

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN

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If only life was still this easy!

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## Editorial

At the present time the UK is basking in what is know as an “Indian Summer” - which is exceptionally hot weather for us totally out of season. My wife and I have spend several days this week visiting seaside resorts or country estates to just walk or sit in the sunshine. This retirement might just catch on!

I was delighted to read that two Scouting exhibits achieved high awards in the Philanippon 2011, FIP exhibition 28 July – 2 August in Yokohama, Japan. The awards were:

Gita Noviandi, Indonesia “One World One Promise – The Scout Movement” 83p vermeil.

Hallvard Slettebø, Norway “World Scouting” 95p large gold.

This is Hallvard’s second large gold at FIP level. The first one was at China 2009.

I am building up a small stock of articles for future use but this does not mean that I don’t want more. Please read what members have written regarding the falling membership and then let me have your suggestions for what we can do to try to arrest the situation.

Terry Simister

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### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

November 12th, January 14th and March 10th.

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

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

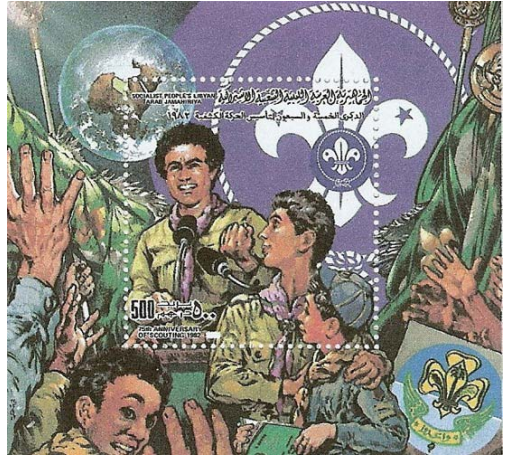
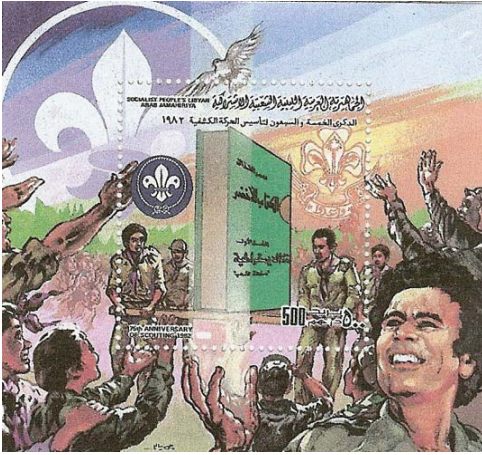
Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

5<sup>th</sup> 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 the stands to look at as well.

As I write freedom fighters are still trying to oust the former regime from Libya and many are or were until the recent troubles involved in Scouting. Libya has produced a large number of Scout and Guide stamps over the years but sadly many of the most recent are a cynical exploitation of the Movement by their then leader Gadaffi using Scouting as a means for self publicity as seen on these two miniature sheets in 1982 for the 75th Anniversary of Scouting.



The question of falling club membership continues to generate much correspondence to our editor with some constructive ideas that the committee will certainly consider, but others sadly have been already tried without success

Like many clubs and societies these days we have become largely a corresponding club with the membership keen to learn about our hobby from the informative articles in the Bulletin and adding to their collections from the sales and club auctions but are not so keen to attend club meetings wherever held.

Our target is to attract new members of all ages and I urge all of you who are active in Scouting or Guiding to help promote the club through your own Group and also through your District Newsletter by sending their editors our membership form to reproduce. I would remind members that the club offers section membership to Colonies, Packs, Troops, Companies, etc. As well as individual membership.

No doubt some of you attended the recent World Scout Jamboree in Sweden and we look forward to hearing about their philatelic arrangements from you.

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Much has appeared on the internet regarding the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree held at Rinkaby near Kristianstad, in Southern Sweden from 27 July – 7 August. My thanks go to our recently joined member Siang Tong Tan (known as ST) from the U.S.A., who kindly sent me three postcards from the Jamboree with the special cancellation. No official postage stamps were issued for the event, although printed labels were available in small quantities. Already Registered covers sent from the camp have appeared on eBay and the two I have recorded made £95.43 (US\$ 151.69, €105)

and £109.78 (US\$ 174.50, € 120). Registered covers into the camp from Switzerland and Denmark made £19.19 (\$30.50, €21.00) and £28.00 (\$44.50, €30.80). I understand that fake Jamboree badges are already appearing on the market and this also applies to the 2010 World Moot held in Kenya in 2010



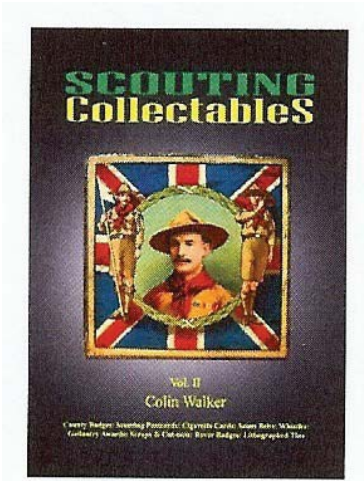
In my notes of Nov/Dec 2007. I wrote about the Victoria Cross Anniversary miniature sheet appearing for sale without the Queens' head or Value, as this included one stamp showing Jack Cornwell V.C. During May, Feldman's Auction of Switzerland offered for sale an imperforate 2006 miniature sheet which they believe to be unique. It was reportedly sent to an overseas subscriber of Royal Mail's new issue service on release, and no other examples have been reported. This lot (No. 31037) was estimated at €5000, but made €7000 (£6365 US\$ 9865).

