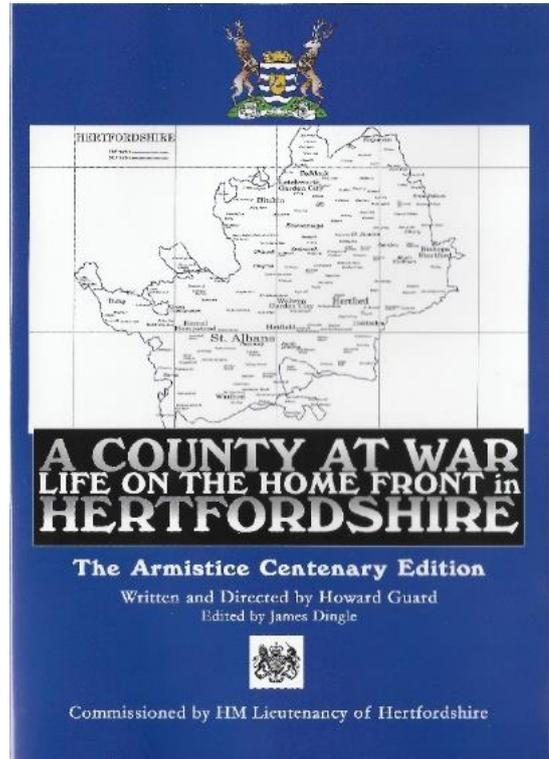


Heritage Thoughts for the Month (October 2018)

Some months ago, I was invited by the Lord Lieutenant, **Robert Voss CBE** to the showing of a film about the First World War, 'A County at War LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT in Hertfordshire'. This was screened on 10 October at The Rex Cinema, Berkhamsted. The audience was compiled from many organisations in the County to which he has an affiliation. I took **Liz Jack** from the County History & Heritage Support Team to this beautifully restored, greatly enhanced and very special cinema. This was a first time visit for both of us. The audience of over 150, included **The Lord Lieutenant, The Dean of St Albans Cathedral, Howard Guard DL** who had written and directed the production, **the Countess of Verulam DL** who is a good friend of Scouting (her and her family Seal were portrayed in the film), **Nicolas Halsey DL** our County Scout President, **Dr Sarah Lloyd**, Director of

Everyday lives at War at the University of Hertfordshire, and many other familiar faces who made a point of coming to speak to me. Hertfordshire Scouts have been given enough DVDs of the film for one per District/Group. These will be distributed by County Office, but the film can also be viewed on the Lieutenancy web site at: www.lord-lieutenant-herts.org.uk. The film is very professionally edited, and well documented from its many individual contributors. It compiles mainly of a montage of stills showing the life and times of the First Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment their involvement in the conflict and how industry and private lives adapted themselves. This film, *A County at War...Hertfordshire* is an excellent production, well researched and worth viewing. It gives dramatic insight to individual lives and of some families in the County. It is suitable viewing for people of all ages and shows the sacrifice and importance the role of Hertfordshire Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen played in this world-wide conflict.

There seems to be a surge of letters about Scouting in the Press. A letter from the Chief Scout **Bear Grylls** appeared in many Hertfordshire and other local newspapers on 10 October. 'Develop new skills' was the theme and included the paragraph "*Scouts are developing empathy as part of some great community projects. Empathy is a vital skill in the workplace and at home - leading to better conversations, better team working and deeper friendships.*" Sound advice from an inspirational Leader.



On 5 October **Liz Jack** and I presented our totally updated talk *'What the Scouts of Hertfordshire did in WWI'* to an invited and fundraising audience of about 60 at the First Abbots Langley SASU at their HQ, Langley Road, Watford. Extensive preparations had taken place by the Unit prior to this event. For most of the preceding 12 months they had been doing their own very successful research with a dedicated Team. The SASU had also organised local walks and displays to show where the Scouts had lived.



Above, a scarf from the opening of the National Scouting Memorial at the National Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire. This memorial is to the memory of all Scouts who have "Gone Home".

A substantial contribution to the County archives was received from the estate of **Rob Wilkinson**. (See September edition). He was a member of the Orchard Farm and Lochearnhead Committee's for many years and died on 25 August. Much of his collection of unique Scouting documentation has been incorporated into the County Obit Files and some items will be on display in the County Heritage Centre. His contribution included several thousand good quality projection slides. If anyone would like to help classify these at home, please get in touch. Some relevant items have also been passed to the Lochearnhead Scout Station archives.

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