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Editorial

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

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

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

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

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

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

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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

3rd November 2012 at Philatex Committee 12.45 to 13.15 then open meeting 13.15 to 14.45

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

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

Administration;

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

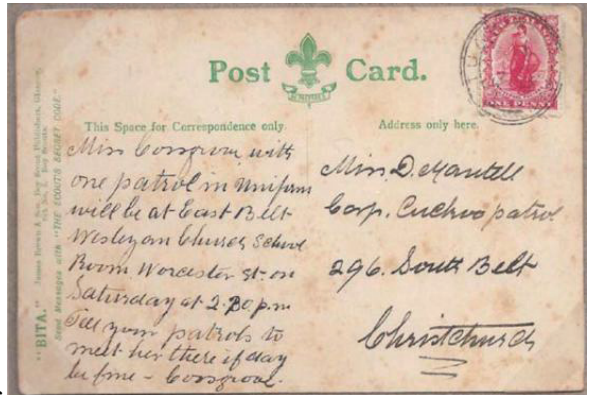
Cossgrove however did not stop with just Scouts, he developed further and created Peace Scouts for girls, Fairy Scouts for younger girls, Bull Pups for younger Scouts, and Empire Sentinels for older Scouts. He also set up a National Council of prominent citizens and ensured a supply of uniforms, books,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

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

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

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

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



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

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

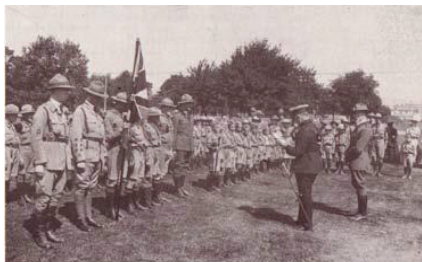
Finding used mail from Scout Headquarters in Christchurch for the period up to 1937 is difficult. Letters with printed letterhead are in archives, but any specially marked envelopes are a different story as these were not considered collectable and thrown out, while now they would make an interesting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

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



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

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



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

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

Two prominent Society members were also active in Scouting.

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



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

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

Events

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

Canterbury Jamborette, 1954

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

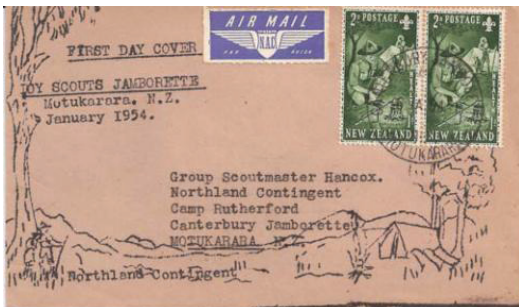
Amongst the facilities in the camp was a temporary Post office that provided full postal, telegraph, and savings bank services. It was manned by 4 staff, all in Scout uniform. The Postmaster was Mr. R. Sinclair, who normally worked in the Money order section in Christchurch and he was assisted by 3 lady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

and 1900 to 2130 hrs.



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

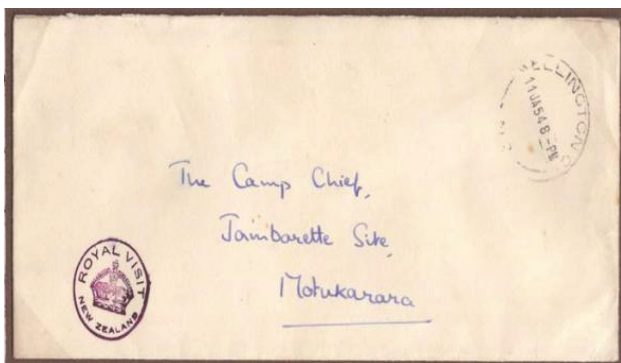
They had the text “Canterbury Jamboreette Motukarara NZ” are distinguishable only by the amount of curve on the J of JAN in the date slug. It is reported that 18,000 “first day covers” were handled but total mail data has not been traced. Registered items were sent out using a blank registration label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



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

On the incoming side an envelope with the Queens Royal tour seal to the camp Chief and a telegram from the Makogia Leper Colony are known. The latter was handled through the nearby Tai Tapu Post office and is postmarked from there.

This was the first time in New Zealand that there was this level of co-operation between the Post Office and Scouting, and the first specific Scouting postmark used here.



5th National Scout Jamboree, 1969

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

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

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

Four postal markings were in use;

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

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



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

A number of covers were produced;

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

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

11th New Zealand Jamboree, 1987

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

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



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

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

Covers produced include;

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

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

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

16th IFOFSAG General Assembly, 1985

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

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

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



5th Asia Pacific Rover Moot, 1986

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

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

There were a number of special items produced as follows;

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



Other events;

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

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ROMANIA 1935 ACCESSION ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

- A PERSONAL REAPPRAISAL

BY SIMON NANSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Hello Terry (From John Roberts, Bristol)

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

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

Messages make cards more interesting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

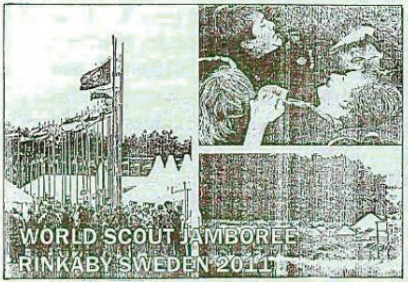
they were also in limited quantities. Noted are Contingent cachets from Japan, U.S.A. (SOSSI), Czech Republic and Switzerland – no doubt there were others.

I am grateful for information supplied in SCOUTPOST



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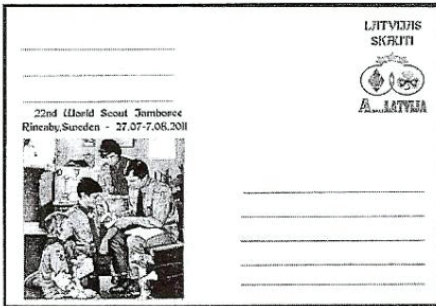
It would appear at this time (early November) that no other countries (or their agencies) have jumped onto the Jamboree philatelic "bandwagon" This is most unusual, although 2010 did see a great number of stamps for 100th Anniversary of boy Scouts of America and Centenary of Girlguiding – perhaps they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



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

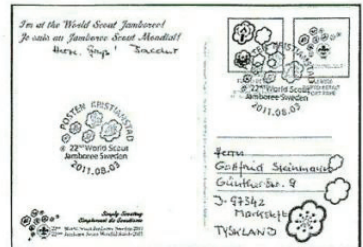


have imprinted “stamps” depicting the National



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AND A BIT MORE ON THE SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP:-

Dear Terry,

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

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

Yours In Scouting, Sandy Kerr

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

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

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

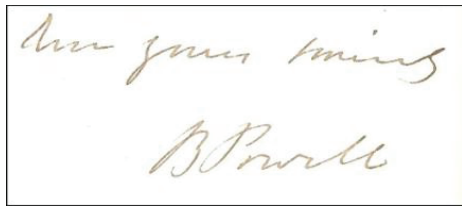
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I hope that you will all be able to support us with these changes.

The Family Connection

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

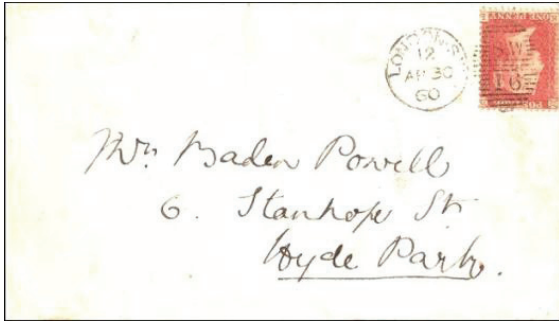
Baden-Powell's father was Rev. Baden (Christian name) Powell, born 1796. He was an ordained minister and Savilian Professor of Geometry at Oxford University. He wrote a large number of books about a wide variety of scientific, philosophical and theological subjects and famously took Charles Darwin's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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

Baden Baden-Powell

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



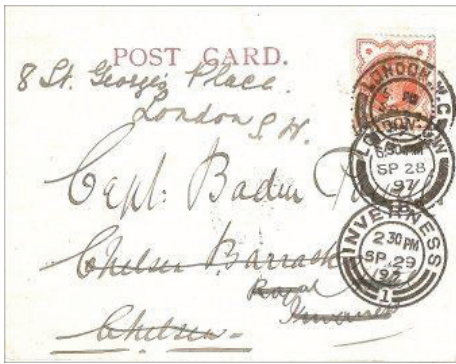
Mafeking, and so was the joint author of the telegraph message. Baden-B-P had a career nearly as illustrious as that of his older brother. He was a pioneer aviator and the president of the Royal Aeronautical Society from 1902 -1909, almost single-handedly rescuing that organisation from extinction (see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

find.

So which brother is which?

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

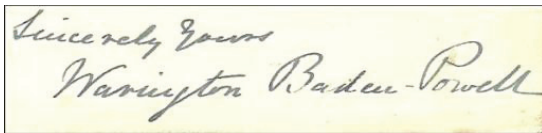




This postcard, addressed Captain Baden-Powell in 1897, received a variety of cancels as it followed him round the country, before eventually being delivered at his family address, 8 St George's Place, London. Note the three different London addresses on the illustrated covers, all near Hyde Park that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

Warrington Baden-Powell

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



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

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

George Baden-Powell and Donald

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



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

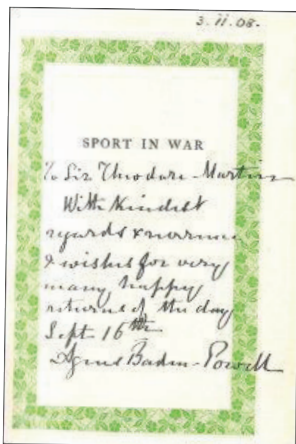


My brief here on Colin’s Corner, is to write about Scouting Ephemera. Rarely have I found anything more ephemeral than this tissue paper napkin celebrating the marriage of Donald to Muriel Duncan in 1924.

Agnes Baden-Powell

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

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



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



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

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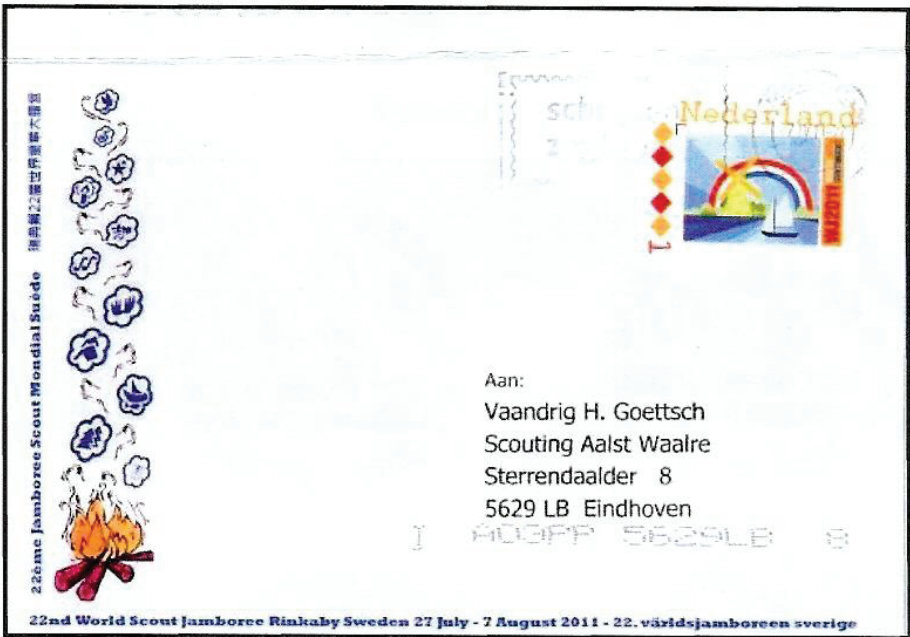
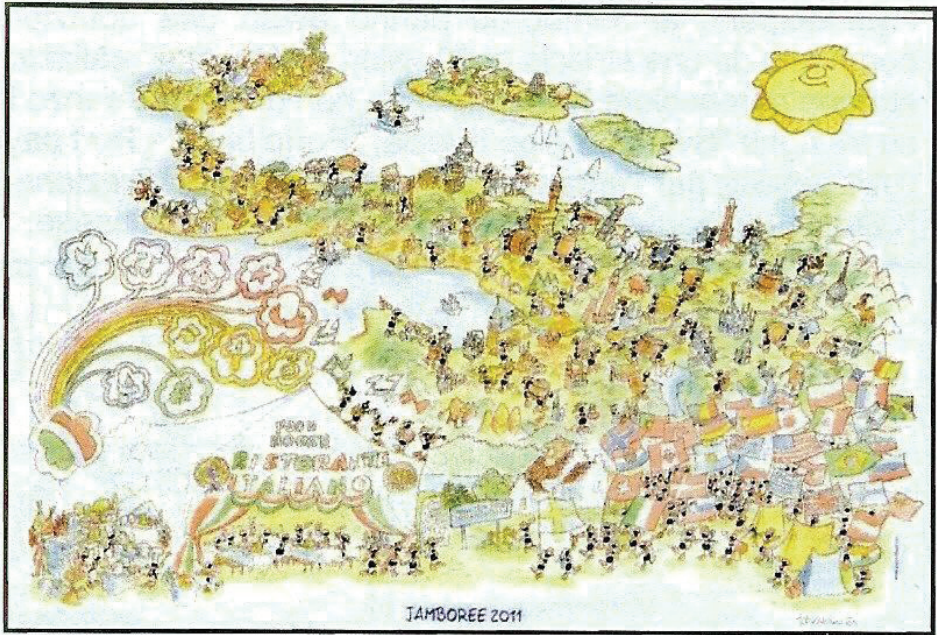
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Some of the limited philatelic material from the 22nd World Scout Jamboree

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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. Buttery	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.

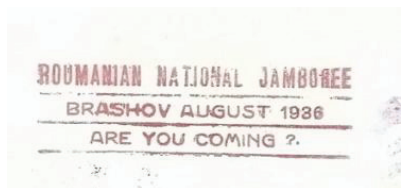
A nice item which I obtained from Romania some time ago is the set in blocks of four all cancelled in red at Castel Peles, which was one of the Royal Residences at the time. According to records, the stamps were only valid until 29 June 1935, a period of 21 days. But this can be refuted, as I have covers 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.



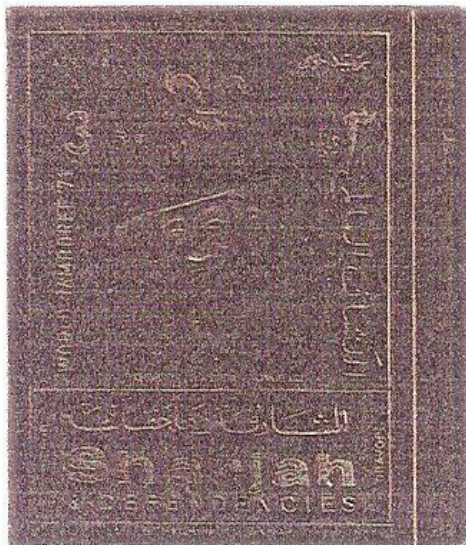
The International Philatelic Exhibition PHILYMPIA took place in London during 1970. The Olympia Hall in West



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.

