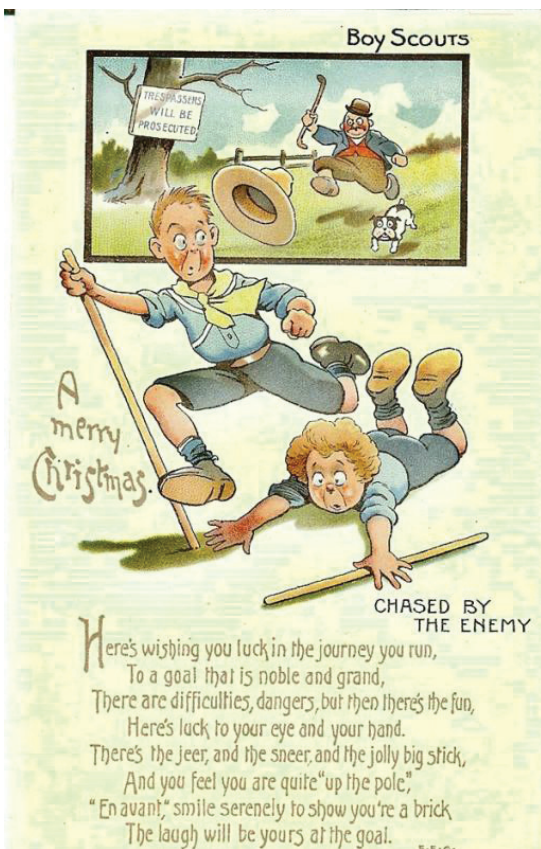


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Editorial

It would appear that the last comments have now arrived on the subject of electronic publishing and we have taken the opportunity of discussing the matter within the Committee at a recent Meeting. The final notes and decisions, etc. Are contained in the article on page 8 of this Bulletin. I hope that everybody will be in favour of the final decision.

As I sit typing this issue we are within a month of Christmas and despite everything the world seems to still be in the same turmoil that existed last year - politically and physically. Here in the UK we have suffered from severe flooding in many places, which is leaving people homeless for many months and I believe that there have been similar situations in Central Europe. All this whilst at the other end of the world our friends in New Zealand are still trying to recover from their earthquakes. Hopefully the combined prayers of all the many parts of the World Scout Organisation can have some effect with our various Gods.

At present the Scout Association here are introducing a new set of Fundamentals which are, thankfully, not too different from the previous set and they are also asking the membership to consider whether we should introduce a form of The Promise that will allow atheists to join the Movement. It will be very interesting to see the results of the survey as this has been an interesting media point for some time now.

Finally and for the last time, I will update on my Gang Show problems. The numbers never got any bigger than mention last time so I was able to bring in 13 of my original over 25 Cast and this meant that we started the rehearsals with 69 members, now down to 65 members.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

January 13th, March 17th,

May 7th and July 14th

FUTURE MEETINGS

After a lot of searching we have found a new venue for the 2013 AGM and details of this, as advanced warning, are given on page 18.

We did try to go back to Baden-Powell House or Gilwell Park but the room hire costs, even at "Scout" rates, meant that for a four hour period, 12.00 until 16.00 the cost would be £218, which is totally prohibitive for us.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

In 1880 B-P was posted to Afghanistan as a young army officer. Scouting started there in 1931, joining the International Scouts Association in 1933. They were banned by the government in 1947 being accused of fire worship as they had made music and sang around a camp fire! Scouting was re-established in 1956 and Afghanistan re-admitted to the World Scout Conference in 1964. During this period there were four (uncatalogued) stamp issues commemorating Scout's Day, Scouting and Women's Day. Scouts of both genders played major parts in national events and a musician Scout Group formed. The then Federal Republic of Germany assisted greatly with the provision of uniforms and the training of adult leaders. Sadly in 1973 the Communist takeover made the Scouts part of the police, many fled the country and by 1978 Scouting was banned, being replaced by the Young Communist movement. Following further political upheaval and the fall of the Taliban, Scouting emerged again in 2003 but still not trusted by many thinking of them as still Communists or the police. At a camp held last year local mullahs caused trouble accusing Scouts singing round a campfire of indulging in Christian worship.

Nowadays, with much help from Afghanistan International Security Assistance Force personnel from many countries, especially some North American army officers who are Eagle Scouts and other coalition countries, including the Netherlands, Canada and Sweden, Scouting is growing again with a new Headquarters and training centre in Kabul and troops in 13 orphanages and 5 schools. Old training books have been translated and updated and 17 wood badges awarded at the first leader training course. Sadly, however, I can find no reference to any participation or assistance given by Britain.



Above Left: 1961 one of two stamps for Women's Day and Scouting.

Second Left: 1962 one of two stamps for Women's Day and Scouting.

