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Editorial

So here we are in 2012 and I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday period and are now looking forward to the usual challenging new year.

The previous issue of the Bulletin carried details of EuroScout 2012, which is being held in Germany and, of course, everyone is invited to attend this important event.

This is another very full issue and I hope that you will find it to be as interesting as the previous few issues have been. Certainly it has used up most of my store of longer articles and, although I have several "shorts" in stock, it is once again time to ask for you to think about your hobby and put fingers to keyboards, or fingers to typing keys - or even pen to paper and let me have something that you would like to share with the other members.

For myself, I am now in the middle of rehearsals for our Gang Show, which is at the end of April. It's a special year because it is the 80th Anniversary of the very first Show put on by Ralph Reader at The Scala Theatre in London. Those of you who are able should take the opportunity to see one of the shows during 2012

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

March 10th, May 13th, July 15th, September 16th and November 11th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

21st April 2012 at Philatex Annual General Meeting:12.45- 14.45

3rd November 2012 at Philatex Committee 12.45 to 13.15 then open meeting 13.15 to 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. April 2012 may be the last Philatex at this venue so we will keep you advised of changes as they are notified to us.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

When Britain last hosted the Olympic Games in 1948, due to post-war austerity everything was done on a shoestring. Most athletes provided their own kit and sewed on their national badges, no sponsorship deals then!

The Boy Scouts were seen on the film of the modest Opening Ceremony carrying national flags and releasing doves. During the games they helped out with the scoring and with other tasks, sadly those innocent amateur days are long gone, as too has the role of Scouting in the Games to any extent. Sport has always been an important Scouting activity, fulfilling the physical training roles as seen on many Scout and Guide stamps that I have written about before.

The first stamps to picture a Scout was from the Hungarian sports set of 1925, the other stamps illustrating athletics, skiing, ice skating, diving, fencing, football and hurdles, all popular Olympic events today. Later on in 1938 Lithuania issued four stamps for their National Olympiad overprinted to honour both Scouts and Guides.

The set of thirteen sports and youth activities stamps issued by Nicaragua in 1949 were sold to raise funds to build a national stadium, the 2c stamp pictured a Scout and flag. I wonder how much would have been raised if the Royal Mail had sold similar stamps today?



I have just received news that HRH The Duchess of Cambridge is going to volunteer to assist with the training of Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts in Wales, which is splendid news that will provide Scouting with much needed publicity.

I am sure that like the rest of us, HRH will be asked to complete a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check and OH (Occasional Helper) form and complete any training required before she is allowed to work with young people!

Does her new role also mean that the recent stamps depicting her wedding will now be considered as Scout stamps??

I have been following the auctions of Mafeking and Scout material over the last few months and a few items of interest have been offered for sale.



In David Feldman's auction in Switzerland in December, a Cracked Plate Large Head (position 9) Baden Powell 3d with a corner crease had an estimate of €1000. This sold for €1700 (about £1480, US\$ 2260) plus of course the buyers premium. In the same sale they offered a mint dark blue



1d Goodyear stamp imperforate at the top with an estimate of €3000, which sold for double the price at €7000 (about £6085, US\$ 9300). This stamp is one of only three recorded Imperf at top cyclist stamps, two mint and one used. This stamp is also recorded Imperf

at the bottom row of stamps and eight used copies are recorded. As the stamps were printed in rows of four, it seems likely that all but one Imperf have been recorded over the last forty years. The only other item of Scout interest in this sale was the 1956 Egypt Arab Jamboree set of three in Imperf pairs, only 50 pairs are known to exist which made its estimate of €1500 (£1305 USD 1950). The set of three stamps also come imperforated in the miniature sheets, but only as singles.

In November, Grosvenor Auctions offered the 1964 Jamaica 3d and 1/- hand painted watercolours of the proposed designs mounted on card and signed by Archie Alexander and Hugh Williams. These were accepted



and produced for the 6th Inter-American Scout Conference, and sold for £300 (€ 345 US\$ 460). As you probably know,

I follow Scouting items on eBay and was surprised to see that a hand signed postcard of Scout Marr made £150.00 (€170 US\$ 230), but this was the only bid at the opening price. Scout Marr was chosen with Norman Mooney as cabin



boys, to join Sir Ernest Shackleton on his trip to the Antarctic in the ship named the *Quest*. Sadly before the expedition could even begin its work, tragedy struck. Shackleton died of a heart attack in his sleep on the 5th January, 1922, aged just 47, while the ship was moored in South Georgia. Less than a handful of these hand signed cards are known.

This article was originally written as an essay to go into a commemorative book for the Centennial of the Christchurch (NZ) Philatelic Society Inc. and is reproduced here with their permission.

These two youth movements based on the ideas of Lord Robert Baden-Powell are normally seen as a good topic for thematic collectors, but they can also provide fertile ground for more detailed study relating to other aspects of philately. They are also two movements who have seen much of their New Zealand history happen in the Christchurch and Canterbury area and this is where this article will venture.

Administration;

Scouting did not have a formal start date, but was formed by groups of youths reading and following the contents of the book “Scouting for Boys” by Baden-Powell. That applied here in New Zealand as well. Such random take up of the ideas would not have blossomed into the vast movement it is worldwide today if some level of organisation and administration were not added. Here in New Zealand, that administration was taken on by a teacher at the Native School in Tuahiwi, a man who had spent many years in the Army Territorial service and had two stints in South Africa during the Boer War. He was Lieut-Col David Cossgrove.

