

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN

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See some more of Peter Shore's memories on page 8 inside.

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## Editorial

Following my last article on the subject of electronic publishing I have again received several letters with the general content being would I be able to put some values to the various options. I have tried to do this in another article on page 9 of this issue.

Since the August / September issue of the Bulletin my wife and I have been on a cruise around the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Whilst we have cruised in the Med. Before, the thoughts of the Black Sea, with travel through the Bosphorus, including a visit to Ephesus and to Istanbul were very attractive. My personal favourite came when we docked in Yalta and, ignoring the modern links, travelled to Sebastopol and Balaclava enabling me to stand within 300 ft of the hilltop site where Lord Raglan gave the instructions for the "Charge of the Light Brigade". It seem almost surreal to stand there on a site that I had read about since about the age of 14 and picture the battle taking place in the valley below. There's a wonderful diorama to see illustrating the siege of Sebastopol which brings home really well the conditions that all the men fought in and how brave they all must have been.

And so to the Bulletin itself and I hope that you like the variety in this issue. To be honest I have now run out of my reserve stock of larger articles and have even used up almost all of my shorter "filler" articles - so it is time to bring out the begging bowl again and ask that some of you put pen to paper, fingers to keyboards - or whatever - and let me have something that will be of interest to your fellow members. The variety of this issue illustrates that almost anything with some stamp link can and will be included.

Finally, some of you have asked for an update on my Gang Show problems but all I can say at this moment is that the no over 25s rule has been enforced by the new DC, but with the proviso that some can be used if we are short of our target 110 cast members. At present we have only 56 under 25s interested - I wonder why! I will keep you posted.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

November 11th, January 13th, March 17th,  
May 7th and July 14th

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

As we have not been able to find a suitable alternative meeting site following the loss of The Royal Horticultural Hall, the meeting planned for 3rd November has been cancelled. Your Committee will still be meeting on that day and will be discussing plans for 2013 which hopefully will be included within the November/December Bulletin

## Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

With the excitement of the London Olympics behind us I await to see what exploitative stamps have been issued including scouts in their designs! "Euroscout 2012" in Bavaria may not see Olympic size crowds but no doubt will be well attended, the visitors including our Club's President and other club members and we will give a full report in the next bulletin.

Our webmaster has been very busy bringing our website up to date with articles from previous bulletins which can be accessed by members using the new password xxxxxx and on behalf of the Club I thank Randall Frank for taking on this mammoth task

Following the recent correspondence regarding producing the bulletin on line for those that prefer receiving it this way, members will have an opportunity to make a choice by replying to an article by our editor to be included in the next bulletin. We realise of course that there are some members who may not have or use a computer and a printed copy will be sent out to them as usual.

Those of you who decide to receive an electronic version will be helping the club to save money from postage and distribution costs which of course also helps us keep the current subscription rates at the same level for as long as possible.

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Some high prices were obtained for philatelic material at the Gärtner auction held in Germany in September. Nearly thirty thousand lots were offered for sale over five days and this sale included many collections and single Scout items.

An unused 1920 Siam/Thailand printed postcard with the 3stg green stamp with the Wild Tiger handstamp overprint in black (Type I) with an estimate of Euro 200 made Euro 1450 (about £1200, US\$ 1860). A number of very large lots, which I understand were from the estate of the late Barry Mann from the USA, had various descriptions including Lot 20409A – “A **Massive** worldwide



Scouting Cinderella and Badges, an assortment of many thousands of items, comprising extremely diverse advertising labels and seals, including many blocks and complete sheets, 1960s-1980s jamboree badges, merit badges, and pins etc., which made the estimate price of Euro 5000. Another lot (20417) in 47 large boxes on two pallets was described as “**Tremendous** unpicked accumulation of Worldwide Scouting Covers having thousands of United States and foreign scouting covers (1930s-2010), the vast Majority postmarked from the 1950s onward, all loosely



packed in boxes, and arranged to cover albums, stock books, and file boxes replete with addressed and unaddressed cacheted FDCs, Scout Show, Scout Stamp, SOSSI, Boy Scout Post, and Baden Powell and Scouting Anniversary covers, franked and postmarked Jamboree bulletins and programs, postal cards, and picture postcards, a fabulously diverse accumulation of covers that took decades to

assemble,” Estimated at €15000, it remained unsold.

In the sale offered as one lot was the Gold Medal Scout collection of Albrecht Zimmermann from Germany which included many of the best Scout classics and described as “Development and Work of Scouting” on 149 pages with an abundance of good material in the form of letters, stamps, including Mafeking, 1920 Siam Tiger head imprints on postcards, Warsaw Uprising Scout Post many with certificates, letters and postcards, handwritten text by Baden-Powell for telegram to George VI and greeting telegram from George VI to Baden-Powell, to an abundance of stamp issues also with proofs and many other features”

## THE HUNGARIAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION IS 100 YEARS OLD



Scouting is the subject of the For Youth 2012 miniature sheet with a surcharge Magyar Posta is issuing a commemorative miniature sheet with a surcharge in honour of the centenary of the foundation of the Hungarian Scout Association. The stamp designs of the miniature sheet are graphic compositions related to scouting, the world jamboree, leadership training, the scout salute and the scout symbol. The designs of the miniature sheet are by the graphic artist Edit Szalma based on the works of Lajos Márton, and fifty thousand copies were made by the state printing company Állami Nyomda. Magyar Posta devotes the proceeds from the surcharge – HUF 100 for each miniature sheet, which may not be used to pay for postage – to supporting youth stamp collecting.

