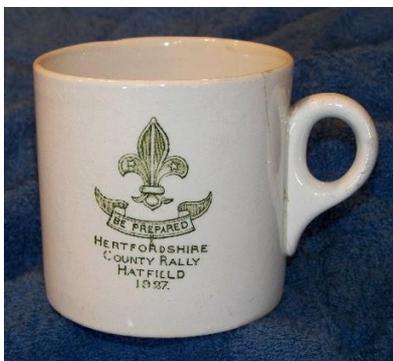
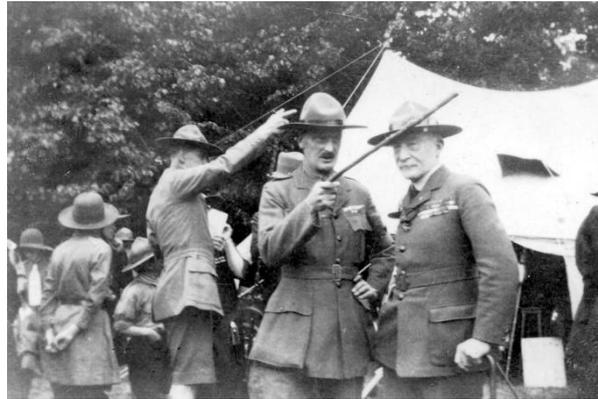


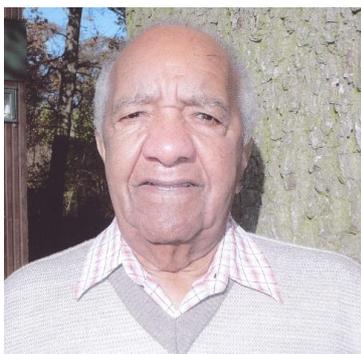
HERITAGE THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (June 2017)

On June 11 1927, Hertfordshire held a County Rally in Hatfield Park to greet the Chief Scout on his return from South Africa. Many Scout activities were packed into the afternoon. The *Rally Handbook* shows that in 1927 there were 22 Districts in the county, although only 13 had District Commissioners for the 4,000 Scouts. A commemorative mug was produced for distribution to every participant. Several of which survive. This is believed to be the first ceramic piece of pottery to mark a Scouting event in the world. The images show the mug and **B-P** talking to **Charles Dymoke Green** (with the walking stick). **Percy Everett (CC)** is behind.



On 25 June 1977 came a day of great sadness throughout the world. **Olave, Lady Baden-Powell G.B.E.**, the World Chief Guide had died at the age of 88. She had been living in an old people's home in Surrey having moved out of a grace and favour flat in Hampton Court Palace due to a fire.

As **Olave Soames**, she had married the Founder in 1913 at St Peter's Church, Poole, Dorset. She was 23, he was 54. They had four children. Due to her work with Girl Guiding, she became the most travelled woman in the world, a record she was proud of. A service of Thanksgiving was held in Westminster Abbey on 26 September 1977. **Roy Humphrey** a Venture Scout Leader from North Watford (now a County Vice-President), was chosen to represent Hertfordshire Scouting. Hertfordshire Girl Guides held an evening Service of remembrance in St Albans Abbey on 7 December. Olave last visited Hertfordshire in 1933 when she attended the recently opened Well End Training Ground with her husband, **B-P**.



Jack Olden, one of Hertfordshire's most famous GSLs, and President of the Fourth Borehamwood Scout Group from 1953, died on 14 June 2010. He was also a member of the Executive Council of the Boy Scout Association for many years. He started his Scouting life with the Publicity Dept. at Imperial Headquarters on 1 May 1939 and quickly rose through the ranks. He remained their longest serving employee totaling 49.5 years service.

He earned a Silver Cross for Gallantry for rescuing a family from a fire during the Blitz in WW2.

Following his death, the family donated much of his personal Scout collection to the Hertfordshire Scout Heritage Centre. Some of this is unique in the world.

Cornelia Clutterbuck, who was a Cub Leader in Harpenden, achieved fame as a member of Scout International Relief Service (S.I.R.S.). During May and June, Team 102 out of 140 were based at Well End Campsite and went into Europe in 1945. The purpose of each team of 12 adult Scouts was to travel through Europe on pre-determined routes and missions, meet with refugee families and help them to settle back into their homelands. While at Well End, each team member was issued with a uniform with this identifying shoulder flash. Each team was issued with a military truck and each member was trained to drive.



They carried out exercises including trips to London and Gilwell Park where they attended further training. Teams from 10 Counties used Well End as a training base. The full story of S.I.R.S will be published in *Scouts at War Vol.2* by **Colin Walker** in September 2017.

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