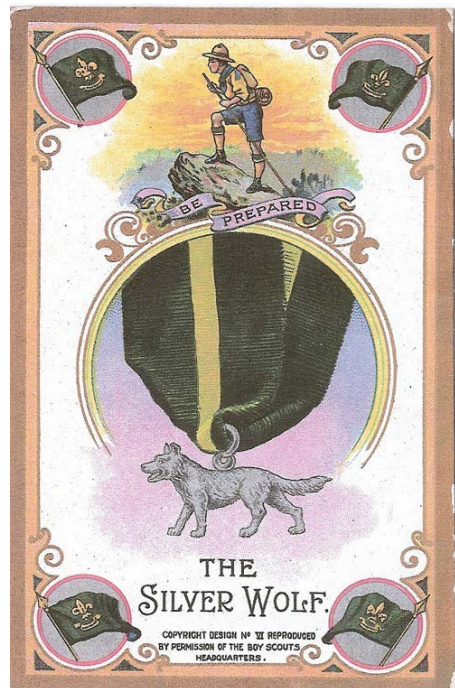


Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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See Chairman's Notes on Page 3 regarding these cards

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Editorial

Welcome to what I hope you find to be another interesting issue. Hopefully this will be with you a bit early this time as I have brought most of my word forward at this time because I am heavily involved, as Producer, of the local Gang Show. For those who are not aware of Gang Shows they are a “Vaudeville” style entertainment performed in a District if County by members of the Scout Movement and often with the Guide Movement alongside.

Gang Show started, as you will have read from Colin Walker’s excellent feature, in 1932 so next year we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary. My own Show, here in Chelmsford, has been running every year since 1958 - so this is our 54th performance. We have a cast of 93 for the Show, assisted by around about 80 other people, back stage and front of house.

If an of you are going to be in the Chelmsford area between 6th and 9th April you would be very welcome to join our audience.

There is a reminder on the back page of this issue regarding the forthcoming AGM and it would be nice to see some additional faces at this fascinating venue. The Accounts for the year are on page 22, unsigned because of timing difficulties, but the fully audited copy will be available at the Meeting.

Could I finish by sending all of our Best Wishes to our members in New Zealand and Japan with the hope of recovery from their disasters.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 14th, July 9th, September 10th and November 12th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

9th April 2011 Lord Amory, H.Q. Training Ship, Docklands.

12.00 - Committee Meeting.

14.00 - Annual General Meeting.

5th November 2011 at Philatex

Committee Meeting:12.45- 13.15; Open Meeting: 13.15 -14.45

Philatex is held at the Royal Horticultural Society Hall, 80 Vincent Square , London SW1P 2PE. This is within easy walking distance of St. James Park Underground Station. Entrance is free and there are all the stands to look at as well.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

I am pleased to see that my article concerning H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught has generated so much interest!

Peter Duck is quite correct regarding the spelling (typo error) and that the Duke was Governor General of Canada, it would seem however that the late Stanley Hunter may have muddied the waters. As stated in my previous article the Duke pictured on the Newfoundland stamp and the picture with B-P at the 1929 World Jamboree are the same man who was a friend and admirer of B-P and held several senior scouting positions. He was the third son of Queen Victoria, born in 1850 and dying in 1942. He had a son (this is where the confusions comes) also named Prince Arthur Duke of Connaught born in 1883 and predeceasing his father, dying in 1938, The biography of the elder Duke in Wikipedia includes mentions of his scouting interests, including opening the 1929 World Jamboree.

With reference to John Charcot, there is another more recent issue, a \$2 New Zealand commemorative from a miniature sheet of four issued in 1990, also to commemorate the World Stamp Exhibition.

I was also interested to read Colin Walker's article in the last Bulletin concerning a letter written by Vere Stent. I possess a cover written to him within Mafeking. He was the war correspondent for Reuters, a news agency still going strong and proving that "embedded reporters" are nothing new!

For the benefit of those members who have mentioned the bear postcard published by Tuck there is an illustration on the front cover, but it is not for sale. The question of rarity and value of specific postcards within sets is a good one and I too would like to hear members' views of any others that are elusive. A prime example would be the set of scouting awards published by Johnson & Sons of Manchester that I feel are the finest set of scouting postcards ever printed - again there is a copy on the front cover. Are any of these "rarer" than others?

Data Protection Act

Just a reminder that your membership details are retained on a computer data base for record purposes. This data base will only be made available to Members of the Committee for communication purposes, such as Bulletin distribution and contact regarding auctions and similar information. If you would prefer not to have your details available in these circumstances please advise us.





Dear Scout collector friends!

We are happy to invite you to the

30th World Scout & Guide Collectors Meeting – 2011

Helsingborg, Sweden.

Wednesday **August 10, 2011**, 09:00 - 16:00.

We hope a lot of you will participate as the meeting is in connection with
the **22nd World Scout Jamboree** held at Rinkaby, Sweden.

The meeting will be held at **Raus Parish hall** in the south part of Helsingborg.
At the same place you'll find **Nordvästra Skånes Scoutmuseiförening**, one of four Scout museums in Sweden.

The street address: Kielergatan 25, S - 252 70 Råå, Sweden (no mail-address).

