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## About TADS

Tadley and District History Society (TADS) was founded in 1984 for people with an interest in local social history, and in the broader scope of history and natural history. Monthly evening talks are held on the third Wednesday of each month, except August, at 8.00pm in St Paul's Church Hall, Tadley. These meetings are open to visitors.

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In this year, 2007, the Scout Association celebrated its centenary and if you, your children or grand children are involved in Scouting you will probably have participated in the 21st World Scout Jamboree in some way. The honour of hosting this centenary event went to the UK, as the birthplace of Scouting. 'One world, one promise' was the theme for thousands of Scouts from all over the world who attended either the main event at Hylands Park, Essex, where 38,074 were present, or one of the many county events held throughout the country.

Hampshire 007 Centenary Camp was held in August at the New Forest showground where Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network Scouts were joined by others from Norway, Sweden and Ghana boosting the attendance for the week to 8,000. The Chief Scout for Great Britain, Peter Duncan, also visited the camp.

In this issue you will read about the four Tadley boys who were fortunate enough to have attended the 1st World Jamboree in London. If anyone has information about any of these boys/men, or early Scouting in this area, we would be very pleased to hear from you. For example, are they pictured in the photo below? We believe we may have traced one of the boys to a school photo first printed in the book *Around Tadley – people and places* (see page 2).

## The history of Scouting in Tadley and the surrounding villages



## The early years

It is 100 years since Lieutenant-General Robert Baden-Powell (B-P) gathered together a disparate group of young lads with backgrounds as varied as top public schools, Bournemouth and Poole Boys' Brigade and farming. They enjoyed ten days of fun, friendship, excitement, adventure and outdoors camping on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour beginning on the evening of 31 July 1907. The camp proved to B-P that this was the sort of life that lots of boys would be attracted to for their leisure hours and he spent the rest of the year completing his book *Scouting for Boys*. Thousands of boys bought the book, wanted to become 'Scouts' and B-P found he had a 'Movement' to lead. In the beginning the boys would meet with friends, form themselves into Troops and try to teach themselves the activities from the book, but realising they needed an adult

found their own leader.

As early as 1911 the *Hants & Berks Gazette* reported that a Scout Troop was started at St Luke's Church, **Pamber Heath** by the Revd D La Touche with the help of a Mr Wiggett and that several boys were enlisted by the 1 April. It is not known how long this Troop continued or when it closed but there is a photograph of a Pamber Heath boy, Charles Stroud, in Scout uniform in 1916 – but which Troop did he belong to?

In 1914 Scout Headquarters' records show that **Tadley** had a Scout Troop of 12 Scouts with L G Clack as their Scoutmaster. This gentleman was also the vergier of St Peter's Church. An article in the *Hants & Berks Gazette* of 28 March 1914 records:

**"Tadley Troop of Boy Scouts** – On Monday evening, the 16th inst, at the Church Room, Tadley, the boys of the above Troop took their Scouts promise and were enrolled (invested) by their Scoutmaster, Mr L G Clack, before a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen from the neighbourhood. Before the enrolment ceremony Dr Alexander explained the principles of the movement and speeches were made by Major Roller and Mr W H McConnell. After the enrolment the Troop improvised a stretcher with their staves, which was inspected by Dr Alexander. After the singing of the National Anthem the Troop marched past and saluted the Union Jack."

Older Tadley people remember the Scout Troop run by a Miss May Marshall which boasted a good band, as shown in the photo on page one, dated about 1922. It is probable that the lady seen on the far left of the photo dressed in what appears to be a Lady Scoutmaster's uniform of the time, is Miss Marshall.

At that time the Scout Headquarters published the names of all leaders to whom Warrants had been issued in the *Headquarters Gazette*, but due to lack of space the Troop names were not recorded. However a check of the early records produced a Mary T Marshall as being warranted as a Scoutmaster in February 1916 and it is now known that this was 'our' Mary Troughton Marshall. (See biography on page 5).

## First Scout World Jamboree

Miss Marshall was also a Manager of Tadley Board School and further confirmation that she was the Tadley Troop Scoutmaster in 1919 and 1920 can be found in the school log book which states: **"8 August 1919.** Two Scouts absent all the week attending camp with Miss Marshall", and **"30 July 1920.** Four Scouts, Albert Saunders, Leonard Monger, Alfred Wm West, Frank Hawkins, absent this morning having been taken to London



Frank Hawkins (later Saunders), one of the four Scouts who attended the 1st Jamboree, is pictured 3rd from left in the back row of this Tadley School photograph taken in 1921/1922. He and his brother Albert, both unmarried, later lived in Broadhalfpenny Lane.

by the Scoutmistress, Miss Marshall, who is also a school manager, contrary to instructions sent from the LEA to both Head Teacher, Scoutmistress, SAO and parents. The above have been reported to the School Attendance Officer and the Director of Education."

