

## The 1930's: From the 1931 start to the War

The first mention of Baden Powell's 1907 heritage is in the Easter 1931 Schola Regia, where 'Wolf Cubs at Jock's Lodge' are announced. 'Miss Brown' is to be in charge, with Misses Hamilton and Henderson as her assistants, 1939 saw a cessation of activities until the following year...

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### Wolf Cubs at Jock's Lodge.

THIS is a School of many activities, and a new and interesting one has been started at Jock's Lodge.

We have no Boy Scout Troop in School, but we have now the next best thing, a Pack, as it is called, of Wolf Cubs, the junior section of the Boy Scout Movement. Miss Brown is in charge of the Pack, with Miss Hamilton and Miss Henderson of the Preparatory School as her assistants.

There are over fifty in our new Pack, really far too many, and whether it will keep up that strength remains to be seen. We meet at three o'clock on Monday afternoons in the Hall at Jock's Lodge, which is ideal for the purpose. The uniform is navy blue trousers and jersey, green cap and neckerchief of, probably, School colours. The boys are tremendously keen, and there is not a scrap of that stiffness supposed to be inseparable from school companies.

What are Cubs, and what do they do? They are the young brothers of Scouting, boys too young to be Scouts (the age is eight to eleven), and you have probably seen them often, in their green caps and gay neckerchiefs. When Lord Baden-Powell started the Scout movement in 1907, he realised that great numbers of small boys were bitterly disappointed that they were not allowed to join. He knew that the Scout training was not suitable for boys under eleven years of age, so he started Wolf Cubs for the little ones, with a training and scheme all their own. The pattern Wolf Cub is Mowgli, of the Jungle Book, brought up by real wolves, and trained in all the lore of the jungle. Our jungle lore is signalling, knots, first-aid, etc.—not primarily for their own sakes, but for the character training they provide—handwork, nature study, games, stories, and all the romance that a boy's imagination loves. We have our Council Circle and ceremonies, our Camp Fires, tracking and woodcraft picnics on warm summer Saturdays, and a host of other adventures. Our aim is the building of character and self-control, and the shaping of manly, self-reliant boys who may one day make better men and better citizens.

When a boy becomes a Wolf Cub he takes this Promise:—

"I Promise to do my best to be loyal, and to do my duty to God and the King, and to keep the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack, and to do a Good Turn to somebody every day."

The Law is that a Cub gives in to the Old Wolf; a Cub never gives in to himself. The Motto of Wolf Cubs all over the world is "Do Your Best," and if our boys try to live up to all this, if they get the right "Play the game" spirit of Scouting, we may expect great things in the future.

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### The 12th Portobello (R.H.S.) Troop.

As the want of a Scout Troop in the School has often been felt in the past, the news that this defect will soon be remedied will be received with satisfaction by former and present pupils alike. In days gone by, a large number of pupils have been connected with various troops throughout the city, but it is a pity that the School should not benefit from this energy which is expended elsewhere. Scouting does require a great deal of energy, and has no use for people who tackle their work half-heartedly.

The Scout's main purpose is service; he promises on his honour to help other people on every possible occasion. His training is intended to make him a good citizen and capable of relying upon himself. Moreover, a good Scout never reckons how much he is going to get from the movement, but how much he is going to put into it. The return, however, which he receives for his service is more than adequate, because, quite apart from the thrill everyone feels when he does a good turn to another, and does it ungrudgingly, the Scout gains invaluable experience which will serve him well in later life.

Scout training is complementary to that of the school-room. It is the duty of the Scoutmaster not so much to instruct in specified subjects as to encourage the boy to learn for himself those things which interest him individually.

For that reason there is a wide range of badges dealing with crafts, hobbies, etc., and embodying a variety of practical knowledge. These badges encourage and help a boy to make himself efficient in dealing with accidents and emergencies, in directing people who are strangers to his city, in nursing invalids, and, in short, in doing all that is likely to be useful to himself and his fellow-citizens.

