

Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN



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From Peter Duck's article which starts on page 11.

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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 2009 and may I wish all of you a belated Happy New Year.

We've got the usual mix of articles in this issue and I hope you will continue to find them of interest.

As there has been a falling off of "My Favourite Scout Stamp" articles I've started a new series on the subject of "Stamps and Memories" - there must be many of you out there who could contribute to this; so I wait with baited breath! But don't let that stop you sending in a favourite stamps as I would still welcome these.

We are still progressing matters for EuroScout 2010 and I hope to have some further information, especially in respect of Hotels, available for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

You will find mention in the Chairman's Notes of the situation regarding Member's adverts. However, we are also being approached by commercial bodies for advertising space in the Bulletin. What do you think we should we allow it. Please let me have your views, by letter or e-mail.

So, over to you - letters, articles - all welcome

Terry Simister

Stamps and Memories

Malta, G.C.

By Peter Shore



The two scout stamps illustrate the award of the Scout Association's highest decoration for gallantry the **Bronze Cross**. Their Scouts had endlessly worked during the siege of Malta between 1940-43, probably the longest action of its kind in British history, bring home to me the most incredible public valour culminating in the award of the George Cross in 1942.



It has been calculated that more bombs fell on Malta than fell on London during the entire Blitz, which I was made well-aware of during 1956-58. As a Royal Naval Clearance Diver with the Malta-based team, in three years, we cleared more than 3,000 bomb, mines and missiles from in and around Malta with sadly - yet fortunately, sustaining only one loss of life. It seems that historians all agree that

it was the lack of fuel that was to be a chief reason for the Nazis' eventual defeat and, were Malta to fall into the enemy's hands, the way to the Suez Canal was clear and the oilfields of the Middle East at Hitler's disposal. Such was Malta's importance

Boosting Malta's air defences was in the main unsuccessful, regardless of repeated attempts by valiant R.N. suicidal runs, but the sustained bombing inevitably reduced aircraft, runways and services to rubble no matter what measures were taken. Even when a top level decision was made to strengthen the island, guns and fighter planes had still not arrived in spring 1940. Mind you it has been rumoured that the island did receive a detachment of the Middle East Pigeon Section, comprising 15 soldiers, 200 pigeons and eight rabbits. Sadly the RAF aircraft consisted of the obsolete Gloster Gladiator and Fairy Swordfish biplanes, which were slower than the bombers, let alone enemy fighters. An interesting piece of enemy news propaganda was circulated that enemy air raids had destroyed the capital's railway station and HMS "St Angelo" sunk in Valletta Harbour, when neither existed, the latter being a 'stone' frigate

Malta possessed less than 4,000 men in arms to protect against an Italian invasion and one whole company of the King's Own Malta Regiment was made up of Boy Scouts, manning anti-aircraft guns or acting as ammunition loaders.

They were also employed as coast-watchers, messengers, telephone operators: they manned Air Raid Precaution centres, worked in the censor's office, in the hospitals, and those who were old enough in the Volunteer Defence Force. One of their more important duties was that of acting as Telephone orderlies when convoys were unloaded... The bravery of the Scouts during the frequent air-raids became a by-word among the population.

As a newly married naval rating in '57 I recall seeing much evidence of war damage on scared still-battered walls in Valletta and I could wander at will around derelict wartime installations, such as the old military hospital overlooking Grand Harbour. The bombed-out Royal Opera House still stuck out like an unfinished builder's nightmare, and of course as full time divers were constantly tripping over or swimming into the deadly debris that littered the creeks and sea-beds.

On sober reflection....where else would their Scouts be? - as expected – ***“helping other people at all times”***. Yes! I unashamedly have a soft spot for Malta GC

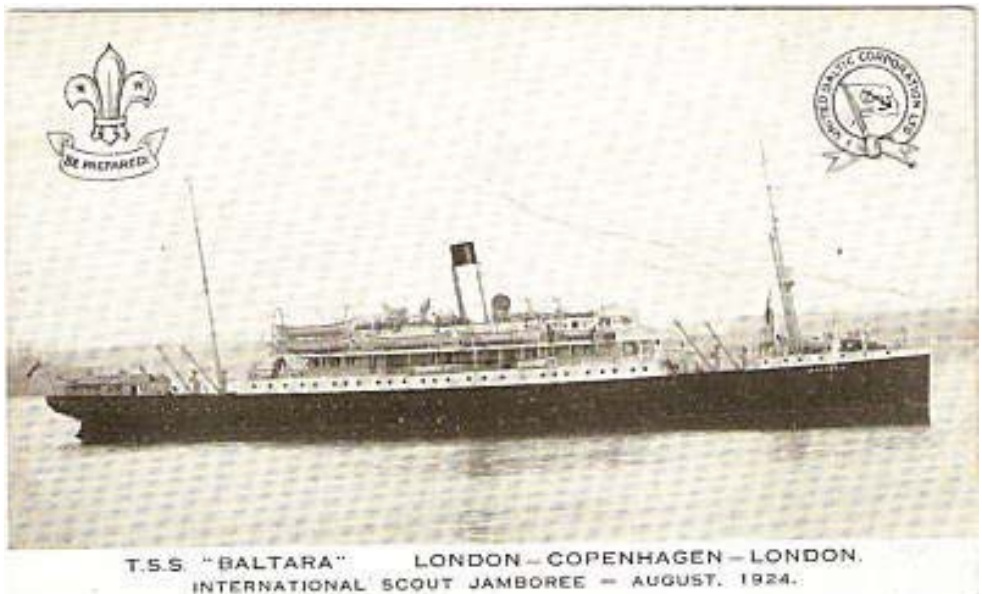
So come on all of you out there. Peter has started the ball rolling - and given me some more memories for future issues. Don't leave him alone - put them down.

Chairman's Notes

John Ineson

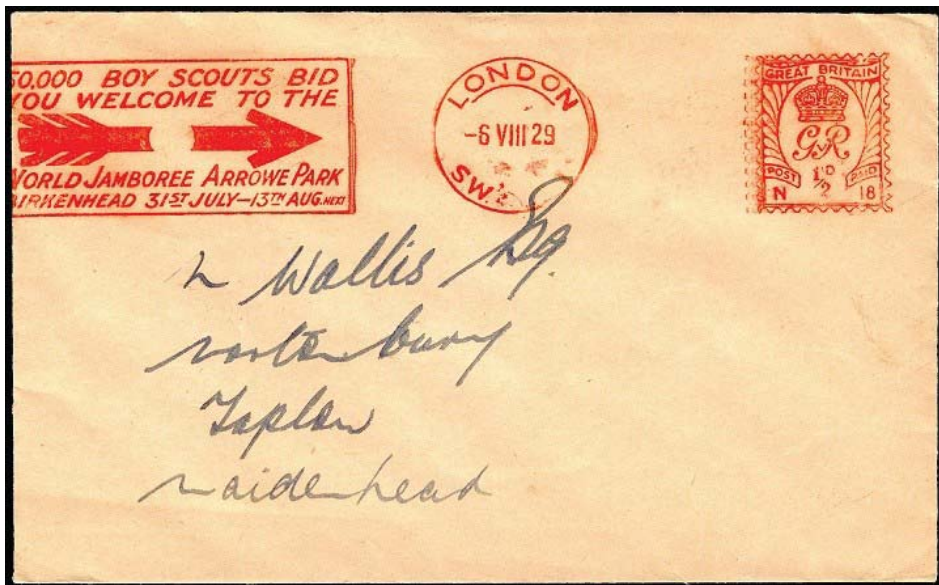
As you are all probably aware the next World Jamboree will be held in Sweden in 2011. At the recent World Scout Conference held in South Korea, it was agreed that the 23rd World Jamboree in 2015 would be held in Japan. No doubt there will be the large issue of special commemorative stamps, and certainly more than when the last World Jamboree took place in Japan in 1971.

Despite the recession which is affecting the U.K. and many other countries throughout the world, high prices are still being made on eBay. The *Postcard Monthly* of January 2009 reports that two postcards with the official Scout logo, both showing ships that transported Scouts to the 1924 World Jamboree held in Denmark, had recently been offered for sale. The one showing the Steam Ship



Baltara sold for a stunning £476 (even with a large crease) while another the Steam Ship Baltanic sold for £105. The highest price I had recorded before for a Scout postcard was for a group of Scouts with placards collecting for the Titanic Relief Fund outside Eastman's shop at Bridgeport, Dorset. This was sold in July 1991 by Vennett-Smith Auctions of Nottingham, U.K. and made £220.

Please do not forget our open meeting being held on the last day of the Spring Philatex. It is being held from 1500 – 1700 on Saturday 28th February at the Royal Horticultural Hall, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE. Why not include this with a visit to the main event where you will see dozens of dealers.



Some very high prices were made at the Healey and Wise Scout Auction held on 13th December. In particular were the two covers showing the red meter mark “50,000 Boy Scouts bid you welcome to the World Jamboree Arrowe Park, Birkenhead 31st July - 13th August next” Only one such cover had been recorded in the past, so this was a remarkable find to come onto the market, some 80 years after the event. Both covers made £1700 while a almost complete meter mark on piece, and one of only five known, made £595. The earliest recorded date of this meter mark was 6th May 1929, with the one illustrated being sent during the actual Jamboree and dated 6th August. Also sold, and illustrated in colour on the front of the catalogue, was a small head Baden-Powell on cover. Addressed to Corporal B. Johnson of D Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, it made £2700 against an estimate of £2450.

It is some years since we have mentioned that all members are entitled to one free advertisement each year in the Bulletin with a maximum of five lines. If you would like to advertise, please contact the Editor.

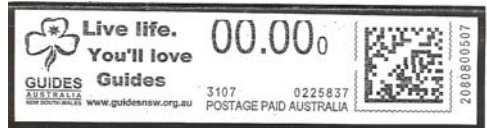
The Committee have been working on updating the Club Constitution and a full copy will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Franking Machine Cancellations (Australia)

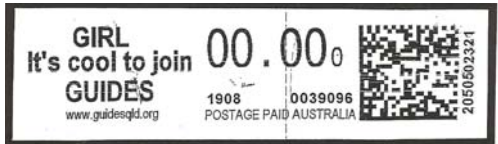
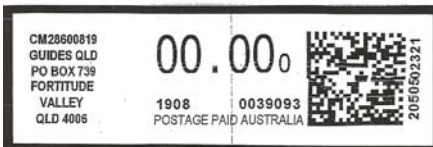
by Erhard Stermole

Franking machine cancellations that are being used in Australia by Guides Australia, Guides New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia, Scouts Australia National, Scouts South Australia, Scouts Queensland and Scout Outdoor “Centre” (sic) South Australia.

Australia {Post has developed a “new look” digital print meter for postage impressions for standard compliant postage meters. The impressions, which are printed in red fluorescent ink, include the postage value of the metered article and a **data matrix symbol** containing coded information about the meter (including date of posting) not visible. Introduction of new machines late 1999 /early 2000 also includes the number of items dispatched between recharging of the postage meter.



“**Guides Australia**” used by National Headquarters, Strawberry Hills, NSW. Pitney Bowes licence No. P17158323, circa 2000. “**Live life You’ll love Guides**” New South Wales Branch, Strawberry Hills, Neopost licence No. 2080800507, circa 2006.



“**Guides QLD**” Fortitude Valley, Qld. Neopost Licence No. 2050502321, circa 2002. “**Girls it’s cool to join Guides**” Fortitude Valley, Qld. Neopost licence No. 2050502321, used when membership payments are due.



“**Thinking Day Greetings from Guides Queensland**” Fortitude Valley. Neopost licence No. 205052321, used annually in February

“**Have you got your Guide Biscuits yet?**” Fortitude Valley. Neopost licence No. 2050502321, used during May annually



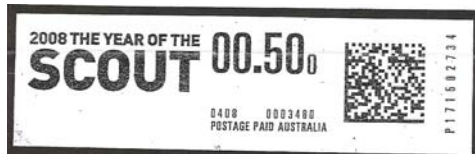
“Seasons Greetings” Fortitude Valley. Neopost licence No. 2050502321. Used in December, Christmas Cards mail out.



“Girl Guides Australia, South Australian Branch” Adelaide. Neopost licence No 2050502321, circa 2000.



“Girl Guides Victoria” South Melbourne, Vic. Neopost licence No. 2050501676. Introduced April 2007.



“2008 The Year of the Scout” Australian National H.Q. Chatswood NSW. Pitney Bowes licence No. P171602734, introduced 2008.



“2008 Year of the Scout” Fullerton, S.A. Neopost licence No. 2050503405. Introduced 2008 logo was added in front of address logo.



“Scouts Queensland” Toowong Qld 4066. Pitney Bowes licence No. 111101803, circa 2007.



“2008 The Year of the Scout” Toowong Qld. Pitney Bowes licence No. 111101803 introduced 2008.



“Scout Outdoor Centre” Adelaide S.A. Neopost licence No. 2050503408. Introduced April 2008.



“Girl Guides West Australia” Victoria Park W.A. Pitney Bowes licence No P171500208

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 48p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas 70p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.00.

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

	MINT	USED
CAR85X CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1985 Audubon birds + Scout badge (5 low values)	-	0.25
RED87 REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (2)	-	1.50
RED87S REDONDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	1.65
LES87 LESOTHO 1987 16 th World Jamboree (5)	3.00	2.75
LES87S LESOTHO 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	1.75
SRL87 SIERRA LEONE 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	3.00	2.75
SRL87S SIERRA LEONE 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	3.00	2.75
NEP87 NEPAL 1987 1 st National Jamboree (1)	0.30	0.25
PHL87 PHILIPPINES 1987 50 th Anniversary Founders of Philippine Scouting (1)	0.15	-
UGA87 UGANDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	1.80	-
UGA87S UGANDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	2.40	2.25
GAM87 GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.50	2.40
GAM87S GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	2.50	2.40
BLZ87 BELIZE 1987 Golden Jubilee of Girl Guides (4)	3.00	2.85
BLZ87S BELIZE 1987 Golden Jubilee of Girl Guides MS	3.00	2.85
TUV87 TUVALU 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.50	2.25
TUV87S TUVALU 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	2.00	1.75
KIR87W KIRIBATI 1987 40 th Wedding Anny Queen Elizabeth II o/P on Guide stamp(1)0.18	-	-
SPM87 St.PIERRE & MIQUELON 1987 50 th Anniversary of Scouting & Christmas (1)	0.80	-
GUI87W GUINEA 1987 Wildlife – flying cranes + Scout badge MS	-	0.75
STP87 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1987 16 th World Jamboree (1)	0.50	0.30
GUY88 GUYANA 1988 16 th World Jamboree overprints (3)	2.00	-
TRK87S TURKS & CAICOS 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	1.50
YEM88S YEMEN 1988 17 th Arab Scout Conference MS	3.75	-
LEB88 LEBANON 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.40	-
ALG88 ALGERIA 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.40	-
MAL88W MALI 1988 Wildlife – Chameleon + Scout badge MS	-	0.75
GRN88 GRENADA 1988 16 th World Jamboree (4)	3.20	3.00
GRN88S GRENADA 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	3.20	3.00
GRD88 GRENADA GRENADINES 1988 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.00	2.00
GRD88S GRENADA GRENADINES 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	1.75	1.75
CAR88S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1988 Scouting & birds MS	3.50	-
CAR88GP C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil stamp perforate(1)	8.00	-
CAR88GI C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil stamp imperf. (1)	8.00	-
CAR88GSP C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil MS perforate	12.00	-
CAR88GSI C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds gold foil MS imperf.	12.00	-
CAR88DL C.A.R. 1988 Scouting & birds (5) in de luxe imperf MS format	12.00	-
JOR88 JORDAN 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (2)	0.80	0.75
GUI88 GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6) (5 low values only – used)	4.50	0.25
GUI88DL GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6) in de luxe imperf MS format	10.00	-
BEN88 BENIN 1988 1 st National Jamboree (1)	0.60	-

BRB88 BARBUDA 1988 overprints on Antigua 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.50	-
SYR88 SYRIA 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.65	-
MAG88 MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6)	2.50	-
MAG88S MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies MS	1.50	-
MAG88GI MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies gold foil stamp imperf.(1)	7.50	-
MAG88GSP MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies gold foil MS perforate	12.00	-
MAG88GSI MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies gold foil MS imperf.	12.00	-
MAU88 MAURITANIA 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.75	-
EGT88 EGYPT 1988 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	-	0.30
UAR88 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 1988 18 th Arab Scout Conference (1)	0.35	-
STP88 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1988 16 th World Jamboree (3)	2.00	0.30
STP88S St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1988 16 th World Jamboree MS	-	0.40
BAN88 BANGLADESH 1988 5 th National Rover Moot overprint (1)	0.40	-

Letters from Members

Thanks for another great bulletin. Always something of interest.

I have just got round to cataloguing my collection (got a database as a Christmas present in 2007! Having reached Greece I was intrigued by some of the covers. They have stamps on the back and scout handstamps on the front.

Upon opening the Bulletin my eyes focused on the article on the Scout Postal Franchise in Greece. There, much to my amazement, was the first paragraph from Peter Duck. Exactly what I had! However I do not have covers with the **T** stamped on them. The handstamps are clear but I don't know many Greek cities so for now they remain a mystery. Anywhere that I may find out more about them?

Best wishes for the New Year,

Henry Gowland

Member No. 2932.

For those of you based in the UK, you may have seen in the media over the weekend that Wagonautomotive (my employer) is in deep financial problems. In fact, I should have said ex-employer, because last Monday Wagon Plc went into administration and consequently I have been made redundant. As a result, my roy.gault@wagonautomotive.com email address will no longer be live after today. Unfortunately, my Internet connection at home is unreliable, so could I ask you to post any Perfin information you have for me to my home address printed in the Bulletin.

Once I know what the future holds for me and I get sorted out, I will write to you all again. With Christmas looming, I guess that will be sometime in the New Year. Rest assured that the production of the various GB Perfins Catalogues, Bulletin Articles, New Identities etc., will continue as before. You never know, they may even accelerate!

Best wishes Roy Gault

Future meetings and Venues

Another reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009

28th February starting at 15.00pm to 17.00pm

7th November starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm

2010

27th February starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 31

6th May starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 23

6th November starting at 12.45pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings to be open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed as necessary.

2. A Committee meeting will be held on 25th April, 2009 at the North Richmond Scout HQ.

3. The June 2009 Committee Meeting and the 2009 AGM will both be held on 20th June at the Headquarters Training Ship, the Lord Amory, at the Docklands Scout Project in London.

FUTURE COPY DATES

March 15th, May 17th, and July 19th

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

THEMATIX 2009

Have you made a note of the dates for Thematix 2009 ~ The National thematic stamp fair, to be held at The Harlequins Rugby Ground, Twickenham, West London on the last weekend in June - Friday 26th and Saturday 27th June 2009

The SGSC have booked a table so we look forward to meeting all of you who are able to attend.



NOTE THE DATES NOW 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ROMANIAN BOY SCOUTS FROM THE WAR
1916 – 1919.

by Peter Duck.

In 1937, the Romanian Boy Scouts (Cercetasii) were incorporated into the National Youth Movement (Straja Tarii), this meant the withdrawal of Romanian Scouting from the Boy Scouts International Bureau of which they had been a founder member. Uniforms remained similar with shorts and neckerchiefs, but the familiar Scout hat was replaced with a white beret. The only badge which appears to have been used is that of OETR (Oficiul de Educatie a Tineretului Roman). This emblem can be seen on the stamp issues of 1938, 1939 and 1940 commemorating the anniversaries of the accession of King Carol II. The stamps all carried a surcharge for Straja Tarii Youth Funds, and can be considered as "fringe" issues in a Scout collection. At least the 1939 set shows St. George, the Patron Saint of Scouting.



But one group of Scouts appeared to have survived the incorporation into Straja Tarii, these were the Asociatia Cercetasii Romaniei Din Rasboul 1916-1919 (The Association of the Romanian Boy Scouts from the War 1916-1919). The Patron of the Association was King Carol II who abdicated in 1940 in favour of his son Michael.

Two sets of labels appear to have been issued for the Association, presumably to raise funds. Firstly a set of three labels of identical design showing a Scout helping a wounded soldier. These are valued at 1 leu(brown), 2 lei(green) and 5 lei(blue) and were probably issued in 1939 as they are known on an official envelope posted on 4 November 1939. The second series were possibly issued later during the Second World War as their values are much higher at 50 and 100 lei. These show a symbolic design with 1916-1919 emblem, although a third label which is unpriced, includes the date 1914. These labels were printed by the National Printing Office (Fabrica de Timbre) whose name appears at the bottom along with the designer's name R.Ghitulescu.

These latter three labels are not known (by me) on cover, but I possess two covers from the 1916-1919 Association. The one mentioned above from November 1939 and another posted on 18 August 1939 bearing the handstamp of the Association. Both envelopes contain leaflets which I am unable to read.

Some Philatelic Terms.....

Cancelled to Order - Postmarked or cancelled stamps that have not been through the post and still with full gum, usually with a neat circular cancellation to one corner. It is a way for some postal administrations to capitalise on stocks of remaindered stamps by selling them at a discount to dealers. Many sets of Scout stamps from small Arab States, such as Dubai, were sold off in this way in the late 1960s.

Essay - The original artwork of a stamp design adopted with some small changes or corrections. An unadopted essay is a rejected design, perhaps submitted as part of a design competition or because the design did not meet the approval of a Post Office.

Postal Stationery - Usually in the form of envelopes or postcards pre-printed with a stamp.

Roulette - A type of stamp perforation, where instead of a line of tiny holes there is a line of cuts made into the paper so none is actually removed; examples are the 1918 Scout Post stamps of Czechoslovakia.

