

Scout and Guide Stamps Club

BULLETIN

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Editorial

Well, I'm still a member of The Scout Association following my meeting with the DC but he has asked me to stand down from my role as Gang Show Producer at the end of this year's Show on 3rd May - without any reason, other than perhaps my disagreement with him over introducing an age limit to the Show. Obviously I am going to have to comply so my participation will end three years earlier than I had planned and without me putting any succession planning into place.

My wife and I have booked on a cruise around some of the Baltic states for two weeks in May - Brussels/Bruges - Gdansk - Klaipeda - St Petersburg - Tallinn - Copenhagen and I think that her idea is that as I won't have to spend so much time on the Gang Show in future then we can get more trips like this in.

I was pleased to hear from several members how much they enjoyed the last issue and in this one there is a member's letter regarding the article on the Ukrainian Scouts. This is again supported by more examples of the humorous Scout postcards with a few from new countries to add to the variety, although I would welcome some better translations of the French/Dutch cards.

Finally, thanks again to all who have enquired after my health. The current situation is that the doctors are still trying to control my heartbeat by the use of drugs but I am due to have a new electrocardiogram on 14th April to see how the current situation is standing.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 18th, July 20th, September 21st and November 16th. Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

FUTURE MEETINGS UPDATE

As mentioned before we are still intending to hold regular meetings in the UK during the Stampex and Thematix Exhibitions each year.

The next of these will be at

Autumn Stampex: 17th - 20th September with our meeting on 20th.

The previously mentioned Thematix Exhibition has been cancelled and therefore we have had to move our AGM - see details in this issue.

Britain is now drying out after the recent flooding which did so much damage and, no doubt, many Scouts and Guides suffered damage to their premises. Last year my Group camped on the banks of the River Thames at Marlow. The site, called Longridge, is a water activity centre and became a lake. Volunteers are now getting things back to normal again. Scouts get involved in similar rescue work in places with poorer infrastructure, as seen on a 1973 stamp from Laos.



As Britain remembers the start of the Great War, many Scouts did their bit. I acquired a bronze cross awarded to Patrol Leader Percy Robertshaw of the 3rd Scarborough Troop who saved a life from a runaway horse when the town was bombed by a squadron of German cruisers. Do any members from Groups founded before 1914 have any stories, letters, postcards describing the deeds of their Scouts that we could publish?

The venue for the AGM had to be changed at short notice to the Scout Training Ship, the Lord Amory in London's Docklands. If you have not been there before it is in a fascinating area. We hope to have some rare and unusual material on display and it is your chance to participate in the running of the Club.

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Auctions, Meetings, etc.

There are other comments in this issue about the poor response to the last Auction towards the end of 2013. This is rather surprising because I regularly get letters from members complaining that they don't get the chance to get Scout or Guide material mainly because they see the Club as being London centred and they can't get to these meetings. So, perhaps somebody could tell me why, when the opportunity occurs via the auction, they don't actually bid on anything. As for attending meetings I was at the Badgers Club AGM recently which was held at Gilwell. I didn't actually count the attendance but it must have been between 80 and 100 people from all over the UK. Why don't we get anything like the same number - even proportionately?

Please write to me on either of these two issues and I will publish the results.

You will recall that in the notes in the last Bulletin, I wrote that the Walter Grob collection of Scout stamps and covers were being sold by the Röllli auction company of Lucerne, Switzerland. Their superbly produced catalogue weighing well over one kilo, showed most of the single lots in colour. As can be imagined with over 200 lots, there were a number of high prices for the best material, and one of the earliest lots sold was a 1918 Czech cover with both the 10 and 20 haleru stamps with the arrival of President Masaryk overprints. This cover was addressed to Dr Karel Rix, a well known



Prague lawyer, who was also the lawyer of Rössler-Ořovský, the Scout President. Unfortunately a number of items were spoilt having labels attached to the covers which reduced their prices. I was pleased that I was able to attend the sale where I met some of our fellow Scout collectors and spent some hours viewing the lots. I was surprised that a postcard with a genuine 1936 Nanking, China cancel had a black photocopy of the official label attached. However a scarce postcard from the 1920 World Jamboree showing Scouts on a bus with a Jamboree label tied by the Old Deer Park, Richmond Surrey purple cachet went for CHF 650 (approx £448, €515, US\$715). High prices were obtained for the Mafeking covers, and one showing both a 1d Cyclist and 3d Small Head BP stamp made CHF 8500 (£5860, €755, US\$ 9375) against an estimate of CHF 800.