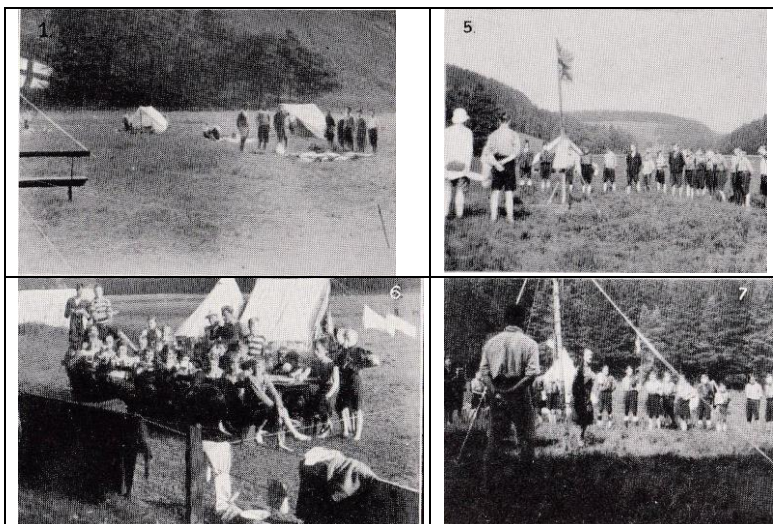
Unfortunately, it may be found necessary to confine membership of the School Troop to the Qualifying Classes at present. Pupils, too, who are connected with other Troops, will not ordinarily be permitted to join; a real Scout is loyal—always.

Since the beginning of May, a study patrol of potential Patrol Leaders and Seconds for the Troop to be officially formed in October next, has been learning the rudiments of Scoutercraft. Corstorphine woods have been the scene of three enjoyable evenings spent in tracking, cooking, and tenderfoot work. Incidentally, the most exciting experience of these excursions was the capture of a burglar and his "swag" on the Queensferry Road. I must add, also, that the fellows in this Patrol have made remarkable progress, and given great encouragement to their Scoutmasters.

You fellows who are intending to become Boy Scouts, make up your minds to do your utmost to make the R.H.S. Troop a first-class Troop, and a credit to your glorious School. The obligation rests on your shoulders as much as on your leaders'. We must be determined to make our presence felt in the Scout world, as efficient Scouts, as real Scouts. Remember that a real Scout is a credit to a Brotherhood which clasps hands right round the world. HERBERT J. BELL.

1931 Easter Schola Regia – the first mention... 'Miss Brown' is to be in charge, with Misses Hamilton and Henderson as her assistant. It was duty to God and the **King** (George V) in those days.

1931 Summer Schola Regia – Herbert J Bell (presumably Scoutmaster) – explains (at length) what Scouting is all about



Photos from the 1932 Carcant (Heriot) Camp



### The Wolf Cubs.

The first milestone has been reached in the history of the Cub Pack at Jock's Lodge. The Cubs have all passed their Tenderpad Test, and have now been enrolled as real Wolf Cubs, members of the great Scout family and brothers of all Scouts and Cubs in every land. On Monday, the 8th of June, we had an interesting ceremony, when over fifty Cubs, very smart in navy blue uniform with green neckerchiefs, took the Wolf Cub Promise and received their Tenderpad badges. Miss Hamilton and Miss Henderson, who are new members of the Scout movement, took the Promise first. We had our first visitors that day too, which made the occasion even more important. Several members of the Preparatory School Staff stayed to visit the Pack, and the Rector came to hand over the badges after enrolment, while the Rev. John E. Penman, M.A., a Former Pupil of the School, gave a short talk and dedicated the Pack to service.

We are to be known officially as the "12th Portobello (Royal High School) Pack," and we shall have green neckerchiefs with the School badge sown on. We have divided ourselves into six "Sixes," or groups, with Sixers and Seconds in charge. The newly appointed Sixers and Seconds are:—

Green Wolves—Sixer, Crofton Logan; Second, Tom Noble.  
White Wolves—Sixer, David Murray; Second, Lewis Powrie.  
Red Wolves—Sixer, Riddell Tait; Second, Andrew Anderson.  
Tawny Wolves—Sixer, Donald Gunn; Second, Charlie Rhind.  
Grey Wolves—Sixer, Ian McKellar; Second, James Rowan.  
Brown Wolves—Sixer, David Baird; Second (at present vacant).