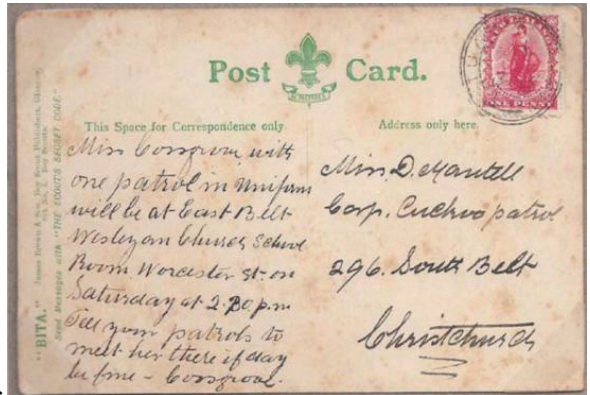
Cossgrove however did not stop with just Scouts, he developed further and created Peace Scouts for girls, Fairy Scouts for younger girls, Bull Pups for younger Scouts, and Empire Sentinels for older Scouts. He also set up a National Council of prominent citizens and ensured a supply of uniforms, books, certificates, and badges were available through mail order. In many cases he created items unique to New Zealand in terms of items available to mail order.

However, in England, there were different developments happening and control of the movement was becoming an issue. For countries that were Dominions in the British Empire, control from Imperial Headquarters in London was expected. Cossgrove however had developed the Dominion Boy Scouts’ and Girl Peace Scouts’ Association which was totally under his control. He originally ran the Association from his home in Tuahiwi (located between Kaiapoi and Rangiora) with an editorial office at 85 Lichfield Street, Christchurch for the production of a monthly publication. Later, after his retirement, Cossgrove moved both house and offices into Christchurch.

On September 9th 1920, Cossgrove passed away and the Association was left in the hands of his son. Pressure was mounting from within New Zealand as well as from England to bring the Association more in line with English developments. In 1923 this happened with the Peace Scouts changing to Girl Guides who were then run from a headquarters in Auckland. In Scouting Bull Pups became Wolf Cubs and Rover Scouts developed in lieu of Empire Sentinels. Scout Headquarters remained, in Christchurch,

having P.O.Box 487 Christchurch as their postal address and being physically located in the Victoria Chambers at 104 Armagh Street. In 1937, after much political manoeuvring to oust the remaining Christchurch based Executive, Scout Headquarters was moved north, to Wellington.

Meanwhile, the Girl Guides also shifted their Headquarters, first to Hastings and then in 1961 back to Christchurch. The Guides had purchased Wharepuni, which was originally built for Cyrus Davie, a provincial surveyor, and adjacent property at 217 Armagh Street for a purpose built Headquarters around the original house which is still in use today.



1909 postcard mailed from Tuahiwi, and signed by Cossgrove, relates to a meeting of Girl Peace Scouts

From a philatelic viewpoint, there are also some interesting items generated by this process of having the Scouts administration of these organisations in Christchurch. Initially we need to look at Tuahiwi. The small settlement had a Native school, but also a Post Office. Cossgrove was both teacher and postmaster. The office had its own postmark and this generates a search for items under Cossgrove's hand with Tuahiwi postmarks. From some items we know of it is apparent that for most of 1909 the Tuahiwi postmarker was incorrectly set to 1906.

Finding used mail from Scout Headquarters in Christchurch for the period up to 1937 is difficult. Letters with printed letterhead are in archives, but any specially marked envelopes are a different story as these were not considered collectable and thrown out, while now they would make an interesting addition to a collection or exhibit.

From Guide Headquarters, a much later period, there are various examples of meter slogans and bulk mail postage permit devices able to be accumulated. These have changed over the years as the Guiding imagery has had a number of changes, and postal regulation has also undergone some change.



Originally, there was a Guide Shop in the Headquarters complex to serve the

Stamp Collector” and the associated advertisement was from Verne & Co of 111 Manchester St, Christchurch.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE KING'S STANDARD AT LATIMER SQUARE ON 15th FEBRUARY, 1919
BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL.

Far left-- SCOUTMASTER R. J. G. COLLINS, Centre-- THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, Right-- COLONEL D. COCHRAN

Two prominent Society members were also active in Scouting.

Left; R.J.G.Collins, a CPS member, pictured in Latimer Square with his Merivale Troop getting the Kings Standard from Lord Liverpool, Governor General. This was the premier award for the most efficient troop of the year for 1919.



Right; Sir Joseph Ward, a CPS member, pictured in 1953

Scout uniform. He was Provincial Commissioner for Canterbury, led the largest contingent of Scouts abroad in 1947 to France, and was Camp Chief of the 1954 Motukarara Jamborette.

Events

There have been countless Scouting and Guiding events held in the city over the slightly more than a century that the Associations have been in existence. There are 5 events, all Scout ones, that have been commemorated with special datestamps and it is these we will look at first, and then a number of other events which have had a philatelic items produced

Canterbury Jamborette, 1954

Held at the Motukarara Racecourse from 5th to 14th January, 1954, this was a camp of 2500 Scouts, mostly from Canterbury, but with representation from throughout New Zealand as well as guests from Australia, Fiji, and Western Samoa. It was organised by Canterbury Area and numbers from outside the province restricted hence it was a Jamborette.



Amongst the facilities in the camp was a temporary Post office that provided full postal, telegraph, and savings bank services. It was manned by 4 staff, all in Scout uniform. The Postmaster was Mr. R. Sinclair, who normally worked in the Money order section in Christchurch and he was assisted by 3 lady Cub Leaders. Opening hours for each of the Jamborette days was from 0830 to 1300 hrs, 1400 to 1730 hrs

and 1900 to 2130 hrs.

The Post Office had two identical circular date stamps which were in from the 6th to the 14th January 1954.

They had the text “Canterbury Jamboreette Motukarara NZ” are distinguishable only by the amount of curve on the J of JAN in the date slug. It is reported that 18,000 “first day covers” were handled but total mail data has not been traced. Registered items were sent out using a blank registration label which was tied with the postmark. All outgoing mail was postmarked in camp. It is not known if incoming mail was backstamp but is thought unlikely.



The Jamboreette organisers produced a special envelope for the event, 168 mm x 92 mm in size with the event logo and text printed in black and red. These form the bulk of the covers handled at “first day covers’ on the 5th January. Also known are a stenciled design produced by the Northland Scouts and a cover similar to the 1953 Health stamp issue that featured Baden-Powell and a Scout around a fire (Jones H53.1GEA & 1GEB) but with modifications for the Jamboreette.

