



STOKE-ON-TRENT AND NEWCASTLE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION  
KIBBLESTONE CAMP AND RONALD COPELAND TRAINING CENTRE

# INVITATION

TO THE OPENING OF THE

# CUB LAIR

BY

**R. SPENCER C. COPELAND, ESQ., M.A.**  
(President of the Stoke Division Scouts)

SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1966, at 3 p.m.

# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

GRAND HOWL	by the Cubs, under the leadership of Mr. J. P. Morrey, Assistant County Commissioner for Cubs.
WELCOME	by the Chairman, Mr. J. S. Marshall, M.B.E., T.D., D.L.
SONG	by the Cub Singers.
THE OPENING	by Mr. R. Spencer C. Copeland, M.A.
PRESENTATIONS	by Mr. Herbert Harvey and the Cubs.
HYMN	by the Cub Singers.
PRAYER	by the Camp Chaplain the Rev. J. M. V. Drummond, Vicar of Oulton. Mr. Copeland then opens the Lair Door after which the building is open for inspection by guests and visitors.

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## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE SCOUTS

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County Commissioner	FRANCIS W. BOSSON

## STOKE-ON-TRENT AND NEWCASTLE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

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## KIBBLESTONE CAMP

Chairman of Camp Committee	HERBERT HARVEY
Camp Commissioners	ARNOLD R. EDGE, M.A., ARTHUR STEVENSON, C. MARSHALL AMOR, J.P.
Camp Warden	DONALD N. ROWE



- 1927 Easter. First tent pitched. Four campers. Patrol Leaders' Training Camps.
- 1928 First Wood Badge Course.
- 1931 Copeland Cabin erected by small contributions from all ranks as a tribute to Mr. Ronald Copeland.  
Special camp for workless lads and Ellesmere College boys.
- 1932 Rover Den erected.
- 1935 New Camp Fire Hollow made in woods to mark the Jubilee of King George Vth.
- 1936 Visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.  
Boys' Camping Field opened. Locker Block and Ablutions Block erected.
- 1937 Rover Den enlargement and improvements completed.  
Opening of the Swimming Bath, the gift of Mrs. A. J. and Mr. W. Tellwright, to mark the Coronation of King George VIth.
- 1939 Visit of Rover Scouts of nine different Countries for one week after World Rover Moot held in Scotland.
- 1940 First Kibblestone Camp colour film made by Mr. John Martin.
- 1941 Gilwell Scout and Cub Wood Badge Courses held on site. Gilwell being in military occupation. Visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Somers.
- 1946 Visit of Arnhem Scouts.
- 1947 Midland Counties Rover Moot.
- 1949 Visit of Paris Troop.
- 1950 Visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan.
- 1951 Beech Field (former Training Ground) planted with line of 24 different trees. Open-Air Chapel, the gift of the Rotary Club of Stoke-on-Trent, dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield.
- 1952 Gift of silver chalice and paten for Chapel from the Rotary Club of Stone. Silver Jubilee Camp. Inter-Varsity Rover Ranger Camp.
- 1953 Coronation Camp. 21 Special Trees planted.
- 1954 Kibblestone Hall demolished.
- 1955 Start of development of Kibblestone Hall Grounds and outbuildings for Training purposes. Jubilee Drive Locker Block erected. Totem Pole from Canadian Jamboree erected.
- 1956 Garden Fete. First Preliminary Training Course for Scouters in Hall Training Ground. Lyme Bridge constructed. Electricity brought to the Camp—gift of the Ladies' Committee of the Association.  
Dale shelter erected by Normacot Old Scouts in memory of Mr. A. G. Dale.
- 1957 Scouting's Jubilee Year and Centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell. Opening of the new Jubilee Drive gates, the gift of the Rotary Club of Longton. First Wood Badge Course held in Hall Training Ground.
- 1958 Improvement of Training Ground facilities and buildings.
- 1959 Second Garden Fete.
- 1960 All the Camp and Training Ground lands, plus Wetmore Mill, acquired as a Memorial to the late Ronald Copeland, Esq., C.B.E., D.L., J.P.  
Chalet erected—Ronald Copeland Training Centre.
- 1961 Naming of Beech Field in memory of Horace Victor Beech, J.P.  
Appointment of full-time resident Bailiff.  
First experimental Courses for Duke of Edinburgh's Award Candidates—in collaboration with the Stoke-on-Trent Education Authorities.
- 1962 Ronald Copeland Training Centre buildings and facilities improved.  
Extension of mid-week Residential Course Scheme . . . Winter and Summer. County Senior Scout Rally.
- 1963 Visit of Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean, Bt., H.M.L., J.P., who re-opened the Copeland Cabin after improvements paid for by the Association Ladies' Committee.
- 1964 "The Breeze Lands" (11 acres) presented by Eric M. Breeze to celebrate the 100th Birthday of his Mother, Mary Hannah Breeze.
- 1964 Improvements and additions (the gift of Mr. Herbert Harvey) to the Rover Den.
- 1965 The Fox Glen Shelter given in memory of their Father by the four children of the late Albert S. Fox.
- 1966 Cub Jubilee Year. Opening of the Cub Lair.

