



THE ROYAL TOWN OF

Sutton Coldfield



A SOUVENIR OF THE

WORLD SCOUT JUBILEE JAMBOREE

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Presented by the Borough of Sutton Coldfield

A message from

THE MAYOR OF SUTTON COLDFIELD

It is with pride and great pleasure that, on behalf of the residents of this Royal and Ancient Town, I extend a hearty and cordial welcome to Scouts from all parts of the World.

We, in Sutton Coldfield, are sincere in our endeavours to make this Jubilee Jamboree an occasion which will live for ever in the hearts of those who have the privilege of attending and trust that on their return home they will be charitable in their thoughts of any shortcomings which may inadvertently escape our vision.

This Jamboree will undoubtedly foster the spirit of goodwill and brotherhood of all races and creeds, so well founded by the eminent B.P. Loyalty, preparedness and service are the common ideals of the Scouting Movement and set wonderful examples of complete understanding.

What better venue could have been selected for such a purpose than Sutton Park with its ideal woodland, swimming and boating facilities—this gem of a setting in the heart of the industrial Midlands! This is one of the reasons why we are most anxious in our capacity as Hosts that this brief stay of our visitors will prove beneficial to them and gratifying to us.

May the Jamboree be blessed with sunshine, happiness and good health!

Kathleen C. Smith

Mayor



Sutton Coldfield

WARWICKSHIRE

Sutton Coldfield has a long history. Part of the great Roman Ryknield Street runs through the Park. William the Conqueror seized the town from Edwin of Mercia and it was a Royal Manor until 1126, when it passed to the Earl of Warwick, whose successors held it almost continuously until the end of the fifteenth century. In 1528, Henry VIII signed a charter whereby "the town, manor and lordship, free chase and park of Sutton Coldfield" was granted to the inhabitants of the town, who have owned it ever since. Further Royal Charters were granted by Charles II and Queen Victoria. The original charter was obtained through the good offices of John Harman, otherwise Vesey, who was born in the town, and who became Bishop of Exeter. He founded the Grammar School, paved the town, built a market house, moot hall, a dungeon and a number of stone houses, some of which are still inhabited. Vesey's tomb, bearing an inscription that he died in his 103rd year, is in the ancient Parish Church.



The Town Hall





Sutton Coldfield in relation to adjacent areas

Sutton Coldfield lies seven miles to the north of Birmingham, England's second largest city, and one of the world's great centres of industry. But many places of cultural and historical interest lie within easy reach. Tamworth with its castle is eight miles to the north, as is Lichfield's lovely three-spired cathedral. Kenilworth's great ruined castle is 20 miles southward, and Warwick with its magnificent castle on the north bank of the Avon, is 25 miles away. Stratford-upon-Avon (thirty miles) is the point of pilgrimage for all who care for England's greatest poet, William Shakespeare. Twenty miles to the south-east is Coventry, triumphantly emerging from the ruins of the terrible blitz of 1940.

View from
Vesey Gardens



Keepers
Bathing Pool
Sutton Park



Powells Pool
Pavilion
Sutton Park



Bracebridge
Pool
Sutton Park





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On May 22nd, 1957, the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, attended the Banquet of the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield. The illustration shows the Mayor (Councillor Mrs. K. E. Smith) and the Chief Scout passing down the ranks of the guard of honour supplied by local scouts.

Sutton Coldfield **PRESENT & FUTURE**

Sutton Coldfield is a residential town set high in the north Warwickshire countryside, with a bracing climate and well-drained soil. Its natural advantages, quietness and seclusion, make it a favourite residential area for those working in the industrial heart of England. Its population is well over 50,000, and its area nearly 14,000 acres. Although the town has greatly developed in recent years, it retains much of its old charm and character. Many local societies and organizations cover various aspects of social and community life, and residents enjoy concerts, plays, exhibitions and dances in the Town Hall all the year round. Sutton Park has been preserved in its natural state for centuries and here fishing, boating and swimming may be enjoyed in contact with natural beauty. Small industrial sites have been recently developed, but the residential atmosphere has remained unspoilt.



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