



**BROOKLYN
SCOUT GROUP
WELLINGTON**

*50th
JUBILEE*

OUR 50th. JUBILEE.

WELCOME!

This small brochure is presented to you as a souvenir of a happy and memorable occasion. We trust that the Jubilee celebrations will give you the opportunity to renew many friendships and that it will rekindle in you the ideals and principles of our beloved Founder - Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

From our Provincial Commissioner, Colonel
H. J. G. Low, D.S.O., M.C.

"May I offer my warmest congratulations to all associated with your Group on the attainment of your 50th. Jubilee. You have a proud record as the first Scout Troop to be registered in Wellington and over the years you have built up a fine tradition. But more than that, your history has been closely linked with that of your beautiful suburb of Brooklyn.

There is much to be thankful for. You are fortunate to have splendid Scouters and to have inherited a fine Den. Over the years you have had many fine leaders and committee members and I want to thank all who in the past have helped in any way to further the cause of Scouting in Wellington.

To the present Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts I say, 'Always remember you are Scouts and be proud of it. Resolve that when you grow up you will help other Scouts as your Scouters have helped you.'

Good Scouting and Good Luck.

H. J. G. LOW.

Provincial Commissioner."

"Every noble work is at first impossible - Carlyle."

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JUBILEE PROGRAMME.

Friday, 3rd. July 6.45 p.m. Jubilee Party for Cubs
and Scouts.
Saturday, 4th. July 3.45 p.m. Afternoon tea
4.30 p.m. Parade assemblies.
4.50 p.m. Parade marches to
Community Centre Hall.
5.00 p.m. Flag Break, speeches, etc.
5.45 p.m. Jubilee tea.
6.45 p.m. Campfire. Presentation of
Warrants, Queen's Scout Badge
and farewell to Scout Dudfield.
7.50 p.m. Film "Life of Baden-Powell."
8.00 p.m. Social Evening.
9.10 a.m. Jubilee photographs
9.30 a.m. "Scout's Own", Community Centre.
10.20 a.m. Morning tea for old Scouts and
parents in Scout Hall.
Farewells.

THE PAST.

Unfortunately, we are not able to write a full history of the Group as the records have been lost on numerous occasions. However, the following is a brief outline of Scouting in Brooklyn and we would welcome further information from old Scouts so that a more complete record can be compiled.

One thing is certain. On 4th. July, 1909, the Dominion Chief Scout, Major Cossgrove, of Tuahiwi, Christchurch, signed a registration certificate for the Brooklyn Boy Scout Troop. This valuable document is still in the possession of the Group and reads as follows:-

"To J. Styche Esq., I hereby constitute and appoint you to be Scoutmaster on the Active List of our "Dominion Boy Scouts" duly organised under the Scheme of Lieut. General Baden-Powell.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of Scoutmaster by exercising and well disciplining the Scouts in your command, and I hereby request them to obey you as their Scoutmaster in accordance with the promise made on their "Honour" when they became Scouts. In witness thereof I stamp this Commission with the registered badge of our "Chief Scout" Lieut. General Baden-Powell, C.B., F.R.G.S. D. Cossgrove."

Mr. Styche was a remarkable gentleman in many ways and he ably led the Troop until about 1915. A good disciplinarian and one who believed in a high standard of efficiency, Mr. Styche ran an outstanding Troop and won the love and esteem of the many boys who passed through his hands. A number of people assisted him one being a Mr. McGinnity.

About 1916 a Mr. Waters became Scoutmaster and he was followed by Mr. Johnston who was assisted by a Mr. Leverick. The Group had until this time met in the Anglican Church in Washington Avenue but in 1919 shifted to Staples Boot Factory for a short time. A Mr. Dunn was associated with the Troop about this time and then the Rev. Dent of the Anglican Church took over and meetings were held back in the Church. Mr. Phillips of the Y.M.C.A. or St. Peter's Group came up and gave occasional assistance in 1921 when Captain D. Watson was Scoutmaster. The meeting place was at this time changed to the Brooklyn School. The Troop assisted in the 1918 Epidemic. All uniforms were made by the women's committee. Around 1919 the Rev. Dent while running the Scout Troop also ran a Bull Pup Pack - the forerunners to the Wolf Cubs.

