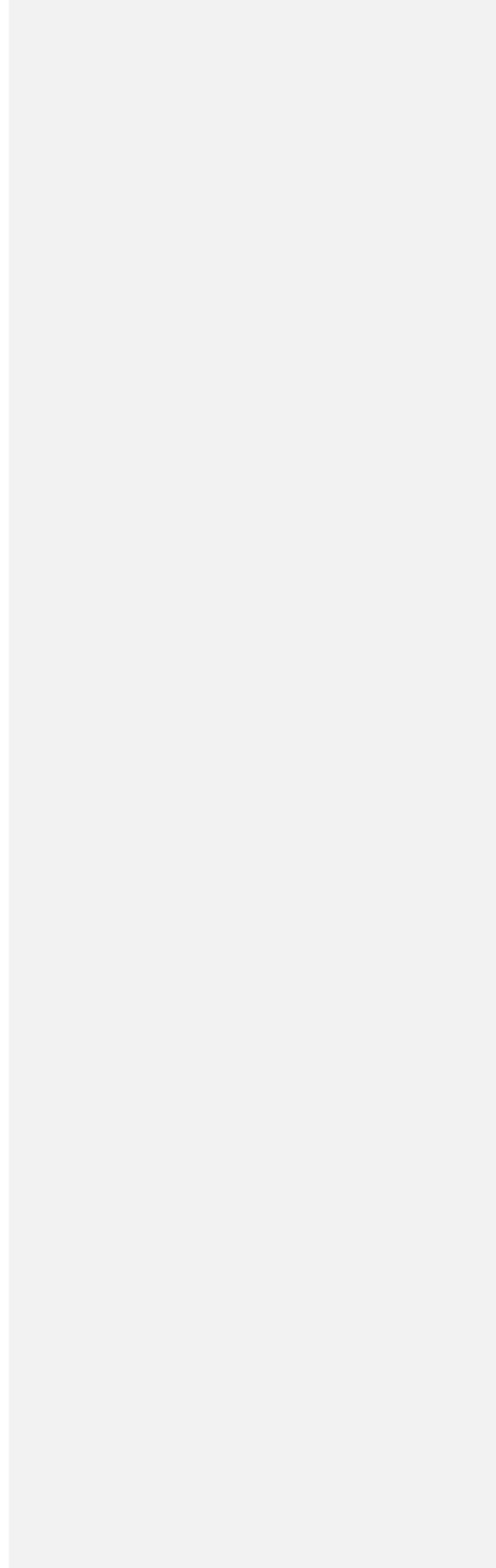


**Court of Honour Minutes**

**Sept. '34 to May '39**

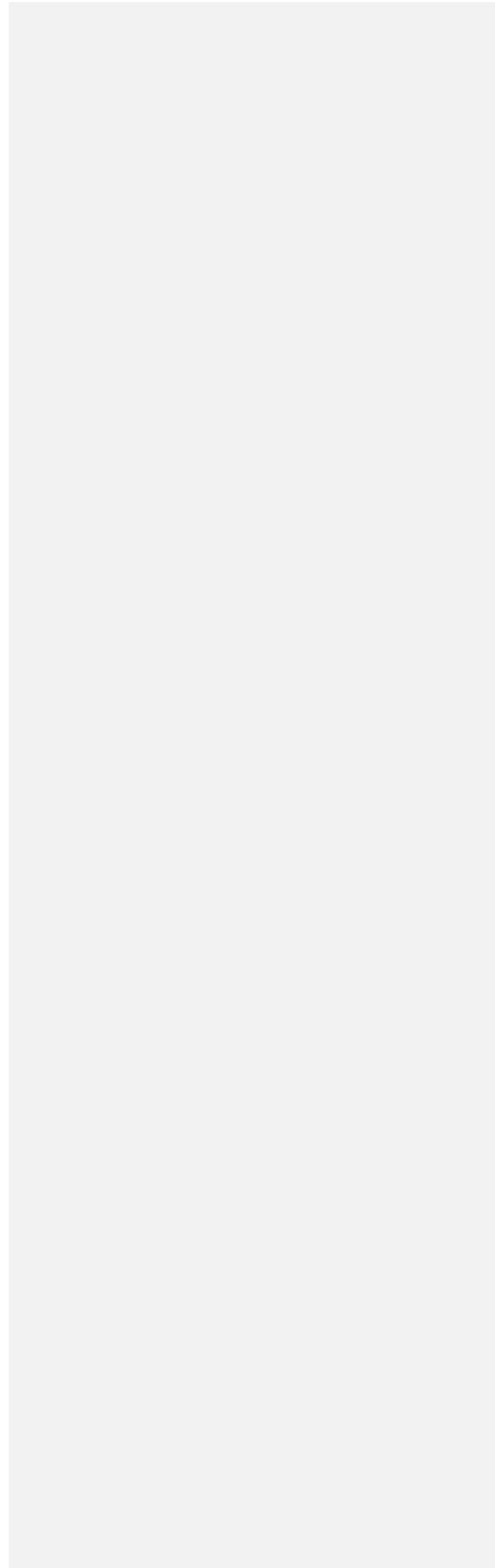


70th Renfrewshire  
30th Greenock (Finnart)  
Boy Scout Group

Minutes  
of  
Court of Honour  
Meetings

30th Greenock  
70th Renfrewshire  
Boy Scouts

Sept. 1934 - May 1939



## Court of Honour Meetings

11th September 1934<sup>1</sup>

7 P.M. – 8.30 P.M.

30 Brisbane St  
Greenock<sup>2</sup>

### Those Present

G.S.M.	S. Faulds <sup>3</sup>
A.S.M.	A.J. Dunlop <sup>4</sup>
A.S.M.	J. Hardie <sup>5</sup>
T.L.	A. Colquhoun <sup>6</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>7</sup>
P.L.	D. Black <sup>8</sup>
P.L.	A. Hardie <sup>9</sup>

### Finance

The state of the troop funds was discussed along with that of the debt to the church.<sup>10</sup> It was decided that money must be raised to pay the debt. Two motions were brought forward.

1. That a concert, partly by the troop and partly by outsiders, should be held before the end of this year if yet more money was needed.
2. That a Cake and Candy sale should be held.

It was decided that a concert would be held in the Watt Hall.<sup>11</sup> Two sketches<sup>12</sup> were to be given by the Scouts. Outside help was to be obtained.

### Roll

It was proposed to bring in new recruits. This is to be done by an intimation from the pulpit and in "Scout Notes".<sup>13</sup>

### Work

A patrol was formed to enter for the "Shannon Cup"<sup>14</sup> and a team was made for the "Victory Trophy"<sup>15</sup>.

It was also arranged that a camp fire<sup>16</sup> be held every night.

A. Hardie, Secy.<sup>17</sup> Samuel Faulds J. G.S.M.<sup>18</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934*

1. There is some uncertainty regarding the official start of the Troop, with some sources stating that it was 1932 and others stating that it was July 1933. Either way, it seems highly likely that this meeting of the Court of Honour was the first to be minuted.

2. This was the address of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Faulds, whose son (also called Sam) was asked to start up the Troop.

3. Sam Faulds (junior) was aged about 24 when he was asked to start up the 70th Scout Troop in 1932. Sam had previous Scouting experience, which included leadership roles with other Groups. Sam had various Scouting roles. As well as being the 70<sup>th</sup>'s first Group Scout Master from 1932-35, he was District Scoutmaster and was involved in organising the annual Pirrie Park parade, the Shannon Cup competition and the Public Service Vase Competition for First Aid and Emergencies. He was also the District's representative on the County Scout Council. He resigned in September 1935.

4. Alexander Ian Dunlop was the son of the head teacher of mathematics at Greenock Academy and lived at 52 Eldon Street (renumbered 96 in 1936-37) with his parents. In 1933, he started studying for an MA in Divinity at Glasgow University, where he met Ian/John Hardie who was doing the same course. In 1934, Ian joined the 70<sup>th</sup> as an A.S.M. at the age of 18 and there is evidence to suggest that he had previous Scouting experience. When Sam Faulds resigned, the two 'Ians' ran the Troop as A.S.M.s until March 1936. At that point, Ian Dunlop became G.S.M. and Ian/John Hardie became S.M., both now aged 20. Although Ian was G.S.M., he was still very active with the troop and 'Ian's talk' was a regular occurrence at camp fires. Ian remained as G.S.M. until November 1939 when he had to move to Lochgilphead on war service. Nevertheless, he remained in contact with the Group as a Rover Scout and Rover Scout Leader for several years. During the 1930s Ian also played an active role in District matters. He was the Secretary for the District Executive and served on numerous sub committees. Ian finished his MA degree in 1937 and his BD in 1938. It is believed that he was a navy chaplain during the war and might have been mentioned in dispatches. After the war, he served in a number of churches in London, Lochgilphead and Edinburgh. In 1954, he gave the address at the 70<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, and was also present at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992.
5. Ian/John Hardie lived at 23 Union Street and was on the same divinity course at Glasgow University as Ian Dunlop. Ian was originally with the 45<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire Scouts but joined the 70<sup>th</sup> as an A.S.M. in 1934 along with Ian Dunlop. In January 1936, Ian was officially appointed as Scoutmaster and ran four summer camps from 1934-1937. He resigned in March 1939. After this, he completed a PhD at Glasgow University, then served in various Greenock Churches. After the war, he emigrated to Canada and became Professor of Old Testament languages at the University of Nova Scotia.
6. A. Colquhoun was the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Troop Leader during 1933 and 1934. His previous Scouting experience is not known, but it is likely that he had been a Patrol Leader in a different Troop and was persuaded to help out with the new 70<sup>th</sup> Troop. Unfortunately, very little is known about his background. He was present at the summer camp of 1934 and the last mention of him was at this meeting of the Court of Honour. It is not known what he did after resigning.
7. Eoin Steel lived at 39 Margaret Street and had four brothers and one daughter. The Steel family was a strong supporter of the early troop in a number of ways. Eoin, himself, may well have been one of the 'founder members' of the fledgling Troop, and probably had previous Scouting experience with another troop. He was a close friend of Alan Hardie, who played a key part in persuading Eoin to join the 70<sup>th</sup>. Since Alan had been in the 5<sup>th</sup> Scouts, this suggests that Eoin may also have been in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Eoin may well have been one of the first PLs to be appointed in the 70<sup>th</sup>. He remained PL of the Wolf Patrol then the Curlew Patrol until 1936, at which point he was appointed Troop Leader. Eoin led a patrol in the County Flag of 1936, and was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Victory Trophy in the same year. In September 1937, he resigned to join the Rovers, but returned to the troop as an A.S.M. in early 1938. When Ian Dunlop resigned in November 1939, Eoin and Wilson Hill ran the troop until Eoin was called up in January 1940. Eoin served in the RAF as ground crew or administration. In 1954, he read a lesson at the church service marking the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the troop.
8. Duncan Roger Black lived in a tenement on Finnart Street near the corner of Robertson Street (possibly 15 Finnart Street). He was almost certainly one of the first PLs to be appointed in the new Troop and he attended the first two summer camps, held in 1933 and 1934. He was PL of the Curlew Patrol and attended Court of Honour meetings until October 1934. He probably resigned at the beginning of 1935, possibly March 1935. Duncan served as an RAF sergeant in bombers during the war and was killed in June 1941 when his plane was shot down over Holland.
9. Alan Hardie was Ian Hardie's younger brother. He was born in August 1919 and lived at 23 Union Street. Alan joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire Troop in 1930, then transferred to the 70<sup>th</sup> as one of its first members. Alan believed that he joined in 1932 and was promoted a year later to become PL of the Woodpigeon Patrol. It is quite possible that he was one of the first 70<sup>th</sup> PLs to be appointed as there may not have been any PL appointments during the first year of the troop's existence. In June 1935, Alan became Troop Leader and remained so until November 1936. During his time in the Scouts, Alan gained his King Scout's Badge, one of only three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts to achieve this during the 1930s. He also attended most camps and led the 70<sup>th</sup> Patrol that won the Shannon Cup in 1935. He was an excellent swimmer and was a key member of the 70<sup>th</sup> swimming teams that dominated the Scout swimming gala during the 1930s. Alan won the Scout Championship in 1935 and 1936, then the Rover Championship in 1937 and 1938. He also led the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Victory Trophy in 1935. In 1937, Alan became an A.S.M. with the troop and by March 1939 was the longest serving member of the. Alan was also a member of the territorial army's Royal Engineers and was among the first to be called up following the outbreak of war, serving in Norway, Iceland, Plymouth, North Africa, Italy and Austria until 1947. He became a civil engineer after the war and saw in the new millennium as the last surviving member of the initial 70<sup>th</sup> troop.

10. *It is possible that the Church provided money for the purchase of camping equipment.*
11. *It is assumed that the Watt Hall is now part of the Watt Institution that also includes the McLean Museum, Art Gallery Watt Library and Inverclyde Archives. Presumably the hall was available for social functions during the 1930s.*
12. *Sketches in this sense meant small plays or performances*
13. *'Scout Notes' was regularly printed in the Greenock Telegraph in the Thursday edition. The campaign proved to be successful as the Troop Log stated that nine new recruits joined the Troop during October 1934.*
14. *The Shannon Cup was considered the most prestigious of the various District Scout Competitions as it focused on Scouting and camping skills and lasted over a weekend. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the competition in 1935 with a Patrol led by Alan Hardie.*
15. *The Victory Trophy was considered the most important trophy in the annual Scout Swimming Gala. Each Troop entered a team of 4 Scouts and the teams competed in a relay, diving and lifesaving. During the 1930s, there was fierce competition for the trophy between the 70<sup>th</sup> and the 59<sup>th</sup>. The 59<sup>th</sup> won it in 1937 and 1938, while the 70<sup>th</sup> won it in 1935, 1936 and 1937 (coming second in 1937 and 1938). It's thought that the 70<sup>th</sup> might also have come second in 1934.*
16. *These would have been indoor campfires, possibly around an artificial fire involving a coloured light bulb. Such artificial fires were certainly used in the 1950s and beyond.*
17. *As Secretary, Ian Hardie would have been responsible for writing the minutes of the Court of Honour. In later years, the role of Secretary was given to one of the Patrol Leaders.*
18. *Samuel Faulds (Junior), Group Scout Master.*

19th October 1934

Finnart Church Halls,  
Madeira Street.

9 P.M. – 9.30 P.M.

Present

G.S.M.	S. Faulds Jr. <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	A.J. Dunlop <sup>2</sup>
A.S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steele <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	D. Black <sup>5</sup>
P.L.	A. Hardie <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>7,8</sup>

It was decided to abandon the concert<sup>9</sup> as the sum of £4 pounds 2/-<sup>10</sup> had been presented to us by the church.

P.L. Hardie asked A.S.M. A.J. Dunlop and A.S.M. J.B. Hardie to state their reasons for only appearing at troop meetings in uniform one Friday in the month<sup>11</sup>. As no satisfactory answer was given, P.L. Hardie moved that A.S.M.'s be compelled to wear uniform as other Scouts were. A.S.M. A.J. Dunlop protested against P.L. Hardie's complaint on the grounds that he, P.L. Hardie, had made the motion with intent to spite A.S.M. J.B. Hardie.<sup>12</sup> G.S.M. Faulds said that the matter would receive his closest attention. When P.L. Hardie asked for an immediate settlement, he was requested to leave the court.

A. Hardie, Secy.<sup>13</sup>      S. Faulds G.S.M.<sup>14,15</sup>

*Editorial comments for 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934*

1. See note 3 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Sam Faulds.
2. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
3. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 8 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding D. Black.
6. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
7. Archie Stalker was born in 1921 and may well have been one of the founder members of the 70<sup>th</sup> Troop when it started up in 1932. He lived at 5 Robertson Street and attended the Greenock Academy. In 1934, he was the Second Patrol Leader (S.P.L.) of the Wolf Patrol and was promoted to P.L. in March 1935. He was aged 14 at that point and remained as P.L. for another 3 years, until he was made Troop Leader in September 1938. However, he resigned on the same night! It is thought that he might have joined the Rovers at that point, finally resigning in April 1939. On leaving school he worked with the Provident Bank. During the war he served in the Royal Corps of Signals in India.
8. Although the Court of Honour was primarily made up of Patrol Leaders and Scouters, Patrol Seconds could attend if invited. This was more likely to happen in small troops. Seconds certainly attended the Court of Honour meetings throughout the 1930s. See also the minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1935, when it was decided to make Patrol Seconds permanent members of the Court of Honour.
9. See the COH minutes for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934.
10. £4 – 2/- in 1934 had the equivalent value of £375 today (as of 2023).
11. The Court of Honour was a forum where Patrol Leaders could have a say in the running of the troop and so it was perfectly within Alan Hardie's rights to make such comments.
12. This was a perfectly valid point. Alan Hardie, himself, stated that he had originally joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire so that he could be in a different troop from his older brother. One of the reasons for this was that Ian was both extremely clever and good at sports. As a result, Alan did not wish to be always in his brother's shadow. Relations between the two brothers were not always 'frosty'. Just before Ian emigrated to Canada, he baptised Alan's first daughter.

13. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
14. Samuel Faulds (Junior), Group Scout Master.
15. According to the Troop Log book, nine new recruits joined the Troop during October 1934

Friday 11th January 1935

Finnart Church Hall,  
Madeira Street.

7.30 P.M. – 8.0 P.M.

Present

G.S.M.	S. Faulds Jr. <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	A.J. Dunlop <sup>2</sup>
A.S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steele <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	A. Hardie <sup>5</sup>

The court decided that, owing to preparations for raising funds for the troop, we would not take any tables for the Association Whist Drive<sup>6</sup>.

It was decided that the Annual Summer Camp should be held at St. Catherines, Loch Fyne during the second fortnight of July<sup>7</sup>. It was also decided to buy the following kit.

- 1 Small Icelandic tent. Price 78/-<sup>8</sup>
- 2 Large Roarer Primus<sup>10</sup>. Price 11/- each. Total 22/-<sup>9</sup>
- 2 Naval Dixies (Small Pattern). Price unknown.
- 1 Large Army Dixie<sup>10</sup>. Price unknown.
- 1 Scout Pennant<sup>10</sup>
- 1 Union Jack

A. Hardie. Secy.<sup>11</sup> A. Ian Dunlop ASM<sup>12</sup>

*Editorial comments for 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935*

1. See note 3 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Sam Faulds. This was Sam Fauld's last full appearance at the Court of Honour. However, he did visit the Court of Honour on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935.
2. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
3. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
6. It is assumed that this was a fund raising event organised by Greenock Scout District.
7. Although this was to be the 70<sup>th</sup>'s third Summer Camp, it was only the second one that was organised and run by the Troop, and the first camp to be run by Ian Hardie and Ian Dunlop. The camp took place at a farm (Ardno Farm) during the 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August 1935 rather than in July. It was attended by ten Scouts and two leaders. The Rev. Reid (the Minister of Finnart Church) also spent 3 days under canvas with the troop. It was the Reverend Reid who had initially proposed setting up a Scout Troop that would be affiliated to Finnart Church.
8. 78 Shillings corresponded to £3- 18/- and had the equivalent value to £357 today (2023).
9. 22 Shillings corresponded to £1- 2/- and had the equivalent value to £100 today (2023).
10. The primus, naval dixies, army Dixie and Scout pennant probably looked like the following



It is not known whether the Troop cooked centrally or in patrols during the 1930s. One of the Primus stoves was sold to Ian Dunlop towards the end of 1939 when he resigned as G.S.M. (see COH minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939.)

11. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

12. Ian Dunlop probably signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

Friday 15th March 1935  
Hall,

Finnart Church

9 P.M. – 9.15 P.M.

Madeira Street.

Present

A.S.M.	A.J. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B.Hardie <sup>2</sup>
P.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
S.P.L.	R. Grant <sup>4</sup>
S.P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>

A.S.M. A.J. Dunlop was in the chair.

It was decided that no more young boys should be admitted as recruits.<sup>6</sup>

S.P.L. A. Stalker was promoted to acting P.L. of the Wolf Patrol.<sup>7</sup>

P.L. E. Steel was made temporary P.L. of the Curlew patrol.<sup>7</sup>

A Hardie. Secy<sup>8</sup>

A. Ian Dunlop. ASM<sup>9</sup>

*Editorial comments for 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.

2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.

3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.

4. Ronald Grant was born in 1921 and was the only son of Bryce Grant, the dentist. He lived at 13 Kelly Street and was almost certainly one of the founder members who joined when the Troop started up in 1932. He was Second of the Woodpigeon Patrol in 1933 and attended the first Summer Camp held in 1933. In 1935, he was Patrol Second of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Shannon Cup. Ronald was promoted to P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in June 1935 and remained its P.L. until September 1938. During the war he served as a paratrooper. After the war, he worked with Balfour Beattie.

5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.

6. This might suggest that the Troop was at its maximum strength. On the other hand, there were only three patrols in existence (Wolf, Curlew and Woodpigeon). Therefore, it is more likely that the troop could not cope with new recruits aged 11 or 12, but was still open to recruiting older boys, particularly if they had prior Scouting experience. See also the COH minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935.

7. Prior to this, Archie Stalker was Second of the Wolf Patrol, with Eoin Steel as the Patrol Leader. With Eoin Steel switching to become P.L. of the Curlew Patrol, this meant that Archie was the obvious choice to take over the Wolf Patrol. The fact that Eoin Steel switched to the Curlew Patrol suggests that Duncan Black had recently resigned as P.L. of the Curlew. These changes were accompanied by a reorganisation of the Patrols as identified in the Troop Log (20<sup>th</sup> March 1935).

8. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

9. Ian Dunlop probably signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place

Friday 3rd May 1935.

9 P.M. – 9.20 P.M.

Finnart Church Hall,  
Madeira Street.

Present

A.S.M.	A. J. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
P.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	R. Grant <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	D. McKenzie. <sup>7</sup>

In the chair<sup>8</sup> – A.S.M. A.J. Dunlop

The minutes of the previous meeting were formerly adopted.

An ambulance party was chosen for service at the Jubilee fire on Monday May 6th.<sup>9</sup>

It was decided to open a subscription list for a present to G.S.M. S. Faulds<sup>10</sup> on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage.<sup>11</sup>

It was discovered that the present date of the summer camp at Saint Catherines (August 1st to 16th)<sup>12</sup> was inconvenient for some. After some discussion, however, this date was retained.

S.P.L. D. McKenzie was promoted to be second of the Curlew patrol.<sup>13</sup>

This was all the business.

J.B. Hardie Secy.<sup>14</sup>      A.J. Dunlop<sup>15</sup>

*Editorial comments for 3rd May 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
7. Duncan McKenzie might have been one of the founder members of the troop. Although he was promoted to SPL of the Curlew Patrol, he must have lost interest fairly soon after because he was taken off the roll in November 1935 for non-attendance. Curiously, this occurred at exactly the same time as a younger Duncan McKenzie was enrolled. The first Duncan McKenzie might have been Duncan McKenzie the butcher, and the second Duncan McKenzie the jeweller.
8. In later years, it was usual for the Troop Leader to act as Chairman for the Court of Honour.
9. A bonfire or beacon was lit at the top of the Lyle hill on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1935 to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V. In 1935, King George was King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India. The 'ambulance party' was a first aid team who would deal with minor first aid problems that might occur during the event.
10. See note 3 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Sam Faulds.
11. Sam Faulds was due to marry Jean Stevenson in June 1935, but the marriage had to be delayed due to a curious incident that resulted in Sam going missing for a month. This created a huge amount of local publicity at the time, but the reason for Sam's disappearance was never revealed publicly.
12. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935 regarding the Summer Camp held at St. Catherines in August 1935. Note that the dates for the camp had been changed from those initially chosen on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935.
13. Duncan McKenzie regained his rank as Second of the Curlew Patrol as nobody had yet been promoted to take his place. Wilson Hill may well have been an acting Patrol Second during Duncan's absence but was not formally promoted.
14. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
15. Ian Dunlop probably signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

Friday May 24th 1935.

Finnart Church Hall,  
Madeira Street.

9.00 P.M. – 9.15 P.M.

Present

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
P.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
S.P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	D. McKenzie. <sup>6</sup>

In the Chair<sup>7</sup>:- A.S.M. A.I. Dunlop.

The minutes of the previous meeting were formerly adopted, as were the Troop minutes<sup>8</sup>. The court expressed a formal wish that the patrol entered for the Shannon Cup<sup>9</sup> might be successful.<sup>10</sup>

It was intimated that the troop would participate in a Drumhead Service<sup>11</sup> in Pirrie Park<sup>12</sup> on June 16th.

The chairman announced that the examiner for the County Flag award<sup>13</sup> would be present the next Friday.

G.S.M. S. Faulds<sup>14</sup> entered but declined the chair.

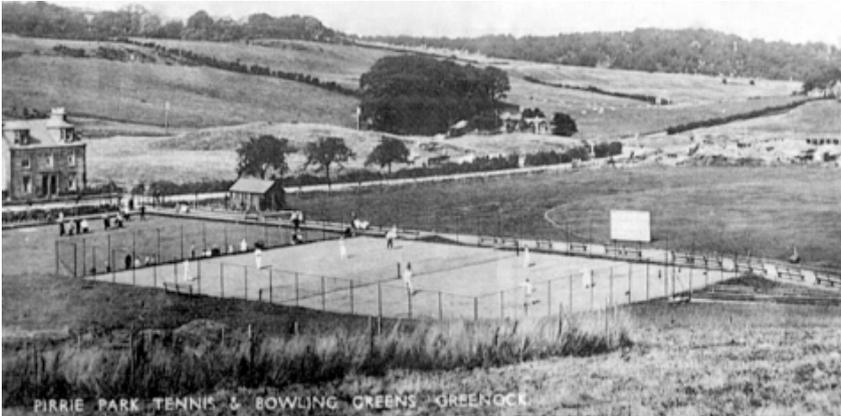
G.S.M. S. Faulds intimated his desire to hold a party for the Scouts in the hall on Friday, June 21st at 7.30.<sup>15</sup>

This was all the business.

J.B. Hardie. Secy.<sup>16</sup> A.I. Dunlop ASM<sup>17</sup>

*Editorial comments for 24th May 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 7 for the 3rd May 1935 regarding Duncan McKenzie.
7. In later years, it was usual for the Troop Leader to act as Chairman for the Court of Honour.
8. It is not known what the Troop Minutes covered or who was involved. Usually all matters affecting the Troop took place at the Court of Honour. There are also no surviving records relating to Troop Minutes.
9. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup.
10. That wish was granted as the 70<sup>th</sup> won the Shannon Cup in 1935. The Patrol was led by Alan Hardie.
11. During the 1930s, there was an annual District Scout Parade led by pipe band(s) which marched from George Square to Pirrie Park for an outdoor service. It was called a drum head service as the drums of the pipe band(s) were stacked up on the stage from which the service was conducted.
12. Pirrie Park was the original name for the Rankin Park. It was named after William Pirrie, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Pirrie, who was a director with Harland and Wolff Shipbuilders. The company used to have a yard in Greenock.



13. The County Flag was an annual competition between the different Districts in Renfrewshire. Each District selected which Troops would take part in the competition and so it was a notable achievement for the 70<sup>th</sup> to be one of the troops selected, especially as it had only been formed in 1932/33 The Competition lasted several months with District examiners visiting each Troop to assess a typical Troop Meeting and the quality of Scouting on show. There was also a weekend camp involved which may well have been restricted to a smaller number of Troops based on the results of the Troop visits .

14. See note 3 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Sam Faulds. This was Sam's last attendance at a Court of Honour.

15. In fact, the party did not take place due to unforeseen circumstances (see also note 11 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1935).

16. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

17. Ian Dunlop probably signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935.

Seafield Hall.<sup>1</sup>

7.00 P.M. – 7.05 P.M.

A Brief meeting of the Court was held to ratify the following appointments.

P.L. A. Hardie<sup>2</sup> to be Troop Leader.<sup>3</sup>

Sec. P.L. A. Stalker<sup>4</sup> to be Patrol Leader.<sup>5</sup>

Sec. P.L. R. Grant<sup>6</sup> to be Patrol Leader.<sup>7</sup>

Scout L. Harvey<sup>8</sup> to be Second P.L.<sup>9</sup>

Scout W. Hill<sup>10</sup> to be Second P.L.<sup>11</sup>

J.B. Hardie. Sec.<sup>12</sup> A.I. Dunlop ASM<sup>13</sup>

9.15 P.M. – 9.35 P.M.

Present

A.S.M. A. Ian Dunlop<sup>14</sup>

A.S.M. J. B. Hardie<sup>15</sup>

T.L. A. Hardie<sup>2</sup>

P.L. E. Steele<sup>16</sup>

P.L. A. Stalker<sup>4</sup>

P.L. R. Grant<sup>5</sup>

S.P.L. L. Harvey<sup>8</sup>

S.P.L. W. Hill<sup>10</sup>

It was officially decided that second P.L.s be admitted to meetings of the Court of Honour at the discretion of the Chairman.<sup>17</sup>

The minutes of the previous meeting, that of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1935, were formally adopted.

The chairman, A.I. Dunlop, intimated that he had written to St. Catherines to change the date of the summer camp from the second fortnight of July to the first fortnight of August<sup>18</sup>.

An answer had been received stating that this was quite satisfactory.

The chairman announced that owing to the numbers of boys going to camp, it would be necessary to borrow tents<sup>19</sup>.

Arrangements were made in connection with the drum-head service in Pirrie Park on June 10<sup>th</sup>.<sup>20</sup> Four P.L.s under T.L. A. Hardie were to see to the hoisting of the flag.<sup>21</sup>

The chairman intimated the details concerning the wedding present to S.M. S. Faulds<sup>22</sup>, and A.I. Dunlop and R. Grant were left in charge of the programme for the party to be given at Gourrock by the S.M.<sup>23</sup>

It was decided that all new members for the troop must be inspected by the court.

This was all the business.

J.B. Hardie. (Secy.)<sup>12</sup> A.Ian Dunlop<sup>13</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 8th June 1935*

1. Seafield House was a mansion at the east end of the Esplanade which was used by various organisations because it included a sizeable hall that could be used for meetings and indoor sports such as badminton. It was used as District Scout HQ during the 1930s.

2. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.

3. Although a previous Troop Leader is mentioned in the available records (namely A. Colquhoun), Alan Hardie was the first 'home-grown' Troop Leader, having been P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol since 1933. Alan resigned as P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol once he was promoted to Troop leader.

4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.

5. Archie Stalker had already been promoted to 'acting' P.L. of the Wolf Patrol on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935

6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.

7. Ronald Grant had been Second of the Woodpigeon Patrol under P.L. Alan Hardie since 1933. Ronald took over the Woodpigeon Patrol as its P.L. when Alan Hardie was appointed Troop Leader.
8. Lawrence Harvey was born in 1921 and was probably one of the early Scouts to join the troop once it was formed. He attended the first Summer Camp in 1933, as well as summer camps in 1935, 1936 and 1937. Lawrence was promoted to Second of the Woodpigeon Patrol under Ronald Grant in June 1935. In May 1937, he was promoted to P.L. of a new Patrol (the Fox Patrol). In December 1937 he was the second 70<sup>th</sup> Scout to gain his Second All Round Cords, and it likely that he went on to gain his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge and King Scout's Badge (only 3 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts gained their King's Scout Badge during the 1930s). Lawrence may well have been one of the Scouts in the 70<sup>th</sup> patrol that won the Shannon Cup in 1935. He resigned from the Troop in the summer of 1938.
9. Lawrence was promoted to Second of the Woodpigeon Patrol, replacing Ronald Grant who had been promoted to PL of the patrol.
10. Wilson Hill was one of the most important individuals in the history of the 70<sup>th</sup> during the 1930s and 1940s. Wilson was born in 1920 and lived at 28 Forsyth Street. There is sufficient evidence to indicate that Wilson joined the Troop from its very start. In June 1935, he was promoted to Second of the Wolf Patrol before becoming PL of the Curlew Patrol in November 1936. Wilson gained his Second All Round Cords in November 1937 and it is highly likely that he was one of the three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts to gain his King's Scout Badge during the 1930s. In terms of camping, Wilson was probably a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Shannon Cup in 1935. Curiously, though, there is no evidence of Wilson attending any of the summer camps held during the 1930s. He was promoted to Troop Leader in December 1937, but resigned to join the Rovers in February 1938. Nevertheless, it was clear that he was helping out at both the Pack and the Troop before he applied for an A.S.M's warrant in September 1938. At the beginning of 1940, Wilson was aged 19 and the only warranted leader remaining in the troop following the call up of other leaders; Wilson was in a reserved occupation as he was working in the research department of the Torpedo Factory. Throughout the war, Wilson played a pivotal role as Scout Master in keeping the 70<sup>th</sup> afloat. After the war, Wilson moved into teaching and became a technical teacher at Dunoon Grammar.
11. Wilson was promoted to Second, possibly of the Wolf Patrol.
12. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
13. Ian Dunlop probably signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.
14. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
15. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
16. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steele.
17. See also the minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1935, when it was decided to make Patrol Seconds permanent members of the Court of Honour.
18. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935 regarding the Summer Camp held at St. Catherines in August 1935.
19. Ten Scouts and two Scouters were actually present at camp. The numbers wishing to attend might have been greater on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. A secondary source regarding the 1934 Summer camp stated that the troop at that time owned 1 Bell tent and 2 Scoutmaster tents. Given that an Icelandic tent had recently been purchased, and that all the tents mentioned were capable of accommodating a patrol of Scouts, these should have been more than sufficient to accommodate the numbers going to camp. However, it is likely that the secondary source was wrong in stating that the Troop owned the two Scoutmaster Tents. It is more likely that these were borrowed from the 6<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire Scouts. It should also be noted that the list of Troop equipment provided in the COH minutes book for 1<sup>st</sup> May 1936 makes no mention of Scoutmaster tents.
20. See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the Drumhead Service and Pirrie park.
21. This suggests that Alan Hardie, Eoin Steele, Archie Stalker and Ronald Grant were all involved in hoisting the flag. The flag in question was the main flag for the event at Pirrie Park.
22. See note 3 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Sam Faulds, and note 11 for 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1935 regarding his marriage.
23. See note 15 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the party scheduled for June.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935

Church Hall  
Madeira St

8.50 P.M. to 9.20 P.M.

Present

A.S.M.	A. I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steele <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>7</sup>

The chairman<sup>8</sup> was A.S.M. A.I. Dunlop.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the court were read and adopted with one emendation.

The Chairman intimated that the troop had lost the County Flag to the Barrhead Troop.<sup>9,10</sup> The Chairman also intimated that the Victory Trophy<sup>11</sup> had been won for the troop by 8 points to 7 and that a member of the troop had won the Scout Championship at the Gala<sup>12</sup>. It was also noted that a patrol<sup>13</sup> had performed the ceremony of hoisting the flag at the Drumhead service in Pirrie Park<sup>14</sup>, on Sunday June 10th.

The Chairman announced that a very successful camp had been held at St. Catherines, Loch Fyne during the first fortnight of August<sup>15</sup>. The camp had been attended by ten scouts<sup>16</sup> and two officers<sup>17</sup> and had had a visit<sup>18</sup> from the Rev. A.R.R. Reid<sup>19</sup>.

It was reported that the party to have been given at Gourrock by a G.S.M. S. Faulds<sup>20</sup> was definitely off.<sup>21</sup>

A. Hardie<sup>2</sup>, the new treasurer, reported that he had taken charge of the troop finances, and added gratuitously that there was hope of some pecuniary assistance from the Church. He stated that, at the moment, the balance in hand stood at £1 – 3 - 2½<sup>22</sup> of which £1 was in the bank.

