

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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Incoming Mail to World Jamborees (See page 10)

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## Editorial

A few extra words about the forthcoming AGM. The Committee have agreed that the room booked for the Club's AGM at ThematiX'13 at King George Field Indoor Bowls Club, Jubilee Way, Chessington, Surrey. KT9 1TR on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013 would be open for members from 12noon. The time for the start of the AGM would be 2pm and whilst no deadline would be sent for the close of the AGM it was noted that the room had to be vacated by 4pm. The Chairman agreed to contact various members to put on a display during the time the room was open. (John Ineson has already agreed to display the 1933 Hungarian World Jamboree, both philatelic and paper ephemera.)

Members of the Committee were asked to be present from 10am onwards and to be available to greet members at midday. It was also agreed that apart from the normal business to be conducted at the AGM the following items for discussion should feature on the Agenda. The Clubs financial position; the publication of bulletins in light of the Club's finances; Membership fees; the future of the Club; the need for Committee Members.

Personally I do hope to be at the AGM but as I am now waiting for various treatments in respect of my health problems I can never be certain of my movements from day to day let alone look over a month in advance.

Here in the UK we are still waiting for Spring to arrive - without worrying about summer so I wish all of you who will be camping of any sort a very pleasant time which is as warm and dry as possible.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013 at Stampex (14.00 - 16.30) when there will be a Committee Meeting from 14.00 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.**

In order to engage today's youngsters with collecting there is the Hobbies badge in the Scout section and one of the criteria for this is stamp collecting.

Those of you still active within our movements will I hope try and encourage those in the younger sections to start collecting stamps and allied material as they are the future of the hobby - and our Club too.

### ***Hobbies Activity Badge***

*To gain this badge, Scouts must complete the requirements of one of the following alternatives:*

#### ***Alternative A***

*Take up a hobby or interest for which you do not already have an activity badge.  
Keep a record of involvement for a period agreed with a member of the leadership team.*

#### ***Alternative B***

*Make a collection or study of objects over an agreed period. Examples are stamps, metal badges, teaspoons or bookmarks.  
Talk to a group about the collection or study chosen. Explain the reason for the choice.*

#### ***Notes***

*This badge is designed for those who regularly pursue a hobby for which there is no specific activity badge.  
The Scout can gain more than one Hobbies badge. Alternative requirements can be agreed with a member of the Troop leadership team.*

Sections can join our Club and create a collection of stamps that can also be used as a valuable visual teaching aid by leaders as much of this material as we all know illustrates our history, personalities and activities.

The Committee hope to see many familiar and some new faces too at the forthcoming A.G.M. taking place at a new venue.

There will be some interesting talks and unusual items displayed and an opportunity to bring along items from your own collections that you may wish to find out more about from our team of "experts".

As usual, there be a chance for you to find some hidden bargains at the dealer's stands to add to your collections!

In the last Bulletin our President, Peter Duck wrote to say that he knew of two Government banknotes issued by Singapore in 1967 and Indonesia in 1992. I have one more issued by the Central Bank of Seychelles in 1989. I guess not many of our readers have seen these banknotes so for the record, they are illustrated on the back cover of this issue. *(This gets them in full colour - Ed)*

We have an expression in the U.K. "Is your journey really necessary!" I certainly had a wasted journey to Hamburg, Germany recently to view a Scout stamp collection. The description read "A huge lot of Scouting, about 70,000 pieces on this collecting theme, FDC's, commercially used and full stamp covers. In addition rare posters, badges, seals and many specialties from 1920-1970. Also plenty of material from the founder of Scouting Lord Baden Powell, postcards showing original signatures including the Floyd V. Steutel-Dean collection, plenty of very interesting material from overseas, some items in quantities of 250 - 2000 copies and so on. The late collector was personally acquainted to Lord Baden Powell, who inspired him to collect, and he was attached to Scouting for many years". As I am always interested in B-P items, and ephemera from 1920 onwards, I thought that this part could be of interest, with perhaps material from the first World Jamboree. I viewed 92 boxes of modern material, but no sign of the B-P items. I mentioned this to the auction owner, but he said that they took the vendors description without inspecting the lot!. It turned out that the 70,000 pieces were from the Barry Mann collections that were not sold at the German auction house of Christoph Gärtner during the last two years.

