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The SGSC Team at the 21st World Scout Jamboree - Hylands Park, Chelmsford, UK
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(Photo courtesy of Alex Hadden)

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of the new style Bulletin. I hope that you like it and that it will become an accepted part of the Club's life.

Many of you will not know me - or for that matter, many of the other Committee Members - so I am starting a "This is Me" feature in this issue and I am asking the other members of the Committee to send their own item in for use during the year. When we've finished with these that perhaps we can start with profiles of some of our other members.

The Centenary year of Scouting has now passed into history - and how will it be remembered? Well, firstly there was a truly excellent Jamboree at Hylands Park, with about 40,000 people either participating or assisting with activities and events. The Club were pleased to have played their part in this thanks to the kind offer from the International Badgers Club to share their exhibition facility. Secondly, there were many highly successful District and County Camps around the UK - and many others overseas - even if our own one was spoilt a bit by the weather. Thirdly, there does seem to be some evidence of a growth in interest in the Movement. Against this was the fact that for various reasons (none of which seem to be entirely satisfactory) there was no Jamboree postmark - for the first time since 1929.

On the downside for SGSC, all of this activity and interest has not manifest itself by giving us a great growth in membership. We are still in a situation where more of our members are passing away of old age than are joining us full of youthful vim, vigour and enthusiasm.

So this is where you all come in. I assume that because you are members then you are interested in the continuing success of the Club. This means that we have got to get many more young people interested in our hobby of philately - especially of Scout and Guide collecting. Would you be prepared to get out and give talks or hold meetings in your own Scouting/Guiding community - and, if so, what would you need to make it work? Let us know what you want and the Committee will try to develop material to fill the gaps. Or, at least, write to us and let us know what you think we should do to avoid the possibility in five or six years time of the SGSC shutting up shop altogether.

Remember - from a mercenary point of view - if there are no future collectors then all of our collections become, in effect, valueless. So that's my challenge to you all for 2008.

For myself, my challenge is to give you an interesting and informative Bulletin which will assist you in meeting your challenge.

Terry Simister

**Copy dates for the remainder of 2008 are: - March 15th, May 17th, July 12th,
September 15th and November 11th.**

Please send copy, including photos, electronically where possible.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

John Ineson

Welcome to Terry Simister our new Editor, only the fourth since the club was formed in 1957. He follows Wilfred Nodder 1957-1967, Howard Fears 1967-1975 and Peter Duck 1975-2007. The job of the Editor is to edit material sent to him for publication. Therefore it is essential that more articles are sent to Terry for publication. If you have never seen your name in print, now is the time to make a start!. I have appealed for a new Treasurer many times, but still we do not have a volunteer. Surely one of our members would consider taking on this small duty, as our club cannot run without this important position filled.

Another year brings a new size Bulletin, the fourth since our inception 50 years ago. As mentioned in a previous bulletin, in the UK, the Post Office no longer charges just for weight but for size which has increased our postal cost by nearly 70% per issue. Unfortunately we can no longer bear the extra cost, so this is the reason for the change.

In my last Chairman's Notes, I mentioned the two booklet panes of Victoria Cross stamps (which included the Jack Cornwell stamp with their value omitted), that Grosvenor Auctions had for sale in their November sale. I was surprised that they sold with one making £6800 and the other £7000 plus of course the added 15% buyers premium. (approximately Euro 9500 and 9800, US\$ 13600 and 14000). Errors in the U.K. stamps rarely happen these days due to the advanced printing technology, and to date I have not heard of any in the stamps produced for the centenary of Scouting last year.

Having had a reason to read through the 1920 programme and souvenir book for the first World Jamboree, I was surprised to read so much about Stamp Collecting which was one of the main activities. You will recall that most of the events took place indoors at the Olympia stadium in London. On page nine we are informed that "The collection of postage stamps of Great Britain kindly lent by Mr L.O.Trivett, The Boy Scout Deputy Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, is the finest collection of English Stamps in the world. Here can be seen one of only two known copies of the artist's proof of the Penny Black, but this is only one of many beautiful rare specimens. The boys are encouraged to collect stamps, as apart from their financial value, it is an excellent means of teaching history and geography". In the souvenir book there is one and a half pages on stamp collecting and

on another page the names of the winners of the best collection of stamps. This included Scout F. Godden of the 28th Beckenham Troop, who later in life became famous for his Godden Stamp Albums.