This resulted in the Head Teacher's caustic comment a week later on 6 August 1920 – "Percentage this week 92%. This is the lowest since the first week in December 1919 and is owing to four boys being absent with the Scouts and four children commencing their summer holidays before the school closes."

But Miss Marshall may have felt that it was worth breaking the rules to enable the four Scouts to attend the first ever Scout World Jamboree at Olympia which began on the 30 July 1920. Judging by the latter date it can be assumed that the four Scouts were taken for the whole week of the Jamboree. Miss Marshall had access to transport and it is possible that she took the trek cart remembered by Hugh Marshall (see biography on page 5).

Miss Marshall was not the only female Scoutmaster in the Basingstoke Scout District, at this time both Upton Grey and Hartley Westpall Troopss were run by Lady Scoutmasters.

It seems that the Tadley Troop with its band folded when Miss Marshall moved away.

## The Jamboree Book

In 1920 The Boy Scout Association published *The Jamboree Book* from which

the following information is taken.

The Jamboree at Olympia was not quite as we think of Jamborees today. The 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries camped in a city of bell tents in Richmond with dramatic presentations and activities taking place in the enormous Olympia arena all under the personal leadership of the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

The original date for the Jamboree had to be changed due to the First World War but the programme planned in 1916 was, in the main, adhered to in 1920. It included a Wolf Cub chorus of 2,000 voices; for the Scouts, bridge-building competitions, trek cart racing, fire fighting, dealing with accidents, camp work and badge work. Sea Scouts were to show work aloft, derrick rigging and hoisting cargo.

Thousands of handbills, circulars, leaflets, advertising stamps, posters, hanging cards, advertisements as well as letters to Scoutmasters were distributed.

At the stroke of midnight on the 26 July, Olympia was handed over to the Boy Scout Association and work commenced fitting the building for the Jamboree. Three hundred workmen appeared and began the process of installing 6,000 seats. On the other side of the arena workmen were building the forest scene with a ship at anchor in the bay through which the Pageant of Nations and many other 'turns' came down into the arena at each performance during the week.

There were five magnificent trees in the forest, each over 100 feet high, which 'grew' in half-an-hour. In front of all hung the great, green curtain 120 yards long and 50 feet high containing 6,000 square yards of substantially thick material. It weighed nearly 1.5 tons and was raised and lowered by electricity at every performance. The huge glass roof was covered by 6,000 yards of muslin made to represent a blue sky. The walls were hidden by 90,700 feet of canvas painted with wonderful scenes of Oriental life, landscapes and seascapes with naval and military aeroplanes and airships in full flight.

Lastly, the concrete floor was covered with 1 foot of earth with a layer of tan (softened bark) on top. Altogether about 2,000 tons of this was laid on the floor, raked and rolled until the surface was as firm as a cricket pitch, to enable races to be run and tents to be pitched as if in the open country.

Over the week of the Jamboree, no fewer than 1,500 Boy Scouts slept at Olympia in bunks erected in the gallery as it would have been difficult for them to return to their camps after appearing in the later stages of the arena performances.

Twenty-six Packs of Wolf Cubs took part in a massive 'Grand Howl' in the arena. These boys and their leaders,



approximately 420, were encamped at Shepherd's Bush. The boys were charged 6 pence a day and the 'officers', 3 shillings.

One sad item in the book tells of a group of Indian Boy Scouts who had, after much saving, paid their own expenses but arrived on 16 August, too late for the Jamboree.

## Surrounding area

Baughurst's first venture into the Scout Movement was a Wolf Cub Pack registered with the Basingstoke District Association in June 1928. The address of the Pack was Axmens Ford, Ramsdell as was the address of the Cubmaster, The Hon Mrs Helen Wilson. Her Assistant Cubmaster was Miss Hunt of The School, Baughurst and the pack boasted 12 Wolf Cubs. By November 1929 the number of Wolf Cubs had increased to 13 and when the group closed in 1938 their official title was the 10th Basingstoke (Baughurst) Scout Group.