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**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](mailto:terry.simister@blueyonder.co.uk) :-**

**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.**

## **SGSC Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamp Club will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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?**

*The missing paying-in slips from 2012 having now come to light a slightly amended set of Accounts is now included over the page.*

**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	912.02
			0.00	Five Year Subscriptions	410.00
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 2248.06		834.62 834.62
Business Money Manger Account	0.06	Business Money Manager Account	0.06
PayPal Account	38.71	PayPal Account	72.73
Excess Expenditure over Income	- 1,379.42		
	907.41		907.41

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £328.00.
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



## BEHIND THE SCENES, (The Story of an Aerogramme)

by Paul van Herpt

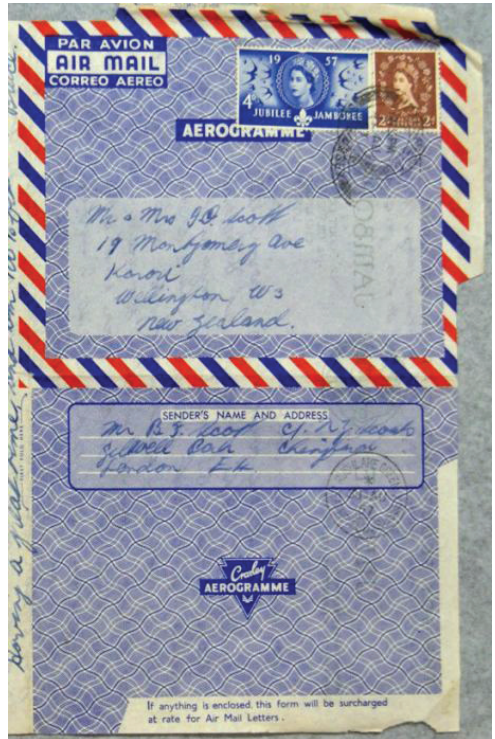
On 24th May 1957 a contingent of 138 Scouts and Leaders left Wellington aboard the "TSS Monowai" on the start of a journey to Sutton Coldfield's Sutton Park, in Warwickshire, United Kingdom. This site was the location for the 9th World Scout Jamboree, better known as a "JIM", Jamboree Indaba (for Leaders) Moot (for Rover Scouts). The contingent that left on the Monowai were the Scouts for the Jamboree with separate parties also heading there from New Zealand for the Indaba and the Moot. It was the first time the 3 Scouting events were held together in one location and this was done to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Scouting and the Birth Centennial of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting's founder. This contingent was not due back to New Zealand until early December.

Amongst the various specific New Zealand items taken with the contingent were specially titled writing paper, envelopes, and aerogrammes.

The contingent travelled through Europe and stayed for some time at Gilwell Park, the Scout Association's campsite in north London at Chingford, on the edge of Epping Forest. After the Jamboree they travelled around the UK and had home hospitality in various places. From letters seen, most did not write home during the actual Jamboree, but did write on their travels or from Gilwell Park.

On the 16th September a letter was sent by the Executive Secretary of Scout Headquarters in Wellington to the Director General of the New Zealand Post Office at GPO Wellington noted they were getting complaints from the Scouts' family and friends who were having to pay 2/- tax surcharge to receive the aerogrammes sent home. The aerogrammes were noted as "Pattern of form not approved by PMG". The letter asked if the additional 2/- surcharge could be refunded as the aerogramme had been checked with the NZ Post Office for compliance before being printed. Scout Headquarters also advised they had cabled the Contingent leader in England and asked they refrain from using the aerogrammes until they could get them approved.

On the 27th September, the Deputy Director General replied to Scout Headquarters advising they could not separate the Scout's mail out and make exceptions for it but were prepared to consider individual requests on merit for refunds. He noted the British Post Office was still surcharging all aerogrammes posted in their service which do not conform to their approved pattern.



Subsequently, they could not make an exception just for the Scouts so an arrangement was made for Scout Headquarters to forward to the GPO any further complaints they received who would then handle any refunds if deemed appropriate. Scout Headquarters sent a further letter on the 8th October, acknowledging the Post Office's reply, agreeing to the arrangement, and thanking them for their consideration of the matter.

The author has not seen many of these aerogrammes, but as can be seen from the one used to illustrate this article, not all of the aerogrammes were taxed with an additional surcharge. The Scout Headquarters letter of the 16th September did state they enclosed some of the taxed aerogrammes received, so some certainly were handled that way.

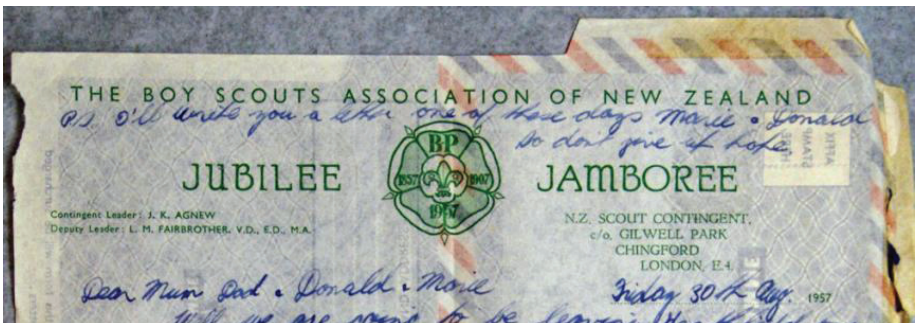
When checking the rates in 1957 from the UK to NZ rates were 1/6 for ½ oz letters, 6d for aerogrammes, and 9d for postcards. So the aerogramme illustrated has the correct rate. Should the postal authorities deem the aerogramme to not be approved, presumably they then consider it a letter and have it as 1/- short of postage which with the double surcharge for deficient postage gives the 2/- value that some were charged.

