

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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T.P. McDermott  
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## Editorial

I had a letter from one of our members the other week which said that he always enjoyed reading my little quips in the Editorial. This was quite a surprise because its the last thing that I do and I keep it really so that I can add any last minute information on events or the Club.

Scouting wise I am still at loggerheads with the new DC and we are finally going to have a face to face meeting on 27th February to sort things out. So by the time you get the next Bulletin I might no longer be a member of the Movement. I must admit that the Scout Association's Vision 2018 leaves me a bit perplexed - by then we are supposed to be a "Youth lead Organisation supported by Adults" - and the current crop of "managers" at Gilwell don't seem to realise that since 1908 this has been tried on numerous occasions and failed every time. Still we must wait and see what happens.

Hopefully another interesting Bulletin for you with another one of Peter's articles on the Ukrainian Scouts (which is particularly pertinent at the time of writing because of the problems in that country - a place I was privileged to visit on holiday in 2012). This is supported by more examples of the humorous Scout postcards and I really would welcome some from other countries to add to the diversity in this respect.

Finally, thanks to all who have enquired after my health. The current situation is that the doctors are trying to control my heartbeat by the use of drugs but they say that there is little, if anything, that they can do for the weak heart muscles.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

March 16th, 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**

**Spring Stampex: 19th - 22nd February 2013, with our meeting on 22nd**

**and then at Thematix: 11th - 12th July at Chessington, as before, with our AGM on 12th July**

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

During 2014 we commemorate the start of World War One and many national events will be taking place.

It can be argued that this tragedy was also responsible for the rapid development of Scouting in Britain, as prior to 1914 they received little respect from some of the general public. With the Boy Scouts being put at the disposal of the authorities this soon changed as they did so much valuable work on the home front working as hospital orderlies, messengers, air-raid wardens and guarding key installations against possible sabotage. The Sea Scouts took over and ran the Coastguard service when adults were called up and many Troops were run by older boys when Scoutmasters were called up.

Boy Scouts became a popular subject for both humorous and patriotic postcards some depicting Boy Scouts of Belgium and France who experienced the fighting and we must not forget John Travers Cornwell V.C. who was depicted on many postcards as an inspiration to other young people.

In 1914 B-P published his little book entitled "Quick Training for War" which included many of his Boy Scout training ideas and others from his experiences during the Anglo Boer War. In it he shows prophetic drawings of how to construct trenches to be protected from "aeroplane bombs". Later in 1915 his book "My Adventures as a Spy" describes some of his somewhat exaggerated exploits spying against Germans and Turks. Chapter IX is headed "Germany's Plans for Invading England". Some of the contents is both naïve and laughable but here too, with the benefit of hindsight, he does predict some of the horrors of war to come..



As you are probably aware, by the time you read this Bulletin, the auction of the late Walter Grob-Sigrist's collection will have taken place in Switzerland. Not only did he have one of the best Scout collections in the world, but he also collected Mafeking, which gained a number of Gold International medals. This was sold in June 1993 by Christie's Robson Lowe and included virtually every known variety including the corner copy of the Reversed Head BP. Our member Fredy Scherb from Switzerland, who knew Walter well, has written the following details about him for the Röllli auction catalogue.

**Walter Grob-Sigrist, Scout philatelic pioneer** - On 28th June 2008 Walter Grob passed away aged 94. He was one of the prominent pioneers of the International Scout philately and founder of the Swiss Scout Philatelic Society in 1984. In the 1950's he



was one of the first enthusiasts to collect the few Scout stamps and covers as historic documents. He was also known for his worldwide correspondence, his short articles and essays and his participation at National and International stamp exhibitions. In contrast to most other Scout stamp collectors, Walter had been a traditional stamp collector for many years. Based on this knowledge and experience he started to create his own Scout stamp collection as a post-historical collection and continued to develop it as a documentary thematic collection. By the end of the 1960's Walter Grob's Scout collection was the most extensive Scout collection worldwide, and he was awarded several national and international prizes. The photograph shows Walter in August 1973 at "Our Chalet" in Adelboden. Walter arrives with a helicopter (special post-flight) from Kandersteg (during JUBIKA Camp 73) and brings with him a postbag full of cards and covers which he handed over to the Girl Scouts. In the Chalet, all the flight post was given the special handstamp and later posted again at Adelboden to be sent on its way.

In the Sept-Oct 2006 Bulletin I wrote that D.E. (Bill) Bourke past away in December 2005, and, "What has happened to his collection which included some very fine Mafeking stamps and banknotes as well sketches by Baden-Powell?. When Bill died he had a lodger who decided in March (four months after Bill's death) that he would set fire to the house. The lodger then crossed the road and watched as the fire brigade came to put out the fire, after which he went to the Police Station to report what he had





Scottish Soldier £330



The cracked skin grin £633



Crossing the line £260

done. Since then Bill's solicitor writes "the property was the subject of a severe fire after his death during which all personal effects were destroyed". The lodger has since been sent by the court, to a mental institution. We do know that the Darlington cancel, two Mafeking stamps and a few other Scout related items were

purchased from a local dealer by Michael Berry of Healey and Wise. What we do not know was how much other Scout material was placed by the lodger in the local auction before the fire. In other words what happened to the rest of his extensive collection? Has the majority of this been lost forever?".....Well, the good news is that some of the sketches have survived, which Bill purchased at the Mrs Wade's sale in London in 1965. In a roundabout way "Barrie" has obtained these and in January placed some of them on eBay. The "cracked skin grin" was taken through glass so is not that clear.

## WHIMSICAL POSTCARDS of the GIRL SCOUT of USA BY T.P. McDermott ©

The Girl Scouts of the United States of America issued sets of postcards depicting various camp scenes which were quite humorous. They were issued almost annually between 1936 and 1975 in sets of four different designs. They were listed in the regular GSUSA National Equipment Service merchandising catalogs that were mailed to registered members twice a year, usually in the fall before Christmas and again in the spring before the camping period. The postcard sets could also be obtained at council office shops, camp trading posts as well at official GS Equipment Agencies (usually department stores that sold uniforms etc). Agencies however usually did not carry the postcard sets due to the low price and the possible spoilage of this paper product especially the thin white paper band used to group four cards into one salable product. As you can guess, most were sold at camp.

These postcards are pictured in the book *Girl Scout Collector's Guide* by Mary Degenhart and Judith Kirsch. The second edition, 2005 with its green cover, has identified considerably more cards than their 1987, first edition book with the blue cover. With eight images per page, all 127 cards took up fifteen pages in the book.

The postcards are the standard size 3½ X 5½ inches (as we say in the USA) or 88 X 138 mm. Almost all cards were layout horizontally. There are a few which are formula cards where one could fill in your own information such as camp name etc. Most cards were printed in green ink on cream-colored stock and in later years, dark green on green stock and brown on cream stock can be found. Dark blue printed on light blue stock was used during the 1953-4 years.

I especially enjoy collecting postal used cards. Reading the messages on the cards one sees the whines of little ones missing home, the writings of maturing mid-scholars and finding the secret, coded messages between teenagers. Another nice item are cards that the sender (or a friend) shading and coloring the major figures on the card to individualize their postcards.

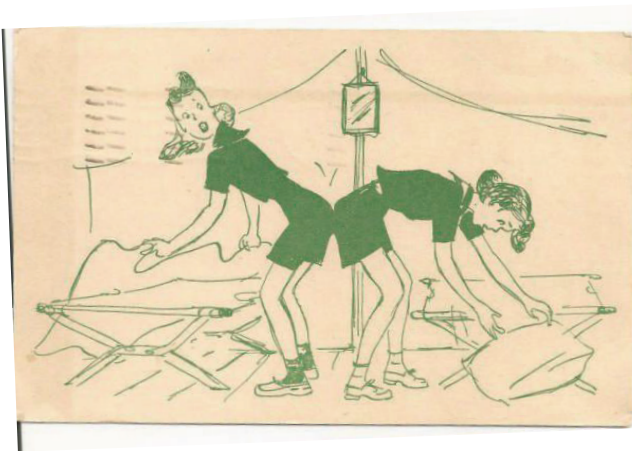
Identifying which camps were involved is an interesting challenge as unlike picture postcards the cards have no printed camp names. Cards with post marks of the Central Valley, New York (NY) post office are from the many different camps in the Palisades Interstate Park/Harrlman/Bear Mountain parks on the west side of the Hudson river. Postmarks of Pleasantville and Briarcliff Manor, New York were used for mail from the historical Edith Macy Training Center (GSUSA's Gilwell) or its neighbor, Andree Clark Camp, mostly used for youth members.

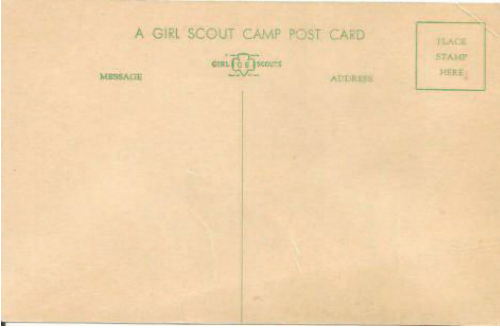
An activity of your author to photocopy three cards onto card stock (rather than the usually regular thin paper) and cutting them into mailable postcards. The backside being not copied is used for addressing. We had a lot of fun sending humorous camp scenes postcards to our granddaughter in her younger years. Fortunately, she returned some of the cards to me.

I believe packaging and merchandising the cards in sets of four was a great idea. No “nickel and dime” sales (in USA: too small to be effective). Actually the cards were sold in the days of penny post cards and probably sold for about that price. The package provided enough cards to mail to different family members and friends. Changing the images each year provide “new cards” for returning campers, while last year’s reminders could be easily sold. One must wonder if the merchandising of these sets failed due to the repetitive production of the same scenes in its later years or were there changes in society habits? Remember the cards were discontinued after 1973 which is before the age of the PC and Internet.

Annual sets of four were great incentive for beginning collectors. You could start with the years of your camping experience. One would only need to collect four cards to complete a set. And for serious collectors, a limit of 127 items is reasonable quantity however the long issuing time period might hurt beginners. Current cost of cards should not be too expensive, say five dollars or less. But due to the listing of the cards in the *GS Collectors Guide* and its publication and wide distribution during the birth of eBay, it had an effect on prices. Collectors then had a guide as to what they were missing and was soon bidding high to obtain a needed card or two. Bids of 25 dollars or more were common at the time. And all the cards looked alike to dealers, from the ‘antique 1936’ to the ‘just yesterday 1975’. A few dealers did not recognize that changes in the market place should have been reflected in later starting bids/prices.

A package set of the next to last set issued between 1962-68, was founded by your author. It consisted of four different designs printed on both aqua (light green) and yellow card stocks for a total of eight cards. It carried the NES number 11-963 and a price of ten cents. However there are the partial remains of a pricing label as if the item was at onetime re-priced.





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 SUBSCRIPTIONS will be 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
<b>UK INDIVIDUALS AND SECTIONS</b>	£18	£85	£12	£55
<b>EUROPE AIRMAIL</b>	£21	£100	£12	£55
<b>REST OF WORLD AIRMAIL</b>	£26	£125	£12	£55
<b>JUNIORS ALL WORLD</b>	£6	NOT AVAILABLE	£5	NOT AVAILABLE



# ThematiX '14

**BRITAIN'S NATIONAL THEMATIC STAMP SHOW**

Will be held on

**Friday 11th & Saturday 12th  
July 2014**

Friday 10.30 to 17.00, Saturday 10.00 to 16.00

at

**King George Field Indoor Bowls Club  
Jubilee Way, Chessington  
Surrey KT9 1TR**

Previous Dealers included;

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Stanley Gibbons, John Perriman, Frank Spencer  
Thames Themes, Martin Appleton, Eric van Blerk (Holland)  
Paula Cant Stamps, Bob Lee  
British Thematic Society table**

**Ample free parking & admission,  
Nearest Railway Station is Tolworth (from Waterloo)  
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By road, M25 Junction 10 ~ A3 ~ A240**

Light refreshments available

**Contacts: Paula & Philip Cant (01256 415699)  
e-mail; paula@paulacantstamps.co.uk**

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**Bob Lee (020 8397 2332)  
e-mail; boblee@thematix.co.uk**

web site; [www.thematix.co.uk](http://www.thematix.co.uk)

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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.

### A MISCELLANY FROM STOCK:

BEZ82U BELIZE 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (6)	used	1.50
CAR82SU CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting MS	used	1.00
COM82SU COMORES 1982 75 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting MS	used	1.00
CON82SU CONGO 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting MS	used	1.00
EST78 ESTONIAN SCOUTS IN U.S.A. 1978 sheetlet of 4 labels for “World Jamboree”		1.20
FUJ71SU FUJEIRA 1971 Lord & Lady B-P MS	used	0.45
GHA91S GHANA 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	used	5.00
GRE85U GRENADA 1985 4 <sup>th</sup> Caribbean Cuboree (4)	used	2.50
GRE85SU GRENADA 1985 4 <sup>th</sup> Caribbean Cuboree MS	used	2.00
ISR61L ISRAEL 1961 8 <sup>th</sup> Israel Jamboree sheetlet of 10 labels		2.00
ITA88L ITALY 1988 3 labels for Anniversary of Scout Study Centre (Parma)		0.50
IVC73 IVORY COAST 1973 24 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference ( 1)		0.35
JPN63L JAPAN 1963 label honouring Girl Scouts of Japan		0.20
JPN66 JAPAN 1966 4 <sup>th</sup> Nippon Jamboree cachet cover with postmark & handstamp		0.80
JPN78L JAPAN 1978 7 <sup>th</sup> Nippon Jamboree label (2 sizes of same design)		0.40
JPN-L JAPAN 1978, 1980 & 1981 3 x dated labels of Scout badge (? for membership)		0.45
JPN80L JAPAN 1980 1 <sup>st</sup> Tokyo Camporee label (3 sizes of same design)		0.60
LN53U LIECHTENSTEIN 1953 14 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference (3)	used	8.00
LN57U LIECHTENSTEIN 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (2)	used	0.90
MAG91D MALAGASY 1991 Scouts, insects & fungi 6 x de luxe MS (reduced price)		10.00
MAL70 MALI 1970 Scouting commemorative (3)		0.75
MAL74 MALI 1974 11 <sup>th</sup> Arab Jamboree overprints (2)		0.85
MAL81S MALI 1981 4 <sup>th</sup> African Scout Conference MS – imperforate		6.00
NEV95U NEVIS 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS	used	3.00
NOR90L NORWAY 1990 Scouts Christmas Charity label showing B-P (1)		0.15
PHL54 PHILIPPINES 1954 1 <sup>st</sup> National Jamboree overprints (2)		1.75
PHL70 PHILIPPINES 1970 Tourism issue – Scout Park value only (1)		0.20
STV91S St. VINCENT 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS		2.25
SRL91S SIERRA LEONE 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS		3.00
SGP92L SINGAPORE 1992 75 Years of Guiding strip of 3 identical labels		0.20
SGP93L SINGAPORE 1993 Scout badge label in 3 different sizes		0.40
SGP-L SINGAPORE label stating “The Scout Association Singapore”		0.10
SAK67S SOUTH ARABIA KATHIRI STATE 1967 12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS		1.50
SPN83 SPAIN 1983 75 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (1)		0.30
SYR 58 SYRIA 1958 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pan-Arab Jamboree (2)		2.00
TRD89 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 1989 (1)		1.20
TUV87 TUVALU 1987 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (4)		1.25
TUV87S TUVALU 1987 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS		1.10
UGA91SU UGANDA 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS (Scout with stave)	used	3.00
UGA95SU UGANDA 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS	used	2.75

**UKRAINIAN SCOUTS (PLAST) IN GERMANY 1945-1950.**

Following the Second World War, many Ukrainians, as well as other nationalities, found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps in western Germany. The Soviet Zones in eastern Germany and Austria provided no such facilities. Amongst the Ukrainians were many Scouts who had been able to pursue their Scouting activities in parts of Czechoslovakia, eastern Poland and France until the start of the War and consequent Nazi domination. A few fund-raising “stamps” or labels had been produced at this time, but these are very rare.

The first stamps issued by the exiled Scouts were produced in Munich in 1946 and commemorated the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ukrainian Scouting. There were five stamps dated 1911-1946 printed in crudely perforated sheets of 20 in colours: light and dark blue, red, green and violet. The stamps had no postal validity and were used for revenue purposes, mostly on membership cards and certificates.

A series of 11 postcards were also issued in 1946 showing various “Scouty” designs. These cards were available for some considerable time and many appear with overprint “UKRAINE Anti Communist Scouts in exile in Canada. Edition of the Cooperative Ukrainian (sic) Scouting”.

On 5 July 1947 the Ukrainian Spring Festival in Mittenwald was celebrated with an issue of 16 stamps in four different designs. (1) The Ukrainian Scout Plast emblem, (2) Scout with stave, saluting, (3) Scout with stave in campsite, (4) stylised camp in a forest. These stamps were denominated in German Marks and range from 0.15 to 2.00. Designed by Roman Rohoza and printed in sheets of 30 in a quantity of 3000 sets. The stamps were perforated but it is understood that some were issued in imperforate condition. A handstamp was used to cancel the stamps, this reads (in Ukrainian) MITTENWALD JUBILEE SPRING FESTIVAL. A special souvenir booklet was also produced to house the stamps, this has the wording “Ukrainian Scout Jamboree” on the face. The stamps contained in the booklets were cancelled with the above FESTIVAL handstamp. (Unfortunately, the booklet I possess is not handstamped. I also have a number of the stamps used on various Scout envelopes posted in U.S.A. in 1958 & 1959.)

In 1948, the entire range of 16 stamps was overprinted for UKRAINIAN Scout's Congress ASCHAFFENBURG 26-29.III.1948. Some of these are known with double or misplaced overprints.

In 1947, the Ukrainian Scouts were able to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Moisson, France. Labels and postcards were produced in red, brown and shades of blue.



Four cards and four stamps were issued, and some are known with the Jamboree postmark. Others were cancelled with MITTENWALD or other Scout handstamps.

On 22 February 1948 an (Exiled) Scouts Rally took place in Hannover. This event commemorated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scout Movement and the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell. Four labels were produced on grey gummed paper in blue, green, red and yellow, all imperforate. A further printing was made in black on red paper. Four identical postcards were issued on different coloured card and labels affixed to them were cancelled with (imitation) postmark reading SCOUTS RALLY (in English and Ukrainian) HANNOVER LYSSENKO 22.2.48 plus a saluting hand.

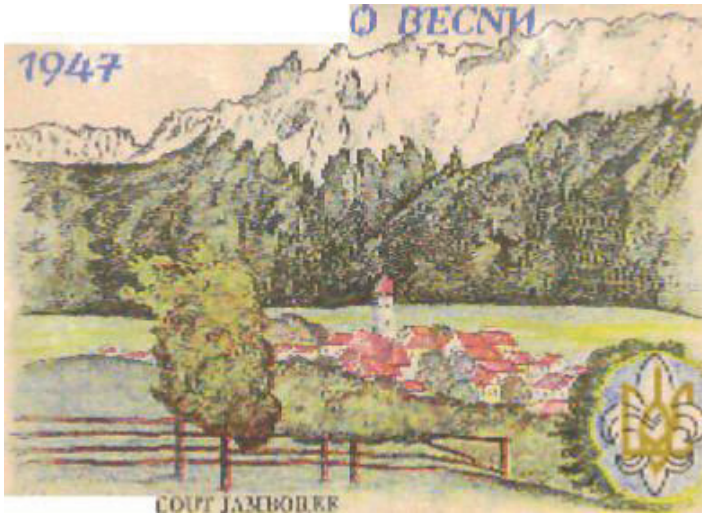




SCOUT WEEK (PFADFINDER WOCHE) took place in Hannover and Augsburg from 20-27.II.1949 and three labels in brown, green and blue were issued. Denominated at 25 pfennigs they were printed in Hannover. And in Augsburg, four identical postcards were produced on different coloured card.

In 1947, Plast in Germany started to organise a courier service that operated between the various D.P.Camps where Ukrainians lived. This was effectively a basic postal service. In the centres where it operated Plast printed very basic labels that were attached to envelopes or parcels and served as postage stamps, or they produced cancellations that were applied onto postal

items on payment of the postage fee. The Scouts who performed this service operated on bicycles or motor bikes or even on foot.



Stamps or handstamped cancellations were used in D.P.Camps at Aschaffenburg, Sedan, Ludendorf, Reinhardt and Landshut. The service is believed to have continued until 1950.





# Scout Humour on postcards

These continue to arrive, so I am including a further set herewith.

From Paul van Herpt - French and Czechoslovakian versions



More from Gottfried Steinmann in Germany:



“Late comer .  
(where is supposed  
my place)”



“Patrol  
competition –  
bridge  
constructing”

**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.



**10. EuroScout 2014**  
in Taastrup / Danmark 2014  
8. - 10. August 2014

**Information**

Spejderfrimærkeklubben in Danmark invites you and all collectors and friends of scout stamps collecting, to participate of an International Scout Stamps Exhibition during the days 8. - 10. August 2014, in Taastrup, Danmark.

**Place:**

Taastrup is a suburb to Copenhagen (about 18 km. to the City) and placed in Høje-Taastrup Municipality.

Taastrup Kulturcenter, Poppel Allé 12, DK - 2630 Taastrup.

**How do you get to Taastrup ?**

**By Car:**

Motorvej E 47, MotorRing 04, drive off 5, Taastrup.

**By Train:**

Høje Taastrup railway station (stop for all international trains), from here by S-train or bus to Taastrup station.

**Where to sleep:**

Taastrup Park Hotel, Brorsonsvej 3, DK-2630 Taastrup.

Hotel-rooms: 67.

Taastrup Kulturcenter, Poppel Allé 12, DK-2630 Taastrup.

Bring you own sleeping- mat and bag etc. with you.

**Where to dine:**

Taastrup Kulturcenter, Kultur Caféen

It is possible to buy, breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee, tea, beer, soft drinks etc.

**Exhibition:**

You will find interesting collections from many parts of the World at the Exhibition. Incl. the 2. World Scout Jamboree 1924, Danmark.

100 frames of 16 A4 pages ? = total 1.600 pages.

For the second time there will be an competition in the

Possibility for trade- and exchange tables with Scout-philately and (SUM) Scout Uniform badges and etc.

Presentation of scout- literature and exhibitions from Scout-museums and privates, about the 2. World Scout Jamboree 1924, Danmark, and other scout/guide items.

A special exhibition catalogue will be made.

Possibility for a special neckerchief ? and participant-badge.

A special postmark and cover will be made.

Special postcard/s ?