The wolf is chosen as the emblem of all that is strong and enduring, loyal and disciplined in Scouting. Our pattern Cub is Mowgli of Kipling's "Jungle Book," who was brought up by wolves, and learned from them all the wisdom of the jungle.

After the summer holidays we expect that some of the Cubs will pass up to the newly-formed Scout Troop, but meantime we shall work hard and try to gain our First Stars, a great achievement!

JESSIE P. BROWN.

### The Scouts

THE School Troop, with a membership of thirty-six, is now in full swing. There are six patrols, the P.L.'s being Christie, Gibb, Ross, Catford, Borthwick and Bell.

Since October the majority of the original Study Patrol have gained their Second Class, while the new recruits, including Cubs from the Pack at the Preparatory School, have been directing their attention to Tenderfoot work. In addition, evenings have been spent in different branches of Scout work, with the intention of giving the younger boys a general idea of the interests of Scouting, such as Fire, Kim and his Story, Judgment, Woggle-making, Bridge-building, Practical Map-drawing, etc. A series of short lectures to be delivered by medical students has been arranged to help candidates for the Ambulance Badge, and Peter Tait gave us the first lecture last Friday. A Troop Library, run on a novel method, is managed by John Scott, while Ian Catford is the Troop Historian.

We were visited during the term by Colonel Maxwell, the District Commissioner, and by Mr Lewis, the District S.M. The Scoutmasters greatly appreciated these visits from two friends who have been so willing to advise and help us. On the 27th October the S.M. and the Peewit Patrol visited the 9th Portobello, and spent a happy evening with them.

Reviewing the work of the term as a whole, the Scoutmasters are gratified by the keenness which the boys have shown, but would be glad of the interest, whether in the form of advice or criticism, of parents and friends. The Troop meets in the Gymnasium on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, and anyone who wishes to pay us a visit and see us at our work will be welcomed.

H. J. B.

### 12th Portobello (The Royal High School) Wolf Cub Pack

THE Pack is going on very well this term. A fairly small Pack is much more "chummy" than a large one, and we are doing our best to keep our numbers down to thirty-six. That is not so easy as it sounds, but some day we may have six perfect Sixes. Meantime we have six very good Sixers and six almost as good Seconds, and if the Pack ever becomes a really excellent one, it will be because of the hard work and keenness of its Sixers and Seconds.

We have had only one special event worthy of notice during the term, although there are a few very important things just about to happen. Our one big occasion was a "Going Up" Ceremony on 9th November. To the poor people who know nothing about Cubbing that might mean just anything, but to us it meant that four of us had grown so old and so big that we could really and truly go up to the Scout Troop. Scouting is like a family, with little brothers, big brothers, and bigger brothers. The little brothers are the Cubs, and they romp and make-believe, and by their games and stories and handwork try to learn the first beginning of Scouting—how to play the game—to develop some part of the self-reliance which every boy needs, and to grasp the team spirit and so realise that there are other quite important people in the world as well as themselves. But the Cubs grow old, and the time comes when they find they want to be doing more grown-up things and tackling more difficult problems. Then they go up to the Scout Troop. The Cubs stand round one end of the Hall, and the Scouts round the other, with a symbolic chalk line between, and the new Scouts, after taking farewell of the Pack, step over the chalk line and so go up to be Scouts and big brothers. Some day they will step over the line that divides them from manhood, and the things they learned in their Cubby days may help them to play the game there too.

There are two very important things going to happen soon. We are having two parties. To one—a real Christmas Party—we mean to invite some boys from the Pleasance and Prestonfield who cannot have quite such a good time of it as we have. And to the other we shall invite our fathers and mothers. We are thinking out a Christmas "Good Turn" too, and in a very short time we shall be gloriously busy.

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Glimpse of domestic history, after Form III.B. :—  
"William III. was not communicative. His wife Mary did all the talking."

