

4th Llandudno Scouts, St David's Wesleyan Methodist Church, Craig y Don.

Registered 20.7.1931. Reg.No.12978 later 21374

The earliest information comes from Mr. Eric Dobinson, a member in the 1930's
He believes that his father could have been the founding leader of the group at the request of the church, of which the family were members. Mr. Dobinson thinks the troop neckerchief was black with a red border. In 1947, Mr. Ivor Dobinson was still the Scoutmaster and Mr,Albert Jarvis had continued to serve as Assistant Scoutmaster.

A latter piece of information has been sent by Mr. Peter Smith of Capel Curig. It is in the form of a Warrant appointing Mr. Smiths father, Mr. Maurice Humphrey Smith as Scoutmaster 14th December 1934, an appointment that ended on the 30th October 1936.

"I remember my father, Ivor Owen Dobinson, ran the 4th LLANDUDNO TROOP of scouts and cubs during the 1930's. Others helped him, but I do not remember who they were. When the Civil Service came to Llandudno during the war, a Scouter from London took over the Scouts - his name was ATWELL - and a lady Akela looked after the cubs.

My father negotiated with the Mostyn Estates to rent, for a peppercorn rent, the old quarry up the Nant-y-gamar Road. We put up a wooden garage, and covered it with pine bark strips, to make it look like a log cabin! Weekly meetings were held there during the summer, and in St. David's, Craig-y-don at other times.

There was a permanent campsite at Rowen for the whole of the local district. It had a large wooden building where tentage, tools, pots, pans, rope ladders and anything else needed to run camps were stored. This large building was very useful during days of inclement weather. There were cooking areas, washing and latrine areas, and a campfire area.

I remember attending a large jamboree at Gwrych Castle near Abergele -*1st Welsh Jamboree 1948* I don't know when, but I think it was a UK and not a world jamboree. My younger brother, Roy, attended a World Jamboree in (Paris, in 1946?)” *6th World Jamboree. Moisson, France 1947*

“I have still got some scout badges of that period somewhere!!”

Eric Dobinson. October 2005



Mr.Dobinson proudly holding the
troop flag - 4th Llandudno

A second letter from another founding member, Mr E. Roberts, adds a little more information

Mrs Shirley Myall,
The Welsh Scouts Council,
The Old School,
Wine Street,
Llantwit Major,
South Glamorgan, CF61 1RZ.

13/12/1993

Dear Mrs Myall,

In response to the letter in the North Wales Weekly News the following may be of some interest.

In 1930/31 it was decided to form a new scout Group, meeting at St. David's Church schoolroom in Craig - y – Don. Llandudno. I attended the first meeting when the 4th Llandudno Troop and Wolf Cub Pack were formed. We wore khaki shirts, shorts and stockings. Neckerchiefs were black with a maroon border. We had two patrols, the Swifts and Eagle. The former had dark blue shoulder tapes, the latter, green and white. We wore a red dragon beneath the name tag "4th Llandudno" at the top of each arm. The Scout Badge was worn on the left breast-pocket. A Second was denoted by a single white tape on the left of the badge, patrol leader, a white tape each side of the badge, troop leader had a. third tape running behind the badge. A silver metal star with a green cloth background was awarded for each year of service but later replaced by a single star with a number in the centre showing how many years served. This was worn above the left breast pocket. We had those huge scout hats, Patrol leaders bearing a silver metal badge on it. We had the essential scout pole with measured markings, I enjoyed my time in the movement. My grandson, living in Wiltshire, has progressed from the Cub Scouts and is now a Venture Scout, which was a Rover Scout in my day.

It would be nice to be able to supply more information but it's a very long time ago. I am now 76.

Good luck with your research. Best wishes for the Festive Season.

Yours

E. Roberts

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

SCOUT GROUP REGISTRATION

FORM C
THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS
18 JUL 1931
No. 21374
FILE
1931

County Lanarvon

Commissioner's District Lanarvonshire

Local Association Llandudno

Instructions: Three copies of this form should be completed and sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Association (No. 21) forward them through the District Commissioner to Imperial Headquarters. The Group will then be registered at Imperial Headquarters until the following 30th September, and notification will be sent to the Officer concerned through the Secretary of the Local Association. One Copy of this form will be retained by Imperial Headquarters, the second sent to the County Secretary and the third to the Secretary of the Local Association.