Example of accommodations: Hostel: www.miatorp.nu

Campsite: www.camping.se

Hiring tables:

100 sw.cr. per table including 1 memory badge.

40 sw.cr. For visitors including 1 memory badge.

Reservations:

Please, let us know if you'd like to reserve a table or just is turning up **before the 1st of June**.

E-mail your reservation to: nvsscoutmuseum@live.se

Find your way to the Museum/collectors meeting: www.nvsscoutmuseum.se

Looking forward to see you there!

Yours in scouting and guiding

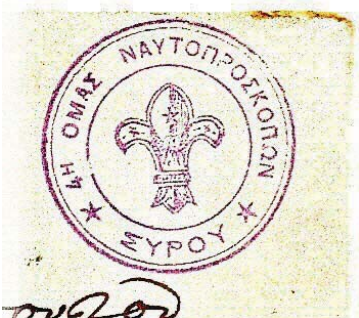
The **Scoutmuseums** in Skåne, Sweden

SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 **Part 6** **by Peter Duck**

As mentioned in my article on the Scout Postal Franchise in Greece which was published in SGSC Bulletin for November/December 2008, Greek Scouting enjoyed the facility of free postage by Royal Decree in 1950. But I have an envelope posted in December 1920 from



3rd Syra Scout Group with scout handstamps on front and back, plus delivery and arrival postmarks, but no stamps.



Later envelopes also carry Scout handstamps and in some cases the stamps are affixed to the reverse side. I believe this method was used to seal the letter. Another envelope from 1920 has a blue handstamp showing a Scout with flag and SOMA



ELLINIDON PROSKOPON 1915 (Greek Boy Scouts 1915). Other covers or cards with handstamps comes from Greek Scouts in Constantinople (1919), Thessaloniki (1922), Syros (1922), Cyclades plus one I can't read!(both from 1929) . The illegible one was still in use in 1954. Also another with different wording from Thessaloniki in 1929.



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After World War II, I have another envelope with unreadable (to me) handstamped Thessaloniki 1947, also others from 16th Scout Group, Athens 1946 and Piraeus 1949.

There is quite a selection of handstamps which were used in the 1950's – from Syros, Aghios Artemiou, Cyclades, Karpathia and Naxos. All the envelopes from these places bear stamps, but in the 1960's there are many without stamps as listed in the aforementioned article.



In 1956 a “Homecoming Camp” of Greek Scouts from Abroad was held in Athens. A special “supplementary” handstamp, in black applied by the Post Office, was printed onto all mail from the Camp.

The 2nd Central American Camporee was held in Guatemala from 6-16 December 1955, and a special rubber stamp was used to publicise the event.



A circular handstamp was used by BOY SCOUTS DE LA SENTINELLE CLUB, PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI on a card posted in July 1927.

Hungary has been very prolific in the use of handstamps by Scouts and it is understood that every Troop had its own stamp which included the date of foundation. These are too numerous to mention, but the earliest one I have is from 4th Troop in Budapest and is dated 1913.



A Boy Scouts' River Expedition “ZASZLONK” took place in July 1913 on the Vah River. A series of nine postcards were issued as well as a circular rubber stamp reading A “ZASZLONK” CSERKESZCSAPATAINAK. The only part of these words which I can understand is CSERKESZ = Scout.



A straight line handstamp was used at the Scout Camp FONYOD BELATELEP in July 1921, and the 10th Anniversary Camp at lake Balaton produced an oval handstamp. Note – many of these handstamps are not printed very clearly, and as my knowledge of Hungarian is more-or-less nil, they are sometimes a little difficult to describe.



The handstamp of No.2 District Headquarters appeared on a postcard from the National Jamboree, Budapest in July 1926. There was also an official photographer at this camp who used two types of handstamps in purple. Another straight



line handstamp in green was used at the Hunyadi Janos Scout Camp at Szigliget in July 1928. An interesting item is a Customs decla-

ration form for a packet sent with the rubber stamp print CSERKESZ-SVOVETSEG (Boy Scouts Office) in Budapest to the Swiss Scout magazine "Allzeit Bereit" in 1930.



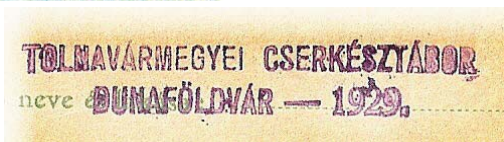
The 10th Congress of the Scouts' Esperanto League took place in Budapest in July 1931. An oval hands-



and the 140th "Pro Patria" onto camp postcards.



tamp was used, as well as a straight line one. Handstamps were used for Scout Camps at Tiszaloil and Fonyod in 1932, Troop printed theirs



Now we come to the big event, the 4th World Jamboree at Godollo in 1933. On the opening day 1st August a special Airmail Service was inaugurated. Mail out of the Camp to Budapest carried a green rubber stamp with aircraft and leaping stag facing right and text CSATLAKOZO LEGIPOST-JARAT GODOLLO-BUDAPEST 1933.VIII.1. Mail into the Jamboree was printed with a similar rubber stamp in yellow but with aircraft and leaping stag facing right and similar wording but BUDAPEST-GODOLLO 1933.VIII.1. These handstamps,



especially the yellow one are always printed very faintly.