The first scout camp began on 1 August 1907 on Brownsea Island in the south of England. The movement, founded by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907, appeared in Hungary in 1910. The Hungarian Scout Association was established on 28 December 1912. Hungary was a founder member of the International Scout Bureau (today WOSM) as well as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which was established in Parád in 1928. Hungarian scouts first took part in a world jamboree in Copenhagen in 1924, where they came third in the competition behind the British and the Americans. In 1926 the first Hungarian national jamboree was organised, which was attended by 10,000 people. In 1927 the Association set up a centre for the highest scout training among other activities at Hárshegy. By then the Association also owned a central national building, a sea scout centre on the Danube and a national network of scout shops. In 1933 Hungary organised the 4th World Scout Jamboree in the park of the royal palace in Gödöllő, where 26,000 scouts from 46 countries took part. Between 1948 and 1989 the movement was banned by the government in Hungary, and Hungarian scouting continued

either illegally or in emigration. After the change of political system, on 11 February 1989 the Hungarian Scout Association was the very first social organisation to be registered at the Metropolitan Court of Budapest. At present the Hungarian Scout Association has 10 scout districts. Each district is divided into areas, which operate their own scout groups. Irrespective of geographical area, there are specialised branches of the scout movement, such as the sea scouts and the air scouts, where scouts can learn about their particular interest. The training takes place in small communities called patrols, which are run by young leaders. Several patrols with members of similar age are overseen by an adult. The leaders are given their assignments dependent on different levels of training.

*Source: mcssz.hu; hu.wikipedia.org*

Information from:

### **MAGYAR POSTA STAMPS UNIT**

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Order code: 2012060040011 (miniature sheet),  
2012060060012 (FDC) □

Date of issue: 20 April 2012 □

Face value: HUF 420+100 □

Number of copies issued: 50,000 □

Perforation size of stamps: 30x40 mm □

External imperforated size of the miniature sheet: 140x60 mm □

Printed by Állami Nyomda □

Designed by Lajos Márton,

Edit Szalma

**1913 BIRMINGHAM SCOUT RALLY – FRENCH POST**



A recently acquired French postcard proved to have far more to it than just an image of a sculpture of a Scout that was displayed at the Salon de Paris in 1913.



The card was postally used from Birmingham with a wavy roller machine cancel from 5th July, 1913 and a receiving datestamp from St. Germain en Laye, in then Seine et Oise dated 22nd July.

To the top left is a 3 line handstamp with text “**EXPEDIEE DU CAMP / DES / ECLAIREURS DE** (France?)” In my basic French this means despatched from the camp of the French Scouts.

The camp this is most likely to refer to is that held in association with the Birmingham Scout Rally which was held from the 2nd to 9th July.

This was the third such rally organised in Britain and the first that was longer than just a day, and the first where Baden-Powell invited overseas Scouts

to attend. It follows on from the original 1909 Crystal Palace Rally and the 1911 Windsor Rally while predating the 1920 First World Jamboree at Olympia in London.

The format of the Birmingham rally was like the first Jamboree, a public exhibition



in a large venue (Bingley Hall) and the Scouts camped in a nearby park. It can therefore be very easily described as the precursor for the Jamboree.

Does anyone know if this French handstamp was used for other camps or even whether the conclusion of its use at the Birmingham Scout Rally is correct?

The message and address are in pencil and very faint but you can make out the words “eclaireurs anglais” in the text.

3 EGYPT SG510-2 Scout issues – along with the Suez canal Nationalisation stamp dated 1956 prompt odd memories.....though I hasten to add not of “ABOUKIR” (1798) the name older readers and lovers of English history associate with the ‘wooden walls’ of England, the chequered ships of the line and such heroes as Nelson and Rodney, nor the 1956 Pan-Arab Jamboree held near Alexandria but another near-by scene of yet another war-like muster - “SUEZ 1956”. Still based in Malta and a Royal Naval Clearance Diver we were desperately needed by an ill-advised Great Britain to sort out a small ‘canal blockage’!

Initial pre-Marine-attack beach and harbour duties completed at dawn we then concentrated on surveying and safely clearing the mass of sunken block ships in the harbour and canal entrance. I am sure the reader will sympathise with a diver’s predicament: there we were not only surrounded by constant surface shelling, smoke, gunfire but we were base-less – out of natural environment - at a loss, and somewhat desperate. A boat-load of Naval Clearance Divers, just looking for simple friendly spot to chill out; somewhere to rest for a moment, maybe locate someone of authority prepared to offer us some desperately needed hot food and dry clothes (yep! divers suits do leak!) and 12 hours in cold water is a long time to tie a knot in it!

