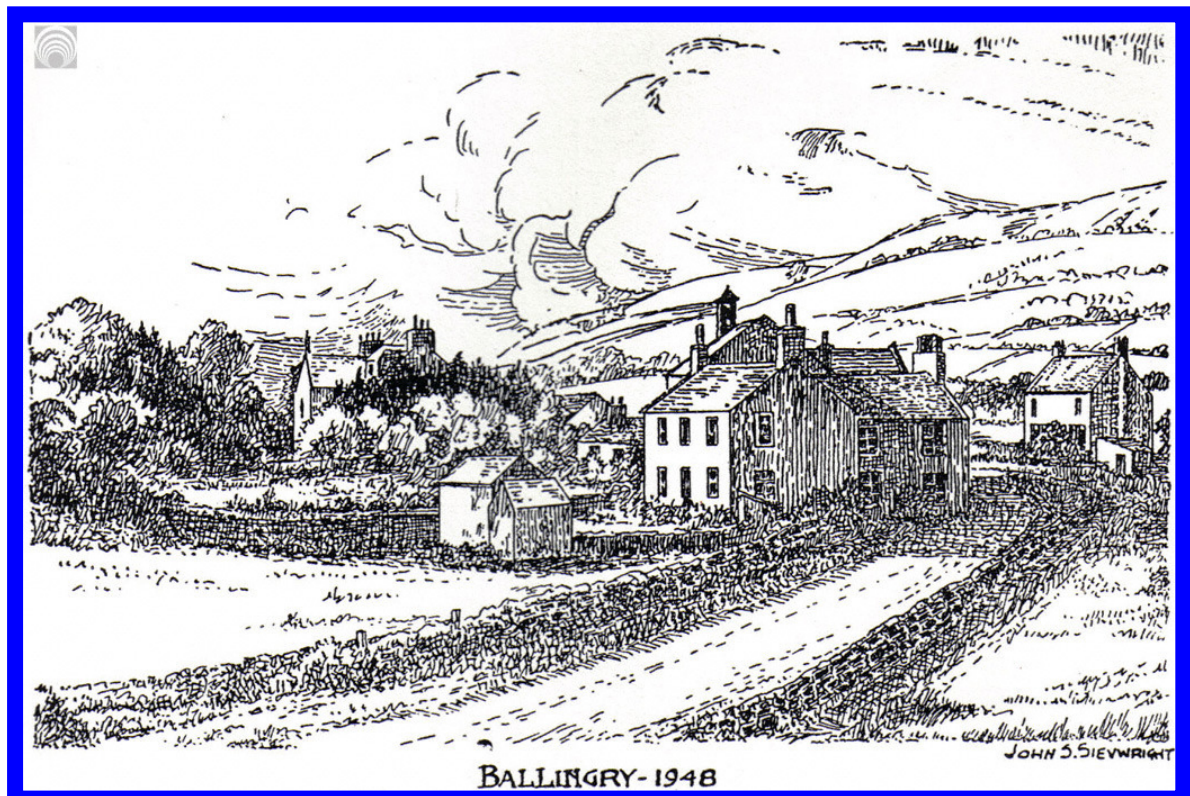
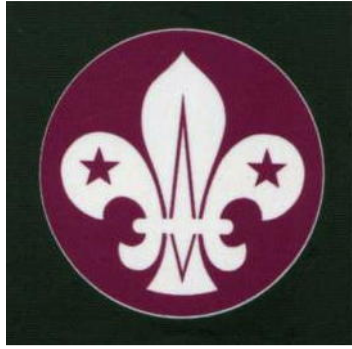


# YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN THE BENARTY AREA



BALLINGRY-1948

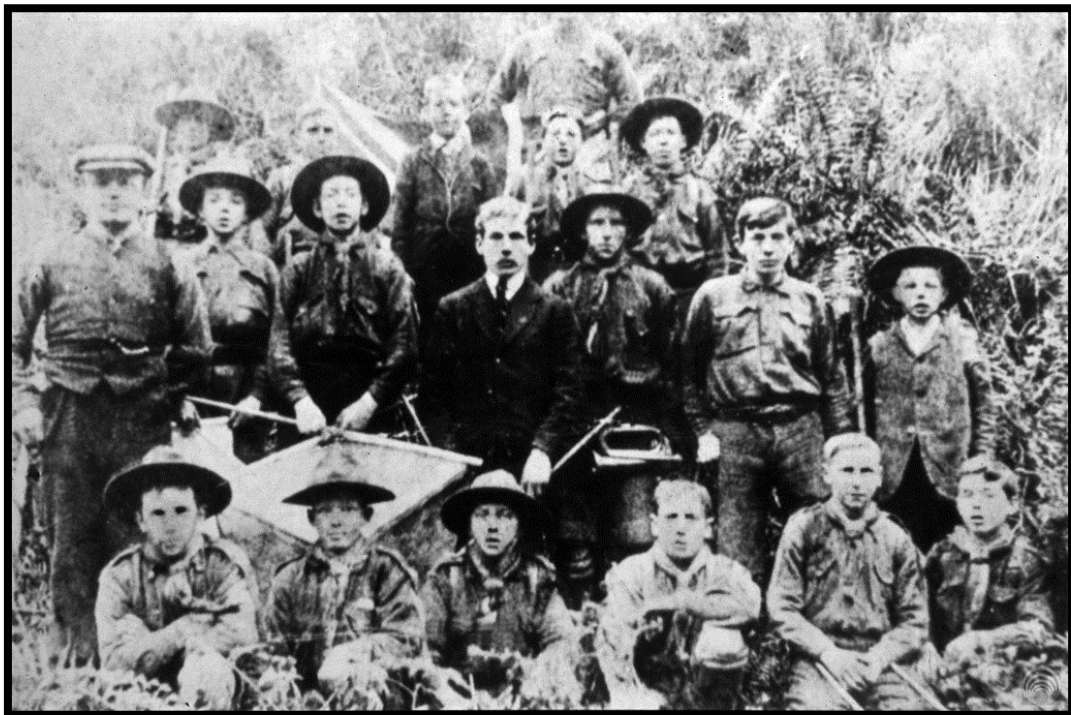


**FOUNDER OF THE  
BOY SCOUTS  
IN  
1907**



**LORD BADEN POWELL 1937**

# **THE FIRST SCOUT TROOP IN BENARTY AREA**



**1<sup>ST</sup>. LOCHCRAIG SCOUT TROOP**

The first Troop was the 1<sup>st</sup>. Lochcraig the Scoutmaster being Mr. John Kirk of Glencraig but by 1920 was no longer in existence very little is known about the troop. Mr. John Kirk later during the 1920s started the 1<sup>st</sup>. Lochcraig Boys Brigade attached to the Lochcraig Church.

## 20<sup>TH</sup>. FIFE (BALLINGRY) SCOUTS

In 1920 an Edinburgh man Gordon Whitehead formed the 20<sup>th</sup>. Fife (Ballingry) Scout Troop which during the years in existence met in various places ie. Flockhouse Hall (now the site of a garage), Loves Hall (situated north side of Bonaccord Cottage Crosshill), Ballingry & Crosshill Schools and Lochcraig Church Hall.

The various Scouters during the life of the Group are :-

Norman Bell CM., Douglas Johnstoe SM., James Justice ASM.

Andrew Leitch ACM., Tommy Leitch ACM., Adam Mckenzie ASM

George Miller GSM., Arthur Nevay CM., Andrew Redpath CM.

John Scott ASM., Sandy Scott SM., Robert Spence ASM.

Norman Stuart ASM., William Walls ASM., Gordon Whitehead SM

William Wilson GSM

In the mid thirties after probably the most successful time the group has had in its existence in the course of four years the two ASMs. Norman Stuart and William Justice emigrated to South Africa followed by SM. Sandy Scott in 1937.

Although Michael Scott seen on several of the following photographs was not a Scouter in the Group he was in attendance as cook for the annual camps during the 1930s and was an icon to all.

The Scout Movement provided a great need to the young people of the area when they had to make your own entertainment it provided a meeting place to come in touch with other young people and encouraged the knowledge of how to survive in the open countryside and taught various skills along the way.

The annual camp (costing fourteen shillings) in the present currency 70p. was the highlight of the year and the only holiday that they were likely to have especially in the 1920/1930s. the usual programme was a march to Lochgelly Station for a train to places like Arbroath, Helensburgh, Dunkeld, Hawick Edzell and Comrie. A week in the open air four meals a day then on the last day after striking camp a march back to the station for the train home breaking for a meal in a restaurant.

Then off course the weekend campsite at the Vane Farm over looking the beautiful Loch Leven where over a period of many years was available to the Group. The trek cart was always very light on the Friday night but although we had used all the rations taken it always seemed very heavy for the return on Sunday night.



## ARBROATH 1932



**WILLIAM JUSTICE, TOMMY LEITCH, RONNIE McFARLANE, ARTHUR NEVAY,  
SANDY SCOTT, JOHN SCOTT, JOHN SHAW, JACK SPENCE, PETER SPENCE  
ROBERT SPENCE, NORMAN STUART, GEORGE YARDLEY**

## TROOP EARLY 1930s



**ANDREW LEITCH      SANDY SCOTT SM.      WILLIAM WILSON GSM.**

## SCOUTERS 1930s



**WILLIAM JUSTICE ASM. SANDY SCOTT SM.  
& NORMAN STUART ASM.**



**ANDREW REDPATH CM., WILLIAM WILSON GSM.  
NORMAN STUART ASM, & SANDY SCOTT SM.,**

## ROVER CREW EARLY 1930s



**BACK ROW: WILLIAM JUSTICE, NORMAN STEWART, SANDY SCOTT,  
SAUNDERS BORLAND, WILLIAM WILSON.  
FRONT ROW: JACK SPENCE, JAMES JUSTICE, GSM. WILLIAM WILSON  
ANDREW WILSON, RALPH HUTTON, ROBERT SPENCE,**



**BACK ROW: SAMUEL McGREGOR, SAUNDERS BORLAND, . ROBERT SPENCE, ?  
DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE,  
MIDDLE ROW: THOMAS LEITCH, JACK SPENCE, WILLIAM WILSON GSM.,  
JOHN SHAW,, SANDY SCOTT  
FRONT ROW: RALPH HUTTON, WILLIAM JUSTICE, GEORGE McQUADE  
& WILLIAM WILSON.**



## **PATROL CAMP 1930s**



## **SCOUTS AT LOCHORE HOUSE 1934**



**GEORGE BAXTER, WILLIAM BAXTER, FRANK CAMPBELL, GEORGE HOBBS  
GEORGE HUTCHISON, GEORGE JUSTICE, WILLIAM JUSTICE ASM.  
RONNIE MCKENZIE, NORMAN STUART ASM. & ARCHIE YOUNG**