The aerogramme form used was a standard one used in this country and so it would not be an impossibility for other New Zealanders in the UK who took aerogrammes with them to send letters home would also have been subject to this practice by the British Post Office to surcharge them for not being to their approved pattern. Does anyone have an example of such ?

The only thing from the external illustration of the form that indicates it is one of the Scout aerogrammes is the return address panel; "c/- NZ Scouts, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4" The overprinting that was undertaken was on the inside as a letterhead to the actual written text and is illustrated in the lower portion of the previous page.

It is interesting to note that the NZ Post Office did not reject the idea of refunding the surcharge, but wanted to keep it low key and not in the public arena and then would consider things "on merit", or better said - behind the scenes. So while for some they were on the trip of a lifetime, and their families were eagerly awaiting news, there were others working behind the scenes to make sure anomalies such as the official pattern of aerogrammes which obviously vary between countries within the UPU, did not spoil the experience for those involved.

*Acknowledgement; Documents used for this article are courtesy of the National Scout Museum, Kaiapoi, NZ archive collection.*





## SALES SERVICE

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

### CLEARANCE OF CLUB POSTCARDS

SPC1 3 x postcards commemorating 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1 <sup>st</sup> World Jamboree 1995	0.45
SPC2 5 x postcards issued for 21 <sup>st</sup> World Jamboree 2007	0.60
SPC3 EuroScout 2010 postcard	0.25
SPC4 EuroScout 2010 postcard with postmark on face	0.50

### A MISCELLANY FROM STOCK

MINT USED

XC82 1982 Croham Valley Joint Venture Unit Christmas Post (depicting a cat) (1)	0.20	-
XR82 1982 Rotherham Scouts Christmas Post (1)	0.20	-
XBH Burgess Hill Scouts Christmas Posts 2 x used cover with different handstamps	-	0.30
IS82 ISO ISLAND (Sweden) 1982 75 Years of World Scouting (4 in block)	0.50	-
IS82S ISO ISLAND 1982 75 Years of World Scouting 2 x MS	0.50	-
EYN74 EYNHALLOW (Scotland) 1974 "Scout Anniversary" + fruits in sheetlet of 8	-	0.25
NAG74 NAGALAND (India) 1974 "Scout Anniversary" + birds in sheetlet of 8	-	0.25
GUI88 GUINEA 1988 Scouts/birds/butterflies – 5 low values	-	0.25
AUS48 AUSTRALIA 1948 stamp (1) used with part of Pan-Pacific Jamboree slogan	-	0.25
GB74S G.B. 1974 Privately produced souvenir sheet (postally valid) showing B-P	0.60	

### LABELS:

ICE62L ICELAND 1962 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouts & Guides – strip of 5 labels	0.50	-
LBY62L LIBYA 1962 Third Scout Philia label (1)	0.25	-
MEX65L MEXICO 1965 20 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference label (1)	0.25	-
NOR-XL NORWAY Scout/Guide Xmas Charity labels 1995, 1997 (Lady B-P) & 1998 (3)	0.45	-
PAK73L PAKISTAN 1973 Silver Jubilee Jamboree label (1)	0.15	-
SWZ82L SWITZERLAND 1982 50 <sup>th</sup> Anny of Opening of Guides "Our Chalet" (20 labels)	2.00	-
US48L U.S.A. 1948 Boy Scout Week "The Scout Citizens at Work" label (1)	0.20	-
US57L U.S.A. 1957 4 labels – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Explorers (4)	0.40	-
US57C U.S.A. 1957 "Onward For God and My Country" cachet p/c – design as above label	0.25	-
US-CS U.S.A. (1960`s?) label showing 4 Cub Scouts from ethnic groups (1)	0.15	-
US80C U.S.A. 1980 small card commemorating 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boy Scouts of America	0.25	-
19WJ 1998 Cut-out from souvenir sheet showing Lord B-P + World Jamb, Chile emblem	0.20	-
GB83L G.B. 1985 15 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree hand o/pnt on block of 4 Blair Atholl Camp labels	0.30	-
GB95L G.B. 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree hand overprint on block of 4 1982 Camps labels	0.20	-
GB07L G.B. 2007 Centenary of Scouting – 9 different self adhesive labels	0.30	-
LN63 LIECHTENSTEIN 1963 1 <sup>st</sup> Glasgow Scouts Liechtenstein Camp label (1)	0.25	-
RUS57 RUSSIAN SCOUTS IN EMIGRATION label for Jubilee Jamboree 1957 (1)	0.25	-
UKR57 UKRAINIAN SCOUTS labels (6) commemorating Jubilee Jamboree 1957	4.00	-
UKR61 UKRAINIAN SCOUTS 1961 50 Years of Scouting strip of labels – in 3 colours	1.00	-
BAN85 BANGLADESH 1985 3 <sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree (1) with overprint printed DOUBLE	12.00	-
GUY95 GUYANA 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree print on souvenir sheet (card) of Owl (1)	4.00	-
LES82B LESOTHO 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (5 x 2 + MS in booklet)	7.50	-
MAL67 MALI 1967 12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree triptych (2 stamps + label)	1.25	-
NGR85 NIGER 1985 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting MS with MOPHILA`85 overprint	1.50	-