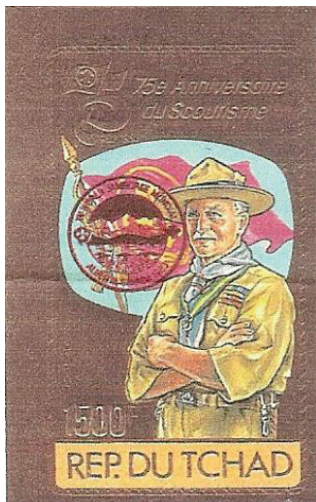
One other country to celebrate the 13th World Jamboree with philatelic "bling" was the Republic of Congo who produced a block of four stamps in silver foil showing the heads of Scouts plus B-P. These stamps were issued in small packets, and when removed tarnished badly after a short period. A gold foil 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)

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 55p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas £1.00 for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.45.

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.

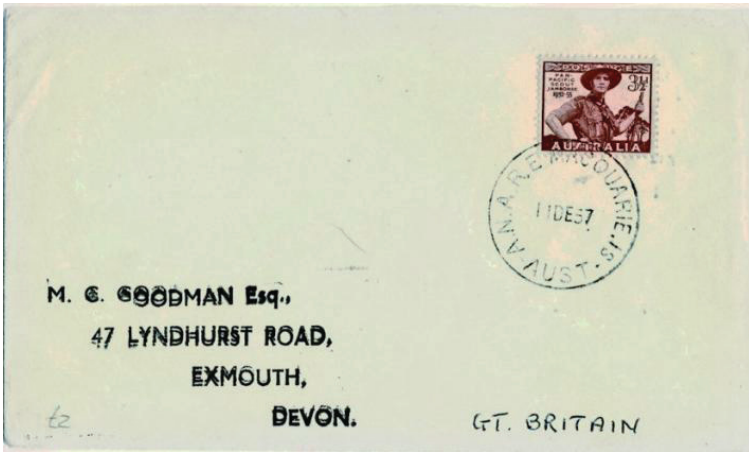
Reading Paul Van Herpt's essay on New Zealand Scouting and Guiding jogged my memory. My second attachment is a photograph that has been in my possession for so many years I can't remember how I came by it. I have no provenance and no means of knowing if it is one of many. If it is genuine it might add 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
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Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2011

Brought Forward			Carried Forward		
Community Account	1,334.06		Community Account	2,324.76	
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	520	-30.00		537	-12.89
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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'

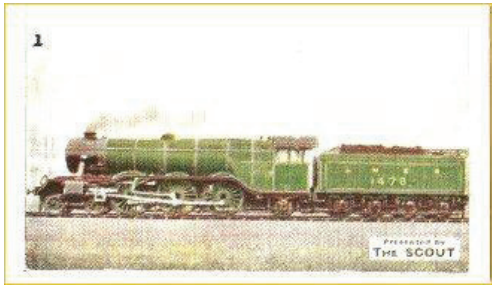
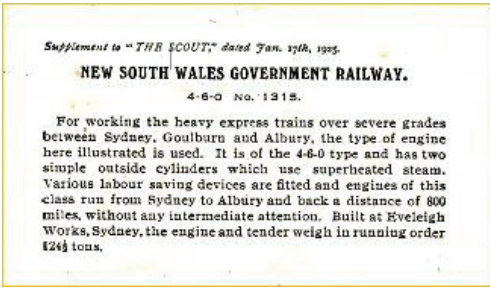
The Scout magazine started its life on April 18th 1908, this being one of the first evidences that Baden-Powell's Boy Scouts had officially 'opened' from its offices in Henrietta Street, London. The office, like the magazine, and for that matter the printing rights to *Scouting for Boys*, was owned by 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

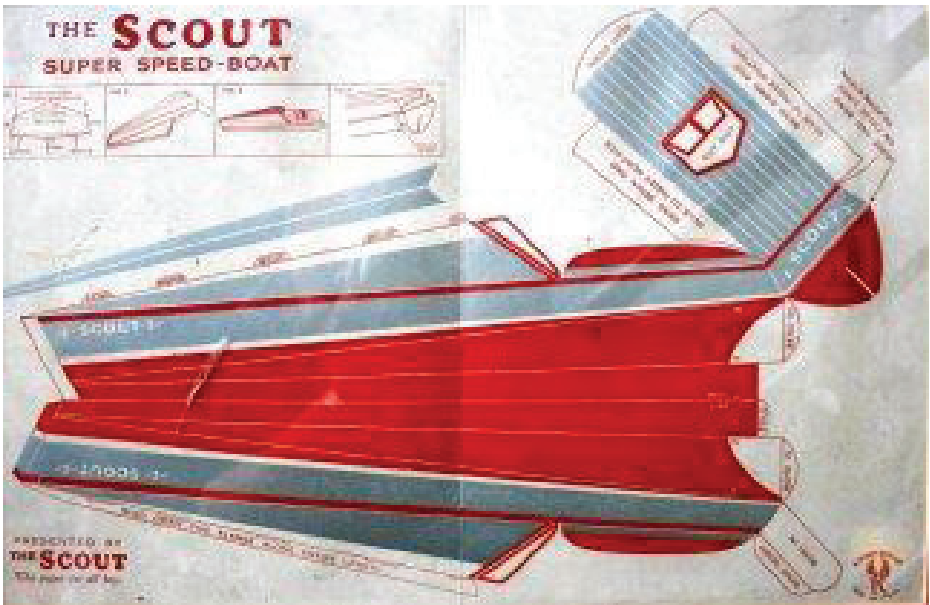
6th 1932 a glazed card was issued enabling readers to build 'The Scout', a 13" (33cm) grand rubber-band powered speedboat, designed by Rigby. It was very similar to *Miss England III* in which Kaye Don had broken the world water speed record just the previous month on Loch Lomond. The idea, according 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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One of the exhibits at The Story of Scouting and Guiding Museum which is at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre - See Article starting on page 11.

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Editorial

Well, one or two people came to my rescue and sent in some longer articles - in fact I ended up with so much material that two of the new articles have had to start in this issue and continue in the July/August one. But, hopefully, this does give you all something more to look forward to.

With the previous issue of the Bulletin you will have had the latest auction booklet and I really hope that you are all trying to place bids for items that you would like in your collection, especially as this helps the Club with its income.

I know that many of you are “computer literate” (as they say) and with this in mind I was wondering whether members would like to receive their copies of The Bulletin by e-mail instead of the hard copy. This would have the double advantage of giving the recipient a copy in full colour and also saving the Club the financial cost of printing and posting out each issue. Several other Clubs that I am a member of have already moved down this route with some success.

I will put something together formally for the next issue but if you have any initial thoughts please send them in.

Meanwhile I look forward to receiving some more articles - long or short - from as many of you as possible in due course.

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

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:-

3rd November 2012 at venue to be advised. Committee 12.45 to 13.15 then
open meeting 13.15 to 14.45

Chairman's Notes

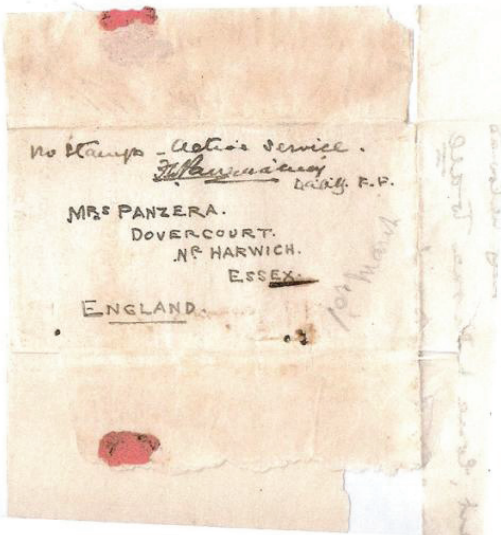
by Melvyn Gallagher

May 17th commemorates the relief of Mafeking - the philately surviving from the epic siege of interest to us with B-P being in command abs their Cadet Force often said to be the inspiration of the later Boy Scouts.

During the siege it was possible for the besieged garrison to send letters out using native runners to smuggle the usually very small letters secreted on them. It was very dangerous work as seen on the illustrated stamp from Ghana with the risk of being shot by the Boers if caught so they were paid vast sums, sometimes in cattle and later up to £25 per run.

The letters, also called Kaffirgrams (very politically incorrect these days), they carried were without postage stamps and as such were inscribed "no stamps-active service" or similar and usually signed by the sender with his rank and regiment details.

When through the enemy lines these letters were then placed in stamped envelopes and posted on.



At a recent London auction I acquired and entire such kaffirgram addressed to Mrs. Panzera in Essex, England. The letter, written by her husband Major Francis William Panzera the senior artillery officer during the siege. Dated 1st March, 1900 in mentions the famous "Wolf" gun stating - "I have been able to make gunpowder and have built a howitzer and we have cast our own shells and made our own fuzes!!..."

Here in Britain we are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and no doubt many Scouts will be involved in various local and national events, already the Queen attended his year's

Windsor Parade and no doubt we shall see some commemorative stamps from Commonwealth countries honouring the jubilee and incorporating Scouts and Guides in their designs.

Much has been written in the U.K. press recently regarding the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic on her maiden voyage to the United States. The ship was constructed by the Belfast shipbuilders Harland and Woolf, and was delivered to the White Star Line Company in April 1912. She was the largest ship in the world, and her maiden voyage was anticipated with great interest On 10th April she departed



f r o m Southampton with 2206 passengers including 900 crew. The ship sank on 15 April 1912 after hitting an iceberg the previous evening, and only 703 people survived the disaster. As the ship was

considered unsinkable, there were only 20 lifeboats, when three times that number should have been available. A total of 1514 crew and passengers died in this disaster. Very high prices are being paid in the salerooms for anything to do with the ship. A real photo postcard of Scouts collecting for the Titanic Relief Fund outside Eastman's shop at Bridport, Dorset which sold in July 1991 for £220 (approximately US\$ 340 Euro€ 265) against an estimate of £40-£60.

Recently sold at auction in the Czech Republic was a very rare inverted President Masaryk overprint on the 20h Scout stamp. Only 600 stamps of both the 10h and 20h values were overprinted with "Arrival of President Masaryk" and used for one day only on 21 December 1918. Only four stamps are known with the overprint inverted, two of which are in the Postal Museum in Prague, while the only other stamp is known to be in a Scout collection. This stamp, with a number of expert certificates, sold at its estimate of CZK 750,000 (about £25,425, US\$ 46,325, Euro€ 32,808)



Our Annual General Meeting which took place on Saturday 21st April 2012 was the last meeting we shall hold at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London. The building is being sold, consequently we shall have to find a new venue for our meetings. The Committee will work on this, and the next venue will be reported later in the Bulletin.

After the formal business of the Meeting, members were entertained by a fine display of items from World Jamborees 1920 – 2011, Rover Moots and Indabas by John Ineson.

Also, I showed my collection of material from the 6th World Jamboree, Moisson 1947.

30th April saw the biggest ever increase in U.K. postal rates. Royal Mail say it is justified, but I haven't spoken to anybody who does not consider it to be excessive.

In 1957, when our Jubilee Jamboree stamps were issued, the cost of inland postage was 2 1/2d (1st & 2nd Class post did not exist at that time – mail was normally delivered the day after posting). This equates to 1p nowadays, so we have a 6000% increase for 2nd Class and 7200% for 1st Class. How many things have increased by such a margin in 55 years? The rate for Europe at that time was 4d, this has increased to 87p – only 5240%! And the rest of the World from 1/3d to £1.28 for 20 gr., about 2048%. I do hope that all U.K. members were able to benefit by purchasing 1st & 2nd Class stamps in advance of 30th April! Please note increases in postal costs for the Sales Service and “100 List” – sorry!

In the “Revista” (Bulletin) of our friends in Spain CLUB FILATELICO DE SCOUTS Y GUIAS there is a long article about the sheetlets of six labels which were produced in 1957 to commemorate the Jubilee Jamboree held at Sutton Coldfield. The labels were



printed with the text in Esperanto reading SKOLTA JUBILEA JAMBOREO SUTTON PARK plus the Esperanto emblem and Scout badge surmounted by ESTU PRETA (Be prepared) and 1857 B.P. 1907 1957. Each label shows a portrait of B-P, one with the Chief's head only, the other five include Scouting activities.

The labels were printed by E. Moreno Barcelona, and some of them carry the name ORSSO, who is presumably the designer. Printing was made in great range of colours

in various combinations including red, orange, blue, mauve and green, with outline printing in black. To increase the combinations, different coloured papers were used, also with and without perforations.

It appears that the actual origin of these labels is unknown, unless they were produced privately by the Esperanto League of Spain, because in 1957 there was no Scout Association in Spain due to repression by the Franco regime. Although Scouting had existed from 1912 until about 1938, it was not re-established until 1974.

In my collection, I have one FDC with the set of the Jubilee Jamboree stamps together with the label showing the head of B-P on green paper. Of course, this could have been affixed at a later date, but I like to think it was there on the appropriate date.

A few years ago, I purchased a 49 page collection of these labels. This was a complete study with many colour combinations, printing errors and proof items. The (limited) writing up was in Spanish, but there is no indication whose collection it was.

It would appear that nobody really knows the origin of these labels, but as our Spanish friends note, it is a "precious record" of the 1957 Jamboree.

The company ALFIL, which was also based in Spain, produced a series of three cacheted covers in 1957 for Jamboree, Rover Moot and Indaba. These must have



been available at Sutton Coldfield as the three covers in my collection are all

addressed to people whom I know were there. A bit of plagiarism occurred at this time, as the design of the cachets on these covers which shows four Scouts running through trees is exactly the same as labels issued in Japan the same year, except that the trees have been added.

B-P生誕百年—スカウト運動五十周年記念



In the last Bulletin, Charlie Taylor enquired about the meter slogan SCOUTING FOR A BETTER PAKISTAN. As with many meter slogans, these have an esoteric value, in that there might have been thousands used, but nobody bothered to keep them. Certainly, in most cases they were not produced for collectors or philatelic purposes, but for real Scout and Guide mailings. I have probably seen the Pakistan slogan once or twice, but would not presume to put a value on it.

For many years the Bulletins contained a “Junior Section” which was admirably organised and written by our current Chairman Melvyn Gallagher. Although we had very few, and later probably not any, Junior members, many more mature collectors appreciated the content of the articles.

I do not feel that it is in the Club’s remit to instruct members how to mount or present their collections. Or even to advise on what to collect from the vast array of Scouting and Guiding material currently available. It rather depends on people’s financial and other circumstances, and their particular interests. Our Scout/Guide philately can no longer aspire to completion, but one can endeavour to collect what one comes across, and appreciates having. Which brings me to T.P.McDermott’s comments on printed albums for our stamps. These do rather commit the collector to what is shown in the album, and on many occasions the presentation pages cost more than the stamps mounted on them. I believe that the K-Line system of albums from U.S.A. now amount to over 20 volumes. In fact, their listing for 100th Anniversary of Scouting issues amounts to 290 pages – at a cost of \$148 + postage.