Around 1925 Mr. H. Traill became Scoutmaster and he had a long and successful association with the Group. Mr. Traill gained the assistance of the Baptist Minister, The Rev. Rawlings and the Group met in the Baptist Hall until a change of Minister forced them to return to Brooklyn School.

"Let's Build Our Own Den."

These words are attributed to Mrs. G. Taylor, a committee member, when the question of what would happen to

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the Group now it had no meeting place for winter and was actually parading at Tanera Park. Mrs. Taylor's remark prompted immediate action in that the Chairman, Mr. W. Wigston, and the Secretary, Mr. L. Turner, took up the challenge and sold the committee the idea. They and Mr. A. Cowan were deputed to find ways and means of raising money and endeavours were set in hand to obtain a site from the City Council. The Council offered an area in Bell Road but a press cutting headed "Disturbance Feared" explains how residents forced the abandonment of the scheme after some work had been performed. The Harrison Street site was then offered and accepted.

All sorts of money raising activities were put in action by an enthusiastic committee and parents of the boys, and by the middle of 1930 with the Group still meeting at Tanera Park, sufficient was in hand to start planning the new hall. However, ominous signs of the approaching Depression were making things difficult but all concerned were determined to see the plan carried through.

The Group was fortunate in that Mr. A. Cowan was a builder and he, together with the Rovers and other volunteers offered to build the hall in spare time. Mr. Cowan did the "lion's share" of the work and with his knowledge a splendid building was erected. This hall is a lasting monument to Mr. Cowan's enthusiasm and energy, and a plaque in the hall bears testimony to the efforts of Mr. Cowan and his helpers.

November the 21st., 1931, was a "red letter day" for the Group and for Brooklyn as on that day Sir Alfred Robin, Provincial Commissioner, officially opened the Den in beautiful weather. His Worship The Mayor and Mrs. Hislop were present as well as Mr. R. A. Wright the local Member of Parliament. The parade was led by the Brooklyn Boys' Brigade Band and a large crowd attended.

The Group in 1933 had Mr. Traill as Group Scoutmaster. Mr. Christison who was Assistant Scoutmaster became Scoutmaster, with Mr. Rod Johns as Assistant Scoutmaster, while Mr. Jack Hood became the first warranted Rover Scout Leader in the Group. Mr. Wigston and Mr. Turner were still doing yeoman service for the Group and the sum of £112 had been raised to pay off the debt on the hall.

Towards the end of 1938 Mr. Hood resigned as Rover Scout Leader owing to ill health and a Mr. Kinvig took his place. However, he resigned after a few months and the Rover Crew gradually went out of existence. At this time the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. L. Turner left Brooklyn and Mr. N. Cowie replaced him.

Mr. Traill was transferred from Wellington in 1936 and Mr. Christison became Group Scoutmaster, Mr. Rod Johns, Scoutmaster, and a Senior Scout, Mr. Horace Callow, took over as Assistant Scoutmaster. The Cubmaster was Miss M. Cameron.

In 1938, six members of the Group attended the Sydney Pan Pacific Jamboree and their names are listed elsewhere. Then in 1939 came the War with the subsequent shortage of leaders.

But we must not overlook the Cub Section. This really started about 1919 when the Rev. Dent who was Scoutmaster also ran a Bull Pup Pack. However, Mr. E. Hill was the first Cubmaster of the Group and served from 1924-26 and returned later in 1929 for a period. Mr. H. Traill was Cubmaster in 1927-28 and his younger brother, Mr. E. Traill, took over in 1930 and stayed with the Pack until about 1936. Good work was done over this period and Miss M. Cameron replaced him and did an excellent job until 1939. She was assisted by Miss S. Whittaker and Mr. W. Baker. A Miss Stewart also assisted later and Mr. Baker became Cubmaster until he was called up for Military Service.

