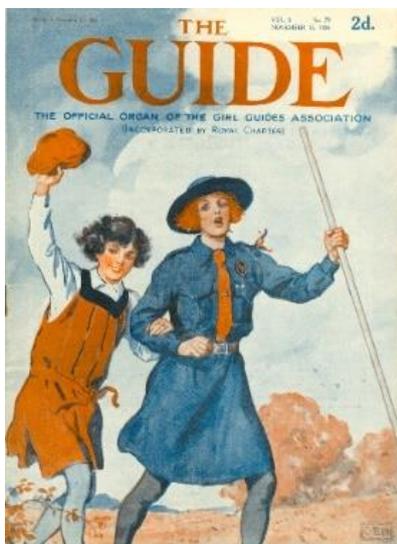
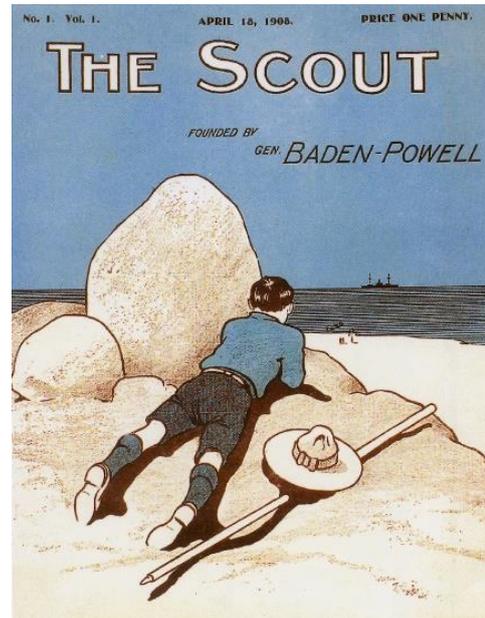


HERITAGE THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH (April 2018)

The first edition of *The Scout* was published on 14 April 1908. It was to be published weekly for the next 58 years when it became the longest running weekly publication for boys in the world. The Editor for 36 years was a Hertfordshire Scout, **F. Haydn Dimmock**. Your County Scout Heritage Centre is named after him at Well End. As part of the Collection we hold all 3016 copies of *The Scout*. Scouting in Hertfordshire was mentioned frequently during its publication. The first mention was on 12 December 1908 when the First Welwyn Scout Group put in a report about the foundation of its Scout Patrols.



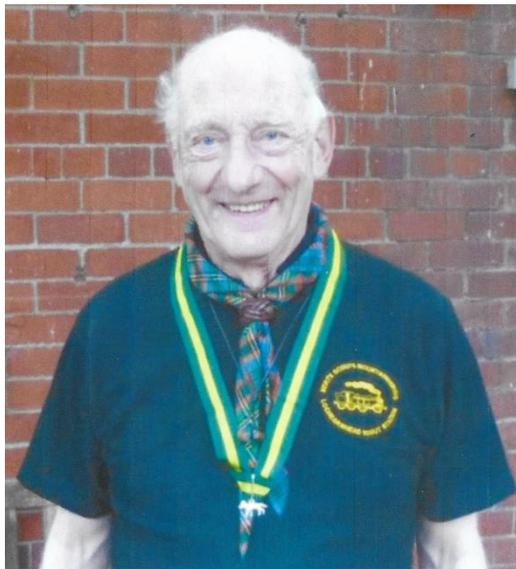
It took the Girl Guides some time to catch up. It was not until April 1921 that *The Guide* was published (this front cover is from 1926).

At the 7th County Executive meeting on 15 April 1913, The County Commissioner **Percy Everett** proposed the design of a County Badge. On approval, 30 gross (4320) were ordered. They were to be sold at 1d (one penny) each, and were to be worn on the left sleeve below the shoulder. Although Hertfordshire was the first Scout County in the world, we were not the first to have a County Badge. That distinction went to the County of Kent. The design of the Hertfordshire badge changed a number of times, and after decades of debate, the name was changed from "Herts" to "Hertfordshire" on 13 June 2011. For the full story about the proposed designs see *Milestones of 105 Years of Hertfordshire Scouting*, 15 April 1913 & 13 June 2011. Several innovative alternative designs were put forward by the County Heritage Team.



St George's Day 1940 was the last year when central County parades took place at St Albans. Owing to the war, these parades were suspended for the duration and it was left for individual Districts to organise their own. When the war finished a final central parade took place at St Albans in 1946. Over 4000 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs assembled in the Town Centre. There were five bands and three venues were used to accommodate everyone. Following the services the Chief Scout **Lord Rowallan** was invited to an "at home" in the Town Hall that was hosted by the CC, **Graham Wallis**. Scouts from all Districts were invited to meet the Chief. From 1947, parades to mark St George's Day were held within Districts as they are to this day.

Some years later in April 1960, when Barnet District was still part of Hertfordshire Scouts, this photo shows the Second Cockfosters Scout Troop (in blue shorts) leading the parade in Barnet High Street. In those days we had a much smarter image, no one would think of being out of step!



The sad "Going Home" of **Maurice Baker** at the age of 84 from Lochearnhead Scout Station earlier this year attracted a good representation at his funeral. To enable further participation by his friends and Scouting colleagues a Memorial Service is organised to take place on 29 April. This was organised by the Mountaineering Section and due to be led by the **Revd Richard Winslade**, who was a former Scout Leader in Watford and East Herts Districts. The County Heritage Team has provided an exhibition of Maurice's life that includes a display about the Station to which he contributed so much during his lifetime.

<<<< Maurice in 2012 following the presentation of the Silver Wolf Award.

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