On the wider front, a letter was published in the *Hants & Berks Gazette* on 11 February 1911, written by Sir Robert Baden-Powell to the Hampshire County Commissioner for Scouts, Col The Hon H Crichton, thanking him for the excellent arrangements he made for his inspection of the Hampshire Scouts. "I have come away with an excellent impression of the Hampshire Scout Organisation", and "...though the Troops are at present small, they contain very promising material." Some 'minor details' B-P noticed were "...the desirability of developing the Patrol as a unit and of putting real responsibility on the Patrol Leaders." and "A good many Scouts too, appear to me to be under age and under size." And this thought, perhaps, led to the formation of the Wolf Cubs for boys aged 8-11 years in 1916. Also, "The question was asked me in one or two places whether lady Scoutmasters were countenanced by Headquarters, and I may say that we have no objection to ladies managing Troops, and acting as their Secretaries, but it is not a very good thing that they should be real Scoutmasters... At the same time I recognise the value of the assistance of the ladies, and it is noticeable that in most of the Troops managed by them there are more badges of efficiency amongst the boys than in many other Troops."

A fleeting visit to Basingstoke was made by Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell in April 1916 and the *Hants & Berks Gazette* reported that "...on their arrival by motor car they found about sixty Scouts on parade, the majority of whom belonged to the Troops at Tadley, Monk Sherborne with Pamber... The Tadley Troop was in the charge of S M Miss Marshall assisted by Mrs Baker; the Upton Grey Troop was

commanded by S M Miss Seth-Smith; with the Monk Sherborne and Pamber Troop were S M The Revd H S Footman, Miss Goff (Instructor), and Mr. Martin (drill sergeant)..."

Wakeford. Shirley Christmas, Cub Scout Leader at the time confirmed that the Group Chairman, Claude Fenton was the main driving force behind the project devoting time and energy as



Traditional Scouting skills are still learnt by local Scouts. Here they can be seen putting their pioneering skills into action.

At the end of the inspection their 'Great Chief' told them, "I did not expect to find such a large number here, especially of Scouts who have come in from the country. I have come at short notice as I was only passing through. I am glad to have this chance of seeing you and of telling you how pleased I am with your appearance."

## More Recent Years.

In 1950 the Pamber Heath Scout Group was re-registered with the Scout Association as a Sponsored Group known as the 21st Basingstoke (St Luke's). Stanley M Elmes of the Church Army was the Group Scoutmaster and Cubmaster with William Potter as the Scoutmaster. These were the only two leaders at this time with 14 Scouts and 6 Wolf Cubs. The registration was changed in 1958 and the group became an Open group with a change of title to 21st Basingstoke (Pamber Heath). A further change was made in 1966 when all the local Scout Groups joined the newly-formed Silchester Scout District with Alan Stables, a former Scouter with the 21st, as District Commissioner and they became known as the Pamber Heath Scout Group. George M. Gilby was the Scoutmaster at this time.

Planning for a new Scout Den was begun in 1965 and was completed in May 1969 with the opening ceremony performed by the President, Lionel

well as donating building materials. In 1980 the Den was given a unique feature – a mural with the theme of the Jungle Book (Disney style) painted by the local artist Rex Monger, helped by 11 year old Andrew Griffin, a former Cub Scout.

Over the years the Pamber Heath Scout Group has taken part in a variety of activities including canoeing, crafts, mountaineering, camping, hiking, athletics and swimming.

At present the Group consists of a Beaver Colony run by Susan Offen-James, a Cub Scout Pack with Geoff Judges in charge and Simon Johnson running the Scout Troop.

It was not until the opening of AWRE Aldermaston in the 1950s which brought many new families to the area that Scouting returned to Tadley. At that time Tadley was still part of the Basingstoke Scout District and the newly formed Group was known as the 26th Basingstoke (Burnham Copse) and registered in June 1955. The address of the Headquarters was 'Community Centre, Chivers Camp, Tadley' and the Group consisted of 4 Scouters, 15 Boy Scouts and 20 Wolf Cubs. The Group Scoutmaster was John Eynon, the Scoutmaster Haydn Howe, the Assistant Scoutmaster Roy Wood and Cubmaster Peter Beaver. Later the Group moved to its present HQ – The Den – which had just been vacated by Burnham Copse Infants, behind what was



Dragon Boat racing at Eton. One of the more unusual activities enjoyed by Tadley Scouts while at Hampshire 007 Centenary camp.

then The Royal Cinema.

In December 1966 the 26th Basingstoke (Burnham Copse) Group joined the newly formed Silchester District and became officially known as the Tadley Scout Group.