On the incoming side an envelope with the Queens Royal tour seal to the camp Chief and a telegram from the Makogia Leper Colony are known. The latter was handled through the nearby Tai Tapu Post office and is postmarked from there. This was the first time in New Zealand that there was this level of co-operation between the Post Office and Scouting, and the first specific Scouting postmark used here.



5th National Scout Jamboree, 1969

Held at the Canterbury Area’s Scout campsite and training centre “Blue Skies”, located on the outskirts of Kaiapoi, this event was the culmination of the 60th anniversary of Scoutings founding. The Jamboree was held from the 4th to the 10th January 1969 and attended by 6500 including representative from Australia, the Pacific, Japan, and USA.

Full postal, telegraphic, telephone and savings bank services were provided from a sizable L-shaped building transported to the site for the purpose. Facilities were operated from

the 2nd to the 13th January, generally from 0800 to 2000 hrs except on Sunday when 1300 to 1700 were the hours open. On the 2nd and 3rd only Savings bank and phone business were handled and mail process through the local Kaiapoi Post Office. The office had a direct telegraph link to the Christchurch Chief Post office which handled an average of 200 telegrams a day. There was also an automatic telephone exchange installed with 10 lines for extensions throughout camp headquarters and 7 sets of telephone booths around the subcamps. Seven post boxes were also distributed to the subcamps.

Four postal markings were in use;

- A 32 mm diameter commemorative postmark depicting the Scout arrowhead and used only on opening day, 4th January.
- A 29 mm changeable date stamp for use on all mail (except 4th). At least two near identical types were used, the only alteration is the last digit of the dateslug.
- A 29 mm rubber changeable date stamp with "POSB" for use with savings bank transactions, which was also used on registered mail receipts. Four date stamps numbered 1 to 4 were in use.
- A 72 mm x 8 mm rubber name stamp with script "5th National Scout Jamboree"

On the 4th January, approximately 20,000 items of mail were processed, with between



2000 to 3000 items for succeeding days. The highest registered item seen to date is 184.

A number of covers were produced;

- An official cover produced by the Jamboree committee. It is 166 mm x 92 mm in size and depicts a Scout climbing a rope in black on a light blue background. 2500 of these were printed and were sold out by 0845 hrs on the first morning.
- A reprint of the official cover but in dark blue in lieu of black and with the additional text "The Scout Association of New Zealand, Souvenir Cover" (This envelope will obviously not be found with the commemorative postmark)
- A standard 152 mm x 89 mm postal stationery envelope with the Jamboree name stamp across the top, being hastily produced by the Post office staff to satisfy the demand for the commemorative postmark and the official covers being sold out.

- 152 mm x 89 mm and 229 mm x 102 mm envelopes used by Christchurch based organising committee prior to the event with the Jamboree logo to the bottom left corner and text along the bottom edge which were used to satisfy demand for obtaining postmarks.
- A cover produced by an Auckland stamp dealer for the 1966 Scout stamp (Jones C66.1D) with a kiwi over a Scout arrowhead, overprinted in gold and brown
- Two humorous postcards with designs by “Bichan” were part of the souvenirs available for the event

11th New Zealand Jamboree, 1987

Held at the North Canterbury A&P Showground on the outskirts of Rangiora it was the first Jamboree that girls attended as Scouts. It was held from 31st December 1986 to 8th January 1987 and attended by 7601 Scouts and leaders with representation from Australia, Cook islands, Fiji, Finland, Japan, Tonga, USA, and Western Samoa.

A temporary Post Office was located in a sizable temporary building that housed the Trading Post, National Bank, Canterbury Savings Bank, and small displays from the Badgers Club and the NZ Scout & Guide Philatelic Club (NZSGPC). The postmaster was Mr. Manhire and he had a staff of 6, 3 saving Bank tellers, 1 postal teller and 2 supervisory staff. They operated as a sub branch of the Rangiora Post office providing full postal and savings



bank facilities, though some services were only as an agency and the handling of them was done at Rangiora. Hours were from 0800 to 2000 hrs daily apart from Saturday 3rd (0800 to 1600 hrs), Sunday 4th and Friday 9th (0800 hrs to midday). Postal markings in use were;

- A 30 mm x 22 mm oval commemorative postmark dated 31 Dec 1986 and used at the Rangiora Post office (and not the camp Post office)
- “Christchurch Relief” POSB computer type date stamps as counter stamps in the jamboree office, used for savings banks transactions and on registered mail receipts. Number in use not known, but stamps numbered 2,6,11, and 14 are known.
- “Rangiora” single line name stamp used in the Jamboree office for registered mail labels.

Covers produced include;

- A 160 mm x 114 mm envelope with mountains, rivers and camp design by Mr. Bob Edwards of Auckland produced by the NZSGPC and sold in the camp. 2400 used for the postmark and 100 used for registered mail.
- A 94 mm x 88 mm black on yellow adhesive label used on envelopes and a 169 mm x 108 mm black on green card with map of Australia and items of flora and fauna, produced by Troop 3 of the Australian Contingent to the Jamboree.

- Two humorous designs by Mr. Bob Edwards for the Manukau District Contingent from Auckland which were adhesive fixed to envelopes. Cover numbers were 60 of the overloaded Scout design and 30 of the 3 running Scouts and distributed mainly within the contingent concerned.

- A 160 mm x 115 mm envelope with 2 hiking Scouts design by “WG Covers” (Shades Stamp Shop, Christchurch)

16th IFOFSAG General Assembly, 1985

IFOFSAG is the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides and their 16th General Assembly was held in Christchurch at the Student Union complex at the University of Canterbury, Ilam. This was only the second of these assemblies to be held in the southern hemisphere and brought representatives from throughout the world to the city.