## VANE FARM WEEKEND CAMP SITE 1934



**GEORGE BAXTER, WILLIAM BAXTER, GEORGE HUTCHISON, WILLIAM JUSTICE  
RONNIE McKENZIE & NORMAN STUART**

## HELENSBURGH 1935



**ALEXANDER ADAM, ?ARCHIBALD, WILLIAM ARTHUR, JOHN AULD,  
FRANK CAMPBELL, ? CUNNINGHAM, ? FRASER, GEORGE HUTCHISON,  
ALISTER JOHNSTONE, DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE, WILLIAM JUSTICE, TOMMY LEITCH,  
RONNIE McFARLANE, SAM McGREGOR, RONNIE McKENZIE, ERIC MITCHELL,  
JACKIE MITCHELL ARTHUR NEVAY, DAVID RITCHIE, SANDY SCOTT SM,  
MIKE.SCOTT(COOK), JOHN SHAW, PETER SPENCE, ROBERT SPENCE,  
ANDREW WILSON, WILLIAM WILSON, WILLIAM WILSON GSM.  
GEORGE YARDLEY & ARCHIE YOUNG**

## TROOPING OF THE COLOURS 1935





**GROUP SCOUTMASTER WILLIAM WILSON**

## **REVEILLE HAWICK 1936**



## **VISITORS DAY HAWICK 1936**



**MR. BROWN, MRS. MITCHELL, MR. NEVAY**

## **VISITORS DAY HAWICK 1936**



**MR. BROWN & MR. NEVAY**

## **VIITORS DAY HAWICK 1936**



**MR. MITCHELL, MR. NEVAY**



**MRS. BROWN, MRS. MUIR, MRS. NEVAY & MRS. YOUNG**



## **BULLDOG PATROL HAWICK 1936**



**JAMES HARROWER, ROBERT MUIR & ANDREW MARSHALL**



**WILLIAM BAXTER, GEORGE JUSTICE, ANDREW MARSHALL  
& DOUGLAS JONSTONE ASM.**

## **DUNKELD 1937**



**SANDY SCOTT SM. & ROBERT SPENCE.**



**DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE ASM. , SANDY SCOTT SM.,  
MICHAEL SCOTT & ROBERT SPENCE ASM.**



## **DUNKELD 1937**

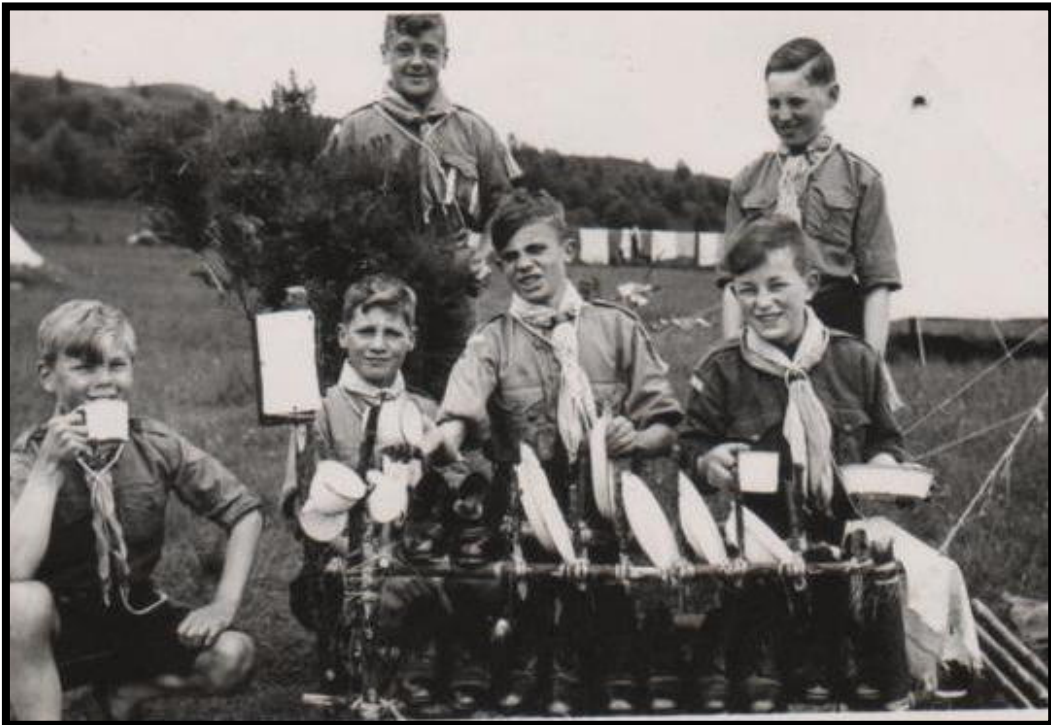


**MICHAEL SCOTT & ROBERT SPENCE**



**MICHAEL SCOTT, JAMES SPENCE & ROBERT SPENCE**

## **DUNKELD 1937**



**JOHN ALLAN, GEORGE BAXTER, TOM BRAID, JOHN McDONALD  
ANDREW PEATTIE, & JAMES SPENCE**



**GEORGE HOBBS, GEORGE HUTCHISON, MICHAEL SCOTT & ROBERT SPENCE**



## **DUNKELD 1937**



**JAMES HAMILTON, GEORGE HUTCHISON, DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE,  
JOHN McDONALD, ROBERT McDONALD, CECIL MCGREGOR, RODDIE MCKENZIE,  
ANDREW MARCHALL, ANDREW PAGE, IAN ROBERTSON & JAMES SPENCE**



