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Editorial

As I sit typing this issue the UK has just experienced its coldest Easter ever and the forecasters are still predicting that we have a few more weeks of these extremes to go. I feel a bit like a character from a Charles Dickens novel at present as I have recently been diagnosed with a couple of heart problems and the solution to one of these is the thinning down of the blood to make it easier to pump around the body. However, this process means that after years of not ever really feeling the cold I am now having to turn up the heating and wear additional jumpers. Sitting alone at my computer desk in what was once my youngest son's bedroom surrounded by my collection of Scouting books and ephemera I am really longing for the summer sun to arrive this year.

For a very brief while the Simister family actually achieved one of its Scouting ambitions recently when a fourth generation became a member of the Scouts in Australia. Unfortunately this was not to last, as sporting activities took priority of the time available to my eldest son as the "driver to events and activities" and after about six weeks William, my youngest grandson, was forced to leave what is the nearest Troop to the family in South East Sydney. A big disappointment!

We seem to have settled on a number of about 30 who have chosen to receive their Bulletins electronically but, as you will read from some of the letters in this issue those that have chosen are delighted with their decision. Any of you at any time are welcome to make the switch. I personally think that its worth it, provided you have a computer, for the quality of the reproductions and the full colour facilities.

So I will leave you with my everlasting plea for more articles, of whatever subject, style or size so that I am not scratching around too much in a month or so's time.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 7th, July 14th, September 17th and November 19th.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

We hope to be able to hold regular meetings in the UK during each of the Stampex Exhibitions each year. The next of these will be on 21st September 2013 at Stampex (14.00 - 16.30) when there will be a Committee Meeting from followed by a General Meeting. (*timings to be confirmed*)

The General Meeting will be an opportunity for members to show new acquisitions and favourite material to others and discuss any matters with members of the Committee.

The British Post Office gave permission for the first commercial use of full sized picture postcards on November 1st, 1900 - the Anglo-Boer War breaking out only twenty days later. As such the pro British propaganda value of postcards was fully exploited here for the first time as it was too by the Boers and their Allies in France and Germany.

Picture postcards were the latest technology taken up by all the public, much like E-Mails and Facebook today - and costing only ½ d for inland postage they were cheap too. Many of the anti-British postcards published abroad were very crude and rude

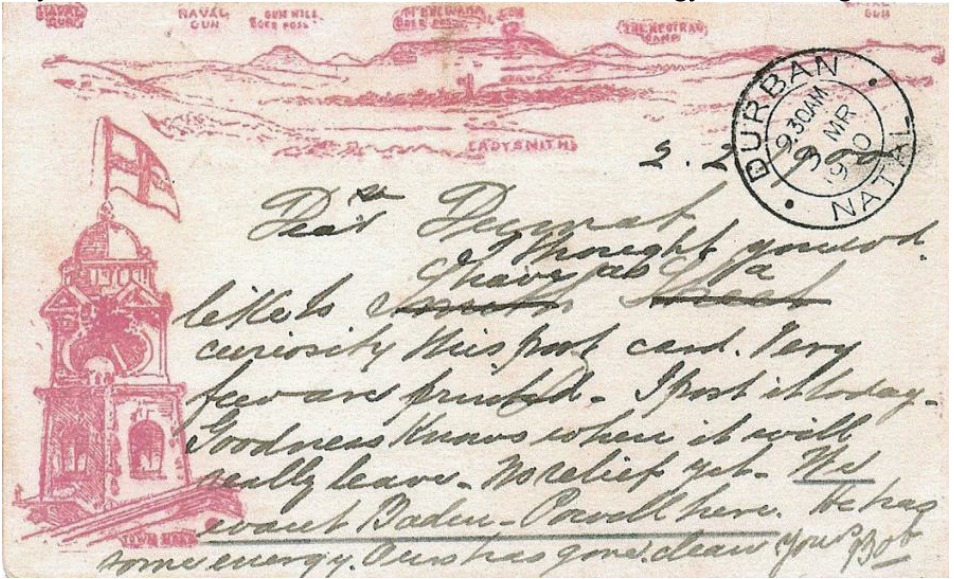


Dutch anti-British propaganda card

even by today's standards, mocking Queen Victoria, the British forces and their Leaders. British cards were much more conservative, illustrating battle sites and portraits of leaders such as B-P, the latter usually being sold in sets. At this time printing techniques and inks were being improved as well as allowing more and better quality cards to be produced.

The three main sieges of the war, at Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith, were quickly exploited by postcard publishers, many cruder examples being hurriedly produced in South Africa and the ever growing popularity of B-P, both during and after the Mafeking siege resulted in many postcards showing his portrait together with patriotic sentiments.

One interesting locally produced postcard posted at Ladysmith during their siege was posted there on February 2nd, 1900 - the writer stating "I post it today. Goodness knows when it will really leave". The siege ended on February 28th and the card bears an arrival postmark at Durban on March 3rd. The frustrated writer goes on to say "No Relief yet. We want Baden-Powell here. He has some energy. Ours has gone."