Two other handstamps were used daily for the special Airmail flights. The outward flights had a brown handstamp IV.JAMBOREE 1933.VIII.1-16 CSZTLAKOZO LEGIPOSTAJARAT GODOLLO-BUDAPEST with Scout badge. Inward flights carried similar handstamp in blue but without Jamboree dates. On 15 August there were special flights to and from the Jamboree for which the handstamps were printed in red. These usually appear on card signed by the pilots.

A purple oval handstamp for IV VILAGJAMBOREE (World Jamboree) TABORPARANCSSNO SAGA GODOLLO was used on some items, this was in a similar format to many of the Scout Troop stamps. The Scout Engineers' Troop used a special



handstamp at the Jamboree, this reads IV.VILAGJAMBOREE – MUSZAKI TORZCSAPAT-BUDAPEST-GODOLLO. Polish Scouts from Gdansk used a special souvenir handstamp in red – my

copy is extremely faint and hardly legible.



From the final day of the Jamboree I have a large sheet of paper carrying the set of five Jamboree stamps plus three camp labels. Three different rubber stamps were printed onto the sheet, all in purple: straight line JAMBOREE BUDAPEST-GODOLLO 1933 AUGUSZTUS 1-15. Circular IV.VILAGJAMBOREE TABORPARANCSSNOKSAG 1933 BUDAPEST-GODOLLO. Plus a similar worded one in a straight line.

A special handstamp printed in either purple or green was used by the Air Scouts' Post event at Zalaegerszeg on

24 June 1934. The boxed stamp includes the Scout badge and an aeroplane. The

scout Camp at Ezermester in 1936 used a boxed hands-tamp in purple.

Hungarian Scouting was able to survive throughout World War II and in 1941 a special handstamp was used at the Scout Chalet in the Carpathian Mountains. My postcard shows a picture of the Chalet, but the hands-tamp is almost undecipherable. A red handstamp was used at the "Saint Gotthard" Scout camp in 1942. The text reads CISZTERCI



CSERKESZAPATOK III BELA KIRALY NAGYATABORA SZENTGOTTHARD 1942 with Scout and Cross emblems. Also in 1942, a straight line hands-tamp of 221st "anonymus" Scout Troop for their camp at Kemend.

The final examples of Scout Troop handstamps in my collection are from 1947 and Scouting was banned by the Communists in May 1948.

Part 7 to follow shortly.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All Annual subscriptions are now due on 1st April and should be sent to **Membership Secretary: Tim Reed** at 10, Falconwood Close, Fordingbridge, Hampshire SP6 1TB (Tel: 01425-650961) e-mail:- tim.p.reed@btinternet.com

Subscriptions are unchanged, as follows

	1 YEAR	5 YEARS
United Kingdom individuals and Sections	£10.00	£50.00
Juniors (under 16)	£5.00	Not available
All World Surface & Europe Airmail	£13.00	£65.00
All World Surface (Juniors)	£6.50	Not available
All World Airmail (except Europe)	£18.00	£90.00

If for any reason you decide not to renew, please write to advise us of the reason so that we can consider the situation for the future.

THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

For some time now the Committee have watched, with some trepidation, the slow decline in our Membership numbers. This is the inevitable result of an aging membership, coupled with the almost total lack of new young people joining in their places. It was intended to initiate a discussion on this subject later in the year but this has been brought forward as the result of a most interesting letter having been received from our long standing member, John Bromige.

The letter is published here in full in the hope that it will stimulate discussion,

“Following on from our telephone conversation perhaps one aspect of falling membership numbers may be the question of where do I buy my material, other than from Club Auctions, Bob Lee or Healey & Wise. I appreciate that the Internet can help but maybe not many of the older generation (a recent survey said that 60% of over 60’s generation do not have access).

I list a few suggestions to help these members and also others:-

- 1) Could other clubs in Europe who have club auctions forward a catalogue to you [The Editor], (preferably in English). Our club members could then contact you for a photo copy (small fee for club funds). I believe that Bob has had unsold material from the German club auctions in our auctions).
- 2) Advertisements (club funds) from traders (world wide in English?) listing items (rarer) they have for sale. Healey & Wise used to advertise in the Bulletin.
- 3) Club members (like John Ineson) who have surplus material (for sale / exchange) could offer it in the Bulletin, giving club members first refusal before it is offered on E-Bay.
- 4) Auction houses with Scout (Guide) material to send you a catalogue for distribution to our members as in point 1.
- 5) Could John Hoggarth advertise more items he has in our Bulletin before placing them on E-Bay.
- 6) Could club members (Home / abroad) with good collections ask auction houses (if they are selling) or Executors (if they die) to notify the club of upcoming sales so that club members could bid.

I hope these few ideas may be of some help to you.”

Well, that’s an interesting start to the discussion on this subject and I would welcome any general comments on John’s suggestions as well as any suggestions

that any of you may have to help us address this situation, which is not only affecting our own club but seems to be a problem for many other well established organisations.

It seems to me that the first problem to be addressed is the apparent loss of interest in the field of “collecting” amongst the younger generation. There are some patches of interest, such as Trading Cards, but even interest in Scout/Guide badges seems to be at an all time low. How can we stimulate some interest.