*The 1931 Christmas SR shows that six sixers have been selected – Jessie P Brown reports*

*The 1931 Christmas SR shows that six scout patrols have been formed*

*Attendance was regularly 36, and a going-up was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1931*

## Wolf Cubs

On Monday, 14th November, fourteen Cubs went "up" to the Scout Troop.

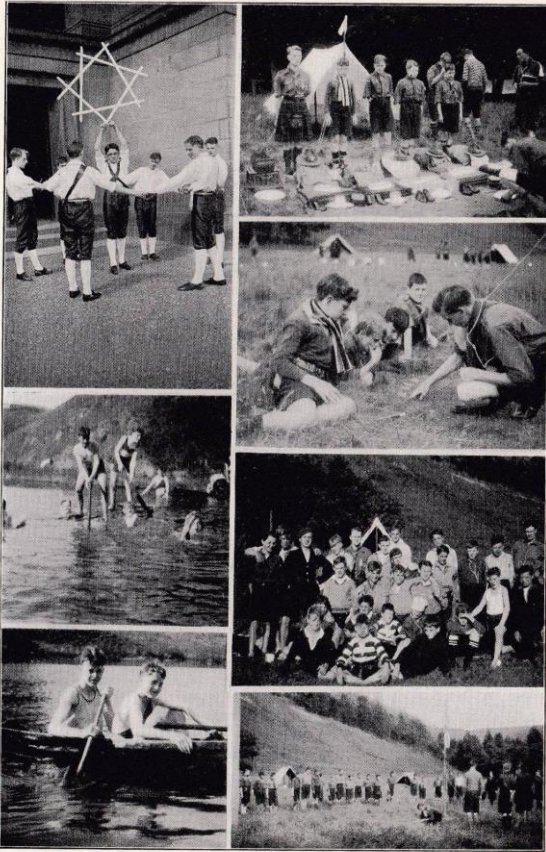
The Cubs gathered round the Hall in an immense horse-shoe, with the Scouts at the open end, and the symbolic chalk line between the two groups. The fourteen Cubs who have grown too old—it is amazing how quickly they do this!—stood expectant on the Cub side of the chalk line, and after good-byes had been said, they turned their backs for ever on such childish things as Cubs, and stepped over the line right into Scouting and big-boyhood. Let us hope they will take with them, not much knowledge perhaps, but a few lasting impressions, and an idea of how to play the game, even when they are on the losing side.

The Cubby way of saying good-bye to Cubs going on to the Scouts is to give them the Cub Howl. It is a very great honour to be given the Cub Howl all to yourself, especially if you are a grown-up visiting the Cubs. The Cub gets the honour only twice while he is a Cub—when he is enrolled and when he leaves to join the Scouts.

After the "going-up" ceremony we had a camp-fire, when we taught the Scouts—and the Rector and the Scout-master—some new and wonderful songs, about the ten dwindling blue-bottles, the spider who *would* get up the spout, the spreading chestnut tree, and several other things.

The Rector and Colonel Maxwell have been our only visitors this term, and we love visitors. Parents and members of the Staff who feel curious about our doings, or who merely take a friendly interest in us, will be very welcome on Monday afternoons at three o'clock. We are in good form just now, and on our very best behaviour, for some of us have been promoted to take the place of the Sixers and Seconds who have "gone up." Fred McCulloch, William Johnston, George Carruthers, George Elliot, Russel Brown and John Napier are the new Sixers, and Denny Scougall, Ralph Ross, John Dunn, David Dawson, Oliver Watt and Gilmour Divens the new Seconds.

We are very happily looking forward to our big Christmas Good Turn. We try hard to do one Good Turn to somebody every day, but sometimes, to make up for the daily Good Turns we forget to do, we have a big one. And this year again we are going to invite to a Christmas Party some of the Prestonfield Cubs, who don't have half such a good time as we have. We shall tell you all about it next term.



1. The Scout Sword-Dance

2-7. Scenes at the Camp at Carcant, Heriot

1932 Scout Camp at Carcant, Heriot (near Borthwick Hall)  
Other photos are at 1933 Xmas p50. Note that 'boating' in  
some form was already an activity.