Second Right: 1962 one from eight stamps for Boy Scout's Day. (The traditional style cap is now replaced by a baseball cap).

Above Right: 1964 one from twelve stamps for Women's Day and Scouting.

John's Jottings

by John Ineson

I wrote in my last "John's Jottings" about an unused 1920 Siam/Thailand printed postcard with the 3stg green stamp making Euro 1450 (about £1200, US\$ 1860) at Gartner's September Auction. It has since been pointed out to me by Frederick Lawrence that this was a fake, and that the overprint is on the wrong postal card. All "Scout's Fund" overprints were on postal cards without a vertical line dividing the front side of the card, as those with the dividing line were a later printing. He also mentions that the overprint is forged, with numerous differences between itself and the genuine Type II overprint. It appears in the image in the online auction catalogue to be in shiny black ink, not the dull grey black ink of the genuine overprints.

In Jan/Feb 2000, I mentioned and illustrated a rare Scout postcard showing "Miss Soames B-P's fiancée, chatting with a Scout on board the Mirror" yacht. Recently I purchased another card from this set and although in poor condition, my main postcard collecting friends had never seen this one before.



As Olave and Robert Baden-Powell were only engaged for six weeks before they married at Parkstone, Dorset on 30 October 1912, the cards would have been in circulation only for a short time. This card is titled "B-P and his fiancée, Miss Soames being rowed out to the Mirror". The newspaper "*Daily Mirror*" presented London Sea Scouts with the 52 ton yacht named "Mirror". Tragically after only a year of use, the boat was run down in the Thames by a steamer.

In the last SGSC Bulletin, Colin Walker wrote about the scarce Scout Headquarters meter mark advertising the 1929 World Jamboree held at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead.



At the end of November another cover has been sold in auction by Corbitt Stamps. This one is dated 14th May 1929, two days before the previous earliest recorded example of this scarce meter mark. Despite being badly creased this sold for £880 (Euro€1040 US\$1345). At the same auction, a registered cover sent from the Jamboree to Worcester, was sold for £1150 (Euro€1360, US\$ 1750), despite having a heavy and minor creases. Although it has very weak cancels, I believe this was



posted on 31 July 1929 with the correct postage rate of 4½ pence. I understand that Grosvenor Auctions of London will be selling a 1929 Jamboree registered cover in good condition and Mafeking stamps at their sale on 6th March.

The 9th EuroScout Exhibition took place from 28-30 September 2012 at Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Germany. There were 32 exhibitors who displayed many facets of Scout philately, ranging from the origins of Scouting at the Siege of Mafeking 1899-1900 right up to 21st Century events and Jamborees.

Also there were other events and outings for family members who attended. Walking tours around Rothenburg ob der Tauber proved quite tiring with many steps and slopes to negotiate. Other tours were made further afield to Creglingen and Weikersheim to view churches and a castle, also to Wurzburg to see the famous Residenz Palace.

Our “home” which was on the edge of the town was called Wildbad, A gigantic building which housed most of the participants, the exhibition itself, plus dining and meeting rooms. 152 frames were mounted for the exhibition with displays from Austria, Denmark, France, G.B., Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and U.S.A. and the host nation Germany.

Scouting (and Guiding) history was very well represented with displays entirely of material from Mafeking 1900 – stamps, covers and banknotes, Scouting in Romania, and St. George, Patron Saint of Scouting. Plenty of old postcards in evidence which always gives a flavour of Scouting was really like in the “old days”. There was also a special exhibit concerning Scouts in Displaced Persons Camps at the end of World War II.

For the first time, the Walter Grob Award was made. This was for a one-frame (12 sheets) exhibit which had not been presented before. There were 23 entries for the competition with an amazing range of Scouting themes. Some of these were: “Scouting Serves”, “Souvenirs from World Jamboree 1947 Moisson”, “Scouting & Advertising”, “Myth and Irony in the First Italian Scout Postcards” (amazing!), “Jamboree on the Air”, “Boy Scout Founders”. The winner was Leif Nielsen with “Danish National Jamborees before 1939”. Leif was duly awarded the prize of 500 Swiss Francs by Max Grob, son of Walter Grob, who had been a pioneer of Scout philately.

All participants, for both the exhibition and the one-frame competition were awarded certificates of participation plus a bottle of local red wine. This took place at the Festive Buffet Dinner which was held on the Saturday evening.

Congratulations to Gottfried Steinmann, Manfred Bach and the ArGe Pfadfinder team for a magnificent exhibiton.

The next EuroScout Exhibition will be held in Denmark, near Copenhagen in August 2014.



 Current Membership Rates which are due from 1st April, each year (unless you are already part way through a five years membership).

Payments please to Tim Reed or by the use of PayPal.