Plenty has been written over the years in respect of mail coming from World Jamborees, but very little (as far as I know) has been recorded about correspondence going into Jamborees. Of course, it is usually just the envelopes which are available, the letters having been read and discarded. These contents would be just as collectable nowadays, and probably of greater interest in some cases.

I am unable to record any inward mail to the first two World Jamborees at

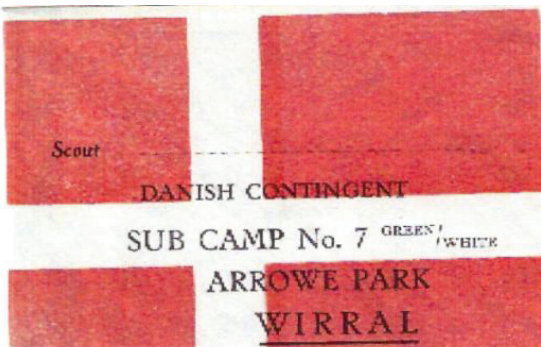


Olympia/Old Deer Park, Richmond or Ermelunden, Denmark. My earliest (treasured) item is an envelope with Arrowe Park hand postmark dated 1 AU 29 with Registration label No.57 addressed to "Asst.D.C.V.Collett, No2 Base Supply Depot, Arrowe Park, Birkenhead." The envelope has been opened on three sides and is in poor condition. The clearest postmark appears on the back of the envelope,

which also shows the "Scout with Flag" Be Prepared logo. Also nestling inside the envelope is the counterfoil of a 5/- Postal Order payable to V.Collett in Worcester. Unfortunately, there are no postal markings on this counterfoil (but possibly on the actual Postal Order itself).

V.Collett also sent a postcard from the Jamboree on 30 July 1929 – postmarked UPTON, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE to a friend stating "Alas! No special Arrowe Park postmark, all will be pm'd Liverpool" He also states "we are worked to death. I am in charge of tins, groceries etc.etc. Depot. Great Fun."

Danish Scouts had special envelopes printed S C O U T . . . . D A N I S H CONTINGENT. SUB CAMP No7 GREEN/WHITE. ARROWE PARK, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE, ENGLAND. There were two types of envelopes, both on red paper. One includes a white cross, making its appearance to resemble a Danish



flag. The other is all red with the addition of the words: SPEJDER....DIVISION.....TROP. I have seen these envelopes in used condition, but have never been able to obtain one. Although I do have a very scruffy postcard sent to a Scout of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division, Gentofte Trop. The card was posted from Hellerup on 25.7.29 with the sender's address and part of message "Kare Carl-Aksel. Velkommen til England!" (Dear Carl Aksel. Welcome to England!)

An envelope with corner cachet AMERICAN CONTINGENT, WORLD JAMBOREE ARROWE PARK near BIRKENHEAD, ENGLAND is addressed to "S.M.Pete" (not me, I wasn't born yet!) who was presumably one of the Boy Scouts of America leaders. The envelope was not posted but presumably delivered by hand.



At the 4<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Godollo,

Hungary in 1933 there was a special airmail service on 1<sup>st</sup> August, and mail was handstamped with circular cachets for inward and outward mail. The inward mail carried cachets which were printed in yellow, and consequently were not very clear. I have two inward cards which were sent from Berlin (31.7.33) and Pecs (Hungary) on 1



Aug.33. There was also another handstamp used on later dates with wording: C S A T L A K O Z O L E G I P O S T A J A R A T IV.JAMBOREE 1933 BUDAPEST-GODOLLO, usually printed in blue. On some of the items I have, it was used in conjunction with a similar GODOLLO-BUDAPEST handstamp which was printed in brown. Most of these items seem to have been contrived as souvenirs for collectors.







An envelope which was sent to Rover A.J.Miller, Dorsetshire Contingent was posted in Bournemouth on Aug.5.1933 with 4d King George V stamp travelled by airmail via Berlin and received arrival Jamboree postmarks lettered 'c' and 'm' on 7 August.

A similar envelope posted to W.S.Collinson, West Cheshire Contingent from Birkenhead (with illegible date) was postmarked in Vienna on 1.VIII.33 and arrived at the Jamboree on 2 Aug.33. A second letter to Rover A.J.Miller and which also travelled via Berlin received the inward blue handstamp mentioned earlier plus arrival postmark 'm' on 9 August. Scout A.G.R.de Righi of the London Contingent also received a letter via Berlin with the Budapest-Godollo handstamp which was received at the Jamboree on 12 August.



