

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN



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Gilwell Park from the air taken in 2004 after latest rebuilding programme - from a postcard published by The Scout Association

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## EDITORIAL

I've now done two issues and I received such a gargantuan postbag for the second that the postman almost couldn't get all three of them in his pocket at the same time!!

I really did think that more than one person would come forward with details of their favourite Scout stamp from the last 100 years. Please don't leave it to everyone else - put finger to keyboard or pen to paper and send something to me. Let me know that there are members out there alive and kicking.

The second issue was prepared on an A4 format, using Times New Roman typeface/font and a font size of 16pts, which seems to have come down to a readable size when the pages were reduced on printing.

I did try experimenting with setting pictures into the text and, much to my surprise, only received comments on this style from two members - both of whom didn't like it. I must assume that everyone else did. However, I will try some more experiments in this issue until I get a really good style established.

Scouting is not just commemorated on stamps, but on a wide range of collectables. The club has decided to extend its field of interest to other paper ephemera such as postcards and cigarette cards. SGSC member and Scout Historian Colin Walker is to contribute a regular feature covering these areas of Scout collecting. I welcome the first of these "Colin's Corners" in this issue.

Over coming issues you are going to hear a lot about EuroScout 2010 because for the first time this "Scouting" Philatelic Exhibition is coming to the UK and is being hosted by the SGSC. The dates will be 13th May, 2010 for setting up and then open to the public for 14th, 15th and 16th May. I know it seems a long way away but please reserve the dates now and mention it within your Scouting Districts if you are still involved in the Movement so that we can encourage as many people as possible, especially young people, to attend. Full details, including venue, will follow shortly.

The third part of the "Meet the Committee" feature appears in this issue and covers John Ineson our illustrious Chairman - more to come.

Finally, a time saving request - for me. For those of you who have access to a computer, I would appreciate very much receiving articles in "electronic" format, along with scans of illustrations etc. This will save me literally hours of typing and help to get us back on schedule. Of course, if you don't have this equipment - I'd rather have something hand written than nothing at all.

Terry Simister

The AGM of the SGSC takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the North Richmond Scout Hut at 2.30pm when it is hoped by the committee that they will get some support from our members. It seems sad to think that with over 40 of us living within 50 miles of London, we have still not found a volunteer to become our Treasurer. Terry Simister has been doing this for some years, but as he has become our Editor, it is essential that we have somebody else to take on this job, as without a Treasurer, we cannot legally exist. Please either contact Terry or myself if you would be prepared to support the SGSC.

It is always good to read reports when members give displays to other clubs. In the May edition of the *Picture Postcard Monthly* it mentioned that "John Roberts introduced Scouting to Bristol Postcard Club last month, illustrating his talk with a large number of postcards that were passed around for perusal. John outlined the history of the Scout movement, featuring Baden-Powell, camps and jamborees. The cards were a mix of old and modern, and showed the appeal of Scouting throughout the world. Top series included Tuck's 'Our Boy Scouts' animal heads and Norman Rockwell's modern paintings. John also talked about his adventures buying cards on eBay and his exchanges with fellow collectors worldwide".

Recently a most interesting postcard was sold by auction in Hungary. The card

was posted at the Boy Scout World Jamboree and has the "k" Gödöllő cancellation dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 1933. On arrival at the Mátyásföld Hungarian Airport it was cancelled 11<sup>th</sup> August and then sent by Air Mail to Venice Lido, Italy. The card was posted with the 40 filler jam-



boree stamp, but should have had the correct rate of 70 filler. Therefore arriving at Venice it was surcharged with postage due stamps to the value of destination



on the card, it was again cancelled on 25 centimes and postmarked on 19<sup>th</sup> August. When it arrived at Venice Lido, the the 20<sup>th</sup> August, but was not accepted so was then sent back to Budapest. Estimated at approximately £100, it made £340 (US\$ 680, Euro 440) plus of course the buyer's premium of 15%

Plans are moving ahead quickly for the Euro- Scout Philatelic meeting being held at Benken, Switzerland from 25-27 July. All details were given in the last Bulletin, or you may like to go into the website of the organizers [www.euroscout2008.ch](http://www.euroscout2008.ch). During the weekend, IFSCO will be holding their bi-annual meeting which participants may attend.



As you are all aware, I like to follow Scout items that are being offered on eBay. Being a collector of the Scout India Rocket mail, I was interested to see offered by an Indian dealer, two impressions of the publicity labels with a defaced die. It appears that a hacksaw or such item has been used to cut across the original printing block. They measure approximately 136 x 200mm (5¼ x 7¾ inches). On the reverse is written “All India Scouts Jamboree 1-7<sup>th</sup> February 1937. Long live H.M. the King / Rocket Dispatch SH6” Described as unique and the only known one seen so far. The opening price was approximately US\$ 5000 (£ 2532, Euro 3240) but at this price, there

were no bids.