Recently I visited the British Library in London, and was pleased to view the stamp collection of Poland formed by Mirosław Bojanowicz (1906–1986). He was a former member of the SGSC who settled in England after WWII and became a recognized expert on the stamps of Poland. He frequently served as a judge at international exhibitions and in 1966 was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. The reason for mentioning this is that on display in Frame 2 there is a 1944 Warsaw Uprising Boy Scout Potato cancel in red. This is a very rare item and very few are known as this cancel was only issued for two days.



## Colin's Books

If you enjoy 'Colin's Corner', you will very likely enjoy the books he has written.



Scouting Collectables Vol. II, just published, covers the topics of Scout Postcards, Cigarette and Trade Cards; Scout Belts and Whistles; Gallantry Medals and other Awards; the History of the Rover Scouts through their badges and artefacts and finally, Lithographed Tins with

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## SCOUT HANDSTAMPS UP TO 1957 Part 8 by Peter Duck

Poland obtained its independence as a nation in 1918 following over a century of occupation divided between Austria, Prussia and Russia. There were Polish Scouts at the Boy Scouts Exhibition which took place in Birmingham in 1913, and these Scouts were inspected by Baden-Powell. B-P recognised the Polish flag and their Chief Scout Andrzej Malkowski.

The earliest Scout handstamp I have is on a card posted in March 1918 which reads SKAUTOWY KURS INSTRUKTORSKI (OKREGU KRAKOWSKIEGO) NA KORNATCE POD DOBCZYCAM printed in purple. Unfortunately the stamps have been removed, so it is not possible to ascertain if they were Austrian or (new) Polish adhesives.



The Second National Scout Exhibition took place in Poznan in July 1929 and a circular handstamp in blue reads POCZTA OBOZOWA CHORAGWI LODZKIEJ. II NARODOWY ZLOT HARCERZY W. POZNANIA 12-23-VII-1929. My Polish is very limited, but the important words are HARCERZY (Scout) and NARODOWY (National).

A red circular handstamp “POLSKA ORGANIZACKA SKAUTOWA. OKREG ZAGLEBA” was printed onto a postcard of a horse – very attractive, but no message or date! Also it appears that the words HARCERZY and SKAUT are interchangeable. Scout Troops had their own cachets and I have a couple of Membership cards where all the records and reports are authorised with handstamps.

A purple handstamp from 1931 reads (in Polish) “Camp Command for Boy Scout Leaders in Jablonka Orawskiej”. Another from 1933 reads Z.H.P. CHORAGIEW KRAKOWSKA OBOZ V.KRAKOSKIEJ DRUZYNY 1933 printed in red.

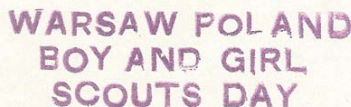
Polish Scouts celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1935 with a Jubilee Camp in the forest at Spala. (Scouting had started in 1910 whilst the country was still under occupation). One of my postcards bears a red handstamp POCZTA ZLOTOWA CHORAGWI KIELECKIEJ which I believe to be some form of Camp Post. Another card carries the cachet of the Czech Contingent – VELITELSTVI CESKOSLOVENSKE VYPRAVY. POLSKO 1935.



The Scouts of Poznan celebrated their Jubilee with a purple boxed handstamp JUBILEUSZOWY ZLOT HARCERSTWA POZNAŃSKIEGO 15 DO 18 MAJA 1937 r.

From 1936 I have a cover mailed at the Great Lakes Exposition,

Cleveland, Ohio with the purple cachet WARSAW POLAND BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS DAY.



The clouds of World War II were approaching and the Scouts HQ in Warsaw sent a leaflet to their counterpart in Berne, Switzerland using their official address handstamp in red. Poland suffered greatly under Nazi occupation from 1939, and Scouting carried on underground. The handstamped postmarks of the Warsaw Uprising in 1944 are well documented elsewhere – I am fortunate enough to own four types of these.

Following the War, the Scout Movement was banned by the Communists and many Scouts escaped to various countries where they were able to enjoy Scouting in freedom. But I have an Easter greetings postcard from 1947 which carries a Scout Troop handstamp. Unfortunately neither postmark or handstamp are clearly legible. An old German Field Post card with three different Scout handstamps in red carries the address of Polish Scouts in BAOR (British Army of Occupation in the Rhineland) at Celle. The card (unstamped) is addressed to a lady in Middlesex, U.K.

The Polish Scouts based in France issued blocks of four publicity labels in 1949. These labels appeared in various colours and are often found in folders which carry Scout handstamps.

Polish Scouts in Exile in Chicago used a rubber stamp to commemorate B-P's Centenary in 1957. The handstamp in blue reads SENTA ROCZNICA URODZIN – LORD BADEN POWELL "ZNICZ" 1857-1957 72 KRAG STH.



Portugal was neutral during World War II and I have an envelope posted to Boy Scouts International Bureau, 38 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1. (the only time I have noted this address). The envelope bears the circular handstamp of JACINTO DOS REIS MONIZ SILVA plus Scout badge ANGRA DO HEROISMO, ACORES. The cover also carries censorship labels from Lisbon and U.K.



