A History of Scouting in Edgware

This history was produced in 2026 by the 2nd Edgware Scout Group Archives. A substantial amount of text and some photos comes from the book *1st Edgware Scout Group (The Herons): an historical account* by Peter Jones (1988). Further information or photos would very much be welcomed - you can contact our archives here.

Early Scouting in Edgware (1908-1929)

Any account of the history of how Scouting formed in Edgware must begin with a resume of the Edgware area at that time (1908). The starting point, in other words, is the background: and that background was very, very different from today's. The population was of the order of two thousand, including about three hundred schoolchildren. Most of the buildings were clustered around the old Roman Road known variously as Watling Street, Edgware Road, Edgware High Street, High Road and more recently as Burnt Oak Lane Broadway and Stonegrove. Whitchurch Lane existed but was indeed a lane with no houses or shops at all on its south side. Whitchurch Lane contained the Church Hall of St. Lawrence which had been opened in 1901 and was situated between Mead Road and Montgomery Road. It also contained Mafeking Villas alongside Mead Road and they can still be seen today.

Around the area, Scout Groups began establishing themselves. In the early months of 1908, the 1st Elstree came into existence when local lads persuaded Percy Everett to lead them. He subsequently became Middlesex County Commissioner and then Deputy Chief Scout.

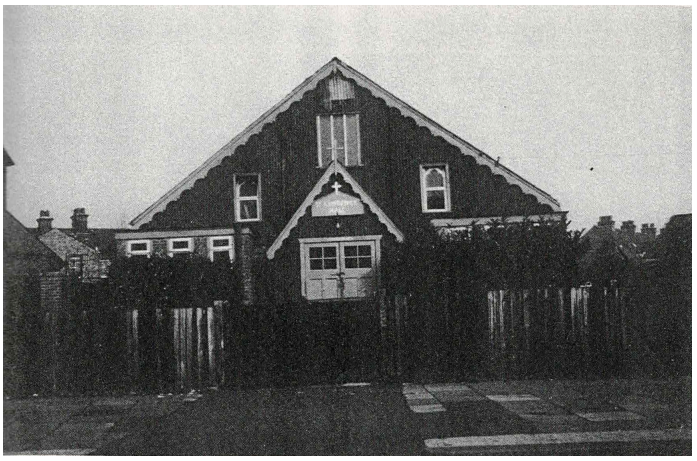
We also know prior to October 1908 a Scout Troop had started at Mill Hill, whilst several had started at Finchley (Christ's College being the focal point).

Edgware was no exception and by November 1908 the "Edgware Boy Scouts" had been formed by Captain Williams. They met in TRUTH HALL, which can still be seen in the churchyard of St. Margaret's Parish church in Station Road (then called Church Lane). Regrettably the start date has not been confirmed because the church records for that period are missing, nevertheless, verbal reports indicate that the November 1908 date was extracted from church records when they were available about ten years prior to writing. The local Headmaster J.J.Honey may have been the first Scout Master.

By 1912 there was a general move by churches to get them attached to them as the movement expanded. The 1st. Edgware Group, however, decided that it wished to be an Open Group rather than one associated with one particular religion. Thus the decision was taken to leave TRUTH HALL and St. Margaret's Church. It seems likely that Charles

Holness was instrumental in arranging a new meeting place, and as verger at St. Lawrence's Church, the Group moved to the old St. Lawrence's Church Hall. The hall stood until 1970 when it was gutted by fire.





Truth Hall (left) and St. Lawrence's Hall (right) were used by several early Groups

Baden-Powell launched Wolf Cubs for younger brothers aged eight to eleven years. Quick off the mark again, 1st Edgware Cubs were formed in 1916 - possibly even 1915 - although were not registered at HQ for a few years.

The inaugural Pack meeting was held in St. Lawrence's Church Hall with Scoutmaster Reverend Robinson in charge, selecting several senior Cubs to be known as Sixers. He started by choosing his own son and then picked Alf who was one of the oldest and biggest lads in the room.

The earliest records held by the Scout Association are the census returns for September 30th 1919. It records 14 Cubs, 24 Scouts, one Rover and 4 warranted Officers. A special remark follows: "Numbers are being kept down until Troop is thoroughly reorganised".

These four volunteers were all well-known local people; J.J. Honey, the local Headmaster, Reverend Robinson from St. Lawrence's, Bernard Hooper, founder of the Edgware Gym Club and Charles Holness, gym instructor.

Finally the census returns state the Local Commissioners Association as Elstree, the District as Elstree (Mr. Morgan) and the county as Hertfordshire. This illustrates one of the quirks of the times that Edgware was far as undoubtedly in Middlesex, yet as far as Scouting was concerned it was officially in Hertfordshire. The likely explanation is that Edgware Scouts were "poached" or "taken over" by Percy Everett of Elstree in the very early days before

1912. It must be remembered that Elstree was only two miles away along a good straight road, whereas Harrow was three miles away across fields and along lanes. Hertfordshire County Scout Council was formed in 1910 but its records contain only one reference to Edgware and that is in a pamphlet listing the Troops forming Hertfordshire County in 1912. As well as Edgware it lists Elstree, Radlett, and Mill Hill (which like Edgware was officially in Middlesex, not Hertfordshire). By the early 1920s, Edgware had transferred to Harrow District and Middlesex County.

The Ist. Stanmore was formed about 1923 under the jurisdiction of the Harrow Local Association and was known as the "Village" Group whilst the 1st. Edgware was known as the "Town" Group.

January 1928 saw the official formation of the 1st Brockley Hill. Dr. Durward of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital was the founder Scout-Master. The Troop consisted of twenty "physically defective boys" according to the official registration form signed by Dr. Durward as the Controlling Authority. By the time of the census returns in September 1928, Dr Durward had become warranted as Group Scout-Master.