Mr. Stan Laycock who had been Assistant Scoutmaster took over the Cubs until he was called up in late 1941 and various people assisted until the Misses Hamilton

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took over in 1945. The names of Miss Calloway, Mr. Gittings and Miss Franks then appear in the records and they were followed by Mrs. J.E. Miller whose influence did much to raise the standard of the Pack. After a short spell with no Cubmaster about 1948 Miss J. Purdie became Akela and with Mr. R. Miller as Assistant gave very good service. About 1950 Misses B. Pole and Y. Wellwood took charge and they stayed with the Pack for some time later being joined by Mr. J. Dudfield. Shortly afterwards Mr. Dudfield became Akela when they left and he was followed by Miss R. Wellwood who held things together for a time until Miss A. Pole was appointed Cubmaster.

The Pack progressed well under Miss Pole who had Miss A. Routledge as her Assistant and when Miss Pole left for a trip to the United Kingdom Miss Routledge became Cubmaster. Miss Routledge's parents also gave valuable assistance to the Group during this time until the family moved to Dunedin when Mr. Brian Packer, who had been assisting, became Akela. Mr. Packer had passed through the Group and his service at this time was most valuable. He had a number of Assistants whose names are listed elsewhere and all made valuable contributions but Mr. H. Dudfield, another ex Scout, took over the Pack from Mr. Packer when he left in 1958. Mr. Dudfield, who was later joined by Mr. L.K. Bennett, have done much to build up the Pack and today it is thriving with some 31 boys on the roll, some of whom are Second Star and many Proficiency Badges.

Referring back to the Troop we here pay tribute to the efforts of the Troop Leader, Mr. Des Cowie, who from 1942 to 1945 carried on the whole Group with remarkable success. This was typical of the way the older Scouts rose to the occasion during the war years. Little is recorded until Mr. Erle Gittings, the present Group Scoutmaster, was induced to come and take over the Troop in 1945. The fact that he is still with the Group as Senior Scouter gives some indication of his fine service to the youth of this suburb over a period of some 14 years, especially as on numerous occasions he has had to run both Sections single handed.

Mr. Colin Hodge gave valuable assistance to Mr. Gittings for a time and Mr. P. Fredericks followed for a period. Then Mr. I. Scott became Assistant Scoutmaster and his service was of a high order. Mr. Gittings and Mr. Scott were later joined by Mr. D. Stewart who came from the Opotiki Group and he continued with Mr. Gittings when Mr. Scott left to get married. Some four years ago Mr. Stewart became Scoutmaster and Mr. Gittings Group Scoutmaster and very good progress has been made over this period. The Troop benefited by the service of a number of assistants but special tribute must be paid to the two present Assistant Scoutmasters R. Carter and G. List both of whom were Queen's Scouts. It can truly be said that at present the standard of Scouting in the Troop is the highest it has been since the mid thirties.

One of the most important developments in recent years was the formation by Mr. Stewart of a Senior Patrol which he ran successfully for a time as part of the Troop. A few months ago, however, we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Mr. Charles Wright for this job after he had given help with the Cub Pack. In recent months the Senior Patrol has produced two Queen's Scouts of which we are extremely proud.

No history of the Brooklyn Group would be complete without reference to the remarkably fine service rendered by many of its Lay Workers. Chairmen, Secretaries, Treasurers and Committee members over the years have left their marks but it would be hard to overlook the excellent and long service of Mr. Walter Wigston who was Chairman for a period of 22 years until 1950. It was largely through his efforts and those of people like Mr. L.N. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer from 1930 to 1938, Captain D. Watson and Mr. A. Cowan that the Group has such a fine Den today. In more recent years the names of Mr. N. Cowie, Mr. I. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Routledge, Mrs. Gotleib, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Dudfield and Mr. R. Zillwood as well as many others come to mind, not forgetting the loyal members of the present committee and especially the hard working Secretary, Mr. A.R. Sparks, and the present Chairman Mr. W. Pettengill.