1932 Christmas SR Wolf Cubs report- Six new sixers and  
Seconds



## Wolf Cubs

ON 18th January the Cubs gave a party to thirty little guests from the University Settlement Pack at Prestonfield. With nearly seventy boys in good party form, there was no doubt about the enjoyment of both guests and hosts. We began with quite the most uproarious game we have ever heard or imagined. It would be impossible to try to describe it, but the air was full of penetrating miaows and the loud insistent barking of dogs! After that we played two quieter games and—a tremendous treat!—had a real cinematograph show all to ourselves. The pictures were most amusing, and even the grown-ups enjoyed them.

Then came *the* event of the evening. The tables looked very interesting with their gaily coloured napkins and rows of bright crackers, not to mention the rich promise of good things to eat. The Cubs had great fun sorting themselves out and collecting their affinities, each School Cub being pledged to act the perfect host towards one guest, and make certain that he enjoyed himself and had enough to eat. We did not want to enjoy *ourselves*. The important thing was to make our guests enjoy themselves, and it was splendid to find at the end that we, too, had had a very happy time. We put away a considerable amount of food, in the way that boys usually do, and some of our friends looked so white and thin that we felt it must surely fill them out a little if we stuffed them as full as possible. The look of wonder in the eyes of some of our boys, happy and well cared for, as they watched these poor little Cubs eating and eating, and pressed them to have more, even the cakes they would have liked themselves, made one long for the day when all children will have their share of the pleasures of happy childhood.

After tea we saw more pictures, and then we had to search diligently to find our guests' presents, which were hidden here and there and labelled with the affinity names. Each School Cub gave a present of a toy or some other desirable thing to one of the Prestonfield boys, and Miss Hamilton and Miss Henderson had tied them all up most beautifully. Every boy also found a packet of sweets for himself, and we sat round the red glow of the camp fire and munched our sweets and sang songs as best we could. Mr Turner then said good-bye to the younger guests for us, and told us how much he and the other grown-up guests had enjoyed themselves. And so ended our very jolly party.

1933 Easter p91 Cubs

## Wolf Cubs

THE Cubs have been doing a great deal of Country Dancing this term, the result of which will be seen at the School Concert on 21st July, when they will join with the Scouts in a number of dances. The Cubs are indebted to Mr Buchan for his great help in teaching these dances, and to their mothers, who have done so much in the making of costumes.

The Pack would also like, I am sure, to give a big "Woof" of welcome to their new Group Scoutmaster, Mr Law, and to wish him "Good hunting."

As Miss Brown is leaving the Pack at this time, Miss Hamilton and Miss Henderson will now be Joint Cubmasters.

The following boys are to be congratulated on passing

the First Star tests. Most of them will go up to the Troop after the summer holidays, and we hope they will carry with them, into Scouting and always, the good things they have learned in Cubbing, and the determination to

"DYB! DYB! DYB!"

Their names are: Russel Brown, Allan Cameron, George Carruthers, David Dawson, Gilmour Divens, John Dunn, George Elliot, William Johnston, John Napier, Ralph Ross, Denny Scougall, Oliver Watt and Frederick McCulloch.

1933 Summer p132-133 Cubs. New Group Scoutmaster Mr Law (English teacher)

## The 12th Portobello (R.H.S.) Scout Troop

THE early part of the term was taken up with preparations for the Concert given by both the A and B Troops at Cameron House, Prestonfield. The Concert, which took place on 26th May, was a great success, and a sum of about £4 was handed over to the Cameron House Troop, on whose behalf the Concert was given.

The other outstanding event of the term was the District Shield Competition. This took the form of a week-end Camp, and a Patrol was entered from both Troops.

The A Troop was successful in winning the Shield for the second year in succession.

The B Troop did very well, however, despite their comparative youth, and obtained fourth place.

At the District Sports on 1st July the A Troop were runners-up for the trophy. An amusing incident of the sports was when the B Troop overcame the A Troop in the tug-of-war.

After the Sports, the County Commissioner presented the District Shield and Flag to the Troop. He exhorted the Troop to do their best to keep the Shield, but at the same time he told the other Troops not to be over-awed, and to do their best not to let the winners keep it.

During this term both Troops have had some enjoyable meetings on Corstorphine Hill, and look forward to having several more before the summer holidays.