**The program for 10. EuroScout 2014, in Taastrup / Denmark - could be as follows:**

For the participants there will be a interesting program.(Details in next issue)

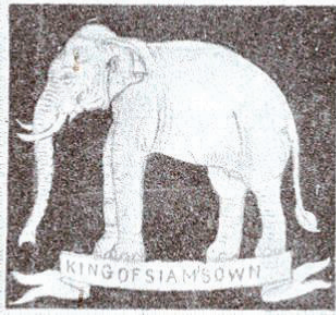
**The King of Siam and the Siamese 'Wild Tiger Corps' Issues**

Three of my research 'paths' have come together to focus my attention on Bangkok. It is a place I have previously visited in a Scouting connection, so I needed little persuading to linger longer at my studies, reviving fascinating memories. However the deeper my research, the more perturbed I became, so much so that I nearly decided to call this article, 'You can spoil many a good argument with facts'.

As regular readers will know I have been documenting UK Rover Crews, using their badges as a starting point. The King of Siam's Rover Crew (1st Balham and Tooting) badge consists of a white elephant on a red background. On a recent visit to Hertfordshire Scout County Archive at Well End Campsite, to value their wonderful collection (the second of my above mentioned research areas), I encountered a comb-bound booklet of 136 pages, called 'Trumpeting', published in 1990, The book documents the history of the King of Siam's Own Scout Group (KSO), written by Ken S Warner, the only post-war leader of the group's Rover Crew and a one-time (now deceased) member of our club.

Ken Warner's book immediately exploded one myth that I had previously been led to believe, that the King of Siam had had a connection with the troop during the time he spent in England as a young man. Prince Vajiravudh, the Crown Prince of Siam, succeeded his father in 1910 becoming King Rama VI after whom the troop is now named. The Prince finished his education at Sandhurst and then Oxford in 1902. Ken explains that the 1908 formed 1st Balham and Tooting Troop was joined in 1910 by Sidney 'Pa' Riches, who was central to their history until his death in 1972. 'Pa' read in 1912 that Prince (then King Rama VI - though he is still very frequently referred to King Vajiravudh) had, on his return to his homeland, become an enthusiastic Scout and had set about forming Scout Troops across his nation.

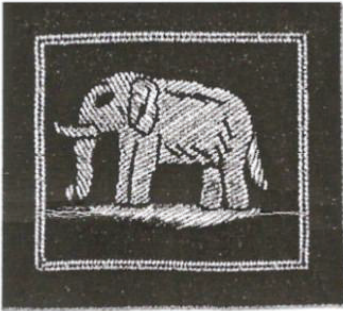
'Pa' had had no connection with the Prince; however his father had been a clerk in the Siamese Consulate in London, and had risen to the heights of Consul General. His work included the arrangements for Prince Vajiravudh's stay in Britain. Pa thought this connection was sufficient to make contact with the new King and request his patronage for the 1st Balham and Tooting Troop. He posted off his letter to 'His Majesty The King of Siam, Bangkok, Siam', and was delighted when, some months later, a large registered letter arrived covered in emblems and seals together with an equally interesting parcel. The letter gave permission for the troop to be called 'The King of Siam's Own'. The parcel contained a signed portrait of the King in his Wild Tiger's Scout Uniform (Photographs were rarely signed by Siamese Royalty). 'Pa' tried to adapt the Siamese Royal symbol of a white elephant to make a badge for his renamed troop and sent it as a draft to the King for his approval. His Royal Highness returned a much better version that he had had made up by the Court Artist.



The Court Artist's Badge (red white)



An early Group Badge



Pa's silver wire 10 years service badge

It was this badge that became the Group's badge, a later version is worn to this day at the top of the left sleeve. Pa, as the Group Scout Leader, decided to reward ten years of service within the group by awarding, as his own gift, a special badge made with the elephant formed from silver wire. A Cub joining at eight years of age would be a Rover by the time he could be awarded the badge. (Should anyone be able to supply a colour scan of the silver wire badge I would be most grateful).

The Rover Crew, like so many others, was temporally suspended during WWII. It was reconvened in 1951 when an unbound Rover Crew Badge (without banner as below) was worn on the back of the scarf. This badge was later replaced by a bound version.



My third Siamese research 'thread' was occasioned by a recent purchase of two covers with Wild Tiger Corps 'Tiger Head' overprinted Scout stamps, first issued in Siam on February 4th 1920. The Wild Tigers' Corps was formed from the adult members of Siamese Scouting as founded by King Vajiravudh in 1911, a somewhat paramilitary organisation. The 'Tiger Cubs', its junior section, were Scouts.

The first 1920 issue of the six stamps depicting King Vajiravudh were crudely overprinted with black tiger's head and 'Scout's Fund' (in Siamese) in a straight line beneath the tiger's head. They were surcharged to provide funds to finance Scout Groups in schools, but the amount of the surcharge was not actually shown.



Type I



Type II



Type III

In the same year, a second set (Type II) of six stamps were issued, also with a rubber (but different) tiger head overprint showing lettering in Siamese and English i.e. 'Scout's Fund' in an arc below the tiger's head. In 1921, a third set of seven stamps were over-

printed using a metal die, with a smaller tiger's head. The lettering is on two horizontal lines, in red or dark blue.

The nineteen overprinted stamps were mainly from old stocks issued between 1906 and 1920.

Nine government postal cards with pre-printed 'stamps' were also overprinted, three of each type of overprint with differing postal values. These are very rare. The overprinted stamps and postcards were withdrawn from



A rare 'Tiger Head' postcard (Type II) courtesy Hallvard Slettebø.

sale on June 14th 1926, however the stamps were used by stamp dealers, using up their stocks, until the early 1930's. As is always with valuable overprints, there are large quantities of fakes, on and off cover in circulation. Buyers without real expertise should, as always, be on their guard.



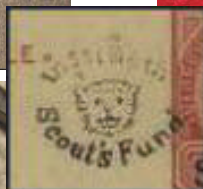
Another myth which surrounds these issues, emanating from an old (1964) SOSSI (Scout on Stamps Society International) catalogue, but now to found on several websites, is that Baden-Powell visited Siam before their issue which, by inference implies that King Vajiravudh had B-P's support for his Wild Tiger Corps. Having transcribed B-P's life-time diaries etc., I can report that this was not the case. At first the Corps was made up of members of

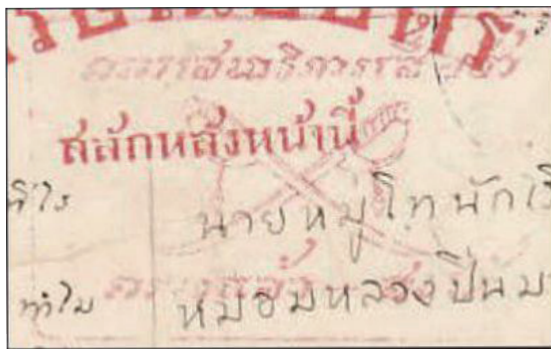
the King's own household including the Royal Bodyguard. The organisation rapidly expanded. Many joined, it is said, as a way of gaining influence with the King. Whilst there are those who believe that Wild Tiger Corps members were just adult Scouts leaders, there are some uncomfortable facts to be absorbed.

In 1920, (the same year as the Scout stamps), 10,000 Lee Enfield Rifles (made not far from Gilwell Park) with matching bayonets were ordered by King Vajiravudh, stamped with his name in Siamese and the Wild Tiger symbol (The same as on the stamps- see the inset below). The Wild Tiger Corps then was not quite Baden-Powell's concept of Peace Scouting. (B-P had long since banned adults from carrying fire arms!) The Wild Tiger Corps (but not the Tiger Cubs) was disbanded in 1925. 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.



Registered cover front sent from Siam to New Zealand in 1922 with a Type III tiger head overprint. Colin Walker Collection.





The above does seem to beg the question of whether items relating to the Wild Tiger Corps should really be considered as Scouting material. There is no doubt however that members of the Wild Tiger Corp were Scout leaders. There is a similarity with UK Scout history. In 1908 Baden-Powell was very pleased to accept members of the Legion of Frontiersmen (LoF) as Scoutmasters.

The LoF was an independent volunteer militia, their leader Roger Pocock wrote articles in the 1908 Scout Magazine. Frontiersmen at the time (the organisation still exists) were prone to wearing fire arms with their Scout Uniform! B-P had to distance himself from the organisation and cracked down the wearing of fire arms and any other military non-standard Scout uniforms. So, just as in the case of the Wild Tigers there were Members of the Legion of Frontiersmen who were Scoutmasters, but that did make the their organisation a recognised part of the Scout Movement.

Scouting philatelist owners of the overprinted stamps and the valuable covers bearing these issues, need not, I feel, be over concerned about their relevance to Scouting, as the surcharge, we have always been led to believe, was to fund raise for Scouting and not the Wild Tiger Corps?

The movement continues to enjoy royal support in modern Thailand\*. Though it is no longer compulsory for pupils to belong to a Scout or Guide group, children in grades 6-8 must belong to an approved youth organisation, but most are Scouts. Scouts (and Guides) are required to wear their uniforms in school one day a week. The present King Rama IX is Chief Scout. Thailand, with a population of 66m, is the world's 20th most populous country. It has 1.25m Scouts the 5th highest population of Scouts in the world, giving it the 2nd highest ratio of Scouts per head of population (1:52), an astounding legacy that is directly attributable to King Vajiravudh.

\*Siam changed its name to Thailand from 1932- 39, reverting to Siam during the war, only to finally change its name back to Thailand in 1949.

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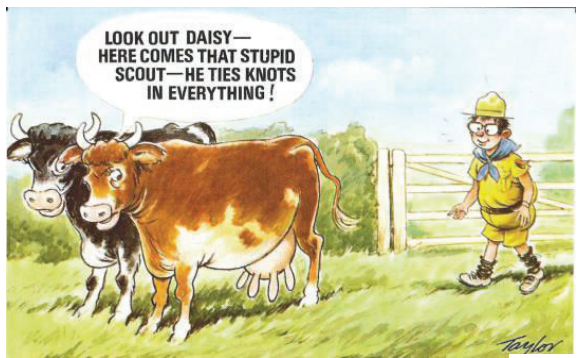
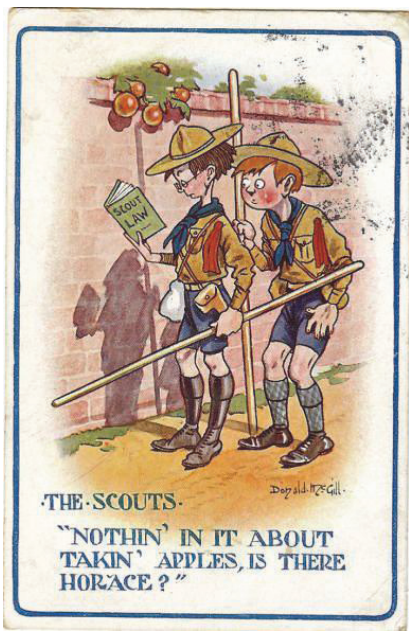
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..... and just a few more of my own humorous cards:





# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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See more humour  
starting on page 15.

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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 Edgcombe 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.

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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.**



## SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

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

### AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of SGSC Annual General Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (12.30 - 13.30 Open Meeting 13.30 - 14.30) at Stampex Autumn 2014 - *to be confirmed*

21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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 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.

### A MISCELLANY FROM STOCK:

ANT75 ANTIGUA 1975 14 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (4)	1.45
ANT75S ANTIGUA 1975 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting (3)	used 1.20
GAM87U GAMBIA 1987 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (4)	used 2.25
GAM87SU GAMBIA 1987 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	used 3.00
HUN01 HUNGARY 2001 4 <sup>TH</sup> European Conference of Former Scouts & Guides (1)	0.70
JAM90 JAMAICA 1990 75 Years of Girl Guides (3)	3.00
KOR61S KOREA 1961 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts MS	4.00
LBY66U LIBYA 1966 1 <sup>st</sup> Arab Girl Scouts Camp (1)	used 0.10
LBY74 LIBYA 1974 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting (3)	3.50
LUX82 LUXEMBOURG 1982 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting (1)	0.40
MAV71 MALDIVES 1971 13 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (4)	3.50
MAV87SU MALDIVES 1987 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Guides MS	used 1.75
MAV95SU MALDIVES 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree + animals (4)	4.00
NGR95S NIGER 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree + animals MS	3.50
NGA65 NIGERIA 1965 Golden Jubilee of Scouting MS	2.50
PAK92U PAKISTAN 1992 6 <sup>th</sup> Islamic Jamboree & 4 <sup>th</sup> Scout Conference (2)	used 0.80
ROM97 ROMANIA 1997 Scouting commemorative (5 se- tenant)	1.65
STV91SU St.VINCENT 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS	used 2.25
SVG91SU GRENADINES of St.VINCENT 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	used 3.50
SVG95SU St.VINCENT & GRENADINES 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	used 4.00
SRL91SU SIERRA LEONE 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

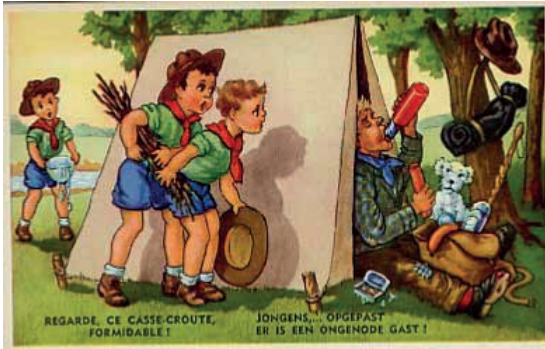
I would like to help in making information about these more available. I see no reason why they should not be listed on both the SGSC and SOSSI websites. I will be meeting with Randall Frank in a few months at the SOSSI annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. Perhaps you or Keith or he might have some comments 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](mailto: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.

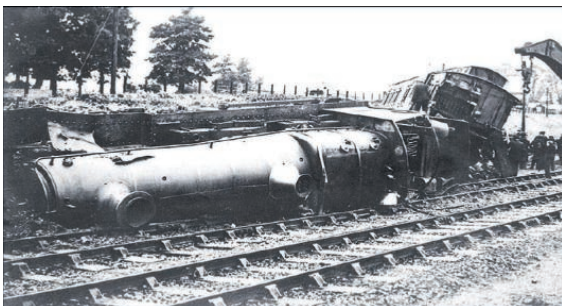


The London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (LB&SCR) named one of their 4-4-0, B4 class locos *Baden-Powell*. It was built in 1901 and designed by R.J. Billington. The brass name plates were removed sometime before 1915 as, after that date, large numbers were painted on the side of the engines. The

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

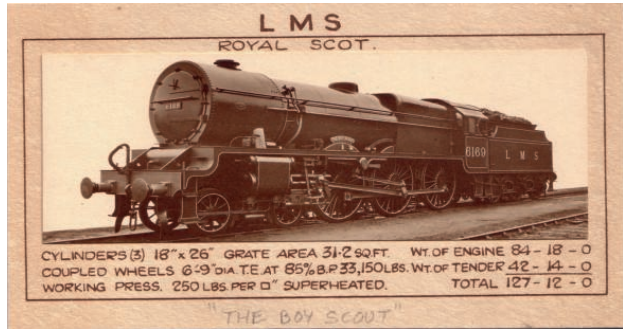


"The end of the line, 'Mafeking' derailed"



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

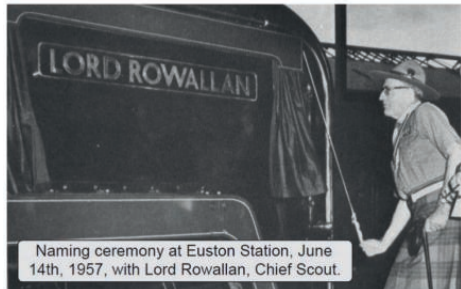


commission in a joint ceremony at Euston Station, with their name plates being unveiled by B-P and Olave on different platforms. The Scout Fleur-de-Lys was affixed at this point to the *'The Boy Scout'*.

### 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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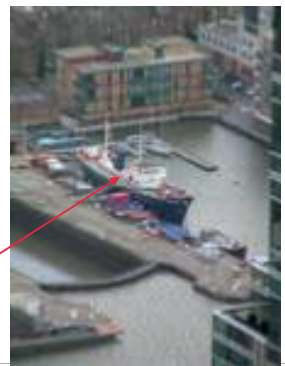
**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on 28th June, 2014 at:  
The Headquarters Training Ship, Lord Amory, Dockland Scout Project,  
631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London E14 3NU commencing at 14.00.**

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# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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## Editorial

Sorry this issue is a bit late but I gave Colin Walker extended time as he is finishing his new book on Scouting in the First World War.

Since my last Editorial I have completed my last Gang Show - which went very smoothly from my point of view but I'm afraid there were a lot of complaints to the DC about my going and also the prohibiting of over 25's from appearing on stage, which he has also enforced. They are trying to put together a new team so it will be interesting to see how matters progress.

I have missed out the humorous postcards from this issue as I have two interesting, but longer articles, to include. I hope that you like them.

As I am typing this I have just finished watching the 70th Anniversary of D-Day events on television and the more that I watch the more that I come to admire the bravery of ordinary people - on both sides of the divide. My own father was a gunner on merchant ships during the later stages of the war (having been on a reserved occupation in the Police for the first few years). His vessel was due to be part of the first wave of the invasion and they duly left the UK loaded up with troops early on the morning of 6th June, 1944. However they only got about half way across the English Channel when the boiler on the ship failed and they then had to limp back to Portsmouth for repairs - and in the process no doubt saving a lot of lives. The repairs took three weeks by which time the situation had changed so they were dispatched to the Far East to provide support in the continuing actions involving the Japanese. Out of the Frying pan into the fire - but he did survive the war.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

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**

**Docklands Scout Project, 631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London E14 3NU.  
Annual General Meeting starting at 14.00 on Saturday, 28th June,**

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

# Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

Trading in Mafeking postage stamps and banknotes began during the siege and adverts for them appeared in the "Mafeking Mail" by entrepreneurs wanting to make a fast buck. The "Mail" of May 18th, the first day of freedom contained an advert for an auction including "At 11 o'clock will be sold a set of SIEGE STAMPS No Reserve".

After the siege ended there was even more interest shown and a list of current prices for the stamps was published in the "Mail" on June 22nd, 1900 with some very high prices indeed. The Government Gazette Notice 441 of 1st November, 1900 cancelled the validity of all the siege stamps - not that this affected their market value to collectors.

Amongst other souvenirs of the siege were postcards



No. 441-1900.]  
 Department of Posts and Telegraphs  
**"MAFEKING BESIEGED" POSTAGE STAMPS.**

It is hereby notified for general information that the collections of Cape Colony and Bechuanaland Protectorate Postage Stamps placed in circulation by the Military Authorities during the investment of Mafeking, as well as the postally issued local stamps, are not available for the payment of any article of mail matter which may be posted at any Civil Post Office in the Cape Colony. A list of the stamps referred to is published hereunder.

S. R. FRENCH,  
 Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,  
 1st November, 1900. (40895.)

**LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT MAFEKING DURING THE SIEGE.**

Face value.	Description.
1d.	Cape of Good Hope (old design), overprinted and surcharged "Mafeking 1d. Besieged."
1d.	Cape of Good Hope (new design), overprinted and surcharged "Mafeking 1d. Besieged."
1d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate," surcharged and overprinted "Mafeking 1d. Besieged."
1d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 3d. Besieged."
1d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 3d. Besieged." (Smaller type.)
1d.	Cape of Good Hope, overprinted and surcharged "Mafeking 1d. Besieged."
2d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 2d. Besieged."
2d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 2d. Besieged." (Smaller type.)
2d.	Cape of Good Hope, overprinted "Mafeking 2d. Besieged."
2d.	British Bechuanaland (Blue series), overprinted "Mafeking 2d. Besieged."
3d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 3d. Besieged."
4d.	Great Britain overprinted "British Bechuanaland" and "Mafeking 4d. Besieged."
4d.	Cape of Good Hope overprinted "Mafeking 4d. Besieged."
6d.	Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "Mafeking 6d. Besieged."
6d.	Great Britain overprinted "British Bechuanaland" and "Mafeking 6d. Besieged."
1s.	Great Britain overprinted "British Bechuanaland" and "Mafeking 1s. Besieged."
1s.	Local postage stamp with photograph of Lt.-General Baden-Powell's bust. (Small size.)
2s.	Local postage stamp with photograph of Lt.-General Baden-Powell's bust. (Larger size.)
1d.	Local postage stamp with photograph of Sergeant-Major Goolysar on bicycle.

illustrating the siege stamps still popular years later - this example posted on 11th March, 1907. One enterprising person with the initials E.B.S.M. Produced a number of postcard sized photographs the copyrighted designs of Siege stamps and banknotes together with scraps, verses and patriotic sentiments and references to







It is many years since a good offering of Mafeking has appeared on the market in the U.K. but recently Spink's of London sold the Anglo-Boer War collection of the late Harry Birkhead from South Africa. Out of the 427 lots in the auction, the Mafeking part consisted of 82 items. Some prices went way above what was considered the market price, despite the buyers premium amounting to 29% for European Union members. The buyer's premium was 20% plus VAT of 4% and as the collection came out of the EU, an extras 5% was charged. One item that went way above the estimate was the



mint 1d Goodyear cyclist dramatically misperforated which was estimated at £250-£300 but sold for £1700 (€2000 US\$2720), but if the buyer had waited for the April auction of Tony Lester, based in the West Midlands, a similar stamp sold for £460 (€540, US\$735) plus Buyers premium.

Probably the "holy grail" of Scout collecting is the 3d Baden-Powell Reversed Head stamp. One sheet of twelve stamps was printed showing B-P facing to the right, which was caused when the glass negative was placed the wrong way round for printing. Ten copies are still known to exist,

with a mint and used copy in the Royal Collection. I know that four of these stamps are in collections of SGSC members (alas not in mine!) but I consider the corner copy sold is the finest of those recorded. It sold for £34,000 (€40,100 US\$ 54,400) and if the buyer came from the EU he would have had to pay a staggering £43,860 (€51745 US\$ 70,175). Five used Large Head cracked plates sold between £1200 and £2700, but the most exceptional sale was for the B-P Large Head imperforate at the bottom and estimated at £1500-2000,



made £7000 (US\$11,200 €3250). This previously sold for £1800 at Argyll Etkin Auction in October 2001. The auctioneer's catalogue stated that the circular mark below the postmark of this stamp was a "screw hole" but I am convinced that this was a drawing pin. Our older U.K. members will recall that up until at least the 1950's drawing pins were produced by having the pin pressed out of the circular metal. When the stamps were originally produced, twelve prints were fixed to a board and then re-photographed to produce a glass negative for the sheet of twelve stamps.





# SCOUTS AT WAR

## Vol. I The Great War

**If you enjoy reading Colin's Corner, you will enjoy this!**

Colin Walker is pleased to announce the publication of his latest book, timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War. The book is informed by Baden-Powell's diaries, personal letters and artefacts from the world's leading collectors and archives. This is an in-depth researched history, written in the accessible Scouting Milestones style with warmth and humour, which will both delight and inform you.

