alpha House," Stifford Long Lane, Little Thurrock, Grays.

The cast of "Little Women" given by
the 1st Pitsea Rangers, assisted
by the 1st Pitsea Rovers, on the
April 1933 23rd 24th & 26th March
1933, at the Church Hall Vange.

Meg.	Noel De Monte	POST CARD
Jo.	Edith Thomas	
Beth	Hellen Charlton	
Amey	Winifred Bowden	
Laurie	Marion Cowles	
Marmee	Gwen Ashby	
Father	Jim Carr	
Aunt March	Doris Lane	
Grandfather	Laurence Ted Whyatt	
Hannah	Ellen Cunningham	
John Brook	Len Bishop	

MRS. NICKOL

"LITTLE WOMEN."

Clever Performance by Pitsea Rangers.

"Respect woman. See in her not merely a comfort, but a force, an inspiration, and the redoubling of your intellectual and moral faculties."

These words were spoken by Mr. Alexander Biggart when he presided at the first day's performance, by the 1st Pitsea Rangers and 1st Pitsea and Vange Rovers, of scenes from L. M. Alcott's "Little Women," at the Parish Hall, Vange, on Wednesday.

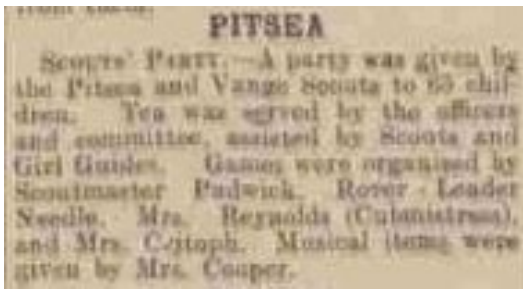
Mr. Biggart cited Florence Nightingale and Nurse Cavell, and said that the smile of women, when love came before words were spoken, and the smile with which she greeted her first-born baby were such that an angel might envy.

The scenes were admirably dressed and acted, and the portrayal of Josephine by Edith Thomas was particularly clever. The other artistes were: Winifred Bowden, Helen Charlton, Gwendoline Ashby, Ellen Cunningham, Marion Cowles, Doris Lane, Noel de Monti, Ted Wyatt, Len Bishop and James Carr.

During the interval Mr. Biggart voiced thanks to Mr. Holland for the scenery, Mr. Billy Boulter for the furniture, and to the players.

The performance was repeated yesterday and will again be staged to-morrow (Saturday). Messrs. F. W. Haydon and Major Chapman are the chairmen for the respective evenings.

PITSEA



Scouts Party.- A party was given by the Pitsea and Vange Scouts to 65 children. Tea was served by Scouts and Girl Guides. Games were organised by Scoutmasters Padwick, Rover leader Needle, Mrs Reynolds (Cub mistress), And Mrs Critoph. Musical items were given by Mrs Cooper.

Chelmsford Chronicle 1933

Scout Hut Riverton Drive, Vange.



PIT FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Appended is a further list of subscriptions to the Daily Mirror

Miner's Relief Fund

7s 3d First Pitsea and Vange Rover Crew.

Daily Mirror 1934

Dennis Tew was a Rover Scout at 1st Pitsea and Vange, he then went on to be a Scout leader his leader name was Badger there was also Bushy and Brahmer

Pitsea Carnival

The annual carnival and fete arranged by the Pitsea and Vange Scouts were held on Monday at Pitsea. The carnival queen, Miss Edna Prentice, was crowned by Mr H. G. Howard. The procession was half a mile long, and the fete was opened by Lieut-Col. S. W Chapman, M.C., J.P. Messers, Shead, Golding, and Saunders were the chief marshalls.

Chelmsford Chronicle May 1934.