For those who do not collect India Rocket Mail, there were three labels produced in Red, Green and Blue in quantities of 2,000 each. After the Jamboree a Guide Rally was held at Bengal in March 1937 and 500 labels were printed in Orange, with an overprint.

## COMMITTEE PROFILE - John Ineson - Chairman



John, aged about 11, with his younger sister.

I was born at Colchester, Essex in 1933 and at eight years old I joined the Wolf Cubs at Colchester Royal Grammar School where I spent a year taking part in their activities. In 1943 I went away to boarding school where unfortunately due to the war, the Scout Troop had folded due to the Scout Leaders leaving to join the forces. Therefore I regret that I never went through the Movement as a young Scout.

I have been a stamp collector since I was eight years old, and remember at school receiving approvals and was able to purchase part sets of stamps up to the value of 3d (just over 1p new money) with some of these having six or seven values. From accumulating stamps worldwide, I gradually went into collecting British Commonwealth, but then had a period of not collecting until about the time I did my National Service in the Royal Air Force. Working in the Air Traffic Control section was my Sergeant who was a serious collector of stamps, and he soon encouraged me to collect again.

On leaving the Royal Air Force in 1954, I joined my family Agricultural Seed Business, and within a few months I was talked into joining the 1<sup>st</sup> Bures Scouts as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Then within two years, I became Scoutmaster and then in 1960 I became Assistant District Commissioner followed in 1964 as D.C. This I did for some 13 years until I was appointed as Assistant County Commissioner for International Scouting, which I continued to do until I reached the age of 67. In 2005 I was awarded the Silver Wolf, the highest award in adult Scouting.

My Scout stamp collecting probably started in 1955 as I became more involved with the movement. I attended the 1957 World Jamboree as a Scout Leader and with the issue of the commemorative stamps for this event; I started to collect Scout stamps. During the Jamboree, a meeting of SOSSI (the US club) was held which I attended as a visitor, and met Roy Rhodes for the first time. Within a few weeks I had joined the Scout Stamp Collectors Club (which we were then known) and given the membership number of 56.

Like most of us, I started by collecting Scout stamps, which until the 1957

Jamboree, less than 100 had been issued. I knew that some people collected covers and special postmarks, but at that time this was not for me. No doubt the publication of the hard backed book *Boy Scout & Girl Guide Stamps of the World* by Gordon Entwistle in 1957 helped increase our membership. I remember in 1964 purchasing from Stanley Gibbons my first Mafeking 1d bicycle stamp which cost £12. Since then I have specialised in the Mafeking 1d Cyclist and 3d BP stamps as well as the overprints. This has been followed by collections of Hungary and Romania, both places I have visited a number of times. My other Scout collections include the U.K., 1918 Czech and 1937 India Rocket Mail.

In 2002 I was elected as President of IFSCO for a two year term. I belong to a number of Philatelic Societies including the Hungarian P.S., Anglo-Boer War P.S., Sudbury (my local) Philatelic Society as well as the SGSC, SOSSI and the Royal Philatelic Society of London, of which I was elected a Fellow in 1986. I became Chairman of the Scout & Guide Stamp Club in 1997.



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**40th Anniversary of the First Italian Scout Stamp**  
**By Maurizio Cavalli, President of AISF (adapted by Peter Duck)**

From 19 to 24 September, 1967 the City of Arco hosted the 3rd International Exhibition of Scout Art and Photography. A special postal slogan was utilised to advertise the Exhibition; this was in use from 25th July to 24th September, 1967. At the Show the Minister of Posts - Signor Spagnoli (and ex-Scout) promised the assembly that Italy would have a Scout stamp in 1968. This promise was realised on St George's Day, 23rd April, 1968 when a number of Scout Philatelic Exhibitions were held, all with first Day postmarks. These took place in Ancona, Torino, Roma, Mirano and Trieste.

The value of the stamp was 50 Lire and the design is well known with the flaming camp fire forming the Scout emblem. The left side of the badge represents to emblem of ASCI Scouts and the right side the GEI Scouts. Also a Wolf Cub and Boy Scout are depicted in front of their tents. The stamp's designer was Carlo Pontani and other essays by Manciola and Grasselini are shown.

Illustrations to accompany this article are on page 20 of this Bulletin

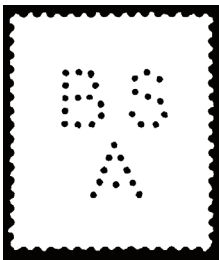
## “BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION” PERFINS

by Roy Gault

A Google search for “W O Hawkins” on another matter led me to the website of ‘Scouts on Stamps Society International’ ([www.sossi.org](http://www.sossi.org)), and their title page ‘British Scout Perfins’. The brief, but interesting, details recorded there can now be amplified with what we currently know, and hopefully even further with your collective input.