As one who watches Scout items on eBay, I was interested to see that a registered cover from the 1947 World Jamboree come up for sale recently. Although it is thought that up to 550 covers could have been sent registered, it is surprising how scarce they are. The one sold had the Jamboree de la Paix rubber cachet on a registration label numbered 166 and was dated 10th August 1947. It is known that a cover sent on 19th August was number 554 so it would have been expected that more than 10-15 are recoded. The cover sold in December to one of our SGSC members for US\$1337 (about £670, Euro 900) had 33 bids.



Details are beginning to arrive about the Euro-Scout 2008 stamp exhibition in Switzerland. It is being held at Benken SG, Switzerland from Friday July 25 until Sunday July 27 2008. Benken, which is a small village and it would appear to be about 30-40 miles (50-65km) away from Zurich Airport There will be a ladies programme on the Saturday. More information in the next Bulletin. As mentioned before, we are holding Euro-Scout in the UK during 2010.

Our next meeting will be during the Philatex Stamp show at the Royal Horticultural Society, Lawrence Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, London and we have been allocated a room from 10.30-12.30 when displays will be given by members of the committee. This is an open meeting and you are welcome to bring a friend.

COMMITTEE PROFILE - Terry Simister - Editor and “still” Treasurer.

I was born in Bristol in 1944 but grew up and spent most of my life until marrying in Hackney in East London. I joined the 2nd Hackney Wolf Cubs in November 1956 after a little bit of a false start. My birthday when I would be 8 was on the Wednesday so my father took me along to the Cubs on the preceding Friday. The Cub Mistress, or CM as she like to be called, came over to me and asked if I wanted to join. I replied “Yes” and she said “When will you be eight?”, to which I responded “Next Wednesday”. There was short silence and she then said “Well come back next Friday!” Which I did. It turned out that Miss Brown, for that was her name, and the GSM, Frank Chapman, were very close friends of my father.

The same Miss Brown took me, aged nine, on my first visit to Gilwell Park - back in the days when the Buffalo Lawn area was chained off to prevent general access. CM stood with me at the chain and putting her arm on my shoulders said “Terence, one day if you get to be somebody important in Scouting you may be asked to take tea on this Lawn”. The reverence in her voice sticks with me to this day and I often wonder what she would think of the current annual reunion and the general melee around the Lawn.

Because the 2nd Hackney were a Sea Scout Group I transferred to the 11th Hackney when I reached 11 and remained there through Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts until I eventually left in 1965. I never quite got my Queen’s Scout Badge (and therein lies a story all of its own) but I did really enjoy all of the time.

In 1967 I married Betty and we moved to the house that we still occupy in Chelmsford.

My next involvement in Scouting came in 1969 when a friend asked me if I would like to put my son’s name on the waiting list at his Cub Scouts and, at the same time, would I help them with the Model Maker Badge. I guess you’ve all heard the rest but I became the football Manager for the Cubs, then onto the Group Committee, then the Group Chairman and eventually the Group Scout Leader, all with the 27th Chelmsford - whilst two sons enrolled.

Since then I’ve been a DSL, ADC Scouts, ADC Development and am currently GSL of the 26th Chelmsford as well as being the Producer of Chelmsford Gang Show which celebrated its 50th annual performance last April. I’ve also been to two World Jamborees - Korea in 1991 and UK in 2007.

I have been a “collector” for almost all of my life and started on Scouting matters in 1978 when I purchased a small collection of Scout and Guide Stamps. I joined the SGSC, becoming member number 2000, and have been on the Committee for a few years now. My collecting extends over anything and everything related to Scouting - postcards, cigarette and trade cards, badges, matchbox labels, paper ephemera in general, as well as books and records, especially those related to Gang Shows, china, etc. etc.

I have a very tolerant wife, who currently runs the District Scout Shop as well as doing small props for the Gang Show, otherwise none of this could happen.

Best wishes, Terry

(Normally I will include a photo but you’ve already got one of me on the front cover)

In one hundred years of Scouting the tents we use have evolved from the traditional bell and ridge army types to lightweight hi- tech models using modern materials for use in all seasons and extremes of weather. Artists of Scout and Guide stamps have however largely failed to move with the times but modern nylon dome type tents are seen on the 1991 World Jamboree miniature sheet from Ghana ,the 2007 100y stamp from Turkey ,and the 2007 55c stamp from Eire.