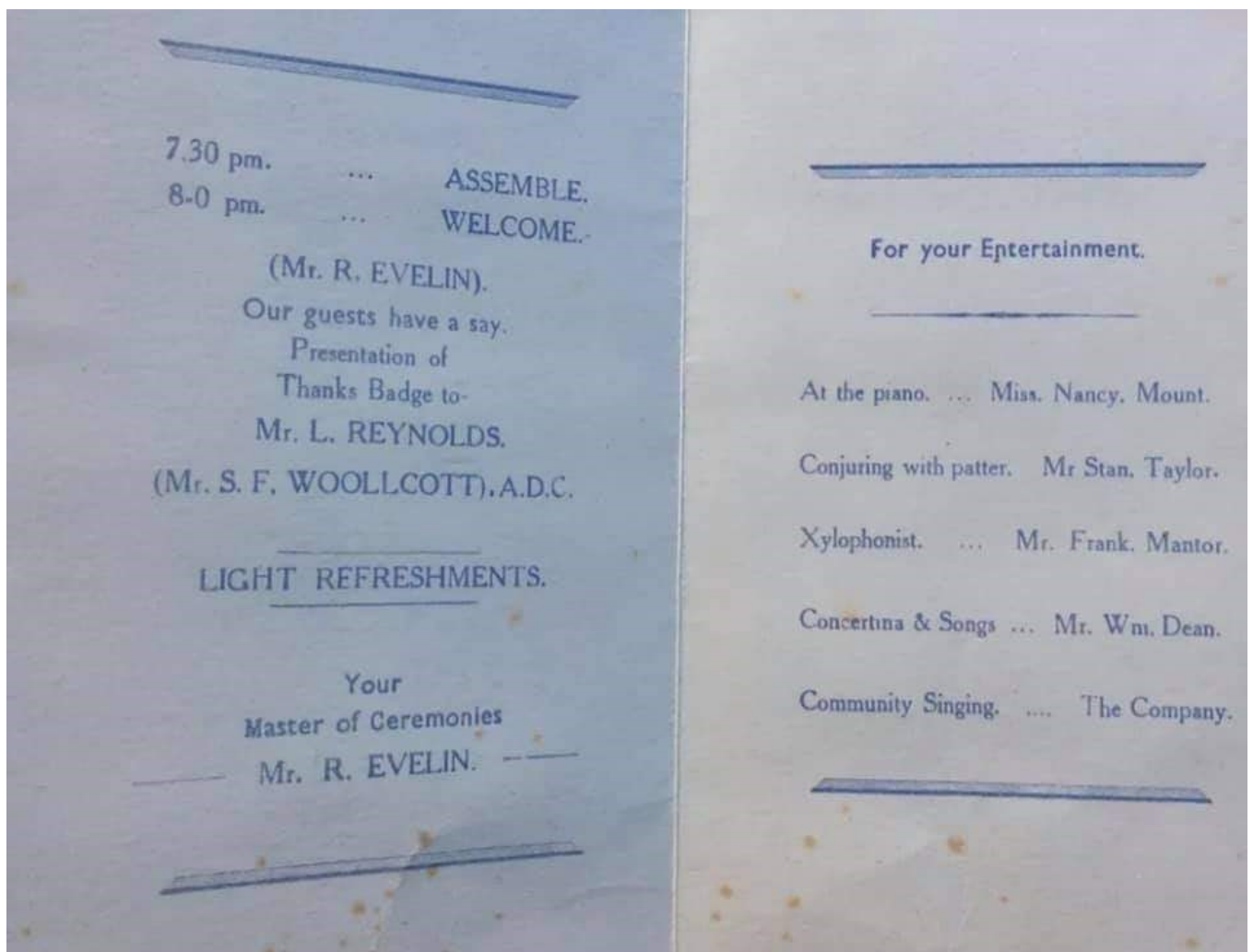
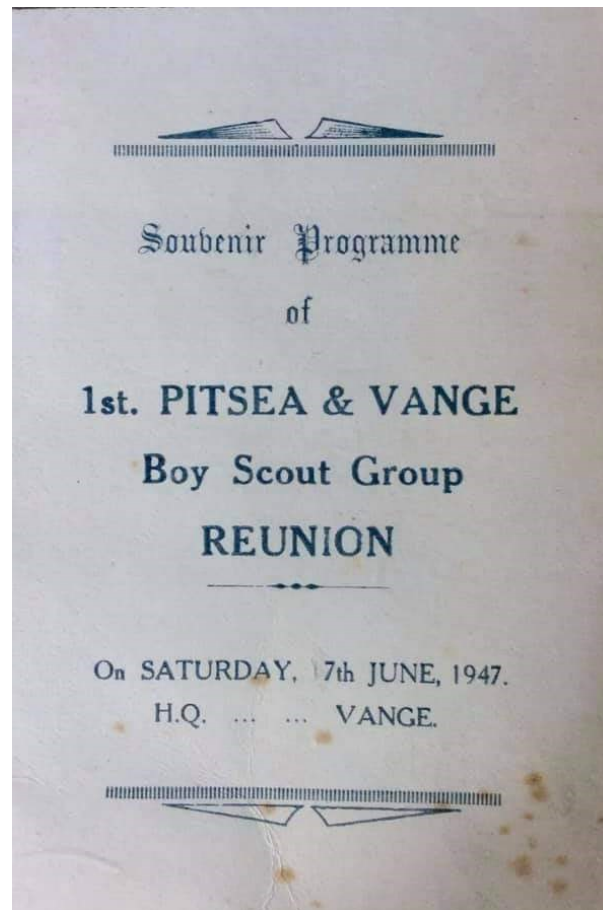
PITSEA

