

At one time the District (N.W.2) bounded by Bromham Road, Shakespeare Road, Clapham Road and the 'Black Tom' area housed several Groups. Unfortunately there is now only one Cub Pack operating in the whole district. Actually the 1st.Beds: had their beginning in this district. Its history briefly is :-

6th.Beds: (Holy Trinity) Sponsored Group (Church of England) was first registered in 1930 as 105th.Beds: (Reg:11459) 10th.June. A former 18th.Beds: T.L (Frank Monteith Greaves) acting as G.S.M. They met in Roise Street Schoolroom.

This 'Registration' closed in 1931 and the entire membership was transferred to the 11th.Beds:

The Group was re-opened - as 6th.Beds: (Reg:23630) in 1944 as a Troop and Rover Crew (by a Scouter in H.M. Forces - Mr.Wainwright) again meeting in Roise Street Schoolroom. When Mr.Wainwright left Bedford A.S.M. Charles Danes (and the District Rover Crew) kept things going until 1947. When the Troop was again disbanded.

The Group was again re-registered (Reg:29192) 14/7/51 as a Troop and Pack, by Mr.John Wilcox and Miss Thelma Wright. The earlier meetings were held in Roise Street Schoolroom but later their H.Q was transferred to the Crypt beneath Holy Trinity Church. Mr.G.L.Hawker took over as G.S.M. and the Group progressed well, at one time having a flourishing Senior Scout Troop.

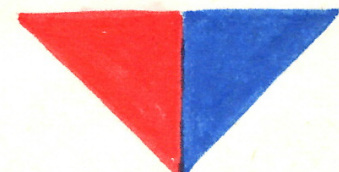
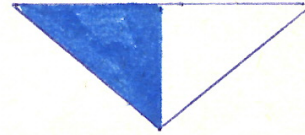
In the late 1950s, however, much of the Roise Street area was re-developed and as this was apparently the main 'recruiting' ground membership gradually dropped off and the Group was disbanded during 1963-64.

14th.Beds: (Rushmoor School) Sponsored Group; meeting on the School premises. Troop registered 8/10/25 (14240) Pack (8067) on same date. As a Group (4959) 1928. (One of the 'originals') Disbanded in 1948.

Re-registered (26877) in 1949  
Dissolved in 1953.

19th.Beds: (St.Martins) - 'The Martins' - Church of England Sponsored Group.

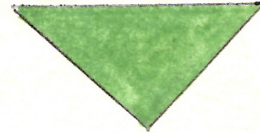
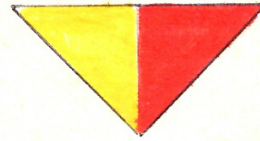
Headquarters - St.Martin's Hall, Clapham Road. Troop registered -18/9/24 (13042) S.M."Bill" Berrall. Cub Pack (8882) 30/9/26. Originally registered as 'Controlled' but re-registered as 'Open' in 1925. Registered as 'Group' in 1928 (4962) (Another one of the original 'Groups') Disbanded in 1933. (Members absorbed by 27th.Beds)





In 1937 another 'Controlled' Troop was started by Rev: E. J. Bennett (Reg:18626). This seemed a complete break from the previous one and a 'new' scarf was used (with khaki uniform). A Wolf Cub Pack was eventually added. These were times of 'change' - preceeding World-War II - and during the war the Troop disbanded. The Pack, however, continued to function (Mainly due to the efforts of the D.C.M. Miss M. Furlong). They reverted to the original 'scarf',\* possibly because green was one of the few 'standardised' colours obtainable at the time.

A Troop was re-registered in 1958 and continued (in the North District) until the dissolution of the Division. The Group, however, was disbanded soon afterwards.



27th.Beds: (St.Peter's Own) Church of England Sponsored Group. Started in 1926 by Mr. R. W. Lee Bedford (Registered - No.15060 - 8/6/26. - Troop) A Wolf Cub Pack was added in 1927 (Reg: 9731 - 27/9/27) by Misses - Ford, Brownsell and Footter.

The Troop made a great start and produced its own Troop (and Local Association) Magazine. This continued for about 2 years.

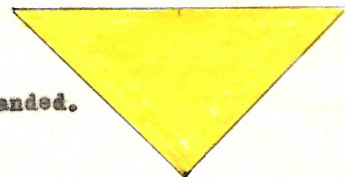
St.Peter's was registered as a 'Group' in 1928 (Reg: 4963) - one of the 'originals'.

Mr. Bedford was the first G.S.M. but when he left the District Miss Frodsham took over, being probably the first Lady in this District to do so. At one time it was considered tradition for St.Peter's to have at least one Lady Scoutmaster. A tradition so ably kept up in more recent years by Misses M. and H. Cottam. Group headquarters was St.Peter's Hall but the Group operated mostly in the area north of Tavistock Street.

At one period, during the Industrial slump - ,when most Groups were 'struggling' - St.Peter's had a flourishing Rover Scout Crew (R.S.L Mr. Sheffield) but strangely enough after the slump - 1935 - the Group disbanded.

It was re-registered during the war (Reg:23177) and, although never attaining its former glory, continued until just after the dissolution of the Division.

29th.Beds: (Training College School) Sponsored Group, which met on the School premises (14, The Crescent). This was a Cub Pack only, run by Trainee Teachers, first registered (18471) 4/6/28, and later the same year as a Group (4964). Quite an active Pack, continuing until 1949, when it was disbanded.



\* The original scarf was BLUE with GREEN jersey.



29th.Beds: (St.Loyes) Open Group (Cub Pack). Reg:32532. Registered 15th. April 1956. (C.M. Miss M. Furlong.) Meeting originally at Clapham Road School - a 'break-off' group from 19th.Beds:(The latter being a 'ceased' or Sponsored Group). For some years the Pack was just known as 'the 29th;' and not until comparatively recently was the name 'St.Loyes' added. Present headquarters - St. Peter's Moravian Hall.

The Pack has done exceptionally well in competitions and at present is the sole remaining representative of the (suggested) North-west Division.

60th.Beds: (Bromham Road Wesleyan) Sponsored (Wesleyan or - later - Methodist) Group. Troop (REG:13165) and Pack (7366) Registered 27/11/24 i/c S.M. George Westcombe and C.M. Miss Doris Hands respectively. Headquarters - Bromham Road Wesleyan Hall. Registered as Group (4968) in 1928

Group disbanded in 1929 (membership transferred to 94th.Beds:(St.Paul's Wesleyan)).

Re-registered in 1936 (17156) S.M. George Booth. Disbanded 1938.

96th.Beds: (Chandos Street Mission) Troop registered (9798) in 1922. Apart from the registration very little is known of the Troop. Disbanded during 1923.