

# THE OWL PATROL

1<sup>ST</sup> HOLT SCOUTS

NORFOLK



# Gresham School Woods Camp

## August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 1954

### Camp Log

The pre-camp meeting was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at HQ when all gear was assembled and camp fees collected.

On Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm the Troop met at HQ and gear was loaded onto the trailer provided by Major Howard. In three journeys he conveyed all kit to the site. At 7:30pm those attending marched from HQ to the site (in uniform with staves at trail double file). The site was laid out (as diagram) & after inspection at 9:30pm, beds were made & instructions given to new campers.

At 10:30 the entire camp personnel visited the school swimming pool for a moonlight swim which was enjoyed by all.

From the time at start of camp the weather has been good with much sunshine. After the swim & a supper of bread, cheese & biscuits, lights out was at 11:15pm

The first patrol (Owls) awakened at 4:30am & the entire camp was roused by 6am. All Scouts had a swim at 6:30am & it promises another fine day. Skip left for work and we had sausages and fried bread for breakfast. After breakfast we tidied up the camp site. We had a good dinner of stewed beef, potatoes. Cooky had to go to Holt and get several drinks. Skip came back at 2 o'clock and we all went down to the swimming pool for the afternoon. Skip enjoyed himself with two young ladies, we came back from the swimming pool about 6 pm, had bread & butter and from then we prepared for the camp fire. Mrs marsh and another scout master and his young lady <sup>(visited)</sup> after the camp fire we had supper and went to bed.

Sunday 15.8.'54. we got up at 8:30am; we had sausages, bacon and fried bread. After we had breakfast we went down to the swimming pool. We came back about 2:30pm. we didn't have much dinner only biscuits and cake. At 3pm the Rector and Major Howard and his wife and children came for a Scout's Own. After the service, the Cubs came and we played football. We had chops, fried potatoes, cheese and cake for tea. After tea we went for a swim; we came back about 6:30pm. At about 9. O'clock we had supper and went to bed.

Monday 16.8.54 – Got up at 7:30 had cornflakes & chops for breakfast. Skip went to work at 7:45. We went exploring and plate bashing. I lost my plate. We ate up all the fruit and cake for dinner. After dinner we washed up and began to take the tents down. It thundered but no rain yet. It began to rain at 3:30pm. we got everything on the trailer. We played about till Major Howard came and then we went home.

Russel Horne (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## Court of Honour 22/7/55

Present – S.M, A.S.M, P.L R. Cooke; 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Horne; acting 2<sup>nd</sup> I. Skipp; T.L.

A Troop Garden is now available behind the chapel hall. Monday night was suggested and agreed upon.

Patrol Camps at GSW between 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. the Owls the first W/E and Foxes 2<sup>nd</sup> W/E. the Seniors will camp during the week.

## Camp Log of Patrol Camp – Gresham School Woods

August 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 1955

### Owl Patrol

At 6:30pm we left with all the kit and ourselves with the use of Baker's and Woodrow's trolley we arrived at the camp site at about 7:30pm

Then we put up the ridge tents and after that we put up the bell tent which was called the store. At 9pm we went for a swim and we came back at 9:30pm, had supper and went to bed.

Woke up at 5:30am got breakfast at 6am, washed up at 6:30. Most of the gang went to work; Woodrow & Hordo got dinner and washed up, collected wood and made fire at 4pm for tea. After tea we washed up and had inspection, after that we went for a swim. Came back at 8:30pm. after that we made beds and had supper and went to bed.

Woke up at 7:30 and got breakfast and went for a swim. After that we went to church and started dinner about 10:30. After dinner some went fishing with Mike hoping to catch fish for tea. After tea we went for a swim, came back had supper and went to bed. In the morning we laid in till about 7:30. We got up and washed. After we had a wash we had breakfast and washed up the breakfast things, had prayers and went home.

## W/End Camp – Glandford – July 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 1954

### PL's and Seconds Camp Meeting.

At the meeting was T.L. Allison, P.L. Coleman, Seconds G. Wright & C. Cooper; P.L. Payne, R. Cooks & C. Brown; the S.M. & A.S.M.

It was agreed it would be by trek-cart. We will leave at 2;30pm

Camp activities; No1. Swimming, No 2. Cooking.

### List of things on trek-cart: -

1 – bell tent	3 Rover hike tents	3 latrine screens	Football
2 mallets	27 tent pegs	2 axes	Skipper's tent
2 patrol flags	3 hanks of rope	2 buckets	2 tea cloths
1 billy can nest	1 frying pan	Little willie	9 staves
1 dishcloth	2 scrub brushes	2 mops	5 mugs
6 plates	3 ground sheets	1 brown jug	3 sleeping bags
2 small billies	First aid kit	Union Flag	1 spade

### Shopping list

1lb bacon	½ Stone potatoes	1 ½lb sugar	¼lb tea
¼ lb lard	Box Brillo Pads	1lb marge'	2lb mixed biscuits
1lb Candles	1 large Kellogs	cake	1 tin beans
1 tin peas	4 loaves	Milk	2lb sausages

### Camp Fees

Skipper	2/6
Rikki	2/6
Titch	2/6
B. Payne	2/6
R. Coleman	2/6
R. Cooke	2/6
G. Wright	2/6
J. Gray	2/6
R. Gilbert	2/6
C. Cooper	2/6

Total Income £1-5/-

### Menu

Sat –	Tea – Bread, Jam, Cake, Tea
	Supper – Cocoa, Biscuits
Sun –	Breakfast – Cornflakes, Bacon, Egg Omelette etc.
	Dinner – Sausages, Potatoes, Beans & Peas
	Cake & Custard
	Tea – Bread & Jam etc.

