

Pembrokeshire

In addition to the material assembled by Mike Rowe, and presented in the continuous history of Pembrokeshire, the following information has also come to hand.

In 1956 a Pembroke District Scout Progress camp was held, in which six Pembroke and Pembroke Dock troops took part, and the adjudicators comments make interesting reading. On the whole the Patrol Leaders were adequate, but too many Scouters tried to do too much themselves. Ceremonies such as a flag break and prayers left a good deal to be desired in some cases, although one or two Troops were commended. Cleanliness was good, but there was little imagination displayed in craft work, and uniforms were often incomplete. Church attendance was about 70%, but there was little response to a competition designed to stimulate interest in *The Scout* magazine. Spot tests of Scouting skills produced mixed results, and the standard of camping 'could only be described as fair'. They concluded with the somewhat equivocal observation that the purpose of the camp had been to raise standards, and they hope that would be the result.

Let us not delude ourselves that Scouting was always perfect in the 'good old days'!

In the 1960s *The Pembrokeshire Guardian* ran a regular Scout column, and a typical entry from February 1964 covered the following items of interest. First, all motor cycle and scooter riders were urged to set a good example by wearing crash helmets. It was noted that the 3rd Pembroke Dock had formed a Rover Crew with ten members, and that a forthcoming issue of the BBC programme 'Songs of Praise' would come from Baden Powell House and would feature choirs of Scouts and Guides. One of the Sixth Pembroke Air Scouts was joining the navy, and the Cub Pack had given a party for the residents of the Riverside Hospital. Recent awards and badges were listed, and it was announced that a forthcoming issue of the *Sunday Times* colour supplement would feature the Scout movement in a favourable light. It would be interesting to know what the columnist found to say in other weeks.

In 1967 the Scouts of Pembroke issued what was described as a 'Souvenir Brochure', which consisted mainly of photographs, some of which are reproduced here, but which also contained a 'Diamond Jubilee' exhortation from the District Commissioner, W.W. Robinson, and another from the district Information Officer. Each of the Groups in the District then contributed a short text describing their recent activities, which acted as extended captions to the photographs.