The Group Scoutmaster at this time was John Feuillade. Tadley Group has been lucky with its leaders, many have remained with the Group for years giving a continuity not always available. Dave Anderson, John Feuillade, Brian Spray, Mike Broad and Ann Broad to name a few. For many years there was a continuous stream of young volunteer leaders who had moved from their home towns to work at AWRE and were keen to make contact with the local Scout Group to continue their Scouting. Some leaders were 'home grown' and having joined as eight year old Cubs, progressed through the Group to become leaders themselves. Daniel Peal is one of these and is at present leading one of the Tadley Cub Packs.

During the 1960s John Feuillade and Mike Broad started the Calleva Life Saving Club to train Scouts and Guides for Royal Life Saving Society Awards which in turn helped towards Scout and Guide awards. The club is still running.

For about two years from 1970 there was a Cub Scout Pack which was known as the Tadley Green Pack which met at Tadley CP School with John Collins as Cub Scout Leader, but this was really an overflow from the Pamber Heath Cub Packs.

The Tadley Scout Group was very lucky with its fund raising committee led by Mr Peter Atkinson when in 1974 they conceived the idea of the Tadley Treacle Fayre to raise funds for the Group. Local craftsmen including Mr Arthur Nash

making besom brooms were recruited and Mr David Cairn designed and made a limited number of pottery Tadley Treacle pots to be sold. The Fayre was a success making a profit of about £400 and was continued for another 3 years with increasing success.

Tadley have always been a very active

Group both indoors and out. In the early years of their new era a tandem bicycle donated to the Scouts was refurbished and ridden many times. Camping has been at least a yearly event, combined with canoeing, swimming, climbing, hiking and working towards various badges.

The Tadley Group now consists of a Beaver Colony with Jackie and Adrian Pearce in charge, two Cub Packs led by Daniel Peal and James Nicholson and one Scout Troop with Gareth Cairns leading them. The older lads join the District Explorer Scouts based at Tadley Den and also run by Daniel Peal. In 2005 The Group celebrated 50 years of continuous Scouting.

When the **Baughurst** Scout Group re-opened in 1962 the title of 10th Basingstoke (Baughurst) remained the same, the meetings were at Heath End Village Hall and they had a total of 18 members. The Group Scoutmaster was Reginald Ash, the Acting Scoutmaster was Alan Stables with 3 Scouts and there were 12 Wolf Cubs with Anthony Fitzpatrick-Brown as their Cub Scoutmaster.

With the formation of Silchester District Association in December 1966 the Group's official title became the Baughurst Scout Group with L Wilkinson in charge.

For many years the Scout Troop

## Structure

### Local Association – Basingstoke District until 1966 then Silchester District

| Scout Groups |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1907         | Boy Scout Troops <b>only</b> .  |
| 1916         | Wolf Cub Packs. 8-11 years.<br>Boy Scout Troops. 11 years upwards.  |
| 1917         | Wolf Cub Packs. 8-11 years.<br>Boy Scout Troops. 11-18 years.<br>Rover Scout Crews. 18 years upwards.   |
| About 1946   | Senior Scouts began. 15-18 years.   |
| 1959         | Wolf Cub Packs. 8-11 years.<br>Boy Scout Troops. 11-15 years.<br>Senior Scouts. 15-18 years.<br>Rover Scout Crews. 18 onwards.<br>Ages usually with a leeway of 6 months either side. |
| 1967         | <b>Advance Party Report</b><br>Cub Scout Pack. 8-10.5 years.<br>Scout Troop. 10.5-15 years.<br>Venture Scout Unit. 16-20 years.   |
| 1982         | Beaver Scout Colonies started in UK. 6-8 years.   |
| 2007         | Beaver Scout Colony. 6-8 years.<br>Cub Scout Pack. 8-10.5 years.<br>Scout Troop. 10.5-14 years.<br>Explorer Scouts. 14-18 years.<br>Network Scouts. 18-25 years                       |



regularly travelled to Hafod in North Wales for mountaineering weekends led by Scout Leader Graham Brooks. In 1993, after a great deal of work by Group Scout Leader Ken Turner and others, the old wooden Scout Den “which was only held together by the woodworm holding hands” was replaced by the new brick building and opened by Mr Bob O’Bee on 4 December. Two years earlier the Group became a Scout and Guide Group and has never looked back.

At present the Group consists of one

Beaver Colony, one Cub Pack, one Scout Troop, Rainbow Guides, Brownie Guides, Guides and a Senior Section.