One could possibly restrict one’s collection to “thematics” within Scouting – World Jamborees, Anniversaries, campfires and music, B-P portraits etc. Or just collect what one finds at a reasonable cost. The choice is yours, and the committee is always available for advice.

The following is a section of text from the end of Peter's article in the last issue on Philatelic "Bling" which somehow got lost in my desk-top publishing system - with apologies.

The Comoro Islands were next in the field with a Wildlife issue showing Scouts studying birds and butterflies. The gold foil stamp shows a Scout photographing a butterfly and appears in sheetlets of four plus miniature sheet with decorative border. A second miniature sheet shows a Scout sketching birds. Again, all issues both perforate and imperforate, with value of 1500Fr.

Togo followed with their Wildlife stamps, this time with butterflies and fungi. Two gold foil stamps showing Scouts studying these subjects, the stamps in sheetlets of four. The same design stamps turn up in the two miniature sheets with colourful borders of birds and butterflies. Priced at 1500Fr, they all appear perforate and imperforate.

The Malagasy Republic was next with two gold foil stamps, with Scouts studying birds and insects. The usual format was adopted, with two stamps in sheetlets of four plus two miniature sheets with decorative borders.

Central African Republic followed, with one stamp plus two miniature sheets with Scouts and butterflies being the theme. The single stamps appeared in sheetlets of four and the miniature sheets were very colourful. All valued at 1500Fr (which seems to be the favourite value).

Guinea produced their Wildlife issue with two stamps plus two miniature sheets, all with Scouts studying birds and butterflies. Once again stamps in sheetlets of four, all being issued perforate and imperforate with four values of 1500Fr.

In 1991, Congo appeared again with more Scouts studying butterflies and fungi. Two gold foil stamps in sheetlets of four plus two miniature sheets, all perforate and imperforate. The Wildlife issues from the former French Territories in Africa didn't end there, but the gold foil productions appear to terminate in 1991, perhaps the gold supply ran out?

The final issue to report is from Guyana in December 1992 to commemorate the 17th World Jamboree in Korea (18 months late!). Two stamps of \$800 were produced showing two Scouts playing Chess, one in gold foil, the other in silver foil. The silver foil stamps appeared in a miniature sheet with butterflies in the border. The gold foil stamp's miniature sheet depicted fungi in the border. The stamps also appeared in sheetlets of two with 17th World Jamboree in the centre. One sheetlet contained two silver stamps, another two gold stamps plus a third with one of each silver and gold.

P.S. Your President has a few of the gold and silver foil issues available for sale, please ask for details. First come, first served. Peter Duck

In this year, the Boy Scout Movement was just 25 years old, Lord Baden-Powell was 75 years old, and I was born. Perhaps it was an omen that it was the first year that two countries issued Scout stamps!

Romania produced six stamps to commemorate their National Jamboree at Sibiu, all of which carried a surtax for the benefit of Scout funds. The stamps were issued on 8 July 1932, and the Jamboree took place from 5 – 31 July. In my collection I have the Jamboree postmark with dates of 13, 21, 22, 23 & 24 July, plus three covers showing commercial use of the stamps.

SIBIU 1932 Advertising Circular (details from Fredy Scherb – 1973)

An interesting item is the advertising circular issued by the Romanian Scout Association to advertise the 1932 Sibiu Jamboree set. The Romanian text is printed in blue, the French text and the stamps (enlarged) are printed in gold. Here is a translation of the paragraph in the lower part of the sheet:

“These postage stamps have been manufactures with the high consent of His Majesty the King Carol II in a limited supply of series (200,000 only), will be issued the 8th July 1932 and will be in circulation until exhaustion.

Philatelists and brother Scouts hurry up and enrich your collection with these nice commemorative stamps – which, due to the limited quantity and the internal use will be sold out quickly. For sale at the Romanian Central Post Office in Bucuresti and at the residence of the Romanian Scout Association, Hagastreet No.3, Bucuresti. The price of the complete serie (6 values) is 4 French Francs.”

You will remember that part of this issue couldn't be sold and was overprinted in 1934 for the 3rd National Jamboree in Mamaia, near Constanta.

Liechtenstein's Scouting was first recorded in 1931 and two Boy Scouts appeared on the 30+10Rp value of their Child Welfare Fund set issued on 21 December 1932. The stamp also shows Prince Francis of Liechtenstein, and there exists a photograph dated 30 Aug. 1932 showing Scouts and girls in National Costume with Princess Elsa. It is said that the designs for the stamps were taken from this photograph.

Scouting in Liechtenstein was actually started by a Scouter from the 10th Finchley Scout Group from north London, and I have a postcard from the Group's visit to Vaduz in 1938 and an envelope posted to their camp in August 1939. Another postcard showing the Group outside their Headquarters with Sir Percy Everett, Deputy Chief Commissioner, shows the older Scouts and Rovers wearing kilts, so they must have some Scottish connection.

When I was a young Scouter in the 1950's I was a member of the International Scout Club, and one of the fellow members was a kilted Scouter who wore both British and Liechtenstein Scout badges. Later, I came to realise who he was.

(See illustrations on back cover)

PART TWO WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

My main interest is collecting Scout district, county etc badges from the UK and overseas. I have been a member of the International Badgers Club since 1997. I joined the SGSC some years ago. My interests are: scout stamps, covers, scout and guide postcards.

Over a number of years my interest in collecting scouting memorabilia has widened to include scout and guide postcards. Although I collect the older scout and guide postcards, I also collect 'modern' postcards which I consider to be 1950s onwards.

During the past couple of years I have purchased a number of Guide Standards postcards (I don't collect the Standards badges -- you have to restrict collecting at some point!) and I regard these as really nicely produced and colourful postcards.

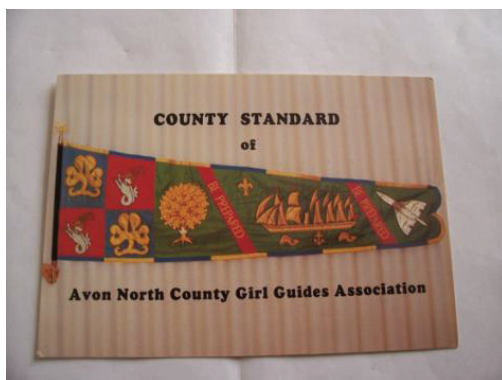
So far, I have managed to obtain thirteen examples. I have included one example for 'County Standard of Avon North County Girl Guides Association'. The reverse of the card gives information about the different aspects of the Standard.

These are as follows: World Trefoil Badge, Seastag for County of Avon, The Guide Motto -- Be Prepared, The Oak Tree for Kingswood LA District, The SS Great Britain for Bristol LA District, The Anchor and Dolphins for Ancient Bristol Societies, The Concorde for North Avon LA District, The Compass Point North for Avon North Girl Guide County. My other cards are: Avon South, North East England, Coventry South, Hampshire North, Darnley Division (Kent), Bournemouth North (photograph), North Lincolnshire/South Humberside, Hampshire, Regional Standard (South West England), North West England (printed card), Standard of England, Wiltshire, Hampshire North.

If any member has any others not mentioned please let me know. I would also be willing to purchase any postcards not in the above list.

To my knowledge there are only four postcards of Scout district and county badges; these are for Merseyside and Scotland. The Merseyside postcards are now out of date due to a reorganisation in 2011 of the Scout districts.

I can be contacted on my email: j87roberts@yahoo.co.uk



In 1957 as a young Scouter I purchased souvenirs at the 9th World Scout Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in the heart of England to enable me to convince our Scouts that they were part of a World Movement.

Since then that small collection has grown enormously and is now housed in the Country's first purpose-built centre which tells the story of Scouting and Guiding. Privately funded it presents the story of the World's greatest movements for young people.

To go back to the beginning, the Collection was shown at fund raising events and displays. It quietly grew until in 1967, as A.D.C. for Scouts in Warrington and District, I decided to arrange a large exhibition as part of Scouting's Diamond Jubilee. The Collection was not large enough to fill our school hall and two classrooms so I arranged to borrow memorabilia from many sources including B-P's former regiment the 13th/18th Royal Hussars and the South Lancashire Regimental Museum. With five of our Scouts I left for London in our minibus at 4.00am to collect the memorabilia from Scout and Guide Headquarters and my friend John Roake. Unbeknown to me John had arranged for us to visit Olave, Lady Baden-Powell in Hampton Court Palace. After tea Lady B-P offered to lend items for the exhibition but I declined because of the value of the other material let alone hers. She gave me some of B-P's Christmas cards and rewrote on headed notepaper the welcome she had pinned to her door; 'WELCOME! PUSH the DOOR and WALK IN. (I am at my desk as usual!) Olave Baden-Powell'.

Following this inspiring evening I determined to use all my available resources to build a premier collection to serve the North West of England. Although I was already an enthusiastic member of the Scout Stamp Collectors' Club my *Baden-Powell and Scout History Collection* aimed to encompass all aspects of the Scout Movement including material on Guiding.

In 1971 I was invited to mount an exhibition in the C.I.C. (*Colquhoun International Centre*) which was to be officially opened by Lady B-P during the Gilwell Reunion. She inspected the display without a word until she got to the end when she asked me what arrangements I had made for the Collection in my Will. On being told that I had not made a Will she urged me to do so to protect its future. I dutifully made a Will leaving the Collection to the Scout County with the money from the sale of my home to fund a building to house it at the County campsite.

(See illustration on front cover)

PART TWO OF MICHAEL'S ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE

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	MINT	USED
OLDER STAMPS AT APPROXIMATELY 25% OF CATALOGUE VALUE.(Mostly mounted)		
HUN25 HUNGARY 1925 Sports Charity issue (8 – one Scout)	11.25	-
NL37 NETHERLANDS 1937 5 th World Jamboree (3)	1.60	0.40
LIT38 LITHUANIA 1938 National Jamboree overprints (4)	11.00	-
HUN39 HUNGARY Girl Guides Camp “I Pax Ting” (4)	0.40	-
FRA47 FRANCE 1947 6 th World Jamboree (1)	0.15	0.15
PHL48 PHILIPPINES 1948 Silver Jubilee of Scouting (2)	0.65	-
PHL48A PHILIPPINES 1948 Silver Jubilee of Scouting (2) imperforate	0.65	-
NL49 NETHERLANDS 1949 Cultural & Social Relief Fund (5 – two Scouts)	3.95	1.25
JPN49 JAPAN 1949 National Jamboree (1)	1.90	-
NIC49 NICARAGUA 1949 Baseball Championships – 2c Scout value	0.15	-
AUT51 AUSTRIA 1951 7 th World Jamboree (1)	1.00	0.75
NEWER STOCK		
IOM10 ISLE OF MAN 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (8)	6.35	6.35
IOM10S ISLE OF MAN 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	4.25	4.25
GUY09 GUYANA 2009 14 th Caribbean Jamboree (6)	5.35	5.55
BEN09 BENIN 2009 Honouring B-P & Scouting (4)	4.25	-
BEN09S BENIN 2009 Honouring B-P & Scouting MS	4.25	-
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IND09 INDIA Honouring Danmal Mathur – Scouter (1)	0.35	-
SGP10 SINGAPORE 2010 Centenary of Scouting (1)	0.75	-
ISR10 ISRAEL 2010 150 Years of Israeli Universal Alliance (with Scouts) (1)	2.65	-
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PNG10 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4)	6.35	6.35
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MIC10 MICRONESIA 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	6.45	6.45
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PAL10 PALAU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	6.45	-
PAL10S PALAU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	3.75	-
GRC10 GRENADA CARRIACOU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding (4 in sheetlet)	7.85	-
GRC10S GRENADA CARRIACOU 2010 Centenary of Girlguiding MS	4.35	-
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The 1957 Girl Guide CENTENARY WORLD CAMP in Canada

by T.P. McDermott Copyright

In 1957 the world's boy scouts were celebrating the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell (B-P) with their Jubilee Jamboree in England; mean-while Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (GG/GS) were also celebrating the centennial with four large scale international camping events. The World Association of GG/GS held encampments in the Philippines, Switzerland, Great Britain and Canada.

Collectors of commemorative postage stamps that honor the scout and guide organizations will recall, that The Philippines issued a commemorative stamp honoring their World Camp which was held at Quezon City, a then not yet fully developed suburb of Manila. The simple but stylish designed, dark blue stamp was issued in both perforated and imperforated versions. Its low monetary value was very popular with collectors. And when errors were found on a few stamps in its sheets of one hundred stamps, the issue became even more interesting to collectors and the general public. But that's another story!

The Centenary World Camp in Great Britain was held at Windsor Park near the royal castle about the same time of the boy scouts jamboree. Margaret Davison of Great Britain's Scout and Guide Stamps Club attended this camp as a young teenager staff member. At her club's annual meeting in June 2008, she displayed material from this event which included badges, postcards, covers (mailed envelopes) and other ephemera. She has reported that the camp had a seal or label in the shape of a circle in blue and yellow colors. Unfortunate the British Post Office did not issue a stamp for that event as they did for the boy scout jamboree. Currently your author has no information on the World Camp held in Switzerland that year.

Our subject, the World Camp held in Canada was conducted over a span of eleven days, from August 9th to the 19th, 1957 at Doe Lake, Ontario. The Canadian Girl Guides (CGG) was the hostess for more than sixteen hundred girls from about forty countries. Eight hundred guides participated from Canada. The Girl Scouts of USA (GSUSA) had about four hundred senior level girl scouts organized in forty-four patrols of eight scouts and one adult leader. Just the previous year the GSUSA conducted their first large scale national encampment which would be known as a Senior Roundup. Held near Detroit, Michigan and being so close to the border, Canadian girl guides were invited to participate. During this time, both GG/GS were still strong believers in B-P's scheme of using camping and the patrol method for character development.

When I started my research for this article I knew that the camp was at Doe Lake from the postcard and the cover had a postmark of Emsdale. But where were they located?

Using my auto club's Ontario map, I found both of them near exit 248W of today's modern, multi-lane divided highway 11. This is about 300 kilometers or 185 miles north of Toronto. The cover with its postmark of Emsdale tells us that the village is important to our story. At the beginning of the 20th century, it was the area's major center because of the lumber industry. In fact, it was a booming town as documented by real picture postcards of the time. It had a railroad depot or station for the Canadian National Railway which ran between Toronto and North Bay where it connected with the trans-continent railroad. However the surrounding area was a wildness area with hardly any population. At the time of the World Camp in 1957, Emsdale had downsized to a population of about five hundred people, with a fairly large size hotel, a telephone center, the post office, a county store and taxi service. And it still was the area's hub but of less vital or importance than fifty years earlier. It would re-start its modern growth in the mid-1960s. The town of Sprucedale, the current address of the camp, would be developed still later.