Our Diving Team, having assisted the Royal Marine ‘first wave’ to ensure landing beach zones were free of anything dangerous, were now to check for any explosive devices, booby traps or mines that might have been left by the retreating Egyptian Army and Navy and so prevent the fast follow up landing of men and stores. Eventually they were then to tackle canal docks and the canal length itself in preparation for the surveying, salvaging, re-floating or moving the various block ships/tugs and dredgers randomly sunk. Obviously, all the damage was carried out to block and prevent access to canal entrance thus denying safe movement and safe docking and berthing facilities for Allies H.Q., stores and reinforcement craft. After hours of non-stop nerve-wracking arduous sessions, where literally dozens high speed, meticulous dives had been made, mainly in the dark and we were looking for somewhere to hole up and recuperate warm, quiet and dry

We found such a building – ‘Navy House’, which after surreptitious Investigation we found the galley, food, peace and quiet – thank the Lord - few minutes rest. Eventually - before reluctantly moving off, I nosey-like investigated the nearby office and lo and behold – on a desk awaiting some clerk to send off (but was obviously somewhat dramatically interrupted), the mornings post. And nearby found some mint Suez Canal ‘Nationalisation’ stamps. I think there were even some letters addressed to England.

Strange how conflicts can bring back odd memories and odder souvenirs!



## PUBLISHING OF THE BULLETIN - OPTIONS

Terry Simister

As mentioned in my Editorial, I am still receiving a few items of correspondence on the thorny subject of Bulletin Publishing and circulation. There is still a simple divide between those who have computers and think its a great idea and those who don't have them and who are not interested at all.

Just to repeat what I said - any change would not be exclusive to one system and would certainly not be compulsory. This means that even if you are not interested in the electronic version you would still receive a "hard" copy.

I have been asked if it is possible to put some figures to the various aspects of the Bulletin printing on an issue by issue basis, so here goes - in simple terms what am I talking about.

If you look back at the accounts it is clear that the Bulletin is, quite rightly, the single biggest cost to the Club each year and there is an interesting comparison with the actual subscriptions received:

2008	Bulletin	£1,727.93	Subscriptions	£1,609.81
2009		£1,813.50		£2,160.46
2010		£2,284.16		£ 397.93
2011		£2,592.70		£ 824.40

The cost is made up of four elements, paper, printing, envelopes and postage.

Paper and Printing are combined and fortunately a friend of mine owns the business One Stop Scouting so he prints each issue for me at a cost of 12p per double sided page in black and white and 15p for the colour/black and white

The envelopes have been slowly rising in price and currently cost between £17.00 and £23.00 for 500, depending on any offers in the stationers.

Postage has rocketed in the UK, especially over the last two years, but we do get a great benefit from One Stop Scouting doing the mailing using their franking facility. Despite this it is still around 34p for second class in the UK, 78p for Europe and around £1.52 for airmail throughout the world - to the best of my recollection.

We print 275 copies each time and post out 262 of these, holding the remaining copies for possible new members.

The total cost of each issue is approximately £420.00 or £1.60 per copy posted, at an average cost. This works out at almost £20.00 per member per year, based on averages.

I would suggest that subscriptions would have to rise to something like £25.00 for UK, £30.00 for Europe and £35.00 for the rest of the world if we continue on the existing basis. Please let me have your further comments.

The World Jamboree at Hylands in 2007 saw me, like many, many others, making a bee-line for the post office in order to get covers serviced. What actually happened was zilch. However, my daughter Tricia Carne, who was on the staff at the Jamboree, came to my rescue and got me behind the scenes at the Isle of Man PO. I had various bits and pieces with me for trading purposes from which I made up two commems. After falling on my knees and with tears streaming; I prevailed upon the Postmaster to tie everything together, even the GB issues (which strictly speaking is not on of course). The results are the first two attachments to this email.



The third attachment is a scan of Exeter and District Christmas FDC, 2005, celebrating 25 years of Christmas mail. It is one of 50 signed by Peter Duncan. There is an informative insert. If anyone is interested the price is £20. Size 220mm x 110mm. (See back cover)

## SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 70p for 1<sup>st</sup> class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2<sup>nd</sup> class post). Overseas £1.30 for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.75.