It is a measure of the problem that we held EuroScout 2010 last year and, although we didn’t actually count numbers it is certain that less than 400 people attended over the three days and, of these, less than 20 were under the age of 16.

Having spoken to some of these youngsters it seems that, whilst they enjoy being members of the Scout Movement they have not developed a desire to collect anything involved. Subsequent to the Exhibition two of our local boys who attended have spoken to me on the subject of collecting Scout Stamps but they seemed to be daunted by the practicalities of getting and storing the material when compared with bundling some badges in their pocket , swapping them at an event and keeping them in a tin at home.

There are two aspects to this decline in interest:-

1. If we don’t do something to address the situation our own club and other similar organisations will eventually fade away with the final surviving last two members having a goodbye party on what ever funds are left.

2. If there are no new generation members coming forward what becomes of the value of the collection that we have each built up. I know that at heart we all collect because we enjoy the subject and don’t really consider the final value - but there must be a thought somewhere regarding its ultimate disposal and if the value is deemed to be nil because nobody is interested in them then that presents a problem.

Would it help if in future Bulletins we included some type of “report” regarding the stamp situation which you could then pass to your District / County / National officials for publication in any regular Newsletters which are issued? If there was interest then, on request, I could send electronic copies of the “Report” to the appropriate editors to save them the effort of re-typing everything.

Please let me know what, if anything, has been tried in your area and how successful it was, so that we can think carefully about the situation.

If nothing has been tried then put pen to paper or fingers to keys and let me know what you think might work - please!!!!

Terry Simister

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 90p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.35.

STAMPS FROM STOCK (older issues might be mounted mint, but unmounted supplied where possible)

	MINT	USED
HUN07 HUNGARY 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa 4 in miniature sheet	5.65	5.65
EIR07 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	1.50	-
LIT07 LITHUANIA 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	1.45	1.45
AZO07 PORTUGAL AZORES 2007 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.70	0.70
AZO07S PORTUGAL AZORES 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa MS	1.50	-
GER07 GERMANY 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (1)	0.70	0.70
GHA07 GHANA 2007 21 st World Jamboree 3 in sheetlet	4.85	4.85
GHA07S GHANA 2007 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.75	-
MON07 MONTSERRAT 2007 Centenary of Scouting 6 in sheetlet	4.85	4.85
MON07S MONTSERRAT 2007 21 st World Jamboree MS	2.55	-
NOR07 NORWAY 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	2.65	2.65
ALA07 ALAND 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (1)	-	1.20
MAR07 MARSHALL ISLANDS 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4)	2.25	-
BEL07 BELARUS 2007 Centenary of Scouting / Europa (2)	2.00	-
BEL07B BELARUS 2007 above issue in booklet of 7 stamps + Baden-Powell label	8.00	-
CAG07 CANOUAN St. VINCENT GRENADINES 2007 21 st W. J. sheetlet of 21	9.80	-
ET00 EAST TIMOR 2000 Dogs + Scout & Rotary emblems – block of 6 different	2.00	-
SYR58 SYRIA 1958 3rd Pan Arab Jamboree (2)	2.50	-
PAK58 PAKISTAN 1958 2 nd National Jamboree overprints (2)	0.35	0.20
NZ59 NEW ZEALAND 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree (1)	0.20	0.10
INA59 INDONESIA 1959 10 th World Jamboree (6)	0.75	-
PHL59 PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree (5) 6c & 25c only used	2.25	0.45
PHL59A PHILIPPINES 1959 10 th World Jamboree 2 x se-tenant	0.60	-
VTN59 VIETNAM 1959 National Jamboree (4)	7.00	-
USA60 U.S.A. 1960 50 th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America (1) (FDC @ £0.60)	0.12	0.10
CAZ60 CANAL ZONE 1960 50 th Anny Boy Scouts of America (1) (FDC @ £0.75)	0.30	-
CAN60 CANADA 1960 50 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (1)	0.15	0.10
GRE60 GREECE 1960 50 Years of Scouting (8)	1.90	1.60
IRN60 IRAN 1960 National Jamboree (2)	0.50	0.30
BRZ60 BRAZIL 1960 50 Years of Scouting (1)	0.10	0.10
AUS60 AUSTRALIA 1960 50 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (1)	0.20	0.12
DK60 DENMARK 1960 Commemorating Queen Ingrid's Girl Guiding Service (1)	0.50	0.35
PAK60 PAKISTAN 1960 3 rd National Jamboree (1)	0.40	0.15
<u>LABELS Etc</u>		
DK92L DENMARK 1992 KFUK Guides Camp "Gron Lejr'92" self adhesive label	0.20	
FRA-B FRANCE Baden-Powell Collectors' Club KIM strip of 3 labels	0.20	
FRA-C FRANCE 1978 8 page leaflet for Scout Philatelic Exbn Douai – label on front	0.30	
IRE77M IRELAND 1977 Jamborora Camp car window sticker	0.15	
LAT72L LATVIA 1972 50 th Anniversary Latvian Girl Guides labels in 2 languages (2)	0.30	
PAK 73L PAKISTAN 1973 Silver Jubilee Jamboree label	0.12	
SWE55L SWEDEN 1955 labels for Dyrsten, Gotland & Ostkust Camps (3)	0.45	
SWZ63L SWITZERLAND 1963 50 th Anniversary of Swiss Scouting label (1)	0.15	

The following is reprinted from a BBC report early in December when the UK was experiencing some of the worst weather ever recorded.