S.W. King of 213 Long Lane, Finchley had taken over as Scout-Master and Mrs. Moss had just started as Cub-Master. They had twelve Scouts and eighteen Cubs all described as "crippled Scouts", in other words they were all patients in the hospital and generally that meant they were patients for several months because of the nature of their ailments.

Edgware and District Scouts (1930 - 65)

Edgware stayed in the Harrow local Association with 1st. Stanmore, 1st. Brockley Hill and 1st Harrow Weald until the "Edgware and District Boy Scouts Association" was formed in 1930. The birth of the Association is graphically described by R.F. (John) Thurman in his foreword for the Official Handbook of the Association's 21st Birthday. Most of his foreword is repeated here (word for word because it cannot be bettered!)

"Back in the summer of 1929, when I first became associated with the 1st Edgware Group, we were part of the Harrow Local Association and the 1st. Edgware Group was always referred to by the District Commissioner, J.B.Malthouse, as ‘our northernmost member'. In those days there was very little transport from Edgware to Harrow and to go to a Scouters' meeting entailed quite a considerable journey which took a long time, but we managed to get across there. Edgware of course was rapidly changing from a country village into an enormous suburb and the 1st Edgware Group, which had been sufficient for all Scouting needs for many years, was obviously not going to be enough to cope with the changing picture of the place.

The D.C. of Harrow, in his wisdom, first of all appointed a District Scoutmaster for the four Groups on the northern fringe of the District and Kim Durward was the obvious man to take on the job. I can remember so well our first meeting in the Stanmore Institute. There were representatives from the four Groups, 1st. Edgware, 1st. Stanmore, 1st. Harrow Weald and the 1st. Brockley Hill. I can still see the picture of Commissioner Malthouse, most immaculately dressed in black coat and vest and striped trousers, with one foot on a chair and his chin cupped in his hand. He talked to us at considerable length but never for a moment lost our interest. He talked about his hopes that within a short period we should, through our own efforts, earn the right to become a District of our own. He said Harrow did not want to get rid of us and he thought we did not want to leave Harrow but obviously, with the tremendous growth that was taking place, Harrow Association, however excellent, just would not be able to cope. The Stanmore Institute, incidentally, was to prove the place of many of those early meetings, rallies and camp fires which we all enjoyed so much. I remember a concert when nearly all performers the had flu, and also a fantastic afternoon with the Cubs when the Tug-of-War ended with the winning team on the far side of the road with their backs in the hedge and the losers hanging on to doors, window- frames and railings in an effort to hold back.

During the trial year of 1929 and early in 1930 the four original Groups were expanding, getting to know each other and, I think it is fair to claim, putting up a pretty high standard of Scouting. New groups were being formed or arrangements made for their fairly early formation and there came the moment where the Commissioner for Harrow was satisfied that we could stand on our own feet and Kim Durward was appointed District Commissioner. I can well remember Hubert Martin, our well-loved County Commissioner coming to St. Lawrence's Hall in Edgware to present the Warrant to the District Commissioner. It was a wet evening and the hall was completely crowded, I can also remember that my Troop the 1st Edgware, erected a flag pole and we were ambitious and made it so large that it somewhat originally remained at an angle of forty-five degrees!! As though it were only yesterday I can remember Hubert Martin, as he handed over the Warrant, saying, "I am sure you have the right man as Commissioner but that in itself is not enough, no leader can succeed unless his followers are loyal and determined to help him". That, of course, in a nutshell, is the recipe for successful Scouting in any District.



District flag

Amongst my memories, also, is the recollection of a most incredibly dull meeting held in the old Institute in Whitchurch Lane, Edgware, which has long since been demolished and been replaced by the Police Station. There we had to go through the bye-laws and I think, as a young Scouter, it was about the first time I had come up against administration and all its potential horrors. What a remarkably dull meeting this was. The old building was a most depressing place and I do not think we really knew what we were supposed to be doing, but it was an important occasion in that this was the moment when the Edgware Association approved its bye-laws and was able to become official".

The first District gathering took place on Saturday 25th October, with wide games played on Stanmore Common before tea and a campfire sing-song at the Stanmore Institute (Bernay's Hall). And the first meeting of the new District was held on 4th December in St Lawrence's Hall, at which Dr Durward showed a film of the Arrowe Park Jamboree.

Thurman continues to reminisce, of just some of the many District gatherings over the years, with concerts, fetes, get togethers and competitions mentioned.

These include Sports Days, Swimming Galas (including at the Seymour Hall Baths and Kingsbury Open Air Pool) and the Camping Competition. This was a yearly event, first held up at Bentley Priory and then Pear Wood, where Groups competed for the Harrow Flag. This was named so when Harry District presented Edgware and District this flag upon their

formation in 1930. This joined a list of cups and prizes which grew over the next thirty years:

Name	Event
The Harrow Flag	Camping Competition
Senior Scout Camping Trophy	Camping Competition
Durward Trophy	Cubs Handicraft
Chandos Trophy	Scouts Handicraft
Dale Trophy	Senior Scouts Handicraft
Grey Wolf trophy	Cubs Singing
Arridge Trophy	Scouts Expedition
Springfield Cup	Sports Day
Scout Pennant	Sports Day
Cub Pennant	Sports Day
Geoffery Spencer Cup	Sports Day
Steer Cup	Sports Day
Mile Cup	Sports Day
Sylvia Marchant Cup	Swimming Gala
Marchant Cub Shield	Swimming Gala
Marchant Scout Shield	Swimming Gala
President's Shield	Swimming Gala - Senior Scouts
Leslie Raymond Trophy	Swimming Gala - Rovers & Scouters
Group Trophy	Swimming Gala
District Trophy	Swimming Gala - Scouts under 15 relay
Scouts Flitch	Various skills (1933-64)
Cubs Flitch	Various skills (1945-64)
Stone Trophy	All round Group points

Cub Trophy	TBC



1st Edgware Scouts with the Harrow Flag (1932)

St George's Day was another large gathering each year. These were most often held either at the Gaumont Cinema in Burnt Oak, or the Ritz Cinema in Edgware. The local newspaper recalls the 1935 event: "The auditorium of the cinema was practically full, and it is estimated that over 1,000 Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs attended. It was an occasion which will live in my memory... It was a thrilling sight when the organisations were marched off for their respective headquarters.



