

Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN

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See Peter Duck's article on page 8 SCOUT PHILATELIC "BLING"

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Editorial

We are still getting a regular and very useful stream of correspondence covering matters from membership to Club Meetings and beyond. I particularly recommend the e-mail which came from member Rex Smith to anybody who is considering attending the AGM or any other such meeting.

As I mentioned in the last issue I have exhausted my stock of longer articles and am now eating my way through the middle length and shorter articles. There really isn't a better time to submit that brief article on something that has puzzled you for years as there's every chance that it will get answered.

With this issue of the Bulletin you will find the latest auction booklet and I would encourage as many people as possible to place bids for items they are missing. If you look at the accounts, which are in the Bulletin with reference to the forthcoming AGM you will realise just how important to the Club is the income from such events.

I look forward to hearing further from many of you in due course.

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

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

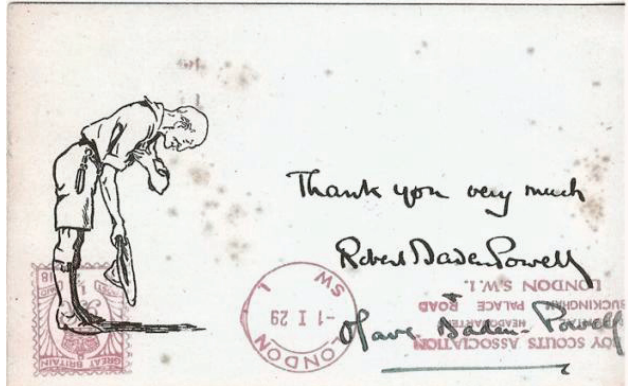
Philatex is held at the Royal Horticultural Society Hall, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE. This is within easy walking distance of St. James Park Underground Station. Entrance is free and there are the stands to look at as well. April 2012 is to be the last Philatex at this venue so we will keep you advised of changes as they are notified to us.

These days the younger generation rarely use the postal system at all - E Mails, Tweets, Facebook and Texts are their cheaper means of communicating. The Royal Mail and many other postal authorities abroad use boring printed pre-payment labels on parcels instead of a block of collectable high value stamps.

Postcards too have suffered, hardly anyone sends them from their holidays anymore, fewer are produced to commemorate important Scouting and Guiding events, such as Jamborees and then they are usually bought as a souvenir and not postally used. Years ago Scouts sent a postcard home to say they had arrived safely at camp and some bear messages asking for more pocket money to be sent to them such was the speed of the then postal service, with several deliveries per day!

Our founder too used many postcards, some pre-printed with a facsimile signature in reply to routine correspondence; the example below was also sent with a real autograph of Olave from the old Imperial H.Q. in Buckingham Palace Road. Groups produced their own printed stationery, the attractive example below sending the scores of a shooting competition.

As those of you who are active Leaders will know nowadays nearly all correspondence from your District, County and



Spims Competition
1919

BOY SCOUTS
B. P.
3RD. FAVERSHAM TROOP.
(Lady Harris' Own.)
Scoutmaster W. Hargrave,
82, Preston Street,
Faversham.

"A" Team			"B" Team		
	D.	R.		D.	R.
R. Elliott	96	44	S. Hargrave	88	44
F. Day	41	38	B. Butting	93	48
W. Shields	94	44	R. Book	76	38
A. Collins	40	43	E. Hibben	81	41
Total		540	Total	338	168

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Headquarters is sent by E Mail so no more Scouting postmarks and slogans to collect either.

With no modern postal footprint, in the future there will be no collectable legacy left by the Scouts of today - you cannot put E Mails into an album !

John's Jottings

by John Ineson

As you will have read, the next Euro-Scout stamp exhibition will be held at Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Germany from 28-30 September. You will all recall that we hosted the last Euro-Scout meeting at Chelmsford in 2010, which was well attended by our overseas Scout collectors. However this time, as far as I am aware, only three or four members living in the U.K. have made plans to attend. This is rather disappointing for the organisers of the German Club Arge-Pfadfinder, so if you wish to attend, please would you let me know as soon as possible, as application forms should have been in by the end of March if you wish to exhibit.

Despite the recession there are still some crazy prices being made on eBay, which I am sure you are aware, I follow quite often. A Baden-Powell signed photo made

£560 with 24 bids in February, while in January a 1/- Mafeking Siege note made £287 when normally they sell for half that price. I guess it only needs two keen bidders to push the price sky high. However not all items go for crazy prices. In February a Registered 1935 World Rover Moot cover sent from the camp and with a Stockholm No. 966 label made £100.09 (US\$ 158.30, €115). Sent from the camp to Finland, it was redirected back to the sender in Sweden. Less than a handful are known to exist, so the lucky buyer (not me!) had a real bargain.



You may know that it is five years since Baden-Powell's Rolls Royce Motor Car was purchased from the previous owner by a company named B-P Jam Roll Ltd. This car named "Jam Roll" and a caravan called "Eccles" were presented to B-P at the 1929 World Jamboree. I have had the pleasure of being one of the Directors who helped to save this car being sold elsewhere, with many people donating towards its purchase. However as I will be 80 years old next year, I decided it was time I retired from the board in January, so that a younger person can take my place. The car is situated at the Rolls Royce Heritage Trust in Derby, where former R.R. workers have brought the car up to a new condition. It has been out to various Scouting events, and during the winter months has been joined by Eccles, also for restoration. By now it should be back at Gilwell.