The Scout campsites in the early days were usually formal rows of bell tents, similar to those seen on the 2007 Isle of Man miniature sheet and the 1932 25b Scout stamp of Rumania. Bell tents have been out of fashion with Scouts for many years being overtaken by the ridge tent but are now slowly making a comeback and some were used at the 2007 World Jamboree. The ridge tent is still by far the most used by Scouts worldwide, and provide Scouts with the basic skills of tent pitching as pictured on the 1978 25c Scouting stamp from St.Christopher, Nevis,Anguilla. Early Scout postcards picture the most basic of shelters using Scout staves as poles, a more modern hike tent is seen with Cub Scouts on the 1991 75c stamp from Antigua Barbuda, this tent having a mesh insect proof door a luxury unheard of back in 1909 ! A small pup tent and forester tent are also pictured on the M9 Lesotho stamp of 2002.



Scouts have always been adept (or inept) at constructing backwoods shelters using natural materials as seen on postcards of c.1909. In Countries where these methods are used to build native houses Scouts use them too to make shelters as shown on the \$2 2007 stamp from Kiribati and the 1982 35c stamp from Papua New Guinea.



Other types of tent are seen on Scout the older type of expedition tent on the metal framed tent pictured on the the Cayman Islands. From the Czech 11kc stamp shows a Scout camp with wooden walls, a type of traditional eastern Europe.



stamps too, including stamps of Bhutan and 1982 20c stamp from Republic their 2007 the tents all having low Scout tent popular in



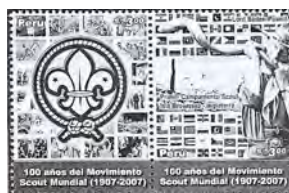
NEW ISSUES NEWS from Bob Lee

At last I am starting to see a reduction in the volume of New Issues relating to the Centenary of Scouting and, as I stated previously, I have been pleasantly surprised at the relative lack of Class “C” and “D” Issues to attack our pockets even more. As I write this in late January, I am still waiting for issues from 23 Class “A” countries so there will be additions for our collections for some months to come.

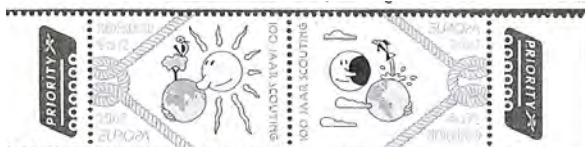


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Class	Country	Stamps	£. p
A 576	Canada	100th Anniversary of Scouting pre-paid B-P envelope	2.70
A 577	Egypt	100th Anniversary of Scouting 1 val.	0.40
A 578	Kiribati	100th Anniversary of Scouting and World Jamboree 4 vals + M/S	4.55
A 579	Kosovo/UN Admin	100th Anniversary of Scouting 2 vals.	4.75
A 580	Mexico	100th Anniversary of Scouting	2.85
A 581	Nepal	100th Anniversary of Scouting 1 val. of B-P	0.30
A 582	Netherlands	100th Anniversary of Scouting & Europa 2 vals.	1.70
C 583	Paraguay	100th Anniversary of Scouting	2.65
A 584	Peru	100th Anniversary of Scouting	3.15
A 585	Poland	100th Anniversary of Scouting & Europa 1 val.	1.50
C 586	Rep of Djibouti	2 sheets of 2 values, Owls with Scout Badge, also exists imperf.	7.45
C 587	South Georgia	100th Anniversary of Scouting 5 vals.	5.25
A 588	Spain	100th Anniversary of Scouting & Europa 1 val.	0.70
A 589	St Thomas/Prince	100th Anniversary of Scouting, 16 sheets x 1 val, animals Birds, etc exists imperf	45.00
A 590	St Thomas/Prince	100th Anniversary of Scouting, 10 sheets x 4 vals. and 10 sheets x 1 val. Animals, birds, etc. exists imperf.	90.00
A 591	St Vincent/Canouan	100th Anniversary of Scouting and World Jamboree sheet x 21 vals.	9.80
A 592	St Vincent/Mustique	100th Anniversray of Scouting set + M/S, also exists imperf.	8.25
A 593	Tuvalu	100th Anniversray of Scouting set + M/S	7.35