There were no special postal facilities at the assembly, but there was a commemorative postmark produced by NZ Post on 4 February 1985. The postmark was in use at the Christchurch Philatelic Sales Centre where 3667 items were handled including 24 registered covers.

A special cover was produced by the Assembly organisers featuring the logo of the event. A Scouting philatelic display was put on featuring material from the National Scout Headquarters collection as well as private collections of Tony Lester and Paul van Herpt.



5th Asia Pacific Rover Moot, 1986

Held at the Riccarton Convention Centre at the Riccarton Racecourse from the 22nd to the 30th March 1986, it was an event to commemorate 50 years since the holding of the first National Rover Moot in New Zealand at the New Brighton Racecourse (now QE2 Park). A Rover Moot is a gathering of Rover Scouts who are a service and social section of Scouting for those aged 18 to 26 (was 31). It was attended by 150 Rovers including representatives from Australia, Canada, Japan and Malaysia.

There were no postal facilities at the Moot itself, but a 26 mm commemorative postmark was produced by NZ Post and in use at the Christchurch Philatelic Sales Centre on 22 March. A total of 1086 items received the commemorative postmark which included 20 registered items.

There were a number of special items produced as follows;

- A 190mm x 92 mm envelope with the Moot logo and text “Official Souvenir Cover” produced by the Moot Organising Committee. In addition to the postmark a boxed hand stamp with text “First Day of Issue, 22 March 1986, Riccarton Park, Christchurch, New Zealand” was added. There were 400 items produced and postmarked.
- The Organising Committee also produced an overprinting on the miniature sheet issue of Princess Diana and Prince Charles. They produced 50 of these and they were mostly distributed within the committee.
- A 3 line rubber stamp of loose letter type with text “5th Asia Pacific NZ Golden Jubilee Rover Scout Moot’ produced by some Auckland collectors for their covers.
- A 160 mm x 113 mm envelope with an enlarged image of the postmark on the left side produced by stamp dealers Stirling & Co. Ltd of Christchurch.



Other events;

There were a number of Canterbury Area Adventure Camps held at Pudding Hill and later at Staveley, for which special covers were produced. They had no special postmark but were postmarked at nearby offices as they were produced for souvenir purposes rather than postal need. The 1988 camp covers were cancelled at Mount Somers, just a month before it was closed as part of the massive closure program of small offices around the country.

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ROMANIA 1935 ACCESSION ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

- A PERSONAL REAPPRAISAL

BY SIMON NANSON

Last year I decided to remount and write up some pages for display purposes. They mainly related E. European countries starting with Romania. When I came to the 1935 issue reference books, check lists and the SOSSI website affirm the depiction of Scouts on all values except that depicting the King. Some refer to the first Girl Guide or Girl Scout and the first Sea Scouts to be depicted on stamps.

I also checked out with interest the article by Peter Duck in SGSC Bulletin Vol. 54 No. 1 and was immediately intrigued by the photo of a member of the Straja Tarii so I decided to research a bit more into this organisation.

It was also known as Strajeria and was created in 1935 by King Carol II. A paramilitary organisation, it was inspired by the Hitler Youth in Germany and the Italian Balilla. Its members were known as 'Strajeri, translated as 'Sentinels' or 'Guardians', who used a form of Roman salute in which the arm is held out straight forward or raised with the palm down. This is admirably illustrated in Peter's article. Members are bound by a 'Credo' which was a statement of four beliefs of a largely nationalist nature.

The uniform worn by male and female Strajeri featured the white beret, white shirt, dark shorts or skirt and neckerchief. As Peter noted, the only badge that appears to have been worn is that of the OETR (Office of Education of Romanian Youth). In addition to this emblem appearing on the relevant stamp issues of 1938, 39 and 40 it also appears on every stamp of the 1935 issue!

It would seem that at least until the National Jamboree held at Brasov in 1936, Romanian Scouts numbering 40,000, were still an autonomous youth organisation maintaining their independence, uniform and character albeit under the umbrella of Straja Tarii.

Returning to the 1935 stamp issue which of course was to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the Accession to the throne of King Charles II, I have come to the following conclusions which contradict much that has been written before:

1. The issue does not depict a Scout Saluting.
2. It does not depict a Girl Guide or Girl Scout.
3. It does not depict Sea Scouts.
4. There are in total three Boy Scouts depicted in Scout uniform.
5. There are four Strajeri, including one girl, depicted in Strajeri uniform.

Comparing the 25 bani value with the photo in Peter's article it is hard to see how anyone can see this youth as a Scout, let alone a Scout saluting! Finally a comparison with the girl depicted on the 10+2 lei value with the photo included of a girl Strajeri can, in my opinion, only lead to one conclusion.



You can see where my write up is heading but I should be interested to hear views of others.

Hello Terry (From John Roberts, Bristol)

I have been a regular reader of 'Picture Postcard Monthly' for many years. Recent issues have discussed the merits of 'postally used' and 'unused' postcards. I sent in my comments and was pleased when my letter was published in the January 2012 issue.

I have permission from the Editor of the magazine to use the letter and acknowledge the source. I am sending an edited version of the letter. Hopefully, it will encourage members to comment on the collecting of Scout and Guide postcards.

Messages make cards more interesting

With reference to the discussion of mint and used postcards I offer some comments.

I collect both used and unused. I really like to read what people have said on the postcards and of course if it can be dated either by the writer or the postmark that that is all the more interesting. Some collectors prefer a 'mint' version of the postcard. Surely, postcards were meant to be sent -- and what a wonderful historical view of days gone by we have.

My main collecting areas are Scout and Guide postcards (and also Bristol area and Norman Rockwell). With the Scout and Guide cards it is great to read comments from the young people (and others) about the wonderful time they are having or not! (Usually it always seemed to rain on camps.)

Sadly, there are not so many modern Scout/Guide postcards about so it is getting more difficult to find them. Perhaps today's Scouts and Guides send text messages and emails!

22nd WORLD JAMBOREE, RINKABY, SWEDEN 26 July – 7 August 2011.