The Doe Lake camp was one of the earlier scouting/guiding camps in the wilds of the Canadian Shield, a land of woods, rivers, lakes and bare granite rocks. The Shield is some distance from the Canadian population centers which were then and still are located along the country's southern tier and border with the United States. At the time, the camp was Ontario's Provincial Girl Guide Council's training center/camp. First opened in 1949, the property had over several hundred acres of land and direct access to the lake and local road. It had a number of open fields which indicates that portions of the property were previously used for farming. Currently Doe Lake is one of the council's four major camps and offers year-round camping facilities.

Philatelic evidence or artifacts of the Canadian World Camp has been identified or documented by two items in Tony Manson's *Canadian Boy Scout and Girl Guide Philatelic Catalog* (2008). One is an envelope cancelled on August 10, 1957 in Emsdale, Ontario and addressed to Toronto.

Example #1. Since we do not have an actual example of the item let me try to explain what I believe it was by



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considering some hypotheses. Was the cachet an added-on seal/label or a printed design or artwork (known as a cachet to stamp collectors) on the envelope (known as a cover)? If it was a seal, then there might have been a limited attempt by one or more persons to decorate their outgoing mail. If it was a printed cachet or design then we would have expected an attempt was made to create philatelic collectables. But up to now, this is the only know copy; do our readers know of more similar covers? With 1957 being the year of B-P's centennial and the jamboree occurring, scout stamp collectors became very enterprising in creating different event and first day covers. From this point on, the producing and collecting of scout covers would become quite common.

The other item is a black and white photo postcard showing girls in their uniforms or native costumes in front of a row of flagpoles. Example #2a & 2b. The address side has a light formatted postcard image. It had two stamps a three cents and a one cent and was cancelled in Toronto on August 26, 1957 for mailing to the West Toronto's Victorian Order of Nursing (VON). This organization is a Canadian not-for-profit, national care giving charity



RAISING THE COLOURS - AUG. 9, 1957
CENTENARY WORLD CAMP, DOE LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA

PHOTO BY TWA UTTERSON, ONT.



specializing in home and community care and is similar to the USA's Visiting Nurse Services.

The photo/postcard message side reads:

“Aug 14 Hello to everyone - This is an almost unbelievable experience, all these "kids" from all over the world - 41 countries I think- (count the flags!) Our

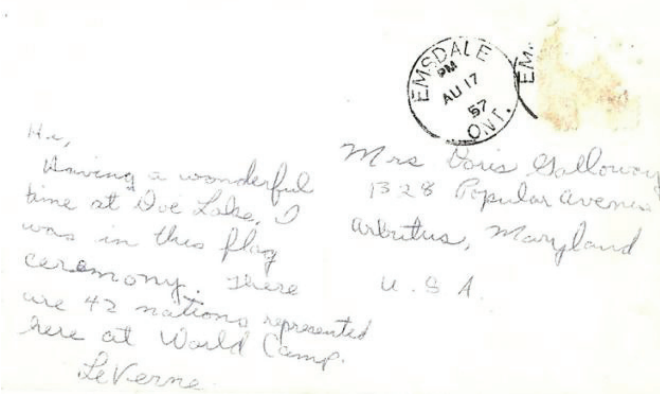
infirmary is just beside this hill from which the flags flied. Not too much to concern us as yet.

Aug 25 Didn't get it finished, - Then an influenza epidemic HIT us - also an unbelievable experience - Have a week at home, now to recuperate. Jerry”

Yes the B-P's Birthday Centennial was not the only news that year! With the recently developed Salk polio vaccine and its almost universal inoculation, the great scourge of infantile paralysis (polio) which had forced the closing of swimming pools and camps was a thing of the past. But now, a new deadly strand of influenza would strike the youth of the world. The 1957 Asian Flu Pandemic was first thought to be as severe as the epidemic of Spanish Flu of 1918. Fortunately it was not! Especially stricken was the US military, youth conferences and our centennial camp. An item in a daily newspaper's roundup on the flu reported that 150 guides at the camp were stricken with an unknown type of flu starting on the 17th of August and most had recovered by the 22nd. Canadian and American rather than foreign girls were mostly affected. Fortunately the illness had a short duration.

Another postal used postcard recently came to the surface via eBay. Exhibit #3. Unfortunately someone tore the probably easily obtainable Canadian stamp from the card. But it still has an August 17th, 57 PM cancellation of Emsdale, Ontario. It was sent to a USA address. The message reads “Hi, Having a wonderful time at Doe Lake. I was in this flag ceremony. There are 42 nations represented here at World Camp.

LeVerne”. This card was not written as family correspondence rather in the style of respect to a known female adult, possible the girl scout's unit leader. Your author has tried to obtain information about the Arbutus MD end. As of now, we have nothing to report.



Travelling to the distant northern site of the World Camp, a few campers would

have used cars, but most came by chartered buses and scheduled passenger trains to Emsdale. On opening day, a special fourteen car train departed from Union Station in

Toronto at 10:30 AM carrying the last 500 campers. With shuttle service from the Emsdale depot, they would arrive in time for the opening ceremony at 3 PM. (The postcard's flag rising). Leaders and their baggage would find the taxi service helpful. The camp is about fifteen miles from the railroad depot. Occasionally seen on eBay is a newswire photo of twenty-four American girl scouts and their leaders boarding a train in Detroit, Michigan on their way to the camp via Toronto.

Unlike modern American boy scout jamborees, the girl guides as well as boy scouts who attended jamborees and large scale international camps at that time, were a little bit older in age (about 16 -18 years old) and most would had completed their advancement or rank activities. Therefore there were no merit or proficiency badge midways but there were presentations showing off new ideas and national activities. There were few large massive tents.

Canadian and American troops had at least one foreign patrol of eight girls to make up its troop complement of four patrols. Most of the camp's activities were centered on meeting and spending time with other guides in the various individual troop sites through the camp. Exchanging small tokens of friendship was a big feature. For some foreign girls, charcoal burners were something new and unusual, so many join in with Canadian and American girls to cook and eat together. I wonder if the use of then new kitchen tool, aluminum foil, was a feature part of cooking. The camp would distribute nearly one and a half tons of charcoal each day for the patrols to do their cooking.

The four sub-camps were named after Canadian Indian tribes: Iroquois, Micmac, Cree and Bella Coola. An Indian theme prevailed throughout the event. A number of campfires had Indian themes and a large size tent was used for a museum which displayed a collection of Indian relics. The Canadian hostesses were keep busy providing canoeing and sailing on the lake for their guests who rarely had this type of water activities before.

The camp's guest of honor was Countess Estella Bernadotte of Sweden in her official position of vice-chairperson of the World Committee of the GG/GS. At least two major Canadian newspapers had reporters on site who wrote columns for their respective daily papers. Both The Globe & Mail and The Daily Star had at least one article each day in their newspapers. Many local papers had arrangements to publish stories written and mailed by hometown girl correspondents. Readers, who would like to read more about the Camp, can search copies of preserved newspaper of the time period which can be found in many public libraries. You will find it very interesting.

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It's so easy to help a girl scout or girl guide with her hopes and dreams. And Guiders, Scouters, and Leaders can help with her remembrances too by encouraging the use of postcards. For less than two hundred dollars, one can design, produce and furnish more cards than you need to distribute at most events. Give postcards a try; develop a postcard

for an upcoming scout/guide event! You will be proud when your postcards appear in future collections!

LINKS and NOTES:

Doe Lake is currently one of four major camps of the Ontario Girl Guide Council. Its address is PO Box 89 or 1330 Hiway 518W, Sprucedale, Ontario, P0A 1Y0. It is about fifteen kilometers from Emsdale railway depot. www.guidesontario.org search for Doe Lake and www.guidingmosaic.com/1957

Victorian Order of Nursing's web site is www.von.ca/en/home/default.aspx

This picture post card image was also used in an article on the encampment in the GSUSA's Girl Scout Leader magazine of November 1957. A recent reading of that magazine nudged your author to compose this article.

The picture postcard photo was taken by TWA of Utterson on August 9th. TWA was Thacher Winger Associates a producer of nature scenes postcard of Canadian Shield in the 1960s. They did a great job of preparing the postcards in such a short time as the postcards were available for our nurse to start writing her message on August 14th.

(The Globe and Mail as well as the Daily Star, two of Toronto's newspapers, published daily stories about our World Camp.)

New York Times of Aug 23, 1957 p17:1 for the flu story. The Globe and Mail carried a story on Aug 22nd that it was questionable if the Asiatic flu was involved due to the short length and mildness of the illness.

(Writings about the Canadian Shield can be found in Jake MacDonald's short stories, articles and news columns. His book, *Houseboat Chronicles: Notes from a Life in Shield Country* can be found in a few American public libraries.)

Special thanks to Tony Manson of the Maple leaf Chapter of SOSSI, Margaret Davison of S&GSC, Lynn McIntosh of Sprucedale Horticultural Society, Carol Stevens of Perry Township Historical Society, Joan Woodland of Ontario Girl Guide Council's Archives Committee, Kimberly C Preis of Arbutus MD Public Library, Michel Houde, Philatelist.

(An east -west railroad ran from Parry Sound through Algonquin highlands and onto Ottawa. It crossed the Canadian National Railway in the village of Scotia, a mile or so south of Emsdale. A trail known as Park To Park has been developed on the now abandoned right of way. It passes on the side of Doe Lake camp.)

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Another reminder of the new Membership Rates which were due from 1st April, 2012 (unless you were already part way through a five years membership).

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All World Airmail (except Europe)	£20.00	£100.00

I have recently returned from America where I was again very fortunate to be allowed access to B-P's diaries and journals, the only Briton, I was informed, ever to do so. B-P's diaries have been cared for in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) archives since being donated by Lady Baden-Powell at the time of her collaboration with B-P's US biographer William Hillcourt in 1964. This photographic documentation will enable me to conclude my transcription of B-P's day by day diary entries onto a computer database, which also includes details of all known dated B-P art, letters etc. This *Baden-Powell Chronology* should be of immense value to Scout Historians at all levels.

This though was not my primary reason for visiting the US. War hero Capt. Francis Gidney was the first Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, England shortly after it was presented to Baden-Powell by Bois MacLaren in 1919. It was the much-respected Gidney, with B-P, who devised Wood Badge training and took the concept of the famous beads worldwide. He helped to start Gilwell-style training camps in America, Canada, Africa, India and Australia where there are, to this day, other 'Gilwell Parks'. It was Gidney who founded the 1st Gilwell Troop for trained Scouters and initiated the world famous Gilwell Reunions. He was however to suffer as a result of his foreign travels promoting the Wood Badge. During his absence, a committee was set up to make savings in Scout Administration. It recommended that the Assistant Camp Chief, Alan Chapman, whom Gidney had persuaded to join the camp staff from his lucrative job in the City of London, be made redundant, and Gidney's own role was diminished to merely that of Senior Leader Trainer, no longer having responsibility for the administration of Gilwell Park. Gidney, a man of honour, could tolerate that but regretfully decided that if his friend had to go, so would he. Baden-Powell writes very movingly about Gidney's contribution to Scouting in the HQ Gazette of Nov. 1923, concluding that he was heartened by the fact that they were not parting on bad terms and that Gidney would continue to have a role in Scouting.





Gidney became a Prep. School teacher and started his own Scout Troop. His war wounds eventually overcame him and he died in 1928, but not before writing to the Chief on his deathbed expressing his loyalty. The two men had been very close. B-P was godfather to Gidney's son Alan, (a twin). On Easter day 1930 Gidney's family were at Gilwell for the opening of a Canadian-style log cabin, a

belated honour, named after the former Camp Chief. It had been built mainly by his protégé Don Potter, a young Rover Scout responsible for many carvings at Gilwell and (much later) the stone statues outside B-P House and on Brownsea.

The above image captures better than any words of mine, the esteem in which Gidney was held. At the end of Wood Badge courses and other meetings held at Gilwell, it was usual to have a group photograph taken with the Camp Chief sitting in the central place of honour. As Gidney was absent on this occasion the central chair had been arranged to carry a large framed photograph of him. An honour never accorded to B-P!

My research revealed that the BSA presented a suite of specially-made hickory-framed furniture to mark the opening of the cabin. On inspection I was saddened to find that there is no longer any physical indication of the origin of the furniture. The



82 year old wooden structure and the furniture are now sadly in need of renovation, and so the 2012 programme includes funding for extensive renovation. I felt however that the original donors, the BSA, should be given the opportunity to continue their association with the cabin's original American furniture, one of the many strong links they have with Gilwell Park. The Buffalo and Tait McKenzie

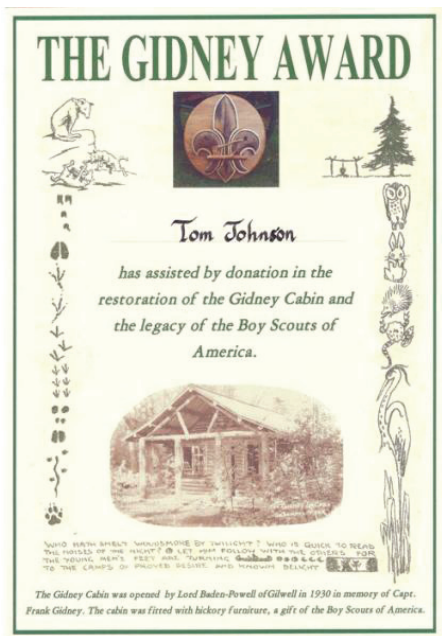
statues being the most famous. As there are only twelve pieces of furniture in all, two 'sofas', eight chairs and two stools, I felt that the task could be accomplished by appealing for funds linked to the talks I was to give to the Heart of America Council this year. I sought official approval to fund raise for the project, and was delighted to do so at four talks in Kansas City.

Prior to my visit I devised 'The Gidney Award', to mark five different levels of donation as my aim was to include as many participants as possible.

1. The 'Foundation Level'. The 'Gidney Award' patch, depicting the Gidney cabin and Wood Beads. 100 only were produced.



2. Member Level:



A Certificate based on an early 'parchment' presented with the Wood Badge beads bearing Kipling's famous verse,

Who hath smelt the wood smoke at twilight. The award also depicts an image of a carved Fleur de Lys. The wooden emblem was created by Gilwell master carver, Ken Beardsley, who has many carved such for the series of new 'woodcraft' gates erected recently at Gilwell by Yorkshire members of the 2nd Gilwell Scout Troop who are continuing the Rover tradition of Service. Ken had gifted to the Heart of America Council a similar emblem, which I was pleased to present in his name at the 2012 Gilwell Reunion held at Camp Naish, Kansas City.

The certificate contains an image of the cabin taken at the time of the 1930 opening ceremony. Only sixty of these certificates have been produced.

3. Gilwell Axe Level:



A hand-crafted wooden Gilwell axe, by Ken Beardsley, calligraphed with donor's name.

4. Master Level: All of the above.

5. Gidney Conservator :

Donors wishing to be completely responsible for the renovation of one chair or a 'sofa' could do so, their donation being marked by all of the above plus a brass inscription plate to the back of the item.