<b>STAMPS FROM STOCK</b>	<b>MINT</b>	<b>USED</b>
SLE10 SIERRA LEONE 2010 100 Years of Boy Scouts of America 4 in sheetlet	8.25	-
SLE10S SIERRA LEONE 2010 100 Years of Boy Scouts of America MS	8.25	-
MAR10 MARSHALL ISLANDS 2010 100 Years of Boy Scouts of America (4)	2.25	2.25
TWN10 TAIWAN 2010 Centenary of Girl Guides (2)	2.15	-
MAV10 MALDIVES 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	10.60	-
NEV10 NEVIS 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	9.45	-
ANT10 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	8.25	8.25
ANT10S ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding MS	4.75	-
SLE10G SIERRA LEONE 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	5.95	-
SLE10GS SIERRA LEONE 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding MS	4.45	-
GUY10 GUYANA 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	9.95	9.95
GUY10S GUYANA 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding MS	-	4.15
STH10 St.HELENA 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding (4)	2.80	-
STV10 St.VINCENT & GRENADINES 2010 100 <sup>th</sup> Anny of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	8.00	-
ARU10 ARUBA 2010 Scout & Guide commemorative (4)	3.45	3.45
BAN10 BANGLADESH 2010 8 <sup>th</sup> National Jamboree (1)	1.70	-
USA10 U.S.A. 2010 SCOUTING commemorative (self adhesive) (1)	0.50	-
COO10 COOK ISLANDS 2010 Anzac Day – Scouts & Guides (4)	3.45	3.25
COO10S COOK ISLANDS 2010 Anzac Day – Scouts & Guides MS	5.25	4.90
A MISCELLANY ( a selection of Saints)		
STH82 St.HELENA 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	0.75	0.75
STK81 St.KITTS 1981 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St.Kitts Girl Guides (4)	0.50	0.45
STK82 St.KITTS 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (3)	0.70	0.65
STL82 St.LUCIA 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	1.20	-
STL85 St.LUCIA 1985 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Guides (4)	3.50	3.75
STL86 St.LUCIA 1986 Lord & Lady Baden-Powell 2 x MS (plain background)	3.00	2.75
STL86D St.LUCIA 1986 Lord & Lady Baden-Powell 2 x MS decorative background	5.00	-
SPM87 St.PIERRE & MIQUELON 1987 Christmas + 50 Years of Scouting (1)	0.85	-
STP87 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1987 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (3)	-	0.40
STV64 St.VINCENT 1964 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting (4)	0.45	0.50
STV74 St.VINCENT 1974 Diamond Jubilee of Scouting (4)	0.45	-
STV77 St.VINCENT 1977 Girl Guides Golden Jubilee (4)	0.40	-
STV82 St.VINCENT 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (2)	0.90	1.20
STVG82 St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (2)	-	0.90
STV86 St.VINCENT 1986 Lord & Lady Baden-Powell 2 x MS (plain background)	3.00	2.75
STV91S St.VINCENT 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS	-	2.50
STVG91 St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	4.00	4.25
STVG95 St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	-	5.00
<b>CLEARANCE – SCOTTISH ISLANDS LOCAL POSTS 1985</b>		
SLPA 7 x Scottish Islands 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Guides overprints in black – each 4 + 2 x MS mint	3.50	
SLPB 7 x Scottish Islands 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Guides overprints in red – each 4 + 2 x MS mint	3.50	

Checking through T.P.McDermott’s article in the May/June Bulletin, I find that I also have the same postcard as shown on page 15 from the Centenary World Camp in Canada. Mine was posted at Glen Head, N.Y., U.S.A. on Aug.21 1957 to Holland. The message reads “ Spent a happy week end at the Canadian World Centenary Camp with 1600 girls & adults from 41 countries – a wonderful example of international friendship” – followed by a more personal message, and signed Louise M.Mills. He also mentions the similar World Camp held in Switzerland in July 1957. I am unable to discover any details of the camp except that it was held in the village of Goms Ulrichen, Wallis (or Valais canton) – which I can’t find on any map!

A Mobile Post Office was situated at the camp which used a supplementary post mark  
 LAGER/CAMP/CAMPEGGIO  
 GGIO GOMS  
 ULRICHEN WITH  
 World Guide emblem



encircled with ROBERT BADEN-POWELL 1857-1957. Only the date 28.VII.57 seems to have been used, I have one Registered cover (as shown) plus two Guide

postcards bearing the postmark, but neither are related to the event.

The stamp issued for the Girl Scout World Camp in the Philippines is the well-known 5 centavos blue stamp showing a Girl Scout with stylised tents. The looks quite pretty with her pronounced eyelashes!



the Republic of the Philippines Bureau of Posts, Manila dated December 29, 1956 reads as follows:

The Philippines has been selected the site for the Pacific Area of the Girl Scout World Camp in 1957, planned to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Lord Baden Powell, founder of scouting. The international encampment will be held in Quezon City from January 19 to February 2, 1957.

On the occasion of this celebration, the Bureau of Posts will place on sale a new 5-centavo perforate and imperforate postage stamp on January 19, the opening day of the camping.

The stamp carries the design of the insignia of the World Girl Scout above the tents of a camp in silhouette. On the right side of the stamp is also the silhouette of a girl scout facing the tents and the insignia.

The particulars of the stamp are:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Stamps in a sheet</u>
5-centavo (Perforate)	Dark blue	30 x 39 mm	450,000	100
5-centavo (Imperforate)	Dark blue	30 x 39 mm	50,000	100

Covers bearing this new stamp will be impressed with a special canceller if presented at Window No.168 of the Manila Post Office on January 19, 1957.

Orders for first-day covers of this new stamp may be mailed to the Chief, Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila not later than January 19, together with a remittance to cover the cost of the envelopes if not supplied and the stamps to be affixed. Philatelic collectors from foreign countries should remit a sufficient amount to cover the cost of the stamps ordered and mailing charges.

(Signed) F.Cuaderno, Director of Posts.

Two postmarks were used, firstly as mentioned in the Press Bulletin, and secondly from GSP (Girl Scouts of the Philippines) BRANCH OFFICE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE JAN 19 1957 QUEZON CITY. All first day covers also carry a blue circular handstamp with World Guide emblem and text GIRL SCOUT WORLD CAMP JANUARY 19 to FEBRUARY 2.

