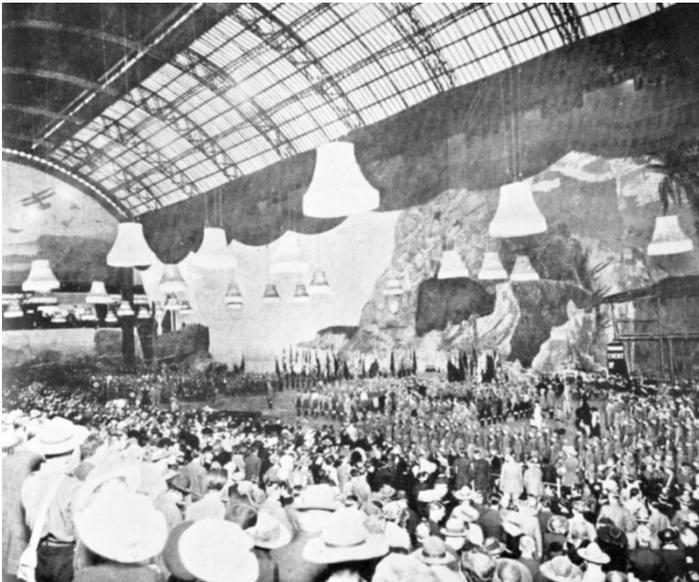


## HERITAGE THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF July 2020

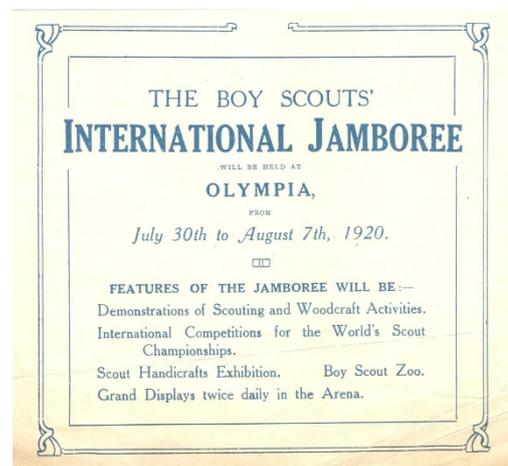
These are four events that include Hertfordshire Scouts spread though the past 100 years.

In July 1920, the first World Scout Jamboree was held At Olympia, London. Under the leadership of **Alan Emery**, Rover Scouts from the First South West Herts (Countess of Clarendon's Own) Crew in Hertfordshire were visitors. An excerpt from their hand written Log Book reads, "When we entered the arena our jaws dropped when we saw Scouts from twenty-six nations, including Serbs, Poles, Chinese, Africans and Rumanians, marching to the Jamboree march."



The Jamboree was attended by over 8000 Scouts. As this first event was held indoors, the great arena was covered in 12 inches of turf so that tents could be pitched.

At this closing ceremony (photo), **B-P** was proclaimed "Chief Scout of the World".



In January 1950, three Scouts from the Third Boxmoor Scout Troop appeared on the front cover of *The Scouter*. (Following the demise of *The Scout*, that was a weekly newspaper for Boy Scouts in 1966, *The Scouter* that was published monthly, became *Scouting Magazine* and included material for the younger reader. (This publication is now free but is only published a few times each year). The Scouts were **Derek Sayell, and Frank and Terry Dellamuro**. The photo was taken by **ASL George Starr** on a footpath that crosses Rucklers Lane near Phasels Wood Activity Centre.

In March 1980, the thirteenth Peak Assault Challenge was held on Dartmoor. The winning Team was from Harpenden VSU and for the first time included a female Venture Scout, **Rachel Griffin**. The Alan Frater Cup was presented to the winning Team by the **CC Freddie de Butts**.

In 2010 on the sixty-Fifth anniversary of VE Day, the Kings Langley Scout Troop were featured in a recently discovered amateur film taken in 1945. This featured on BBC National Breakfast TV.

Due to the continuing closure of Well End Activity Centre, I am having all donations meant for the Heritage Centre delivered to my home, or I do collect. **David Frost** contacted me and invited me to come and collect a substantial collection of Scout memorabilia that belong to his parents **Les and Mary Frost**. **Edna Mackenzie** a former Guide and Cub Scout Leader from Watford has been donating for some years and continues to send me items. **Ann Seward** a former DC from West Herts has donated several boxes of artefacts from her father who died some years ago. **Mike Aston**, a former ACC (International) has donated a large collection of Activity Wear.

**Rodney Slater** brought me a woollen uniform jersey that belonged to his father **Clifford**. The jersey features several badges including a rare King's Scout Badge that had been awarded to his father in 1931 by the County Commissioner **Sir Percy Everett**. They had both been members of the First South West Herts (Countess of Clarendon's Own Scout Group). This was the first Scout Group in Hertfordshire. We discussed how this and some historically important papers could be displayed and agreed that they should be framed and placed in the County Scout Museum.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and donations to the County Heritage Centre.

I recently attended the funeral of **Ken Ward** and was asked to deliver his eulogy by the Group Executive. He was a former Scout with the Second Cockfosters Scout Group. Until 1967 the Group was in Barnet District, Hertfordshire. The District was then transferred to the County of Greater London North, when the Group became 11<sup>th</sup> Southgate Scout Group. Amongst many other personal achievements, he followed me as County Quartermaster at Well End Activity Centre. I had known Ken since he joined that Group at the age of 10. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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