Self Adhesives - From the late 1970s several Scout and Guide issues, including those from Norfolk Island, Sierra Leone and Tonga, were self adhesive on backing paper carrying advertisements and maps. These days many more issues, usually in booklet form such as the latest GB Christmas stamps, are self adhesive.

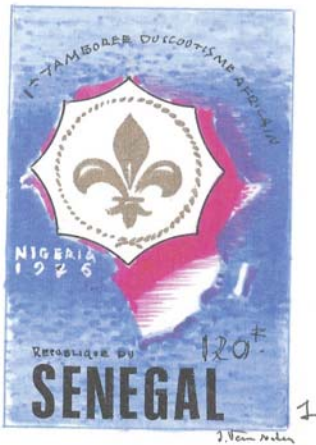
Tab - A piece of sheet margin attached to a stamps by perforations and usually printed with a message or a design relating to the theme of the stamps, such as the 1968 Scout stamp from Israel.

Postal Stationery envelope overlaid with a Cancelled to Order stamp from Dubai and a Self-Adhesive stamp from Tonga.





Roulette above and Essay below



Republique du Sénégal
1^{er} Jamboré du
Sambour africain
Nigéria 1976.



Tab

Scout Poster Stamps/Seals

Poster Stamps form another collecting theme that belongs to the wider field of 'paper ephemera'. They are gummed, perforated, often officially issued by Scout Associations, but although they can be used in conjunction with real stamps on Scouting Covers they are not postage stamps and have no values printed on them. They are then often viewed as 'Cinderella items' and will be absent from most purist Scout philatelic collections.

Regular readers of this 'corner' will know that all other collecting fields so far covered in these page can be used to trace back Baden-Powell's history prior to his founding of the World Scout Movement in 1908. It may a surprise to some to find that this is also the case with Poster Stamps.



The only known examples of a pre-Scouting issue are a pair poster stamps that previously belonged to our recently demised member Keith Burtonshaw. These stamps are dated to 1892, according to the paper to which they are affixed. B-P was a Major in the 13th Hussars at the time. A further note in pencil states, "These were printed by the War Office and distributed by Mrs B-P." All very interest-

ing, but in 1892 there were many majors in the British Army, and the War Office would have no reason to single-out B-P, so my guess would be that the B-P stamps were produced in conjunction with others depicting army officers, maybe using this early 1892 image, later on his career when he was better known.

Scout Poster Stamps have however a long and distinguished record as far as Scouting collectibles go. The first major International Scout Jamboree at Olympia, London in 1920 had a set of three poster stamps as depicted below. Most World Jamborees from that time have produced their own poster stamp(s).



1920 1ST World Jamboree Olympia London.

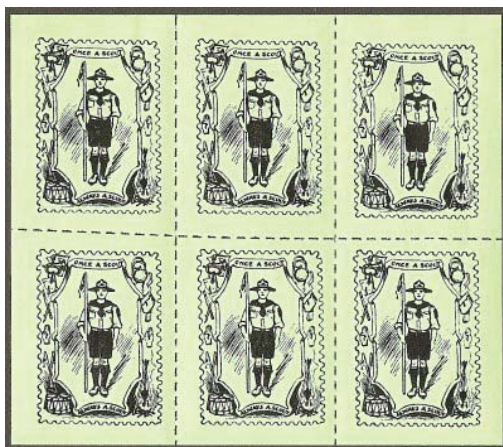
Denmark WJ 1924

Four years later these same seals were pressed overprinted for the Wembley ‘Imperial Jamboree, “Wembley August 1-8 1924”. They are seen occasionally ‘on cover’, sent through the post, in conjunction with real stamps. The author has an example of a ‘cover’ sent out from Roland House, the envelope having the words “Eastward Ho” Roland House, East London’s Scout Settlement. The ‘cover’ is postmarked July 12th 1924 less than three weeks before the Imperial Jamboree. Roland House was donated to the Movement by Roland Philipps, Commissioner for North East London, one of his last acts before enlisting in the 9th Royal Fusiliers in 1915.



When Philipps was killed under heroic circumstances at the front in July 1916. Baden-Powell was devastated. The legacy of ‘Roland House’ was central to Scouting. (It closed in 1982 after the opening of the Baden-Powell House/Hostel in Central London.) It had its own poster stamp, designed by Stanley Ince the first Warden of the settlement who as a District Commissioner in NE London had been one of Philipps’ friends. Ince himself was invalided out of the army having contracted influenza in 1918 and was the only adult in Scouting to be presented with the Cornwell Award.

A highlight of any collection is usually the first of its kind to be issued, but as far as Scouting poster stamps are concerned (as opposed to the purely B-P issue above) there does not appear to be any definitive claim as to what was the first Scouting poster stamp ever. I was fortunate to purchase a few album sheets from the collection of the former Executive Commissioner for Scotland, David Jefferies. David, a member of our club, had collected blocks of six in various colours of the poster stamps issued in 1912 by Jack Sharp, a Liverpool Scout Outfitter



The stamps bear the legend ‘*Once a Scout Always A Scout*’ which although endorsed by B-P (if not the modern movement) was first uttered by Lord Kitchener at a Scout Rally in Leicester in 1912. I written other articles suggesting that these may have been the first Scout Poster stamps ever and as yet I yet to hear of any other such ‘claim’. These poster stamps are not perforated as are most are, but ‘rouletted’ i.e. horizontal cuts serving as separators rather than circular holes.



I have however in my collection an undocumented little poster stamp that originated in Imperial Scout Headquarters, London. I have no idea of its date of introduction though the stamp proudly proclaims that Scout Association is ‘Incorporated by Royal Charter’ an honour was conferred on the Movement by George V on January 4th 1912. *If* this poster stamp was issued to commemorate the Royal Charter, or in any event was issued in early 1912 then it *may* be the ‘penny black’ of Scout Poster stamps. I would be delighted to hear from any members who have this poster stamp on a postmarked cover!

In 1916 Scout Hero Jack Cornwell VC, was commemorated on a poster stamp but the issue makes no reference to Jack’s Scouting background. The story of his Jack’s Scouting life, first bizarre burial and later ‘heroes’- almost state funeral - are now well documented *. The Lord Mayor of London announced a national appeal, The Cornwell Fund, on September 14th 1916, one day before the official ‘gazetting’ of Jack’s V.C. and the same day as the Scout Association announced the introduction of the Cornwell Award which is still current today.

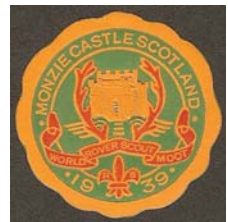


The ‘Maltese Cross ‘flag’ with Jack Cornwell was sold by street collectors to aid the appeal. Its design of course mimics the Victoria Cross. September 30th, 1916 had been declared 'Jack Cornwell Day' and the Navy League was given permission to sell the poster stamp shown here through the nation's Elementary Schools. Over 12,000 schools sold more than one pound's worth of ‘stamps’ (240) and they were rewarded with a coloured print of Jack Cornwell standing by his gun painted by Frank Salisbury R.A. signed by Lord



Jellicoe and Admiral Beatty. This appeal raised enough money to fund the enormous Star And Garter Home at Chelsea.

Lesser-known poster stamps / seals are from the 1939 Third World Rover Moot at Monzie Castle (pronounced Monie), Scotland. At the first Rover Moot held at Kandesteg, Switzerland in 1931 Baden-Powell had declared that Rovers were his front-line troops in promoting peace amongst the nations. Baden-Powell spoke to his Rovers for the last time at Monzie via a radio message from Kenya. Some of the



young men listening however would be fighting - perhaps against each other- in the space of a few short months.



For the 1947 Jamboree de la Paix World Jamboree, a single blue poster stamp was issued in blocks of six in a small cardboard fold. Interestingly these booklets were sponsored by different companies. The example above was financed by Lampe Mazda as printed on the selvedge to the top and bottom of the block of stamps, other sponsors were Lion Noir coffee and Gondolo biscuits

In 1957 I was fortunate, as a 12 year old, to visit the 'Jubilee Jamboree' at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, with my Scout troop, in who order to visit some of our Seniors who were part of the Soke of Peterborough Contingent. (One of the few UK contingents to produce their own Jamboree FDC Covers.) I had money in my pocket (not a lot) and some rare Soke of Peterborough County badges to swap. I did better with my badge swapping than I did with my purchases. The only item I chose to buy from the Jamboree Scout Shop was the not so rare Poster Stamps, often seen for sale today at a couple of pounds. Never mind! As a memory of my time at the Jamboree, they are precious to me, - some things are worth more than money!

See illustration on Page 20

* See www.scouting.milestones.btinternet.co.uk and/or JT. Cornwell VC and the Scouts Badge of Courage. CR Walker 2006

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Poster Stamps from Jubilee Jamboree referred to in Colin Walker's article on page 18.



Baden Powell featured amongst a collection of Boer War scraps

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Editorial

Here we again with another new and, I hope, interesting issue.

One thing that does strike me is that from the growing number of letters and articles that are coming forward the vast majority seem to be related to collecting areas which are non philatelic. I hope that this means we were right when we changed the Club Constitution to expand the field of activity to include paper ephemera but it would be nice to see some more articles related to stamps, etc. I do already have a few from Peter Shore under his "Memories" banner but there must be a number of you out there who could write a small piece, similar to that from Alex Hadden in this issue, extolling the virtues of your favourite Scout Stamp.

Just over a year now to EuroScout 2010 - the venue has been booked for both the event itself and also for the Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening. I have also had several meetings with the local hotels and hopefully will be able to tie up some deals regarding accommodation in the near future. Pending this I have delayed my notice about the Exhibition until the next issue.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 17th, July 19th, September 20th, November 15th and January 17th.

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

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DONT FORGET CLUB AUCTION ENDS ON 18TH APRIL

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NOTE THE DATES NOW 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

One of our members, Michael Loomes, writes to say that he has received a letter from Russell Hawkins, the Stamps programme Manager of Royal Mail to say that they are issuing a set of stamps for the Guide Centenary in February 2010. This is a surprise, but great news as the list of stamp issues for 2010 had already been published, and despite requests for stamps to celebrate this event, they were not originally chosen.

Many of you know of my interest in the Mafeking Siege Paper Currency. Recently an auction house at Bury St Edmunds, in Suffolk offered sixteen notes in near mint condition. The vendor had acquired them in a house clearance some 30 years ago. Thinking that hardly anybody would know about this auc-

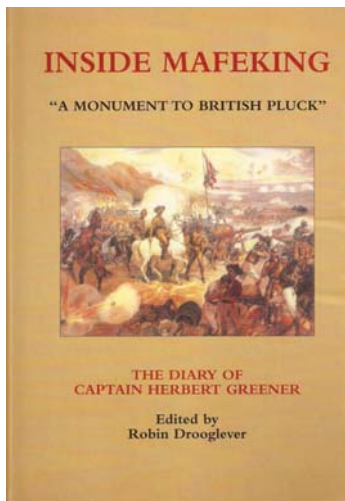


-tion, I attended the sale as I was hoping to purchase one or two of the notes. However there was four telephone bidders plus buyers in the room which caused the prices to reach record amounts. With Buyers Premium, the 1/- notes made up to £351, the 2/- £469, the 3/- £1055, 10/- £996 and finally the four £1 notes which made between £1524 - £1876. As you can imagine, I went home with nothing!

It appears that our Royal Mail do not wish to encourage the collection of stamps. In the past if you had a used stamp, you soaked it off from the envelope and placed it in your collection. From last Christmas, it has been virtually impossible to remove used self adhesive stamps from their backing paper due to the new special glue that was used. It is understood that the re-use of un-cancelled stamps has made a big dent in the fortunes of Royal Mail, especially as unused stamps without gum have been offered on eBay in large quantities. No longer will we be able to soak legitimately used stamps from the mail for neat mounting in our albums. From February new stocks of stamps will be produced with two semi-circular slits on each stamp so that when the stamp is removed from the backing paper, it will come apart, so again not really suitable for the stamp collector. It looks as if in the future that used U.K. stamps will have to be collected on piece.

Peter Duck wrote an obituary in the last Bulletin about our former committee member Keith Burtonshaw. However very little is known about how he spent his

spare time other than in Scouting. In March 2009 at Woking in Surrey, over 1600 of his painting came up for sale in an auction. Bachelor Keith Burtonshaw (1930-2008) was a highly competent, self-taught amateur artist, influenced by Constable, Gainsborough and Reynolds. Keith was a member of the British Water Colour Society, the London Sketch Club (as was Baden-Powell), the United Society of Artists and the National Society of Painters. He also exhibited at the Royal Society of Marine Artists and the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours in London. His work can be found in collections around the world, but only occasionally have his pictures appeared at auction in the last 20 years.



I know that I have already written about Mafeking earlier in these notes, but I was pleased to say that at long last the diary of Captain Herbert Greener has been published. He was the Chief Paymaster in Mafeking during the Siege, and it is his signature that appears on the famous siege notes. This is not simply Greener's diary as the journal has been studied meticulously by the Editor, Robin Drooglever and the story of the siege is written around it. There are exact diary entries, of course, telling the story in Greener's own words, but the analysis of those words by Drooglever makes this book required reading for anyone with an interest in

the Siege of Mafeking. Published by Token Publishing Ltd of Honiton, Devon at £29.95.

One of the great treasures of Scout collecting, is the crash mail from the Zeppelin "Hindenburg" In March this year one of these rare covers was offered for auction in the Netherlands by Van Dieten. With an estimate price of €10000, it made €8200 plus buyer's premium. Most of the crash covers still show the 12½c 1937 Netherlands Jamboree stamp. Hallvard Slettebø writes on his Scout website <http://www.slettebo.no/scout/hindenburg.htm> LZ 129 *Hindenburg* left Frankfurt am Main, Germany on May 3 on her first North America flight for 1937. The world's largest aircraft ever was 804 feet (245 metres) long and filled with 7 million cubic feet of highly flammable hydrogen. At Lakehurst, New Jersey, cameramen and reporters waited for her arrival and recorded one of the most famous disasters in history. On landing at Lakehurst on May 6, 1937, the airship burst into flames and was destroyed in about 34 seconds. 13 passengers and 22 crew died but 61 passengers survived.

Illustrated Scout-Postcards (Gottfried Steinmann in co-ordination with W-O.Neubäck/Graz)

Lajos Márton, Ungarn

The probably best known artist of Scout-postcards is „Márton“, this name really became a synonym amongst collectors, and is even a collecting theme itself.

Lajos Márton was born on the 18th of Nov.1891 at Szekelyudvarhegy, Transylvania, Hungary. He became a well known Hungarian book illustrator and a most occupied church painter (almost 40 churches can show his works, amongst them the church of Gödöllő).



Márton was an enthusiastic Scout (his Scout name was DEDI-DODI) and like all Hungarians, most patriotic minded. After the defeat in WW 1, which resulted in the Treaty of Trianon, under which so much Hungarian land was lost; like Upper Hungaria, now Slovakia; Transylvania (now belonging to Romania) or West Hungaria (today part of Austria).....for each of which he made the patriotic illustration of a protest-postcard.

Worldwide known amongst Scouts became his sketch books:

- * Jamboree 1924
- * Czerkészalbum 1929 (drawn 1926/1927/1929)
- * Jamboree 1933
- * Jamboree 1933 „Souvenir“
- * Jubele Album 1906 – 1936

Also for the Litho-pages I, II, III. from the Jamboree Gödöllő 1933 - but most of all for his illustrations of postcards.

Lajos Márton died on 26.Jan.1953 at Budapest

1st series of castles and fortresses along the river Waag – now in Slovakia – which was drawn during the legendary rafting tour 1913. These cards also show the fleur-de-lies and a small sketch of rafting on the reverse side.

10 different cards are known, but the issue of a dozen is suspected.



2nd series 1921/1922... here appear the first of his humorous Scout-cards, not in colour yet, but vividly demonstrating „Scout life“ and typically for Márton, there is always an animal (dog) incorporated in the picture.



1921/23 (?)

3rd series: 1926

„Nagytabor“ (Main camp = National camp)

10 different cards



In this year Márton produced further most humorous cards like: pursued by a mosquito a Scout flees in panic pulling his dog behind him.

4th series: 1927 „Beatulund“

9 cards showing portraits of Scouts of nations, who participated at the camp: Denmark, France (2), Scotland, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Hungary.



The second part of Gottfried's article on Marton will appear in the next issue.



Scouting in Freemasonry

by W.Bro. Michael T. Harrington



I have been a Scout Leader for over 43 years, and was a committee member of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club for many years. About sixteen years ago I was invited to become a Freemason, and joined the Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 1178. I soon found many similarities between the two organisations such as brotherly love, helping others, the world wide aspect of the organisations etc.



Baden-Powell –
Founder of Scouting

On the 27th April 1992, Tanzania issued a set of three stamps honouring Robert Baden-Powell. On the right hand corner of each stamp was a square and compass with the ‘G’ in the centre. This stamp makes it appear that Baden-Powell was a freemason. Many people thought that he was a freemason, but I have since found out that there is no information that he *was* connected with Freemasonry at all.

Now one man who had a connection with the craft was Rudyard Kipling. He was a friend of Baden-Powell and became a Scout Commissioner. When B-P founded the Wolf Cubs he based it on Kipling’s “*The Jungle Book*”, using the names of Akela as the leader, who protects her young, and Baloo, Bagheera, Kaa etc., for all the assistant leaders. Kipling also wrote a book especially for the Boy Scouts called “*Land and Sea Tales for Scouts and Guides*” in 1923. Kipling can be found on a Swedish stamp depicting



Rudyard Kipling –
NobelPrizewinner 1907

Nobel Prize winners which was awarded in 1907, the same year as Scouting started with the experimental camp on Brownsea Island.



Scouts experimental camp at
Brownsea Island

After being in Freemasonry for a couple of years, I found that there were many Scouting Lodges. A friend took me along to the Torch Lodge No. 7236. I felt that I was at a Scout Meeting here, but without the Scouts. I found out that there are about 38 lodges in England that come under the umbrella of the K.L.A. (Kindred Lodges Association).

To be a member of one of these lodges the general rule is that you must be associated with a youth movement, the majority being with Scouting and Boys Brigade. I was then asked if I wished to become an associate member, I of course said yes, wondering in the back of my mind how much this would cost me, the form was handed to me and I saw that it was going to cost me £5 every leap year. This was a great relief on my pocket.

This article concludes in the next issue of the Bulletin

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TOG90A TOGO 1990 Scouts/butterflies/fungi (6 imperf)	9.00	-
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TON90 TONGA 1990 150 th Anniversary of 1 st Postage Stamps (Scout stamp design) (1)	1.20	-
PHL90 PHILIPPINES 1990 Girl Scouts 50 th Anniversary (2)	0.40	-
YMN90 YEMEN 1990 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (4)	4.00	-
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GUI90G GUINEA 1990 Scouts/birds/butterflies gold foil stamp imperf(1)	9.00	-
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CON91D CONGO 1991 Scouts/butterflies/fungi 6 x de luxe MS	12.00	-
CON91C CONGO 1991 Scouts/butterflies/fungi 2 x combination MS	10.00	-
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GHA91S GHANA 1991 17 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	6.00	5.00
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MAG91C MALAGASY 1991 Scouts/insects/fungi 2 x combination MS	11.00	-
JIJ79 Sheetlet of 7 labels issued by World Scout Bureau for Join-in-Jamboree 1979 (self adhesive)	0.75	
JIJ83 Sheetlet of 7 labels issued by World Scout Bureau for Join-in-Jamboree 1983 (self adhesive)	0.75	

My (New) Favourite Scout Stamp

by J. Alex Hadden

While I still really like the Italian stamp with the Scout badge forming a campfire, my new favourite is the Canadian 2007 issue. Forming a totem pole in the centre are members of all five Sections (from the bottom Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers). In the background are pictures of old and new Scouting activities.



And it doesn't stop there. This stamp is a self adhesive which comes in an attractive booklet of 8 which includes seals of Cub and Scout badges, the World badge and Kub Kars and a picture of an old Grand Owl. The front of the booklet shows old time Scouts plus new ones and the back has a picture and a brief biography of Baden-Powell. In all, a very nice issue with only one error (hint – it is on the front page of the booklet).

Future meetings and Venues

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009

7th November starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm

2010

27th February starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 31

6th May starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 23

6th November starting at 12.45pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings to be open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed as necessary.

2. A Committee meeting will be held on 25th April, 2009 at the North Richmond Scout HQ.

3. The June 2009 Committee Meeting and the 2009 AGM will both be held on 20th June at the Headquarters Training Ship, the Lord Amory, at the Docklands Scout Project in London.

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Review of Club's Constitution.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find a revised copy of the Club's Constitution.

In 2005 the Annual General Meeting accepted an amendment to the Constitution, which extended the Club's objects to include related paper ephemera. Now, some four years later, your Committee are proposing a wholesale revision of the Club's Constitution. What is going on, why is there the need for a complete revision of the Constitution which has served us so well for a number of years?

The problem is that it has served us well for a number of years but that is because there has been little need to consult it. Every one on the Committee knew what the Constitution provided for and, in the absence of any problems, there was little need to consult it, and when a problem arose, there was generally agreement as to how to proceed without the need to resort to the constitution. That state existed until your Committee looked at the Constitution when considering the widening of the Club's objects to include related paper ephemera. It was then that a number of anomalies were noted as well as a few gaps in the provisions.

For example there was a provision to "elect" new members, which was not being operated, and there was no definition of who constituted a member or who were working officers of the Club. There was no provision as to which posts in the Club should be appointed and which ones elected and as to what action should be taken in the event that it became necessary to dissolve the Club. At the same time consideration was being given to a move to a common annual date for membership renewal. Whilst the current Constitution gave the Committee authority to move on the common annual date for membership renewal it was the Committee's unanimous view that a full-scale review and updating of the Constitution should be carried out and for the new Constitution to remove any ambiguity and to reflect current policies.