The cachet makers had a field day, as I can count 21 different cacheted FDCs in my collection, plus one "souvenir album". Designs range from a Girl Scout, a camp scene and Lord Baden-Powell. Some covers have only one stamp, usually the perforate version, and others with both types. Only four of mine have actually been posted, one to the Girl Guides "Our Chalet" in Adelboden, Switzerland, another to a Guide Leader in Berne, and a third to an address in Long Beach, California. Probably my favourite is the one sent to "The Guider in Charge" at Foxlease, the Girl Guides Training Centre in Hampshire. It is not certain if there was a postmark at the Camp itself, I do have a



cover which was posted from there to Australia, but the cancellation is so poor and indistinct as to be unreadable.

The dates on the sides of the stamp are 1857 1957 to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of Robert Baden-Powell. Apparently, some stamps were misprinted 1357 instead of 1857. The offending stamps were overprinted with a black oblong across the date, with another in the centre of the stamp plus an odd-shaped hole to demonetise the value. Whilst I do have one of the “demonetised” stamps, I am not really convinced there was ever an error, or misprint, as the blacking-out does what it is meant to do!



Occasionally, Philippines stamps are found with overprinted letters O.B. (Official Business). I have the 4c value of the 1948 Silver Jubilee of Scouting issue, and the 5c of 1<sup>st</sup> National Boy Scouts Jamboree 1954 overprinted pair with two different types of O.B. overprint. Other O.B. stamps have been noted (not Scout), sometimes with handwritten letters, and they can add interest to a collection.

Whilst in the region of the Philippines, look out for a number of forgeries of the 1948 Silver Jubilee pair. These have obviously been fabricated from the imperforate version of the stamps, with perforations vertically or horizontally only. Or off-centre perforating or even at right angles forming “partial” stamps. The size of the perforation holes are fairly accurate, although the finish tends to be rather ragged. I have a couple of these forgeries on so-called first day covers, and feel sure that the postmarks were “adapted”.





My friend and SGSC member Kuniichi Komachi of Tokyo has kindly sent me a selection of this year`s Scouting postmarks from Japan. Details are as follows:



1. 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scout Association of Japan National Meeting Yoyogi (Tokyo) 26-27 August 2012.



2. 11<sup>th</sup> Nippon Agoonoree S.A.J. 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nozu (Shiga) 2-5-August 2012.



3. 1<sup>st</sup> Tokai Scout Council Camporee Takayama (Gifu) 5-8-August 2012.



4. 11<sup>th</sup> Shinto Scout Camporee Ise (Mie) 7-10 August 2012.



5. Ibaragi Scout Council 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 18<sup>th</sup> Ibaragi Camporee Ami (Ibaragi) 12 August 2012.

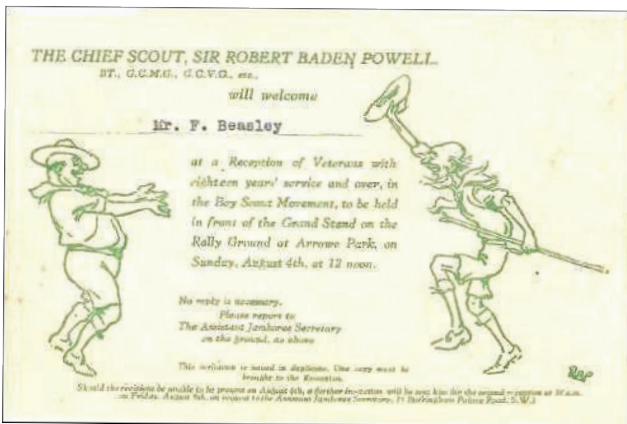
Note that the year indication 24 is the first figure in each postmark, this is equivalent to 2012, and represents the year of the Emperor`s reign.

Value added?

One of the delights of being asked to look over Scouting collections, whether in private hands or in archives, is having the opportunity to be able to explain details about the Scouting significance of an artefact about which the owner/curator was unaware. Of course, it is not always the case that such 'provenance' is an indicator of rarity and therefore 'economic value', but there are often times when knowing all there is to know about an item, can positively influence the way that it has to be valued.

I have been assisting a Scout County to catalogue and value its archive. This statement may raise a few eyebrows, depending on the Scout County in which you live, as very few Scout Counties have either archives or archivists, but those that do are to be congratulated. Counties that carry out reviews of their collection, to assess what needs to be done to best conserve their items and ensure their safe preservation are even more exceptional.

I was investigating the contents of an archive box, full of artefacts relating to the 1929 World Jamboree held at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, when I found an item that been donated by the family of a former Scouter in the County. A manila envelope contained two identical tickets to the event a reception for 'Veterans' in front of the main Grand Stand hosted by The Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell. The 'Veterans' had to have at least 18 years service, and therefore must have joined the Movement in 1911 or before. The second ticket was, no doubt, to enable the recipient to take along a guest.