SCOUTS' HANDICRAFTS.—A fine display of handicrafts was given by the Stanford-Le-Hope and District Scouts

woodwork, leather work, painting, photography, picture framing, ect, were shown. The opening was by the District Commissioner, Col. F. H. D. C. Whitmore, C.M. G., D. S. O. who was accompanied by Mrs Whitmore. Group certificates were won as follows:

Stanford-Le-Hope Group, 90 points, Orsett, 75; Pitsea and Vange 53.

Chelmsford Chronicle March 1934





This is the Stuff to bring out the laughs.
These entertainers brightened Vange OAP's
meeting in the scouts hall, Vange.

August 1954



Holy cross take the strain in their tug of war match against the 4th Basildon Troop

At the sports

PITSEA AND VANGE BOYS WIN OUR CUB SHIELD

The Cub shield given by the "Standard" was won by Pitsea and Vange

With 15 points at Basildon and District Scouts annual sports on

Pitsea Primary School playing field on Saturday.

Basildon Standard July 1959

Scouts and Guides face headquarters eviction threat Bazaar for a new home

Faced with the threat that within the next few years they will have to leave their headquarters in Riverton Drive, Vange, to make way for New town developments, the 1st Pitsea and Vange Group of Scouts and Guides are setting about the task of raising money to build a new headquarters.

The ball was set rolling on Saturday when they raised about £67 towards the project at a Christmas bazaar at Riverton Drive. And there was a celebrity to open the event—Billericay's M.P. Mr Edward Gardner, Q.C., who brought with him his children Sally (seven) and Stephen (four).

Mr. Gardner, who was introduced by Mr F. M. Meldrum, Deputy Chairman of the Group said, "The Target is £100 and the money is for a very worth-while cause, for it is to be used for the very best of purposes in ensuring the successful future of the Group.

"It is hoped that eventually the Group will be able to build a new hall to replace this building, which was originally erected by local Scouts and Guides before the war. You want a new headquarters to match the new community which is springing up around you".

Riverton Hall was built by voluntary labour in 1924 and has been used ever since by the 1st Pitsea and Vange Group, one of the oldest groups in the district.

Among those present at Saturday's bazaar were the District Commissioner for Scouts, Mr E. C. Jeff, Mrs I Kefford District Commissioner for Guides, the Chairman of the Basildon and District Local Association of Boy Scouts, Mr R. Anderson and the Chairman of the 1st and Vange Group, Mr E Dines.

The hall was gaily decorated and most of the articles for sale were made either by members of the group or their parents.

Visitors were faced at the door with an open air hot dog stall, while inside Madame Zola (otherwise known as Geraldine Gahan, aged 14) told fortunes at sixpence a person and Father Christmas (Mr J Plumb) distributed gifts to the young children.

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The stallholders and helpers were: Take-a-chance— Mr and Mrs D I Spurging, Mr H H Tew, Mr D Tellis: Christmas Cards- Mr R Andrews; cakes Mrs Nixon, Miss P Taylor; home preserves—Mrs F Parfitt, Mrs L Millard; needle work and flowers— Barbara Flynn, Mrs D Flynn, Mrs J Taylor; toys—Miss E Seely, Mr W Taylor; competitions—Mrs E Gammon, Mrs L M Tew, Mr D Tew; dolls—Mrs R Ball, Dr J R Hayter; teas—Mrs I Rosoman, Mrs I Grant; hot dogs—Michael Nicholls, Richard Findlay, Geoffrey Baxter, Anthony Tilby;

Miscellaneous - Mr E Segust (Bushey)

Basildon Standard December 1960



Members of 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts did not stop to worry what was on the menu when they held their party at their headquarters in Riverton Drive on Saturday.

