

Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN



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“Jam-Roll”, reunited with “Eccles” in front of the White House at Gilwell Park during the 2007 World Jamboree, has been saved for UK Scouting. See the Chairman’s notes on page 4

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EDITORIAL

Things are looking up. I've actually now got a little store of articles for the future and there are even some letters from members included.

This is good news for this, the 300th Edition of The Bulletin. I doubt that those who established the then Scout and Guide Stamps Club had even looked 50 years and 300 issues into the future - but if they had I wonder what they would have seen? Another opportunity for some letters!

Not too much from me for this issue because there's a lot to get in, so I'll just say that I hope you enjoy it and that it encourages you to put pen to paper. I've even managed to get Ron to write two more pieces!

Terry Simister

Member's Letters

From Henry Gowland re Colin's Corner:

I was very pleased to read that Colin had been to Lookwide Marra 2008. I was also there with cubs from 1st Hexham of Hadrian District in the county of Northumberland. They had a great time and all managed to get silver or gold certificates!

The Cairn is just a few miles north of Hexham. Sometimes in the summer we take the boys there and cook dough twists over small fires. It was good to get publicity for the centenary of Scout camping where it all started.

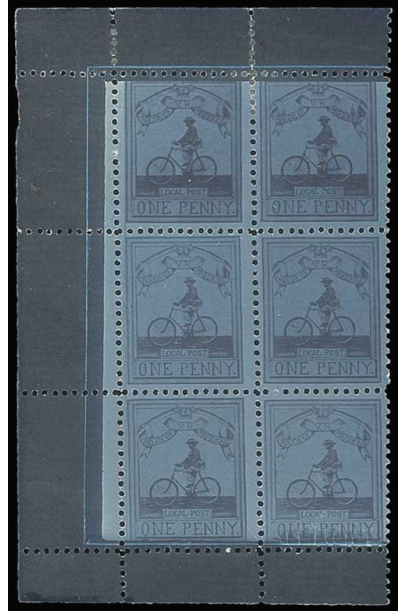
The SGSC bulletin is all the better for the new format. Keep up the good work.

From Peter Duck re Colin's Corner:

In Colin Walker's excellent article in the last Bulletin on the subject of Baden-Powell's Holiday Camp 1908 there is in fact one stamp which shows a scene from the Camp at Humshaugh, although it does not specifically mention the event. The Republic of Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) issued a series of 8 stamps on 21st May 1984 to honour Famous Men. The 500 Fr value shows General Baden-Powell 1857 – 1941 with a scene taken from postcard No.6 which is captioned ROUND THE CAMP FIRE – GENERAL BADEN-POWELL TELLS A SCOUT YARN. The wall in the background of the postcard has been airbrushed out and appears on the stamp in sky blue. The cachet on the first day cover is of the same design as the stamp. A miniature sheet also exists, the border of which shows B-P blowing a kudu horn, plus a group of more modern Scouts. Other famous men in the set of stamps include Louis Bleriot (the first man to fly across the English Channel), Abraham Lincoln and Henri Dunant (Founder of the Red Cross). All eight stamps also appear in a combination sheetlet.

The AGM of the Club was held during June and as usual was very poorly attended with only one non-committee member being present. Apologies were received from nine members who could not attend for various reasons. In his report Tim Reed our Membership Secretary mentioned that we had 259 members, an increase of three on last year. Congratulations go to both Bob Lee and Peter Duck who have been made Honorary Members in recognition of their distinguished services to the club over many years. Peter Duck has now taken on the role of President from Ron Howard. It is hoped that the 2009 A.G.M. will be held at the Scout Headquarters Training Ship, The Lord Amory, based in Docklands, London

Very little Scout philatelic interest being sold on eBay during the last few months. However the auction held by Spink's of London in June contained a mint half sheet of the Mafeking cyclist 1d stamps. The description in the catalogue states "1d deep blue on blue, the left half of a sheet with margins on three sides, the lower stamp (10) showing the 'cracked plate' variety, fresh and fine unused with large part or full original gum". Estimated at £2-3000 it made £16,000 (US\$ 31520, Euro 20000) plus of course the dreaded buyers premium. These stamps were sold from the Royal Collection which personally belongs to the Queen. The decision was taken a few years ago that duplicated material should occasionally be sold and the proceeds used to purchase other items for the collection. As they already had a proof sheet of the 1d cyclist stamps as issued, it was not considered necessary to keep this half sheet. At one time the Royal Collection had one mint and three used Reversed Head stamps from the only sheet of twelve stamps. Two of these have now been sold, with one of them at least being in an overseas Scout collection.



