

A BRIEF REPORT ON
THE FIRST EIGHT YEARS

OF
GATEHOUSE SCOUTS.

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1st Gatehouse of Fleet Scout Troop.

Founded 1929 by :- Charles Langlands, School Teacher at Gatehouse Public School. Scoutmaster, Mr Ainsworth, Deputy manager at Bank of Scotland, Gatehouse. As. Scoutmaster, Mr T. Newton, Chemist, with G. M. Stark Chemist Gatehouse.

The Troop consisted of sixteen members, in two Patrols of eight.

Cublews.

P.L. J. McConchie,

S. J. Ferguson.

N. Vaughan.

J. Grieve.

W. McMurray.

A. McInnes.

J. McCormick. (D)

F. May. (D*)

Pewits

P.L. Murray Vaughan. (D)

S. J. Patterson. (D)

T. Veitch.

W. Sheldon. (D)

J. Reid.

G. Gilmour

J. Giorgari. (D)

W. Heron. (D)

Our first Den was a small room behind Fleetview garage house with a boarded up window and a stove that always smoked us out. Light was paraffin byre lamps. We later moved into the loft above the garages this time with no stove but still the byre lamps. We finally moved to the basement of the Rutherford Hall before it was reconditioned, but half of it was used as a furniture store. When the hall was gutted and the basement was divided, we were given one of the three rooms which was shared with the bowling club.

In 1932 both Mr. Wimworth & Mr. Newton left, to take up posts elsewhere, and Mr. Charles Grieve, a painter with R.L. Tait Painters Gatehouse, took over as Scoutmaster and Mr. Robert Mc Murray as Ass. Scoutmaster. Three patrols were formed, the two originals and the new Bulldog.

P.L. W. McMurray.

other new members around this period.

S. J. Crookie. (D*)

B. Ferguson.

R. Veitch.

J. McMurray.

P. Davidson. (D)

S. Keenan was S.M. for short period

R. Wilson. (D*)

A. Hood.

L. Tardine. (D)

W. Keenan, (D*)

W. McMath. (D)

W. Ireland. (D)

2 Kerr Brother.

W. May. (later to become S.M.) (D)

In 1935 Robert Mc Murray (D) took over as Scoutmaster and Sam Keenan was Ass. Scoutmaster and they ran the Troop till 1937 when Robert left to join the R.A.F. and Sam went to join the Liverpool Police. I myself carried on till 1939 when I joined the Army.

(D) Deceased.

* Killed on Active service.