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Setting off for camp in 1911

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Leslie Holmes:"Salford Lads Club has a remarkable tradition that predates the first scout camps set up by Lord Baden Powell. Salford Lads' Club first camp was at Llandulas in 1904 when 173 boys took part."

your comments

Bill Hallwood Sale
Iwas a member of the club from l934-l940 when I joined the RAF. (Iam now 89. We had many teams of football and the highlight of the club was Netball now known on TV as basketball.My highlight was winning a gold and silver medal for netball with the team called SPERO named after trade name of a firm in Ordsall Lane,
Sun Oct 5 18:04:46 2008

Liverpool
I remember them in kings hall disco in 70s
Wed Aug 20 09:06:51 2008

Bill (William) Seddon Swinton (Salford Lads&Girls)
Wishes to be remembered to all people I know since 1951 & still go to the camp (57) in all looking forward to the next one! Very surprised to see Marian Lawson (Milton Keynes) reply with the e-mail! like marian I stayed at my aunty's, I stayed at marians mums house lovely family regards to all,

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long time ago but never forgot! I still go to the club each week & still talk about the good times at Aberystwyth! Hope to see some of you in the future, kind regards.
Thu Jun 26 13:54:21 2008

Marian Lawson Milton Keynes
I remember the Salford lads coming to Aberystwyth every Whitson. I was very friendly with Bill Seddon during the 70's and every year he was the one I kept on seeing, I remember he was a keen Rugby player and at one game he broke a few ribs. I have spent holidays at Salford where he lived with his family - mainly his brother, another big rugby fan and player. His ailing aunty lived in another house on the same street and I stayed with his Aunt and Uncle over the road - they were all terrific people. I have fond memories of Bill - he was a nice person to be with. Being only 16, 17 & 18 at the time I can't remember much about the camp but can remember every body being so friendly and polite. They were fond memories. Naturally I have lost complete touch with Bill and from what I have read I would guess that Steve Seddon is his son.
Mon Jun 9 10:50:58 2008

Steve Seddon, Swinton
As a young lad growing up from the late 70's into the 80's my dad Bill Seddon had been a member of Salford Lads Club fom the age of 13,1951 as he went on the camps he enjoyed so much!,So i went on the camps just like my dad did.My memories of my visits 2 the camp was the 1st thing u would see was the cook house!2nd was the big marquee where every one including the officers would eat there No.3 ws the lads tents itself 6 nx door to each other all white!,acres n acres of land 2 play football,baseball,rugby&other activities that they would have planned for us etc... Also we woul! d have individual tent Vs tents in any sport.We would swimm in the local river@the bottom of the field or take the boat down as well other boys would see how many scimmers they would get my highest is 8!.Also we would have a vistit from the disabled groups n entertain them for a day play with them on the field eat with them cook for them. And then the sat morning one of the tents would get presented with the best tent award the worst would get the wooden spooon!
Mon May 26 21:35:58 2008

Trevor Burchick MBE from Salford
Coming from an industrial city my younger days make me remember how very important camping was, the only type of holiday my family could afford. It kept the family spirt up, gave me and my sisters a safe space to play, developed our family world of respect and we had a great time.
What Wales should be proud about are the unique opportunties they are letting our younger people have by enabling this great camp. It is a tribute to a fantastic community spirit called Salford Lads and Girls Club and we who are involved in skill training, life learning and team leadership will be very aware of all the benefits to mental health, overcome emotional barriers and in how the group camp inspired those taking part of develop their team skills. It is with pleasure I congratulate all those who have made this happen. I raise the way you have made a difference to the lives of thses young people living in Salford City.Your camp is really important in enriching those hidden values of sharing real life.
Fri May 23 15:37:39 2008

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1934 camp at Tan y bwlch

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Leslie Holmes:"The link with Aberystwyth dates back to 1934 when they first camped at Tan y Bwlch at Rhydyfelin. Other sites have included Llanfarian, Capel Bangor and for the last 5 years the club have used the site at Llanbadarn Fawr."

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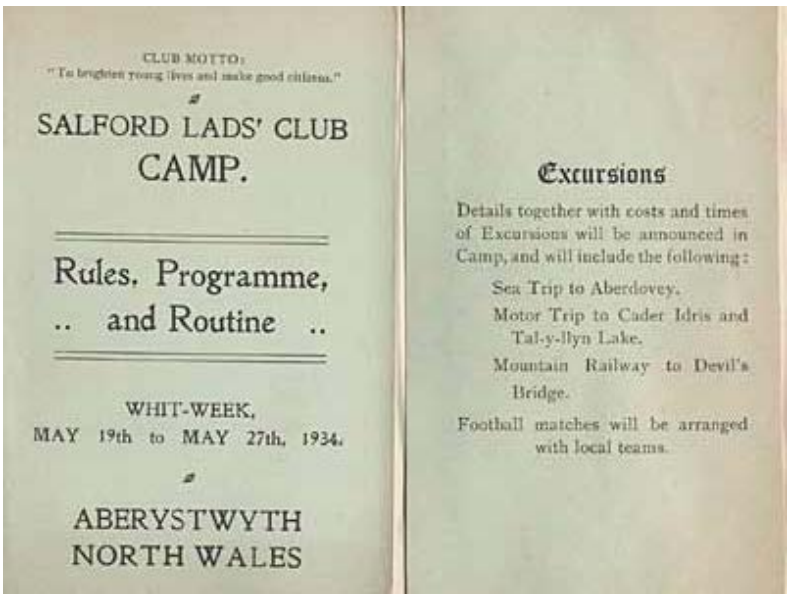

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"To brighten young lives and make good citizens."

SALFORD LADS' CLUB
CAMP.

Rules, Programme,
.. and Routine ..

WHIT-WEEK,
MAY 19th to MAY 27th, 1934.

ABERYSTWYTH
NORTH WALES

Excursions

Details together with costs and times of Excursions will be announced in Camp, and will include the following:

Sea Trip to Aberdovey.

Motor Trip to Cader Idris and Tal-y-llyn Lake.

Mountain Railway to Devil's Bridge.

Football matches will be arranged with local teams.

Camp card 1934

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Leslie Holmes:"The club started camping in North Wales, the Isle of Man and on the Wirral. They also camped in Cheshire, Derbyshire and Bridlington before settling in Aberystwyth."

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1935 camp - folding sheets.

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Leslie Holmes:"Many of the Lancashire Lads' clubs like Bolton, Burnley, Salford and Manchester used the same site at Tan y Bwlch."

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1939 camp

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On a trip to Devil's Bridge in 1950.

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1951 camp.

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Leslie Holmes:"This photograph includes club member Eddie Coleman, one of the Manchester United legends who died in the Munich air disaster in 1958. He also attended camps in Aberystwyth in 1952 and 1954."

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1956 camp.

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Leslie Holmes:"This photograph shows club member Graham Nash of The Hollies and Crosby Stills and Nash pictured second from the left, front row."

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Swimming during 1959 camp.

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1976 camp.

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Loading the lorry for the 1977 camp.

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Peeling potatoes in 1934 and...have a guess what's coming next?

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...that's right, peeling potatoes in 2004..

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Go carting during the 2005 camp.

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Leslie Holmes:"This year up over 30 lads are taking part and 20 adult volunteers. It's a remarkable link with the community in mid Wales and every year many of the friendships that were made many years ago by the adult volunteers are renewed."

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Playing football during the 2006 camp.

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Leslie Holmes:"In an age when many school trips and outdoor pursuits have been reduced by schools and local authority youth services it is remarkable that the volunteers at Salford Lads' Club have continued to offer young people this opportunity."

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