The CNE Scouts of Portugal held their 9<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree at Coimbra in 1952 and a square boxed handstamp in blue shows the Camp badge. The 10<sup>th</sup> National National Jamboree at Avintes-Porto produced a similar boxed handstamp.



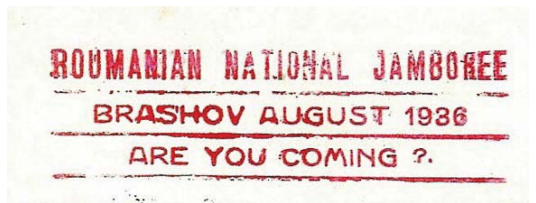
Romania, now back in World Scouting, had a great Scout tradition between the World Wars. As with many other European countries, Troops appear to have had their own handstamps,

and the earliest I have is from a Scout's logbook from the Troop "PASTORUL BUCUR". From the period of the National Jamboree, Sibiu 1932 there is a red oval handstamp showing an eagle with text CERCETASII ROMANIEI (Romanian Scouting).



On the reverse of an envelope from Romanian Scout HQ in Bucharest addressed to Lord Baden-

Powell is the red handstamp in English ROUMANIAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE BRASHOV AUGUST 1936 ARE YOU COMING? The envelope also carries prints of the oval handstamp reported from 1932, but in purple, as well as the circular cachet of their



Chief Scout Commandant. A purple handstamp was also used during the Jamboree reading CERCETASII ROMANIEI 4 JAMBOREE NATIONALA BRASOV 1936 (Note different spelling from BRASHOV above).



In 1937, Romanian Scouting was absorbed into the National youth Movement STRAJA TARI and no further separate Scout activities were permitted. But in 1939, an organisation ASOCIATIA CERCETASILOR DIU RASBUIN (The Association of the Romanian Scouts from the War 1916-1919) was in existence, and I have a handstamped letter plus the envelope with

address cachet posted 18 August 1939.



Scouting began in Russia in 1909, following a visit by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. The Movement was disbanded following the Communist Revolution, and Scout escaped to many countries. The earliest item I have is from Russian Scouts in France with a handstamp in purple printed onto a Membership card in the 1930`s.



Following World War II, many Russians found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps, and not

wanting to return to their (Communist) homeland. In some D.P.Camps, the Russian Scouts organised camp posts and produced their own “stamps” from 1946. These are occasionally found with handstamp “postmarks” and one reads in Russian LAGERNAYA POSHTA, FELDMOCHING (Camp Post, Feldmoching Camp)6.6.50. Another was used at a Philatelic Exhibition in the same Camp on 8.7.50.



↑  
FELDMOCHING

By the following year a “Scout Post” had been organised in New York, U.S.A. for fund-raising purposes. A similar handstamp was used reading (in Russian) CAMP POST, NEW YORK. This postal system certainly continued beyond 1957. At the 7<sup>th</sup> World

Jamboree in Bad Ischl, Austria 1951, the Russian Scouts organised their own postal system using a rubber stamped postmark RUSSIAN BOY SCOUTS MAIL 3-13.8.1951 VII.JAMBOREE.



↑  
NEW YORK



The only cover I have is addressed to the D.P.Camp at Munchen-Feldmoching.

A circular purple handstamp reading RUSSIAN BOY SCOUT(sic) IN GERMANY in English and Russian was used to cancel some of their D.P.Camp “stamps”. Another handstamp in purple was used for CAMP POST, FURSTENWALD (in Russian) with space for a date to be inserted.



FÜRSTENWALD

JAMBORALLY TVL is the simple straight line rubber stamp used on mail from the Transvaal Jamborally, Pretoria, South Africa in 1948.



A circular rubber stamp in purple from Mafeking commemorated fifty years of Scouting. Covers posted at Mafeking carried an incorrect cachet which was dated 22.XI.57. But similar covers posted in Bechuanaland (now Botswana) had the date removed. An envelope from Port Elizabeth carries a green address handstamp of Boy Scouts Association, Cape Midlands Division.

The only Spanish cachet I have is from 1930 before Scouting was banned during the Franco regime – the Movement was resurrected in 1974. The oval handstamp in purple reads LOS EXPLORADORES DE ESPANA CAMPAMENTO DE CASTILLE with Scout badge in the centre.

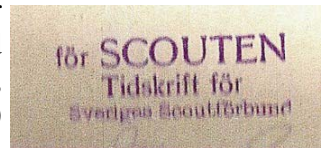


The Scout Council of Sweden comprises five different Organisations, all of which retain their own separate identities within the Movement. The

earliest handstamp is from Lund and reads SCOUT-BASAREN I LUND 19 och 20 April 1912, this is presumably for a fund-raising bazaar.



KFUM(YMCA) Scouts held their Midsummer Camp in 1915, and their purple circular handstamp reads: K.F.U.M. SCOUTERNAS MIDSOMMERCAMP. MELLAN FUREN OCH F.A. but no indication where it took place. Another 1915 cachet in purple reads: For SCOUTEN Tidskrift for Sveriges Scoutforbund (Subscription for SCOUTEN, Swedish Scouting's Magazine)



This also appears on a card from 1927.