The Danish Scouts once again received their mail in specially printed red envelopes with text SCOUT / SPEJDER ... .TROP...JAMBOREETROP. DANISH CONTINGENT JAMBOREE 3 – GODOLLO UNGARN. My cover bears the name of K.Lauritzen but has not been posted.

1937 did not have so many postal markings as there were no special flight facilities and the like. A letter sent to G.E.Fogg of Troop 72, British Contingent, SubCamp 3 was underpaid by 1/2d and received a 5 cent postage due stamp nicely cancelled on 6.VIII with Jamboree postmark No.2. Incidentally, the Jamboree postmarks carried the year indication in Roman

The 5<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree at Vogelenzang in



numerals as MCMXXXVII, and the figure shown after the date – 6.VIII.12 was the hour in which it was handled (12 noon).

Scoutmaster Louis Savage (who was once a member of our Club) was a member of the British Contingent Troop 111 in SubCamp 4, and a letter sent to him from Leeds on 1 Aug. 1937 was underpaid by 1d. The envelope received a tax stamp for 20c, but the underpayment does not appear to have been collected. E.Nield of Troop 31, S.E.Lanes Contingent, SubCamp 2 received a letter from



L y t h a m  
St. Annes on  
7.VIII which  
was nicely  
cancelled with



postmark No.4 timed at 14 (2 pm).

A special Airmail Exhibition was held in The Hague (Den Haag) in August 1937 and cards were sent into the Jamboree (Poste Restante) and consequently received the Jamboree postmark.



The Jamaican Scouts at the Jamboree received an invitation, possibly from local Scouts, in a “prettied-up” envelope with already-used Dutch stamps, plus a South African one(!). Addressed AAN DE GROEP PADVINDERS VAN JAMAICA OP DE WERELD JAMBOREE TE VOGELENZANG. Perhaps similar ones were sent to other Contingents? Phil Davies with the British Handicapped Scout Troop in SubCamp 7 received a letter from the Boy Scouts Imperial Headquarters in London which was posted

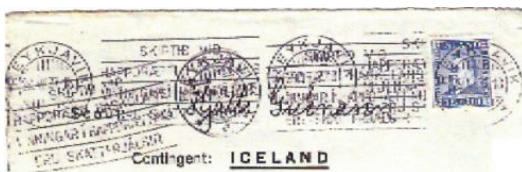




on 11.VIII.37 with the Headquarters meter slogan. Unfortunately, Phil kept the envelope folded up in his pocket, and it is rather scruffy – but collectable!

The Scouts of Iceland had printed envelopes for their Contingent – printed in black:

CONTINGENT; ICELAND.  
 SUBCAMP 9 ORANGE.  
 JAMBOREEKAMP –  
 V O G E L E N Z A N G -  
 BLOEMENDAAL. HOLLAND.



For the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> World Jamborees in France and Austria respectively, I only have one inward item from each. Once again, Scoutmaster Louis Savage was in receipt of a letter which was addressed to him at: 4-L-53, JAMBOREE FRANCE, MOISSON, FRANCE. It received no special markings on front or back.

Bernard Wicksteed, a newspaper reporter received a letter at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree which was addressed as follows: DAILY EXPRESS REPORTER, BOY SCOUTS JAMBOREE, BAD ISCHL, AUSTRIA. The letter was undelivered and returned to sender by the Austrian Post Office.

On to the 8<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Canada, 1955 and the soft drinks company 7UP

produced an official souvenir cover which was addressed to A. JAMBOREE SCOUT, 8<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Niagara-on-the-Lake, envelopes was the message “with the of these covers was



Jamboree. My cover seems to have led a confused life as it appears to have been posted at 4 pm on 20.VIII.1955 without a stamp, then re-posted at 9 pm, once again without a stamp. Then a stamp was affixed and it received a further 9 pm slogan. The slogan actually appears twice underneath the stamp!

Ontario. On the reverse of the picture of a 7UP bottle and Best Wishes of Seven-up”. One donated to all attendees at the

Leslie R.Mordecai, M.B.E. was the Leader of the Jamaican Scout Contingent in SubCamp Timberland. He attended the First International (Scouts on Stamps) Convention at the Jamboree on Sunday, August 21, 1955 from which he mailed himself a card. The Canadian Bank Note Company Limited mailed a quantity of first day covers addressed to: “A Jamboree Scouter, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.” The covers

were posted in Ottawa with DAY OF ISSUE JOUR D'EMISSION slogan postmark, and marked PERSONAL (to whom?).

Walter Grob, our late member from Switzerland, mailed himself a postcard from Lausanne. As he wasn't actually there, it was returned to sender with local Niagara on the Lake postmark of SP.6.55. A Registered letter, also from Switzerland was sent to the Delegation Francaise at



the Jamboree. Posted on 19 August, and returned via Montreal (3 Sept) and Paris (20 Sept) and re-delivered in Lausanne on 21 September. It had not been sent by Airmail, so presumably arrived after the Jamboree had closed.

