

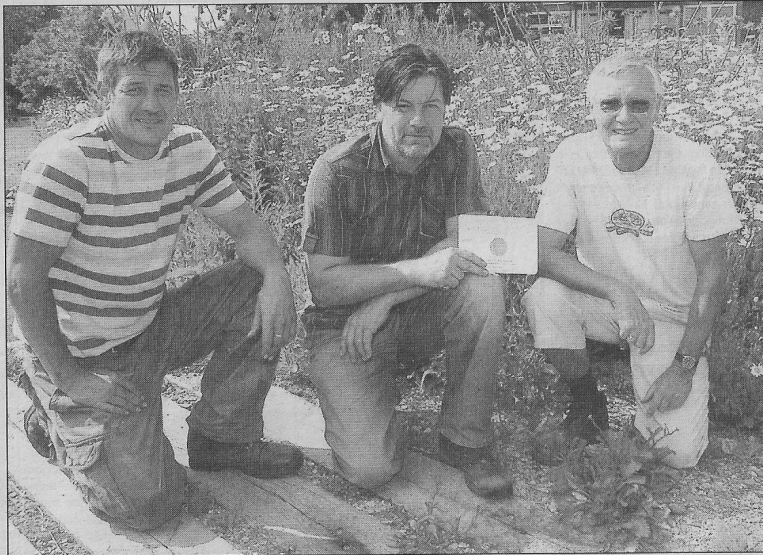
District, said: "I'm really glad I've got all my kit now. I'm actually starting to believe that there is a Jamboree happening, and I'll actually be attending it. I can't wait for summer to arrive, and the many adventures I know it's going to bring."

This July 5,000 lucky UK Scouts will make their way to Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex for the first World Scout Jamboree to be held in this country in 50 years. They will represent the UK's half a million members and make up a fraction of the 40,000 Scouts from almost every country in the world who will come together to live in the global village for 12 days, marking 100 years of Scouting.

Recently four articulated lorries arrived at Gilwell Park, The Scout Association headquarters, and offloaded £550,000 worth of kit which in turn will be distributed to every Scout and adult volunteer going to the biggest event in Scouting's 100th year. More than 1,000 leaders and volunteer staff were on hand to pick up the kit, which includes 55,000 badges, 6,000 shirts and 5,000 water bottles, and return it to prepare their Jamboree Scouts.

Matt Butler, 18, a Jamboree volunteer from Stanford-le-Hope, said: "It's great to get all the gear. The Jamboree is just around the corner, and now I can start to prepare myself for what's ahead! I'm expecting a lot of hard work, but great rewards too."

Brothers drive judges wild



GROWING BUSINESS: John Little (centre) and business partner and brother Robert with father Ken. 3RCVF3

A THURROCK landscape gardening company has won a Silver Gilt award at this year's Chelsea Garden Show.

The Grass Roof Company based at Horndon on the Hill, was founded by brothers John and Robert Little nine years ago, and is now responsible for many of the wild flower verges in Thurrock, including those on the A1013 (Stanford Road).

John, 44, of Rectory Road,

Grays, said: "We used the kind of initiatives that we use within Thurrock schools in our Chelsea garden."

"The garden itself is based on a cross section of the housing estate in Hackney that we maintain."

"We felt Chelsea would get our ideas into the main stream. It was also an incredibly positive week for the residents of the estate who came to the garden every day."

stabbed in a massive fight outside a pub.

Around 20 people are believed to have been involved in the brawl, which erupted outside The Catercracker pub in The Sorrells, Stanford-le-Hope which saw two men left with stab wounds.

One, a 20-year-old man, is believed to have suffered one wound either to the shoulder or abdomen. He was taken to Basildon Hospital where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

Another man, a 22-year-old, was stabbed four times including once in the lung. He was also taken to Basildon Hospital where he remains. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

Police spoke to several witnesses in the aftermath of the brawl, which happened at around 9.40pm on Friday, but they are appealing for more to come forward.

Police are also probing another stabbing, which left a man hospitalised, earlier the same evening.

The 47-year-old man was walking near to the Prince of Wales pub near Canterbury Parade in South Ockendon when he was approached from behind by his attacker.

He was stabbed in the abdomen in the struggle and was taken to Basildon hospital where he was treated for his wounds. The man remains at the hospital but his injuries are not believed to be too serious.

The victim, who lives in Thurrock, has been unable to provide detectives with a description of the knifeman because he was attacked from behind. Police are now appealing for any witnesses near the pub or in the area when the attack took place between 6.15pm and 6.30pm on Friday to come forward.

Witnesses to either attack can contact police at Grays on 01375 391212.

● TWO men were taken to hospital after a street brawl in Chadwell St Mary early on Sunday morning that has resulted in a 17-year-old being arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

Police were called to the incident in Scott Road at 4am and arrested the youth, who has since been released on police bail.

The injured men, a 25 year-old from Stratford and a 24-year-old from Chadwell, were treated at Basildon hospital.

The 24-year-old suffered lacerations to his back, arms and hands, thought to have been caused by a broken bottle.

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