

Further Memories from Arnold "Steve" Stephens

Here are some names of fellow scouts from the late 50s-early 60s period – some of whom do still live in the area I believe.

Paul Leidecker – lived on Greenheys Road (?) off Thurstaston Road down from the Anchor Inn. I did hear some years ago that Paul was still living in Irby but I have no idea if that is correct.

Mike Rogers – his family home was further down Mill Hill Road towards Greasby and he had a number of brothers. Mike married Brenda Burton who's family lived on Irby Road. Mike moved to Neston and I called to see him some years after we had both left Irby but I think he might have moved again because my later attempts to recontact did not work. He lived on Lees Lane, Neston.

Ian Lamb lived on Glenwood Drive and had a sister who married a guy named Geoff (also from the village). I think!

Ian and I shared a 250cc BSA C15 motor cycle ride (my bike) to Luxembourg via Dover, Calais and a long ride through the Ardenne Forest when we were Senior Scouts, along with Peter Morton, Stuart Moore, and others I can't remember - acting as supervisors to about 115 Scouts who were hiking. We would leap frog-them and check them through a check point each day. At one point there were nearly 50 of the scouts in various hospitals along the route with cuts, bruises and bad stomachs from not heeding the warnings about only getting water from accredited village fountains and not from streams and lakes. In the end the water thing put three of us in hospital in Saarburg, Germany when someone (we never found out who it was) filled our water canteens from the local river rather than the village fountain and we came down with gastro-enteritis. Stuart Moore and I shared a hospital room for two days getting over that little hiccup! If you happen to know of Ian's whereabouts I would love to be able to contact him after all these years.

I will be moving to Northern Michigan in the autumn where we have a house on the east end of Crystal Lake, Beulah. My contact email now is sastephens45@gmail.com.

Below is a photo of the Rover crew from 1964. Here's who I can name from left to right:

Captain/Major ???? (Rover Crew Leader – retired Army)

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Peter Morton

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Stuart Moore

John Burton (at end of table facing directly into camera)

Paul Leidecker

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Ian Lamb (leaning forward)

Graham Pemburton

Mike Jeffries (standing)

David Kendrick (smoking pipe)

If anyone can identify others then please let the Group know