All these Scout Groups have had their ups and downs, lack of leaders etc. but are at the present thriving with never, seemingly, a lack of young people who wish to participate in Scouting.

One final boost for **Hampshire** scouting in this Centenary year – on 21 May, the Sky High Team of Hampshire Scouts climbed to the top of Mount Everest. One of the three who reached the

summit was Tim Clarke from Basingstoke and a member of Calleva Life Saving Club for Scouts and Guides.

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## Mary Troughton Marshall (Miss) – a biography

The picture we can create of this lady is one dominated by children and horses. Mary Marshall, May or ‘Muz’ as she was often known, seems to have spent much of her adult life considering the needs of those less fortunate than herself. She was a strong minded and independent lady which is borne out by her determination to give the four Boy Scouts: Albert Saunders, Leonard Monger, Alfred Wm West, and Frank Hawkins the opportunity to experience the excitement and privilege of attending the 1st World Scout Jamboree despite opposition from the Local Education Authority!

She was born in 1869 in Preston, Lancashire, to Andrew and Mary Marshall (née Croft). At a later date she moved with her parents to Bath, Somerset. Although her adopted son has always believed she attended one of the Oxford women’s colleges in the late 19th century, there is no trace of her in their alumni records. It is possible however that she was a student in Oxford city or received private tuition there but was not accepted formally as a student of the University. Women’s colleges were only just being established at this time. The first, Lady Margaret Hall in 1878, was closely followed by Somerville and St Anne’s (in 1879), St Hugh’s and St Hilda’s (1886 and 1893 respectively). Women students were not allowed to officially matriculate until 1920!

It is possible that as a young lady she undertook the Grand Tour of Europe as it was when climbing Mount Vesuvius that she met her lifelong friend and companion Elsie Paine, known as ‘Caesar’ due to her exceptional height!

Mary and Elsie took up residence in Tadley between 1903 and 1907 (ref. *Kelly’s Directory*) owning jointly, by 1909, quite a large amount of land and property in and around Church Road. In total 28 acres which included two houses, one cottage, stables and a laundry (ref. 1909/1910 Record of Land Valuation). Barn Close Laundry (see *Around Tadley – fact and fable* page 11) is not listed in the directory either before or after the known dates that Mary and Elsie lived in Tadley so it could be assumed that they started this commercial venture. It is thought, from local memories, that orphaned girls were brought to work alongside locals at the laundry. Further evidence of the philanthropic attitude of this woman.

In 1923 they are listed as resident at ‘Pinnocks’, now ‘Bishopswood Grange’, and had the fourth telephone number to be issued by the Heath End exchange! Between 1924 and 1927 it is assumed they moved from Tadley as they are no longer listed in the local directory.

Whether they moved straight to Sussex is not known but by 1932 they were resident at Ferring, West Sussex. Here, once again, Mary is involved with horses and children; as proprietress of a riding stables and the Colinton Hotel. She remained in Sussex until her death in 1952 at the age of 85. Elsie lived for a further two years.

During her time at Ferring, and possibly here in Tadley, she is known to have, what she called, ‘adopted’ two boys. It may be that they were fostered but in

her will she refers to her adopted sons. The youngest, Hugh Marshall, certainly adopted her surname. Mary and Elsie also gave a home to a woman and her two daughters.

Hugh has been kind enough to share with TADS his knowledge and memories of his mother. He recalls clearly the instruments you can see carried in the Hospital Sunday photograph (page 1). They were taken to Ferring where Mary later gave them to the newly formed Worthing Army Cadets. Hugh also remembers a Scout trek cart with the name ‘10th Tadley’ painted on its side. Could this have been the cart the Scouts used in 1920 to take their equipment to Olympia, or to enter the trek-cart races there? Sadly we shall probably never know.



Barn Close Laundry, Church Road, Tadley c1905. Owned by the Misses Paine and Marshall, it is believed that many of the girls pictured were orphans.

