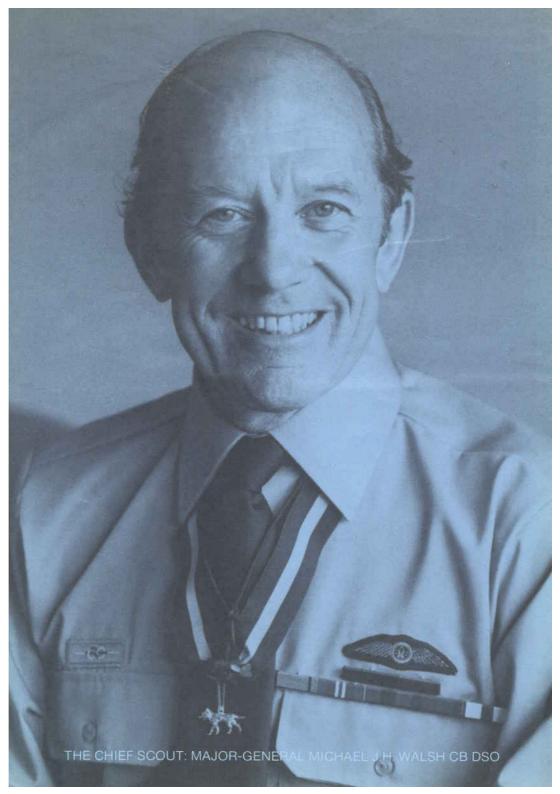
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VISIT OF

THE CHIEF SCOUT

MAJOR-GENERAL MICHAEL J.H. WALSH CB DSO

on the occasion of the

OFFICIAL OPENING

of

THE NEW GROUP HEADQUARTERS
BEAUMONT WAY, HAZLEMERE, BUCKS.

on

Monday 3rd October 1983

Members of the Group

GROUP SCOUT LEADER: - MIKE BOLTON

VENTURE UNIT

V.S.L.: - Brian Banham LEADERS: - Barry Walton, Fiona Evershed, Penny Mercer, Martin Reading

> Liz Allen James Currie-Cathey Gary Hatfield Richard Mann Adrien Pettiford Ann Stenning Lynda Tack Marcus Youers

Alan Baker Heather McCarthey Nicola Sluce Richard Stride Susan Taylor

Paul Brady Andrew Hill Debbie McLeod Clair Standen Michael Summerfield Simon Willmott

SCOUT TROOP

SKIP:- Ken Plummer

LEADERS: - Rob Monk, Mike Hales, Colin Baker, Tim Sparkes

Simon Baker Richard Bishop Garry Cackett Stuart Currie-Cathey Richard Danbury Stephen Hales Damian Hoath Clive Knowles Mark McCartney Frazer Pattenden Mark Saganowski Daniel Woolnough

Robert Barford Neil Bolton Kevin Clapham Joseph Harding Sean Hoath Phillip Lewis David Monk Paul Roskell John Sharples Andrew Yates

Stephen Barnacle Adrian Brady Graham Conlon Jonathan Farmer Adrian Hills Andrew Hunter Richard Lewis Graham Monk Raoul Ruiz-Martinez Peter Wiggins

BEECH CUB PACK

AKELA: - Reg Boughton

LEADERS: - June Haynes

Trevor Allen Keith Burnett Richard Durston Philip Hills Richard Lockey Dale Scarlett Iain Wilkes

Lewis Baker Barry Carpenter Lee Hartley Simon Hudd Scott Macaulay Richard Taylor Mark Wilson

Colin Besley Gregory Conlon Andrew Hartley Stephen Knock Vernon Righelato Mark Vosper

ROWAN CUB PACK

AKELA: - Grace Hill

LEADERS: - Sheila Stallwood, Christine Howarth, Chris Englefield, Mike Mumford

Jason Allen Nicholas Bolton Gary Comber Simon Humphrey Andrew Pratt Robert Schwarz Matthew Walters

Mark Baker Kevin Brady James Elliott Paul Knowles David Ridgley Jonathan Simons Mark Wingate

Sean Banning Mark Channer Ross Holmes Oliver Parsons Simon Scarfe Peter Van Malland

BEAVER COLONY

LEADERS: - Sue Knowles, Phil Knowles, Dawn Childs, Sue Elliott

Robert Baker Paul Clarke Jeremy Ellerd-Styles Matthew Hughes Daniel Lockey Andrew Patch Robert Steiner Jeremy Wickremer

Simon Baker Simon Comber Nicholas Mace James Ridgley Paul Strudwick Andrew Wingate

Benjamin Childs Stephen Dell John Johnson Paul McLaren Neil Schwarz Ben White

Order of Proceedings

6.45 p.m.