By the time you read this Bulletin, the 2008 Euro-Scout meeting being held in Switzerland will have taken place. The next one is being hosted by the SGSC from 14-16 May 2010 at Chelmsford where we have already booked the Shire Hall for this event.

My travels recently took me to Bucharest, Romania where I attended EFIRO 2008. This philatelic stamp exhibition was held under the patronage of F.I.P. and

was the first world exhibition to have been held in Romania. Unfortunately it was not well supported by the philatelic trade, but the various Postal Administrations were there in large numbers. The displays were first class and came from all parts of the world. There was only one Scout exhibit by Panayotis Cangelarios of Greece which was very good and included a number of original artist drawings and scarce varieties. There is very little Scout material still available in Romania and most of the good material has been sold within the last ten years. In fact I met two part time dealers who are buying Romanian collections from abroad, who then break them down and sell on eBay or elsewhere either individually or in small lots. This printing error on the 6 lei stamp from the 1932 Scout set is the only item that I purchased for my collection.



I have been very busy the last few months being involved with the purchase of the Rolls Royce given to B.P. at the 1929 World Jamboree. Those who visited Gilwell during the 2007 Jamboree will recall that the car was on show, and rumours started to circulate that it was for sale. With the encouragement of the Hon. Michael Baden-Powell, (the founder's grandson) a Limited Company was formed last year to purchase the car with Michael, myself and two other Directors. The company named B-P Jam Roll Ltd (after Jamboree and Rolls Royce) has been given charity status and an appeal was sent to a small number of interested people so that the car could be acquired before going public. The car has now been purchased thanks to a number of large donations and a loan. We now have to raise funds to pay back the loan and pay for its restoration and insurance. If you would like to donate please contact our Treasurer steve@jamroll.org or visit our website www.JamRoll.org It is intended that once the car has been restored it will be loaned for major events in the U.K.

From Don Douch:

Many thanks for the latest Bulletin, No. 3. I am sorry that I didn't respond to the photo layout in No. 2 - I think splitting the text around pictures is a bad mistake, so I much prefer the layout in No. 3, thank you. I also think that reducing the size of text, as on page 13, spoils the look, although I find this acceptable for lists, such as that on page 9 or the Sales Service. Full justification can be a problem as on pages 15 and 18, and some title/author headings. Apart from reorganising the text to accommodate long website addresses, they could be split with something like a ~ (tilde) symbol, as long as its use is explained somewhere. I think that is quite enough criticism for now!

COMMITTEE PROFILE - Ron Howard- Vice President



My story starts 1923 in Fakenham, Norfolk; soon afterwards we moved to London. When eight years old I joined 31st Willesden/2nd Neasden as a Wolf Cub. I was also a choirboy, these two events set me on a path for life. 1935-39 I was a Scout, most of the Group's members were then evacuated due to the commencement of war.

I joined the L.D.V. (Home Guard), was a firewatcher and also managed to get bombed out of home for a short time!

In 1942 I enlisted in the Royal Engineers and served in Algeria and Tunisia in the 1st Army. After a year returned to the UK to join OCTU and trained as a Platoon Commander. In 1945, with the Norfolk Regiment, found me in Holland and Germany - to be greeted with - "you will last two battles"! I did just that, was wounded and sent back to UK and hospital. My war had finished.

Nearly two years later I returned to the Norfolk Regiment to be demobbed. I met Diana and married (have been for 61 years!). I joined Scottish Provident Assurance in the City of London, also became a Senior Scout Leader, then followed as a Wolf Cub Leader in North West London.

We moved to Kingston upon Thames in 1951 and by 1952 we had both our children, Alan and Ann. We were Sunday School Teachers and were asked if we would start Cub and Brownie Packs, much needed in the local Community. So, with an overflowing waiting list I returned to Scouting in 1956 as Group Scout Master, with a full Cub Pack of the 1st Coombe Group. (Diana as Brown Owl with a full Brownie Pack).

A year later I became District Cub Master in time to meet the Canadian Scouts at the 1957 Jamboree who were billeted in our District. I was to show them all the tourist spots and act as their Liaison Officer. Mid Jamboree all the Cubs in Surrey gathered at their local railway station, trains took hem to Sutton Coldfield - quite a day - wet and muddy.

The 1st Coombe grew to all sections and our own H.Q. Was built by parents and friends.

After leaving the DCM job I became ADC Scouts, Senior Scouts, General Duties (No. 2) to the D.C. My next post was D.C. I was awarded the Medal of Merit.

