

**1<sup>st</sup> Dolgarrog** (Conwy Valley)

**Silver Cross Gallantry Awards**

**Scoutmaster J.A. Hunter  
and  
Rover Scout C. Carpenter, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Dolgarrog Troop.**

**“For their gallant conduct in connection with rescue work on the occasion of the bursting of the dam at Dolgarrog on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1925.  
Awarded January 28<sup>th</sup> 1926”**

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The group existed from c1920 to c1950. From photographs of the 1920s it is obvious that from their early days, they maintained high standards.



District Champions 1923



District Champions 1924. Competition held on Conwy Morfa. Awards presented by Commissioner Tipping

The tragic Dolgarrog Dam Disaster saw Scoutmaster J.A. Hunter and Rover Scout C. Carpenter; both receive the Silver Cross Gallantry Award for their rescue work. Sadly, Mr Taylor the Assistant Scoutmaster and some members of his family were killed in the disaster. He is remembered in two distinct ways. Firstly, there is a brass memorial plaque in the village church erected by his "Brother Scouts" of Dolgarrog to his memory and secondly by a street name. Taylor Avenue is the main residential street in the village and forms part of the new housing area built to replace lost in the disaster.



Assistant Scoutmaster John Stanley Taylor



Part of Dolgarrog Rover Crew 1925



In talks with past members of the Dolgarrog Scouts, from whatever period, 20's, 30's or 40's, invariably, the first comment has always been words to the effect "we had a trek cart and what good times we had camping at Rowen"! The second set of memories involved helping with the May Day and village carnival celebrations and equally helping with the refreshments at the village hall theatre, film or dance evening when, because it was "scouts", their parents allowed them to stay up late.