For a number of meetings now your Committee has been considering drafts and redrafts, revisions and rewrites of the Constitution. Their finished work is what you now have before you. In accordance with the current Constitution your Committee is putting before the Annual General Meeting this revised Constitution with the recommendation that the whole document be accepted as the new Constitution for the Club with effect from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Please study the new Constitution and please contact a Committee member or myself if you have any questions about it. It would also be good if as many members as possible could attend the AGM so that we can be assured that any changes made have the members' support.

Graham Osborne

*Secretary
March 2009*

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

(Formerly Scout Stamps Collectors Club)

REVIEW OF THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION: 2008

1. NAME & OBJECTIVES

- a) The Club shall be known as the "Scout and Guide Stamps Club".
- b) The objects of the Club shall be to promote the study and practice of philately and especially to encourage and assist collectors of Scout and Guide stamps with information on allied philatelic material and related paper ephemera, and support the world Scout & Guide Movements.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open to all, but members under 18 years of age shall be admitted as Junior members.
- b) An applicant for membership, on payment of the appropriate subscription shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Constitution of the Club in force and any subsequent amendments thereof.
- c) Membership shall be conferred on payment of an annual subscription due on 1st April each year. New members joining after that date will pay a subscription on a pro rata basis for the first year of their membership. Membership will cease on receipt of a notice in writing to the Membership Secretary of a member's intention to resign. Membership will cease in any instance where the annual subscription has not been paid by 1st July."
- d) Any member may be suspended or removed from the membership of the Club by vote of the Committee for breach of the Constitution or otherwise at their sole discretion.
- e) The Committee shall fix the subscription for members and for Junior members.
- f) Junior members shall not be entitled to vote at elections.
- g) Any notice sent by prepaid post to the address of a member registered in the books of the Club shall be deemed to have been properly directed and no claims shall be sustained on the part of a member who has failed to notify a change of address to the appropriate officer of the Club in time to prevent misdirection of any notice or other communication.
- h) All UK members will be subject to the provisions of the Child Protection Policies of the UK Scout and Guide Associations.
- i) Members, or non-members, who have given distinguished service to the Club, may be elected Honorary Members of the Club by proposal and majority vote at an Annual General Meeting. Honorary Members will pay no subscription and will enjoy all the rights of membership.

3. ADMINISTRATION

- a) The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting every year before the end of June or as soon as possible thereafter. Notification of the time and place of this meeting must be given in the Club Bulletin or by other means not later than one month prior to the meeting.
- b) The business of the Club, in pursuit of its Aims and Objectives, and not reserved for General Meetings, shall be managed by the Committee of the Club consisting of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and six other members. These nine members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. A President, Vice President, Vice Chairman, Membership Secretary, Bulletin Editor, and Webmaster will be elected by the Committee from among its members at its first meeting immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for Officers and the Committee must be proposed and seconded and must have the consent of the nominee. Nominations can either be in writing to the Secretary before the AGM or made verbally at the AGM. The Committee will retire from office each year but will be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and their terms of reference.
- d) The quorum for the Committee shall be four including two Officers from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

- e) The Committee shall have power to call Special Meetings. It must call a Special Meeting if so requested by not less than ten per cent of those members who subscriptions are not in arrears. Notification of the time, place and purpose of this meeting must be given in the Club Bulletin or by other means not later than one month prior to the meeting.
- f) The Committee shall have the power at any time to fill any casual vacancy among the Officers and Committee and any Officer or member so appointed shall hold office only until the following Annual General Meeting, but shall then be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall also have the power at any time to co-opt additional members as may be deemed necessary.
- g) The decision of the Committee upon all matters affecting the Club and not specifically provided for in this Constitution shall be final and binding on all members.
- h) At any meeting of the Club or Committee the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

4 FINANCE

- a) The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions and monies and shall deposit them in bank accounts approved by the Committee, in the name of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club. The Treasurer shall settle all accounts and shall present at the Annual General Meeting audited accounts made up to the 31st December of each year. The Treasurer shall administer the bank accounts of the Club. Two from a list of four nominated individuals must sign any cheques drawn on these accounts.
- b) The Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to audit the Treasurer's accounts for that year. The auditor may not be a member of the Committee.
- c) The Club shall indemnify Members of the Committee for all debts incurred by them on behalf of the Club but the liability of the Club shall be limited to a figure, which shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

5 DISSOLUTION

- a) The Club may be dissolved only by a properly convened Annual General or Special Meeting.
- b) The Club can only be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the membership present at that meeting votes for dissolution.
- c) After dissolution all remaining monies and property shall be given to an organisation(s) with objectives similar to those of the Club as decided by the Committee.

6 AMENDMENTS

- a) This constitution shall be subject to amendment by resolution at any properly convened Annual General or Special Meeting. Notice of the proposed changes shall be served upon each member not less than one month before the time fixed for holding such meeting.

22 Nov 08 – Final Revision.

Membership Update from Tim Reed, Membership Secretary.

As you are all hopefully aware, the club has moved to a single, annual renewal of membership date which is 1st April each year and therefore your Annual Subscription is now due. The only exception to this is those of you who currently have five year memberships. I shall contact each of you individually when your renewal is due. For overseas members, you should have received a letter from me by now, explaining how much you owe the club for any outstanding membership due from last year and also the 2009 membership fee.

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Some More Philatelic Terms.....

Classics - In mainstream philately rare and early issues but within our own area of interest the term would describe such rarities as Mafeking Siege issues, especially on cover, Czechoslovakia Scout Post of 1918, Siam “Wild Tiger” Scout covers and cards and later Scout “Sewer Post” covers from Warsaw.

Locals - Stamps whose validity is restricted to a prescribed area or town, country or country route where there is no official postal service. Sometimes issues by Civic Authorities, landowners, etc. Mafeking blues are a typical example.

Metered Mail - Post that is automatically franked by machine. The franking combines a postmark and a postage stamp and can also include a slogan (see below). Used in the main by large commercial and public organisations the machines record the number of items sent and the total cost of postage is paid to the post office.

Slogans - Used in conjunction with metered mail to advertise events, good causes, etc. Many Scout and Guide events are advertised on slogans and last month’s Bulletin illustrated many examples

Surcharges - Overprinting existing stamps with another face value usually obliterating the original. Although originally employed to stem a genuine shortage of certain values, such as during the Mafeking siege, it was later used as a means of using large stocks of obsolete stamps and creating more items for collectors. Guyana issued many such on Scout and Guide stamps during the 1980s.

Speculative Issues - The over production of postage stamps vastly exceeding the genuine postal needs of a country these issues are targeted at collectors and are usually thematic with several themes used in the design to maximise their appeal. Some issues have very doubtful postal validity.

Postage Due - Term used to define items posted with no stamps or are underpaid - the cost to be paid upon delivery. A special stamp printed “Postage Due” with the outstanding sum or a rubber stamp with handwritten message can be found on British examples.

Used on Piece - A stamp or stamps displayed on a portion of a used cover that includes the postmark and, if present, a slogan.

Paquebot Postmark - The translation is “Packet Boat” and the term describes letters posted on board a ship whilst at sea using a special postmark.

Illustrations of “Surcharges”, “Used on Piece” and “Paquebot Postmark” are shown on the back page of this Bulletin.

St George and the Dragon

Among the membership of our club there are more than a few who, as part of their Scout Stamp collecting, have an allied collection themed on St George. Indeed both our club and SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps Society International) have devoted pages/links to the subject. Our member Michael Harrington has compiled a definitive list of all stamps which can be accessed from the society's websites depicting the theme of St George. This is a wonderfully impressive piece of work. My favourite St George stamp, was issued in Greece as part of a set of six on April 23rd 1960. As everybody reading this article will know, St George is both the Patron Saint of England and Scouting and his day, April 23rd is the most important in the Scouting Year. It is marked by parades across the country, but notably at St George's Chapel, Windsor which is always attended by recent Queen Scouts and, sometimes by Her Majesty The Queen.

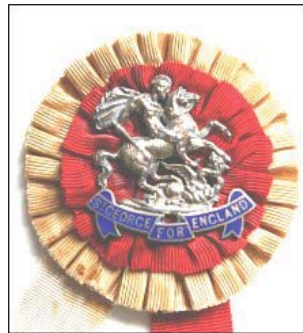


The legend of St George and the dragon is widespread and many details of George's life have been 'documented', but there is no actual proof of his existence, which probably will not come as much of a surprise to those of us that do not really believe in dragons. However there is no doubt that the morality of trying to overcome the 'dragons' of any age, particularly in support of weaker or downtrodden peoples, is a 'Scouting' virtue to which we should all aspire.

My experience in giving talks on Scout history to a wide variety of audiences has lead me to the conclusion that most Scouts and Scouters, in Britain at least, just assume that B-P chose 'our' Saint on the basis that what was good enough for England, was good enough for Scouting. This however is not the case. At the time of the foundation of the Scout Movement (Jan. 1908) Baden-Powell was the Inspector General of Cavalry, British Army. The Cavalry had adopted St George as their patron saint, purely because they saw him as one of their own. St George, so the legend goes, mounted on his white horse killed the dragon with a lance, the traditional weapon of cavalry. Baden-Powell merely passed the Saint over to Scouting as he did with so many of our traditions. Our Badge, the Fleur-de-Lys or compass north point badge (B-P said it was both - in the same sentence, many times!), our Scout Colours, the neckerchief, - the old uniform hat and shirt etc., all came from his army experience.



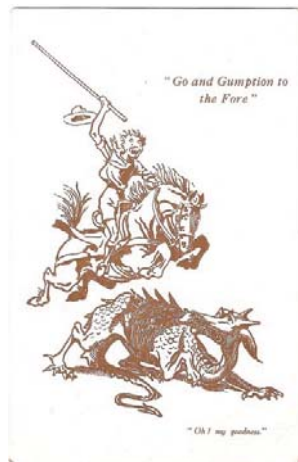
Whilst Baden-Powell was Inspector General of the Cavalry between 1903 and 1908 he became the editor of the *Calvary Gazette* to which he contributed both articles and artwork. The invitation below was sent out in the magazine to all its subscribers. Whilst I cannot be certain that the artwork is that of B-P, it is very likely to be so. Readers will I hope recall from previous articles that the Fleur-de-Lys badge was first introduced by B-P, as an army scout badge in 1887. The version below based on his original design is very special.



The reverse side of the award, for that is what it is, shows that it was presented by Baden-Powell in 1906. 'For Scouting'. The recipient is not named, but must have been in the army. Only two of these badges are known. It is interesting to see that in the St George 'device' made of solid silver, the Saint is armed with a sword rather than a lance. I wonder if this was because the competition was open to all regiments and not just the Cavalry?

I was fortunate to acquire from the estate of our late member David Jefferies, ex-Commissioner for Scotland, the rosette illustrated. The provenance of this item is such that we know to have been the property B-P, who was the vice-President of 'The English Patriotic Order of St George'. The society presented 'the Hero of Mafeking' with a commemorative 'trophy' in 1901. I believe that B-P would have worn the rosette to their Annual Dinner and Church Services (on St George's Day of course). It interesting to compare the 'device' on the rosette with that on the Army Scout Award. They both show St George with a sword and are so similar that I think it probably that were either both copied from the same source, or the army badge being later was copied from the rosette.

Baden-Powell used the image of St George and the Dragon in many of his Scouting books and at least two special postcards carrying B-P's original art work were published by the Association.



Readers will recollect that the remit of 'Colin's Corner' is to range far and wide over paper Scouting Ephemera as the club has now extended its interest into these areas. Our consideration here of the Scouting's links with St George, started with a stamp, went on to a B-P inspired invitation card, dwelt on some very rare metal items, but concluded with postcards and enrolment cards which are illustrated on the back cover. The latter are both colourful and very collectable, with plenty of examples to collect. Unlike stamp collectors who of who course want everything to be pristine, enrolment cards are far more interesting when the record section on the back has been completed by the Scout concerned, no matter how 'blotchy' his writing. They can usually be obtained between £5 and £10 each.

In any thematic collection, the motto surely has to be, 'access all areas'!

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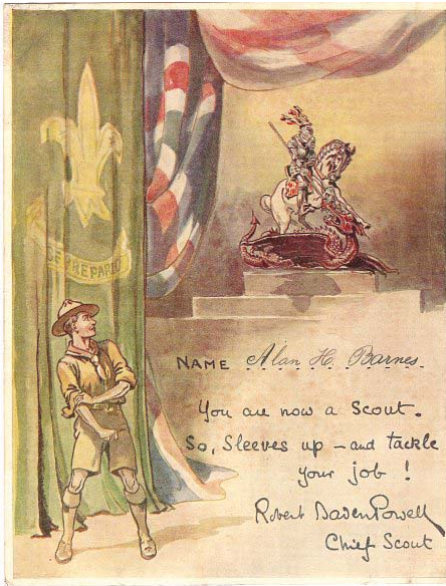
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Scout and Rover Scout enrolment cards as featured in Colin Walker's article on the subject of St. George - Scouting's Patron Saint.



Illustrations for Junior Section article on page 15

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The Lord Amory, Headquarters of the Docklands Scout Project in West India Docks, London. The venue for the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Club. Join us for a chance to see this fascinating vessel on Saturday, 20th June, 2009.

Full details inside.

MAY / JUNE 2009



Editorial

Another mixed bunch of articles for you and I hope you will enjoy reading them, whether they are about your own collecting tastes or not.

We are now less than a year away from EuroScout 2010 and the planning is beginning to get a bit more positive with the Saturday Gala Dinner booked and an additional room in the Exhibition venue so that IFSCO, SOSSI and SGSC can all hold meetings. The only other piece of good news (for me) is that I am still scheduled to retire in November which should mean that I get a bit more time.

I do have an important correction for you to note - especially if you are one of those who collect and even bind the issues of this Bulletin. Somehow, in the September / October issue I managed to jump a volume moving from 52.4 in July/August to 53.5 in September/October. This in turn meant that in January I moved on to Volume 54 when it should have actually been Volume 53. The "Whole Numbers" have been correct so can you please amend the copies in your possession as follows:-

- Whole Number 301 should be 52.5
- 302 should be 52.6
- 303 should be 53.1
- 304 should be 53.2

My apologies - but its amazing how few people actually noticed - I guess they were too busy reading all those wonderful articles

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

July 19th, September 20th, November 15th and January 17th.

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

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NOTE THE DATES NOW - 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

Chairman's Notes

John Ineson

Congratulations must go to Hallvard Slettebø of Norway on his award of a Large Gold medal with 95 points at the recent International Stamp Exhibition held in China. His exhibit "World Scouting" had been completely revised since it was last shown at Washington 2006 with some new material and layout. I believe this to be one of the best results ever for a Scout exhibit at International level, and other than the late Walter Grob of Switzerland, who may have achieved this standard, no other exhibit has achieved more than a normal Gold.

While mentioning Norway, I had an email from our member Runar Ovstegard two months ago, and although it has nothing to do with Scout stamps, I thought it was of interest to know how some of our fellow collectors spend time at camp. "At Easter the Norwegian schools close for more than a week, so it is perfect time for a winter Scout camp. These camps have been running since 1934 at the same place, and I have been there for the last 31 years. The camp starts on a Wednesday and lasts until Monday, but we start 5-6 days earlier digging snow and raising the two special tents (each with room for about 30 Scouts). We have a lot of ski and snow activities, and campfires each evening with the fire hanging in a basket in the middle of the tents."

This year the Italian Scout Stamp Club, AISF celebrate their 40th Anniversary with three weekend meetings, one in the South at Melfi in June, one in the Centre at Arezzo last April and one in the North of

Italy at Venice from 16- 18th October, so wherever members live in the country, they should be able to attend one of these special events. In Arezzo there were 28 members, in Melfi at least 22 are expected and in Venice it is hoped over 30-35 will be attending. (Peter Duck and myself hope to attend this event, as we also took part at their 25th Anniversary in Verona). In Arezzo there was 960 sheets exhibited, in Melfi about 700 sheets and in Venice it is expected that there will be about 960 sheets. It concerns me that our SGSC meetings are only attended by members of the committee and maybe one or two others. Why can the Italian Club get such good support, and our club which is ten years older receive virtually none? Maybe we will have a few



more attend the Annual General Meeting in June, and then of course we are the hosts of Euro-Scout next year in Chelmsford. Shown is one of the ten postcards that were entered by members into a competition held by the AISF club to celebrate their 40th Anniversary, with this one being designed by Luigi Rosso.

Some high prices were obtained at the May 2009 auction held by Healey and Wise with an unused 10h Czechoslovakia embossed postal stationery card in fine condition and expertise by “Gilbert” making £1025 against an estimate of £725. Other highlights included a 1937 India Rocket postcard with the single line cachet “By R. No. 126, Dr Radasch” and postmarked on the reverse 2nd February made £500, while a 1937 World Jamboree advertising meter mark of Gravenhage on 28th



September 1936 made £760 against an estimate of £550. Some very high prices were also obtained at a recent auction held in London by Grosvenor Auctions. Included was a 1948 Australian 2½ die proof in a sunken board with paper overlay which made £1750 against an upper estimate of £300. A pair of the Egypt 1956 sheets both perf. and imperf. unmounted mint made £850 while a Mafeking 1d Cyclist on cover reached £3900. Despite the recession, scarce material still appears to be making good prices.

On reading the April 2009 issue of the *Philatelic Exporter* I was surprised to read a letter from an Ohio USA correspondent concerning the way that the US postal authorities handle registered mail. He writes that “registered mail is no longer handled in secure containers but is treated as Certified Mail with signature required. Registered mail can still be covered by up to \$25,000 insurance, yet is still handled like regular mail. Foreign registered mail receives no backstamps in the USA. I have complained to the Universal Postal Union but it says the handling of the mail is up to the individual countries. I am upset because foreign senders are paying for security in registered mail in the USA they are paying for something they are not receiving.” Those who send items by the daft name “International Signed for” to the US should realise that there is very little security once it reaches the United States.

Two dates for your diary. **Please try and attend our AGM June 20th at the HQ Training Ship at Docklands Scout Project, London** and then ThematiX '09 at Twickenham on 26th/27th June.

Illustrated Scout-Postcards (Gottfried Steinmann in co-ordination with W-O.Neubäck/Graz)

Lajos Márton, Ungarn (Continued from previous issue)

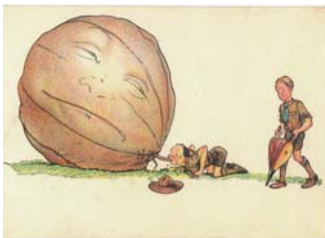
5th. series: 1931 „Scouts“

8 different cards are known



6th. series: 1933 „Gödöllő“

23 cards are known, some of them have surely been produced some two or three years earlier



7th. series: 1937/38 „Scout law“
5 + 5 different cards



8th. series: 1941 – 1943 „Scouts“
Partly very religious themes’,
8 cards known



Sources:

W-O.Neubäck, STPS. Mitteilungsblatt Nr. 89 und 92
T.P.McDermott, SOSSI -Journal Vol. 49/2



Scouting in Freemasonry

by W.Bro. Michael T. Harrington



Continued from previous issue.

Being an associate member of the K.L.A. allows you to attend the spring and autumn meetings. One being held in the north of England and one in the south. These are usually large meetings of between 100 to 200 brethren, who wear the uniform of their movement. Very colourful compared to the usual dark suits. I have even seen members in khaki shorts attend, this does look strange when conjoined with the Masonic apron.



Although the uniform short trousers were dispensed with in 1966, along with many of the older ideas, a breakaway movement was created called the B-P Scouts, and some of their members have attended the K.L.A meetings.

*Rudyard Kipling – Nobel
Prizewinner 1907*

At one of our meetings while we were donning our aprons and gloves, I was chatting to my friend, who is also an associate member of the K.L.A., about the K.L.A., when a visiting brother nearby said that he was a member of the Red Scarf Lodge. Now anyone not in Scouting may be forgiven for thinking this has something to do with cowboys, Indians or outlaws, but we knew better. The Red Scarf with the distinctive gold G.S. on the back is worn by Scouts who have appeared in a ‘Gang Show’.

This is a show of sketches, songs and dances originally started by Ralph Reader in 1932. He was a theatrical producer and Rover Scout whom B-P asked to organise a show in London, this continued for forty-two years with a slight interruption during the war. During the '60s it was often screened on the BBC TV at Christmas. Many local shows started and when they had reached a high standard Ralph awarded them the ‘Red Scarf’.

As our meeting in the lodge was about to start we did not find out the visitors name until the end of the meeting when we were asked to welcome a Grand Officer by the name of Robert Corp-Reader. He turned out to be the son of Ralph and was good enough to invite us both to his lodge at Butcher’s Hall. Here we learnt a little about the history of the Lodge.

During the performances of the ‘London Gang Shows’, in late 1960’s, it was discover that a number of members of the cast shared the same *Kindred Spirit*. It

then became a tradition, that during the run of the show, those members would assemble in the Managers Office for a 'drink'. He too being as they say 'one of Them'. During one of these meetings it was suggested that they form their own lodge. This was the birth of Red Scarf Lodge No 8448 on 7th September 1972. Although there were fourteen founder members, Ralph is symbolically regarded as their 'Founder', and since Ralph's entry to the Grand Lodge above in 1982, a moments silence is held at the Festive Board prior to 'Grace' being said, to his memory. Without Ralph none of the comradeship that they all shared would have come to pass.



A 'Gang Show' cancel from Newcastle

To conclude, one last connection between the Craft and Scouting is that our Grand Master, the Duke of Kent, is also President of the Scout Association.

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Proposed Scout and Guide Historical Society.