St George's Day parade 1957, at Gaumont Cinema (Burnt Oak)

These events continued to grow in size, as did the District. In 1931 there were six groups making up 356 members on record; by 1937 this was 1,035. During the Second World War, numbers plateaued around 1,400 for many years, before peaking in 1955 with 1,659 members.

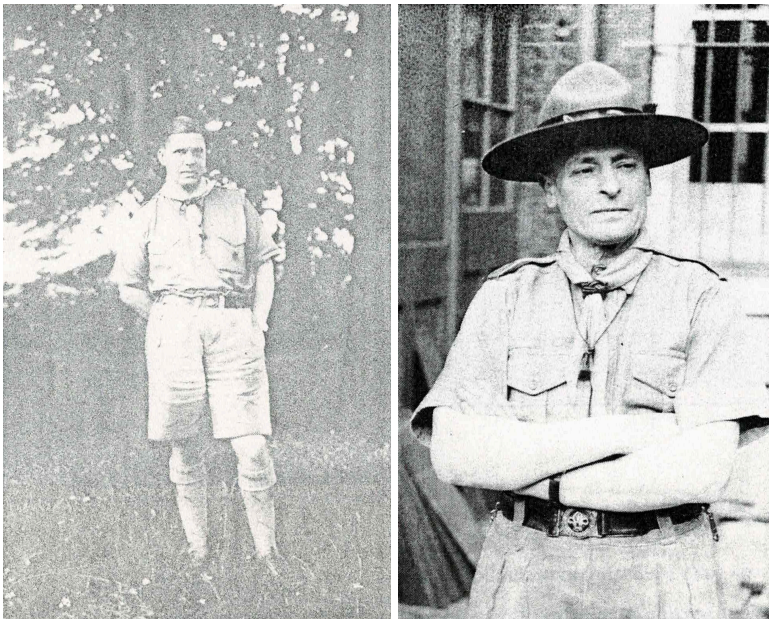
Back to Groups in Edgware proper, between 1928 – 1939 there were 11 new Groups opened in the town, six of which were sponsored by a Church, one by a synagogue and one by the Royal National Orthopedic Hospital, a Group set up for long-term patients there. This hospital Group, 1st Brockley Hill, was the only Group not to take the name 'Edgware'.

Growth continued through the 1940s, including one short-lived Air Scout Group, the 14th Edgware. The last arrivals came in 1958 and 1969; 16th Edgware being the highest numbered Group. With 1st Brockley Hill that would tally 17 Groups spanning Edgware. It is worth noting, there were never 17 Groups active at the same time. In fact, the author estimates at most there were only ever 12 concurrently.

In May 1944, 1st Edgware gifted a portion of newly acquired land to the District, with the intention for them to erect a District headquarters. The portion was approximately 132 feet long by 35 feet narrowing to 17 feet and was the tail of the Group's land bounded by the footpath which crossed the land from Berridge Green and which passed between numbers 20 and 22 Camrose Avenue. An appeal letter was distributed to obtain donations for a

District Headquarters Building Fund. The letter was signed by 'Guv' Stone in his capacity as Assistant District Commissioner.

The reason why such an important letter was signed by the A.D.C. was that the D.C., Dr. "Kim' Durward, had died in 1943 and his replacement had not been announced. In fact it proved to be 'Guv' Jack Stone who formally received his Warrant as D.C. at the District Annual General Meeting in October 1944. He held the role until 1956, when Mr A. A. Wood ('Timber') took over until his death in 1964.



Dr Durward (1932) and "Guv" Stone (1940s)

Regrettably the District Headquarters never got built. In the immediate post-war years there was an extreme shortage of building materials, and by 1954 the District had indicated that the portion of land given to them was really not large enough for the District H.Q. which they had in mind. They had tentatively enquired whether they could exchange that portion of land for a larger piece on the other side of the footpath, which the 1st eventually declined as it would leave their Groups training grounds rather remote from their own HQ. By 1958 Summit Properties Company Ltd, were seeking to build an estate development of maisonettes and garages on the area, which 1st Edgware exchanged for a new piece of land and a new concrete building.

It is just as well a District headquarters was never built. In 1963 plans were set up to replace the old London County Council with the Greater London Council, which swallowed most of the old county of Middlesex. The Scout Movement decided that Scout Districts and Scout Counties should be adjusted to conform with the new local government boundaries. This meant that the old "Edgware and District Local Association" had to disappear because

it was split in the middle by the Edgware Road with one half in the borough of Barnet and the other half in the borough of Harrow.

In 1964, with ‘Timber’ A.A. Wood’s death, ADC Arthur Pitcher stepped up to serve as DC for the last year. On May 9th the District’s ‘Gigantic Fair’ was held at Tyler Crofts School in Kingsbury. The late DC’s foreword described the District as covering 20 square miles with a membership of over 1,600.

“In the arena this afternoon one will be able to see Edgware and District Scouts in action. Many of the activities you will see are typical of what you would find in a normal troop yearly programme.

Pioneering takes the form of bridge building, camp gateways and flagstaff erecting, axemanship, cooking, rent pitching, fire lighting, games, life-line throwing and slippery pole" contest will also be displayed.

The Sea Scouts contribution naturally will be of a nautical nature.

An arena full of youth movement and colour, excitement and boyish laughter, all enjoying the GAME OF SCOUTING that was devised by Lord Baden-Powell nearly 60 years ago.”