The official resignation of G.S.M. S. Faulds<sup>20</sup> was adopted.

On the motion of the Chairman, a minute of March 15th to close recruiting was cancelled in order to keep the troop up to full strength.<sup>23</sup>

Two applications for admittance to the troop were brought forward, viz. P. Dobbins<sup>24</sup> and T. Harvey<sup>25</sup>; both were formerly admitted and the former was allotted to the Curlew, the latter to the Wolf patrol.

W. Wilson<sup>26</sup> was given a transfer from the troop on account of his leaving the neighbourhood. The Chairman announced that there would be a church parade on Sunday 8th September<sup>27</sup>, and another to Ardgowan Methodist Church on October 13th for the dedication of colours<sup>28</sup>. After much mutual recrimination, it was decided that the troop should attend "en masse". This was decided to be the best course in spite of the unfortunate fact that the monthly parade<sup>27</sup> to Finnart Church was scheduled to take place the same day. The Chairman announced that he hoped colours would be to hand before Christmas as the Church was to be asked to contribute.

This was all the business.

J.B. Hardie. (Hon. Sec.)<sup>29</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop<sup>30</sup>

*Editorial comments for 6th September 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.

2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.

3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steele.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
7. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
8. In later years, it was usual for the Troop Leader to act as Chairman for the Court of Honour.
9. See note 13 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the County Flag Competition.
10. The wording suggests that the 70<sup>th</sup> may have come second in the County Flag that year. It could even be interpreted to mean that the 70<sup>th</sup> had been the holders of the County Flag from 1934. However, this may be reading too much into a single sentence. What can't be disputed is the fact that the 70<sup>th</sup> performed well in 1935 by reaching the final stages of the competition.
11. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The winning team was made up of Alan Hardie, Eoin Steel, Ronald Grant and Lawrence Harvey.
12. Alan Hardie won the Scout Championship in 1935 and 1936. The Gala itself was held at the West-End Baths in Campbell Street. This was a private swimming Club at the time. After the war, the building was converted into the Greenock Arts Guild in 1955 and remained in use as a theatre until 2012. The building then stood derelict until it was demolished in February 2021.



13. The 'Patrol' consisted of the Troop Leader Alan Hardie and Patrol Leaders Eoin Steele, Ronald Grant and Archie Stalker.
14. See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the Drumhead Service and Pirrie Park.
15. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935 regarding the Summer Camp held at St. Catherines in August 1935.
16. Alan Hardie, Eoin Steele, Lawrence Harvey, John Telfer, Ian Munro, Sandy Campbell, Bill Inglis, Victor Clark, Archie Brown and James McNeill.
17. A.S.M.s Ian Dunlop and Ian Hardie.
18. In fact, the minister spent 3 days under canvas with the troop.
19. The Reverend A.R.R. Reid was born in 1895 and was minister of Finnart Church from 1930-36. He lived at the manse in Union Street, then moved to 109 Finnart Street (Kilmory) (later renumbered 209). It was the Reverend Reid who proposed setting up a Scout Troop that would be affiliated with the Church and he took a keen interest in its progress once it was formed. He visited several of the Troop's Summer Camps during the 30s and wore an ex-army khaki kilt on those visits; during the 1920s, he served in the Highland Light Infantry in India. He had five sons, two of whom joined the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cub Pack (Ronald and David). Ronald may even have had a short stint in the Scout Troop before the family moved to Glasgow in 1936. At that point, the Rev. Reid became minister of Belmont Church, Glasgow. The Rev. Reid's Grandson (Russell Reid) was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts during the 1960s before emigrating to Australia.
20. See note 3 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Sam Faulds.

21. See note 15 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the party scheduled for June.
22. £1 – 3 - 2½ in 1935 had the equivalent value to £106 today (2023)
23. See also note 6 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding recruitment.
24. Peter Dobbins joined the Curlew Patrol in September 1935 and may have been born in 1923. His father might have been John H. Dobbins, District Manager for Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. If so the family lived at 12 Brisbane Street. Unfortunately, there is very little information on Peter's time in the Troop and he did not seem to get promoted.
25. Tennant Harvey was born in 1924 and was the younger brother of Lawrence Harvey. He joined the Wolf Patrol in September 1935 and was still with the Troop in September 1937. However, very little is known about his experiences in the 70<sup>th</sup>. It's also not known when Tennant left the troop other than it was between June 1937 and Sept. 1938.
26. W. Wilson might have been one of the original 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts. However, this is the only mention of him in the available records. Birth records indicate that a William Stewart Wilson was born in the west end of Greenock in 1921. This might be the same person, but further evidence is needed to be certain.
27. It is highly likely that this was the monthly parade to Finnart Church, presumably for the morning service. The monthly church parade probably continued throughout the 1930s. By the 1950s, the number of parades had been scaled back to about 2 or 3 per year. On this occasion, the Parade to Finnart Church was cancelled to allow the Troop to participate in the District Parade.
28. The colours were not the 70<sup>th</sup>'s colours as the troop was still to obtain them. They were, in fact, the colours of the Scout Troop affiliated with Ardgowan Methodist Church (the 7<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire). It was standard practice for a Scout Group to invite other Troops to the dedication service of its colours. It is assumed that the monthly Church Parade to Finnart Church was cancelled to allow the Scouts to attend the District Parade to the Ardgowan Methodist Church.
29. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
30. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

### **13<sup>th</sup> September 1935**

#### **Editorial comment**

According to the Troop Log, a Court of Honour Meeting took place after the Troop meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. However, no minutes were recorded.

6<sup>th</sup> October 1935

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

8.55 P.M. to 9.20 P.M.

Present

A.S.M.	A. Ian Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>8</sup>
Rover	J. Dunne <sup>9</sup>

In the chair<sup>10</sup> – A.S.M. A. Ian Dunlop

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, after a slight amendment, proposed by the Secretary, were adopted.

It was announced that because of a church parade to Ardgowan Methodist Church for the dedication of colours on Sunday October 13th, the normal parade to Finnart Church would not take place.<sup>11</sup>

The troop minutes<sup>12</sup> were read and adopted.

The Honorary Treasurer<sup>13</sup>, on presenting his balance sheet for the financial year ending September 1935, animadverted<sup>14</sup> that there was a balance in hand of £1 – 9- 3½.<sup>15</sup>

The chairman announced that, subsequent on the appearance in the Church magazine of an appeal for money wherewith to purchase colours, 30/-<sup>16</sup> had been donated.

The chairman, A.S.M. A. Ian Dunlop, intimated that a pack of Cubs was to be started in the church hall on Friday October 11th under the aegis of the troop.<sup>17</sup>

The chairman announced that patrol competitions had commenced and would be carried on with knotting competitions etc.

It was decided that a Hallowe'en party be held in the Church Hall on Friday November 1st.

On the information that a charge of 6<sup>d</sup> per head would be made to cover expenses, several members of the court expressed outspoken opinions, but calm was finally secured.

The accounts for the camp at St. Catherines<sup>18</sup> were read and approved, and the balance sheets exposed to the view of any interested person. No interested person availed himself of the opportunity.

This was all the business.

J.B. Hardie Hon. Sec.<sup>19</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop<sup>20</sup>

*Editorial comments for 6th October 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.

2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.

3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.

4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steele.

5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.

6. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.

7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.

8. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.

9. Very little is known about James Dunne, other than that he was a Rover Scout between 1935 and 1937, attended COH meetings, and assisted Ian Hardie and Ian Dunlop in organising the 1936 summer camp. He

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gained an A.S.M warrant in September 1936 and it is likely that he helped out at Troop meetings along with Archibald Brown who may have been a friend. James was certainly a member of Finnart Church and a friend of Ian Hardie. James might have left the 70<sup>th</sup> after the summer of 1937, at which point he may have been aged 25. 10. In later years, it was usual for the Troop Leader to act as Chairman for the Court of Honour.

11. See also the COH minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935.

12. See note 8 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding 'Troop Minutes'.

13. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.

14. 'Animadvert' means to 'pass criticism or censure on', or 'to speak out against'.

15. £1 – 9- 3½ in 1935 had the equivalent value of about £132 today (as of 2023).

16. 30/- (or £1 – 10- 0) in 1935 had the equivalent value of about £137 today (as of 2023).

17. It is believed that Sheila Dunlop (sister of Ian Dunlop) was the first Akela of the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cub pack. Her application for a warrant as an Assistant Cub Mistress was not actually approved until September 1936, at which point she was aged 18. However, it is assumed that she was the de facto Akela starting in October 1935.

18. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935 regarding the Summer Camp held at St. Catherines in August 1935.

19. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

20. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

8<sup>th</sup> November 1935

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.5 P.M. to 9.25 P.M.

Present

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
Sec. P.L.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>5</sup>
R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>6</sup>
R.S.	A. Brown <sup>7</sup>

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

A constitution for the Court of Honour - appended herewith - was read and adopted.

Whereas this constitution involved the inclusion of second Patrol Leaders as permanent members of the Court, and whereas a minute contrary to this, dated June 8<sup>th</sup> 1935, had been adopted, this minute was formerly voted null and void, *nemine contra*.<sup>8</sup>

The treasurer,<sup>9</sup> presenting his report for the past month, stated a balance of 1 pound eight shillings and eightpence halfpenny stg. (£1 – 8 – 8½).<sup>10</sup>

The chairman intimated that the troop would participate in the Armistice parade to Wellpark on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.<sup>11</sup>

Also that a pack of Cubs had been started in connection with the Troop, and that the membership was already ten.<sup>12</sup>

The troop minutes were read, approved, and formally adopted with no dissentient voice.

Applications for admittance to the Troop were considered from D. McKenzie<sup>13</sup> and J. Tosh<sup>14</sup>.

The Court, having decided that these were suitable members for the Troop, their names were officially adopted.

One pass in the first class Badge tests had been gained for the Troop<sup>15</sup>, viz. by W. Hill.<sup>4</sup>

Whereas this meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Court of Honour, the Treasurer's<sup>9</sup> report for the financial year was read and approved, and the following appointments were made:-

A.S.M. A.I. Dunlop to be Chairman.

A.S.M. J.B. Hardie to be Secretary.

T.L. A. Hardie to be Treasurer to the Court.

On the proposal of T.L. A. Hardie, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey<sup>5</sup>, Rover Scouts J. Dunne<sup>6</sup> and A. Brown<sup>7</sup> were co-opted as members of the Court.

A proposal was brought forward by T.L. A. Hardie, to strike off the roll Armstrong, Joseph<sup>16</sup> and McKenzie, Duncan<sup>17</sup>, on grounds of non attendance. After some little discussion, the Secretary was requested to write to these gentlemen in order to ascertain any existant reasons for their lack of appearance at the ordinary meetings of the Troop.

This was all the business.

(signed) J.B. Hardie Hon. Secy.<sup>18</sup>

A. Ian Dunlop<sup>19</sup>

*Editorial comments for 8th November 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.

2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.

3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.

4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.

5. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
6. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
7. Archibald was a Rover Scout who may well have been a friend of James Dunne. Like James Dunne, he helped out at the Troop between 1935 to 1937. He also attended the Troop's Summer Camp in 1937. He was still with the Troop in October 1937, but may have resigned soon after that. There is a possibility that Archibald was born in 1917 and was a classmate of the Editor's father. If so, he was a Scout in the 4<sup>th</sup> Greenock Scout Group and came first in the Glasgow University Bursary exam of 1935. He emigrated to Australia where he was a member of the Canberra Country Dancing Society. The Editor met him during 1987-89, but was unaware of his link with the 70<sup>th</sup>.
8. 'Nemine contradicente' signifies 'without a dissenting vote'.
9. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
10. £1 – 8- 8½ in 1935 had the equivalent value of about £130 today (as of 2023).
11. At this time, the Armistice Parade was a District event involving all Troops. In later years, a decision was taken that it should no longer be a District parade, and that each Troop should parade to its affiliated Church. This decision was not universally popular at the time it was taken.
12. See also the COH Minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding the start up of the Wolf Cub Pack.
13. Curiously, the approval for Duncan McKenzie's application to join the 70<sup>th</sup> coincided with the decision to remove another Duncan McKenzie from the Troop roll. It is believed that the incoming Duncan McKenzie was born in 1923 and was the son of a pawnbroker and auctioneer. The family lived at Janefield, High Inverkip Road. Duncan was a pupil of Greenock Academy and attended the 70<sup>th</sup>'s summer camp in 1937. He also won the G.S.M.s Cup in 1939, at which point he was in the Woodpigeon Patrol. He briefly left the troop not long after that, but returned to win the G.S.M.s Cup again in 1940. He finally resigned in October 1940 and went on to own a jeweller's shop.
14. Jim Tosh was born in 1923 and lived at Fort Matilda Place. His father (Neil) owned a family Butcher's shop in Port Glasgow. Jim joined the troop in November 1935, and was reported to be in the Curlew Patrol in 1939. He resigned from the troop in December 1939 at the age of 16. During the war, he volunteered for the Clyde River Patrol, then joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders before transferring to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, serving in Kenya for a while. He attended veterinary College, but eventually took over the family business, by which time he lived in Jardine Terrace.
15. This was poorly expressed. What should have been said was that Wilson Hill had just completed his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge and was the first 70<sup>th</sup> Scout to do so.
16. It is possible that this was Joseph Andrew Armstrong, who was born in Greenock during 1921 and lived at No. 25, Low Inverkip Road. Very little information is known about him or his background. During the war, he served in the Fleet Air Arm, but was killed in an aircraft accident in Moray when he was based at the Royal Naval Air Base in Arbroath.
17. See note 7 for the 3rd May 1935 regarding Duncan McKenzie.
18. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
19. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

70th RENFREWSHIRE. 30th GREENOCK.  
Boy Scout Group. (Scouts)

Court of Honour.  
Constitution.<sup>1</sup>

1. The Court of Honour (hereinafter called the Court) shall consist of:-
  - a) all warranted officers of troop and G.S.M.
  - b) Troop Leader
  - c) all patrol Leaders
  - d) all Seconds in Patrol
  - e) Co-opted Members
2. The court shall have charge of administrative, executive and financial matters in the troop and will act in conjunction with the SM. and GSM. the latter having the last word, but the officers (warranted) only act in an advisory capacity.
3. Members co-opted shall only be Rovers, Acting Rovers, officers on probation or officers who intend to take out a warrant.
4. Each member of the Court shall have one vote.
5. The Court shall meet on the first Friday of each month and thereat shall consider the last month's financial report, all month's troop functions, all applications for membership and resignations.
6. The Court shall hold an Annual meeting on the first or second Friday following the Greenock Association Annual General Meeting<sup>2</sup> and a Chairman, Hon. Sec. and Treas. will be appointed for the following year i.e. until Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. of the following year. The Treasurer's Report for the preceeding year and the S.M.'s Report.
7. The Court must give its approval before any person may apply for a Warrant for service in the Troop.
8. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Court.
9. A quorum shall consist of 5 members of which the S.M. or G.S.M. must be one.<sup>3</sup>

Approved at the Annual Meeting held on 8/11/35 Finnart Church Hall

A. Ian Dunlop	G.S.M. (Acting) Chairman
J.B. Hardie	Secretary to the Court

*Editorial comments on the constitution*

*1. This constitution was cancelled on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1941 by the authority of Harold Hastie (Secretary to the Court of Honour) and Wilson Hill (Chairman).*

*2. This was modified in 1937 to the first Friday of October on the authority of Harold Hastie (Secy) and Ian Hardie (Chairman).*

*3. This was modified on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1940 such that an A.S.M. could be the essential member present, rather than the S.M. or G.S.M. The modification was made by Harold Hastie (Secy).*

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935**

**Finnart Church Hall**

Madeira Street

8.55 p.m. to 9.40 p.m.

Present

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
Rover	J. Dunne <sup>8</sup>
Rover	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>

The Chairman of the Court, A.I. Dunlop, took the chair.<sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes and Treasurer's<sup>11</sup> Report

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and the Treasurer's report, showing a balance of 17/11½,<sup>12</sup> was also presented and adopted. In the connection of the troop finances, it was resolved that the troop should contribute the required five shillings<sup>13</sup> to Scottish Headquarters fund.<sup>14</sup>

#### Colours

The Chairman<sup>1</sup> intimated that in the matter of Troop Colours, he had received an estimate of £10- 10/-<sup>15</sup> from the Glasgow Scout Shop<sup>16</sup>. Deeming this sum exorbitant, he had communicated with Imperial Headquarters in London, but had, as yet, had no reply. It was hoped that the colours would be to hand for presentation in the second week of January.<sup>17</sup>

#### Present to Mr Steel<sup>18</sup> and Mrs Cook<sup>19</sup>

On the proposal of the chairman, it was resolved to devote a sum of money for a slight gesture of appreciation to Mr Steel and Mrs Cook for their benevolent cooperation in the matter of the troop meetings.<sup>20</sup>

#### Colours<sup>17</sup>

Reverting to the question of Colours, full authority to accept or decline estimates for same was vested in a committee of two, consisting of A.S.Ms A.I. Dunlop<sup>1</sup> and J.B. Hardie<sup>2</sup>.

#### Membership

Armstrong Joseph<sup>21</sup> and McKenzie Duncan<sup>22</sup>, it was unanimously decided, were no longer members of the Troop and, on the recommendation of A.S.M. J.B. Hardie, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey, their names were formerly struck off the roster<sup>23</sup>. Applications for membership were read from Alistair Allan<sup>24</sup>, and Alexander Morris<sup>25</sup>. These were accepted on the proposal of P.L. E. Steel and S.P.L. W. Hill and S.P.L. L. Harvey and S.P.L. W. Hill respectively.

#### Badges

It was intimated that the first three First Class badges<sup>26</sup> in Greenock for three years had been gained by members of the Troop.<sup>27</sup>

#### Election of S.P.L.

Owing to the retirement of McKenzie, Duncan<sup>22</sup>, a vacancy in the Court had been created and the post of S.P.L. in the Curlew Patrol had to be filled. After a long and slightly acrimonious discussion on the procedure of electing S.P.L.'s, Crawford, James<sup>28</sup> was chosen by P.L. E. Steele to be S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol, the appointment to date as from 3rd January 1936.

#### Church parade

It was decided that the monthly parade to Finnart Church be held in the second week of December.

This was all the business.

(Signed) J.B. Hardie<sup>29</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop<sup>30</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 29th November 1935*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steele.
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
8. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
9. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown.
10. In later years, it was usual for the Troop Leader to act as Chairman for the Court of Honour.
11. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
12. 17/11½ had the equivalent value in 1936 to £81 today (2023).
13. Five shillings (5/-) had the equivalent value in 1936 to £23 today (2023).
14. This sum might have been the registration fee for the Troop, which was paid annually.
15. £10 – 10/- in 1936 had the equivalent value to £950 today (2023).
16. The Glasgow Scout Shop was in Elmbank Street at the same address as the Glasgow Scout HQ.
17. See also the COH minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1935, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1936 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 1936.
18. William Steel lived at 39 Margaret Street and was married to Annie. They had 1 daughter and five sons, including Eoin and Hamish. Eoin was a Patrol Leader at this point, and it is highly likely that Hamish was in the Wolf Cub pack. Mr. Steel was a master builder who owned a yard in Jamaica Lane and who built a well designed building on the NE corner of Margaret Street and Union Street just after the First World War. As well as Mr. Steel's 'benevolent cooperation' in November 1935, he also contributed towards the troop's trek cart in 1939.
19. It is not known who Mrs. Cook was or whether she was related to the Cook brothers who were in the Troop during the 1940s and 1950s.
20. It is likely that this was associated in part with the goodies consumed at the Halloween Party that year.
21. See note 16 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Joseph Armstrong.
22. See note 7 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1935 regarding Duncan McKenzie.
23. See also the minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding this issue.
24. Alistair Allan might have been born in 1924 if he was aged 11 when he joined in November 1935. He attended the 1936 Summer Camp and remained with the troop for 4 years without being promoted. In 1939, he was reported to be in the Wolf Patrol, but transferred to a Gourock Troop in the autumn of that year. This suggests that he might have lived in Gourock and transferred due to the difficulties in travelling to Troop meetings during the black out. He attended Greenock Academy and worked in the Gourock Ropeworks once he left school.
25. Very little is known about Alexander Morris or how long he remained with the Troop. An Alexander Morris was born in the west end of Greenock in 1921, and this might have been the same person. It is also known that a Sandy Morris used to live in Newton Street and became a doctor, but it has not been established whether he was the same individual.
26. The First Class Badge was the third badge in the progressive Scout Training Scheme, which consisted of the Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and King's Scout Badges. There was a heavy emphasis on camping, hiking and campcraft skills in the tests making up the First Class Badge. It might also be the case that First Class tests could only be assessed by a District Examiner. This was certainly the case in terms of the 2-day hike, but it is less clear whether this was the also the case for the other tests involved.
27. It seems surprising that no First Class Badges should have been gained within Greenock District for 3 years. The three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts that gained the badge were Alan Hardie, Wilson Hill and Lawrence Harvey.
28. Jim Crawford was born in 1924 and lived at 49 Finnart Street (renumbered to 107 in 1936-37). He was a pupil at Greenock Academy and featured strongly at the school's Sports Days. He probably joined the troop in 1934. He was promoted to S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in November 1935, then swapped patrols with Wilson Hill

*in September 1936 to become S.P.L. of the Wolf Patrol until September 1938. At that point he became P.L. of the Fox Patrol. In October 1939, he became P.L. of the Woodpigeon patrol. During the early years of the war he organised the troop's collection of waste paper. He eventually resigned from the troop in June 1941 when he went to University. In 1943, he was called up and served in in Burma during 1945. After the war he became a lawyer.*

**29.** See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

**30.** Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

**Friday 6th December 1935**

**Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street**

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the court was held to welcome the new S.P.L. James Crawford<sup>1</sup>. This was duly carried out.

The chairman intimated that he had received an estimate from Imperial Headquarters for Troop Colours, the cost being £5 - 5<sup>2</sup>. He was duly authorised to order same.

This was all the business.

Signed. J.B. Hardie. Hon Secy.<sup>3</sup>  
A.I. Dunlop<sup>4</sup>

*Editorial comments for 6th December 1935*

- 1. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.*
- 2. £5 - 5 - 0 in 1935 had the equivalent value of about £500 today (as of 2023). This was about half of the quote provided by the Glasgow Scout Shop (see COH minutes for 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935).*
- 3. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.*
- 4. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.*

**3rd January 1936**

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.25 - 9.40

Present

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup> (in the chair]
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>

#### Minutes and Treasurer's<sup>9</sup> Report

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted as was the Treasurer's report for December 1935.

#### Troop stamp

On the motion of S.P.L. L. Harvey<sup>7</sup> seconded by S.P.L. W. Hill<sup>6</sup>, the court voted 5 shillings<sup>10</sup> (5/-) to A.S.M. A.I. Dunlop<sup>1</sup> for purchase of a rubber Troop stamp<sup>11</sup>.

#### Presentations

The Treasurer<sup>9</sup> was instructed to pay to the chairman the sum of five shillings (5/-)<sup>10</sup> in payment for presents given to Mr. Steel and Mrs. Cook at Christmas.<sup>12</sup>

#### Colours

The chairman<sup>1</sup> announced that the troop colours would be presented in the church on Sunday January 19th, and that all the Cubs in the district would attend the parade<sup>13</sup>. That the treasurer<sup>9</sup> be instructed to pay for the colours, was moved by P.L. E. Steel, seconded by S.P.L. W. Hill, and adopted.

#### Colours

On the motion of T.L. A. Hardie seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey, it was decided that the excess from the Colours Fund be transferred to the Troop Funds.

#### Amendment to Court Constitution

A.S.M. J.B. Hardie seconded by S.P.L. W. Hill gave notice of an amendment to the constitution viz. "That an amendment be made to the constitution to the effect that (1) any change in this constitution requires three months' notice in writing, (2) that the Hon. Treasurer, appointed in accordance with this constitution, shall not, without the sanction of the court, pay out any sum exceeding five shillings and two pence (5/2) and shall deposit in the Bank all Troop Monies exceeding the sum of ten shillings (10/-). This to take effect from three days after 30th January 1936.

#### Cubs

It was reported that the Cubs were doing well, the pack now having a membership of sixteen.

#### Mikado

The chairman intimated that the Troop would be represented at the presentation of the "Mikado".<sup>14</sup>

#### Resignation

It was noted that B. Wickham<sup>15</sup> had retired from the Troop owing to change of residence. This was all the business.

(Signed) J.B. Hardie Hon. Sec<sup>16</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop Chairman<sup>17</sup>

*Editorial comments for 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
9. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
10. £0 – 5 - 0 in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £45 today (as of 2023).
11. The stamp probably read as follows, as there are several such impressions in the early pages of the Minutes Book.

70th Renfrewshire  
30th Greenock (Finnart)  
Boy Scout Group

12. See the COH minutes for the 29th November 1935.
13. This also included a dedication of the Colours during the service by the Rev. Reid. This was clearly seen to be a very important event. The minutes from the Greenock District Scout Executive of 10<sup>th</sup> December 1935 indicate that an invitation to the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Presentation of Colours had already been received by the Association by that date. It was decided at the December meeting that the District Scout Master would organise a full District Scout Parade to Finnart Church on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. This would clearly involve all the Scout Troops in the District. The decision to include the Wolf Cubs in the parade was presumably taken at a later date, hence warranting a specific mention in the Court of Honour Minutes. There was no need to mention that the District Scouts would be taking part as that would already have been known.
14. It is assumed that this refers to the Gilbert and Sullivan opera. Greenock Academy had a tradition of putting on performances of a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera each year and it is likely that several members of the Troop were involved in the cast as most of the Scouts attended Greenock Academy.
15. There is no information regarding B. Wickham. Jim Crawford remembered a Brian Wickham living in Gourrock, but did not remember him being in the troop.
16. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
17. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

**31st January 1936**

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.15 - 9.30

Present:-

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>7</sup>
Rover	J. Dunne <sup>8</sup>
Rover	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>

A.S.M. A.I. Dunlop took the chair.<sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the motion of P.L. E. Steel seconded by T.L. A. Hardie.

#### Treasurer's report

The treasurer<sup>11</sup> presented his monthly report which was adopted on the proposal of R.S. J. Dunne seconded by S.P.L. W. Hill.

#### Grant to association

On the motion of E. Steel seconded by T.L. A. Hardie, it was decided to make a grant to the Association of 1 guinea (£1-1-0)<sup>12</sup> out of the collection taken at the service for the dedication of colours.

#### Colours

The chairman intimated that the colours had been presented on January 19th and that details of the ceremony would be found in the troop log.<sup>13</sup> The Treasurer then presented an account of the Colours Fund.

#### Membership

Applications for membership were received from H. Steel<sup>14</sup> and D. Ramsay<sup>15</sup>. Both were approved and formerly admitted.

#### Vote of censure

A vote of censure was officially passed on J. Telfer<sup>16</sup> for failing to attend Troop meetings in uniform. The vote was proposed by P.L. E. Steel and seconded by T.L. A. Hardie.

#### Appointments

R.S. J. Dunne proposed and S.P.L. W. Hill seconded a motion approving the appointment of A.S.M. J.B. Hardie as S.M.<sup>17</sup>

#### Camp in summer<sup>18</sup>

With relation to the summer camp, a committee was elected to deal with all relevant matters, the committee to consist of A.S.M. A.I. Dunlop, A.S.M. J.B. Hardie and R.S. J. Dunne.

#### Camping

The chairman intimated that, henceforth, a new system of troop camping would be instituted under which Scouts would camp in pairs.<sup>19</sup>

## Membership

It was noted that the size of the group was now a record, there being fifty-two members.<sup>20</sup>

This was all the business.

(Signed) J.B. Hardie Hon. Sec.<sup>21</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop Chairman<sup>22</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 31st January 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
8. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
9. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown.
10. In later years, it was usual for the Troop Leader to act as Chairman for the Court of Honour.
11. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
12. £1 – 1 - 0 in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £95 today (as of 2023).
13. The troop log covering the 1935-39 was missing for about 30 years but was finally discovered in 2025 by Tommy Boag in the rafters of Group Headquarters. It is possible that the log book (along with other log books discovered there) were placed there when an internal ceiling was added to the main hall.
14. Hamish Steel was born in 1924 and was one of Eoin Steel's younger brothers. He joined the troop in January 1936 and attended the Troop's Summer Camps of 1936 and 1937. By October 1939, he was in the Woodpigeon Patrol but left the troop in the following month. It is thought that he might have served in the navy during the war. After the war he went to university but suffered from depression. Sadly, he committed suicide in 1948, aged 23.
15. David Ramsay was born in 1924 and stayed in Margaret Street. He attended Greenock Academy and joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in January 1936. He was present at the Troop's Summer Camp that year, but he probably left the Troop fairly soon after that as he went to boarding school at Fettes. After school he became an accountant, then became a director at Yarrows Shipbuilders.
16. John Telfer was probably born in 1919 and was the son of Dr. Walter Telfer. He joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in 1935 and attended summer camp in 1935. He was removed from the Troop roll in December 1936, possibly as a result of him turning 17. He then joined the Rovers, but it is not long how long he remained as a Rover. During the war he was a Captain in the RAMC. After the war he set up his own medical practice until about 1955, when he moved into tropical medicine. It is believed that he moved to Africa at some point, but that remains to be confirmed.
17. Ian Hardie was to eventually become the second warranted Scout Master of the 70th after Sam Faulds. Ian Dunlop was now acting GSM but did not receive his warrant until December 1936. Despite this, it is clear that the two Ians continued to work closely in running the Troop.
18. The 70<sup>th</sup>'s summer Camp in 1936 ended up in Ballinluig, near Pitlochry from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July, and was attended by Ian Hardie, and Ian Dunlop along with Rover Scout Archie Brown and seven Scouts. The camp was blessed with fine weather and another visit from the Rev. Reid.
19. This might suggest that the Troop had easier access to hike tents than Patrol tents. Alternatively, it might have been deemed easier to carry hike tents to camp than a patrol tent. Camping in pairs also meant cooking in pairs and this method of cooking was also carried out during Summer Camp rather than having Central Cooking.
20. This number would have included all Scouts and Wolf Cubs, as well as Rovers and Scouters.
21. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
22. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

6th March 1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.15 - 9.30

Present

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>8</sup>
R.S.	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the motion of R.S. J. Dunne seconded by P.L. A. Stalker.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer presented his report for the past month, showing a balance of £5 – 18/-.<sup>10</sup>

Present to Everton

It was decided to present a Bible to the Everton Camp Chapel.<sup>11</sup>

Camp

Recognising the need for a representative of the Troop on the Camp committee<sup>12</sup>, the Court unanimously elected T.L. A. Hardie to the committee.

Church parade

The chairman<sup>1</sup> intimated that there would be a parade to Finnart Church during March.

Badges

A number of badges had been gained by members of the troop, including two All Round Cords<sup>13</sup> and four Pathfinder badges<sup>14</sup>.

It was decided that, in future, all badges costing more than 4<sup>d</sup> should be paid for by those who gained them.<sup>15</sup>

County Flag<sup>16</sup> and Victory Trophy<sup>17</sup>

It was decided to enter a patrol under P.L. E. Steel for the County Flag, and a team for the Victory Trophy.

This was all the business.

Signed J.B. Hardie Hon. Secy.<sup>18</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop Hon. Sec.<sup>19</sup>

*Editorial comments for 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey
8. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
9. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown.
10. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer. £5-18-0 in 1936 was equivalent in value to £533 today (2023).

11. It wasn't until the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 that this was reported as having taken place.
12. This might have been a District Camp Committee for Everton campsite. However, there is no evidence of such a committee in the District Executive Minutes. Therefore, it is more likely that Alan joined Ian Dunlop, Ian Hardie and John Dunne in the committee organising the Troop's Summer Camp to Ballinluig (see the COH minutes for 31<sup>st</sup> January 1936).
13. All Round Cords could be worn if a certain number of Proficiency Badges had been gained. Up until 1946, Scouts with 6 Proficiency Badges could wear green and yellow cords, Scouts with 12 badges could wear red and white cords, while Scouts with 18 badges could wear gold cords. Lawrence Harvey was the recipient of All Round Cords on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936.



14. The Pathfinder Badge was a Proficiency Badge that was assessed by a District Examiner. The requirements in the 1930s are not known with certainty, but they probably involved gaining a detailed knowledge of a specific area in terms of footpaths, bridle paths, waterways, places of special interest, flora and fauna.



15. This statement was emended slightly at the Court of Honour held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1938.
16. See note 13 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the County Flag Competition. Note that the Troop might have come second in the County Flag during 1935. Note that there might be an error here. It is more likely that Eoin Steel was chosen to lead a Patrol for the Shannon Cup Competition rather than the County Flag.
17. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935 and so they would be defending their title.
18. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
19. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

**13th March 1936**

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.15 - 9.23

A Special meeting of the Court of Honour was held to discuss the subject of the proposed grant to the Association.

The Secretary<sup>1</sup> read the relevant excerpts from the minutes of previous meetings dated January 31st and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1936.

A discussion on the grant followed, and finally it was proposed by T.L. A. Hardie<sup>2</sup>, seconded by P.L. E. Steel<sup>3</sup>, to present £1 – 1/-<sup>4</sup> and a Bible to the Association.

The Court unanimously decided to adopt this proposal

(Signed)

J.B. Hardie Hon. Sec.

A. Ian Dunlop Hon. Sec.

*Editorial comments for 13th March 1936*

- 1. A.S.M. Ian Hardie. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934.*
- 2. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.*
- 3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.*
- 4. £1 – 1 - 0 in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £95 today (as of 2023).*
- 5. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.*
- 6. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.*

17th April 1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.25 - 9.55

Present:-

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
A.S.M.	J. B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
P.L.	R. Grant <sup>3</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>4</sup>
S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>5</sup>
R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>6</sup>
R.S.	A. Brown <sup>7</sup>

#### Minutes

The Secretary<sup>8</sup> read the minutes of the last meeting and those of the special meeting which were adopted on the motion of R.S. J. Dunne seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

#### Treasurer's report

In the absence of the Treasurer<sup>9</sup>, the Chairman<sup>10</sup> read the financial report for the month of March which was adopted also on the motion of R.S. J. Dunne seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

#### County Flag<sup>11</sup>

It was intimated that the examination for the County Flag would take place next Friday.

#### Membership

Applications for membership had been received from R. Legget<sup>12</sup> and E. Leitch<sup>13</sup>. The former was admitted, but the latter was held over owing to the vacancies being filled.

#### Shannon Cup<sup>14</sup> and Victory Trophy<sup>15</sup>

It was reported that training camps for the Shannon Cup which shortly be commencing and that team preparations for the Victory Trophy were in train.<sup>16</sup>

#### Bible<sup>17</sup>

The Bible to be presented to the local association was not, unfortunately, yet forward.

#### Summer Camp<sup>18</sup>

In connection with the Summer Camp, the Chairman<sup>19</sup> of the Camp Committee intimated that he had received an address and would write to Ballinluig the next day.

This was all the business.

(Signed) J.B. Hardie (Hon. Sec.)<sup>20</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman<sup>21</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 17th April 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
4. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey
5. See note for the 28<sup>th</sup> for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
6. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
7. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown
8. A.S.M. Ian B. Hardie was the COH Secretary.
9. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
10. A.S.M. Ian Dunlop was Chairman of the Court of Honour.