As Matt Hyde CE of the Scout Association writes in his foreword (see an abstract below):

*You will read many things about the First World War in the next few years, but few as inspiring as this.*

Colin Walker is one of the finest Scout historians we have, and he has done a great service in researching and documenting the Scouts' contribution to the First World War. There is so much here that will fascinate and educate those interested in what their forebears did here on the home front. Not only does he cover the familiar stories, he unearths the forgotten and unusual – the five patrols of Scouts from Northampton for example who conceivably had never seen the sea. Together they contributed 7,500 days of service as coastguards. There are also the amazing stories of the 5,000 Scouts working in the fields – 'like pirates with neckerchiefs tied around their heads', harvesting the flax, used to make linen from which our war planes were fabricated.

You will read many things about the First World War over the next few years, but few as inspiring as this – when the youth of the nation proved that young people had an invaluable role to play in society and proved they could lift spirits as well as shouldering their fair share of the work.

*Matt Hyde* CE Scout Association



The book is available from August 4th 2014. It is in true A4 format, printed on 'silk' paper and has over 200 coloured and black and white images. The cost is £25 plus postage and can be obtained by writing to Colin Walker at [scouting.milestones@btinternet.com](mailto:scouting.milestones@btinternet.com) or at Fern Dell, Valley Road, Darrington Pontefract. WF8 3BX.

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

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			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
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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			
3,076.97	Total Expenditure	2,550.63		Total Income	2242.65
	Excess Income over Expenditure		-1,380.05	Excess Expenditure over Income	-307.98
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	100549	-284.00
	834.62		52.23
	834.62		52.23
Business Money Manger Account	0.06	Business Money Manager Account	0.06
PayPal Account	72.10	PayPal Account	546.51
TOTAL	906.78	TOTAL	598.80
Excess Expenditure over Income	307.98		
	598.80		598.80

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.

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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

..... B. Forshaw Hon. Auditor

**FOLLOWING THE AUDIT THIS IS SLIGHTLY AMENDED FROM THE PREVIOUS SET OF ACCOUNTS**

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

OLEG PANTUHOFF (RUSSIAN SCOUT FOUNDER) 1882 – 1973.

Scouting in Russia was founded in 1909 by Colonel Oleg I.Pantuhoff at Tsarskoe Selo (Tsar's Village) near St.Petersburg. The town is now called Pushkin after the famous writer. Incidentally, Tsarskoe Selo was the site of the first railway station opened in 1837 as the terminus for the 16 miles line from St.Petersburg. The station was designed as a replica of the pavilions in the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens in London which existed from the mid 17<sup>th</sup> to mid 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The station was given a Russianised version of the name: VOKSAL, and since then all Russian railways are Voksals. Pantuhoff had been sent a copy of "Scouting for Boys" which was translated, and the first Troop meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1909.

In January 1911 Sir Robert Baden-Powell arrived by train at Tsarskoe Selo to meet Tsar Nicholas II where he learnt about the progress of the Russian Scout Movement.

A series of postcards had been produced in the very early of Russian Scouting by the St.George's Committee. They are undated, and the four I have, which are not posted, show:



Scouts signalling, Scout carrying firewood for an old lady, Scout stalking and Scout saluting with staff. In 1912, a postcard was issued sending greetings to the British Chief Scout on St.George's Day. The cards were produced by a sports company (and possibly Scout supplier) situated at 112 Nevsky spekt in St.Petersburg with a price of 2.50 Roubles.

All cards bear a printed address:

General R.Baden Powell, Chief Scout, 112 Victoria St., London, with a note of the postage price of 1 kopeck. One wonders if B-P ever received any of the cards, and what happened to them?

The first portrait I have of Pantuhoff is from a Scouts` Rally in Crimea where he is addressing the Scouts. This is undated, and presumably is from the pre-1917 period.

Following the Revolution in 1917, all Russian Scouting was banned by the Communist regime. Those Scouts and Leaders who did not escape were imprisoned, or executed.

Pantuhoff managed to escape to Constantinople (now Istanbul) from where, in 1921, he sent a



letter to Sir Robert Baden-Powell using the British Post Office situated in that city.

In 1929, a series of postcards were issued by Russian Scouts in Exile in New York City showing their activities in various parts of the world. Presumably Pantuhoff was now based in New York as one of the cards is signed by him and posted to Greece on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1930. The first card in the series

shows a stylised Scout with flag showing St. George and the Scout laws (in Russian) on the reverse. In my collection, I have 10 of the cards, but do not know if there were more. The only one which has been posted is the one mentioned above and shows “A group of Russian Boy Scouts near bon-fire at Buckow, Germany. The work of Russian Boy Scouts in Germany was greatly hampered through the influence exercised by the Bolsheviks (July 4, 1922)”. Three of the cards depict Oleg Pantuhoff with other Scout leaders in Constantinople 1920 and 1921, and at Novochoerkask (Russia) 1919. Other scenes include: an original Boy Scout at Tsarskoe Selo in 1915, General Baron Wrangel, Chief of the White Armies, with Scouts 1920, Scouts in Vladivostok 1921, Boy Scouts at the





Russian Cathedral in Nice, France, Bon-fire at Saloniki 1922 and the Inauguration of the Russian Scouts Banner in Finland 1924.

The first philatelic (albeit Cinderella) item depicting Pantuhoff was one label in a sheet of 21 labels issued in Jugoslavia in 1939 to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian Scouting. These labels are printed on fawn coloured or blue paper and appear both perforate and imperforate.

Following the terrible disruption of World War II many Russian Scouts, along with other nationalities found themselves in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany. A postcard was produced depicting Pantuhoff, the hand drawn design of which is the same as the 1939 label from Jugoslavia. On the reverse of this card is an imprinted “stamp” showing a Scout with flag. Priced at 5 pf, presumably this was for use within the D.P.Camps.. Once again this portrait was shown in a sheet of 8 labels commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in 1949.



The next portrait I can record is in a block of three labels issued by Russian Scouts in Exile in New York in 1956. Presumably Oleg Pantuhoff was living in honourable retirement in U.S.A. and in 1969, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting

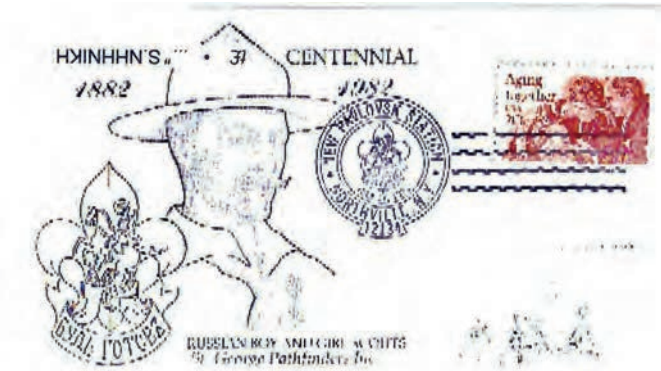
was commemorated by a revised version of the 1956 block of three. In 1972, Oleg Pantuhoff reached the age of 90, and a special sheetlet of four labels was issued in New York. A cacheted first day cover was also produced which only carries the Pantuhoff design “stamp”. A number of printing



errors are recorded, including a multiple-print and misperforated sheetlet.

The following year, Pantuhoff passed away and the sheetlets were overprinted in Russian and with the

dates 1882-1973. Then in 1982, his Centenary was celebrated with a special cover with Russian Scout postmark from New Pavlovsk Station, Northville, NY. This



was the base for Russian Scouts in Exile in U.S.A. A block of four identical labels was also produced at this time, with a propaganda message on the border. These labels were later overprinted for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian Scouting in 1989.

Oleg Pantuhoff was finally honoured in his home

country in 1994 when a postal stationery envelope was issued to commemorate the rebirth of Scouting in Russia. This first day cover was posted in Moscow.



In the 1990`s, I received a letter signed Oleg Pantuhoff – the son of the founder of Russian Scouting. He also used the anglicised name of

John Bates and had been an interpreter on General Eisenhower`s staff during World War II. He stated that he had visited a newly-formed Troop of Scouts near St.Petersburg – so the circle had been completed.



## 1922-2012 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION KOREA . JAPAN(RYUKYU) SCOUTS STAMPS AND SCOUT CANCELLATIONS.

This 116 page book illustrating all Scout stamps and cancellations from these countries is now available from Kuniichi Komachi, 3-17-11,Haijima-Cho, Akishima-Shi, 196-0002 TOKYO, JAPAN. For US\$20 postpaid worldwide.

This excellent book, which is in Japanese and English is a wonderful reference for all collectors of Scouting postmarks as it gives the full text in English of all the cancellations.

### SALES SERVICE LIST

Having organised the Sales Service list in almost every Bulletin since I originally took over as Editor in 1973, I feel it is now time to close it down. During the last two or three years, the number of orders has been dwindling, and having only received two orders from the last Bulletin, I thought the page could be put to better use. Provided, that is, that Terry receives enough material to fill it of course! We are getting very few, if any, new members recently. Certainly, none have contacted me for orders, or anything else. So, one must presume, that the material on offer is already in members` collections.

Any members having wants lists, can always contact me, and I will endeavour to fill their needs. Also, I can send selections of postcards, covers, labels etc on approval. I can be contacted by email, but am not very clever with sending scans!

My “100 List” which was introduced some years ago and is still progressing well as new material arrives. I still have a small number of (satisfied) subscribers. Of course, the Lists can also be sent by email, with paper copies being sent by post. The Lists contain 100 items, plus a few better items, many of which are one-offs from my stock. As each item is sold, another replaces it, and the Lists contain a selection of stamps, mint and used, covers, postcards, labels, other ephemera, and sometimes a few badges. Apart from the few better items, most are priced at under £1.00. Anybody not placing an order from two consecutive Lists will be deleted.

I look forward to receiving a few further requests!

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**I am currently breaking down 2 large Scout and Guide stamp collections, mainly perforate with some imperf. Mint and a few used stamps, all world postmarks and FDC 1900 to 2013 with strength 1957 to 2013.**

**Any member with a wants list; if you send me a copy I will return your list with prices and availability.**

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A group of unusual postcards came on the market last year whose front side contains pictures of astronauts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and various officials and/or images related to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Overlaying these images is a small, clear plastic phonographic recording better known as a 'record'. (A definition of a record is a round flat piece of plastic with a hole in the middle on which music and sound are stored.) These postcard records were mailed via regular mail or postal service to the professional staff members of local scout councils. (In America, social welfare and services organizations have a long time tradition of using professional workers to recruited, lead and support volunteers and since the start of BSA, professional scouters have done the same for American scouting. It was the one major difference between the American and British scout organizations. During the period which this article included, approximately 4,000 professionals were employed by the BSA. This does not include office clerical and camp ranger staffs.)

The BSA has been very active and successful using public relations tools to promote the image of their organization. Many old time SOSSI members are familiar with the following promotional programs that were used in the early 1960s:

**Jessie Owen endorsement** which was used to promote scouting in America's intercity. Jessie, an African-American was well known to adults because of the public impression that Adolf Hitler ignored this winner of four Gold Medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. I believe this promotion was successful with Scouters who remembered Jessie's achievements and felt that black kids should have the opportunity of scouting too.

The **BOYPOWER** theme encouraged local scout councils to provide quality program and services. One of the earliest artifacts of the BOYPOWER program is the topic of this article. This is the plastic laminated postcards, produced in the fall of 1962, featured America's new heroes, the recently chosen Mercury Seven astronauts. Most of which were former Eagle Scout, BSA's highest scout award.

The tie-in of these first NASA's astronauts would be the seeds of another future and still current promotional programs centred on prominent adults who had obtained the Eagle Scout award while a youth. This set of postcards was printed on five by six inches (or 126 X 153mm) cardstock. The picture sides of the postcards have a series of various different images as explained below. On top of the images surface is a clear plastic coating or film which actual is a manual 33 1/3 rpm record or recording, with a message capable of being played on a phonograph. (How successful was this promotional? Not one recording in this group was actually used as the center hole for placing or fastening it on a record player has not been punched through.) (Some of our younger members in this modern age of iTunes may have to read some books to understand what a record was.)



The address side of the postcard is split into two parts, the left portion has the words “THIS CAPSULE RECORD GOOD FOR 200 MISSIONS, Listen to it now, Feature it at meetings, Play it till the words fade. SCOUTING IS ALL O.K. Make it “GO” for members”.

On the right side portion, the cards were addressed for mailing. The name and address was printed on the postcard using the common business practice at the time for mass mailings. That is, the use of Address-O-Graph plates with various names, titles and addresses previously prepared and punched onto metal plates. Also printed on the address side is the product’s name trade name “AURAVISION, a product of Columbia Record Productions”.

These cards were mailed just seventeen months after President John F Kennedy issued his commitment “of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth.” They are an early memento of the space age as well as BSA relationship with it. Shepard became the first American in space on May 5, 1961 while Glen became the first American in orbit around the earth on February 20, 1962. They were part of NASA’s Mercury Seven which was the first of three phases (each of which had several flights) to land a man on the moon.

The cards were mailed from two different locations and our examples will show how two different mailing rooms interpreted their cost and resulted in initially in two different viewpoints. If mailed from New Brunswick, NJ, it has two meter impressions from meter 395613, one for three cents and another for an additional one cent. The other version was mailed from Houston; TX which has one meter impression of four cent value from meter #397753. Houston, headquarters of NASA; while New Brunswick was BSA’s national headquarters at that time (1954 to 1979). The domestic postal rate at the time was four cents for envelopes and three cents for postcards. This oversize postcard would not qualify for the postal card rate due to its size and would require the first class (envelope) rate. (Later, about January 1963, each rate was increased one cent.) Why someone in the mailroom of the national office did not notice the error and change the meter’s postage value setting for the correct rate is beyond me. And then on the other hand, did someone think that a mailing from Houston, Texas would incite an additional interest in this mailing by the recipient? Both meters are classified in the Hawkins & Stambaugh Postage Meter Stamp Catalog as meter style 1A4A.

My lot or group of postcards was directed to one particular local scout council office at 3716 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee 8 Wis. *I was unable to obtain the number of professional that the council employed but I suspect maybe eight.*

The group of postcards known to the author is as follows:

Joseph A Brunton, Jr, Chief Scout Executive and Ellsworth H Augustus, President of BSA. The copy seen was sent to Dist Scout Exec Mr John F Hornbrew from New Brunswick NJ, on Oct 30, 1962 See figures 1 and 2

Alan Shepard, Sent to Scout Exec M G Zion from Houston Tex, on Oct 31, 1962

John Glen holding poster of the Explorer Scout emblem, Sent to Asst DSE Elbert W Asinall from Houston Tex, on Nov 7, 1962

Explorer and John Glen, Sent to Charles Smith, Dir of Field Svc from Houston Tex, on Nov 20, 1962

Augustus and Brunton holding astronauts (Project Mercury) picture, Sent to Scout Exec M G Zion from Houston Tex, on Nov 28, 1962

Boy Scout and John Glen holding Boy Scout Handbook (fifth edition 1959-64), Sent to Dist Scout Exec Charles K Hatch from Houston Tex, on Dec 5, 1962 See figure 3 & 4

I believe all professional scouters in the “field”, that is, district and local council staff members, received these postcards/records via the regular mail of the US Post Office Department (USPOD). These were not part of the weekly, bulk mailings to local councils done by the BSA’s national office as they had individual postage. The bulk mailing usually included the weekly newsletter “The Scout Executive” and other new items, booklets, and other information developed by the many different Services/Departments in the national office. The use of direct USPOD mailing was unique. Was it because NASA was willing to pick up the cost to stress the importance of the PR gimmick?

This group of postcards is the first that I have ever seen. Why were they the only ones saved and collected? Could it be because they were considered “junk mail”. Yes even scout professionals considered some mail from the national office as junk. Or could it be because of their odd size for collectors? Or maybe because of philatelists’ dislike of the use of meter franking? Anyway we were lucky that someone saved them for us to enjoy.

Another similar item which this author owns is a card (but not with a postcard appearance) measuring 6 X 8 1/4 inches with a red plastic record promoting the BSA’s 1966 fall roundup which was another recruiting/promotional campaign. The recording has the song, “Follow the Rugged Road” sung by Don Rondo and has some ceremonial material and a second song titled “On My Honor”. Found on the other side of the card is a printed letter to all Scout Unit Leaders encouraging them to use the record to recruiting boy membership and to use consider using it throughout the year. Also written are the words for the Rugged Road song for reproduction and sharing. It is not done as

a postcard, but is the same size as a large (half page) file card. It has the same trademark as the above postcards.

This author remembers the occasionally finding of similar records in magazines during the 1960s. Used as promotionals, they were fastened to magazines similar to the advertising and subscription cards found in many magazines today.

Captions:

Fig 1 the picture side of this postcard featuring recorded messages from both the Chief Scout Executive and the President of the BSA.

Fig 2 the address side of the same postcard showing the two meter impressions from New Brunswick

Cover the picture side of this postcard featuring a Boy Scout and John Glen holding a Boy Scout Handbook.

Fig 3 the address side of the same postcard showing a meter impression from Houston.

Another postcard known to this writer was produced for the New Haven Rail Road which runs thru the cities and towns along the Connecticut coastline into New York City. This postcard/record promoted visits to the Bronx Zoo and of course to buy tickets for the train ride. There also exists a traditional size postcard with Rosemary Clooney and Mitch Miller's Orchestra on an Auravision's 78 rpm recording which promoted the 1956 Ford Thunderbird automobile. Similar recordings, more like baseball cards, can be found among baseball collectibles of the 1960s.

Philately also has similar records; have you ever seen a copy of the colorful Bhutan record stamp set of 1973.

Also seen is an article in the American Philatelic Research Library's *PLR* 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012, p138/9 about The STAMP & COIN Collector (of UK?) issue of November, 1965. It reports that the issue included a record in the magazine. The record relates to the Penny Black as well as stamps from Papua and New Guinea. Has anybody have a copy of that magazine? Is the record an Auravision?

I have just obtained an envelope/package titled "Space Science & Exploration Information Kit" with a cachet *Scoutmaster's Program Aids for BSA*. It containing NASA material dated in the fall of 1961. There is no other scout reference in the grouping of mostly government brochures. The package was a handout and not mailed.

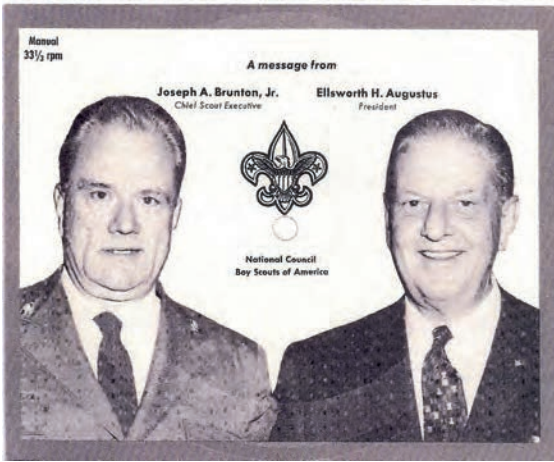


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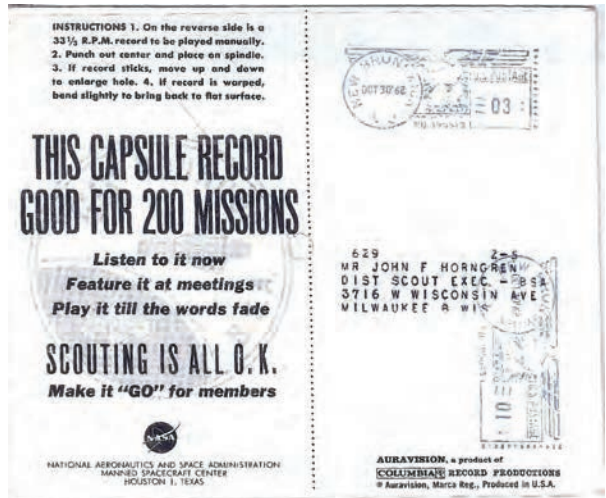


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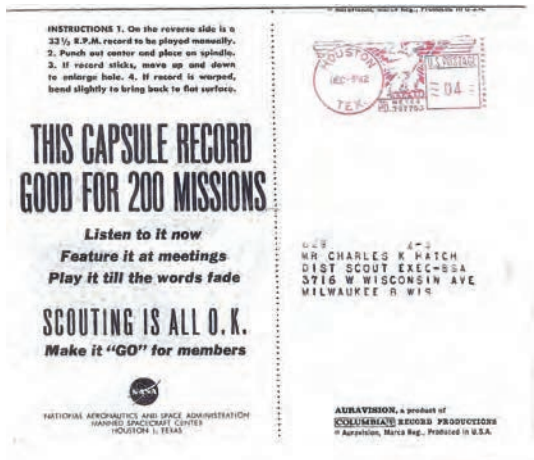


Figure 3



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**SUBSCRIPTIONS** are now due for the new year which started 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.

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

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Letter received re Festival of Cards

As the point of contact for your Postcard Club / Specialist Group, we at "Festival of Cards" would be grateful if you could pass on to your members, information about our Huntingdon Show (25th & 26th July 2014), with over 90 top dealers (already registered - more are expected).

Our events are specifically for people with interests in Postcards, Cigarette Cards, Autographs, Stamps and Ephemera.

Even with torrential flooding our February / Shepton Mallet event was later quoted by many as "now being the largest of its kind in the world". The dealer feedback following a post-event survey says it all. You can find the results of the survey on our website (link below)

Our Huntingdon show has been growing year on year and with the success of Shepton and the fantastic feedback we have received, we are planning for it to be larger than ever. Our overseas dealers are also attending which is great news as "new stock" is always of interest to the community.

Huntingdon is ideally placed in the heart of England and with excellent access from all directions. We have provided 3 pages of accommodation on our site, should you need to stop over.

You can find more information, including photos and video of the Shepton Mallet event, at [www.festivalofcards.com](http://www.festivalofcards.com) We are also on Facebook as "Festivalofcardsevents"



The above postcard shows aviation pioneer Claude Grahame-White in flight in a Farnham bi-plane at Hendon in 1911. There were many air shows that year, some certainly with Boy Scouts in attendance. The plane on the ground was also owned by Grahame-White as was Hendon aerodrome, an aircraft factory and a flying school. He was a friend of B-P's brother Baden who was also a pioneer aviator. Grahame-White took B-P's sister Agnes (Chief Guide Commissioner) for a flight, making her one of the earliest British women to have flown. When White married in 1912 and he had an 'Honour Guard' of Boy Scouts, the reception was held in Hylands Park Chelmsford, (home of the 2007 Centennial Jamboree) with many of the guests arriving in their own aeroplanes.