Although it has been known for many years that the Kuwait overprints on the 1957 World Jamboree stamps were sent to the country, the Ruler of the territory said on account of

the Suez incident he would not allow them to be issued. This was because of the agreement with certain Arab countries to boycott the 1957 Jamboree, so they were all returned to the UK where they were destroyed except for two sheets of each value, which were kept in the National Postal Museum. As funds are needed for a new Museum, certain items from the archives have been sold by auction and more recently by private tender, despite many objections from collectors and dealers. However recently complete sheets of each value of the Kuwait overprints have been sold to a collector who does not intend to break them up and they are to form part of a major display.

Argyll Etkin of London recently sold in auction a registration receipt for a cover sent from the 1936 Mount Edgumbe Camp which made £200 against an estimate of £100. All recorded registered covers from this camp were sent by the late George King to himself and attached was the registered label, which unfortunately had very poor glue and in most case became detached. When I purchased my



own cover many years ago the label was missing, but some years later I managed to obtain the missing original label, which I have now fixed securely to the cover.

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 :-

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.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

SGSC Annual General Meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 28th June 2014 at Headquarters' Training Ship, Lord Amory, Dockland's Scout Project.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of SGSC Annual General Meeting of 13th July 2013. (previously circulated).
- 3) Matters Arising.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Membership Secretary's Report
- 6) Editor's Report.
- 7) Treasurer's Report.
- 8) Election of Committee.
 - i) Chairman.
 - ii) Secretary.
 - iii) Treasurer.
 - iv) Six Committee Members.
 - v) Independent Examiner.
- 9) Future Meetings & Venues.
Including 2015 AGM
- 10) Any Other Business.
- 11) Dates of Next Meetings.
20th September 2014 (12.30 - 13.30 Open Meeting 13.30 - 14.30) at Stampex Autumn 2014 - *to be confirmed*

21st February 2015(12.30 - 13.30 Open Meeting 13.30 - 14.30) at Stampex Spring 2015 - *to be confirmed*

After the Annual General Meeting the newly elected Committee will meet to elect a President, Vice President, Vice Chairman, Membership Secretary, Bulletin Editor and Web-master from among its members.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

2012	Expenditure	2013	2012	Income	2013
2,576.10	Bulletin Expenditure	2,246.70	911.39	Annual Subscriptions	1040.13
			410.00	Five Year Subscriptions	908.17
0.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	20.00	200.87	Auction Income	0.00
0.00	Telephone, Post and Travel	12.40	0.00	Advertisements	95.20
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	10.40	Sales Service	102.60
121.38	Stamp Insurance	101.38	164.26	Donations	96.55
64.49	Printing and Stationery	39.41	0.00	Postage	0.00
15.00	British Thematic Association	17.00			
0.00	Auction Catalogue	0.00	0.00	Interest	0.00
0.00	McKee Copyright	0.00			
284.00	Web Site	113.74	1,696.92	Active Income	2242.65
4.00	Bank Charges	0.00			
12.00	Unpaid Cheque	0.00		Unpresented cheque	284.00
3,076.97	Total Expenditure	2,550.63		Total Income	2526.65
	Excess Income over Expenditure		-1,380.05	Excess Expenditure over Income	-23.98
3,076.97		2,550.63	3,076.97		2,550.63

Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2013

Brought Forward		Carried Forward	
Community Account	1685.46	Community Account	501.78
Less Uncleared Cheques		Less Uncleared Cheques	
100546	-6.47	100558	-113.74
100547	-153.02	100559	-14.81
100548	-407.35	100560	-37.00
100549	-284.00		
	834.62		336.23
	834.62		336.23
Business Money Manger Account	0.06	Business Money Manager Account	0.06
PayPal Account	72.10	PayPal Account	546.51
TOTAL	906.78	TOTAL	882.80
Excess Expenditure over Income	23.98		
	882.80		882.80

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £726.54.
2. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.
3. Auction Catalogue cost included with Bulletin cost for the same date.
4. Cheque 100549 was not presented to our Bank and so has been taken back into funds until position clarified.