"LEST WE FORGET".

We proudly remember the following ex-Scouts who laid down their lives for their country in the 1939-45 War.

Assistant Scoutmaster	H. Callow	A. Buck
	D. Callow	J. Mackie
	H. Roberts	B. Thomson
	A. Bruce	
	B. Halcrow	

Note: No record is available of ex Scouts who lost their life in the 1914-18 War and the above list may not be complete. The Secretary would appreciate any further information.

IN MEMORIAM.

At this Jubilee a photograph of the late Flying Officer Horace Callow, ex Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster, is to be unveiled. This will later be placed in the Scout Hall.

Flying Officer Callow went right through the Brooklyn Troop to become Assistant Scoutmaster until he went overseas in the Air Force in 1942. He trained as a Navigator in Canada and then went on to England.

In July 1943, Flying Officer Callow was one of the crew of a bomber and was posted missing. It was later reported by a survivor that five members of the crew, including Flying Officer Callow, lost their lives when the plane was shot down and that they had been buried at the Heizthuis Cemetery in Holland.

ORGANISATION.

Patron and Dominion Chief Scout:

His Excellency Viscount Cobham, G.C.M.G., T.D., Governor
General of New Zealand.

Dominion President:

Major-General Sir William Gentry, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

Dominion Chief Commissioner:

Major-General L. K. Lockhart, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

Provincial Commissioner for Wellington:

Colonel H. J. G. Low, D.S.O., M.C.

District Commissioner: (South)

J.W. Arthurs.

District Scoutmaster: T. Howarth

Groups in District: Brooklyn, Houghton Bay, Island Bay,
Southern Cross, St. Anne's, St.
Cuthbert's and Taupata-Ranga Rover Crew.

BROOKLYN GROUP.

Group Scoutmaster:	E. E. Gittings
Scoutmaster (Seniors):	C. M. Wright
Scoutmaster:	D. Stewart
Assistants:	R. Carter and G. List
Cubmasters:	H. Dudfield and K. Bennett
Chairman:	W. Pettengall
Secretary:	A. R. Sparks
Treasurer:	Mrs. M.A.M. Dudfield
Jubilee Committee:	Mesdames Cooper, Pascoe, Macdonald, Jeffries, Newman and Pettengall. Messrs. Zillwood, Squire, Laycock, James, Pickett and Reeve.

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WOLF CUBS.

Brown Six: R. Lamont, J. McLennan, D. Williams,
D. Woodbridge, D. Thompson, J. Lawton.
Red Six: G. Reeve, J. McPhun, P. Bennett,
W. Wrigley, P. Sharpe, P. O'Brien.
Grey Six: I. Macdonald, J. Way, J. Beatson, G. Burt,
M. Snowball, M. Allison, S. Lamont.
Black Six: J. McLennan, B. Simons, R. Lyster,
T. Dowling, J. O'Leary, S. Hazelwood.
Recruits: M. Burgess, D. Dobson, C. Robinson,
R. Woodward, S. Tasker, J. Simons.

SCOUTS.

Kiwi Patrol: C. Cooper, M. Reeve, T. Raba, L. Squire,
D. Wright, T. Bullock.
Tui Patrol: R. Limpus, R. Bertram, J. Cudby, D. Cragg,
A. McLennan, T. Stevens, W. Syers,
S. Zillwood.
Ruru Patrol: C. Hadley, C. Anderson, T. James, A. Mowat,
K. Way, R. Pickett, T. McNaught, M. Price.
Mallory Patrol: M. Dudfield, R. Sparks, R. Jefferies,
(Seniors) R. Newman, B. Stevens, B. Pettengall.