Michael Baden-Powell, Grandson of the Founder, has kindly agreed to be President of this proposed society which will be formed in October 2009 should there be a demand for it. (200 names will trigger the formation of the Society). About half that number are currently 'signed up', one third of which have a Guiding background). It is intended that the Society will be mainly internet based with its magazine and archives open to its members. Costs then will be kept low, and there will be a 'one-off' lifetime low membership fee. On the formation of the Society elections will be held and officers elected. In the interim our member, Scout Historian Colin Walker, is publicising the intended society on his Website Blog (visit the Blog and scroll back over the last few entries to see all the news the aims of the proposed society).

If you wish to register your intention to join the society please visit the Scouting Milestones website at

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SRL91 SIERRA LEONE 1991 17 th World Jamboree (3)	2.00	-
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MAG93 MALAGASY 1993 Scouts/insects (1991) gold o/p 50 years death of B-P (6)	3.20	-
MAG93S MALAGASY 1993 above issue MS	2.25	-
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PHL93 PHILIPPINES 1993 1 st ASEAN Jamboree (2)	0.45	-
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More than half a million pounds have been raised through fundraising schemes since 1969, we can help to increase this. Thank you Peter Duck.

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Congratulations to our friends of ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA SCOUT FILATELIA on reaching their 40th Anniversary year. The Association was founded in 1969 when Lamberto Luconi and a few other enthusiastic Scout philatelists got together. I am pleased to say that I was given the honour to be amongst this group, and am proud to have been a member for forty years. Unfortunately, Lamberto passed away in 1979, by which time the Association had been well established. This year's celebrations will include exhibitions in Arezzo, Melfi and Venice. Peter Duck

Future meetings and Venues

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

Please note new later start times.

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009	7th November	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm
2010	27th February	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 31
	6th May	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 23
	6th November	Starting at 13.15pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings will be fully open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed prior to the meeting, as necessary.

2. The June 2009 Committee Meeting and the 2009 AGM will both be held on 20th June at the Headquarters Training Ship, the Lord Amory, at the Docklands Scout Project in London.

ThematiX '09

BRITAIN'S NATIONAL THEMATIC STAMP SHOW

Will be held on

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FUTURE BULLETINS

At the present time I am building up quite a nice stock of main articles for the future, many of which will run over several issues and I am very grateful to those who have taken the trouble to produce this material.

What I am short of are the “filler” articles - like “My Favourite Scout Stamp” or just a memory as the example from Peter Shore in this issue. Please put your mind to it and don't worry about the text - we can always make any necessary amendments when they arrive with me.

I really do look forward to hearing from you.

Terry

The 1906 award "For Scouting"

by Melvin Gallagher

Following Colin Walker's interesting article in last month's Bulletin, I can answer all the questions he raised regarding the 1906 award "For Scouting" presented by B-P.

I own one of these awards engraved on the reverse "FOR SCOUTING FROM R.S.S.B.P. 1906" together with the maker's mark for Elkington, London. The design of St. George holding a sword is no mystery - it being a design by Benedetto Pistrucci used on British gold and some silver coinage from 1817 (see illustration).

As well as this award to Mr. R.L. Picton, his military medals are also in my possession. In 1926 he was living in Johannesburg, South Africa and wrote to B-P, who was visiting that city at the time asking B-P to send him a note describing the story behind the award - which he did and this letter answers the questions recently raised.

"Corporal R.L. Picton a member of the team of the Royal Irish Lancers which won the Scouting Competition at Aldershot in 1906"

The other regiments taking part were all from the cavalry; the 1st Royal Dragoons, 5th Royal Irish Lancers and the 8th Hussars.

The letter from B-P states that "this token was to encourage the development of Scouting" and although this refers to military scouting we all know that by that date another form of Scouting was on B-P's mind.



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22. Nov. 1906

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 development of Scouting, was so
 much appreciated.

With cordial goodwishes

Yours truly
 Robert Baden-Powell

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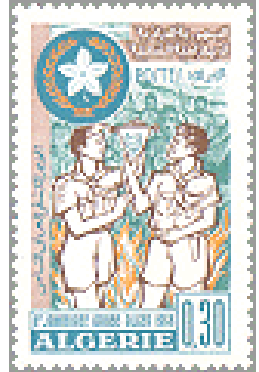
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T’was a trip in the ‘50’s on **H.M.S. Cumberland** and involved a lad called Skidmore who went ashore with me to browse the Souks to see what bargain could be organised. A bit of a 5ft clown was our Skidmore (and a Scout from up t’North!) and already the heat and his lunch time tot was affecting his normally sedate behaviour. Eventually down a very narrow shopping lane/mall he slipped behind some hanging material suitable for ladies ‘howd’ya’dos’ and draping himself in the aforementioned colourful material, sang a few words from the “Desert Song” (we weren’t *all* culture-starved morons in the RN). Arab traders and passers-by naturally stopped to stare and I not really thinking shouted “*Oi! Laurence of Arabia—all you need now is a camel!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*”



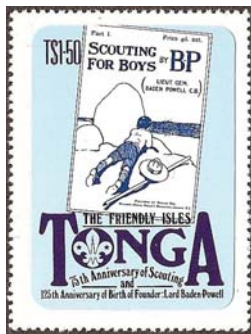
Like a flash he was across the 5ft or so wide lane, still draped in female finery, clambered aboard a nearby tethered nodding-off donkey. As he shouted back to “*how about this then?*” the donkey awoke and panicked! Unfortunately the moke was attached to his master’s 4-wheeled cart, displaying myriad assortments of brass and copper pots and pans, buckets and spades—and it took flight!. There was pandemonium – for the cart was about the same width as the shop-strewn lane and collapsed many carefully arranged fruit and veg displays en route. Skidmore came off; clothes for sale came off; and we effed-off and another Royal Navy sprint record was broken in a steeplechase, getting out of the lane and into the anonymity of the more modern township. When we were later—and inevitably, apprehended.

P.S. On my “Comeuppance Day” one of the Masters at Arms (ship’s police chief) formal recorded details, i.e. my charge sheet highlighted that - *it was noted that “the hoffence did take part in such a violet mannah that the subject was nigh on emasculated!”* Upon hearing this I naturally protested, for being an ex-farmer’s boy I knew that our braying ass of a donkey had ‘no toggle and two’ or crown jewels etc’ - *it was a she!*” “*Silence!*” I was admonished “*what we he’re talking about, is of the police man chappie who tried to h’apprehend you both - not the h’animal that you hu’ad it away with!*”

What the PDSA or RSPCA would have to say to that was way beyond my imagination—and the fine beyond our joint weekly wage — ah youth!

The stamp of course is circa ‘68 and not ‘50’s—but seeing the two scouts having fun and the evocative ‘*Algerie*’ suddenly brought it all flooding back.

Scouting for Boys



There can however be few collectable areas with a wider coverage of Scout history than philately. Indeed it would be problematic to name a significant Scouting topic that has not been illustrated on stamps. So, once again we begin with a stamp, one that has as its subject the very starting point of the Scout Movement.

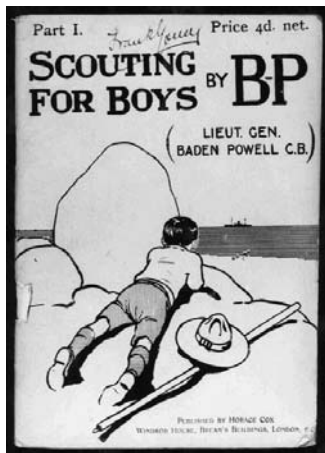
There is however no official starting date for Scouting. The Scouting nations of the world, as we know, celebrated 2007 as our centennial, getting it spectacularly wrong in my opinion. The event being celebrated by the centennial was the ‘experimental camp’ on Brownsea. No Scouts were involved, the Law and Promise had yet to be written! There is evidence that B-P, funded by his sponsor, newspaper magnate, Arthur Pearson, opened up a Scout Office in Henrietta Street WC2 after signing a contract with him on January 1st 1908, and that would be my choice as the inception of the Scout Association. The first public awareness of the new Movement however occurred on January 16th 1908, with the publishing of the first part of six fortnightly issues of *Scouting for Boys* (S4B) by Pearson’s printers, Horace Cox.

The Tonga stamp (illustrated), depicting this publication was issued on February 22nd 1982, the 125th anniversary of the Founder’s birth. It was part of a set of 5 large format stamps also commemorating the ‘75th Anniversary of Scouting’, all the stamps carrying historic Scouting images, one of which depicted B-P at the Brownsea Camp.

Original copies of the ‘Part Series’ are extremely collectable and a complete set is regarded by many as the ‘Holy Grail’ in Scout Collecting. The first issue is the most expensive at around £650. I have never seen all six issues being sold together as one lot and so it would probably take a new collector quite a few years to find them all. Condition of course is everything. ‘The ‘Parts’ only had paper covers which are



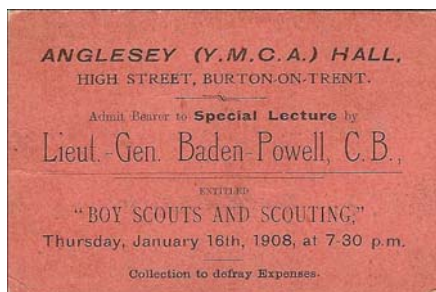
now often missing their corners, and the staples have sometimes collapsed into rust, staining the pages.



As with all expensive ‘antique’ items there is a risk that someone will attempt to pass off forgeries. Unfortunately the criminally-minded have been unwittingly assisted by the publication in 1957 by Pearson of their ‘*Centenary Edition*’. which bound together facsimiles of the six parts, complete with covers, in the one volume. It does not take great skill to deconstruct this publication to create a set of ‘Parts’. I am aware of Scouters who, like me, give talks on Scout History who have done this in order to create ‘visual aids’, rather than carry round valuable originals. Fortunately a ‘quirk’ in the original production of the Part Series can be used to ensure you are not buying a deconstructed book,

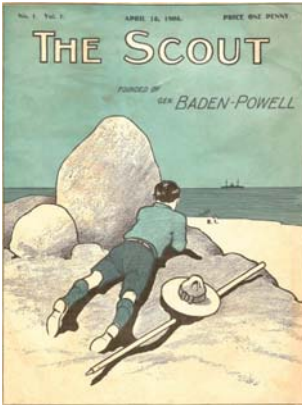
should you be offered all six parts. Part I of the original series measured 123mm by 182mm, but all the rest are 128mm by 196mm. The ‘Centenary Edition’ pages are all the same as Cox’s original printing in Parts II to VI.

Other examples of paper ‘ephemera’ that tie in with the introduction of Scouting in 1908 are, as you would expect, very thin on the ground. I have been fortunate to find one or two. The latest was a recent ‘eBay’ acquisition. As previously mentioned the introduction of Scouting is inextricably bound up with the publisher Pearson. He had agreed to fund Baden-Powell £5000 to finance his lecture tour to promote Scouting in 1907-8, in return for the contract to print both *Scouting for Boys* and *The Scout* magazine. This resulted in over 60 lectures being given by the Founder to youth organisations across the land. The eBay auction was for a ticket to attend a ‘Special Lecture’ at the YMCA Hall, Burton on Trent, entitled ‘Boy Scouts and Scouting’. The talk was free, a collection being taken to ‘defray expenses’. As already mentioned the first of the parts of S4B was published on January 15th 1908. Was this meeting then the very first time Baden-Powell was able to hold up a copy of his seminal work in front of a Scouting audience? Press reports covering these talks, where ever held, consistently mention that every time Baden-Powell rose to begin his address the cheering went on and on for several minutes before he could begin to speak. The fact that the



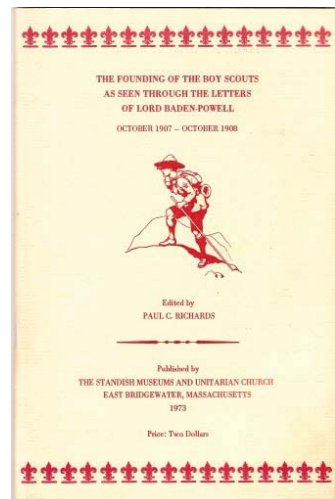
meeting was held in a YMCA Hall shows the very close relationship Baden-Powell had with other organisations at that time, including the Boys' Brigades and the Church Lads' Brigades. These three 'boy movements' are often referred to in my writings as Brother Organisations, but in truth could more closely be described as 'Parent Organisations'.

Following the publication of 'The Parts', Pearsons were working hard to bring out the first edition of *The Scout* (18/4/1908) and the hardcover edition of *Scouting for Boys* (1/5/1908). Both of these publications are available on the collectors' market, as are all the 1908 editions of *The Scout* in the official red and gold binding. These are of course rare but obtainable if you are sufficiently determined! As we all know, the book, *S4B*, went on to become one of the most published titles in the world. It has never been out of print, and copies can be found in every language. Believe it or not there are people who are determined to own every edition in every language!



Letters, as I have demonstrated in previous 'Corners', are a rich vein for Scout collectors and, as you would expect, there were many letters between Baden-Powell and his publisher Pearson's, at this formative time in Scouting history. Fortunately, these are mainly documented but their history is rather bizarre. A collection of sixty 1907/8 letters to Pearson's agent Peter Keary came up for sale in 1973 at a London auction house. The lot was poorly publicised and was purchased by Paul C Richards, an American manuscript dealer, who was visiting London on an exchange visit to a London Scout Group with his Unitarian Scouts from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The collection, which documented the very genesis of the Scout Movement, was then taken to America to form the basis of a Scouting Museum in the Group's hometown. Thankfully, a booklet was published documenting each and every letter. (The booklet occasionally comes on the market, usually at under £30, which I feel is very reasonable considering its contents.) The Scouting Museum closed and I spent some time trying to find out the whereabouts of this historic collection. I discovered according to an enclosure in the 1974 printings of the book, Richards had donated the collection to the Unitarian Church on condition that a museum be built to house them.

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There was a split between Richards and the church in 1976 Richards removed the letters and allegedly emigrated. Further research revealed previously undisclosed information that Richards was, around this time, being prosecuted for fraudulent practices in the selling of antiquarian letters and documents. By a total coincidence I located a mention of B-P letters in archives of Boston University. Correspondence with the University authorities revealed that this indeed was the 'Richards' collection donated to the archives prior to his death in March 1993. I continued to press the Archivist for details of public access to the collection and was informed that I could obtain copies. A scan of just one letter however would be more than the cost of the transcript of all 60 letters as contained in the now collectable booklet described above, the existence of which was unknown to the university authorities.

This story is an object lesson in what can happen if we do not ourselves take a more positive attitude to the preservation of our Scouting Heritage. (See p.8 for details of the proposed Scout and Guide Historical Society). It is interesting to note the B-P's Rolls-Royce 'Jam Roll', presented to him by the Scouts of the World in 1929, was being actively sought by the Unitarian Scout Museum for their collection, but they were frustrated in their attempt to purchase the car by a reply from the UK Scout Association indicating that it had been destroyed by fire! (See '*Jam Roll*', *Baden-Powell: The Man and his 'Motors'* recently published by Colin Walker on behalf of the charity B-P Jam Roll Ltd who have purchased the car for Scouting.)

Fortunately not all the letters between B-P and Pearson's concerning *S4B* were in the exported collection. The author has a letter sent by Baden-Powell on May 2nd 1908 to his publishers from the Station Hotel in Newcastle Upon Tyne, where he states just prior to the publishing of the hard-cover book; "*I have been very remiss in answering your letters but my duties up North have kept me running about without a chance of getting to London to see the book (S4B) and I don't know when I will be able to do so. So that if there is any urgency about this (B-P signing presentation copies) it would be better for you to take the books back.*"

Collecting ephemera and artefacts relating to the history of Scouting for Boys is possible, but expensive and requires great patience. Fortunately though, for collectors of Scouting on stamps, the set of five 1982 Tonga Scouting stamps are readily available. As I write a mint set, and 'gutter pairs' on First Day Covers are available as 'Buy it now' items on eBay for £7 and £10 respectively.

Note: The story of the writing of S4B is well documented on the Scouting Milestones website and in the book The Dawn of the World Scout Movement. The Brownsea Island camp is the subject of the book Brownsea: B-P's Acorn.

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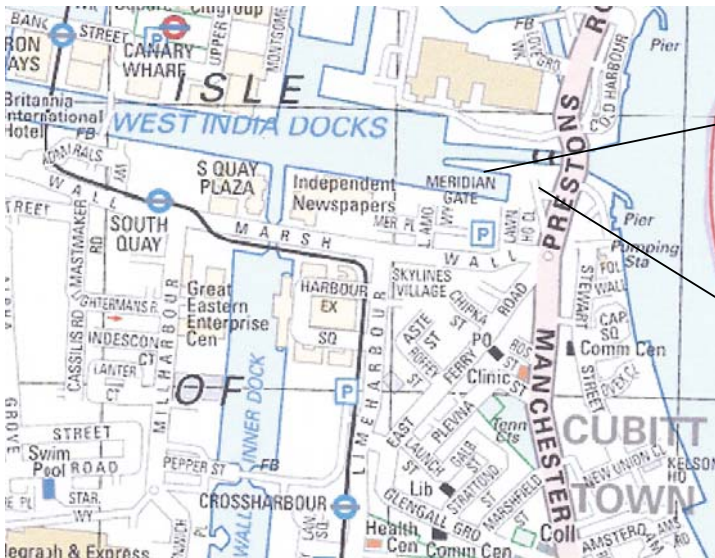
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THE LORD AMORY

ENTRANCE TO DOCKLANDS SCOUT PROJECT

Prior to the AGM there will be a Committee meeting commencing at 12.00.

The AGM will commence at 14.00 and our hire period finishes at 17.00

All meetings will take place in the Main Classroom.

Tea and Coffee will be available for a donation to the Project.

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Two years have passed by so quickly - and only two more until Sweden

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Editorial

Well here we are again, a little bit late I'm afraid due to a bout of sickness by both my wife and myself - but I hope you'll think it is worth the wait.

I hope that those of you in the Northern Hemisphere have had as good a summer as possible. I spent some of my time at the Berkshire Scout Jamboree, WINGS 09, and it was really good to see the youngsters having such a good time. I did feel that there were more Guide at the event than Scouts but haven't checked properly.

We in the UK are now ready to start another Scouting year in September so wherever you are - have fun - and if you get to the Gilwell Reunion come and have a chat to us in the Lid.

Terry Simister

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From the membership secretary.....

Thank you to the majority of you who have now paid your club membership fees. The new standard membership renewal date will make things much easier to manage.

For those of you who are yet to pay, please contact me as soon as possible with your annual or five year subscription.

New club membership cards will be issued to each of you in the next club bulletin.

Should anyone have a question about their membership please contact me on the membership secretary details published in the bulletin.

Thanks

Tim Reed

FUTURE COPY DATES

September 20th, November 15th and January 17th.

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.



NOTE THE DATES NOW - 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

Chairman's Notes

John Ineson

The Annual General Meeting held on the Scout Headquarters Training Ship "Lord Amory" based in Docklands, London was well supported. With two late apologies through work, we still had twelve attending, including our webmaster Randall Frank from the U.S.A. The new constitution which was published in the March/April Bulletin was approved and all the SGSC officers were re-elected for 2009-2010. As Chairman since 1997, I advised the meeting that I would be retiring at next year's AGM, as by that time I will be 76 year of age and consider it is time to make way for a younger person.

At a recent committee meeting, the question of advertising in the Club's Bulletin was included on the Agenda. After some discussion it was agreed that every member could have a free quarter page advert in the Bulletin each year for his or her personal use. This would be subject to the Editor's discretion regarding availability of space and the appropriateness of the content of the advert. In addition it was also agreed that the Club would accept "commercial" adverts in the Bulletin at the cost of £50 for a full page, £30 for a half page and £20 for a quarter page. This also would be subject to the Editor's discretion regarding availability of space and the suitability of the advert, which should be relevant to Scouting and/or the Club's objectives.

Tim Reed our membership Secretary reports that he has been selected onto the UK contingent staff for the next World Jamboree being held in Sweden. There were almost 130 applicants who attended Gilwell Park for the 24 places, so he must be congratulated on the result.

The 14th Midhurst Collectors Fair of Scout, Guide, Baden-Powell and other Scouting Memorabilia meets over the weekend of 29-30 August at the Grange Centre, Midhurst, West Sussex. I understand that this event is well supported by collectors from the UK and overseas, and this year, due to the success of previous events, a larger hall had to be hired. I will be taking part and look forward to meeting any of our members who may attend this show, a week before the Gilwell Reunion where we hope to have a stand on the Saturday as usual.

One of the largest Scout stamp collections to come up for sale in recent years was the one belonging to Robert Kan from the USA, which was sold by the Christopher Gärtner Auction House in Germany. Bob has been a member of SOSSI since 1953 and felt it time to sell his extensive collection which included many great items. With nearly 180 lots, there was something for everybody, although a number were sold in larger lots. With so many items for sale, some made very high prices while others realized below market value which is the trouble when a very large collection is sold in one sale. Eight 1937 Netherlands Indies 12½ Imperf colour proofs made €1300 (£1180) against an estimate of €200. The very scarce 1947 France



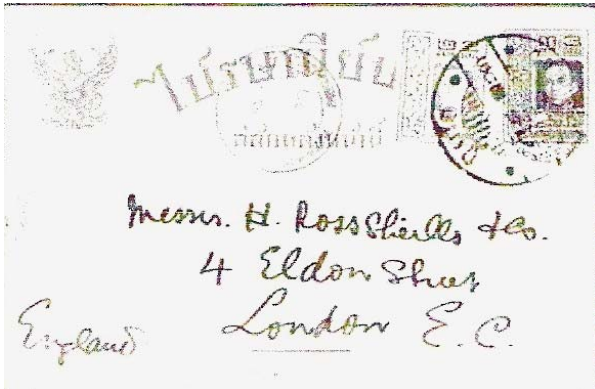
World Jamboree 3.5fr Die Proof (instead of the actual issued 5fr value stamp) made €1000 (£910) against an estimate of €150. A Netherlands 1945 Scout Mail service cover with green cachet "Padvindere Postdienst Rotterdam 1945" and posted at Bareda on 18.V.1945 made €800 (£727) against a €100 estimate. Three of

Subscribed



the scarce 1920 Siam postal cards were sold with one addressed to the dealer Ross Shields & Co in London made €2700 (£2455) against the estimate of €2000. All the above carried a buyer's premium of 18% plus €2 per lot. If the buyer lives in the EU, the extra

German Tax is 7% so this could add 25% to the purchase price.