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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, 2013.
Signed

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B. Forshaw. Hon. Auditor

CORRECTION

As you will no doubt have noticed there was an error at the bottom of page 21 in the last edition, where several paragraphs of text had become overlaid with the photos of the Wild Tiger weaponry.

I have been able to check this and find that the majority of the "hidden" text is a repeat of the paragraphs starting at the top of page 22.

However, what should have been the first paragraph at the top of page 22 was somehow missed and this should have read as follows:

Wild Tiger' overprinted stamps were used on cover, as were the postcards, from Wild Tiger Corps run Scout Camps. At least one item, a Scout overprinted postcard dated February 28th 1919, is known exist with a red crossed swords 'Can be Accepted', censor mark. Censorship is of course consistent with military and paramilitary organisations.

This is, of course, the explanation regarding the photo at the top of page 22.

Apologies for this error.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due for the new year starting on 1st April and these should be sent to the Membership Secretary. Don't forget that if paying by PayPal there is a small surcharge of 3.5% to cover our costs.

	POSTAL SERVICE		ELECTRONIC SERVICE	
TYPE	1 YEAR	5 YEARS	1 YEAR	5 YEARS
UK INDIVIDUALS AND SECTIONS	£18	£85	£12	£55
EUROPE AIRMAIL	£21	£100	£12	£55
REST OF WORLD AIRMAIL	£26	£125	£12	£55
JUNIORS ALL WORLD	£6	NOT AVAILABLE	£5	NOT AVAILABLE

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 MISCELLANY FROM STOCK:

ANT75 ANTIGUA 1975 14 th World Jamboree (4)	1.45
ANT75S ANTIGUA 1975 14 th World Jamboree MS	1.80
ARG61U ARGENTINA 1961 International Patrol Camp (1)	used 0.10
BRB78 BARBADOS 1978 Girl Guides Diamond Jubilee (4)	1.00
BBD96S BARBUDA 1996 18 th World Jamboree (1995) 2 x MS (overprinted on Antigua)	4.00
BOL87S BOLIVIA 1987 Scouting MS with overprint for XVI World Jamboree, Australia	10.00
CAR88D CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.1988 Wildlife + Scout badge 5 x de luxe MS (reduced price)	10.00
CHD97 CHAD 1997 Animals + Scout badge (6)	4.50
CHL98SU CHILE 1998 19 th World Jamboree MS – used with Jamboree postmark	2.50
CON91D CONGO 1991 Scouting, butterflies & fungi 6 x de luxe MS (reduced price)	10.00
CYP63U CYPRUS 1963 50 th Anniversary of Scouting (3)	used 1.20
GAM87U GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree (4)	used 2.25
GAM87SU GAMBIA 1987 16 th World Jamboree MS	used 2.75
GIB83 GIBRALTAR 1983 Commonwealth Day (1) showing Scouts & Guides	0.15
GUY81 GUYANA 1981 Postal surcharges on 1969 Scout Jamboree issue (7) high catalogue value!	10.00
GUY95SU GUYANA 1995 18 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	used 3.00
HUN01 HUNGARY 2001 4 TH European Conference of Former Scouts & Guides (1)	0.70
JAM90 JAMAICA 1990 75 Years of Girl Guides (3)	3.00
KOR61S KOREA 1961 15 th Anniversary of Girl Scouts MS	4.00
LBY66U LIBYA 1966 1 st Arab Girl Scouts Camp (1)	used 0.10
LBY74 LIBYA 1974 20 th Anniversary of Scouting (3)	3.50
LUX82 LUXEMBOURG 1982 75 th Anniversary of World Scouting (1)	0.40
MAV71 MALDIVES 1971 13 th World Jamboree (4)	3.50
MAV87SU MALDIVES 1987 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides MS	used 1.75
MAV95SU MALDIVES 1995 18 th World Jamboree MS	used 2.20
MAU91D MAURITANIA 1991 Scouting, butterflies & fungi 6 x de luxe MS (reduced price)	10.00
NAT57 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (3)	0.90
MAT81SU NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 1981 50 Years of Scouting & Cultural Fund MS	used 2.00
NEH75 NEW HEBRIDES 1975 14 th World Jamboree (4)	1.20
NAG71 NAGALAND 1971 (Indian Local) United Nations flag + Scout badge (1)	0.35
NAU78 NAURU 1978 70 Years of Scouting (3)	0.50
NGR95 NIGER 1995 18 th World Jamboree + animals (4)	4.00
NGR95S NIGER 1995 18 th World Jamboree + animals MS	3.50
NGA65 NIGERIA 1965 Golden Jubilee of Scouting MS	2.50
PAK92U PAKISTAN 1992 6 th Islamic Jamboree & 4 th Scout Conference (2)	used 0.80
ROM97 ROMANIA 1997 Scouting commemorative (5 se- tenant)	1.65
STV91SU St.VINCENT 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	used 2.25
SVG91SU GRENADINES of St.VINCENT 1991 17 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	used 3.50
SVG95SU St.VINCENT & GRENADINES 1995 18 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	used 4.00
SRL91SU SIERRA LEONE 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	used 2.50