Times and Recorder February 1960



Some of the people who had fun at the 1st Pitsea and Vange Scout group dance in Kingswood Community Hall on Saturday.

Basildon Standard March 1960



Ernie Bishop who worked at Hickley and Son's shop, Broadway, Pitsea. He lived in Pitsea. After originally Coming from Plaistow.

Mr Bishop used to be a keen worker for the 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts, and was for sometime their Scout Master.

Basildon Standard May 1960

SCOUT NEWS

BADGE WINNERS ARE Seniors :

Firefighters all of 1st Pitsea and Vange,

R. Hadscombe, B. Smith, D. Pullin,

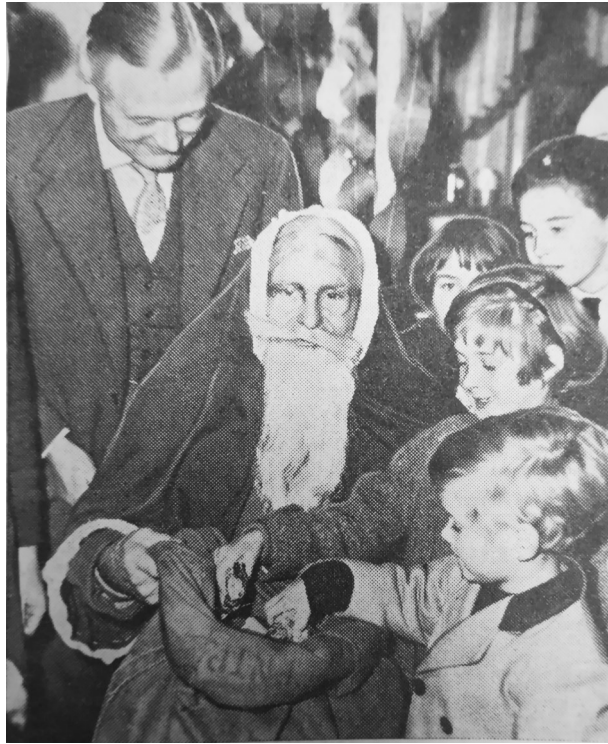
R. Wilber and W. Sparrow.

Times and Recorder July 1960



Vange and Pitsea Boy Scouts start cooking hot-dogs and hamburgers with chestnuts in Readiness for the rush at their sale on Saturday.

Basildon Recorder November 1960



Mr Edward Gardner, Q.C, M. P., watches his children, Stephen and Sally, dip into Father Christmas's sack at the 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts and Guides Group bazaar on Saturday.

Basildon Standard December 1960



23rd September 1961

Basildon Standard



The day began with breakfast. Seen demonstrating the use of a frying pan is local Association Chairman Mr F Pittock, watching from left to right are members of the 1st Pitsea and Vange troop, Thomas Dines, J Beckinsale and J Baxter.

Basildon Standard September 1961



John Beckinsale and Senior Scout Tommy Dines serving up roast chestnuts and hot dogs at 1st Pitsea and Vange bazaar.

Basildon Standard 2nd December 1961



Members of the Vange Scout Troop are pictured with guests from other Scout and Guide troops at their camp fire in St Paul's Hall, Vange.

Basildon Recorder March 1962

75 BADGES FOR CUBS AND SCOUTS

OVER 75 Basildon Scouts and Cubs gained badges last month, and K. Wells, of the 1st Bowers Gifford Group, and S. Mutter, of the 5th Basildon, got their 1st Class badges.

FULL RESULTS

1st Class Badges: 1st Bowers Gifford—K. Wells; 5th Basildon—S. Mutter.