For the first time since the 3rd World Jamboree at Arrowe Park in 1929 a country's Post Office has issued nothing. Stamps were produced for every World Jamboree except U.S.A. 1967 and Australia 1987 when postal stationery items appeared. Even the G.B. Scout stamps of 2007 can just about be regarded as being for the Jamboree.

Ten pre-paid postage labels were issued at a cost of 2 Swedish Kronor each. They were self adhesive in black & white with designs relative to the motto of the Jamboree "Simply Scouting". The labels were only available at the Jamboree site in a fairly limited quantity, so they will never appear in any stamp catalogues.

A special postmark was also used, with changing date from 2011.07.06 to 2011.08.07 from POSTEN KRISTIANSTAD (the nearest major city) plus "22nd World Jamboree Sweden" in English. A few postcards were produced, and I understand

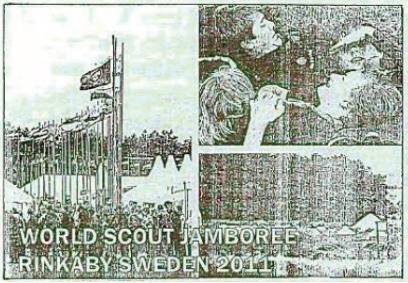
they were also in limited quantities. Noted are Contingent cachets from Japan, U.S.A. (SOSSI), Czech Republic and Switzerland – no doubt there were others.

I am grateful for information supplied in SCOUTPOST



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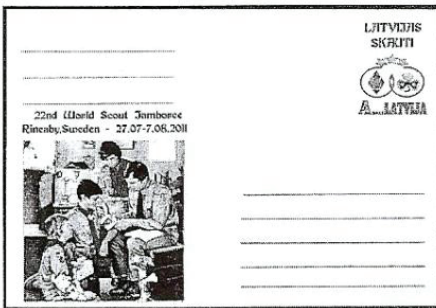
It would appear at this time (early November) that no other countries (or their agencies) have jumped onto the Jamboree philatelic "bandwagon" This is most unusual, although 2010 did see a great number of stamps for 100th Anniversary of boy Scouts of America and Centenary of Girlguiding – perhaps they feel that the market is saturated for the time being?



In the Netherlands there was a personalised stamp showing sailing ships and a Dutch flag rainbow. Three types of envelopes have been noted, all commemorating the Jamboree, but posted within Holland. A series of eight cachet postcards have appeared purporting to come from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine (two from each). All have imprinted “stamps” depicting the National

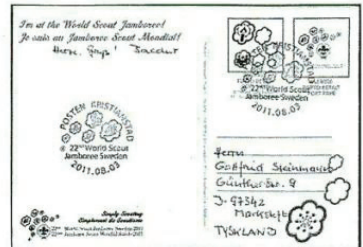


have imprinted “stamps” depicting the National



Scout badges of the respective countries, although the only cards which have been posted also carry normal stamps. The designs of the cachets are all taken from Norman Rockwell (American Scout artist) paintings.

I was horrified when reading “John`s Jottings” in the last Bulletin and noting the prices of items already appearing on eBay. The prices are nearly on a par with items from all the pre-World War Jamborees! So there are collectors out there – but not necessarily philatelists.



And talking about collectors, I should like to quote Colin Walker in the Introduction to his excellent book SCOUTING COLLECTABLES Volume II:

“As I write, there are an estimated 30 million Scouts worldwide, more than the world has ever known, representing all but six countries. Following the success of the 2007 World Jamboree and the present inspirational Chief Scout Bear Grylls, our numbers in the U.K. continue to rise. It would be reasonable then, to think that our Scouting heritage is assured and that there will always be a home for our collections. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be the case. The only U.K. Scouting societies that exist for Scout collectors (are) the Scout and Guide Stamps Club and the International Badgers Club. Both report a steady decline in their membership and are failing to attract younger members. Why should this be?

We can point to the immense range of alternative interests open to our young people. I have also heard it said that the prices for collectables today are too high for would-be collectors, and all manner of other `explanations`. There is, in my opinion, just one overriding reason for this decline. As a body we do not value our heritage sufficiently to take the practical steps required to ensure that it is passed on to future generations.

To create enthusiasts, you have to enthuse! In its 100 year plus long history, the Scout Association, as the custodian of our Scouting heritage, has failed to promote a National Scout Museum. There is no requirement for a modern-day Scout to encounter stories from the life of The Founder, or any aspect of our history. Similarly, the training programme has to requirement for Scouts to have knowledge of what we used to call `our international dimension`.

My travels abroad have shown that our Scouting Heritage is alive and well in many other countries. New Zealand, Belgium and Finland for example, though considerably smaller than U.K., each have excellent museums.

Can we be surprised then that, if we do not project some enthusiasm for our heritage, that our young people are completely `switched off` by it. We have to find a way of demonstrating that our past traditions, as exemplified by the artefacts we collect, are a worthwhile asset in ensuring our future.”

Also I am in agreement with John Ineson`s comments on page 4 of our July/August 2011 Bulletin and his disappointment with Gilwell`s attitude to collectors.

This leads me to our falling membership. In our Bulletin for September/October 1980, when we used to list new members (nowadays we don`t, for security reasons!) there were 66 new members listed. This hasn`t happened before or since – incidentally, one of the new members was Melvyn Gallagher, our current Chairman. Why all these people joined in that two-month period, I am at a loss to say. We were 18 months or so short of the “Year of the Scout” commemorating 75 years of World Scouting. Maybe in anticipation of what was to come during 1982-83 – then the excess of new issues killed off their enthusiasm! Although I was Bulletin Editor at the time, I can`t take any plaudits for its content.

