

JORDAN'S CLOSE.

THE PROPERTY OF BEDFORD
(NORTH) DISTRICT SCOUT
COUNCIL.

Jordan's Close

Almost since the advent of Scouting in Bedford, and certainly as far back as Local Association Records go, had been the realisation that the Bedford District needed its own Camping Ground. Several times in its long history efforts had been made to raise funds to this end, but always - it appeared - circumstances arose to frustrate the plans. The L. A. Camping Ground always seemed a dream of the past - or for the future generations - but never for the present.

When, therefore, in the early part of 1967, towards the end of the old Local Association, came the offer by Miss Dorothy Seward, of a two-acre field at Great Barford for the purpose of Camping and Training, it was gratefully accepted by the Executive Committee on 7th June 1967.

But here came the biggest snag of all - the Local Association was at the point of dissolution.

However, it was decided to hand it over to the newly constituted Bedford North District for administration. As good a decision as ever was made - as results disclose.

'JORDANS CLOSE'
Bedford (North) District Scout Activity Centre

OFFICIAL OPENING - Saturday 22nd May 1971

PROGRAMME

- 2.30 Scouts and Cub Sixers Assemble - JORDANS CLOSE
2.40 Parade moves off to Great Barford Parish Church
3.00 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise
Conducted by : Rev Frank Warrs, Vicar of Great Barford
Address by : Rev Christopher Hanel Cooke, District Padre
3.35 Troops return to JORDANS CLOSE
3.50 Flag Break and Blessing
3.55 Introduction : Mrs A N Polhill
Opening : Miss D M Seward
Thanks : A Scout
4.10 Presentation of Awards by District Commissioner
4.30 Visits to Static Displays given by Scout Troops
5.30 (approx) Tea time
6.10 Displays and Competitive Games by Scouts in the Arena
7.20 Flag Down
7.45 Camp Fire - Folk Sing-a-long
9.00 (approx) - GOOD NIGHT

The District Scout Council would like to thank all those who in any way have contributed to the success of this venture. In particular our thanks are due to :-

Miss D M Seward for the splendid gift of 'JORDANS CLOSE'

Mr A N Polhill for financial help building the HQ.

The Development Committee for their planning and hard work.

On behalf of the many many scouts and cub scouts who will have the pleasure of the use of 'JORDANS CLOSE' in the years to come.
To all who have, helped, or are still going to help..

THANK YOU !



Miss Seward



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OPENING DAY

The Parade moves off to Church



The Opening Ceremony

H. W. The Mayor -
Ron Whittingham.



The Opening Ceremony

The District Chaplain - Rev. C. Hamel-Cooke



The Opening Ceremony

JOHN ROBERTS. The D.C. makes presentation to Miss D.M. Seward.
REV FRANK WARMES. TEAN GILBERT BANGER LECKIE. JOHN SLACK.
REV CHRISTOPHER HAMEL COOKE. DON MACLEOD
MARC POLHILL



Mrs F. Warmes Rev C. Hamel-Cooke Mrs Baty Miss D. Seward
Mr M. Smith Rev F. Warmes D.C.

The Opening Ceremony



Scout Activities (The old Boat Creek, used years ago
for repairing barges.)



Caving Activity

DAVID GREEN



Goldington Troop

"Twists"



Cooking.

~ Great Barford Troop

DAVID WHITE.



Tent Pitching.



The Mayor, Fred Smith (District Chairman)
and Venture Scouts



Venture Scouts - The river before lock was rebuilt



The Camp Fire - David Bacon Leader



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