**SANDY SCOTT SM. & DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE ASM.**

## **JAMBOREE BOUND 1937**



**GEORGE HUTCHISON & ARTHUR NEVAY**

## **GLENCRAIG GALA 1938**



**SCOUT JAMES SPENCE**

## **EDZELL 1938**



**ANDREW PAGE, GEORGE JUSTICE, CECIL McGREGOR, RODDIE McKECKNIE,  
ARTHUR NEVAY & MICHAEL SCOTT**



**GEORGE BAXTER, RODDIE McKECHNIE, ARTHUR NEVAY, ANDREW PAGE,  
IAN ROBERTSON & MICHAEL SCOTT**



## **EDZELL 1938**



**GEORGE BAXTER, WILLIAM BAZTER, GEORGE HUTCHISON, DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE,  
JAMES JUSTICE, JOHN McDONALD, CECIL McGREGOR, RODDIE McKECHNIE,  
ANDREW MARCHALL, ARTHUR NEVAY, ANDREW PAGE, IAN ROBERTSON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT & JAMES SPENCE**

## **1939/1945**

**During this period most of the Scouters and Rover Scouts were on duty in the armed forces or in work that gave them very little time to continue active scouting.**

## **ROVER CREW MOOT AUCHINGILL 1946**



**ALEX JOHNSTONE, PETER JOHNSTONE, ROBERT MOFFAT,  
JAMES SPENCE & JAMES YOUNG**

## **ROVER MOOT FALKIRK 1947**



**ALEX JOHNSTONE, PETER JOHNSTONE, GEORGE MILLER,  
ROBERT MOFFAT & JAMES YOUNG**

## **ROVER CREW 1948**



**ALEX JOHNSTONE, PETER JOHNSTONE, CECIL McGREGOR, GEORGE MILLER GSM.  
ROBERT MOFFAT, JAMES SPENCE, DAVID SMITH & JAMES YOUNG**

## **ROVER CREW VISIT FRANCE 1948**



**JAMES HAMILTON, ALEX JOHNSTONE, PETER JOHNSTONE  
JAMES SPENCE & DAVID SMITH**

## **ROVER MOOT EDINBURGH 1948**



**ALEX. JOHNSTONE, ROBERT MOFFAT, JAMES SPENCE & JAMES YOUNG**

## **ROVER MOOT ROWALLAN ESTATE 1949 SPEARER DOUGLAS BADER**



## **ROWALLAN ESTATE 1949**



**DENHOLM CHRISTIE, BILL MACKIE, DAVID GREENLEES,  
BOBBY GREENLEES, TOM WEIR, ALEX JOHNSTONE.**



# ROVER CREW CHRISTMAS PARTY 1949



## GUESTS

**SHEILA BEVERIDGE, ELLA BAULD, MARGARET GILCHRIST, ISOBEL HART, MRS. JOHNSTONE, MARGARET RITCHIE, MISS ROBERTON, MISS RODGERS & ISOBEL ROSS**

## ROVERS

**JAMES HAMILTON, ALEX JOHNSTONE, PETER JOHNSTONE, CECIL McGREGOR, ANDREW MOFFAT, ROBERT MOFFAT, JAMES SPENCE, DAVID SMITH, GEORGE SMITH & JAMES YOUNG**



**ANDREW BAXTER, JAMES HAMILTON, ALEX JOHNSTONE, PETER JOHNSTONE  
CECIL McGREGOR, ROBERT MILLER, ANDREW MOFFAT, ROBERT MOFFAT  
JAMES SPENCE & DAVID SMITH**

## **ROVER PARTY 1950**



**JIM GREENLEES, BOBBY GREENLEES, CHARLIE NISBET, PETER JOHNSTONE,  
DAVID SMITH, GEORGE SMITH, GSM MILLER, BOB JUSTICE, ALEX. JOHNSTONE,  
ANDREW MOFFAT, BILL McEWAN & JOHN LISTER.**

## **SCOUT OUTING 1950s.**



**GSM. GEORGE MILLER WITH PART OF THE TROOP.**

## **ROVER CREW VISIT TO FRANCE 1954**



**ROVER SCOUT RAMSAY & REPRESENTATIVE FRENCH SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

## **ORCHARD CAMPSITE NEAR PARIS**



**FRENCH HOSTESSES**



**ROVERS GREENLEES & RAMSAY**



**ROVERS RAMSAY, GREENLEES, COMMERFORD & CHRISTIE.**



## ARC DE TRIUMPH



ROVERS PAY RESPECTS



SEEN OFF BY THE FRENCH HOSTSESSES

## **SANDY SCOTT VISIT 1970s**



## **TRADITIONAL WELCOME SANDY 1970s**



## **SANDY CHATS TO BILL ARTHUR AND HIS WIFE MARY**

## **98<sup>TH</sup>. FIFE (KIRKTOUN)**

In 1948 the first houses started to appear in the green spaces of Ballingry with a major building programme of a large development in the area. The local minister the Reverent John Seiveright suggested that a scout group should be started to cater for the new youth population.

