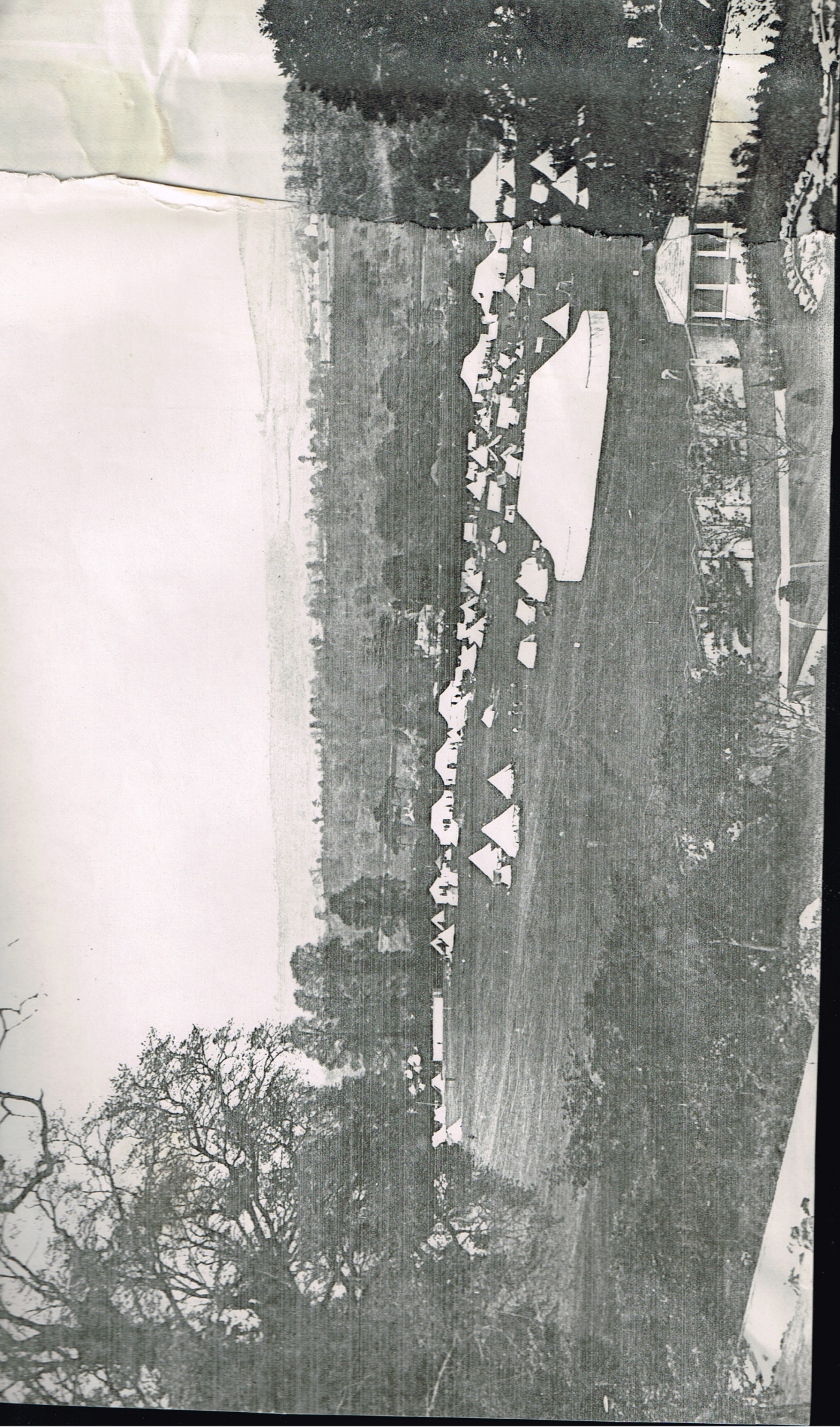






Corston Scout Troup 1928/30

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S/M Webber
Gallantry
award for
lifesaving
at Budleigh
Salterton



Rev Morris Bailey
Scoutmaster



REV MORRIS BAILEY 1932



Sub Camp Green.

A. P. Stanley. D.C.
Bristol.



JAMBOREE
HEADQUARTERS

Fred Bennett
Corston
May 1932

Pictures of a proud West Country jamboree

Scouting heyday

MEMORIES of one of the great events of Bath scouting history are recalled by these pictures of the Corston Jamboree of 1932.

Held over Whitsun in fields near Newton St Loe, the event attracted thousands of scouts, cubs and girl guides from all over the West Country.

It was given added prestige by being attended by the founder of the scout movement, Robert Baden Powell and his wife, Lady Baden Powell.

The Jamboree was catalogued in a dozen albums by Bath photographer Mr Graystone Bird, who used to have a studio in Milson Street. His son, also called Graystone, who now lives at Wokingham in Berkshire, has donated one of the calf-bound, gold-edged albums to Bath Scouts.

Scout archivist Mr Fred Hobbs, of Audley

Avenue, Bath, said, "This is much treasured by us. It brings back happy memories for the people who took part. We think it's a super record of the jamboree."

In a letter to Mr Hobbs, photographer Mr Bird recalls that he was commissioned to cover the event by the late Mr Ronald Wills, a member of the tobacco family and a leader of the Scout movement in the Bath area. Mr Bird was told that money was no object.

"I well remember the pleasant efforts my late father and myself put into the photography. The air photography was a bit tricky, but the pilot obliging by coming in very low at times was helpful. It was a bit hairy."

Mr Bird was responsible for the aerial shots, while his father took the photographs on the ground. "The awful part of the work was the days and days in the darkroom, printing the photographs for 12 albums."

Pictures...

● *Top: The top brass of the Jamboree... Lord and Lady Baden Powell pose for the camera at Temple Court, Corston, now the home of entertainer Leslie Crowther. On the left is James Prior, camp leader, who used to run the old Christopher School, where King Edward's now stands in North Road, Bath. On the right is Robert Wills, a member of the tobacco family, who owned Temple Court.*

● *RIGHT: The view of the Jamboree from the grounds of Temple Court. The camp was on land owned by a Mr Collins.*





The Scouters and Court of Honour
of the All Saints, Corston Troop

have determined to run this

Boy Scout Camp

on the

lines laid down in the Headquarters Publication,

"Camping Standards."

Place of Camp Budleigh Salterton (Dorset)

Dates August 13 - 20th 1934

Signed Thomas J. Purves

Asst. District Commissioner.

Remarks of Visiting Commissioner:

I inspected this Camp with Mr. White one Local Asso. Hon. Secretary and found everything in order. The dinner was being cooked on a good fire. Scouts left in charge being busy & knowing their work evidently. I did not see Mr. Bailey then but was fortunate to meet him the next day. The site for camp a good one.

Signed D.M. Roberts

16/8/34

Asst. D.C. of Budleigh Salterton District

Signatures of all Campers:

George Webber A.S.M.

Eric White

C. Wright. C.O.

Philip Shore.

J. Harrell. Sec.

John Thurston

D. Brown

Richard Holland