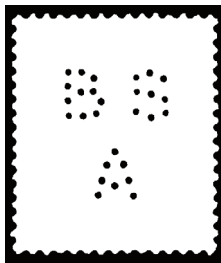
Most people are aware that the ‘Boy Scouts’ movement was started by Robert Baden-Powell (in 1907). In fact, the ‘Boy Scout Association’, with their headquarters at 114-116 Victoria St, London SW, was reformed soon after in 1910. However, in June 1917 they moved to new headquarters at 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW, which is an appropriate point to introduce the topic of Perfins.

1918-1939



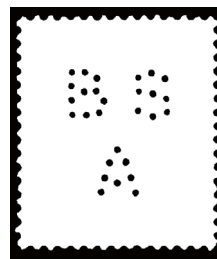
**B6500.02**

1939-1941



**B6500.01a**

1941-1952



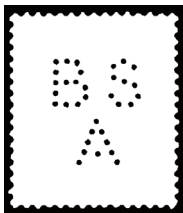
**B6500.01**

Three perfins are known to have been made for use by the ‘Boy Scout Association’, and all three were produced by J Sloper & Co Ltd. The earliest die, **B6500.02**, is relatively easy to come by and appears to date from the time of the move to their new headquarters in 1917. The earliest date I have on record from a loose stamp is the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1918.

This die was replaced c1939 by **B6500.01a**, probably single headed, and using the now standard 4-pin high alphabet. The die was somewhat short-lived as it was almost certainly destroyed by the Luftwaffe in the “Blitz” on Sloper’s premises in May 1941. The replacement die, also single headed, was **B6500.01**.

*Please help* by looking through your collections for all three of these dies and let me know of anything that is additional to what we currently know - dates, postmarks, issues, values.

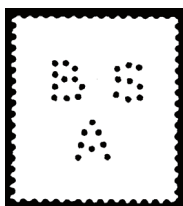
**1918-1939**



**B6500.02**

Dates: 10 Sep 1918 - 1 July 1938.  
Issues: I(RC/BC) ½d-4d, 6d, 9d (bk)  
M 1d, 1½d, 3d, 1/-  
Q ½d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d  
Ident: Boy Scout Association,  
25 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1.  
Pmks: London SW1, Farnham, and Sheff(ield).

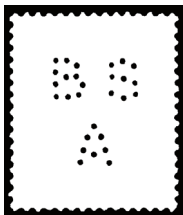
**1939-1941**



**B6500.01a**

Dates:  
Issues: Q 1d  
Note: Sloper single headed die, destroyed in 1941.  
Ident: Ø Boy Scout Association,  
25 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1.  
Pmks:

**1941-1952**



**B6500.01**

Dates: ... Feb 1950.  
Issues: Q 1d, 4d, 6d  
R 2d, 3d  
S 2½d  
Note: Sloper single headed die.  
Ident: Boy Scout Association,  
25 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1.  
Pmks: (London) SW1, and Alre(sford), Ha(nts).

The second part to this piece involves the ‘World Scout Jubilee Jamboree’ G.B. stamps issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1957. The ‘SOSSI’ website lists twenty-one perfin dies that can be found on this issue, seven of which were new to the list I’ve been keeping for years. The combined total, including updates since the original article was published in the Perfin Society Bulletin, is now **52**. Apologies for publishing such a long list, *but again could I ask you to look at your collection for these dies and report any new values?* Even better if you can report any new dies!