11. See note 13 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the County Flag Competition. Note that the Troop might have come second in the County Flag during 1935.
12. Richard (Dick) Leggett was probably born in 1922, being a year older than Jim Crawford. Therefore, he must have been aged about 14 when he joined the troop in April 1936. He might have transferred from another Troop as it is likely that he had previous Scouting experience. He attended the Troop's summer camps of 1936 and 1937 and was then promoted to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in 1938. Within 6 months he was promoted to P.L. of the Woodpigeons and was also given responsibility for the Troop's equipment. He was promoted to Troop Leader at the end of March 1939 and took over the Chairmanship of the Court of Honour. In November 1939, he took over the organisation of the Troop's waste paper collections for the war effort. In September 1940, he resigned from the troop to join the RAF and rose to become a Squadron Leader. It is not known what he did after the war.
13. No information is known about E. Leitch and his name does not appear again in the available records. Presumably, he joined a different Troop.
14. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup. The 70<sup>th</sup> had won the Cup in 1935 and were defending champions.
15. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935 and were defending their title.
16. The Scouts involved in the Victory Trophy competition of 1936 were Alan Hardie, Eoin Steel, Ronald Grant and Richard Legget. It is not known which Scouts were involved in the Shannon Cup of 1936.
17. See the entry in the COH Minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding the Bible donated to Everton.
18. See entry 18 for the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1936 regarding the Troop's Summer Camp to Ballinluig in 1936.
19. The Chairman of the Camp Committee was not identified in the available records.
20. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
21. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

1<sup>st</sup> May 1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.25 - 9.45

Present:-

A.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
P.L.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>6</sup>
S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>7</sup>
S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>
R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>9</sup>
R.S.	A. Brown <sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurers<sup>11</sup> report were both read and adopted.

#### Badges

It was announced that in future the officers would pay a deposit of 2/6<sup>12</sup> on their badges.

#### Parade

The chairman<sup>13</sup> announced that the troop would take part in the annual parade to Pirrie Park<sup>14</sup> on June 7th.

#### Rules for Camp and Church

A set of regulations for the use of Church property and a set for use of Everton equipment<sup>15</sup> were read and adopted subject to certain emendations.

In connection with the Church property, it was decided that one patrol would be responsible each night for moving the chairs out of and into the hall.<sup>16</sup>

#### Scholarship

The chairman intimated that the William Millar Scholarship<sup>17</sup> was open for application to all Scouts in the district.

This was all the business.

(Signed) J.B. Harvie. Secretary<sup>18</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman<sup>19</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 1<sup>st</sup> May 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey
7. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
9. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
10. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown
11. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
12. 2/6 (30 pence) in 1936 had the equivalent value to about £12 today (2023)

13. A.S.M. Ian Dunlop was Chairman of the Court of Honour.
14. See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the annual District Parade and Drumhead Service to Pirrie Park.
15. The set of rules regarding Troop Equipment at Everton were pasted into the Minutes Book and are transcribed after this entry.
16. This probably marks the start of the concept of a Duty Patrol for each Friday night meeting. The task of moving the chairs out of the hall at the start of the meeting, then back in again at the end of the meeting fell to the Duty Patrol for the next 30 years until the Troop moved to its HQ at the corner of Madeira Street and Finnart Street. Additional tasks for the Duty Patrol included breaking the flag at the start of the meeting, lowering it at the end of the meeting and sweeping the floor.
17. The William Millar Scholarship provided funds towards school, college and university education. In the 1930s it provided £5 (the equivalent in value of £450 today) towards two years study. A number of 70th Scouts received such funds when they were at Greenock Academy (Alan Hardie, Eoin Steel, Lawrence Harvey, Dennis Woodward, Ian Curtis and Ian T. Munro). See also note 19 for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937.
18. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
19. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

70th RENFREWSHIRE  
30th GREENOCK [FINNART]  
BOY SCOUT GROUP

EVERTON 1936  
Rules about Equipment

To be left in Locker<sup>1</sup>

1 Bell Tent, Poles & Pegs<sup>2</sup>  
1 Icelandic Tent, Poles & Pegs<sup>3</sup>  
2 Dixies (1 Large, 1 Small)  
1 Set 3 Bears<sup>4</sup>  
2 Primus Stoves<sup>5</sup>  
Frying Pan with Detachable Handle  
Mallets (3)  
Small Basin, White Bowl  
Larder Tins  
Bread Knife  
Wooden Spoon  
Tin Opener  
Ladle, Fish Slice, Pot Cleaner  
Pepper and Salt Cruets  
Axe, Entrenching Tools  
Drying Cloths  
String Bag

Paraffin and Meths Tins to be brought home each weekend.

Muslin to be brought back if dirty

Any breakage or loss to be reported immediately

Poles to be tied and left on rack

No perishable goods may be left in locker

Any Scout's equipment left must be clearly marked with name

Person in Charge must see to cleaning of all things including wooden box before he leaves.

*Editorial comments*

- 1. Lockers were available at Everton Campsite to store camping equipment during the camping season. However, there was a charge for using them*
- 2. It is likely that the Bell Tent was the first tent owned by the 70th soon after the Troop was formed. It is not known whether it was purchased or provided by a donor.*
- 3. The Icelandic Tent was purchased at the start of 1935 (see the COH minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935).*
- 4. It is not known what these looked like.*
- 5. These were purchased at the start of 1935 (see the COH minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> January 1935).*

4th June, 1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.30 - 9.45 p.m.

Present:	G.S.M. <sup>1</sup>	A.I. Dunlop <sup>2</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	E. Steel <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>10</sup>
	R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>11</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>12</sup>

#### Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's<sup>13</sup> report for the preceding month were both read and formally adopted.

#### Victory trophy<sup>14</sup>

On the motion of S.M. J.B. Hardie, seconded by P.L. E. Steel, the treasurer was authorised to pay 7/6<sup>15</sup> towards the expenses of the Victory Trophy team<sup>16</sup>, these being greater than usual because the practices had to be held in Port-Glasgow.<sup>17</sup>

#### Resignation of Secretary. Appointment of Successor

The chairman<sup>18</sup> announced the resignation of S.M. J.B. Hardie from the position of Secretary to the Court of Honour, and proposed R.S. A. Brown as successor. This was seconded by P.L. E. Steel, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### Shannon Cup<sup>19</sup> and County Flag<sup>20</sup>

It was noted that the troop had won neither the Shannon Cup nor the County Flag. However there are now three King's Scouts<sup>21</sup>, three All Round Cords<sup>22</sup>, and thirty-five Proficiency Badges<sup>23</sup> in the troop.

#### Presentation to Rev. A.R.R. Reid.<sup>24</sup>

It was suggested that the troop should subscribe for a presentation to Rev. A.R.R. Reid on his departure.<sup>25</sup>

#### Bible for Everton<sup>26</sup>

The chairman announced that the Bible to be presented to the local association was not yet forward.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting of the Court of Honour was fixed for the first Friday in September.

No further competent business was brought forward.

(Signed) A. Ian Dunlop Chairman<sup>27</sup>  
A. Brown (Secretary)<sup>28</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 4<sup>th</sup> June 1936*

1. This was the first mention in the C.O.H. Minutes of Ian Dunlop having a warrant as Group Scout Master.

2. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
3. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
4. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
5. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
6. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
7. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
8. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
9. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey
10. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
11. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
12. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown
13. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.
14. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935 and retained the Trophy in 1936.
15. 7/6 (7 Shillings and 6 pence) in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £34 today (2023)
16. The Scouts involved in the Victory Trophy competition of 1936 were Alan Hardie, Eoin Steel. Ronald Grant and Richard Legget.
17. The only indoor pool that was available to the public during the 1930s was in Port Glasgow as the West End Baths in Campbell Street belonged to a private club. Outdoor pools existed in the Battery Park and in Gourrock, but might not have been available for practice in 1936.
18. A.S.M. Ian Dunlop was Chairman of the Court of Honour.
19. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup. The 70<sup>th</sup> had won the Cup in 1935 but failed to retain it in 1936. It is not known how well they did though.
20. See note 13 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the County Flag Competition. Note that the Troop might have come second in the County Flag during 1935. However, they did less well in 1936 – see the COH minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1936.
21. The King's Scout Badge was the most important Badge that a Scout could achieve in the Scouts. The three recipients were Alan Hardie, Wilson Hill and Lawrence Harvey.
22. See Note 13 for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding All Round Cords.
23. Proficiency Badges could be gained for a large range of hobbies and interest, as well as camping and Scouting skills. All Proficiency Badges were assessed by District Examiners to ensure that the standards were consistent across the District.
24. See note 19 for the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935 regarding the Rev. A.R.R. Reid.
25. The Rev. Reid was moving to Glasgow to take over the ministry at Belmont Church.
26. See the entry in the COH Minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding the Bible donated to Everton.
27. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.
28. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

2nd September 1936

96 Eldon Street

7.40 - 8.45

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>9</sup>
	Rover	J. Dunne <sup>10</sup>
	Rover	A. Brown <sup>11</sup>

#### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

#### S.M.'s report<sup>12</sup>

The S.M. intimated that the reports of the County Flag<sup>13</sup> and Shannon Cup<sup>14</sup> examiners had been received. In them, it was stated that, while the material of the troop was promising, there was a slackness in leadership. To remedy this, he proposed to intensify the patrol system. A patrol competition<sup>15</sup> would be held on the first Friday of each month. The competition would include patrol items at the troop camp-fires<sup>16</sup>, of which one would be held on the first Friday of each month, and also the inspection each night. The winning patrol would take the first place on parade<sup>17</sup> for the ensuing month and the patrol-leader would be given the custody of a small pennant.<sup>18</sup> The patrol-leaders would be responsible for all training and instruction. To assist them, a training patrol of P.L.s and Seconds would meet two nights a month under the leadership of the S.M. An Examination Board<sup>19</sup> would also be instituted. Certain changes in the personnel of the patrols had been made, the most important being the appointment of S.P.L. J. Crawford to the Wolf Patrol and of S.P.L. W. Hill to the Curlew Patrol<sup>20</sup>. On the motion of R.S. J. Dunne, seconded by S.P.L. W. Hill, the report was adopted.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>21</sup> gave his report for June, July, and August, announcing a balance at the end of August of £3-15-4<sup>D</sup>.<sup>22</sup> The report was adopted on the proposal of P.L. E. Steel, seconded by P.L. R. Grant.

#### Camp at Ballinluig

The Chairman<sup>23</sup> intimated that a very enjoyable camp had been held at Ballinluig, Perthshire during the first fortnight in July. The camp was attended by two officers and 8 scouts, and received a visit from the Rev. A.R.R. Reid<sup>24,25</sup>. Unfortunately, owing to the heavy travelling expenses<sup>26</sup>, the camp ended with a deficit of 14/4<sup>D27</sup> which the treasurer was authorized to pay out of the troop funds.

#### Equipment

The Chairman<sup>23</sup> announced that the Icelandic Tent had been lent to the Gourrock Troop<sup>28</sup> for their annual camp but had not yet been returned. He was authorized to ascertain the cost of repairs to the Bell Tent.<sup>29</sup>

#### Application for ASM's Warrant

The court unanimously approved the application by R.S. J. Dunne for a warrant as Assistant Scout Master.

#### Report of Local Association Meeting<sup>30</sup>

The chairman<sup>23</sup> intimated that any scout interested in the Dutch World Jamboree<sup>31</sup> could obtain details from the County Secretary on application. He also gave the details of a gathering of P.L.s to be held in the District Headquarters and urged all who could to attend at least certain of the sessions<sup>32</sup>. In addition, he announced that, by a decision of the Local Association, no First Class Hikes<sup>33</sup> would be permitted to pass through Everton, and that an official examiner would be appointed for all First Class Hikes within the District. It was decided not to enter for the local Football Shield.<sup>34</sup>

#### Appointment of Representative

The chairman<sup>23</sup> asked the Court if they wished him to represent them at the Local Association, or if they did not desire a representative. After a slightly acrimonious discussion during which S.M. J.B. Hardie refused absolutely to attend the Association meetings<sup>35</sup>, the chairman was appointed representative.

#### Presentation to Rev. A.R.R. Reid<sup>25</sup>

It was decided that the troop should subscribe for a presentation to the Rev. A.R.R. Reid, the presentation to take the form of a book token.

#### Victory trophy<sup>36</sup>

The chairman<sup>23</sup> intimated that the Victory Trophy had been won for the troop by 8 points to 7, and that T.L. A. Hardie had won the Scout Championship.<sup>37</sup>

#### Amendment to Court Constitution<sup>38</sup>

The chairman gave notice of an amendment to the constitution of the Court of Honour; 'that the Court be empowered to appoint Honorary Members'.

(signed) A. Brown (Secretary)<sup>39</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop (Chairman)<sup>40</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
7. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
8. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey
9. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
10. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
11. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown
12. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
13. See note 13 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the County Flag Competition. See also the minutes for the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1936 regarding feedback from the examiners on the Church Hall.
14. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup.
15. This marks the origin of the Patrol of the Month Competition, which was to continue for at least 30 years. The nature of the competition changed with time and by the 1950s, the Patrols competed for points at each Troop meeting.
16. It is assumed that the Troop camp fires were indoors around an artificial fire. These continued well into the 1980s.
17. This tradition of the winning Patrol having a privileged position in where it stood for Parade or Inspection was maintained for the next few decades, although the nature of the 'parade' was to change. During the 1930s and 1940s, it is believed that the Patrols lined up across the Hall in parallel lines, such that winning Patrol was

at the front. In October 1954, this changed and the Patrols lined up round the side of the Hall, with the winning Patrol standing nearest the entrance door (see Troop Log for 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1954).

18. A pennant for the winning Patrol was still being used during the 1960s, and might even have been the same one introduced in 1936. It was tied to the Scout Staff held by the Patrol Leader of the winning Patrol, and was about the same size as the Patrol Flag. Unfortunately, there is no information regarding the pennant design.

19. The nature of this has not been identified.

20. This meant essentially that the two S.P.L.s swapped patrols. The reason for this switch was not revealed.

21. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer.

22. £3-15-4<sup>p</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £340 today (2023)

23. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Dunlop.

24. In fact, the minister spent 3 days under canvas at the camp.

25. See note 19 for the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935 regarding the Rev. A.R.R. Reid.

26. The Troop took a train from Prince's Pier to Glasgow, then changed train. They may also have changed train in Perth before reaching Ballinluig. A pre-arranged lorry then transported them to the campsite at the junction between the River Tay and the River Tummel.

27. £0-14-4<sup>p</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £67 today (2023).

28. This was almost certainly the 6<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire (1<sup>st</sup> Gourrock). The 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts had camped with the 6<sup>th</sup> in 1933, and there are indications that they borrowed tents from the 6<sup>th</sup> for the Summer Camps held in 1934 and 1935. Lending the Icelandic tent to the 6<sup>th</sup> would be returning the favour.

29. The nature of the damage is not known.

30. The Local Association referred to the District team of Scouters and Supporters.

31. The 5<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree was held in Vogelenzang, Bloemendaal from the 31<sup>st</sup> July to the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1937, and was attended by 28,750 Scouts. Baden Powell was 81 that year and gave his farewell at the Jamboree. In 1936, the estimated cost for a Scout to attend the Jamboree was £6 (equivalent in value to £543 today (2023)).

32. The District Commissioner (Mr. Butter) was holding a conference for all Patrol Leaders wishing to attend during the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October 1936.

33. The First Class Hike was a two-day expedition on foot that involved two Scouts following a set route that was usually about 15 miles in length. The Scouts involved were required to hike in uniform and to find their own overnight campsite. They were also to cook their meals over wood fires and to complete a number of assignments that were set for them by the examiner. In addition, they each had to complete a log book account of the expedition and submit it to the examiner.

34. There is evidence of a clash of opinions between the Court of Honour and the rest of the Troop regarding the Football Shield during the 1930s, with the COH being less keen on participation (see also the minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1936; 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1937, 14<sup>th</sup> October 1938 and 4<sup>th</sup> November 1938). The vast majority of Scouts in the 70<sup>th</sup> attended Greenock Academy, where team sports focused on rugby and cricket. Having said that, the 70<sup>th</sup> participated in the District Football Competitions towards the end of the 1930s, and also during the 1950s and 1960s. Indeed, they actually proved very successful during the early 1950s.

35. It is not known why Ian Hardie was so adamantly opposed to attending the Association meetings.

36. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935 and retained the Trophy in 1936.

37. Alan also won the Scout Championship in 1935.

38. See the COH minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding the Court Constitution.

39. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary

40. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

9th October, 1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.10 - 9.40

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>10</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>11</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and adopted on the proposal of R.S. J. Dunne, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

#### Treasurer's report

In presenting his report for September, the treasurer<sup>12</sup> announced the balance at the end of the month of £3-13-4<sup>D.13</sup>. P.L. E. Steel moved the adoption of the report, and was seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

#### SM's Report<sup>14</sup>

The S.M. announced that only one test had been passed during September, since the troop had been concentrating on Tenderfoot<sup>15</sup> work. No parades had been held, but the Patrol Leaders training class<sup>16</sup> had met twice. He congratulated the Wolf Patrol on securing the pennant as a result of the first Patrol Competition.<sup>17</sup>

#### Troop Equipment

The Chairman announced that the Icelandic Tent had not yet been returned<sup>18</sup>. A report had been received from the Gourock Ropework Co., stating that no new panels would require to be inserted in the Bell Tent.<sup>18</sup>

#### Troop Roll

The Court accepted the resignation of Sc. James McNeill<sup>19</sup>. The secretary was instructed to write to Sc. J. Park<sup>20</sup> in view of his non-attendance at troop meetings. The names of two members of the Cub pack who wished to enter the troop were referred to the next meeting of the Court of Honour.

#### Application for A.S.M.'s warrant

An application by R.S. A. Brown for a warrant as Assistant Scout Master was approved on the motion of R.S. J. Dunne, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

#### Pre-communion Service Arrangement

S.M. J.B. Hardie proposed that the troop should hire the use of the District Headquarters, if, for any reason, such as a Precommunion Service, the troop could not obtain the use of the Church Hall. This was seconded by P.L. R. Grant.

#### Presentation to Rev. A.R.R. Reid<sup>21</sup>

The Chairman announced that a book token to the value of £1 – 1/- (one guinea)<sup>22</sup> had been sent to Rev. A.R.R. Reid.

This was all the business.

(sgd.) A. Brown (secretary)<sup>23</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman.<sup>24</sup>

*Editorial comments for 9<sup>th</sup> October 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
7. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
8. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey
9. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
10. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
11. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown
12. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer
13. £3-13-4<sup>d</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £330 today (2023)
14. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
15. The Tenderfoot Badge was the first Badge in the progressive Scout Training Scheme consisting of the Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, and King's Scout Badges. The fact that there was a focus on the Tenderfoot badge indicates that a significant number of Wolf Cubs must have moved up to the Troop during the summer.
16. See the COH Minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1936.
17. See note 15 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1936 regarding the Patrol Competition.
18. See also minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1936.
19. James McNeil was born about 1924 and lived at 76 Forsyth Street. He attended Greenock Academy and was in the same class as Jim Crawford and Sandy Campbell. He was present at the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Summer Camp in 1935 but resigned in October 1936. On leaving school he became a dentist and moved to South Africa.
20. John Park was probably born in 1924 and attended Greenock Academy. He attended the Troop's summer camp in 1934 but was removed from the troop roll in November 1936. During the war, John was a despatch rider on motor bikes. After the war, he joined the family business of Butchers and Game Merchants.
21. See note 19 for the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935 regarding the Rev. A.R.R. Reid.
22. £1-1-0<sup>d</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £95 today (2023).
23. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary
24. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

6th November ,1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

9.10-9.45

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	T.L.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formerly adopted.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>11</sup>

The S.M. announced that three scouts had passed in second class tests during the month. One Carpenters Badge<sup>12</sup> was also gained. A very successful Hallowe'en Party was held in the District Headquarters. The P.L.'s training class<sup>13</sup> met once. The November competition was won by the Curlew Patrol.

#### Treasurer's Report

In presenting his financial report for October, the Treasurer<sup>14</sup> announced a balance at the end of the month of £3-16-11<sup>D15</sup>. He also submitted the annual balance sheet for the year ending October, 1936. Both reports were adopted.

#### Troop Roll

The S.M.<sup>16</sup> announced the resignation of T.L. Hardie<sup>17</sup>. P.L. E. Steel was appointed Troop Leader, the appointment to date from the meeting. A special meeting was arranged for a fortnight later to discuss further appointments. Sc. J. Park<sup>18</sup> was removed from the Patrol list. It was decided to admit to the troop the three cubs whose applications were received at the previous meeting.<sup>19</sup>

#### Presentation Report

The financial statement of the subscription for Rev. A.R.R. Reid's presentation was audited and approved. A letter of thanks from Rev. A.R.R. Reid was read by the Chairman.<sup>20</sup>

#### Appointments for following year

As the meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Court of Honour, the appointment of officials for the ensuing year was considered. G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop was re-elected Chairman, and R.S. A. Brown was appointed Secretary. The Chairman announced the resignation of T.L. A. Hardie from the position of Treasurer; the retiring Treasurer proposed P.L. A. Stalker as his successor. In this. he was seconded by P.L. E. Steel, and the unanimous approval of the remainder of the Court of Honour.

#### Complaints about Church Property

The Chairman<sup>20</sup> intimated that he had recently received complaints from the Church Officer about damage to Church Property, and requested the P.L.s to bring the matter to the notice of their Patrols.

#### Magazine competition

T.L. A. Hardie, seconded by P.L. E. Steel, begged to direct the attention of the Court of Honour to a competition, organised by the 'Help Yourself Annual's'<sup>21</sup> which was open to all Scout Troops. The matter was left to the discretion of S.M. J.B. Hardie.

This was all the business.

(signed) A. Brown (Secretary)<sup>22</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop. Chairma<sup>23</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 6<sup>th</sup> November 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
7. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
8. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
9. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
10. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown.
11. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
12. The Carpenter's Badge was a Proficiency Badge that was assessed by a District Examiner. It involved the Scout showing an ability to:-
  - a) Drive in screws up to 1" without damage to the wood or the screw;
  - b) Nail on a packing case lid correctly using 1" wood and 1" nails;
  - c) Divide lengthways with an ordinary saw a 1-inch board, 2 feet long, the cut not to deviate from the line more than 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch;
  - d) Sharpen a chisel and plane-iron, make housing, tenon and mortise, and halved joint;
  - e) Either dove-tail two pieces of wood together with not less than five dove-tails, or make a properly framed stool, chair or other piece of framed furniture.
  - f) Distinguish woods in local use and know the nature and common uses of each.
13. See the COH Minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1936.
14. Troop Leader Alan Hardie was the Honorary Treasurer
15. £3-16-11<sup>d</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £348 today (2023)
16. Scout Master Ian Hardie.
17. Alan Hardie was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 1919, and so he was aged 17 when he resigned from the Troop. He joined the Rover Scouts, then became an A.S.M. a year later.
18. See note 20 for the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1936 regarding John Park.
19. The three Cubs were A. McFadyen, G. Kinnell, and I. McFarlane<sup>24</sup> (see the minutes for 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936).
20. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Dunlop.
21. The 'Help Yourself Annual' was certainly published during the 1930s, but not much information has been obtained in terms of its content or target audience. Neither is it known if there was an associated weekly publication. It is also not known what the nature of the competition was. There is further reference to the competition in the subsequent minutes.
22. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary
23. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.



20th November, 1936

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street

7.15-7.25

Present	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	T.L.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	S.P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>7</sup>

A special meeting of the Court of Honour was held to consider troop appointments. The following were ratified:

P.L. E. Steel to be Troop Leader.  
S.P.L. W. Hill to be Patrol Leader of the Curlew patrol<sup>8</sup>  
Sc. G. Lawson<sup>9</sup> to be Second of the Curlew Patrol<sup>10</sup>

Tend<sup>11</sup>. A. McFadyen<sup>12</sup> and Tend. G. Kinnell<sup>13</sup> were allotted to the Wood-pigeon Patrol, and Tend. I. McFarlane<sup>14</sup> to the Curlew Patrol.

This was all the business.

Sgd. A. Brown (Secretary).<sup>15</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman.<sup>16</sup>

*Editorial comments for 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note for the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
8. Wilson Hill replaced Eoin Steel as P.L. of the Curlew Patrol, indicating that Eoin chose to be Troop Leader without a Patrol.
9. Not much is known about G. Lawson. His Christian name was Geoffrey but it is not known when or where he was born. It is not known when he joined the Troop or what he achieved when he was present. Although he was promoted to S.P.L. in November 1936, he resigned fairly soon afterwards in March 1937 due to work.
10. G. Lawson replaced Wilson Hill as Second of the Curlew Patrol.
11. This stood for 'Tenderfoot' and indicated that the boy was working on his Tenderfoot Badge.
12. Alan McFadyen was nicknamed 'Red Arrow' when he was in the Troop. He was possibly born in 1924 and lived in Robertson Street. Alan was a pupil at Greenock Academy and joined the Troop in November 1936. He was placed in the Woodpigeon Patrol, but by 1939 he was in the Wolf Patrol. He resigned from the Troop in December 1939, but rejoined in October 1940, upon which he was promoted to be the Second of the Wolf Patrol. Apparently, Alan had a reputation of being a bit of a rough diamond and was involved in a spectacular argument at a Court of Honour meeting in December 1940. Nevertheless, he was promoted to PL of the Woodpigeons in September 1941, and the following month he and Robin McDougall were in charge of the Church Parade to Finnart Church as no leaders were available. In February 1942, he became PL of the Curlew Patrol, which was made up of older boys. He finally left the troop in May 1942. He was involved in the Civil Defence during the war, but it is not known what he did once he left the Troop.
13. George Kinnell was born in 1925 and probably lived at 6 Brachelston Street. His family owned a dairy. George was a pupil at Greenock Academy and joined the troop in November 1936, to be placed in the Woodpigeon Patrol. He attended the summer camp of 1937 and by 1939 he was in the Wolf Patrol. The

following year he was in the Curlew Patrol. It is not known when he left the troop but it is known that he joined the Merchant Navy as a cadet on the S.S. Denpark from 1941-42. Sadly, the ship was torpedoed in May 1942 and George was not amongst the survivors. He died at the age of 17 and his name used to be on the Roll of Honour at Greenock Academy.

14. Ian McFarlane was probably born in 1924. He was a pupil of Greenock Academy and he lived in Finnart Street. He joined the Curlew Patrol in November 1936 and attended the Summer Camp of 1937. However, nothing else is known about him and it is not known how long he stayed with the Troop.

15. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

16. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

17th December, 1936

96 Eldon St,<sup>1</sup>  
Greenock

8.15 - 9.30

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>2</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	T.L.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>10</sup>

#### Apology for Absence

The Chairman<sup>11</sup> read an apology from S.P.L. G. Lawson<sup>12</sup> who was unable to attend.

#### Minutes and Treasurer's<sup>13</sup> Report

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and the Treasurer's Report for November and December, showing a balance of £4-1-8<sup>0</sup><sup>14</sup>, was also presented and formally adopted.

#### S.M.'s report<sup>15</sup>

Before commencing his report for November and December, the S.M. congratulated P.L. R. Grant of the Woodpigeon on winning the pennant for the December patrol competition. The troop took part in the District Parade to the Old West Kirk on November 29th.<sup>16</sup>

#### Troop Roll

It was decided to remove Scout J. Telfer<sup>17</sup> from the patrol list.

#### Annual camp

The Chairman<sup>11</sup> proposed that the annual troop camp should again be held at Ballinluig, and this was unanimously adopted.<sup>18</sup>

#### Competitions

It was decided to enter a team for the Victory Trophy<sup>19</sup>, the selection and training of the team<sup>20</sup> to be left entirely in the hands of the S.M.

T.L. E. Steel, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey, moved that a patrol be entered for the Shannon Cup<sup>21</sup>. After some discussion, the motion was passed, and P.L. W. Hill was elected Patrol Leader.<sup>22</sup>

Owing to criticism of the Troop Hall in the reports of previous examiners<sup>23</sup>, it was felt that it would be inadvisable to enter for the County Flag<sup>24</sup> until the rules of the competition were altered in this respect.<sup>25</sup>

This was all the business.

(signed) A. Brown (Secretary)<sup>26</sup>  
A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman<sup>27</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1936*

1. 96 Eldon Street was the address of Ian Dunlop's parents. The numbering of Greenock Streets was changed during 1936-37. Thus, prior to 1936, the Dunlop's address was 52 Eldon Street. Renumbering resulted in it being 96.

2. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.

3. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
7. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
8. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
9. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
10. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown.
11. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Dunlop.
12. See note 9 for the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936 regarding George Lawson.
13. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
14. £4-1-8<sup>d</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £371 today (2023).
15. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
16. This was actually the Armistice Day Parade. The District made the decision that instead of parading to the cenotaph as usual, the District should parade later in the month and have an associated Church Service.
17. See note 16 for the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1936 regarding John Telfer.
18. The Summer Camp held at Ballinluig in 1936 was highly successful and the campers experienced good weather. Therefore, it was understandable that the decision was taken to return there in 1937.
19. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in both 1935 and 1936.
20. It is not known who participated in the Victory Trophy team in 1937.
21. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup.
22. Wilson Hill was to lead the patrol entered for the Shannon Cup, but the 70<sup>th</sup> withdrew from the competition before it took place. It is not known why.
23. See also the S.M's report in the minutes for the 2nd September 1936.
24. See note 13 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the County Flag Competition.
25. The leaders were clearly stung by the criticisms made by the County Flag examiners and it was not until the 1950s that the Troop next took part in the County Flag.
26. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
27. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

12th February, 1937

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.15-10.00

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	T.L.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	G. Lawson <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>10</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>11</sup>

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman<sup>12</sup> read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted without emendation.

S.M.'s report<sup>13</sup>

In presenting his report of the troop activities for January, the S.M. said that progress during the month had been very satisfactory. Several badges had been gained, and the standard of work at the Patrol Competition, which was won by the Curlew Patrol, was high. On 24th January, a parade to Finnart Church was held; 20 scouts and 3 officers took part. A challenge to a game of handball was received from the 38th Renfrewshire; in reply, 10 members of the troop visited their headquarters<sup>14</sup> and spent an enjoyable evening.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>15</sup> announced a balance of £4-5-10½<sup>16</sup> at the end of January. The report was adopted on the motion of P.L. R. Grant, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

Cup presented to troop

It was intimated that a cup had been presented to the troop by G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop, the cup to be known as the G.S.M.'s cup, and the rules for competition to be as shown opposite (*below*). It was decided that the first competition should be held in April, and that the subject should be Second Class Ambulance.

**Rules for GSM's Cup**

- 1) The competition will be held every year, at such time as the Court shall determine.
- 2) The subject for competition shall be as the court and S.M. shall determine, normally, part of the 2nd or 1st class Badge, this being altered every year. The Rules for the Competition shall be as in the current issue of P.O.R.<sup>17</sup> for the section tested.
- 3) Only Scouts (not P.L.s or Seconds) may compete. The P.L. with the help of the S.M. shall decide the best in his patrol and these Scouts shall be tested by an external examiner (or by the G.S.M.).
- 4) This examiner shall be appointed by the Court and S.M.
- 5) The initials of the winner and the year shall be inscribed on the Cup at the winner's cost, and the Cup shall be presented to the winner in the presence of the Troop.

A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman.

A. Brown. Secretary

Approved at Court Meeting dated 12/2/37 held in Finnart Church Hall.

### Troop Roll

The Chairman announced that J. Telfer<sup>18</sup> had been accepted as a member by the Rover Crew, and his name would, therefore, be removed from the Troop Roll.

### Presentation to Mr Orr<sup>19</sup>

It was decided that the troop should contribute to the presentation to Mr. Orr on his retirement after many years of service as president of the district association.

### Troop Camp

It was agreed that another tent, preferably of the Niger<sup>20</sup> type, would be necessary to ensure an adequate programme of camping in the spring and summer. Several ways of raising the necessary money were suggested but no definite decision was taken.

### Shannon Cup<sup>21</sup>

The Court of Honour learned with regret that P.L. W. Hill was unable to act as P.L. of the Shannon Cup patrol<sup>22</sup>. It was therefore decided that the troop should not enter.

sgd. A. Brown (Sec).<sup>23</sup>

A. Ian Dunlop. Chairman.<sup>24</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1937*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
9. See note 9 for the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936 regarding George Lawson.
10. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
11. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown.
12. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Dunlop.
13. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
14. Oddly enough, the 38<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire were not included in a list of Greenock Troops present in the Greenock District in 1930. However, the troop was listed in a list of Troops for 1957. At that time, they met at St. John's Church Hall. This was presumably the Evangelical Church on Union Street, Greenock, near George Square.
15. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
16. £4-5-10½<sup>d</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £389 today (2023).
17. "Policy, Organisation and Rules" for the Boy Scout Association.
18. See note 16 for the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1936 regarding John Telfer.
19. Mr. Ryrie Orr lived at 35 The Esplanade and was one of the Founder Members responsible for starting up Greenock Scouting in 1909. He was also President of the Greenock Scout Association from its inception, such that Greenock Scouts viewed him as their own local 'Chief Scout' for over 25 years. He also played a role in starting up Paisley Scouting and served as an Assistant Area Commissioner. In 1911, he received Lord Baden Powell when the latter paid a visit to Greenock, and he was instrumental in setting up the William Millar Scout Scholarships using a gift of £1000 from a local shipbuilder of that name. Mr. Orr was the proprietor of the firm Orr, Pollock and Co., which owned the Greenock Telegraph. As such, he determined the policy and standard of the newspaper and it is notable that Scouting featured largely in the newspaper during the time he was in charge. Ryrie Orr was also a philanthropist and was on the board of many local charities and organisations.
20. The Niger tent was a Patrol Tent that was produced by the local company, Thomas Black & Son (Camping specialists). See also the minutes for the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1937.
21. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup.
22. It was not explained why Wilson was unable to lead the Shannon Cup Patrol, but it might well have been due to health issues. Although Wilson was very fit, he contracted tuberculosis at some point and in those days,

there was no medication available to treat it. Indeed, his final resignation from the 70<sup>th</sup> in 1944 was due to 'health reasons'.

23. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

24. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

**5th March, 1937**

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.35 - 10.00 p.m.

Present	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>4</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>5</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>6</sup>
	R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>7</sup>
Visitors	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>8</sup>
	D.C.	H. W. Butter <sup>9</sup>
	D.R.S.L.	E. Salmon <sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted, on the motion of R.S. J. Dunne, seconded by S.P.L. L. Harvey.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>11</sup> presented his report for February, showing a balanced of £4-4-4½<sup>12</sup> and the following payments were approved;

To Mr. J. McDonald<sup>13</sup>, Association Treasurer £0-2-6

To Subscription for Mr. R. Orr<sup>14</sup>. £0-3-0

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>15</sup>

S.M. J.B. Hardie, in his report of troop activities, announced that a large number of tests had been passed during the month. On the 25th and 26th of February, members of the troop acted as stewards at the Greenock and District Community Drama Festival, a service for which the District Commissioner sincerely thanked them.

#### Resignation of S.P.L. G. Lawson<sup>16</sup>

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Lawson<sup>17</sup>, to the effect that S.P.L. G. Lawson would be unable to attend troop meetings owing to the nature of his employment and was therefore reluctantly compelled to resign. The Court of Honour unanimously decided to appoint A. Brown<sup>18</sup> as S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol.

#### Appointment of Curator

S.P.L. L. Harvey was appointed Curator of troop property.

#### Report to Church

The Chairman read his annual report to the Church. The report was approved and adopted without emendation.

#### Resignation of Chairman

The Court of Honour learned with regret that G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop desired to resign from the position of chairman: S.M. J.B. Hardie was unanimously elected chairman in his stead.