Eurothema 2009, a European Thematic Exhibition with Thematic philatelists invited from Belgium, France England, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and Germany, takes place in Roskilde, Denmark from 6th - 8th November 2009.

The club has been asked to support with some exhibits at the "Stamp Essex Festival of Stamps" which is being held at the new Colchester United Football Club ground on Saturday 5th June 2010. This is only a few weeks after our own Euro-Scout exhibition at Chelmsford, and as the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies is going to lend us frames for our show, it is hoped that we can support this event in return for their help.

SCOUTING CINDERELLAS (Part 1)

Paul van Herpt

When Scouting commenced in the early part of the 20th Century, there were various medium for advertising which we do not see or use in our current electronic age. These included items like postcards and cinderellas. It is the latter I propose to look at in some detail.

Labels or cinderellas were a much used medium for advertising. In dutch they are known as “*sluitzegels*” or closing stamps, which describes their original use; a label used to seal down the back flap of an envelope. firms and events used such labels for advertising purposes, particularly throughout Europe. Our local philatelic society has in its library a “*Catalogue de Timbres Commemoratifs*” which was published in 1914 by La revue Francaise des Collectionneurs which contains 456 pages of worldwide cinderellas issued just to commemorate events which gives an idea of the extent of use.

Scouting used cinderellas to help promote itself and many interesting aspects of the Movement are seen on the labels. catalogues of this material are few and far between so there are always new discoveries to be made.

An early SOSSI catalogue by Harry Thorsen had a section in it covering cinderellas. The danish Scout philatelic Club has produced a catalogue in several volumes covering Danish Scouting labels and Lucien Desmaretz produced a 2 volume catalogue of French labels. Add to that the stereo catalogues of post World War Two Displaced Persons Camp labels which include many Scout issues and a listing does start to be built up. for the rest however it is limited to what we have in our collections or what information we exchange with others.

The following are a number of Scouting cinderellas I consider interesting and are offered in the interest of promoting the exchange of information.

BAVARIAN CINDERELLAS

Bavaria was an independent kingdom (nominally at least) up until 1920 when it became part of the unified Germany. this does give a period of early Scouting when Bavaria still had some independence. Early Bavarian Scouting can be seen on a series of cinderellas which were used in a number of places.

There are 4 basic designs;

- i) A Scout on one knee looking into the distance
- ii) A scout as a javelin thrower



iii) A Scout tasting from a cookpot

iv) A Scout with a signalling flag

The panel at the bottom of the design is then printed with various differing text from town and divisions. Varieties noted by the author include;

1 “Bayer. christlicher Pfadfinderbund” (Bavarian Christian Scout Association). these labels have the printer's name of “Richter, (of)Wurzburg” along the bottom edge.



2 “CVJM - BK Nurnburg”

3 “CVJM - JA Nurnberg”

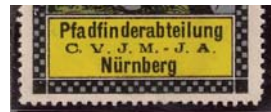
4 “CVJM - JA Nurnberg (Sterntor)”

5 “Chr.M.u.Jungl.-Verein - Nurnberg - Glostenhof”

6 “CVJM Amberg”

7 “CVJM Ansbach”

8 “CVJM Wurzburg”



The CVJM is the German equivalent of the English YMCA, an organisation with which early Scouting was linked.

The labels are generally yellow with black, though those from Wurzburg (8) are a more golden colour while the Association labels (1) have more colours in them.

Do more town and city versions exist ?



Letter to the editor - (although longer than normal this raises some interesting points and I would welcome lots of comments.)

Dear Editor,

I've read many contributions over the past few years from those who wonder how to increase our societies static (or declining) subscription. Also, there have been questions on what to do with the website and an expressed desire to have greater focus on older covers. Clearly, not all GB FDC collectors are interested in the frustrations that some, who manufacture their own, have with the Post Office. In reality, the society at present offers very little for the collector of older covers.

Something that is missing from the information available to GB FDC collectors, particularly for pre-1980 covers, is some idea of the many different cachet types, cancellations and indeed the relative scarcity of these. We of course have the FDC catalogues, but in reality these offer a very narrow view of the variety of covers available pre-1980, choosing instead to focus on later officials and (often dubiously) relevant cds cancels.

So my suggestion would be to start gathering together copies of all the different types of cover cachet (except hand illustrated "after the fact") and cancel for each issue pre-1980, and make these available via the GBFDC website (maybe in collaboration with a dealer like Adrian Bradbury who has a remarkable selection of covers available on his website – but none the less far less comprehensive than the real variety out there). With some estimate of rarity (perhaps 5 categories), this would provide an excellent reference for those looking to collect a particular issue, or indeed step back from the Technicolor envelopes of today, to those that were produced during their earlier lives – or those of their parents!

It would give reason for the web site's existence (beyond sales and marketing for new FDC producers), be of great interest to those who collect earlier issues and likely give new impetus to both membership and contributions on older covers in the society magazine. It would also give recognition of the true scarcity of some of these covers (often referred to as "Cinderella's" by those who would dismiss them, to ensure "officials" get the focus). Clearly we would need to agree on picture resolution – and quality of photo – for this to be of value - and indeed it would require significant effort to get the site updated to support this. But the potential benefit to the society I believe would be great, and I for one would be happy to contribute 100's of photo's to get this started.

In conclusion, I'd be interested to hear the thoughts of the committee and members about this opportunity and indeed how we might resource the effort to achieve this.

Regards,
Richard Bennett

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UKR96 UKRAINE 1996 Scout badges overprint on old USSR stamps (3)	0.30	-
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CHD97W CHAD 1997 Wildlife with Scout badges 3 x MS	6.00	-
CAR97A CENTRAL AFR REP 1997 90th Anny of World Scouting MS with animals	3.50	-
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CAR97C CENTRAL AFR REP 1997 90th Anny of World Scouting MS with insects	3.50	-
CHD97A CHAD 1997 Local animals + Scout badge (6)	2.40	-
NGR97S NIGER 1997 90 Years of World Scouting MS	2.50	-
NGR97SA NIGER 1997 90 Years World Scouting 3 x MS with fungi,mineral & Animals 6.50	-	-
HUN97 HUNGARY 1997 Scouting commemorative (1)	0.30	0.30
PER97 PERU 1997 90th Anniversary of World Scouting (1)	1.50	0.75
PHL97 PHILIPPINES 1997 World Scout Parliamentary Union (1)	0.30	-
TKM97 TURKMENISTAN 1997 90th Anny World Scouting + butterflies sheetlet of 9	7.25	-

BAN97 BANGLADESH 1997 9th Asia Pacific Rover Moot (1)	0.20	0.20
ROM97 ROMANIA 1997 Scouting commemorative strip of 5	1.50	1.50
MAL97 MALI 1997 140th Anniversary of Baden-Powell 4 x MS	9.00	-
CY97 TURKISH CYPRUS 1997 Anny World Scouting (1) showing Brownies	0.40	-
EGT97 EGYPT 1997 85th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.40	-

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Peter Duck

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) is an historically based organisation which operates from Rome and has been producing its own stamps for many years. There has been some question about the availability of their stamps as well as their validity in international mails for some time.

SMOM were founded in 1099 and was previously known as the Order of Jerusalem. They travelled and settled in Malta in 1530 by decree of King Charles V who granted them the island of Malta. When Napoleon besieged Malta in 1798 they were forced to leave the island. After exile in Russia they eventually settled in Rome. Today the Order's Head Office is run from Condotti in Rome. The SMOM have issued postage stamps since 1966.

A stamp commemorating the Centenary of Scouting was issued on 1st October, 2007 by the SMOM. The stamps was priced at 2.20 Euros. There was some question as to whether this was a valid stamp, either locally or internationally, or merely a fundraising "label".

Research done by Keiichiro Noguchi of Japan and Marco Ferrini-Bronzoni of Milan, Italy has shown that the SMOM stamps are certainly valid within Italy. An envelope was posted from the Order to Marco's address in Milan on 15th April, 2009. A faint pink barcode (departure from Rome) appears on the envelope, plus a black barcode (arrival in Milan) as well as an arrival postmark of Milano Isola via Sasseti on the reverse. Keiichiro Noguchi states "Thus I recognise SMOM stamps in Euro value are now not labels but real postage stamps, though the use is limited to Italy inland only (recently Vatican too).

A SMOM official envelope addressed to me via airmail in April does not bear their stamp but an 0.85 Euro Italian stamp (without postmark...I do not know why?) due to no postal agreement with Japan."



Future meetings and Venues

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009	7th November	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm
2010	27th February	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 31
	6th May	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 23
	6th November	Starting at 13.15pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings will be fully open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed prior to the meeting, as necessary.

We will be changing the name and password of part of our web site from 1st September. This is to protect names and addresses of our members, and from this date until next year you will need to enter:- User name: **jamboree** and Password: **hungary** (no capitals)

My favourite Scout Stamp

by John Ineson



This is my favourite Scout stamp which was issued by Syria in 1958. It shows a young boy with a stone trying to knock a tent peg into the ground despite the wind blowing. It comes from in a set of two stamps with the same design, the 35p brown and the 40p blue. In 1982 Syria reproduced the same design in green for the 75th Anniversary of the Scout Movement.

The stamp brings back many memories which I am sure many of you have had in the past. Have you tried to erect a tent with the wind blowing a gale, so that it is virtually impossible to knock the pegs into the ground?

Although not a Scouting trip, I remember the day when my wife and I camped on our summer holidays and tried to erect the tent in a storm. After getting wet and the tent blowing everywhere, we had to give up and went to nearby pub which had a comfortable bed and a large breakfast. Not many years later we bought a caravan!

A Message from Bob Lee as SGSC Auctioneer:-

SGSC Auction No 29 April 2010

Any member with spare suitable material for inclusion in the next club auction should send it to me before the end of October 2009. As usual I would suggest that a minimum value of £5.00 per lot should be maintained but I am happy to sort and value lots if you are uncertain.

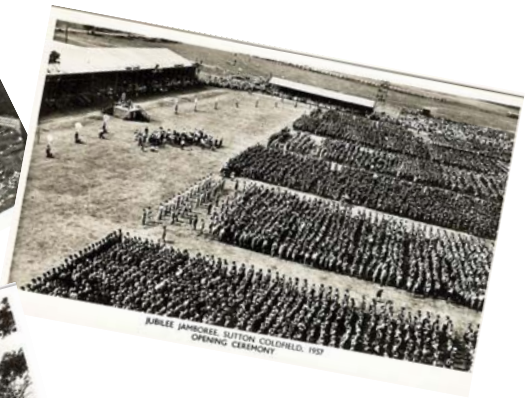
With the EuroScout event next year I would ask you to consider donating one or two lots, no matter how small (or large), to help finance this important event.

If you require further assistance please contact me and I will try to help.

Bob Lee, 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey UK, KT9 2HA

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1957..... and all that



Some out of the ordinary covers and postmark info

The Jubilee Jamboree of 1957 in Sutton Coldfield was the first commemorative issue since Queen Elizabeth's coronation issue 4 years earlier, and many scout troops from around the world visited, some bringing their own covers to be franked at the Camp Post Office. In addition, the Post Office received more than 60,000 orders for scout FDC's so to process the number of covers expected, the Post Office produced two machines to affix the stamps to the envelopes; coils comprising 4,800 stamps were produced, to accommodate the machines – the only QEII commemoratives to be produced in coils (as well as sheets).

The Jubilee Camp Post Office processed covers using 4 types of cancellation:

- 1) a slogan cancel, with changeable date, whose arcs in the lower part of the date-stamp are 0.25 inches long and with the "1" in 1957 and the "1" in "1 AUG" directly aligned above/below one another
- 2) a similar cancel with fixed date of 1st August, used mostly on the official Post Office covers, whose arcs are 0.2 inches long, with the "1" in 1957 offset slightly to the right of the "1" in "1 AUG". Also, every one in my possession has a time-stamp of 2pm.
- 3) a double ring Counter Date Stamp (similar to those at other Sutton Coldfield PO's), which may be found with or without time-stamp;
- 4) a skeleton, apparently with several different types, used to cancel registered mail (registration label is "Sutton Coldfield J"), with only the date, not time.

A wavy line "Sutton Coldfield" slogan and a different style of Jamboree slogan altogether, (used to advertise the Jamboree, and in use during July (hence its scarcity in August!)), are the other recorded cancels of relevance to this issue. This article focuses on the cancels from the Camp itself and also illustrates some of the less common types of cover illustration produced.

The first (fig 1) is an Aircraft cover produced in the US for UK stamp issues and has an engraved design of Lord Baden Powell. It is cancelled with the first type of slogan mentioned above and is one of my favourites for this issue, as it keeps focus on the stamps, rather than the design.



Fig 1.

Figure 2 is a very uncommon design produced in Germany, again featuring Baden Powell, but this time cancelled with the second type (fixed date) slogan cancel.



Fig 2

Figure 3 is an unusual design, but the cancel is the real interest - it is cancelled twice on 1st August, one applied at 2pm, the second at 7pm. Clearly many FDC's were processed in bulk and this must have gone through once, but as some of the others in the stack were missed, they were run through again later! Both are Type 1 changeable date slogans.



Fig 3



Fig 4

Figure 4 is a cover produced by the Scouts On Stamps Society International – SOSSI. Most such covers have the standard slogans (mostly type 1) but this obviously missed the cancelling machine and has received a Sutton Coldfield double ring CDS (type 3 cancel above). Finding this as an “extra” cancel, where one stamp has been missed by the slogan, is not too uncommon. As a single cancel though, they are very rare.

Figures 5 and 6 are both examples of FDC's produced by scout troops or societies – one from the USA (Scouts on Stamps society – Washington Chapter), the other in the UK by the Sidcup Scout Group. Both have type 1 cancels.



Fig 5



Fig 6

Figure 7 is similar to these, being from a scout contingent visiting from Nyasaland, but is notable in that it is registered, with the skeleton postmark (cancel type 4) used for registered post. This one is numbered 100 (between the lion and the rock it stands on) – I have another numbered 87 so suspect there were very few produced.



Fig 7

Lastly Figure 8 is produced by Francis J. Field – a cover company of great renown for earlier cover collectors – co-incidentally based in Sutton Coldfield – again showing an example of the skeleton cancel and registration label of “Sutton Coldfield J” but with a different style to the cancel (the cover in Fig 7 has a cancel with date through the middle and WKS (Warwickshire) offset to the right at the base– this has the date lower than midway, a star above it and WKS central at the base).



Fig 8

And finally two questions:

First, does anyone know how many of the Nyasaland covers were produced – I’d really appreciate hearing from anyone who has one of these covers with a number greater than 100.

Second, the registration labels I have in my collection (and have seen) stretch from 246 to 492, Does anyone have covers with skeleton cancels where the registration label number is outside this range?

Scouting Cartoons – Well you have to smile?

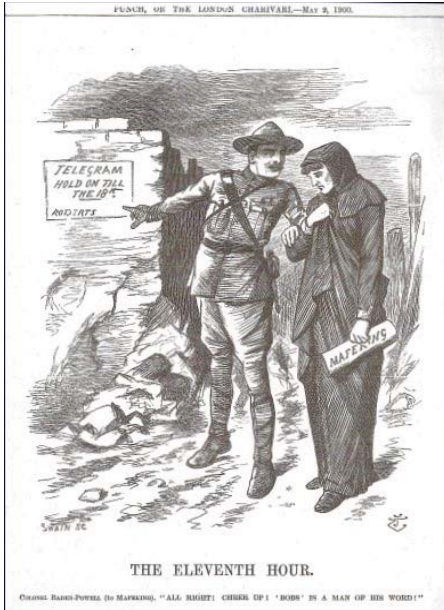
In the world of paper ephemera there can be little more ephemeral than a cartoon, printed as they usually are in newspapers, which in pre risk-assessment times were often destined to become the outer wrappings of the following day's fish and chip suppers. As Scouting became a part of the fabric of British life it is not surprising that it should become a target for cartoonists. The inherent humour in the spectacle of adults dressed in the same 'bizarre' (in the minds of the general public) uniform (i.e. shorts, wide awake hats, neckers and garter tabs) as their schoolboy charges, presented an irresistible target. Not all Scouters however saw the joke. Major national publications ran Scouting cartoons on a regular basis. Punch, published over 50 examples prior to 1950. Whilst extracting maximum humour they were never malicious or derogatory about the Movement. Indeed their top-flight cartoonists often used Scouting cartoons to poke fun not so much at us but to provide serious political satire. It was after all Punch Magazine, founded in 1841, that defined the modern newspaper cartoon.

As is the case with all other areas of Scout Collecting it is possible to go beyond the dawn of Scouting to the event that gave rise to its inception. 'The 11th Hour', a portrayal of life in Mafeking was published on May 9th 1900, just eight days before the end of Siege. The very sombre graphic shows the widow 'Mafeking' downcast on being told by B-P, that Lord Roberts had sent news that the Relief, so long expected, would not arrive until the 18th. (In fact it arrived on the 17th) It was the cliff-edge ending to the Siege that captured the public imagination. Would the 'flying column' arrive before starvation, disease or Boer attack brought an end to 'gallant little Mafeking'. World attention was focused on the town and its Colonel. His resulting fame ultimately allowed B-P to promote his Scouting Scheme.

As you will see, cartoons are not always designed to impart humour! Punch's first Scouting Cartoon proper published on September 1st 1909, drawn by Bernard Partridge, was (I think) funny. The caption is; Boy Scout to Mrs Britannia "Fear not Gran'ma. No danger can befall you know, Remember *I* am with you.

Mr Punch's famous whole page cartoon of July 5th 1911 illustrated, in graphic form, how Scouts had taken over Windsor Park the previous day at the King's Scout Rally. Nothing, you may think, could have been a better advert for Scouting. Consider the cartoon in of the Punch issue of August 4th 1920 (see bottom right) where 'War –weary World at the (Imperial) Jamboree says "I was nearly loosing hope, but the sight of all you boys gives it back to me."

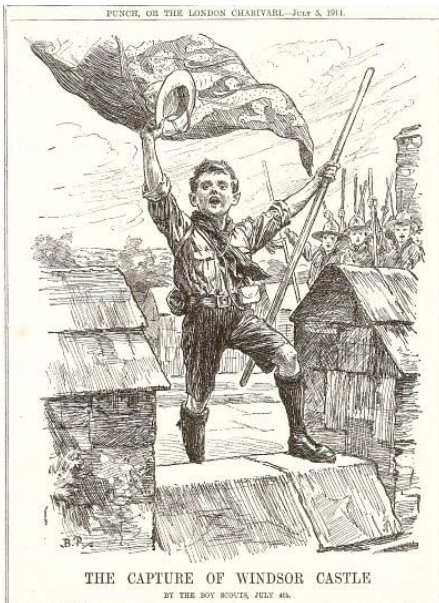
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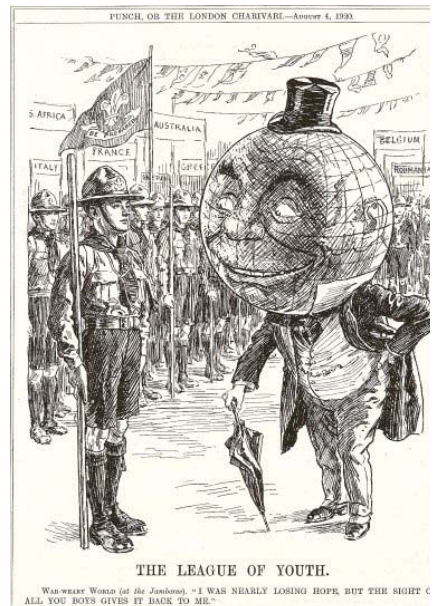
Our Youngest line of Defence.



The Capture of Windsor Castle



The League of Youth

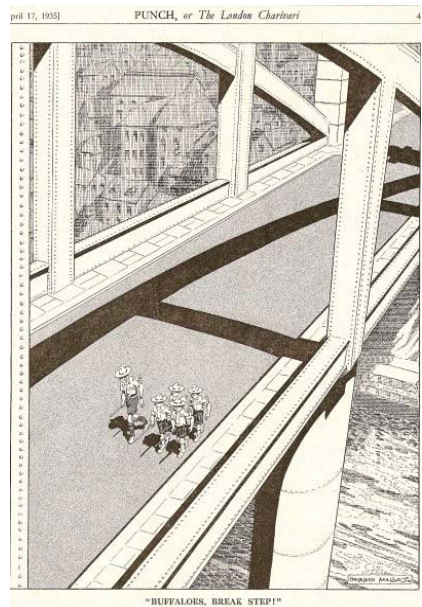


The public must have thought that the magazines cartoonists were employed by the ‘marketing division’ of the Scout Movement. No other youth organisation was to receive such loving attention. Under the title ‘Today’s Good Deed’, a group of international statesmen at the League of Nations (predating the United Nations) are interrupted by a Boy Scout. “You seem to be a little stuffy in here, come over to our new Brotherhood Settlement at Kandersteg, and we will show you what international good will is”. In parenthesis it was explained that Kandersteg in Switzerland had been acquired for the use of Boy Scouts of all nations. Not all Punch cartoons however were so serious. The following example resonates with my own patrol hike days!