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

At the time of writing, which is just a few days after the STAMPEX Exhibition in London, I can report that 8 members attended our meeting, plus 3 visitors. We were shown some Scouting philatelic “treasures” from Hungary by John Ineson. What a wonderful collection he has! My contribution was a small display on the Great Camps of 1924 – the Imperial Jamboree at Wembley and the 2nd World Jamboree in Denmark. At our earlier committee meeting we discussed whether we should have another club Auction, as last year’s was not a great success. As Bob Lee is willing to continue, there will be another Auction in the autumn, and we trust there will be sufficient material of interest to potential bidders. A percentage of the Auction proceeds goes to our Club, so we hope there will be more bidders, even if there is only one item of interest to you. Our Club funds are not in the happiest position at the moment, so as a well-known supermarket chain states “Every little helps”.

Unfortunately, the Annual General Meeting announced for 12th July at THEMATIX in Chessington, Surrey has had to be cancelled, and I hope that somewhere in this Bulletin there will be an announcement of a new venue and date.

Whilst at STAMPEX, I was fortunate enough to locate three Scout postmarks from Poland in the 1930’s which I have been searching for. In fact, I’m not certain if I had ever actually seen them during my 55 years of collecting! The three postmarks are recorded in Philippe van Hille’s “Catalogue of Scout and Guide cancellation” published in 1982, and are listed as follows:

MIEDZYNARODOWY ZLOT SKAUTOW WODNYCH
CHARZYKOWO 11.VIII.32
GARCZYN 17.VIII.32



Two International Jamborees of Sea Scouts at Charzykowo and Garczyn.
JUBILEUSZOWY ZLOT WIL.CHORAGWI HARCERSKIEJ ODDZIAL P.T.
WILNO 1. 8.VII.37
Jubilee Jamboree of Wilno Scouts.



These are probably three of the scarcest Scout cancellations ever recorded.

Whilst on the subject of rare Scout cancellations, I thought I would regale you with three more of the scarcest items to look out for. Two of these I have, and one I don't. BELGIUM 1930. INTERSCOUT-LIEGE-LUIK-1930. 4-18 August.

I have postmarks dated 6th and 11th August 1930. An International Scout Camp held at the Exposition de Liege in connection with the Centenary of the Independence of Belgium.



ALGERIA 1930. CAMP NATIONAL DE SCOUTISME ALGER 15-24 April 1930. My postmark is actually dated 14.4.30.



A National Camp celebrating the Centenary of Algeria.



GREAT BRITAIN 1936. JAMBOREE CAMP DARLINGTON August 1936.



I do not know the exact dates, but have seen items dated 5 AU and 9 AU.

As always, I enjoy reading Colin Walker's interesting articles, and in the last Bulletin I was pleased to read about Ken Warner and the "King of Siam's Own" Scout Group. I knew Ken very well, and he always attended our Club meetings which we used to hold at

Baden-Powell house in Kensington. He certainly had a fine collection of the Siam "Wild Tiger" stamps.

The cover which was illustrated on page 21 prompted me to look at my collection as I have a cover addressed to Mr.G.Russell at the same address in New Zealand. My cover is quite large (21.5 x 13.5

cm) and carries blocks of four of all values of the first overprint, except the 1 Tical stamp. Each block is neatly cancelled but the postmarks do not actually tie the stamps to the envelope. The cover bears Registration label No.83 from Bangkok 1. and it was posted on 12 October 1921. There is one backstamp postmark on the reverse from Singapore 18 Oct.1921. I



have been (reliably) informed that the overprints on the stamps are forged, but I do believe that the envelope saw genuine postal use and that the (forged) overprints were good enough for the item to be accepted for Registered post.

