

Dear Mr Roberts

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In Aug 1939, just before the outbreak of World War 2, I was a convent school pupil on holiday in Jersey with my Mother and brother. We were from Newport Mon. (the English County) now known as Gwent South Wales.

We attended the famous Jersey "Battle of Flowers". The Visitors Prize went to a scout group from London. It was a wonderful model of Tower Bridge covered with ferns and green plants. The float pulled by a group of boy scouts.

Last year 2004 was as you know a very special year. I wrote to the "Jersey Evening Post" newspaper to ask the name of the Scout group. I did not receive a reply. To my surprise in August of this year 2005 I received a letter of apology. My letter of 2004 had been put in the wrong file. I was now given the name of the scout group, it was the 20th Lewisham. It lead me to wonder how many of the group lived through that awful war.

At my local library of Sutton Coldfield I was given the address of the Chief Scout Movement in London. After a delay I received a reply. They were very pleased to tell me that the 20th Lewisham was still active. They kindly gave me your name and address. They felt that you and your group would be interested to learn of the historical background of the group of 1939.

Now that I am older and wiser I realise the amount of work that must have gone into the plans for the wonderful model. Then of course came the plans for shipping it to Jersey. The float caused amazement among the on-lookers. I for one will never forget it.

May I wish your group every success in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs K Eaton.