Name of Group in full "Wesley"

Address of Group Headquarters St David's Wesleyan Church, Martyn Avenue Llandudno

(1). Is the Group "Open" or "Controlled" by some Church, School, or Organisation (see Rule 2)? Controlled

(2). If "Controlled", by whom? Trustees of St David's Church (Rev. J. T. W. Stafford, D.D., D.C.L.)

(3). Signature of Controlling authority (see ★ below) J. T. Wardle Stafford, Wesleyan Minister
Proposed Officers.

Rank.	Name.	Address.
Group S. M. Scoutmaster	<u>John Henry Willshaw</u>	<u>11, Clarence Gardens, Llandudno</u>
Cubmaster	<u>John D. ...</u>	<u>Balfour Rd, Llandudno</u>
Rover Leader	<u>Albert Jarvis</u>	<u>27, Victoria St. Bangor, Llandudno</u>
A. S. M.		
A. C. M.		
A. R. L.		

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

Number of Officers in Group 3
Number of Wolf Cubs
Scouts 12
Sea Scouts
Rover Scouts
Rover Sea Scouts

Signed John H W Charlton Group S.M. (or officer in charge).


Recommended by Llandudno Local Association.

Approved by J. C. Parke Hon. Secretary.

Approved by J. C. Parke District Commissioner.
Llandudno District.

Date 15th July 1931

* In case of the Church of England, the Controlling Authority must be the incumbent or some individual appointed by him.

FOR IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY

 Date of Registration 20 JUL 1931
 by I. H. Q.
 Registered No. of Group 12948
 Please quote this number in all correspondence.

group functioned fully since inception.
Original Registration No. 12078, dated 20/7/1931.

WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL.

30 JUN 1947

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.
SCOUT GROUP REGISTRATION.

FORM O.
10M/12/30.

Signature *Hag*

Instructions: - THREE COPIES of this form should be completed and sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Local Association who will forward them through the District Commissioner to Imperial Headquarters. The Group will then be registered at Imperial Headquarters until the following 31st March, and notification will be sent to the Scouter concerned through the Secretary of the Local Association. One Copy of the form will be retained by Imperial Headquarters, the second sent to the County Secretary and the third to Hon. Secretary of the Local Association.

County *N. Bannow* Commissioner's District *Llandudno*

Local Association *Roue*

Name of Group in full *4th Llandudno (Vocley) Group*

Address of Group Headquarters *St. David's Methodist Church, Craig-y-don, LLANUDNO.*

(1). Is the Group "Open" or sponsored by some Church, School, or Organisation (See Rule 179)? *Sponsored.*

(2). If sponsored, by what body? *The Trustees, St. David's Methodist Church, LLANUDNO*

(3). Signature of sponsoring Authority (see * below) *Wynne Hughes*
Minister

Proposed Scouters.

Rank.	Name.	Address.
Group S.M.	<i>IVOR OWEN ROBINSON,</i>	<i>Dinsdale, Clarence Rd, Llandudno.</i>
Cubmaster	<i>Thomas William Rowlands,</i>	<i>Hariposa, Elwy Gardens, Llandudno.</i>
A. C. M.		
Scoutmaster		
A. S. M.	<i>Albert Jarvis,</i>	<i>15 Marian Road, Llandudno.</i>
Rover Sct Ldr.		
A. R. S. L.		

Enter in this space, which, if any, of the following applies to the Group:
Deaf, Blind or otherwise Handicapped Scouts, Works Group, Home, Orphanage,
School. If School, state type - Elementary, Secondary, etc.

Number of Scouters in Group *5.*
Number of Wolf Cubs *30.*
Scouts *24.*
Sea Scouts
Rover Scouts
Rover Sea Scouts
Total all Ranks *68.*

Signed *Ivor Owen Robinson* Group S.M.

Recommended by *Roué* Local Association.

..... Hon. Secretary.

Approved by *H. W. Gregory* District Commissioner.

Llandudno District.

Date *18-6-47*



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No A42516

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Incorporated by Royal Charter



Resignation accepted
B.S.

Warrant

Don Maurice Humphrey Smith 30 OCT 1956

of Wynderoft West Shore Llandudno.
are hereby appointed **Scoutmaster** of the

Wesley **Group Reg.^{mt} No. 12978**

in the Llandudno **Local Association**

in the County of North Carnarvonshire

Imperial Headquarters, London.

Nase Powell
Chief Scout.

W.S. Dated 4th December 1954



I undertake to return this Warrant on ceasing to hold the office for which it is issued, or if called upon to do so by my Commissioner, the Secretary of the Local Association, or Imperial Headquarters.

Ordinary Signature of holder *M. Humphrey Smith*

Date December 29th 1954