KFUM Scouts held their Camp at Siljan in 1926 and the rubber stamp cachet shows the KFUM emblem, crossed arrows plus SILJAN 1926. Danish Scouts celebrated their Jubilee in 1927, and their Camp was held in Stockholm. A red handstamp was printed: DET DANSKE SPEJDERKORPS



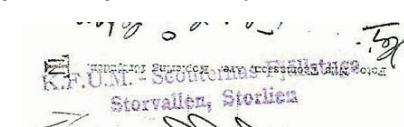
JUBILAEUMSLEJREN STOCKHOLM 1927. KFUM Scouts held their National Camp in 1930, and a purple handstamp showing Camp badge recorded the event.

An envelope from 1931 carries a circular cachet from SODRA VI KYRKLIGA SCOUTKAR with badge in centre (A local Troop, I believe). A circular handstamp from IOGT Scouts Stockholm was printed onto a postcard showing a Scout camp, but it is incomplete and hidden by the postmark.



1933 saw the IOGT Scouts National Camp at which a purple circular handstamp was used, reading: I.O.G.T.SCOUTERNAS RIKSLAGER OSTERSUND 9.16-7-1933.

In 1936 a Camp was held at Timraro and the blue handstamp shows two Scouts shaking hands (right-handed!) and dates 27 juni – 5 juli. My envelope was posted in Stockholm 1.7.36 which gives me the year. A similar handstamp used in 1938 gives the dates of 28 juni – 5 juli of that year. Also in 1938 a purple straight



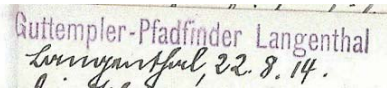
line handstamp was used: K.F.U.M. – SCOUTERNAS FJALLSTUGA STORVALLEN, STORLIEN. This was also used in 1941, so presumably was a permanent item. A similar handstamp from K.F.U.M.s OSTRAS SCOUTDISTRICT, BORGHOLMSLAGRET was used in 1942.

Following World War II there were a great number of Scout Camps in Sweden, and although many of them had special postmarks, I cannot record any handstamps. An envelope from Scout HQ in Stockholm in 1954 carries a circular cachet in purple: SVENSKA SCOUTRADET plus Scout badge.



Switzerland has been a great producer of Scout handstamps, and the earliest ones depict their first Scout badges which showed a crossbow superimposed on the Swiss Cross with motto ALLZEIT BEREIT or TOUJOURS PRET. The earliest dated I have is from August 1914 with purple

handstamp GUTTEMPLET-PFADFINDER LANGENTHAL on a postcard of a camp scene. A card posted in Geneva in 1917 shows the handstamp ECLAIREURS SUISSES COMITE



CENTRAL.



From 1918 there are handstamps from ECLAIREURS SUISSES TROUPE d'YVERDON (in green) and FERIEFLAGER PFADFINDERHUTTE GULDENTHAL. Many similar handstamps were used by Troops and Districts, so I will only list those I have from special events.

Eclaircurs Suisses  
Troupe d'Yverdon

FERIEFLAGER  
Pfadfinderhutte GULDENTHAL

ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DIE EROFFNUNG UNSERES PFADFINDERHEIMES IN OKTOBER 1924 (in red) reports the opening of the Scout House at St.Gallen. And in the same year – JAMBOREE CANTONAL NEUCHATELOIS, LE LOCLE 1924.

Zur ERINNERUNG  
an die Eröffnung unseres  
PFADFINDERHEIMES  
im Oktober 1924

JAMBOREE CANTONAL  
NEUCHATELOIS, LE LOCLE 1924

Then International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg was opened in 1925 and from that year a boxed handstamp was used reading “Scouts International Chalet” in German, French, English and Italian. Later, separate handstamps in either English, French or German were used.

JAMBOREE CANTONAL  
NEUCHATELOIS, LE LOCLE 1924

Internationales Pfadfinderheim  
Home International d'Eclaireur  
Scouts International Chalet  
Stabile int. de Giovani Esploratori  
KANDERSTEG/SCHWEIZ

Registered mail from the 1<sup>st</sup> National Camp, Berne carried specially handstamped Registration labels

Berne, Schweiz. Pfadfinderlager  
№ 16

reading BERN, SCHWEIZ.PFADFINDERLAGER.

The Scouts of Zurich used a red cachet – ZURCHERISCH – KANTONALE PFADFINDER-LANDESGEMEINE 1929 IN WINTERTHUR at their Cantonal Camp.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Camp took place in Geneva in 1932, and once again handstamped labels were used on Registered mail. These read: GENEVE 2e CAMP NATIONAL DES ECLAIREURS SUISSES.

GENEVE  
2e CAMP NATIONAL  
DES ECLAIREURS SUISSES  
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A purple handstamp SOMMERLAGER 1935 S T . A N T O N I N , Grb.PFADFINDERABT.ADLER, AARAU commemorated the Adler Scout Troop's Summer Camp.

SOMMERLAGER 1935  
ST. ANTONIEN. Grb.  
PFADFINDERABT. ADLER, AARAU



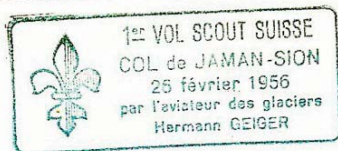
The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Swiss Scouting was celebrated in June 1937. Unfortunately, the rubber stamp produced is printed onto a celebratory label and is almost illegible.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Camp of Swiss Scouting was held in Zurich in 1938. A Mobile Post Office handled the mail and all correspondence was stamped in red ZURICH 3.SCHWEIZ.PFADFINDER BUNDESLAGER 1938.