This was all the business.

signed A. Brown (Secretary).<sup>19</sup>  
J.B. Hardie - Chairman.<sup>20</sup>

*Editorial comments for 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1937*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
4. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant
5. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
6. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
7. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
8. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Archibald Brown
9. H. Waller Butters took over from Hector Russell as Greenock's District Commissioner in 1933 at a time when numbers were strong, but the local Scout Association's financial strength was weak. Mr. Butters played a key role in turning that situation around, such that the District ended up on a firm financial and administrative footing. In 1941, Mr. Butter was called up to serve in the navy. As a result, James Swan stepped in as Acting D.C. during the years that Mr. Butter was on war service in Norway and Germany. Mr. Butter returned from the war in 1945 and took on the role of D.C. once more. However, work pressures forced him to resign a year later, with Jim Swan officially taking over as D.C.
10. Ernest Salmon was District Rover Scout Leader, but not much else has been found out about him to date.
11. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
12. £4-4-4½<sup>d</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £382 today (2023).
13. No information has been obtained regarding Mr. J. McDonald.
14. See note 19 for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937 regarding Mr. Rylie Orr.
15. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
16. See note 9 for the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936 regarding George Lawson.
17. It is assumed that the letter was written by George Lawson's father, rather than George himself.
18. Archie Brown (a different Archie Brown from Rover Scout Archie Brown) was born in 1924 and was in the same class at Greenock Academy as *Sandy Campbell* and Jim Crawford. He lived at 40 Eldon Street, then 183 Finnart Street, and his father owned a couple of Baker's shops in Greenock. Archie probably joined the troop in 1934 or 1935, and he was present at the 70's Summer Camps held in 1935 and 1937. He was promoted to S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in March 1937, then became P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in February 1938. In September 1938, he was appointed the P.L. of a new Patrol (the Owl Patrol). There is no further mention of this Patrol in the available records, and it might have been a temporary Patrol made up of older Scouts. It is not known when Archie left the troop, but he went on to become a teacher at Ardrossan Academy.
19. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
20. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

9th April, 1937

District Headquarters  
Robertson Street.

9.10 - 9.30 p.m.

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
	S.P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>5</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>7</sup>
	R.S.	J. Dunne <sup>8</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>
Visitor	D.C.	H.W. Butter <sup>10</sup>

Welcome to New Member

On behalf of the Court of Honour, S.M. J.B. Hardie welcomed the new member, S.P.L. A. Brown of the Curlew Patrol.

Minutes and Treasurer's<sup>11</sup> Report

The minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurers Report for March were read and adopted on the motion of R.S. J. Dunne, seconded by S.P.L. Harvey.

S.M.'s report<sup>12</sup>

The Chairman<sup>13</sup> presented his report of troop activities during the preceding month. The first competition for the G.S.M.'s Cup was won by Sc. H. Hastie<sup>14</sup> of the Wolf Patrol. On the first Friday of the month, the troop received a visit from an Inspector sent by Scottish Headquarters<sup>15</sup> and from the District Commissioner<sup>16</sup>.

Finance

The court approved of a letter to the boys' parents or guardians, requesting their agreement to an annual subscription of 5/-<sup>17</sup>, due on the 31st of March instead of the previous weekly collections.

Presentation to Chief Scout<sup>18</sup>

P.L. W. Hill was authorised to receive 1<sup>D19</sup> from each Scout who wished to contribute to the fund organised by scouts throughout the world toward a presentation to the Chief Scout on the occasion of his forthcoming silver wedding.<sup>20</sup>

Scout Gala<sup>21</sup>

The Chairman intimated that the team for the Victory Trophy<sup>22</sup> had been selected<sup>23</sup>. G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop proposed that training expenses up to a maximum of 7/6<sup>24</sup> be paid from the troop funds. He was seconded by S.P.L. A. Brown and the motion was carried.

Bible

The Bible to be presented to the District Association was unfortunately not yet forward.<sup>25</sup>

This was all the business.

(signed). A. Brown (Secretary),<sup>26</sup>  
J.B. Hardie Chairman.<sup>27</sup>

*Editorial comments for 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1937*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker
4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
5. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
6. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
7. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown
8. See note 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1935 regarding James Dunne.
9. See note 7 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Rover Scout Archibald Brown
10. See note 9 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding Rover Scout Archibald Brown
11. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
12. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
13. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Hardie.
14. Harold Hastie was born in Glasgow during 1923, and stayed at Hillfoot, Lyle Road when the family moved to Greenock. Harold's father was an accountant and Secretary of Fleming Reid and Co. Harold was a pupil at Greenock Academy and featured strongly at school prize givings and sports days. He probably joined the troop in 1934 with many of his classmates and was the first Scout to win the G.S.M.s Cup when it was instigated in 1937. He was in the Wolf Patrol then moved to the Fox Patrol in May 1937 when he was promoted to S.P.L. In October 1937, he became Secretary of the Court of Honour and remained so for the next four years. In September 1938, he was promoted to P.L. of the Wolf Patrol, then to Troop Leader in September 1940. He proved extremely energetic in all the roles he undertook and was always coming up with ideas and proposals, some of which were adopted, some which were not. Harold resigned in September 1941 to join the Rovers but remained a co-opted member of the Court of Honour. During the war, he joined the RAF but was not allowed to fly due to his eyesight. Instead, he appeared to have some role in terms of radar and served in Karachi. After the war he qualified as Chartered Accountant and worked with various industrial firms.
15. It is not known what this visit was about. Note also that the visit took place on the first Friday of March, not April.
16. D.C. H. Waller Butter.
17. £0-5-0<sup>p</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £23 today (2023).
18. Robert Baden Powell was still Chief Scout of the World in 1937.
19. One penny (1<sup>p</sup>) in 1936 had the equivalent value of about 38P today. This was the sum that was asked from each Scout around the world that year.
20. The idea of each Scout contributing a penny towards a gift had been done before in order to give Baden Powell as Wedding Present. It's not clear what was purchased in 1937 though.
21. The Scout Gala was held each year at the West End Baths (see note 12 for 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1935).
22. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in both 1935 and 1936.
23. The team chosen in 1937 has not been identified.
24. £0-7-6<sup>p</sup> in 1936 had the equivalent value of about £32 today (2023). See also the minutes for 4<sup>th</sup> June 1936.
25. See the entry in the COH Minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding the Bible donated to Everton.
26. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
27. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

28th May, 1937

District Headquarters  
Robertson Street.

9.25 - 10.00 p.m.

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	T.L.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>10</sup>

#### Apology for Absence

The chairman, S.M. J.B. Hardie, announced that an apology had been received from P.L. W. Hill<sup>11</sup> who was unable to be present owing to illness.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the proposal of T.L. E. Steel seconded by S.P.L. J. Crawford.

#### Business from Minutes

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop intimated that a Bible had been presented to the District Association and dedicated for use in the Scout Chapel at Everton.<sup>12</sup>

#### S.M.s Report<sup>13</sup>

The chairman<sup>14</sup>, in submitting his report of the troop meetings and work for April and May, congratulated the Patrol Leaders and Seconds on the progress made during these months. A large number of tests were passed, one second class badge<sup>15</sup> being obtained. On the 7th May, the game "Despatch Carrying"<sup>16</sup> as given in 'Scouting for Boys' was tried as an experiment. On the 12th of May, the troop took part in the District Parade to the Lyle Hill.<sup>17</sup> A weekend camp was held at Everton with R.S. A. Hardie<sup>18</sup> in charge. A new patrol was formed to cope with the increase in membership. L. Harvey<sup>19</sup> was appointed patrol leader<sup>20</sup> and H. Hastie<sup>9</sup> second. Scout A. McGregor<sup>8</sup> was promoted to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol. At the last troop meeting for the year, on the 28th of May, the troop was inspected by the Rev. D.H. Stewart.<sup>21</sup>

#### Troop Roll

The Court of Honour approved applications for membership of the troop from J. Buchanan<sup>22</sup>, I. Curtis<sup>23</sup> and R. Mackay<sup>24</sup>. The following were also admitted to the troop from the Cub pack: M. McCreery<sup>25</sup>, I. Fraser<sup>26</sup>, and G. Brown<sup>27</sup>.

#### Troop Finance

The Treasurer<sup>28</sup> was authorised to receive 3/-<sup>29</sup> as subscription from each of the above mentioned Cubs and from R. Mackay. In presenting his report of troop income and expenditure for April, the Treasurer announced a balance of £7-3-8½<sup>30</sup> at the end of the month. The following payments were ratified:

To Colin Finnie, Badge Secretary	£0-9-1 <sup>31</sup>
To J. McDonald, for lets	£0-5-0 <sup>32</sup>
To G.S.M. <sup>1</sup> for bible to Association	£0-13-6 <sup>33</sup>

To G.S.M. for Badges

£0-2-6

£1-10-1

It was decided to purchase a Niger tent and a tarpaulin<sup>34</sup> for use at the Troop Camp at Ballinluig.<sup>35</sup> The charge for the camp was fixed as 30/-<sup>36</sup> per scout payable to G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop.

#### District Parade

S.M. J.B. Hardie intimated that the troop had been requested to provide the Colour Party at the District Parade to Pirrie Park on Sunday, June 6th.<sup>37</sup>

This was all the business.

A. Brown (Secretary).<sup>38</sup>

J.B. Hardie. (Chairman).<sup>39</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
7. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown
8. Alistair McGregor had red hair and was born in 1923 or 1924. He lived at 21 Newton Street at the corner of Newton Street and Kelly Street close to the original Greenock Academy, and his father was a timber measurer. Alistair attended Greenock Academy and it is likely that he joined the Troop in 1934 along with many of his classmates. After his promotion to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in May 1937, he was transferred to become S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in February 1938, then transferred again in September 1938 to become S.P.L. of the Wolf Patrol. He remained an S.P.L. until he left the Troop in September 1940, then served in Burma as a Captain in the King's African Army. After the War, he settled in Africa, then moved to Australia.
9. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
10. See note 9 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding Rover Scout Archibald Brown
11. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
12. See the entry in the COH Minutes for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding the Bible donated to Everton. Everton had become Greenock District's Campsite in 1924 and is situated in the hills behind Inverkip.
13. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
14. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Hardie.
15. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge was the second badge in the progressive Scout Training Scheme, which involved the Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 1<sup>st</sup> Class and King's Scout Badges. The tests involved in these badges had a substantial focus on camping, hiking and Scouting skills.
16. A game called 'Dispatch Running' was identified in Camp Fire Yarn No. 7 in pre-war editions of "Scouting For Boys". It involved giving a Scout a dispatch to take to the HQ of a 'besieged town' at least 4 miles away and to return with a receipt of delivery. The 'Besiegers' could hide anywhere they liked and try to capture the Dispatch rider either entering or leaving the area, but were not allowed closer than 300 yards from the HQ building. Ten hours were allowed for the game.
17. This was to mark the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The Parade started from George Square at 8.30 and marched behind the Wellington Pipe Band to the top of the Lyle Hill where a bonfire was lit.
18. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
19. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
20. Lawrence Harvey had been S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol and so this left a vacancy for the Woodpigeon S.P.L. when he was promoted to P.L. of the new Fox Patrol.
21. Donald H. Stewart was born in Inverary in 1899 and his father was minister of the UF church there. Donald followed his father into the ministry and was minister at Kelso before taking over Finnart Church in 1937. He remained as Finnart Church minister until 1968 and was a strong supporter of the Troop. During the war, he took over the role of Group Scout Master to relieve the young Wilson Hill of much of the administration and red

tape involved in running a Scout Troop. He also made frequent visits at Troop meetings. When he retired he moved to Edinburgh.

22. Jim Buchanan was probably born in 1924 and was similar in age to Jim Crawford. His family may have recently returned from abroad when James joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in May 1937, and he might have been related to Ian Curtis. He was a member of the winning Victory Trophy team in 1939, and it seems highly likely that he won the novice swimming event in 1937. In October 1939, he was in the Woodpigeon Patrol and he gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge in March 1940. He left the Troop in May 1940 since he was moving out of town. It is thought that he had an ironmongers shop in Dunblane after leaving school.

23. Ian Curtis may have been born abroad. He joined the troop in May 1937 and was promoted to S.P.L. of the Fox Patrol in September 1938, replacing Jim Crawford. In June 1938 he won a William Millar Scholarship as a pupil of Greenock Academy, and he was also good at sports. In 1939, he was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Victory Trophy. He resigned in October 1939 because he belonged to another youth organisation – possibly one of the pre-service cadet units.

24. Ronald Reay MacKay was born in Broughty Ferry in 1924 and his father was the minister of St. Columba's Gaelic Church. Ronald lived at 39 Fox Street and attended Greenock Academy. There were four brothers in the family and this causes some confusion as each one was nicknamed 'Stourie' at one point or another. Ronald joined the troop in May 1937 and was a member of the team that won the Victory Trophy in 1939. He also won the novice race in 1938. He was in the Woodpigeon Patrol in October 1939 and he passed his Second Class Badge in March 1940. He left the troop at some point during the summer of 1940, and served in the RAF during the war. After the war he was involved in agriculture and lived in Edinburgh.

25. Harry Murray McCreery was born in 1925 and lived at 41 Finnart Street at the top of Patrick Street. Murray attended Greenock Academy and was in the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Wolf Cub Pack before joining the Troop in May 1937. It is believed he joined the Fox Patrol and was then transferred to the Curlew Patrol in November 1937. Murray left the troop at some point during 1940. After leaving school he worked for IBM.

26. Ian Fraser may have been born in 1925. He lived at 30 Forsyth Street and his father was a Chartered Accountant. Ian joined the troop in May 1937, but did not spend a long time in the 70<sup>th</sup> as he was sent to boarding school in Strathallan. He was friendly with George Brown and may have joined the troop's cycling trip to Glen Masson in April 1942. During the war he was in the RAF and ended up as an air traffic controller at Prestwick.

27. George Brown was born in 1927 and lived at 25 Robertson Street, then 4 Academy Place. His family ran Brown's shipbuilding at Garvel Point. George joined the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cubs, and might have been one of the Founder members when the Pack started in 1935. He moved up to the Scouts in May 1937 and was in the relatively new Fox patrol, before joining the Woodpigeon Patrol, where he became S.P.L. in September 1940. In June 1941, he was promoted to P.L. at the age of 14, and, in September 1941, he was made Troop Leader at the age of 15. George participated in most of the outdoor hikes and camps that took place during the time he was in the Scouts, and, once he was Troop Leader, he ran a number of camps at Everton. He remained Troop Leader until 1944, then volunteered for the RAF. He completed his basic training and completed a solo flight in a Tiger Moth. However, the war stopped finished at that point and that proved the end of his flying career. After the war, he gained a degree in naval architecture, then moved to Montreal to work for Vickers. He then returned to Scotland as a shipyard manager before moving into management consultancy.

28. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.

29. £0-3-0<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £13 today (2023).

30. £7-3-8½<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £627 today (2023).

31. Colin Finnie Senior was the District Badge Secretary. £0-9-1<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £39 today (2023)

32. John McDonald was the Honorary Treasurer the Greenock District Scout Association. The Lets may well have been for the use of District Headquarters as it is clear that at least two troop meetings took place there (9<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937). It is probable that the Troop may have had all their meetings for April and May at District Scout HQ if work was being carried out on Finnart Church Hall. £0-5-0<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £22 today (2023)

33. See 'Business from Minutes' in these Minutes. £0-13-6<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £57 today (2023).

34. The Niger tent was a Patrol Tent. The tarpaulin would have been used as a kitchen shelter – probably by the Scouters.

35. The 1937 Troop Camp at Ballinluig was held during 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July with 2 Scouters and 14 Scouts attending. The first week was rather wet, but the second week was better. The camp was visited by D.C. H. Waller Butter and by Lord James Murray.

36. *Thirty Shillings (30/-) in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £131 today (2023).*
37. *See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the annual District Parade and Drumhead Service to Pirrie Park.*
38. *See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.*
39. *Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.*

17th September, 1937

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.30 - 10.00 p.m.

Present:	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>5</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>8</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The chairman, S.M. J.B. Hardie, intimated that a Niger tent and tarpaulin had now been purchased.<sup>10</sup>

#### S.M.s Report<sup>11</sup>

The chairman<sup>12</sup> announced that a very successful camp had been held at Ballinluig during the first fortnight of July.<sup>13</sup> On behalf of the Court of Honour, he thanked G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop whose administrative ability was mainly responsible for the smooth running of the camp.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>14</sup> submitted his report for May, June, July, and August. The following expenses were ratified:

May, 1937

To J. McDonald for lets	£0-3-0 <sup>15</sup>
To Victory Trophy <sup>16</sup> team for expenses	£0-7-6 <sup>17</sup>
	£0-10-6

June, 1937

To Thomas Black and Son. Ltd.	£8-2-6 <sup>18</sup>
	£8-13-0

#### Camp Account

The financial account of the summer camp at Ballinluig was read and formally adopted.

#### Troop Roll

The chairman<sup>12</sup> intimated that T.L. E. Steel<sup>19</sup> had become a member of the Rover Crew and that J. Menzies<sup>20</sup> had been admitted from the Cub Pack.

#### Application for A.S.M.'s Warrant

The Court of Honour unanimously approved an application for a warrant as Assistant Scout Master by R.S. A. Hardie.<sup>21</sup>

No further competent business was brought forward.

A. Brown (Secretary).<sup>22</sup>  
J.B. Hardie. (Chairman).<sup>23</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 17<sup>th</sup> September 1937*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker

4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
5. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
6. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
7. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown.
6. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
9. See note 9 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding Rover Scout Archibald Brown.
10. It is assumed that both items were purchased before July 1937 such that they could be used at the Summer Camp held at Ballinluig. The Niger was a Patrol tent. The tarpaulin was probably used by the Scouters as a kitchen shelter.
11. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
12. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Hardie.
13. See note 35 of the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding the 1937 Summer Camp held at Ballinluig.
14. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
15. See note 32 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding John McDonald and the Lets. The 3 shillings involved had the equivalent value in 1937 of £13 today (2023).
16. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935, 1936, and 1939, coming second in 1937 and 1938.
17. Similar expenses had been approved the previous year to allow training sessions at the only available indoor pool at Port Glasgow (see the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1936 and 9<sup>th</sup> April 1937).
18. This was the sum paid for the Niger Tent and the Tarpaulin. £8-2-6<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £708 today (2023).
19. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
20. John G. Menzies was probably born in 1925 and lived at 9 Newton Street, then 54 South Street. His father owned a dairy business. John was a pupil at Greenock Academy and performed well at the annual Sports Day. He was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cub pack and moved up to the Troop in September 1937. In 1939, he won the novices Cup at the Swimming Gala. In October 1939, he was in the Curlew Patrol, and was promoted to S.P.L. of the Patrol in September 1940. The following year he became P.L. of the Curlew Patrol, then in February 1942, he joined a patrol that had been formed for older scouts only. However, in March 1942, he was appointed P.L. of the reinstated Fox Patrol. Unfortunately, the Troop Log covering 1943 and beyond is missing and further details are sketchy. There is a possibility that he helped out with the running of the Troop during 1944 along with Robin McDougall. During the war, John was a volunteer on the Clyde River Patrol. After the war, he worked in the shipyards then moved to the USA where he managed a shipping company, then worked for Lockheed.
21. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
22. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
23. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

1st October 1937

District Headquarters  
Robertson Street.<sup>1</sup>

9.30 - 10.00 p.m.

Present	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>2</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>11</sup>
	R.S.	A. Brown <sup>12</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>13</sup>

The chairman<sup>14</sup> announced that this was an extraordinary Annual General Meeting.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the previous meeting were read and formerly adopted.

#### Treasurer's S.M. Report<sup>14</sup>

In presenting his report for the previous month, the chairman<sup>15</sup> said that there had been a very good turn out at the Church Parade to Finnart Church on the 26th of September. After this parade, the group was photographed.<sup>16</sup>

#### Badges

The S.M.<sup>17</sup> made the proposal that Artist's<sup>18</sup>, Carpenter's<sup>19</sup>, and Interpreter's<sup>20</sup> badges should not be given to the applicant until he was in third year<sup>21</sup>. He was seconded by S.P.L. A. McGregor and the motion was carried.

#### Patrol Competition

It was intimated that there would be a patrol competition next Friday.

#### Treasurer's Report

In his report, the Treasurer<sup>22</sup> announced ~~(that)~~<sup>23</sup> the following expenses ~~(had)~~<sup>23</sup> which were ratified.

To Badge Secretary	£0-7-7 <sup>24</sup>
To G.S.M. for Badge Secretary	£0-0-3
To Badge Secretary	£0-8-11 <sup>24</sup>
To Scout Shop, Glasgow	<u>£0-1-10½</u>
	£0-18-7½

#### Woggles

A motion by P.L. Hill that all members of troop should wear identical woggles, was seconded by G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop and was carried. The type of woggle was decided upon<sup>25</sup>.

#### Amendment to Constitution

The G.S.M. then brought forward a motion concerning the Constitution. See *below*

'I hereby give notice, that I will bring before the Court of Honour in three months the following motion - in amendment to the constitution -

“That the Annual General Meeting of the Court of Honour be held on the first Friday of October instead of the first meeting of Court after Association Annual General Meeting” – A. Ian Dunlop 1/10/37.<sup>26</sup>

#### Annual Financial Report

The Annual Financial Report was read through by the treasurer<sup>22</sup>. The balance denounced for the year was one pound 14 shillings 10 pence<sup>27</sup>. The report was passed without any trouble.

#### Elections

At the Election of Office-Bearers (~~for~~)<sup>23</sup> S.M. J.B. Hardie was unanimously re-elected Chairman. The Secretary A. Brown announced his desire to resign. His resignation was accepted and H. Hastie was proposed Secretary, proposal was carried. The Treasurer, A. Stalker, and Curator, L. Harvey, were re-elected.

As there was no other business, the meeting was dissolved

H. Hastie (Secretary)<sup>28</sup>  
J.B. Hardie (Chairman)<sup>29</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 1<sup>st</sup> October 1937*

- 1. It appears that the Troop may well have been using the District Headquarters for Troop meetings after the Summer as well as before the summer. It is assumed that work may have been carried out on Finnart Church Hall during 1937.*
- 2. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.*
- 3. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.*
- 4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker*
- 5. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.*
- 6. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.*
- 7. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.*
- 8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.*
- 9. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.*
- 10. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown*
- 11. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.*
- 12. See note 9 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding Rover Scout Archibald Brown.*
- 13. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.*
- 14. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).*
- 15. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Hardie.*
- 16. This is the only surviving photograph of the Troop from the 1930s. It is believed that other photographs may have been present in the Troop Log Books written in the 1930s, but these have not been tracked down to date.*



17. Scout Master J.B. Hardie.

18. The Artist's Badge was a Proficiency Badge which was assessed by a District Examiner. The Scout had to demonstrate his ability in some form of creative art, such as sketching, painting, etching, modelling, designing, carving etc. In addition, he was to know the names and work of three famous exponents of the chosen art form. The badge was worn on the right arm.



19. See note 12 for the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1936 regarding the Carpenter's Proficiency badge.

20. The Interpreter's Badge was a Proficiency Badge which was assessed by a District Examiner. In a chosen foreign language, the Scout had to carry out a simple conversation for three minutes, write a simple letter of at least 300 words, and translate an easy passage from a book or periodical. If successful, the Scout could wear the proficiency badge on the right arm, as well as a badge above the right hand shirt pocket specifying the language spoken. In 1947, this badge was renamed the Linguist Badge and was worn on the left arm as it was classed a public service badge.



21. Presumably, this also meant that no Scout should attempt these badges until he was in third year at school. It is possible that this might have been a ruling from the relevant District Examiners that was being passed down to the Troops to ensure that the Scouts attempting these badges were likely to reach a particular standard.

22. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker

23. In the Minutes, this was placed in brackets only, but it is clear that the word was redundant and should be deleted.

24. It is assumed that this was the District Badge Secretary (Mr. Colin Finnie, Senior). £0-7-7<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £35 today (2023). £0-8-11<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £39 today (2023).

25. The specifications were not defined. However, the Scouts were probably expected to make their own woggles from brown and yellow twine representing the Troop colours (see the Minutes for the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1938 and the Troop Log entry for the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1940.)

26. See also the original Constitution provided in the Minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935.

27. £1-14-10<sup>d</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £152 today (2023).

28. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

29. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

5<sup>th</sup> November 1937

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.10 - 9.45 p.m.

Present:-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>11</sup>
Visitor:-		W. Dally <sup>12</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the previous meeting were read and formally adopted.

#### S.M.s Report<sup>13</sup>

In his report, the S.M. announced that at the meeting on 8th October, a Patrol Competition was held. This was won by the Fox Patrol. He also announced that R. Mackay, G. Brown, and J. Menzies had been invested at the meeting on the 22nd October. The S.M. then made a few comments on the work of the troop. This, he said, was very satisfactory, as the number of tests passed shows, but he would like to see the discipline, drill, and gentle neatness tightened up a little.

#### Second All Round Cords<sup>14</sup>

The chairman suggested that the Court should record a vote of congratulations to P.L. Wilson Hill on gaining his Second All Round Cords. This was done.

#### Fox Patrol

The chairman also congratulated the Fox Patrol on gaining the Pennant for the Patrol Competition, for the second time in succession. As this is the youngest patrol in the troop<sup>15</sup>, he thought it said something for the ability of the P.L. and S.P.L.<sup>16</sup>

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>17</sup> read his report for the previous month, in which the following expenses were announced.

For Everton Locker Fee	£0-2-6 <sup>18</sup>
For Registration Fee	£0-5-0 <sup>19</sup>
Rent of Robertson St. Hall	£0-2-0 <sup>20</sup>
For envelopes for Photos	£0-1-9 <sup>21</sup>
To Badge Secretary	<u>£0-3-9<sup>22</sup></u>
	<u>£0-15-0</u>

#### Photographs<sup>21</sup>

The Chairman announced that the Group Photograph had been very popular and had sold well. It was decided that one Photograph be put in the Log Book<sup>23</sup>.

#### New Log book

It was also decided to purchase a New Troop Log Book<sup>23</sup>, cost 3/- (3 shillings)<sup>24</sup>.

### Patrol Numbers

It was found that the numbers in the various patrols were unequal and Sc. M. McCreery<sup>25</sup> was transferred from the Fox to the Curlew Patrol.

### Football Shield Competition

The visitor Mr. Mr Dally<sup>12</sup> then stated the reason for his visit. He had come to ask us if our troop would like to enter for a football competition. The prize was a Shield and the competition was to be run on the League principle. Players to be between the ages of 11 (11) and 16 (sixteen). The ground on which the games were played was to be arranged and rent for use of same divided between the teams concerned. Approximate cost per match would be 6<sup>d</sup> (sixpence)<sup>26</sup>. The court thought it would not be very satisfactory for the troop to enter as the members of it had been brought up to play rugby and would likely be playing rugby on Saturdays.<sup>27</sup> The S.M.<sup>28</sup> decided to ask the troop what they thought at the next Troop Meeting. P.L. Harvey was made responsible for the team (if any) as he appeared to know something about the game.<sup>29</sup>

### Scout Display

The other reason for Mr Dally's visit was a Scout Display proposed to be held after the next Cub Display. About 12 (twelve) troops were to take part in the display. Each troop was to present an item and then there was to be a mass sing-song. The Court decided that the Troop should support the Display.<sup>30</sup>

### Cricket Competition

Mr Dally also said that there would be a Cricket Competition next summer for a trophy. The Court unanimously decided to enter for this competition.<sup>31</sup>

As there was no further competent business, the Court was dissolved.

H. Hastie (Secretary)<sup>32</sup>

J.B. Hardie (Chairman)<sup>33</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937*

- 1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.*
- 2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.*
- 3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.*
- 4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.*
- 5. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.*
- 6. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker*
- 7. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.*
- 8. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.*
- 9. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.*
- 10. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.*
- 11. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown*
- 12. William Dally was the District Scout Master and Camp Skipper for Everton in November 1937.*
- 13. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie). There is some doubt as to whether the investitures occurred on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> October. The Troop Log stated that they were on the latter date.*
- 14. See note 13 for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding All Round Cords. The second set of All Round Cords were red and white in colour.*
- 15. This is slightly ambiguous as it could be interpreted as meaning that the Patrol was the youngest Patrol in terms of the ages of the Scouts within it. It is more likely that the accolade referred to the newest patrol in the Troop as it had only recently been formed – see the minutes for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937.*
- 16. The P.L. was Lawrence Harvey, and the Second was Harold Hastie.*
- 17. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.*

18. Each Troop could rent a locker at the Everton campsite to store camping equipment. £0-2-6<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £11 today (2023).
19. Each year, Scout troops had to pay a Registration Fee to the local District Scouting Association. £0-5-0<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £22 today (2023).
20. It is clear that the Troop was renting out the District HQ at Robertson Street for some if not all of its Troop Meetings between April and October. It is assumed that work was being carried out on the Finnart Church Hall during that period. £0-2-0<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £9 today (2023). See also the COH minutes for the 28<sup>th</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> September 1937.
21. The photos in question would have been the Group Photos taken on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1937 (see the Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> October 1937).
22. The Badge Secretary was the District Badge Secretary, Mr. Colin Finnie, Senior. £0-3-9<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £17 today (2023)
23. This log book was missing for about 30 years but it was eventually discovered by Tommy Boag in 2025 in the attic of the Scout Hall. It was presumably placed there when the internal ceiling was added to the main hall.
24. £0-3-0<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £13 today (2023)
25. The writing is smudged, but the Scout is thought to be Murray McCreery (see note 25 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937).
26. £0-0-6<sup>p</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £2.5 today (2023).
27. Most if not all of the Scouts attended Greenock Academy where there was a heavy emphasis on rugby and cricket as team games.
28. Scout Master J.B. Hardie.
29. See also the Minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1937 regarding the Football Competition.
30. The Scout Display (or Rally) eventually took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1938 in Seafield Hall, where the 70<sup>th</sup> put on a display of games.
31. There is no record of this competition taking place during 1938. However, the topic was raised again at the Court of Honour held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1939.
32. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
33. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 1937

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.10 - 9.50 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	W. Hill <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>11</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the previous meeting were read and formally adopted.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>12</sup>

The S.M. then read his report. In it, he intimated that the Patrol Competition on 5th November was won by the Fox Patrol. It also stated that on 19th November there was a very small meeting owing to certain Boys Club holding a reunion.<sup>13</sup>

#### Football Competition<sup>14</sup>

The S.M.<sup>15</sup> then said that the Football Competition had been approved of by the troop, and asked P.L. L. Harvey if he had got a team together yet. P.L. L. Harvey replied in the negative, seeing that, owing to examinations, there had not been time for a trial game.

#### Congratulations

The chairman suggested a vote of congratulations to P.L. L. Harvey on getting his Second All Round Cords.<sup>16</sup> These, he said, were the second set gained by the troop.<sup>17</sup>

#### Discussion on Patrol and Class Work

At this point, the question of what was the best way to teach a Troop Scout work cropped up. The two main ways are as a class, and as Patrols. A lengthy discussion was held on which the troops should be taught. The main speakers in this discussion were G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop and A.S.M. A. Hardie. It was finally decided to work as Patrols and to give each Patrol a separate room to work in.<sup>18</sup>

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>19</sup> then read through his report for the previous month. The following expenditure was ratified.

To Badge Secretary                      £0-4-10<sup>20</sup>

#### Troop Leader (Promotion to)

P.L. W. Hill announced his desire to resign from the Scouts and join the Rovers. The S.M.<sup>15</sup> then moved that P.L. Hill be promoted Troop Leader. This motion was seconded by the whole court.

#### Armistice Parade

S.P.L. H. Hastie then asked why the troop had not been at any church parade on Armistice Sunday. The Chairman<sup>21</sup> replied that there had been no District Parade<sup>22</sup> and that it had been thought unnecessary by the minister<sup>23</sup> that there should be an ordinary Church Parade.

As there was no further competent business, the Court was dissolved.

H. Hastie (Sec.)<sup>24</sup>  
J.B. Hardie (Chairman)<sup>25</sup>

*Editorial comments for 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1937*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant
6. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
9. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown
10. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
11. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
12. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
13. It is not stated what Boy's Club this was. However, the troop Log identified it as an S.C. Reunion. It is believed that this was the Scottish Schoolboys Club (SSC) or Schoolboys Club SC).
14. See also the minutes for the 5<sup>th</sup> November regarding the Football Competition.
15. Scout Master J.B. Hardie.
16. See note 13 for the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 regarding All Round Cords. The second set of All Round Cords were red and white in colour.
17. The only other 70<sup>th</sup> Scout to have gained a Second Set of All Round Cords was Wilson Hill (see the Minutes entry for the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937).
18. This may have been the start of Patrol Corners, which became a standard feature of the Troop Programme in later decades.
19. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
20. The Badge Secretary was the District Badge Secretary, Mr. Colin Finnie, Senior. £0-4-10<sup>0</sup> in 1937 had the equivalent value of about £21 today (2023).
21. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Hardie.
22. In 1936, a District Parade marking Armistice Day was held towards the end of November (see Minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> December 1936. In that year, there was a suggestion in the District Executive that no District Parade should be held to mark Armistice Day, and that argument must have held sway in 1937.
23. The minister of Finnart Church was the Rev. Donald H. Stewart.
24. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
25. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.5 - 9.45 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	T.L.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>11</sup>

#### Minutes for Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary<sup>12</sup> and adopted on the proposal of P.L. L. Harvey, seconded by S.P.L. A. Brown.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>13</sup>

The S.M. then read his report for January. It announced that the first Troop Meeting of the New Year was held on 14th January. It also announced that the Patrol Competition on 21st January was won by the Fox Patrol. Morse signalling<sup>14</sup> was started in the troop at the meeting of 28th January.

#### S.M.'s Comments

The S.M. then made a few comments on the Troop work. He stated that Morse had been started in the Troop and that the Curlew Patrol had made considerable progress already. He also said that in the Patrol Competition of that evening's meeting a very successful Memory Test<sup>15</sup> had been held.

#### A.S.M.'s comments on Signalling

The A.S.M., A. Hardie, said that he was rather disappointed with the results of the Signalling Test in the Patrol Competition as only one Patrol<sup>16</sup> showed good results.

#### Treasurer's report

The Treasurer<sup>17</sup> then read his report for January. There were no expenses and a balance of £1-8-10 was declared<sup>18</sup>.

#### Woggles<sup>19</sup>

T.L. Hill then brought up the question of the Troop woggles. He suggested that these were not being made quickly enough made<sup>20</sup>. The S.M. said that he would make an announcement to the troop about it.

#### Troop Roll

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop moved that no more members be admitted to the Troop. He was seconded by S.M. J.B. Hardie and the motion was carried. The G.S.M. suggested a vote of thanks to T.L. Wilson Hill, on his resignation, for the work which he had done for the Troop and the Court itself. This was done in the traditional manner<sup>21</sup>.

#### Scout Display

The S.M. then announced that the Scout Display in which the Troop had agreed to take part<sup>22</sup>, had since been put off.<sup>23</sup>

### Amendment to Constitution

The Secretary<sup>12</sup> then brought before the Court a motion moved in the Meeting of 1st October 1937. This motion, he said, had required three months notice and was now one month overdue, since there had been *no* Meeting in January. The motion, which was moved by G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop was then read through. It was seconded by A.S.M. A. Hardie and passed. The Secretary was authorised to make the necessary change.