# 100 years ago – Hants and Berks Gazette, July – December 1907

Date Page Village Topic

|              |   |                       |   |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 6 July       | 5 | Silchester            | Death and funeral of Mr Henry Whistler, Overseer and Parish Clerk. [C]  |
| 6 July       | 6 | Tadley                | Kingsclere Police Court fined Joseph Hicks £1 for being drunk and refusing to quit the 'Pine Apple'. [C]  |
| 6 July       | 6 | Tadley                | Magistrates granted a Separation Order, custody of child and 5s per week to Clara Saunders from Alfred Saunders on grounds of cruelty. [C]      |
| 20 July      | 8 | Silchester            | Meeting to consider installing 'heating apparatus' in Parish Church cancelled due to only the Rector and Mr Goddard putting in an appearance!   |
| 3 August     | 6 | Tadley                | Mrs Whitehorn of 'The Hawthorns' has been appointed postmistress. [C]   |
| 10 August    | 5 | Baughurst/<br>Tadley  | Baughurst and Tadley Flower Show held in Hawley Park by permission of Mr W James. [C]   |
| 10 August    | 6 | Ramsdell              | 24th Cottage Garden Show Exhibition held in Holybush Meadow. [C]  |
| 10 August    | 6 | Tadley                | Inquest held at 'The Fox & Hounds' on Elisha Hicks age 6 weeks daughter of Walter & Martha Hicks – verdict accidental death by suffocation. [C] |
| 17 August    | 6 | Tadley                | Inquest at 'The Malthouse' on the body of William Hornsey, aged 11 who was on holiday from London visiting Pamber with his brother.             |
| 7 September  | 6 | Baughurst             | Marriage of Mr F G Goodenough, son of F T Goodenough of London House to Miss F E Lewis. [C]   |
| 21 September | 6 | Pamber                | At Divisional Petty Sessions Alfred West (labourer) fined 5 shillings including costs for driving a pony and cart without a light at 9.30pm.    |
| 21 September | 8 | Silchester            | Serious fire at Messrs Ford and sons Saw Mills.   |
| 28 September | 6 | Baughurst             | Football club – meeting at New Inn Baughurst for possibility of forming a village football club.  |
| 5 October    |   | Mortimer              | Theft of a watch and jewellery by an orphan boy, Ernest Evans (15) – charged at Basingstoke – remanded until next week.                         |
| 12 October   | 6 | Mortimer              | Ernest Evans to remain on remand and will possibly be sent to an industrial school.   |
| 2 November   | 6 | Silchester            | Gramophone entertainment given by Miss Cockerton with her own gramophone in the Impstone Reading Room with Mr J Cooper presiding. [C]           |
| 2 November   | 5 | Ramsdell              | First Aid Class meeting to consider the desirability of forming a class for males was unanimously adopted. [C]                                  |
| 2 November   | 5 | Baughurst             | Through the kindness of Mr Stokes of Inhurst House, the Reading Room was re-opened for the winter months. [C]                                   |
| 6 November   | 3 | Tadley                | Football – Tadley versus Kingsclere – (lots of names)   |
| 6 November   | 5 | Mortimer              | First wedding in the history of Mortimer West Chapel on 6 November between Miss Elsie Myrtle and Mr Horace Albert Polley. [C]                   |
| 14 December  | 6 | Baughurst             | Lecture and magic lantern show in Primitive Methodist Chapel by Mr H White on 'How to succeed in making the best of one's self'. [C]            |
| 21 December  | 7 | Tadley &<br>Baughurst | £1 8s 5d collected by scholars of Tadley Council Schools for Dr Barnardo's waifs and strays; Baughurst's collection totalled £1 14s 0d.         |

# 100 years ago – national and international, July – December 1907

| Date  | Topic   |
|---|---|
| 19 July   | In Yorkshire Victor Grayson becomes the first MP elected on a pure socialist ticket.                        |
| 25 July   | Korea becomes a Japanese protectorate.  |
| 3 August  | Liverpool celebrates its 100th anniversary.   |
| 31 August   | Britain and Russia resolve differences over Persia; British pre-eminence in the Persian Gulf is recognised. |
| 6 September   | Maiden voyage of the Lusitania, the largest liner in existence at the time.                                 |
| 7 September   | The Hague Peace Conference adopts rule that all powers must give notice of war.                             |
| 24 October  | A terrible earthquake devastates Calabria, Italy; over 250 people killed.                                   |
| 29 November   | Florence Nightingale receives the Order of Merit from King Edward VII.                                      |
| Among those who died at this time were: Edvard Hagerup Greig, Norwegian Composer (4 Sept) and Michael Mark, co founder of Marks and Spencers (31 Dec).  |   |
| Among those born were: Fay Wray, actress in <i>King Kong</i> (15 Sept); Anthony Blunt, art historian who was exposed as a Russian spy in 1979 (26 Sept); Bernard Miles, actor who founded the Mermaid Theatre in London (27 Sept); Ernest Marples, Conservative Politician, who as Minister of Transport commissioned Dr Beeching's report on the railways (9 Dec). |   |

Articles marked [C] have been copied and archived by TADS for reference; copies are also held in Tadley Library.