

## The Aberconwy Scout Group....1<sup>st</sup> Glan Conwy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deganwy and 1<sup>st</sup> Eglwysbach.

The Aberconwy Scout Group came about in April 2002 when the Deganwy Scouts were without proper headquarters and Glan Conwy Scouts were without leaders but had good premises, the Glan Conwy Scout and Guide Headquarters. The Cub Scouts of Conwy, Deganwy, Llandudno Junction and Glan Conwy now feed into the scout troop based in Glan Conwy headquarters. Prior to this, the 1<sup>st</sup> Eglwysbach Cub Pack had always fed into the Glan Conwy scouts. When the pack closed in the 1980's all members were transferred to Glan Conwy.

### Deganwy

1st Deganwy, All Saints, at 1926 including Sea Scouts Blue Neckerchief  
Deganwy and Llandudno Sea Scouts 21.1.1935 – 5.2.1940

2nd Deganwy Scouts

1st. Deganwy Venture Unit 7.5.1988.Reg. No.5316

2nd Deganwy-Cub Scouts 28.3 1989. 2nd Deganwy Beaver Scout Colony.

### 1st Eglwysbach

First registered 14.6.1979. Mrs P.Thompson as Cub Scout leader. The pack is well remembered for being very smart in appearance and always amongst the prize winners at district competitions.

### 1st Glan Conwy.

Glan Conwy 1948/9-1955. Re-formed 1976 – Current – (2007)



## New cub-scout pack at Glan Conwy

PARENTS attended the first enrolment ceremony of the 1st Glan Conwy Cub-Scout pack on Friday.

Nine boys were enrolled as cubs by Mrs. Marlon Roberts, leader of the Presbyterian Church pack, Llandudno Junction.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. William Sephton, district commissioner; Mr.

Hywel Jones, chairman of the district scout organisation; Mr. John Birchall, chairman of the local community council, and the Revs. R. H. Williams and H. O. Jones.

The ceremony was followed on Saturday by a garden fete at Hafod, Ty Du Road, Glan Conwy, when £75 was raised for pack funds.

Eight of the boys are pictured here with Mr. Sephton (left) and Mr. R. D. Jennings, pack leader.

They are, top left, Brant Catherall, Phillip Hughes, Stewart Hodge, Charles Kenway and Simon Wynne. Bottom, Dylan Edwards, Steven Lloyd Davies and Steven Saxon.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Deganwy All Saints.

Queens Scout Award being presented to Brad Plimmer with Mike Collins alongside awaiting his presentation. c.1960



## St. George's Day Parade All Saints Church Deganwy 1961



## Ist Glan Conwy Cub Pack 1988—1994

In 1988 the cub pack was being run by Joyce Hodge (Akela) and Sheila Birchall. Reta and Jack Mather moved into the village and joined the pack in May – both had previous Scouting experience in North West Cheshire. Joyce had a work promotion in September and was not able to continue. Sheila did not want to take the job of Akela so since both of them had done the job before Reta and Jack literally tossed a coin and Jack became the Akela.

They set about getting some more help and quite quickly had two young ladies from the village on board – Annette Williams and Fiona Wellings. Both proved to be great assets, not only did they enjoy Scouting but they also had a very good knowledge of the village. However, Fiona was to leave the village before very long but her expertise was promptly replaced by Nicola Hanson. Annette and Nicola both completed their Scout training. About 1990 Gill Burgoyne came to camp to cook for us. She liked us so much that she stayed as a Leader and went on to complete her training

Later Sinclair d'Alberquerque joined for a short time.

The pack did not miss any District events during this period. These consisted of the usual activities: a swimming gala, five-a-side football, sports, a quiz and St Georges Day Parade. Ideas were pinched from NW Cheshire and a Craft Competition was introduced to the Aberconwy District.

The Cubabout was started wherein Ist Glan Conwy invited all the other Packs in the District to hold an internal competition and send their winning Six to compete in an adventure journey. The journey consisted of a trip from a little used church in the hills down through a woodland to finish at the local District Camp Site at Rowen. Teams moved off at 10 minute intervals and had to complete about 15 tasks at manned points throughout the journey. There were separate trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>. Glan Conwy, all of their Sixes competing, and the District Sixes.

Every term the pack competed internally in a competition called Supercub. The competition was as varied as it was possible to make it – straightforward art, making and flying a kite, building sandcastles, growing potatoes, orienteering, pentathlon, to name but a few.

Each month contained at least one unusual event. The District events were included in this but visits to the Firestation, singing carols at old peoples homes, mother (or father) and son evenings, visiting Dinosaur World, Chester Zoo, holding a dog show, visited by the local police fingerprint expert, Crime Prevention Officer, Halloween, pancake week, St. David's Day, St. Andrews Day (complete with haggis, tossing the caber etc), Mountain Rescue are other examples.

Locally there was an annual County Orienteering Competition in which we regularly entered our age group and of course we attended our local Remembrance Parade.

Pack holidays were great fun. Our first was to Felin Bach, the Guide holiday centre near Caernarfon which we visited a couple of times. We also went back to our old headquarters at 1<sup>st</sup> Frodsham in Cheshire and because we knew the area so well we were able to give the boys a more exciting experience. Examples of this would be climbing a 20 ft. rope into a small cave set in a cliff face and taking part in competitions with the local packs. We persuaded every single boy to climb into the cave and of course it was the ones who found it hardest to do who bragged the most afterwards. We travelled to Frodsham by train and were amazed to find a number of cubs had never used this transport before.

This made our final pack holiday hugely exciting---a trip to London. Most mums and dads had never been there, never mind the boys. We actually travelled by coach to give us more control of our programme and the boys, although we did one Underground trip to give them the experience. We stayed at B.P. House and we visited the Tower, H.M.S. Belfast, Wembley Stadium, Buckingham Palace (scouts being one of the few people allowed inside the gates for the Changing of the Guard and we proudly marched in behind our flag), Natural History Museum, R.A.F. Museum Henley and we toured London at night. Very busy but a wonderful time.

Jack received the Silver Acorn for services to the Scout Movement in 1993.

In 1994 Jack became 65 years old and could no longer be a Leader in the movement. Reta retired with him and Gareth Hughes and Cliff March took the pack over. Nicola Hanson finished soon after this but Annette Williams and Gill Burgoyne supplied continuity long after the Leadership change.

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