Finally, Royal Mail will be increasing our postal rates in April. Not a very large increase in terms of a percentage rise, but this is only for basic inland 1st and 2nd Class items up to 100 gr. It will be interesting to see the increases for larger and heavier items, also for overseas mail.

Letter received regarding Ukrainian Scouts in Germany from Ben Adams.

Hi Peter,

I enjoyed reading your article "Ukrainian Scouts (Plast) in Germany 1945-50" in the Jan/Feb 2014 Bulletin.

As you know I have a special interest in Scout postal stationary issued by nations, and (which you may not know) issued by Scout exile committees. A few years ago I decided to try to construct a list of Scout postal stationary issues since the SOSSI last printed supplement on which we both contributed. This has been more difficult than I expected and it is still incomplete. I collect the mint, the FDC, and a commercially used example of all of these.

I also collect the full range of exile material and this has been not only quite difficult to find but also to document what is available. Most of the cards of the general design of your 3rd paragraph I have found one by one. I have two albums of Ukrainian Scouts-in-exile material including various postcards and labels/seals on envelopes.

In reference to your third paragraph concerning postcards, I have a few comments.

I have the postcards # 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and one unnumbered. This is a total of 12 cards. I know you are familiar with the number on the back of most of these cards. I have no idea what would be cards # 1 to 11, or 13.

The unnumbered one has a plain unprinted reverse side. Printing on the front is in black and tan; the design shows two girls, one holding a flag banner, the other kneeling, five tents in a wood possibly on hills. The design is very similar in style and size to the numbered ones. It has two purple and one larger blue hand-stamp cachets; one of the purple hand-stamps 'cancels' the December 15, 1952 green label/seal ('20' denomination) issued for the 40th anniversary of the Ukrainian Scout Association.

I have these cards with various hand-stamps and various labels/seals for # 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

I have these cards (with no hand stamps or labels/seals) for the overprint: UKRAINE Anti Communist Scouts in exile in Canada Edition of the Cooperative Ukrainian Scouting - for the following #s:

red overprint: 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

gold overprint: 15

I am sure there must be others with either red or gold overprints.

I have no cards for this overprint that have hand-stamp cachets or labels/seals. I have wondered if these are known to exist.

I have only one card # that has neither cachets or the overprint: # 21.

I have only one card # that was franked with German stamps and sent through the mail in 1947; it also has a Regensburg label and a couple of black cachets: #21

The information which I have on date of issue is 1948 for the cards; this was information I received before I acquired the postally used card with 1947 cancels on German stamps - so I have changed this to 1946 per your article. I was told most of the cachets that look like cancels were for the 45th anniversary of Ukrainian Scouting; I believe that would be 1957. I do not yet have a date for the overprint nor do I know the back story on the overprint. Do you know any more about the overprint?

I also have one of the special booklets. You reported that your booklet is not handstamped. The booklet that I have is not handstamped either.

I have not seen any of the items you reported as the first 'stamps' issued in Munich in 1946. I presume this is not the set issued February 15, 1950 in Munich of 6 values, red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brownish identical designs on white, gummed paper perf. 11 1/2.

Keith Larson started a section on the SOSSI web site about Scouts-in-exile. My 2 volumes of these Ukrainian Scouts-in-exile items would enlarge his notes and also extend the date past 1950. But even my inventory is small, I believe, to the number of the kinds of items that have been made available. Some of my data not on each page is in a third album.

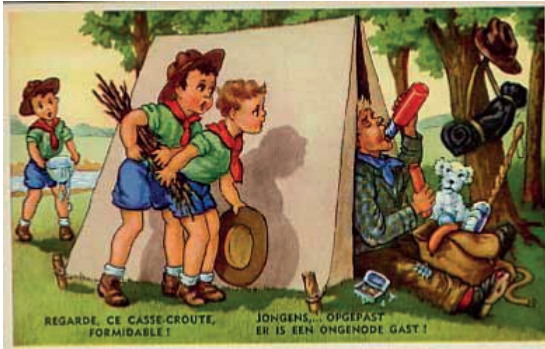
I would like to help in making information about these more available. I see no reason why they should not be listed on both the SGSC and SOSSI websites. I will be meeting with Randall Frank in a few months at the SOSSI annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. Perhaps you or Keith or he might have some comments about catalog numbers which could be used for these issues. The Stereo Catalog listed a great number of the labels, but I suspect that their copyright still holds for their numbering system. Do you know? Or do you know if we have permission to use those numbers? I know of no other catalogue that lists these labels, much less the various postcards and items on envelope or card. Absent a catalogue, I would expect that they would be sequenced by date of issue - when known. Perhaps Randy can have some comments at that time about such a project.