I had my Wood Badge in 1958 but when I went to Gilwell I saw the Scout Stamps exhibit and soon afterwards became a member, followed by joining the Committee, a Happy Band and I have had many adventures over the years with the

exhibitions put on from time to time. I have really enjoyed the company of the Scout friends I have made in the Club, not forgetting the ladies who have supported us so well.

In 1997 we moved to Dorset, nearer the family here and I am catching up on things I have never had time to do before.

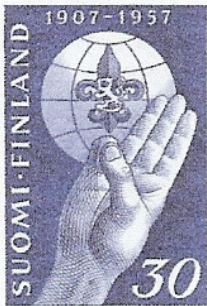
To finalise, I collected stamps as a boy, resumed in 1946 in hospital and continued collecting ever since - the GVIR Empire, followed by QEII. Wit my Scout collection I have stayed with stamps and miniature sheets mainly from 1918 to 1997.

Until it ceased operations a few years ago I was Chairman of the United Nations Study Group (Stamp Club) and have everything the U.N. Post Office has produced.

Being quite fit I hope to be able to attend and enjoy the EuroScout 2010 at Chelmsford and this I look forward to.

My Favourite Scout Stamp by Ron Howard

Over the years I have seen so many different designs on Scout and Guide stamps it is difficult to choose one. However, having said that I think the stamp I like most was the one from Finland in 1957 - 30m for 50th Anniversary of Scouting. It shows the Scout sign and the fingers remind us of the three parts of the Scout Promise. The Scout badge superimposed on the World Globe denotes our World Wide Brotherhood. A very simple design with a clear message and printed in Ultramarine.



I also think that the period 1967-1972 produced some very good and bad designs from the Arab States, if these were purchased used - very cheap - you had nothing to lose.

With all the multiple issues today, my suggestion is to limit your collection to a theme, what you like and so on.

Good Hunting.

Membership Secretary Update Tim Reed

The conversion of membership renewal to a single date of 1st April is progressing well. Virtually all of our UK members should have by now received a letter from me in relation to their outstanding membership fees. Thank you to those of you who have settled their accounts so quickly, it is much appreciated. The next phase of the process will be the overseas members. I shall be writing to you all in the near future. Although the conversion is taking time, the end result will make things a lot easier for everyone and hopefully it will lead to a more efficient membership renewal process in the future.

It didn't require any Primaries or Caucuses to decide who would be the new President of SGSC. The six other members who attended our Annual General Meeting on 14th June voted unanimously for myself. I am most honoured and delighted to have been given the privilege of leading our Club. The election occurred as Ron Howard had decided to retire, having become President in 2000 following the death of Roy Rhodes in November 1999. Ron has served our Club well for many years as Committee Member, Secretary, vice-President and President. He has agreed to continue as Vice-President once again.

One other retirement to report, that of Keith Burtonshaw through ill health and his inability to travel to meetings. Keith is one of the long standing members of SGSC having joined in the early 1960's. Our thanks to him for all his input over the years.

At the A.G.M., our Membership Secretary's report said that currently had just over 250 members. This is a sad fact, because in the 1960/1970's we could count about 750 members, and our meetings were attended by between 20 and 30 people. Of course, it isn't only happening to us. Most philatelic clubs report lower membership numbers, and yet the philatelic and collecting trades are talking about increased turnovers. So, most probably things can be put down to the change in "Club mentality", where people do not want to join in, or take responsibilities. Even last year's World Jamboree didn't bring much in the way of renewed interest in Scout philately. What can we do about it?

On a happier note, plans are going ahead with the eighth EuroScout exhibition which will take place in Chelmsford from 13 to 16 May 2010. Let us hope that somehow we can increase our membership by that time, and make an impression on the Scout and Guide Movements as well as the general public.

This issue of the Bulletin is the 300th and I have calculated that I was Editor responsible for issues No.99 to 296. The first issue to be given a "whole number" was the Bulletin for May/June 1980 (Volume 12.No.3), this was No.131. Our present Chairman, John Ineson had worked this out and a list was given year by year of 12 volumes of the "Journal" followed by 12 volumes of the "Bulletin". A quick glance through that particular Bulletin showed a list of 19 new members plus two reinstatements. Also the report of a meeting held on 20th April 1980 included names of 19 people present. Will we ever achieve this again?

WALTER GROB-SIGRIST 1914 – 2008



One of the great names from the early days of Scout philately has passed away. Walter Grob-Sigrist of Lutry, Switzerland died on 28th June 2008.

A more detailed remembrance will be in the next Bulletin.