This postcard shows the pioneer aviator Gustav Hamel (in the long coat) with Scouts, in front of Graham White's Bleriot Monoplane. Hamel had a German father but was educated at Westminster School, London. He learnt to fly in Bleriot's Aviation School, in France in 1910 aged 21. His Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificate (Baden Baden-Powell - B-P's brother, was the club's secretary) was numbered 65. He was then employed at Grahame-White's flying school at Hendon and often flew Grahame-White's planes.

Hamel's first flight of note took place on March 24th 1911 when he flew a Bleriot from Hendon to Brooklands in a record 58 minutes. On the 9th September he delivered the first ever air-mail to the Postmaster General flying from Hendon to Windsor.



A miniature sheet of four stamps celebrating the First UK Aerial Post on Sept. 9th 1911 issued on Sept, 2011. Gustav Hemel is top right.

The postcard showing Hemel on the previous page is not dated and gives no clue as to where the photograph was taken. However, Strachan Duncan a 1909 Scout of 1st St Albans recalled in a book *Always a Scout A history of the 1st St Albans*, published in 1957, that the Troop were invited to camp at Hendon by Grahame-White over the period of the Daily Mail's Round Britain 1010 mile Race from 22nd July to 5th August 1911. This race was organised in conjunction with Baden B-P's Royal Aero Club. Strachan recalled they *helped in any capacity within our capabilities'*, which would have included pushing planes into position on the ground. He remembered meeting the event winner Captain Beaumont, Gustav Hamel and of course Grahame-White. It is then very possible that the photograph (on the postcard) was taken at Hendon during this event and that the Scouts were from the 1st St Albans.



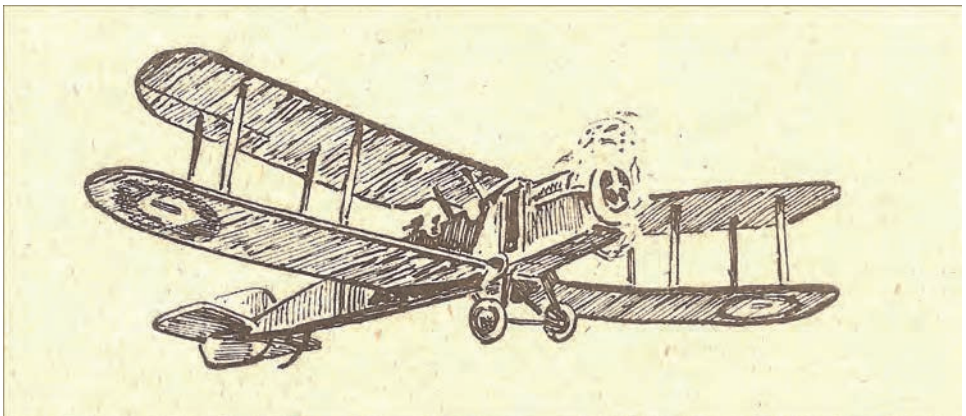
Australia's first airmail flight was not until July 1914 but was the mail also delivered by a Bleriot mono-plane.

On another flight over Windsor on Feb 2nd 1914, Hamel demonstrated a 'loop de loop' watched by King George V and enthusiastic Eton schoolboys. He won many air races and flew a Bleriot from London to Cologne nonstop. This aircraft was named Britannia and was given to the people of New Zealand. It was shipped there in 1913 only to be returned in 1914 for use by the Royal Flying Corps. It is thought to have been shot down in 1915. Hamel disappeared on 24 May 1914 (before WWI began) when flying over the channel.



The very young Scout shown with pilot Harold Blackburn, must surely have been a Troop Mascot? Harold Blackburn was brother of Robert, founder of Blackburn Aircraft Factory at Brough, Yorkshire. The photograph was taken on 'The Stray' Harrogate in 1913. The plane, a Blackburn 1912 monoplane happens to be Britain's oldest powered aircraft. (See photo on back page)

Harold Blackburn also landed his plane on a beach, close to the Filey airstrip where Blackburn aircraft were tested (probably a forced landing). The tide was coming in and threatened to swamp the aircraft. Harold Blackburn enlisted the help of troop of Boy Scouts camped on the cliffs to build a moat round the aircraft, keeping the water at bay long enough for the aircraft to be recovered.





B-P's sketch of a 1916 Bristol F.2B fighter. It accompanied his article, *From Flax to the Aeroplane*, published in the *Headquarters Gazette* of November 1918. The amazing history of the Scouts' War Time Flax Camps is fully documented in my new book *Scouts at War Vol 1, The Great War*, of which there is more elsewhere in this magazine. In 1916 the Royal Flying Corp began to change their previous 'spotter' or reconnaissance role, to more actively bombing enemy positions and shooting down the enemy's aircraft. A much greater number of planes were required, but unfortunately one of the basic raw materials, linen, to cover the wings and fuselage was in very short supply, because of the poor harvest in Northern Ireland and also the increased U-Boat menace in the Irish Sea. The other source of supply was through the Russian Baltic ports which also meant being exposed to the U-Boat menace, but there was also a spot of local difficulty in March 1917 in St Petersburg, triggering the Russian Revolution. The British Government had then no alternative but to encourage British farmers, most of whom had never grown flax, to provide a harvest. The Government inducement was a high rate of pay per acre no matter what the yield; with free seed, free weeding and free harvesting. The last two being especially significant because flax is a very labour intensive crop and there was no reserve of labour to carry out the task, every available adult being employed 'at the Front' or in munitions etc. The labour came from the Scout Movement. In 1918 the flax harvest was brought in by the use of 4500 Scouts which enabled new planes to be built which assisted in the Allies victory. B-P's sketch was published in the *Headquarters Gazette* in 1918 when B-P was reflecting on the role that his Scouts had played in the Great War. The sketch was to show that the final 'destination' of the flax that the Scout's had worked so hard to harvest. To be honest I thought that the sketch was 'generic', representing all of the very similar Great War aircraft. It was though specifically identified by my friend and proof reader Ian Leonard, ex Scout and early aviation enthusiast, as a Bristol F.2B. The sketch is then a testament to the Founder's eye for detail (which I should have known better than to question!)

The postcard on the back page is one of series of three owned by John Ineson, showing the same aircraft. The cards are unused, but one has information pencilled on the back to the effect that the planes had been donated in 1940 by the 'Guides of the Empire' to the RAF). It transpires that *The Guider* magazine set up an appeal to buy an ambulance for the RAF. Guides and Brownies raised £20,000, enough to buy two air-ambulances. The remaining £5000 was used to provide a lifeboat. The air-ambulances were specially adapted Airspeed Oxfords first flown in 1939. The plane illustrated at the bottom of the back cover was flown by 24 Squadron, listed P8833 but later named Nurse Cavell. Regretfully I have been unable to discover any details about the other air-ambulance

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The 1912 Blackburn Monoplane from the Shuttleworth Collection flying at Old Warden, Beds. Image 'davepphotogher'



Photograph from John Ineson's Collection.



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This rare postcard of the Gidney Cabin at Gilwell has no attribution and is postally unused but, penciled on its back, is the information that the photograph was taken by Howden Wilkie in 1932.

*(See "Colin's Corner starting on Page 19)*

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## Editorial

Well, here we are again - camping season in the UK and, whilst I'm not in a position myself to join in with the activities nowadays many of my colleagues here are attending Jamborees or simply taking their Scouts to camp. Our local Active Support Unit has built up quite a reputation for running catering and bar facilities and is in demand from several of the local Jamborees. I think that they have actually chosen to support the Norfolk Jamboree - NORJAMB - which is held in the Norwich area.

For my part, my wife and I have just completed a 10 day cruise around the British Isles which has enable me to finally visit the Neolithic site of Scara Brae in the Orkney Island and Betty to achieve her ambition of visiting the island of Tresco, along with its gardens, in the Scilly Isles. Both of these turned out to be, if anything, better than expected and well worth the visit. Other sites visited included Invergordon, Kirkwell, Stornaway and Tobermory in Scotland; Dublin, Guernsey and Honfleur in France (which was a really quaint and beautiful place). We were very fortunate with the weather which was absolutely glorious throughout, with temperatures high enough for us to walk around in short sleeved shirts.

We are now resting and trying to take life a bit easy before we travel out to Australia at the beginning of September to see our eldest son and his family. We were last there four years ago and they made a visit to the UK three years ago so our three grandsons have grown up quite a bit since we last saw them.

I hope you all have a good summer.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

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.**

Melvyn is away camping with his Scout Troop and he has asked me to send his best wishes to everyone with the hope that those who are also at Camp have a very enjoyable time and come back fully refreshed for the challenges ahead.

.....or words to that effect!!!

*Unofficial photo of Melvyn and his Scouts in camp*



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 SUBSCRIPTIONS are now overdue for the new year which started 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.

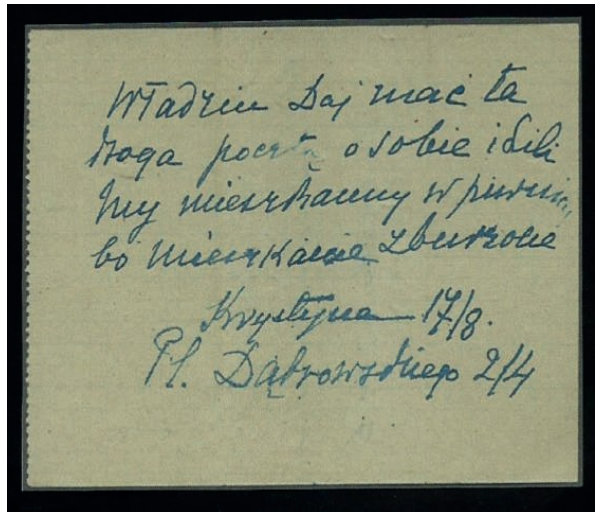
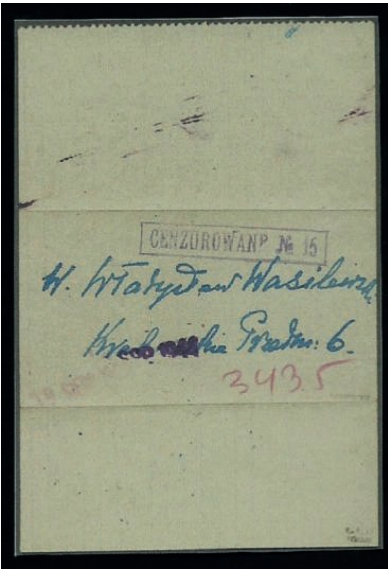
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<b>EUROPE AIRMAIL</b>	£21	£100	£12	£55
<b>REST OF WORLD AIRMAIL</b>	£26	£125	£12	£55
<b>JUNIORS ALL WORLD</b>	£6	NOT AVAILABLE	£5	NOT AVAILABLE

## John's Jottings

by John Ineson

Much has been written about the centenary of the start of the 1st World War, and in many countries, museums have displays about this event. It is also now 70 years since the Warsaw Uprising which commenced on 1st August 1944, and was a struggle by the Polish Home Army to liberate Warsaw from German occupation. The Uprising was part of a nationwide rebellion, and was intended to last for only a few days until the Soviet Army reached the city. The Soviet advance stopped short of entering Warsaw, as Stalin disliked the Poles and wanted the city to fall to the Germans. With the city in ruins, resistance against the German forces continued for 63 days until the Polish surrendered on 3rd October.

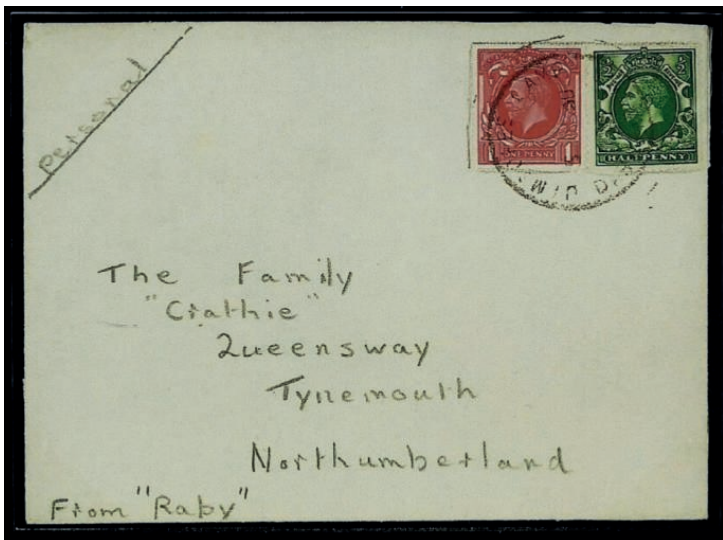
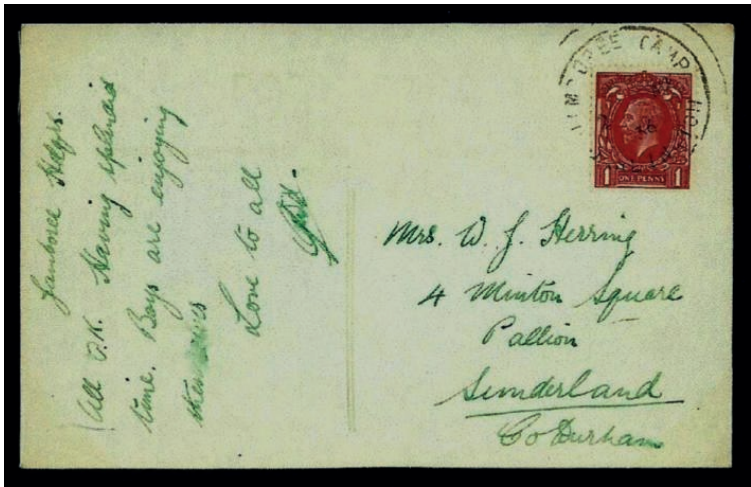
The Polish Scout movement was very active underground during the German occupation and being very well organized, undertook with great efficiency, the difficult task of establishing



military communication channels. The Scout authorities also realised the essential need for the civilian population to communicate with their families in other parts of the City, so the Scout Field Post was established. The first postal service was set up by a group of Scouts in Warsaw Central-South on the 2nd of August 1944, and operated a limited delivery only within that district. On the 4th of August, the Scout Headquarters decided to organize a full postal service for all parts of Warsaw. In addition, seven more sub-post offices were opened and as many as 40 post-boxes were placed in different locations throughout the City. Due to the isolation of some of the Polish held parts of Warsaw, the only available means of communication was through the sewers under the streets. During the first month of the uprising, the Scout Movement exclusively ran the Field

Post, with the head sorting office mainly employing Girl Guides. The daily intake of between 3.000 to 6.000 letters was routinely sorted and on a peak day of 13th August, the intake reached about 10,000 letters! The illustrated item (without the Scout circular cachet but with Censor mark No 15) and the reverse with a message, was recently sold by Gartner Auctions in Germany and made €780 (£650. US\$ 1040)

I missed the Cavendish sale held in the UK in June when two examples of the very scarce 1936 Darlington Jamboree cancel were offered in auction. Both a postcard and the extremely rare cover (of which only one other is known) were sold. I understand from the auctioneers that both items were purchased by two different private buyers. It was noted in the catalogue that a similar postcard was sold by them in December 2000 and sold for £1265 including buyers premium.





At the end of June, I had the pleasure of spending a day in Vaduz, Liechtenstein. I was staying with friends in Switzerland, and Liechtenstein is only just over an hour's drive from their home. Vaduz is a charming place dominated by the Prince's Castle set high over the city (a very small city!). On one of the pedestrian walkways there are a series of pictures of stamps set into the pavement, leading up to the main Post Office. It gives a lovely effect, and is very colourful. Of course, I got to thinking about stamps, Scout ones in particular, and it occurred to me that Liechtenstein was only the third country to depict Scouts on their stamps. Hungary 1925 and Romania 1931 and 1932 had only been earlier. Liechtenstein's Child Welfare issue of 21 December 1932 depicted Prince Francis with Scouts on the 30Rp stamp. The 20Rp stamp shows his wife Princess Elsa with girls in national costume. The designs were taken from photographs at an event



on 30 August 1932 in the grounds of Vaduz Castle.

Scouting in Liechtenstein was first registered in 1931, and the Girl Guides in 1932. Perhaps the girls in national costume were Guides in the making and uniforms had not been produced at that time?

I have two postcards from the event which took place in August 1932. One is an original (I believe) and the other was a reproduction produced for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scout Philatelic Exhibition in Ancona, Italy on St. George's Day 23 April 1970.

Liechtenstein's Scout Movement was started in 1931 following a visit from members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Finchley Scout Group from north London. The members of this Group wore

kilts and were known as the “Scottish” Scouts. I have an envelope addressed to Scout D.Underwood, 10<sup>th</sup> Finchley with typed label “Lager der Schottischen Pfadfinder, Vaduz, Liechtenstein, also a postcard showing members of the Group at the gates of Vaduz Castle. Another postcard in my collection shows the Group with its pipe band outside their headquarters being visited by Sir Percy Everett, Deputy Chief Scout Commissioner. This is dated 16/8/38.

In the early 1950`s, I was a member of the International Scout Club, and one of the Scouters wore both the British and Liechtenstein Scout badges on his uniform, and a kilt. Unfortunately, I didn`t discover his identity at the time, but now believe him to have been the Group Scoutmaster.



Later, in 1953, Liechtenstein had the distinction of producing the first stamp depicting Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of the World. This issue of four values in sheets of 20 with decorative borders was made on 4 August 1953 for the 14<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference which took place in Vaduz from 8 to 13 August. The host of the Conference was Prince Emanuel, grandson of Prince Francis who was pictured on the 1932

stamp.



The next issue from Liechtenstein commemorated the Centenary of the birth of B-P and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting in 1957. Two stamp se-tenant in sheetlets of 12, one of which shows a caricature of B-P – which you either like, or you don`t! These

sheetlets were numbered 1 or 2, probably No.2 is a little scarcer to find.

No more issues until 1981 which the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Liechtenstein Scouting was commemorated with one stamp.



1982 – we were all getting excited about the Youth Organisations issue by Royal Mail on 24 March, which would for the first time actually depict Scouts and Guides. Four values were issued: 15 ½p Boys` Brigade

19 ½p Girls` Brigade

26p Scout and Cub Scout

29p Girl Guide and Brownie

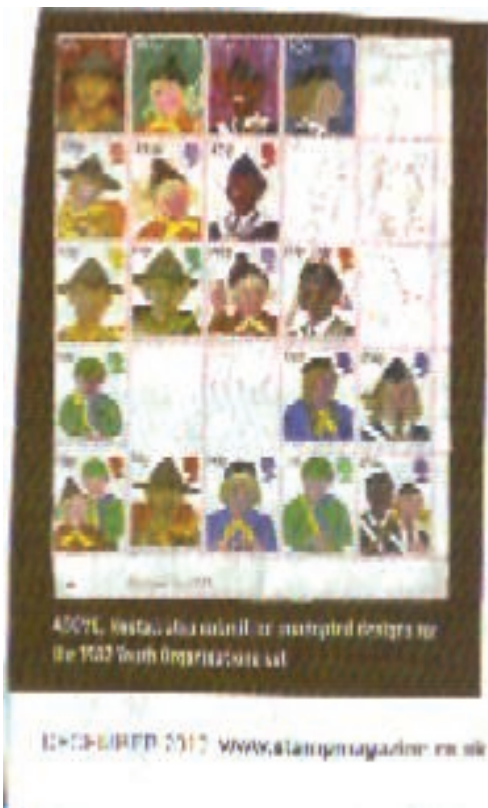
Designs were submitted by many artists, the eventual designer being Brian Sanders and the stamps were printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd in sheets of 100 with central gutter. Our Bulletins in 1982 were typed and photocopied by a printer, consequently the illustrations were fairly basic. The designs of the stamps which were shown in the July/August 1982 Bulletin showed the Scout value as being 22p, this was later revised to 26p.

There were 10 first day cancellations on 24 March and a large number of cachet covers and cards were available. Also in our May/June Bulletin we were able to reproduce some of the unaccepted stamp designs. At the end of 2013 “Stamp Magazine” reproduced the unaccepted designs by Andrew Restall. We have not shown these before.

1982/3 was designated “The Year of the Scout” which commenced on 22 February 1982 and continued until the close of the 15<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Canada. In particular, the “Year” commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the Boy Scout Movement at Brownsea Island in 1907, and the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of Robert Baden-Powell on 22 February 1857.

“The Year of the Scout” gave many countries the opportunity to issue stamps in honour of Scouting and Baden-Powell. Altogether about 100 nations and territories issued stamps, some with miniature sheets, and some as late as 1984. At the time, of course, it was the biggest influx of Scouting stamps, and altogether

probably doubled the number of issues available for Scout philatelists.





Tony Manson of Ontario, Canada and currently Vice-President of SOSSI has sent me copies of two envelopes which had been sent into the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Jamboree Camp at Arrowe Park in 1929. Both were addressed to Theodore Dorman, Scoutmaster of Troop 26, American Contingent, and had been posted in Birkenhead and London respectively.



Tony quotes from our Club's Postal History Monograph written in 1978 by Jimmy Golton and Reg Morris that "The inward mail was handled by the camp staff and they dealt with some 40,000 to 50,000 items per day." As Tony remarks regarding this quotation "I guess these two examples are not so special!" Certainly, more letters were written at that period – in the days of few telephones, no mobiles

and computers. But this seems to an extraordinary amount of mail sent into the Jamboree. On checking the World Jamboree Souvenir Handbook, I can quote "on many days no fewer than twenty-five thousand letters were dealt with. One day twenty-six bags of letters and fifty-two bags of parcels in addition to two hundred and fifty-nine registered packages and three hundred telegrams claimed attention.



Letters addressed `Scout Tom Smith, Arrowe Park` did not facilitate business, and of such there were many, although never more than two hundred and forty remained on hand."

So I do not know where Jimmy and Reg obtained the figure of 40,000 to 50,000 (inward) items per day. How many have you seen? In my collection I have one – from Denmark. John Ineson tells me he has two.



## The Postal Workings of Today

Paul van Herpt

For the first dozen or so Scout Jamboree's held in New Zealand there was always a Post Office presence. In those days, the Jamboree started early January and went for a full 10 days excluding arrival and departure days. The Post Office then also had the Post Office Savings Bank which many school children had special savings accounts handled through their schools. So at the Jamboree the Post Office was there offering full postal, telegraph, and savings bank services, usually manned by Scouters who worked for the Post Office. This meant the Jamboree Post Office opened hours that suited the Jamboree programme, and public holidays were irrelevant. From the collectors point of view, this meant POSB counter cancels used instead of a postal one for registered receipts, being able to queue up and get registered items processed and fully utilise the services normally available, but from the temporary office so unique items simple to produce with some validity.