Cheers,

Ben

Scout Humour on postcards

These continue to arrive, so I am including a further set herewith supplied by our member Mike Harrington.



French: Look this great snack

Dutch: Guys beware there is an uninvited guest

French: Oh La La La daily B.A. sometimes costing dearly.

Dutch: While the dog wants to make his move is going to hit the duck



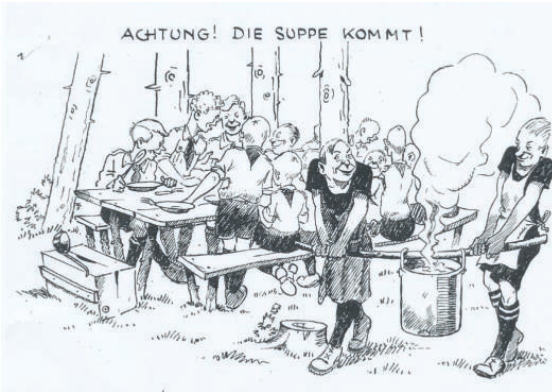
French: ca comes this awkward wood

Dutch: You will pagers of cooking by sticking with that gezwaal



Translations by Google - but I would welcome any better suggestions.

More from Gottfried Steinmann in Germany:



“Attention the soup is coming”

Scouts – Picture postcards by Otto Pokorny, Austria

(Gottfried Steinmann in collaboration with W.O. Neubäck und Horst Ziegler)



I have a further selection of the illustrations from Gottfried’s article for future issues.

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A Message from Colin Walker

I thought readers would be interested to know that I am very much in the throws of my latest book, *Scouts at War. Vol 1. The Great War*. There will be chapters on Coast Watching, The Scouts Defence Corp, Scout Heroes, Scouts' Huts and Ambulances, the All Clear Boys Posters and Postcards and the Flax Harvest etc. The book will be published to mark the 100th anniversary of the war on August 4th. Should you have any family connection with a Scout who undertook any form of War Service, or who as an 'Old Scout' was killed in the war, I would be very pleased to hear from you and also if should have access to any photographs or artefact connected with Scout involvement in the war. Please contact scouting.milestones@btinternt.com

Letter received regarding postcards

I am pleased to see in the Club magazine an increase in the number of postcards being submitted.

As well as the humorous cards that have been appearing it is also interesting to see the stamps and the postmarks. To make the card more interesting it is of interest to read the message on the back of the card.

At a recent visit to the excellent Shepton Mallett Postcard etc. Fair organized by Barrie Rollinson it was difficult to find many 'modern' dealers. I was fortunate this year to find one of the dealers had a nice selection of cards which were new to me. There are approximately 140 dealers at Shepton Mallett (not all the dealers are there over the two days) so there is plenty of scope to find the card(s) you are looking for. Most of the dealers are from the UK but there are a number from Europe. I notice that there does not seem to be much consistency in the price of the Scout and Guide postcards. I assume that each dealer has to come to a price based partly on the price they originally paid for the card. I always attend on the Friday and spend about four hours going around. I probably don't get around all the dealers but I assure you that after this time it is time for a rest!

At the International Badgers Club AGM and meeting held in March at Gilwell Park, there was an excellent display on five large boards about the postcards on Gilwell Park. These ranged from the 1920/30 period up to the present day. The club member had included many examples and where possible identified the publisher/photographer. I was told there were known to be over 400+ on the theme of Gilwell and the member had accumulated over 250 – he still has a long way to go!

It would be interesting if Club members could write a short item about where they obtain their postcards from – mostly, I guess, from fairs, Ebay and various contacts.

I would be interested in swapping modern Scout and Guide postcards (1950s onwards) with Club members.

Yours John A. Roberts SGSC 2887

Train Spotting

I am often asked to give talks on Scout History. Perhaps one of the strangest requests has come from our local Steam Preservation Railway, the Middleton Railway in Leeds, who have asked me to talk on the links between Railways and Scouting. As my brief for these columns is Scouting Ephemera I thought that artefacts that I gathered to evidence my research may be of interest.