### Promotion

The seconds were then asked to leave the room while the Court decided on a successor for the Patrol Leadership of the Curlew Patrol<sup>24</sup>. When the S.P.L.'s re-entered the room, the Chairman announced that the Court's decision was that S.P.L. A. Brown be promoted P.L. of the Curlew Patrol.

### New S.P.L.

The chairman<sup>25</sup> then said that they now came to the task of creating a new SPL in place of S.P.L. A. Brown. Sc. I. Munro<sup>26</sup>, Sc. D. Leggett<sup>27</sup> and Sc. D. Woodward<sup>28</sup> were suggested. It was suggested that S.P.L. A. McGregor of the Woodpigeon Patrol be made S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol and Sc. D. Legget be made S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol. P.L. A. Brown agreed to this suggestion so the promotion was made.

### GSM's Cup<sup>29</sup>

It was suggested that the subject for the GSM's Cup, the competition for which was soon due, be Signalling both Morse and Semaphore. A.S.M. A. Hardie proposed that the G.S.M. should arrange for an examiner. He was seconded by S.P.L. J. Crawford and the motion was carried.

The meeting was then dissolved

(Signed) H. Hastie, Secretary<sup>30</sup>  
J.B. Hardie. (Chairman)<sup>31</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
5. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker
6. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant
7. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
9. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding S.P.L. Archibald Brown
10. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
11. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
12. Harold Hastie was the COH Secretary.
13. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
14. Morse Code and Semaphore were included in the tests for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badges. This is the first indication of the Troop taking an interest in signalling. During the 1950s and 1960s, the 70<sup>th</sup> dominated the District Signalling Competitions in terms of Semaphore.
15. Details were not provided, but the 'test' might have been in the form of Kim's Game. Where several objects were shown for a minute, then the Scouts were to write down all the objects that they could remember seeing.
16. This must have been the Curlew Patrol based on previous remarks.
17. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
18. £1-8-10<sup>p</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £124 today (2023).
19. See also the Minutes for the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1937 and 14<sup>th</sup> October 1938 regarding woggles.
20. This indicates that the Scouts were asked to make their own woggles (see also the minutes for 14<sup>th</sup> October 1938).

21. The 'traditional manner' was not described. One possibility is that it took the form of 'Three Bravos', where the word Bravo was spelt out loudly, followed by a yelling 'Bravo' three times. This was certainly the 'traditional' manner of showing thanks during the 1950 and 1960s.

22. See the COH minutes for the 5th November 1937 regarding the 'Scout 'Display'.

23. In fact, the Display had not been 'put off'. The following correction was added to the Minutes as follows:  
'Later alteration to minute (cf. 11:3:38). The Display has not been cancelled, and as matters stand, the troop will take part in it. J.B.H.'

The Display eventually took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> April (See the Minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> May 1938.).

24. This was to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of P.L. & T.L. Wilson Hill.

25. The Chairman of the Court of Honour was Ian Hardie.

26. Ian Munro lived in Kelly Street and was probably born in 1923 or 1924. He attended Greenock Academy and featured in several school sports days and prize givings. He also won a William Millar Scholarship for academic studies. It is not known when he joined the Troop but he was present at the Summer Camps of 1935 and 1937. Unusually, he was not promoted to S.P.L. but was promoted from Scout to P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in September 1938. He then remained P.L. of the Curlews for the next 3 years. It is not known how far through the Scout Training Scheme he progressed, but he may well have gained his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge as he completed a 1<sup>st</sup> Class journey to Arrochar by bicycle with Nicol Smith in March 1940. He also gained a reputation as being an experienced 'camper'. He resigned from the Troop in September 1941 and was in the army Engineers during the war. After the war, he became a civil engineer and moved to Canada.

27. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett

28. Dennis A. Woodward lived at 44 Brisbane Street and was probably born in 1924. He attended Greenock Academy and featured in school sports days and prize givings. He also won a William Millar Scholarship towards his school studies. It is thought that he might have joined the troop at some point between October and December 1934 and was promoted to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon patrol in September 1938. He resigned in September 1940 and moved into accountancy on leaving school. He moved to South Africa after the war.

29. See the Minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937 regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.

30. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

31. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

11<sup>th</sup> March 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9 - 9.20 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	A. Brown <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	E. Steel <sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of P.L. R. Grant, seconded P.L. L. Harvey after a slight emendation had been made to the paragraph, Scout Display.<sup>11</sup>

#### S.M.s Report<sup>12</sup>

The S.M. then read his report of troop activities for the previous month. He congratulated P.L. A. Brown on his patrol, the Curlew, having won the Patrol Competition on March 11th. This was the first time he had led a patrol in the Competition.<sup>13</sup> The S.M. also congratulated the newcomer to the court, S.P.L. D. Leggett, on his promotion.<sup>14</sup>

#### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer<sup>15</sup> then read his report. There was no expenditure and a balance of £1-8-10<sup>16</sup> was declared.

#### Scout Gala<sup>17</sup>

It was decided that the Troop should enter for the Victory Trophy<sup>18</sup>, Inter-Group Race, and Scout Championship at the Scout Gala on 3rd June. R.S. E. Steel was requested to undertake the arrangements.

#### Parade at Ibrox park<sup>19</sup> and Pirrie Park<sup>20</sup>

The G.S.M. then brought to the Court's notice a Parade by Scouts at Ibrox Park, Glasgow on 4th June in connection with the Empire Exhibition and also another Scout Parade to Pirrie Park, Greenock on 5th June. It was decided that the Troop should attend both "en masse".

#### Troop Finance

In connection with the annual subscriptions to the Troop Funds<sup>21</sup>, it was decided that a circular should be prepared by the G.S.M. and S.M. to be sent to the parents.

#### G.S.M.'s Cup<sup>22</sup>

It was announced that the names of the candidates for the G.S.M.'s Cup must be handed in by the 2nd of April.

As there was no further business, the meeting was dissolved.

(Signed) H. Hastie, Secretary<sup>23</sup>  
J.B. Hardie. (Chairman)<sup>24</sup>

*Editorial comments for 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
3. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker
4. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant
5. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
6. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding P.L. Archibald Brown
7. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
8. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
9. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett
10. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
11. See note 23 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1958.
12. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
13. Archie Brown had been newly promoted to P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in February 1938.
14. Dick Leggett had newly been promoted to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in February 1938.
15. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
16. £1-8-10<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £124 today (2023).
17. The Scout Gala was held each year at the West End Baths (see note 12 for 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1935).
18. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935, 1936, and 1939, coming second in 1937 and 1938.
19. The visit to Ibrox was a National Rally for Scottish Scouts, during which Scouts performed a Pageant of Scottish History called 'The Roadmakers' starting at 3.30 p.m. 8000 performers took part and 30,000 Scouts travelled to the event, with 14 special trains and 60 special trams laid on. This made it the largest ever youth gathering in Scotland up to that point. The Pageant programme covered 'Picts and Romans', 'St. Columba', 'William Wallace', Robert the Bruce', 'The Covenanters', 'The Forty Five', the 'Empire Pageant' and a Finale. The event was linked to the British Empire Exhibition that was held at Bellahouston Park over a period of six months, and which saw 13 million people visit 104 buildings, statues, fountains and gardens.
20. See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the annual District Parade and Drumhead Service to Pirrie Park.
21. See the Minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> April 1937 regarding Annual subscriptions.
22. See the Minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937 regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.
23. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
24. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

1<sup>st</sup> April 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

8.55 - 9.15 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	A. Brown <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>8</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop seconded by P.L. A. Brown.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>9</sup>

The S.M. read his report and then rebuked the P.L.'s for the slackness which was appearing in the Troop work.

#### Treasurer's Report<sup>10</sup>

It was announced that there was no change in the Troop's financial status and a balance of £1-8-10<sup>11</sup> was again declared.

#### Application for A.S.M.'s Warrant

An application for an A.S.M.'s warrant by R.S. E. Steel was officially approved by the Court on the motion of S.P.L. J. Crawford, seconded by S.P.L. H. Hastie.

#### Troop Finances

In connection with the circular for the Troop Funds, S.M. J.B. Hardie stated that he had arranged for a large number of post-cards with a reminder on them to be printed. The circular would be issued on Friday 8th April.

#### Scout Rally<sup>12</sup> at Seafield<sup>13</sup>

It was announced that a Rally of local Boy Scouts was to take place at Seafield on 28th April.

#### G.S.M.'s Cup<sup>14</sup>

it was decided that the date for entries for the G.S.M.'s Cup be postponed from 2nd April till 22nd April.

As there was no further competent business, the meeting was dissolved.

(Signed) H. Hastie (Secretary)<sup>15</sup>  
J.B. Hardie. (Chairman)<sup>16</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 1<sup>st</sup> April 1938*

- 1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.*
- 2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.*
- 3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.*
- 4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker*
- 5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant*
- 6. See note 18 for the 5th March 1937 regarding P.L. Archibald Brown*
- 7. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford*
- 8. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.*

9. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
10. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
11. £1-8-10<sup>p</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £124 today (2023).
12. This had previously been described as a Display. It did indeed take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> April (See the Minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> May 1938.).
13. See note 1 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Seafield House.
14. See the Minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937 regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.
15. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
16. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

6<sup>th</sup> May 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.00 - 9.20 p.m.

Present;-	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>1</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	A. Brown <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of P.L. R. Grant, seconded P.L. L. Harvey.

#### G.S.M.'s Cup<sup>11</sup>

Names were then taken from the P.L.'s of the entrants for the G.S.M.'s Cup. There were three entrants, one from each patrol, but the Woodpigeon.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>12</sup>

The S.M. then read his report for April. It was announced that the Patrol Competition on 1st April was won by the Fox Patrol. This was the last competition for this Scout Year. On the same date, A.D.C. W. Shearer<sup>13</sup> inspected the Troop. On 28th April, the Troop attended a rally<sup>14</sup> at Seafield Hall<sup>15</sup>. Each troop did some type of act; the troop did Scout Games.

#### S.M. Rebukes Court for Slackness

The S.M. then rebuked the Court in strong terms for the slackness which they were showing and which was resulting in the attendance falling off. He said that he might be leaving soon<sup>16</sup> and that that was an additional reason why they should put their backs into it and do some real work.

#### S.M.'s Ultimatum

He<sup>1</sup> concluded with an ultimatum that - unless a rapid change takes place in the amount of work done, the Court will have to be changed.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>17</sup> then read the report of the Troop Finances.

He had received two subscriptions<sup>18</sup>. The following expenses were ratified;-

For Troop Subscriptions (Postage),	£0-0-9
For Troop Subscriptions (Circulars) <sup>19</sup> ,	£0-3-6
For Subscription at Display, <sup>20</sup>	£0-2-6
For Receipt Book	£0-0-6
For Let of Headquarters <sup>21</sup>	<u>£0-1-0</u>
Total	£0-8-3 <sup>22</sup>

#### Troop to pay expenses at Ibrox Rally<sup>23</sup>

It was moved by P.L. L. Harvey that, since the Troop Finance had been recently enhanced by Annual Subscriptions, the expenses incurred on the day of the Ibrox Rally (including the train fare) should be paid by the Troop. S.P.L. Legget seconded this motion and it was carried.

### Victory trophy<sup>24</sup>

A.S.M. E. Steel announced to the Court that the first practice for the Victory Trophy team was to take place on Friday 13th<sup>25</sup> May.

### Arrangements for Rally<sup>23</sup>

The Court was then given a preliminary idea of the arrangements for the Scout Rally at Ibrox Park on 4th June.

As this was all the business, the court was dissolved.

(Signed) H. Hastie. (Secretary)<sup>26</sup>  
J.B. Hardie (Chairman)<sup>27</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 6<sup>th</sup> May 1938*

1. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie.
2. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie.
4. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
7. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding P.L. Archibald Brown
8. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
9. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
10. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett
11. See the Minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937 regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.
12. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
13. Assistant District Commissioner William Shearer
14. The Rally was also described as a Display- see Minutes for 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937.
15. See note 1 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Seafield House.
16. This was the first indication that Ian Hardie might be resigning as Scout Master.
17. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
18. See the Minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> April 1937 regarding Annual Subscriptions.
19. See the Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938 regarding Circulars for Annual Subscriptions.
20. Presumably, this related to the Scout Display held at Seafield House on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1938. The subscription was possibly required to cover the costs of letting out the Seafield premises used for the display.
21. The Headquarters referred to would have been District Scout HQ in Robertson Street. See also Note 20 for the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937 regarding previous lets.
22. £0-8-3<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £35 today (2023).
23. See note 19 for the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938 regarding the Ibrox Boy Scout Rally.
24. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935, 1936, and 1939, coming second in 1937 and 1938.
25. The date was indistinct.
26. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
27. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.10 - 9.25 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	A. Brown <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>9</sup>
	R.S.	W. Hill <sup>10</sup>

In constituting the Court, the Chairman, S.M. J.B. Hardie, stated that this was an irregular meeting, being the second this month, May. The reason for this irregularity was that this was the last meeting of the Scout year.

#### Minutes for Previous Meeting

The minutes for the previous meeting were then read and formally adopted on the motion of S.P.L. J. Crawford and seconded by P.L. A. Brown.

#### Comments by the S.M.

The SM then made several comments on the Troop. These included one, in which he said he was very pleased with the increase in work done, since he had had occasion to speak to the Court about it.<sup>11</sup>

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer. P.L. A. Stalker being absent, there was no Treasurer's Report.

#### Vote of Censure

A vote of censure was then passed on those members of the Court who were not present.

#### Arrangements for Exhibition

It was decided that the troop should split into patrols in order to tour the Exhibition<sup>12</sup> on the occasion provided after the Scout Rally at Ibrox park<sup>13</sup> on 4th June.

#### Victory Trophy Team

It was authorised by the court that 7 shillings and sixpence (7/6)<sup>14</sup> be paid to members of the Victory Trophy<sup>15</sup> team<sup>16</sup> for expenses incurred during practice.<sup>17</sup>

As there was no further competent business, the court was dissolved.

(Signed) H. Hastie. (Secretary)<sup>18</sup>  
J.B. Hardie (Chairman)<sup>19</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 27<sup>th</sup> May 1938*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
6. See note 18 for the 5th March 1937 regarding P.L. Archibald Brown

7. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford
8. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
9. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett
10. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
11. See the Minutes for the 6th May 1938.
12. This referred to the Empire Exhibition that was held at Bellahouston Park for 6 months during 1938.
13. See note 19 for the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938 regarding the Ibrox Boy Scout Rally.
14. £0-7-6<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £33 today (2023).
15. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935, 1936, and 1939, coming second in 1937 and 1938.
16. The members of the Victory Trophy Team were not identified, but Richard Leggett was almost certainly one member.
17. The expenses probably involved travel expenses and entrance fees in order to practice at the Port Glasgow Indoor Pool. This was the only public indoor pool in the local area. The West End Baths in Campbell Street belonged to a private club.
18. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
19. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

9<sup>th</sup> September 1938 (part 1)

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

7.25 – 7.35 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	A. Stalker <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	R. Grant <sup>7</sup>
	P.L.	L. Harvey <sup>8</sup>
	P.L.	A. Brown <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>11</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>12</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>13</sup>

A brief meeting of the court was held to ratify the following appointments;-

S.P.L. D. Leggett to be P.L. of Woodpigeon Patrol,<sup>14</sup>  
Sc. D. Woodward<sup>15</sup> to be S.P.L. of Woodpigeon Patrol;

S.P.L. H. Hastie to be P.L. of Wolf Patrol<sup>16</sup>, with S.P.L. A. McGregor as S.P.L.<sup>17</sup>;

Sc. I. Munro<sup>18</sup> to be P.L. of Curlew Patrol,  
Sc. J.N. Smith<sup>19</sup> to be S.P.L. of Curlew Patrol;

S.P.L. J. Crawford to be P.L. of Fox Patrol,<sup>20</sup>  
Sc. I. Curtis<sup>21</sup> to be S.P.L. of Fox Patrol.

(Signed) H. Hastie. (Secy).<sup>21</sup>  
Alan Hardie Acting Chairman<sup>23</sup>

*Editorial comments for 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938. Part 1*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
6. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
7. See note 4 for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1935 regarding Ronald Grant.
8. See note 8 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Lawrence Harvey.
9. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding P.L. Archibald Brown.
10. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
11. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie.
12. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
13. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
14. Dick Leggett had been S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol and was promoted to P.L. of that Patrol when Ronald Grant resigned as P.L.

15. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward. Dennis replaced Dick Leggett who was promoted to PL of the Woodpigeons.
16. Harold Hastie had been S.P.L. of the Fox Patrol and transferred to the Wolf Patrol to replace Archie Stalker as P.L.
17. Alistair McGregor was S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol and transferred to the Wolf Patrol as S.P.L., replacing Jim Crawford.
18. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro. Ian Munro is one of only three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts known to have been promoted from Scout to Patrol Leader, without being a Second. The others were Ian Mitchell in 1940 and Sandy Whiteford during the 1950s. Ian Munro became P.L. of the Curlew Patrol replacing Archie Brown who became P.L. of a new Patrol (see part 2 of the minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> September).
19. Nicol Smith was born in Glasgow during 1924. He lived in Brisbane Street when he was in the Scouts and his father was associated with Kennedy and Co. Monumental Sculptors. Nicol was a pupil in Greenock Academy, and did well at both sport and academic studies. He probably joined the Scouts in 1934 and attended the Summer camp of 1937. In September 1938 he was promoted to become SPL of the Curlew Patrol, replacing Alistair McGregor who had moved to the Wolf Patrol. Nicol may well have gained his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge as he completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Class journey with Ian Munro by cycling to Arrochar. He resigned in September 1940 and served in the Armoured Corps during the war. He fought in NW Europe and lost a foot and part of his leg when his mine triggered a mine. After the war, Nicol gained a degree in electrical engineering and worked with a firm called Lucas. However, he died quite young, possibly as a result of his wounds.
20. Jim Crawford had been S.P.L. of the Wolf Patrol and replaced Lawrence Harvey as P.L. of the Fox Patrol.
21. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
22. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
23. Alan Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

9<sup>th</sup> September 1938 (part 2)

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.10 - 9.40 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
	A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>5</sup>
	T.L.	A. Stalker <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>7</sup>
	P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>8</sup>
	P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>9</sup>
	P.L.	I. Munro <sup>10</sup>
	P.L.	A. Brown <sup>11</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>12</sup>
	S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>13</sup>
	S.P.L.	J.N. Smith <sup>14</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Woodward <sup>15</sup>

The Chairman, S.M. J.B. Hardie welcomed the new members of the Court, on behalf of the Court.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of A.S.M. W. Hill, seconded by P.L. J. Crawford.

#### Application for A.S.M.'s Warrant

Application for an A.S.M.'s warrant by R.S. W. Hill was approved by the Court.

#### New Patrol Created

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop then moved that a new patrol be created with P.L. A. Brown as P.L.<sup>16</sup> He was seconded by A.S.M. A. Hardie. This patrol is to be called the Owl Patrol.<sup>17</sup>

#### T.L. A. Stalker becomes A. Stalker, Hon. Treas.

T.L. A. Stalker announced that he did not wish to remain Troop Leader.<sup>18</sup> After discussion, it was decided that he should stay on as Honorary Treasurer to the Court.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>19</sup>

In his report, the S.M. said that the Troop had attended the Scout Rally at Ibrox Park on 4th, June<sup>20</sup>, afterwards visiting the Empire Exhibition at Bellahouston Park<sup>20</sup>. He also stated that the Troop attended a local Scout Parade to Rankin Park.<sup>21</sup>

#### S.M.'s Comment

He said that his only comment this evening was that he was very pleased with the start that the new members of the Court had made that evening.

#### Treasurer's Report

In his report, the Treasurer<sup>22</sup> announced that a balance of £1-10-7 (one pound, ten shillings and sevenpence)<sup>23</sup> had been substantially increased by subscriptions from the troop. The total amount obtained from this yet unexhausted source being, to date, £5-15 (five pounds and fifteen shillings)<sup>24</sup>. Out of this, the troop was to pay £2-12 (two pounds and 12 shillings)<sup>25</sup> towards expenses incurred on 4th June. G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop, interrupting said, however, that it was possible that this sum might be defrayed or decreased somewhat.<sup>26</sup>

### Facilities for storing Troop Kit

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop then said that he thought some other place than his house and cellars, and the house and cellars of S.M. J.B. Hardie, should be found for storing troop kit. He suggested either building a hut outside or building a cupboard in a certain cellar near the boiler house under the Church<sup>27</sup>. The Court decided that second suggestion should be adopted, if possible, and commissioned A.S.M. E. Steel to inquire as to the possibilities and expense of building the said cupboard.

### New Curator

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop said that the position of Curator to the Troop was at present vacant and he proposed P.L. D. Leggett to fill the position. A.S.M. A. Hardie seconded this, and as no one else was proposed, P.L. Leggett was appointed.

### G.S.M to interview Church

It was decided to leave the task of interviewing the Church with regard to the storage of troop kit in the competent hands of G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop.<sup>28</sup>

This was all the business.

(Signed) H.Hastie. (Hon. Secy.).<sup>29</sup>  
Alan Hardie, Acting Chairman.<sup>30</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938. Part 2*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
3. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
6. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
7. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
8. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
9. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
10. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro.
11. See note 18 for the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 regarding P.L. Archibald Brown.
12. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
13. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
14. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
15. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
16. Archie Brown had been P.L. of the Curlew Patrol.
17. This might have been a Patrol made up of older Scouts. A large number of Scouts thought to have been born in 1934 were present in the Troop and not all of them were promoted. The name of the Patrol might reflect 'wise old owls.' It is not known how long the Patrol remained in existence, but it survived the patrol rearrangements that took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1939 (see Troop log entry for 13<sup>th</sup> October 1939).
18. Wilson Hill was the previous Troop Leader, and resigned on the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1938. The Court of Honour Minutes identify Archie Stalker as P.L. rather than T.L. up to and including the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938, part 1, suggesting that he must have been chosen as Troop Leader at the start of the Troop Meeting and resigned at the end of the meeting. If so, it represents the shortest spell as Troop Leader in the Troop's history.
19. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
20. See note 19 for the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938 regarding the Ibrox Boy Scout Rally and the Empire Exhibition.
21. See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the annual District Parade and Drumhead Service to Pirrie Park.
22. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
23. £1-10-7<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £131 today (2023).
24. £5-15-0<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £495 today (2023).
25. £2-12-0<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £224 today (2023).

26. See the minutes for the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1938 regarding the slight defrayment of expenses.
27. This the first mention of the possible use of the Church cellars by the Troop. The cellars became known as the Dunny during the 1960s, when it was used both for storing kit and for Patrol dens.
28. See also the Minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1938 (Part 2).
29. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
30. Alan Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

14<sup>th</sup> October 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.05 - 9.30 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
	A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	N. Smith <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Woodward <sup>11</sup>

#### Annual General Meeting

The Acting-Chairman, A.S.M. A. Hardie announced that this was the Annual General Meeting of the Court.

#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read and be formally adopted. He was seconded by A.S.M. E. Steel and the motion was carried, despite the Hon. Secretary's opposition which was overruled by the Acting Chairman. The reason given for the motion was that there was a great deal of business to be got through.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the previous month was read by G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop in the absence of the Honorary Treasurer to the Court, A Stalker. It announced that the rebate of 3/9½ (three shillings, nine pence and one halfpenny) had been received on the expenses incurred by the troop at the Scout Rally on 4th, June, 1938.<sup>12</sup>

The following expenses were ratified;-

To Badge Secretary,	£0.14.3 <sup>13</sup>
To Victory Trophy <sup>14</sup> team	£0.5.6 <sup>15</sup>
	£0.19.9 <sup>16</sup>

#### S.M.s Report<sup>17</sup>

In the absence of S.M. J.B. Hardie, A.S.M. A. Hardie read the S.M.s report. It was formally adopted on the proposal of A.S.M. E. Steel seconded by P.L. H. Hastie.

#### Hon. Treasurers Annual Statement

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop then read the Hon. Treasurer's Annual Statement of the Troops Finances. In it, he announced that the total sum so far obtained from Annual Subscriptions, of five shillings (5/-), was six pounds and ten shillings (£6-10-0).<sup>18</sup> P.L. D. Leggett moved the adoption of the above statement. He was seconded by S.P.L. D. Woodward.

#### S.M.s Report for Year

A.S.M. A. Hardie then read the S.M.'s Report of Troop Activities for the Year. It showed a substantial increase in tests passed and also in attendance figures, the average attendance at ordinary meetings being over twenty (20). A.S.M. A. Hardie said that the S.M. was very pleased with the work the Court had done in the year, and had asked him to thank them. The report was adopted on the motion of A.S.M. E. Steel seconded by P.L. J. Crawford.

### Election of Office Bearers

The Acting-Chairman announced that the office-bearers for the coming year would now be elected. The divers elections were as follows:

- S.M. J.B. Hardie was unanimously re-elected Chairman,
- A.S.M. A. Hardie was elected Vice-Chairman, a new office<sup>19</sup>, proposed G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop, seconded A.S.M. E. Steel:
- P.L. H. Hastie was unanimously re-elected Secretary,
- P.L. D. Leggett was unanimously re-elected warden to troop property.
- Mr. Stalker<sup>20</sup> was re appointed Honorary Treasurer to the Court.

### Amendment to Previous Minute.

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop moved that the statement, "that in future all Badges costing more than four pence (4d), be paid for by those who gained them," as inscribed in the Minute of Court, dated 6<sup>th</sup>, March, 1936, be changed to, "that in future all badges costing four pence (4d.) and over four pence (4d.), be paid for by those who gained them." The motion was seconded by A.S.M. W. Hill and the Secretary was authorised to make the emendation.

### Football Shield

It was decided that the Troop should not enter the Competition for the Football Shield for which entries were now due.<sup>21</sup>

### Troop Woggles<sup>22</sup>

In reply to a question regarding troop woggles, G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop said that he had previously washed his hands of the business, but that the cord used for making these could be obtained in a certain multiple chain store named F&W. Woolworth and Co. at the price of two pence (2d.) per yard or thereabouts.

### New Members to Troop

In reply to a question concerning new members, the Chairman<sup>23</sup> replied that he would be quite willing to consider adopting new members if they were of fairly high intellectual standard.

Since this was all the business, the Court was dissolved.

(Signed) H.Hastie. (Secy.).<sup>24</sup>  
John B. Hardie, (Chairman)<sup>25</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 14<sup>th</sup> October 1938.*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop
2. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill.
5. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
6. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
7. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
8. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
9. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
10. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
11. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
12. £0-3-9½<sup>p</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £17 today (2023). See also note 19 for the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938 regarding the Ibrox Boy Scout Rally and the Empire Exhibition.
13. The Badge Secretary was the District Badge Secretary, Mr. Colin Finnie, Senior. £0-14-3<sup>p</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £60 today (2023).

14. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935, 1936, and 1939, coming second in 1937 and 1938.
15. See also the minutes for the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1938 where 7/6 was authorised for expenses. Clearly, there were less expenses than expected.
16. £0-19-9<sup>D</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £84 today (2023).
17. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
18. The Annual Subscription for each Scout was 5/-. The sum obtained 'so far' was £6-10-0, which corresponds to 26 Subscriptions. In today's money (as of 2023), this would correspond to an annual subscription of £22 and a total sum collected of £560.
19. It is not clear why the position of Vice Chairman was introduced. It is possible that Ian Hardie was having to spend more time on his divinity studies, such that he could not guarantee being present at every Troop and Court of Honour Meeting. However, there is no clear evidence of that being the case.
20. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
21. The following additional note was added, subsequent to the minutes being written. "The paragraph opposite, headed Football Shield was later overruled, see Minute of Court dated 4th November 1938." There is some evidence of a clash of opinion between the Court of Honour and the Troop regarding the football competition, with the Court of Honour appearing rather luke warm and the Troop being more enthusiastic. See also the Minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1936; 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937 and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1937.
22. See also the Minutes for the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1937 and 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Troop woggles. It is possible that it was proving difficult to persuade all of the Scouts to make their own woggles.
23. It is likely that this was the Vice Chairman as Ian Hardie was not present at the meeting.
24. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
25. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place. However, one would have thought that Alan Hardie would have signed them off as Ian was not present at the meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> November 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.15 - 9.40 p.m.

Present:-

G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>4</sup>
P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>5</sup>
P.L.	H.T.A. Hastie <sup>6</sup>
P.L.	R.W. Leggett <sup>7</sup>
P.L.	I.T. Munro <sup>8</sup>
S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>9</sup>
S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>10</sup>
S.P.L.	J.N. Smith <sup>11</sup>
S.P.L.	D. Woodward <sup>12</sup>

Mr. A. Stalker, Treasurer to the Court.<sup>13</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of A.S.M. E. Steel, seconded by P.L. J. Crawford.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the previous month was read and formally adopted on the motion of P.L. H. Hastie, seconded P.L. I. Munro.

The following expenses were ratified:- £

For badges	£0-7-11
For Registration Fee <sup>14</sup>	£0-5-0
Total	£0-12-11 <sup>15</sup>

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>16</sup>

The S.M. then read his report. It recorded that a Patrol Competition had been held on Friday, 14th October, and had been won by the Fox Patrol. With one slight emendation, the report was formally adopted on the motion of A.S.M. E. Steel seconded P.L. J. Crawford.

#### Comments

The S.M. then made several comments and proposed a vote of thanks to A.S.M. E. Steel to whom he, he thought, we owed it, for a substantial increase in attendance figures. Amongst his comments were several relative to the Patrol Competition that night. He thought that the standard of work was quite high and the standard of entertainment at the Camp Fire<sup>17</sup> had risen slightly, but that there was still plenty room for improvement in this direction.

The A.S.M., E. Steel, then followed on, with a speech identical to the S.M.'s in its main points but added that a little practice at knotting was needed by the Troop.

#### Locker at Everton<sup>18</sup>

It was announced that it was time to apply for a locker at Everton if one was wished. On the proposal of A.S.M. W. Hill seconded by P.L. R. Legget, it was decided renew the lease for the locker which the troop already had, immediately.

#### Football Shield<sup>19</sup>

On the motion of P.L. J. Crawford seconded P.L. I. Munro a paragraph in the previous minute, which stated the troop would not enter for the Competition for the Football Shield, was overruled and it was decided to enter for the aforesaid Competition.

#### Committee to Govern Football Team

It was decided to appoint a Committee of Three Scouts and one Officer<sup>20</sup> to govern all matters concerning the team to take part in the above Competition. The following were elected members of the Committee:- S.P.L. I. Curtiss, S.P.L. N. Smith, P.L. I. Munro, and A.S.M. E. Steel.

#### Office Bearer appointed

S.P.L. N. Smith was unanimously appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Committee<sup>21</sup> on the proposal of A.S.M. E. Steel, seconded S.P.L. Curtiss.

#### A Ball for Football Team

The question of a ball, with which the team could play, was then brought up. There were two proposals;  
that the Troop should supply a new ball out of Troop Funds;  
that a ball in moderately good condition belonging to Sc. J. Buchanan<sup>22</sup> be renovated at the Troop's expense.

On going to poll, the latter proposal was adopted.

#### Jerseys for Football Team

The next question related to jerseys for the team. It was decided that the team should have jerseys displaying the Troop colours.<sup>23</sup> Here again, there were two proposals;  
that the Troop should buy and control the jerseys;  
that each player should buy and control his own jersey.

On a vote, *the* former proposal had an overwhelming majority and was adopted. The pattern of the said jerseys was to be decided by the Board of Directors (Committee).

#### Pitch Fees

It was announced that the pitch had to be hired each time the team played. It was decided that this hire should be paid by the Team itself.

There was no further competent business.

H.T.A. Hastie. (Secy.).<sup>24</sup>

John B. Hardie, (Hon. Chairman)<sup>25</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 4<sup>th</sup> November 1938.*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill
5. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
6. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
7. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
8. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro.
9. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
10. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
11. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
12. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.

13. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
14. Each year, Scout troops had to pay a Registration Fee to the local District Scouting Association. £0-5-0<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £22 today (2023).
15. £0-12-11<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £56 today (2023).
16. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
17. These would have been indoor camp fires with an artificial fire, rather than a real camp fire.
18. Each Troop could rent a locker at the Everton campsite to store camping equipment. The rent was £0-2-6<sup>d</sup> in 1937, which had the equivalent value of about £11 today (2023).
19. See also the minutes for the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1938.
20. It was not uncommon for Scouters to be referred to as officers during the 1930s. However, this tended to become less common after the war.
21. This referred to the Football Committee.
22. See note 22 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Jim Buchanan.
23. The troop colours were yellow and brown.
24. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
25. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place. However, one would have thought that Alan Hardie would have signed them off as Ian was not present at the meeting.

9<sup>th</sup> December 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

7.55 – 8.00 p.m.

Present:-	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>1</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>2</sup>
	P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	D. Leggett <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	I. Munro <sup>6</sup>
	S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	N. Smith <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Woodward <sup>10</sup>

An extraordinary meeting of the court was held to decide whether a party should or should not be given to mark the present festive season. It was unanimously decided to hold such a party which was to be held in the Headquarters Hut in Robertson Street<sup>11</sup>. It was announced that each patrol was to present an item at the party.

This was all the business.

(Signed) H.T.A. Hastie. (Secy.).<sup>12</sup>  
John B. Hardie, (Chairman)<sup>13</sup>

*Editorial comments for 9<sup>th</sup> December 1938 (Part 1).*

1. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
2. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
3. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
4. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
5. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
6. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
7. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
8. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
9. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
10. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
11. This was District Scout Headquarters.
12. It is believed that Mrs. Steel and Mrs. Hill provided cooked delicacies for this party (see the Court of Honour Minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939)
13. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
14. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

9<sup>th</sup> December 1938

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.10 - 9.30 p.m.

Present:- G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop<sup>1</sup>  
S.M. J.B. Hardie<sup>2</sup>  
A.S.M. E. Steel<sup>3</sup>  
A.S.M. W. Hill<sup>4</sup>  
P.L. J. Crawford<sup>5</sup>  
P.L. H. Hastie<sup>6</sup>  
P.L. D. Leggett<sup>7</sup>  
P.L. I. Munro<sup>8</sup>  
S.P.L. A. McGregor<sup>9</sup>  
S.P.L. I. Curtis<sup>10</sup>  
S.P.L. D. Woodward<sup>11</sup>  
S.P.L. N. Smith<sup>12</sup>  
Mr. A. Stalker, Treasurer to the Court.<sup>13</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of A.S.M. W. Hill seconded by S.P.L. N. Smith.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>14</sup>

In his report, the S.M. announced that the Patrol Competition on 4th November was won by the Wolf Patrol and that the Competition on 2nd December was won by the Curlew Patrol.

#### Comments

He said he had very few comments to make on troop work since he had been unavoidably absent from the last few meetings. The report was adopted on the motion of S.P.L. I. Curtis, seconded by S.P.L. D. Woodward.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer then read his report. There were no expenses and the balance of £4-4-8½ (four pounds, four shillings, eightpence and one half penny)<sup>15</sup> was declared. The above report was adopted on the motion of S.P.L. D. Woodward, seconded S.P.L. A. McGregor.

#### Football Committee Report

The Football Committee then delivered their report. It announced that the team had played one game, which they drew. They had been listed for another game but, since their opponents had not turned up at the appointed place at the appointed hour, they were awarded a "walkover". It also announced that the matter of jerseys was in the hands of A.S.M. E. Steel and that the ball was now in a playable condition.