Scout Cords: 1st Bowers Gifford—K. Wells. 1st Pitsea and Vange, Scouts—Stamp Collector, T. Jeffries. Pitsea St. Michael's, Scouts—Smallholder, Andrew Gibson; athlete, T. Bishop. 1st Basildon, Cubs—Handicraft, Paul Sellence. 3rd Basildon, Cubs—First aid, J. Perry, P. Vale, Peter Wholley; guide, P. Roberts, R. Hobbs. 4th Basildon (St. Basil's), Seniors—Senior athlete, P. Humphrays; quartermaster, R. White; naturalist, G. Merrin. 7th Basildon, Cubs—House orderly, G. Holland; athletes, E. Saulsby; artist, S. Manterfield; swimmers, G. Holland; entertainer, G. Holland. J. Bronze, T. Curdon; Leaping Wolf, J. Bronze. Basildon Holy Cross, Cubs—House orderly, G. Mancey, P. Winston, D. Britten, R. Price; Leaping Wolf, P. Winston; first aid, H. Fletcher, P. Winston. 1st Langdon Hills, Scouts—Cyclist, M. Robinson, P. Moore. 1st Langdon Hills, Cubs—Leaping Wolf, C. Banfield. 4th Basildon, Scouts—Sportsman, M. Finn. 5th Basildon, Cubs—Artist A. Hill; house orderly, C. Longthorne, A. Monk; book reader, K. Goldthorpe; guide, T. Joyce, G. Ray, P. Hurrell, A. Mark; observer, A. Monk. K. Goldthorpe, D. Isseth, T. Joyce, P. Hurrell; cyclist, P. Hurrell, K. Akin; collector, G. Longthorne, A. Mark, L. Fordell, R. Crain, A. Munson, K. Goldthorpe, A. Hill, K. Akin; Leaping Wolf, A. Mark, D. Isseth, T. Joyce, C. Longthorne, P. Hurrell. 7th Basildon, Scouts—Athlete, M. Gray, M. Capper. 7th Basildon, Cubs—Guide, J. Bronze; handicraft, T. Callaghan. 3rd Laindon, Cubs—Sportsman, J. Alder, M. Wackett; cyclist, C. Player, J. Alder; guide, A. Langton, C. Player.

Basildon Standard August 1963



Girl Guides outside the Scout hut, Riverton Drive, *courtesy of Stella Watts.*

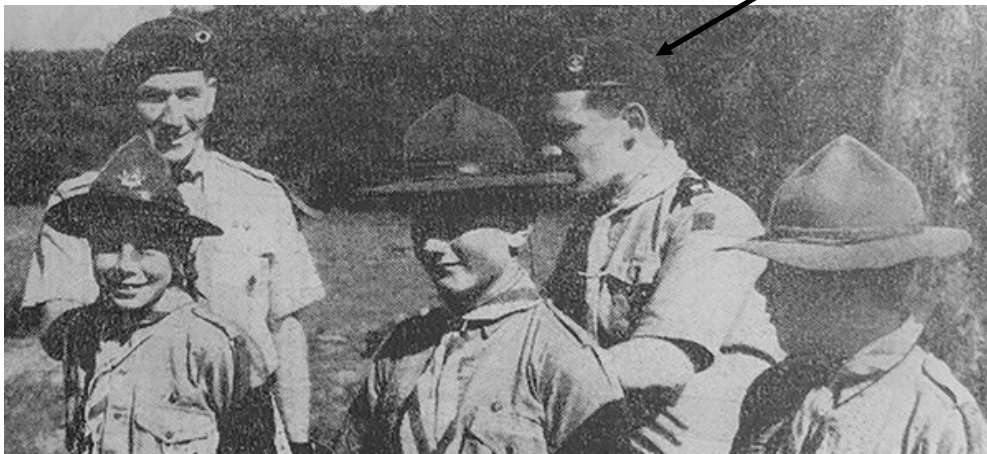


Members of the Vange Scout troop are pictured with guests from other Scout and Guide troops at their camp fire in St Paul's Hall, Vange.

TIMES & RECORDER March 1962

Dennis Tew

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE



"NOW just where do we go from here" Basildon and District Scouts held a marathon which started at Bowers Gifford on Saturday and ended in Stock. The Scouts camped overnight and there were various tests, inspection's preparation of meals and log book records. When the Scouts arrived at Stock they were inspected for correct dressing in uniform, kit and equipment, and our picture shows Scoutmasters Dennis Tew and F Izzard inspecting a team from 1st Pitsea (St Michaels). They are left to right Terry Bishop, V Bates and T Bone.

Basildon Standard July 1962

SCOUT'S PROBLEM MAY BE SOLVED

The problem of finding a temporary home for Pitsea and Vange Scout Group, who are soon to loose their 30 year old Headquarters, looks as though it has been solved.

The Basildon Local Association of Scouts are negotiating with Basildon Corporation to take over the Old postal sorting office in Timberlog Lane, Basildon. Local Association Chairman Mr Derek Spurging told the "Standard" this week: "The old sorting office has been promised to us, but at the moment negotiations have not been completed—there are a number of ends that still need tying up."