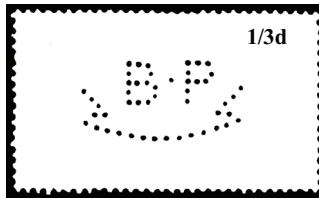


	<u>PS Cat No.</u>	<u>Letters</u>	<u>Die in Use</u>	<u>2½d</u>	<u>4d</u>	<u>1/3d</u>
1	A0830.01M	A/BROS	1930-1965	2½d		
2	A2720.02	A.H	1895-1960		4d	
3	A5610.01	AV	1945-1960	2½d		
4	A5800.02M	AWG	1945-1972	2½d		
5	B0520.01	BBC	1939-1960		4d	
6	B3300.01	BH/C	1953-1975	2½d		
7	B3310.01	B/HC	1945-1953	2½d		
8	B4860.01	BME	1954-1965	2½d		
9	B5616.01	BP/Curve	1957-1957	---	4d	---
10	B5617.01	B.P/Curve	1957-1957	2½d	---	---
11	B5617.02	B.P/Curve	1957-1957	---	---	1/3d
12	B7180.02M	B/TH	1923-1959	2½d		
13	C0530.02	C.B/B	1905-1965	2½d	4d	1/3d
14	C6900.01	CS/C°	1939-1966	2½d		
15	<i>C7280.01M</i>	<i>CSS/C°L<sup>d</sup></i>	<i>1952-1965</i>			
16	C8280.01M	C.W.	1954-1966	2½d		
17	D3310.01	DMS	1900-1957	2½d		
18	D4710.01M	DT	1945-1995			1/3d
19	E4110.03M	ES	1920-1970	2½d	4d	
20	F2460.01M	FL <sup>d</sup>	1930-1968	2½d		
21	F3160.01M	FP	1945-1985			1/3d
22	G1540.01M	GE/C	1908-1993		4d	
23	G4290.01	G.R/&C°..	1925-1965		4d	
24	H0010.08	H	1940-1965	2½d		
25	H0730.02	H&B/L <sup>d</sup>	1930-1965	2½d		
26	I1510.01	M IL	1935-1985	2½d		
27	J4720.01	JK/&S	1920-1958	2½d		
28	<i>J5360.01</i>	<i>J.M./HX</i>	<i>1930-1970</i>			
29	J6420.01M	J.R.	1912-1975	2½d		
30	J7640.02	JT/&C°	1952-1969			1/3d
31	K0110.01M	K.B/B	1905-1965	2½d	4d	1/3d
32	L0280.02	L&B	1954-1958		4d	
33	<i>L1330.01</i>	<i>LCT</i>	<i>1905-1964</i>			
34	L3410.01M	LL	1950-1980			1/3d
35	M0011.02M	M	1957-1985			1/3d
36	M1060.02M	M/C	1882-1975	2½d		
37	M3620.01	M.L	1915-1957	2½d		
38	M5860.01M	M.V/C°.	1920-1975	2½d	4d	
39	N0360.01	NB/L	1945-1975			1/3d
40	P3620.01M	P.P.	1920-1980	2½d		
41	R0010.09M	R	1938-1969	2½d		
42	S0590.01c	SB/C	1939-1980	2½d		1/3d
43	S1210.01M	SC	1944-1996	2½d		
44	S5740.01	S&P.	1930-1975	2½d		
45	<i>S6490.01M</i>	<i>S.S/C</i>	<i>1926-1990</i>			
46	T0370.01M	T.B.B.	1890-1968	2½d		
47	T1110.01	T.C.S./L <sup>id</sup> ..	1950-1957	2½d		
48	<i>T1880.01</i>	<i>TG/C°</i>	<i>1935-1966</i>			
49	W3450.02M	W/H	1920-1975		4d	
50	W4370.01M	WILLS	1952-1985	2½d		
51	W5320.01	W.M/G.B	1949-1965	2½d		
52	W7490.01	W.T.G/M	1908-1954	2½d		

In the table you will note that five dies (shown in italics) are known used on the Scouts issue, but the precise stamp details are not known. Perhaps you are lucky enough to have some of them. A point worthy of note is that two dies, “K.B/B” (K0110.01M) used by Keep Bros Ltd, Export Merchants, Birmingham, and “C.B/B” (C0530.02) used by Cadbury Bros Ltd, Birmingham, are known on *all three values*. All bar two (B3310.01, and T1110.01) have known or suspected users.

Of course the catalyst for this piece is **W O Hawkins**, and it is he who provides the link between:

- The two “BS/A” Scouting dies
- ‘J Sloper & Co Ltd’ who made the dies
- The 1957 Scouting issue
- The three ‘commemorative’ perfinns



He is recorded as being the Company Secretary of J Sloper & Co Ltd for 25 years, from 1939 until 1964, and was almost certainly the prime mover behind the three ‘commemorative’ dies B5616.01, B5617.01, and B5617.02. *But, does anyone know of his scouting connections?*

One final comment is that a ‘Boy Scouts Imperial Jamboree’ was held in 1924 in conjunction with the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. Could it be that some commemorative stamps were perfinned “BS/A” and are waiting to be discovered? If you have such a beast or know of one, I’m sure **John Nelson** would be pleased to hear from you!

Some of the following code letters have been used in the main body of the article. Please note that the code letter 'A' for pre-1881 issues is not used - the stamps involved are 'described' often using Stanley Gibbons catalogue numbers and plate numbers (where known).

<b>Stamp Issue Codes used by the Perfin Society of Great Britain.</b>		
<b>B</b> QV 1d Lilac	<b>C</b> QV High Values	<b>D</b> QV Lilac & Green issue.
<b>E</b> QV Jubilee issue	<b>F</b> KEVII definitives	<b>G</b> KEVII High Values
<b>H</b> KGV Downey heads	<b>I</b> KGV Typographs	<b>J</b> KGV Seahorses
<b>K</b> KGV 1924/5 BEX	<b>L</b> KGV 1929 PUC	<b>M</b> KGV Photogravure
<b>N</b> KGV Silver Jubilee	<b>O</b> KEVIII definitives	<b>P</b> KGV Coronation
<b>Q</b> KGV Dark colours	<b>R</b> KGV Light colours	<b>S</b> KGV Changed colours
<b>T</b> KGV Commems	<b>U</b> QEII Wildings	<b>V</b> QEII Machins (£sd)
<b>W</b> QEII Machins (£p)	<b>X</b> QEII Commems	<b>Y/Z</b> QEII Regionals (£sd/£p)

This article is an updated version of the one that previously appeared in the Bulletin of the British Perfin Society.