All who can go are looking still further forward, with eager anticipation, to that great event of the year, the Summer Camp, which will again be at Carcant, Heriot, the campers' paradise.

J. C. C.

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## Miss Brown

"SCHOOL will never be the same when Miss Brown has gone"—so say all of us. During some nine years we have learned to look to her for guidance in every matter, be it time tables, appointments, addresses, departmental forms, scouting, everything. She has been our great "First Aid." Gifted with an intelligence that is a joy to encounter, with a cheerfulness of disposition that never finds anything too arduous, with a gracious smile that encourages the most timid seeker after the truth, and an imperturbability of temper that no rudeness or crass stupidity ever ruffles, Miss Brown was the ideal Rector's secretary, the chum of the small boy, the counsellor of the Sixth Former and the friend of everyone. The School congratulates Miss Brown on her approaching marriage and wishes her every possible happiness.

Miss Jessie P Brown leaves to get married. Returns as a Junior school teacher in 1942 or 1943



## The 12th Portobello (R.H.S.) Scout Troop

THIS Term we have had two most interesting lectures. The first, on "Model Engineering," by Mr Cameron of the Edinburgh Society of Model Engineers, was illustrated by many photographs. Mr Cameron demonstrated his work with numerous models. The second lecture was on "Rope-making," by Mr Eccles. Like the first, this talk was well illustrated, and proved of great value.

On Friday, 26th January, we had our annual "Beano." Everyone enjoyed the food and subsequent entertainment.

Some of the P.L.'s were invited to the Cubs' Birthday Party on Tuesday, 21st February, and they spent there a most enjoyable evening. The P.L.'s also visited the 24th Waverley Troop on Friday, 9th February.

A new system of marking was introduced on 23rd February. This has made competition much keener.

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On the 27th and 28th of this month the Troop will visit the Calton Hill Observatory.

We regret exceedingly that pressure of studies has prevented our popular S.M., Mr H. J. Bell, from attending meetings regularly, but we know that he has our interests always before him, and we trust that we shall have him back with us before long.  
J. W. B.

### Wolf Cubs

#### 12th PORTOBELLO (R.H.S.) PACK

THIS has been a busy Term for the Recruits, who have now passed their Tenderpad Test and are full members of the Pack.

The important event of the term was the Party, which this year took place upon the third Birthday of the Pack. As before, the Cubs invited the boys of the Prestonfield Pack to share with them the many joys of the Party, from the Birthday Cake to the Conjuror, who amazed and delighted us all, and gave to two of his "victims" a few anxious moments.

Several of the older Cubs are now working hard for their First Star, which they hope to receive in a few week's time.

For some weeks at the beginning of the Term Miss Henderson was unable to be present at the Pack meetings, and the Cubs would take this opportunity of again thanking Miss Barnett and the Scouts who gave such helpful service during that time.

## The 12th Portobello (R.H.S.) Group

### WOLF CUBS

THE Summer activities of the Pack have been many and varied.

A few boys have joined the Pack, and the older Cubs have been working hard for "First Stars."

At the Portobello District Sports, held in the School's Playing Field at Duddingston Road on Friday, 25th May, the boys selected to represent the Pack took second place among the thirteen Packs of the District.

A number of the older boys have been chosen to take

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part in the "Scoutin' Schaw" at Dregghorn on July 14th, when all parents and friends will have an opportunity of being present. In the meantime, the boys concerned have been engaged in many practices.

No Summer Term would be complete without a picnic. This will take place on Monday, 16th July.

### BOY SCOUTS

ON Good Friday, March 30th, the Scout Troops, both Junior and Senior, spent an enjoyable day on the Pentlands.

The two Troops set off from two different points, intending to converge, have a scrap, and then lunch together at Glencorse Reservoir. After a skilful piece of tracking, the Senior Troop charged down upon its "enemy"—to find that it was merely a harmless party of B.B.'s! The scent, however, was soon picked up again, only to be lost in another wild goose chase.

By this time lunch was obviously indicated. The Troop ate none the less heartily despite the absence of the younger Troop, and, after some strenuous games, both Troops returned home well pleased with the outing, although all had not gone according to plan.