	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
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All World Airmail (except Europe)	£20.00	£100.00

Club Badges and other souvenir items are also available from the Membership Secretary.

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Metal Pin Badges @ £1.00 each, Epoxy Pin Badges @ £1.00 each,
 Cloth Blanket Badge @ £1.00 each, Leather Woggles @ £1.25 each

Firstly a final word on the debate from Colin Walker.

For what it it's worth, my opinion with regard to the debate on hard copy club mag versus the online edition is as follows.

In this day and age it is an absolute nonsense to be looking at reproductions of postage stamps, coloured ink cancellation etc etc. in greyscale. Just as an example in my last article I submitted scans of tickets for a reunion at the 1929 Jamboree, the scans were in colour and entirely readable - when changed to 'greyscale' they just lost all impact as the tonal quality of the ink and card on which the tickets were printed on was very close. - so the design could hardly be discerned.

Another major advantage of the online edition, besides cost, is that members would be able to save specific images to their computer hard drives for future use.

I am of course aware that there are some members that are not able / do not want to enter the digital age. I don't want to sound hard but this is their decision and if they want to have the magazine delivered as hard copy- then I am sure that it can be arranged. - perhaps their membership should go up a little to reflect the costs involved, or as the the majority of the membership who opt for an online edition should be getting a cheaper membership - perhaps some subsidy could be agreed , but the hard copy members would need to continue to pay their existing membership. Any new members should not, in my opinion , be offered the option!

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On 2nd November the Committee met for a regular meeting and amongst the items on the Agenda were running costs and the option of electronic circulation, or part circulation, of the Bulletin.

The appropriate section of the published Minutes reads as follows:-

Editors Report: Terry reported that he was now in a position to provide an electronic version of the Bulletin which would be available for members to download. Early feed back from some members suggested that this development would be welcomed as the digital version would be of a higher production standard than the current printed version. He anticipated that approximately 30% of the membership would probably “sign up” for a digital Bulletin. This would of course lead to some savings in the Club expenditure. It was agreed that the Club would aim to produce a digital copy for the first issue of 2013. In light of any savings that might arise from the digital version further savings could be achieved by reducing the number of Bulletins produced from 6 to 4 a year. Whilst this would assist the Editor who often struggled to find suitable

material for 6 copies it was agreed to continue with 6 copies a year for the time being. Terry was again congratulated and thanked for maintaining a high standard of content and production with the Bulletin.

So, in line with this Minute we can announce that the January / February issue in 2013 will be available as an electronic version sent directly to the e-mail address of any member who has advised The Editor that they would like to receive it in this format. Members who do not make the request will continue to receive a printed hard copy version by post.

The whole position regarding systems and costs, etc. will be reviewed as 2013 progresses and any proposed changes in subscriptions, etc. will be brought before the Annual General Meeting on 13th July, 2013.

If you wish to receive future copies of The Bulletin electronically, which means they will be issued to you as a pdf document at size A4, in full colour at around the midway point in their respective cover date, then please do the following:-

Send an e-mail to Terry at “terry.simister@blueyonder.co.uk” under the heading of SGSC Bulletin which reads:

I would like to receive future copies of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club Bulletin by electronic mail and the appropriate documents should be sent to the address used for this transmission.

Signed

Dated

If we do not hear from you by 31st January 2013 then it will be assumed that at the present time you do not wish to change and your copies of future Bulletins will continue to be sent through the postal system.

Hopefully, at some future date, all recent issues of the Bulletin will be available on the Club website within the password protected area.

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 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas £1.30 for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.75.