From 1st April 1965, the District was split three ways:

- Groups in Brent moved to the new Kingsbury & Kenton District (1963 – 2002)
- Groups in Barnet moved to the new Hendon & Edgware District (1965 – 2008)
- Groups in Harrow moved to the new Stanmore District (1965 – 2021)

A news article reporting unsuccessful efforts to save the Edgware District asks what will happen to the cups and trophies from District events, including the prized Harrow Flag for the annual Camping Competition. As the last winner of ‘The Flitch’, we at 2nd Edgware were lucky to keep hold of the item, which is looked after in our archives. You can read a digitalised copy of the Flitch here. The author would be interested to know what happened to the other items.

It was decided the Harrow Flag would be transferred to the Harrow side of Edgware, and so Stanmore and District took charge of it and continued the tradition for some decades more (although a replacement flag was needed in the early 1970s due to the deterioration of the original one). Last recorded to be at the 6th Edgware HQ.

Over 35 years, Edgware and District homed 34 different Groups:

- 1st Brockley Hill (Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital)

- 2nd Brockley Hill
- 1st Edgware (The Herons)
- 2nd Edgware (St Margaret's)
- 3rd Edgware (Camford School)
- 4th Edgware (St Lawrence's)
- 5th Edgware (John Keble)
- 6th Edgware (1st Queensbury All Saints)
- 7th Edgware (St James')
- 8th Edgware
- 9th Edgware (Camrose Baptist)
- 10th Edgware (St Anthony's RC)
- 11th Edgware
- 12th Edgware
- 13th Edgware
- 14th Edgware (Air Scouts)
- 15th Edgware (St Andrew's)
- 16th Edgware
- 1st Harrow Weald (All Saints)
- 2nd Harrow Weald
- 3rd Harrow Weald (St Michael & All Angels)
- 4th Harrow Weald (St. Anselms)
- 1st Kingsbury (Holy Innocents)
- 2nd Kingsbury (Chandos)
- 3rd Kingsbury (SS. Sebastian & Pancras)
- 4th Kingsbury (Springfield)
- 1st Stanmore
- 2nd Stanmore
- 3rd Stanmore
- 4th Stanmore
- 4th Stanmore
- 5th Stanmore
- 6th Stanmore
- 7th Stanmore (St William of York)

R. F. Thurman reminisces: "We used to claim that we were a bit different to the average District; I think it was true and I hope it still is. I believe that because many of us in those early years were really country people and village people we managed to keep our Scouting out of doors and we took advantage of all the natural surroundings of Edgware which still today in many ways are very lovely."

Census returns for Edgware and District Scouts						
	Wolf Cubs	**Scouts**	**Senior Scouts**	**Rover Scouts**	**Scouters**	**Total**
1931	163	120		15	30	328
1932	180	150		26	33	389
1933	241	194		32	42	509
1934	280	243		28	37	588
1936	367	250		31	72	720
1937	425	456		42	77	988
1943	621	556		28	69	1299
1944	655	743		31	63	1494
1945	593	610		45	82	1330
1946	657	672		40	76	1445
1947	530	555	65	58	96	1300
1949	612	636	8	65	108	1429
1955	809	467 + 39	102	76	166	1659
1956	823	527	98	78	168	1712

1957	802	582	118	49	169	1720
1958	734	566	134	35	179	1648
1959	687	566	128	47	177	1617
1960	679	608	119	56	188	1665
1961	715	590	132	48	170	1678
1962	705	600	132	48	173	1638
1963	702	545	144	48	150	1648
1964	626	442	109	56	163	1407

Modern Scouting in Edgware (1965 - present)

Since the boundary changes in 1965, Edgware-named Groups have been split between two Districts. Each had their own identity, as symbolised with the emergence of District badges. (Kenton & Kingsbury has been included for the Kingsbury / Queensbury Groups).



Kenton & Kingsbury: The Middlesex coat of arms refers to the fact these Boroughs were once part of the County, whilst Tower Bridge in the background nods to the new Greater London County.

Hendon & Edgware: The Knights of St John of Jerusalem used to own land in Hendon, hundreds of years ago. The lamb and flag was their badge. The lamb stands on a hill, as a reminder that Hendon was originally a village built on a hill, and in Anglo Saxon times was called Heandune – meaning “high hill” or “high down.” The airscrews, from the crest of the Borough of Hendon, and the wings refer to the former borough’s links with aviation. This badge was introduced in 1978.

Stanmore: The Stanmore Obelisk, erected at the top of Brockley Hill in 1750, commemorates a battle in which the British tribes united to defeat the Roman Legions during Julius Caesar’s second invasion.

With Edgware groups split between three Districts, researching the next 60 years of history is not a straightforward task. What we do know is the ten Edgware Groups in 1965 became six Groups by 2005. This was very much in trend in a national decline in Scouting around the 1990s. With this reduction in Groups, the new Districts themselves eventually merged with neighbours to cover larger areas.

At the time of writing (2026) there are six Edgware Groups still active; three in Harrow District and three in Barnet District (or seven Groups if you consider the 1st/6th merged).

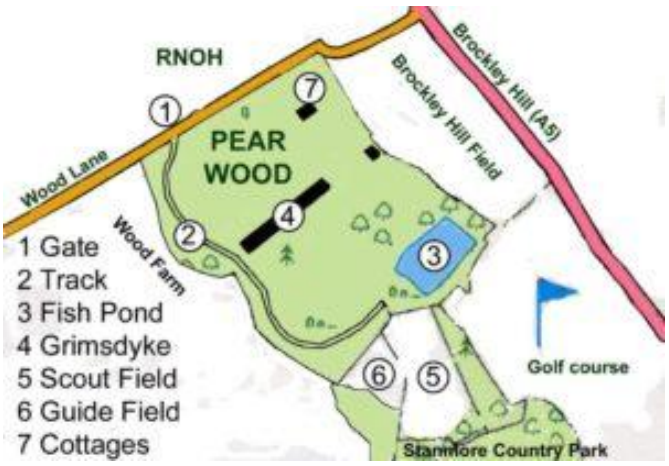
In consideration to other areas, Edgware remains a strong place for Scouting. And with UK Scouting bouncing back with significant growth and an increase in housing developments in the area, we could start to see a parallels to Edgware 100 years ago. Perhaps it will be time to re-open some of those former groups...