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## JUNIOR SECTION

Melvyn Gallagher

Unfortunately we do not have a Junior Section for this issue because Melvyn has had serious personal problems which prevented him preparing the copy.

I'm sure we all send our best wishes to Melvyn at the current time.

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Closing dates items for future issues:-

July/August - 12th July; September/October 15th September  
and November/December 11th November.

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A Note from Lawrence Clay of SOSSI re issue Jan/Feb, 2008.

I would like to submit a correction. Under New Issues, you list a page of "Postcards" which should have read "Postmarks", I believe. (Ed: this is quite correct - thanks) At any rate, you list a USA one for October 13 and October 24 as Richmond. This is not correct. The correct spelling is Richland. This particular cancel was used in Richland, Washington. I am familiar with it since it is my design used at my local stamp club annual stamp show.

## THE AFTERMATH OF WAR. BOY SCOUTS IN DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS - By Peter Duck

This year I am putting an exhibit into the THEMATICA Exhibition on 28/29 June with the above title. The exhibit comprises 16 pages and includes Scout Post stamps and covers from Estonian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian Scouts. As usual with competitive exhibits, an introductory page is required. The text of this is as follows:

“Following World War II, many thousands of people found themselves in Displaced Persons camps in defeated Germany. Amongst them were many Boy Scouts who had been forcibly removed from their homelands for many reasons. Scouts from Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Ukraine in particular set up postal services within their Camps and these operations were very much appreciated by the inmates. As usual with postal operations, stamps are required and despite many difficulties these appeared in various forms.

Russian and Ukrainian Scouts had already been banned from their homelands in the early 1920's following the advent of the Soviet Union. Consequently their need for some recognition was greater than the exiled Scouts from Estonia, Lithuania and Poland. Although due to the Communist occupation of their countries they were unable to return home either.

After 1950 the Displaced Persons Camps were closed and the inmates dispersed to many countries around the world. Estonian Scouts found themselves in Sweden, Lithuanian Scouts to Great Britain, where they took part in the Jubilee Jamboree of 1957. Poles dispersed to France and some remained in Germany. The Russian Scouts started up a local post in the U.S.A. based in New York, Ukrainian Scouts could be found in Canada.

Now, since the fall of Communism in the 1990's, all can settle in their homelands again.”

Estonian Scouts celebrated their 35th Anniversary at the D.P. Camp in Augsburg, two stamps were issued, plus a souvenir sheet.



The Lithuanian Scouts produced three stamps for their Scout Post which operated in Meerbeck Camp. Also their Congress was held in Augsburg on 24.04.46 for which a revised version of their earlier stamp was issued.







Polish Scouts operated a post at the Lubeka Camp for which a special cachet and postmark were used. This cachet has been seen on mail destined for the United Kingdom and Germany.

The Russian Scouts started their Postal Service when stamps were required to send Easter Greetings in 1946. These stamps were extremely crude and produced by mimeograph. A “Flimsy”

postcard and two other stamps were later issued all printed by the same method. More stamps appeared later and most of these were printed on to old calendars and other stationery. Various overprints appeared on their stamps, for the revaluation of the German currency in which they were priced, also for philatelic exhibitions held in some camps.



Russian Scouts also overprinted some of their stamps for “Russian Scouts Mail VII Jamboree” (7th World Jamboree, Bad Ischl, Austria 1951).

Ukrainian Scouts produced a varied range of stamps and postcards, including a set of four to commemorate their participation in the 6th World Jamboree in Moisson, France in 1947. Other stamps included a set of 16 in four different designs, which were probably used for fund raising as much as for postage. These were overprinted in 1948 for the Scouts Rally in Hannover.



From around 1950 the Displaced Persons Camps were being closed and the inmates dispersed to other countries. Not many people wanted to return home to Nations under communist domination.

Many Estonians went to Sweden where they became well established. Their 10th Anniversary in exile was commemorated in 1954 and their 3rd National Camp held at Angelholm in 1956.



Some Lithuanian Scouts were able to attend the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in 1957. Two sets of fund raising labels and souvenir sheets were produced for their participation and some were used at the Jamboree itself.

Polish Scouts held a Rover Moot in the Black Forest area of Germany in 1949, when a stamp priced at 20 pf was issued. Also their Troops in France produced some attractive sheetlets of four labels in various colours in booklets.



A Russian Scout Post was established in New York, U.S.A. From the early 1950's. Many of their D.P> Camps stamps were surcharged with anti-Communist slogans.

Canada became the home for many Ukrainian exiles and a great number of labels, covers and cancellations were produced right up to their independence as a nation in 1991.