Over the New Year period of 2013/2014, the 20<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Jamboree was held at Manfeild Park in Feilding. This site has now been the venue for 3 Jamborees, 1984 and 2005 being the predecessors. The Jamboree had a move in day of the 28<sup>th</sup> December, a Sunday, with the opening ceremony held that evening, and activity programmes starting the following day and a closing ceremony on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> January, also a Sunday, and moving out day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, a total of 10 days.

Over this time span, there were 2 public holidays (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> January) and 3 weekend days (28<sup>th</sup> December, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January) when there is no postal service available. With only half the 10 day period having postal service, what options were in Feilding. You can bring your own cards and stamps, and try and find a street posting box nearest the campsite to deposit them in. If you took that option, what would you get on your cover. Mail from any postal outlet or street box nowadays go to centralised mail centres, the appropriate one for Feilding is the Manawatu Centre in nearby Palmerston North where the mail would get a machine cancel with currently used text "*Carried by New Zealand Post 410-09 (a date) Got a Question ? Visit [www.nzpost.co.nz/help](http://www.nzpost.co.nz/help)*". No mention of Feilding in that slogan, and you need to know that the Manawatu Mail Centre uses the code **410** as there are no place names on the mechanised cancelling systems in NZ.

Apart from the street posting boxes, there is in Feilding a Postshop agency in the "Take Note" Bookshop at 9 Goodbehere Street in the town centre, and nearby, the Feilding Delivery Branch at 17 Manchester Street. The latter is where the local delivery staff come to collect the mail they deliver around the town, so that leaves the "Take Note" bookshop as the only place where you have any chance of getting perhaps the counter cancel with the name Feilding in it for cancelling your mail.

Those who attend a Jamboree of course, are there for that event and with a full programme have little chance to get into the town centre just to get items cancelled. It is not like the old days where the Post Office was on-site and open in the evenings and during meal times so you could sneak out for a bit to arrange for your collecting requirements to be satisfied !

In the beginning of 2013, the Director of Communications for the Jamboree, Jane Hansen, approached the National Scout Museum (NSM) for information on the” lazy letter” designs that had been produced for some earlier Jamboree. These are postcards or lettercards where the sender ticks boxes for predetermined messages rather actually needing to write anything. The NSM produced a short report showing 3 differing distinct types used over the years going back as far as 1938. The report also raised a number of issues and proposed a solution to those, namely the easiest to produce would be in postcard form, but having those they would also need to provide stamps and somewhere to post them from.

The recommendations took advantage of new trends, by proposing the use of a CAL stamp, (Customised Advertising Label) and selling these with the cards, It also recommended approaching NZ Post for a special postmark. The recommendations were forwarded to the Jamboree Organising Committee who did approve them, and subsequently NZ Post also agreed to provide the postmark.

**The CAL Stamp**

Getting a CAL stamp is pretty straight forward, go onto the NZ Post website, drop a design into the template there, pay your money by credit card, and a few days later the courier delivers your stamps. They are produced at the Stamps and Collectables Centre in Wanganui. They are cautious with copyright and I did get an email back asking for proof that I had the authority to use the event logo.

We decided the Jamboree logo was probably the most appropriate thing to have on the stamp, but it needed modifying as the original was in black and Manfeild Green. A black logo would not be appropriate for taking a postmark, but as you tone down the black into grey, the green goes very “dirty” and weak as a colour, so adjust the green and it becomes too different. A lot of playing around and in the end a reasonable colour solution adopted.



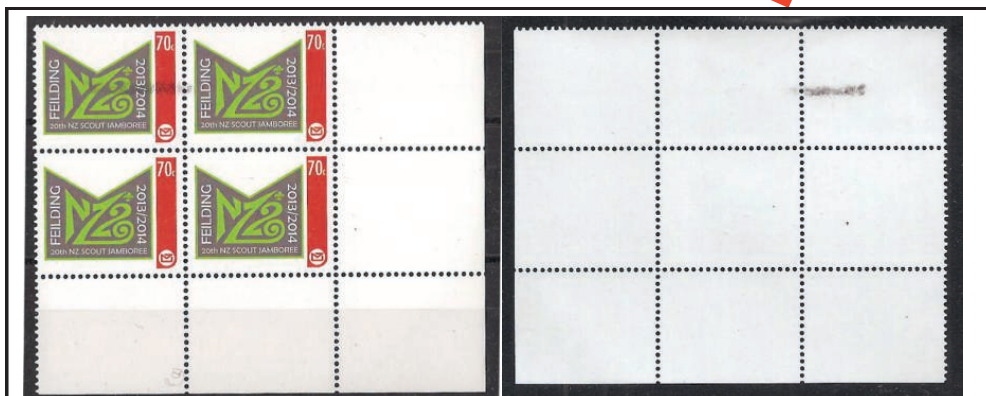
*Four of the experimental colour options played with in the process of determining the right CAL option*

2500 stamps or 50 sheets were ordered during November 2013 using the horizontal template, on gummed and perforated paper. Pre-orders were taken and these accounted for 11 sheets, and those orders were not distributed until late January 2014. The remaining sheets were taken to Feilding on 28th December and then made available there at the event. They were initially sold singly with bulk amounts of CAL's not being available till the 6th January and at the end 2.5 sheets (say 120 stamps) remained unsold, which have been subsequently used on a mail-out for Scouting.

NZ Post reproduce all CAL's issued in a calendar year in an annual year pack. In this pack they get printed se-tenant. They also produce First Day Covers with these sheetlets of CAL's on them with a date of 31 December 2013. However, these packs don't normally come out till late February or March. By getting the Jamboree CAL printed in 2013 but not used and officially postmarked until 6 January 2014, there will no doubt be some confusion over the real issue date when the Year Pack is issued by NZ Post.

Of the 50 sheets, there were some imperfections. The most repetitive imperfection was a dark smudge on the stamp. This smudge repeated on the gummed side, indicating it was probably the result of a dirty roller in the printing machine. Nine sheets were effected, all near the bottom in the 9<sup>th</sup> row, 4 sheets it effected the middle column stamp, 2 sheets effecting the 4<sup>th</sup> column stamp, and one sheet it appeared between column 1 and 2. Two stamps had a white spot, about the size of a perforation hole. These also were found in the 9<sup>th</sup> row and in the middle column, potentially caused by the paper punched out in the perforation process lying on the paper when it went through the printing, and subsequently falling off leaving the white hole.

*Right; The two stamps with "white dot"*



*Front and back of a block of 4 showing the "smudge" flaw probably caused by a dirty printer roller*

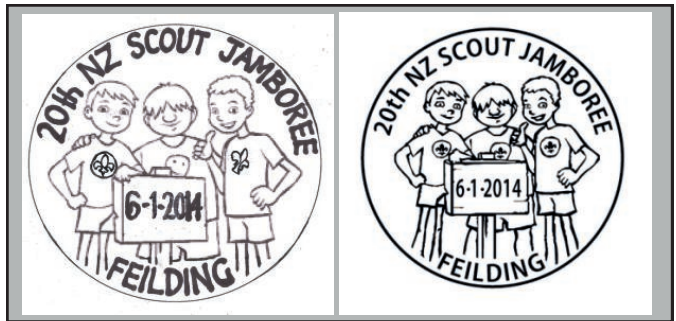
## The Postmark

NZ Post generously approved our application for a postmark in March 2013, but the design was not carried out until October. The concept was to show some youth in the postmark as that is who the event is for. With the CAL using the logo and the postmark the Scouts it becomes a consistent package. The date selected had to be from one of the 5 days during the event when postal services were operating. The 6<sup>th</sup> January was selected as being the last day. The arrangement with NZ Post was that mail to be postmarked would be collected and kept at the Jamboree and then delivered to the Feilding Delivery Branch before midday on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We were warned that the supervisor of the centre was due to retire on 31 December so we would be dealing with a new person to the role. The mail was taken at the appointed time and there was some confusion, but quickly sorted by a couple of phonecalls.

The mail went from the Delivery branch to Stamps and Collectables in Wanganui. Unfortunately, a mix up there (summer holidays) meant they were not postmarked until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. From there on that day the mail was sent across to the Manawatu Mail Centre to be put into mail system for distribution to all the addressees.

The delay in postmarking was a little unfortunate as many Scouts hit the Facebook pages complaining where their Jamboree postcards went. The idea of getting the next generation to use the postal system worked by the sales made, but the delay backfired a bit ! Nevertheless, the support of NZ Post was appreciated.

*Right;  
The original sketch and  
finished artwork for the  
postmark based on an image  
from the postcard design*

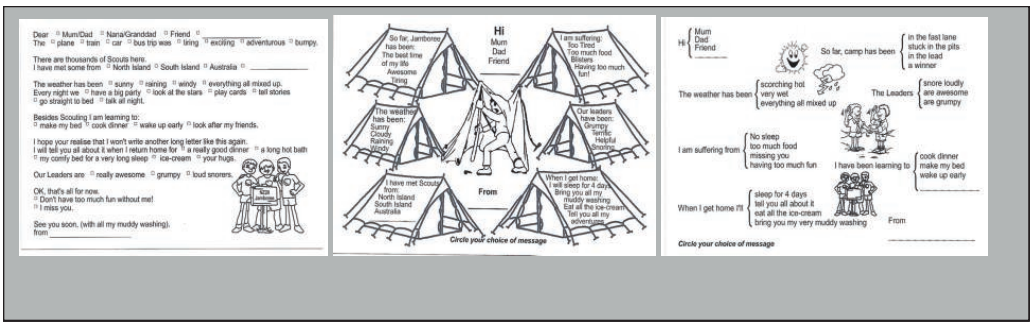


## The Postcards

The postcards were produced by the Jamboree Media team. There were 3 “lazy-letter” options produced with a common address side design.

*(See top of next page)*





## More Mail

One NZ collector produced his own covers to cover to cover his local Scout Contingent (Marlborough Zone) going to the Jamboree. 11 covers were sent to Feilding for postmarking on 29th December since the Jamboree opened on the 28<sup>th</sup>. His covers were stamped at the Feilding Delivery Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> December and were returned before the event even started. The Delivery branch datestamp is not one designed for postmarking so not only an incorrect date, an generally unsatisfactory result. His response was to send another 12 covers to the Manawatu Mail Centre who then postmarked them with their circular datestamp on 6th January, so the last day.



An American collector saw publicity issued for the pre-orders for the CALS and the postmark and sent 2 covers address to the author at the Jamboree. Incoming mail to Jamborees is usually hard to acquire, but unfortunately the author wasn't at the event and the mail from the US arrived late. The covers received postmarks from the local Postshop agency, one dated 8 January, the other 9<sup>th</sup> January (assumed to be in and out) and the yellow and black self adhesive "Return to Sender" label type PO1404(08/09) applied. It is interesting to note the datestamp is misspelt "FIELDING TAKE NOTE". The sender used the author's Christchurch address so when returned the items travelled from Feilding to the Manawatu Mail Centre and then down to Christchurch.

*(See illustration on rear cover)*

## Conclusion

Times have changed, and getting mail sent, processed, and delivered is continually changing. The traditional summer holidays, which for us in the southern hemisphere occurs around the Christmas/New Year period, make a significant impact on options for a philatelic commemoration during this period.

However, there are also changes that have provided other options to allow us to commemorate this regular national Scout event with a reasonably genuine philatelic item. The use of the CAL stamp is one of these. By creating an item to send (the postcards), provided a specific and special stamp to pay for the postage (the CAL), careful selection for a suitable date, holding outgoing mail in camp until the last day and then putting it all in one go into the mail system, we believe we did achieve a good philatelic commemoration which may not be the same as traditional times, but was a good use of the current system

*(Note; Stamps and Collectables was once known as the Philatelic Bureau, and is part of NZ Post.) Also thanks to Tony Lester of Blenheim and TP McDermott of Westchester USA for sending me covers which formed part of this article.*

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Scout collage on Postcards Alex Hadden

Here is an interesting collage created by a series of 10 postcards printed by the Marchal Scout Museum in Switzerland. The original picture was by O. Denizard in 1914. Each postcard gave some details of one of the Scout Collectors meetings (#1 to 10) held in various countries from the 1<sup>st</sup> in Bullet, Switzerland in 1983 to the 10<sup>th</sup> in Geneva, Switzerland in 1991. The other locations were (in order) France, Luxembourg, Great Britain, France, Australia, Denmark, Italy and Great Britain. Since these are all mint, I have no idea as to whether there was a special cancel. I know when I was at the Australian one (immediately after the World Jamboree), the interest was mainly badges. Does anyone have these used?

*The collage is reproduced in full on the next page of this Bulletin*





## The Don Potter Challenge

Regular readers will know that my brief is to encourage members to 'Look Wide' in the use of the material to illustrate their collections, particularly other paper ephemera such as postcards, cigarette cards, letters etc. My 'track record' of around 40 articles for this publication will show that they do usually manage to include at least one stamp! As far as I know, Don Potter does not appear on any stamp, but I am certain that some of his works and associated events will have found their way onto postage stamps, though unfortunately not British ones. The challenge then is for you to supply me with scans of any philatelic material related to Don to add to the postcards and press photos etc as used below. Extra bonus points will be issued for stamps illustrating a link NOT listed below! The scans, with acknowledgments, will be published in a future issue of the *Bulletin*.



Donald Potter was born on April 21st, 1902 at Newington, near Sittingbourne Kent. His father was a school teacher and, though not a wealthy man, was able to send Don to private school. One of his school reports was prophetic:

*Though by no means good at his books, he should do very well in later life. His character is developing along the right lines. He is fitted for an out-of-doors life.*

Don joined Newington Scouts when still only eight and, by one of those amazing Scouting coincidences, fell under the influence of an outstanding Scoutmaster, none other than E E (Josh) Reynolds, who was also Don's English Schoolmaster at the time. Reynolds was to become the editor of *The Scouter*, the Official Historian of the UK Scout Association. He was the innovator of 'Bob a Job', the founder of the Scouts International Relief Service and also the Scoutcar Races.

The Potters moved to Chingford, Essex, very close to Gilwell Park, when Don was 13. At that time, during WWI, the privately-owned Park was without residents and much overgrown. He left school in 1917 to work in a munitions factory in near-by Enfield, a job he detested. In 1919, W F de Bois MacLaren presented Gilwell Park to the Scout Association. Don, with his Troop, which must have been one of the nearest to Gilwell, was invited on a regular basis to help with the clearing-up. He was absolutely delighted to be offered a job as a permanent member of the full-time



staff at Gilwell and was on hand, aged 17, to assist in the first ever Wood Badge Course which was held in the Park during September of that year.



1919 1st Wood Badge Course. Helper Don Potter on seated on ground to right, (no hat).

B-P gave each of the participants two beads from his Dinizulu necklace to mark the fact that they had finished their training. When these beads began to run out, it was Don that carved the replicas that were given to later generations of Wood Badgers.



*The cropped image opposite is of Don Potter from a postcard captioned: **3. Carrying Axes**, published by the Scout Association. The full image shows another Rover standing by Don's side carrying an axe over his shoulder.*



**A REAL SCOUT.**—There is a real Scout—an outdoor, experienced backwoodsman—at Gilwell Park, Essex. Don, as he is called, is here shown using a Borneo blowpipe.

By the age of twenty, Don Potter was recognised by B-P himself as a craftsman of distinction. He camped at B-P's house at *Pax Hill*, Bentley, in Hampshire and undertook carving commissions for the Founder, utilising fallen *Pax Hill* oak trees said to be 1,200 years old. Don was brought to the attention of readers of the *Scout Magazine* in the September 26th 1926 edition where he was described as *A Real*

*Scout* - an outdoor, experienced woodsman. He is pictured blowing a 'Borneo blowpipe'.

A month later *The Scout* again featured Don, describing him as *Troop Leader Donald Potter - A Chingford Scout*, picturing him carving a font for a local (Chingford) church from a piece of 12th century oak, one of the many pieces of Don's work that still exists in the locality.

When Don saw the cowboy Tex McLeod give a demonstration of rope-spinning at a London theatre he was entranced, and invited Tex to visit Gilwell. By the end of the year, Don was more than proficient himself and was later to co-write a book on the subject, *Rope Spinning with a Special Chapter on How to Use the Lariat*. He was in constant demand to give rope-spinning exhibitions himself, including a star spot in one of Ralph Reader's early Gang Shows and during the visit of the Prince of Wales to Gilwell. The Prince was there to accept a statuette of a Bison to commemorate the role of an unknown London Boy Scout in the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. Exhibitions of Don's rope spinning abilities were to continue, at home and abroad, until Don was in his nineties!

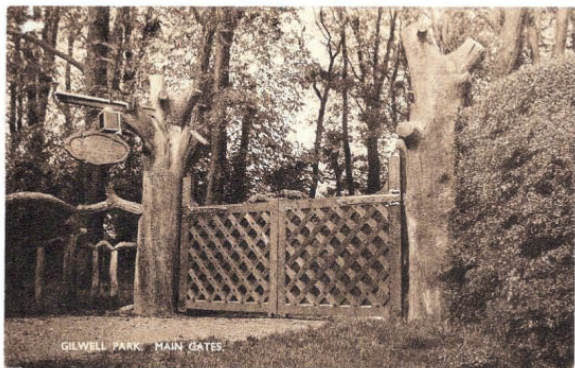


*Above: Don Potter rope spinning, a detail from a post card, also numbered 3, published by the Scout Association*

For the 1929 World Jamboree Don was commissioned to make totems for the five British Dominions Australia, Canada, India, South Africa and New Zealand. Each totem was surmounted by a Scout fleur-de-lis and had carvings appropriate to the dominion concerned. On the back of each totem were the words *Friendship Jamboree 1929 R.B-P*, originally written by the Chief Scout and then deeply incised by Don. The totems were presented by the Chief Scout at the Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead.

This photograph, (top of next page) showing all five totems, came from the official Jamboree Souvenir Handbook which gave full credit to Don for his work, describing him as *Mr Don Potter, the Scout Carver of Gilwell Park Training Centre, Chingford, Essex*. The totem Don carved for the Dominion of Canada is safely preserved in its National Scouting museum

Frank Gidney, Gilwell's first Camp Chief, was a big influence on Don, lending him his own wood-carving tools and encouraging him to take on ever more ambitious projects. It was fitting then that his protégée Don Potter should in his honour build a traditional Canadian log cabin, which was opened in 1930 by B-P, two years after Gidney's death. *(See postcard on front cover)*



Above: Postcard of Don's Leopard Gates circa 1920s. Don refurbished the leopards on the top rail of the gates (the gate handles), not long before he died.

Opposite: Postcard of the Jim Green Gateway which was constructed by Don in the style of a Maori arch in 1930. Jim Green was a Hertfordshire Scoutmaster who died at the age of 29. The horizontal fascia at the base of the triangle contains images of woodcraft symbols.





Don's prowess as a carver became more widely known. He met Jacob Epstein who had studied in Paris with Rodin. In 1931, on the advice of his old Scoutmaster Josh Reynolds, he approached Eric Gill, with a view to becoming his apprentice. Gill was an engraver, designer of typefaces and sculptor, who had carved the Stations of the Cross in Westminster Cathedral. He offered Don a six month's trial, but Don stayed as his pupil for six years. During this time, Don's experience widened as he worked under Gill's direction and he was able to undertake commissions in his own name. Importantly, he was also able to meet and be influenced by other leading sculptors. In 1934, Don began to take on his own pupils and worked at Oldfield School in Swanage, Dorset

In 1941, he started to work at Bryanston, one of the foremost Art and Craft schools in the country, and was a member of its staff for 41 years! The list of his associates and pupils whilst he was at Bryanston is impressive - Sir Terence Conran, founder of the Habitat furniture design shop empire, is amongst many who rank Don as the major creative influence in their lives

Don married in 1945, and he and his wife Mary had two children, Anne, born in 1947 and Julian in 1952. Anne recalls that her father learnt transcendental meditation in the 1960s and practised it on a twice-daily basis. She is convinced that this was a contributory factor in her father's longevity.

Don never forgot his Scouting roots and was a regular visitor to Gilwell. He was given three major commissions by the Scout Association, the Memorial Stone on Brownsea



H. R. H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K. G. UNVEILS THE B-P STATUE. JULY 12th 1961

Island, the larger-than-life-sized statue of Baden-Powell outside Baden-Powell House,



London and a large granite bust of The Chief Scout for the Dominican Republic (This surely must be on a stamp?) No one could be better qualified to have undertaken this work. Don not only knew B-P well but, as a Scout, had an understanding of what The Chief Scout meant to his Worldwide Movement. There can be no doubt that Baden-Powell would have approved as he had often publicly recognised Don's artistic abilities.

Like his old master Eric Gill, Don never signed his work and so most people viewing his sculptures at Brownsea or B-P House will have any idea of the identity of the sculptor, or his Scouting links.

Don Potter died aged 101 in 2004, having just completed another woodcarving! It is with some pride that I learnt that Don's daughter, Annie Singleton, had read him my potted biography of his Scouting life and so he was aware of the affection and respect in which he was still held.

Readers may be interested to learn that, following the fund-raising by the author in America the original American gifted 'Quaker Style' furniture in the Gidney Cabin was restored in 2012. Last year the Yorkshire Contingent of the 2nd Gilwell Scout Group which continues the Rover tradition of Service within the Park, completely renovated the cabin, replacing some of the 80 year old tree trunks supporting the roof, which has been completely replaced, clad in the same specification Canadian cedar shingles. The original fireplace has been rebuilt and provided with a glass fronted 'stove', much reducing the fire risk, and the old electrical system replaced with appropriate lighting. The cabin is now provided with a permanent display of its history. Don Potter's creation to Frank Gidney's memory will be an enduring feature of the park for many decades to come.

For a full account of Don's life see:

*Don Potter: An Inspiring Century, by Vivienne Light.*

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# BULLETIN

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*See Peter Duck's  
article about  
Euroscout 2014  
which starts on  
page 6 of this issue.*

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## Editorial

We safely managed our visit to see our family in Australia and my thanks to Etihad Airways for the safe and extremely comfortable travel. It is strange to see one's grandchildren especially after a gap of three years. The eldest, William, was 11 when we last saw him and he is now 14 - what a difference the three years have made, not least in his size! The other two, Edward and Henry, are now 12 and 11 respectively with similar changes. They are all very settled in the Sydney and I can't see any reason which would bring them back to the UK - especially as Mark has just been offered a new senior job with Sydney Water.

Scouting has started a new year in the UK and it seem strange that after 30 plus years I am not committed on Sunday afternoons to Gang Show. In fact I don't have any "Scouting" commitments at all, for the first time since I was 8 years old, being just a member of the Adult Support Unit - Scout Active Support. It will be interesting to see how things work out.

I will achieve the big "70" in November and we are going away for a week's family holiday in a rented property in Suffolk, with my other son, Stephen. My wife will also reach this milestone on 1st January and we are making plans to help her celebrate.

Hopefully you will enjoy this issue, which is a good mix of philately, reading, postcards and history.