Pear Wood

Pear Wood, off Wood Lane in Stanmore, was the District campsite for many years. Dating the campsites origin is an ongoing task, however our best guess comes from this June 1939 District Bulletin: “arrangements have been made with the Steward of the Camping Club’s Camp Site at Grimm’s Dyke, Harrow Weald for the exclusive use of one of their fields for the Edgware and District Boy Scout Association on the last week-end in each month”. Grim’s Dyke crosses through Pear Wood, so it is possible this text refers to the site. It also coincides with the demise of the camping site at Bentley Priory (a six minute drive away), as foreshadowed in the subsequent article: “the old site that the R.A.F. have so kindly allowed us to use for several years past will not be available this year.” With the onset of the Second World War, it seems (TBC) the RAF would not be leasing Bentley Priory again for some time.

In 1956 Kenton Local Association kindly invited the District to share the running of Pear Wood. In its first year shared, there were a total of 817 camper nights (Edgware) recorded.

Back to Pear Wood – one former Scout who regularly camped there recalls ‘facilities were few – there was a standpipe on the border of the Scout and Guide fields, and a small hut with no electricity, gas or water laid on. Latrines had to be dug. But despite it being only a short distance from the A41 it was wonderfully isolated and you could be a hundred miles away from Edgware.’ Before water was supplied to the site, campers had a long haul to and from Wood Farm for water. It was then in 1960 that volunteers then laid 800 feet of pipe, dug with picks and shovels. Facilities improved again in 1962/3, with the Charles Marmoy Memorial Hut (in memory of the 13th Edgware GSM), providing ‘ample accommodation for indoor courses’.



Site map (from Harrow Scouts)

The site was the location for the annual camping competition, with Scouts competing for the Harrow Flag – named after it was presented to the District when they broke away from the Harrow administration in 1930.

After Edgware District was absorbed in 1965, Pear Wood continued to be used for many years, lastly ending up as the District Campsite of Pinner & Headstone. Today footpaths connect it into the larger Stanmore Country Park. Although it is still listed online as available for camping, the author suspects local groups use it more for day events and hikes now.

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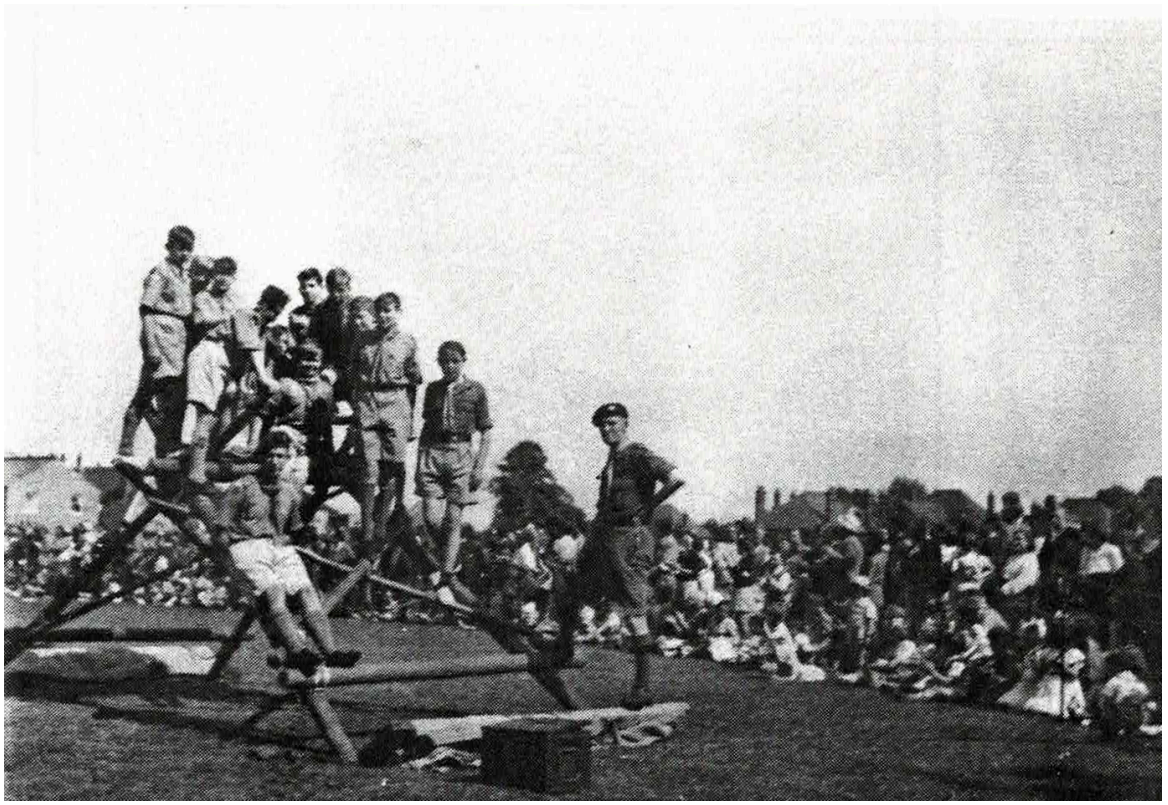
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1775	1st Harrow Weald	1	1	1	1	2	4
	1st Stanmore	1	1	-	-	2	2
	1st Edgware	1	1	-	1	3	2
	2nd Edgware	1	1	-	1	1	3
12493	3rd Edgware	-	1	-	-	-	1