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STAMPS MINT AND USED (Please note - some issues are only available in mounted mint condition; but unmounted will be sent where possible).

				MINT	USED
GUY83	GUYANA	1983	15th World Jamboree Overprints (3)	4.50	-
SPA83	SPAIN	1983	75th Anniversary of World Scouting (1)	0.35	0.25
COO83J	COOK ISLANDS	1983	15th World Jamboree Overprints (8)	3.50	-
CAN83	CANADA	1983	75th Anny. World Scouting/15th WJ.	0.30	0.20
PEN83J	PENRHYN	1983	15th World Jamboree Overprints (3)	2.25	2.25
PEN83JS	PENRHYN	1983	15th World Jamboree Overprints MS	2.50	-
AIT83J	AITUTAKI	1983	15th World Jamboree Overprints (3)	2.00	-
LBY83	LIBYA	1983	15th Pan Arab Jamboree (2)	0.75	-
UGA83B	UGANDA	1983	Boys Brigade Overprints (4) on '82 Scout issue	2.00	2.00
UGA83BS	UGANDA	1983	Boys Brigade Overprint MS	-	2.40
CAR83	CENT. AF. REP.	1983	15th World Jamboree and Wildlife	2.50	-
LEB83	LEBANON	1983	75th Anniversary of World Scouting	4.00	-
CHD83JS	CHAD	1983	15th WJ Overprint on 1982 Scout issue MS	2.75	-
MRT84	MAURITANIA	1984	Famous Men B-P and 15th World Jamboree (1)	0.25	-
PAR84	PARAGUAY	1984	76th Anny. of World Scouting and Girls Scouts	1.00	0.30
DMK84	DENMARK	1984	Honouring Scouting (1)	0.45	0.25
INA84	INDONESIA	1984	Children's Day (4 - 2 Scouts)	1.35	-
INA84S	INDONESIA	1984	Auspex Exbn MS with 1 of above Scout stamps	1.00	-
BEN84	BENIN	1984	1982 Scout stamp revalued (1)	1.00	-
CHL84	CHILE	1984	Antarctic Expln strip 3 - 1 Scout value	-	0.65
UPV84	UPPER VOLTA	1984	World Wildlife Fund + Scout Badge	2.20	-
BRZ84	BRAZIL	1984	65th Anniversary of Girl Scouts	1.50	1.00
GUY84	GUYANA	1984	60th Anny. Girl Scouts 2 O/P on Scout O/P	2.00	-
SUR84	SURINAM	1984	60th Anny. Scouting & 8th Caribbean Jamb.	1.25	-
PAN84S	PANAMA	1984	Postal Tax for Children's City MS-shows Scout	3.00	-
OMA84	OMAN	1984	16th Arab Scout Conference (4)	1.75	1.50
PAK85	PAKISTAN	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (1)	1.00	0.75
IOM85	ISLE OF MAN	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (5)	2.50	2.00
DOM85	DOMINICA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	3.00	3.00
DOM85S	DOMINICA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides MS	2.75	2.75
STL85	ST. LUCIA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	3.25	3.00
STL85P	ST. LUCIA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4) Specimens	6.00	-
BAH85	BAHAMAS	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	1.50	1.50
BAH85S	BAHAMAS	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides MS	1.50	1.50
COM85S	COMOROS	1985	Phil Exbn. Argentina O/P on 1982 Scout stamp	1.70	-
NGR85S	NIGER	1985	Phil Exbn. MOPHILA O'P on '82 Scout stamp	1.85	-
BLZ85	BELIZE	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (5)	2.25	2.00
KEN85	KENYA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	3.00	2.50
GRN85	GRENADA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	3.00	2.00
GRN85S	GRENADA	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides MS	3.00	2.00
CIS85	CISKEI	1985	75th Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	0.80	0.80

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BOP85	BOPHUTHATSWANA	1985	Mafikeng Centenary Scout Camporee PMK on cachet cover	0.60	
GB80	GB	1980	SSCC Exhibition Large Postcard with Postmark = 2 handstamps		0.40
GBX82C	GB	1982	Culverstone & Vigo Scout Christmas Post stamp on cover		0.40
GB94N	GB	1994	Northumbria Jamboree set of 4 Postcards		0.80
GBX95F	GB	1995	Faversham Scouts Christmas Post stamp - self adhesive		0.15
NR-C	NETWORK RUSSIA SCOUT FELLOWSHIP		publicity cards (postcards size)		0.20

Now is the time to make your reservations for EuroScout 2008 in Switzerland. This is the seventh EuroScout and I have been fortunate enough to attend them all. At those six exhibitions I can only remember seeing one other North American and that was only at one show. So, I'd better explain what they are.