It should be said that my task was made much easier by the discovery, from his diaries, that Baden-Powell himself had previously visited Kansas City in 1936 as had Francis Gidney in 1922

Sufficient funds have now been raised to enable all the furniture to be renovated as closely as possible to their original appearance. This work will be undertaken by a Yorkshire firm of basket and cane furniture makers that have been in business since 1880. It is hoped that the project will be concluded in time for the Gilwell Reunion, where a handing over ceremony will take place, attended by some of the American Donors.

Special postcards, with a Royal Mail 'Smiler' image of the Gidney Award Badge joined to the definitive issue St George's Flag 1st Class stamp, will be available to mark the occasion and to fund a special plaque to be hung in the cabin. These will be available through this magazine and during the Reunion. I would be very interested to learn if there has ever been a postage stamp that depicts Capt Francis Gidney or the cabin erected in his memory.

After his death Gidney's family went to live in Australia. Until my correspondence with them, it appears that the current generation had little idea of the respect and affection which their illustrious forebear still commands amongst Scouts and particularly Wood Badge holders worldwide.

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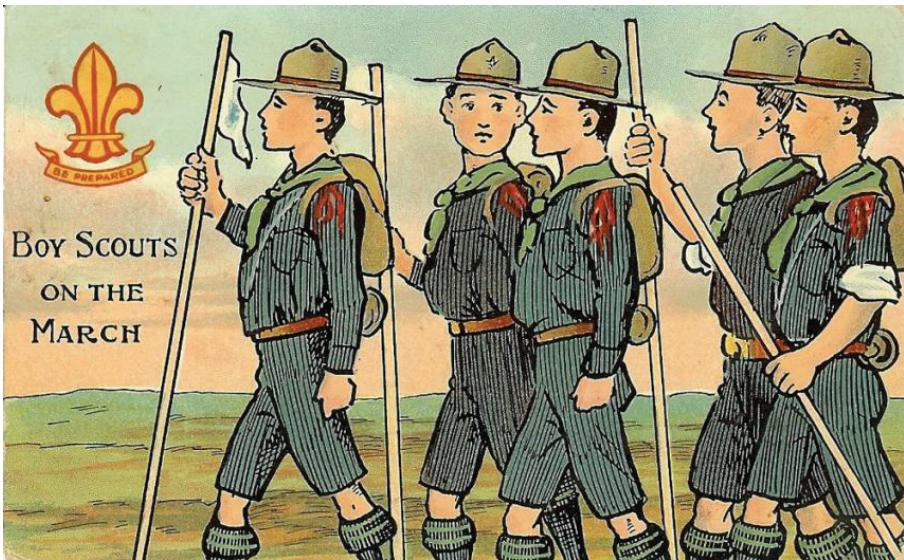


Two items from the vintage year of 1932 about which Peter Duck starts writing in his new article which commences on page 9

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**Just a dream - but if only all our Members were as smart as this lot
from the early days of the Movement.**

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Editorial

Many thanks to those who responded to my brief thoughts on the subject of electronic publishing. I have put an expanded article on this subject at page 16 of this issue and would welcome any comments that any more of you would like to make.

As usual I am looking for some more “longer” articles - possible serials - so that I can plan out the remaining issues for the year .

Obviously the “shorts” are also welcome as they enable the space filling to be completed in what, I hope, is a sensible and neat fashion.

From my point of view I have now finished all the final meetings relating to the 2012 Chelmsford Gang Show, which was generally received as yet another success, and I am preparing to start on the meetings for the 21013 performance. The one problems is that we have a new District Commissioner Designate in our District and he has already said to me that he wants performers in the show restricted to those who are under the age of 25. Not something that I agree with in any way so this may turn out to be my final performance.

Meanwhile I look forward to receiving some more articles - long or short - from as many of you as possible in due course.

Terry Simister

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FUTURE COPY DATES

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:-

3rd November 2012 at venue to be advised. Committee 12.45 to 13.15 then open meeting 13.15 to 14.45

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

Speaking to our Editor I am pleased to hear that already some members have replied positively to the proposal that our Bulletin be sent by e mail to those of you with computers who request this service. The potential savings to the Club are considerable, especially with rising printing and postage costs - and Bulletins can be sent out quicker too!

With the Olympic Games only weeks away (as I write) already London is in a state of turmoil and we wait to see which countries will produce exploitative stamps, including Scouts and Guides in the designs.

When the original games took place in ancient Greece they stopped wars whilst they were underway - what a pity we can't do likewise today. I think especially of the 10,000 Scouts in Syria, where a full civil war had now started. Their Movement started back in 1912 and had problems in the 1980s when the Ba'ath Party banned youth organisations and later when they

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from the World Organisation of the Scout Movement from 1999-2008 (largely because they failed to pay their subs!) have been very active.

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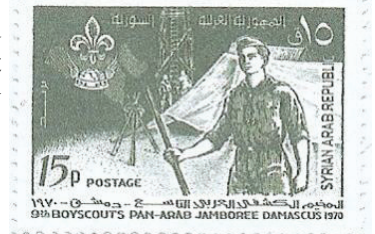
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Like many Scouts from Arab lands they are keen on Scout Bands, the louder the better.

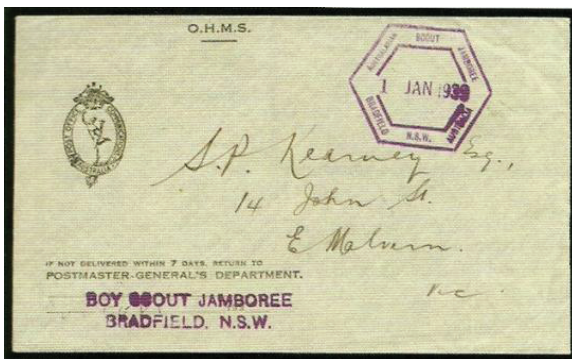
During their recent strife they have changed their emblem but whether or not this has anything to do with the war I do not know.

Scouts of Syria



In 2012, the Scouts of Syria changed their emblem, in the midst of the Syrian civil war.

One of the most important Scout collections to appear on the market recently was that of Ernie Stermole from Australia. Sold by Prestige Philately of Boronia near Melbourne, the collection contained philatelic items as well as paper ephemera and other mementos of Scout Jamborees. Some very high prices were obtained with two of the 1935 Frankston registered covers both making £390 (US\$605 €470). A registered cover from the 1939 Bradfield Jamboree made £357 (US\$553 €430), but the cover shown, from the same camp with the hexagonal violet cancel made £530 (US\$820 €635). The sunken die proof card showing the 1952-53 3½d Scout stamp made the highest price of £2863 (US\$4437 €3435). The last one I recorded was sold by Grosvenor in London in May 2009 which made £1150. According to the auctioneers only eight such die proofs were prepared, of which two are in institutional collections.



Good prices are still being made on eBay for scarce items. In early July, an official partly addressed Danish Scout cover in poor condition and sent from Denmark to the 1929 World Jamboree made £563 (US\$ 875 €675). A month earlier a 1947 World Jamboree Die Proof from France in brown made £435 (US\$ 675 €522).

As I find that collectors of Scout badges and ephemera are not really made welcome at the Annual Gilwell

Reunion, I and many of my friends will be attending the popular annual meeting at Midhurst, Sussex over the weekend of Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September. I also look forward to meeting many of our overseas members at the Euro-Scout meeting being held at Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany from September 27-30.

KENYA

by Peter Shore

(just a stones throw behind the rich façade of the package holiday)

Beryl and I had long considered going on a 'package' Safari—we were no longer up to the rigours trekking around countries, on foot with rucksack specifically looking for lions - so when the opportunity came for a 'package deal' which guaranteed comfort, soft bedding AND wild animals - we stopped, thought and booked.

It was second nature for me to investigate any possible Scout links, and it so happened there existed a marvellous promotional video produced by the Kenyan Scout Association which highlighted the sad plight of street kids in Nairobi and Mombasa, where drugs, prostitution, theft, and Aids all presented a very serious problem. A copy was obtained, and true enough, the kids of those cities - like many others around the third world - lived on their wits, alone, lonely and scared, targets and victims of drug dealers, desperate adults; most probably destitute, orphaned, homeless or maybe not being able to read or write. In short, and for a second subdued, we decided to contact the Scout Leader in Kenya to learn more and possibly meet up.

We eventually arranged that on arrival in Nairobi we would meet up and be introduced to the 'Street Scouts' we would have the opportunity of discussing their Scout ways - difficulties, problems and pleasures. With two local Scout Leaders, we visited the nearby slum encampment where some 10,000 families lived - no sewer/sanitation, no piped water, high fire risk and heaven knows what medical and security problems. When



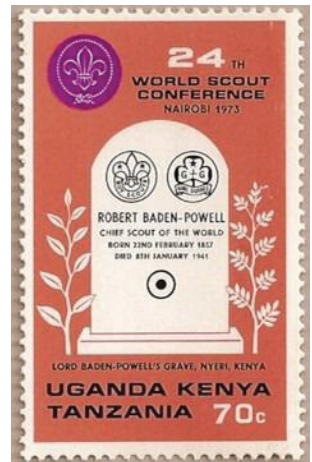
I asked about safety and security of life, limb and personal goods in such an area as this, I was quickly re-assured that our safety was assured, for such is the high profile and importance with which the Scout Uniform is held locally. I was touched and impressed and thought— if only some of our lads and lasses in U.K. could hear and understand the power, strength and pride a scout uniform has out here in Africa..

Next stop was the school where the 'street scouts' were being taken in to be schooled - not only in academic subjects, but where they would get medical treatment, substantial food; they could wash themselves and their clothes. But above all they could meet safely and feel wanted. Some had uniform, most did not, and some had a parent or relation, but again, most did not. But they all knew that here they had a place where they were genuinely safe and loved. The school itself was no great shakes - tatty, a bit run down with one or two broken windows - but was efficiently run by a warm loving human 'mother' in the shape of the affectionate no-nonsense Headmistress. I was - again - able to meet the troop - in fact I inspected each and everyone. Believe me - it is not easy to be too critical when you know what the child is wearing is all they own in the world (and I doubt if they have much or anything on underneath the top layer.) One girl was wearing what originally was once a 1960's pretty pink organza party-dress - something I could see my own granddaughter Nadine wearing. Originally no doubt – chic and cute and undoubtedly 'up-market' - but now so torn, faded, tatty and garish, fitting in the oddest of places. Though it was rather grubby and smelly - the young owner was bright, cheerful and saluting me with such sincerity and pride that I could only review her through a misty film of tears.

You see – she was a 'Scout' and *that word* was a private powerful password—and for a few brief moments—allowed her into a new safe world!

Beryl and I left them, huddled laughing joyfully in their own company - strong, independent and totally at home and at ease and intriguingly, totally dedicated to their Troop Leader Peter. He was only 14 – and one time top boy hoodlum, gang-leader and successful street crook!

It will be a very long time before I forget that young Troop Leader , proudly reporting to me "Troop ready for inspection Sah!" with an army regimental-style scout salute - quivering and precise - more fitting for a Royal Review than a Pete Shore presentation! The proudly won and worn - but not torn, neckerchiefs over a filthy oversized vest on an undersized chest - they could have been (and maybe should have been) on duty at Windsor Castle such was their bearing and demeanour. The white teeth, the bright smile... ..words fail me - it was an honour and a privilege to have been invited to associate with such a group of children, their Kenyan Leaders and the sympathetic guidance and sponsorship of their dedicated Scout Leader Wallace Garland.
(Originally submitted on 04/02/2009)



A SCOUTING PERSONALITY FROM NEW ZEALAND by Paul Van Herpt

On 14th April 2011, New Zealand Post issued a sheet of 22 stamps to commemorate the 22 New Zealanders who have been awarded the Victoria Cross, the military's highest valour award. On row 3 stamp 5 is Sergeant James Allen Ward VC who is of particular interest in that in his youth he was a member of the Glasgow Eagles Scout Troop in Wanganui.

Ward was born 14 July 1919 in Wanganui where he spent his youth including time in Scouts. He joined the RNZAF (Royal New Zealand Air Force) and served in the 75 (NZ) Squadron of the RAF (Royal Air Force).

On July 7th 1941 he was co-pilot on a Vickers Wellington bomber returning from an attack on Munster in Germany when an engine caught fire after being hit by flak fire. Unable to douse the fire with the internal extinguishers Ward crawled out on the wing attached to rope from the liferaft and doused the fire by smothering it with a sheet of canvas. This action saved the plane and it landed safely in England with its full crew complement. For this action Ward was presented the Victoria Cross. On 15 September 1941, he was killed over Hamburg, Germany, when his plane caught fire after being hit by flak.

In the National Scout Museum there is a photo of Ward as a youth in his Scout uniform and a rather poor quality mounted portrait of him taken in his flying gear which was presented by his Bomber Squadron to the NZ High Commissioner in London for the Boy Scout Association New Zealand Branch (as it was in those days). His connection with Scouting was such that a presentation of this nature was made. He is now also immortalised by the issue of a postage stamp.

Details of the issue; Sheet of 22 x 60 cent value stamps in 5 x 5 format with label in bottom row equal to 3 stamps. Designed by Cue design of Wellington, NZ and printed by Southern Colour Print Ltd of Dunedin, NZ in offset lithography, four colour process plus silver on Tullis Russell 104 gsm red phosphor gummed stamp paper.

I need to apologise for the quality of the image, I am one of the members of the SGSC referred to in the Editor's notes who live in an earthquake damaged city. The philatelic bureau here is in the "red zone" of the inner city which we have not been allowed into since February 22nd, and I have not found the stamps at any of the few local offices open so I've had to rely on taking a poor quality image off the NZ Post website. As a Scout collector I don't really want a whole sheet for one stamp so I hunt for the opportunity to get just one stamp and being in the severely disrupted city of Christchurch such things are not as easy as before. The current tally for buildings in our central business district being demolished stands at 900 !
(Originally submitted 15-05-2011. I have a better image now, Ed.)



A Sad but Enjoyable Series of Books of Postal History

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For over eight years, David Tett of UK has written and published *A Postal History of the Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in East Asia during the Second World War*. They total six volumes, which number about four hundred pages each.

Vol	Allied Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in	Published
1	Singapore and Malaya	2002
2	Dutch East Indies	2003
3	Burma, Thailand, and Indochina	2005
4	Hong Kong and China	2007
5	The Philippines and Taiwan	2009
6	Japan, Korea, Manchuria and Borneo	2010

This reviewer has been a faithful purchaser and reader of the series and has anxiously waited for the appearance of the each new volume. Mr Tett has finally finished his planned six volumes and copies of the books now occupied a prize location in my philatelic library. It is a job well done!

While I am especially interested in volume three, Thailand being my collecting country, I have tried to keep an open mind to recognizing other collecting interest such as topical/themic interests in the series. Beside transportation and suffering subjects, I found few other topics other than gardening and education. However, I was surprised to find one item that brightens my Scouting/Guiding interest. A postcard sent to a British officer who was a POW in a Borneo camp contains a remark about Lady Baden Powell. The card was addressed to Captain H. D. A. Yates from his Aunt Mrs R. H. (Hilda) Paul of Ipswich, England. Postmarked July 29th1943, it has a penciled notation that it was received on August 26th1944.