The Day’s Good Deed



Buffaloes Break step



A now obscure book published the Association in 1950 called ‘Scout Smiles’ has numerous examples of the work of Scouting cartoonists such as ‘Ken’; ‘Stue’; ‘Douglas’; Leslie Cecil’, the ubiquitous John Sweet; ‘Henshaw’; ‘Bill Sykes’; ‘RH’ and ‘JBS’, most of whom were first published in the Scout Magazine. Two of these are included at the top of the next page.

Not all Scouting Cartoons were confined to newspaper, there is a rich vein to be tapped on Comic Postcards, not least those drawn by early Scout illustrators Ibbotson and Harold Earnshaw, and the risqué Bamford issues, but that is for another day.

But why Air Scouts? (RH)

I am not so sure that collecting 40 car number Plates does get you your Collector's Badge



To conclude I leave you with my all-time favourite Scouting Cartoon, drawn by Giles. The original now resides in Scout Archives



Not least among the week's great headlines was the official announcement that women Wolf Cub leaders may now wear shorts, with a request that "they should be utilitarian rather than ornamental."

Most cartoons, carefully cut from the original publication are less than £5, even those more than 100 years old from Punch, but beware copies!

If you have a favourite Scouting Cartoon (out of copyright) that you would like to share, why not give us all a smile and send it to the editor?

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Some memories of the 2009 Annual General Meeting

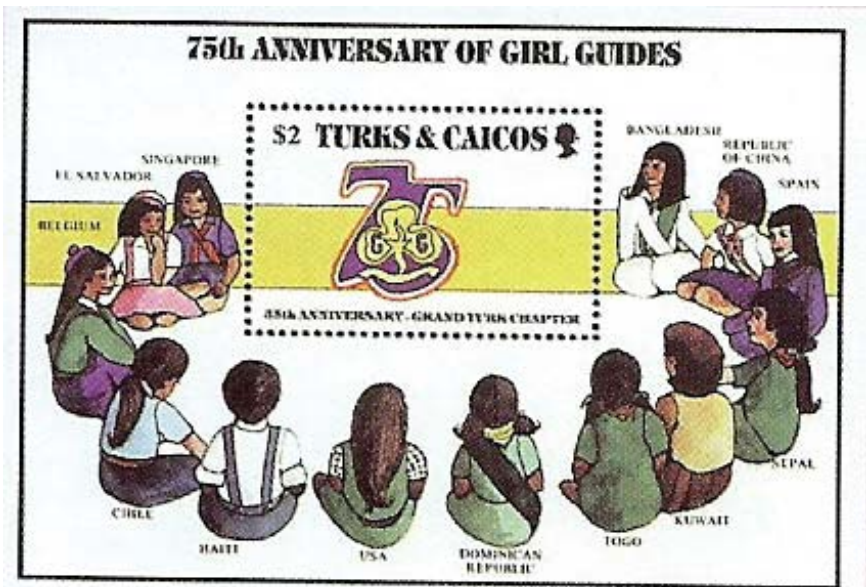


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Getting ready to celebrate the Centenary of Guiding

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Editorial

As we approach the end of yet another year we must turn our thoughts to the Centenary of our “sisters” in the Guide Associations throughout the world. I must admit that whilst I’ve always included Guide stamps and covers in my collection my knowledge of world-wide Guiding and/or Girl Scouting is quite limited. From my discussions with local Guiders over recent months I believe that, whilst in the UK The Guide Association is larger than The Scout Association, the reverse is the position globally. I know the story of the girls who appeared at the Crystal Palace Rally and told BP they were Girl Scouts - and a few years ago I was privileged to meet the young lady who stands proudly at the centre of the well known postcard from the event. She was then around 90 years old and attended the closing ceremony of our County Jamboree - lighting the first of the candles that spread out from the front centre until the whole area was alight - and all with their own personal link to the Crystal Palace Rally.

I would really welcome some major articles on the growth of Guiding or modern Guiding so that these can take their place in the 2010 issues.

On the subject of articles in general, I am now getting to the end of my store, although I do have a couple of Peter Shore’s memories still to include. So now is the time to get the thinking caps on and put pen to paper - or better still fingers to keys to give me something to publish in 2010.

I am trying to catch up with the publication dates and this should be a lot easier as I am retiring (well almost) in November and might have a bit more time after I’ve completed everything that my wife wants.

Plans are progressing for EuroScout. Look out for more, including exhibit entry forms and requests for volunteers to help in the next Bulletin

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

November 15th, January 17th, March 21st and May 16th.

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.



NOTE THE DATES NOW - 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

Help please! Much has been written about the very scarce 1936 Darlington postmark, but very little about the West Country Jamboree held at Mount Edgcumbe, Plymouth the same year. Registered covers are known and they all appear to have the "A" cancel as illustrated here, but having recently seen a third known postmark type on cover, I would like to research and write an article for the Bulletin about these cancels. Therefore your help would be appreciated if you could either send me a photocopy or a scan of any covers you own from this Jamboree. My address and email is to be found inside the back cover. I do have illustrations over the years from the Healey & Wise auction catalogues, so if you purchased one of those covers or postmarks, there is no need to reply.



Moving from Devon to the next county of Somerset, the Scouts there have had at least three Jamborees in the 1930's. Some 10,000 Scouts attended the West Country Jamboree at Corston near Bath in 1932, where in usual Scout fashion; it carried on despite torrential downpour which turned the campsite into a "sea of mud". Despite having no sound track there is a short Pathe News film of this event which can be seen by going into the website

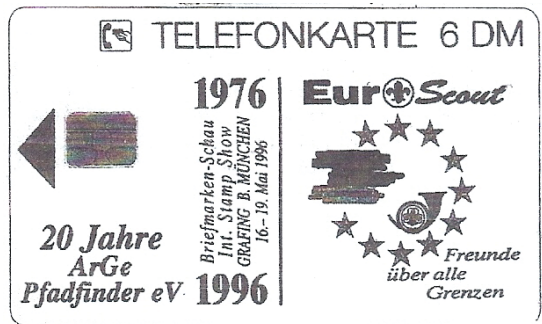
<https://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=3003> Baden-Powell, and his wife both attended this event and were given a rousing welcome. In fact if you scroll down on this website you will find pictures (and in some cases



sound) of many events from the 1930's including Raby Castle, Darlington, the Blackpool Rally and BP at Canterbury with Jam Roll. Circular cachets were used at Corston in 1932 (in black), Glastonbury in 1935 and Bridgwater in 1937, (both in purple). Do you know of any more cachets from these Jamborees held during the 1930's ? I am aware of the two line Kent County Jamboree held at Maidstone in 1932 which was used on registered covers.

With our Euro-Scout event taking place next May in Chelmsford, I have been asked by one of our members if I could explain more about these exhibitions. The

first one was held by the German Club, ArGe Pfadfinder, at Grafing, in 1996 when there were 230 frames with displays from all over Europe, New Zealand and Mexico. Not only did they hold a Scout stamp exhibition, but they organised a Balloon Post. It was they who named it Euro-Scout and the logo which they designed has been used in subsequent exhibitions with each country using their own National Flag. So successful was this event that that the Austrian Club StPS hosted a Euro-Scout in Schwanberg in 1998 and this was followed by Italy in 2000,



Belgium in 2002, Czech Republic in 2004, Spain in 2006 and Switzerland in 2008. There have been many souvenirs from these shows including a telephone card from the Euro-Scout held in Germany. Special postmarks have been part of this event and we are already making plans for one to be used for our show next year.

It was at the 2000 Euro-Scout Philatelic Exhibition held at Comacchio, Italy, that a meeting took place to form IFSCO, the International Federation of Scout and Guide Stamp Collecting Organizations. The purpose of IFSCO is to provide a unified front in dealing with the World Scout Bureau, international philatelic organizations, promoting international Scout stamp exhibitions, and participation in World Scouting events. Since the formation of IFSCO some of the members have helped to classify the various issues from A to E. Details at www.ifSCO.info/ifscoclass-en.htm There were many dubious issues in 2007 and many of these are classed as “C”. It is at the Euro-Scout meeting that IFSCO decides where the following meeting will take place.

I do have various Scout magazines to give away. The only cost would be the actual postage plus a very small packing fee. However, if paying by PayPal, the purchaser would have to pay their charge of 4%. I have the following. Our magazine but called the *Scout Stamp Collectors Club* 1961-1969 virtually complete. *World Scout Sealers* No. 1-23 (1990-2000) great for those collecting seals/labels. *Scout & Guide Stamp Society* of Australia 1986-1991. *Scout Memorabilia* published in the USA 1967-1996 nearly complete. I also have a later long run of our Bulletin and the SOSSI Journal which I will offer free in another Bulletin.

INTERNATIONAL CHOCOLATE 1

A series of 5 labels depicting Scouting was used by the German firm of De Fries & Beckmann. There were three coloured strips along the bottom in the black, white, red colours of the old German imperial flag. Text of “Schokolade” on the black, “Dejuwe” on the white and the firms name on the red. Basically these labels were advertising for Dejuwe brand of chocolate.

An identical set of designs was also issued, across the



border in the Netherlands. There are colour changes, notably the flag goes to red, white and blue. Along the bottom there are only two strips, the top one in black with large red letters “Padvinders” and then a light blue panel with black lettering “Suikerwerkfabriek S.Meyer, Groningen Amsterdam”. This was for the sugar works factory (literally) or confectionery company of S.Meyer which had branches in the cities of Groningen and Amsterdam. “Padvinders” is the Dutch word for Scouts



Many Dutch companies used German cinderellas which they overprinted with their names and products, but this is perhaps the only example of a Scouting design being used by different companies across borders ?

CLEANING

Brasso, that product many of us will remember for cleaning metal, used Scouting for advertising purposes. A brown label with black edging depicting a Scout holding the familiar can of the product and the text “Brasso” across the top. Across the bottom the text is “Pudse Extrakt” which is Danish. This label is listed in the catalogue produced by the Danish Scout stamp collectors club.

There is an identical label in existence but with the text along the bottom row reading “Poets Extrakt” which is in Dutch. An internationally recognisable product so perhaps there are more language versions of this label in existence ?



Danish text

Dutch text

INTERNATIONAL CHOCOLATE 2

The international Nestle company produced “vignettes” or labels on a variety of topics which could be obtained by exchanging coupons from their products via mail order. these labels could then be put into a specially printed album on an annual basis.

A series of 12 Scouting designs were produced as series 52. Of interest is that they were able to be put into a french album published in paris for 1936 -37 which contained series 41 to 70. In addition they could also go into a flemish language album published in Brussels for 1937 which contained series 31 to 60. Not all the series were identical, particularly not when it came to some of the sportsmen, but the Scouting series was obviously international enough to be identical for both french and flemish versions.

The swiss chocolate manufacturer, Lindt & Sprungli, also had albums with various topics in similar fashion to Nestle. Scouting was also a topic they covered, producing 36 labels in total, in 2 distinct series. Each was numbered and had text in both French and German languages.



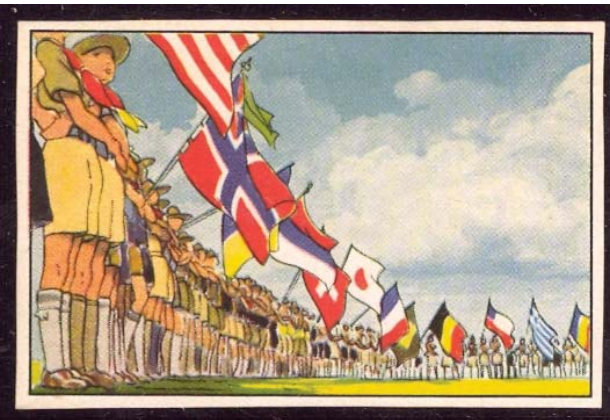
The first series starts at No. 865, which is a portrait of Baden -Powell, and goes to no. 879. This series covers general Scouting activities.

The second series is from No. 2509 to 2532 and are all images from the 3rd National Jamboree (“Bundeslager”) held in Zurich in 1938.

French confectionery firm, Suchard, also produced 51 Scouting labels in 1935. They are



perhaps better known for their second series issued in 1951 when they issued an album entitled “La Vie Fiere et Joyeuse des Scouts” which contained 20 chapters (pages) each with 10 labels. the labels were all designed by the french Scouting artist , Pierre Joubert. some of the chapters were related stories



and so some cards on their own do not appear to have a Scouting images, but they do all contribute to the over-all story of the album.

THE FINAL PART OF PAUL’S ARTICLE WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 50p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas 80p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.20.

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

	MINT	USED
CHD97 CHAD 1997 Animals + Scout badge (6)	2.40	-
OMA97 OMAN 1997 Girl guides Silver Jubilee (1)	-	0.20
NGR98S NIGER 1998 90 Years of World Scouting MS	2.50	-
ALA98 ALAND 1998 Scouting commemorative (1)	0.60	0.60
HK98 HONG KONG 1998 Scouting commemorative (4)	-	1.45
MAL98 MALI 1998 Scouts/minerals/fungi (4)	1.20	-
MAL98S MALI 1998 Scouts/wildlife/B-P MS	2.50	-
TWN98 TAIWAN 1998 20 th Asia Pacific Jamboree (2)	0.35	-
LBY98 LIBYA 1998 International Day for Handicap & Scout – sheetlet of 16	5.00	-
NEV98 NEVIS 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	-	4.00
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GRN98S GRENADA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	-	2.75
GRD98S GRENADA GRENADINES 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	-	2.75
EAS98 EASDALE ISLAND(Scotland) 1998 19 th W. J. O/p on flower stamp imperf	0.80	-
GUY98 GUYANA 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	-	4.00
GAM98 GAMBIA 1998 19 th World Jamboree sheetlet of 3	-	3.75
MAV98 MALDIVES 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	-	4.00
SRL98 SIERRA LEONE 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	-	4.25
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CHL98S CHILE 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	3.50	3.50
GHA98 GHANA 1998 19 th World Jamboree sheetlet of 3	-	3.75
GHA98S GHANA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	-	3.25
UGA98 UGANDA 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	-	2.75
UGA98S UGANDA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	-	2.75
TNZ98 TANZANIA 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	-	4.00
TNZ98S TANZANIA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	-	3.50
NGR98L NIGER 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS (with leopard)	2.00	-
BAN99 BANGLADESH 1999 6 th National Jamboree (1)	0.25	0.20
PER99 PERU 1999 19 th World Jamboree (2)	-	1.50
SAM99 SAMOA 1999 Queen Mother and Scouts (1)	0.65	-
GUI99 GUINEA 1999 Wildlife + Scout badge (3)	3.00	-
BAN00 BANGLADESH 2000 5 th Cub Scout Camporee (1)	0.25	-
CHD00 CHAD 2000 Wildlife (Oryx – Antelopes) + Scout badge (4)	1.75	-
ANG00B ANGOLA 2000 Birds of the World + Scout badge sheetlet of 9	4.00	-
ANG00C ANGOLA 2000 Big Cats + Scout badge 2 x sheetlets of 9	8.00	-
ANG00D ANGOLA 2000 Wild Dogs + Scout badge sheetlet of 9	4.00	-
ANG00E ANGOLA 2000 Domesticated Dogs + Scout badge sheetlet of 9	4.00	-
HUN01 HUNGARY 2001 European Scout Conference (1)	0.70	-
BRN01 BRUNEI 2001 International Youth Camp (Scouts & Guides) (3)	0.70	-
BRN01S BRUNEI 2001 International youth Camp (Scouts & Guides) MS	0.80	-

INA01 INDONESIA 2001 National Jamboree (2)	0.50	-
INA01G INDONESIA 2001 Nat. Jam. (2) long gutter pairs with decorative centre	1.00	-
BRZ01 BRAZIL 2001 Pan American Jamboree (2)	0.80	-
ERT01 ERITREA 2001 Wildlife blocks of 4 stamps depicting – parrots, lizards, crocodiles, dolphins, snakes, bears, big cats, apes or frogs – all with Scout emblem (probably a bogus issue!) @ £1.25 each, please state which subject you would like.		

POSTCARDS

GB82 BIPEX Postcard Exhibition, Kensington 1982 depicting Scout shoeshine	1.00
GB99 70 th Anniversary Arrowe Park Jamboree – aerial view of camp	0.50
AUT72 AUSTRIA 1972 3 rd Scout Philatelic Exhibition, Salzburg – card with imprinted stamp	0.60
FRA97 FRANCE 1997 50 th Anniversary of Moisson Jamboree – Joubert drawing of Scout	0.50
LN81 LIECHTENSTEIN 1981 50 Years of Scouting first day maxi-card	0.75
SWZ66 SWITZERLAND 1966 National Camp maxi-card of Scout flag & salute – Camp PMK	0.75

CORNWELL, JOHN (Jack) TRAVERS,

By Peter Shore

To me a very special hardest article that I have any reason. Though emotional in a very small way, it was that no personal comparison, even considered. It I was researching for my autobiography*—that I member—in Korea—on the Frigate “Opossum’s” twin 4” mounting as ammunition loader. We were not hit, and no one on board suffered injuries but I do know what fear, cold and loneliness feels like when at Action Stations, as I am sure do many ex-service readers. So why not read again the details of that inexperienced courageous young Scout and ponder on the frailties and similar stark deadly demands on his modern counterparts serving overseas.?



stamp! This is probably the ever attempt to write—for tionally touching, pertinent most important to ensure son whatsoever is entered, dawned on me suddenly as own recently published too was a Gun’s crew

CORNWELL, JOHN (Jack) TRAVERS, Boy, First Class, Royal Navy.

Born on 8 Jan. 1900, at Leyton, son of Eli and Alice Cornwell and educated at Walton Road School, Manor Park, he wished to be a sailor when he left school, but his parents could not bear the thought of losing him so soon so he bravely turned to the work of a boy on a Brook Bond’s tea van. He was also a keen Boy Scout, and held two certificates. Eventually when WWI broke out his father joined the Army, and Jack Cornwell joined the Navy. He went through preliminary training at Devonport from 27 July, 1915 and became a First Class Boy on HMS “Chester” destined for active service in Admiral Beatty’s North Sea Squadron. A few months after joining his ship, Admiral Beatty came to grips with the German High Seas Fleet near Jutland 31st May 1916. Here he was mortally wounded in action, and died two days later in Grimsby hospital and posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross [London Gazette, 15 Sept. 1916] : as follows.....

John Travers Cornwell, Boy (First Class), O.N. J.42563: Mortally wounded early in the action, Boy, First Class, John Travers Cornwell remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders, until the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded around him. His age was under sixteen and half years."

The story of his brave deed was told in the following letter, written to his mother by the Captain of his ship :

" I know you would wish to hear of the splendid fortitude and courage shown by your son during the action of 31 May. His devotion to duty was an example for all of us. The wounds which resulted in his death within a short time were received in the first few minutes of the action He remained steady at his most exposed post at the gun, waiting for orders. His gun would not bear on the enemy ; all but two of the ten crew were killed or wounded, and he was the only one who was in such an exposed position. But he felt he might be needed, and, indeed, he might have been ; so he stayed there, standing and waiting, under heavy fire, with just his own brave heart and God's help to support him. I cannot express to you my admiration of the son you have lost from this world. No other comfort would I attempt to give to the mother of so brave a lad, but to assure her of what he was, and what he did, and what an example he gave, I hope to place in the boys' mess a plate with his name on and the date and the words, ' Faithful unto Death.' I hope some day you may able to come and see it there. I have not failed to bring his name prominently before my Admiral."

Admiral Sir David Beatty himself, in his official Despatch describing the battle, wrote : " Boy (First Class) John Travers Cornwell, of the Chester, was mortally wounded early in the action. He, nevertheless, remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders till the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded all round him. His age was under sixteen and a half years. I regret that he has since died, but I recommend his case for special recognition in justice to his memory, and as an acknowledgment of the high example set by him." ... "I feel that this boy, who died at the post of duty, sends a message through me as First Lord of the Admiralty, to the people of the Empire:.....**Obey your orders, cling to your post, don't grumble, stick it out."**

A valuable comment don't you agree in this carefree, careless, greedy litigious society? Where excess seems to be rife and austerity and law-abidance a thing of the past!

***"A shifting Shore"** Autobiography covering my youth, Naval career as a Clearance Diver; Boat, Engineering, Camping business, Rugby, Travel and of course—Scouting!

Future meetings and Venues

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009	7th November	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm
2010	27th February	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 31
	6th May	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 23
	6th November	Starting at 13.15pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings will be fully open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed prior to the meeting, as necessary.

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We will be changing the name and password of part of our web site from 1st September. This is to protect names and addresses of our members, and from this date until next year you will need to enter:- User name: **jamboree** and Password: **hungary** (no capitals)

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My favourite Scout Stamp

by Melvyn Gallagher



As a boy I collected all stamps, that included a few Scout issues and, being a Scout started to specialise. Amongst my first Scout stamp acquisitions from a dealer near my school was the Nigerian issue to commemorate the 11th World Scout Jamboree of 1963. This is cheating a bit as it is a miniature sheet with two stamps, the one shilling value being my favourite

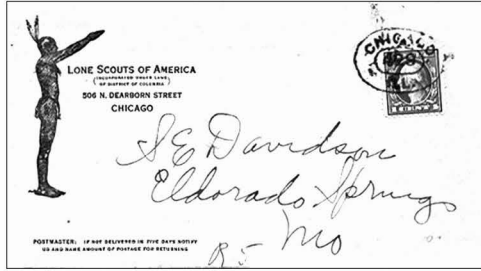
The design in silhouette is simple yet very effective and evocative of Scouting and also works very well in the triangular format - always a difficult shape in which to place a design. Despite the hundreds of Scout stamp issues issued since this still remains my favourite

The Lone scouts of America ran parallel to the Boy Scouts of America until they were merged in 1924. They had their own symbol, which comprised the linked letters LSA. The LSA was set up as a separate organisation for country boys or those who could not attend regular Boy Scout Meetings.