As always we can go back to our Founder for inspiration, in this case to his birth, because, as I suspect you will all know, B-P was named after a railway pioneer. He was christened Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell. Robert Stephenson was the son of George who of course was also a famous railway pioneer. Robert was responsible with his father for *Locomotion No. 1*, which ran on the first ever passenger railway from Stockton to Darlington in 1825, and also for the *Rocket* built in 1829, the winner of the Rainhill Trials. Robert Stephenson was a member of the Royal Society as was B-P's father, the Reverend Powell. The two men lived very near to each other in the fashionable Hyde Park Corner district of London, so it was not surprising that they should be friends.

Rev. Powell decided both to name his latest child after his friend and appoint him as the boy's Godfather. B-P was known to his mother and members of his family as 'Stephe', short for his second Christian name of 'Stephenson' and so pronounced 'Stevie'.

This link with the greatest family in railway history Stephe was a source of considerable pride to the young (and old) Stephe. The evidence for this is to be found in the Rover Scout Enrolment Certificate that Baden-Powell designed in 1919. In the detail opposite, you can see the Rover Squire standing before the round



table with front of St George surrounded by historical figures, including George Stevenson with a model of the Rocket (the full size certificate shows the angle of the cylinders are that of the Rocket).

It is not widely known that our hero himself was something of a railway designer! Baden-Powell entered Mafeking on August 12th 1899 having been sent there by Lord Wolseley with orders to prepare for war with the Boers. By August 26th two of the 19 locos in the Cape Government Railways engine sheds and several trucks were modified by B-P's instruction to form two armoured trains. These were manned by ex-navy gunners using a Hotchkiss and two Maxim machine guns. The armoured trucks were given naval names e.g. HMS Wasp, HMS Gnat and HMS Firefly. The chief material at hand for providing the armour plating was a plentiful supply of rails. The 115 men who worked in the railway workshops were formed by B-P into the 'Railway Division' which played a significant part in the siege. The drivers of the armoured trains were Cpl W Perry and George Wayne and I am fortunate to have a copy of Wayne's unpublished Mafeking Siege Diary. In it he records that on the outbreak of war (12th October 1899) two trucks full of dynamite were, for safety, being taken well away from the town when the Boers were encountered tearing up the tracks. The driver uncoupled the trucks and let them run down towards the Boers who shot at them causing a tremendous explosion, finishing their job of sabotaging the line. On the 12th November the Boers reversed the tables by running a plate layers' truck packed with dynamite down the gradient into Mafeking. Fortunately the time fuse exploded the device when it was 1000 yards or so out of the town, but again it made 'a terrible mess of the line'.

Prior to the outbreak of the Siege on October 12th 1899, B-P constructed a short spur



to the mainline from Cape Town to Pretoria, which Cecil Rhodes hoped would one day become the Cape to Cairo Railway. This 'horse-shoe' of railway lines was used to great effect during the siege and in the disastrous Boxing Day attack on Game Tree Fort. The armoured train not only

enabled our forces to be quickly placed into position, but also to bring away the dead and wounded. B-P had a railway bogie equipped with a home-made acetylene powered searchlight made from biscuit tins, which was pushed round the circuit at night. The device was

switched on an off at intervals, convincing the Boers that any part of the town could be lit up at will.

The photograph shows the observation tower on the truck in front of the engine. This was a very perilous position as the Boers, using their smokeless Mauser rifles, were able to hit targets at a 1000 yards. The observer from his elevated position could spot Boer activity and was linked to the driver by telephone. He could give directions as to speed, but of course the only two directions available were backwards or forwards.

It was through B-P's fame as the Hero of Mafeking during in the Siege that occasioned two loco-motives to be named in his honour. The images are both from early postcards.

The Great Western Railway Atbara Class engine *Baden-Powell* was commissioned in April 1900, whilst the Siege of Mafeking was ongoing. Numbered 3374, it was occasionally used to pull the Royal Train and was also employed to pull a pilot train, preceding Queen Victoria's funeral train. It consisted of nine saloons containing invited guests, and travelled the section between Paddington and Windsor over a route lined with thousands of mourners.



The locomotive was eventually withdrawn from service in 1928.