It reads “My dear Donald,

We think about you a great deal. We had a lovely holiday at Criccieth with Molly, Caroline and Gillian last month. Bertha joined us for a week.

Lady Baden Powell stayed here last week for a series of Guide functions.

We both send much love. Aunt Hilda”

It is figure 6-9-13 (found in volume six, chapter nine, and is figure thirteen on page 263).

How Mr Tett gathers his material, develops the story line, wrote, and published six books over such a short time must be a story in itself to read. I hope that he will document his labor of love for other authors to gain insight.

Mr Tett’s books can be purchased from major philatelic booksellers (my favorite is Leonard Hartmann, www.pbbooks.com) Or from BFA Publishing in UK www.fepowmail/co.uk. Alternatively, try borrowing a volume from a philatelic library such as The Collectors Club or the American Philatelic Research Library.

WORLD STAMP CHAMPIONSHIP INDONESIA 2012

We have received two communications regarding the Scouting exhibits at the above.

The first from Hallvard Slettebo

The World Stamp Championship INDONESIA 2012 was held at Jakarta, Indonesia, 18-24 June 2012. Ten Scouting exhibits were on show, and this must be a new record for an FIP exhibition. Scouting is very popular in Indonesia, which has the largest Scouting organisation in the world. There are today 41 million Boy Scouts and Girl Guides / Girl Scouts world-wide, and Indonesia has as many as 17 million of these. INDONESIA 2012 had invited one Scouting exhibit to the Court of Honour, "World Scouting - its Path to Success" by Hallvard Slettebø. It is the first time ever that a Scouting exhibit is shown in the Court of Honour at an FIP show. Indeed, it is very rare altogether that thematic exhibits are invited to the Court of Honour, and perhaps fewer than five have achieved this earlier. Hallvard was also one of the thematic jurors in the exhibition. Berthold Sinaulan was General Commissioner.

In the competitive classes, there were nine Scouting exhibits:

Thematic Class:

Roberto Basso (Brazil) - "Memories of Scout Neckerchief" – Large Vermeil 86p

William Kwan (Hong Kong) - "The Boy/ Man and His Worldwide

Brussels Sprouts" – Vermeil 84p

Avie Wijaya (Indonesia) - "Treasure of the Sleepless Wolf" – Silver 73p

Gede Ngurah Surya Hadinata (Indonesia) - "Scout Dimension" – Silver 70p

Gita Noviandi (Indonesia) - "One World One Promise" – Large Vermeil 85p

Estanislao Pan de Alfaro (Spain) - "The Scouting Adventure" – Large Vermeil 88p

The second from Berthold Sinaulan

Dear All,

Just to add the information/article provided by Mr. Hallvard Slettebo, I want to share some information too.

Almost two years ago, the Organizing Committee of the World Stamp Championship Indonesia 2012, appointed me as the General Commissioner. My duty is to propose the exhibition regulation (IREX) to the FIP Consultant for the Indonesia 2012, Mr. Bernie Beston, a well known philatelist from Australia. I also have duty to be the liaison officer between the Organizing Committee with all National Commissioner (which came from 60 countries), and with the President of Jury, Mr. Suwito Harsono, my fellow philatelist from Indonesia, arrange who we will be invite to exhibit in the Court of Honour.

One day in early 2011, Mr. Bernie Beston came from Australia to Jakarta, Indonesia, to have consultation meeting with the Organizing Committee of the World Stamp

Championship Indonesia 2012. He asked me, "Who do you want to exhibit in the Court of Honour?". I answered it spontaneously, "How about the best thematic collection on Scouting". Why I answered like that?

First of all, I'm a scouts on stamps collector. Second, I know that in Indonesia, Scouting is one of the popular theme/topic in philately, besides the best topic, flora and fauna. Third, Scouting in Indonesia have more than 21 million members, the biggest national scout organization in the world (compared with 32 million scouts all over the world). If there is a Scout collection in the Court of Honour, I hope it will attract many Scouts to come to the exhibition. (Later, in the exhibition, I saw many Scouts coming, some of them used their Scout uniform, the other used their Scout T-shirt. I also knew that the National Headquarters of Gerakan Pramuka - the Indonesian Scouting Movement - has sent a circular to the Provincial Scout Headquarters which gave them information about the World Stamp Championship Indonesia 2012, and strongly suggest Scouts - especially those who working on their Stamp Collecting Proficiency/Merit Badge, to come to the exhibition).

Then I asked Mr. Beston, "I heard Mr. Hallvard Slettebo from Norway is an accredited FIP juror, and I knew that his collection considered the best Scouting collection in the world today. Can we asked him to exhibit his collection in the Court of Honour?"

Mr. Beston agreed, and if I'm not forgot, he said that he will meet Mr. Slettebo in the World Stamp Exhibition in Yokohama, Japan, in mid of 2011. Then he will asked Mr. Slettebo to exhibit his collection in the Court of Honour.

The rest is history. For myself, it is truly an honour to personally met with Mr. Slettebo and to saw his great Scouting collection.

Thank you.

Yours in Scouting Philately,

Berthold Sinaulan

SOSSI LM #262

Jakarta, Indonesia

A further reminder of the new Membership Rates which were due from 1st April, 2012 (unless you were already part way through a five years membership).

Outstanding 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
All World Surface (Juniors)	£6.50	Not available
All World Airmail (except Europe)	£20.00	£100.00

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.

A SELECTION OF LABELS

AUT57L AUSTRIA 1957 2 labels honouring B-P & 50 Years of Scouting	0.30
GB57SL G.B. 1957 2 nd World Convention of SOSSI at Jubilee Jamboree (1)	0.15
GB57LA G.B. 1957 as above, but imperforate (1)	0.25
IRN79L IRAN 1979 15 th World Jamboree publicity label (Jamboree cancelled)	0.15
IRN79J IRAN 1979 Self adhesive label for Join-in-Jamboree (also cancelled)	0.12
IRN79JS IRAN 1979 sheetlet of 7 labels issued by World Scout Bureau for Join-in-Jamboree	0.50
IRN79C IRAN 1979 sheetlet of 7 labels for 27 th World Scout Conference (also cancelled)	0.50
JPN57 JAPAN 1957 sheetlet of 6 identical labels commemorating 50 years of World Scouting	1.00
RUS57L RUSSIAN SCOUTS IN EMIGRATION label for Jubilee Jamboree 1957 (1)	0.50
SWE34L SWEDEN 1934 sheetlet of 20 Scout Camp savings labels	2.00
UKR63L UKRAINIAN SCOUTS at 11 th World Jamboree, Marathon label (1)	0.20

POSTCARDS

AUS10A AUSTRALIA 2010 22 nd Jamboree postcard of Ayers Rock with Jamb imprint + postmark	1.00
AUS10B AUSTRALIA 2010 as above, but with picture of kangaroos	1.00
GB-N G.B.advertising postcard for Scout Network	0.30
SWZ66C SWITZERLAND 1966 6 th National Camp, Domleschg maxi-card of Scout flag & salute	1.00
SWZ83C SWITZERLAND 1983 3 postcards honouring 15 th World Jamboree – Scouts of Indonesia, Jordan & Sudan	0.75
POL68 POLAND 1968 4 th National Convention of Scouting postcard with imprinted stamp – unused	0.60
POL69 POLAND 1969 announcement leaflet for Polish Scouts “Alert” stamps	0.20

STAMPS FROM STOCK

	MINT	USED
CAR99SF CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1999 Scouts & flowers + B-P MS	2.30	-
CAR99SS CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1999 Scouts & sports + B-P MS	5.20	-
ELS97 EL SALVADOR 1997 75 th Anniversary of Scouting (1)	0.95	-
HK98 HONG KONG 1998 Honouring Scouting (4)	2.15	-
ROM97 ROMANIA 1997 Honouring Scouting (5 se-tenant)	1.80	1.00
SRL98 SRI LANKA 1998 5 th National Jamboree (2)	1.25	-
TWN98 TAIWAN 1998 20 th Asia Pacific Jamboree – triangulars in block of 4 (2 designs)	1.00	-
UKR94 UKRAINE 1994 Hetman (Leader) series of 15 overprints on old USSR stamps	5.00	-
CAR82 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	2.25	0.75
CAR82S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	2.50	0.80
COM82 COMOROS 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	2.50	0.75
COM82S COMOROS 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	2.00	0.65
CON82 CONGO 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	2.25	0.75
CON82S CONGO 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	2.00	0.65
IVC82 IVORY COAST 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	-	0.75
IVC82S IVORY COAST 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	-	0.65
MAU82 MAURITANIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	2.25	0.75
MAU82S MAURITANIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	1.75	0.60
NGR82 NIGER 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	2.00	0.65
NGR82S NIGER 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting MS	1.75	-

(Part Two)

The Collection continued to grow when a friend asked me why I was waiting to secure its future. I invited my brother Ron and five other friends to be Trustees to establish *Be Prepared – The Story of Scouting Museum Trust*. The Trust was registered by the Charity Commission on 24th June 1998. By then I had mounted over 320 exhibitions and illustrated talks throughout the North West of England and much further afield. No charges or expenses had ever been sought or accepted. The County Executive of West Lancashire Scouts agreed to our application to build the Country's first purpose-built Scout Museum at Waddecarr Scout Activity Centre in the beautiful Trough of Bowland in Lancashire as an attractive, additional facility for campers and visitors. It was paid for with my savings and a legacy from my friend Dr John Frederick Wilkinson. As his Executor I used a Deed of Variation to his Will so that instead of coming to me as a residuary legacy it was paid directly to the Trust to save Inheritance Tax.

The building was designed by Roy Fisher MBE BArch JP DL FRIBA FRTPI and built by Richard Palmer (Building) of Preston. The display cabinets were made by M and P Gildert of Penwortham. Known as the *Little Gem* it was officially opened by the Chief Scout, George Purdy CBE on 21st July 2001.

On 8th July 2006 our splendid Honorary Architect, Roy Fisher MBE, officially opened the new *John F Wilkinson Wing* which presents the story of Guiding. Having contributed 25% of the cost of our first building, the rest of the legacy he left me met all the costs of the new building and so the Trustees decided to name it in his honour. *Wilkie* was a most generous friend and splendid Scout. He had formed the first patrol of Scouts in Blackpool in 1908; attended the first Wood Badge Course in 1919 and led the first Wood Badge Course held outside Gilwell Park at Alderley Park, Cheshire commencing on 3rd September 1920. The Trustees invited Roy to officially open the Annexe to acknowledge his wonderful work as our Architect. He has most generously given of his time and expertise for our project and many more throughout the Region for Scouts and Guides without making any charge for his professional skills or expenses. The Annexe incorporates the Guide Storeroom named *Patricia's Store* to acknowledge the large archive donated by Patricia Butterworth, the World Chief Guide's *Tame Artist* and friend, to the Trust. This was in addition to the many items she gave me during her lifetime and in her Will.

There are over 160 square metres of display space with 21 display cabinets of various sizes. Two of the permanent cabinets are devoted to the life of B-P. Philatelic material is always on display. The Library contains the Stanley Boughey V.C. Memorial.



Royal Mail North used our building for the launch of the Scout Centenary Stamps in 2007 and again in 2010 for the launch of the Guide Centenary Stamps. The large 'stamps' used for both events are now on permanent display in the *Little Gem*.

An additional storage facility was

added to the rear of the building in 2011. It was funded by Patricia Butterworth's legacy to the Trust following her death in 2007.

Writing about the Collection in 1969 Olave, Lady Baden-Powell said it "is of such importance for the present day Scouts and Guides to learn from so that they may the more fully understand and realise what a marvellous thing they are members of, and appreciate its romantic birth and growth and progress." (Extract from a letter written to me on 13th April, 1969.)



Our Charity Commission approved role is *to advance the education of the public in the history of the Scout and Guide Movements*. We also aim to inspire our young and not so young visitors.

Club members are most welcome to visit us. We have already welcomed former Chairman John Ineson and regular contributor Colin Walker*. We are open every Saturday from 10am till 4pm. With prior notice it is often possible to open at other days and times as it was for John and Colin. For a virtual tour of the building and more information do visit our website www.storyofscouting.org.uk or for a shorter tour, thanks to Daniel Scott-Davies, Archives and Heritage Manager for The Scout Association who has visited us twice go to www.scoutsrecords.org.

(* See Colin's Corner in the November/December 2011 BULLETIN)

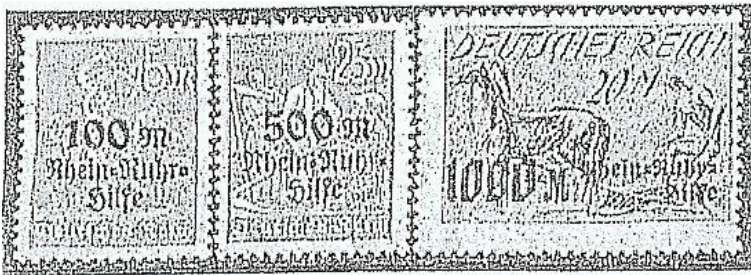
INFLATION STAMPS WITH THE TEXT “RHEIN-RUHR HELP OR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE / SCOUT CORPS”

By Manfred Rauschenberger (from Scoutpost Journal of ArGe Pfadfinder, Germany)
Translation by Thomas Liebers.

After the First World War had been lost, The German Reich was made to pay, by means of the Treaty of Versailles, massive reparation costs to the Allies. In 1922, because of the significant economic problems of the Reich, the Allies forwent reparation costs in the form of payments, and requested material goods (coal, manufactured goods) instead. Because of a small backlog in the reparations to France, French and Belgian troops occupied the Ruhrgebiet (a northwestern region with extensive heavy industry) on 11th January 1923. Out of protest for the occupation, the government of the Reich called for passive resistance. Workers, civil servants and private employees stopped working. Railway staff did not despatch trains to France any more. Occupied houses were without water, gas or electricity supplies the following day. There were some cases of sabotage and in response, the Allies issued the “Belagerungszustand” (a state of occupation). Many entrepreneurs and those striking were brought up before the court and given prison sentences, fined money or were deported.

The economic crisis in the Ruhr and the necessity to support millions of strikers, led the Reich into a deep crisis. The speed of inflation became faster and made it impossible to buy necessary food and produce for the population in the world markets. Those who did not have material things to exchange went hungry.

On 19th February 1923, to support the people along the rivers Rhine and Ruhr, the Deutsche Reichspost (German Post Office) issued three surcharged stamps (Figure 1). The stamps have the Michel numbers 258/60 (Gibbons 257/59). They were valid until 30th September 1923.



Due to the galloping inflation, the Reichspost had to issue new stamps all the time. The unused and worthless stamps were available to private individuals as large sheets of paper. Often they were printed with advertisements and used as letter seals.