NEW ISSUES NEWS continued



Country	Postcards	Date
Argentina	100th Anniversary Camp, Cordoba	18/21 Aug 2007
Argentina	JOTA 50th Anniversary Buenos Aires	19/21 Oct 2007
Canada	50th Anniversary of Sudbury Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	01 Sept 2007
Canada	SOSSI Chapter at Royal 2007 Exhibition Toronto	12/14 Oct 2007
Czech Republic	90 years of Scouting in Pilsen, Pizen	14 Sept 2007
Czech Republic	World Jamboree England, Praha 6	27 July 2007
Czech Republic	XV11 Meeting of Scout Collectors, Praha 1	13 Oct 2007
Germany	100 years of Scouting, Wolfsburg	13 Oct 2007
Germany	100 years of Scouting, Koln	20 Sept 2007
Japan	Aichi Scout Exhibition, Nagoya-Naka PO	15/21 Aug 2007
Japan	22nd Asia Pacific Conference, Yoyogi (Tokyo)	01 Oct 2007
Japan	Ibaraki Council Cub Beber Rally, Ushiku	04 Nov 2007
USA	Scouting Centennial, Plattsburgh NY	08 Sept 2007
USA	100 years of Scouting, Red Feather Lakes	28 June 2007
USA	100 years of Scouting, Red Feather Lakes	26 July 2007
USA	100 years of World Scouting, Richmond	13 Oct 2007
USA	100 years of World Scouting, Richmond	14 Oct 2007
USA	100 years of Scouting, Puerto Rico	29 April 2007
USA	One World, One Promise, Chillicothe	05 May 2007
USA	Calumet International Camporee, Smethport	18 Aug 2007
USA	Girl Scouts GS Postal Station, Washington	09 June 2007

Membership Secretary's Update

As you are probably aware I have recently taken on the position of membership secretary for the club and I am gradually working to update the records.

At the last SGSC Committee Meeting we agreed to change over to a common date of membership renewal and subscriptions.

This should simplify the process and means that I will be able to remind everyone of the due date by writing in the bulletin!

It was agreed that the date should be 1st April each year, beginning in 2008. I shall be writing to you all individually over the coming months to advise you of your next renewal date and the cost worked out on a pro rata basis depending on the expiry date of your current subscription.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of three of our members.

Geoff Gatenby (No.1616), Richard Hargreaves (No.1814) and Joseph Zimmerman (No.598)



All passed away in the weeks preceding Christmas, our thoughts are with their families....

NEW MEMBERS

Stella Terry	No.3009 Chippenham, England
Ivan Goya	No.2865 (Re-instated) Torrejon de Ardoz, Spain
Andrew Morel du Boil	No.3010 Aberystwyth, Wales
Albert Nickels	No.3011 Bideford, England
Jamal Abdullah	No.3012 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
David Allen	No.3013 Ely, England

Welcome to you all - we hope that you find membership of our club enjoyable, informative and interesting.

Tim Reed - Membership Secretary

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE PHILATELY OF 1957.....continued by Peter Duck

Firstly, the illustrations for items included in the November/December 2007 are shown. Sweden, which is usually fairly prolific with the use of Scout postmarks, only produced one in 1957, used between 6–13 August for Salvation Army Girl Guides Camp at Skara. Following their National Camp in 1956, Switzerland only issued a rubber-stamp cachet for the Centenary. This was for the Regional Assembly at Place du Chateau Lausanne on 22.2.57 and was oblong in shape. It included the Swiss Scout badge, and was printed in either green or purple. A few other Scout Group handstamps are recorded – from Groupe Orbe-Union, Scout Sports Vidy and Brigade Vieux-Castel, La Chaux-de-Fonds. During July, the Swiss Girl Guides held an International Camp at Goms Ulrichen to celebrate the Baden-Powell Centenary. A Mobile Post Office was sited at the Camp, and use was made of a supplementary postmark on 28 July only.

The Chinese Scouts in Taiwan held their Winter Jamboree at Chang Hoa from 6 – 16 February. Two different handstamps appear to have been used, printed in either red or purple on the cacheted covers. Scout Week also took place in February for which a cacheted cover and a sheet of 50 identical labels were issued. The Girl Scouts in Taiwan produced a cover with handstamp for their National Camp in July. The cachet is an adaptation of a B-P sketch entitled “Jambreeze”. The Taiwan Boy Scouts issued four different cacheted covers for their National Jamboree, also in July, but as I am unable to read Chinese, not many details are known. There were also two sheets of 16 labels produced – 4 x 4 different designs. The First Zone Summer Camp was held at Taipei in August and the rubber stamp cachet used coincided with the issue of their Scout stamps on 11th August 1957. The cachet was used from 8 – 15 August and shows the year as 46 which is the equivalent of 1957. A Scout philatelic exhibition was held from 20 –24 November 1957 for which a cacheted cover with rubber stamp was issued.