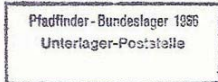


Lugano was the site of the 4<sup>th</sup> National Camp and once again the Swiss Post Office used a “supplementary postmark” in red, reading CAMPO NAZIONALE ESPLORATORI SVIZZERI LUGANO-TREVANO 1948.

In 1956 the First Swiss Scout Glacier Flight occurred as publicity for their forthcoming 5<sup>th</sup> National Camp. A green boxed handstamp was used reading: “1er VOL SCOUT SUISSE. COL DE JAMAN-SION 26 fevrier 1956 par l’aviateur des glaciers HERMANN GEIGER”



At the 5<sup>th</sup> National Camp, a regular postmark was used, but there were sub-camp cachets from SOUS-CAMP



M E C A N I Q U E ,  
 UNTERLAGER 367,  
 UNTERLAGER 366  
 SPIEL UND SPORT  
 and UNTERLAGER-

POSTSTELLE.

Baden-Powell’s Centenary was commemorated with a green or purple boxed handstamp: 1857 1957 100e ANNIVERSAIRE BP 22 FEVRIER RASSEMBLEMENT REGIONAL PLACE DU CHATEAU LAUSANNE 22.2.57.



On the reverse of an envelope from Syrian Scout HQ posted in 1950 is the print of their badge with text in Arabic.

*Peter’s article will continue in a future Bulletin*

## THE PROBLEM OF FALLING MEMBERSHIP

This subject is still attracting a lot of correspondence which would indicate that members are interested in it as a subject for the future of the Club. I am starting by finishing John Bromige's letter and then moving on to some of the others which have now arrived. As before, most of the shorter ones have been included in full but I'm afraid that the longer ones have had to suffer a bit of editing to allow sufficient space.

Anyway, here we go again:-

### Point 3 - General Public

1. Do any London members (families, friends) have media connections? I believe the present (?) Chief Scout worked in the media (T.V.). Does anyone know him personally - contact him, tell him about our Club. T.V., Radio have more programmes with Scouting connections, so they are not anti-Movement. (B.P.'s life, Jamborees, Gang Shows (London), Camping, etc.) Contacting the right people how about a T.V. Series on collecting. Dan Snow for example has done a series on famous battles (limited interest) so audience numbers are not the be all and end all.

Possible themes - (1) Art Collecting for the Amateur; (2) Coin Collecting; (3) The story of the Postcard; (4) Scouting Memorabilia; (5) Brass Rubbings; etc. Again take an imaginary scenario. Husband / Wife. "Mary, remember that collectors' programme on the TV the other night? The one that showed that postcard posted from the Titanic - worth a fortune. I was thinking what about those old Scout postcards in the attic, the ones Granddad left me. Said he had them from his brother (in Scouting 1910-1935). They might be worth a bob or two? (Potential new collector - seller - either way our club benefits.) In our modern society the prospect of free money has a wonderful effect, witness reactions on the Antiques Roadshow. The important thing however is that interest is revived in a long forgotten hobby.

*NB What about a production of "Great Oaks" (R. Reader) - The Story of a Scouter, like Mr. Chips - The Story of a Public Schoolmaster. Several films and shown on TV more than once. It (Great Oaks) like Mr. Chips and even Gang Shows may be a little dated but does it matter - we love the past. A production may not benefit the club directly but would stir memories (older parents / grandparents - perhaps more Leaders - I understand there is a shortage. The play was / is fully licensed but does / did require permission from H.Q. For non-Scouting performances. As I have said publicity - I don't think Scouting gets enough these days (H.Q. To blame?) I have an Evening Standard (London paper - still exists?) from 1957 - front / back page and more inside on the Jamboree with many pictures (Queen's visit). Did it do the same for Prince William and his visit? I don't know - don't get the Standard up here. There was a small item on the TV. There are thousands (perhaps millions) out there, many ex-Scouts, Guides; some in the highest places in the land (The Queen - ex Guide) who have feelings of goodwill towards the Scouting Movement (Guide) and all some of them need is a little push to become more active. (PUBLICITY again.)*

Regarding the press - many national newspapers publish a weekend magazine covering various topics and interests. What about an article on the Club, collecting, etc. In one of these? Anyone know an Editor? There must be thousands who have / had Movement connections and could be interested.

2. There used to be a B.P.'s room at Buckingham Palace Road, I assume (I hope correctly) that this is now at Gilwell? (New H.Q.) Would H.Q. (International Section) be interested in a Scout / Guide Exhibition (Living Scouting - our story told by our former members (still alive not history) - (Could be permanent / Summer only). Perhaps our Web Master and Club Members with world class collections (not just stamps / covers) could help

here. Display could show stamps, covers, badges, postcards, photographs, cigarette cards, china, uniforms, in fact any items members could provide on loan. (Exhibition could change ever so often so that members do not have to lend their precious material for too long - change of display also attracts more visitors). To my mind such an exhibition (especially supported / advertised by Gilwell) would attract campers / parents in addition to thousands of others who must visit each year. What an advert for Scouting and Gilwell. There could perhaps even be a small charge, say 50p, for Scout funds. I could, for example, provide old Scout and proficiency badges (long out of use), London Gang Show items, a Gilwell book signed by three Camp Chiefs (Belge Wilson, John Thurman, John XXXXXXXX and Chief Scout - Charles Maclean).