"A prudent Scout is like a pin - his head stops him from
going too far" (Was it Socrates?)

SCOUTERS OVER THE YEARS. (incomplete)Scoutmasters:

A. Styche	1909-14
Johnson	1912-14 *
Watters	1914-18
Leverick	" *
Dunn	1916-18 *
Rev. G.W. Dent	1917-21
Capt. A. Watson	1921-25
H. Traill	1925-36 S.M. & G.S.M.
J.A.R. Christison	1928-37 " "
R.R.H. Johns	1933-43 " "
H. Callow	1936-41 *
D. Cowie (L. of A.)	1942-45
C. Hodge	1946-47
I. Rapson	1946 *
E. E. Gittings	1946-59 S.M. & G.S.M.
P. Fredericks	1950 *
I. Scott	1950-54 *
D. Stewart	1952-59 A.S.M. & S.M.
N. Waterhouse	1957-58 *
R. Carter	1958-59 *
A. McKeich	1957-58 *
G. List	1958-59 *

J. Hood R.S.L. 1934-38
C. Wright (Seniors) 1959.

Cubmasters:

Rev. G.W. Dent	1919
E. Hill	1924-26
	1929-30
H. Traill	1927-28
E. Traill	1930-36
Miss Wilson	1936 *
Miss M. Cameron	1936-39*
Miss S. Whittaker	1937-39*
W. Baker	1937-41
Miss Stewart	1938-39*
S. Laycock	1940-41
D. Cowie	1942-45
Misses	
Hamilton	1945-46*
Miss Calloway	1947
Miss Franks	1947 *
Mrs. J.E. Miller	1948
Miss J. Purdie	1949
R. Miller	1949 *
Miss B. Pole	1950-52
Miss Y. Wellwood	1950-52*
J. Duffield	1950-53
P. Mirfin	1953 *
Miss A. Pole	1954-56
Miss A. Routledge	1956-57
B. Packer	1956-58
Miss S. McGregor	1956-58*
Miss L. Hanson	1956 *
Miss E. Johnston	1956-58*
W. Kempt	1957 *
H. Duffield	1958-59
L.K. Bennett	1959

JAMBOREE REPRESENTATIVES.

1938 Sydney: R. Johns, H. Callow, S. Laycock, W. Baker,
L. Dovey and one other.
1947 Franch: B. O'Brien.
1952 Sydney: G. Snowden.
1959 Philippines: M. Duffield.

QUEEN'S SCOUTS.

No record is available of the King's Scouts before 1945 but the following awards have been made since that year:-
(Now known as Queen's Scouts)

1957 R. Carter: 1959 M. Dudfield and R. Jefferies.

CHAIRMEN, SECRETARIES-TREASURERS.

The records start at 1926:

Chairmen.

W.S. Rollings
D. Watson

W. Wigston
J.O. Pinhey
W. Wigston
C.W. Clift
Rev. A. Pyatt
Mrs
R. Zillwood

Secretary-Treasurers.

W. Keeble
P.A. Mason
G.W. Bruce
L.N. Turner

N. Cowie
L.G. Smith
T.S. Moss
J.W. Innes
S. Thomas
N. Routledge

W. Pettengall (Present)

L. Briggs (Secy)
A.K. Brown (Treas)

Present.
Mrs Dudfield (T)
A.R. Sparks (S)

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY.

Many parents are not taking the active interest in the Group that they should be. Why should the Scouters week by week all the year round give of their time to your boys if you are not prepared to attend the Annual Meeting and other special functions, and to see that your boys are smartly turned out, attend regularly and also behave themselves.

It is impossible to train Cubs and Scouts fully in the short time they have each week at the Scout Hall but YOU can help by seeing that they live up to their Law and Promise at home, that they help other people at all times and act as if Scouting really meant something to them.

Please help the Scouters all you can.

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