Some members of the 24th Waverley Troop paid us a visit on Friday, 11th May. We had a pleasant evening with them, and an enjoyable sing-song.

We have had several enjoyable meetings this Term on Corstorphine Hill, and there have been a number of week-end camps at Easter Newton, where the Troop has been fortunate in securing a very fine week-end camp site.

These week-end camps have provided the younger fellows with excellent training for the great event of the year, the Summer Camp.

This year we are having a change from our beloved Carcant. The Camp is to be held at Freeland Farm, Forgandenny, in lovely Perthshire.

Our S.M. assures us that it is an excellent Camp site, and we are looking forward to the first eleven days of August with eager anticipation.  
J. C. C.

Top article – 1934 Easter p70 – Scouts. H J Bell leaves  
Lower article – 1934 Easter p70 – Cubs – Miss Barnett helps out

Top article – 1934 Summer p126 - Cubs  
Lower article – Pentlands and Easter Newton trips, annual camp to be at Forgandenny, Perthshire

## Scout Notes

CERTAINLY the most important Scouting event since the Group's activities were last in print was the Rugby match played at Jock's Lodge on 8th March.

The "B" Troop challenged the "A" Troop—just imagine it!—they challenged the "A" Troop.

Well, of course, everyone knew what the result would be—well, I mean to say. . . .

But the "B" Troop put up a very good fight, despite its obvious disadvantages in the way of size and weight, and managed to make three points.

The score was 29-3.

A new system of running the "A" Troop meetings has been brought into operation whereby every second meeting is organised and conducted by two of the Patrol Leaders.

March 8th was the date of the first of these P.L.-managed meetings, and with P.L.'s J. Borthwick and F. Dillon in charge, it was highly successful.

Plans for a "Parents' Night" are now in the hands of a very capable committee, which expects to be able to make a definite announcement very soon.  
J. C. C.

1935 Easter p90 Scouts. A troop beats B troop at rugby  
PL's manage the troop meeting



## The 12th Portobello (R.H.S.) Wolf Cub Pack

SINCE the Christmas holidays, the two Packs have added to their numbers, and are now almost at full strength.

The Party, which took place on February 13th, was greatly enjoyed by the Cubs and their guests from a West Port Pack. They entered with great enthusiasm into a full programme of games, while, after tea, empty plates told an eloquent tale of their own. Through the kindness of the Misses and Mr MacKerchar, two very interesting groups of lantern slides were shown. A number of the Scouts did a "big-brotherly" good turn by entertaining their "small brothers" with sketches.

It was a matter for regret that the Rector and Mr Somerville were unable to be present. The C.M.'s and A.C.M. would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who, by their kindness and generosity, helped to make the Party a success.

On Friday, February 22nd, a few of the older Cubs took part in the County Sing-Song held in the Assembly Hall in the Mound.

On Saturday, March 23rd, the two Packs hope to be presented for the Totem Pole Competition open to Packs in the Portobello District.

On the occasion of the fourth birthday of the Pack, Mrs Young presented a framed photograph of the Chief Scout. This gift is greatly appreciated, and will always be one of the Pack's most treasured possessions.

1935 Easter p91 Cubs – Mrs Young presents a gift

### Wolf Cubs

A-ke-la-we'll-do-our-best! The Grand Howl burst upon Ibrox Park like a bomb as it broke from the lusty lungs of hundreds of Cubs from all over Scotland.

This was the day of the National Rally at Glasgow on Saturday, 4th June, and although the weather was not on its best behaviour, it did not damp our enjoyment of the great occasion.

A stirring battle between cave-men and Romans roused us all to enthusiasm. The landing of St. Columba was another interesting item. We got very excited when we heard the sound of rifle shots as Covenanters fled from pursuing Red-coats. The Pageant of All Nations was grand, and you may be sure that Britannia in "her" chariot got a specially loud cheer. An ever swelling mass of Scouts formed a ring round Sir Iain Colquhoun as he lit fiery crosses which were carried out to the four corners of the field. A. F.