The London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (LB&SCR) named one of their 4-4-0, B4 class locos *Baden-Powell*. It was built in 1901 and designed by R.J. Billington. The brass name plates were removed sometime before 1915 as, after that date, large numbers were painted on the side of the engines. The

LB&SCR was merged in 1923 to form the Southern Railway and the engine was withdrawn from service in 1936.

Mafeking'

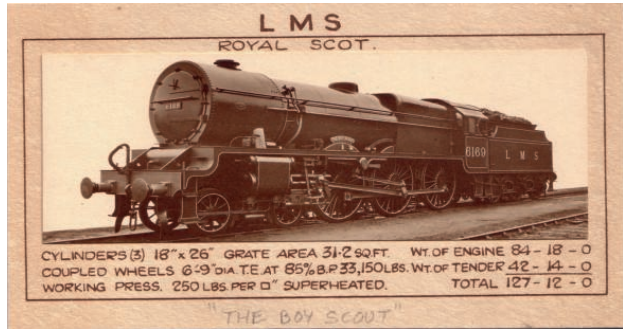
Another Atbara class loco, No. 3382 Mafeking, was also commissioned in 1900. However, her career was cut short when, in 1911, she was



"The end of the line, 'Mafeking' derailed"

involved in an accident at Henley-in-Arden station that resulted in her being written off. Fortunately no one was killed in the accident, but the driver, fireman and eleven passengers were injured.

The Boy Scout, a Royal Scot Class loco numbered 6169, was built at Derby for the LMS in 1930 alongside another engine, *'The Girl Guide'*. Both engines were put into

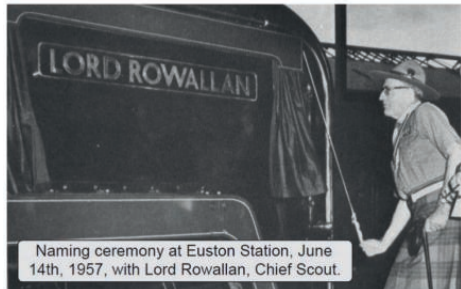


commission in a joint ceremony at Euston Station, with their name plates being unveiled by B-P and Olave on different platforms. The Scout Fleur-de-Lys was affixed at this point to the *'The Boy Scout'*.

Lord Rowallan

This Britannia Class locomotive, No.70045, designed by Robert A. Riddles CBE was built in June 1954. It was brought initially into service in June 1954 unnamed, but three years later on 50th anniversary of the Brownsea Camp and shortly before the World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield.

The then Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, was proud to lend his name to the engine, which was seen as a tribute to the Scout Movement. The locomotive has been modelled by Hornby.



Gilwell Park

Gilwell Park was a B17 or Sandringham Class 4-6-0 loco, built by the GNER Railway at their Darlington Railway Works in Sept. 1935 and given the number 2846. It was designed by Nigel Gresley. There were 72 other engines in the class, the first 48 were



renumbered 61646. The locomotive was finally withdrawn from service and scrapped at Doncaster in January 1959.

Other engines with a Scouting connection were **Rudyard Kipling**, a Britannia Class loco (see *Lord Rowallen*) number 70035 and **Charterhouse**, designed by Richard Maunsell for Southern Railways (SR), a Schools Class locomotive built in 1930 and withdrawn 1961. It was also a Hornby model

The railway links with Scouting are of course far greater than the mere naming of engines. Between 1935 and 1939, Railway enthusiast Haydn Dimmock, the then editor of *The Scout* magazine, pioneered and led four different 'Train Cruises' for Scouts, providing 'a travelling Jamboree' up



the east coast mainline to Edinburgh and then across to stay under the shadow of Ben Nevis, before returning to London. Dimmock persuaded the LNER to use their best locomotives and drivers for these trips. In 1935 the engine was **Papyrus**, the then fastest locomotive in the world. It was driven

by Driver Sparshalt its record breaking driver. Later engines included the **Silver Link**, an A4 class as was **Mallard**, still current holder of the world steam locomotive speed record.

It is not possible to do justice to the 'train cruises' in the space available in these columns but far greater detail is provided in my book *Scouting Collectables Vol III* and on the Scouting Milestones website My research shows that both the Great Western and the LNER railway companies had their own Rover Crews.

The Scout Magazine from Dec 13th 1924 gave away weekly one of a set of twelve colour 'trade cards' The series was entitled *Engines of the Empire*, unfortunately none of the engines (British or foreign) had any connection with Scouting.



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