#### Cellar for Storage of Troop Kit

Amid some confusion and after repeated calls to order by the Chairman, S.M. J.B. Hardie, G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop stood up and announced that he had interviewed the Church Authorities and had obtained permission to use a cellar adjacent to the boiler-room for the storage of camp kit (cf. minutes dated 9-8-38). He also said the roof of the cellar was in a bad state of repair and would require to be sheeted over with asbestos-sheeting or other suitable material. On request, he demonstrated the size of the cellar to the Court.

#### Cellar Committee appointed

It was decided to appoint a Committee to recondition the cellar suitably. G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop, A.S.M. E. Steel and P.L. R. Leggett were appointed to the Committee.

### Finance of Cellar Committee

To pay for the cost of reconditioning the cellar, the Court authorised the Committee to draw on the Troop Funds to any sum up to £1 (one pound).<sup>16</sup>

### Applications for Troop Membership

Two applications for membership, one from Jack Davis<sup>17</sup> and one from Ian Mitchell<sup>18</sup>, were brought forward. On the strength of S.M. J.B. Hardie's recommendation that Davis had sufficient gumption to satisfy the requirements as laid down in the minute dated 14th October 1938, Davis was adopted. On behalf of Ian Mitchell, it was stated that he had been a Scout before and had gained, among other things, his Second Class Badge. It was decided that the said Ian Mitchell would be a suitable person for adoption.

Since this was all the business, the Court was dissolved.

(Signed) H.T.A. Hastie. (Secy.).<sup>19</sup>  
John B. Hardie, (Chairman)<sup>20</sup>

### *Editorial comments for 9<sup>th</sup> December 1938 (Part 2).*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
4. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill
5. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
6. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
7. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
8. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
9. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
10. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
11. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
12. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
13. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
14. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
15. £4-4-8½<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £364 today (2023).
16. £4-4-8½<sup>d</sup> in 1938 had the equivalent value of about £86 today (2023). See also the minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1939 regarding the Church Cellar.
17. Jack Davis was probably born in 1927 and was in the same class at Greenock Academy as George Brown. Jack's father was Headmaster at Glebe School, and the family lived at Sentose, Cloch Road, Gourack. Jack joined the Troop in December 1938 and was a member of the Woodpigeon Patrol. In October 1939, he moved to the Wolf Patrol. However, he transferred to a Gourack Troop in December 1939. This might have been due to the introduction of the black out making it difficult to get from Gourack to Finnart Church and back. After the war. Jack worked as an accountant with Shell in the Pacific area.
18. Ian Mitchell was in the same year at Greenock Academy as Jim Crawford, indicating that he was born in 1923 or 1924. He joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in December 1938 when he would have been aged about 14, transferring from another Scout Group. He joined the Fox Patrol, then moved to the Curlew Patrol. In September 1940, he was promoted directly from Scout to Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol, one of only three Scouts known to have been promoted to PL without being a Patrol Second (the others being Ian Munro in 1938, and Sandy Whiteford in the 1950s.). He resigned in September 1941, despite being offered the role of Troop Leader, and joined the Rovers. He was co-opted onto the Court of Honour and helped out at the Troop during 1942 and 1943. After the war, he became a railway engineer, then moved to Canada or the USA.
19. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
20. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

**3rd February 1939**

Finnart Church Hall  
Madeira Street.

9.15 - 9.50 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	H.T.A. Hastie <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R.W. Leggett <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	I.T. Munro <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	D. Woodward <sup>10</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	J.N. Smith <sup>11</sup>
Visitor	A.D.C.	A.I. Lyle <sup>12</sup>

#### Treasurer's Absence

The Chairman, S.M. J.B. Hardie, apologised for the Treasurer's absence<sup>13</sup> for which he was directly responsible, since he had not told him that there would be a Court that night. There was no Treasurer's report for the same reason.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last two meetings of the Court were read and formally adopted on the proposal of P.L. R.W. Leggett who was supported by P.L. J. Crawford.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>14</sup>

The S.M.'s Report was then read. It announced that a party was held in Headquarter's Hut<sup>15</sup> on 16th December at which all present had a jolly evening. A sing-song or camp-fire of high standard brought the party to a successful conclusion. On 6 January, the first meeting of the New Year was held.

#### Cellar Committees Report<sup>16</sup>

The Cellar Committee were now asked by the Chairman if they had any activities to report. They replied that as yet nothing had been done but that there was good reason to believe that something might be done in the near future.

#### Football Committees Report<sup>17</sup>

The Football Committee next presented their report. In their last game, the team had been beaten by three goals to none. They complained of a shortage of players saying that they were unable to get a complete team to turn up for matches.

#### New Flag Halyard

It was suggested that one whole flag halyard be brought for the Union Jack which is flown in the hall during meetings. This halyard would replace the present assortment of rope and string. This suggestion was carried on the motion of P.L. H. Hastie, seconded by S.P.L. A. McGregor. The matter of purchasing such a halyard was left in the capable hands of S.M. J.B. Hardie.

#### Recruits allotted to Patrols

The new recruit I. Mitchell<sup>18</sup> was allotted to the Fox Patrol. Sc. J. Davis<sup>19</sup> was appointed to the Woodpigeon Patrol.

Words by A.D.C. Lyle

~~The D.C.~~ A.D.C A.I. Lyle then craved permission to speak from the Chairman. This was granted. The ADC suggested that we should make Scout work more interesting and showed several ways of doing this. His speech created a great impression on all present.

This concluded the meeting.

(Signed) H.T.A. Hastie. (Hon. Secy.)<sup>20</sup>  
J. B. Hardie, (Chairman)<sup>21</sup>

*Editorial comments for 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1939.*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop
2. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
3. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill
4. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
5. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
6. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
7. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
8. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
9. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
10. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
11. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
12. Assistant District Commissioner Arthur I. Lyle.
13. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
14. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
15. This was District Scout Headquarters in Robertson Street.
16. See also the minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938 (part 2) and 9<sup>th</sup> December (part 2) regarding the Church Cellar.
17. See also the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1938 (part 2) and 9<sup>th</sup> December (part 2) regarding the Football Committee.
18. See note 18 for the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1938 (part 2) regarding Ian Mitchell.
19. See note 17 for the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1938 (part 2) regarding Jack Davis.
20. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
21. Ian Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

3rd March 1939

96, Eldon Street  
Greenock.<sup>1</sup>

9.20 – 10.00 p.m.

Present;-

G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>2</sup>
S.M.	J.B. Hardie <sup>3</sup>
A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>4</sup>
A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>5</sup>
P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>6</sup>
P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>7</sup>
P.L.	R. Leggett <sup>8</sup>
P.L.	I. Munro <sup>9</sup>
S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>10</sup>
S.P.L.	D. Woodward <sup>11</sup>
S.P.L.	I. Curtis <sup>12</sup>
S.P.L.	N. Smith <sup>13</sup>

Mr. A. Stalker<sup>14</sup>, Treasurer to the Court.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop supported by A.S.M. W. Hill.

#### Cellar Committee<sup>15</sup>

As business arising from the minute, the Cellar Committee were asked if they had done anything. They replied that as yet nothing had been done.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>16</sup>

The S.M. read his report. It announced that on 3rd February, a Patrol Competition, which was won by the Wolf Patrol, and also a Court of Honour meeting, which was attended by A.D.C. Lyle, who visited the troop during the evening, were held. The S.M. stated the halcyard mentioned in the last minute had been bought and was now in use.

#### Comments

A.S.M. E. Steel added a few comments.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for January and February were read, expenses notified, and a balance of £2-15-4½ (two pounds, fifteen shillings, four pence and one half-penny)<sup>17</sup> was returned.

#### Football Committee<sup>18</sup>

The Football Committee presented their report. It stated that on 18th February, 1939, playing nine men against 11, the team won by two goals to none.

#### "Reminders" of Subscription<sup>19</sup>

On the motion of A.S.M. E. Steel, seconded by A.S.M. W. Hill, it was decided to send out "reminders" of the annual subscriptions of 5/-<sup>20</sup> which would soon be due.

#### G.S.M.'s Cup<sup>21</sup>

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop announced that the subject for the G.S.M.'s Cup this year should be knots as given in Policy, Organisation, and Rules for Tenderfoot and Second-Class Badges. The examiner and date of examination are to be determined at a later date.

#### Resignation of S.M. J.B. Hardie

The resignation<sup>22</sup> of S.M. J. B. Hardie was read to the Court by the Secretary. It was regretfully accepted and is appended opposite (*below*).

23 Union St,  
Greenock,  
Tel. No. 1591  
3rd March 1959

The Court of Honour  
70<sup>th</sup> Ren. Boy Scout Group.

Gentlemen,

It is with very sincere regret that I find it necessary to put in my resignation from the position of Scout Master in your Troop, and I request that you accept this resignation as from tonight.

During the period of my office in the Troop, I have enjoyed the work immensely, and I feel that I must thank you as a body for the loyal support and encouragement which you have shown me.

With best wishes for your future success.

I remain

Yours faithfully

John B. Hardie (S.M.)

This was all the business so the Court was dissolved.

(Signed) Harold T.A. Hastie. (Secy.).<sup>23</sup>  
Alan Hardie, (Vice Chairman)<sup>24</sup>

*Editorial comments for 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1939.*

1. Ian Dunlop lived at 96 Eldon Street. Prior to 1936-37 when there was a major renumbering of Greenock's streets, this address was 52 Eldon Street.
2. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop
3. See note 5 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Hardie
4. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
5. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill
6. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
7. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
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9. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
10. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
11. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
12. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
13. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
14. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
15. See also the minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938 (part 2) and 9<sup>th</sup> December (part 2) regarding the Church Cellar.
16. Scout Master's Report (J.B. Hardie).
17. £2-15-4½<sup>D</sup> in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £231 today (2023).
18. See also the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1938 (part 2) onwards regarding the Football Committee.

19. See also the minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1937 and 11<sup>th</sup> March 1938 regarding the annual subscription for each Scout in the Troop.
20. £0-5-0<sup>p</sup> in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £21 today (2023).
21. See the minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1937, regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.
22. It is likely that Ian Hardie resigned in order to focus more on his divinity studies.
23. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
24. Alan Hardie signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.

31st March 1939

Finnart Church Hall,  
Madeira Street.

7.00 – 7.30 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	A.S.M.	A. Hardie <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	R. Leggett <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	I. Munro <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	N. Smith <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>9</sup>

A.S.M. A. Hardie was in the chair owing to the resignation<sup>10</sup> of S.M. J.B. Hardie.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of A.S.M. E. Steel seconded by P.L. R. Leggett.

#### Promotion

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop appointed P.L. Leggett senior PL, later to be promoted to T.L.<sup>11</sup>

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>12</sup>

The S.M.'s report was read. It's announced that on 3rd March S.M. J.B. Hardie tendered his resignation. He was presented with an engraved fountain pen<sup>13</sup>, A.S.M. E. Steel making an appropriate speech. S.M. J.B. Hardie replied very emotionally. The pen was bought by the Scouts as a token of their gratitude.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's<sup>14</sup> Report was then read.

#### Resignation of A.S.M. A. Hardie

The resignation of A.S.M. A. Hardie was accepted with great regret by the Court. The Court expressed its gratitude for his hard work and devotion to the troop. A.S.M. A. Hardie was one of the oldest members<sup>15</sup> of the troop having joined it shortly after its formation.

#### New Chairman

P.L. R.W. Leggett was appointed Chairman of the Court and since both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had resigned within the last month.<sup>16</sup>

#### Shannon Cup<sup>17</sup> Patrol

It was announced that a Patrol for the Shannon Cup had been picked and was now in training.<sup>18</sup>

#### Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Troop was fixed for 14th April and that for the next Court Meeting for 28th April.

This was all the competent business.

(Signed) R.W. Leggett (Chairman)

(Signed) H.T.A. Hastie. (Secy.).

*Editorial comments for 31st March 1939.*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop
2. See note 9 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Alan Hardie
3. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
4. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
5. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
6. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
7. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
8. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith.
9. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
10. See the minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1939 regarding the resignation of Ian Hardie.
11. The previous Troop Leader was Archie Stalker who appeared to resign on the same night as he was appointed (see minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938, part 2). It is not known why it took so long (6 months) to appoint another Troop Leader
12. Scout Master's Report. At this stage, there was no Scout Master in position as Ian Hardie had resigned at the start of the month. It is probable that A.S.M. Eoin Steel became the de facto Scout Master in the following weeks.
13. It is not stated whether this was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March or at a later troop meeting.
14. The Treasurer was Archie Stalker.
15. To be more accurate, Alan was one of the longest serving members of the Troop.
16. The previous Chairman and Vice Chairman had been Ian Hardie and Alan Hardie respectively.
17. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup.
18. It is not known who was in the team. Moreover, the 70<sup>th</sup> withdrew from the competition prior to it taking place (see minutes for 28<sup>th</sup> April 1939).
19. Dick Leggett signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.
20. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1939<sup>21</sup>

Finnart Church Hall,  
Madeira Street.

9.00 – 9.30 p.m.

Present;-      G.S.M.      A.I. Dunlop<sup>1</sup>  
                    P.L.          H. Hastie<sup>2</sup>  
                    P.L.          J. Crawford<sup>3</sup>  
                    P.L.          R. Leggett<sup>4</sup>  
                    P.L.          I. Munro<sup>5</sup>  
                    S.P.L.       D. Woodward<sup>6</sup>  
                    S.P.L.       J. Smith<sup>7</sup>  
   Mr. A. Stalker,<sup>8</sup> Treasurer to the Court.

The new Chairman, P.L. R.W. Leggett was in the Chair.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were formally adopted upon the motion of S.P.L. J. Smith seconded by P.L. I. Munro.

#### Exit from Shannon Cup<sup>9</sup> Competition

Due to such unavoidable circumstances as examinations, which were going to interfere with training, and the School Sports Day falling upon the same day as the competition, it was decided on the motion of G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop seconded by P.L. H. Hastie that the troop should not enter for the Shannon Cup Competition (cf. compare minute 31/3/39).

#### Cellar Committee<sup>10</sup>

The Cellar Committee had still no report to make except that negotiations were now in progress to ascertain the expenditure necessary to construct the structure at present under consideration.

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>11</sup>

The S.M.'s report was read and adopted.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer then read his report. It gave a balance to date of £2-5-8½.<sup>12</sup>

The following expenses were ratified;-

To J.B. Hardie	£0-2-6
To purchase of rope	£0-1-6
To Scout Store	£0-5-8
Total	£0-9-8 <sup>13</sup>

#### Resignation of Treasurer

After reading his report, the Treasurer, Mr. A. Stalker, announced that he wished to resign. His reason was that he thought it would be better if the Treasurer were someone actually in the Troop who could attend regularly. His resignation was reluctantly and regretfully accepted. G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop ably expressed the feelings of the Court by thanking Mr. Stalker for the work he had put in even although he was no longer a member of the Troop.

#### New Treasurer

On the proposal of G.S.M. Dunlop, seconded by P.L. Munro, P.L. J. Crawford was appointed Treasurer.

#### Promotion of P.L. R. Leggett

Also on the proposal of G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop, P.L. R.W. Leggett was promoted to T.L.<sup>14</sup> in recognition of his hard work. This motion was seconded by S.P.L. N. Smith.

#### Volunteers for Pipe Band<sup>15</sup>

It was announced that four members of the Troop had volunteered for inclusion in the Scout Pipe Band which was soon to be formed.

#### Cricket Contest<sup>16</sup>

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop was commissioned by the Court to inquire about the Cricket Contest which is to take place between local troops during the summer.

#### Summer Camp<sup>17</sup>

P.L. I. Munro was commissioned to find out how many of the Scouts would attend a summer camp.

#### G.S.M.'s Cup<sup>18</sup>

It was also announced that the names of candidates for the G.S.M.'s Cup must be handed in by the P.L.'s as quickly as possible.

As this was all the competent business, the Court was dissolved.

(Signed) H.T.A. Hastie. (Secretary),<sup>19</sup>

Signed) R.W. Leggett (Chairman)<sup>20</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 28<sup>th</sup> April 1939.*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
3. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
4. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
5. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
6. See note 28 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Dennis Woodward.
7. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith
8. See note 7 for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1934 regarding Archie Stalker.
9. See note 14 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Shannon Cup.
10. See also the minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938 (part 2) and 9<sup>th</sup> December (part 2) regarding the Church Cellar.
11. Scout Master's Report. At this stage, there was no Scout Master in position as Ian Hardie had resigned at the start of March 1939. It was not stated who prepared the S.M.'s Report, or who was the de facto S.M. However, it is probable that A.S.M. Eoin Steel was the de facto Scout Master at this stage.
12. £2-5-8½<sup>d</sup> in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £189 today (2023).
13. £0-9-8<sup>d</sup> in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £41 today (2023).
14. The previous Troop Leader was Archie Stalker who appeared to resign on the same night as he was appointed (see minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938, part 2). It is not known why it took so long (6 months) to appoint another Troop Leader. Dick remained as PL of the Woodpigeons until October 1939 when he was appointed 'Troop Leader without Patrol' (see COH minutes for 13<sup>th</sup> October 1939).
15. The Pipe Band was being formed by the Local Scout Association as a District Scout Band under the charge of Pipe-Major Richardson.
16. See the minutes for the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937 regarding a proposed District Cricket Competition.
17. No Summer Camps were held during 1938 or 1939 due to the threat of imminent war in both years.
18. See the minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1937, regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.
19. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
20. Dick Leggett signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place. This appears to be the first time that the Troop Leader acted as Chairman of the Court of Honour. In later years, this became the norm.
21. The COH Meeting actually took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 1939 following on from the Troop Meeting of that date.

12<sup>th</sup> May 1939

Finnart Church Hall,  
Madeira Street.

9.00 – 9.30 p.m.

Present;-	G.S.M.	A.I. Dunlop <sup>1</sup>
	A.S.M.	E. Steel <sup>2</sup>
	A.S.M.	W. Hill <sup>3</sup>
	P.L.	H. Hastie <sup>4</sup>
	P.L.	J. Crawford <sup>5</sup>
	P.L.	R. Leggett <sup>6</sup>
	P.L.	I. Munro <sup>7</sup>
	S.P.L.	A. McGregor <sup>8</sup>
	S.P.L.	J. Smith <sup>9</sup>
	S.P.L.	I. Curtiss <sup>10</sup>

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and formally adopted on the motion of S.P.L. J. Smith, seconded P.L. J. Crawford.

#### Cellar Committee<sup>11</sup>

The Cellar Committee had still no report to make.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer<sup>12</sup> had no report to read since a month had not elapsed since the last meeting. He did announce, however, that at present the troop's finances stood at;-

In the bank	£4-0-7
In hand	£1-5-0
Total	£5-5-7 <sup>13</sup>

#### S.M.'s Report<sup>14</sup>

There was for the same reason no S.M.'s report

#### G.S.M.'s Cup<sup>15</sup>

It was announced that an examination for the G.S.M.'s Cup had been held that night. It was in knots. The examination was conducted by A.S.M. W. Hill and the winner was Sc. D. McKenzie<sup>16</sup> of the Woodpigeon Patrol.

#### Summer Camp<sup>17</sup>

A brief discussion on the possibilities and impossibilities of a Summer Camp now took place. There was no definite decision and the matter was once more reverted to the capable hands of G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop.

#### Cricket Competition<sup>18</sup>

It was decided that the troop should enter for the Cricket Competition. Matches in this competition are all to take place on week nights. This matter was placed in the unwilling hands of P.L. R. Leggett since the rest of the Court were unanimous upon the point.

#### Pay for Band Fund<sup>19</sup>

The G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop moved that a donation of two Guineas (£2-2-0)<sup>20</sup> be given out of troop funds to the Association towards the funds for a Scout Pipe Band. The Treasurer was authorised to dispatch the money.

#### Victory Trophy<sup>21</sup>

It was announced that a team consisting of P.L. R. Leggett, S.P.L. I. Curtis, Sc. J. Buchanan<sup>22</sup> and Sc. R. Mackay<sup>23</sup> had been entered to represent the troop in the Victory Trophy Competition at the coming Gala<sup>24</sup>. P.L. R. Leggett is to be in charge of the team and the treasurer<sup>12</sup> was authorised to pay him 7/6 (seven shillings and sixpence) to cover expenses.<sup>25</sup>

#### Football Competition<sup>26</sup>

G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop announced that the Football Shield had been won by the 33rd Troop. He also said that the Troop was in debt in regard to the hire of pitches to the extent of 3/- (three shillings)<sup>27</sup>. S.P.L. J. Smith<sup>28</sup> was requested to pay this debt, drawing on troop funds if necessary.

#### Request for Use of Equipment

The G.S.M. stated that the Local Association<sup>29</sup> had requested the use of the Troop's Bell Tent, flag, and flagstaff during parades in Scout Week<sup>30</sup>. This concession was granted on the motion of A.S.M. E. Steel, seconded by P.L. J. Crawford.

#### Request for Representatives for Badges

A request had been received from the Association<sup>29</sup> that the troop should send two people dressed respectively to represent the Athlete's<sup>31</sup> and Mason's<sup>32</sup> badges<sup>33</sup>. P.L. J. Crawford and S.P.L. J. Smith were chosen respectively and P.L. H. Hastie and P.L. I. Munro were chosen to carry the placards advertising them. G.S.M. A.I. Dunlop gave a short resume of the two parades, one to Lady Alice Park and one to Battery Park in which the troop was to participate during Scout Week. It is at the above parades that P.L. J. Crawford as the Athlete and S.P.L. J. Smith as a Mason are to appear.

#### Parade to Rankin Park<sup>34</sup>

The troop is also to take part in the annual parade to Rankin Park on 4th June.

No further competent business was brought forward.

(Signed) H.T.A. Hastie. (Secy).<sup>35</sup>

A. Ian Dunlop G.S.M.<sup>36</sup>

#### *Editorial comments for 12<sup>th</sup> May 1939.*

1. See note 4 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Ian Dunlop.
2. See note 7 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding Eoin Steel.
3. See note 10 for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1935 regarding Wilson Hill
4. See note 14 for the 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding Harold Hastie
5. See note for the 28 for the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Jim Crawford.
6. See note 12 for the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1936 regarding Richard Leggett.
7. See note 26 for the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1938 regarding Ian Munro
8. See note 8 or the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Alistair McGregor.
9. See note 19 for the 9<sup>th</sup> September (part 1) regarding Nicol Smith
10. See note 23 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ian Curtis.
11. See also the minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1938 (part 2) and 9<sup>th</sup> December (part 2) regarding the Church Cellar.
12. The Treasurer was Jim Crawford.
13. £5-5-7<sup>d</sup> in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £440 today (2023).

14. *Scout Master's Report*. At this stage, there was no Scout Master in position as Ian Hardie had resigned at the start of March 1939. It was not stated who prepared the S.M.'s Report, or who was the de facto S.M. However, it is probable that A.S.M. Eoin Steel was the de facto Scout Master at this stage.
15. See the minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1937, regarding the G.S.M.'s Cup.
16. See note 13 for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1935 regarding Duncan McKenzie.
17. No Summer Camps were held during 1938 or 1939 due to the threat of imminent war in both years.
18. See the minutes for the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1937 regarding a proposed District Cricket Competition. No such competition seemed to be held in either 1938 or 1939.
19. The District Pipe Band was being formed by the Local Scout under the charge of Pipe-Major Richardson. Presumably the District Executive asked the Troops to contribute towards the costs in setting it up.
20. £2-3-0<sup>d</sup> in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £176 today (2023). The projected total cost of setting up the Pipe Band was £195 as stated in the Minutes of the District Executive. £195 in 1939 had the equivalent value of about £16,000 today (2023).
21. See note 15 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the Victory Trophy. The 70<sup>th</sup> won the Victory Trophy in 1935, 1936, and 1939, coming second in 1937 and 1938.
22. See note 22 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Jim Buchanan.
23. See note 24 for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 regarding Ronald Reay MacKay.
24. The Scout Gala was held each year at the West End Baths (see note 12 for 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1935).
25. See the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1936 regarding training expenses for the Gala. Training expenses were also paid to the Victory Trophy team in 1937 and 1938. £0-7-6 in 1939 had the equivalent value to £32 in 2023.
26. See also the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1938 (part 2) onwards regarding the Football Committee.
27. £0-3-0 in 1939 had the equivalent value of £12.50 in 2023.
28. Nicol Smith was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Football Committee (see minutes for 4<sup>th</sup> November 1938).
29. The Local Association refers essentially to the District Executive which was responsible for all District matters relating to Scouting.
30. Scout Week consisted of a series of Scouting activities, parades and displays lasting a week. It was a major Publicity Relations Exercise for local Scouting.
31. The requirements for the Athlete Proficiency Badge involved meeting certain criteria in terms of the 100 yards, half mile, running high jump, throwing the cricket ball, 1 mile using Scout's Pace, Running long jump. Scouts had to gain sufficient points from five events in order to pass the badge. The number of points required increased with age.
32. The requirements for the Mason's Proficiency Badge involved demonstrating a thorough knowledge of building a wall, making mortar, and use of a plumb line and trowel.
33. Proficiency Badges could be gained by showing proficiency at various activities, hobbies and interests. They were assessed by District Examiners to ensure that standards remained constant across the District.
34. See notes 11 and 12 for the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1935 regarding the annual District Parade and Drumhead Service to Pirrie Park. For some reason, Pirrie Park was renamed the Rankin Park about this time. It is not known why.
35. See Note 17 for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1934 regarding the role of COH secretary.
36. Ian Dunlop signed off the minutes as an accurate account of what took place.



## Appendix 1

### Scouting Personalities (1932-39)

#### **Allan, Alistair**

Alistair Allan might have been born in 1924 if he was aged 11 when he joined in November 1935. He attended the 1936 Summer Camp and remained with the troop for 4 years without being promoted. In 1937, he was reported to be in the Wolf Patrol and was still with that patrol in the autumn of 1939 when he transferred to a Gourock Troop. This suggests that he might have lived in Gourock and transferred due to the difficulties in travelling to Troop meetings during the black out. He attended Greenock Academy and worked in the Gourock Ropeworks once he left school.

#### **Armstrong, Joseph**

It is possible that this was Joseph Andrew Armstrong, who was born in Greenock during 1921 and lived at No. 25, Low Inverkip Road. Very little information is known about him or his background. If this is the correct Joseph Armstrong, he would have been about 14 years old when he left the Troop in November 1935 and could have joined the troop as early as 1932, making him a possible founder member. During the war, he served in the Fleet Air Arm but was killed in an aircraft accident in Moray when he was based at the Royal Naval Air Base in Arbroath.

#### **Barr, Ian**

It is believed that Ian Barr stayed near Fort Matilda and was one of the first 10 members of the Troop. It is likely that his father was John D. Barr (of Barr and Co Copper-smiths) who lived at 79 Newark Street at the time (renumbered to 115 Newark Street in 1936-37). Unfortunately, nothing is else known about him, other than that he became a civil engineer. A John Snodgrass Barr was born in 1919 in Greenock West and would have been aged 13 in 1932, making him a likely candidate. At the time, the family was living at 19 Ardgowan Street. The Greenock Telegraph reported an I. Barr being present in a winning tug o' war team for seniors in the Greenock Academy sports day of 1933.

#### **Beresford, Lord**

It is believed that Lord Beresford was the second son of the 6<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Waterford – an Irish peer. If so, he was Lord William Mostyn de la Poer Beresford who was born in 1905 and died in 1973. There were three brothers in the family. The eldest brother became the 7<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Waterford, while the youngest brother died on HMS Kelly south of Crete on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1941.

#### **Bevan, Mr.**

It is not known who Mr. Bevan was. However, it is likely that he was the appointed District Examiner for a number of 1<sup>st</sup> Class tests including Signalling. Scout Leaders in Troops were limited in the number of Badges they could pass, and it is believed that all 1<sup>st</sup> Class tests had to be assessed by a District Examiner.

#### **Black, Duncan Roger**

Duncan Roger Black lived in a tenement on Finnart Street near the corner of Robertson Street (possibly 15 Finnart Street). He was almost certainly one of the first PLs to be appointed in the new Troop and he attended the first two summer camps, held in 1933 and 1934. He was PL of the Curlew Patrol and attended Court of Honour meetings until October 1934. He probably resigned in March 1935. It is not known how many badges Duncan gained in the Scouts, but there is evidence that he might have completed his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hike in the summer of 1934. During the war, Duncan served as an RAF sergeant in bombers and was killed in June 1941 when his plane was shot down over Holland.

#### **Blake, Ian**

Ian Blake was born in 1920 and is believed to have lived at 109 Newark Street opposite the tennis courts (renumbered from 73 Newark Street in 1936). He was related to the author (George Blake) who wrote 'A River Runs to War' and was probably one of the founder members when the Troop started up in 1932. He certainly attended the 1933 and 1934 Summer Camps. However, he probably left the Troop after the summer of 1934. Ian went on to gain a degree in engineering and served as a ship's engineer on several ships during the war. In the 1950s, he returned to the Troop as Scoutmaster and ran a very happy Troop until work required him to move to the West Indies. He died at a relatively young age, and a memorial plaque was placed in the 70<sup>th</sup> Scout HQ indicating the affection with which he was held.

#### **Brodie, James**

No information has yet been discovered regarding the background of James Brodie. He joined the Troop on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1936 and was invested on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 along with David Ramsay, Jack Shipston and Hamish Steel. It is not known which Patrol James was in when he first joined, but by May 1937, he was in the Wood Pigeon Patrol with Ronald Grant as his Patrol Leader. He made some progress towards his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge but may well have left the Troop at the end of 1937 as there are no further records of him beyond November 1937.

#### **Brown, Archie**

Archie Brown (a different Archie Brown from Rover Scout Archie Brown) was born in 1924 and was in the same class at Greenock Academy as Sandy Campbell and Jim Crawford. He lived at 40 Eldon Street, then 183 Finnart Street, and his father owned a couple of Baker's shops in Greenock. There is convincing evidence of Archie joining the troop in October 1934 and he attended the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Summer Camps held in 1935 and 1937. He was promoted to S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in March 1937, then to P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in February 1938. In September 1938, he was appointed the P.L. of a new Patrol (the Owl Patrol). There is no further mention of this Patrol in the available records, and it might have been a temporary Patrol made up of older Scouts. Archie gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge very quickly in May 1935, but it is not known whether he completed his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge. It is not known when Archie left the troop, or what he did during the war. After the war, he became a teacher at Ardrossan Academy.

#### **Brown, Archibald**

Archibald Brown was a Rover Scout who may well have been a friend of James Dunne. Like James Dunne, he helped out at the Troop between 1935 to 1937 and was approved as an ASM on the same day in September 1936. Unlike James, Archie attended the Troop's Summer Camp in 1936 and was secretary to the Court of Honour for several months. He resigned from the Group in October 1937 and there were no further entries referring to him. Although Archie Brown is a relatively common name, it is a possibility that Archibald was born in 1917 and was a classmate at Greenock Academy of the Editor's father. If so, it is likely that he was a Scout in the 4<sup>th</sup> Greenock Scout Group, won a William Miller Scholarship at Greenock Academy in 1932 and came first in the Glasgow University Bursary exam of 1935. It is not known what he did during the war or afterwards. However, it is known that he emigrated to Australia where he was a member of the Canberra Country Dancing Society. The Editor met him during 1987-89 but was unaware of his link with the 70<sup>th</sup> at that time.

#### **Brown, George**

George Brown was born in 1927 and lived at 25 Robertson Street, then 4 Academy Place. His family ran Brown's shipbuilding at Garvel Point. George joined the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cubs and might have been one of the Founder members when the Pack started in 1935. He moved up to the Scouts in May 1937 and was in the relatively new Fox patrol, before joining the Woodpigeon Patrol, where he became S.P.L. in September 1940. In June 1941, he was promoted to P.L. at the age of 14, and, in September 1941, he was made Troop Leader at the age of 15. George participated in most of the outdoor hikes and camps that took place during the time he was in the Scouts, and, once he was Troop

Leader, he ran a number of camps at Everton. He remained Troop Leader until 1944 then volunteered for the RAF. He completed his basic training and completed a solo flight in a Tiger Moth. However, the war stopped at that point and that proved the end of his flying career. After the war, he gained a degree in naval architecture, then moved to Montreal to work for Vickers. He then returned to Scotland as a shipyard manager before moving into management consultancy.

**Buchanan Jack (Biscuit)**

Jack Buchanan was born about 1927 and lived at the Madeira Street end of Brisbane Street (No. 100). His father (Willie) ran Kidd brothers in Westburn Street / Gray Place selling furniture. His family may also have run an auctioneering business. Jack appears as a Wolf Cub in the 1937 group photo but did not join the Troop. He may have been an athletic youngster since a J. Buchanan regularly appeared in the results of the Greenock Academy Sports Days during the Thirties and Forties, although one cannot be absolutely certain that it was the same fellow. During the war, he was reputed to be the youngest commissioned Royal Marine Officer and his immaculate uniform put everybody else in the shade. After the war, he went to Aberdeen University where he gained a degree (possibly in zoology). It is believed that Jack became a professor and lectured at Newcastle University.

**Buchanan, Jim**

Jim Buchanan was probably born in 1924 and was similar in age to Jim Crawford and Sandy Campbell. His family may have recently returned from abroad when James joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in May 1937, and he might have been related to Ian Curtis who joined at the same time. There is some circumstantial evidence that he may have transferred from another Troop as there is no record of him gaining his Tenderfoot Badge with the 70<sup>th</sup>. He made steady progress through his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge and gained that in March 1940. There is no record of him attending any camps when he was in the 70<sup>th</sup> but he won the Novices Cup at the Scout Swimming Gala in 1937, and he was a member of the winning Victory Trophy team in 1939. He was in the Fox Patrol from 1937 to 1939 with Lawrence Harvey as PL then Jim Crawford. In October 1939, he was transferred to the Woodpigeon Patrol. He left the Troop in May 1940 since he was moving out of town. It is thought that he ran an ironmongers shop in Dunblane after leaving school.

**Buchanan, Mr.**

A Mr. Buchanan lived at Shore Cottage north of Carradale Pier when the Scouts had their Summer Camp there in 1934. He was associated with a kippery and gifted the Scouts 'many meals of kippers and herring'.

**Butter, H. Waller**

H. Waller Butter took over from Hector Russell as Greenock's District Commissioner during 1933 at a time when numbers were strong, but the local Scout Association's financial strength was weak. Mr. Butter played a key role in turning that situation around, such that the District ended up on a firm financial and administrative footing. In 1941, Mr. Butter was called up to serve in the navy. As a result, James Swan stepped in as Acting D.C. during the years that Mr. Butter was on war service in Norway and Germany. Mr. Butter returned from the war in 1945 and took on the role of D.C. once more. However, work pressures forced him to resign a year later, with Jim Swan officially taking over as D.C.