### **What is EuroScout?**

In the Spring of 1996 ArGe Pfadfinder, the German Scout stamp club, invited the Scout collectors of Europe to bring their Scout Stamp displays for a special three day weekend exhibition. They held the show, which they named EuroScout, in Grafing near Munich. The response was so positive and the event was such a success that the attending Austrians offered to host a second EuroScout two years later. And so was started a biannual event that continues today, each show in a different European country.

EuroScout is an international show of Scout and Guide stamps, postal documents and philatelic literature and includes related postcards and paper ephemera and memorabilia. Anyone can arrange to display their exhibit by notifying the organizing Scout stamp club. Admission is free and open to the public. Swapping of stamps, covers, ideas and opinions is encouraged. Bring your new covers to mail with the EuroScout cancel. Many attendees wear their Scout uniform with the new host country's EuroScout neckerchief. Usually, a special program including a city tour is planned for your spouse. A celebration dinner for all is normally held on Saturday evening. So if you want to see and learn about some of the finest items of Scout Philately and have the opportunity to meet with the collectors themselves, this is your chance. Exhibitors are more than willing to extol the virtues of their presentations to anyone who is interested.

### **Your Invitation to EuroScout 2008**

EuroScout 2008 takes place Friday, July 25th to Sunday, July 27th 2008 at Benken, Sankt Gallen in Switzerland. Benken is about a 36 mile drive from Zurich, between Lake Walensee and Lake Obersee. The date was chosen to coincide with Contura '08, the national camp of the Swiss Guide and Scout Movements. Benken (SG) will host Contura '08 visitor's center and sub-camp No. 1. Now is the time to schedule your European trip

Find out more now, by contacting me or visiting [www.euroscout2008.ch/index.php?menuid=9](http://www.euroscout2008.ch/index.php?menuid=9) the EuroScout 2008 website. Information includes a map, the schedule, a hotel list, an exhibit application form, etc.

## EuroScout and the Birth of IFSCO

At EuroScout 1998 in Schwanberg, Austria, representatives from each of the attending Scout stamp clubs were invited to Limberg Castle. There we held what has become known as the "Limberg-Talks"; a series of candid and decisive discussions about establishing an international organization of scout stamp collector clubs. This was not a surprise to SOSSI as Gottfried Steinmann, who was the driving force at the talks, had addressed us a year earlier at Pacific '97 on these ideas. Attendees of the Limberg-Talks returned to their individual Scout stamp clubs to promote the concept of creating such an organization. Two years later at EuroScout 2000 in Comacchio, Italy, IFSCO (International Federation of Scout & Guide Stamps Collecting Organizations) was founded! Meetings of the IFSCO delegates have been held every two years at the EuroScout exhibition.

Visit [www.ifsco.info](http://www.ifsco.info) to learn more about IFSCO.

EuroScout	1996	May 17-19	Grafing, Germany
EuroScout	1998	Sept. 18-20	Schwanberg, Austria
EuroScout	2000	Sept. 22-24	Comacchio, Italy
EuroScout	2002	Sept. 25-27	Gent, Belgium
EuroScout	2004	Oct. 15-17	Prague, Czech Republic
EuroScout	2006	Nov. 2-5	Alcalá de Henares, Spain
EuroScout	2008	July 25-27	Benken SG, Switzerland

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My Favourite Scout Stamp

by Roger Bowers



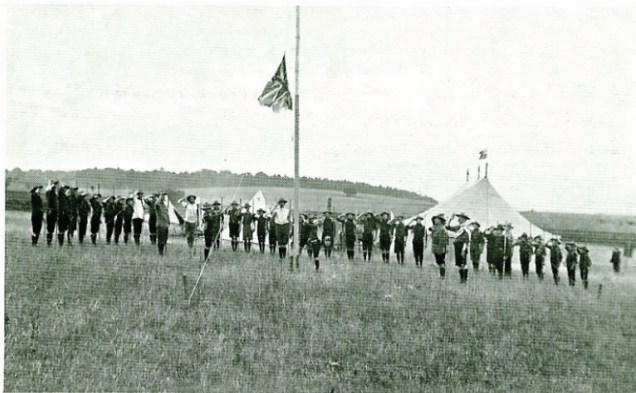
My own choice is not for one stamp but for the set issued by Liberia in 1970. There were 50 stamps in all, obviously intended for collectors and I doubt postage needs were considered. The entire set consisted of superb paintings by Norman Rockwell who was to US Scouting what Ralph Reader was over here. The Scout theme throughout is an excellent group and Rockwell was a fine contemporary artist and illustrator whose work was often seen on the front of Saturday Evening Post. I have seen his work elsewhere on stamps.