Above:- Card from Ladysmith during

Below: - Contemporary British card for Mafeking



John's Jottings

by John Ineson

The note that I wrote about the Headquarters Meter Slogan for the 1939 World Rover Moot held at Monzie Castle, Scotland caused interest with a few of our members. You may recall that I wrote that the earlier meter slogan of "Bid you welcome" was dated 19 April 1939, and the latest date of "Visit the International Gathering" was 28 April. I then went on to write that this meter slogan was changed sometime within the next nine days of the earlier example dated 19 April. This has proved to be wrong as Hallvard Slettebø of Norway writes to say that he has the "Visit...." slogan dated 1st April 1939, which means that this was used both before and after the "Bid you welcome..." slogan. I trust that you can follow what I am writing!



The German auction house Christoph Gärtner very often has scarce Scout items on offer and recently sold the set of five Imperf 1935 Romanian stamps in sheet corners which made €770 (£670 US\$1005). Only 200 stamps were issued Imperf. The market for general material seems to have declined

lately but good Scout material still makes high prices. Grosvenor Auctions of London recently sold a large head Mafeking Cracked Plate stamp for £1450 (€1665 US\$ 2175) and a bound set of the Mafeking Mail newspapers for £50 less at £1400. In the same auction a 1957 Korean mint miniature sheet made £420 (€480 US\$630) which would have been higher if it had been unmounted.



The March edition of the *Philatelic Exporter* gave detail about illegal Lithuanian Scout stamps: "Through the Universal Postal Union, Lithuania Post has declared as illegal, stamps issued in 2011 devoted to the 'Lithuania Scouts 100-year Anniversary 1918-2008', (I work this out to be 90 years!), which is for sale on an at internet site. The Scouts stamps of 2008 are on a sheetlet of eight perforated stamps, denominated 'C'. Lithuania Post stresses that these illegal issues are not stamps officially issued by Lithuania, and that they are not valid as evidence of payment of postage". Unfortunately there are no photographs of these stamps in the magazine, so I have no idea what they look like.

LETTERS

From Paul Van Herpt

In response to the article in the last Bulletin by Colin Walker, there were two queries regarding cinderellas. My understanding was that the green and white “The Boy Scouts are Carrying On” was a giveaway with the “The Scout” magazine during the war years, but I haven’t had a chance to check that out (We do have a pretty complete set of the magazine here in our National Scout Museum)The 2 label illustrated are clearly from different printings so may not have come out at the same time.

The GR Be Prepared label, I have in my collection an envelope in which they were sold, 12 stamps for a penny. They were printed by Grosvenor Publishing. It would suggest that these were commercially produced and sold rather than be produced by Scouting themselves.

What that makes of the text on the back of the label isn’t obvious, but perhaps it is meant to be the London Poster Stamp Society ?

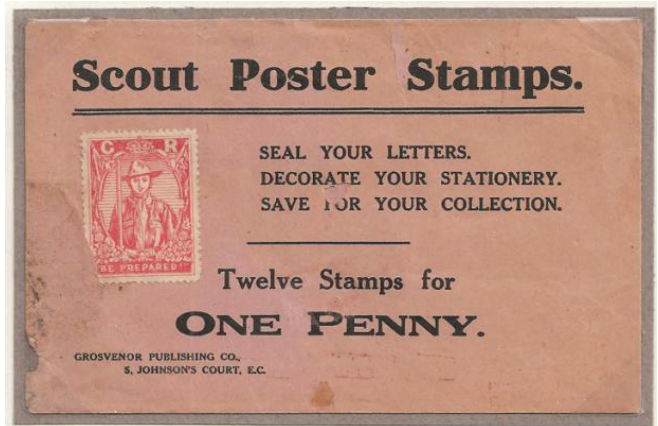
While on unknown labels, would anyone know the origins of the label of the “Natural Life” Scouts camping label with tablets noting “3” and “MV” ? If I were to guess, perhaps some loyalty coupon for a dairy company ?

Thank you for the newsletter. I think it is great. I was worried whether I would be able to read it but it is lovely and clear.

Best wishes, Gwen Walford

Although I’ve yet had chance to read it, please tell the Committee that this knocks the paper version into a cocked hat, as the expression goes. It’s so clear and the pictures are very clear.

I hope that all members with access to a computer have told you to turn off their paper copies. Thank you. Rex Smith





MICHAEL BERRY 1933 - 2013

Michael, as a Stamp Dealer, was one of the pioneers of Thematic Philately, particularly in the field of Scouting. As an early member of our Club, he gave much support to us.

I remember that when I started my collection in 1959 and working in the City of London, I found the Healey & Wise stamp shop in Wormwood Street. There I spent many lunch hours browsing their stock, and getting very excited about the new issues which were appearing at the time. Little did I know that twenty years later I would be working for him on a part-time basis as I built up my own business. His support and encouragement was much appreciated.

Michael was a shrewd businessman, and often seemed to be able to locate the "impossible" Scout and Guide items that all collectors wanted. With the support of his wife Inga-Britt he attended many of the big stamp shows around the world, and was much respected in the stamp trade.

He passed away in March after a short illness, and our sympathy goes out to his family. Peter Duck

EDWIN MAXWELL - went home in September, 2012.