CZECH



SCOUT



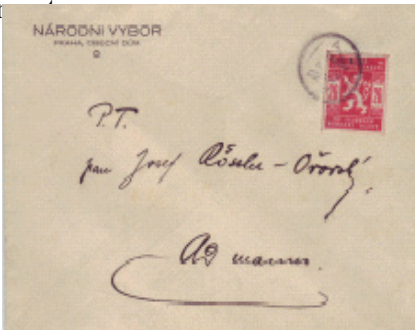
SERVICE 1918

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The excellent service provided by the Czech Scouts facilitated their newly formed country something that was essential at that time “The organization and distribution of the Official Postal service”. Said service lasted from November

7 to 25, 1918. Thanks to the disinterested service of the scouts who hand carried and delivered all correspondence safely and secretly, different organizations and people in official positions could interchange mail with the new govern-



NARODNY VYBOR (City Hall) HAND-DELIVERED
TO J.R. OROVSKY

A.B. Svojsík



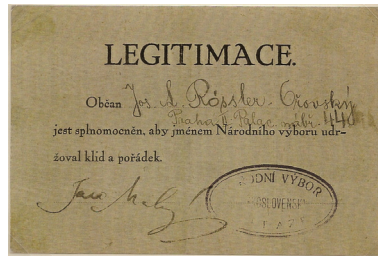
The scouts started to prepare the bases of the Postal Organization for the National Committee (the principal government institution of the new Republic) at the beginning of September of 1918. A.B. Svojsík, founder and first chief of the scout movement in Czechoslovakia, had instructed and indoctrinated youngsters with patriotic values, from the first years of the foundation as an Association until

WWI. During and after the war, the scouts were in perfect conditions for taking action and serve their country where help was needed; so the moment has come!.

After the partition of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the revolutionary government needed to count on loyal servers, people they could trust on for the delivery of important documents between members of the National Committee, the Army, and Government Offices. At that time the scouts were the best alternative for their activity; because the National Committee could not trust many officials and post-men that were not happy with the new take over and the overthrow of the Augsburg dynasty.



On November 4, Team nineteen's chief writes R. Orovsky telling him that his team keeps serving in the state station (telegram delivery).



AUTORIZATION (REVERSE) Official identification card authorized by the National Government to maintain the service in optima peace conditions.

At the end of October, 1918, the first days of Independence of the Czechoslovak Republic, the National Committee of Prague created an auxiliary service of scouts for mail delivery.



CITATION. Dr. Frantisek Nussl was one of the first instructors of the scout's chiefs on February 1913, he had two sons Frantisek and Jan, who did an outstanding service, especially Jan for his diligence delivering the mail.



REVERSE dated on November 2, in the name of the Scout's headquarters chief Orovsky, appointed several scouts at 7,30, 3/XI/18 to serve in the National Committee at Harrachov Palace.

At the first time, this delivery was no really official, it was just a verbal agreement between the scout office and the National Committee (in that time located in the Harrachov Palace). The chief scout, J. Rössler Orovsky, member of the first Prague National Council, offered the organization of the postal service and the emission of nationalistic stamps to the scouts.



Rössler Orovsky.

Narodni Vybor (National Liberation Committee) signed on November 7 the official order 324/R which confides the Postal Service to the scouts, its regulations, and the establishment of stamps and postmarks.

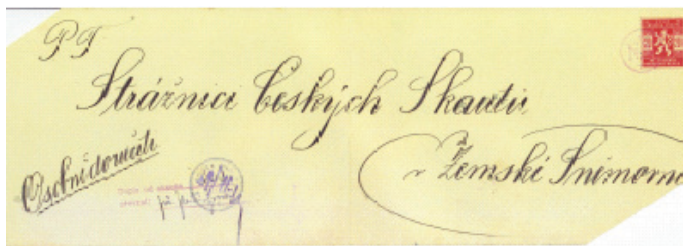


The firm Kolman, in the Vinohrady district, printed 30.000 copies with a value of 10 heller each, made in color blue; and 50.000 of 20 heller in red, both usual colors in Slavic flags. At the same time a thousand copies of a entire 10 heller blue and perforated simulated stationery postal

came up intended to be used among the Scout Organization and between the scouts and the National Council. In these copies, we can see a rampant lion, a Bohemian symbol, and the inscription "Posta Ceskych Skautu" in the upper part; which means: Czech Scout Mail, and "Ve Sluzbach Narodni Vlady": to the National Government Service, in the lower part. They also printed the respective set of postmarks. The scouts were going to take the tasks of receiving the mail, its postage, and its corresponding delivery.