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21WJ-SS	SGSC	Souvenir Sheet 1990 with hand overprint for 21st World Jamboree 2007	0.25
ITA70	ITALY	1970 3rd Scout Exhibition, Ancona PMK on maxi Card	0.50
FRA94M	FRANCE	1994 Scout Museum Dourleuirs PMK on plain envelope addressed to UK	0.50
ROM01	ROMANIA	2001 Students Orgn. PMK showing Girl Guide on face of Guide postcard	1.20
SPN83	SPAIN	1982 75th Anny of Scouting Exhibition, Barco de Valdeorras PMK on card	0.75



B-P's Holiday Camp, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup> 1908



SALUTING THE UNION JACK—THE ACTUAL FLAG THAT FLEW OVER MAFEKING. (Copyright)  
 Boy Scouts at Lieut-General Baden-Powell's Holiday Camp. No. 5.

Whilst many of us have been glad to join in and promote the Scout Association's Centennial Year of 2007, we need to bear in mind that there was only one major 'scouting' event of 1907 and that was the experimental camp held on Brownsea. That camp however was not attended by Scouts! How could it be, the Law and Promise had yet to be written. January 1908 saw the formation of the first Scout Patrols and Groups resulting from the publication of *Scouting for Boys* which included the Law and Promise so, 2008 then is our true centennial year. The first major Scout Camp attended by Baden-Powell was run under the auspices of the *Scout Magazine* in the summer of 1908 at Humshaugh, near Hexham in Northumberland, not far from the Roman Wall. Part of its purpose was to be a model and inspiration for future Scout camps. B-P arranged for photographs to be taken with the direct intention that the images should be used on postcards and magic lantern slides for instructional and promotional purposes. A set of six postcards costing 6 pence (2.5p) of which the above is one, was first advertised in the *Scout Magazine* under the heading 'Camp Scenes' on May 29<sup>th</sup> 1909.

This postcard, number five in the series, shows the Humshaugh campers saluting the Union Flag. Baden-Powell is to our right, wearing the same long white shoulder ribbons he wore at Brownsea. There were 36 participants, 30 of whom were winners of a competition set by *The Scout* magazine to increase its circulation. Scout FD Watson collected 29,000 coupons from the magazine, which published one coupon per issue over the fifteen-week period of the competition! Every one of the 'Gallant Thirty' had collected at least 4,600 coupons.

Despite Baden-Powell's assurances that there was to be no 'royal road' to the camp, other than by winning the competition, six boys attended by special invitation.



Three of these boys had been at the Brownsea Camp, B-P's nephew Donald, Humphrey Noble, the son of a rich Newcastle industrialist, and George Rodney, a future Lord. Another of the specially selected boys was John Cattermole, from the nearby hamlet of Humshaugh, chosen because he was a bugler in the local Boys' Brigade. He is to the left in the postcard image but shown enlarged here blowing his bugle for a flag-raising ceremony.

John Cattermole later emigrated to Australia but sent his bugle back to Humshaugh to be blown at a commemorative event at the Humshaugh site in 1957. His presence at the

1908 camp illustrates the closeness of the Boys' Brigade and the Scout Movement at that time. Ten Boys' Brigade members had attended the Brownsea Camp. The YMCA, Church Lads' Brigade and the Boys' Brigade all had Scout Patrols within their own organisations.

Under enlargement the postcard shows at least 41 figures in the horseshoe, with at least four of those being adults. Probably all of the 36 boys are depicted, but not all of the adults who were known to be present at the camp. There were six leaders including B-P and two American instructors who may or may not been there when the photo was taken.

The caption to the postcard states that the 'Union Jack' is one that was flown over Mafeking. It was also used at Brownsea. It looks tattered and torn, and was described by Sir Percy Everett, who briefly attended both the Brownsea and Humshaugh camps, as having bullet holes as evidence of its Mafeking pedigree.

This postcard and others taken at Humshaugh in the same series have much to tell us about this mainly forgotten camp, which some feel has been unreasonably overshadowed by the earlier experimental Brownsea Camp. (As far as the author is aware no stamp has ever been issued to commemorate the Humshaugh event and none are planned.) Space does not allow for a complete description of the other postcards but they can however be found in the author's new book, *The Dawn of the World Scout Movement*, obtainable from [Colin@ScoutingMilestones.co.uk](mailto:Colin@ScoutingMilestones.co.uk). A general history of the Humshaugh Camp can be found at his *Scouting Milestone's* website at [www.scouting.milestones.btinternet.co.uk/humshaugh.htm](http://www.scouting.milestones.btinternet.co.uk/humshaugh.htm)

The postcard, though quite hard to find, may be obtained in good condition at between £15 to £20 pounds from postcard fairs or from eBay. The author recently attended Northumberland's 'Look Wide' camp, held at Gosforth Park in May this year which celebrated the centennial of the Humshaugh camp.

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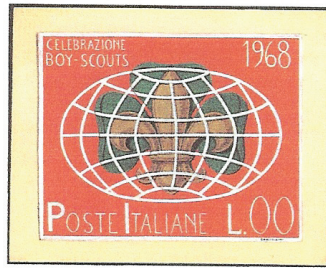
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