There's a bit of a dearth of reserve items at present so now's the time to let me have your contribution.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

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**

**London 2015 Europhilex - 13th to 16th May, 2015 - at Business Design Centre, London. N1.**

*We are awaiting details of our Meeting facility.*

With the continuation of World War One commemorations a recent £1 miniature sheet from Jersey illustrates the recruiting poster entitled “Are You In This?” designed by B-P. Within the design are figures of a navy sailor, a soldier being handed bullets by a Boy Scout, a nurse, a female munitions worker and a blacksmith. At the side stands a young man to which the poster is aimed - at somebody that no doubt B-P would have described as a “loafer”.

This poster is number 112 from a series of around 200 designs in different shapes and sizes published by Parliamentary Recruiting Committee set up in August, 1914. This was a cross party organisation chaired by the Prime Minister, Herbert Asquith. It used the party infrastructures in parliamentary constituencies to support recruitment with the party activists distributing leaflets, organising rallies, processions and public meetings. These posters were published before conscription in January 1916 and in 1916 the PRC became the Parliamentary War Savings Committee.

There are, to my knowledge, two other posters from this series that also depict Boy Scouts, all in my collection, showing that the patriotic zeal of the Boy Scouts could shame adults into volunteering and signing up to the colours. Number 61 is a simple in silhouette entitled “What Will Your Answer Be”. The other poster is number 122, designed by Baron Low in 1915, entitled “Everyone Should Do his Bit”. A splendid design of a Boy Scout drummer standing before a wall covered with other recruiting posters. Perhaps these posters will also be reproduced as stamps.

*See illustrations of these posters on the back cover.*

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**SUBSCRIPTIONS** are now overdue for the new year which started 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.

**Final reminder before deletion from Membership.**

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

Jersey has recently released a set of six stamps and a miniature sheet showing a World War I recruiting poster designed by Baden-Powell. Issued to mark the 100 year anniversary of the outbreak of the war, the £1.00 stamp includes part of the poster showing a Scout. Two other recruiting posters are known concerning Scouts and these are also described and shown in Colin Walker's recently published book "Scouts at War". In my collection I have a label and the same sketch as a postcard sold both in Russia and Japan to help the war effort. Do any of our members have this card produced in the U.K.? as I cannot recall seeing one for sale.

*See illustrations of these posters on the back cover.*

I have written before about an eBay dealer in Hong Kong who sells material which in my opinion is dubious. Recently he offered a "First Edition Scouting for Boys by Baden-Powell - Six Part book". Starting at £99.00, this made £185. What upsets me is that somebody has bought what they thought was the original first edition, when in fact they were facsimile copies produced by the Scout Book Club in the 1930's. Bound in green, this was part of a fairly large set of books and today's price is only £5-£10 each, although Scouting for Boys is worth a little more. A similar book with facsimile issues of the original parts was sold in 1957 at the time of the World Jamboree. For those who do not know, the original six fortnightly parts were all the same size except for the first issue which is slightly smaller overall.

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**Letter from Paul Van Herpt**

With reference to the "Colin's Corner" and the Don Potter carved totems presented to the 5 Dominions in 1929, the New Zealand one is also in our National Scout Museum here in Kaiapoi. Images of it can be seen on the website [www.nzmuseums.co.nz](http://www.nzmuseums.co.nz) and if you search for National Scout Museum and then 1929 it will come up. In the photo of the presentation shown in the Bulletin the New Zealand representative (with the obvious dark (black) scarf standing at the back between BP and Potter is J R H Cooksey. In 1929 he was a farmer from Rissington in the Hawkes Bay where he ran a Troop in this small country settlement. He later became Dominion Commissioner for Training and an employee of the Association and responsible for acquiring Tatum Park (our Gilwell). Today part of his farm is in Scouting's hands, known as Weka Campsite. To the right of Potter in that same photo is another New Zealander, Arthur Meacham of Wellington who in 1927 became New Zealand's first recorded awardee of the Cornwall Scout Badge. He was a polio victim that left him with calipers on one leg and reliant on crutches to get around, yet completed both Kings Scout and a Wood Badge and was a member of the New Zealand Contingent that went to Arrowe Park.

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EUROSCOUT 2014 TAASTRUP, DENMARK \* - 10 August 2014.

Collectors from 14 nations attended the 10<sup>th</sup> EuroScout Exhibition which commemorated

the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree held in Ermelunden, Denmark in 1924. A few of the displays showed items from this event, mostly postcards as there was no stamp or postmark for the Camp. Altogether there were 23 exhibits comprising from one to five frames (each x 16 sheets) which included some of (and Guide) philatelic material exist. Also there were 20 exhibits and 11 entries for Award. This award was Liutikas from Lithuania.



Three postmarks were available, one for each day. On 8 August, the Scout with legs astride and holding two Danish flags. This design label which was issued in 1924 for the World Jamboree. And coincided the number 10 in Roman numerals for the 10<sup>th</sup> EuroScout Exhibition

The second day saw a postmark which included the emblems of IFSCG Scout Collectors Club. On 10 August, the postmark showed a reproduction badge used at the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree, and the date coincided exactly day in 1924. There were also matching envelopes for each postmark



Two postcards were on sale showing original 1924 designs – one a Scout drummer, the other of the Scout with flags as in the first day postmark, above. A pack of reproduction postcards of scenes from the Jamboree in 1924 was also on sale.

SGSC was represented by John Ineson, Colin Walker and myself. John and I also had displays, mine was of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, France 1947 and John showed items from Hungary 1921-48 and 1937 India Scout and Guide Rocket Mail. Some of the exhibits were displayed in a thematic style, telling the story of the development or some other aspect of Scouting, and others were displays of material from just one country or event. Probably the most poignant was “The Scout Field Post in the Warsaw Uprising of 1944” by Giovanni Cucchiani. To quote from the programme:” In the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the collection is dedicated to the memory of `1944 Warsaw`s Rebellion` in Poland. This rebellion ended in bloodshed due to the failed but hoped-for participation of the Red Army. It concerns the mail service in Warsaw starting from the beginning of the rebellion



when the mail service was only in the hands of Scouts, and afterwards included in the activities of Armia Krajowa (Home Army).”

The Exhibition was opened at midday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August by Ib Sandahl, President of Spejderfrimaerkeklubben I Danmark, and a representative of the Mayor of the community of Taastrup. We were also entertained by two Scout leaders playing the Lur, which is Viking musical trumpet in the form of a figure S. Following this, Colin Walker gave a talk entitled “The origin of the World Scout Emblem”. From 8 pm a camp-fire took place in the garden of the Culture Centre where the exhibition was held. Colin enjoyed it!

On the Saturday afternoon there were two meetings. Firstly, a short meeting for members of SOSSI, our American counterpart, at which President Lawrence Clay discussed the financial problems being experienced by their Club.

The meeting of IFSCO delegates took place with much discussion on the exchange of information between Clubs, also falling membership. A new President was elected: Ib Sandahl of Denmark, with Gerhard Winter from Austria as Vice President, and Hallvard Slettebo (Norway) as Secretary. Thanks and congratulations were passed to the previous incumbents: Werner Kradolfer (President) and Fredy Scherb (Secretary) both from the Swiss Club.

The day closed with a Gala Dinner, and distribution of certificates of participation, plus the Walter Grob Award. On Sunday, came the closing ceremony and inevitable dismantling of the displays. Always a sad time following an enjoyable weekend with many friends. Then home to consider the 11<sup>th</sup> EuroScout to be held in Vienna in May 2016.



Fortunately for our Danish friends, a Scout stamp had been issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014, and these were available to enhance the covers. The stamp honoured the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Crown Princess Benedikte and showed her in Guide uniform with a group of Scouts in the background. The stamp was issued in self adhesive sheetlets of five with labels included. The labels included the badges of the five Scout organisations in Denmark -

1. The Green Guides
2. Danish Baptist Scout Association
3. South Slesvig Scouts Association
4. Danish Scout Association
5. KFUM (YMCA) Scouts of Denmark



It's not very often that I report new issues these days, but I was very pleased to note that the Jersey Post Office issued a miniature sheet on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 reproducing the poster designed by B-P as a recruiting poster for the Great War. With a face value of £1.00, it is not too expensive an item.

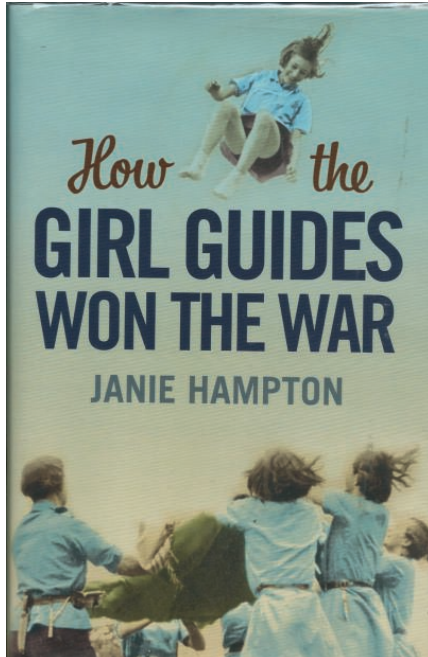
Malaysia has issued a set of three stamps marking the relocation of the World Scout Bureau's Secretary General's office to Kuala Lumpur. This issue was reported in "The Stamp Lover" magazine.



## How the Girl Guides Won the War by Janie Hampton

This is certainly worth a read. I thought I knew my Guiding History fairly well, but this book certainly gave me information that I had not heard before. I quote from the notes on the cover " Exploring modern-day girlhood through this very British institution's effect on global warfare, - How the Girl Guides Won the War - reveals, for the first time the dramatic impact that the Guides had on the Second World War. When the Blitz broke out, the Guides knew how to dig bomb shelters, grow vegetables and provide First Aid. They kept up morale and demonstrated "Blitz cooking", using ovens made from the bricks of bombed houses. The embodiment of the Home Front spirit, both Guides and Brownies helped million of evacuated children adjust to new lives in the country. Many Guides under occupation were taken as prisoners' of war and survived concentration camps.

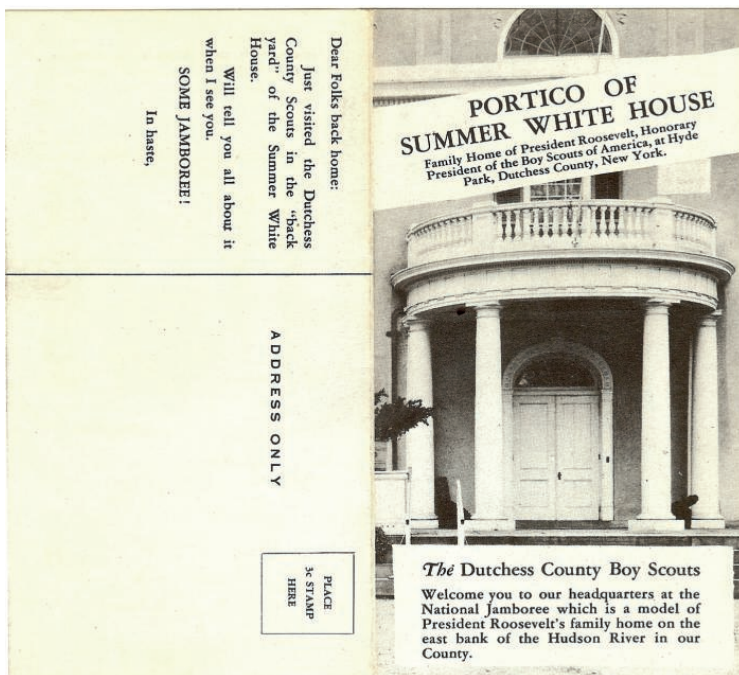
Janie Hamilton was a Brownie & Guide in the 60's but the book is dedicated to her Mother who was a Guide, and Brown Owl for many years. I am not a great reader of books, but could not put this one down. Published in 2010 in hard back (which I have) I see on Amazon that it is available in paper back published 2011 £7.99, Kindle £2.99 and used from £1.98. Nothing about hardback.



## Recently Discovered Postcard Connected with the First National BSA Jamboree

by T.P. McDermott ©

I recently came across an item that was prepared for the first Boy Scouts of America's national jamboree by the Boy Scouts of Dutchess County, New York. They produced a four-part postcard / folder that praises their county's assets as well as their most famous citizen, the then current President of the USA, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR). The item's front pictures the portico of FDR's family home at Hyde Park in Dutchess County, New York State. It goes on to say that the jamboree troop's headquarters was a model or replica of the President's family home. It would make a great showcase. By the 1933 World Jamboree, the BSA were using the term "Gateway" for a structure at a troop's entrance way on the jamboree street, usually constructed around a hometown attraction or scouting skill. The Dutchess jamboree team may not have been familiar with the correct term. The fourth portion or backside of the Dutchess folder was laid out as a post card for addressing and mailing to the folks back home. The folder was to be given out to Scouts and jamboree visitors who visited the troop's camp site and saw the display. The replica was a great idea as FDR's Hyde Park home was considered to be "The Summer White House".



*Sides 1 and 4 of the postcard.*



When I purchased this item, it was labelled as being from the Jamboree of 1937. But I asked myself, if it was, how was it that it is the first copy that I had ever seen? Where has it been for the past 75 years? Surely if it was from that jamboree, I would suspect more cards would have been distributed, used, found, collected, and listed in the Levy/Rogers' *Catalogue of Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the US*. But it is not listed. One might speculate that it doesn't meet the criteria of the catalogue's present editor but it is similar to the large size postcard prepared by Harry Thorsen for the first Girl Scout Roundup (Rogers #56-18).

I believe that this card was produced for the **cancelled** 1935 national jamboree and was considered lost. Let me tell you the story.

America's first jamboree was scheduled for 1935 to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of BSA. It was to be held in Washington DC, just blocks from downtown Washington, on park lands on both sides of the Potomac River. However, an outbreak of Infantile Paralysis or "polio" as it is commonly known caused its cancellation. Until the discovery of a vaccine in the mid-1950s, polio was like a plague in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It mostly occurred in the hot days of summer and would strike portions of the muscular system of its victims. One dreaded treatment for those patients affected with the disease in their lungs was use of an "iron lung" to encase and support their respiratory system. Polio's most famous victim was from Dutchess County. The disease affected his legs and as a result he was completely unable to use them for upright support and movement. He was immobilized or effectively crippled and required leg braces and wheel chairs for the rest of his life. His family and friends would have to physically support his body while "walking" as he shuns the use of a wheel chair in public. In spite of his illness, he would go on to become the Governor of New York and then the President of USA. Yes, it was FDR himself!

By early August 1935, the jamboree's utilities were nearly complete. Large size tents and structures were about to be set up. Foreign scouts were already on their way and some were even in our country touring. However a huge problem was developing just one hundred miles away from Washington DC. A serious outbreak of polio was noted and reported in the Charlottesville and Richmond areas of Virginia. At a conference, with the Surgeon General of the US Public Health Service, the Commissioner of the District of Columbia and James West, Chief Scout Executive, it was decided to cancel the jamboree. The announcement went out under President Roosevelt's name on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1935. That night, Dr. West in a radio news statement explained why the jamboree was cancelled and added: "Please spread the news and take it as Scouts – with chins up."

There are three misunderstandings related to the jamboree's cancellation: that it was a large-scale epidemic; that it was cancelled just days before the scheduled opening date of August 21<sup>st</sup>; and that the President made the announcement over the radio. None are

really correct. The disease affected people in only two small areas in southern Virginia. The cancellation was announced on August 8<sup>th</sup> and the announcement was made by the three above-named officers. But these small corrections are not that important as to change the public perception of history.

The key event already planned for the jamboree's opening day would have been a review by the President. He was to be driven down the length of Pennsylvania Avenue between massed ranks of the expected 30,000 scouts. In lieu, the President agreed to make a radio speech during the evening of Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to the scouts of the nation. Broadcast radio was just ten to fifteen years old and with the President in office for less than two years, almost all Americans had already heard Roosevelt's radio speeches about the country's financial woes and his proposed solutions to fight the Great Depression. They were commonly known as fireside chats; but his Scout speech is not considered to be one of his historical fireside chats.

His speech being directed to the Scouts themselves would be a special occasion. I'm sure that the Scouts felt it was a 'chat' just for them. And the White House went even further by saying that he would deliver the speech "as if they (*the Scouts*) were standing beneath the south portico of the White House". He would invite the Scouts to return at a later time. When the jamboree was rescheduled for 1937, it would surely not be held in the hot, muggy month of August, the dreaded polio season, but in the expected cool part of the summer, June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Now let's tackle the question of who produced the postcard / folder. Thanks to Lynn K. Lucas of the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie NY, a search was made of the Dutchess County's newspaper of record, The Eagle News. There were many local news articles promoting the upcoming 1935 jamboree. The May 17<sup>th</sup> issue related that a troop of thirty-three scouts and three leaders would be going from the Dutchess County Boy Scout Council. The newspaper's articles did not identify what the troop would take to the jamboree. Various news articles did identify two people whom I believe might be connected to our post card / folder: F. Lawrence Flewelling, and Arne Kofoed.

The 1935 jamboree troop's second Assistant Scoutmaster was to be the young Flewelling, a former Scout, who started to serve in a progressing number of different adult council positions. At the time, he was also the chairman of the council's Reading Committee. During the three previous summers, he was the director of the council's Camp Nootearning, at Salt Point, NY. He was regarded as an expert in local Indian Lore. In 1935, he was employed at the Adriance Memorial Library. The second person, Arne Kofoed of the Whitman Publishing Company, was a former Scout in Denmark and had attended the 1924 International Jamboree in Copenhagen. He headed a discussion at a program during the council's spring camporee on the upcoming 1935

national jamboree. I believe these two people had the ability to plan and produce this post card.

However, the 1937 issues of the Eagle News had few articles on the planning and enrolment for the upcoming jamboree. It did report that, by May 7<sup>th</sup>, only thirteen scouts were named for the jamboree troop. More material or newsprint was found in the local Poughkeepsie newspaper for the planned but cancelled 1935 jamboree than was found for the rescheduled 1937 event. I think we can assume that the Dutchess Council's Scouts had prepared the item for the first scheduled date. When the jamboree actually occurred two years later, the local council probably had misplaced or lost the handouts which would have supported their gateway/replica of the Summer White House at the Jamboree. Or maybe they did not qualify as a whole jamboree troop and went provisional, not completely under their own leadership.

Some philatelic cover servicers had plans to provide jamboree event covers in 1935. They either add corrections to already designed or printed cachet envelopes **or** ignored the cancellation of the jamboree and had some of their covers postmarked **or** probably a few simply junked their plans altogether for the 1935 Jamboree (like our Dutchess county scouts).

Levy and Rogers' catalogue of cachet event covers include the following 1935 covers:

Two cachet covers commemorate the President's speech about the jamboree's cancellation #35-24 and #35-25. Cachet #35-25 was used again on the planned closing date of August 30. #35-32

Two covers were printed honouring the Silver Anniversary/Grand Jamboree (no words on cancellation) #35-26 and #35- 29

Cover which claims the cancellation was by orders of the President. #35-28

Green Bar Bill's with no words about the cancellation #35-27 Bill prepared an additional letter announcing the cancellation which was sent to all who subscribed to his cover service. Not having a cachet, this announcement was not listed in the catalogue.

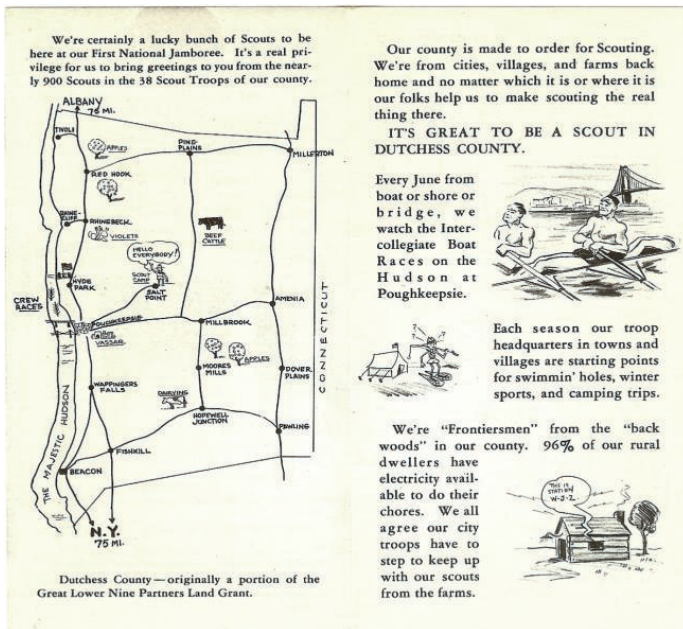
Opening day cachet with no comments about the cancellation #35-30

Closing day cachet with no comments about the cancellation #35-31

A collector's tip: Many artifacts from the cancelled 1935 jamboree can be identified by the use of the words "Twenty-Fifth Anniversary" or the US Capital building artwork while the 1937 jamboree uses the Washington Monument artwork.

Dutchess County is located on the eastern side of the Hudson River midway between Albany, the state capital, and New York City.

The scout council was first organized in 1919 with a part-time professional Scout Executive (SE) and ended the year with 498 registered boy scouts. At that time, the county had a population of 90,000. On or about January 1930, Walter W Forse was employed as a full time Executive. At that time, there were 898 scouts in 42 troops and 163 Cubs in 5 packs. SE Forse would remain as the council's key professional until 1943 when he was transferred to Montclair, New Jersey. In 1943, there were 1061 scouts in 47 units with a county population of 120,000. In 1984, the council grew to 117 units with 247 Tiger Cubs, 1680 Cubs, 1238 boy scouts, 228 Explorers and 336 teenagers in career awareness programs. The total unit count was 117 with at least four professionals and six non-professional employees. (Source is the council's published material for their 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee.)



*Sides 2 and 4 of the postcard.*

A Recipient of the council's highest volunteer award, the Silver Beaver, was awarded in 1939 to a Mr. Gerald Flewelling. The specific relationship to our young Flewelling is not currently known but he might have been his father.



## **More letters from Members.**

### **1. From Frederick Lawrence (Sent early in May this year after March / April issue)**

On p. 8 of this issue, you publish a correction to Colin Walker's column in the Jan/Feb '14 issue. As I previously mentioned to you, the text:

“At least one item, a Scout overprinted postcard dated February 28<sup>th</sup> 1919, is known with a red crossed swords ‘Can be Accepted’, censor mark.” is in error. The Siam (Thailand) “Scout’s Fund” overprints were not produced and sold until 1920, so a postcard dated in 1919 could not be Scout overprinted.

As I also previously mentioned to you, I saw this, or a similar, postcard at the Bangkok 2013 international stamp show in Bangkok last August. The postcard was first offered to me by the dealer Kittii D.; later in the show, it was in the stock of the dealer Mike White.