A letter posted to the Organiser of the Jubilee Jamboree in U.K. from Boy Scouts of Tanganyika shows a very attractive rubber stamp print of their National emblem.

The Ukrainian Scouts in Exile celebrated their 45th Anniversary from 6.V.1956 to 1.XI.1957, and labels and covers were adapted for use in 1957. As my knowledge of Ukrainian is not very good, I am not always aware of their significance. A rubber stamp dated 3-5.VIII.57 was used on a cover from Ukraina, Manitoba. A series of six labels issued in 1956 were reissued with the text “Jubilee Jamboree in Great Britain 1907 – 1957”. The labels appear perforate and imperforate in tete-beche pairs as well as on souvenir cards. The Ukrainian Scouts in Australia held an event at Lilydale, Victoria for which a special cover and handstamp was issued.

Numerous cacheted covers were produced by the Boy Scouts of America during 1957. Various events were commemorated, but the most important was the 4th National Jamboree held at Valley Forge, PA from 12 – 18 July. A slogan postmark was used on mail posted at the camp from 12 to 20 July. I can number 20 different cacheted envelopes used at the

A meter slogan was also used the the Boy scouts of America National Council, New Brunswick, NJ.

“Onward...For God and My Country” was the theme of meter slogans used in Boy Scout offices around the country. Also “Scout-Capades” were advertised in Buffalo, NY and “The Scout O Rama” in Highland Park, ILL.

The Girl Scouts also produced a couple of meter slogans for offices in Philadelphia, PA “1957 – The Girl Scout Year” and the National Convention held in November was publicised in New York, NY.

Returning home to Great Britain, a number of cachets and labels were produced to advertise many Jubilee Year Scout events. Labels were used for The Scout Show at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow and Jubilee Rallies at Barnet, Eltham and Lanarkshire. Also for “Voyage of the Venturer” produced by Ralph Reader which took place at the Royal Albert Hall in London – I remember seeing this fabulous show.

The 23rd Wakefield, Yorkshire celebrated their 21st birthday with a cacheted cover in March. Scottish Girl Guides held an International Camp at Blair Atholl in Perthshire in July for which a rubber stamp cachet and a label were produced. And the Girl Guides World Camp took place at Windsor at the same time as the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield. A special circular label was issued, also a privately produced rubber stamp was prepared by the former Publicity Secretary of our Club, John Hobbs.

I have a letter in my collection which is addressed “Scout Master, Roumanian Contingent, Scouts Jamboree, Windsor Great Park, Windsor”. The envelope was forwarded to Sutton Coldfield, and as there were no Roumanian (Exile) Scouts at the Jamboree it was returned to the sender who lived in Doncaster and was asking for a pen-friend.

The Jubilee Jamboree was followed by the 16th World Scout Conference in Cambridge, but no philatelic items are recorded from this event. Sale & District celebrated the Jubilee Year with their Scout Week cachet in late September. The 10th Annual Gathering of Methodist Scouters at Gilwell Park issued a cacheted cover on 26 October.

The Jubilee Jamboree stamps which had been issued on 1st August 1957 were legally valid until 29 February 1972, one year after decimalisation. Covers bearing these stamps valued at their equivalent in decimal currency (minimum of 3p for first class post, or 7 1/2d in old money) could be sent to Windsor for postmarking. I produced three covers, each of which also bore the overprinted stamps for Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar (Probably unique?) Although the Jubilee Jamboree stamps were demonetised from 1st March 1972, I have two later covers with them on, one used in 1975 and one in 1979. Both were prepared by our late President, Roy Rhodes.

Apart from a myriad of Scout stamp issues during the year, I do not think that 2007



ILLUSTRATIONS FROM NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2007 ISSUE



ПЛАСТОВИЙ ЮВІЛЕЙНИЙ РІК



JUBILEE JAMBOREE IN GREAT BRITAIN 1957
BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION,
25, BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD,
LONDON, W.1,
ENGLAND.