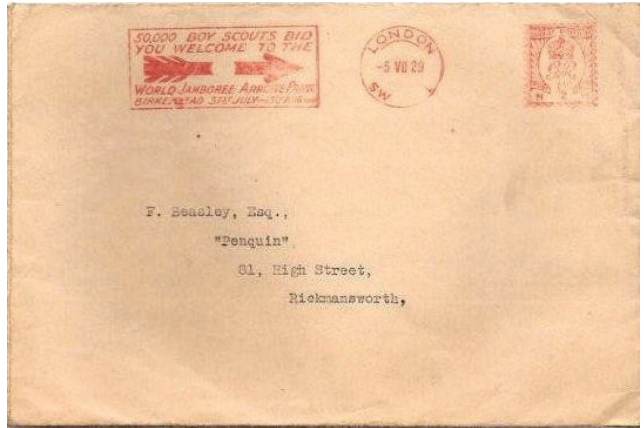


The tickets were in perfect condition, and are illustrated with B-P pen and ink caricatures. An overweight, now middle aged, Scout greets an even older figure, perhaps meant to be the Founder himself. I have no doubt that, given the very buoyant state of the 'market', as far as World Jamboree items are concerned, that should these tickets be

auctioned online they would each command prices in excess of £50!

The camp newspaper, *The Daily Arrow* on Monday August 5th, the day after the event, reported that Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell addressed the 'veterans'. He referred to his recent Barony saying that it was really an honour that belonged to them, and that they... *have been recognised by the highest in the land...*

As interesting as the tickets are, I was more excited by the brown manila envelope that held them. This addressed cover was stampless but, as you see from the scan it is of far greater interest to the Scouting philatelic world, than ever a conventional stamped cover, posted at this time could possibly have been. The meter mark, featuring the World Jamboree arrow logo with the *50,000 Scouts bid you welcome to the World Jamboree Arrowe Park...* slogan is extremely rare.



The cover was sent from Imperial Scout Headquarters, 27 Buckingham Palace Road SW1, London. I was rash enough to suggest to the Archivist that this cover would, by itself, be worth more than the value of the two tickets it contained.

Until the discovery of this item, there were only four such covers known! There are though other examples of the meter marks that have been found 'on piece', i.e. on part of the envelope. Only eight differently dated 'Arrow' meter marks have been recorded, all between May 16th and August 6th 1929. The dated meter mark on this cover, July 5th, was previously unknown. There are no known variations in the colour, or the meter mark itself.

In 2008 two examples on cover were sold by Healey and Wise for £1700 pounds each, both of which were white envelopes, which some collectors prefer to manila, particular as these are often wider than the album page making them awkward to display. The newly discovered archive example however, whilst being manila, comfortably fits horizontally across the page. With its two historic enclosures, it has been valued by our former Chairman, John Ineson, as being worth at least as much as the Healey and Wise auctioned items.

A rare and interesting find!

In the same archive box, there was also a small booklet, *The Imperial Jamboree Souvenir*, which was published by Birkenhead Corporation in 1929 about Arrowe Park and the impending Jamboree. It answered a question, to which I have long been seeking an answer. Why the park was called Arrowe Park? The question is very pertinent because, as we have seen, an arrow was the symbol of the Jamboree and woven, by B-P, into the fabric of all that went on. He made and painted arrows out of plywood which were sent out to every contingent. At the opening ceremony they were ceremonially received back into a barrel, from which, at the closing ceremony, they were again handed back to each contingent to take home and spread the good news from the Jamboree across the world.

It was with some surprise then that I learnt that the naming of Arrowe Park had nothing at all to do with arrows! The booklet divulged that the former township of 'Arwe', in which the park was located, was derived from the Celtic 'Garw', meaning rugged!

Amazingly one or two of arrows have found their way onto the private collections. Marguerite de Beaumont, author of *The Wolf that Never sleeps*, recounted the following story,



In the early part of the Second World War, a Polish soldier, a Scout, who had completed his Wood Badge at Gilwell Park, was taken prisoner in his own country by the Germans. He had been the Polish representative to receive the Arrow from the Chief. He had lost everything, home, family, possessions—all that he held dear, except for one precious possession – the wooden Arrow from the 1929 World Jamboree, which he was determined to take away with him as he set out across Europe to make his way to Britain.

After many adventures he eventually reached his goal and he sought out his former Gilwell Scout instructor. He gave him the arrow- for he felt he had now longer need of it, as he had arrived at his haven.

The Chief never knew this story. The arrow was given to a small country troop

The photograph above is one of a pair of gates at the entry to the park. A stone memorial to the 1929 Jamboree is close by.

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Other Scout events during the year which produced postmarks were from:

NORWAY National Camp of NSF Scouts, Mandal 6-13 July 1932.



NETHERLANDS National Scout Camp, Wassenaar.

Firstly a publicity slogan postmark from s`Gravenhage (The Hague) was used from 18 July until the end of the month. Then a circular postmark



from the Camp itself used between 2-12 August, usually printed in purple.

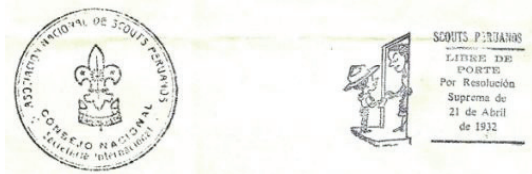
POLAND International Jamboree of Sea Scouts – Charzykovo and Garczyn. Unfortunately, I do not possess either of these postmarks.

SWITZERLAND 2<sup>nd</sup> National Scout Camp, Geneva 27 July-5 August 1932.