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

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

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

TimReed 10, Falconwood Close, Fordingbridge, Hampshire SP6 1TB

(Tel: 01425-650961) e-mail:-tim.p.reed@btinternet.com

Metal Pin Badges @ £1.00 each, Epoxy Pin Badges @ £1.00 each,) plus

Cloth Blanket Badge @ £1.00 each, Leather Woggles @ £1.25 each) postage

Musical Chairs*

A short report on the Members Meeting held at Stampex.

For the first time in my memory the SGSC Committee members attending the Members Meeting at Stampex in February this year were out numbered by the members attending. And for those who found their way to the SGSC meeting room in the Business Design Centre there was an excellent display of philatelic items of Scout and Guide material stretching back over many years including to the first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island.

Our Chairman, Melvyn Gallagher, put on displays of recent new Scouting issues, a variety of Miniature Sheets together with some issues from the 2002 Thailand Jamboree. Part of his display included some letters of BP including one or two commenting on the Brownsea Island Camp.

John Ineson's display included Scout items from Poland and Czechoslovakia, together with some Scout mail items from German Scouts who served with the German Army as messengers and watchmen in Belgium during the First World War.

Finishing the displays was Peter Duck with some interesting and scarce items from the 1951 7th World Jamboree, after which there was a general discussion amongst those present together with the usual dealing that takes place at these meetings.

The next Members Meeting will be held at the Club's AGM on 13th July 2013 at ThematiX'13 being held at King George Field Indoor Bowls Club, Chessington. The venue has good transport link and besides any Scout and Guide material you might pick up at the Members Meeting there will also be a number dealers present at ThematiX'13.

**Why Musical Chairs? Well there was some confusion over the rooms each Society had been allocated for their meetings. The Club held it's Committee Meeting in one (very large) room, moved to another for the Member's Meeting and moved once more before the Member's Meeting started. At least we collected more Club Members as we travelled from room to room!*

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.

RECENT ISSUES	MINT	USED
TNZ10 TANZANIA 2010 100 th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America (3 in sheetlet)	9.20	-
GRN10 GRENADA 2010 100 th Anniversary Boy scouts of America (8 in two sheetlets)	15.00	-
UGA10 UGANDA 2010 100 th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America (3 in sheetlet)	9.05	-
GAM10 GAMBIA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (4 in sheetlet)	9.60	-
GAM10S GAMBIA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary MS	6.75	-
SVB10 St.VINCENT BEQUIA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (4 in sheetlet)	8.60	-
SVB10S St.VINCENT BEQUIA 2010 Girl Guides Centenary MS	4.65	-
TUV10 TUVALU 2010 Girl Guides Centenary (4 in sheetlet)	10.35	-
TUV10S TUVALU 2010 Girl Guides Centenary MS	5.80	-
IOM10 ISLE OF MAN 2010 Scout Bob-A-Job Week cartoon (1)	1.60	-
PER11 PERU 2011 100 years of Peruvian Scouting (2)	9.35	-
BAN11 BANGLADESH 2011 7 th National Cub Scout Camporee (1)	0.90	-
PAN11 PANAMA 2011 100 years of Panama Scouting (1)	0.75	-

A MISCELLANY: UKR-A UKRAINE 1990's Scout badge overprint on old USSR stamps (3 colours)	0.45	-
UKR-B UKRAINE 1990's larger style Scout badge on blocks of 4 old USSR stamps (3 colours)	1.20	-
UKR-C UKRAINE 1994 45 years Ukrainian Scouts in G.B. 4 designs on blocks of 4 old USSR stamps	1.50	-
UKR-D UKRAINE 1996 85 years of Scouting – 2 designs on blocks of 4 old USSR stamps	0.60	-
UKR-E UKRAINE 1990's St.George & Scout badge on multicoloured old USSR stamp	0.25	-
DK-A DENMARK 1972-2002 selection of 18 different Scouts Good-Turn labels	1.20	-
DK-B DENMARK 1988-99 selection of 24 Scout Christmas Charity labels	2.00	-
SWE-L SWEDEN 1950's-60's selection of 10 Scout Charity labels "For Swedish Youth"	1.00	-

75th ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL GUIDES & INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985 ISSUES

GUY85 GUYANA 1985 Internl. Youth Year overprints on previous Scout o/ps strip of 5	-	1.00
IOM85 ISLE OF MAN 1985 (5)	1.50	1.35
JER85 JERSEY (1)	-	0.20
KEN85 KENYA (4)	3.00	3.00
LES85 LESOTHO (4)	1.60	2.00
LES85S LESOTHO MS	1.20	1.35
MAV87S MALDIVES MS	-	1.75
MAR85 MARSHALL ISLANDS (4)	-	1.00
NEV85 NEVIS (4)	-	1.00
RWA85 RWANDA (8) overprints on 1982 Scouts	-	1.15
SRL85 SIERRA LEONE (4)	2.20	-
SRL85S SIERRA LEONE MS	1.65	-
SOL85 SOLOMON ISLANDS (2)	0.85	-
SWZ85 SWAZILAND (4)	-	1.50
TON85 TONGA (5)	6.00	7.00
TKC85 TURKS & CAICOS (4)	2.50	2.75
TKC85S TURKS & CAICOS MS	1.45	1.50
TUV85 TUVALU (4)	0.85	-
TUV85S TUVALU MS	0.85	0.85
TUV85A TUVALU imperforate (4)	15.00	-
TUV85B TUVALU (4) with SPECIMEN overprint	7.50	-

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

We must apologise for the late information regarding the meeting which was held at STAMPEX on Saturday 23 February. First of all, the notice did not give the venue, which was the Business Design Centre, 52 upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH. (Nearest Station – Angel (Northern Line). Also the timing of the meeting was from 12.30 to 2.30, not 12 noon as advertised.

