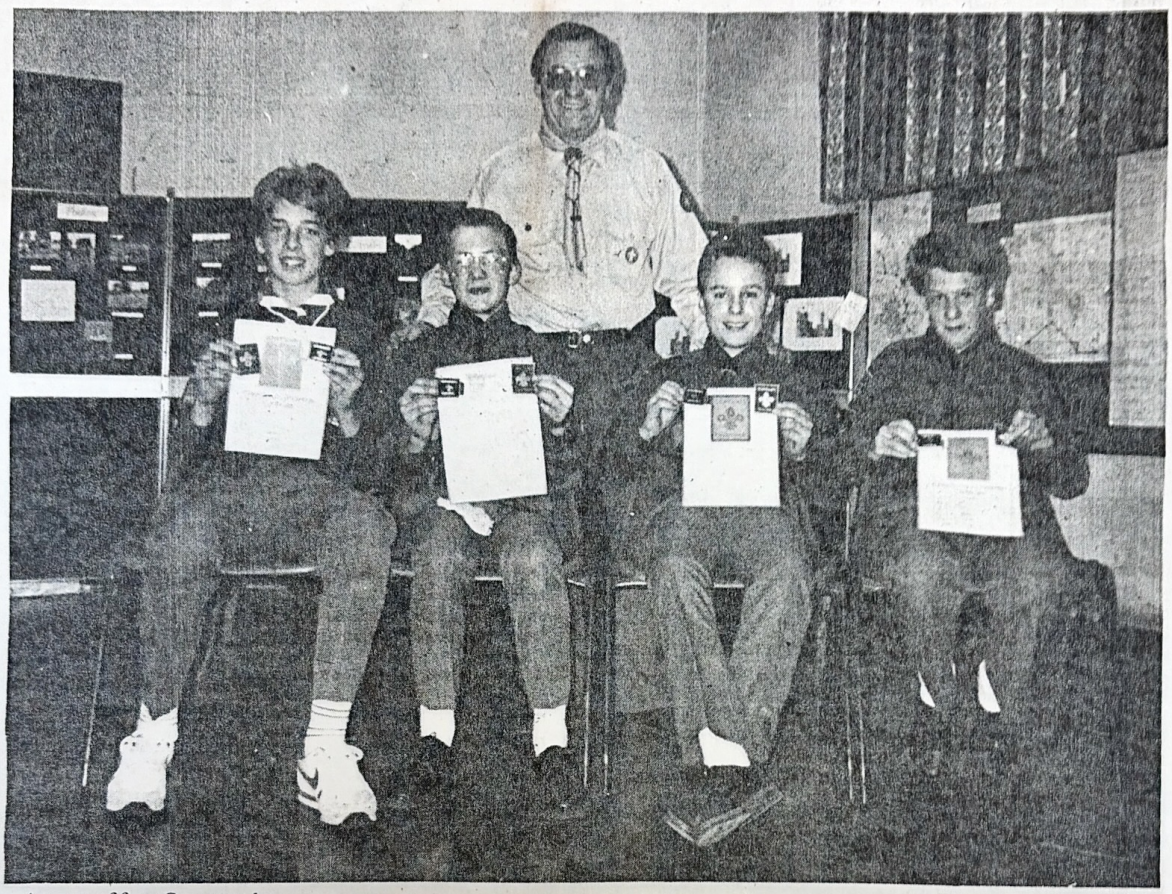
Scouts rewarded for hike



A team of four Scouts who completed a 33 kilometre hike have been rewarded with the Chief Scout Challenge Award.

Stephen Colledge, Peter Deacon and Simon Oram of the 1st Newbold Verdon troop and Owen Brown of the 1st Market Bosworth troop all took up a special challenge from the Chief Scout to all Scouts aged between 14 and 15 and a half.

As a team they had to plan and take part in a three-day expedition in unfamiliar country and carry out a specific project. They had to be totally self-sufficient throughout the three days, carrying their own tents and food.

On their return the Scouts had to give a presentation on the expedition and their special projects.

Training began back in March this year and covered first aid, route planning, emergency procedures and camping skills and ended in July with two training hikes of nine and 12 kilometres, carrying all the kit that they would need for the challenge.

The planned hike from Market Bosworth to Foxton Locks following the Leicestershire Round was submitted to the Assistant District Commissioner of Coalville Mr Mervin Manning, for his approval.

The hike eventually took place in august and the projects the team carried out en route were footpath proving, investigating the local history of the areas that they went through, studying the nature and photography.

Apart from being chased by a bull, falling into a stream and wrestling with bramble bushes, the hike went without any serious hitches and proved to be an enjoyable experience for the four Scouts.

On their return they made a presentation in front of the District Commissioner, the Assistant District Commissioner, the Scouter, their parents and the people who let them stay overnight on their property Mr Kind and Mrs Attard.

Assistant District Commissioner Mr Mervin Manning with (left to right) Owen Brown, Simon Oram, Peter Deacon and Stephen Colledge.

The presentation included a slide show, a display of all the work that they carried out, photographs and a pitched tent containing the kit used during the hike.

After the presentation the decision was made to present the Scouts with their awards.