

Liverpool South *Scouting News*

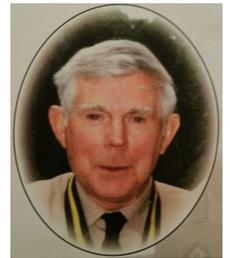
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To begin this issue of the Newsletter I do apologise for the lateness of circulation. Our Editor did send me the following pages some three weeks ago and things have been so hectic that I have only just found the time to finish the issue and add my opening comments.

2017 began on a sad note, when on 5th January, many of our older members and a few younger ones too, attended St Mary's Church in Hale Village for the funeral of our President, Peter Quint.

Peter passed away on 10th December, just 4 days after his 86th birthday.

Tony Jennions delivered a moving tribute as a Scout Leader and friend. His words included recollections that made many smile as we recalled a lifelong 'True Scout and Gentleman'.



Following the Church Service in Hale Village and the Committal at Springwood Crematorium many returned to Hale Village, to the Wellington Hotel, where food was served and we were able to remember Peter in a more informal setting, watching slide shows and swapping memories.

Peter first appears on our District Records as an Assistant Scout Leader in Mar 1952. Since then he held many roles including Scout Leader, District Commissioner (for Picton District, now closed), Assistant County Commissioner Scouts (Merseyside) and Deputy County Commissioner (Merseyside): the latter role he held until Mar 1996 as in those days your warranted service finished in the scouting year when you reached the age of 65.

In 2002 Peter was appointed District President of Picton District and when Picton District was merged into Liverpool South he became joint President with the then current President from the former Allerton District; Rod Sarsfield. When sadly Rod passed away a few years ago, Peter became the sole President of Liverpool South, a role he still held.

Peter was awarded the Medal of Merit in Dec 1973, Silver Acorn in April 1981, Bar to Silver Acorn in April 1988, and Silver Wolf in April 1995. The last Award he received was his 50 years Service Award in April 2008.

Truly, a lifetime of dedicated service. He will be missed by many who served with him.



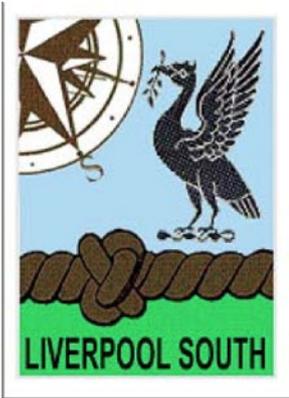
Peter George Quint
06/12/1930—10/12/2016

Our first month of 2017 has been a busy period as we prepare to welcome 2 new Groups in the District, Riverside Scout Group and Toxteth Salaam Scout Group. More news from these two groups will no doubt follow in our next issue but their progress can be seen on their social media sites. We wish them every success as they join the 'Adventure of Scouting'.

As we near the end of January, the annual task of completing the Census looms ahead.....

Thank you once again for all your efforts on behalf of the children of Liverpool South.

Brenda Hope
District Commissioner



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Editors Note

Welcome back to the new term, I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas break and have not put too much weight on!!

Thank you to everyone that has sent in items for inclusion in this newsletter, it is much appreciated, but , as I have stated previously it would be nice to hear from any Groups or sections who have yet to do so. Also, if you have any young people who would like to share their adventures with the District via the newsletter please give them every encouragement to do so. Photos are also welcome, a picture is worth a thousand words!

Please send news items in by the 14th April for publication at the end of the month.



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29th Picton Cubs and Beavers Bag Pack

Iceland and b&m save the Day!!



On Saturday 17th December, we arrived at Morrison's, in Belle Vale, to discover that we had been double booked, for our bag pack, despite frequent reassurances, in the preceding weeks, that all was booked for us. After panicking for a few minutes, we decided to go into the Shopping Precinct to find out if any of the stores could help us out, Iceland very kindly allowed us to bag pack in the morning. Luckily we had Ernie, who had the guide dog that he looked after with him, who knew the manager at B and M and was able to secure us a slot in the afternoon. Many, many, thanks to the managers of both shops. Group Scout Leader Pam Baines said 'We were very annoyed with Morrison's who offered no apology and did not seem

interested that we had spent many weeks planning our event to raise money for our Million Hands Project, 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' and a defibrillator for Childwall Methodist Church. Morrison's have offered us a £10 voucher to spend in their shop as compensation! Did we hear that they are hoping to take over the 'Farm to Fork Project'. Don't think any of us will be shopping there in the foreseeable future!!

