

Gift to the Founder to be preserved

During 1929, the Scout Movement celebrated its 21st birthday by holding a World Jamboree at Arrowe Park near Birkenhead England.

To mark the occasion, Scouts from all over the world were invited to contribute one penny towards a suitable gift to the Founder and Chief Scout Lord Baden-Powell.

At the Jamboree, the President of the Boy Scouts of Denmark presented the Chief Scout with a Rolls Royce Motor car [nicknamed Jam Roll (JR), Jam after *Jamboree* and Roll after *Rolls Royce*], a caravan B-P named "Eccles", after the caravan maker and a portrait of B-P in oils by David Jagger.

A unique feature of the car is the radiator mascot; the traditional



The radiator mascot on Jam Roll

Spirit of Ecstasy was replaced by the Scout fleur-de-lis with the motto "Be Prepared".

Both the car and caravan remained in the family until 1938, when Olave Lady Baden-Powell gave Eccles to Gilwell Park and in August 1945 sold Jam Roll.

Jam Roll has had a number of owners prior to its purchase in 1986 by the recent owners. Thanks to their support, Jam Roll and Eccles were displayed together for the first time in fifty years at Gilwell Park during the Centenary World Jamboree (2007). 'Eccles' has recently been refurbished and is still proudly displayed at Gilwell Park.

In thanking the Scouts for their gift, B-P confessed that in spite of his wife's delicate inquiries; the only thing he required was a new pair of braces.

Unfortunately, it was too late for the braces to be included in the official presentation, but two days later, the omission was made good by the Irish Scouts. When the Chief donned the new braces, he gave an impromptu jig to show his delight.

During 2007, a company (with charity status) named Jam Roll Limited was established with the Hon. Michael Baden-Powell (a grandson of the Founder) among its directors. The aim was to purchase and maintain Jam Roll to benefit Scouts and Girl Guides of the future by keeping alive the legacy left by the Founder thus preserving this important piece of Scouting history in a very practical way.

With the assistance of a loan and some generous donations received from a select group of supporters, the company has now purchased Jam Roll.

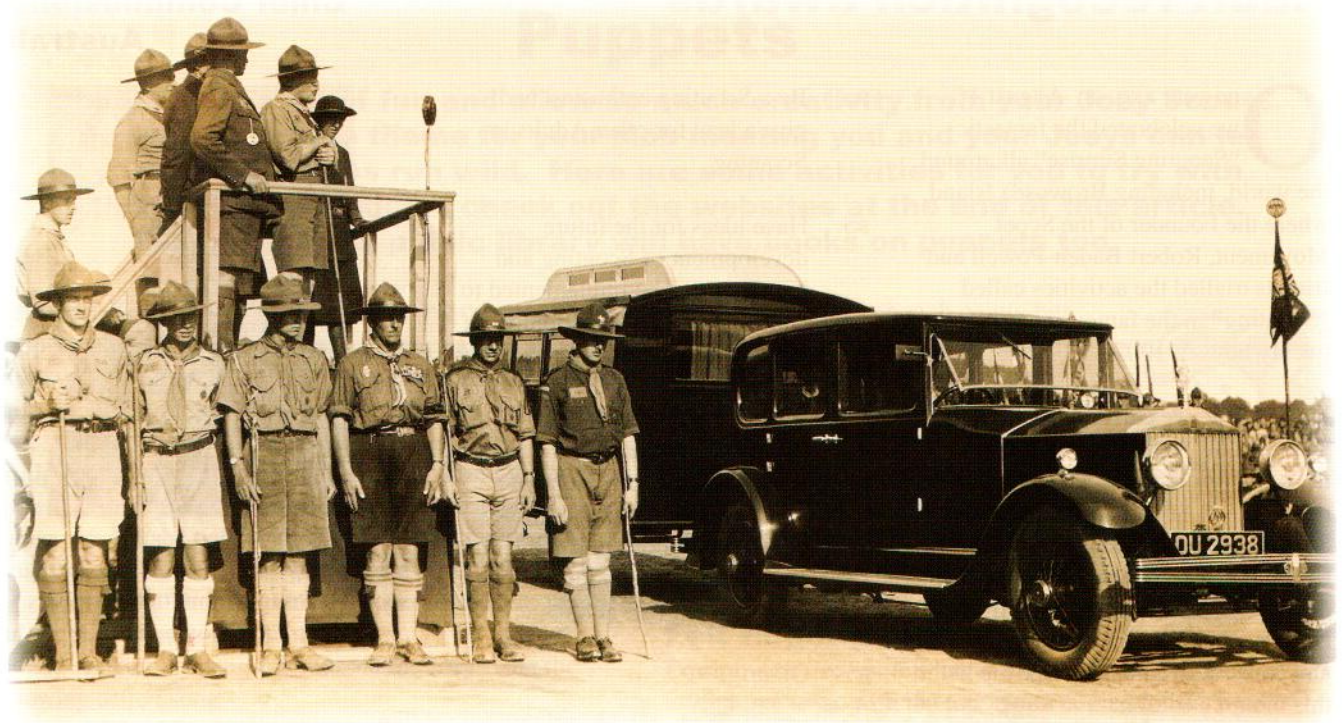
At present, fund raising continues towards the up-keep and housing of Jam Roll together with possible further acquisitions of relevant memorabilia and artefacts related to Scouting.

In keeping with modern vehicle museum practice, Jam Roll will be maintained in a road-worthy condition, registered and insured. Only drivers approved by the company will be allowed to drive JR on special occasions, such as major Scouting events.



B-P being presented with a pair of braces from the Irish Scouts

Roll project



Jam Roll and Eccles in 1929

A wise person once said – “The way to the future is through the past”. The company is now seeking further donations to enable completion of the projects second pillar to eventuate that is, to become a fully self funded project with out liability to the UK Scout Association. Donations received will help achieve this second and major objective and will preserve a significant part of the history surrounding the Scout Movement.

For further details ask for a project brochure by contacting either Michael Baden-Powell michael@jamroll.org or 03 9889 5009 or the company secretary Tony Harvey tony@jamroll.org.



Jam Roll and Eccles in 2007