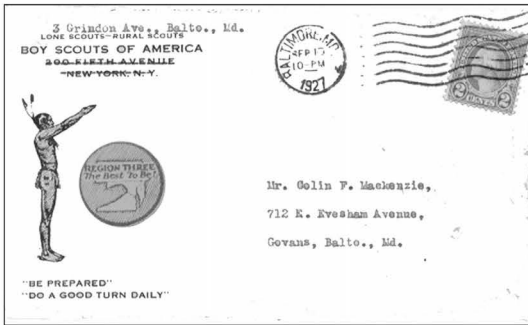
A newspaper was produced in Florida called “SEMINOLE SCOUT” and a series of labels was issued around 1918. These labels were designed by Perry E. Thompson and were produced in Chicago under the title “PEP STAMPS”. They all depicted “JAKE” who was the Lone Scouts’ mascot. These labels are in the collection of Paul van Herpt of New Zealand.



Postal stationery items known are shown in Levy’s “Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the United States” (available from SOSSI - see website <http://www.sossi.org>).

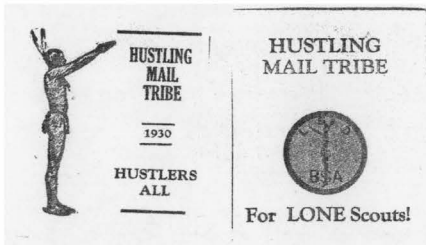


Their emblem is a saluting Indian brave and a 1920 cover from Chicago shows the title LONE SCOUTS OF AMERICA (Incorporated in District of Columbia). After



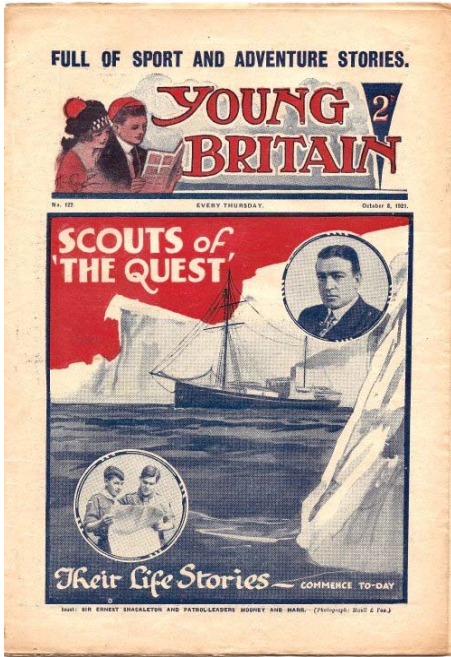
merging with Boy Scouts of America in 1924 they were known as Lone Scouts & Rural Scouts and from 1927 the Lone Scout Division. By the 1930's their programme was entirely absorbed by the Boy Scouts of America.

A couple of labels are also known from the 1930's from the "Hustling Mail Tribe", but nothing else is known about them.



Thanks are due to Paul van Herpt and SOSSI for use of their material

Scout Marr and the 'Quest'



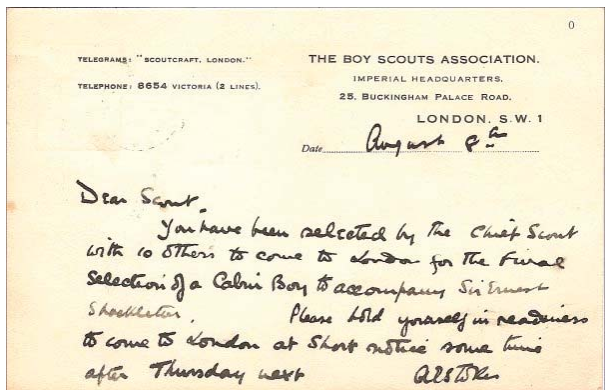
The following article shows how the many types of Scouting Ephemera can be used to illustrate not only the story of Scout Marr but nearly any Scouting theme. The artefacts I have selected however are very special to me and my interest in them has led me to follow in Marr's wake to the frozen ends of the earth!

I have been involved personally in the production of some of the more recent items which, I like to think, has added a novel dimension to my collection.

Scout James Marr shot to fame in 1921 after Major Wade of the Scout Association wrote a letter to the Daily Mail appealing for Scouts to enter a competition. Sir Ernest Shackleton had asked Baden-Powell to assist him in finding a 'Cabin-Boy' to accompany him on his latest expedition aboard the 'Quest' to Antarctica.

Despite very strict criteria, seventeen hundred applications were received. These were whittled down to just ten boys who were to meet Sir Ernest at Imperial Scout Headquarters, to allow him to make the final choice. I was lucky enough to find an entire archive on eBay relating to the experiences of Patrol Leader W J Warren of the Prestonkirk Troop in Scotland who was one of the ten chosen for interview.

The archive contained a post-card from Scout Headquarters that was sent to all ten interviewees informing them that they that had been successful in getting an interview with Sir Ernest and that they should ready themselves available at short notice to attend Scout HQ in London.



Scout Warren was a meticulous lad and had kept, in pristine condition, every piece of correspondence relating to the event, including the many telegrams with their envelopes that were sent to him by Fleet Street Newspaper editors asking him for information and a photograph of himself. Shortly after came a registered letter marked "Urgent", from Scout Headquarters. The three one penny stamps were cancelled with the oval 'Registered' cancel, and the stamps were all 'perfins', with the letters BSA (Boy Scouts Association) spelt out in 'perforations'. Inside was another letter from Major Wade giving the date and time of Warren's interview together with a Railway Warrant for his travel (the reason why the letter was registered). Sad to say Warren was not chosen to accompany Shackleton, but his archive contains personally a signed letter of commiseration from B-P himself and much else of interest. (Another of the unlucky 'finalists' was Cornwell Scout J Brandford from Knottingley Yorkshire, very close to where I live).

Shackleton however was unable to decide on just one boy, so in the end he resolved to take two. Burly-built 18-year-old Scout James Marr was from Aberdeen and wiry 17-year-old Norman Mooney from Orkney whose family had a long sea-faring history. As indicated by the interest Fleet Street had shown in Warren and no doubt all the other applicants, much was made in the national press of Marr and Mooney. Without doubt, at that time, they were the most famous boys in Britain! A magazine 'Young Britain' ran articles for eleven consecutive issues about and by the two Boy Scouts, some of these running to five pages. These issues can with luck be obtained, as mine were, from dealers. In exchange for their 'endorsement' the two Scouts were given watches, books, cameras and fountain pens. Adverts relating to these endorsed products can be found in the newspapers of the day.



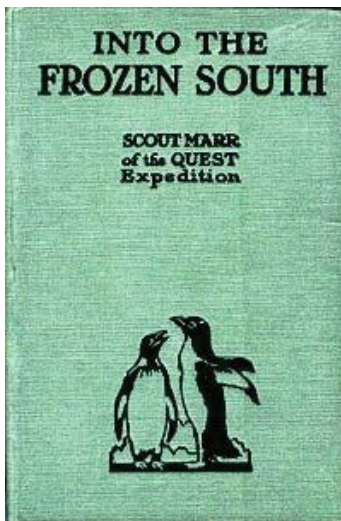
Postcards were produced by Pathé News of Scout Marr and possibly Mooney (they had a film cameraman aboard 'Quest'), but I have yet to find one of the Orcadian Scout, perhaps because, despite his claims to a seafaring background, he regrettably had to leave the expedition due to seasickness when it arrived at its first port of call after meeting heavy weather in the Bay-

of Biscay. The postcard above shows Marr with a 'fan club' of Scouts on The Embankment, London in front of the 'Quest'.

Marr's epic voyage can be followed in detail on my 'Scouting Milestones' website. It lasted a year, but was regrettably blighted when 'The Boss', Sir Ernest Shackleton, died on board the 'Quest' when it arrived at Grytviken, South Georgia, the gateway

to Antarctica. The expedition, though much subdued, continued but never landed on the Antarctic mainland. Shackleton had been assisting Marr in writing an expedition journal, which was later published as a book in the format you see here, but also with a blue cover especially for Scouts.

Shackleton was eventually buried on South Georgia. The crew of the Quest constructed their own personal memorial to Shackleton, over-looking the entrance to Grytviken looking out back to sea. This evocative view was immortalised on the South Georgia stamp (below) in 2000. I have been very fortunate to visit this remote place, Shackleton's grave and also the site on Elephant Island where the crew of the 'Endurance' made camp whilst Shackleton in the 'James Caird' sailed for South Georgia to effect their rescue.



Via an auction in New Zealand, I was able to obtain two letters on 'Quest' headed notepaper that Marr wrote to a Miss Ivan, whom he met at a reception just before the ship departed. Evidently she did not have a good opinion of Shackleton. Marr writes amidst the description of his experiences, 'I am sorry that you thought that poor old Boss, Sir Ernest rude, I think he was a very sick man and we were very cut up about it when he died.'

On the homeward voyage 'Quest' called in at Tristan de Cunha where Scout Marr had a 'sacred' mission to perform. He had been charged by Baden-Powell with the task of presenting the very small island Scout Troop with a Scout Flag. A photograph was taken of the occasion and this was later on two Tristan da Cunha stamps. The first was a set of four stamps issued in May 1972, two of which are illustrated

below, and more latterly in 2007 as illustrated later in this article.



The ‘Quest’s’ homecoming to England though naturally low key after the death of Shackleton resulted in Marr with the ship’s cat ‘Questie’ being featured on the front page of the Chums’ Magazine of December 16th 1923. This same image is to be found on another Tristan da Cunha Scouting Centennial stamp illustrated below.



Scout Marr, who it will be remembered, only came to prominence by winning the Scout competition, was later to have other claims to fame. After joining several other Antarctic expeditions as a marine biologist, he eventually won the Polar Medal. With the advent of war in 1939 he was sent to Singapore, a most unlikely posting for a Polar Scientist! Just before the Japanese captured the colony in 1941, Marr was transferred to the UK to command the ex-sealer ‘William Scoresey’

and a handpicked crew for the still top-secret mission, ‘Operation Tabarin’. It was rumoured that ‘Tabarin’ was set up out to watch for Nazi activity in Antarctic waters, but the League of Nations charter for Antarctica forbade any military presence, and so officially Marr and his men were there to count seals and penguins.

The rumour as far as the press and the public were concerned seemed sufficient justification for sending men and materials many miles away from any known threat. In fact Operation Tabarin was most likely set up to establish polar huts, enclosing an area which immediately after the war, became the British Antarctic Territories. Operation Tabarin was a covert ‘land grab’ at the time when non-combatant countries such as America and Argentina were busy establishing Antarctic territories with an eye to potential mineral/oil wealth. Commander Marr never divulged his secret mission.



The 2008 Falkland Island stamp (above) depicts Marr with his ship the ‘William Scoresby’. The polar huts established by the expedition are commemorated on a British Antarctic Territories issue (see below). The hut at Port Lockroy, South



Georgia, is now preserved and manned by the Antarctic Heritage Trust. I have visited the hut there and viewed artefacts from Operation Tabarin. The interior of the building is shown on the 65 pence stamp.

My deep involvement with Scout Marr artefacts began when my good friend in Scouting, our Chairman John Ineson, loaned me what we then believed was a unique postcard. It carried, as it was designed to do, his facsimile autograph, but this one was also personally signed by the Scout. John kindly lent me this item to scan and I arranged to return it at a Badger's Club Meeting at Gilwell Park. The meeting was marked by the horrific spectacle (to me at least) of my motor caravan, complete with John's postcard, being burnt to the ground.



Fortunately John and I were to be proved wrong on our assumption that this was a unique postcard. In time we were both able to acquire other signed examples of this still rare card, which coincidentally came from the estates of former club members Keith Burkenshaw and David Jeffries.

An image of the card was added to the Scout Marr Pages on my Scouting Milestones website, where it was spotted by a stamp publishing house working on behalf several Commonwealth Countries. To cut a long story short, I was able to provide them with material to illustrate the Scouting Centennial Stamps for South Georgia. I also wrote the official government press release connected with the issue, which was used as a 'stiffener' in the FDC illustrated below.

An interesting twist is that another stamp publishing firm on the same mission of producing stamps for the Scouting Centennial, but for Tristan da Cunha, did not approach me directly but consulted the UK Scout Association. They were able scan images from a 'print out' of my Marr Web article which I had supplied to Scout Archives, as I do with all my published material. As a result the images on their 15p stamp, which features the ill-fated postcard image and the 20p stamp showing the Godfrey Phillips' pre-war cigarette card of Scout Marr in his kilt on the deck of Quest, are not as crisp as those images I supplied directly for the South Georgia issue.

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Some of Colin Walker's Marr collection reproduced from a printout of his WebPages.



The issue on which Colin collaborated - note the Marr signed postcard on the 85 pence stamp.



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..... and my hopes for a Peaceful 2010

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2009



Editorial - Merry Christmas and Happy New Yera

I have done what I can to get the Bulletin back onto a proper time schedule but I must apologise for the day over your receipt of the September/October issue. This was caused by a combination of events:-

1. Tim Reed posted the address labels to me and then went on holiday.
2. The labels never arrived and I was e-mailing Tim for more - not knowing he was away.
3. The Bulletin was printed and sitting in my office for posting.
4. My own holiday arrived and I still did not have labels.
5. John finally made contact with Tim and new labels were sent but I had already gone away and had made arrangements for Bernard Tewksbury to deal with the issue. (Thanks Bernard)
6. Additional labels were send to Bernard and he did the packing and then passed to my office for the posting.

I never know stamp collecting could be so exciting.

Some of you will have received new Membership Cards with the last issue and there may be further with this one. Please don't worry if your own has not arrived yet as Tim is catching up on the issue of these and they will all come in time.

Future copy dates are shown below and I would welcome some additional articles for the 2010 issues - especially any related to the Guiding Centenary.

If you do send material please try to do this electronically if possible. An article in Word format with pictures as jpegs take me about 10 minutes per page to paste into my programme. The same same will take me about an hour if I have to type and scan photos, etc. However don't let this stop you if you don't have a computer I will do the typing

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

January 17th, March 21st and May 16th.

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NOTE THE DATES NOW - 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

It has been confirmed by Royal Mail that a set of stamps will be produced for the Centenary of the Girl Guides and will be issued on February 2nd 2010. Randall Frank, the President of SOSSI also reports that the United States Postal Service has announced that a Scout stamp will be issued in 2010 to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting in the U.S.A. I do know what a struggle it has been to obtain this stamp issue and contact has been made with many members of the US Government with support from the American Philatelic Society. In the United States they will probably have one stamp, but no doubt we will have a set with high values so once again the collector helps to keep our Post Office going.

Peter Duck, our President has reported in this Bulletin on the 40th Anniversary celebrations held in Venice of the Italian Scout Stamp Club AISF. This club certainly knows how to put on a very good show and they excelled with the programme and tours and made us visitors as always most welcome. A free catalogue, in full colour, with descriptions and images from every display was given to visitors. The opening ceremony was already unique; there was not only an excellent buffet, but also an impressive concerto of Italian opera arias to enjoy. On Saturday, a sightseeing tour by ship attended by



over 100 members and friends visited the Venetian islands Murano, Burano, Torcello and S.Francesco del Deserto was a great full day experience, which included a delicious Mediterranean lunch. The Gala Dinner on the Saturday was superb and over 60 sat down for this event. I sometimes wonder how we are going to receive and erect the frames at our Euro-Scout exhibition next May at Chelmsford. The frames are coming from

Essex, Suffolk and Kent, but as mentioned by Peter, the Italian ones came by boat on the Grand Canal.

I was sorry to hear that Reg Morris died a few months ago aged 77. He was a keen member of our Club and SOSSI in its earlier years and used to attend our meetings until he moved to the U.S.A. in the 1970's. He was responsible for writing many Philatelic Jamboree Monographs that were produced for the 1929 U.K. event with Jimmy Golton (but published in 1978). 1963 Greece with Peter Duck, 1967 USA with Peter Duck and David Jefferies, 1971 Japan, 1975 Norway with Peter Duck, David Jefferies and Tobjorn Larsson-Fedde of Norway, 1983 Canada with David Jefferies. Since then Monographs have been written about the 1951 Austrian Jamboree by the Austrian Club SPS., 1955 Canadian Jamboree by Tony Manson and lastly the 1995 Netherlands Jamboree by Fred Maarsen. These have all been first class productions and a great philatelic record of these events.

Returning to Italy, an International Philatelic Exhibition was held in October at Rome where our member Giovanni Cucchiani was awarded a Large Vermeil for his Siege of Mafeking exhibit and Estanislao Pan de Alfaro of Spain from the Spanish Scout Stamp club, for his exhibit "The Ad-venture of Scouting" which won a Vermeil. Congratulations to both.

Plans continue to take shape for our Euro-Scout Exhibition in Chelmsford from 14th–16th May 2010. Details are now being to be placed on our SGSC website at www.sgsc.org.uk/index.shtml and in the near future the application form for frames will be added to this site. The Euro-Scout sub-committee have met on four occasions and much planning has taken place. Frames will be erected on the Thursday morning and nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers to help with this and many other jobs over the weekend. In the meantime a list of Hotels and Guest Houses can be found on our website. Early reservation is recommended especially for those Hotels near to the centre of the town. For those wishing to also attend the London International Stamp Exhibition at the Design Centre, Islington, London, the dates for this show are May 8th- 15th, so why not visit this before our show.



INTERNATIONAL CHOCOLATE 3

Tobler and their triangular Toblerone chocolate bars are well known today. Before the Second World War, they produced cinderellas on a wide variety of topics and their series 22 depicted 12 Scouting images.

There are however varieties indicating the series was reissued on a number of occasions. The Desmaretz catalogue lists 3 versions, but this article will list 4, giving a total of 48 cinderellas to collect.

The first three series all have the cinderellas headed with the name “Exploranti” and the text is in “IDO” Esperanto. All are labelled as “Series XXII Nos 253 - 264” plus the actual cinderella number.



1 Series with white background and brown lettering. The “Tobler” lettering is with serifs.

2 Series with black background and white lettering, no serifs used.

3 Series with black background and white lettering. Designs have been re-drawn to be more graphic and less realistic, heads often turned slightly, arms or legs in differing positions. In the example

shown to the right the sitting Scout’s head has been turned significantly.

4 White background with black lettering, designs as series 1 and 2. Text has been changed to be in English, and reads “Scouting - Tobler - Swiss Milk Chocolate, No - , Serie 22 No 253-264”

Is anyone aware of series of these items ?

GERMAN ASSOCIATIONS

Deutscher Pfadfinderbund (German Scout Association) and Jungdeutschland (Young Germany) are two names most frequently seen on early labels. There are numerous others, but ultimately prior to the Second World War, the World Scout Conference chose to recognise no German associations. German associations were known to be very militaristic and as the 1930's came also very politically influenced and hence none were recognised by the Conference. However, many of the label produced were done before 1920 when the World Scout Conference was first set up and criteria for recognition agreed. This then sets a challenge as to what is collectable as Scouting for this early period ? A selection of some varieties follow.

The Deutscher Pfadfinderbund had many labels, one in particular featuring a kneeling Scout and a Scout flagbearer, has a tablet along the bottom that allowed overprinting giving the opportunity for variations. Three are shown here, are there more ?

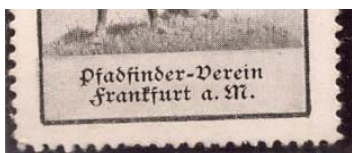
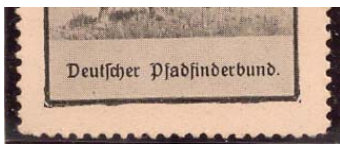
The text read from top left;

“Deutscher Pfadfinderbund”

“Pfadfinder-Verein, Frankfurt a.M.” (Scout Association, Frankfurt)

“Pfadfinder Verlag Otto Tmelin, Munchen OS”

(A Scout supplies shop in Munich ?)



In 1913 there was a Scouting exhibition held in Stuttgart. A series of 15 labels was produced for the exhibition featuring coloured photos of Scouting activities. These images were also produced as a postcard series. On the label there was overprinted text in black reading “Pfadfinder Ausstellung, Stuttgart Juni 1913”. A second series of the labels also exists with the overprint reading just “Pfadfinder”

Also in 1913, a Jungdeutschland group in Heilbronn, a city in Wurttemberg, just north of Stuttgart held a “stiftungsfest” or inauguration festival for which a series of 6 labels were produced. The labels exist with and without the “Stiftungsfest Mai 1913” text. Jungdeutschland was another boys youth organisation that was very similar to Scouting.



This concludes Paul's very interesting introduction to the world of Cinderellas.

LINN'S STAMP NEWS November 9, 2009

Reginald Morris, 1931-2009

Machine cancel collector Reginald Morris died Sept. 25 in The Villages, Fla. He was born Dec. 17, 1931, in London, England, and later moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Morris served as president of the Machine Cancel Society from 1993-98. His articles and research involving machine cancellations have been published in the *Machine Cancel Forum*, the society's journal.