**Campbell, Alexander (Wee Sandy)**

Sandy was born in 1924 and was in the troop from 1934 to 1939. His father (William) was a marine engineer who lived at 52 Fox Street from 1937 onwards. When Sandy first joined the Troop, he was placed in the Curlew Patrol with Eoin Steel as his Patrol Leader. He then joined the Wolf in May 1937 and remained in that Patrol until 1940, with Archie Stalker then Harold Hastie as PLs. Sandy gained his Tenderfoot and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badges during his time in the 70<sup>th</sup> but it is not known whether he gained his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge or any Proficiency Badges. However, there is plenty of evidence to show that he was an outdoors enthusiast as he attended several weekend camps and two summer camps held in 1935 and 1937. He was also a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Patrol that lifted the Shannon Cup in 1935. Sandy also appears to have been a keen walker. He climbed Ben Vrackie near Pitlochry during the 1937 Summer Camp and in March 1940, he participated in a walk to Everton to do tracking, signalling and fire lighting. Sandy was never promoted but he was extremely popular and committed to his Scouting. It is likely that he resigned from the Troop after the summer of 1940 as he was scheduled to go to sea. However, during the months he was waiting for a ship, he continued to attend Troop Meetings as an unofficial ASM. In December 1940, he offered to pay the annual subscription, but the Court of Honour turned down his offer. Therefore, Sandy donated the money to the Group to pay for the Troop's Xmas party. Sandy was always known as 'wee Sandy' since he was small for his age. He came from a seafaring family, and his father was a chief engineer, so it was natural that he wanted to go to sea. He joined the British India Steam Navigation Company in 1940 as a cadet at the age of 16. Normally, he would have gone to cadet school, but many of these were closed at the beginning of the war. He received lots of going-away presents and was so delighted with them that he insisted on taking the lot with him on his ship. Unfortunately, his ship was torpedoed (possibly in the Indian Ocean) and he lost the lot! Fortunately, Sandy was rescued and he continued serving in the merchant navy for many years until he became a captain and moved to the Clan line for the rest of his career. He played a squeeze box which would have been good entertainment on ship. In his retirement, he lived in Sandbank, meeting frequently with Wilson Hill. Sandy Campbell is in the 1937 group photograph and several other photos including those from the 1935 Summer Camp, a Jubilee Camp held at Everton in 1935 and the Shannon Cup of 1935. The last photo certainly emphasises his lack of height!

**Campbell, Mrs**

Mrs. Campbell was Sandy Campbell's mother, and it is known that she visited the St. Catherine's Summer Camp on the 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 1935. A photograph was taken at the time of the visiting parents. However, the identities of the various parents have still to be established.

**Clark, Victor J.**

Victor John Clark was born in Greenock in 1924 and is remembered by contemporaries as being a nice chap who had a good model railway in his house! He lived in Brougham Street and went to Greenock Academy where he featured at the 1936 Sports Days by winning the sack bumping event for the Senior 1 age group – an indication of his physique. He joined the troop in 1935 when he was 11 and attended the 1935 and 1937 summer camps. He also appears in the 1937 group photograph. He was never promoted and seemed to have little interest in badgework or promotion. However, he comes across as a principled individual who was genuinely committed to the Scout Law and Promise and identified the Scouting ethos as an important factor in the spiritual and physical development of young people. This may well have been a crucial factor in him restarting the 70th Scout Troop after the war when it had been temporarily merged with the 59th. If that had not happened, this web site would not exist.

During the war, Victor was due to join the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards but succumbed to tuberculosis. Since there was no effective treatment at the time, he spent three years recuperating. When he returned to Greenock in 1946, he restarted the 70th, building it up into one of the strongest groups in Greenock. In 1952, he married a German girl and the Scouts put on a Guard of Honour for the occasion. The troop continued to thrive and eventually the DC asked Victor to do a similar job of building up the 75th Scouts at the Old West Kirk, which he duly did. Victor was a timekeeper at Scotts shipbuilding engineering company where he was responsible for clocking people in and out of work and for looking after timesheets. When he retired, he moved to Wales.

**Clark, Mr. and Mrs**

Mr. & Mrs Clark were the parents of Victor Clark and visited Victor at Summer Camp at St. Catherines, Loch Fyne on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1935. A photograph was taken of the visiting parents, and it is believed that Mr. and Mrs Clark are sitting on the left of the photo.

**Colquhoun, A**

A. Colquhoun (or Colhoun) may have been the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Troop Leader during 1933 and 1934. His previous Scouting experience is not known, but it is likely that he had been a Patrol Leader in a different Troop and was persuaded to help out with the new 70<sup>th</sup> Troop. Unfortunately, very little is known about his background. He was present at the summer camp of 1934 and the last mention of him was at this meeting of the Court of Honour. It is not known what he did after resigning.

**Cook, Mrs**

It is likely that Mrs Cook contributed goodies to various parties held by the Troop during the 1930s. The troop gave her a small Xmas present in 1935 as an expression of their gratitude. However, it is not known what Mrs. Cook's connection with the troop was at the time

**Crawford, James (Jim)**

Jim Crawford was born in 1924 and lived at 49 Finnart Street (renumbered to 107 in 1936-37). He was a pupil at Greenock Academy and featured strongly at the school's Sports Days. There is evidence to suggest that he joined the troop in October 1934 and was placed in the Wolf Patrol. He then sped through the various tests for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class badge and completed the badge in May 1935. This probably contributed to him being promoted to S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in November 1935. Jim was a Patrol Second for almost three years during which time he swapped patrols with Wilson Hill (September 1936) to become S.P.L. of the Wolf Patrol. In September 1938, he was promoted to PL of the Fox Patrol and remained PL when the Patrol was renamed the Wood pigeon Patrol in October 1939. During the early years of the war, he organised the troop's collection of waste paper before resigning from the troop in June 1941. He then went to university for two years to study towards an Arts Degree before was called up and served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> (West African) Recce Regiment in the Arakan district of Burma during 1945. After the war, he returned to university and qualified in law in 1949, before joining his grandfather's law practice in Gourcock. He practiced law for some 40 years and latterly acted as a consultant to Neil Clerk and Murray.

**Curtis, Ian**

Ian Curtis may have been born abroad. He joined the troop in May 1937 and had previous Scouting experience as he already had his Tenderfoot and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badges. He was promoted to S.P.L. of the Fox Patrol in September 1938, replacing Jim Crawford. In June 1938, he won a William Millar Scholarship as a pupil of Greenock Academy, and he was also good at sports. In 1939, he was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Victory Trophy. He resigned in October 1939 because he belonged to another youth organisation – possibly one of the pre-service cadet units. It is not known what he did during the war or afterwards.

**Davies, Jack**

Jack Davies was probably born in 1927 and was in the same class at Greenock Academy as George Brown. Jack's father was Headmaster at Glebe School, and the family lived at Sentose, Cloch Road, Gourcock. Jack joined the Troop in December 1938 and was a member of the Woodpigeon Patrol. In October 1939, he moved to the Wolf Patrol. However, he transferred to a Gourcock Troop in December 1939. This might have been due to the introduction of the black out making it difficult to get from Gourcock to Finnart Church and back. After the war, Jack worked as an accountant with Shell in the Pacific area.

**Dempster, Mrs.**

Mrs. Dempster visited the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Summer Camp at St. Catherines, Loch Fyne on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1935. A photograph was taken of the visiting parents, and it is believed that Mrs. Dempster may be on the right-hand side of the photograph. However, it is not known what the link might have been (if any) between Mrs. Dempster and the 70<sup>th</sup>.

**Dobbins, Peter**

Peter Dobbins joined the Curlew Patrol in September 1935 and may have been born in 1923. His father might have been John H. Dobbins, District Manager for Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. If so, the family lived at 12 Brisbane Street. Peter passed his Tenderfoot Badge and was invested into the Troop in October 1935 but did not appear to be interested in gaining badges. There is no record of him attending any hikes or camps either. He was still in the Curlew Patrol at the end of May 1937, and his name appears in the Woodpigeon Patrol for September 1938. However, his name was scored out, and this might be an indication that he left the troop over the summer of 1938. It is not known what he did after that.

**Docherty, Mr.**

Mr. Docherty from Port Glasgow inspected the 70<sup>th</sup> on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1936 and recommended that the 70<sup>th</sup> be selected as the District's representatives at the County Flag.

**Dunlop, Alexander Ian**

Alexander Ian Dunlop was the son of the head teacher of mathematics at Greenock Academy and lived at 52 Eldon Street (renumbered to 96 in 1936-37) with his parents. In 1933, he started studying for an MA in Divinity at Glasgow University, where he met Ian Hardie who was doing the same course. In 1934, Ian joined the 70<sup>th</sup> as an A.S.M. at the age of 18. However, it is not known whether he had previous Scouting experience. When Sam Faulds resigned, the two 'Ians' ran the Troop as A.S.M.s until March 1936. At that point, Ian Dunlop became G.S.M. and Ian Hastie became S.M., both now aged 20. Although Ian was G.S.M., he was very active with the troop, and 'Ian's talk' was a regular occurrence at campfires. Ian remained as G.S.M. until November 1939 when he had to move to Lochgilphead on war service. Nevertheless, he remained in contact with the Group as a Rover Scout and Rover Scout Leader for several years. During the 1930s, Ian also played a very active role in District matters. He was the Secretary for the District Executive and served on numerous sub committees. Ian finished his MA degree in 1937 and his BD in 1938. It is believed that he was a navy chaplain during the war and might have been mentioned in dispatches. After the war, he served in a number of churches in London, Lochgilphead and Edinburgh. In 1954, he gave the address at the church service held to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. He was also present at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992.

**Dunlop, Sheila**

Sheila Dunlop was Ian Dunlop's younger sister and was born in Paisley in 1918 and would have been aged 17 when the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Wolf Cub Pack started up on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1935. Sheila is believed to have been the first Akela of the 70th Wolf Cub Pack. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1936, there were 16 Cubs and in November 1936, the Troop received their first three recruits from the Pack. George Brown was in the Pack when Sheila was Akela and stated that all the Wolf Cubs fell in love with her and called her by her Christian name. Sheila resigned from the pack at the start of 1937 and married a naval officer called Lewis who was lost on HMS Hood when the battlecruiser was blown up by the Bismarck. Alan Hardie believes that Sheila may have served in the WRNS during the war. It is not known what happened to her after that. However, she is known to have married twice more.

**Dunne, James**

James Dunne was a Rover Scout who was heavily committed to the 70<sup>th</sup>'s leadership team between April 1935 and May 1937. During that period, he regularly attended Troop and Court of Honour meetings. He also assisted Ian Dunlop, Ian Hardie and Alan Hardie in the organization of the 1936 summer camp although he did not attend himself. James applied for an ASM's warrant which was approved by the District on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1936 – the same date on which Archibald Brown's application was approved. It is likely that James and Archie were close friends and it is significant that they left the Troop at the same time. Very little other information is known regarding James. A James Dunne was born in 1912 in the east end of Greenock, which would make him aged 23-25 during 1935-1937 but this might

not be the same person. Alan Hardie remembered James attending Finnart Church with his family and that James was friendly with Ian Hardie.

#### **Edridge, Molly**

Molly Edridge was born in 1911 and grew up in Caledonian Crescent, Gourock. As a result, Molly went to one of the Gourock schools and was dux of her year. Molly was aged 26 when she took over the Wolf Cub Pack from Sheila Dunlop in 1937. Her warrant as Cubmaster was approved in March 1937 and presented to her on the 31st August 1937. She appears in the 1937 group photograph, but it is not known how she originally got involved with the group. She was very committed to the Wolf Cub Pack and succeeded in gaining her wood beads. During the war years, she served in the National Fire Service (NFS) and it is possible that Molly may have resigned as Akela at that point since the Wolf Cub Pack had stopped by 1942 due to lack of leaders.

Molly married James Sidney Rae, the commander of the district fire service. The family moved to the isle of Man, then Glasgow at which point Molly became warden of the Glasgow Youth Hostel from about 1955 to 1958. She attended Jordanhill Teachers College from 1959-1962 and gained a diploma for primary school teaching. She had various teaching posts and was eventually promoted to Head teacher of Tighnabraich primary school in 1973. After her retirement, the family stayed in Tighnabraich for several years, but when James died in 1984, she moved back to Gourock to be closer to her son.

Jim Crawford, Andrew Webster and Bill Smyth all remembered Molly as their Akela. Bill remembers her being a smashing lady and very tall in stature. The Wolf Cubs also found it difficult to pronounce her surname as it was so unusual.

#### **Faulds, Sam (Junior)**

Sam Faulds (junior) was aged about 24 when The Rev. A.R.R. Reid of Finnart Church asked him to start up the 70th Scout Troop in 1932. Sam had previous Scouting experience and was District Scoutmaster during the early 1930s with responsibilities such as District Parades, Scout publicity, and Scouting competitions such as the Shannon Cup for camping and the Public Service Vase Competition for First Aid and Emergencies. He was also the District's representative on the County Scout Council, all of which point to him being ideally suited to the task of starting up a new Troop. Unfortunately, there are no records covering the first two years of the 70th so it is not known how he went about the task. However, he must take credit for recruiting Ian Hardie and Ian Dunlop as Assistant Scoutmasters and it seems that he was already taking a back seat during the 1934-35 Scouting year to allow the two lads full rein. Sam was almost certainly responsible for organizing the 70th's first Summer Camp held in 1933 and was probably the prime organiser for the Summer Camp held in 1934. However, he did not attend the 1935 Summer Camp and resigned from the Troop in August of that year. He married about the same time and eventually moved to Stewarton where it is believed he worked as an undertaker. In later life, he moved to Hendon in England.

#### **Ferguson Family**

During the 70th's Summer Camp at Carradale in 1934, several games of cricket were played on a 'field' which were 'watched and sometimes taken part in by member of the Ferguson family' However, no further details were provided on who the Fergusons were.

#### **Ferguson, William H.H., Mr.**

Mr. William Ferguson was Scout Master of the 7th Scout Troop. He visited the 70th Troop on the 17th April 1936

#### **Finnie, Colin, Mr.**

There were two Colin Finnies in the District during the 1930s, both of whom were on the District Executive (the Local Scout Association). Mr. Colin Finnie (Senior) was the Badge Secretary while Mr. Finnie (Junior) was an Assistant District Commissioner and played a more substantial role on various sub committees. He was also Chairman of the executive for several years.

Mr. Colin Finnie (senior) visited the troop on the 1st March, 20th September, 25th October and 22nd November 1935. This might have been part of an initiative by Greenock District to encourage the passing of more 1st Class Badges as no such badges had been gained over the previous three years. It is possible that the District offered training and assessment opportunities for interested Scouts outwith their normal troop night. It's certainly the case that there was a flurry of 1st Class tests being passed by 70th Scouts during October and November, and on the 22nd November, Mr. Finnie was able to present three first Class Badges to Wilson Hill, Alan Hardie and Lawrence Harvey. A few days later on the 26th November, Mr. Finnie was able to tell a Local Association meeting that three 1st Class Badges had been achieved since September of that year, and at a Court of Honour Meeting held on the 29th November, Ian Dunlop was able to say that those three 1st Class Badges were the first such badges to be awarded in three years and that they had all gone to 70th Scouts. Mr. Colin Finnie (junior) was present at a number of special events such as the Scout Swimming Gala in 1936.

#### **Fraser, Ian**

Ian Fraser may have been born in 1925. He lived at 30 Forsyth Street and his father was a Chartered Accountant. Ian joined the troop on the 28th May 1937 but did not spend a long time in the 70th as he was sent to boarding school in Strathallan. There are certainly no further entries identifying him in the available records for the 1930s. However, he remained with the Troop until at least the 26th September 1937 as he was present in the Group photograph taken that day. Curiously, his name crops up again as being present on a cycling trip to Glen Masson in April 1942. Ian was friendly with George Brown, and George may well have invited him along. During the war, Ian was an RAF pilot and after the war, he was an air traffic controller at Prestwick.

#### **Garman, Rev.**

The Rev. Garman was the minister of Ardgowan Methodist Church and led the Dedication Service for the 7th Scouts Colours on the 13th October 1935. The minister spoke of the high ideals of youth and the opportunities that the Boy Scout movement provided for furthering those ideals. Seventeen representatives from the 70th were present.

#### **Grant, A.**

The identity of A. Grant has not been established. It is assumed that he joined the troop at some point during May 1938 as he passed his Tenderfoot Badge on the 27th May of that year. It is also known that he was placed in the Curlew Patrol with Ian Munro as P.L. On the 16th September 1938, he passed his 2nd Class tests on Compass and Kim's Game, having previously passed his 2nd Class test on Scouts Pace. However, there are no other references to him in the troop records, and it is assumed that he left the Troop at some point before the end of the year.

#### **Grant, Ronald**

Ronald Grant was born in 1920 or 1921 and was the only son of Bryce Grant, the dentist. He lived at 13 Kelly Street and was one of the founder members who joined when the Troop started up in 1932. He was Patrol Second of the Woodpigeon Patrol in 1933 and attended the 70th's first Summer Camp held that year. He also attended most of the weekend camps that were organized including training camps for the Shannon Cup Competition of 1935 where he was Patrol Second of the 70th Patrol which won that year. He also ran one of the two 70th Patrols attending the District weekend camp which had been organized to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George. As well as being present at the 70th's first Summer Camp, he also attended the 70th's last Summer Camp of the thirties at Ballinluig in 1937. Ronald was also a very good swimmer and was a member of the 70th teams that won the Victory Trophy two years running in 1935 and 1936. Ronald was promoted to P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in June 1935 and remained its P.L. until September 1938. As far as badgework was concerned, he

certainly gained his Tenderfoot and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badges. He also passed his 1<sup>st</sup> Class hike, but it is not known whether he completed the badge itself. It is known that he gained at least two proficiency badges. During the war, he served as a paratrooper and reached the rank of regimental sergeant major. After the war, he worked with Balfour Beattie.

#### **Hardie, Alan**

Alan Hardie was the younger brother of Ian/John Hardie's. He was born in August 1919 and lived at 23 Union Street. Alan was in the 5<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire Wolf Cubs and joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire Troop in 1930. In 1932, he transferred to the 70<sup>th</sup> as one of its first members. And was promoted to PL of the Woodpigeon Patrol by 1933. It is quite possible that he was one of the first 70<sup>th</sup> PLs to be appointed as there may not have been any PL appointments during the first few months of the troop's existence. In June 1935, Alan became Troop Leader and remained so until November 1936. He was then a Rover Scout for about a year before returning as a warranted ASM's warrant. During his time in the Scouts, Alan successfully completed the Scout progressive training scheme and gained his King's Scout Badge, one of only three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts to achieve this during the 1930s. He attended the first four of the Troop's Summer Camps from 1933 to 1936 led the 70<sup>th</sup> Patrol that won the Shannon Cup in 1935. He was an excellent swimmer and was a key member of the 70<sup>th</sup> swimming teams that dominated the Scout swimming gala during the 1930s. Alan won the Scout Championship in 1935 and 1936, the Rover Championship in 1937, 1938 & 1939 and also led the 70<sup>th</sup> teams that won the Victory Trophy in 1935 and 1936. By March 1939, he was the longest serving member of the group. Alan was also a member of the territorial army's Royal Engineers and was among the first to be called up following the outbreak of war, serving in Norway, Iceland, Plymouth, North Africa, Italy and Austria until 1947. He became a civil engineer after the war and saw in the new millennium as the last surviving member of the initial 70th troop.

#### **Hardie, Ian**

Ian/John Hardie lived at 23 Union Street and was on the same divinity course at Glasgow University as Ian Dunlop. Ian was originally with the 45<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire Scouts but joined the 70<sup>th</sup> as an A.S.M. in 1934 along with Ian Dunlop. In January 1936, Ian was officially appointed as Scoutmaster and ran four summer camps from 1934-1937. He resigned in March 1939. After this, he completed a PhD at Glasgow University, then served in various Greenock Churches. After the war, he emigrated to Canada and became Professor of Old Testament languages at the University of Nova Scotia.

#### **Hardie, Mrs. J.**

Presumably the mother of Alan and Ian. She visited the Carradale Summer Camp (1934) along with an H.R.L. Lamont and others not defined

#### **Harvey, Lawrence/Laurence**

Lawrence Harvey was born in 1921 and was one of the first Scouts to join the troop during its first year in existence. He was also one of the most successful and enthusiastic Scouts in the troop during the 1930s. Lawrence was originally in the Wolf Patrol but was promoted to Patrol Second of the Woodpigeon Patrol under Ronald Grant in June 1935. In May 1937, he was promoted to P.L. of a new Patrol (the Fox Patrol). Lawrence attended the first 70<sup>th</sup> Summer Camp in 1933, as well as summer camps in 1935, 1936 and 1937. He also attended a large number of weekend camps. In December 1937, he was the second 70<sup>th</sup> Scout to gain his Second All Round Cords, indicating that he had gained a dozen proficiency badges. By that time, he had gained his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge and King Scout's Badge (one of only three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts to do so during the 1930s). Lawrence was also a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> teams that won the Shannon Cup and Victory Trophy in 1935. He resigned from the Troop on the 9<sup>th</sup> September of 1938, but it is not known what he did during the war or afterwards.

#### **Harvey, Miss M.**

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1937 Applications approved from Miss M Harvey (ACM 70<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire),

#### **Harvey, Tennant**

Tennant Harvey was born in 1924 and was the younger brother of Lawrence Harvey. He joined the Wolf Patrol in September 1935 and was still with the Troop in September 1937. However, very little is known about his experiences in the 70<sup>th</sup> other than he passed some 2<sup>nd</sup> Class tests and attended the Troop's Summer Camp at Ballinluig in 1937. Tennant left the troop at some point between July 1937 and September 1938.

#### **Hastie, Harold T.A.**

Harold Hastie was born in Glasgow during 1923, and stayed at Hillfoot, Lyle Road when the family moved to Greenock. Harold's father was an accountant and Secretary of Fleming Reid and Co. Harold was a pupil at Greenock Academy and featured strongly at school prize givings and sports days. He probably joined the troop in 1934 with many of his classmates and was the first Scout to win the G.S.M.s Cup when it was instigated in 1937. He was in the Wolf Patrol then moved to the Fox Patrol in May 1937 when he was promoted to S.P.L. In October 1937, he became Secretary of the Court of Honour and remained so for the next four years. In September 1938, he was promoted to P.L. of the Wolf Patrol, then to Troop Leader in September 1940. He proved extremely energetic in all the roles he undertook and was always coming up with ideas and proposals, some of which were adopted, some which were not. Harold resigned in September 1941 to join the Rovers but remained a co-opted member of the Court of Honour. During the war, he joined the RAF but was not allowed to fly due to his eyesight. Instead, he appeared to have some role in terms of radar and served in Karachi. After the war he qualified as Chartered Accountant and worked with various industrial firms

#### **Hastie, Mr.**

Mr. Hastie put on a cinematograph show for the Cubs and Scouts at the Group's Halloween Party on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1936. It is assumed that this was Harold Hastie's father. Mr. Hastie was a chartered accountant and the secretary of Fleming Reid and Co (a woollen manufacturer and a big employer in Greenock). The family was well off and owned two cars at a time when it was rare to even own one. Harold's father owned a Wolseley car, and his mother had a Ford with a hood - a feature which impressed the Scouts.

#### **Hill, Wilson**

Wilson Hill was one of the most important individuals in the history of the 70<sup>th</sup> during the 1930s and 1940s. Wilson was born in 1920 and lived at 28 Forsyth Street. There is sufficient evidence to indicate that Wilson joined the Troop from its very start. In June 1935, he was promoted to Second of the Wolf Patrol before becoming PL of the Curlew Patrol in November 1936. Wilson gained his Second All Round Cords in November 1937 and it is highly likely that he was one of the three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts to gain his King's Scout Badge during the 1930s. In terms of camping, Wilson was probably a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Shannon Cup in 1935. Curiously, though, there is no evidence of Wilson attending any of the summer camps held during the 1930s. He was promoted to Troop Leader in December 1937 but resigned to join the Rovers in February 1938. Nevertheless, it was clear that he was helping out at both the Pack and the Troop before he applied for an A.S.M.'s warrant in September 1938. At the beginning of 1940, Wilson was aged 19 and the only warranted leader remaining in the troop following the call up of other leaders; Wilson was in a reserved occupation as he was working in the research department of the Torpedo Factory. Throughout the war, Wilson played a pivotal role as Scout Master in keeping the 70<sup>th</sup> afloat. After the war, Wilson moved into teaching and became a technical teacher at Dunoon Grammar.

#### **Holmes, D.**

Mr. D. Holmes was Greenock's ADC for Rover Scouts in 1935. He was present at the 7th Troop's dedication of colours at Ardgowan Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1935 and was present in the platform party that took the salute afterwards. The 70<sup>th</sup> were present at that District Parade.

**Holms, Harry W.**

Harry Holms was one of the Wolf Cubs present in the 1937 group photograph, but he did not join the Scout troop. His grandfather was of German origin, and his parents owned a hairdressing shop at the corner of Nicholson Street and West Blackhall Street, next door to the Regal. A Greenock directory of the time reports that a hairdressers and chiropodists was owned by William Holms and Son at 7 West Blackhall Street. The family lived at 1 Madeira Terrace until 1938 then moved to 38 Newark Street. Bill Smyth believed that they might also have owned a coffee shop. Harry attended Greenock Academy and won a mathematics prize in 1938. In 1937, he came first in the 100 yards sprint at Sports Day when he was in the senior 1 class. Harry was considered a bit of a boffin when he was with the 70th and it is believed that he studied at Glasgow University during the fifties. It is even rumoured that he came up with one or two inventions which made him quite wealthy. Harry's young brother, John, ran the family hairdressing business for many years, before it became a jewellery business.

**Inglis/Ingles, William (Bill)**

This is almost certainly William Todd Inglis who was born in 1924 in Greenock West. Billy Inglis was in Sandy Campbell's class at school, and it is known that he was in the troop between 1935 and 1937, since he attended summer camp in 1935, and was in the 1937 group photo. However, it is not known when he joined the troop and when he left. It is quite likely that he joined in 1934 along with many of his classmates. He was never promoted and Jim Crawford remembered him as a shy, retiring laddie, unlike his big brother Jimmy. He went on to manage a bookmaker's office in Greenock.

**Inglis/Ingles, Mrs.**

It is assumed that Mrs. Inglis was Bill Inglis' mother. She visited the Troop's Summer Camp near St. Catherine's on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1935. A photograph was taken of the parents that day but no identifications were made.

**Inverclyde, Lord**

Lord Inverclyde was one of the Vice Presidents of Greenock's Local Scout Association during the 1930s. It is believed that this was John Alan Burns, 4<sup>th</sup> Baron of Inverclyde of Castle Wemyss, KStJ (1897-1957). He was educated at Eton College and then attended the Royal Military College in Berkshire. He joined the Scots Guards and reached the rank of lieutenant before being wounded during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. He also served as a Captain at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and was evacuated from St. Nazaire in 1940 after being sunk on board the RMA Lancastria. After the war, he endowed the Inverclyde National Sports Training Centre at Largs and the British Sailor Society home in Greenock. He also unveiled the Free French Memorial in 1946. He was a Knight of the Venerable Order of Saint John and a member of the Royal Company of Archers. The title of Lord Inverclyde became extinct following his death as he had no heirs. However, the name Inverclyde was subsequently adopted by Greenock's local authority district in the early 1970s.

**Johnstone, Ian**

The Group photograph taken in September 1937 contains an individual who has not been identified. Alan Hardie suggested that he might be Ian Johnstone. Alan also stated that Ian had been an ASM with the troop for a while. However, there are no references to an Ian Johnstone in either the Court of Honour Minutes or the Troop Logs. Therefore, the mystery continues.

**Kinnell, George**

George Kinnell was born in 1925 and probably lived at 6 Brachelston Street. His family owned a dairy. George was a pupil at Greenock Academy and joined the troop in November 1936, to be placed in the Woodpigeon Patrol. He attended the summer camp of 1937 and by 1939 he was in the Wolf Patrol. The following year he was in the Curlew Patrol. It is not known when he left the troop, but it is known that he joined the Merchant Navy as a cadet on the S.S. Denpark from 1941-42. Sadly, the ship was torpedoed in May 1942, and George was not amongst the survivors. He died at the age of 17 and his name used to be on the Roll of Honour at Greenock Academy.

**Kirkwood, T.A.**

Mr. T.A. Kirkwood was a Greenock Scouter and examiner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Class journey – a 2-day, 14 mile hike during which the two Scouts involved were required to tackle a number of projects set by the examiner, camp overnight cooking over a wood fire, and take notes of timings and events that occurred during the hike. After the hike was over, they had to write up hike logs to a high standard. Mr. Kirkwood assessed and passed the following 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts on the journey; Wilson Hill, Lawrence Harvey, Geoffrey Lawson and Alan Hardie. Mr. Kirkwood was also the examiner for the Cyclist Proficiency Badge and passed Wilson Hill and Lawrence Harvey. Very little is known about Mr. Kirkwood, but he must have been very fit as he competed in the Scout Swimming Gala on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1935 and won the Scouters Blindfold Race and the one-length underwater race.

**Lamont, H.R.L.**

It is not known who H.R.L. Lamont was. However, he visited the Scouts at the Summer Camp held at Carradale during the summer of 1934. One possibility is that he was the local District Commissioner inspecting the camp.

**Lawson, Geoffrey**

Nothing is known about Geoffrey Lawson's personal background or school. He joined the troop in September 1934 and was placed in the Wolf Patrol with Duncan Black as his PL. He made good progress through the Scout training scheme, passing his Tenderfoot and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badges and gaining at least two proficiency badges. He was also a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> patrol that won the Shonnon Cup in 1935. There is evidence that Geoffrey was making good progress through his 1st Class Badge and he passed his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Journey, possibly with Alan Hardie. His Scouting abilities and progress earned him promotion to Patrol Second of the Curlew Patrol on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936, but he resigned on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937 'owing to the nature of his employment'. It appears that the resignation letter was written by his father and Geoffrey might not have had much say in the matter. Unfortunately, it is not known what Duncan's employment was or what happened to him after leaving the troop.

**Leggett, R.W. (Dick)**

Richard (Dick) Leggett was probably born in 1922, being a year older than Jim Crawford. Therefore, he must have been aged about 14 when he joined the troop in April 1936. He might have transferred from another Troop as it is likely that he had previous Scouting experience. He attended the Troop's summer camps of 1936 and 1937 and was then promoted to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in 1938. Within 6 months he was promoted to P.L. of the Woodpigeons and was also given responsibility for the Troop's equipment. He was promoted to Troop Leader at the end of March 1939 and took over the Chairmanship of the Court of Honour. In November 1939, he took over the organisation of the Troop's wastepaper collections for the war effort. In September 1940, he resigned from the troop to join the RAF and rose to become a Squadron Leader. It is not known what he did after the war.

**Leitch, Eoin**

Eoin Leitch applied to join the 70th on the 17th April 1936 at the same time as Richard Leggett. He was initially 'held over' but accepted into the troop fairly soon afterwards. It is likely that he was placed in the Curlew Patrol with Eoin Steel as his PL. He passed his Tenderfoot Badge on the 15th May 1936 and then started on his 2nd Class Badge. By the 28th May 1937, he was 6th Scout in the Curlew Patrol with Wilson Hill as his PL. There are no further references to him in the troop records and his name was no longer identified in the troop list for September 1938. No further information is known about Eoin in terms of his personal background or later career.

**MacDonald, Rev. Coll A.**

The Rev. Coll A. MacDonald (1873-1954) was the minister at Logierait Church when the 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts attended Sunday morning service during their camps at Ballinluig in 1936 and 1937. The Rev. MacDonald was born in Iona and was parish minister for 33 years. He served as an army chaplain during the 1st World War.

**MacKay, Ronald Reay**

Ronald Reay MacKay was born in Broughty Ferry in 1924, and his father was the minister of St. Columba's Gaelic Church. Ronald lived at 39 Fox Street and attended Greenock Academy. There were four brothers in the family, and this causes some confusion as each one was nicknamed 'Stourie' at one point or another. Ronald joined the troop in May 1937 and was a member of the team that won the Victory Trophy in 1939. He also won the novice race in 1938. He was in the Fox Patrol early on before being transferred to the Woodpigeon Patrol in October 1939. He passed his Second Class Badge in March 1940. Ronald left the troop at some point during the summer of 1940 and served in the RAF during the war. After the war he was involved in agriculture and lived in Edinburgh.

**MacKenzie, Duncan (I)**

Duncan MacKenzie might have been one of the founder members of the troop, especially as he had been promoted to Patrol Second of the Curlew Patrol by the start of 1935. He resigned from the troop in March 1935 then rejoined a couple of months and was reinstated as the Curlew Patrol Second. However, clearly lost interest once more and was removed from the Troop roll in November 1935 for non-attendance. Curiously, this occurred at exactly the same time as a younger Duncan MacKenzie was enrolled. The first Duncan MacKenzie might have been Duncan MacKenzie the butcher, and the second Duncan MacKenzie the jeweller.

**MacKenzie, Duncan (II)**

Duncan MacKenzie was probably born in 1923 and lived at Janefield, High Inverkip Road. Duncan attended Greenock Academy and joined the troop during October 1935 along with Jim Tosh. He was invested in November 1935 and by May 1937, he was 2nd Scout in the Wood Pigeon Patrol with Ronald Grant as his PL. It is not known whether he gained the 2nd Class Badge or how many Proficiency Badges he gained. In terms of outdoor Scouting he attended a day's hike to Everton during April 1936. He did not attend the Troop's Summer Camp at Ballinluig that year, but he was present at the 1937 Summer Camp to the same campsite. He is also present in the Group Photograph taken in September 1937. By September 1938, he was 1st Scout in the Woodpigeon Patrol with Richard Leggett as his PL. In 1939, he was still in the Woodpigeon patrol and won the GSM's cup for knotting skills – the third Scout to win the Cup since it had been introduced. However, he had a 'barney' at a Troop Meeting in the autumn which saw him forcibly ejected from the meeting! He did not turn up to Troop meetings after that and so he was taken off the roll. This caused the COH some consternation since Duncan still held the GSM's Cup. There were various discussions on how to get it back, then to everyone's surprise, Duncan appeared in uniform at a troop meeting on the 8th March 1940. This caused the COH to hastily meet at the end of the meeting and Duncan was put on 'probation'. He attended regularly for the next month and helped with paper collections. As a result, he was put back on the troop roll. In May 1940, he won the GSM's cup again, this time for pioneering skills! He finally resigned on 11th October 1940 and once again there was much gnashing of teeth on how to recover the cup. Duncan had an older brother in the army, but it is not known whether Duncan joined the forces or not. He owned a jewellery shop in Greenock.

**MacKenzie, Mr. A.W.K**

Mr. A.W.K MacKenzie was the Organising Secretary for Western Area Scouting during the thirties. On the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1936, he was one of the three County Flag Inspectors visiting the 70<sup>th</sup> to review Troop records and to observe a Troop meeting in progress.

**McCreery, H. Murray**

Harry Murray McCreery was born in 1925 and lived at 41 Finnart Street at the top of Patrick Street. He attended Greenock Academy and was in the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Wolf Cub Pack before joining the Troop in May 1937. He initially joined the Fox Patrol but was then transferred to the Curlew Patrol in November 1937. Murray left the troop at some point during 1940. After leaving school he worked for IBM.

**McFadyen, Alan (Red Arrow)**

Alan McFadyen was nicknamed 'Red Arrow' when he was in the Troop. He was possibly born in 1924 and lived in Robertson Street. Alan was a pupil at Greenock Academy and joined the Troop in November 1936 as one of the first intake of Cubs from the New 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cub Pack. He was placed in the Woodpigeon Patrol, but by 1939 he was in the Wolf Patrol. He resigned from the Troop in December 1939, but rejoined in October 1940, upon which he was promoted to Patrol Second of the Wolf Patrol. Apparently, Alan had a reputation of being a bit of a rough diamond and was involved in a spectacular argument at a Court of Honour meeting in December 1940. Nevertheless, he was promoted to PL of the Woodpigeons in September 1941, and the following month he and Robin McDougall were in charge of the Church Parade to Finnart Church as no leaders were available. In February 1942, he became PL of the Curlew Patrol, which was made up of older boys. He finally left the troop in May 1942. He was involved in the Civil Defence during the war, but it is not known what he did once he left the Troop.