It appears that there was one Scout Group (it has not been possible to establish where) which, similar to private individuals, obtained stamps and had them overprinted

“Rhein-Ruhrhilfe...Scout Corps” (Rhine-Ruhr assistance) or “Fahrtenbeihilfe...Scout Corps” (Transit fare assistance) (Figure 2). The stamps could have sold at the printed values from 1000 to 3000 Mark, and the proceeds donated to the suffering population of the rhein-Ruhr region as well as being used to finance transport.

The printing date of the stamps is unknown. Based of the “Signed for” (Registered) letter (Figure 3), it has however to have been before 21st August 1923. It is interesting that all overprinted stamps only became void on 30th September 1923! This raises the question: where did the money for the stamps come from? The cost of one sheet of stamps was 565 Mark. It is likely that more than one sheet was overprinted. Had the Scouts offered their pocket money, or was there somebody who “sponsored” it? The price of a 20gr. letter on 1st August 1923 was still 1000 Mark.



Postage paid for the “Signed for” letter is correct at 2000 Mark. The additional “Donation” stamps were void, although they have been postmarked. It is a possibility that this was unknown to the Postmaster. After all, new stamps were issued almost daily. Or maybe it was a mistake? Perhaps he just had a heart for Scouting?



I'm writing this small piece with two hats on - Editor and Treasurer - to open discussions on the future publishing of the Bulletin.

Since I put the very brief bit in the Editorial of the previous issue I have had a small selection of responses which can be divided simply into those who have computers and think its a great idea and those who don't who are not interested at all.

Can I make one thing clear from the start in that 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.

So, 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. The cost is made up of four elements:-

Firstly, the paper; secondly, the printing; thirdly, envelopes and fourthly, postage.

It is an inevitable process, especially in the current economic situation, that all of these are rising and will continue so for the foreseeable future. To keep the Club solvent we must find ways of reducing some more of the four costs - and we already get a great deal of help in this area from my friends at One Stop Scouting Ltd. who do our printing and also send out the finished items by franked mail which is considerably cheaper than normal postage rates.

It seems to me that there are only two options (other than increasing subs):-

1. Reduce the publication frequency to four issues per year.
2. Issue as many copies as possible electronically, keeping to six issues.

I would imagine that members would prefer not to go down route 1) so that leaves us with examining route 2). We already include past copies of the Bulletin on our web-site and this will continue. What we can do is either to e-mail out the completed Bulletin as a pdf. document or post it onto the Bulletin in a restricted area which will only allow it to be downloaded by those with the specific password.

Personally I would prefer an amalgam of both where we mail out the finished Bulletin by e-mail to those who choose, as soon as it is ready and in full colour, and then subsequently add the issues to the web-site, something like two or three issues in arrears, to maintain membership benefits.

Thanks to those who have already written on the subject but I would prefer to see some more thoughts before we actually make a final decision and offer the options to all the membership.

The Warsaw Uprising.

There are members of our club who have memories of the 2nd World War, and some own collections that boast rare items from this period with expertise to match. This article is written for those who have very little idea of the considerable Scout involvement in this heroic struggle. It is but an 'overview', written from a very personal standpoint after a recent visit to Warsaw in the company of our former Chairman John Ineson. (The author hopes to write a more detailed assessment of Scouting's involvement in the Uprising in a forthcoming book).

It is widely known that the immediate cause of the 2nd World War was the German invasion, without warning, on Poland on 1st September 1939. Poland, a proud nation, had a long Scouting history, starting in 1910 when Andrzej Małkowski translated *Scouting for Boys* into Polish. Importantly, by the outbreak of war, the Scout Movement was much respected, particularly as it had been banned in neighbouring Communist states. In the first fourteen days 600,000 Poles were killed. The Nazis saw Scouting as a subversive activity and so it was driven underground. Some Scout Leaders were executed and others sent to Concentration Camps.

Separate battalions of Scout resistance were formed, often strengthened by returning ex Scout soldiers from the defeated Polish army. Together they formed the 'Grey Army' (also known as the 'Grey Ranks') which was part of the 'Home Army' known by its initials the 'AK'. The most famous battalions were Zośka (specialising in sabotage) and Parasol (direct action against individuals).



The 'Kotwica', now the symbol of the uprising, was first painted on buildings by Polish Scouts from March 20th 1942. It is seen here on the watch tower of the Uprising Museum.

In late July 1944 it looked at last as though Warsaw might be liberated, as the Russians were closing in from the East and the Allies from the West. On August 1st 1944 (the exact time was known as W hour) the civilian population rose up against their oppressors in an action that was meant only to divert the enemy, and so assist the liberating forces. The much awaited relief however never arrived. The British ran into difficulties trying to cross the heavily defended Vistula River, and the Communists under Stalin,

who had a deep seated hatred of the Poles, sat back and waited for the Germans (some 30,000 strong) to raze Warsaw to the ground.

Initially there were some successes. The 'Home Army' succeeded in establishing separate enclaves, but these were cut off from each other, initially with no means of communication. The Patriots were much hampered by the existence of spies within their ranks who had alerted the enemy to the supposedly secret starting time/date of the insurrection.

Against this background, the Germans under Himmler began a systematic destruction of the city (which was graphically portrayed in the recent film 'The Pianist'). Mass executions took place, 30,000 alone died in what is now referred to as the Wola Massacre. The civilian population took to living underground and, as always in siege conditions, their immediate concern was to communicate with family members in different enclaves and coordinate action against the enemy.

Scoutmaster Kazimierz Grenda, started a postal service in his Central-Southern District on the second day of the Uprising August 2nd, and, as this was successful, Scout Headquarters organised a postal service for all 'liberated' parts of the city. Scout leaders, particularly Przemyslaw Górecki, who commanded the 'field post office', established routes through the sewer system, criss-crossing the entire city. A main post office was established with eight subsidiaries, all with their own post-boxes painted in patriotic red with the white eagle of Poland. A total of 40 post-boxes served the town.



Messages were delivered free of charge but donations in the form of books, dressings or food were welcomed. The letters were censored to avoid correspondents divulging information that would be useful to the enemy and supposedly limited to 25 words, but many exceptions have been found to this rule.

Girl Guides acted as couriers above the ground, and boys of Cub age were formed into a section named 'Mafeking' (a reference to the work of the Mafeking Cadets for Baden-Powell in another famous Siege) did sorting duties. All the insurgents adopted 'code names' to help avoid the spread of information should any be captured, as some unfortunately were. At least 600 of the Scouts/Guides involved lost their lives. The scale of the postal operation was massive, some 3000 to 6000 items were delivered daily. It peaked at 10,000 on August 13th and it was reported by the 'underground' newspaper that 116,317 pieces of mail were delivered in total.

Guides were also amongst the fallen, e.g. Celina Pastusko, 'Wanda', aged 17, was killed during a bombardment on September 4th 1944. She was a Girl Scout in the

50th Warsaw Regiment and worked as a 'contact box' for the 101st Scout Platoon and as a medical orderly.

Initially the mails were cancelled with potato print representations of the Fleur de lys, but later more durable lino and wood block 'dies' were made and used with different coloured inks. Good examples of 'potato prints' on a cover or specially printed postcards can cost £4000-£5000, but like the Mafeking Siege Mail this has to be viewed against the cost in human blood.

The insurgents managed to hold out for 63 days until 2nd



All the insurgents wore armbands in Polish national colours. Some carried battalion numbers etc. This rare example in the Uprising Museum is complete with the Scout Fleur de Lys.

October 1944 when the Russians were at the eastern edge of the city. 85% of all buildings had been destroyed. Unfortunately the Communists were no kinder to inhabitants, or to Scouting, than the Nazis. Resistance leaders, including Scouts, were rounded up and executed or sent to labour camps. The Russians enforced a total suppression of Scouting and any mention of the Uprising.

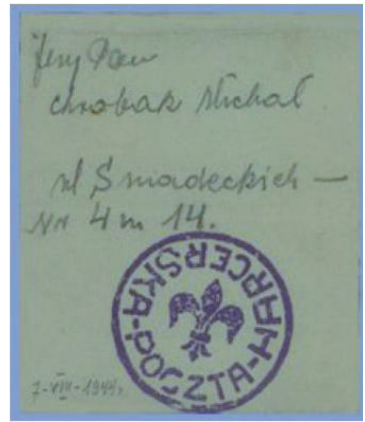
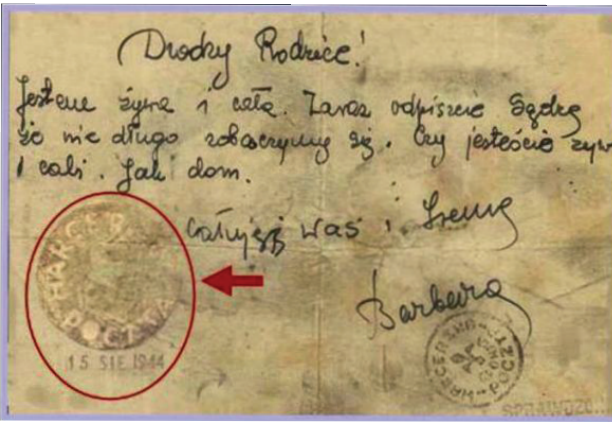
It was not until the end of Communism from Poland in 1989 that the true extent of Scout involvement in the Uprising could at last be

told, not only to the outside world, but to the rising generation of post-war Poles.

In 1956, while renovating the main Post Office in Warsaw, workers found a skeleton of a Boy Scout courier still with his postbag of undelivered mail. A private individual purchased the contents of the postbag, and set about trying to restore the letters to the families concerned.

Our all too short visit to Warsaw started at the centrally located Uprising Museum founded in 2004, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. It is open every day except Tuesday, with free admission on Sundays, but perhaps this is a day to be avoided as the attraction is very popular with numerous guided parties and long queues for film presentations, even on charged days. There is a small room that is dedicated to the role of Scouts and Guides which includes photographs, armbands, badges, and many 'sewer mails' showing various postmarks. In the main halls there are a series of 'cameo' photographs of individual Scouts and Guides, complete with their stories (such as that of 'Wanda'), which tragically almost all conclude with the death date of the young subject.





The illustrated items on this page are from the collection of ZT Bokiewicz who was a Scout in Warsaw during the Uprising. He has written many books and articles on the subjects. The 'potato print' cancellation with the very pale 'fleur' (above left) and a later (3rd) variation (above) with the 'Insurgents Army Field Post Stamps' below are reproduced with the consent of the Polish Underground Movement 1939-45 Study Trust, which can be found using Google.



Bokeiwitz (see above) writes that in early Sept. 1944, an 'Insurgents Army Field Post' stamp was issued in five colours; red; yellow-brown; grey-green; grey-blue, and grey brown; one for each of the liberated enclaves. Each district was supplied with 2750 stamps, making 13,750 in total. Of these, 8,000 were destroyed when the Main Post Office was bombed. Few of these stamps survive in good condition.

As many 'normal' activities as possible were continued despite the shelling and bombing. Newspapers and indeed books were published and newsreels were made

and shown in public cinemas. The Scout Post Office, albeit initially with its homemade cancellations, but later with these printed stamps, were a source of great pride in the enclaves, being one of the few signs that a Polish 'administration' was at work.

Though the National Scout Headquarters in Warsaw is closed at weekends, we were able to visit their small but interesting museum in 6 Konopnickiej Street. John having taken the precaution of corres-ponding with the Polish International Commissioner. It seemed from talking to the security guards who controlled our entry, that this 'out of hours' arrangement was quite a normal procedure.



The museum covers all of Poland's Scouting History but there is an excellent section on the Uprising. A very high proportion of the exhibits seem to feature if not concentrate on Scout Postal History.

Close to the western edge of the walls of the Old Town is the Statue of the 'Little Insurgent' erected in 1983. It depicts 13 year old 'Antek', a flamethrower specialist, who was killed in action close to the scene on August 8th, 1944. The statue was funded by collections undertaken by Scouts. It is reproduced in metal and

'pot' as fridge magnets etc, on sale at nearby stalls. At the time of our visit, the statue was bedecked with two neckerchiefs. On first sight, particularly to tourists not aware of its significance, the statue appears to be somewhat comic. Antek's adult cast off jacket is secured round his waste by a belt, leaving its lower part looking like a skirt, and the adult sized helmet and boots similarly do not help. There can however be few other Scouting statues as poignant or as loved as this.



The plaque, set into wall behind the statue, carries a representation of the Polish Scout metal hat badge which has been used since 1939.



Our last visit on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, was to the old Military Cemetery in the Powacki district to the north west of the city, part of which is given over to the graves of Scouts and Guides killed during the Uprising. They are easily distinguished from all others, as the silver birch crosses stand out starkly from their sombre background. I counted 119 such memorials, some carrying several metal name markers. A few were poignantly marked by photographs, Scout badges and neckerchiefs, or had little spirit lamps showing that families still visited on a regular basis.

Alongside the crosses, were the black marble stone memorials set up by the Polish Scout Association with deeply carved names, listed in battalions, recording the fallen. Quite a few names however were without a death date, which we took to be a fitting recognition of those brother Scouts who took part in the Uprising but are still living.

As 'Colin's Corner' usually concerns itself with promoting the collecting of paper items other than stamps, it is fitting to conclude with details of a game that I purchased in the Uprising Museum, entitled *Wali Powstańcy*. It comprises a high quality board, depicting the city and its sewers, with press-out figures of Scout and Guide 'postmen' complete with authentic code names. They are, drawn in a style similar to that of the 'Little Insurgent' statue and clip into plastic stands. A dice is rolled to advance these figures through the sewers where, by the provision of Monopoly style 'chance' cards, they meet with authentic adventures. The game costs around £12 and is excellent value, particularly as the price 'on line' in the US is nearly four times that amount, with additional postage costs to the UK.



Most of the enclosures in the box are in several languages, including English, but the rules and the various cards are unfortunately just in Polish. The website, *Board Game Geek* however provides the rules and downloads of the cards in English. The game has had good reviews and would be an excellent tool to introduce youngsters to Scouting



Any readers who may be considering a trip to Warsaw and would like to visit any of the sites mentioned are invited to make contact for their precise locations etc.

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Extra photographs to accompany Colin Walker's article on The Warsaw Uprising. The locations and details will be very clear from the text

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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

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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.

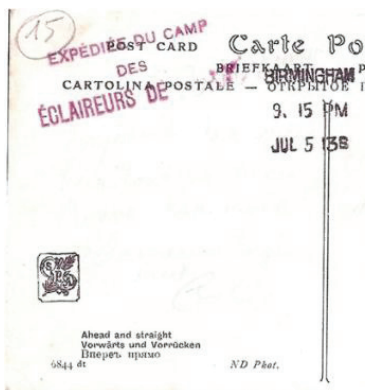
To the top left is a 3 line handstamp with text “**EXPEDIEE DU CAMP / DES / ECLAIREURS DE** (France?)” In my basic French this means despatched from the camp of the French Scouts.