The 98<sup>th</sup>. Fife (Kirkton) Scout Group came into being with four prospective Scouters ie:- Alexander Justice, George Justice. Thomas Moffat and Arthur Nevay

Scouters that served in the group were as follows :-

Helen Braid, Yvonne Brown, Peggy Bunyan, Jeannie Davie ACM.,  
Agnes Glynn, Barbara Honeyman, Alexander Justice ASM.,  
George Justice ASM., David Mitchell, Thomas Moffat SM.,  
Arthur Nevay GSM., Charles Nisbet ASM. Mary Nisbet ACM.,  
Margaret Porterfield (nee Smith) DC. Margaret Porterfield CM.,  
Jean Ross, Moira Scott ACM. Robert Wilkie.

The meeting places were Ballingry & Benarty Schools

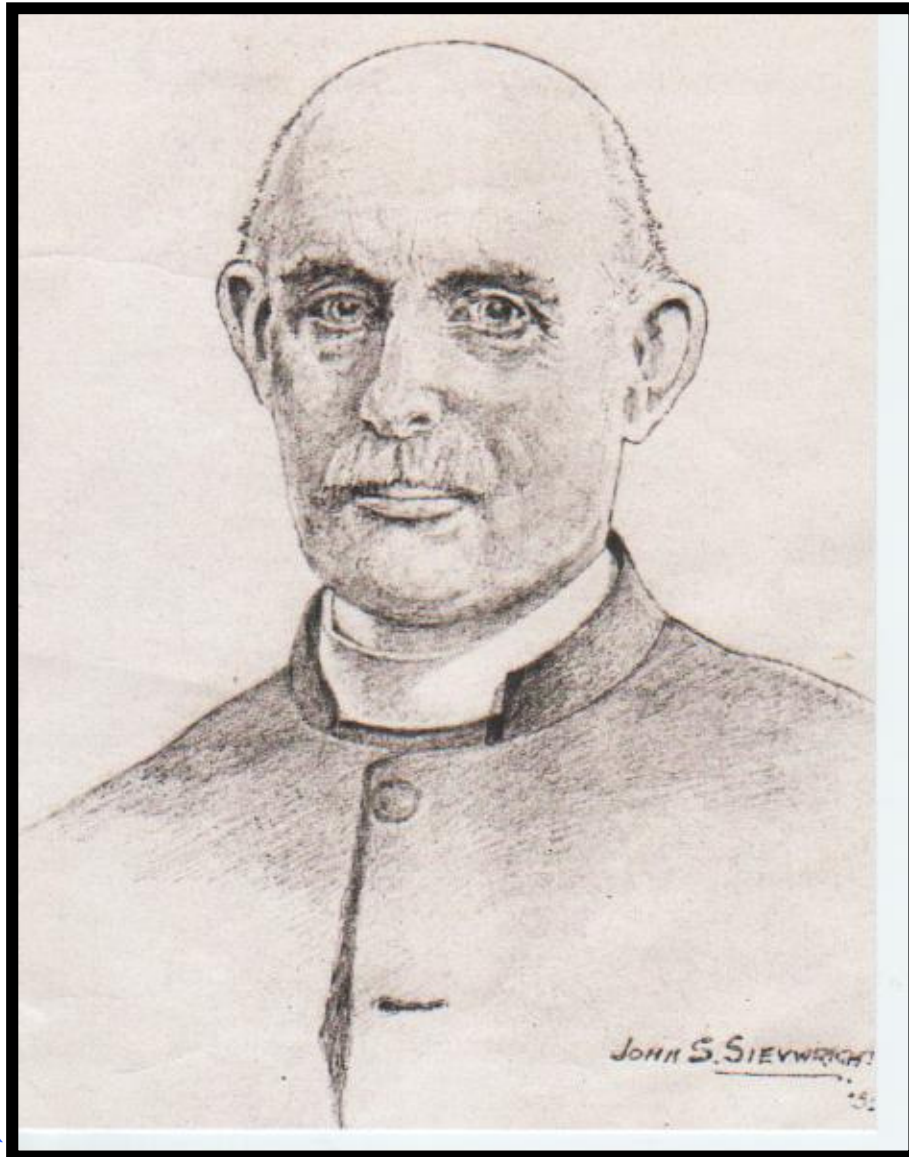
As usual the urge to go camping was in the thoughts of many of the scouts and the annual camp became a regular feature of scout life, some of the places visited were Arbirlot, Braco, Dunning and Innerleithing.

The group were given the use of a site for weekend camping by Colonel Constable on the south side of Benarty and was easily assessable from Ballingry.

Seven days before the annual camp to Innerleithing our colleagues in the Boys Brigade were told their camp was cancelled so our good deed was to take the BBs. to camp with the 98<sup>th</sup>. Which turned out to be a very happy arrangement.

Sadly in the late 1960s owing to the commitments by the Scouters and the inability to find replacements to run the troop it had to cease operating. It was only the sterling work over a long period of time by Margaret Porterfield that the Cub Pack continued.