From 21 April 1932, the Boy Scouts of Peru were granted the privilege of free postage.

A special handstamp was used showing a Scout handing a letter to a lady in her doorway. It appears that the freepost system was applied world-wide as I have envelopes posted to London, and the Netherlands, as well as one internal envelope to Lima. However, I do not think that any of the items in my collection were actually posted in 1932 but probably date from after 1950.

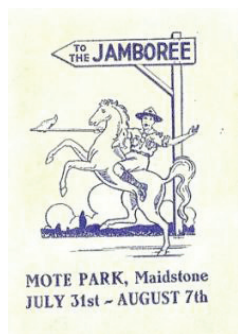


The first London Gang Show took place in 1932. There was obviously no philatelic recognition, but a publicity label from 1933 announces “The Gang Comes Back!”

Other G.B. Scout event labels from 1932 announce “SOUTH LONDON BOY SCOUTS RALLY & DISPLAYS, CRYSTAL PALACE 4<sup>th</sup> June 1932” and (Kent) JAMBOREE MOTE PARK, MAIDSTONE, JULY 31 – AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>. I believe there



was also a handstamp used on mail from this Jamboree, but I do not have an example of it. The West Country Jamboree at Corston, Bristol also used a circular handstamp on mail.



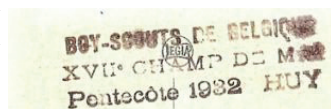
From U.S.A., cachet envelopes are recorded from CAMP EMERSON, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA and CAMP MIAKONDA, SYLVANIA, OHIO. Also a “Flag Day” cover showing Boy Scouts raising the Stars & Stripes. Dated June 14, 1932 from Washington D.C., these covers were used in other locations and later years. A rather crude handstamped cachet records “18<sup>th</sup> Annual Roosevelt Pilgrimage Oct.22 1932 B.S.A. President & Chief Scout Citizen. Born Oct.27 1858. Died Jan.6 1919.” From Oyster Bay, N.Y. A further cover from Boy Scout Stamp Club of Washington, D.C.with handstamp cachet records “Anniversary of Washington’s Death Dec.14 1932” posted Mount Vernon, VA. A label showing George Washington and a pensive Scout was produced for BOY SCOUT WEEK, FEB.7-13. 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.



Checking through my collection alphabetically, I have a few other items of Scout philatelic interest for 1932.

**Argentina:** a postal wrapper for “El Scout Argentino” publication.

**Belgium:** an envelope with handstamp of Federation des Scouts Catholiques, Bruxelles. Also a postcard with handstamp of “Boy Scouts de Belgique XVII Champ de Mai, Pentecote 1932 Huy.”



**Czechoslovakia:** A Scout Camp handstamp CERVENEC 1932.

**Estonia:** postcard with handstamp from 2<sup>nd</sup> National Jamboree 15-24 July 1932.

**Finland:** label for NMKY (YMCA) Scouts Camp Liittoleiri 9-18.7.1932.

Handstamp for **Swedish** Scouts Camp at Hindhar July 1932.





**France:** A postcard from Paris to Romania with handstamp of Les Eclaireurs Unionistes de France Comite National. The card was posted on 28.XII.1932 without stamps and arrived in Bucharest on 31 December, apparently without surcharge.

Les Eclaireurs de France reached their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in 1932 for which they issued a series of 12 labels in a booklet priced at 1 Franc.

**Germany:** A handstamped postcard from the National Camp of Christlicher Pfadfinder-schaft at Auygustusburg in May 1932. (Scouting was banned in Germany the following year).

**Hungary:** A Marton design postcard bearing a Scout Troop handstamp, unfortunately the stamps had been removed before I obtained the card. A postcard of a group of happy Scouts with handstamp of 1 x Scout Camp, Tizsmok, July 1932.

A group of three unposted postcards all bearing the handstamp of Scout Camp at Fonyod 1932.

An official postcard of Air Scouts Camp, Godollo in August 1932. Perhaps a rehearsal for 4<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree the following year?

**Jugoslavia:** A label for the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Camp, Zagreb 1932.

**Latvia:** An invitation card with red handstamp 1.Juras Skautu Pulcins L.S.O.

**Lithuania:** An Express letter addressed to Lord Baden-Powell.

**Norway:** An envelope sent to Lord & Lady Baden-Powell, possibly a joint birthday card, as it was posted on 17 February 1932.

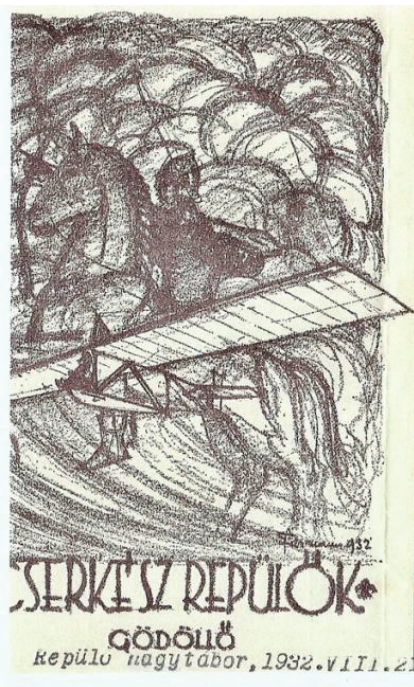
**Poland:** A local postcard bearing the handstamp of Scout Troop Sarnowa.