9 members came to the meeting, despite the fact that there was some confusion as to which room we were using! Those attending were entertained by Melvyn Gallagher who showed us some recent (highly colourful!) Scout issue, plus the Baden-Powell letters which he had reported in our last Bulletin. John Ineson regaled us with many of his treasures, mostly from a large collection recently purchased. My display was on the 7th World Jamboree, Bad Ischl, Austria 1951.

Autumn STAMPEX will take place at the same venue from 18 – 21 September, and our meeting will be booked for the Saturday.

In the meantime, do not forget our AGM which is booked for Saturday 13 July at THEMATIX 13, King George Field Indoor Bowls Club, Jubilee Way, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1TR. Travel details are in the last Bulletin – page 8.

It was most interesting to see the two different meter slogans announcing the 3rd World Rover Moot held at Crieff in Scotland in 1939 (John's Jottings on page 5 of our last Bulletin) Unfortunately, I have never possessed, or had the opportunity to obtain, either of these slogans for my collection. But it occurred to me the the upper slogan on the page carried a postage rate of 1/2d (Printed Matter Rate) whereas the lower showed 1 1/2d (normal inland postage rate) (I do wish there was a proper “half” on computer keyboards!) Although the code number on both meters in N18, perhaps the slogan was changed for Printed Matter Post?

Incidentally, the N18 meter was still in use with GVIR (George VI) cipher until at least 1957, although the King had died in 1952. This was used on ordinary mail announcing the WORLD SCOUT JUBILEE JAMBOREE, whereas Printed Matter items with the same slogan carried a different meter number NA955 with EIIR cipher.

I always enjoy reading Colin Walker's articles, and have learnt a lot of Scout history from them. But I feel he should check his knowledge of the Kings of England when he mentions King Edward VII in his last article. Of course, it was Edward VIII who was the uncrowned King.

In the old McKee Checklists of Scout and Guide stamps (which no doubt many members still possess) David lists a few banknotes which depict scouts in the designs. Those listed as Government banknotes are from Singapore in 1967 and Indonesia in

1992. A couple of others are noted, from Jamborees in Brazil and Colombia, strictly for use within the Camps. There have been other similar “banknotes” for use in Scout Camps, but unfortunately I have no records of them. Certainly, there were notes used at the 14th World Jamboree NORDJAMB in 1975, which could be earned by performing various tasks.

But Scout “money” goes back a long way. In 1921, at the start of the “Inflation Period” in Germany following the Great War 1914-1918, four “banknotes” were issued. The denominations were:

25(Marks) showing a Scout and cooking fire. 50 – Scout with guitar looking at a castle. 100 – Scout with Leader practising archery 200 – Scouts and campfire.

Each note carried the text
 NUR GÜLTIG IM
 LAGER DER
 RINGGEMEINSCHAFT
 IM DEUTSCHEN
 PFADFINDER-BUND.
 (Only valid in Camps in the membership of the German Scout Federation). On the reverse of the notes is the design of a Scout shield with Patrol flags.



Similarly, from Austria, dated 1920, two Camp banknotes were issued for the Scout Group “Spedbacher” of Innsbruck. Both notes are dated 15 July 1920 with the signature of the Group Scout Master. The 50 (Heller) shows Scouts cooking, with mountains in the background. The 80 value pictures a Scout with staff overlooking the city of Innsbruck.



From 1925, the Austrian currency was changed to Groschen, and I have a ticket issued by St. Georg-Pfadfindergruppe Kottlingbrunn for a BAUSTEIN (Building block) at 30 Groschen “To buy a tent”.



A similar Baustein priced at 50 Groschen was issued

in the late 1940's by the Scout Group No.30 “Edelweiss” of Vienna “fur Heim und Lager” (For Home and Camp).

In 1941 during World War II there was a shortage of 1 ore coins in Denmark and the Massey-Harris Company produced “Scout Stamp Money” on behalf of the 11th Division KFUM Scouts in Copenhagen North East. Each “coin” was a card 25 x 28mm which carried a 1 ore postage stamp on the back. Seven different designs were produced on blue, pink, yellow or gold card. The designs were: a Boy Scout, a cooking pot on a fire, a Patrol flag, a camp scene, a Massey-Harris tractor, a Wolf Cub and a wolf's head. The final two appeared on gold card only. How much use was made of these “coins” is not recorded.



Russian Scouts in Exile in New York endeavoured to replicate the old Russian stamps of 1916 which were produced on card and used as money during their Civil War. Two

of the stamps which had been originally issued for use in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany in 1946 were re-issued in 1955 and handstamped in Russian on the reverse:

25cents Money Equivalent Value on original 18(Pfennigs) value, and 50c. on original 24 value. It is presumed they were produced purely as souvenir items.