BY AIR MAIL
BY AIR MAIL

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



ЮВІЛЕЙНА ПЛАСТОВИЙ
23/СТРІЧУ
30.12.57.
DALE-AUSTRALIA



PLAY
2nd & Balfour St.
Toronto 25, Canada

NORTH *Scout* of America
AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



BUFFALO AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Community Club Building
33 EIRE ST., - CORNER NEAR
BUFFALO 9, NEW YORK

See the
SCOUT-CAPADES
Buffalo Memorial Auditorium
MAY 3-4, 1957



HELPING WILL INDUST-
RIES THE HANDICAP-



SOUVENIR



JOUTES
SPORTIVES
SCOUTES



VIDY
1867

童子童國中
念記營露大會賽省灣臺
蘇化彰·路地地營



WINTER JAMBOREE
HELD AT CHANG HOA
FEB. 6-16, 1957



ECLAIREURS SUISSES
Brigade Vieux-Lesleil
LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS



童子童女國中
念記營露大會賽省灣臺
山莊八北彰·露地地營



童子童國中
念記營露大會賽省灣臺
山莊八北彰·露地地營



童子童國中
念記營露大會賽省灣臺
山莊八北彰·露地地營



念紀年週十五動運童子童界世
封日節



日一十月八年六十四國民華中



1957
SIXTH YEAR
EVENTS



THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
GLASGOW COUNTY BOY SCOUT COUNCIL

The Secretary, London Office, Big Ben, Army, 3, Cannon Place, S.W. 1.



23rd. WAKEFIELD
(Sandal Methodist)
SCOUT GROUP
21st. BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS 30th & 31st March 1957 U.S.A.



Wm J. Reddin
McCulloch D-4
Harvard Business School
Boston 65 Mass.
U.S.A.



POSTAGE & RETURN TICKETS
NECESSARY



Lovely weather,
Great camp
Love,
Alice.

Miss Smith,
London,
Witchford,
Worcestershire



Dear Miss Smith,
Thank
much for the
have had to
here meet my
Queen was
the was very
might see the
camp for with
program
lots of love &
love for



GIRL GUIDE
WORLD CAMP
WINDSOR 1967

John E. C. [unclear] [unclear]

Wakefield

18, Barnburgh Avenue,
Thotton, MalDEN.

SALE & District
SCOUT WEEK



Sept. 29th—Oct. 5th

JUBILEE YEAR
1957



97, Northenden Rd., SALE, Cheshire.

"To do my duty to God"



B.P.

10th ANNUAL GATHERING
ASSOCIATION OF
METHODIST SCOUTERS
GILWELL PARK
26/27 OCTOBER, 1957



97, Northenden Rd., Cheshire.

JUBILEE JAMBOREE

Sutton Park, Warwickshire, England
August 1-12, 1957



REGION ELEVEN DELEGATION

Jamboree Troops 111, 112, 113
from
Washington-Idaho-Oregon-Alaska
Western Montana

PETER J. DUCK
59 GILPIN CRESCENT
WHITTON
MIDDLESEX, TW2 7BP

FUTURE DATES

23rd February, 2008 - At Philatex (See Chairman's Notes)

An Open Meeting together with a short Committee Meeting will be held at Philatex in Room 21 at 10.30am until 12.30pm

Club Meetings

Provisional dates for meetings to be held at the North Richmond Scout HQ (location details on request) starting 2.00pm are:

12 April 2008,

14 June 2008 (AGM) - Plenty of warning - a good turnout
would be nice

22 November 2008.

At the moment the first two dates are confirmed but the November date is provisional subject to confirmation that the hall is available.

Regional Meetings

Please send details of any proposed meetings to the Editor so that they can be included in this column for future issues.

Reports on any meetings held would be welcome for publication.

Euro-Scout 2008 Stamp Exhibition

This is being held at Benken SG, Switzerland from Friday July 25 until Sunday July 27 2008.

More information in the next Bulletin.

Euro-Scout 2010 Stamp Exhibition

This will be held in the UK and preliminary discussions are already taking place regarding possible venues and dates.

Australian Scout Stamps Announced.

By Dr. William Wells

The Australian Government has declared 2008 to be the “Year of the Scout” in Australia, honouring the Centenary of Scouting in this country.

Australia Post will issue three Scout stamps on 19 February 2008 to mark the Centenary of Scouting in Australia, and 2008 The Year of the Scout. There will also be a wide range of other philatelic products including maxicards, first day covers, stamp booklets and a prepaid envelope.

There will be three maxicards, with a separate card for each stamp. The picture shows a design related to the relevant stamp, and that stamp is cancelled on the picture side of the card on the first day of issue (see photos). Postage is prepaid for overseas.