I was on the Staff at the Jubilee Jamboree, Sutton Coldfield in 1957 and received a few letters from my parents and friends. But never retained any of the envelopes

as I was not a serious philatelist at the time.

W.J.(Bill) Reddin was one of our Club members from Canada, and mailed himself a quantity of items within the Jamboree. Firstly, a Scout Shop postcard with 1/3d stamp posted on 1.AU.57 with Sutton Coldfield local postmark, addressed simply: W.J.Reddin, Site 174, Godollo Camp. On 2 August, Bill sent a sheet of folded Canadian contingent notepaper with 2 1/2d Jamboree stamp, once again to SITE 174. On 11 August, he also sent a WORLD SCOUT AIRLETTER and a Canadian Contingent envelope with GODOLLO (SubCamp) handstamp. A number of these items were sent, and are sometimes found in collections.

Leslie Mordecai once again led the Jamaican Contingent at the Jamboree and sent himself an envelope with hand-drawn copy of B-P's "Brownsea Acorn to Oak" sketch. This was posted with the set of three Jamboree stamps on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

*(See illustration on front cover)*

G.Lindman of Stockholm sent a Reply Paid postcard "To the Headquarters for the Swedish Boy Scouts at the Jubilee Jamboree P.O. Sutton Park, Warwickshire." with a request for the card to be returned. This was done, using the Jamboree slogan of 7 AUG.1957. A similar Reply Paid card from Switzerland was sent to Walter Grob with slogan 9 AUG.1957.



A telegram was sent to E.P.EMMERLING SCOUT JAMBOREE SUTTONCOLDFIELD, this received the SUTTON COLDFIELD J postmark dated 7 AU.57. There were no postal markings on the delivery envelope.

Our late President, Roy Rhodes, attended the Indaba Camp at Sutton Coldfield and I have a few covers addressed to him. The first is an envelope ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE posted in London on 31 July 1957 – I wonder what was in it? A couple of envelopes posted to Roy from home, one of which was incorrectly (deliberately!) addressed to the (Girl Guides) Centenary Camp at Windsor, then forwarded to Sutton Coldfield. A later envelope addressed to Roy on 30 August was returned with the famous CAMP DISBANDED RETURN TO SENDER handstamp.



A similar returned envelope was sent to: "Harry Grenfell, Moisson Sub Camp, Middlesex Troop, Jubilee Scout Jamboree, Sutton Park, Warwickshire." On 9th September. These are both obviously fabricated to obtain the RETURN handstamp. A letter to R.T.HARDING, Esq from ATV (Associated Television) was sent to him at the PRESS CAMP, JUBILEE JAMBOREE. The Baden-Powell Centenary stamps of Luxembourg were used on a letter sent to: Mr.Rene Gerard, Troupe Folke Bernadotte,



Sub Camp Arrowe Parc (Blue)  
 Jubilee Jamboree, Sutton Park-  
 Sutton Coldfield,  
 Warwickshire.

A number of Registered envelopes were sent to:  
 Mr. Yeheshua Ben Andereth, at  
 the "Jubilee Scout Jamboree  
 Post Office, Warwickshire."

Posted from Lod Sede Teufa on  
 5.8.57, they received the  
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REGISTERED postmark of 12 Au.57. Having arrived too late, they were returned to sender, arriving Haifa on 22.8.57.

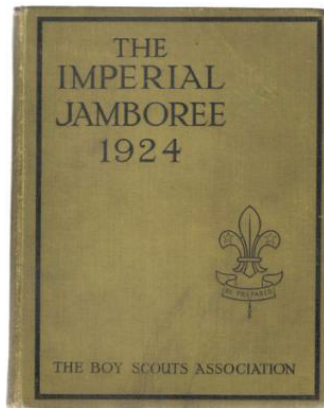


Finally, an envelope posted in Doncaster on 4 AUG.1957 with Jamboree 2 1/2d stamp addressed to "Scout Master, Roumanian Contingent, Scouts Jamboree, Windsor Great Park, Windsor." The letter was forwarded to Sutton Coldfield, then marked "NOT `Scouts in Exile` No others at J.I.M." and then returned to sender who was a W.Bradshaw. The enclosed letter, in tiny handwriting reads " Dear Friend, Could you please find me a pen friend who would get me all the Roumanian stamps, as they are issued, from a post office only? I would pay for them, of course."

As my collection does not go beyond 1957, perhaps another member would like to take up the story?