Certainly, during the 20th Century most youngsters collected stamps at some time. This is confirmed by the hundreds of collections being hawked around at local stamp fairs. Often when boys and girls were in Cubs or Brownies, and later Scouts and Guides they would start collecting our theme. When they got fed up with stamps, and 'progressed' to something else – sports or studies, their parents would carry on the collections – and sometimes join our Club. I can recall a number of our members who started in this way. But in the 21st Century, there is little or no interest in philately. The only commemorative stamps most people will ever see are at Christmas-time. And the Royal Mail doesn't help with their excessive production of stamps (for collectors) at the relatively high postage rates prevailing (never 2nd Class except at Christmas). Also their repeated issue of collectors' gimmicks such as miniature sheets, Prestige booklets and "Smilers" sheets for all sorts of occasions. In my opinion, this means that we do not get the younger collectors who would prefer to play with their computers or watch TV, or spend their pocket money elsewhere. So there is beginning to be no background of basic young stamp collectors who might become enthusiastic later on.

Three or four times a year I help the ThematiX team at major stamp shows in London – STAMPEX and PHILATEX, and I can assure members that Thematic collecting is not dead. In fact it seems to be on the increase, especially with such topics as: Wildlife and Transport (both on land, sea and air), Horticultural and Medical subjects, Military, Churchill etc. Occasionally people ask for Scout and Guide items, and often when mentioning our Club, they are unmoved.

It appears that we are no longer a 'joining' society, as recorded by falling membership of many stamp clubs. This is often put down to lack of volunteers to fill the various offices. This problem applies to all sorts of organisations, as most people will have discovered. And why go to a meeting when you can see people's collections and treasures on-line?

As Terry has said, we have tried some of John Bromige's suggestions, others I feel are perhaps too aspirational. Remember that most of the committee are retired 'amateurs'!

Finally, with regard to Dave Clarke's query on the Colombia 'stamp'. I am fairly certain that it is a charity label raising funds for the Boy Scouts de Colombia. Similar 'stamps' are known from other Latin American countries, probably issued in 1940's or 1950's. I can record similar items from Argentina, Brazil, Cuba and Venezuela. Dave's label carries a postmark, so it was undoubtedly on an envelope bearing other postage stamps. A nice item that one finds by chance – so keep hunting!

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AND A BIT MORE ON THE SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP:-

Dear Terry,

I joined the club this year at the age of 73 and have been enjoying the magazine and following the various thoughts on membership. First, you may wonder where on earth I have been all this time, having been involved in Scouting all my life and having collected Scout and Guide stamps for over twenty years. Well, that no doubt says something about me but it might also say something about the profile of the club and its recruitment strategy. However, I write to say that I think you are addressing the wrong problem! How about looking at things from the point of view of "developing" the club, rather than simply increasing membership. Are you a London-centric group or do you have ambitions to have regional and local branches? How would you like things to be in five or ten years time? What would you have to do to get there?

Looking at the magazine, I can identify lots of things that I had expected to find but which, on the basis of the half dozen issues that I have seen, don't seem to feature. Key among these is much more background information on existing and new issues. Currently, I am trying to put together a display. That would be a first for me. How about some accounts of award winning displays- how they were conceived and constructed and how the research was carried out.

Yours In Scouting, Sandy Kerr

Editor - I would very much welcome some comments on these suggestions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Having spent time discussing the continuing fall in Membership it may seem a strange time to be considering Subscriptions but, speaking with my Treasurer's hat on, it has been a long time since we reviewed our financial base. Currently we are in a situation where we are just about covering our costs each year - but this is depending a lot on the income from the Auction which Bob Lee kindly runs for us.

If it were not for this income then, at the current subscription rates, we would run out of money about half way through 2013. The main reasons for this have been the large increases in postage costs and the continuing rise in the cost of printing the Bulletin, despite the fact that we get a lot of help in this respect from my friends at One Stop Scouting Ltd.

The SGSC Committee have decided, with regret, that we must seek a small increase in subscription rates, other than for Juniors, to:-

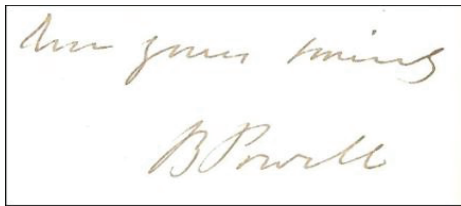
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I hope that you will all be able to support us with these changes.

The Family Connection

The Baden-Powell family is (or should be) of interest to all Scouts and Guides, as their lives great significance in our Scouting History. They too left a trail of books, photographs and ephemera, including items of postal history.

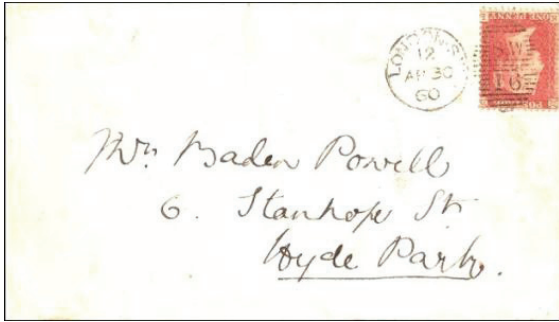
Baden-Powell's father was Rev. Baden (Christian name) Powell, born 1796. He was an ordained minister and Savilian Professor of Geometry at Oxford University. He wrote a large number of books about a wide variety of scientific, philosophical and theological subjects and famously took Charles Darwin's side in the debate concerning 'The Origin of the Species', which became the title of one of the world's most famous books. It is not generally known that Rev. Powell suggested this title to his friend Darwin. Both were members of the Royal Society which incidentally explains why Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was named after the Railway engineer who was also a member and lived just a few doors away from the family near Hyde Park, London.



The above embossed monogram and signature come from a letter bought very reasonably on eBay which, though written Dec 1st 1850 to a scientific colleague, contains the prophetic phrase 'be prepared'. This may indicate that that Powell senior used this idiom as well as other members of the family, especially when you consider the letter is headed with the B P monogram.

The Rev. Powell married his third wife (the previous two had died) Henrietta Grace Smyth on March 18th 1846. She bore the Rev. B Powell's 7th son, as we know, on February 22nd 1857. Unfortunately Rev. B Powell in 1860, died when 'Stephe' was only three.