## Camp Log July 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 1954

### Glandford

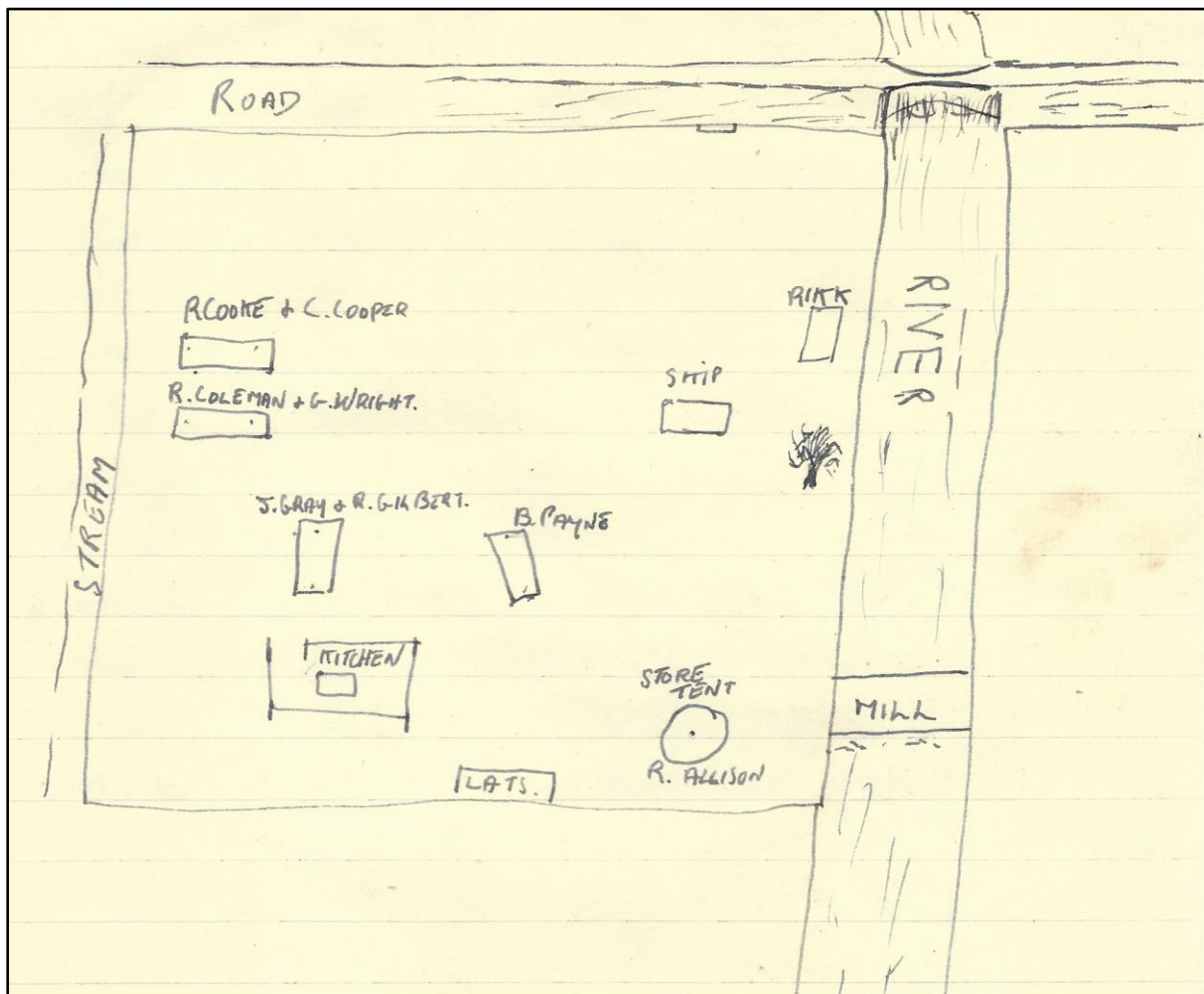
Log kept by B. Payne P.L.

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

We left H.Q. at 3pm. we started off with a cracked trek-cart, so we had to have tent poles to support. When going down Letheringsett Hill a lorry from Leicester passed us with Girl Guides in, everybody turned round, so the cart went careering off into the hedge. When recovered we saw a lorry from Cambridge full of Scouts. We turned the corner to Letheringsett Lake and stopped for a rest. A long stretch up to Bayfield Brecks was done with a strain (the stave broke).

When we arrived at Glandford at 5pm, we pitched camp with six ridge tents and one bell tent. Some of the boys changed into their swimming trunks and went in for a swim. The others chopped branches from a dead tree. Tea was made and we had bread and jam or marmalade and biscuits. After tea everybody went walking down the river to an old weeping willow tree. Some returned early and were getting the fire ready, when the others returned we had supper of popcorn and cocoa. Then everybody went to bed tired.

#### Camp Lay-out.



## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Roger Cooke and Clive Cooper were first up at 5pm. it was raining badly for a while. Afterwards they lit a fire after a little trouble. The others soon began to rise and were quickly doing jobs, fetching milk etc. Soon we had breakfast of cornflakes, bacon and egg omelette. Then everybody went to wash their plates in the river. After breakfast it was a washout, the rain was pelting down. It eased a bit and the S.M, ASM, TL and a PL went to the Bluebell at Wiveton for drinks.

The others stayed behind and cooked dinner on a primus stove in a horse shed. Everybody enjoyed a dinner of potatoes, sausages, beans and peas. Still raining. It was decided it would be better to go home early in Woodrow's lorry. So after dinner Rikki and Titch went with Mrs Steadman to Holt to fetch the lorry. While waiting, R. Cooke tied a piece of rope to a billy-can and threw it in the river and caught small eels. We arrived home in the rain about 3:30pm.

Bryan Payne.