Well done to all the Beavers and Cubs who achieved their Community 1 Badge and worked so hard and thanks also to the Leaders and parents who supported us.



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SCOUTS

25th Picton Scout Group

We have had a very busy time this term, with a number of visitors coming to our troop as well as home grown activities.

We had our first visitors back in September, when four members of a local troop came and demonstrated Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art fusion dance which combines dance, acrobatics and music. Everybody present learnt something new that night and a great time was had by all – many thanks to Alex and his guys for their time and efforts.



We had a combined fundraiser with our Cubs back in October to raise funds for the Liverpool Whitechapel Centre. This involved a rough sleep out in our grounds on the Friday night, with just cardboard to shelter us from the elements. We then had a cake sale and a donated toy/book sale. In total we raised a magnificent £900 – well done to all.

Peace at last (2am in the morning).



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25th Picton

We helped run a charity night to raise funds for a group defibrillator. This involved donations on the night for refreshments, quiz and disco etc. It was well attended – many thanks to those that helped in any way. This was the last in a series of events. We have now purchased a defibrillator for the hut and leaders from Scouts and Guides have attended a joint training event in it's use.

We enjoyed a combined scout/cub firework display that easily outshone the Mersey River festival attempt! We had fireworks that could be seen and heard by all & the obligatory hotdogs! Many thanks to Andrew the Cub Assistant Leader for organising this. We also invited a representative from the Whitechapel Centre to collect the cheque from our sleep out. She was grateful and gave a nice 5 minute speech about why the money is needed.

We attended the annual night hike with 8 of our newer Scouts who seemed to enjoy it and all have signed up for more hiking on the Winter Weekend Camp (more fool them!). Again, thanks for those who organise this.

We had some visitors from health services two weeks in a row in November. In the first week, which was run for our Million Hands Session, we concentrated on mental health issues. It was co-hosted by a local Dr of clinical psychology. We ran four exercises, which we hope have better informed the Scouts that mental health issues are an illness and not to be sneered at or made light off.

The 2nd week was fully run by 14th Walton-On-The-Hill group. 2 leaders and 5 of their scouts attended with approximately 15 Resusci Annie dolls to demonstrate and allow participation of CPR training. Many, many thanks to Karen & Kirsty for giving up their normal scouting duties that night to attend our group. It was nice reaching out to another group and hopefully we can return the favour in some way. I would also like to thank Sarah, one of our mums for helping organise this – parent involvement always makes things easier and helps spread the organisational load.

We also have had quite good attendance for this term's three Church Parades/Services.

We would also like to welcome our new assistant leader Natalie to our group. She has only recently joined but she will be attending Conwy in January so many of you will meet her then – please make her feel welcome.

Our year end session was held at Otterspool Adventure centre where 23 of our scouts and 2 foolish leaders attacked the obstacle course and then the Power Fan. All survived, a bit muddier and a bit dizzier – but I think they enjoyed it.

Happy New year to all.

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4th Allerton

A century of nostalgia at the 'old boys' re-union

More than 50 'old boys' – and a few ladies – former boy scouts and sea scouts, senior scouts and ventures, leaders past and present came together in early October to celebrate the 4th Allerton's Centenary with members travelling from Surrey, Oxfordshire, Leicestershire, the Midlands, the NE and the length and breadth of Merseyside and The Wirral.

There were also messages of support from ex-members in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the Far East. And nearer to home expressions of support from former Senior Scoutmaster Colin Ambrose (living Formby), long time member Alan Williams (now near Llangollen) and former Sea Scout David Norbury (now Formby).

The troop, then registered as the 128th Liverpool, had formed in 1915 with half a dozen youngsters from Garston village area as the Kangaroo Patrol, to embrace the ideas of Chief Scout Robert Baden Powell. A young leader, a local grocer, Arthur Scott, was invited to become the first Scoutmaster....and the rest, as they say, is history.

The Group has enjoyed unbroken service to the boys and young men of Allerton and Garston ever since, and a large collection of photographs recording the years and events was on show for past members to enjoy.

The Centenary Re-union was celebrated at Heath Hall, Heath Road just a stone's throw from where the 128th spent most of its life under the sponsorship of the former Garston Congregational Church at the Garston Old Road/ Whitehedge Road junction, the corner of Garston Park. It's also believed the first ever camps were held on a nearby Greenhill Road farm.