50¢ ДЕНЕЖНЫЙ
РАСЧЕТНЫЙ ЗНАК

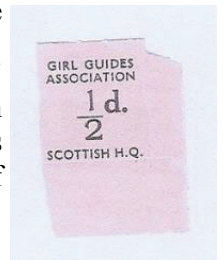
Other equivalents of money have been produced in the form of Scout Camp Savings labels (or stamps). Many of these have appeared in Sweden from 1934 (or perhaps earlier), called “Sparmarke”, some for specific camps and others for general use.(SEE PAGE COVER)

A set of four attractive Scout Savings Stamps was issued in Hungary during the 1930`s.(SEE FRONT COVER). All carry the text: MAGYAR CSERKESZ SZOVETSEG JOPONT BELYEG, and are priced at:

- 10 filler, brown, Scout selling magazines.
- 20 filler, blue, Scouts with bags of money at cash desk.
- 50 filler, green, Scout raising flag.
- 100 filler, red, Hungarian Scout emblem.

I have one of the 100 filler values attached to a cover posted at the 4th World Jamboree, Godollo – but it could have been affixed later.

Finally, a “money” item from the Girl Guides. A pink label from Girl Guides Association Scottish H.Q. priced at 1/2d. I believe this was issued in the 1950`s as a discount stamp for the purchase of uniforms or equipment.



It is about a year since I last mentioned my “100 List” which is still going strong with about 20 regular clients. The lists contain 100 items comprising stamps – mint & used, covers, postcards, labels and other ephemera, plus occasionally badges, plus about 10 “better” items. Most items are priced at under £1.00 and as one item is sold, another replaces it. Lists are despatched at approximately two or three month intervals. If you wish to subscribe, please send a first class stamp, or a couple or Scout/Guide postcards or badges from overseas. Or you can e.mail your request to: audreyduck1@hotmail.com.

Further lists are sent free of charge, provided you order something. But after two “no orders” names are deleted. My address is on the inside of the back cover.

Canada Post went all out to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. Among other items, CP issued six Keepsake Folders, one a month for each of her reigning decades. The issues were announced in their philatelic magazine details / en details of January- March 2012 which was distributed over the Christmas holidays.

Each Keepsake Folder is related to one of the six respective 10 year periods of her reign. A given folder included a mini-pane of four stamps, a stamped postcard depicting all the stamps that bear the Queen's image that were issued during the period and a fact filled booklet. A given mini-pane features four identical stamps, actually stamp on stamps design, and supporting selvage which recounts royal visits and other milestones which occurred during the time period.

Of interest to Scout and Guide stamp collectors is the third (covering the years 1973-1982) mini-pane which features four stamps incorporating the design of the 25 cent stamp which honoured her earlier silver anniversary. Like the other decades' mini-panes, a collage of pictures or images and year dates are pictured on the left side and bottom selvage of the panes. The bottom right corner has a picture of the Queen holding a bouquet of posies while chatting with a Brownie Girl Guide and examining her uniform. The Queen is escorted by a Canadian Group Commander and two other persons can be seen in the background.

The American philatelic newspaper, Linn's Stamp News of March 12, 2012 pictured the mini-pane and reported that the queen was interacting with a young girl in a Brownie uniform. Both of these two tips were missed by your author in his original reading of Linn's. The April-June 2012 issue of Canada Post philatelic magazine details / en details did not say anything about the Brownie and had other artwork covering that portion of the mini-pane. And just last year, Canada Post honoured the Girl Guides' 100th anniversary with issuance of a stamp; who would expect to see another stamp with a Girl Guide on it so soon. As you can see, it was so easily to miss this Scout/Guide collectable.

When Tony Manson received his new issues standing order from Canada Post, the Guide uniform caught his attention and he was surprised. He told me about his find and I reviewed my pile of back issues Linn's waiting to have their savable articles clipped and the remainder to be recycled to my public library's free magazines rack. Sure enough, the word "Brownie" popped out. But it was only mentioned once. Tony, with family connections with the Canadian air force, felt that we could easily identify the Commander and subsequently where the photo was taken. Unfortunately his contacts got nowhere. I contacted CP's Stamp Designer group and they responded with the caption of the photograph." Queen Elizabeth II chats with eight-year old Brownie Julia Whitehead after receiving a bouquet of posies upon her arrival at Canadian Forces Base Namao, just north of Edmonton, AB on August 1st, 1978. The Queen, along with Prince

Philip and their sons, Prince Edward and Prince Andrew, began a week-long visit to Edmonton and Northern Alberta.”

Could the Commander be Prince Philip Windsor and the two young men are Andrew and Edward? Why would the caption go on to include the second sentence? I believe they are the members of Her Royal Family. Prince Philip in 1953 received a Canadian Defense Forces title so he could have validly worn a Canadian military uniform.

The reason for the Royal Trip was to attend the opening of the XI Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. Previously known as the Imperial or Empire Games, the games at Edmonton established the current modern name. Held every four years, they would fall in the second year of the Olympic cycle. A tradition of the games was the relay of a baton which encased a message from the monarch at Buckingham palace to the site of the games. Known as the Queen’s baton relay; it performed a similar role as the Olympic torch. Usually the royal message was read by the Governor General or sometime by Prince Philip himself as he had a special interest in these amateur sport games. With the baton passed from the running athletic to Prince Philip who handed it in turn to the Queen, she began her opening speech saying it was her own message.