STAMPS FROM STOCK	(Scouting & Wildlife issues – Flora & Fauna)	MINT
ANG80	ANGUILLA 1980 50 th Anniversary of Scouting overprints on bird & fruit stamps (2)	1.50
BAN81	BANGLADESH 1981 5 th Asia-Pacific Jamboree (2) showing a deer	0.80
CAR83	CENTRAL AFICAN REP. 1983 15 th World Jamboree (1) Scouts with rhinoceros	2.00
CAR88	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1988 Scouts & birds (5)	4.50
CAR88S	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1988 Scouts & birds MS	3.25
CAR90	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1990 Scouts & butterflies (6)	4.50
CAR90S	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1990 Scouts & butterflies MS	3.25
CAR96	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1996 Scouts with dogs, horse & cycling etc – 6 in sheetlet	2.95
CAR96A	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1996 Birds, butterflies & fungi + Scout badge (6)	4.75
CAR96D	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1996 above issue in 6 x de luxe format	10.00
CHD97	CHAD 1997 Animals + Scout badge (6)	4.80
COM88	COMOROS 1988 Scouts, butterflies & birds (6)	5.00
COM88S	COMOROS 1988 Scouts, butterflies & birds MS	2.50
CON91	CONGO 1991 Scouts, butterflies & fungi (6)	5.00
CON91S	CONGO 1991 Scouts, butterflies & fungi MS	3.50
CON91S	CONGO 1991 Scouts, butterflies & fungi (6) in de luxe format	12.00
DJI81	DJIBOUTI 1981 World & PanAfrican Scout Conferences (2)	1.20
EAS98	EASDALE ISLAND (Scotland)1998 19 th World Jamboree overprint on 80p flowers imperf stamp	0.60
FUJ72A	FUJEIRA 1972 Scouts, butterfly & horses MS	1.00
FUJ72B	FUJEIRA 1972 Scouts, zebra & horses MS	1.00
GAM87S	GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS showing Scouts in jungle	2.75
GUY95	GUYANA 1995 18 th World Jamboree overprinted MS on card showing dinosaur(!)	4.00
GUI88	GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6)	5.50
GUI99	GUINEA 1999 Animals + Scout badge (3)	2.50
MAG88	MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6)	3.00
MAG88S	MALAGASY 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies MS	3.25
MAG92	MALAGASY 1992 Scouts, insects & fungi (6)	5.50
MAG92D	MALAGASY 1992 Scouts, insects & fungi (6) in de luxe format	12.00
MAL81	MALI 1981 4 th African Scout Conference (3)	1.60
MAL96S	MALI 1996 MS birds, butterflies, fungi & insects + Scout badge	5.00
MAL97	MALI 1997 Scouts, fungi & minerals (4)	2.50
MAU91	MAURITANIA 1991 Scouts, fungi & butterflies (6)	6.00
MAU91S	MAURITANIA 1991 Scouts, fungi & butterflies MS	3.50
MAU91D	MAURITANIA 1991 Scouts, fungi & butterflies (6) in de luxe format	11.50
NZ59	NEW ZEALAND 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree (1) showing kiwi	0.15
NGR96A	NIGER 1996 18 th World Jamboree (4) animals + Jamboree emblem	4.00
NGR96AS	NIGER 1996 18 th World Jamboree MS Scout, animals & butterfly	3.50
NGR96B	NIGER 1996 18 th World Jamboree (4) butterflies + Jamboree emblem	3.50
NGR97S	NIGER 1997 90 th Anniversary of Scouting MS showing B-P + animals, birds & butterflies	4.50
PEN83	PENRHYN 1983 15 th World Jamboree overprint on flowers (3)	2.00
TOG90	TOGO 1990 Scouts, butterflies & fungi (6)	4.25
TOG90S	Scouts, butterflies & fungi MS	3.00

SCOUTS FROM RUSSIA GREET YOU.

You might say: “How strange! Can there be any Scouts in Soviet Russia?”

Of course not. The Communist government has outlawed Scouting long ago.

1. But some 40 years ago – before the Communists seized power, Scouting was very popular among Russian boys and girls. The first stamp commemorates the founding of the first Scout troop in Pavlovsk, near St.Petersburg in April 1909. A year later, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout movement, visited Russia, and by 1917 there were more than 50,000 Scouts all over the country.
2. When the Communists seized power in 1917, they organized their own groups, the Pioneers, to indoctrinate Russian youth politically. Independent activities were forbidden, but scouting was carried on underground. The second stamp commemorates the suppression of organized Scouting in Russia after 1923, when more than a thousand Scout leaders were executed or sent to concentration camps, particularly the Solovetski concentration camp, a former monastery on the White Sea.
3. After the Revolution and the Civil war, close to a million Russians escaped from Russia. Among these refugees, numerous Scout troops were organized in Europe, Latin America and the Far East. Under most difficult conditions, boys were trained to become citizens of a future, free Russia. Nazi occupation of Europe in World War II cut off many of these activities, and Scouting had to be disguised: the uniform, the badges had to be dropped. Yet the essentials of Scouting were preserved, and boys and girls in parts of Russia out from under Soviet control enthusiastically accepted the idea of Scouting. Many Scout leaders perished in wartime. Those who survived wear the badge “For Loyalty”, shown on the third stamp.
4. After the war, Scouting spread quickly throughout the displaced Persons camps in Germany and Austria, where Russian Scouts soon numbered 2000. Some of these boys had escaped from the Soviet Union with their parents, some had never seen Russia. By now, most of them had emigrated to different countries, to spread the word about their brothers in Russia, who are bored with their dull Pioneer meetings and long for more exciting experiences. The fourth stamp symbolizes the world brotherhood of Scouting which, to be real, must include the youth of the enslaved nations. If they know today that young people in free countries are their friends, they may become tomorrow the force to liberate their country.

Thus reads the text of a folder of four stamps (see over) produced by Russian Scouts in Exile and remaining there in 1955. The stamps are printed in black and yellow,

and were re-issued in 1957 in green colour only. A blue proof print of the 10 value is also recorded.