I was very interested to read Simon Nanson's "Personal Reappraisal" of the Romania 1935 issue. It had not occurred to me that my postcard was more-or-less of the same design as the 25 bani stamp. This card, which has not been posted has the handwritten date 26 November 1935 and is of "Bub, the 14 year old 'Strajer'". Besides this postcard, I have two others of Straja Tarii both showing multiple scenes plus the facsimile signature of their

Commandant. One card which is undated shows military personnel marching and cannons, as well as Straja Tarii youth. The other which was posted in 1940 shows only Straja Tarii boys and girls. Both cards bear fiscal stamps on the address side, neither of which have been cancelled, although both have been posted. The wording on the stamp is TIMBRU DE CONTROL (Control (Tax?) Stamp)



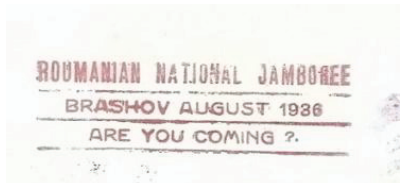
without denomination, but showing the Straja Tarii emblem. As far as I can determine, the message printed on the address side indicates that the cards are invalid with the "Tax" stamp affixed.

As Simon suggests, one can presume that Scouting and Straja Tarii were operating at the same time, as shown by the 1935 stamps. I don't know where the idea of a Sea Scout on any of the stamps came from. There is certainly no sign of a nautical Sea Scout hat. A nice item which I obtained from Romania some time ago is the set in blocks of four all cancelled in red at Castel Peles, which was one of the Royal Residences at the time. According to records, the stamps were only valid until 29 June 1935, a period of 21 days. But this can be refuted, as I have covers posted on 13 July 1935, 30 November 1936 (Registered) and 12 August 1941.

The latest dated envelope with name and address of Romanian Scouting CERCETASIA ROMANIEI is dated 30 May 1936 and is addressed to Lord Baden-Powell. But a piece of notepaper which I possess bearing the three National Jamboree Brasov stamps plus appropriate postmark shows the heading O.E.T.R. STRAJA TARIJ – CERCETASIA ROMANIEI. Both of



these items carry the same postal address at BUCURESTI III – STRADA HAGA No.3 – (PARCUL BONAPARTE). So there was obviously some overlap of both Organisations. On the reverse of the envelope addressed to B-P is a handstamp reading ROUMANIAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE / BRASHOV AUGUST 1936 / ARE YOU COMING?



Referring to Sandy Kerr's letter on page 21 of the last Bulletin, I hope that my notes on the 22nd World Jamboree issues were of interest?

Many of the new issues these days are "mass productions" from various philatelic agencies who produce stamps for certain countries. In most cases the face value is excessive, and they are issued purely for collectors. Very rarely do they get used commercially – Great Britain is no better in this respect!

I recall that back in 1977, I wrote to the Post Office of Grenada to enquire if I could purchase some sets of stamps which had been issued for the 6th Caribbean Jamboree. I was told that the stamps were not available as they had not produced them. And yet, I already had a set of them that I had purchased in London. First day covers of these and similar issues pre-dated my correspondence with the Grenada Post Office. So one can assume that all stamp sales and first day cover productions were done by their Agents, who were based in New York.

On another occasion, I had purchased a stock of first day covers from a (rather disreputable) dealer, and one of the covers had no postmark. I returned this cover, having marked it with an X under the flap, for a replacement. The same cover came back with appropriate postmark!

Fortunately, there are numerous countries whose Post Offices do issue "proper" stamps for Scout and Guide events and anniversaries, and handle all supplies and distribution themselves.

When I was Bulletin Editor from 1975, I was also a part-time dealer in Scout and Guide philately and did endeavour to report all stamp issues as well as postmarks. But the proliferation of material in the 21st Century, much of it speculative, meant that I couldn't keep up with everything, so the reporting of new issues has gone "by the board". This is pity, because it sometimes means that new collectors do not know what is out there.

As far as my own collecting is concerned, this is now restricted to the first fifty years of Scouting 1907-1957, plus all Girl Guide issues from this period. Nevertheless, I am prepared to help where I can. And my "100 List" which I like to "plug" from time to time is sometimes a good source for missing items, and other ephemera from Scouting and Guiding.

The lists comprise 100 items, mostly priced under £1.00, and as one item is sold, another replaces it. Lists are dispatched at approximately two or three month intervals. If you wish to subscribe, please send a 1st class stamp, or a couple of Scout/Guide postcards from overseas. Further lists are sent free of charge, provided you order something. But after two "no orders" names are deleted. My address can be found inside the back cover.

In modern parlance, “Bling” refers to gold and jewellery, but this subject has actually spread into the world of stamps.

The first gold Scout stamp to appear was in 1969 when Ras al Khaima issued a set of stamps honouring famous men. One stamp depicted Baden-Powell and this was reproduced in impressed gold foil. The head of an older B-P is shown against a background of a camping scene (which might be Gilwell Park). The stamp has simulated perforations and also appears in miniature sheet format with text “LORD BADEN-POWELL 1857-1941 THE FOUNDER OF SCOUTING”. The stamp, along with an imperforate version, plus the miniature sheet were issued in special souvenir folders in a limited edition of 1500.



