



UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS



A Clan of Junos, the youngest age group of the movement, was formed in 1956, meeting at Hatfeild School, moving to St Martin's in 1957. When the girls were old enough, an Inters Clan was formed, and later Craftsmen for the senior girls. In 1972 five girls were awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Buckingham Palace (*below*).



The 4th Morden Guide Company was founded in 1956, meeting in Hatfeild School. They played their part at St Martin's stone-laying ceremony in May 1956 (*right*), and moved into the new church in March 1957. A Brownie Pack was attached to the 4th Morden, to be joined by a second Pack, the 5th Morden, in 1957 to cater for a further 48 girls.



The Boys' Brigade band regularly led parades around the streets on a Sunday morning on their way to Morden Park Baptist Church, which also has Girls' Brigade



Mr H W Selley, the developer of the Merton Park Estate around Hillcross Avenue, at a Scout fete in 1946 (*above*). In December 1947 he gave the plot of land in Bow Lane where the Scout HQ stands (*below*), because he was 'desirous of making such provision for the benefit of the 12th Morden Scout Group' founded in 1934.



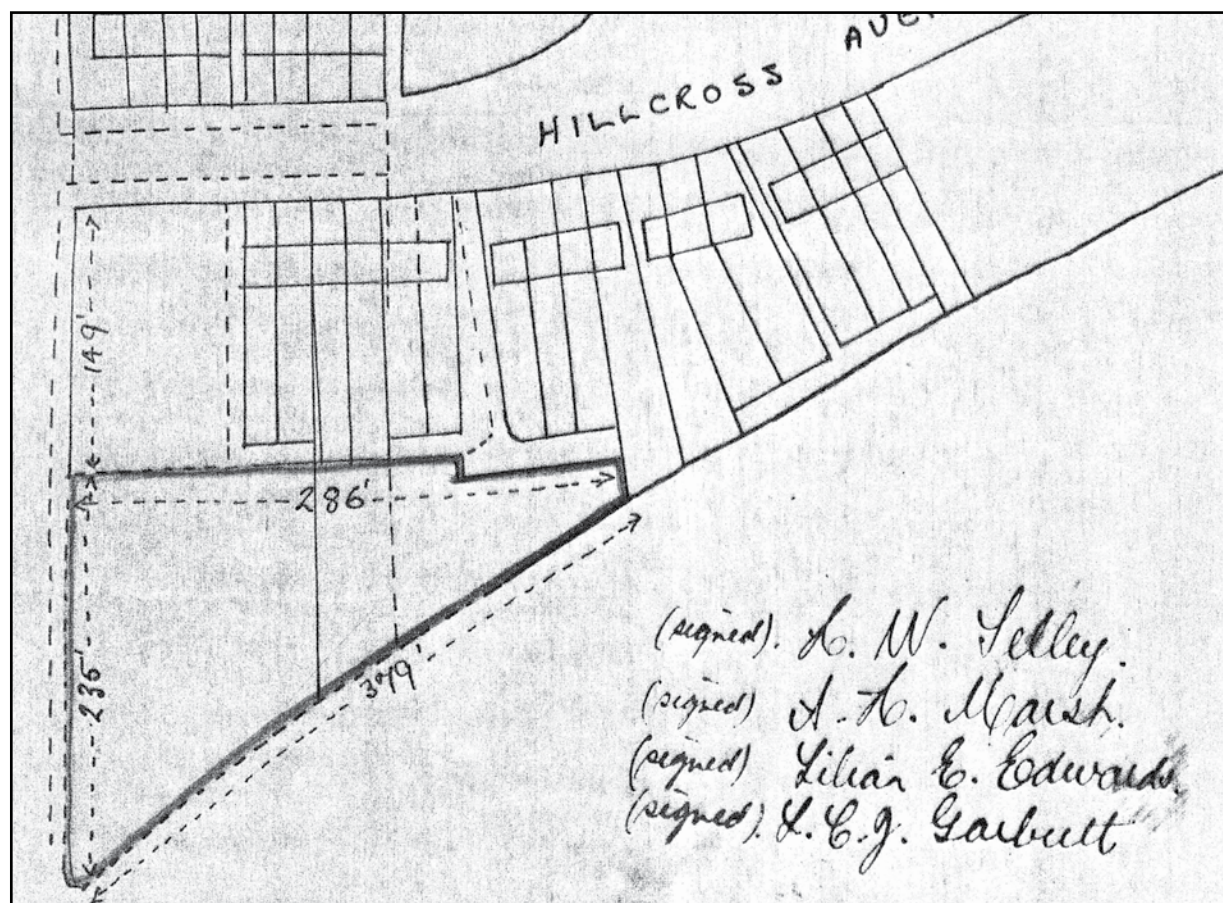
The 17th Morden (Church Army) Scout Troop was launched at St Martin's in 1957 by Dr John Tebboth and John Harding, with an associated Cub Pack. In 1962 Eric Hayward received his warrant as Assistant Scout Master, and in 1964 he became Scout Master. At this time a new trial badge scheme was launched, the highest award being the Chief Scout's Award. 14-year-old Malcolm Wyeth (*below*) became the very first lad to be awarded with it after months of hard work.



With the help of leaders, parents and scouts, work to prepare the site began in 1951 (*top*) and continued through 1955 (*above*), the HQ finally opening in May 1957 (*below*). It merged with 15th Morden in 1967 to form the 4th Morden.



In 1969 a reorganisation of scouting in Morden took place. As a result the 17th Morden left St Martin's and merged with the 13th Morden to form the 7th Morden. In 1970 the 18th Wimbledon (Cannon Hill Lane) merged into the 7th. Then in 2005 the 7th merged with the 4th Morden to become the 1st Lower Morden, with Eric's son Andrew as Group Scout Leader.



The 18th Wimbledon (Cannon Hill Lane) was founded in 1935. They leased a plot of land at 320^B Cannon Hill Lane in 1959, and purchased a former tennis pavilion, from the Westside Tennis Club in Wimbledon (*left*), to serve as their Scout Hut. This was dismantled, refurbished and re-erected by leaders, parents and boys (*right*), and opened in 1960.