The Group have met for about 30 years in the Scout Hut in Riverton Drive, Vange, but while they are in an unique position of owning their own ground and Headquarters, the land is required for redevelopment by Basildon Corporation.

Commented Mr Spurging: "There is no hurry to vacate the Riverton Drive premises at the present, but the Group will have to do so eventually. We hope to build a new Headquarters for them on a new site we have obtained in Weavers, Vange. This proposed new Headquarters, which will be the only Head quarters to be shared jointly by Scouts and Guides, is scheduled for 1965 or 1966. Mean while, the sorting office would be an ideal place for them to meet.

The Association area little worried about the damage that has been caused to the sorting office since It has been empty.

Said Mr Spurging: "The extent of the damage, I believe, is estimated at £80. While we could not afford to replace all it's broken windows, we think we could fix some of the damage.

Basildon Standard March 1964

Dave Tellis (Brahma)



John Elvin

A Party of German Scouts who had been at the Belchamps Jamboree
With Basildon Scouts. The Germans are guests of 1st Pitsea and
Vange Scout Group.

Basildon Standard August 1964

Dave Tellis (Brahma)



Mr D. M. Tellis, acting Scoutmaster of
1st Pitsea and Vange Group, shares a
joke with Group Scoutmaster R.
Fohring, of Essen, Germany, who is
the Scoutmaster in charge of the
German contingent

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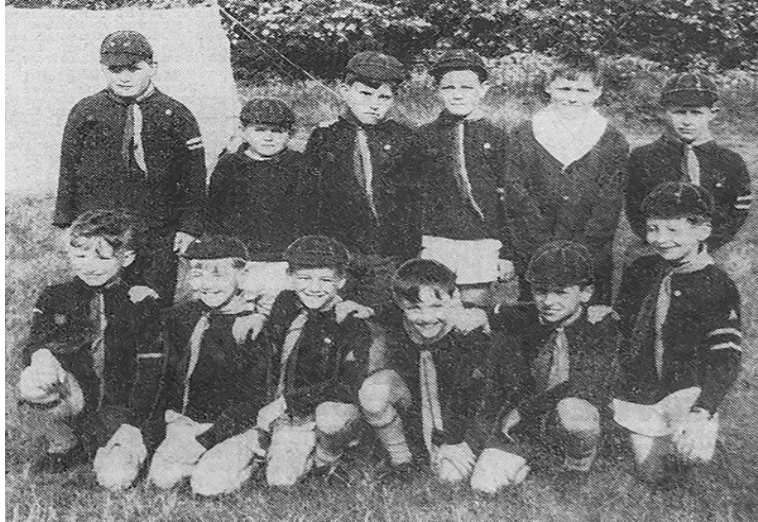


Ten- year old Michael
Humphries of 1st Pitsea
and Vange Pack, took
part in a semaphore
demonstration.

*Basildon Standard
September 1964*

THE DISTRICT SHIELD was won by 1st Basildon (Fryerns)

AND THE RUNNERS - UP



WERE 1st Pitsea and Vange Pack were runners up with 12 points, Third were 4th Laindon. Fourteen packs took part in the sports and about 150 boys competed. This was extremely good in view of the fact that the organisers had difficulty in booking a field, and at the last moment got Laindon Park School field. A large number of parents attended and enjoyed the keenness and ability of their sons.

Basildon Standard May 1964

SCOUTS BAZAAR

So many people visited the 1st Pitsea and Vange Scout's group's Christmas bazaar on Saturday at their new premises in Beech Road, Vange, that there was little room to move. The scout's made a profit of £78.00. This very colourful bazaar was organised by the Parent's Association for the funds of the scout Group.

It was opened by Mr A A Radford, Basildon Development Corporation's Deputy Estates Officer, who pointed out that it was the task of the Parent Associations to raise money for the Scout groups.



Basildon Standard December 1964



A COUNTRY training course for Cub instructors and Cub's was held at the Pitsea and Vange H.Q. on Saturday. The youngsters came from a large area of South East Essex. Refreshments were provided by the Basildon B.P. Guild.

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Winners of the totem competition for the Cubs at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday the 1st Pitsea and Vange team.