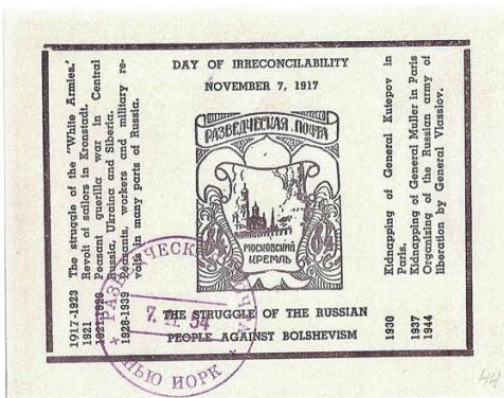


As is well known, Russian Scouts in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany following World War II produced five designs of stamps for their Camp Posts. These depicted: Peter the Great, (General) Suvorov, Pushkin (Poet), The Kremlin and Bogdan Khmelnitsky (Patriot). For various reasons, there are many variations in the stamps: different papers, with and without gum or perforations, surcharges and overprints for various events – also Anti-Communist propaganda.

From 1951 a so-called “Scout Post” was set up in New York, U.S.A. A purple dated circular handstamp was used to cancel stamps, and the earliest date noted is 1.5.51 on an envelope bearing three of the D.P.Camp stamps. These stamps carry an overprint (in Russian) for “Day of Irreconcilability”. This day is commemorated by Russians in Exile on 7 November, and dates from 1917.

Two stamps were issued (presumably in U.S.A.) one showing a camp scene, the other with Scouts climbing. The earliest date noted for these is 6.5.52 (6th May being Russian Boy Scouts` St.George`s Day). The stamps have been seen on addressed envelopes with New York addresses, also on covers with regular U.S. postage stamps. But nothing is known (by me) of the service provided.

The “Day of Irreconcilability” was commemorated with a cacheted cover on 7th November 1954 for “The Struggle of the Russian People against Bolshevism” A souvenir sheet was also produced, all



printed in black. Two of the same covers exist, one with U.S. postage 3c stamp, the other with former D.P.Camp stamp surcharged “USSR IS NOT RUSSIA. RUSSIANS ARE NOT COMMUNISTS”.



Further “Day of Irreconcilability” covers were produced in 1955, 1956 and 1957. These covers can be found with both Russian Scout Post stamps and regular U.S. postage stamps. On 6 May 1956, a strip of three imperforate stamps for Russian Boy Scouts Official Post appeared. Designs show a Scout cyclist, Oleg Pantuhoff (Founder of Russian Scouting) and a Scout sawing a log. No denomination is shown on the stamps, but in 1969, they reappeared to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Russian Scouting and valued at 13, 6 & 1 (cents?). *(See back cover for illustrations)*

Another rather crudely printed souvenir sheet appeared on 1st December 1956 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Russian Boy Scout Mail. Obviously dating back to the original issues in D.P.Camps which had started in 1946.

An issue of so called “Airmail” stamps appeared on 25.10.57 with an airletter form with 4 (cents) stamp plus two stamps denominated 6 and 10.



Other Russian Scout stamps (or labels) were issued during this period up to 1957, mostly from Germany, and I am not always able to interpret their purpose, although no doubt mainly for fund raising.

It is hoped to prepare a continuation article will further issues up to the fall of Communism in the early 1990's.

You may know the book “The Left Handshake” by Hilary St. George Saunders, published in 1948. A review, written still under the impression of the war propaganda, painting a black and white picture of a time, which can hardly be understood these days. Saunders writes:” During those dark days of war and the years which followed, men, women and children were torn from their homes on a scale which would have staggered Attila the Hun and cause Tamberlane (Timur) to rub his eyes! They were moved hither and thither about the chequerboard of Europe, pawns in a grim and inconclusive a game of international chess as any dictator had ever played. They were, and are, of all races, ages and classes, possessing nothing in common except want, misery, hunger, and the generic term “Displaced persons” (Chapter VII, page 202/203)

This situation was foreseen years before the end of the war. Already in 1942 the Boy Scouts Association, amongst other organizations, tried to set up a body able to relieve the misery in those countries which suffered most from the war.

How to finance this undertaking? An appeal was made to every Cub, Scout or Rover in the British Isles to do some piece of work between dawn and dusk on Saturday, 20th May, 1944, for which he should earn at least a shilling.