The trend had started, and in 1970 Manama (Dependency of Ajman) produced a gold foil stamp showing the Jagger portrait of B-P. This appeared “perforated”, imperforate and in miniature sheet format. The text on the sheet reads “Lord Baden-Powell Founder of the Boy Scout Movement”, and this is known inverted. The same miniature sheet appeared later commemorating the 13th World Jamboree in Japan 1971. The perforate and imperforate were issued in special folders, as was the miniature sheet, both in limited editions of 2000.



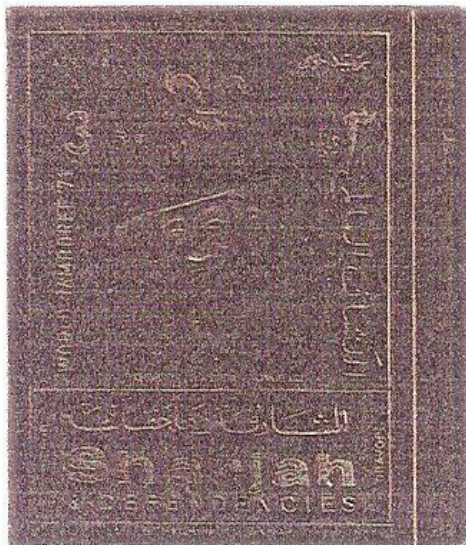
The International Philatelic Exhibition PHILYMPIA took place in London during 1970. The Olympia Hall in West



Kensington had also been the venue for the 1st World Jamboree fifty years earlier in 1920. But nobody appears to have caught on to that fact! Fujeira issued a set of five stamps to honour the event, one of which showed a reproduction of the Cook Islands stamp of 1969 which commemorated the New Zealand Jamboree and depicted B-P. This time we had stamps in both gold and silver foil, with simulated perforations, imperforate and miniature sheets.

1971 was the year of the 13th World Jamboree in Japan, and Sharjah produced gold and silver foil stamps. Once again, both were in perforate and imperforate and miniature sheet format.

Fujeira made a similar issue with the same (poor) portrait of B-P.



Ras al Khaima's 13th World Jamboree issue reproduced the 50dh stamp from their

commemorative set showing Japanese Scouts raising their flag in front of Mount Fuji. Once again produced in gold or silver foil in perforate, imperforate and miniature sheet formats.

The 13th World Jamboree in 1971 made a great bonanza for the producers of stamps for the Trucial States. But in 1973 the United Arab Emirates was founded and spelled the end of all these speculative issues.



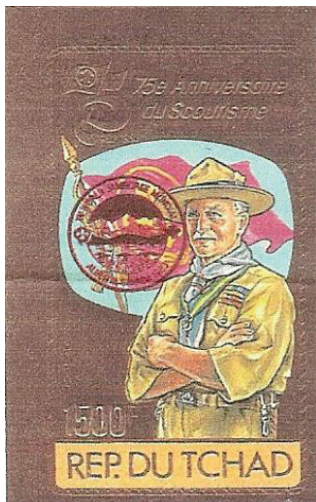
One other country to celebrate the 13th World Jamboree with philatelic "bling" was the Republic of Congo who produced a block of four stamps in silver foil showing the heads of Scouts plus B-P. These stamps were issued in small packets, and when removed tarnished badly after a short period. A gold foil Airmail was also produced which does not appear to tarnish. This is the only series from this article which appears in Gibbons Stamp Catalogues.

All of the above stamps appear on "first day covers" but it is doubtful if any ever saw commercial use.

We then had to wait until 1980 to start adding to our stocks of gold, when a set appeared from the Central African Republic to commemorate the Conference of European-African Co-operation. Six stamps were issued, and these are listed by Gibbons, but an additional value of 1500Fr. Showing two Scouts dancing arrived in gold foil format. This time it showed colour printing on the gold foil and was available perforate and imperforate in sheetlets of four, plus a miniature sheet.

Before this issue, all gold foil stamps has been impressed into the foil.

1982 was a big year for Scout philately, being the 75th Anniversary of the Movement and many countries issued stamps to celebrate the “Year of the Scout”. But there only appears to be one issue of gold foil stamps during the year. This came from Chad who produced two stamps of 1500Fr denomination. One was in vertical format and appeared perforate and imperforate in sheetlets of four, also as a miniature sheet with portrait of B-P. Secondly a horizontal stamp in a miniature sheet depicting emblems of earlier World Jamborees. Both stamps showed the Jagger portrait of B-P. The following year, the above stamps were overprinted with the logo of the 15th World Jamboree in Canada. The overprints were in black, but “unofficial” overprints in red are known.



The next gold foil issue arrived in 1984, once again honouring Lord Baden-Powell, from the Central African Republic. This production showed a younger version of B-P,



plus a left handshake, and appeared in small sheetlets of four stamps, both perforate and imperforate. A miniature sheet with same design stamp included a young Lady B-P in the border. A second miniature sheet was also issued, with stamp showing the Jagger portrait with depictions of an older Lord and Lady B-P in the border. Both stamps values at 1500Fr.

From 1988, a number of the former French Territories in Africa started to produce stamps showing Scouts and various wildlife subjects. Many of these issues were supplemented with gold foil stamps.

