**Article in the Greenock Telegraph**

**Inverclyde Scouts invade the land of the Vikings**

**When 70 kilted Scouts, Venture Scouts and leaders from the 70th and 80th Renfrew and Inverclyde Scout groups, led by piper Fraser Nixon, paraded through an apparently deserted Danish village, the residents flocked from their homes to take pictures of them.**

The boys were on their way to a special Scout service in a church in Holte during their successful two week camp in Denmark.

The party travel to Denmark by a specially chartered plane, except for two leaders who drove there with the minibus full of camping equipment and food.

Colleruphus, the campsite, was situated in beautiful countryside, 25 km north of Copenhagen. A very attractive programme was carried out, made the more pleasant by glorious weather.

At the start of the first week, the boys were sent out in small hiking groups - the younger boys with tents, the older ones with only poly bags to meet the Danes.

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This they did successfully, especially the Venture Scouts whose appreciation of the Danish life seemed to revolve around their encounters with the fair sex.

Several days were spent sightseeing. There was an organized tour of Copenhagen, including a boat trip round the old harbour and canals of the city. There was also an evening in the Tivoli Gardens with a spectacular display of fireworks and a coach tour of North Zealand, which took in the breathtaking Fredericksbourg Castle, and Elsinore Castle, of Hamlet fame.

Some boys made the bus journey to Rosskilde to see the famous Viking ship Museum where they are reconstructing ships found sunk in the fjords. Others visited the Carlsberg Breweries and enjoyed the free drinks (soft)provided as they left.

In camp, normal Scout activities like pioneering, orienteering and bivouacking were carried out.

The Inverclyde boys found the Danish hospitality wonderful and they hope next year to hold a joint camp in Scotland with the Danish Scouts.