As will be seen by the photograph, the Cub Lair is a large and attractive building with a very beautiful natural setting and outlook.

It stands on the edge of the BREEZE LANDS which were given by Mr. Eric Breeze in 1964 to celebrate the 100th birthday of his mother, who was present at the handing-over ceremony and who visited the Camps recently as July of this year on the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

1966 is Cub Jubilee Year. The erection of the CUB LAIR marks the culmination of 12 months of special celebrations and events organised by the very virile Cub Section of the Scout Movement.

The idea of a special building at Kibblestone came from the Leaders of Cubbing in the City and Newcastle. Starting in March, 1963, and working through their own Committee, with Mr. Cyril Harvey as Chairman, they undertook to raise the first £1,000. This they did within two years.

The Association then promised £500 from the Scout Shop profits and £500 from "Screamline" profits. At the same time it was decided to launch an Appeal, to former members of the Movement, and to friends, for £1,500. The Appeal went out in March, 1966.

Mr. Eric Breeze then offered a gift of £1,500 provided the Appeal target was reached by 31st May, 1966. By 6.00. p.m. on that date a total of £1,512 had been received so Mr. Breeze's magnificent challenge gift was won.



This meant that the cost of Phase One (£3,500) was covered and a start could be made on Phase Two (£1,500) which includes the lighting, heating, toilets, showers, undercroft, water supplies and drains, etc.

When Phase Two is completed the third and final Phase will be tackled. This will include kitchen and dining facilities, ladies' toilet block, and equipment and furnishing for the whole building,

A local Manufacturer who wishes to remain anonymous has most generously presented 50 dozen pieces of specially badged pottery for the Lair.

Towards the equipment the Ladies Committee of the Association has given £100 and a Veteran Old Scout has given £60 towards the furnishing. Other contributions will be welcome and a list of "wants" is available to anyone interested.

THE CUB LAIR consists of a cedarwood building with a steel framework 50x36 feet, one end of which is being partitioned off to make sleeping rooms, with emergency toilet, for male and female Cub Leaders in charge of boys sleeping in the main room.

For half its width, the main room stands on an Undercroft constructed of steel, brick, stone and concrete.

The construction involved tremendous excavation on a steep slope composed largely of sandstone.

The Undercroft is being developed as a kitchen and dining area, flanked at opposite ends by men's and women's toilet blocks with washing and showering facilities. The men's block has already been constructed and its roof forms a verandah at the West end, complete with rails. The women's block will eventually form a similar verandah at the East end.

In addition to being used for Cub Occasions and Camps, the Lair makes a most valuable addition to Kibblestone's facilities and amenities and will increase the scope of Camp activities and gatherings in the years ahead.

The Cub Lair has been designed by Mr. John Whittaker, a former Rover Scout of the 2nd (Hanley Y.M.C.A.) Group. Mr. Whittaker also designed the Rover Den, the Boys' Field Ablution and Locker Blocks, and the Plunge Pool Shelter.

The cedar building has been made and erected by Davenports of Tunstall.

The Undercroft and foundations and toilet block are by Mr. D. P. Osborn of Tunstall.

The iron rails are by G. W. Shenton, Hanley.

The reconstructed stone blocks are by Smiths Runners, Ltd., Radewell.

Electrical installations by W. P. Adams, Bucknall.

Commemorative plaque carved by Wilfred Burt.

The main site excavation was a very generous contribution by Mr. Roy Beech, Chairman of Stoke Division.

Another excavation job (110 yards of deep drainage trench) was the gift of Mr. Howard Cornes, President of Hanley Division.

Many gifts of electrical fittings have been received through Mr. J. P. Morrey.

Thousands of hours have been given by boys and adults in the Movement in preparing the site and landscaping the setting.

The steelwork is by Meadowside Engineering Company.

Special Note. During the weekend 10/11th September, the area of Kibblestone Camp will be in use for special Father and Son and Scout Family Camps.

Refreshments. After the Opening Ceremony on 10th September, tea, coffee, biscuits, etc will be on sale in the Training Centre Building, and also in the Fox Glen Building.

Car Parking. Parking will be under the supervision of members of the Kibblestone Camp Service Auxiliaries assisted by members of the B.-P. Guild (former Scouts).

The three Parking Areas will be:

1. The Temporary Park on the Longton side of the Camp. by kind permission of Mr. W. H. Peirson.
2. The Car Park close by the Dale Shelter (Off Jubilee Drive).
3. The Temporary Park on the Culton side of the Camp. by kind permission of Mr. A. Ainsworth.

NOTE. Visitors are specially asked not to use the Wetmore Mill entrance to the Camp from the A. 520 LONGTON-STONE Road This is dangerous.

Bulb Planting. Following on the exemple set by members of the Copeland Family in the past, the Cubs will be planting several thousand bulbs on the Breeze Lands, in the vicinity of the Cub Lair before and/or after the Opening Ceremony on 10th September.

The Cub Singers Have been trained by Mrs. Audrey Higginson.

The Photograph of the Lair is by H. K. Bowen.

All communications or queries in connection with the Ceremony and arrangements on 10th September should be addressed to:

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