Central African Republic was the first with an issue showing Scouts studying birds. Two gold foil stamps valued at 1500Fr were produced, plus two miniature sheets with the same design of stamps. Only the stamp section of the miniature sheets was produced on gold foil, and their decorative borders included birds and butterflies. As always, perforate and imperforate editions were made. (See illustration on front cover)

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STAMPS FROM STOCK	A Miscellany	MINT	USED
AJM71S	AJMAN 1971 13 th World Jamboree (European Scouts) MS	-	0.50
AJM71A	AJMAN 1971 13 th World Jamboree (Scout Activities issue) (6)	1.50	-
AJM71AS	AJMAN 1971 13 th World Jamboree B-P MS	1.50	0.50
ANT87	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	2.10	2.00
ANT87S	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	1.60	1.50
ANT91	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (3)	2.50	2.25
ANT91S	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	2.00	1.80
BRB96	BARBUDA MAIL overprints 1996 18 th World Jamboree (6)	-	3.00
BRB96S	BARBUDA MAIL overprints 1996 18 th World Jamboree (2 x MS)	4.00	4.00
BER81	BERMUDA 1981 Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (4 – one Guide) GUIDE only Used	0.60	0.15
BHU86	BHUTAN 1986 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides overprints (4)	-	2.50
BHU86S	BHUTAN 1986 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides overprint MS	-	3.00
BRZ84S	BRAZIL 1984 65 th Anniversary of Girl Guides in Brazil MS	-	0.50
BRN01	BRUNEI 2001 International Youth Camp (Scouts & Guides) (3)	0.90	-
BRN01S	BRUNEI 2001 International Youth Camp (Scouts & Guides) MS	1.00	-
CAR85	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1985 75 Years of Girl Guides (1)	0.90	0.45
CON85	CONGO 1985 75 Years of Girl Guides (1)	0.90	0.45
GB57L	G.B. 1957 Jubilee Jamboree label showing Jamboree emblem in red		0.20
GB62S	G.B. 1962 STAMPEX souvenir sheet incl black print of Jubilee Jamboree stamp	1.00	
TON90	TONGA 1990 King's Silver Jubilee – Scout stamp on stamp (1)	4.50	-
UGA91S	UGANDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	3.50	-
GHA92	GHANA 1992 40 th Anny of Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II o/p on Scouts (4)	6.00	-
LBY95	LIBYA 1995 Scouting strip of 3	1.60	1.20
LBY97	LIBYA 1997 Savings Day (3) with Scouts & Guides	0.30	-
LBY98S	LIBYA 1998 Children's Day MS with Cubs & Brownies	15.00	-
INA96	INDONESIA 1996 National Jamboree (8)	0.50	-
INA96S	INDONESIA 1996 World Philatelic Exhibition 2 x Scout MS	1.00	1.00
BRN94	BRUNEI 1994 International Day Against Drugs (3) Cub & Brownie on one	2.55	-
NGR96	NIGER 1996 Honouring Baden-Powell (2)	1.95	-
NGR96S	NIGER 1996 Honouring Baden-Powell MS	2.25	-
NGR96C	NIGER 1996 Scouting & Chess MS	6.50	-
CON02	CONGO 2002 B-P Commemorative sheetlet of 9	14.50	-
HUN01	HUNGARY 2001 European Conference of Old Scouts & Guides (1)	1.65	-
JOR00S	JORDAN 2000 90 th Anniversary of Scouting MS	2.10	-
KOR96	KOREA 1996 50 Years of Girl Scouts (1)	0.45	-
BUL99	BULGARIA 1966 Scouting commemorative (4)	2.00	-
BRZ01	BRAZIL 2001 Pan American Jamboree (2)	3.30	-
NEP02	NEPAL 2002 Golden Jubilee of Scouting (1)	0.20	-
CHD01	CHAD 2001 Honouring Baden-Powell (1)	1.95	-
BOL01	BOLIVIA 2001 21 st Inter-American Scout Conference (1)	1.65	-
GAB96	GABON 1996 Scouting commemorative (3)	2.00	-
GAB96S	GABON 1996 Scouting commemorative B-P MS	4.40	-

LETTERS

From Rex Smith

Many thanks for the Bulletin which arrived this morning – and set me thinking !

Future Meetings

Although a member for a few years, I had resisted the urge to attend either the AGM or a Club Meeting, as I was not sure what to expect even though I live just outside of London within easy reach of the Underground. When I received a free ticket to Stampex, one year, I noticed that this was on the same day as a Club Meeting at Philatex so decided to combine both in one day, the first time I had attended such exhibitions. (You no longer include a map of how to get to the venue. What about something on what you will find at Philatex ?) I made my way to the meeting and found a small group of highly experienced collectors, not what I had expected to find (even though I didn't know what to expect) – or could ever aspire to. For me, the displays of material was an eye opener and made the visit worthwhile. The same could be said of the AGM I attended subsequently. I'm not sure what percentage of the membership ever attend, but I guess it is quite small.

Maybe it might be possible to advertise these events in a different way ? For many, travelling across the country for a 1½ or 2 hour meeting can not be too attractive. Might it be possible to arrange a weekend 'package deal' with a small hotel so that those travelling from afar could combine the meeting with a weekend break with partners or family. Maybe a visit to the sights or a theatre of their own choice on Saturday evening ? In that way, the short time spent at the meeting would not become disproportionate to travelling time.