**Switzerland:** An envelope from Pfadfinder-Abteilung, Wadenswil.

A postcard of two Scouts raising the Swiss flag, with handstamp of "Troupes de Noirmont et de Gland".

**U.S.A.:** Treasure Island, New Jersey, Scout Camp had its own postmark from 1931, although there was no mention of Scouting. My plain envelope has a postmark dated Sep.3 P.M. 1932 and carries the signature of Thomas G.Cairns.

Likewise, Ten Mile River, N.Y. used a similar postmark, and my picture postcard of the Scout Camp, posted on Aug.19 1932 AM carries the amusing message "Be Broadminded Kid. I am having a swell time. Don't ask me how. Is my face red? As Ever Eddie".



The **Girl Guides** do get a look in too!

Just one item from **Great Britain**: a postcard showing a group of about 24 happy Girl Guides on the back of a lorry which has been decorated with flowers. The card is from

Latymer Road Mission, Notting Hill W.10 with the message

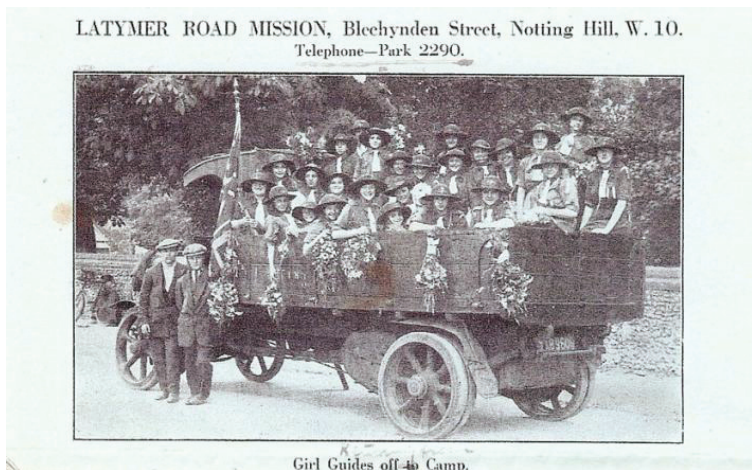
“Girl Guides off to Camp”

The message has been amended in pen to read Girl Guides

“Return from”

Camp. The card was posted on 29 April

1932.



**Denmark**: A postcard from the Girl Guides Training School, Korinth, with a Guiding publicity label on the face.

**France**: A fund-raising label from La Federation des Eclaireuses, issued in a booklet.

**Ireland**: A postcard of Girl Guide Leaders at the Eucharistic Congress, Dublin.

**Sweden**: A Registered Express envelope addressed to The Lady Baden-Powell from Stockholm.

**Switzerland**: A hand-drawn design postcard showing a silhouette of five smart Girl Guides and their Leader.

The Guides “Our Chalet” at Adelboden was opened by B-P in 1932. A sheet of 20 labels was issued to commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1982.



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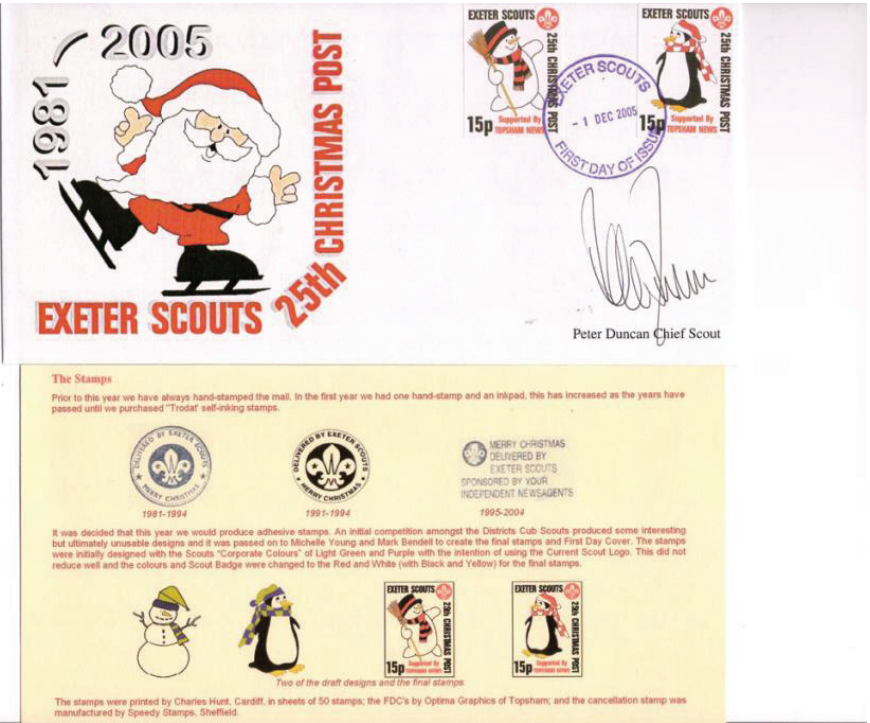
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