Star Prize

The Re-union was planned and prepared by a small committee of 'old boys', sea scouts of the 1970s and 80s, with Peter Grieve and John Fraser giving the lead with support from old mates Sean Connell, Richard Bone now an RN Commander, retired police officer Carl Moss and Ian Stephenson who acted as compere on the night.

Sean, a gifted taxidermist and artist, donated a beautiful painting illustrating a memorable overnight troop flotilla expedition up Loch Etive which was the star prize in a draw won by one of the troop's occasional helpers, Phil Hunking.

One small circle of pals now in their late 70s was represented by the Clugston brothers with Ian Jackson who were scouts in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Richard led the party in a song written by them as a tribute to an old favourite campsite, Dobbo's farm at Frodsham; a further circle of 'pensioners', Fred Stokes, Stafford Stuchbury, Brian Smith, Ian Robertson, the Hunking brothers and Dave Hope recalled the late 1950s and early 60s..... and so it went on. Nostalgia is noticeably stronger once men turn 30!

Welsh night hike's frosty reception

A DOZEN hardy souls supported the troop's participation in a Night Hike event organized by Liverpool South District Scouts in the area of Llanferres and Maeshafn villages close to the well-known area of Loggerheads and Colemendy.

Eight troops including the Sea Scouts completed the six mile route in the dark on Friday November 25 with night-time temperatures of minus 4C. The result was a winter wonderland of frosted grass, frozen leaves, freezing mists and a sparkling starlit night sky devoid of city light pollution. However slippery stiles, Artic metal 'kissing' gates and treacherous iced stepping stones over icy brooks also had to be contended with.

Each of the sea scouts was equipped with a heat-sealed Ordnance Survey sheet and route instructions and older scouts played a key role in navigating the party through the four hour walk. The troop only got lost twice! But the simple mistakes were soon rectified and the troop completed the walk within the allotted four hours.

It was a magical night and hopefully young members will carry memories of the event into the future.

It was a testing time for the leaders too. They had to steel themselves at the welcoming sight of Maeshafn's Miners' Arms pub with its cosy interior, wood burning fires and.....stride on into the Baltic night!

Thanks have been expressed to Peter Jones, Martyn Hurley and Stev Lewry for providing car transport and to the elders of Allerton URC who gave permission for the party to 'bunk down' at 1am to save parents having to leave home in the early hours to collect their sons.

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4th Allerton

Remembrance Day

Troop members have been congratulated on the pleasing turnout given on Remembrance Sunday when attending a service led by guest minister, Gwynfor Evans.

Special thanks went to Patrol leaders Chris McCarthy, Cameron Ward and Sam Wilde for leading Bible readings and prayers, to Matthew Bolland who acted as flag bearer and to the rest of the troop who read out more than two dozen names of the fallen in two World Wars, members of Allerton church's congregation, and laid individual poppies at the communion table in their memory.

The names, service details and their local home addresses, gave today's young people a personal connection to the tragic loss of life among local young men.

Allerton's local knowledge night hike

Unable to use the church halls in early November because of an amateur dramatics presentation, the 4th Allerton sea scouts donned warm clothing and walking boots and struck out on a local night hike taking in Calderstones Park, Allerton Golf course, Allerton Towers, Clark Gardens, Allerton Cemetery, Woolton's Camp Hill, Woolton Woods, a popular 'chippy' in Woolton Village and return via Calderstones Park.

On the way round the route, leader David Hope, would call a halt and give the sea scouts an account of the history of the area. Most of the large estates had been in private family ownership until the years following the 14-18 War. The route took 2.5 hours to complete and is recommended as a family walk or cycle route:

- **CALDERSTONES PARK:** 126 acres, a collection of Neolithic sandstone boulders carved with symbols and markings together with urns containing human remains were found in the 1700s. The boulders are now housed in a glasshouse. Other historic features include: Allerton Oak, 1000 years old under which a local court used to assemble; the park was previously owned by the Maclver shipping family and the land became a public park in the 1920s
- **ALLERTON MANOR GOLF CLUB:** established 1924. Its mansion house was built for Jacob Fletcher in 1815 and stayed with the Fletcher family until 1944 when it was gutted by fire
- **CLARKE GARDENS:** seat of Allerton Manor for 850 year, passed to famous citizen, lawyer and politician William Roscoe who left Allerton Hall to the city. The final Lord of the Manor was Thomas Clarke who died in 1911 and his family presented the estate to the city to be used as a public park.
- **ALLERTON CEMETERY:** the first land was purchased by the city in 1906 and was consecrated by the Bishop of Liverpool in September 1909. Three further additional purchase have followed down the decades and the cemetery now runs to 150 acres with 80,000 graves.
- **CAMP HILL AND WOOLTON WOODS:** 74 acres, part of Woolton Hall estate acquired by Liverpool Corporation in the 1920s. There is believed to have been an Iron Age fort on the crest of Camp Hill with the name Woolton derived from Anglo-Saxon Wulfa and Tun which means village ie Wulfa Tun. Woolton Hall was in the ownership of the Ashton family but in the 1850s passed to William Shand who had married into the Ashton family. It was then acquired by the Gaskell family and sold to Liverpool Corporation in the 1920s.
- **ALLERTON TOWER PARK:** part of the original Allerton Hall Estate with the house built for Sir Hardman Earle the 1st Baronet of Allerton Tower in 1869. Successor family members sold the land to Liverpool Corporation in 1924 and it opened as a public park soon after.

FINALLY, a warm welcome to...new faces Nathan McKay, Joe Foy and Harry Parker who have been introduced to the troop by school pals. And leader Chris Franks, on leave from his survey vessel to pay a visit.

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EXPLORERS

Cooking Competition

At the end of November the 2nd Allerton hosted a cooking event at their H.Q., Clearview, in Mossley Hill. The Vale Explorers entered two teams, the 2nd Allerton their Young Leaders and teams from the 48th and 286th Ranger Guides. The teams had to produce a three course meal which then had to be judged on presentation and taste. The teams were also judged on other factors such as health and safety, hygiene and teamwork.

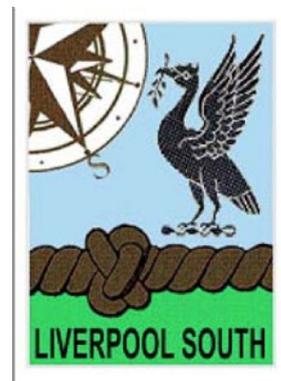
All the teams entered into the spirit of the event and competition was quite intense the eventual winners being the Ranger Guides.

Unbiased judging was carried out by two members of the SASU.

The evening was declared a great success with everyone having a good time!!



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Group News

24th Picton

Last September was a special month for the 24th Picton with lots of activities related to the First World War including making wall posters and dozens of red poppies. The activities led up to a special night commemorating the death of the founder of the Group - Lieutenant Charles H Buttery, 6th Battalion, Kings Liverpool who was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme.

Ray Ireland, our Group Chairman, has done a lot of research into the history of the 24th Picton - originally the 33rd Liverpool, founded in 1910. His researches uncovered the fact that apart from Lieut Buttery, a further fifteen members of the Group were killed in action in the 1st World War, the youngest being just 15 years old! All their names are now included on the roll of honour at the Town Hall.

Special brass plaques have been made and were unveiled at our Headquarters by our Late District President, Peter Quint during a very moving ceremony which included some appropriate poetry being read and prayers said.

Peter in his special way inspired us all to carry on Scouting and wished us well for the future. He will not be forgotten.

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Cubs Lantern Promise Parade

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cub Scouting the Cub section organized a Lantern Promise Parade which was held in Calderstones Park. The Groups met up near the car park at Yew Tree Road complete with candles (battery operated) lanterns and various flashing fairy lights.



The Parade was led by the Beatlife Samba Band which made for a very noisy and colourful procession through the park. The Parade eventually arrived at the greenhouse which was impressively lit up with LED lighting especially for the evening (thanks to Dave Collett and his team).

At 19.16pm all of the Cubs and their leaders, in keeping with other Groups and Districts the length and breadth of the country, renewed their Scout Promise. This was followed by short addresses from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Stephen Yip, County Commissioner Alan Seeley and District Commissioner Brenda Hope.

The Cubs, Leaders and parents then made their way to the Courtyard where the SASU (Scout Active Support Unit) were serving hot dogs and cold drinks. Ice cream and hot drinks were also available from the ice cream parlour next door (thanks to the Reader Organisation for opening up!!)

Overall, the event was a great success with 10 Groups taking part which resulted in over 400 people in attendance. Al, the Samba Band leader said it was 'the best gig they had done all year'.

All the proceeds are to be shared between three charities, the Reader Organisation, the Beatlife Samba Band and the Harthill Disabled Riding School.

Also thanks to the Scout Network for turning out and helping where required.