The games were a great success. Forty six members of the Commonwealth furnished 1474 athletes who participated in 128 events. And the host nation topped the medal table/chart with 109 medals, of which 45 were Gold.

Edmonton, the provincial capital of Alberta, was undergoing a revival at the time. Rather than improving an existing stadium, the city decided to erect a new stadium as well as four other new sports venues. Another new improvement was the opening of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) which included portions underground beneath the downtown business centre. Edmontonians would pat themselves on their back, as they felt they came off much better, and with less criticism, than that which occurred after the Montréal Olympic Games just two years earlier.

Researcher Alan Meech reported that at the time there was only about three Julia Whiteheads of that age in Canada. She most likely was a member of a military family, and might have sequently moved around the country. He was unable to further identify her so we must believe she is currently “missing”. Julia would now be about forty-two and might be just ending her avocation as a leader of her daughter’s Girl Guide troop. Maybe she is now a Trefoil Guild member, still enjoying the guiding sisterhood. Has she recognized her picture on this postal issue? Can anyone further help identify her and obtain information on her subsequent Girl Guide life?

The four stamps are labelled PERMANENT and therefore will pay the Canadian domestic postal rate forever. The July/September issue of details / en details does not give nor repeat any ordering information for the Diamond Jubilee issues but many items are still available. Our mini-pane (1973-1982) is available as an individual item. The

mini-pane cost \$2.44Can and ordering number is 403820107. Contact Canada Post and obtain this unusual Girl Guide collectible now. While the pane looks like a souvenir sheet, Scott Catalog has issued a single whole number to the stamp in the pane.

There is another Girl Guide connection to the Diamond Jubilee; page 3 of the second (1963-1972) Keepsake Folder booklet has a picture of the Queen holding a bouquet of flowers while talking to a Girl Guide. This picture might have been taken either during her 1964 or 1965 visits. Since this is only a booklet and not a post stamp or other type of postal paper, this item has limited philatelic collecting interest. Booklets and the postcards can only be obtained by purchasing the related Keepsake Folder which also includes the related mini-pane.

Thanks to Tony Manson, Liz Wong, and Alan Meech for their help. Your author can be contacted at tpwzrmcd@hotmail.com or 25 Hillside Ave, White Plains NY 10601 USA



SGSC Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamp Club will be held on 13th July 2013 at ThematiX'13 which is, in turn, being held at King George Field Indoor Bowls Club, Chessington, KT9 1TR

Ample free parking & admission,
Nearest Railway Station is Tolworth
(from Waterloo)
Bus K2 (Kingston-Epsom) stops at
venue
By road, M25 Junction 10 ~ A3 ~
A240

Light refreshments available

The AGM of any association is an important occasion. It is the opportunity to review how that association has functioned over the last year and what its objectives might be for the next 12 months. The most important part of the process of that reviewing and planning is that it is carried out with the involvement of the ordinary members who, after all, form that association. It is only too easy for a “Committee” to continue in its ways from year to year oblivious to what is happening to its membership.

So what is happening to the Stamp and Guide Stamp Club. Almost every issue of recent Bulletins have contained correspondence concerning challenges facing the Club but it is not clear that there has been a consensus of what might be the most appropriate way to proceed. Talking or writing the words alone does not take the Club forward. So who does it fall to to take the Club forward?

The Constitution of the SGSC provides for 9 members to be elected at the Annual Meeting to be responsible for the business of the Club. For a number of years the Club has failed to appoint a full Committee with the result that it has fallen to one or two members to fill 2 posts. And a lack of members coming forward to serve on the Committee has meant that it is a number of years since we have had any new blood on the Committee.

Does the Club have a future and what might that future be? Well that all depends on what happens at the AGM. And of course that all depends on who attends and who is elected. Do you feel that the Club has a future? Do you care what that future might be? If you do then come along to the AGM - **YOU** could be the one who makes a difference.

Will we see you there?

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2012.

2011	Expenditure	2012	2011	Income	2012
2,592.70	Bulletin Expenditure	2,576.10	824.40	Annual Subscriptions	767.02
			0.00	Five Year Subscriptions	555.00
30.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	0.00	180.36	Auction Income	200.87
6.34	Telephone, Post and Travel	0.00	0.00	Advertisements	0.00
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	50.10	Sales Service	10.40
121.38	Stamp Insurance	121.38	143.72	Donations	164.26
98.94	Printing and Stationery	64.49	0.00	Postage	0.00
17.00	British Thematic Association	15.00	300.00	Euroscout 2010	0.00
0.00	Auction Catalogue	0.00	1.65	Interest	0.00
5.00	McKee Copyright	0.00			
0.00	Web Site	284.00	1,500.23	Total Income	1,697.55
0.00	Bank Charges	4.00			
0.00	Unpaid Cheque	12.00			
2,871.36	Total Expenditure	3,076.97			
	Excess Income over Expenditure		1,371.13	Excess Expenditure/Income	1,379.42
2,871.36		3,076.97	2,871.36		3,076.97

Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2012

Brought Forward		Carried Forward	
Community Account	2,324.76	Community Account	1685.46
Less Uncleared Cheques		Less Uncleared Cheques	
537	-12.89	100546	-6.47
538	-63.81	100547	-153.02
		100548	-407.35
		100549	-284.00
	2248.06		834.62
Business Money Manger Account	2248.06	Business Money Manager Account	834.62
	0.06		0.06
PayPal Account	38.71	PayPal Account	72.73
Excess Expenditure over Income	- 1,379.42		
	907.41		907.41

NOTES

1. Due to loss of paying in books by Membership Secretary the figures for subscriptions cannot be split between annual and five year so estimates have been used.
2. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is estimated at £444.00.
3. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.
4. 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, 2012.
Signed

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B. Forshaw. Hon. Auditor

A Scout Philatelist

Since my retirement in the year 2000, I have been able to travel the world as a self-appointed Scout Historian and during this time have had contact with a great many Scouting personalities. There is no shortage in our Movement of people that live up to the Promise and have led amazing lives. Sometimes their stories are well known but, more often than not, it is only by coincidence that I have been able to piece together their life histories as typically they do not seek the limelight.



I have written about Zbigniew Bokiewicz previously in a 'corner' (See July 2012). That article contains an overview of the postal history of the Warsaw Uprising and was illustrated by some of the items in Mr Bokiewicz's collection. It was written after a visit I made with our former Chairman John Ineson to the Uprising Museum, Scout Museum and Scout graves in the Military Cemetery in Warsaw.

Mr Bokiewicz now lives in London but, is still a Polish citizen, and spends some time each year in Warsaw. Because of my interest, John, who has known Zbigniew for many years, kindly arranged an interview for me with this former Polish Scout. John and I were to visit Mr Bokiewicz at his home, leaving from Gilwell after the Badgers' Club AGM on Sunday 3rd March. Imagine my disappointment when John pulled a hamstring

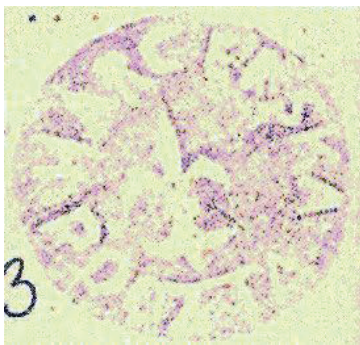
which meant he was unable to attend the AGM. Fortunately by the Sunday, John's wife was able to bring him to Gilwell. I was then able drive into London, to be welcomed by Mr Bokiewicz who very kindly showed us his world-class lifetime collection of extremely rare Uprising items. We were most fortunate to see them, as later in the year they are to be donated to a museum in Warsaw. Mr Bokiewicz, now 89 years old, told us about his collection and his time in Warsaw, though some of the information below has come from English translations of previous interviews given in Polish.

Zbigniew Bokiewicz was born in Warsaw in 1923 and, by the start of 2nd World War, was both a keen Scout and an avid stamp collector. His father, a doctor, had died when he was three, and his mother took him, an only child, away from German

occupied Warsaw to the relative safety of a country village. Mother and child however returned to Warsaw after a few months by which time the severity of the German occupation had begun to bite. Zbigniew was by now 17 years old and was mobilised into the Auxiliary Military Service taking the code name 'TopÓr' (axe) from his family coat of arms. He had many narrow escapes under German occupation and progressed from committing, minor acts of sabotage with his Scout troop such as slogan writing, to that of a front-line soldier.

During the German Occupation it was impossible for ordinary people to earn enough to live on and so, now an officer in the Home Army, Zbigniew and a few friends set up a Philatelic shop which was to play an important role for some Silesian Poles who had been forced to enlist in the German army. One of the friends running the stamp shop belonged to the 'Air Section' of the Home Army and they had been helping Silesian Poles to escape from the Germans. The stamp shop was used as a cover for providing 'deserters' with new clothes, haircuts and freshly forged papers. They were able to escape by the back door of the shop with a new identity, leaving behind their discarded uniforms which had to be hidden as obviously they would have been very incriminating if discovered.

On the first day of the Uprising (August 1st 1944) Zbigniew, returned to the shop as heavy street fighting prevented him from joining his unit. Whilst there, he decided to retrieve the German uniforms as he thought they would now be useful and asked the caretaker to help him. When he saw what he had been harbouring on his premises, the man promptly fainted. Zbigniew was unaware at the time that the German 'Council of National Unity' had also been using the premises for their meetings



Zbigniew Bokiewicz was on hand to see and experience the Scout run 'Sewer Post' system. I asked him about the so called 'potato print' Fleur-de-Lys postmarks (see opposite), that were allegedly used in the first days of the Scout Postal Service. John showed him a copy of an article in which another Warsaw veteran described the making of a 'Potato' cancel. Mr Bokiewicz was emphatic that the earliest cancels were not produced from a potato, but made using 'lino' prints.

After the war, Mr Bokiewicz was approached by an individual who had in his possession a cover/letter sent through the Scout postal system. It was address to Zbigniew and sent by his uncle, but it had never arrived. The owner of this very personal item did not however wish to part with it. Naturally this was a cause of great regret to Mr Bokiewicz. He has no idea of the present

whereabouts of the item, but is still hopeful that one day it may yet be displayed alongside his collection when it is displayed in the Warsaw museum.