Entire



COVER SENT TO CZECH SCOUT'S GUARD POST AT THE NATION'S PARLIAMENT. RED POSTMARK NV, HAND-DELIVERED ON NOVEMBER 19.

The National Council and the headquarters of the scouts, on October 28, 1918 (the date of the Republic foundation) were located in Harrachov Palace; that day, A.B. Svojsik made a public announcement of the new scout's duty in the Prague press. The following day, all the scouts gathered under the Czechoslovakian Olympic flag, and marched to the City Hall, where their duty was made public. After that, all in their uniforms and with identification documents of the National Council speeded out in Prague and its surroundings. They followed their duty day and night, delivering the mail in bicycle, or just walking; having since that time free access to all



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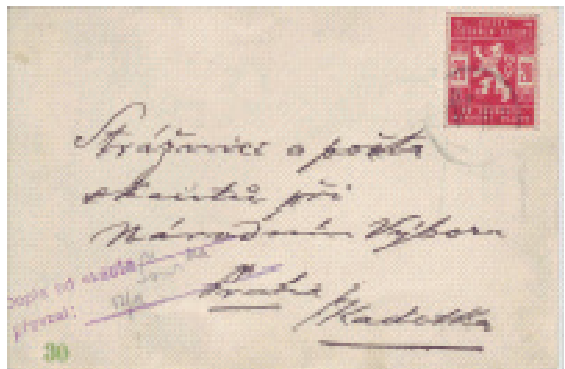
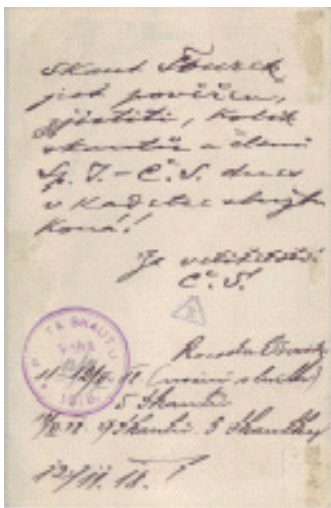
government members on duty during the three weeks

that the service lasted. The Scout Service was suspended the evening of November 25 by order of the Chief Scout Rössler Orovsky. In that moment, the scouts on duty went back to their schools or jobs. At that time the socio-political situation had gone back to regular levels; the mail officials went back to their jobs, and there was

not any fear regarding the confidentiality of the Postal Service among the members of the government.



Scout stamp delivering letter



PRAGUE'S NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SCOUTS (MILITAR ACADEMY).

SCOUTS IN THE MAIL SERVICE AT THE GUARD POST OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT PRAGUE'S MILITAR ACADEMY- SCOUT SOUREK CONTINUES AS LEADER, AND CHECKS HOW MANY SCOUTS ARE ON DUTY



Post card with the 10h blue stamp, National Committee oval cancel with the National Committee's Director address on the back side. It's written: certify receiving the copy of the telegram num. 76 coming at the day 3.XI from Modrany in Prague at 3.XI.1918. Sign R. Orovsky .



Cover with 20h. red stamp and 20h red stamp with negative perforation on both vertical sides. N.V. and two lines cancel with the signature Bohm-a. The cover contains lawyer Karel Rix's address. In the left upper corner is the cancel of CZECH YACHT CLUB IN PRAGUE, seat of the scouts.

On December 21, 1918, the Government authorized the scouts to retake their service just for one more day, because of the arrival of President Masaryk at Prague's castle. Again the Czech scouts were chosen for this mission and they offered their services in a quick and discrete way. They served as postmen carrying letters, telegrams, news, and information between Prague's Castle, the Parliament, the City Hall, the train station, the Mail office, the telegram station, members of the Parliament and other authorities; but we will talk about that in another time.



Arrival of the first President T.G.MASARYK



To serve is the scouts' principal characteristic; high services as this one, or not as high services, which remain unknown. Anyway, examples like this one, about the Czech scouts, are needed to make the Scouting something different from children's game.

More images & information:
www.japhila.cz/hof/0076/index0076a.htm

A Few Thoughts

By Peter 'Shanghai' Shore

Being a comparative new boy on the stamp block I find I seem to be all the time playing catch-up philately. As soon as I get the hang of one item of terminology, or hear about a new piece of history, unique forgery or cheeky design – another one comes up. I suppose if you have been collecting all your life and have a good memory – then you are on top of it for you are adding knowledge slowly one by one instead of wading knee deep.

I am sure readers can imagine my confusion.

My original *raison d'être* for stamp collecting was that:-

- a) I have been a life long Scout
- b) I love stories with pictures
- c) I needed a hobby now that I was retired and less active and
- d) that it could be within, and not suffer too much, on my pocket money. (Oh yes – at 75 my wife still ensures that I do not waste any!