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)

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SLE10S SIERRA LEONE 2010 100 Years of Boy Scouts of America MS	8.25	-
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TWN10 TAIWAN 2010 Centenary of Girl Guides (2)	2.15	-
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ANT10 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 2010 100 th Anniversary of Girlguiding 4 in sheetlet	8.25	8.25
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STH82 St.HELENA 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	0.75	0.75
STK81 St.KITTS 1981 50 th Anniversary of St.Kitts Girl Guides (4)	0.50	0.45
STK82 St.KITTS 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (3)	0.70	0.65
STL82 St.LUCIA 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (4)	1.20	-
STL85 St.LUCIA 1985 75 th 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	-
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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 th Anniversary of World Scouting (2)	0.90	1.20
STVG82 St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1982 75 th 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 th World Jamboree MS	-	2.50
STVG91 St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1991 17 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	4.00	4.25
STVG95 St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1995 18 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	-	5.00
CLEARANCE – SCOTTISH ISLANDS LOCAL POSTS 1985		
SLPA 7 x Scottish Islands 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides overprints in black – each 4 + 2 x MS mint	3.50	
SLPB 7 x Scottish Islands 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides overprints in red – each 4 + 2 x MS mint	3.50	

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



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



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



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



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

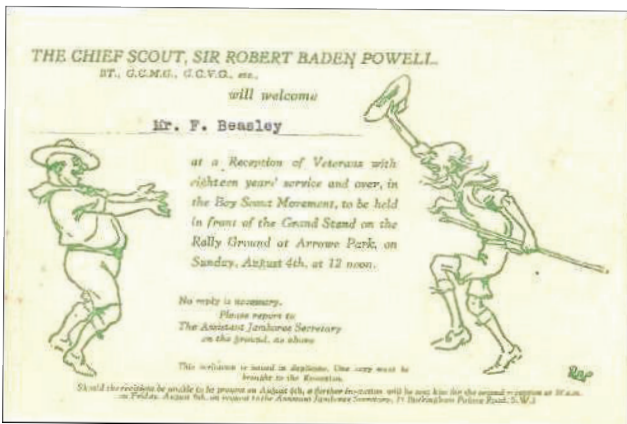
Note that the year indication 24 is the first figure in each postmark, this is equivalent to 2012, and represents the year of the Emperor`s reign.

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.

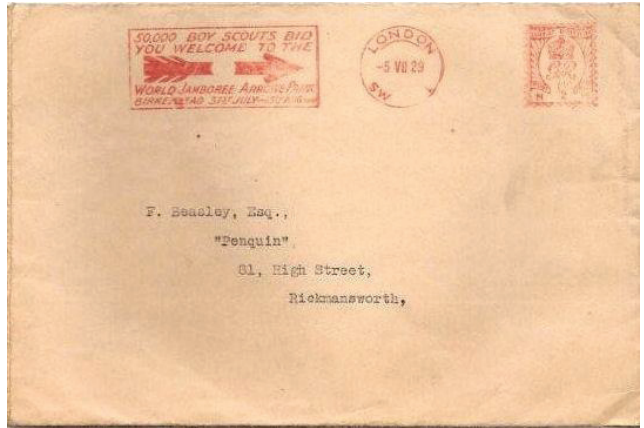


The tickets were in perfect condition, and are illustrated with B-P pen and ink caricatures. An overweight, now middle aged, Scout greets an even older figure, perhaps meant to be the Founder himself. I have no doubt that, given the very buoyant state of the 'market', as far as World Jamboree items are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

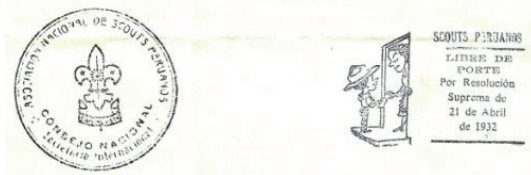
POLAND International Jamboree of Sea Scouts – Charzykovo and Garczyn. Unfortunately, I do not possess either of these postmarks.

SWITZERLAND 2nd 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.

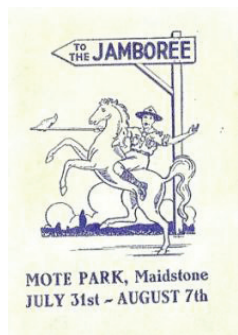
A special handstamp was used showing a Scout handing a letter to a lady in her doorway. It appears that the freepost system was applied world-wide as I have envelopes posted to London, and the Netherlands, as well as one internal envelope to Lima. However, I do not think that any of the items in my collection 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 4th June 1932” and (Kent) JAMBOREE MOTE PARK, MAIDSTONE, JULY 31 – AUGUST 7th. 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.



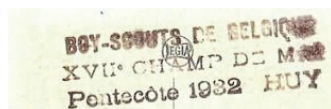
From U.S.A., cachet envelopes are recorded from CAMP EMERSON, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA and CAMP MIAKONDA, SYLVANIA, OHIO. Also a “Flag Day” cover showing Boy Scouts raising the Stars & Stripes. Dated June 14, 1932 from Washington D.C., these covers were used in other locations and later years. A rather crude handstamped cachet records “18th 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. 22nd 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 2nd 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 21st 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 4th World Jamboree the following year?

Jugoslavia: A label for the 2nd 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.

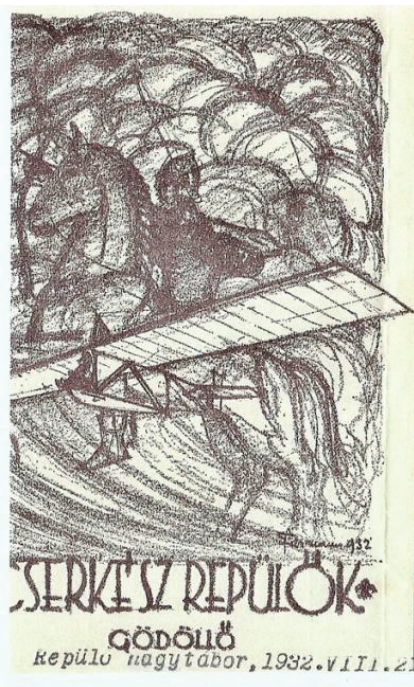
Poland: A local postcard bearing the handstamp of Scout Troop Sarnowa.

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

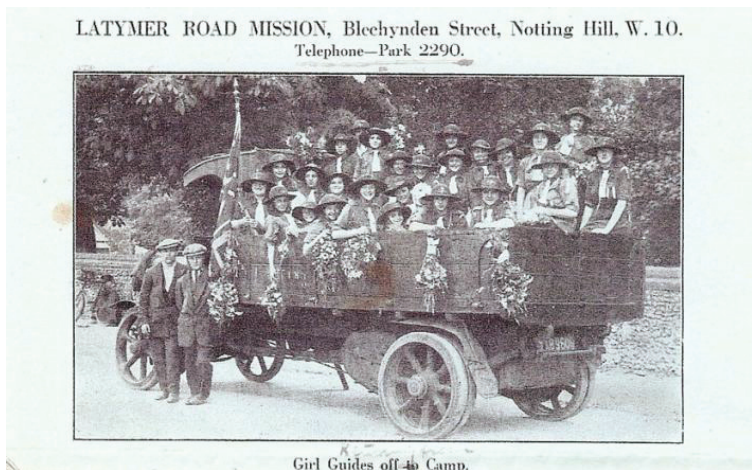
“Girl Guides off to Camp”

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 50th Anniversary in 1982.



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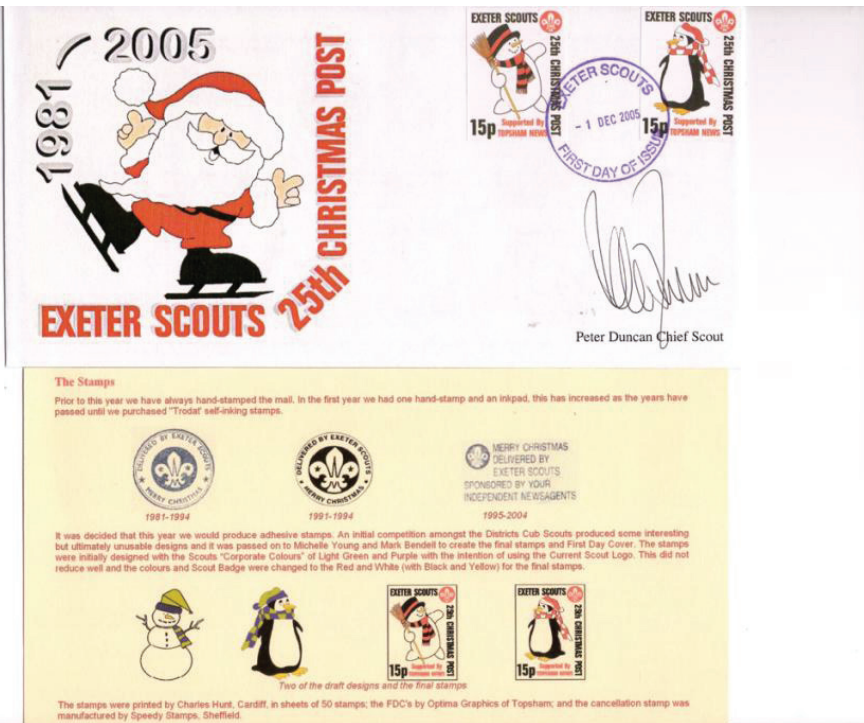
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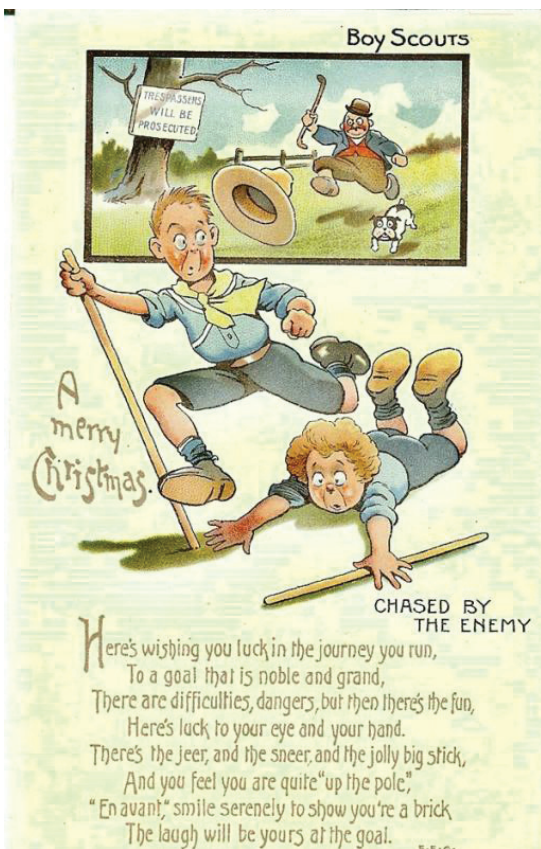


See mention of this item as for sale at end of article on page 10.

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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.



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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.

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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.

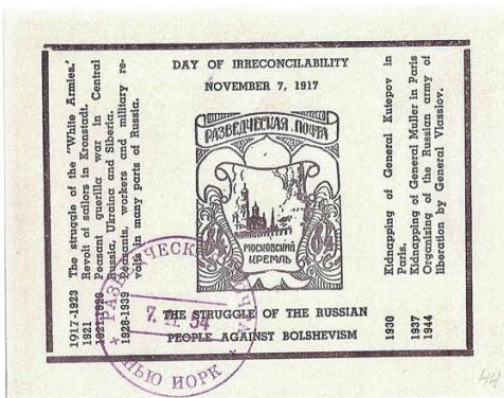


As is well known, Russian Scouts in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany following World War II produced five designs of stamps for their Camp Posts. These depicted: Peter the Great, (General) Suvorov, Pushkin (Poet), The Kremlin and Bogdan Khmelnitsky (Patriot). For various reasons, there are many variations 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)

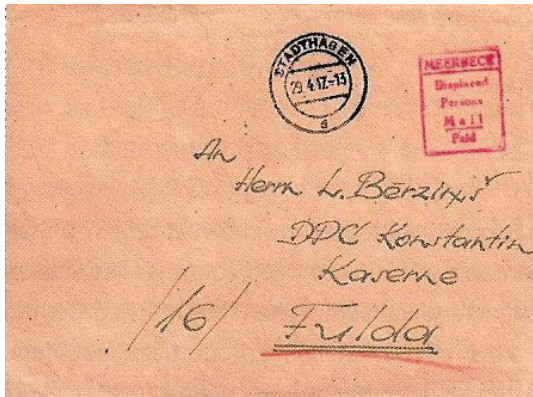
Fig.1 GB. Meter Slogan from 1954.

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 Bückeburg (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.

ThematiX '13

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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



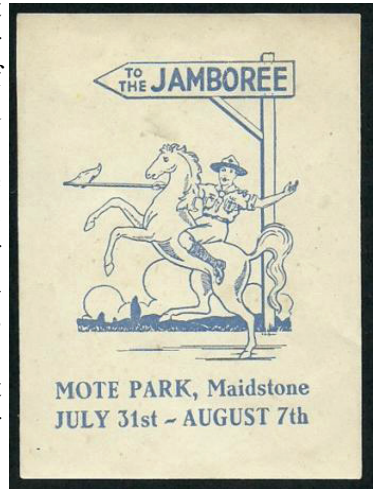
there were displays all over the grounds and that he addressed 15,000 Scouts from the terrace. He encouraged them to work for their First Class Badges and not to forget their 'good turns'.

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.

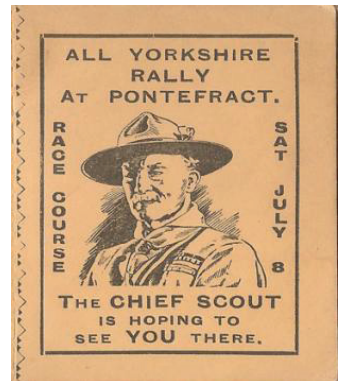
Kent County Jamboree at Mote Park Maidstone July 31st - August 7th 1932

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 2½ x 3 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.

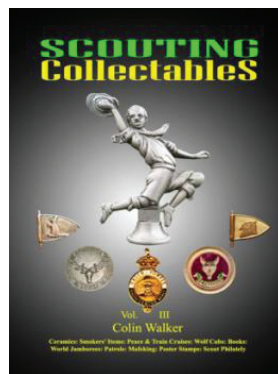
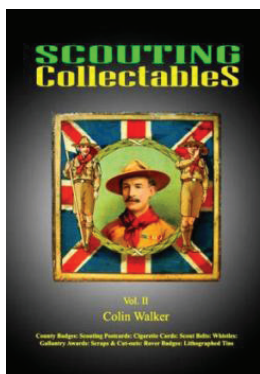
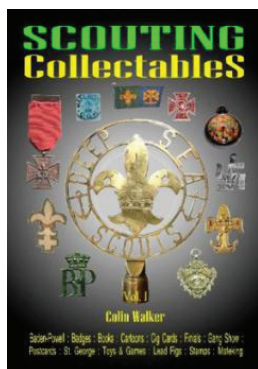
I doubt he understood a word!

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?



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