On Saturday, 4th June, our Cub Pack, along with many others, visited the Empire Exhibition. Unfortunately we were delayed at the station owing to a shortage of trains.

When we arrived at the Empire we were astounded at the gorgeous spectacle that met our gaze. The tower soared high into the air, along with many gaily decorated pavilions.

First we visited the Canadian Pavilion, where we saw a "Mountie" Policeman dressed in his patrol uniform, which consisted of a scarlet tunic lined with gold tassels at the middle; he also wore riding breeches and spurs. After that, we visited the spectacular Victoria Falls. The model of the falls was realistic. The atmosphere must have been the same as the tropical African heat.

Then, to crown our visit to the Empire, we visited the Amusement Park, which was best of all. Firstly, in the Park we went to the Crazy House, which made us shriek with laughter, and then we went to the roundabouts which increased speed every minute, and was very thrilling. Owing to a shortage of time, we had to leave the Exhibition and go for dinner; then on to the Ibrox Park Rally. We all enjoyed our time at the Empire Exhibition. J. C.

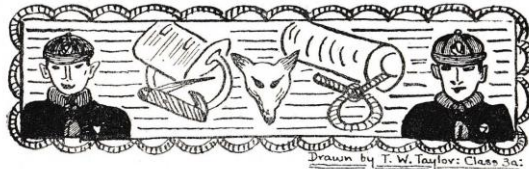
1938 Summer Schola Regia p177 Cubs National Rally in Glasgow and the Empire Exhibition. Signed by 'A.F. and 'J.C.

## The 12th Portobello (R.H.S.) Scout Troop

THE special feature in this Term's scouting is of course the Rally at Murrayfield, where we will be honoured by a visit from the King and Queen.

On the favoured few of the Troop who have been chosen to go to the Jamboree in Holland we shower our good wishes for an enjoyable holiday, and trust they will be able to get their tongues round the necessary guttural Dutch phrases.

Now we are all looking forward to our Summer Camp, to be held in the first fortnight in August. May the campfires be bright and the company cheerful, and the fun of the invariable High School standard.



### 12th Portobello Wolf Cub Pack

THROUGH the kindness of the Rev. W. Paterson of New Restalrig Church, the Packs were present on May 9th at a joint Coronation Service with the Cubs of the 4th and 13th Portobello Packs.

At the District Sports, held on Friday, 28th May, the School Pack was third equal.

12th Portobello hope to be represented at the Youth Rally at Murrayfield on July 8th.

The Annual Picnics will be held during the week following the Royal visit.

During the Term several First Stars and a few Badges have been gained.

Top article - 1937 Summer p132 Scouts

Lower article - 1937 Summer p146 Cubs (drawing by T W Taylor class 3A)

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IN the course of the past session, the 'B' Troop has been very successful in the District Competitions. We gained second place in both the Ambulance Cup and the District Sports, and were third in the District Shield.

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BOTH 'A' and 'B' Troops have held successful week-end camps this term. Fine weather and the extra day's holiday at the Victoria Day and Mid-Term holiday week-ends made the camps very enjoyable. A large party attended the rally at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on June 4th, and three members of the troop took part in the historical pageant which was presented on that day. The party also paid a short visit to the Empire Exhibition. The troop is now eagerly looking forward to the annual Summer Camp, which will be held at Dunkeld from 1st to 11th August.

## R.H.S. Rover Scouts

A CREW of Rover Scouts has been formed and affiliated to the School Troop of Boy Scouts. A Clubroom has been obtained at 26 Frederick Street.

It is hoped to run a dance and a concert during the coming winter season. J. D. C.

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We regret that owing to circumstances beyond our control (our apologies to the B.B.C.!) this term's scouting by the troop as a whole has been rendered impossible. The regulations governing juvenile organisations have forbidden us the use of the School gymnasium for our usual meetings, and the A.R.P. officials have commandeered Jock's Lodge.

The Assistant Scoutmasters, Gibb and Drever, are now enlisted in H.M. Forces.

We look forward to recommencing next term in spite of the accommodation difficulties

W. J. D.

*1939 Xmas p31 Scouts – WW2 has arrived. Article by W.J.D.  
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