Philately looked the answer...though I became rather jaundiced and disillusioned on reading of the exploits and specialities of many of the contributors.

Then I read in the recently superbly designed and published layout of the SGSC Bulletin that articles/items were wanted and so I thought maybe some of my problems, queries, quandaries and frustrations could be answered by those out there who know more than me – and that surely must be the same for rest of the class.

Maybe this is not quite what you were looking for – but..... for instance.....

No. 1. Why cannot the SGSC produce their own Idiots Guide to Terminology/collecting/specialising.....and not just explain the word or expression – but give an example or two. For example.....using Scout Badge Test Series No.9 (1947) as a guide...Tete-beche.....vignette...spandrel.....un-removed matrix.....I could go on forever

No2. Highlight, suggest or introduce sub-sections for collecting and specialising.....”Rocket Mail-who did what, when, why and where? Uninhabited territories that sell stamps.....illogical technological errors in perforations or watermark.....historical and hysterical oddities.....who counts and measures perforations (besides tea-bag fanatics!)

No.3. Flags of the country when the stamps was currently issued – the changes in politics

No. 4 Famous people who have graced Scout and Guide stamps from other walks of life and for other non-scouting reasons – maybe on cigarette cards as well.

No.5 Post cards that are pertinent

I know all the above is probably old hat and common knowledge to the greater number of members – but if I were to try and enthuse a new-comer to the art, pleasure and satisfaction of stamp collecting then, nowadays, I am afraid one would have to reduce the object down to more sizeable, chewable, understandable chunks. Nowadays youngster have a much narrower shorter-lived time span, imagination or energy. We know that from Colony, Pack, Troop and Group nights.

As final examples.....

I have been going through my collection slowly country by country and ‘decorating’ the pages – first with a standard style title – then a date that scouting started in that country – the countries flag/s – a map and a short history of the country and if the country has its own registered and recognised scout badge. Now if I only did that fully, in detail, in colour and historically, politically, Scouting factual – I could probably spend years on just one country. So – highlight to would-be ‘savers’ all the aspects one could consider and give examples – maybe an address for potential pen-pals – with view to visit one day.

Then.....I happened to land on **Redondo** in my slow trawl through the countries – and it did not take long to be totally immersed, amused and magnetised by this isolated so-called country with its make-believe kingdom – with Royal Family and even an application form to join the Royal Redonan Navy (mind you there was a proviso that would be admirals/ordinary seamen had to supply their own boats and Would my beat up Merlin Rocket circa 1950 really get a warrant).

And what about **Niuaafo’ou** ? Does any one really think that the second paddler from the back of the boat shown on a tourist postcard going out to collect tin can mail from the passing ship, who has to throw any mail for the island over the side as there is no harbour to call at – actually was a scout? (deep breath!) Has he been named/recognised? Did his father ever run a troop or group.....surely there has to be more?

In conclusion my feeling is that stamp collecting is the owning of a piece of colourful paper - a Pandora’s Box – all it needs are the keys to unlock the exciting goodies.....

Is this a challenge that the club and its luminaries would like to take up?



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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).

The following issues are 75th Anniversary of Girl Guides/International Youth Year (IYY) unless shown