The money thus collected would become the “Bob a Job” Fund. Its organizers expected to obtain £10 000, when the night came that day, £26 000 had been collected, and by the following Monday the total had reached £32 000. So the problem of finance had been solved (page 204)

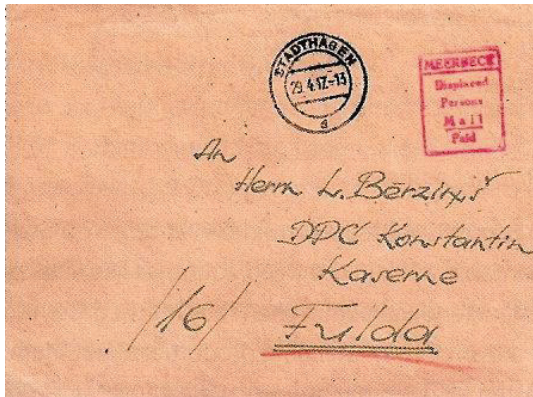
Fig.1 GB. Meter Slogan from 1954.

So Scout Relief teams could be set up to do their charitable work in the freed countries like France, Holland and Belgium. When they reached Germany a task of overwhelming proportions met them. Dotted all over that country were camps of every kind, Prisoner-of-War, Internment, Concentration, Displaced Persons. Hundreds of thousands of demoralized people, hungry, dirty, diseased. (Page 208)

Let us concentrate on those DP-Camps, where Scouts were able to help by organizing some sort of relief in putting up certain measurements to create a pattern of human order. Often together with “local” former Scouts, various services were set up which made the long “captivity” easier to endure, - which often lasted for several years, until 1951 when the last camps were abandoned.

Scouting was successful in all “Western”-Zones, in the US. and British Zone as well as within the French one. It was never officially begun in these camps, but often the inmates themselves would start on their own, if not, members of the SIRS (Scout International Relief Service) initiated it.

Not always necessary but still an important undertaking was the setting up of a special Camp Mail. Although DP-Camps had the privilege, given by the allied Forces, to send their mail “free of postage”, often a special Camp Post was installed, which delivered the camp mail to the nearest official Post Office or to more distant camps.



“Postage free“ letter from the DP-Camp „Meerbeck

At the US. Sector as many as 44 DP- camps are known to have had Scout activity, in the British Sector Scout activity existed at 23 DP- Camps, and in the French Sector, at Ravensburg, Dornstadt and Wangen Exile Scouts of Russia practiced, and even in the Russian Zone, at the DP-Camp of Niedersachswerfen, Russian Exile Scouts were active for some time. (Saunders, ex “ The Left Handshake”)

More than 6000 refugees were in DP-Camps in and around Regensburg, mostly Ukrainian, Latvian, Ruthenian, amongst them 450 Scouts and 150 Guides. Under the leadership of a Latvian "Gilwell-Scout“, who has been commissioned by the U.N.R.R.A., the camp inhabitants were occupied in doing some useful work. In their own workshops, clothing was made out of Hitler Youth uniforms, provided by the UNRRA, handbooks and translations were made, badges designed and fabricated, as well as special camp stamps. Here in 1946 the ISA (International Scout Association) was founded.



Card from a Regensburg DP-Camp showing the special Camp stamp

On the occasion of the intended accepting of Germany into the World Scout Bureau its Director Colonel J.S.Wilson visited the German Scouts in the Western Zones. On the 8th November, 1947 a big reception was held for him at Munich (Organized by the Ukrainian Jerosslaw Hladkxi), afterwards a visit to the DP-Camp at Freimann. Via Nuremberg, Augsburg (Radio broadcast), Freiburg, Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Hanau, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf (Planetarium with 2500 Scouts), Hanover, Hamburg, Lübeck, Kiel, Oldenburg, Osnabrück und Bückeberg (Departure for London)



Colonel Wilson visiting Exile Scouts at Schartau.
(ex "Unser Lagerfeuer, 11/12 19248, Lübeck)

On the 17th November 1948, at Schwartau-Riesebusch in Holstein, German Scouts, together with 800 boys and girls - Exile-Scouts from Poland, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, experienced for the first time in freedom the spirit of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. (source: "Unser Lagerfeuer" Nov/Dec, 1948)

The Scout World Bureau declared the British Scout Leader Jean R. Monnet as the Travelling Commissioner for D.P-Scouts for Germany and Austria, with seat at Frankfurt.

In all three Zones training courses for "Scouts in Exile" - leaders were offered, at Augsburg in Bavaria, at Geislingen in Wurttemberg and other places in West Germany. In autumn 1946 the International Scouting Association (ISA) was established, one of their first tasks was to organize the widely-attended International Scout Rally at Augsburg. Here the desire was expressed to meet German Scouts groups as soon as they were formed.

Already at Pentecost 1946, at the first big Scout tent camp at the Isar valley, with 800 Bavarian participants, some 40 Exile-Scouts from Lithuania and Hungary joined them. Munich was also the seat of the International Scout Association (ISA). For their mail special stamps were produced, showing the Ukrainian Scout lily (Fleur-de-lis). (**Over**)

Altogether 25 000 Scouts in Exile became registered. This office was closed 30th June 1950.