The Chief Scout arrives at the Group Headquarters and is received by the County Commissioner (Wing Commander David Way).

The County Commissioner will present to the Chief Scout, the Group Scout Leader (Michael Bolton).

The Group Scout Leader will present:-

The Venture Unit and Leaders
The Scout Troop and Leaders
The Beech Cub Pack and Leaders
The Rowan Cub Pack and Leaders
The Beaver Colony and Leaders

The Group Scout Leader will escort the Chief Scout to the main entrance of the Headquarters and present:-

The District Commissioner (John Wood)
The A.D.C. Cub Scouts (Jean Currie-Cathey)
The A.D.C. Leader Training (Peter Currie-Cathey)
The Group Executive Chairman (John Youers)
The Group Executive Treasurer (John Pratt)
The Group Executive Secretary (Mary Conlon)

The Chairman of the Group Executive Committee will invite the Chief Scout to formally open the Group Headquarters.

The Chief Scout will be escorted to the Group Den where he will be invited to sign the Group Record Book whilst Section members and guests assemble in the main hall.

The Group Scout Leader will escort the Chief Scout to the main hall and welcome him to the 11th High Wycombe Scout Group.

The Chief Scout will reply.

The Group Scout Leader will invite the Chief Scout to unveil a plaque to commemorate the opening.

At the conclusion of the proceedings all members of the Group together with parents and guests are invited to join the Chief Scout at a Camp Fire to be led by the Assisstant Scout Leader (Mike Hales)

The band of the Vale of Aylesbury Sea Scouts will play during the ceremony by kind permission of their Group Scout Leader (Doug Inkley)

The Group Headquarters

The new Headquarters of the 11th High Wycombe (Hazlemere) Scout Group is located in Beaumont Way close to Hazlemere Cross Roads. The building is situated in attractive parkland, the area itself being designated as within the Chilterns area of outstanding natural beauty.

Prior to the second World War the land on which the hall is built formed part of the grounds of Hazlemere Lodge, the home for many years of the Leadbetter family who were famous for the many rare breeds of wild animals kept in the grounds of the Lodge.

During the war years the land surrounding the Lodge was extensively developed as a training camp for many thousands of soldiers.

After the war the Lodge building was demolished to make way for houses, the only remaining relic of the Leadbetter era being the old barn which, whilst currently requiring some attention, is still a good example of the style and quality of buildings of that age.

The new Scout Headquarters is designed to give a "barn" like appearance with a steeply pitched roof and part hipped ends, which gives a most pleasing effect. The building is of brick and block construction with a tiled roof blending well with the surrounding open fields and measures some two hundred square metres in size, of which over half is taken up by the main activities hall. Also within the building is the Quartermaster's stores, leaders den, kitchen and toilets. Heating of the activities hall is by electric fan heaters and lighting is regulated by a modern control system. The kitchen contains a cooker, refrigerator, water heater, cupboards and work surfaces which can be used for the preparation of a wide range of meals. As the building is located on a sloping site it was constructed to give a large underfloor storage area and will obviously be very useful to meet the demands of a large and active Group.

The design and construction of the building was decided by the Group Executive, and whilst some construction works were undertaken by skilled craftsmen e.g. bricklayers and carpenters, a good deal of the work was carried out by parents and friends of the group.

The total value of the headquarters is estimated at £60,000 although the actual cost was £23,000. Over half of the cost was raised by the Group in fund raising efforts and the remainder came from donations and grants made by the Department of Education, Bucks County Council, local Parish Councils, local Tradesmen and parents and friends of the Group.

The Group would like to express sincere thanks to all those involved.