**The Ephemera and Collectables associated with the Imperial Jamboree - Wembley, 1924**

The Imperial Jamboree of 1924 had many significant features, but it was not a World Jamboree. The 1924 World Jamboree in Denmark opened the day after the Imperial Jamboree closed. The British Representative Troop of 48 boys, under the leadership of CV Swan, took part in both events! The key difference was that the World Jamboree was truly representative of Scouting Countries from across the world. The Imperial Jamboree drew Scouts from all corners of the British Empire and from British Scout Troops abroad in Non-Empire Countries such as Egypt, Panama and Switzerland. (There appears to be no explanation as to why a contingent from the Irish Free State should be listed as coming from the 'British Empire' in the Official Jamboree Handbook, published by the Scout Association shortly after the event!)



Uniquely, as far as I am aware, the Imperial Jamboree was part of a far larger event. The organisers planning the British Empire Exhibition, to be held at Wembley, invited Baden-Powell to have his Boy Scouts on show as part of the proceedings. The Exhibition opened on St George's Day (April 23rd) 1924 and closed some 18 months later on October 31st, 1925. The Imperial Jamboree however only lasted nine days, from July 31st to the 8th August 1924.



The first postage stamps to be associated with a Jamboree were the 'White Stag' Hungarian stamps of 1933, however the British Empire Exhibition, held eight years previously, host to the Imperial Jamboree, was

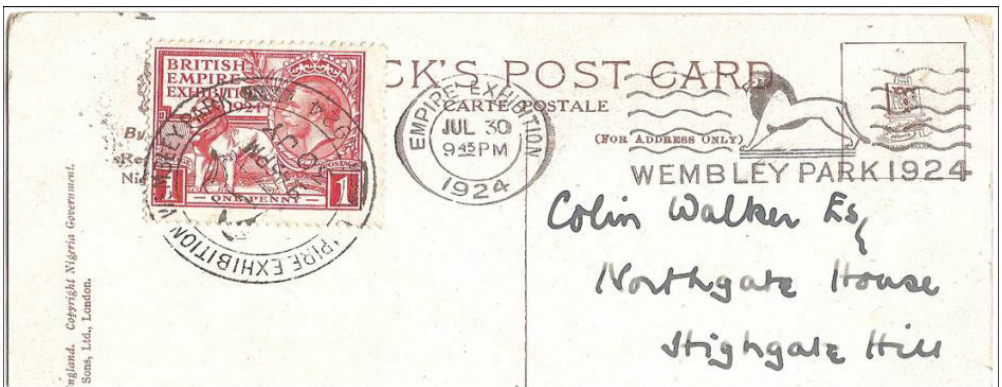
commemorated in 1924 by set of two stamps showing a Wembley Lion. The stamps then could have been used to send mail home from the camp/Exhibition site, receiving the special exhibition cancel and or meter mark (see overleaf). [These stamps were re-issued in 1925 with that date showing above the lion, but there was no Scout involvement in that year].

There would of course be no way of knowing if a mailed item was sent from the Exhibition or from the camp, unless it was either on one of the specially printed Scout



postcards or because its message revealed that it had been sent by a participant or visitor Scout. There were many official postcards of the Exhibition showing the various national pavilions etc and these can often be found at around £6-£7. I have been able to purchase a complete set of 'Official Picture Postcards', unused in its original commemorative cover, for not a lot more. The cover lists 7 different sets of postcards, 66 different views in total. These items had no official connection with Scouting, so one sent with a Scouting message might well escape the eagle eye of the postcard dealers and possibly be found at a bargain price!

The Scout postcards were often of groups of Scouts, similar to those from the Richmond Deer Park Camp of the 1920 World Jamboree. These are now quite rare and, with the official Exhibition stamps and postmark dated between the Jamboree opening and closing dates with Scouting content, would be very rare indeed - please let me know if you are lucky enough to have one.



For the present, I have to content myself with a non-Scouting Tuck's postcard, sent from the Exhibition on July 30th 1924, just one day before the Jamboree began. Besides the very clear cancellation and the adjacent meter mark, it has the added attraction (to me) in that it was sent to me (in a previous incarnation)!

Though the Jamboree did not have its own official postage stamps, it did have a rather 'hand me down' set of three poster stamps passed on from the 1920 World Jamboree held at Olympia. These depicted Baden-Powell water colour images of a native boy on camel, an African warrior with spear and shield and a Red Indian Chief with a Boy Scout overlooking the sunrise. Running along the bottom of each stamp was a banner proclaiming 'At Olympia' July 30th to August 7th'. On the Wembley 1924 issues these words have been blacked out and the poster stamps overprinted with 'Wembley 1-8th August 1924', (not the same dates as on the Scouts' Pass, depicted later). I have the Indian Chief issue on a buff envelope printed with the banner; 'Eastward Ho!' sent from 'Roland House - East London's Scout Settlement' which is postmarked July 12th 1924.



It would appear that 'Official Souvenirs' of the Jamboree were very limited. The Official Programme (opposite), priced 6 pence, is a very rare item. The Official Souvenir Handbook (an image of which introduces this article) is much easier to find but was of course produced after the event.