In the US-Zone, by the beginning of 1947 there were between 12 000 and 15 000 Scouts and leaders registered, the Poles, Latvians and Lithuanians contributed the largest number, White Ruthenia the smallest. (ex "The Undaunted").

1947 (1./2. Feb.), at Mittenwald in Bavaria an international Conference of Scouts in Exile took place at the "Gebirgsjäger-Kaserne", the LUTTERSEE – DP-Camp , 34 Delegates from 9 countries: Armenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, and Hungary and even from Germany itself, (Dr. Alexander Lion, who had started Scouting in Germany) was present. (source: Jay Rogers, SOSSI-journal 5/6 1975, I.B. London "Scout Instructor" 1947, Otto Fuchs "Im Sinne Baden Powells" 1947)

On 19th April 1947.at Esslingen /Neckar an International Old-Scouts-Club of Scouts in Exile was formed with members from Armenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia. This club organized early August 1947 a 14-days camp at the grounds of the "Solitude", Stuttgart with 600 participants, amongst them 100 German Scouts (DPSG).

The first World Jamboree after the war was held in France during 1947, where in the sub camp "Algerie" 261 Scouts from the DP.Camps, under the leadership of J.R.Monnet, were able to attend.

To follow up the "Mittenwalder-Talks" a second meeting was arranged at Karlsruhe from 9.-11.October 1948, where the union of the national Scouts in Exile was formed. An "International Patrol Rally" for DP-Scouts took place at Wellerode near Kassel from 19.-31.8.1948, where also two patrols from Yugoslavia participated (ex ZAP- Archive) In 1948 a further DP-Scout Meeting was held at Mittenwald with participants from Hungary, Russia, Ukraine and Lithuania. Nearby U.S.Scouts camped as "Guards". Also Dr. Alexander Lion was present, he slept in a "12er Zelt" (tent made out of 12 German army tent sheets). (ex a letter from the participant Kurt Garke to „Westmann“, 1984)

(Part Two of Gottfried's article will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin)

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

We have received an offer for our AGM, thanks to Bob Lee.

We have booked a room at the Chessington Bowls Club during the ThematiX Show on 12/13 July 2013. The room is available all day on Saturday 13th for the magnificent sum of £20.00.

It is quite close to Tolworth Station (South West Trains out of Waterloo), there is adequate parking available, also a good canteen offering cooked lunches.

It has also been suggested that we invite members of local philatelic societies to visit, except when the AGM is taking place, and hopefully we can put on some kind of display. Full details will follow shortly.

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English 'Local' Poster Stamps

Those readers with a good memory may recall that I wrote an article on Poster Stamps in the January 2009 issue. Since that time my interest in these 'cinderellas', has grown considerably. In researching a chapter in my new book Scouting Collectables Vol. III, thanks to our President, Peter Duck, and former President and past Chairman, John Ineson, I became aware of two British poster stamps that I had never previously encountered. Both of these issues share an interesting pedigree, in that they were produced by Scout Counties, rather than the National organisation.

The posters stamps/seals and labels that I illustrated in my previous article were, in the main, produced by the Scout Association, though this may not have been the case for those advertising the London Gang Show or Roland House. It is these independently produced localised 'issues' that I am now seeking to document.



On the 4th June 1932 South London Boy Scouts organised a Rally and Display at Crystal Palace. Baden-Powell's diary entry for that date shows that he was 'motored' to the event where he was loaned a horse by Capt. Lawrence of the Royals. (The photo below shows

B-P on the horse). He notes that



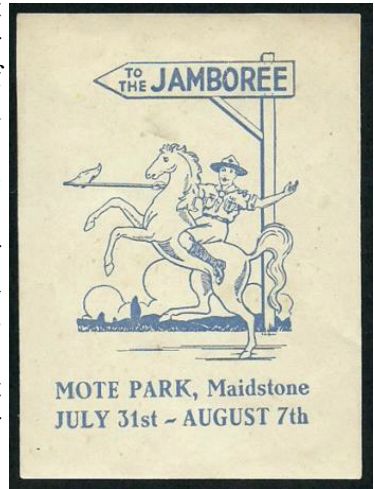
there were displays all over the grounds and that he addressed 15,000 Scouts from the terrace. He encouraged them to work for their First Class Badges and not to forget their 'good turns'.

Unfortunately, I cannot say which specific Scout Counties were involved in the Jamboree, but clearly it was not run by the UK Scout Association. Its label falls then into my own invented classification of a 'Local' English Poster stamp.