Scouts' post service battles the winter weather

Local Scouts are battling the winter conditions to deliver Christmas cards.

Groups across the region are taking part in the annual Scout Post service.

The service started in the late 1980s and is designed to raise funds for Scout troops.

One of the local schemes is run in the Driffield area. They serve a host of small villages across the Yorkshire Wolds.

The service runs between 25 November and 1 January and a stamp costs 20p. Last year they delivered about 20,000 cards.



The Scout Post has been running since the late 1980s

Local shops act as a drop off point for the mail. It is then collected and delivered to homes in towns and villages across the Yorkshire Wolds.

The Driffield scheme has been running since 1987 and has a network of about 90 volunteers. As well as the teenage scouts many of the volunteers are retired; with some in their eighties.

Chairman of the Driffield and District Scouts Phil Rounce helps run the scheme. He said it is the biggest fundraiser for local scout troops.

Like the Royal Mail, the Scout Post has been struggling with the bad weather. According to Mr Rounce the continuing cold-snap has hampered deliveries:

"We can get the post to our main distributors. We have a network of distributors and deliverers. But, we're not encouraging the deliverers to go out yet until the paths improve. Unless they know their area's safe."

Any other reports of Scout delivery services would be very welcome.

WALTER GROB AWARD

To honour and in memory of the late Walter Grob of Switzerland, a great collector and pioneer of Scout philately, an award has been established.

His family is prepared to make a prize of 500 ChF (Swiss francs) every second year. It will be presented at each EuroScout Exhibition, beginning with EuroScout 2012 at Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Germany.

An IFSCO team comprising former IFSCO Presidents present at the EuroScout Exhibitions will select one of the displays on show at EuroScout and will decide what display will be awarded, the sponsor, if present, will hand over the award, otherwise will be informed accordingly.

The criteria for receiving this award are:

1. Only “first time” displays are eligible, i.e. it should not have taken part in a former competition.
2. Not the value of the items on show, but the development of the theme is the main criteria.
3. The FIP regulations for the “Open Class” shall be applied.
4. This competition is open to all collectors worldwide.

The “Walter Grob Award” is meant to promote Scout Philately and to encourage collectors to create a display.

Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Open Class Exhibits

Article 1: Competitive Exhibitions

In accordance with Article 1.4 of the General Regulations of the FIP for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits (REV), these Special Regulations have been developed to apply to the Open Class exhibits

Article 2: Competitive Exhibits

An Open Class exhibit develops a subject according to the collector, giving him total freedom to arrange it with the only limits of:

- 2.1 the philatelic Material will cover 50% approximately of the extent of the exhibits (display)
- 2.2 The non-philatelic material will be no thicker than 5mm to fit into the standard exhibition frames.

Article 3: Judging of Exhibits

- 3.1 Open Class exhibits will be judged by suitable jurors appointed by the presidium of the Exhibition Jury.

3.2 The following criteria will be considered to reach a more objective evaluation.

Title, Idea and Creativity	20	
Treatment	40	
Plan and Development		20
Research and Knowledge of the Subject		20
Material	25	
Condition and Rarity		15
Intelligent Use and Variety of the Non-Philatelic Material		10
Presentation	15	
Total	100	

Article 4: Awards

The relevant result of the evaluation will be the number of the point reached. The organizers of the exhibition will be free to decide whether they allow: Excellent - Very Good – Good – Fair or Gold – Silver - Bronze

One-Frame-Display (12 – 16 pages)

Possible titles (suggestions):-

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| The Green Scout (environment) | The Scout is physically fit (sport) |
| One God for all Scouts (religion) | Catholic Scouts, Lutheran Scouts.... |
| The political Scout | The flour-de-lie as a sign of peace |
| A (single) World Jamboree, Moot, Conference | Jamboree-on-the Air |
| National camps | Pan-Arabic Jamboree |
| Scout Rallies in Africa Bi.-Pi's marriage | Scout and the art |
| A Scout - ready to help | The Scout philatelist |
| Old Scouts movement | Scout rocket mail |
| Special Scout Mail (balloon. Helicopter, rely) | Sur-charged Scout/Guide stamps |
| Imprinted Scout stamps on cards and covers | International Scout and/or Guide Centers |
| Exile Scouts | |

Or any you can think of.....

Interested?

Please contact the present organizer of the forthcoming EUROSCOUT

International Girl Guide Jamboree, Waurn Ponds.

by E. Stermole ©

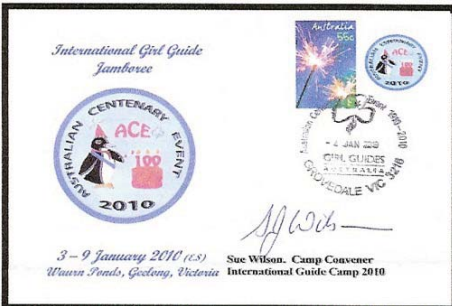
3rd - 9th January, 2010 held at Marcus Oldham College, Waurn Ponds, Victoria. The Post Office is located in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre, near Geelong, 45km from Melbourne attended by 1,200 Guides.