The 50c stamp will be available in sheet format, and in self adhesive rolls. The design (courtesy Snowgum Australia) shows some boy and girl younger members near a hike tent and working on a computer – symbolising the continuing importance of outdoor activities in this high tech era.

The \$1.30 stamp is for international postage, and represents the international aspects of Scouting. The photo was taken by Andres Morales (from Costa Rica) during the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand in 2003. The Scouts represent some of the different cultures attending the Jamboree (including an Australian).

The \$1.95 international stamp shows a portrait of B-P. The maxicard shows B-P mounted on a horse – and comes from a photograph taken when B-P visited the 1st Australian Jamboree at Frankston in 1934.

The design of the basic first day cover (with set of three stamps) shows one of Victoria’s earliest Scouts – Geoffrey Fethers. His godfather (E.W. Wears, later to become Chief Commissioner of Victoria) returned from England in late 1907 with a Scout uniform given to him by B-P, and Wears passed this to Geoff. Shortly afterwards the 1st Elsternwick Scout Troop was established.

Fethers lived an interesting life and became very well known. He qualified as a veterinary surgeon, and served in the latter stages of the First World War. He wrote a column for the Victorian rural paper “The Weekly Times” for over 53 years, and broadcast weekly on 23 commercial stations for 12 years, and regularly on the ABC country show for another 8 years. He died in September, 1988.

In addition to the standard First Day Cover there will be a Prestige cover with an actual World Scout badge attached, and a postal numismatic cover with 50c stamp and 50c Scout coin.

There will also be three stamp packs. The standard pack will have one of each stamp, the “2008 The Year of the Scout” pack will have a sheetlet of ten, with the 2008 logo printed in tabs attached to the stamp. There will also be a special “collector” pack.

A special “Scout” prepaid envelope will also be issued, which Australia Post hopes will be used by Groups and Scouts during the year, to publicise Scouting to your friends. (RRP 60c covers the envelope and local postage).

For more information see Australia Post website www.auspost.com.au/stamps

I have been assisting the Australian Post Office in design of these stamps, and other products. To me, the most attractive items are the maxicards, which will be sold with the related stamp cancelled on the first day of issue.

I believe that this is the first time a cover has been sold with an actual World badge attached, and there is also a “Stamp Collecting” badge included in one of the packs.

The Brighton Philatelic Society (Victoria) is honouring Scouting with a one day display of Scouting collectibles. The souvenir cancellation will be dated 22 February, and the cover will show the high value Scouting stamp – with a portrait of B-P. Cost is USD5 each (includes separate postage) and they are available from Brighton Philatelic Society, Box 8062 North Road LPO, Brighton East, Victoria 3187 Australia (see website www.brightonps.org.au).

The National Stamp Exhibition being held in Canberra from March 14/16 will also have a Scouting theme, and a range of souvenirs will be available.

I am involved in preparing three “Scouting” displays – a Court of Honour Display at the Australian Post Philatelic Gallery, which will run for three months, and displays at the Brighton and Canberra events.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3 Maxicards
- 1 x Geoffrey Fethers (Courtesy Scout Heritage Centre, Victoria)
- 1 x BPS Cancel
- 2 x logos





The 21st World Jamboree and the Writtle Chelmsford Post Office by Michael Feigenbaum

Attending the 21st World Jamboree, I sent my mail using the closest post office just outside the site. This was done on August 26th, the "First Day Issue" of the Centennial stamps and on August 27th, the official opening day of the World Jamboree,

Part of the Greater Chelmsford Township, is the Village of Writtle / Chelmsford, which rests on the north side of the Jamboree. By going out of gate No.5 and walking a short distance, one would reach the post office of that village.

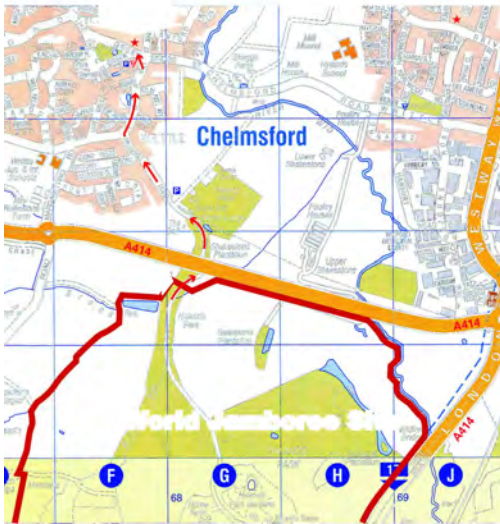
This Royal Mail Post Office was located inside a General Store, across from a small Park. Inside and behind a secured glass window, two women postal employees worked. The store itself had its own employee which sold small office supplies, snacks, toys, gifts, greeting cards etc.