The cover below was sent to Mrs Powell on April 30th 1860, just a few weeks before her husband died on June 11th. At the time the letter was written he was seriously ill and this may have had bearing on the fact that the stamp was upside down. There was a Victorian 'language of stamps' and an inverted stamp could be taken to mean 'I love you', which seems totally inappropriate, unless perhaps it was sent by one



of Henriatta's children. A more mundane explanation may be that the positioning of the stamp was just an error caused by the stress of a family member on finding out that Rev. Powell was seriously ill. The letter is addressed to Mrs Baden Powell (no hyphen) which would have been the convention in Victorian times i.e. the use of the husband's Christian name in

addressing a lady. Mrs Powell changed the family to Baden-Powell in 1869.

This cover was sent ten years later by no less than the Prime Minister of the day, William Gladstone. The signature on the cover is that of Gladstone. The reverse of the cover has the impressed seal of the Prime Minister's Office. The cover does not require a stamp as it is marked 'PAID, London Official'. We cannot of course know exactly why the PM had written to Mrs B-P, but it is known that she, leaving no stone unturned in trying to better the status and prospects of her fatherless children, had, at this time, been trying to obtain 'clerkships' at the House of Commons for B-P's elder brothers (Jeal p.19).



Baden-Powell sent several letters home to his mother whilst in Mafeking. In fact he wrote to her nearly every day from the time he left school to his getting married, supplementing his letters with beautifully illustrated journals. I have had the privilege of seeing and recording these wonderful artefacts in the BSA archives in Dallas, Texas. The opportunity to send letters from Mafeking using native runners was an irregular occurrence, so their contents were often in diary form. The cover illustrated is the last to be sent out by B-P before the Relief on May 17th 1900. The text included '...we quite enjoy horsemeat and oatbread...' 'Everybody keeping well and cheery now we have got rid of the fever and dysentery the rain brought'. B-P was interrupted at this point by the Boers firing their rifles at the mules and then by shelling, so he completed the second page of his letter under the cover of his verandah, using his typewriter, '...the owls are firing at nothing', and concluded by writing about his friend (later Assistant Scoutmaster on Brownsea) Kenneth McLaren - who having

been wounded and captured by the Boers was allowed to correspond with B-P. B-P's letters to McLaren were discovered only by good fortune and are located now in Scotland but of some of McLaren's replies are in America. I believe I am the only person ever to have read both sides of their correspondence, which do not support Mr Tim Jeal's innuendos!

Baden Baden-Powell

The next communication with B-P's mother was via a telegraph message sent on the day of the Relief, jointly by Stephe and his brother Major Baden Baden-Powell. The message simply reads, "Mafeking Relieved. All well. Stephen and Baden' Stephe's brother Baden, who was two years his junior, had also been to Charterhouse School and as a member of the Scots Guards was involved in the Relief of



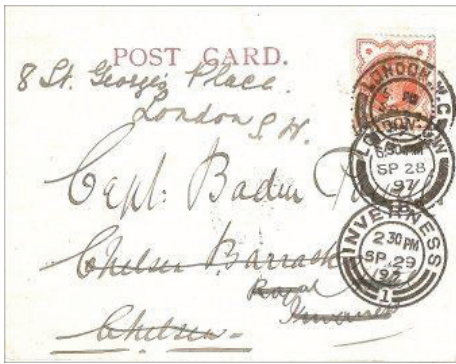
Mafeking, and so was the joint author of the telegraph message. Baden-B-P had a career nearly as illustrious as that of his older brother. He was a pioneer aviator and the president of the Royal Aeronautical Society from 1902 -1909, almost single-handedly rescuing that organisation from extinction (see Scouting Milestones website, *The history of the Air Scouts*). He flew with the Wright Brothers, invented the man-lifting kite, and designed powered aircraft. He advised the Ministry of War that every regiment should have its own planes, as without them St Paul's Cathedral would be ringed by fire dropped by enemy aircraft, a prophecy that came true in both World Wars. Baden was responsible for many other inventions including an improbable gun that fired around corners, and was also the author of *Ballooning as a Sport*, published 1907, which I would very much like to

find.

So which brother is which?

The giveaway of course is the large number of 'orders' that decorated the uniform of Robert Baden-Powell, but otherwise would you have been able tell the difference? The Baden-Powell image is from a Rotary Postcard 77C.





This postcard, addressed Captain Baden-Powell in 1897, received a variety of cancels as it followed him round the country, before eventually being delivered at his family address, 8 St George's Place, London. Note the three different London addresses on the illustrated covers, all near Hyde Park that were leased by the family.

Warrington Baden-Powell

Warrington, born in 1847, was ten years older than B-P and his eldest brother. It was he who sparked B-P's interest in the sea, taking him and his brothers on his 5 ton ketch the 'Diamond'. He went to HMS Conway Sea Training School and, thanks to the wonders of the internet, I now have copies of his training record, which shows him to be clever though 'rather troublesome'. He left Conway in 1865 to serve as a junior officer in the merchant Navy on the India run. By 1876 he was an Admiralty QC! He was considered to be the leading expert in Sailing Canoes, and published several designs. His book *Canoe Travelling: A log of a cruise on the Baltic* published

in 1871, shows the B-P spirit of adventure was family deep. I am fortunate to have a copy of this book, but even more so to have found a silver biscuit barrel presented to

Warrington for winning a (canoe) paddling race on the Thames also in 1871. Warrington is best known for writing *Sea Scouting and Seamanship for Boys* in 1912. He died in 1921 age 74. More details of his life and Scouting collections can be found on the Scouting Milestones website, *The Early History of Sea Scouting*.