In the second month of the Uprising, the Scout run Post Offices became part of the 'AK' (Home Army) operations and on September 2nd five stamps were issued in differing colours, but of the same design. There was one stamp for each of the five areas held by the insurgents. Although the design does not specifically show figures that can be identified as Scouts they are, in Mr Bokiewicz's opinion, truly Scout



stamps as the Post Offices were still organised and run by Scouts. It will be noted that, though they have no value printed on them, they are not labels. As is the case with the early Scout cancelled covers, donations in the form of books, dressings or food was requested in payment for the service.

As a collector and dealer, Mr Bokiewicz tried to seek out these issues which could sometimes be purchased from refugees who were trying to flee the city. He recounts that some of the Scout postmen were given a sheet of the stamps as a memento (55 stamps per sheet). Only 2750 complete sets were issued, but these were never used together, other than on 'philatelic' mail. The stamps are now very sought after, especially on authentic covers.

When the city capitulated to the incoming Soviets on the 2nd October 1944, some members of the Home Army managed to escape, being under no illusion as to the fate which would befall them if they were to fall into Russian hands. Their fears were well founded as the Russians executed or sent to labour camps any Pole who had taken an active part in the Uprising against the Germans, including many Scout Leaders who were officers in the Home Army. Zbigniew Bokiewicz was amongst those who managed to escape, but was captured by the Germans and placed in a POW camp which was liberated by the Americans in April 1945. By the time the war ended he was in a Commando Battalion in Northern Italy and was 'demobbed' in England in 1946. He has remained here ever since, but was unable to return to Warsaw, even for a visit, until the end of communism in Poland in 1991, despite the fact that his mother survived the Uprising and continued to live in Warsaw after the Siege.

In London Mr Bokiewicz continued with his obsession for philately and became a dealer trading from an arcade, close to Stanley Gibbons' shop in The Strand. He also worked for the Polish Institute and became a director of the Sikorski Museum, London.

Clearly there is much more to be said about Zbigniew Bokiewicz's fascinating life, and I hope that he will forgive me for the very partial way I have recorded it. I am sure I am guilty of concentrating on the Scouting and philatelic aspects to the extent of ignoring much else of importance for which I apologise.

The overwhelming impression that I took away from my interview with this very gentle man, was that I was in the presence of a Scout. The first thing my eye alighted on in the room where we were to view his philatelic treasures, was his pre-war Polish Scout Badge which he proudly holds in the photograph displayed earlier in this article.



Labels, Poster Stamps and Seals

Readers will recall that my last two 'corners' were both written on the subject of British Scout labels. etc. With the help of John Ineson and our President Peter Duck, I am now compiling, for future publication in these pages, what we think will be the first ever listing of these items. In order to make the list, which will extend to 1957, as 'definitive' as possible, we appeal to all readers owning any issue that they feel might be British, that has not to date appeared in these 'corners', to send a scan of it to me, at Scouting.Milestones@btinternet.com.

Very often the dates of issue are unknown and so, whether or not it has appeared on these pages, we would also be interested in scans of any British issue on cover as the dated postmarks would indicate when that label was in use.

Please don't forget that if you would like to receive a copy of this issue and all further issues of the Bulletin by electronic mail just send the following message to me at terry.simister@blueyonder.co.uk :-

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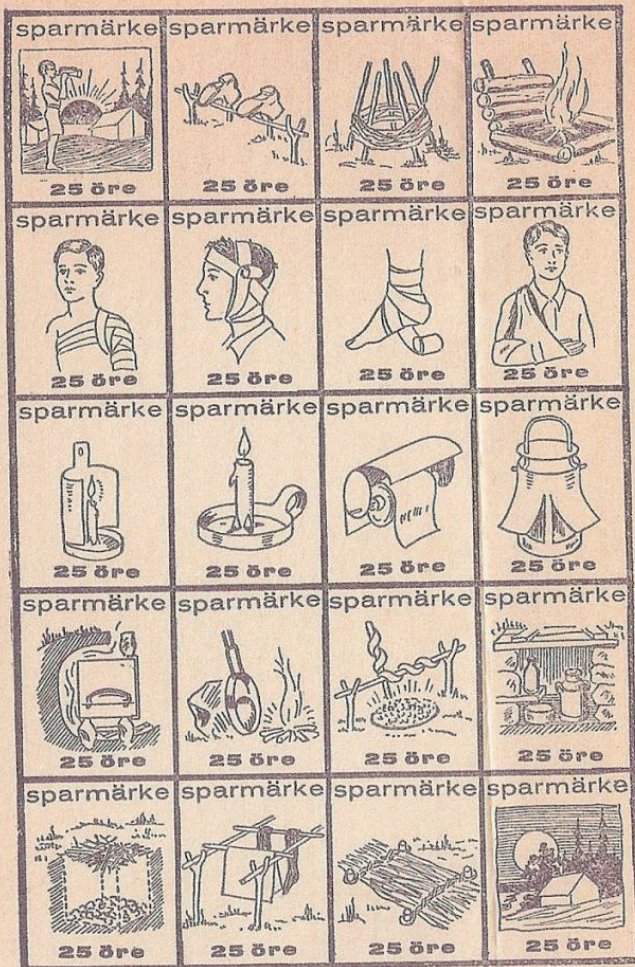
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