1931 District census



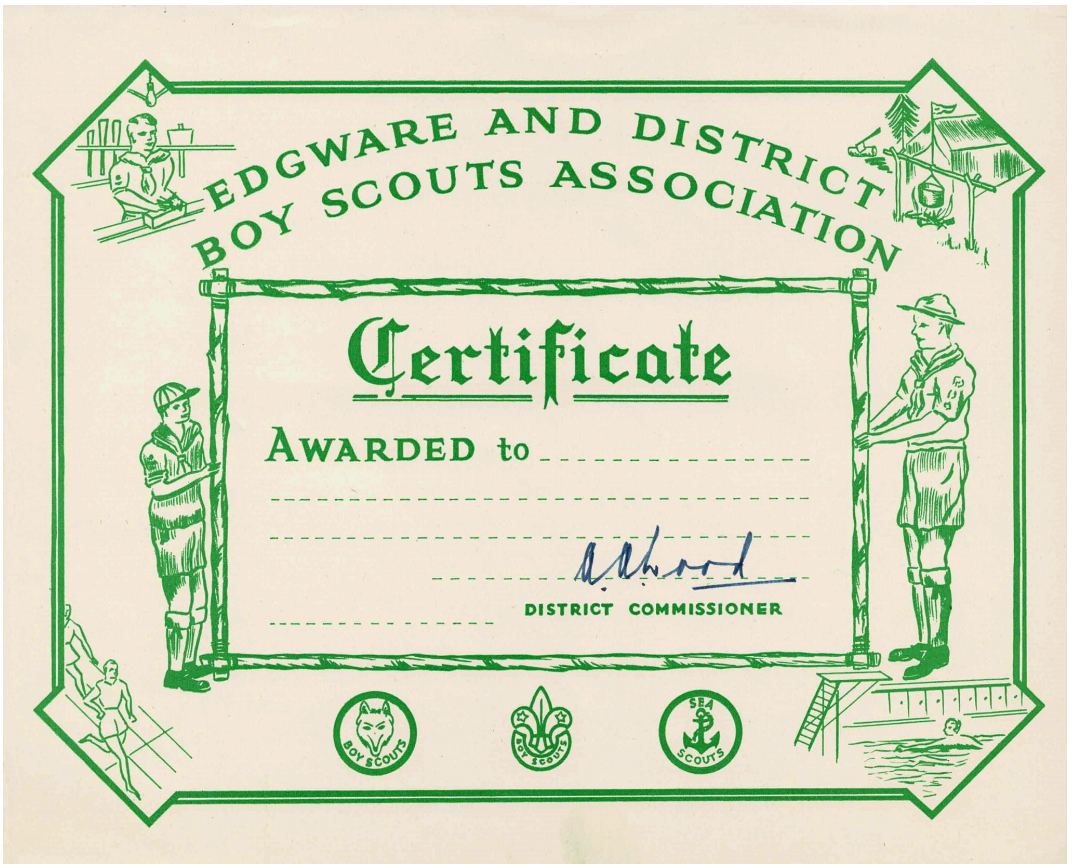
1st Edgware Rovers helping 1st Brockley Hill Scouts (1933)



1st Edgware at 'Scout Week', celebrating the District's 21st anniversary (1951)



Scout Association Cubs certificate, signed by J.G. Stone (1955)



District certificate, signed by A.A. Wood (1957)





Cubs District Sports Day (early 1960s)



2nd Edgware presented the Edgware District Athletics Sports Trophy (1961)



Scouts camping at Pear Wood (1961)



Cubs Open Day, singing around the campfire (Pear Wood, July 1961)

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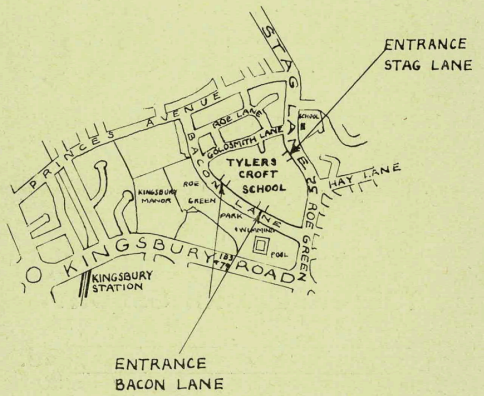
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IN MEMORIAM

Since going to Press we have learned with deep regret of the death of our District Commissioner, A. A. Wood, and offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends.



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Dear Friends,

It is a wonderful thing that although Scouting started in 1907, it still appeals to the boys of 1964 in spite of the many counter-attractions which modern life provides.

This is surely a tribute to the genius of our Founder, affectionately known as B-P. He understood boys and their need to be trained for citizenship in a framework of happy constructive activity. He showed how this could be done by inculcating self-discipline, self-reliance and a spirit of helpfulness. There are many men in Britain and, indeed, all over the world to-day who openly acknowledge that Scouting has made them happier and better citizens than they would otherwise have been.



Making preparations to take Pioneering Badges at Pearwood Camp, Stanmore

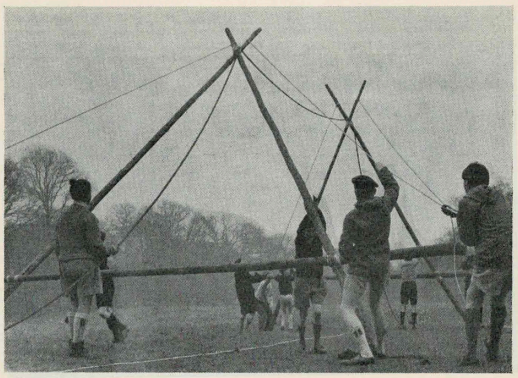
The work must go on but it costs money to provide all the backing which Scouting needs in a modern setting. Our District covers 20 square miles, comprising Edgware, Stanmore, Harrow Weald, Queensbury and part of Kingsbury, and we have a membership of over 1,600 Cubs, Scouts, Senior Scouts, Rovers and Scouters.