Personalised Stamp



Canceller 40mm

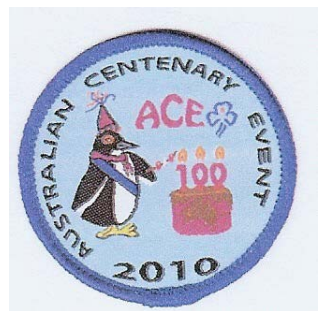


10 only signed by Camp Convenor (60) (ES)

Produced by (ES) (60)

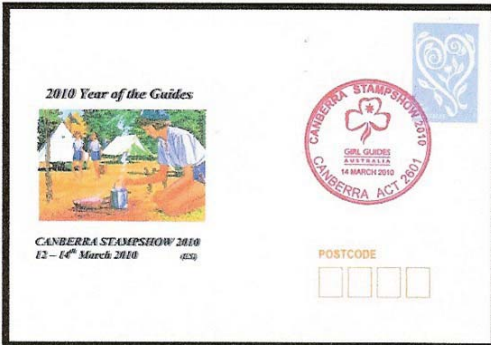


10 only overprinted by (ES)



Jamboree Badge 50mm

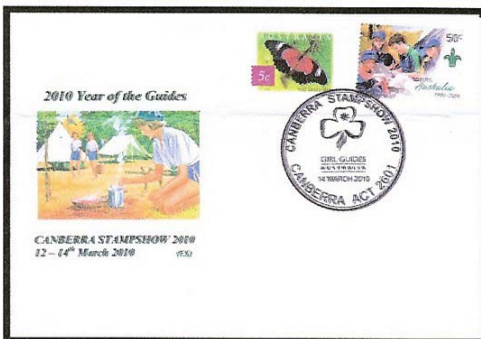
Personalised stamps and Covers produced by E. Stermole.



Canberra Stampshow 2010.
14th March, 2010.
Design from a Post Card:
Camp "Kumanka '67
Redland Bay" Queensland (ES)
Red ink was used at the
Stampshow (55)



(10) overprinted by (ES)
14th March, 2010.
Envelope number 093
Issued in 1985.



Canberra Stampshow 2010.
14th March, 2010.
Black ink was used at the
Canberra Mail Centre.

There seems to be some confusion with the date of the Girl Guide cancel. The Philatelic Bulletin date is 13th March. I requested a date of 13th March and all were dated 14th March. Exhibition closed on 14th March.

Mafeking Postal History, - A personal perspective. Part 2. Forgeries and Cinderellas.

In Part I of this article I established that as early as 1902 collectors were being warned by Stanley Gibbons, that soldiers returning from the war were bringing back forgeries of Mafeking stamps, particularly the easy to reproduce overprinted surcharges. We also looked at why items of Siege Mail are so rare and therefore costly. 'Siege Mail' covers unsurprisingly have also been forged, in a way that has deceived collectors and auction houses a like, as the deception sometimes has nothing to do with the stamp used, which can be completely authentic.

The larger of the two blue stamps bearing the head of Baden-Powell (also discussed in the Part 1) was, produced to match the exact internal letter rate (3d). Including perforations it is nominally 25mm wide, and 27mm tall



(The exact dimensions vary according to where the perforation 'comb' was applied). The circular Mafeking Siege cancel has a diameter of only 25 mm. As the stamps were bought in the town's Post Office and cancelled 'to order', it is not uncommon to find well-centred examples of the cancellation. The 'ring' of letters spelling out 'Mafeking C.G.H.' (Cape of Good Hope) did not then obscure the features of Baden-Powell. So, after the Siege, it was possible to add a stamp with a well-centred cancel to an

old envelope which, with the addition of a small amount of 'restoration' to replace missing parts of the cancel on the cover and with the provision of a name and the single line address 'Mafeking', the value of the item is improved tenfold!

Early forgeries went undetected into collections and so come on to the collectors' market today, usually via an auction. Previously it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for an individual to check that the person named on a Mafeking cover, really existed and was present in the town during the Siege. The '*Mafeking Siege Register*' published in 2007 lists the names, ranks and occupations and records details the day by day doings of the besieged as ascertained from the Medal Roll, Siege diaries, the Mafeking Siege Slips, letters and information from the families involved. Often however just the names themselves are usually enough to detect a forgery. My researches, using illustrated catalogues from past auction sales and scans of covers sent to me for authentication, has resulted in the discovery of several covers addressed to bogus names without any evidence to prove their residence in the besieged town. **There is a high degree of correlation between these covers and the use of a B-P 'large head' stamp with a well-centred**

postmark! Some of these covers have been sold within the last few years through well-known auction houses. Buyer beware.

I am not quite certain as to the exact definition of term ‘Cinderella’, when applied to philatelic material. I use it here to encompass Mafeking Postal History that would be rejected by most serious collectors as not having the glamour (or the value) of ‘Siege Mail’ i.e. covers used internally or being sent out or arriving in the town whilst the siege was ongoing.

