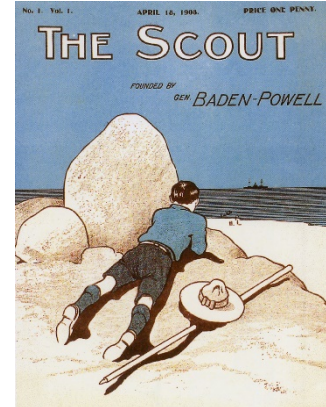


HERITAGE THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF September 2020

The September 2020 edition of Scouting Magazine was Online for the first time in its history. You should not be surprised to learn that the County Archive Cabin at Well End holds every copy of these as follows - The Scout 1908-1966 - This was a weekly Newspaper aimed at the younger Boy Scout. It was very popular in its day. A monthly magazine Headquarters Gazette for Leaders was published 1911 – 1922. This was superseded by The Scouter, published 1923 – 1971. In turn this was superseded by Scouting Magazine and was aimed at readers of all ages. It was launched in 1971 as a Monthly and is still produced today but with a reduced publication as it is now free. We hold every copy of all these editions in the archive except for several early copies of Headquarters Gazette. Earlier copies of all these issues have been accumulated over decades from various donations. Many earlier editions hold references to Hertfordshire Scouting and how it “led the way” by example.



The month of September, has always been considered as the start of the Scouting Year. It was in 1971 that Ken Johnson a great innovator from Letchworth Garden City, thought up the idea of forming a special Cub Pack based on the name of the successful County Newsletter, HSN (Hertfordshire Scout News) that he edited. He was assisted by Norman Hyde, ACC (Cub Scouts) who was also County Architect. Norman contacted every Cub Pack in Hertfordshire asking for a list of boys whose birthday fell in October 1963. This was also the year that HSN was also born. Sixty boys whose birth date fell in October 1963 and therefore all aged 8 were found from 40 Packs and they were each made a certificated member of the HSN Pack as well as their own. The additional special Pack meeting was held at a different location and led by a different Leader twice a year. The very first meeting was held at Well End in 1972. This was a most unusual gathering with all 60 boys of the same age meeting for the first time. The first Grand Howl was led by Laurie Ryan (Indigo Six) of the Seventy-Seventh South West Herts Cub Pack (now Eighth Watford North). Four Cub Scouts, Johnathan Booth (Second Goffs Oak), David Hill and Michael Turner (First Knebworth) and Jolyon Marshal (Fourth Harpenden) attended every Pack Meeting. Seven of these special Pack meetings were held until the boys and the magazine became 11 and then the HSN Pack was disbanded. The last meeting was held at the St Albans District HQ on 9 November 1974.

In September 1983 Hertfordshire’s Highland Headquarters at Lochearnhead in Perthshire became 21 years of age. An open day was held and invitations were sent to many local people for a buffet supper in the evening. Generally, and to accommodate everyone; the celebrations lasted for several days. One letter received was from the Lord Chamberlains’ Office was from Lord “Chips” Maclean who had been Chief Scout when he attended the opening 21 years earlier. He had retired as Chief Scout in 1971. Following this he was appointed as Lord Chamberlain to HM The Queen at Buckingham Palace.



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I have been sent a copy of a book from The Boy Scouts of America. This book, *Unlock a New World* celebrates and describes the 24th World Scout Jamboree held in North America in 2019. I could not find any showing individual Hertfordshire Units, but Troop 70 from the UK had its own page.



The book covers in detail the planning of the next (25th) World Jamboree whose theme is “Draw Your Dream.” This will be held 1-12 August 2023 in Saemanguem, Jeollabuk-do Province, South Korea. There is a chapter detailing every past Jamboree showing its Badge with a short description. Marty Walsh the Jamboree Executive Director wrote a closing two pages and our old friend Stephen Peck formally a Director of Training at Gilwell Park and now Senior Director, World Events at the World Scout Bureau, also contributed.

The County Scout Museum at Well End holds extensive information on every world Scout Jamboree that Hertfordshire Scouts have attended.



The largest contingent our County has ever sent to a World Jamboree was of 200 in 1929 at Birkenhead in the UK. The contingent was led by Commander Kent, who was assisted by George (Jim) Dymoke Green and the Revd Ernest Scott. This “Coming of Age” Jamboree celebrated 21 years of the publication of *Scouting for Boys*. It was held in Arrowe Park. It was the third World Jamboree and was attended by 40,000 Scouts from 71 Countries.

I am sorry to report the “Going Home” of Ken Stroud, a devoted member of the First Cuffley Scout Group for more than 80 years.

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