George Baden-Powell and Donald

George was born in the same year as Warrington. He became MP for Kirkdale, Liverpool and like his Scouting brother was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and he too was an author. He was made a KCMG in 1888. He died aged 51 in 1898, leaving a one-year-old son, Donald. B-P took naturally took a great interest in his nephew who was his 'adjutant' at the experimental camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. Donald also attended the Humshaugh and Beaulieu camps in 1908, 1909 and the Jubilee Jamboree in 1957. Like



his grandfather he was interested in geology, and followed in his footsteps to become an Oxford don.

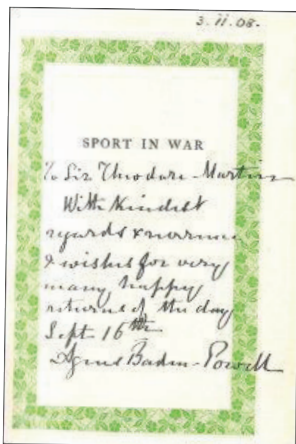


My brief here on Colin’s Corner, is to write about Scouting Ephemera. Rarely have I found anything more ephemeral than this tissue paper napkin celebrating the marriage of Donald to Muriel Duncan in 1924.

Agnes Baden-Powell

Agnes was born in 1858, one year after B-P and was the first President of the Guide Association though never Chief Guide, a title

invented for B-P’s wife Olave in 1918. Agnes is credited with writing the Girl Guide Handbook, which B-P rudely called ‘the little blue muddly’. The story, as revealed in Baden-Powell’s own diary, of Agnes’ replacement by Olave does not make happy reading. Like the other members of her family Agnes, had excellent social contacts, she was one first English women to fly in an aeroplane and was part of the Suffragist Movement. A biography of her life, lacking any details of Agnes complicated relationship with her Scouting brother, is currently available.



The FDC below, celebrating Guiding’s Centennial, was issued by the Ascension Islands. The signed image of Agnes, kindly loaned by our former Chairman John Ineson, was used with two signed photographs from my collection to make up this charming mini-sheet. The image lower left is a proof, the £1 value not yet being ascribed.



As you will have noticed, all the artefacts in this article relate to long-dead members of the Baden-Powell family. It would of course be equally possible to illustrate a similar article about present day members of the family.

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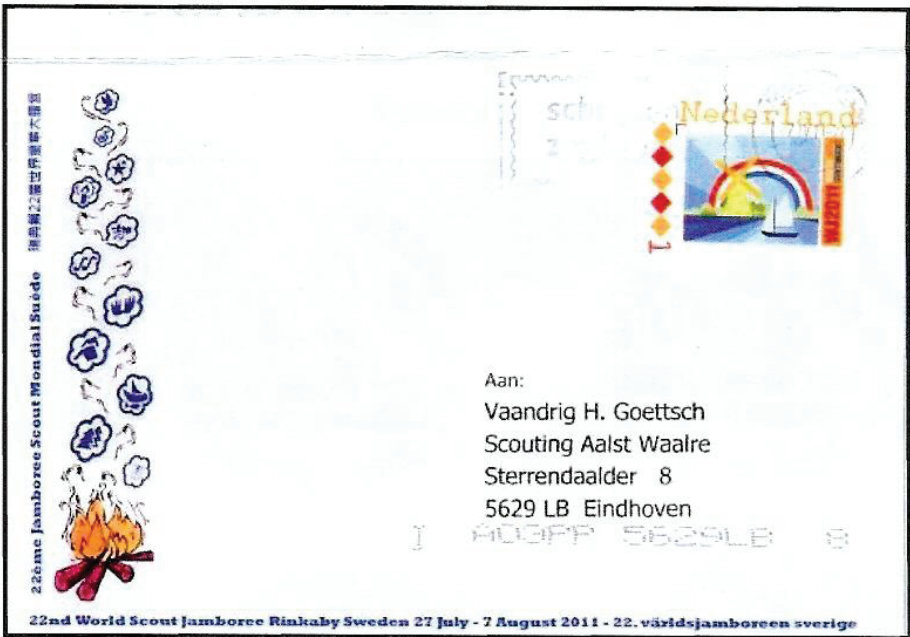
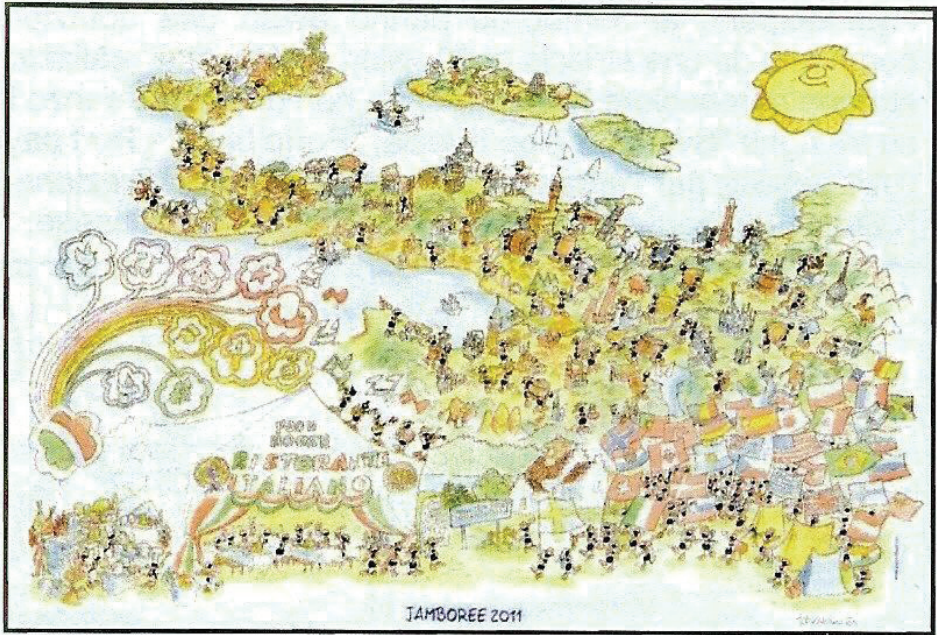
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