I can now further report, that at the WESTPEX 2014 stamp show last weekend in San Francisco, California, the postcard was still in the stock of the dealer Mike White at the start of the show; during the show, it was sold to the dealer Tom Gates (Triple S Postal History).

Neither Mike White, Tom Gates, nor I can read the Thai language, so we cannot tell you further about this postcard – either the handwritten message or the red crossed swords ‘Can be Accepted’ censor mark. The dealer Kittii D., who presently lives in Bangkok, is Thai and speaks excellent English; I am sure that he can tell you further about the postcard. I have his postal address; let me know, if you would like it, so as to contact him for further information. Also let me know, if I can provide you any further information about the 1920 Siam (Thailand) “Scout’s Fund” overprints.

### **2. From Hallvard Slettebo**

Regarding Peter Duck's article about Ukrainian Scouts in Jan/Feb SGSC Bulletin, and Ben Adams' reply letter in the March/April issue – perhaps you are not aware of Jaroslav Fursenko's book «Ukrainian Scouting: Plast Postal Issues and Badges». It is for sale at eBay:

<http://www.ebay.com.au/itm/Ukrainian-Scouting-Plast-Postal-Issues-and-Badges-Reference-Book-/281023800542>

This book is extremely comprehensive on Ukrainian issues, and I suggest you check it out before embarking on a big project with creating a new catalogue.

I believe there is more work to be done when it comes to a catalogue for the Russian and Baltic issues.

I collect Scout issues from DP camps, and you might like to see my exhibit:<http://www.slettebo.no/exhibits.htm>

### **3. From Wendy Ingle**

I note that the S&G Stamps Club Bulletin often features postcards and postal items.

The Agnes Baden-Powell Guild (raising funds towards the restoration of the B-P grave in Kensal Green Cemetery) has produced 4 different cards. I these are new and therefore have only future historical interest, but I wondered if you would be willing to feature them.

They are, to date, a photo of Agnes B-P at the Veterans' Camp (1932); a parrot, painted as a postcard by Agnes; a row of characters based on the Anglia Standard and a scene painted as a Christmas card. Obviously the first two are of more interest.

If you feel these might be of interest to for the magazine I will happily send you one of each and any info you need.

*I have asked Wendy for copies and detailed information and will include this in a future Bulletin*

I recently enjoyed reading Alec Foege's new book on inventors titled *The Tinkerers: the Amateurs, DIYers, and Inventors Who Make America Great* (2013). Among its many stories, one tells of the early tinkering of Karlheinz Brandenburg. Karl was born in Erlangen, **Western** German, in 1954. As a teenager, he was a member of the Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (VCP) (Association of Christian (Lutheran) Scouts for both male and female youth). He loved participating in Scouting's many group activities, especially those involved in building things. That together with the business he ran during his high school years of selling amplifiers to his fellow students led to his line of education and work.

Author Foege states that Mr. Brandenburg is known as the father of MP3 protocol. For those of us who are unfamiliar with that term, it stands for MPEG-1 Layer 3 which is the common digital format or standard for compressing music so that it can easily and quickly be transported over the Internet. Without the MP3 stage of development, there would be no digital music, no Napster, no iPod.

If you were at the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden you might have noticed the lack of stamps and envelopes for mailing home but surely would have seen the many miniature electronic devices being carried by scouts as if they were the modern equivalent of the walking staffs and backpacks of olden. Well some of this is the result of Mr. Brandenburg efforts in audio research.

Were there any MP3 artifacts sold at the jamboree Scout Shops with the jamboree symbol cached or printed on it? Will these items be collectables for future Scouts? I understand that Karl Heinz Brandenburg was a key adult leader in the VCP organization in the 1980s.

An unusual feature of German scouting is the lack of a top youth award such as the American's Eagle Scout and the British's Queen Scout awards. In addition this scout organization has a strong emphasis on higher education. Some of its programs include maintaining scout clubs on campuses and encouraging younger scouts to visits colleges. For more information on VCP, see their web site at [www.vcp.de](http://www.vcp.de) (de is the internet code for German web sites like uk is for United Kingdom and ?? for USA.) Mr Brandenburg is currently a leading administer in the German research organization known as Fraunhofer Institute.

*This small article was originally sent in by Mr. McDermott as a "sidebar" to his article on phonographic postcards.*

A few more humorous Scout Postcards - this time the top two are from Italy and the bottom two from Belgium



### 'Lest We Forget'

Examples of stamps being depicted on stamps are not that uncommon. A collection could be formed of those which depict the Mafeking blues for example but, up until now, I have not encountered a Scout Badge which depicts a stamp. Are there others?



Opposite is a scan of an unbound ribbon badge and a bound woven badge produced by the Kidderminster Venture Scout Unit sometime between 1967, when this section replaced both Rover Scouting and Senior Scouts, and 2003 when it was replaced by the Explorer Scout Section and Scout

Network. I regret that I do not know if the VSU wore the badge on their uniform (I hope so) or if it was just a 'fund raiser'. I would be grateful for any further information including the dates when the badges were produced.

The Venture Scouts decided on the Penny Black, the world's first postage stamp issued in 1840, for their badge because it was designed by Sir Roland Hill who was born in Kidderminster. He was a social reformer and whilst never Postmaster General, was responsible for far more than just the design of the Penny Black, Penny Red and Twopenny Blue. He transformed the postal service, the 'Penny Post' making it accessible to all. That the town is rightly proud of their most famous son is beyond doubt as it boasts a very impressive statue of Roland Hill. There is another at the Royal Exchange London.

### The Second Boer War

The national focus on the centennial of the Great War and my own efforts in recording the work of British Scouts at this time, have led me to reflect on the sentiment, often expressed, that *'History is written by the victors'*. Amongst the euphoria of victory how often do we spare a thought for former enemies? Monuments are few and far between, yet the further we get in time away from the terrors of past conflict we do, quite rightly, find it possible to commemorate all those that suffered. In terms of our Scout Law and Promise we do well to remember that 'A Scout is friendly and considerate' which has evolved from the original Baden-Powell devised law that 'A Scout is a brother to every other Scout ....' Invariably there have been Scouts or former Scouts involved in every major conflict since 1908.



As always when researching I look to the life of our Founder as a starting point, even where this predates Scouting. He did write that the Mafeking Cadets were his first Boy Scouts. I have spent many years now gathering information about the inhabitants of the town during the Siege, not least the Mafeking Cadets and have published three books about the Siege including the '*Mafeking Siege Register*' which lists the doing of over 1800 of the besieged including all the Cadets.

The amount of information however relating to those who were sitting in the trenches facing Mafeking is, to say the least, pitiful but demonstrates the differences in attitude to the victors and the vanquished, even in their own countries. The British Army for example had 26 'clasps' to its Queen's South Africa Medal which of course identify particular 'actions' in which the recipient served, including the most sought Defence of Mafeking and the Relief of Mafeking bars. The men who received these medals had their name and regiment inscribed on the medal, being presented with them at with great ceremony by or close to the end of the conflict in 1902. The Boer Oorlog Medal for service in the Second Boer War was not issued until 1920. The name of the recipient is recorded on the medal but there is no indication as to where the recipient served. In order to be presented with the medal, the 'veteran' had to provide proof of his service and this was recorded on a document that was issued with the medal. It is only these individual documents (not an action specific medal roll) that provides the historical link between a recipient and his service. Perhaps because of the distance in time from the conflict and the date of issue of the medal only 13,751 medals were issued. At the start Siege 6000 Boers were amassed outside Mafeking alone, hundreds of thousands fought in the war but their exact number and the number of casualties they suffered is not known. The Queen's South Africa Medal with the Defence of Mafeking Bar (even from one of the less rare units e.g. the Town Guard), is now worth around £1500 whereas the Oorlog medal with records proving the recipient served at Mafeking can be found for a tenth of that.

As you may know the 2nd Boer War, in which the Siege of Mafeking occurred, was fought against the combined Boer Republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Our Scout colours of green and yellow, like many of our Scouting traditions, were passed on by B-P from his army experiences. When he designed the uniform of the South African Constabulary, which 'policed' the land gained by the advancing British troops, he chose as the colours of the regimental neckerchief, green for the Transvaal and orange (yellow) for the Orange Free State. The colours of the Oorlog



Medal ribbon have these two colours at their outer edges and were a smart piece of design, as a veteran could wear the ribbon with the green to our left to indicate that the wearer was from Transvaal or with the yellow to the left, to indicate that he came from the OFS.

Despite (or perhaps because of) the rarity/desirability of the Mafeking overprinted and 'blue' stamps, both on and off cover, there are many collections in Scouting hands and much has been written about the postal history of the Siege, but all from the British perspective. Little is known about the postal arrangements pertaining to the Boer Commandos in the Hoofd Laager on the edge of besieged town. Of course it is to be expected that the 'citizen soldiers' would have sent letters home, but having viewed the world's leading collections of Mafeking Postal History (The Royal Collection and those of the leading Mafeking Collectors who have exhibited at EuroScout

events over the last ten years) I have yet to see any exhibit showing material from the vanquished side. Whilst it is true that there were no special stamps created specifically for the Hoofd Laager, outgoing mail did receive special postmarks, one of only three locations in the conflict so to do. The postmark illustrated above dated 29th December 1899, shows the name Mafeking ZAR (Zuid Africaansche Republiek i.e. South African Republic). The two pairs of stamps below, showing almost the entire cancel, are postmarked from the Hoofd laager on January 1st 1900, with a different placing of the initials Z.A.R.



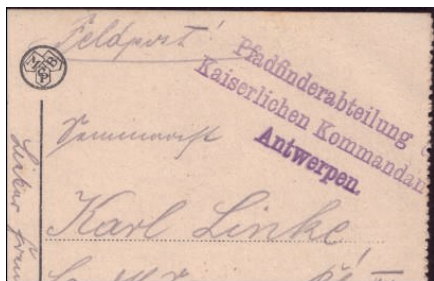
## The Great War

There are many similarities on the way Boy Scouts served their countries on both side of the conflict in the Great War of 1914-18. Unlike the four years under the National Socialist Party prior to WW2 in Germany, Scouting had been encouraged right from Dr Alexander Lion's visit to London to see Baden-Powell in 1908. Lion was a friend

of Maximilian Bayer (like B-P, both Germans were former soldiers and had served in Africa). With the formation of the German Scout Association (DPB) in January 1911 Bayer was elected its first 'Fieldmeister' which equated to 'Chief Scout', a position that he would hold until his death (shot by a sniper in October 1917).

Shortly after the outbreak of war Bayer in August 1914, serving in the Germany Army, was sent to Brussels where he supervised German Boy Scouts who were 'mobilised' to serve in 'Government' offices, both there and in Antwerp, Namur and Lüttich. Older Scouts, who were sufficiently well educated and with good handwriting skills, served as office workers, younger ones were 'orderlies'. Mail sent home by the Scouts was accorded the same cost free privilege as the rest of the armed forces, but was often stamped with official Pfadfinder cachets and sometimes had so called Pfadfinder 'chess board' poster stamps which though not required were often 'tied' to the card by a Field Post Office cancel.

The poster stamps 'chessboard' design was the official badge of the Scouts in War Service (see rare metal badge). There were several different examples of the label, - totally without writing, with initials to each of the corners, or with the words Deutscher Pfadfinder Bund. There were some variations in size and the dark blue and cream chessboard can also be found as dark blue and tan. Postcards from German Scouts serving on the Eastern Front have also been found with the same tied poster stamps. Interestingly, like their opposite numbers in Britain, some of whom were doing full-time Coast Watching duties away from home, these Scouts did not get paid, but were considered to be 'doing their duty'.



Gottfried Steinmann, one of our German members, is to be credited with having done most of the research on this considerable and fascinating insight into wartime Scouting. He has published two books, one in English as well as German, on the subject (see end of this section of article\*).

German Scouts, as in Britain, were engaged in a wide variety of war work. The 5 pfennig? poster stamp opposite would have been a donation to war work (and not a postal charge) depicts a German Scout assisting refugees. The words 'Pfadfinder Dienst' translates as 'Scout Service'. It is somewhat ironic that in 1914 many British Scouts were assisting Belgium refugees resettled for the duration. In his diary Baden-Powell tells a story that appears without rancour about some British Prisoners of War that had escaped and had so far evaded the platoon of German soldiers sent to recapture them. They were however discovered by a troop of German Scouts!



*\*Gottfried Steinmann, 'Deutscher Pfadfinderteilung in Belegien im 1. Weltkrieg' and 'Erinerungen eines Pfadfinders', the Diary of Scout who served in Belgium at the end of the Great War.*

## The Lest We Forget Memorial

I am delighted to be able to pass on information that was made public at this year's Gilwell Reunion and is to be found on the project's website and Facebook pages. The scheme, which came from and was supported by the membership of the Association, mainly through donation and the sale of the uniform badge opposite, has been successful in surpassing its initial targets and has raised over £100,000.

Following a competition which was won by a combined entry from Karen Smith from Northumberland and Lottie Ibbotson of North Yorkshire, a leading sculptor will be chosen to recreate their design. It pays tribute to all Scout service and features a camp fire (an eternal flame). The stone blocks around the fire symbolise the traditional 'Gone Home' sign, whilst the figures represent the generations of Scouts who have served, with the empty blocks recording the passing of those no longer with us. The words on the stones are from a Baden-Powell quotation urging us to try and leave this world a little better that we found it. Congratulations and thanks all who have supported the scheme. I wonder how long it will take for the memorial to appear on a stamp? It will be opened at the National Arboretum in 2015.

*See design and explanation on next page.*





Carved stone figures will accompany visitors in their remembrance. A few sleep while a leader watches over them celebrating the active and caring nature of the worldwide family of Scouts.

The memorial is a campfire scene symbolising the outdoor nature of Scouting. The focal point is a kinetic fire sculpture creating an eternal flame that moves in the wind.

The layout of the memorial is inspired by the 'Gone Home' tracking symbol used to represent Remembrance in Scouting.



The empty spaces on the stone seats will allow visitors to complete the circle around the campfire.



A solitary stone Neckerchief sits beside the fire, remembering the Scouts that are no longer with us.



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Around the stone blocks will be carved:

*"Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best" Lord Baden-Powell*

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With winter now approaching I couldn't resist including this photo which was sent to me by Ossi Kauppila a member in Finland - with the following explanation:- Enclosed memories from our local scout and guide show (scouting in Finland 100 years, Feb 2010). Pancakes and camp sauna, temperature only -20 C.



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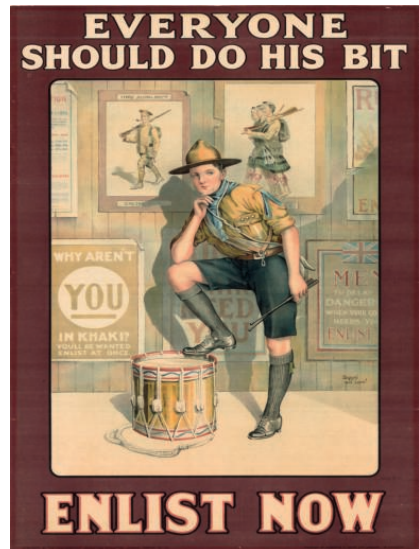
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# United Kingdom First World War Recruitment Posters



*These illustrations accompany both The Chairman's Notes on page 3 and John's Jottings on page 4 of this issue.*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR -  
HOPEFULLY NOT EXACTLY LIKE THIS ONE

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Editorial

So here we are approaching the end of another year and looking forward to a potentially exciting 2015 with the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

I have been lucky enough to get to two World Jamborees - both as a staff member - Korea in 1991 and the UK in 2007 so I do envy all those young people and support staff who will be going to Japan later in the year. They will be undergoing a fantastic experience which for many may well be a changing moment in their lives.

I remember in Korea at the closing ceremony standing with a Sc outer from Australia and looking down over the whole arena with everybody dancing and singing to the local rock band. As the time progressed and the party atmosphere spread he turned round to me and said - "It makes you wonder where it all goes wrong after they go home. I wonder if its the adults putting in their thoughts!" Certainly its something to think about as I personally am still in touch with at least four of those who were on the "newspaper" Team with me in 1991.

Betty and I have now fully recovered from our trip to Australia and have nothing else planned until March of 2015 when we will be flying to Singapore and there joining the P&O Cruise Liner Arcadia for the second half of her round the world cruise back to the UK. One of the ports of call is Muscat, where I hope to be able to meet up with one of my 1991 contacts and another is Aqaba from where we will make the trip to Petra, which is a place I have always wanted to see. I just hope that my health doesn't prevent me taking a full part in this.

Finally I hope that you all have a pleasant holiday time and look forward to a peaceful New Year.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

February 15th. 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 major philatelic Exhibitions each year. Known dates are:**

**Spring'15 Stampex on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015**

*Our Meeting will be from 12.30 until 16.30.*

**London 2015 Europhilex - 13th to 16th May, 2015**

*Details of our Meeting arrangement to follow.*

**Both Exhibitions will be in The Business Design Centre, Islington, London.**

Many readers will know about - and indeed some may be looking forward to attending - the 23rd World Scout Jamboree being hosted by Japan in July 2015. Already our Scout Association is gearing up for it and parties of Japanese Scouts have been visiting the U.K. On exchange and other related visits.

The Japanese hosted the 13th World Scout Jamboree back in 1971 at Asagiri Heights and issued a single stamp in commemoration. The 2015 Jamboree is taking place at Kirara Beach, Yamaguchi, the theme being "A Spirit of Unity".

Scouting in Japan started back in 1911, being first registered in 1922 but dissolved in 1940, starting up again post war with their first National Jamboree at Tokyo in 1949. Heavily influenced by American Scouting the stamp issued for this event depicts an illustration of a Scout with Japanese features, who was in fact an American Scout named George Russell - this picture first being reproduced in a 1948 American Scout publication.

Since then many Scouting events and anniversaries have been commemorated with Japanese stamps, postal stationery and postmarks and no doubt this event will see more, as well as stamps from other countries too, and sadly many of these will be speculative issues.

I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year.



「和」WA : a spirit of unity



## John's Jottings

by John Ineson

Various Scout items have recently been sold at a Gartner auction in Germany including some of the Walter Grob material sold at the Rolli auction in Switzerland last February. The 1929 Registered window envelope which sold in Switzerland for £551, (€661, US\$870) sold at Gartner for £1735 (€2100, US\$2740), a huge increase in price. Another unrecorded registered cover (illustrated) was offered by Argyll Etkin Auction in London during October with the following description "Boy Scouts. 1929 (July 31) Registered cover tied by "AR-ROWEPK CAMP / WIRRAL CHES" skeleton cancel, a fourth strike on the front, with Birkenhead 59 registration label No. 28. A fine and scarce registered cover, sent on the first day of the World Scout Jamboree; this special skeleton cancel was only used on registered mail. Est. £350-450". This appeared to be a very cheap price as Argyll Etkin had sold a few years ago, similar items for over £1000, but on inspecting the cover at Stampex, I noticed there were a number of rust spots on the front which did not show up in the photo and were not mentioned in the description. This sold for £500 (€600, US\$790).



Over the years, a few articles have been written about the U.K. 1957 World Jamboree set of stamps which were overprinted and surcharged for use in Kuwait (as were most other U.K. stamps at that time). Supplies of the Jamboree stamps were actually in

Bahrain when it was decided, for political reasons, that they should not be issued in Kuwait, so the overprinted Scout stamps were only issued in Bahrain, Qatar and Muscat. A few of the Muscat stamps were used in Kuwait between 10 August 1957 and 27 March 1958. A total of 53 ordinary covers were posted mainly with two of the Muscat overprinted Jamboree stamps and posted in Ahmadi or



Kuwait. Only 14 registered covers were posted from Nina al Ahmadi or Ahmadi showing the full set of stamps and with an extra 5 NP in normal Kuwait overprints to make up the postage fee. The cover illustrated was recently offered by Grosvenor Auctions of London and sold for £420 (€505. US\$665) against an estimate of £100-£150.

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## **THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE CLUB**

For several Meetings now the Committee Members have been considering the situation for the Club, taking into account current Membership and the general financial position, especially considering the drop in Auction income and the delay which occurs with some of the membership in the payment of their annual subscriptions.

So the question is what can we do to attract more of the younger collectors, particularly those within Scouting. We have had some correspondence with our Members on this matter and several have even put forward ideas for magazine articles, regional meetings and the development of specific badges for the young people to work towards. The problem is that in all of these areas we need the support of the Membership as well as the support of publishers and the people who today are responsible for the programme at Scout Headquarters - and despite our best efforts this has not been forthcoming so far.

The next issue of the Bulletin will include the draft accounts for 2014 which will show that financially, despite the fall in income from the Auction, we will have sufficient funds to continue on a year by year basis provided that Membership Subscriptions are paid promptly by all Annual Members. Remember renewal is on 1st April for all.

**To help with this financial position we have decided that this will be the last Bulletin (for now) to be issued on a bi-monthly basis and that from 1st January onwards we will be moving to a quarterly issue - March, June, September and December of each year.**

If you are able please come to the Stampex Meeting (details on page 2) in February for the chance to discuss all of these matters in more detail.

**The Club Meeting on 21st February will take the form of a member's day with displays, a trading session, with the opportunity to bring along problem items and "meet the experts" and the Committee Members to discuss matters. Please do your best to attend - you can also get to the Exhibition.**



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Duck

Having recently seen illustrations of Scout miniature sheet issues from Burundi and Togo, I realised there was something odd about the portrait of Lord Baden-Powell. They



were showing reversed images of the Chief Scout taken from the Jagger portrait of 1929. His medal ribbons and hat plume are on the wrong side, also in the Burundi issue he appears to have a beard! The only other issue I can locate with this reversed image was the set from Haiti for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting in 1983.



Of course, there is the famous reversed image portrait of B-P 3d stamp from Mafeking in 1900 reported by John Ineson in our May/June 2014 Bulletin. But this has the complete stamp image reversed.



There is another issue showing B-P sporting a beard, this came from



the Grenadines of St. Vincent in 1991 in a miniature sheet for the 17<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree. Have you spotted any others?

It is always interesting to read Colin Walker's articles, especially in the last Bulletin with regard to the Great War 1914-1918 service rendered by German Scouts during the occupation of Belgium. Fortunately, I do have some of their Scout issues in my collection, both their "chessboard" stamps and some of the postal handstamps. One bears a rubber stamped print in red "Gott Strafe England" (God punish England). A note from the book "The Undaunted" by P.J. Kroonenberg, published in 1998, states that the emblem of the Deutscher Pfadfinder Bund D.P.B. (German Scout Union) founded in 1911 was two

black and two white squares surrounded by a red frame. The colours being those of the German national flag. As a result of an anti-British attitude at the time in Imperial Germany, the German Scouts could not use the arrowhead/fleur de lys badge. (No doubt their Scouting principles were the same as ours! PJD).