The Association has never before sought to raise money in a big way but when last year it was realised that Scouting in Edgware and District would suffer unless this was done, the response from our lay friends and members of the Movement to organise "The Fête" has been most admirable.

The boys are going to entertain you in the Arena and there will be lots of opportunity for spending your money satisfyingly in the side shows and by indulging in other relaxing activities.

This is a very good cause and I hope it will receive the support it deserves.

A. A. WOOD
District Commissioner.



Final Erection, Pearwood Camp, Stanmore

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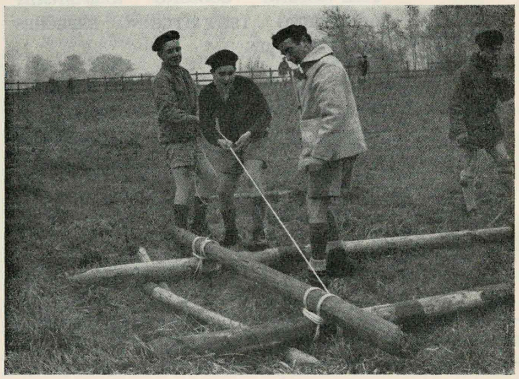
Scouting in the District of Edgware

In the arena this afternoon one will be able to see Edgware and District Scouts in action. Many of the activities you will see are typical of what you would find in a normal troop yearly programme.

Pioneering takes the form of bridge building, camp gateways and flagstaff erecting, axemanship, cooking, tent pitching, fire lighting, games, life-line throwing and "slippery pole" contest will also be displayed.

The Sea Scouts contribution naturally will be of a nautical nature.

An arena full of youth movement and colour, excitement and boyish laughter, all enjoying the GAME OF SCOUTING that was devised by Lord Baden-Powell nearly 60 years ago.



More Preparations at Pearwood Camp

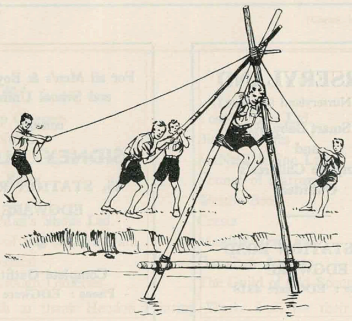
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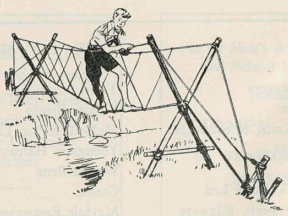


way, however large or small, helped to make the arena items into effective displays to sell Scouting to the Public.

Last, but not least, the Association and the Management Committee are greatly indebted to a large number of Shopkeepers who have helped with gifts, and in this way encouraged the work of Scouting in this area. It is not until one is faced with a task as large as this that one is able to find how many friends we really have.

Thank you again, every Section, Shopkeepers, Friends and Parents of boys for your co-operation in this, our first District Fête.

A. G. PITCHER,
Chairman of the Management Committee.



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Extracts from the District's Gigantic Fete booklet (1964)



New names for Scout groups

EFFORTS to save Edgware and District Boy Scouts' Association from being disbanded have failed. From April next year the Association will be broken into three sections under the new Greater London Borough scheme.

For many months local scout groups have written to the County Commisioner and the local authorities pleading that the district be left to run as one unit as it has done for the past 34 years.

The association was formed in 1930 when groups in the Edgware area, then under Harrow district, decided that they were strong enough in Scout groups have whitten to form their own separate governing unit.

Under the new scheme the district will come within the new boroughs of Brent, Harrow and Barnet.

Mrs. Edna Pitcher, district commissioner for Cubs, told a reporter: "At the moment it has not been decided what will happen to the cups, trophies and funds held by the district.

"The local association will meet in January next year to decide how they can be fairly shared out between the three new organising bodies."

SITUATION

She explained that groups in the Brent borough will go into a new district called Kingsbury and Kenton. The district will have its own district commissioner as will other districts in the borough. Together they will come under the borough commissioner.

The same situation applies to groups in the borough of Harrow who will become members of the Stanmore District with their new district commissioner under the borough commissioner for Harrow.

Groups actually in the Edgware area will be split into their own district which has not yet been announced but will come under the borough commissioner for Barnet.

Added Mrs. Pitcher: "The new scheme will mean that a great number of meetings will have to be held between now and the changeover. New committees, Scouters councils and district representatives will have to be appointed."

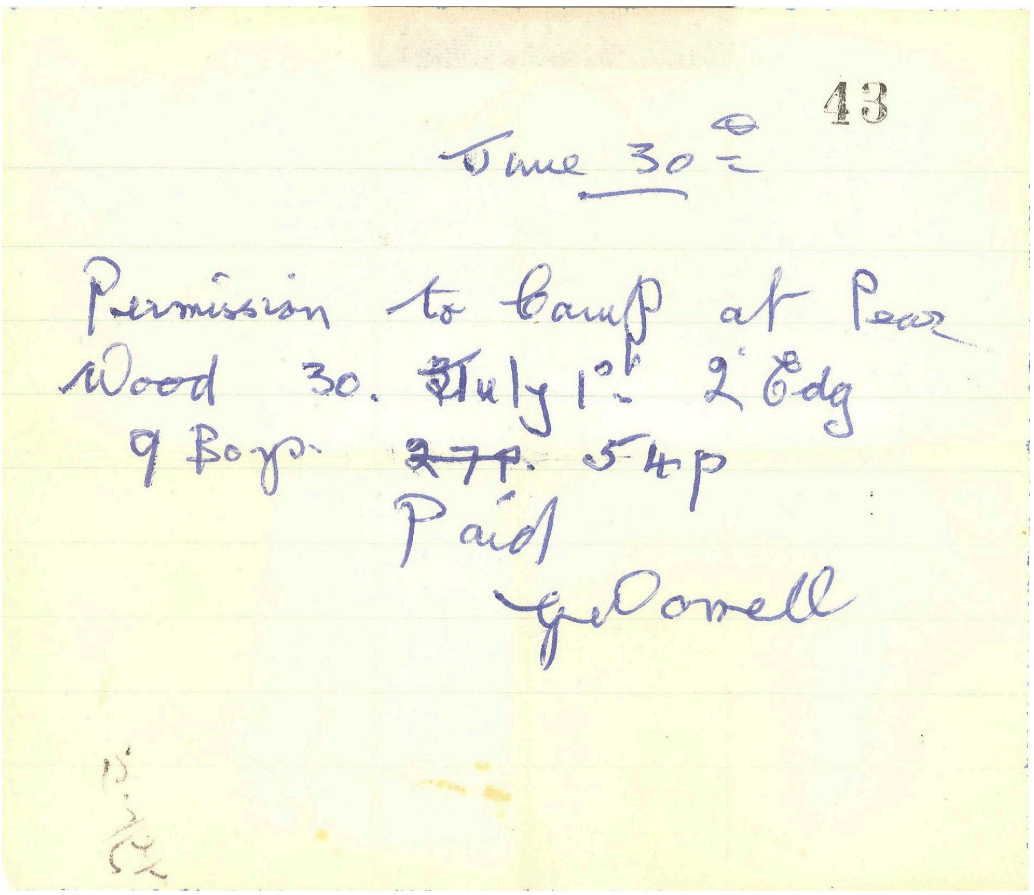
The changeover, which is occuring all over the London area, should not affect actual groups, only the administrative organisations of the various areas.

