A message From Peter Martin

I was most interested to receive photos sent to me by my daughter, Fiona Whitworth, which showed both my father, Percy Martin, and his brother, Victor Martin. I had never seen these before.

I remember from talking and listening to my grandfather that we had something of a connection with Scouting which goes back over 100 years. I was told that after attending a meeting at the old YMCA in Grange Road at which BP spoke, that my Grandfather attended a camp in Dorset on Brownsea Island. I understand that this may have been in the very early days of Scouting.

I know that both my Father & Uncle were Kings Scouts. One or both of them attended a Jamboree in Belgium, I think that I have the book that was issued to them. They were certainly involved in the Jamboree in Arrowe Park. The war seemed to intersperse. My father was in the Territorial Army based in Harroby Road, Birkenhead. My Uncle was considered to be in a reserved occupation and did his 'bit' at home.

Post war the world had changed and as far as I'm aware, my father took no further part in scouting.

My uncle was involved in the camp site at Overchurch and I do remember attending a swimming gala along with his sons, my cousins Anthony and Michael Martin. My Uncle died I the 60's and my father in the early 80's.

I have no connection with this movement and I, in fact, joined the CLB when I was 11. After a seagoing career I helped to run Sea Cadets both in Lancashire and in London where we now live.

I hope this has filled in a few gaps!