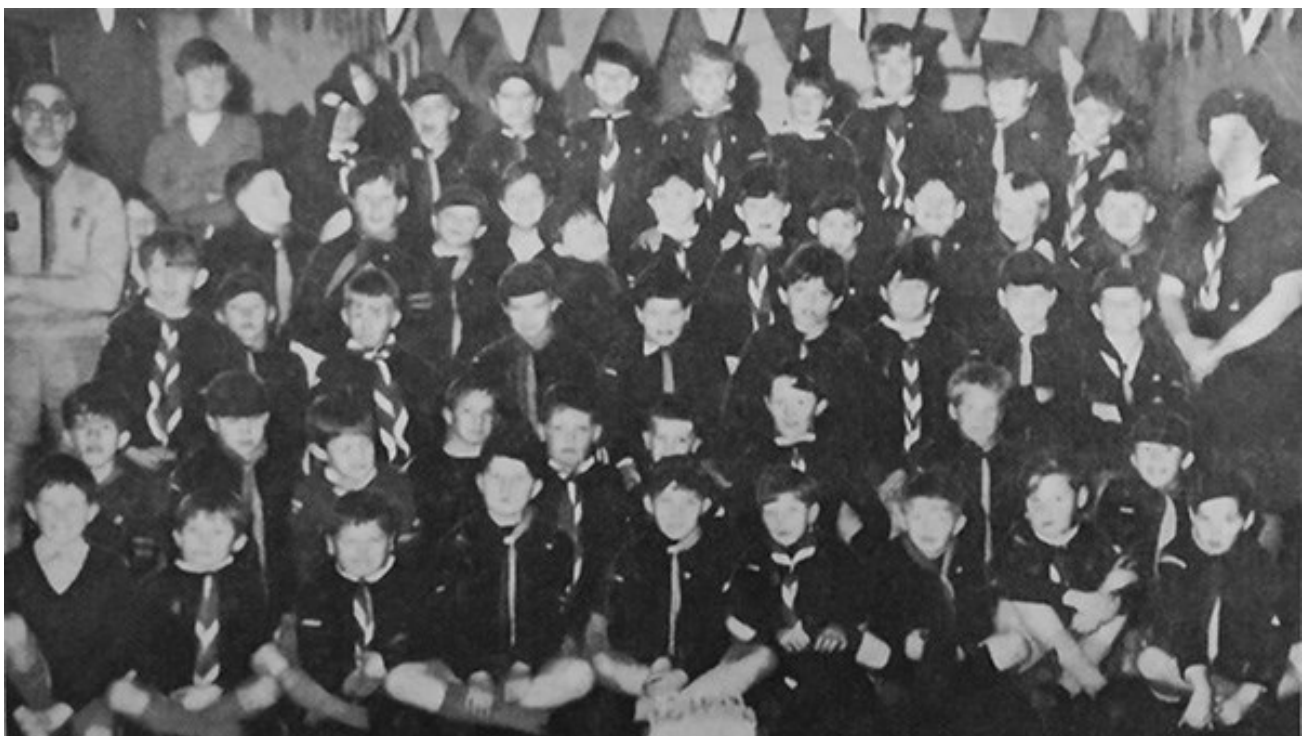
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Jim "Dixie" Dean Terry Gummer John Warman Terry Jeffreys Peter Clark



1st Pitsea and Vange Scout Group held an open evening at the Scout H.Q. Beech Road, Vange on Friday. A large number of parents and friends of the Group attended and were entertained by displays by Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts. The evening was rounded off by a fish and chip supper.

Basildon Standard November 1965



MEMBERS of the 1st Pitsea and Vange Cup Pack pictured at their birthday celebrations held at their Scout H.Q. Beech Road, last week.

Basildon Standard December 1966

SUMMER FETE



Pitsea and Vange Scouts held their summer fete at the Beech Road H.Q. on Saturday.
Picture shows Cubs and Scouts getting ready for an enjoyable afternoon

Basildon Standard June 1966



Some of the helpers around one of the stalls at the 1st Pitsea and Vange
Scout Troop's jumble sale at their headquarters on Saturday.

Basildon Standard September 1966



Scouts around the roll a penny stall at the 1st Pitsea and Vange Christmas bazaar held at Beech Road Scout H.Q. on Saturday.

Basildon Standard December 1966



Mr John Elvin, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, presents Raymond Wilson (seventeen and a half) with his Queens Scout Badge at the scout H.Q., Beech Road, Vange, on Friday.