There could be a poster at the entrance along the lines "You may not be B.P. Nor may you be able to have as you have just seen, such a varied and priceless collection as his is but as you will see from today's exhibition you can still form a fascinating collection to remind you of your days long gone that you spent in the Scouts / Guides. Contact details are available on request to get you started".

*NB It might be worth reminding H.Q. That via "The Scout" they once sold Scout covers - I have some in my collection.*

I could of course continue but I hope I have given you some ideas to work on? If I were to sum up in one word it would be PUBLICITY (repeated over and over again - apologies to Tony Blair) Think about it, what do the general public remember - things drummed into them or always in front of them. E.g. Mention 1066 - answer Hastings / Conquest; Nelson - Trafalgar / Victory; Lady Thatcher - Falklands / Poll Tax; Baked Beans - "Heinz means beans"; Lucy Owen - Lucy who you say, but she is a TV presenter well known in Wales - point made?

Yours sincerely, John (Bromige)

Dear Terry,

The problem of falling membership,

Maybe history may help, I remember as a boy in the east end of London, when money was not plentiful after the war, All boys collected something be it match box covers, cigarette packets, bus & trolley bus tickets, all costing nothing, all from the street.

How I started to collect stamps I do not remember, but there was a school stamp club and plenty of friends to swap with, I achieved the wolf Cub collectors badge, then the Scout & senior Scout collectors badges. I was collecting Scout stamps long before I even heard of the S.G.S.C., I was buying material from Bob Lee's advert in the Scouting magazine, and by chance hear of the club & joined some 30 years ago.

Since moving to Northern Ireland 19yrs ago, where philately is near none existence compared to London, I had contacted the club secretary many years ago for advertising material, I thought that I could place posters advertising the club at regional event, but I had no reply.

Since 2007 21<sup>st</sup> world jamboree at Hylands Park at which I was on the I.S.T, the clubs presence was very small. I also attended – Punchers Town 2008, Chemboree 2010, Camjam 2011, all international Jamborees and not a sign of the club, I know a pitch may be expensive but there could have been advertising material.

I feel the club over the years has been sitting back on high numbers and not been promoting itself, and now numbers are falling, the committee do a good job, but as most committees, too much falls on too few. The committee needs to get fresh blood whose purpose would be to promote the club – not to those in philatelic circles, but to Scouts & Scouters in general. Posters at district, county, region meetings and Jamborees would be a start, to build up the membership will cost the club money.

I must say the Royal Mail do not help, with at times ten stamps to a set and ten set a year, pre – franked post & labels on parcels, and ever increasing costs.

Maybe like our milk rounds that have gone, times are changing and philately a thing of the past unless you are rich that buys for investments.

Wilf Lewis C.S.L. 1<sup>st</sup> Whitehead Co. Antrim.

Hello Terry,

Adding to the debate, my experiences could be useful in focusing on the problem areas rather than blaming global influences (as with the country's debt!).

I recently re-joined the SGSC, having helped my son with his collector's badge many years ago, ably assisted by Peter Duck, Bob Lee and Melvyn Gallagher (all still going strong).

My first requirement was an up to date listing of S&G stamps, as mine was SSCC dated 1979. I was told that to obtain this I had to join the club, which I duly did, only to be told that a current listing was no longer available! How do beginners start collecting under these circumstances.

Then the bulletin arrives, which could be in a foreign language, for it is totally devoted to the most obscure and specialised aspects of collecting, double Dutch to beginners.

I have experienced the same problem with local philatelic societies. Kenley PS joined with Purley, then Caterham and now Croydon. All of the meetings are of the same specialised subjects and attended by the few specialist collectors, and all bemoan the lack of new members and blame outside influences.

How many members have duplicates stored away that could be bagged up and passed to a local BP group to foster someone's interest, even if only for a collector's badge. Have members approached their local leaders to introduce the subject at a winter meeting.

Then there are the basics. I have some loose leaf album sheets headed "Scout & Guide Stamps". Are these still available? I tried to obtain some stamp hinges and the nearest stockist was 10 miles away. Discussion subjects could include the best way to remove stamps from covers, especially in these days of self adhesives, or which hinges are considered the best and alternative methods of affixing. I am sure members have different ideas for discussion and of use to others.

Trusting that this is constructive.

Eric Clarke.

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There you are, all the letters received so far on the membership subject - although I welcome more if you have the time to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboards. Please don't let this theme dry up - let me know what you think about the whole issue. No real change in the reasons for the decline but everybody so far seems to agree that the main way forward is publicity. John Bromige has put forward a lot of ideas but I do feel that we have tried many of them already and without success. It is difficult to get the Scout Association interested in collecting anything historical when they have already lost interest in the Movement's own history and can't even find the time, space or money to produce a Scouting Museum of some magnitude here in the UK. So how do we generate publicity - let me have your suggestions please.



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I should like to thank Hallvard Slettebo and John Ineson for supplying details of the three Doctors whose names appear on the All India Boy Scouts Jamboree Rocket Despatch cover of 1937 (see Bulletin No.317, page 5). They were:

Dr. Robert Paganini of Zweisimmen, Switzerland.

Dr. Max Kronstein of New York, U.S.A.

Dr. Henry Erdmann Radasch of Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A.