		MINT	USED
GUE85	GUERNSEY (3)	1.20	1.00
CHD85	CHAD Philexafrique triptych	1.85	-
COM85	COMORES Philexafrique triptych	1.75	-
DJI85	DJIBOUTI Creation of Djibouti Scout Assn (2)	1.00	-
GRD85	GRENADA GRENADINES (4)	2.50	2.25
GRD85S	GRENADA GRENADINES MS	2.00	1.95
JER85	JERSEY IYY set of 5	2.00	-
JER85G	JERSEY Girl Guide stamp only (1)	0.25	0.20
TWN85	TAIWAN (2) (\$18.00 only used)	0.60	0.20
NEV85	NEVIS (4)	0.80	0.80
NEV85SP	NEVIS (4) with SPECIMEN overprint	5.00	-
GUA85	GUATEMALA 75th Anny Scouting (5) (Q0.20 u. Only)	0.75	0.10
CAR85	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (1)	1.00	0.50
GER85	GERMANY 30th World Scout Conference (1) 0.45	0.30	-
GUY85	GUYANA strip of 5 overprints	1.50	1.00
SRL85	SIERRA LEONE (4)	-	2.25
SRL85S	SIERRA LEONE MS	-	2.50
JAM85 J	AMAICA 5th Pan American Jamboree (4)	1.50	1.50
PHL85	PHILIPPINES 45th Anniversary of Girl Scouts	0.95	0.80
TON85	TONGA (4)	4.50	3.50
CON85	CONGO (1)	1.00	0.50
TUV85	TUVALU (4)	1.00	1.00
TUV85S	TUVALU MS	1.00	-
GRN85C	GRENADA 4th Caribbean Cuboree (4)	2.25	2.00
GRN85CS	GRENADA 4th Caribbean Cuboree MS	1.75	1.50
GIB85	GIBRALTAR (3)	1.60	1.60
ANT85	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA (4)	3.25	3.00
ANT85S	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA MS	2.50	2.25
CAN85	CANADA (1)	0.30	0.20
BLZ85R	BELIZE 80th Anny. Rotary Intl o/p on Guide issue (5)	3.00	-
LES85	LESOTHO (4)	1.95	1.85
LES85S	LESOTHO MS	2.00	2.00
SOL85	SOLOMON ISLANDS (5)	1.95	1.80
ASC85	ASCENSION (4)	2.20	2.00
USA85	U.S.A. Block of four	0.80	-
ANG85	ANGUILLA (4)	2.50	2.00
BRN85	BRUNEI Scout/Guide value from set (1)	0.35	-
STV85R	ST. VINCENT Royal Visit o/p on 1982 Scouts (2)	2.45	-
EGT85	EGYPT 30th Anniversary of Air Scouting (1)	0.35	0.25
GAB85	GABON Philexafrique triptych	2.00	-
UGA85	UGANDA Girl Guides + Women's Day (3)	2.45	-
UGA82S	UGANDA MS	2.00	1.50
TKC85	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS (4)	3.00	2.50
TKC85S	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS MS	2.25	2.00
GUI85J	GUINEA Scout Jamboree Jambville o/p on B-P (1)	1.00	-
SGP85	SINGAPORE (4)	0.85	0.80
PAK85J	PAKISTAN 10th National Jamboree	1.00	-
DOM85B	DOMINICA 40th Anny UN showing B-P (1)	0.70	-
RWA85	RWANDA (8) overprints on 1982 Scout issue	-	1.50
SWZ85	SWAZILAND (4)	0.90	0.90
ZAI85	ZAIRE (7) overprints on 1982 Scout issue	2.75	2.50
ZAI85S	ZAIRE MS overprint	1.25	1.10
BRN85J	BRUNEI National Jamboree (3)	1.45	1.45

When the 50th Anniversary of Scouting was celebrated in 1957, the then Soviet Russia or U.S.S.R. Dominated Eastern Europe together with the satellite communist states, including Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia. East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Since the fall of communism, the map of Europe has been redrawn with a huge number of new countries where Scouting has started or been revived after many years.

In 2007 the 100th Anniversary of Scouting and Europa was celebrated by most European States with an issue of two stamps or more
New countries that once formed part of the old Yugoslavia, including Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia and even the world’s newest country, Kosova under U.N. administration, have all issued these stamps as has tiny Albania a nearby former “hard line” communist state.

The break up of the old Soviet Union into separate Republics has seen a huge number of similar Scouts stamps, including issues from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Latvia and Ukraine.

From the 1990s many other Scout stamps appeared too from parts of the old Soviet Union that are not recognised as independent sates and most of these issues are bogus or only local carriage labels sold to exploit collectors. The names of these “States” are very exotic and include Abkhazia, Batum, Buriata, Caratchaevo-Cherkasis, Dagestan, Evrejskaya, Gagauzia, Kalmykia, Karelia, Kamchatka, Karakalpakia, Inguishetiya, Kirgistan, Mordovia, Ossetia, Saha-Yakutia and Sakhalin.

Czechoslovakia that issued the Scout Post stamps back in 1918 had been a communist state with no Scouting, but in 1993 became two States of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, both of which have issued Scout stamps as too have many of the former communist states that had strong Scout Movements prior to 1945, including Hungary and Poland.



Everybody knows that the Victorian/Edwardians had scrapbooks and not surprisingly these housed collections of 'scraps'. Less well appreciated is that the 'scraps' were not merely newspaper and magazine cuttings as typically formed the content of post 2nd World War scrapbooks, but were specially manufactured high-quality die-cut chromo (coloured) lithographs, usually printed in Germany, on every subject under the sun including Scouting.