But, want of the meeting itself ? The business part of most AGMs can be disposed of in a short time. I found the 'displays' informative – but I didn't know they were part of the event. The letter the Bulletin quotes from Sandy Kerr (the club isn't London-centric per se, it's just the hub where most things happen ?) who is putting together a display. What a perfect example of a topic to be covered as a post-business topic ? Most of those who attend regularly (the Committee ?) must have a wealth of ideas and tips to pass on to others. This might encourage more interest in the hobby ?

My main Scouting interest involves the UK Kandersteg Network, a Scout Active Support unit. We have produced a Guide for Leaders taking groups to Switzerland written from submissions from leaders of previous expeditions on the basis of "What would I have liked to have known before I went." Could something similar be produced for the Club ?

One area which could also be looked at is Sandy's idea of a 'profile of the club and its recruitment strategy.' The future of the Club depends upon increasing the profile of collecting – as many letters over the last few editions have mentioned. It is impossible to go directly to young people as I don't think that there is any current

medium for reaching them. The Club has to go through the Leaders, who will have many things they would see as more important to take into account. Maybe providing programme ideas might be a thought ? Would it be possible to write some Programmes on a Plate and add them to the database ? That way the leaders could run their own activities – without Club members needing to run around the country running these – if that were possible !

I appreciate that these suggestions might (alright – WILL) put more work on the shoulders of an already stretched band of people – and all members should be grateful for what they already do !

Good luck with your Gang Show. I can (just about) remember being taken to the Golders Green Hippodrome, probably over 50 year ago, to see what I believe was one of Ralph's

From Ron Sambell

As ever, I find the articles in the bulletin very absorbing. The depth of study never ceases to impress me. I guess it is for this reason I am diffident about putting my head above the parapet.

Following on from the article on early Australian handstamps by Peter Duck. My first attachment carries a jamboree stamp. It has been hand cancelled with the acronym ANARE, so I am given to wondering if the cancel is also relevant to Scouting.

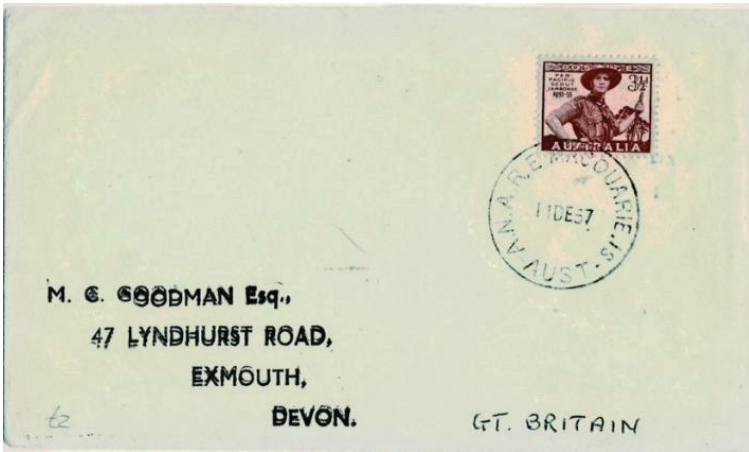
Reading Paul Van Herpt's essay on New Zealand Scouting and Guiding jogged my memory. My second attachment is a photograph that as been in my possession for so many years I can't remember how I came by it. I have no provenance and no means of knowing if it is one of many. If it is genuine it might add to the subject. Could it be a picture of David Cosgrove?

I hope you won't find these unnecessary distractions.

Keep well and safe,

Yours in Scouting

(See next page for Ron's attachments and Paul van Herpt's reply)



From Paul van Herpt

Thanks for your email, always nice to know that an article gets a reaction and prompts someone to communicate (I was going to say write but not sure if that is really the right word for process of emailing). A couple of comments on Ron's;

ANARE stands for Australian National Antarctica Research Expeditions, and the postmark is from MacQuarie Island which is in the southern ocean where the Australians have one of their research stations. Postmarks from these places are not common and there is a fairly thriving Antarctica theme amongst philatelists particularly down this part of the world with our bases in the Ross Sea and our Ross Dependency stamps which NZ Post devalue by still churning out at regular intervals despite the

fact there is no Post Office anymore at Scott Base ! There were probably people with Scouting backgrounds involved in ANARE but it would therefore have to be indirect. Here in NZ through the 60's and 70's and again in 2007, our Antarctica programme has taken 3 Queen's Scouts to the frozen continent for a summer season but I don't know if the Australians had a similar programme in order to make a Scout connection with ANARE.

The second image, is of a postcard produced and sold at our National Scout Museum (due to the text along the bottom) and still available. The original image it came from is in the Museum. It depicts the Kaiapoi Scout Troop which was the first formally registered in this country. The Scouter on the left is Ted Mallasch who was the leader of this Troop with both his sons being members and were the two who are credited with buying the only copy of Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys" in the local stationers shop which starting the whole process of forming Patrols and finding a leader which in this case was their father. Mallasch was a German who arrived here as a seaman, jumped ship in Kaiapoi and settled there.

Sorry, both these are probably not the answers Ron's is expecting. Its good to encourage responses so its a bit difficult to then have to say, sorry, not right or what you expect.