The three Doctors were prominent aerophilatelists of the time, that is collectors of airmails. This they also had in common with Stephen H. Smith (organiser of the Rocket Posts) who was responsible for nearly all rocket mail activities in India in the 1930's.

A postmark to honour Stephen H. Smith was issued on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1992 (1891-1951) which shows shows a Rocket Despatch label in the design.

In my collection I have a letter from the Boy Scouts Association (India) to Smith asking him to “very kindly give a demonstration of Rocket Mails and propaganda by Rocket, at the All India Boy Scouts Jamboree to be held at Delhi in the first week of February” The Association agreed to pay for his passage to and from Calcutta, and to see to his food and stay at the Camp. A hand written addition to the letter states “in any event such cost will not exceed Rs.20/- (twenty Rupees) only.”



## CHINA 1912.

One of the earliest postcards in my collection originates in China. It shows a photographic picture of Boy Scouts in camp, plus their bicycles. The text on the reverse reads SCOUT SERIES No.9 CYCLIST CAMP SCENE. The card was posted at the British Post Office in Shanghai using a King Edward VII 4c stamp of Hong Kong. The card also bears two Chinese postmarks of Shanghai, one with date in Chinese, the other in western style 21 APR 12.

The card which was posted to a Dr. A. Todd-White of Leytonstone, Essex has the message “Just had a visit from General B-P. Great doings. I am writing a copious description of it when time permits” The signature is undecipherable.

Although I have many early Scout postcards, there are none from the “Scout Series” and there is no indication of the printer.

William Hillcourt in his book “Two Lives of a Hero” records: “He (B-P in April 1912) came closer to the real China at Shanghai. After the usual reception and review of British Scouts, he expressed a desire to see the Chinese part of the city. He was told that such a visit was not altogether safe in the present unsettled state of affairs (following the revolution of 1911). Nevertheless he was provided with two guides – a European and a Chinese detective – with whom he walked through the narrow alleys of the old city, stopping from time to time to do a bit of sketching.”

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From Charles Taylor

Terry,

This caught my eye and wallet in the local art centre. Unfortunately it has proved popular and was the last one. Something different to make a talking point.

Regards...Charlie

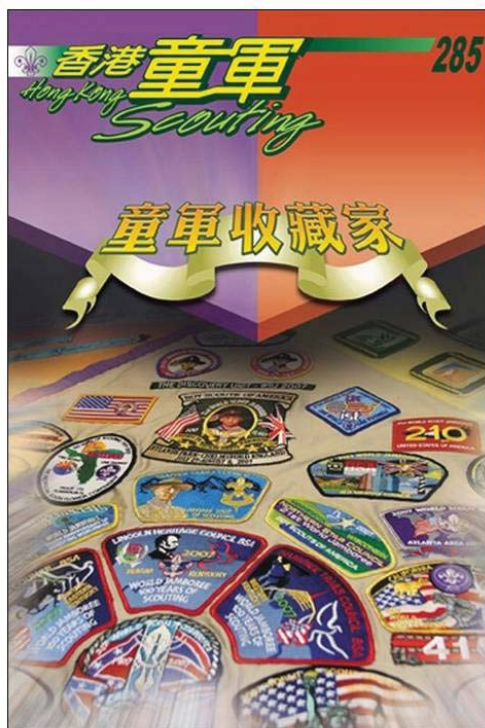


A good idea of what Scout entertainment was all about before the advent of Ralph Reader and the London Gang Shows.

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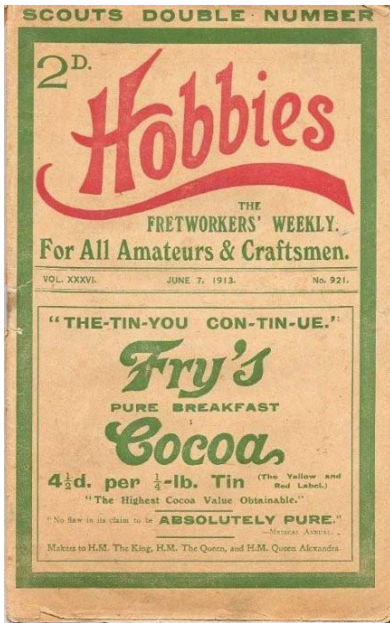
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## A hobby for Scouts?



The recent publication of my book Vol. II of *Scouting Collectables*, brought forth a response to some fretwork items included in the *Scraps and Cut-Out's* Chapter. I was very kindly given a copy of the *Hobbies* magazine of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1913, which was billed as a *Scouts Double Number*, and contained two Scouting designs. As well as the patterns the magazine advertised many other items that could be purchased from the company, such as treadle fret-saw machines on which the elaborate shapes could be cut out.

On reading the publication, it became apparent that here was a piece of ephemera that was well worth collecting, and writing about here as the purpose of this series of articles is to examine the wide range of paper ephemera available to the Scouting

Collector. It links directly with a very neglected area of collecting, Scouting Fretwork. The magazine itself and certainly its paper patterns falls easily into our remit. However there is perhaps a more serious sociological reason for its preservation which perversely is caused in the fact that the Magazine is NOT an official Scouting publication. The publication gives a considerable insight into the way Scouting had permeated youth culture by June 1913, to the extent that manufacturers and publishers were only too happy to latch onto its 'coat-tails', in the confident hope that linking with Scouting's 'keen young men', their sales could only prosper.