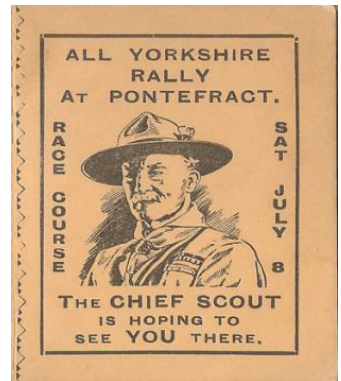
Kent County Jamboree at Mote Park Maidstone July 31st - August 7th 1932

The Chief Guide and Chief Scout, could not attend the event as they were away at the opening of the Girl Guides' International Chalet in Switzerland. The Jamboree was though a major event, giving rise to a significant number of artefacts, including the label that is illustrated opposite (the black edges are not part of the design).

The same 'graphic' was also used on the Jamboree posters and programme. The label at $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ " (6.2 x 8.5cm), is considerably larger than any other British poster stamp/label. As it was produced in a single colour on a white background and is 'imperforate' i.e. has straight edges, my guess is, that as few people collect these 'cinderellas', it simply would not now be identified as a poster stamp / label.



The Jamboree badge and neckerchief, as can be seen from the illustrated examples from the collection of Kent County Commissioner Kelvin Holford, use the County's usual 'logo' of a prancing white horse with the 'Invicta' banner on a blue background.



All Yorkshire Rally, Pontefract Park, July 8th 1933

I feel on much firmer ground in reporting the organisation of the 1933 'All Yorkshire Rally', held in my 'home town' of Pontefract. It was attended by Baden-Powell, who was made Freeman of Pontefract at the Town Hall on July 8th at 3 p.m. (This I believe was the last time of that a 'Freedom' was bestowed upon him.)

He was on the racecourse for 5p.m., with the Duke of York, Earl Harewood and Capt G Howard of Castle Howard and spoke to 9000 cubs (who had performed a Grand Howl) and 5000 campers, using a microphone and loud speakers. Probably, for the first time in Britain at least, his Jamboree address was broadcast live by the BBC to every corner of the nation. The specially printed Song Sheet indicates that thousands of Yorkshire voices sang to the Chief;

We're all dahn in cellar oil, where t'muck slaats ont' winders.

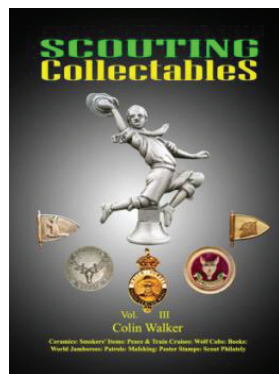
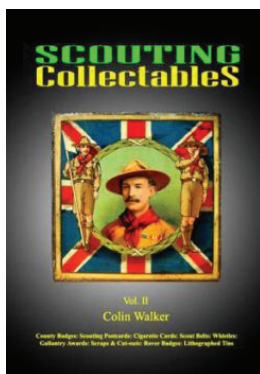
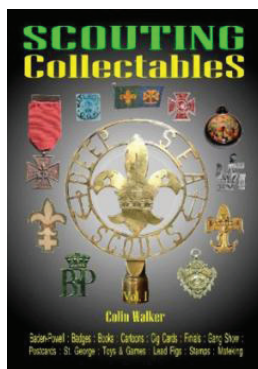
I doubt he understood a word!

Labels were produced in advance for publicity purposes. I have an example 'on cover' sent by Keighley Local Association to a Wakefield address as early as February 6th 1933. The labels were produced in booklets, each page having two labels side by side, to be cut out between the dotted lines.



A rare photograph of B-P at the All Yorkshire Rally, a recent eBay purchase.

There were many important Rallies and Jamborees in the 1930s. In 1936, for example, there were two very large events, the Northern Counties Jamboree which had its own 'Darlington Scout Camp' cancellation and the West Country Jamboree with its own cachet, but at the moment, there is no other English *known* 'local' Scout poster stamps or labels. As an historian I have come to distrust the word 'known', and I think it is possible that some other 1930's English County Rallies may also have produced their own labels. Is there a 'find' out there waiting to be made?



If you enjoy Colin's Corner, you will enjoy reading this, the latest and final book in the three volume series *Scouting Collectable*, which together form a veritable encyclopaedia that will delight any collector. The series covers 36 chapters, each illustrating a separate area of Scout Collecting. There are a total of 1,800 images, many of them never previously published. The books are beautifully laid out, with unrivalled research to enable you to appreciate the significance of each and every item. There are footnotes, and appendices, listing extra information, without spoiling the flow of the narrative, and uniquely helpful 'text blocks' to enable you and indication of value, (though the books are in no way mere price guides) and the common pitfalls that beset even the experienced collectors, such as fakes and forgeries. This unique series will itself become collectable in the years to come. The books are in A4 format, each with 150+ colour pages.

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