The Exhibition (rather than the Jamboree) attracted 27 million visitors and was the largest such event ever staged anywhere in the world. Not surprisingly, whole panoply of souvenir items was available and sold readily. Many of these items can often be found on eBay and range from a few pounds for 'nick knacks' to quite serious amounts for the more substantial 'named maker' items of pottery etc. The pin badge on the left below, with a Wembley Lion on a disc of 'simulated' mother of pearl, falls into the former category.



The Wembley Lion on the Scout Fleur de Lys labelled Jamboree 1924 however is a different kettle of fish! This extremely rare Scout pin badge may have been for sale at the Jamboree

Scout Shop, but given its rarity (I know of only four), it is possible that it had a more restricted use.

Baden-Powell in his 'Outlook' in the September edition of the 1924 'Headquarters Gazette' stated that there were 12,000 participant Scouts, boosted to 21,000 by incoming British Scouts to the Scouts' Own etc on Sunday 3rd of August, He estimated that there were, on average, 20,000 paying visitors a day.

Crested pottery made by Goss and several other manufacturers was very popular between the two World Wars. These in-expensive small white ceramic items, with colourful transfer crests were sold at seaside and other holiday resorts. The ever-growing popularity of Scouting ensured that some of the designs had a Scouting flavour (See Scouting Collectables Vol III, Scouting Ceramics). Though some items such as crested bell tents, may have been applicable to the Army, Boys Brigades, and Scouting, figures of Scouts and a Scout Hat marked as such (made by Carlton) leave no room for doubt that at least were intended for a Scouting audience. A smaller example of the Scout Hat was made by Arcadian, and it was this item that was on sale at Wembley, complete with the Wembley Exhibition Crest. The underside of the hat's brim was 'back stamped' with a Wembley lion. It is not known whether these items were on sale at Jamboree as well as the Exhibition but surely, given the paucity of official Scouting souvenirs, it would have appealed to both Scouting participants and parental visitors alike?

The impressive and heavy medallion



(over) is 4cms in diameter. B-P's head is surmounted by the caption 'Chief Scout'. The reverse side simply states 'Imperial Jamboree 1924'. There was no equivalent

medallion on sale at the 1920 Olympia World Jamboree or indeed at the 1924 Danish World Jamboree. Similar items were however sold in the camp Scout Shops at 1933 Hungarian Jamboree at most later WJs. So, while this item *may* have been for sale on the site, it could have been an award of some kind.



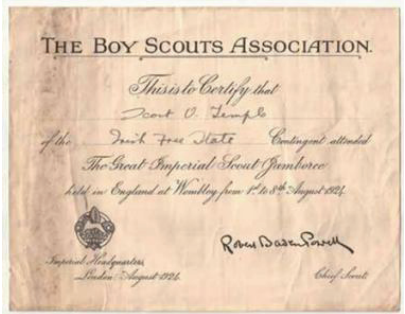


All modern Jamborees require participants to have 'identification' in the form of a valid pass. The Passes required for this event may well have been the first ever produced for a Jamboree. This example, signed by Dugald Four, is numbered 861. It admitted him to both the Exhibition Grounds

and Wembley Stadium



A similarly 'issued' item is the certificate, signed in facsimile by the Chief Scout, which certifies that Scout D Temple for the Irish Free State had attended 'The Great Imperial Scout Jamboree'. Note the 'seal' printed onto the certificate has the same design as the Scout lapel pin previously illustrated.



The red and blue 'Wembley Scouts Jamboree 1924' pennant below seems likely to have been sold at the Jamboree Scout Shop. It is in beautiful condition and is a very rare item.



The Jamboree had great impact on the British Public. B-P wrote that what impressed him the most; *'... was not the pageantry, or the fine appearance of the boys, but the fact that discipline from within showed itself to be established among them and that they have a strong grasp of the ideals of the Movement. And that means that Scouters are making a success of the Training.'*

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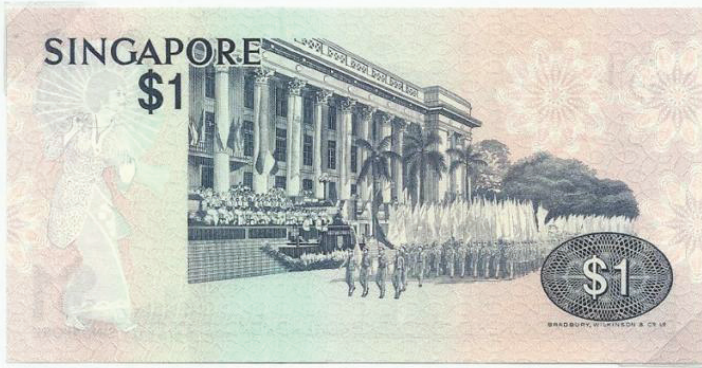
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1967 Singapore \$1 –march by Scouts at the National Day Celebrations



1989 Seychelles 10 Rupees – shows four Scouts, one of which is saluting



1992 Indonesia – Scouts at camp in the background of this 10000 value

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