**McFarlane, Ian**

Ian McFarlane was probably born in 1924. He was a pupil of Greenock Academy and lived in Finnart Street. He joined the Curlew Patrol in November 1936 and attended the Summer Camp of 1937. However, nothing else is known about him and it is not known how long he stayed with the Troop.

**McFarlane, Ian**

Ian McFarlane was probably born in 1924. He was a pupil of Greenock Academy, and he lived in Finnart Street. He joined the Curlew Patrol in November 1936 and attended the Summer Camp of 1937. He also passed his Tenderfoot Badge and passed a number of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class tests. However, nothing else is known about him and he left the troop at some point between November 1937 and September 1938.

**McGregor, Alistair,**

Alistair McGregor had red hair and was born in 1923 or 1924. He lived at 21 Newton Street at the corner of Newton Street and Kelly Street close to the original Greenock Academy, and his father was a timber measurer. Alistair attended Greenock Academy and it is likely that he joined the Troop in October 1934 along with many of his classmates. After his promotion to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon Patrol in May 1937, he was transferred to become S.P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in February 1938, then transferred again in September 1938 to become S.P.L. of the Wolf Patrol. He gained his Tenderfoot and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badges, but it is not known whether he achieved his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge or how many Proficiency badges he gained. He did not attend any of the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Summer Camps during the 1930s, but he was proficient in camping and Scouting skills and was selected for the 70<sup>th</sup> Shannon Cup Patrol that lifted the trophy in 1935. It is possible that Alistair had no wish to be promoted to PL and he remained a Patrol Second, until he left the Troop in September 1940. During the war, he served in Burma as a Captain in the King's African Army. After the War, he settled in Africa, then moved to Australia where he died at a comparatively young age.

**McKechnie, Andrew Mr.**

The examiner at the Shannon Cup competition held at Everton on the 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 1935.

**McNeil, James**

James McNeil was born about 1924 and lived at 76 Forsyth Street. He attended Greenock Academy and was in the same class as Jim Crawford and Sandy Campbell. He was present at the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Summer Camp in 1935 but resigned in October 1936. On leaving school he became a dentist and moved to South Africa.

**Menzies, John**

John G. Menzies was probably born in 1925 and lived at 9 Newton Street, then 54 South Street. His father owned a dairy business. John was a pupil at Greenock Academy and performed well at the annual Sports Day. He was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cub pack and moved up to the Troop in September 1937. In 1939, he won the novices Cup at the Swimming Gala. In October 1939, he was in the Curlew Patrol and was promoted to S.P.L. of the Patrol in September 1940. The following year he became P.L. of the Curlew Patrol, then in February 1942, he joined a patrol that had been formed for older scouts only. However, in March 1942, he was appointed P.L. of the reinstated Fox Patrol. Unfortunately, the Troop Log covering 1943 and beyond is missing and further details are sketchy. There is a possibility that he helped out with the running of the Troop during 1944 along with Robin McDougall. During the war, John was a volunteer on the Clyde River Patrol. After the war, he worked in the shipyards then moved to the USA where he managed a shipping company, then worked for Lockheed.

**Miller, James W. Mr.**

Mr. James Miller passed Alan Hardie on his Rescuer Proficiency Badge at the West End Baths on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1935. On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1937, he also passed several Scouts on their 1<sup>st</sup> Class swimming test (50 yards); namely Archie Brown, Dennis Woodward, Nicol Smith, Ian Munro, Harold Hastie and Jim Crawford. Again, this was carried out at the West End Swimming Baths. No further information is known about him.

**Mitchell, Ian**

Ian Mitchell was in the same year at Greenock Academy as Jim Crawford, indicating that he was born in 1923 or 1924. He joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in December 1938 when he would have been aged about 14, transferring from another Scout Group. He joined the Fox Patrol, then moved to the Curlew Patrol. In September 1940, he was promoted directly from Scout to Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol, one of only three Scouts known to have been promoted to PL without being a Patrol Second (the others being Ian Munro in 1938, and Sandy Whiteford in the 1950s.). He resigned in September 1941, despite being offered the role of Troop Leader, and joined the Rovers. He was co-opted onto the Court of Honour and helped out at the Troop during 1942 and 1943. After the war, he became a railway engineer, then moved to Canada or the USA.

**Morris, Alexander (Sandy)**

Very little is known about Alexander Morris or how long he remained with the Troop. An Alexander Morris was born in the west end of Greenock in 1921, and this might have been the same person. It is also known that a Sandy Morris used to live in Newton Street and became a doctor, but it has not been established whether he was the same individual.

**Muir, Arthur**

Arthur Muir was a Justice of the Peace and was appointed County Commissioner for Renfrewshire Scouts at the end of 1933. He lived locally in the Inverkip area and was associated with the Inverkip Scout Group. As one might expect, he visited the Everton campsite quite frequently. For example, he visited Everton on the 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April 1938 when the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Shannon Cup Patrol was having a preparation weekend for the Shannon Cup to be held at the end of May. On the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 1935, three 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts were camping at Everton and joined the Inverkip Scouts under Arthur Muir on a Church Parade to Inverkip Church. As one would expect, Arthur was present at several District Scout events such as the Parade and Drumhead Service held at Pirrie Park on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1935. On the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1936, he and H.W. Butter led the District Parade from George Square to Finnart Church for the service dedicating the 70<sup>th</sup> Troop's new colours. On the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April 1936, he was present at the opening of the new Scout Chapel at Everton at the same time as a dozen 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts who were trying a new system of camping where the Scouts were paired off and cooked all their own meals.

**Munro, Ian T.**

Ian Munro lived in Kelly Street and was probably born in 1923 or 1924. He attended Greenock Academy and featured in several school sports days and prize givings. He also won a William Millar Scholarship for academic studies. It is not known when he joined the Troop but he was present at the Summer Camps of 1935 and 1937. Unusually, he was not promoted to S.P.L. but was promoted from Scout to P.L. of the Curlew Patrol in September 1938. He then remained P.L. of the Curlews for the next 3 years. It is not known how far through the Scout Training Scheme he progressed, but he may well have gained his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge as he completed a 1<sup>st</sup> Class journey to Arrochar by bicycle with Nicol Smith in March 1940. He also gained a reputation as being an experienced 'camper'. He resigned from the Troop in September 1941 and was in the army Engineers during the war. After the war, he became a civil engineer and moved to Canada.

**Munro, Mrs.**

Mother of Ian Munro visited the campsite. Might be in the middle if the order of names is to be believed

**Murray, Lord James**

During the 1930s, it was common for important members of the aristocracy to be appointed as County Commissioners or other roles within Scouting. Lord James Stewart-Murray was the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Atholl (1871-1942). He was educated at Eton and was a fluent Gaelic speaker. He was commissioned in the Royal Horse Guards and served in Kitchener's expedition to the Sudan fighting at the Siege of Khartoum and the Battle of Atbara. He gained the DSO during the campaign and was promoted to Captain. He also served in the Boer War and raised a regiment of Scotsmen living in South Africa. In the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, he fought in the Dardanelles Campaign and had the rank of brigadier general by the end of the war. During the Second World War he served in the Home Guard. His full title was Brigadier-General His Grace, The Duke of Atholl, KT, GCVO, CB, DSO, PC. He also had a political career and was the MP for West Perthshire until 1917. In 1918, he was made a Knight of the Order of the Thistle. He also served as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland until 1920, and in 1921, he joined the Privy Council. Between 1920-1931, he was Aide-de-Camp to King George V, and he was granted the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh.

**Orr, Rylie Mr.**

Mr. Rylie Orr lived at 35 The Esplanade and was one of the founder members responsible for starting up Greenock Scouting in 1909 and was president of the Greenock Boy Scout Association from its inception until his death in 1943. As a result, Greenock Scouts viewed him as their own local 'Chief Scout' for over 25 years. He was also instrumental in starting up Paisley Scouting and was an ACC as a result of that. In 1911, he had received Lord BP during his visit to Greenock, and he had been instrumental in starting up the William Millar Scout Scholarships using a gift of £1000 from a local shipbuilder of that name. The scholarship was for the benefit of Boy Scouts such that they could take post intermediate courses at Greenock Academy or the High School. It was also used to assist entry to university or technical school. Rylie Orr was a highly talented and accomplished man and was one of Greenock's leading citizens. He was the proprietor of the firm Orr, Pollock and Co which owned the Greenock Telegraph, and as such he determined the policy and standard of the newspaper. It can be no coincidence that Scouting featured largely in the Telegraph during his years in charge. As well as having an active role in local and area Scouting, he was a philanthropist and was on the board of many local charities and organisations. The Troop Log identify a number of events involving Rylie Orr during the 1930s. On the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1935, he lit the bonfire that had been built by Greenock Scout at the top of the Lyle Hill to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V. At the Scout Swimming Galas held in 1935, 1936 and 1939, he gave speeches stressing the importance of swimming ability. On the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1937, he lit another bonfire at the top of the Lyle Hill, this time marking the Coronation of King George VI.

**Park, John**

John Park was probably born in 1924 and attended Greenock Academy. He joined the troop in October 1933 and was placed in the Curlew Patrol with Eoin Steel as his PL. He also attended the Troop's summer camp in 1934 and the Jubilee weekend camp at Everton in 1935. He also made some progress towards his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge during 1935. However, his attendance became erratic, and he was removed from the

Patrol list on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1936. Nevertheless, he was back in the troop by May 1937, admittedly as last Scout of the Wood pigeon Patrol instead of 1<sup>st</sup> Scout of the Curlew Patrol. After that, there was no further mention of him in the troop records. During the war, John was a dispatch rider on motor bikes. After the war, he joined the family business of Butchers and Game Merchants.

**Paterson, Colonel David**

Colonel David Paterson DSO, TD, DL, Depute Lieutenant of the County was a member of the Finnart Church congregation, and he led the committee responsible for appointing the Rev. Stewart as minister following the departure of the Rev. Reid. He was an important lay member in Greenock Scouting, where he was the District's legal adviser and its vice president during the thirties and early forties, becoming its president in October 1943, following the death of Rylie Orr. Colonel Paterson was a strong supporter in the independence of Scouting and stated on several occasions that the Scouts should remain independent and unaffected by some of the government schemes that were being mooted during the forties. He praised the Scouts voluntary style of discipline over the regimented discipline that was present in pre-service cadet corps. All the same, he thought a little more display of what the Scouts had to offer young people would increase their ranks. Colonel Paterson liked to work in the background, and it is quite possible that he was influential in encouraging the start-up of the 70<sup>th</sup> Troop and its continuing success, especially since he was a regular supporter of District Scouting. It is possible that Colonel Paterson served with the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce Battalion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Highland Light Infantry. A book was written in 1920 covering the war record of the battalion, with a contribution from a Major Paterson DSO MC. Colonel Paterson was one of the VIPs who reviewed the military march past at the Battery Park on King George VI's Coronation Day during 1937. Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, he also contributed towards the costs of the 70<sup>th</sup>'s new trek cart in 1939. Colonel Paterson was a lawyer and a partner at Neill Clerk and Murray Solicitors. He lived at Clyde House, Roseneath Street and had a son, Major David L. E. Paterson MC.

**Paterson, J. Mr.**

Mr. Paterson was the farmer who owned the land on which the 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts camped during the 1934 Summer Camp to Carradale. The campsite was on the NE part of the peninsula leading to Carradale Point. Mr. Paterson also had a shop and the Scouts purchased most of their food from Mr. Paterson during the camp.

**Philp, Rev. Alex**

The Rev. Alexander Philp was an active member of Greenock District's Local Scout Association during the 1930s and acted as Chairman of the Association. He was originally from Perth and served as an assistant minister at Dunblane Cathedral before moving to Greenock to be minister of the North Church (also known as the Old West Church). He conducted the Drumhead Services held at Pirrie Park in 1935 and 1936 with the Rev. D. Troop providing the address in 1935 and the Rev. E. Rathbone Lee providing the address in 1936. The Rev Philp also opened the new Scout Chapel at Everton on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April 1936 when a dozen 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts were in camp. On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1936, a District Parade to the Old West Kirk was held and the Rev. Philp gave the address during the Church Service. In 1947, he left Greenock and became minister of Ladybank Church near Cupar.

**Preston, Commander**

During 1935 and 1936, Commander Preston was active in supporting the 70<sup>th</sup> in several ways. For example, on the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May 1935, he helped transport camping equipment and personal kit to Everton for a weekend camp involving a dozen Scouts attending a Jubilee Camp which had been organized to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1935, he paid a visit to a Troop meeting. He paid another visit to the troop on the 8<sup>th</sup> November and donated two boxes of fireworks as prizes for a competition: the winners being Alistair McGregor and Brian Wickham. He paid further visits to troop meetings on the 31<sup>st</sup> January and the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1936. Finally, during the summer of 1936, he drove to visit the troop's summer camp at Ballinluig on the 7<sup>th</sup> August and took the Rev. Reid, Ian Dunlop and Rover Scout, Archie Brown to visit Blair Castle which had only recently been opened to the public. Unfortunately, it is not known who Commander Preston was or what kind of links he had with the troop. There was certainly no 70<sup>th</sup> Scout by the name of Preston, but there might have been a Wolf Cub of that name. Alternatively, he might have been asked to instruct the Scouts on a specialist skill such as signalling.

**Ramsay, Mr. A.**

Mr. A. Ramsay was a Badge Examiner in Greenock District during the 1930s. He assessed Lawrence Harvey for the Artist Proficiency Badge on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1935.

**Ramsay or Ramsay, David**

David Ramsay was born in 1924 and stayed in Margaret Street. He attended Greenock Academy and joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in January 1936. He was present at the Troop's Summer Camp that year, but he probably left the Troop fairly soon after that as he went to boarding school at Fettes. After school he became an accountant, then became a director at Yarrows Shipbuilders

**Rathbone-Lee, Rev. E. No information found**

**Reid, Rev ARR**

The Reverend A.R.R. Reid was born in 1895 and was minister of Finnart Church from 1930-36. He lived at the manse in Union Street, then moved to 109 Finnart Street (Kilmory) (later renumbered 209). It was the Reverend Reid who proposed setting up a Scout Troop that would be affiliated with the Church and he took a keen interest in its progress once it was formed. He visited several of the Troop's Summer Camps during the 1930s and wore an ex-army khaki kilt on those visits; during the 1920s, he served in the Highland Light Infantry in India. He had five sons, two of whom joined the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cub Pack (Ronald and David). Ronald may even have had a short stint in the Scout Troop before the family moved to Glasgow in 1936. At that point, the Rev. Reid became minister of Belmont Church, Glasgow. The Rev. Reid's Grandson (Russell Reid) was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts during the 1960s before emigrating to Australia.

**Reid, David.**

David Reid was the second of five sons fathered by the Rev. Reid and was born in Bombay about 1926. During his six years in Greenock, he was a pupil at Greenock Academy and picked up some prizes at the school's Sports Days. In 1933, he was in the junior 2 class (primary 2) and was second in the 100-yard sprint and egg and spoon race. In 1934, he was second in the 100 yards again. In 1936, he was third in the sack race. He also won the Fraser writing prize in 1935 and 1936. His brother Ronald recalls that both he and David were in the 70<sup>th</sup> Cubs. If so, they must have joined either at the start of the pack or very soon afterwards since the family moved to Glasgow in the summer of 1936. David became a minister, following in his father's footsteps.

**Reid Ronald**

Ronald Reid was the eldest of five sons fathered by the Rev. Reid and was born in Bombay about 1925. He was at Greenock Academy during his six years stay in Greenock. In 1935, he was in the junior V class and was first in the sack race and second in the three-legged race at the school's Sports Day. He followed this up in 1936 by being third in the sack race and first in the three-legged race. Ronald recalls being in the 70<sup>th</sup> Cubs, and he may well have had a short stint in the Troop before the family moved to Glasgow in the summer of 1936. George Brown remembered him wearing a greenish blue kilt. Ronald graduated as a doctor and eventually emigrated to Australia. However, before he emigrated, he featured in the Greenock Telegraph as a local hero for rescuing someone from drowning near the Gourcock Yacht Club.

**Ritchie, Archibald Mr.**

Mr. Archibald Ritchie was District Scoutmaster and may have taken over the role after Sam Faulds resigned. He was responsible for the District Parades associated with the dedication of the 7<sup>th</sup> Group's Colours on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1935 and the 70<sup>th</sup> Group's Colours on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1936.

**Ritchie, Billy**

Billy Ritchie's father (James) was the photographer who took the group photo of September 1937. He was with Robert Aulds photographic business at 38 Union Street at the corner with Campbell Street. Billy is present as a Cub Seconder holding the Pack's totem. There is no other mention of him, and he did not join the Scout troop. Little else is known about him and it is believed he moved abroad. The Telegraph mentions a W. Ritchie who won the pillow fight in 1936 when he was in the junior 6 class. If this is him, it would imply that he was born about 1925. There is also a notice of a William L. A. Ritchie gaining a school leaving certificate from the Academy in 1942.

**Salmon, Ernest**

Ernest Salmon was a Rover Scout Leader who served on the District Executive (the Local Association) during the 1930s. He also served on the Executive's social sub-committee and was Chairman of the District's Rover Scout Council which was responsible for overseeing Rover Scout training and activities. During 1934, he was appointed as Camp Skipper for Everton and District Rover Scout Leader, and in 1935 he was appointed Convener of the Competitions Committee which included responsibility for organising the Shannon Cup and the Scout Swimming Gala. His name crops up several times in the Troop Log in association with those duties. Thus, he visited Everton during the Shannon Cup Competition of 1935, which was won by the 70<sup>th</sup>. He also attended the Swimming galas held in 1935. He was also present with HW Butter at a 70<sup>th</sup>'s Court of Honour Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1937.

**Shipston or Skipston, Jack**

Nothing has been discovered to date regarding the personal background of Jack Shipston (or Skipston). He joined the troop on the 29<sup>th</sup> February 1936 and passed his Tenderfoot on the same night, along with D. Ramsay. He was then invested on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 along with David Ramsay, Hamish Steel and James Brodie. He may well have been placed in the Curlew Patrol as he was certainly in that patrol on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1937. Jack passed several 2<sup>nd</sup> Class tests during 1936 and also attended a weekend camp at Everton during April 1936 where he was paired up with Alan Hardie. This was the first camp where the Scouts formed pairs to camp and cook all their own meals. There are no further references to Jack in the troop records after the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1937 and it is not known when he left the troop or what he did after that.

**Smith, J. Mr.**

Very little is known about Mr. J. Smith other than he was an Assistant Cub Scout Master with the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Wolf Cub Pack during the first half of 1936. The Troop Log refers to him being present at a joint Cub/Scout meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1936 where films were shown. It is also likely that he was the ACM identified in a plan that was drawn regarding the Draping Ceremony of the Troop Colours on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1936.

**Smith, J. Nicol**

Nicol Smith was born in Glasgow during 1924. He lived in Brisbane Street when he was in the Scouts, and his father was associated with Kennedy and Co. Monumental Sculptors. Nicol was a pupil in Greenock Academy and did well at both sport and academic studies. He joined the Scouts in February 1935 and attended the Summer Camp of 1937. In September 1938 he was promoted to become SPL of the Curlew Patrol, replacing Alistair McGregor who had moved to the Wolf Patrol. Nicol gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge a year after joining the 70<sup>th</sup> and may well have gained his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge as he completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Class journey with Ian Munro by cycling to Arrochar. He resigned in September 1940 and served in the Armoured Corps during the war. He fought in NW Europe and lost a foot and part of his leg when his tank triggered a mine. After the war, Nicol gained a degree in electrical engineering and worked with a firm called Lucas. However, he died quite young, possibly as a result of his wounds.

**Smith, R. Mr.**

Mr. R. Smith was an Assistant Scoutmaster with the 1<sup>st</sup> Gourcock (Colonel Darroch's Own) Scout Troop. He shared the running of a joint Summer Camp involving the 70<sup>th</sup> Renfrewshire and 1<sup>st</sup> Gourcock Troops with Group Scout Master Sam Faulds at Ardrishaig in 1933. There were twenty Gourcock Scouts attending as opposed to six 70<sup>th</sup> Scouts.

**Stalker, Archie**

Archie Stalker was born in 1921 and joined the 70<sup>th</sup> Troop on November 1932, not long after it had been started up. He lived at 5 Robertson Street and attended the Greenock Academy. In 1934, he was the Second Patrol Leader (S.P.L.) of the Wolf Patrol and was promoted to Acting P.L. in March 1935 before he was officially promoted in June. He was aged 14 at that point and remained as P.L. for another 3 years, until he was made Troop Leader in September 1938. However, he resigned on the same night! Nevertheless, he agreed to stay on as Treasurer for a few more months despite the fact that he was no longer a member of the group. He finally resigned as Treasurer in April 1939. Archie appeared to have little interest in badgework or outdoor Scouting but it is clear that he was highly respected for his reliability and trustworthiness. Archie was also a member of the Colour Party when the Troop's first Colours were dedicated at Finnart Church on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1936. On leaving school, Archie worked with the Provident Bank. During the war, he served in the Royal Corps of Signals in India.

**Steel Ian/Eoin**

Eoin Steel lived at 39 Margaret Street and had four brothers and one daughter. The Steel family was a strong supporter of the early troop in a number of ways. Eoin, himself, may well have been one of the 'founder members' of the fledgling Troop, and probably had previous Scouting experience with another troop. He was a close friend of Alan Hardie, who played a key part in persuading Eoin to join the 70<sup>th</sup>. Since Alan had been in the 5<sup>th</sup> Scouts, this suggests that Eoin may also have been in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Eoin may well have been one of the first PLs to be appointed in the 70<sup>th</sup>. He remained PL of the Wolf Patrol then the Curlew Patrol until 1936, at which point he was appointed Troop Leader. Eoin led a patrol in the County Flag of 1936 and was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> team that won the Victory Trophy in the same year in September 1937, he resigned to join the Rovers but returned to the troop as an A.S.M in early 1938. When Ian Dunlop resigned in November 1939, Eoin and Wilson Hill ran the troop until Eoin was called up in January 1940. Eoin served in the RAF as ground crew or administration. In 1954, he read a lesson at the church service marking the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the troop.

**Steel, Hamish**

Hamish Steel was born in 1924 and was one of Eoin Steel's younger brothers. He joined the troop in January 1936 and attended the Troop's Summer Camps of 1936 and 1937. By October 1939, he was in the Woodpigeon Patrol but left the troop in the following month. It is thought that he might have served in the navy during the war. After the war he went to university but suffered from depression. Sadly, he committed suicide in 1948, aged 23.

**Steel, Mr. and Mrs W.**

Mr. William and Mrs Annie Steel were the parents of one daughter and four sons, two of whom joined the Scouts (Eoin and Hamish). They lived at 39 Margaret Street. William was a master builder who owned a yard in Jamaica Lane. He was responsible for constructing a well-designed building on the NE corner of Margaret Street and Union Street just after the First World War. The Steel family were strong supporters of the 70th troop. William contributed a pound towards the troop's trek cart in 1939, while Eoin's older brother (Donald) supplied a lorry to help the Scouts move paper during the war years. Eoin's mother (Annie Rankin) was by all accounts a very strict woman, and apparently many childhood friends of the Steel boys lived in fear of her. She was known to have chased naughty children along the streets of Greenock and through the undergrowth. On the other hand, she supported the Troop on several occasions. The COH minutes of November 1935 state that 'a sum of money (5/-) was devoted as a slight gesture of appreciation to Mrs. Steel and Mrs. Cook for their benevolent cooperation in the matter of the troop meetings'. Unfortunately, there is no clue what that cooperation involved. It is known that Mrs. Steel contributed baking towards the Troop's Christmas parties and it may have had something to do with that.

**Stewart, Rev D.H.**

Donald H. Stewart was born in Inveraray in 1899, and his father was minister of the UF church there. Donald followed his father into the ministry and was minister at Kelso before taking over Finnart Church in 1937. He remained as Finnart Church minister until 1968 and was a strong supporter of the Troop. During the war, he took over the role of Group Scout Master to relieve the young Wilson Hill of much of the administration and red tape involved in running a Scout Troop. He also made frequent visits at Troop meetings. When he retired, he moved to Edinburgh.

**Swan, James J.**

During the 1930s, Jim Swan was an Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs. However, he took on the role of Acting District Commissioner when H.W. Butter was called up for active service. Jim then directed the District's affairs throughout the war and made ambitious plans for Greenock Scouting for the future. Nevertheless, he always considered himself as standing in for H.W. Butter and when Mr. Butter returned from war service, Jim Swan immediately handed back the District. Mr. Butter became DC again, but it was not long before he resigned due to pressures of work and Jim was officially appointed as District Commissioner – a position that he held for at about 25 years.

During the 1930s, there are several references to James Swan in the troop records. He was present at virtually every District event on the calendar including the Annual Scout Galas in 1935 & 1936, the Drumhead Service at Pirrie Park in 1935, the dedication of the 7<sup>th</sup> Groups Colours on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1935, and the 70<sup>th</sup>'s Group Colours on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1936. He also appeared at a Troop meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1936 to present badges.

**Telfer, John**

John Telfer was probably born in 1919 and was the son of Dr. Walter Telfer. He joined the 70<sup>th</sup> in March 1935 when he would have been aged 15 or 16 and gained his Tenderfoot and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badges in double quick time. He also passed several 1<sup>st</sup> Class tests and gained at least two Proficiency Badges. However, there is no evidence of him gaining the 1<sup>st</sup> Class badge itself. He attended the troop's Summer Camp at St. Catherine's, Loch Fyne in the summer of 1935 and joined Victor Clark in climbing Cruach nan Capull behind the campsite. He also undertook a couple of hikes during the camp and participated in a Mock Trial. There is very little mention of him in the Troop records during 1936 and he was eventually removed from the Troop roll in December 1936. However, he joined the Rovers in February 1937 and was present in the Group photograph taken in September 1937. However, it is not long how long he remained as a Rover. During the war he was a Captain in the RAMC. After the war he set up his own medical practice until about 1955, when he moved into tropical medicine. It is believed that he moved to Africa at some point, but that remains to be confirmed.

**Tosh, Jim**

Jim Tosh was born in 1923 and lived at Fort Matilda Place. His father (Neil) owned a family Butcher's shop in Port Glasgow. Jim joined the troop in November 1935 and was reported to be in the Curlew Patrol in 1939. He resigned from the troop in December 1939 at the age of 16. During the war, he volunteered for the Clyde River Patrol, then joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders before transferring to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, serving in Kenya for a while. He attended veterinary College, but eventually took over the family business, by which time he lived in Jardine Terrace.

**Troup, Rev.**

The Rev. Douglas Troup M.A. lived at 40 Margaret Street and had a keen interest in Scouting. For example, he was a Vice President of Greenock District's Local Scout Association during the 1930s. He was also involved with the 1<sup>st</sup> Gourock Group (Col Darroch's Own) and served as District Commissioner for the Cloch District during the 1930s. His name crops up several times in the Troop log covering the 1930s. For example, he attended the Annual Scout Swimming Gala in 1935 and, gave the address at the Drumhead Service at Pirrie Park in 1935.

**Wickham, Brian or Bryan**

Brian Wickham was one of the nine Scouts who joined the Troop during October 1934 as a result of a recruitment drive. He was probably born in England as the family moved to Gourock 'from the south'. However, no other information is known about his address or family background, although he might have been a pupil at Greenock Academy. Brian joined the Wolf Patrol with Eoin Steel as his PL, then Archie Stalker. He sped through his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge completing it within 6 months and he attended two weekend camps at Everton. Unfortunately, his family moved south to England at the start of 1936 and no further information is known about him.

**Wilson William**

Very little information is known about William Wilson Birth records indicate that a William Stewart Wilson was born in the west end of Greenock in 1921. If this is the same person, then it is possible that he might have joined when the Troop started up in 1932. However, further evidence is needed to be certain. The available records show that he was 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout of the Wolf Patrol in March 1935 and that was working through his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge. He left the troop on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1935 because his family was leaving 'the neighbourhood'. This, along with the fact that he was given a transfer, might imply that the family moved house to another part of Inverclyde and that William joined another local Scout Troop closer to where they ended up.

**Woodward, Dennis**

Dennis A. Woodward lived at 44 Brisbane Street and was probably born in 1924. He attended Greenock Academy and featured in school sports days and prize givings. He also won a William Millar Scholarship towards his school studies. It is thought that he might have joined the troop at some point between October and December 1934 and was promoted to S.P.L. of the Woodpigeon patrol in September 1938. He resigned in September 1940 and moved into accountancy on leaving school. He moved to South Africa after the war.

## Appendix 2

### Badge Requirements for Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badges during the 1930s



2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge

1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge

#### 1931-1936

##### Tenderfoot Badge

1. Know the Scout Law, Signs and Salute.
2. Know the composition of the Union Jack and the right way to fly it.
3. Tie the following knots and understand how they are used – reef knot, sheet bend, clove hitch, bowline, fisherman's knot and sheepshank
4. Whip the end of a rope to stop it fraying.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge:

1. One month's service as a Tenderfoot;
2. First Aid
  - Know the general rules of health as given in 'Scouting for Boys'
  - Treat simple accidents (cuts and scratches, bruises and sprains, burns and scalds, grit in the eye, nose bleeds, stings and bites)
  - Know how to clean a wound and apply a clean dressing
  - Know how to apply a triangular bandage to different parts of the body
3. Signalling
  - Know the Semaphore or Morse sign for every letter in the alphabet and for numerals.
4. Observation – Follow a trail for half a mile in 25 minutes; or if this is impossible, describe satisfactorily the contents of one shop window out of four observed for one minute each, or remember 16 out of 24 well-assorted articles after one minute's observation (Kim's Game).
5. Scouts Pace- Go a mile in 12 minutes at 'scouts' pace'.
6. Firelighting – Lay and light a wood fire, in the open, using not more than two matches.
7. Cooking
  - Cook a quarter pound of meat and two potatoes without cooking utensils other than the regulation billy-can, over a wood fire in the open if possible.
8. Thrift
  - Have saved and paid into a savings bank account a sum consistent with one's opportunities of saving (minimum sixpence).
9. Compass
  - Know the 16 principal points of the compass.

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge:

1. Swimming
  - Swim 50 yards. If swimming is deemed too dangerous for a boy's health, pass one of the following proficiency badges – Camper, Handyman, Healthyman, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman or Tracker.
2. Thrift
  - Have saved and paid into a Savings Bank account, a sum consistent with his opportunities of saving (minimum one shilling).

3. Signalling -Send and receive a message in Semaphore at rate 4 (20 letters a minute) or in Morse at rate 3 (15 letters per minute). Must also understand the use of the calling up sign VE, and its answer K, the general answer, the end of message sign AR and its answer R, alphabetical check for numerals and erase signal.
4. Estimation -Estimate, without apparatus, distance, numbers, height and weight, within 25 per cent error.
5. First Aid -Know the positions of the main arteries (names unnecessary) and be able to stop bleeding.  
-Know how to apply First Aid to fractures  
-Know how to deal with the following emergencies (Fire, drowning, runaway carriage, fainting, ice breaking, electric shock).
6. Cooking Cook satisfactorily (over campfire in the open, if possible) two out of the following dishes: Porridge, bacon, hunter's stew; or skin and cook a rabbit, or pluck and cook a bird; also make a damper of half a pound of flour or a twist baked on a thick stick.
7. Mapping Read the conventional signs of a map correctly and draw an intelligible rough sketch map. Point out a compass direction without the help of a compass.
8. Axe Use an axe for felling or trimming light timber, or, as an alternative, produce an article of carpentry or joinery or metal work made by himself satisfactorily, or make a working model of any kind of machinery in metal or wood.
9. Journey Go on foot, or row a boat, alone or with another Scout to a point 7 miles away and return again; or ride an animal, or bicycle (not motor) a distance of 15 miles and back; It is preferable that the journey lasts two days
10. Training Train a recruit in the Tenderfoot test.

## **1936-1939**

### **Tenderfoot Badge**

1. Know the Scout Law and Promise and understand their meanings
2. Know the Scout Signs and Salutes.
3. Know the composition and history of, and how to fly the Union Jack.
4. Know certain uses of the Scout Staff
5. Tie the following knots and understand how they are used – Reef Knot, Sheet Bend, Clove Hitch, Bowline, Round Turn and Two Half Hitches and Sheepshank

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Badge:**

1. Service Have at least one month's service as a tenderfoot.
2. First Aid
  - Know the general rules of health as given in 'Scouting for Boys'
  - Treat simple accidents (cuts and scratches, bruises and sprains, burns and scalds, grit in the eye, nose bleeds, stings and bites)
  - Know how to clean a wound and apply a clean dressing
  - Know how to apply a triangular bandage to different parts of the body
3. Signalling
  - Know the Semaphore or Morse sign for every letter in the alphabet and for numerals and be able to send and read a simple message.
4. Observation – Follow a trail for half a mile in 25 minutes; or if this is impossible, describe satisfactorily the contents of one shop window out of four observed for one minute each, or remember 16 out of 24 well-assorted articles after one minute's observation (Kim's Game).
5. Scouts Pace- Go a mile in 12 minutes at 'scouts' pace'.
6. Firelighting – Lay and light a wood fire, in the open, using not more than two matches.
7. Cooking
  - Cook a quarter pound of meat and two potatoes without cooking utensils other than the regulation billy-can, over a wood fire in the open.
8. Thrift
  - Have saved and paid into a savings bank account a sum consistent with one's opportunities of saving (minimum sixpence).
9. Compass
  - Know and point out with the aid of a compass the 16 principal points of the compass.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge:**

1. Swimming
  - Swim 50 yards. If swimming is deemed too dangerous for a boy's health, pass one of the following proficiency badges – Camper, Handyman, Healthyman, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman or Tracker.
2. Thrift
  - Understand the meaning of thrift and be practicing it. Must have saved and paid into a Savings Bank account, a sum consistent with his opportunities of saving (minimum one shilling).
3. Signalling
  - Sends and receive a message in Semaphore at rate 4 (20 letters a minute) or in Morse at rate 3 (15 letters per minute). Must also understand the use of the calling up sign VE, and its answer K, the general answer, the end of message sign AR and its answer R, alphabetical check for numerals and erase signal.
4. Estimation
  - Estimate, without apparatus, distance, numbers, height and weight, within 25 per cent error.
5. First Aid
  - Know the positions of the main arteries (names unnecessary) and be able to stop bleeding.

-Know how to apply First Aid to fractures

-Know how to deal with the following emergencies (Fire, drowning, runaway carriage, fainting, ice breaking, electric shock).

6. Cooking Cook satisfactorily (over campfire in the open, if possible) two out of the following dishes: Porridge, bacon, hunter's stew -as may be directed; or skin and cook a rabbit, or pluck and cook a bird; also make a damper or a twist baked on a thick stick.
7. Mapping Read and be able to use a 1-inch Ordnance Survey Map (or its local equivalent) and draw an intelligible rough sketch map. Use a compass and point out a compass direction by day or night without the help of a compass.
8. Axe Use an axe for felling or trimming light timber, or, as an alternative, produce an article of carpentry or joinery or metal work made by himself satisfactorily, or make a working model of any kind of machinery in metal or wood.
9. Training Train a recruit in the Tenderfoot test.
10. Journey Go on foot, or row a boat, alone or with another Scout to a point 7 miles away and return again; or ride an animal, or bicycle (not motor) a distance of 15 miles and back; the Scout must write a short report of the journey with special attention to any points to which he may be directed by the examiner or his Scoutmaster (a route map of the journey is not required). The journey should occupy about 24 hours, and camping kit for the night must be taken and used, though, in abnormal circumstances, the Local Association may give permission for this paragraph to be made easier to meet exceptional cases. This test should normally be the final one for the First Class Badge.