He is survived by his wife Marguerite and daughters Susan B. Morris and Diana L. Collins. ■



SALES SERVICE

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

	MINT	USED
IND96 INDONESIA 1996 National Jamboree (8)	0.95	-
IND96S INDONESIA 1996 National Jamboree & world Philatelic Exhibition 2 x MS	2.40	-
HON96 HONDURAS 1996 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (3)	0.80	-
NGR96 NIGER 1996 Baden-Powell commemorative (2)	2.00	-
NGR96 NIGER 1996 Baden-Powell commemorative MS (design as above stamps + centre label)	2.20	-
GAB96 GABON 1996 Scouting commemorative (3)	2.40	-
GAB96S GABON 1996 Scouting commemorative MS – showing B-P	4.75	-
TNZ96A TANZANIA 1996 34 th World Scout Conf. + Scout Camp Thailand (12 overprints – animals)	-	4.00
TNZ96B TANZANIA 1996 above overprints on sheet of 16 stamps depicting horses	5.00	-
LBY97 LIBYA 1997 Postal Savings (3) depicting Scouts & Guides	0.45	-
ELS97 EL SALVADOR 1997 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (1)	0.15	0.15
KEN97 KENYA 1997 75 Years of Girl Guides + Scouting (8)	4.00	3.60
GUI88S GUINEA 1998 90 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	1.25	-
MAV98 MALDIVES 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	3.00	-
GAM98S GAMBIA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS of B-P	3.00	2.75
STV98 St.VINCENT 1998 19 th World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	3.20	3.00
STV98S St.VINCENT 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS of B-P	2.50	2.35
GRN98 GRENADA 1998 19 th World Jamboree (3)	2.25	2.00
GRN98S GRENADA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	1.75	-
GRD98 GRENADA GRENADINES 1998 19 th World Jamboree (3)	2.00	1.85
GRD98S GRENADA GRENADINES 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	1.75	-
DOM98 DOMINICA 1998 19 th World Jamboree (3)	2.00	-
DOM98S DOMINICA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	1.65	-
ANT98 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1998 19 th World Jamboree (3)	1.95	1.80
ANT98S ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS	1.75	1.60
BRB98 BARBUDA MAIL 1998 19 th World Jamboree overprints (3)	1.95	-
BRB98S BARBUDA MAIL 1998 19 th World Jamboree overprint MS	1.75	-
SRL98 SRI LANKA 1998 5 th National Jamboree (2)	0.45	-
LBY98 LIBYA 1998 Children's Day (6 in sheetlet showing Scouts & Guides)	2.75	-
CAR98 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1998 Scouts/flowers/sports 2 x MS with B-P	6.00	-
SOM99 SOMALIA 1999 Scout Badges and Awards sheetlet of 18	5.00	-
MON99 MONTSERRAT 1999 19 th World Jamboree O/P on 1986 Guide issue (4)	1.20	1.20
JGO99 JUGOSLAVIA 1999 Scouting commemorative (1)	0.40	-
BUL99 BULGARIA 1999 Scouting commemorative (4)	0.90	-
STL00 St.LUCIA 2000 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (3)	1.35	-
LIB00 LIBERIA 2000 2 x MS honouring Baden-Powell and Scouting	4.50	-
JDN00 JORDAN 2000 90 th Anniversary of Scouting (3)	0.80	-
IOM00 ISLE OF MAN 2000 Commemorating the Anglo-Boer War (1) with B-P	0.55	-
BOL01 BOLIVIA 2001 21 st Inter American Scout Conference (1)	1.50	-
CHD01 CHAD 2001 Honouring Baden-Powell (1)	1.55	-

CON02 CONGO 2002 Honouring Baden-Powell sheetlet of 9	3.90	-
CON02P CONGO 2002 Honouring Pope John Paul II & Baden-Powell sheetlet of 6	3.00	-
NEP02 NEPAL 2002 Golden Jubilee of Scouting (1)	0.15	-
IRL02 IRELAND 2002 Commemorating Scouting (4)	2.00	2.00

SALES SERVICE AND “100 LIST”

Peter Duck

The Sales Service lists which have appeared in almost every Bulletin for the past 30 years have been mostly a personal venture of my own. Over this period, all available stamps from 1925 onwards have been listed in more-or-less date order, and we're now into 21st Century issues. The number of collectors purchasing stamps has decreased to a “faithful few”. When occasionally other items such as covers, postcards or labels have been advertised, the response has been fairly minimal. Consequently, can it be presumed that everybody's collections are complete? Or I'm not offering what you need. I would appreciate some response on the subject before we start the 2010 Bulletins.

My “100 List” has also been going for a few years, and membership of this has now fallen to below 20 subscribers. Nevertheless I intend to keep it going as new stock is always coming in. The lists contain 100 items of Scout and Guide interest including stamps, covers, postcards, labels and ephemera (sometimes badges). Most items are priced at under £1.00 and as one item is sold, another replaces it. Lists are dispatched three or four times each year. If you wish to subscribe, please send a 1st class stamp, or a couple of Scout badges or postcards from overseas. There is no further charge for the lists provided you order something, but after two “no orders” names are deleted.

Future meetings and Venues

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2010	27th February	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 31
	6th May	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 23
	6th November	Starting at 13.15pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings will be fully open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed prior to the meeting, as necessary.

Please try to support us - only the Committee turned up last time!

The Exhibition took place in the prestigious Ca`Vendramin Calergi, which also houses the Casino, from 16-18 October 2009. As there is no motorised road transport in Venice, the frames had to be carried to the venue by boat, quite a feat! How many other Scout philatelic exhibitions can say the same?

There were 34 exhibitors including displays from Austria, Germany, Great Britain, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland, as well as from the host nation Italy. As expected, some very fine material on show, sometimes from a single country, others with more thematic interest. One should not use too many superlatives, but the quality of the material on show and the fine presentation made it all a joy to see. There were Mafeking items galore, Hungarian items, especially from 1933, many covers from the Warsaw Uprising 1944 "Sewer Post", and much other eastern European material. Also, of course, fine displays of Italian Scout philately.

Venice is such a beautiful city that one could not just admire the philately. Just to walk around the city is to be absorbed in its history. Non-philatelic events included a boat tour around the islands of the Venice Lagoon – a beautiful day. Also a reception and buffet in the Casino with a lovely operatic concert. Finally, plenty of fine meals with adequate supplies of wine.

Will I make it to the 50th Anniversary?

Other Guiding Anniversaries



Me and my favourite Guide Stamp

by Margaret Davison

I joined the 2nd Coulsdon Brownies when I was 8 in 1945 we met in a local school. When I was 11 I went up the 2nd Coulsdon Guides and was enrolled in July, 1948 and went to my first Guide Camp at Studland Bay. Great experience, we went by train, it was a wet camp and we finished up sleeping in a barn. At that time, Parents and the Guides were working hard to get our own equipment and by the next year we had some lovely new Bell tents. I was at boarding school, so only went to Guides in the holidays, until I was 14. I gained my 2nd and 1st Class and went on to Queens Guide. I think I must have been a bit of a nuisance as I had to work hard having not been able to go to Guides in the term time to get everything done, but I was determined. Then I joined the Old Coulsdon District Land Rangers. A lot of the time we did not have a Guider so ran ourselves and by the time I left at 21 I had gained my Ranger Service Star. During these year the only test I did not enjoy was the lightweight camping. We went to Rover Ranger Camps and we always turned up with a large ridge patrol tent, when the others were lightweight camping. We did have the last laugh sometime, as we did have some very wet weekends.



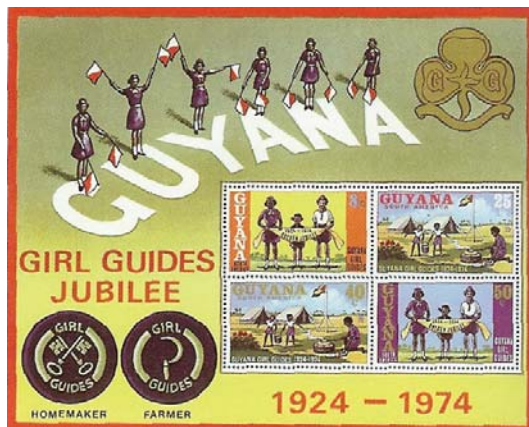
By this time I was a Guide Guider, with the 10th Coulsdon Guides, first of all as a Ranger Helper, then a Lieutenant and a Guide Captain. (Now Asst and Guide Guider). Before I gained my campers licence we camped with the other two Guide Companies in Old Coulsdon, as we all met at the District Guide Headquarters. This is where I gained my experience, after which we went off as a unit on our own. Later I became a Camp Trainer, and had my Certificate presented by the Chief Guide, Olave Lady Baden Powell. Since those days I have held several administrative posts. I have visited Our Chalet, Switzerland, Our Cabana, Mexico, and Sangam in India. Living at home with my Parents, I always had their support, and without them I would not have been able to do what I did. We had a plot of land at the end of the garden, which we used for practicing and patrol camping.



1 of a set of 4 stamps issued 24th March, 1982 - Youth Organisations. Designed by Brian Saunders, Printed by Harrison & Sons, (High Wycombe) Ltd., Photogravure Process in sheets of 100.

I think I chose this as my favourite stamp as it shows the Brownie and Guide, in the uniform that was worn when I was running Guides. and in the background is Foxlease the first Guiders Training Centre, at Lyndhurst in the New Forest. I have spent many happy times there at trainings, camping and holidays in the house.

Another Guiding Anniversary



Mafeking – The Paper Ephemera of the Siege.

As my friends will know I am never happier than when talking about the 'M' word, and I guess that this extends to writing about the Siege. Although I have now published three books and many articles on the subject, I have never encountered a reference that has concentrated on the complete range of paper 'ephemera' that originated during the Seige. There was, of course, also a vast out-pouring of material in celebration of the Relief that may well form the basis for a later 'Corner'. To cover all the ground in the space available one must tread lightly, but be aware that some of the areas I merely touch on are life-long subjects for some collectors.

The Stamps

At the outbreak of hostilities (October 13th 1899), the Mafeking Post Office had stocks of stamps which had been produced over a period of time. On March 23rd 1900, five Cape of Good Hope stamps, showing the figure of 'Hope' either standing or sitting, with values ranging from ½ to 4 pence were overprinted 'Mafeking Besieged'. These were surcharged to pay the costs of employing native runners whom risked their lives taking mail out of Mafeking through the Boer lines at night.

The need for higher denominations led to the issue in April of eleven more stamps, this time of British origin, that had been overprinted either Bechuanaland Protectorate or British Bechuanaland. (At the time of the siege the area was officially British Bechuanaland with Mafeking as its administrative capital). These were also additionally overprinted 'Mafeking Besieged' but with a smaller 'Sans Serif' font. The GB 6d stamp was surcharged 1/-, some having the Bechuanaland Protectorate overprint, but one sheet only (240 stamps) with the British Bechuanaland overprint, the mint stamp (illustrated) must be one of the world's rarest, but beware, all a forger has to do is to overprint an existing British Bechuanaland stamp with the words 'Mafeking Besieged'.

The overprinted stamps were so popular that it looked like there would be insufficient for local use in Mafeking and so by using ferro-prussiate process, (as for an architects 'blueprint') also used for the £1 notes, three additional 'blue' stamps were issued in April 1900, for local use only. The one-penny issue shows Cadet Sergeant-Major Warner Goodyear on a bicycle. B-P himself said that the Cadets were the first Boy Scouts and if that is so, this stamp is the first ever 'Scout Issue'. There were two threepenny issues, both showing the head of Baden-Powell. For

some reason both of these stamps were of the same pattern but one being slightly larger than the other. The 'blue' stamps were printed in sheets of twelve.

There are 19 different Mafeking issues in total but the number of stamps to be collected is increased by rarities including the much sought after Baden-Powell reversed head and stamps produced from a cracked photographic plate.



Cyclist on piece



Reversed Head



Bech. Protectorate



Brit. Bechuanaland

Covers and 'Kaffirgrams'

'Internal mail should, in theory, have had a single blue 3 penny stamp or row of three one penny 'cyclist' stamps, and 'external mail' leaving Mafeking which, in theory, should only have overprinted stamps. Mafeking's inhabitants were very aware that collectors across the world wanted all the stamps and so blue stamps were sometimes used on outgoing mail and overprinted stamps on internal mail. This 'philatelic mail' is often characterised by the use of more stamps than were necessary to cover the cost of postage.

As the first overprinted stamps were issued on April 25th 1900, mail sent before that did not have stamps of any description. Though unstamped covers are rarer than those that have been stamped, they are not of so much interest to philatelists and are therefore less costly today.

The 'cover' will often have the route it took (north or south from Mafeking) written on the front, as a choice of route was allowable but with different costs of posting. The mails often showed censor marks and, if sent to England, black T strikes that indicates they were tax exempt with a red cancel to show the date it arrived.

Items of 'external mail' particularly - deservedly because of the risk to life in carrying them through the Boer lines - are now very prized and a single item can cost several thousand pounds.

Letters. It is somewhat bizarre to discover that envelopes are more prized than their historical contents, even though these have rarely survived. I am fortunate to have one or two original letters, the most interesting being from Captain Panzera, Baden-Powell's Chief of Artillery, to his wife. This describes the construction of the Wolf cannon (named after B-P) that was made in the railway workshops.

General Orders These were produced to be displayed at various points in the town and also published in the Mafeking Siege Slips. Individual copies occasionally come up for sale but the Smith Premier Typewriter Company (on whose machines the originals were typed) produced a quantity of them in facsimile, in their book, 'Souvenir of The Siege of Mafeking' shortly after the end of the Siege.

Banknotes

The Garrison was forced into issuing Siege Notes when Mafeking's citizens and traders began to hoard silver coinage. The low value 1/- 2/- and 3/- denominations were produced in book form as tear off coupons and signed in facsimile by H

Greener, B-P's Army Paymaster. They were all numbered individually and were issued in January and February 1900, showing the month of issue on the top left hand side. The Ten Shilling note was issued in March from a woodcut engraving, using a croquet mallet, of a Baden-Powell drawing showing the Nordenfeldt and Maxim machine-guns. The £1 note, also introduced in March,

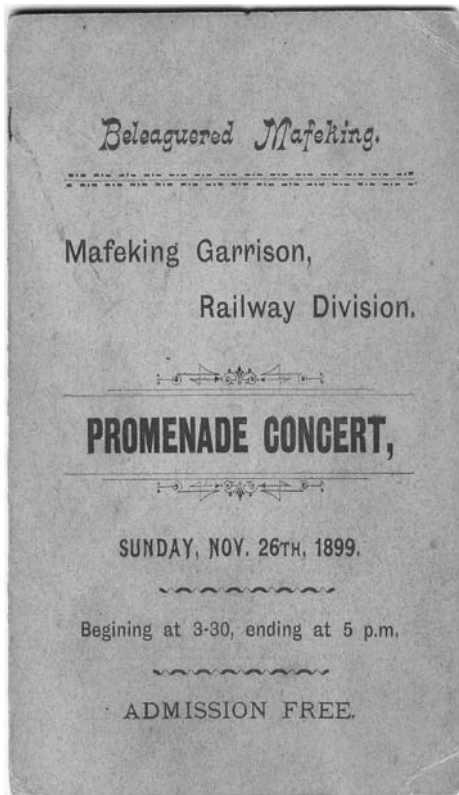


was made from a photograph of a B-P sketch of the 'Wolf' gun manufactured in Mafeking and printed using the ferro-prussiate method, identical to that used for the 'blue stamps'. Each note was then hand-numbered and signed by both Mr Urry, the Manager of the Standard Bank and Captain Greener, Army Paymaster and, as with the other notes, was embossed with the seal of Bechuanaland Protectorate. Six hundred and eighty-three £1 notes were issued. They were highly prized as collectors' pieces and only 59 of them were ever redeemed, making a considerable 'profit' for the Bechuanaland Administration.

All the notes come up for sale at specialist auctions but the three lower values are often to be found on eBay. They sell in 'creased' condition at between £40 to £60, but mint ones are much more. The question to be asked is, which really is of more interest? A note that was carried throughout the siege and used for the purpose it was intended, or a 'mint' one that was bought merely as a collectable item?

Mafeking Seige Slips. About two weeks into the Seige, the town's newspaper, the 'Mafeking Mail' produced their Siege Slips, (Issued Daily, Shells Permitting), on dwindling paper stocks resulting in various print formats, colours and thinness of paper including tissue. The complete run of Siege Slips were reprinted not long after the seige, on the same paper stocks, as a bound edition. Collectors can still find single issues, (recently on eBay at around £10 each) though it is difficult to know whether they were issued during the Seige or have been cut from a bound edition. In good condition bound editions can fetch £900-£1000, however they must be treated with great respect as the 110 year old tissue paper is now extremely brittle and prone to cracking.

For the purposes of my researches I have typed out the entire run of siege slips into a single 'Word' document and having done that published them as a 615 page A4 book, illustrated with over 50 contemporary photographs.



The Sunday Event Programmes

The 'hostilities' were suspended on Sundays as the religiously-minded Boers did not wish to break the commandment. Baden-Powell used this time to promote morale-building 'entertainments' for the Garrison. These must have had entirely the opposite effect on the Boers who were in earshot and telescope sight of the 'festivities'. There was a huge range of events, cricket and polo matches, baby competitions, produce shows and of course Concerts. Ten card programmes are known to exist and they are very interesting as they list the performers/competitors which, in the case of the Sunday Concerts, often included 'Mr Personally Conducted Cook' and 'Signor Paderewski',

the then famous Italian statesman pianist. Both were in fact pseudonyms for Baden-Powell.

It is interesting of course to read the reviews of these concerts in the Siege Slips, particularly how the town's Commandant brought the house down.

Sowen tickets.



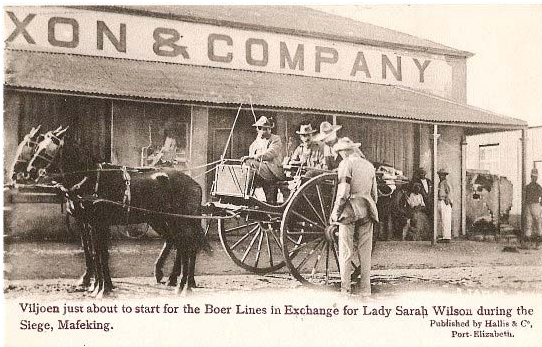
The above illustrations are from items in my collection but are documented in our Chairman John Ineson's definitive work, 'Paper Currency of the Anglo-Boer War 1899-2'. Sowen, as recounted in the Siege Slips, is the name given in the far North East of Scotland to a form of porridge made from husks of the oat plant rather than its seeds. In besieged Mafeking there was a surplus of horse fodder, namely oat husks, as the horses were being shot to provide meat. A Scotsman from Caithness, W. Sims of the Railway Division, was given a £5 bonus for suggesting the oat husks could be made into 'Sowens' for human consumption. The raw husks needed to be boiled for 36 hours before they were edible. Baden-Powell set up five Sowen Kitchens which provided the entire Garrison with ration of a quart of Sowens daily. It is not too fanciful to say that without this issue the besieged, in the later stages of the Siege, would have been at risk of starving. The issue of Sowens was via a ticket from one of 13 different locations, each one having an officer or official in charge named on the ticket. Baden-Powell is accused by his detractors as having allowed the natives in Mafeking to starve. All Natives, other than those being deliberately shepherded into Mafeking by the Boers, in order to break the Siege, were entitled to the ration.

These tickets with similar 'Soup Coupons' are rare, but not impossible to find. One in poor condition sold recently on eBay at £350+.

Photographs/Postcards. Mafeking had only one professional photographer, David Taylor, working during the seige, but several 'gifted amateurs'. Taylor's large 'Souvenir of the Siege of Mafeking', published shortly after the siege, is now very collectable and is worth around £300. Some of his photographs however were produced after the siege both in black and white and tinted colour. These can typically be found at around £20-£30. Siege photographs produced whilst the Siege was on-going are to be found, but of course are very rare.

Mafeking December 7th 1899.

The postcard serves as an example of how postcards / photographs and the first hand evidence of diaries can work together. In the horse-drawn trap the blindfolded spy Petrus Viljoen is about to be exchanged for Lady Sarah Wilson nee Churchill.



Having been sent out of Mafeking with the other Officers' wives, at the start of the siege, after an exciting adventure, she surrendered herself to the Boer Commandant and demanded to be exchanged back into Mafeking. Baden-Powell had no option but to agree. The next day all Mafeking's strategic targets were hit by the Boers' 94 lb Cruesot Siege Gun. Lord Edward Cecil, son of the then Prime Minister Lord Palmerston, and Baden-Powell's Chief of Staff, looks on supervising the exchange. He can be identified by his height but also because he is wearing a black mourning armband. The Boers had kindly sent a message into Mafeking, under white flag on November 24th 1899, to say his mother had died.

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Diaries. The contemporary 'voice' is of course one of the best sources of information available and we are extremely fortunate in that there have been at least a dozen Mafeking Diaries published, some in the year following the siege, but many later. The latest is that of Herbert Greener, (Baden-Powell's Paymaster), published only this year. I am fortunate to own an original unpublished siege diary myself, and several copies of others never before published, so perhaps there is room for more publications yet. These diaries provide the positive facts that Baden-Powell's biographers so most often miss/ choose to ignore. In the 25 plus diaries that I have read, even where there is the odd line of criticism, all the diarists have a strong admiration for Baden-Powell. Each diary of course offers a different perspective, but to mention just a few: Edward Ross Auctioneer, had a role in the design and printing of the Mafeking 'blue stamps'; Ada Cock was a rare voice speaking for the wives of serving soldiers, her editor included photos of the Mafeking Cadets and Sol Plaatje, a Baralong Court Interpreter who later became the first Secretary of the ANC, eloquently chronicled the Siege from the perspective of Native peoples. All the known diaries, and in fact all Mafeking Resources, are recorded on 'The Siege of Mafeking' a sub-website to my main Scouting Milestones pages to be found at www.scouting.milestones.btinternet.co.uk

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The Editor had just passed his 10th Birthday on 11th November so those with mathematical brains can calculate that this year he was 65 - and is retiring from full-time work on 31st December.