While at it the last issue Peter made a comment about not having national Scouting museum in the UK along with a recognition of Scouting heritage. We in NZ are quoted as having such a facility. Since moving back to Christchurch in 2009 I have been involved in our National Scout Museum (NSM) so can advise what that really means for us. A group of people formed the museum back in 1986 and it was initially only a Canterbury provincial affair but some years later assumed the title "national" as their collection grew and no-one had the title. Last year, 2011 we managed to actually get a rule in the Scout Association of New Zealand's constitution that recognised the NSM as part of the association and set the outline of roles. One of those is that we are to be financially independent in a similar manner to any Scout Group who raise and spend their own funds. Two other issues devalue the facility. First is that in a country as spread out as we are it is difficult to get to a position where the NSM gets first option on material coming out from within the Association itself (such as when closing Scout Groups, or when changing the awards scheme badges etc). We get good support for material from some parts of the country but not everywhere which is a real challenge for us to address. Second issue is that it is all well to have keen people helping with the museum as it is all done voluntarily, uninformed people are not helpful. We regularly find things damaged or defaced at the museum by incorrect packaging (often no packaging, just ends up screwed up at the bottom of a box) and storage or written over in ball point pen, either who the donor was or even what they think the item might be. The main museum's do offer

outreach services to help small museum here do thing more professionally but you have to be willing to accept help which the NSM has not always been too keen on. We have received material relating to New Zealand from The Scout Association's archivist , a role you do have at your Scout Headquarters. Our National Office has no equivalent so it is just luck if we get things from there rather than actually really be the archive of the Association which is what the last year's rule states. Maybe with time and a lot more lobbying it will happen. Knowing the issues we face, I would not want to attempt such a venture in the UK with its much greater size and population, and that you would also be competing with many more collectors who have extensive private collections. I've probably rambled on too much and about a topic not really related to philately. sorry you'll need to get your Editor's pen out !!

From Bill Upton

As a new member of the Club and also a person “new” to stamp collecting (I did collect when I was a Scout), I think it would be useful if your publication could include tips and advice on all aspects of collecting. Areas such as presentation, recognition, hinging or not and handling would be useful to me and, I suspect, to anyone just setting out. These are probably taken for granted by your more informed members but if you are trying to grow membership then there must be a need for a novice spot?

From Colin Scott (recently retired Hon. Treasurer, The Scottish Council The Scout Association).

After receiving the advertising notice for the Club issued with the November/December Bulletin I thought that I would contact Jim Duffy at Scottish Scout HQ and Gary Bainbridge at Clyde Scout Region's office to see if they would put the notice on their respective websites. I'm pleased to report that they have both done the necessary. The notice first appeared on Clyde's website a couple of weeks ago and this morning it also appears as a news item on the Scottish website. It will be interesting to see what interest this attracts.

A reminder of the new Membership Rates

	1 YEAR	5 YEARS
United Kingdom individuals and Sections	£12.00	£60.00
Juniors (under 16)	£5.00	Not available
All World Surface & Europe Airmail	£15.00	£75.00
All World Surface (Juniors)	£6.50	Not available
All World Airmail (except Europe)	£20.00	£100.00

The Scout and Guide Stamps Club of UK have been discussing the problem of falling membership in their recent *Bulletins*. One thing that I feel would help interested people to become collectors is the availability of simple album pages. When I started collecting scout stamps in the mid-1970s, my album was a single volume, half inch thick album produced by Scouters Stamps of Sarasota, Florida. During the years, I have acquired pages from another album made by Unique Scout Stamp Company of Anniston, Alabama. It covered about sixty-five sets of stamps to about 1960 and sold for less than \$3. It consists of about 15 pages and included a checklist. I currently enjoy and appreciate this album by mounting postal used stamps in it. (I'm missing pages 2, 3, 14, and 15 etc. Can anyone furnish photocopies for me?)

When Harry Thorsen, the founder of our collecting interest, produced his pamphlet *Boy Scout Stamps of The World*, he listed or pictured only seventy –seven stamps and ten covers or souvenir sheets. Six years later, in 1955, his second edition contained only seventeen more stamps; while the third and fourth editions were still small compact pamphlets. He issued them in time to sell during the BSA's national jamborees in 1964 and 1968 at minimum cost. We would be surprised if Peter Duck, Bob Lee or Lawrence Clay were asked to estimate the current total number of issued scout stamps. There are just too many scout stamps today to collect.

To promote and to make it interesting for beginners, I believe we need to identify small groups of scout stamps for them to collect and mount. We must make an effort to show that they can be able to have fun and complete a collecting interest. Introducing beginners to albums of hundreds of pages and thousands of stamps is not the way to go. We need scout stamp album pages similar to that are available on the American Philatelic Society's online web site (www.stamps.org). On the link bar, open stamp collecting and then free album pages. The Educational Department of APS has developed over forty -two topics that beginning collectors (either adults or youth) will find interesting. The APS focus on stamps which average people have a reasonable chance to find, acquire, mount and enjoy. Most of the subjects have a written introduction and pictures related stamps with short descriptions and catalog numbers or date of issue on their pages. They are down loadable and can be printed on a computer's printer. The idea is to provide a number of stamps on a given subject that collectors can believe they can obtain and complete. Many of these mini-albums total about 16 pages. The subjects that the APS has chosen are various thematic sets of fifty US stamps, stamps thematically tied to individual US states and a third group is on topical subjects. Unfortunately, there are no scouts on stamps pages.