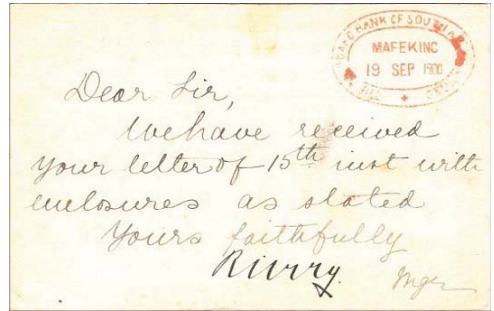
The cover illustrated was sent from Newcastle upon Tyne on May 8th 1900, whilst the Siege was ongoing, to Trooper Armstrong of the Bechuanaland Police. The sender could not have known that Armstrong had died of typhoid in the town just three months earlier. The letter took over four months to arrive, well after the Relief. On arrival the cover had had the word ‘Deceased’ added in red, and was opened – presumably to find the name and address of the sender. It seems likely that it was sent back, with the letter, to the sender. It is interesting to note that it was not only serving soldiers that were allowed the penny rate of postage, as the



two halfpenny stamps on the cover show, mail addressed to HM Forces, from anywhere in the Empire could also be sent for just one penny. Tpr Armstrong, like many soldiers in Mafeking of lowly rank, had obviously volunteered prior to the Siege from a position of some distinction, as the ‘London News’ (South Africa) in their obituary reported, he was ‘a *crack shot*’ and ‘*one of the finest sportsmen in South Africa*’.

The Mafeking Standard Bank was part of a large chain of banks across South Africa. Of British ownership it had a head office in Cape Town and branches in most towns with ‘travelling’ offices’, which visited gold claims etc. The Mafeking branch, with its Manager J Urry, was vital to the economy of the besieged town. Natives and non-British traders were blamed for hoarding silver currency causing a shortage, so in January 1900 the Baden-Powell agreed that his Paymaster, Captain Greener, and the Standard Bank should produce ‘siege notes’ to the value of 1/- 2/- 3/- 10/- and £1 denominations to maintain trade. The photographically produced

£1 note was signed in person by Greener and Urry. The bank also encouraged all citizens and members of the garrison to open accounts to discourage the hoarding



of money. The postcard, with pre-printed stamp, (both sides illustrated) was posted five months after the Siege and shows the Mafeking square cancel that was sometimes used during the siege. The card is signed by Urry.

The cover illustrated, addressed to Mafeking's 'Ober post-meister,' was posted on a train near Strassburg, (then in Germany), as denoted by 'Zug 103', on the



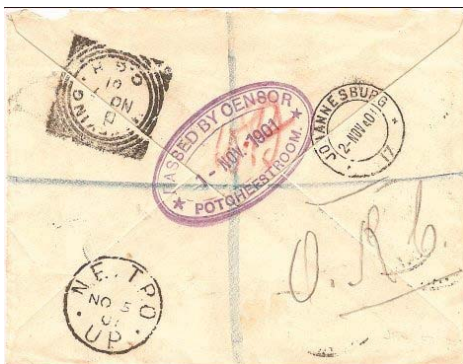
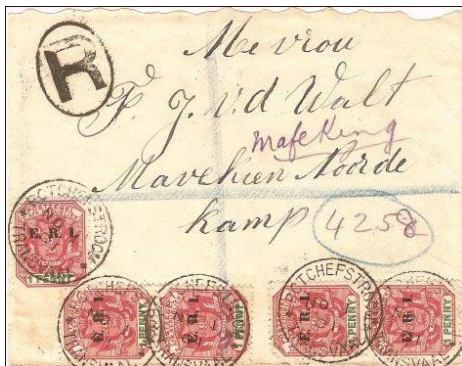
postmark dated 24th April 1900. It too remained undelivered until after the Siege. Whilst its contents are not in my possession, it is almost certain that its sender, Herr Worringer, (his name and address are on the reverse of the cover) was one of many thousands of stamp collectors world-

wide who wanted specimens of the 'Mafeking Siege Stamps' for his collection. His enterprising ruse of writing directly to Mafeking's Post Office was very unlikely to have been successful, as it is known that the entire stock of Mafeking Siege issues were sold out within hours of the Relief columns arriving.

Another cover in my collection evidences a somewhat devious attempt by an English philatelist to gain an interesting piece of Mafeking Postal History. It was sent out from England on March 22nd 1900, addressed to GW Elliot Esq. On its arrival on July 31st the authorities could find no one of that name in the town. (My Seige Register shows no one of that name took part in the Siege.) On its reverse, the cover carries the instruction, '*If undelivered to be opened before returning*'.

Opening the letter of course required an official strike (on the reverse of the cover) to show that it had been officially done. As the sender had ingeniously schemed, the cover was then returned to him with this rare marking.

The Boer War dragged on for a further two years after the Relief of Mafeking. Baden-Powell himself left the town just days later, with members of the Garrison and the Relief Columns, to 'chase up the Boers'. Mafeking though continued to play an interesting role in the War. A Prisoner of War camp was built on the banks of the Limpopo close to the Native Stadt. The registered cover shown, redirected to



the camp, had the Mafeking 'square cancel' applied on arrival on Nov. 7th 1900, but also carries the strike of the NE TPO (North Eastern Travelling Post Office), dated November 5th. As was the practice it also carries a mark to show that it had been opened by the Censor, with his initials in red.

