



CLUB REPORTS

Victoria Rooms,
Bristol. 8.

As well as Rally preparations, the club has had a full programme recently. A new venture was the Scouts' and Guides' Own, held in Wills' Hall Chapel, with tea in Hall afterwards. The annual dinner and reunion weekend was most successful; the efforts of the cooks in a Scout hall in Clifton were very commendable. A cold hike took place on the Sunday after service. A party visited the University Op. Soc.'s production of "La Vie Parisienne".

This year's Rag day had Cannibalism as its theme, with grass skirted Rovers and Guides distributing sausages cooked on the dray en route. Wilf Hobday, bound and gagged, wore a suitable expression of agony as "the next victim". Easter camp will, we hope, be as enjoyable as usual, and a forerunner of things to come at Youlbury.

SHEILA MANT.

S. and G.C. and
Rover Crew,
Cambridge.

During this academic year we have once again been very active. The highlights of the club's programme have been visits from the Chief Guide and Mr. Basil Henriques (now Sir Basil) in the Michaelmas term, and from Robin Gold and Mrs Addis (Cub Commissioner) this term. In a lighter vein we spent a most enjoyable weekend at Oxford at Hallowe'en, and we are looking forward to a weekend when we in Cambridge are to be the hosts in the near future. Other activities such as games and social evenings and a weekly club lunch, where we all congregate to feed at one of Cambridge's many eating places, have all proved to us that we are still keeping up the ideals of our brotherhood (and sisterhood).

The Rover Crew is also still thriving. After a night wide game (with "real stuff" to be smuggled) the Crew settled down to a couple of sessional meetings last term, and ended 1954 with the usual training weekend at Gilwell. This term the Crew is trying to organise itself into a more active body, and trying to formulate a more active programme based on both training and service.

PETER ALLAT.

The University,
Leeds.

Club activities this term have had an accent on the out-of doors. Two hikes have been held, both of which were reasonably supported. An enjoyable Youth Hostel weekend was held in the midst of the snow, when members walked from Ilkley to Linton and on to Skipton. Part of their triumph over the weather was the successful crossing of Beansley Beacon in a howling gale.

Indoor meetings have again centered around the club theme for this session - "International Scouting and Guiding", while Country dancing has again proved popular. A very successful New Year party for children attending a special school was organised. Following this, the Headmaster of the school came to a club meeting and gave an interesting and informative talk on "The environment of mentally retarded children".

It has been noticed again this term that male support in the club is predominantly from the scientific and technological side of the University; perhaps Scouting is too 'down to earth' for male Arts students....

DAVID BENNEL.

Guild of Undergraduates,
Liverpool.

Term began in the good old way; there was a 'Christmas' party - organised by freshers, as is the custom. Soon afterwards, the club visited a pantomime at a city theatre, and, entertained by a certain Scottish member, managed to survive the show until its close.

The Rovers followed all this festivity with a working weekend at Bispham Hall, and later they organised a patrol competition for the City Association. Those competing tackled in turn a number of realistic emergencies. The Guides were called in to assist in staging some of the stunts.

Panto week (i.e. rag week) saw everyone busily occupied and a castle, constructed under arctic conditions with much cardboard, whitewash and scaffolding (!) was entered in the procession. A touch of genius was C.R.S. hanging from the gallows. (A touch of genius was C.R.S. - Ed.) Also during this week the club visited Pantopera, the Panto week show.

Weekly meetings have continued throughout, with a number of outside speakers on subjects such as "The work of the Port Authority", "The Liverpool C.I.D.". There have been two discussions on Scouting topics, a club working weekend at a Youth Hostel, (not a Scout site, where Rovers ONLY are received), and a swimming meeting.

SHELAGH ALLEN

Students' Union,
Manchester,

Once again the Lake District was chosen for the location of the New Year hike, and a record number of twenty enjoyed a five days' Youth Hostel trip, in almost ideal weather conditions - about three inches of snow, blue skies and little or no wind. The Langdale and Langstrath valleys were explored, and mountains climbed included Pike o' Blisco, Crinkle Crags, The Bord and Cat Bells.

This term has been occupied with arrangements in preparation for the Lyme Park Rally. We have found time also for a visit to a Police Station and for a talk by Mrs. Armstrong, ex-Editor of "The Guide".

PETER BRADLEY.

King's College,
Newcastle.

Rover Crew - The Crew was formed at the beginning of this term and works in conjunction with the established Scout and Guide Club, all members of the Crew being also members of the Club.

At the inaugural meeting in January six people were present. David Raburn was elected Rover Mate, and a design for the Crew neckerchief was decided. A Headquarters has since been obtained in the College buildings.

Our first activity as a Crew was our attendance at the North-umberland Rovers pot-pie supper, and since then we have visited a local Crew and attended the Durham County Rover Conference. We have now to find an R.S.L. and to plan a programme of service.

MIKE GARBETT.

Scout and Guide Club,
Oxford University.

The Oxford University Scout Group has two main sections, both very active, - a Scout and Guide Club and a Rover Crew. As well as weekly meetings with an invited speaker, we indulge in Country Dancing and hold literary and musical evenings - much more fun than they sound!

In the coming long vac the Rover Crew, with the help of some Guide members, is organising a Scout project on Dartmoor. We have just finished decorating the Den and we are very pleased with the result.

The greatest excitement of the year is our annual Hallow'en Party - games, country dancing and feast - to which we invite members of Scout and Guide Clubs in other Universities; we hope to see many of you next year.

FRANCIS JOHNSON.

The University,
Sheffield.

Rover Crew - This year we have about half a dozen new faces in the Crew, bringing our membership up to twenty-two. During this term we celebrated officially our twenty-first birthday. Our main activities have been a hike over the Derbyshire moors and a talk by a Student Health Service lecturer on Sex. We have also had an informal meeting when we were visited by one of our ex-scribes - now G.S.M. of the Sale Grammar School Group. There has been a debate with a local Crew. At the moment we are training hard in an effort to add the L. A. Cross-country Running Trophy to our collection.

GEORGE HORSFIELD.

The University,
Southampton.

Rover Crew - This year the Crew has a membership of twelve, and with new officers has carried out a fuller programme than in previous years. We had a campfire at the beginning of the Autumn term with the Guide Club, and later a Social evening (with Scottish dancing). We visited Reading Scout and Guide Club for a weekend and entered a tableau depicting Bob-a-job in the Stone Age in our Rag procession.

Help was given in a local Senior troop's night venturer stunt and six members help to run troops and packs either at home or in Southampton; two attended a preliminary Scouter's training Course.

Other activities have included a cycling expedition into the New Forest in mid-autumn, a Christmas party and an overnight hike. This Easter we intend to work for a week at Woodlarks handicapped Scout campsite.

DEREK JACKSON.

University College,
Swansea.

Rover Crew. The Crew - now strengthened to eighteen - holds regular discussion meetings once a fortnight. A squire's hike using out of date maps, was arranged in the autumn term, and a joint weekend has been held in the Brecon Beacons with Ilanolly and Brecon Rovers.

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