Basildon Standard March 1967

GALLONS OF BEER FOR THE 'TRAMPS'

FOUR HUNDRED 'Tramps' tucked into a hearty meal specially laid on for them at Brentwood. Between them, they consumed 400 portions of fish and chips, 12 gallons of Orange juice and nine and a half gallons of best bitter.

The 'Tramps' were 180 cub-scouts and their fathers, who attended a 'Tramps' Supper at the Essex Scouts' Training Centre, Thirftwood.

This was the second annual father-and-son camp to be held at the ground, and was arranged so that fathers could see for themselves what scouting could do and was doing for their sons. The camp was officially opened by County Commissioner, Mr. David Papillon, who remarked on how good it was that fathers could come. Mr. Papillon afterwards presented District Cub-Scout Leader Mr. Ian Reed with the Medal of Merit for work in the past. Saturday began with the traditional "grand howl," flag break and prayers. In the afternoon there were games and demonstrations. The art of wood-carving was shown by Ted Gathercole, of Gilwell Park, and the sciences of aviation were revealed by Ted Morgan and the 20th Tottenham Scouts, with hot air balloons. Billericay Red Cross member Mr. Drury gave a demonstration of the "kiss of life." Entertainment for the tramps' supper was by Mr. John Pond and the "Hilly Billy Band" and camp fire songs, sketches and

games were arranged by Mr. John Farling. Sunday service was conducted by District Commissioner Mr. Derek Edwards. An address was read by Mr. Arthur Musgrove. Then came a fancy dress carnival with the theme "People of the World" and the final event, a balloon race. "We're hoping to beat last year's record for this race, when one balloon reached the Austrian border," said main organiser Mr. Ron Mearns. One of the problems of the camp had been car parking, he said. "We sent out a patrol of Venture Scouts on Friday night to make sure there was nobody in trouble. We decided to limit the number taking part in the camp to 200. If we find we have more next year we shall have to find accommodation of much larger size."

Prizewinners were as follows:—Treasure hunt: Best Cub, T. Benson (3rd Billericay); Best Dad Mr. R. Cobley (1st Pitsea and Vange). Tramps' Supper: Best Cub Ian Francis (8th Chelmsford); Best Dad, Mr. Thomas Howells (8th Chelmsford). Organising Committee for the camp were Mr. V. Baker, Mrs. F. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. A. Loveday, Mrs. R. Weatherburn and Mr. J. Farling.

*Brentwood Gazette and Mid Essex Recorder
Friday May 24th 1968*



The 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts held a jumble sale in Beech Road Scout Hut on Saturday. Minding the old shoe stall was apparently a Niffy Job.

Standard Recorder May 1968



SCOUTS of the 1st Pitsea and Vange Group at a social evening at Beech Road
Headquarters on Saturday.

Standard Recorder October 1970

With Thanks to Terry Jeffreys for additional information.

I was at 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts and Seniors from 1961 to 1965.

I then transferred to 5th Basildon .

In 1987 came back into Scouting as a Scout Leader at 15th Basildon until 1990.

I left them because I had to change my Scout night due to work commitments.

So I then went back to 1st Pitsea and Vange as Scout Leader. I was there for 5 to 6 years.

Terry Jeffreys



September 2021.

Stephen Metcalfe MP for South Basildon and East Thurrock, meet 's with local Scouts.



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All Saints Church Hall 17 pages £2.10

Barges at Vange Wharf 17 pages £2.10

Cashes Well No5 17 pages £2.10

John (Paddy) Hemingway 11 pages £1.50

The Barge Inn 1832 – 2015 21 pages £2.50

The Bull Public House 8 pages £1.50

The Vange Crystal Well 8 pages £1.50

Vange Board School 1876 56 pages £5.80

Vange Fire Station 1934 – 1962 35 pages £3.90

Vange Hall Brick Works 29 pages £3.30

Vange Reservoir & Southend Water Company £2.00

Vange Swimming Pool 1933-1952 15 pages £2.00

The Shops of Vange London Road & High Road 44 pages £5.00

The 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts 1913 - 1971 36 pages £4.50

Locarno Mecca Dancing 1961 - 1971 71 pages £7.50

PITSEA BOOKLETS

W. J. Wager Dairies 7 pages £1.50

Tuskite Works Pitsea Hall Lane 10 pages £1.50

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