As is the case with other forms of Scout related Ephemera it is possible to start a collection with items that date back into Baden-Powell's military career. The quality English postcard manufacturer's Raphael Tuck for example produced an entire sheet of images relating to the Siege of Mafeking, the most outstanding of which was the Siege Train - which B-P had specially armoured in the railway workshops. The complete sheet as produced by Tuck's is now almost impossible to find, but part sheets with the Siege Train would cost in excess of £100. Not quite as rare is a 'giant' scrap (29cms tall) of B-P in his 'wide awake hat' on his horse, from a set of Boer War General's by Birn Bros of London. The same image was also produced in a smaller scale (12 cms tall).



When Scouting began in 1908, B-P never specified the colour of the Scout shirt it merely had to be 'flannel', and scrap manufacturers

illustrated Scouts in a variety of colours, all true to life. Images of Girl Scouts also added variety. Though some people assume they are rather whimsical, girls could in 1908/9 officially be part of the Movement.

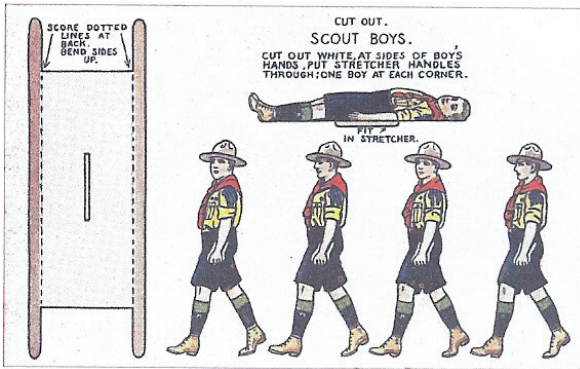


The figures often include a patrol name and 'call' at their base but you will look in vain for badges. These were omitted I suspect not just because they would be difficult to 'read' at the scale of the subject, but also because they might have infringed copyright. Baden-Powell inspired Scouting in several youth organisations, e.g. Boys' Brigade Scouts, Church Lad's Brigade Scouts as well as his own B-P Scouts. Without the detail of badges etc, no one organisation could be identified. To differentiate his own brand of Scouting in 1909, it was the Fleur de Lys with the two five pointed stars that was copyrighted, not the uniform or even the distinctive 'wide-awake' hat. Scrap manufacturers and other illustrators could then tap into a very fast growing 'market' without cost if they merely depicted Scouts in uniform without their badges.

A close relation to 'scraps' were card 'cut-outs', or press-out figures. These were made with special 'tabs' that could be bent behind the figure to make it stand up on a flat surface. Continental manufacturers such as Epinal, Artina and Jelp produced entire Scout Troops complete with flag staff, tents etc on card sheets in excess of A3 size. Depicted here is an English example on a postcard which was produced as a part of a set of six. Again the figures from all six cards (maybe with some duplicates) could be used to construct an entire Scout camp.



Good bright examples of Scout scraps in mint condition are



quite hard to find but are not expensive, perhaps six or seven pounds per scrap. Dealers will often have items that have been 'reclaimed' from scrapbooks by soaking, a process which need not necessarily harm the subject. The thinnest part of the scrap, necks, patrol flags etc are though very susceptible to damage and have sometimes been

repaired from behind without altering their outward appearance. 'Cut-outs' rarely survive if divorced from their original background and prices vary widely. The postcard example illustrated is by Mack of London, Toy Town Series very rare and I have only seen one other example sold at £70.00. Other cards in the same series depict trek carts, tents, and a campfire etc.

Like Cigarette Cards, Scouting scraps and 'cut-outs' were collected by young people, possibly Scouts themselves, and provide a colourful and contemporary view of early Scouting.

Dr Lovelace's Soap 'Cut-Out' Tradecard - the leaping boy scout was hinged over the Scout make the 'base' and 'wobbles' most appealingly!



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IS THIS A POSSIBLE RECORD FOR A SCOUT POSTCARD?

Having recently received my May/June copy of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club Bulletin I thought I would include this interesting postcard which sold on Ebay recently for what seems to be a high price -A\$ 455 - I think the exchange rate would be about two Aus \$ to one £ -- so that makes the card about £219!



I spend some time on Ebay mainly looking at buying scout badges and also postcards. Over the past few years I have been pleased with the items I have bought. There have been many occasions when I would have liked to purchase the badge or postcard but finances

dictate that you have to stop bidding.

Over the past few months I have noticed that a few items seem to attract a lot of bids and I am always interested to see what the final outcome is.

One such postcard was of Robert Baden-Powell and it did not look to my why there was so much interest in the postcard. Maybe it was the message and address on the back, and as can be seen the date. I have included details of the card and would be pleased to hear from readers why the postcard attracted so much interest and eventually the high price.

Yours in Scouting - John Roberts

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