Fretwork, a pastime for boys and adults, was popularized by *Hobbies Weekly*, which ran from 1895 to 1968, though the company still exists to this day. The 1914 'Scouts Double Number' contained 29 pages and, in addition, had plans for three fretwork designs, two of which were directly linked to Scouting. Of the 29 pages, nine were devoted to Scouting, as were many of the advertisements. One of the articles concerned itself with the requirements for the Fireman's Badge, with instruction at quite a high level. Of course these Scouting articles were not just to the advantage of the publisher. *Hobbies Weekly* was read by a very wide readership, mainly by boys and adults with

active minds who liked to make things. It seems highly predictable that this 'endorsement' of Scouting will have brought recruits into the movement who previously had had no previous contact with it.

Among the adverts for trek carts, axes, knives, Morse keys etc were some relating to highly innovative products produced by the Hobbies Company. One of which advertised tracking 'irons', Tracking, using 'irons', was a Scouting activity from its earliest days, figuring in the first editions of *Scouting for Boys*. Indeed the use of such 'irons' formed part of the activities on

Brownsea Island at B-P's experimental camp in 1907. B-P had borrowed the idea, as he did much else, from Ernest Thompson Seton (See Scouting Milestones website index). Seton had developed his own 'irons, that strapped onto the boot in much the same way as a period pair or roller or ice skates.

Seton's 'unique selling feature' was that the metal bar or 'slug' with the raised markings of say a deer track, could be substituted with the tracks of a different beast. The 'Hobbies' tracking iron was unique in that no straps were required. The 'iron' could be directly fixed to the heel of the boot by four 'thumb-screws.

Other innovative 'Scouting' products included a very professional looking Heliograph costing £1 5 shillings, *which brings the art of signalling within the reach of every Scout Group.*

For sheer inventiveness however there was nothing to beat the 'Scout's combined Pole and Saw'. This 'essential part of a Scout's equipment' combined a specially adapted Scout staff with a light chainsaw. Normally the 'blade' was contained within a recess cut out along the length of the 'pole', but in use it could be flexed by an extension which braced the chain saw away from the pole. The device could then be used as a saw and was, I imagine, particularly effective in sawing dead boughs from trees above the





normal reach of Scouts on the ground. Its usefulness and safe usage was guaranteed because it had been devised, 'in consultation with experts at Headquarters'.

The main purpose of this edition of the Hobbies Magazine however was to launch two new Scout fretwork designs. Unfortunately I have seen neither piece, and so would be very pleased to receive an image of either the Scout *Be Prepared* Photograph Frame, (illustrated below, is as depicted in the



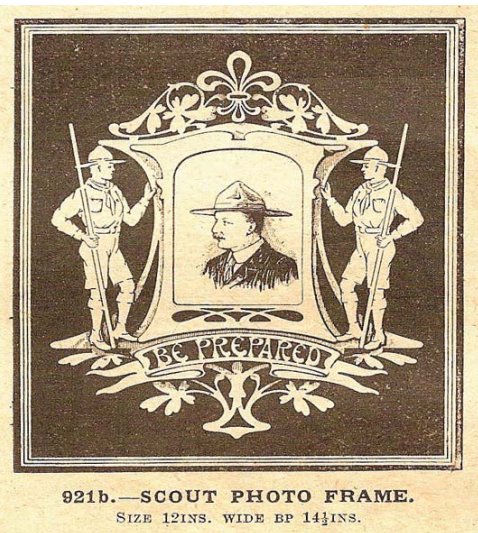
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unappreciated in recent years. Doubtless many examples will have been thrown away, perhaps on the death of the maker. The few I have seen sold have been for £20 or less, the exception however being the elaborate design 'Our Chief' (see next page), which made £160 in a recent (2011) eBay auction.

magazine), or the Scout thermometer holder. Illustrated are similar designs from later issues.

Fretwork generally has become very







I conclude with a 'cut out' of a different kind that was an official souvenir at the 1920 World Jamboree held at Olympia, London. The design followed the 'Red Indian' theme used on the cover images of the Official Jamboree Programme, the Handbook, and one of its poster stamps.

My motivation is entirely selfish. I have only this slightly out of focus image and so would be extremely grateful if any of our members know of an original, from which it might be possible to have a better quality scan.

There is more to say on *Cut Outs*, particularly on the theme of 'Epinals', which will form the



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### Response to query from Kelichiro Noguchi in July / August Bulletin

It's a very nice cover! BUT are you asking about the use (OR REUSE) of old first day cover?

Way back in February 1984 while in Bangkok, Thailand's (my collecting country) main post office, I found out that they were **initialing** or starting EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE (EMS) to the USA that day. Not having any blank envelopes, I brought a first day cover from post office's philatelic service. (Of course, I brought a few years old Boy Scout Anniversary cover which is my topical collection). I addressed it and paid the premium postal fee to send it to my home address.

At that time, the Thai Post Office had two types of FD covers: the cancellation tying the stamp to the envelope OR the cancellation NOT touching the stamp. The later could be used to pay and mail the envelope at any later time. (However for my EMS case, they did not honor postage stamps and insisted on cash and their EMS labeling system for the cover.)

Maybe that is what your correspondent in Mexico did when mailing your purchase. I presume that the stamp on the upper right front is the tied stamp for the original FDC.

T.P. McDermott

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