## SELF PORTRAIT



INSTIGATOR OF THE FORMATION OF THE  
98<sup>TH</sup>. (KIRKTOWN) FIFE GROUP



**BOUND FOR SUMMER CAMP AT  
INNERLEITHEN  
1950s.**



## CELEBRATION EIGHTY YEARS OF CUBS



VANE FARM 14<sup>TH</sup>. FEBRUARY 1987









## 98<sup>TH</sup>. FIFE (KIRKTOUN) ON BENARTY 1987



ON THE TOP



LOOKING TOWARDS THE BISHOP

## CUB PACK 1987



## CUB PACK 1989



**SAUSAGE SIZZLER AT WEMYSS 1988**



**GARY ?, JAMIE BURNSIDE, COLIN McKEAN, ? WAUGH, BARRY JOHN MITCHELL,  
MARGARET PORTERFIELD, CRAIG WAUGH.**

**CUB PACK 1992**





**TRYING TO BECOME A CUB  
A BIT YOUNG AT THREE 1991**



**RICHARD GAULD**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT CARDENDEN**





## DAY OUTING AT FORDELL





## **TRAINING FOR HOUSE ORDERLY & COOKS BADGE**





## LOHCRAIG CHURCH GIRLS GUILD

The Leaders were Miss Lindsay (Church Sister) Jean Shepherd, Annie Braid

A very special day took place on 24<sup>th</sup>. April 1950 for three Girl Guildry Members Betty Muir, Mary Lister and Catherine Kidd when they were invited to take part in the Girls Guildry parade at Holyrood Palace especially Betty Muir when Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother) stopped to speak to her.

## GIRLS GUILDRY 1947



Margaret Glencross, Agnes Gilfillan, Ina Paterson, Mary Lister, Amy Neilson, Marne Clelland, Margaret Carr, Ella Bockie, Maise Gilchrist, Lilibet Graham, Helen Jackson, Cathie Kidd, Helen Muir, Cathie Watters, Betty Neilson, Annabella McFarlane, Cathie Neilson, Ann Harley, Jean Miller, Sheena Graham, Lily Watters, Betty McDonald, Betty Shepherd, Rev. McMorris, Mrs. Morris, Miss Lindsay, Jean Allan, Annie Braid, Margaret Fortherham, Una Glover, Margaret Lambert, Elizabeth Merrilees, Christine Kidd, Margaret Kidd, Helen Muir, Margaret Hewitt, Agness Reid, Ella Thomson, Ella Robertson, Elizabeth Miller, Ann Ingles, Christine McMorris, Barbara McAndrew, Margaret Hodge, Sheila McGregor, Sheila Cunningham, Nancy Adams, Jeanette McDonald, Margaret Dickson, Sandra Torrence, Elizabeth Melville, Elizabeth Meldrum, Moira Urquart, Rose Fortheringham, Marlane Renton, Helen Carson, Helen Spence, Janet Reid, Irene Glencross, Alice Meldrum, Jeanette Miller, Annie Hamilton, Ellen Neilson, Elizabeth Hewitt, Mary Scott, Isobel Binnie, Daisy Robertson, May Park.

## 1949-1950 BIBLE STUDY CUP





BETTY MUIR, JEAN MILLER, MARY LISTER, ISOBEL WAUGH, AMY NEILSON,  
MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM, CATHIE KIDD, ELIZABETH MUIR, CATHIE NEILSON  
LILIBET GRAHAM, MARGARET GLECROSS, MARGARET KIDD, MARGARET HEWITT,  
CHRISTINE KIDD, ANN INGLES, NANCY ADAMS, ELIZABETH MILLER,  
SHEILA McGREGOR, BETTY SHEPHERD, MISS LINDSEY,  
JEAN ALLAN, ELIZABETH WEBSTER.

## GUILDRY 1949



MISS LINDSEY, NACY SOMMERVILLE, CATHIE NEILSON, SHEILA McGREGOR,  
CATHIE KIDD, LILY WATTERS, LILY WATERS, MATTIE CLELLAND, AMY NEILSON,  
MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM, ANNIE BRAID, ELIZABETH MUIR, BETTY SHEPHERD,  
ROSE FORTHERINGHAM, ANNABEL McFARLANE ELIZABETH MILLER, BABS  
McANDREW, NANCY ADAMS & MINNIE SCOTT.

## GUILDRY FANCY DRESS PARTY 1947



**ANNABEL McFARLANE, JEAN MILLER, MARY LISTER, ANNIE BRAID, BETTY MUIR,  
MAISIE GILCHRIST, BENNIE BLACKWOOD, AMY NEILSON, ELLA BROCKIE,  
LILIBET GRAHAM, DAISY ROBERTSON, CATHIE NEILSON, &  
MARGARET GLENCROSS**

## **ARBROATH JULY 1949**



**MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM, MARY LISTER, MARGARET KIDD, CATHERINE KIDD,  
ELIZABETH MUIR, BETTY MUIR, JEAN MILLER**

## **ARBROATH 1949**



**MATTIE CLELLAND, BETTY NEILSON, CATHIE NEILSON,  
LILY WATERS, BETSY FAGAN & BABS McANDREW**



**CATHIE KIDD, CATHIE NEILSON, BETTY MUIR, JEAN MILLER, MARY LISTER &  
MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM.**

**SPEEDWELLS ARBROATH 1950**



**CATHIE KIDD, BETTY MUIR, ROSE FORTHERINGHAM, SHEILA McGREGOR,  
MARGARET KIDD, ELIZABETH HEWITT, ANN INGLES, NANCY ADAMS  
& ELIZABETH MILLER.**

## **LOCHCRAIG CHURCH**



**Cathie Kidd, Margaret Fortheringham, Cathie Neilson,  
Jean Miller, Mary Lister & Betty Muir**



## LOCHCRAIG CHURCH



MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM, MARY LISTER,  
JEAN MILLER, BETTY MUIR, AMY NEILSON

## PARENTS DAY ARBROATH 1950



NEILSON SISTERS



AMY, BETTY, CATHIE, & HELEN

**ARBROATH 1949**



MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM, BETTY  
MUIR, BETTY SHEPHERD

**ARBROATH 1949**

### MODEL RAILWAY TRIP



### DRAMA CUP



JEAN MILLER, ANNIE BRAID, CATHIE KIDD, MISS LINDSAY, MARGARET GLENCROSS,  
LILY WATTERS, MARGARET FORTHERING HAM & AMY NEILSON.