While they had no special first day cancel at this facility, they did have the common Royal Mail round shaped cancel, which shows day, month and year.

Not having a Post Office at the Jamboree to cancel the centennial stamps and this village having the closest post office, I felt I was making the right decision walking my mail from the Jamboree to the Writtle Chelmsford Post Office to post them.

Mail from the 1st World Jamboree did not have a special postmark, and was cancelled with the local "Richmond, Surrey" postmark and at the 2nd world jamboree in Denmark, mail was sent locally to a post office in a village or place called "Gjentofte", and they in turn used their local postmark.

Please see the map for the proximity of the Writtle Chelmsford Royal Mail Post Office in relation to the Jamboree. Also see samples of these Cancellations which include the front and backside of a Signed for/Registered cover sent on the opening day of the jamboree. Then a little article of my personal experience along with pictures of some mail I sent, showing the Writtle Chelmsford postal cancel. These cancels show the first day of the 6 stamp issue and the first official opening day of the jamboree.



József Zimmermann



By Jan Henrik Bergqvist

SGSC member No. 96 & SOSSI L.M.35

My very good friend, my former Ass. Scout Master and member number 598 of Scout and Guide Stamps Club and a life member of SOSSI, József Zimmermann has passed away at the age of 88 years on 29th November 2007 at Pilisvörösvár near Budapest.

Jozsef was a Boy Scout already at young age. Having learnt to fly gliders with his troop in the hills on the outskirts of Budapest, he became a pilot in the Hungarian Air Force during the 2nd World War. When Hungary was annexed by Germany in 1944, he fought against the Russians and during that year was shot down and taken prisoner. He was sent to Siberia for four long years and after that time he suffered bad aching in his legs as soon as the weather turned to below freezing. During the Hungarian Soviet invasion in 1956 he fled via Austria to Sweden where he was treated for Tuberculosis. He became a technician at the Philips laboratories at Järfälla, outside Stockholm.

In December 1965 he went to Hungary to celebrate Christmas with his mother and took the opportunity to see some scout friends from the old time in a private home. However, during this gathering the Hungarian Secret Police knocked at the door and they were all arrested. The communist inspired court sentenced them all to two years imprisonment for “subversive activities”. As Jozsef at this time was a Swedish citizen it turned to much publicity in daily Swedish papers and National TV News.

Since Jozsef was a single man, I acted to support him and worked on behalf of the Swedish Scout Association to protect his belongings, collect his mail etc. and was acting with the Swedish Government Foreign Office to support him. I sent him several letters through diplomatic courier mail – nothing reached him. Finally I got a request to send him a Hungarian-Swedish dictionary and did write a short message a few pages into the book. That was the only contact he got from outside (except visits by the Swedish Ambassador).

After 1½ years in prison he was released because of “good behaviour”, received the order to leave his home country and without any money in his pockets put on a plane and headed for Stockholm. Our Foreign Dept. telephoned me and asked me to find Jozsef, which I did in the home of his Hungarian friends in Stockholm. He came for supper to my home and that was an extremely thin man, standing there in the middle of his coat. In the following years he was my Assistant Scout Master and we enjoyed wonderful scouting life with our troop in Kallhäll including several camps. In 1969 we both attended the Golden Jubilee of Gilwell Park in London and had the pleasure to talk with several members of the Baden Powell family including Lady B-P and also the Chief Scout Lord Rowallan.

Due to health reasons (his legs were still aching in wintertime in Sweden) he immigrated to Johannesburg in 1974 where he was employed by Philips Industries. He soon became very active in the South African Scout Association as a Group Scout Master. When the communist regime fell in Hungary he decided to immigrate back to his native country. During the following years he was an active member as a Fellow of the World Scout Foundation and attended many of their functions world-wide. One day he took part in a gathering of Air Force pilots from the 2nd World War, pilots from England, USA, Soviet, Germany and Poland. He did point out in a letter to me that this was one of the most exhilarating moments in his life. Jozsef and I were regularly in contact with telephone, e-mail and letters.

My daughter Gunilla visited Budapest in October 2007 and I had asked her to telephone Jozsef. He pointed at that moment out “that I’m just a simple Zimmermann”. He was a good Scouter with a deep

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