The label shown on page 21 is actually from Austria and is one from a sheet of 10 labels for “Official War Assistance” and mostly depict children helping the war effort. One shows children making cigarettes! The value (on each label) is 5 heller, which presumably went towards the war effort.



There must have been a great concentration on salvage collection for the war effort at the time as a number of postcards were issued

showing a HAUSSAMMELDIENST (House Collection Service) horse drawn wagon with Scouts in the foreground. These cards appear both in photographic format and as artist-drawn ones, and the Scout in the foreground has a bugle. Perhaps to announce the arrival of the wagon?



Labels of a similar design were produced, some dated 1914, others 1915-1916. One of the 1914 labels was produced impressed on to different coloured papers, and of this type, I can count 52 combinations of colours in my collection!

Returning to Colin Walker (such an inspiration!) he asked in the July/August 2014 Bulletin if the statue of B-P produced by Don Potter for the Dominican Republic had appeared on a stamp. Yes it did, in the 1982 issue for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting.

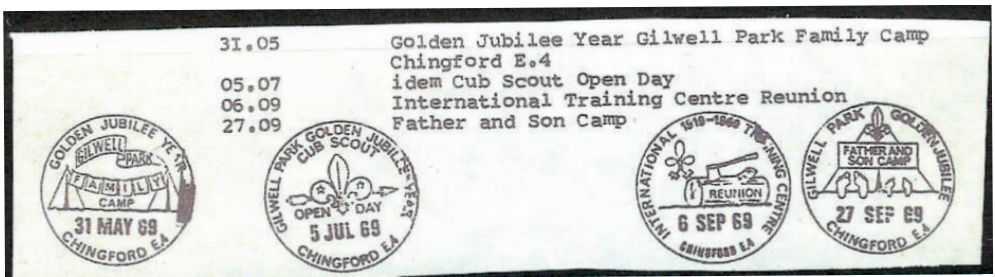
This got me wondering if there had been any Gilwell-inspired stamp issues, and I could locate only one. Once again for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting in 1982 from Uganda. The 20/- value shows the Gilwell Axe in Log trophy and the 100/- stamp includes Camp Chief John Thurman in the design. These stamps were overprinted in 1983 for the Centenary of the Boys Brigade.

In 1969 the Trucial State of Ras al Khaima (now part of the United Arab Emirates) issued a series of stamps depicting Famous Men in History. One stamp depicts Lord Baden-Powell and a campsite, and I like to think this is Gilwell Park. This stamp also appeared in gold foil format.



A number of postmarks have appeared for events at Gilwell Park. Firstly in 1961 for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion which was used from 29 August to 2 September 1961.

Then in 1969 there were four postmarks for Gilwell's Golden Jubilee Year:



- 31 May Family Camp
- 5 July Cub Scout Open Day
- 6 September International Training Centre Reunion
- 27 September Father and Son Camp.

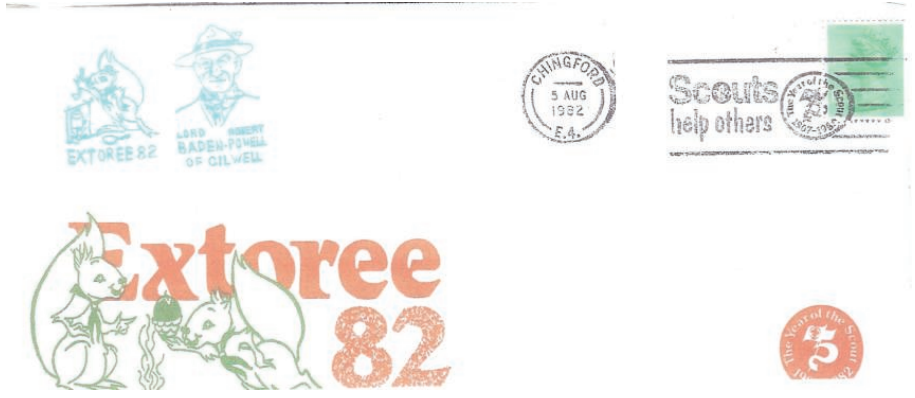
The next came on 4 September 1976 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Gilwell Reunion (I was there!)





From 31 July to 9 August 1982 the EXTOREE Camp for Handicapped Scouts was held at Gilwell Park where a dated postmark was used. This cancellation was designed

by our Club member, the late Dave Clark, and he and I ran the Post Office for the Camp. Dave also designed the cover which included squirrels in the motif. During this time there



was also a slogan postmark reading “Scouts Help Others” which was used in various towns throughout the U.K. It was also used a Chingford, so EXTOREE covers are known bearing this slogan.

Finally, two postmarks were used for the Centenary of Scouting stamps issued on 26 July 2007. One shows the Scout emblem and text “Centenary of Scouting Gilwell Park London E4”. The other shows a goggle-eyed snail with Scout hat and neckerchief which was produced by the Phil Stamp Collection.





I've been a "collector" almost the whole of my life (so far). It started with toys, especially Dinky and Corgi, and progressed into real matters such as stamps and cigarette cards.

As I got older I progressed with the stamp collecting, specialising in GB and the British Commonwealth, and also the cigarette cards, but without any specifics for the latter.

My father collected stamps from the USA and my Grandfather collected stamps (British Commonwealth, especially India and her States) and cigarette cards but without adding to those he had already collected during the period up to the start of the Second World War. When he was dying he passed the stamps to me and the cigarette cards to my brother; with my father passing his USA stamps to me as well.

Having married and started a family I became involved in the Scout Movement again (having been out from 1965 to 1970) and as my interest grew I began to collect Scouting ephemera and Baden-Powell ephemera when I could afford it. At the same time I decided to sell off a proportion of the British Commonwealth stamps to a dealer for £350, which doesn't sound much today but was quite reasonable in the early 1970's especially as the collection was all hinge mounted and not written up.

My Scouting collection started with badges, because this was what I had "Collected" as a young Scout but this was not particularly serious and I only added to my collection when I attended an International Camp or something similar.

By the latter 1970's I had commenced a serious collection of stamps and was on the New Issues list with Peter Duck and receiving offers from other dealers. I had also purchased a large collection of Scout books from a militaria dealer, along with a good number of postcards and also an extensive collection of Scouting Cigarette Cards.

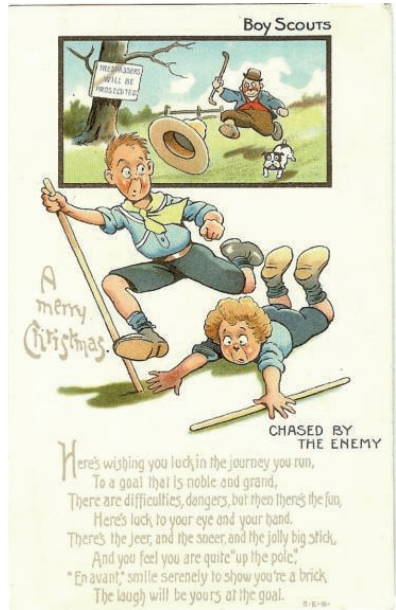
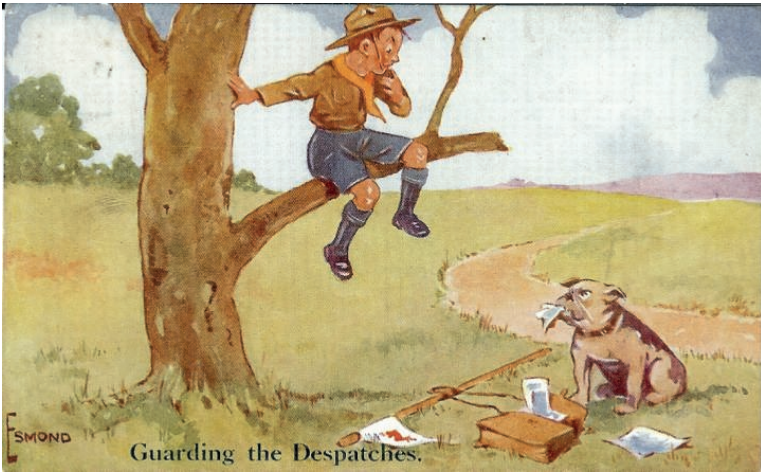
At this point the decisions have to be made - do I continue with all these aspects or produce another specialism - and do I just collect "willy nilly" or do I aim for specific targets and, whichever I chose, do I go for completeness.

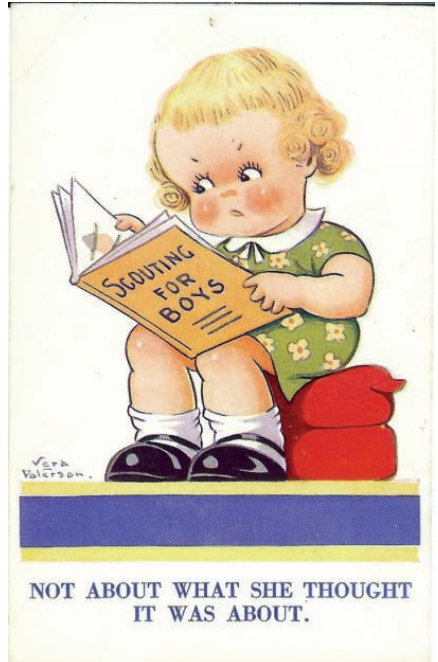
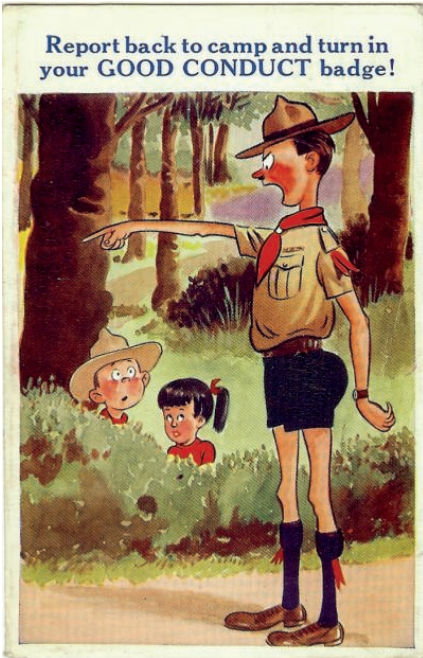
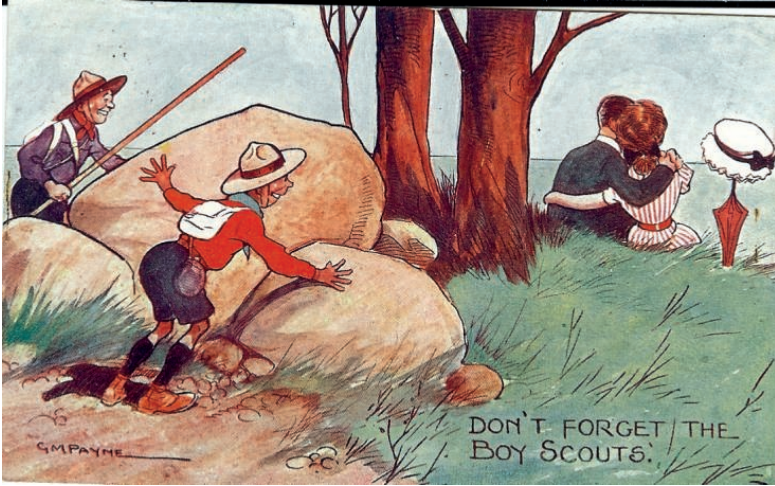
In the end I chose to generally add to the book collection; to specialise in books and printed ephemera related to Ralph Reader and the Gang Show but to aim for completion in respect of the badges, the stamps and the cigarette cards, the latter on a set by set basis.

I am still continuing on the same path, although I rarely add to the books nowadays as the few that I really want have become very expensive. My stamp collecting has been amended to cover the first 100 years of the Scout Movement only but I am still seeking completion of both the badges (UK only) and the cigarette cards, along with selective additions to the Gang Show items.

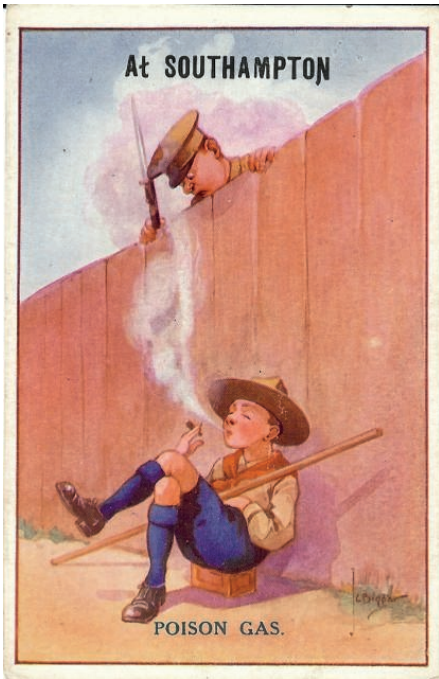
Perhaps you would care to let me know some of your decisions in this process.

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A	822	Tristan da Cunha	Shackleton expedition				6.65
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A	826	Dominica	100th Anny of American Scouting x 2 sheets x 4 vals	14.00			
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A	828	Cyprus	100th Anny of local Scouting x 1 val	0.75			1.25
A	829	Bangladesh	Asia Scout Conference x 1 val				
A	830	Ascension Island	Queen Elizabeth 60th Coronation with B-P Medal 1 val of 5	0.85		Set 7.90	
A	831	Italy	100th Anniversary of local Scouting x 1 val	1.35			
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C	834	Guinea Bissau	Scouting sh x 4 vals + m/s	6.30	6.30		
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D	836	Dem rep of Congo	a Scouts and Fungi 2 values ~ silver + 2 s/s	30.00	30.00		
D	836		b Scouts and Fungi 2 values ~ gold + 2 s/s	30.00	30.00		
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A	848	Antigua & Barbuda	Queen Elizabeth II 60th Anny, sh x 6 vals 1 in Guide uniform				13.00
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C	851	St Thomas & Prince	Scouting activities & minerals, sh x 4 vals + m/s of B-P		6.60	6.60	
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C	854	St Thomas & Prince	Cats & dogs sh x 4 vals + m/a all with Scout badge		6.60	6.60	
C	855	Chad, Republic of	Scouts and Fish 2 vals + 2 m/s + sheet x 2 vals	7.90	13.15	17.50	
C	856	Chad, Republic of	Scouts and Nature 2 vals + 2 m/s + sheet x 2 vals	3.50	13.15	17.50	
C	857	Congo, Republic of	Scouts & Minerals 2vals +2 m/s + sheet x 2 vals "Gold"	35.00	43.80	35.00	
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A	859	St Martin	Scouting activities 4 vals + label		11.25		

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### The 1939 Monzie Rover Moot

Above all, 2014 was a year of anniversaries that have aroused public emotion in a way that few would have predicted but, as I discovered when I attended the 57th Reunion of the 1957 World Jamboree held this year at the Gilwell Reunion, they were not all of a sombre nature. One that has failed to rate any mention, as far as I am aware, is that of the 1939 Monzie Rover Moot. I am glad to be able to 'spotlight' it here just before the end of its 75th anniversary year.

This was indeed a momentous Scouting event. Though B-P could not be there in person, a was then resident in Kenya he was there in spirit, sending a recorded message to his Rovers, hoping against hope that they could avoid the forthcoming war that was regretfully to disprove his often expressed view that Scouts that camp together would never make war on each other. Though German Scouts had long since been abolished by the Third Reich, there were Rovers at Monzie who, within three month's of the Moot, found themselves on opposite sides in a world war.

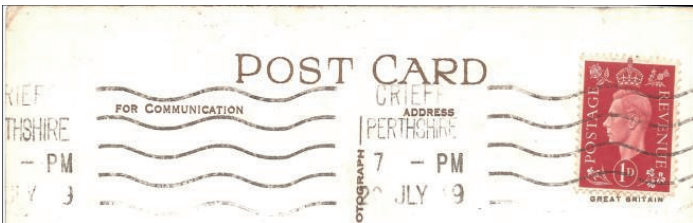
The event was held in the grounds of Monzie Castle near Crieff, in Perthshire Scotland, from July 15th to 26th, 1939, with an additional three days in Edinburgh. Three thousand five hundred Rovers from 48 national contingents attended the camp. They came from far and wide, but perhaps the most epic journey was that of three Australians who had arrived for the event in their 50ft yawl.

The World Moot followed the pattern set by those held at Kandersteg and Ingaro, Sweden, and called upon the experience of many who had attended and help run various World Jamborees. It is not to be wondered then that a range of facilities were available to participants, not least a special articulated travelling post office, normally garaged in London. Governed by a 20 mph speed limit it took three days to arrive, bringing its own cast-iron post-box.





Despite this convenience (not equalled by the Centennial World Jamboree!) there was no special post -mark or cachet was officially applied to mail posted on site. Post was removed on a daily basis to the small town of Crieff some five miles away where it received the same franking as all other mail posted in the town. The Moot Shop did however sell an official seal and a poster stamp (see next page). Though these can be found 'off



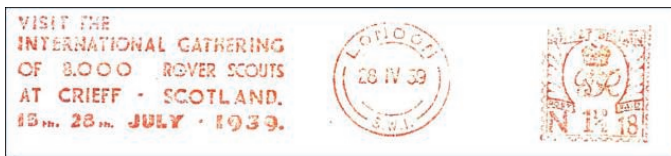
cover', I have yet to see any applied to any mail outgoing from the Moot. The pc illustrated is an official Moot issue (see next page). This with the roller cancel date of 22nd

July, is surely proof enough that the item was posted from the camp?

The beautifully clean Registered cover is from the collection of John Ineson and one of only seven known examples.



The event was publicised nationally as is evident from the meter mark applied in London (see below) on 28th April nearly three months before the Moot. The predicted 'turn out' of 8000 was drastically affected by worsening international tensions.



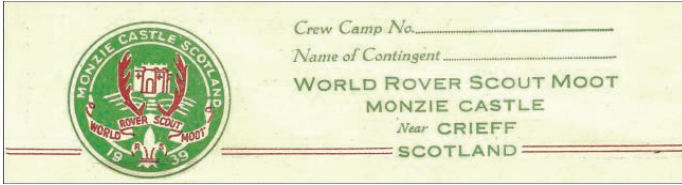
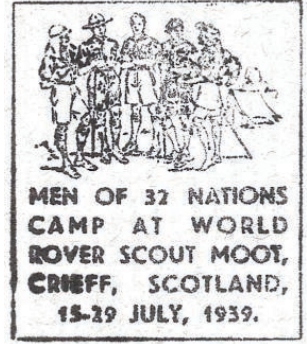
The Moot shop also sold stationary packs which included this rather crudely put together letter-headed paper (See next page). I have however yet to see any letters with this heading that were sent from the camp.

The shop also sold a series of 12 official sepia 'real photograph' postcards produced by Valentines of Dundee. All cards have white block capital italic captions. Seven



The black background is not part of the seal. The block of four poster stamps were formerly in the collection of David Jeffries (deceased), one time Chief Commissioner for Scotland and a member of our club.

The graphic opposite was taken from a printing block made in connection with the Moot, but was obviously designed before the event, as it instances only 32 participating nations instead of 48, - (this time an under estimate). It may have been used as an unofficial cachet.



of the more common cards carry an attribution on the bottom right of the card, *PHOTO THE SCOTSMAN*. The other five, that are harder to find, are very similar, but with the attribution, *THE SCOTSMAN PHOTOGRAPH*.



*PHOTO THE SCOTSMAN*



*THE SCOTSMAN PHOTOGRAPH*

Valentines also made at least four cards from above series of 12 with their own distinctive trademark on the reverse. They were numbered A.8659 A.8659 A.8661 and A.8962. Keen-eyed observers will note that the numbers form a sequence missing only A.8660. It seems likely that a Monzie 'trademark' postcard with this number

would have been produced, but the four known cards are rare, and number A8660, if it exists, has yet to be discovered.



Naturally there was a cloth 'pocket patch', and this also appeared on many items sold in the Moot Shop and by mail order. Because the customers were working adults there was a far wider range of promotional items on sale than were usually to be found at World Jamborees. These included pennants (with a cloth badge on both sides), and bookmarks (rare) on tartan material (various clans). Other tartan items included ladies woollen scarves, pin cushions, tea and egg cosies in various shapes and tobacco pouches. There were also tartan silk scarves and ties, a tie case, hosiery and pyjama cases, silk handkerchiefs, and woollen camp jackets. There was even a miniature set of bagpipes sporting the Moot badge!

Items made of leather such as wallets, notecases, tea caddie spoons and key cases were 'branded' with the Moot 'logo'. The metal enamelled lapel badge (see next page) appeared on various items such as cigarette cases, lighters and postage stamp cases. There was also a hallmarked silver engraved ashtray (9cms square, illustrated on next page), metal woggles (with a single 'wire' strand back) and a thumb stick badge. A very unusual item was a set of folding coat hangers, though never having seen these I do not know whether they were made from wood or metal.

Printed items included *The Moot Souvenir Book*, is probably best described as a photographic record, a song sheet (*Follow the Trail*) and the *Scottish Song Book*. The World Rover Scout Rally held at Murrayfield, Edinburgh on 28th July occasioned a substantial souvenir programme (now rare) which has many useful articles including a *History of the Rover Scouting*. There was the Moot Newspaper *The Moot Pictorial*, the collected editions were bound into books and sold after the event. I have discovered very few items relating to contingents but there is a rare blue covered booklet, *The Story of the Canadian Contingent*.

Another rare survivor is a printed shaped sticker glued on two edges (illustrated on the next page) that was clearly designed to affix to a windscreen or window. (Note it also proclaims '32 Nations'.)





The hallmarked silver ashtray, (9cms square) is photographed against the English and Scottish contingent scarves. At the centre of its circular base is the Scout fleur with 'R' 'S' in its wings, 'Monzie' above and '1939' below.

Any Scouting collection (philatelic or not) is an historic archive and all archives benefit from records of personal involvement. Covers and used postcards certainly fall into this evidence base, but so do 'personal' letters and photographs, but these though would seem to be scarce, as are original press photographs which would also fall into this category.



I am pleased to have copies of official invitations issued to A L Taylor of the 4th Albans Rover Crew (who also owned the silver ashtray) to the official dinner given to Rover Leaders by the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, held in the City Chambers on the July 26th, and also

his invitation to the Lord Somer's (Deputy Chief Scout later Chief Scout) reception held at the Moot on Tuesday 25th July 1939.

*The artefacts/information detailed above has been sourced from the Monzie collection of Peter Jackson of the International Badgers Club, the postcard collection of our member Brian Billington and also the philatelic collection of our Vice-President John Ineson as well items from my own collection. It would though be very foolish indeed to make any claims of it being a definitive listing. Readers who are aware of any Monzie artefact not described are asked to make contact. One notable omission which must surely exist is a poster advertising the Moot?*





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