### GUILDRY COLOURS



ROSE FORTHERINGHAM, SHEILA McGREGOR, ELLEN NEILSON



ELLEN NEILSON, SHEENA McQUADE, CATHIE KEYHOE, CHRISTINE KIDD,  
SHEILA McGREGOR, MARGARET FORTHERINGHAM, ROSE FORTHERINGHAM  
& ANN MASTERTON.





CATHERINE KIDD & COMPANY



MISS COOK & COMPANY

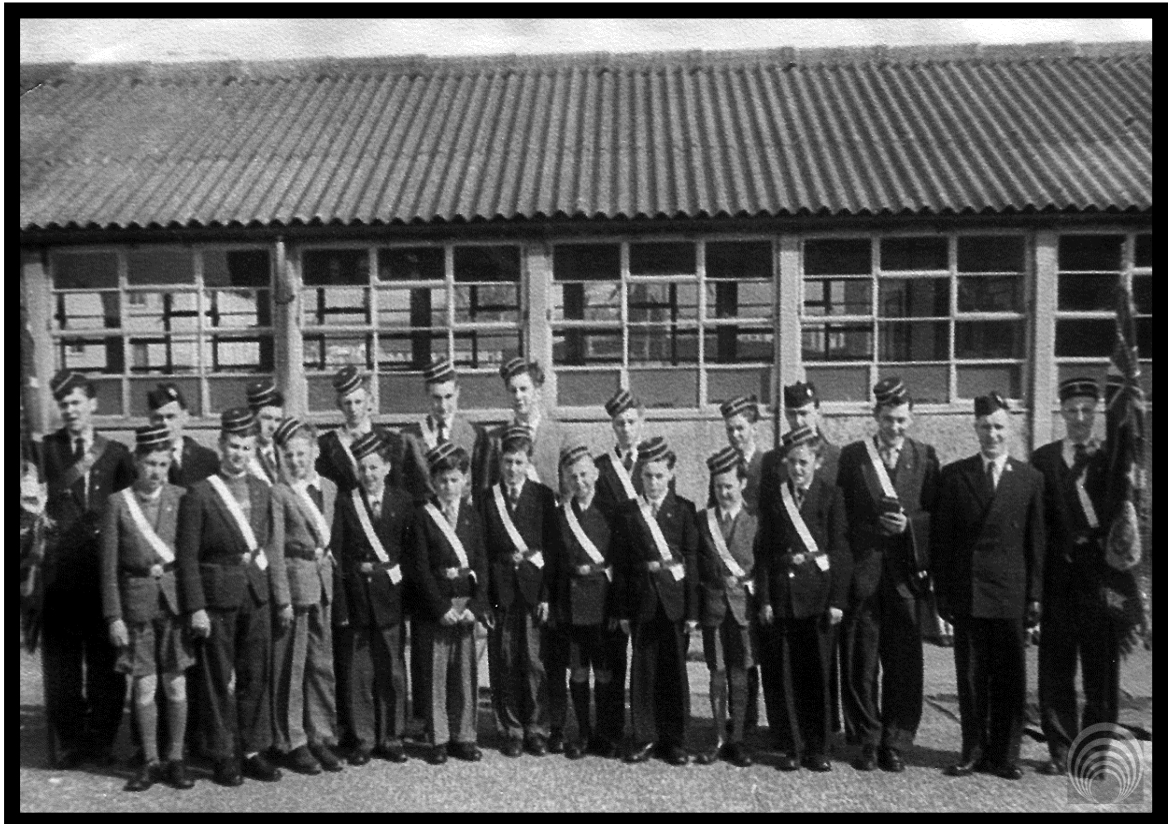
**BALLINGRY J.S.  
NETBALL CHAMPIONS**



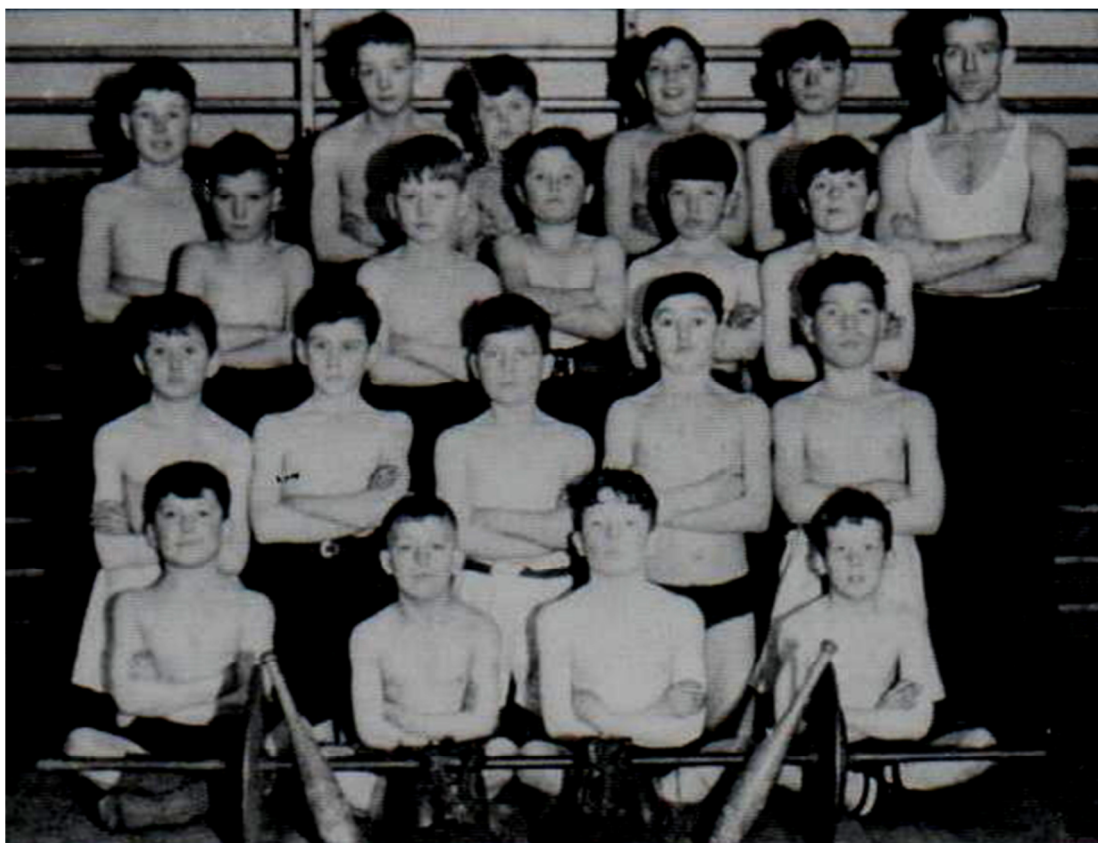
**MAY PRATT, JEAN PRATT, EMMA LAMOND, JEAN FYFE, CATHIE NEILSON,  
MINNIE SCOTT & ANNIE LOVE.**

## 1<sup>ST</sup>. LOCHCRAIG BOYS BRIGADE

THE BOYS BRIGADE WERE CONNECTED TO THE LOCHCRAIG CHURCH AND  
THRIVED FOR MANY YEARS UNDER THE VARIOUS LEADERS  
JOHN KIRK, CHARLES McCLELLAN, JOHN RITCHIE AND JOSEPH YATES

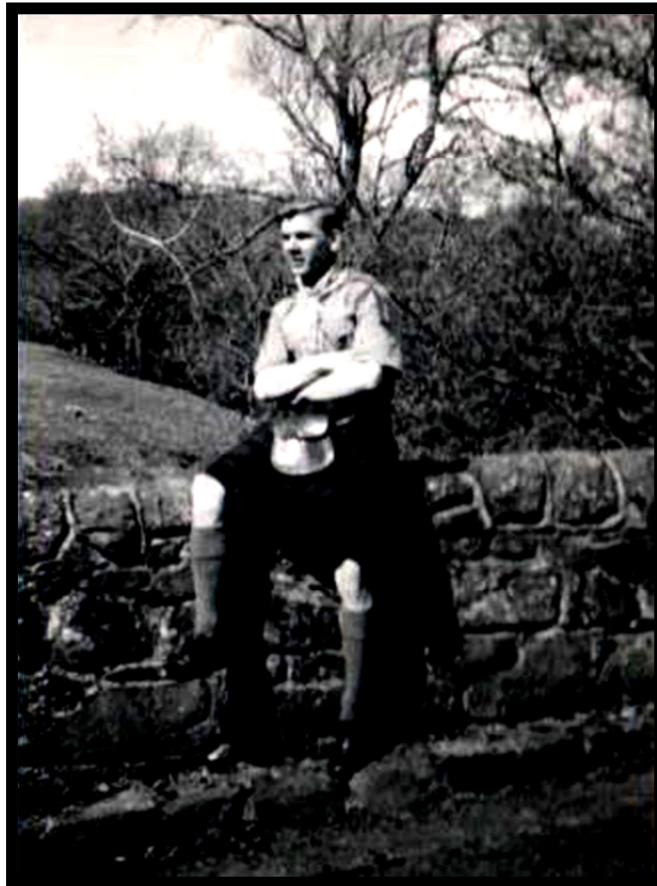


## LOCHORE BOYS CLUB





## ROVER SCOUT JAMES SPENCE



## **YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN BENARTY**

**In bringing this together was with the sole purpose to try and show the important part that the local youth movements played in the community especially in the 1918/1939 period when there was mass unemployment and poverty was the norm.**

**The fact that the Scout Movement celebrated its Centenary was purely a coincidence.**

**I would have liked to be in a position to show more photographs of the Lochcraig Boys Brigade and Girl Guides and Lochore Boys Club who over many years played an important part in the area.**

**This exercise could not be carried out without help and the following people were involved.**

**Mrs. Ewings (Betty Muir)  
Mrs. Justice (Bunty Brown)  
Mrs. Murray (Amy Neilson)  
Mrs. Porterfield (Margaret Scott)  
Mrs. Scott (Betty Shepherd)  
Mr. Bobby Greenlees  
Mr. James Spence**

**Arthur Nevay**