

## IN BP COUNTRY

Whilst on assignment in Kenya recently, Te Puru Sea Scout Group Leader Ben Everts was lucky enough to spend a few nights in the Outspan Hotel in Nyeri. The hotel includes a number of cottages one of which was the home of Lord Baden-Powell from 1939 to the end of his life two years later. The hotel name seems appropriate as to “outspan” means to unhook your oxen at the end of a long journey. The cottage is now a museum.

Lord Baden-Powell named his cottage Paxtu after his former home which was named Pax (meaning peace) in honour of Armistice Day after World War I. It is now a museum.

Lord Baden-Powell's grave is in the grounds of St Peter's Anglican Church, Nyeri, and faces Mt Kenya which was one of his favourite places. It is marked with the Scout sign for “Gone Home”. His wife Olave, who founded the Girl Guide movement, is buried beside him. Their graves are a Kenyan national monument.