The British Treatment of Boer Prisoners was very controversial as the POW camps, officially described as Concentration Camps, were notorious for their high mortality rates. It was not so much that direct action was taken against the prisoners, but almost equally shockingly, no action at all was taken to provide the prisoners, including women and children, with basic necessities or medical attention, often resulting in terrible epidemics. It was not until the 'interference' of Emily Hobhouse, *'that Bloody women'* as Lord Kitchener called her, that Parliament was shamed into ordering that prisoners be treated with more humanity. Some Boers soldiers were exiled to St Helena, Bermuda, India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka) but, by comparison, they were well-treated. Though somewhat off the theme of Mafeking Postal History, covers and letters from these POW camps are of great interest.

The joy of collecting the 'cinderellas' described above is that they have all been purchased at a fraction of the cost of 'Siege Mail' as conventionally defined, yet like their more expensive counterparts they have an equally valid authentic contribution to make to the story of the Siege and therefore the history of the Scout Movement.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

2009	Expenditure	2010	2009	Income	2010
1,813.50	Bulletin Expenditure	2,284.16	620.66	Annual Subscriptions	295.93
340.00	EuroScout 2010	5,655.34	1,539.80	Five Year Subscriptions	102.00
59.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	135.00	587.40	Auction Income	272.04
71.80	Telephone, Post and Travel	14.37	0.00	Advertisements	0.00
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	63.62	Sales Service	207.01
125.00	Stamp Insurance	95.00	1.05	Donations	54.05
51.95	Printing and Stationery	78.70	0.00	Postage	39.20
14.00	British Thematic Association	17.00	0.00	EuroScout 2010	5,177.85
0.00	Auction Catalogue	33.00	3.13	Interest	2.13
120.78	Web Site	149.97			
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00			
2,596.03	Total Expenditure	8,462.54	2,815.66	Total Income	6,150.21
219.63	Excess Income over Expenditure			Excess Expenditure over Income	2,312.33
2,815.66		8,462.54	2,815.66		8,462.54

Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2010

Brought Forward		Carried Forward	
Current Account	988.17	Community (Current) Account	1,334.06
Less Uncleared Cheques		Less Uncleared Cheques	
502	-123.75	520	-30.00
503	-626.70	521	-75.00
504	-58.57	524	-392.60
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High Interest Account	4,465.63	Business Money Manager Account	2,467.76
PayPal Account	1,325.51	PayPal Account	415.71
	5,970.29		
Excess Expenditure over Income	- 2,312.33		
	3,657.96		3,657.96

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £81.60.
2. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.

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T.A. Simister Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Accounts and all vouchers relating thereto, including Bank Balances and other balances, and certify that the Accounts are in order and show the position of the Club as at 31st December, 2010.

Signed

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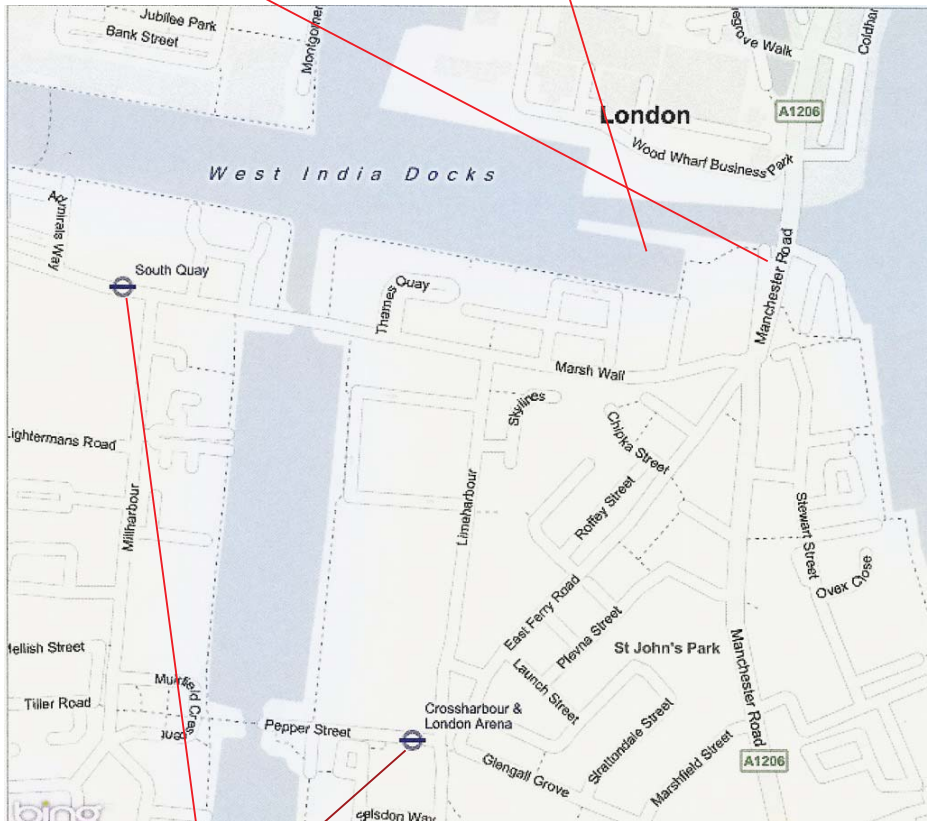
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