With that in mind why can't we produce mini-albums for scout stamps limited to specific geographic regions? Like a mini-album for USA and maybe Canada; another for stamps of Great Britain and the Channel Islands. Groupings could be made of

various European countries and others based on related regional interests. Remember, being able to gather and show a reasonable number of items is important to all collectors! We should limit the number of mini-albums to total not more than 60 pages. And monitors or advisors should suggest printing only one album at a time. Again the new collector should have a limited goal.

We could either load our developed mini-album pages on our club/society's web page or with the APS's. In either case, we should provide links between the organizations' web pages. What we now need is a volunteer to develop our album pages for our webmasters to load. Can you take on this needed project?

A Member's Enquiry

A recent purchase which is new to me. Is it well known as it predates my starting to collect covers ?
Pity the small envelope loses a lot of the meter mark.
regards, Charlie Taylor



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on 21st April, 2012 during the Philatex Exhibition and will commence at 12.45. All fully paid up Members of the Club are invited to attend this meeting.

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.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

2010	Expenditure	2011	2010	Income	2011
2,284.16	Bulletin Expenditure	2,592.70	295.93	Annual Subscriptions	824.40
5,655.34	EuroScout 2010	0.00	102.00	Five Year Subscriptions	0.00
135.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	30.00	272.04	Auction Income	180.36
14.37	Telephone, Post and Travel	6.34	0.00	Advertisements	0.00
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	207.01	Sales Service	50.10
95.00	Stamp Insurance	121.38	54.05	Donations	143.72
78.70	Printing and Stationery	98.94	39.20	Postage	0.00
17.00	British Thematic Association	17.00	5,177.85	EuroScout 2010	300.00
33.00	Auction Catalogue	0.00	2.13	Interest	1.65
0.00	McKee Copyright	5.00			
149.97	Web Site	0.00	6,150.21	Total Income	1,500.23
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00			
8,462.54	Total Expenditure	2,871.36			
	Excess Income over Expenditure		2,312.33	Excess Expenditure over Income	1,371.13
8,462.54		2,871.36	8462.54		2,871.36

Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2011

Brought Forward			Carried Forward		
Community Account	1,334.06		Community Account	2,324.76	
Less Uncleared Cheques			Less Uncleared Cheques		
	520	-30.00		537	-12.89
	521	-75.00		538	-63.81
	524	-392.60			
	525	-61.97			
	774.49	774.49		2248.06	2248.06
Business Money Manger Account		2,467.76	Business Money Manager Account		0.06
PayPal Account		415.71	PayPal Account		38.71
Excess Expenditure over Income		-1,371.13			
		2,286.83			2,286.83

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is NIL.
2. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.
3. Auction Catalogue cost included with Bulletin cost for the same date.

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T.A. Simister Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Accounts and all vouchers relating thereto, including Bank Balances and other balances, and certify that the Accounts are in order and show the position of the Club as at 31st December, 2011.

Signed

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B. Forshaw. Hon. Auditor

The Scout Magazine 'Give Aways'

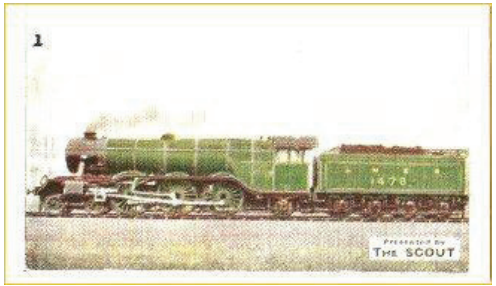
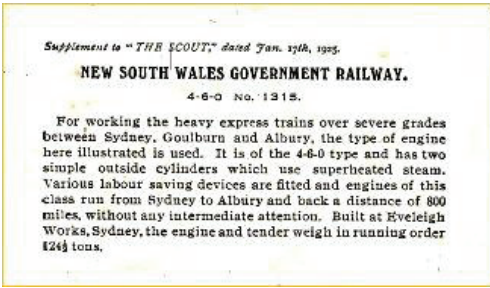
The Scout magazine started its life on April 18th 1908, this being one of the first evidences that Baden-Powell's Boy Scouts had officially 'opened' from its offices in Henrietta Street, London. The office, like the magazine, and for that matter the printing rights to *Scouting for Boys*, was owned by the philanthropist and newspaper mogul Arthur Pearson. These publications were part of the 'price' Baden-Powell had to pay for the substantial 'donation' (or advance royalty) that Pearson had paid in 1907 enabling B-P to tour the country promoting his 'great game'. This was a cross that B-P had to bear and he did so rather grudgingly, complaining that its lack of Scout content made the magazine akin to a 'penny dreadful'. The Founder contributed a weekly article where he could 'speak' directly to his Scouts and, in the early issues, usually, on last page, there was news of newly started Scout Troops etc.

The magazine did however, over time, get much better with most but not all of its stories being written for a Scouting audience and a much higher proportion of factual articles. Originally the covers were only in black and white but, as B-P himself pointed out, the magazine had to compete on the news stands with the lurid covers of all the other boys' magazines/comics' and so, eventually, it too was given a coloured cover.

In the 1930s competition for sales in the 'children's market' inspired Pearson to promote *The Scout* by a commonly employed tactic of enclosing a free gift, typically in the form of model or game that could be made from a single sheet of card. Such offers were heralded many weeks before, and extensively advertised in other children's periodicals in order to attract new readers.