One of the most awkward problems that will face the Edgware District when they meet in January is what will happen to the Harrow flag.

The flag was presented to the district when they broke away from the Harrow administration in 1930. Each year it is presented to the winner of the annual Edgware Boy Scout camping competition at the district camp site in Pear Wood, Stanmore.

The district have also to decide what happens to the camp site.

1964 news article



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Pear Wood camp permit and receipt (unknown year)



Hendon and Edgware District Beaver Sports trophy (1991-2005)



Guides Field at Pear Wood (2020)



Scouts field at Pear Wood (2020)





Site of the campfire circle at Pear Wood (2020)

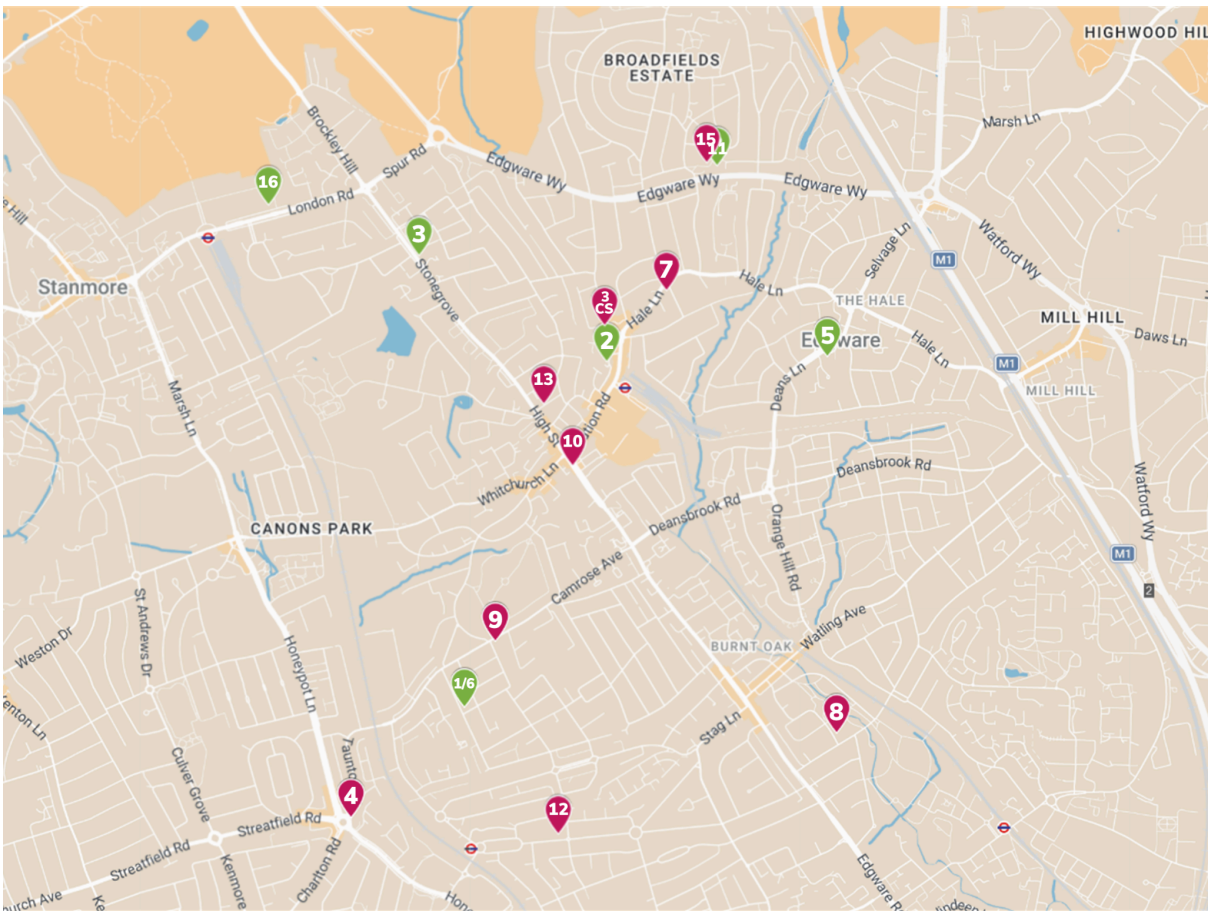


The water tap at Pear Wood (2020)





2E and 3E at the town's Remembrance Sunday parade 2024



A map of Scouting in Edgware today (2026)