The first that I have been able to record is a set of 12 'trade cards'. The series *Engines of the Empire* were produced in full colour, half were locomotives from Great Britain, the rest from the dominions of South Africa, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The first card was given away on December 13th 1924, and of course you had to buy the next eleven issues to complete the set. Each of the cards measured 3x2"(8x5cms) and carried the words *Supplement to 'The Scout'*, together with the date of the issue it came with. Sadly, both of the engines named *Baden-Powell* (See *Scouting Collectables Vol. II*) were, by this time, too old to feature, and the 'Boy Scout' and 'Girl Guide' locos had yet to be built.

Most Scouts/Scouters will never have heard of these cards and they are indeed rare. A set in excellent condition was however recently purchased from a traditional auction house for less than £4 a card, which I consider to be quite a bargain. I am not sure that the 'give aways' were a commercial success when they were issued, as it was quite some time later that a similar promotion was launched.



In 1932 Baden-Powell began to write a regular 'feature' in *Boys and Girls*, the Children's Supplement of the Saturday *Daily Mail*. These half-page articles ranged far and wide and often carried details of the Chief Scout's foreign tours. By and large they were written for children aged between eight and ten, but not necessarily Cubs or Brownies. The Chief Scout's aim of course being to attract readers to the Movement. Alongside B-P's weekly articles was always a design of some sort that could be stuck on card and cut out to make a whole range of ingenious machines, typically cars, ships and planes.



The artist responsible was Wallis Rigby, born in 1897 in Preston Lancs. A graphic designer by trade, he had illustrated many children's magazines specialising in card models that the children cut out and assembled themselves. Maybe it was the proximity of the two *Daily Mail* 'columnists' work that eventually led to a collaboration in *The Scout* magazine on August

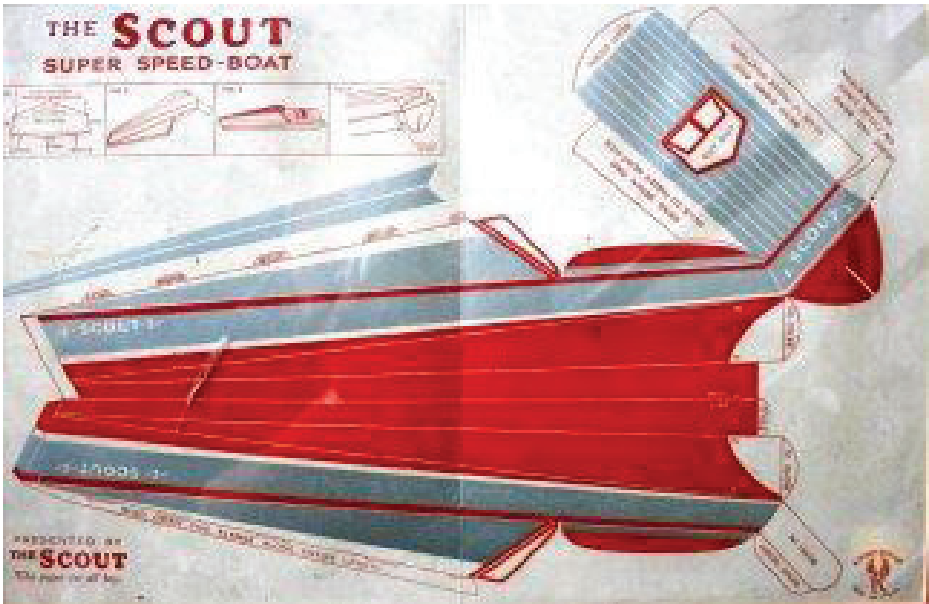
6th 1932 a glazed card was issued enabling readers to build 'The Scout', a 13" (33cm) grand rubber-band powered speedboat, designed by Rigby. It was very similar to *Miss England III* in which Kaye Don had broken the world water speed record just the previous month on Loch Lomond. The idea, according to *The Scout*, was that every boy in the troop should build the 'super speedboat' and race it against his fellows.

The Scout Magazine, at this time, had been given an alternative name, *Every Boy's Weekly*, yet another attempt to increase sales and therefore membership of the Scout Association. Wallis Rigby's skills were used again on September 30th 1933 when a 22" (56cm) "Giant Sail-Plane" was given away. This glider was indeed quite large for a give away, requiring two sheets of card but, regrettably, unlike the speedboat, it did not carry any artwork relating to the Scout Movement.

Wallis Rigby went to work in America during the war, producing over 30 books each containing a dozen or so of his 'cut out' mechanical wonders and his syndicated designs could be found in leading newspapers across the world. He returned to his homeland where he continued in this line of work until he died aged 72 in 1969. His last commission was a 'cut out' model of Concorde, in Pan-Am livery, for the British Aircraft Corporation.



Unfortunately, though there is plenty 'advance publicity' of the Rigby 'giveaways' to be found in *The Scout* magazine, but I never seen either of the two models 'built up'. Should you know where either can be found I would be grateful if you would let me know. Come on, you have never let me down yet! The illustration below is of the actual card that was given away in *The Scout* (remember the boat is 13" overall.) As far as I am aware this is the only example extant and is to be found in the Brighton Engineerium Museum.



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