

Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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50 years ago - see Peter Duck's "Notes from the President" starting on page 6.



Congratulations to the Cub Scouts who are celebrating their Centenary in 2016.

SPRING 2016



Editorial

So here we are making our way through 2016, which in Scouting terms is recognised as the Centenary of the founding of the Wolf Cubs (or Cub Scouts as they are now known). In my District of Chelmsford we have started the celebrations with a special Founders' Day activity and Scouts' Own which took place on Saturday 20th February. There were 157 Cubs present and I understand that between them they managed to achieve over 300 badges during what was a quite intensive afternoon. My personal base was explaining the history of Cub Scouting and I exhibited Uniforms, stamps, postcards, badges and books. There was quite a surprising amount of interest with some of the young people standing with eyes wide open when I mentioned how it had all started. (The only down side to the day was that I managed to leave my car with its lights on and had to wait for a service engineer to attend and give me a jump start - still that was only 25 minutes - thanks AA.)

In the summer we are holding a much larger weekend event with cubs from all over the County of Essex camping from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. Again I will be putting on a history base for the Saturday and will be assisted by our Chairman so we are hoping to attract some potential new members - if not from the Cubs then from their Leaders.

Can I finish with a heartfelt plea for more material. Other than my regular contributors - Melvyn, Peter, John and Colin, supported by T.P. McDermott (who isn't actually a member of the Club) I get virtually nothing from the general membership, except for the occasional single page article. I have set some ideas for comment at the end of the article from John Roberts so if you do feel like having a brief attempt at authorship please do so. You would be surprised at how much other Club members appreciate reading of your ideas, problems, collections, etc.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

May 15th. Please send copy, including photos, electronically
- where possible.

FUTURE MEETINGS UPDATE

As mentioned before we are still intending to hold meetings in the UK during the major philatelic Exhibitions each year, providing that the hire costs are reasonable. Known dates are:

17th September, 2016 - Autumn Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. Hopefully a Room will be booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Committee Meeting from 12 noon to 13.00 and Open/Members meeting from 13.00 to 14.00.

The 2016 AGM has been planned for 25th June, 2016 and again to be held at The Headquarters' Training Ship, The Lord Amory, Dockland Scout Project.

2016 sees the centenary of Cub Scouting in the UK, or to older readers "Wolf Cubs". Formed locally as far back as 1913, as so many younger boys wanted to be part of Scouting like their big brothers, and formed officially in 1916.

The first postage stamp to depict a Cub was from the U.S.A. In 1950 on a single 3c stamp commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and later

in 1954 Cuba produced a 4c stamp picturing a Cub with a Scout. Since their revolution, when Scouting was banned, Cuba is one of the few countries without Scouting., But with their recent better relations with the rest of the world things



might change.

There have been numerous later issues picturing Cub Scouts involved in various activities and events from around the world, enough to make a colourful display.

2016 also see the summer Olympic Games hosted by Brazil and, no doubt, there will be many thematic stamps issued in commemoration. As usual, there will also probably be some very speculative issues with dubious postal validity - their designs incorporating other themes, including Scouting, so buyer beware!

In reply to Colin's interesting article "The Mystery of the Silver Cross" in the Winter 2015 issue it is not surprising that the medal is actually bronze. The first "batch" of these medals awarded from 1909 were all silver plated bronze and the thin plating usually wore off with polishing to reveal the bronze below. I possess two such awards from 1909, including the very first Silver Cross issued in June to Scout H. Motton, 1st Longford Troop, Sheffield.

John's Jottings

by John Ineson

Some of you may be aware that Spink's of London will be selling by auction, my collection of Anglo-Boer War Paper Currency on 12-13 April. Of particular interest to Scout collectors will be the Mafeking Banknotes, including a number of varieties, as well as Soup and Soven tickets. Most items are being sold individually with over 160 lots, and on checking my



records I see that some of these I purchased from former SGSC members over 50 years ago. It will be sad to see them sold, but at the age of 82, I trust other people will have pleasure in owning a great part of pre-Scouting history, as without the Siege of Mafeking, it is very unlikely that Baden-Powell would have ever started Scouting.

My "Jottings" for the Winter 2015 issue of our Bulletin proved to be of interest, especially to our Canadian members when I showed a badly perforated 1955 Jamboree stamp. Thanks to both Alex Hadden and Tony



Manson, I can now show two more items



from their collections including possibly the only known cover with this variety. If you have any interesting varieties of Scout stamps, why not share them with our members.

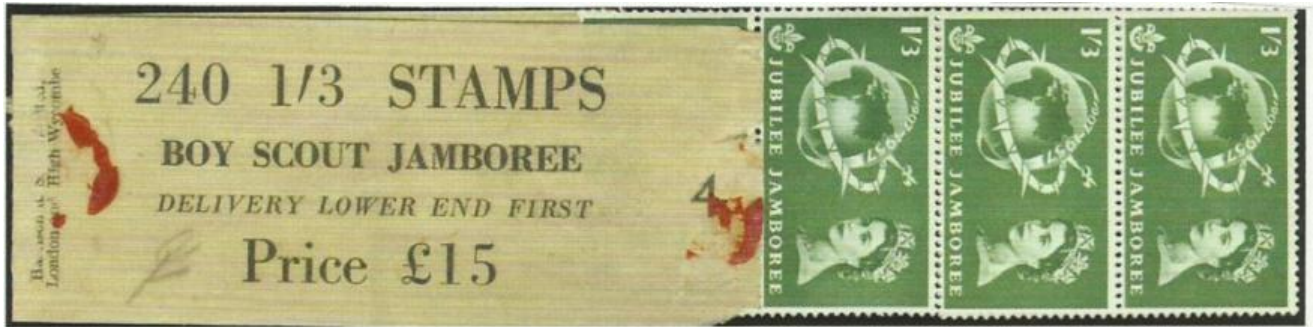
A few months ago, I gave a display of my U.K. Scout collection to a local Philatelic Society, and when it came to the 1957 World Jamboree set, I asked the audience how many issues of commemorative stamps had been issued since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. By then four years had passed, and knowing how many sets our Post Office issues these days, the answers were all wrong. The World Jamboree stamps were the first set to be issued in four years. It then came to the 1957 coils, and the members were most surprised to learn that the Scout issue was the first and only set of U.K. commemorative stamps to be produced in coils. At the time the Post Office was informed to expect to sell some two million covers, so they commissioned a special

machine for applying the set of three stamps. What the Post Office did not realise was that many people and companies produced their own First Day Covers, so in the end only 60,632 official covers were stamped and sold by the Post Office. The machine required the stamps to be in continuous rolls, so an order was placed with the printer for these to consist of 4800 stamps. The



following were produced for the machine and for sale at the London Chief Office, 2½d...487, 4d...480 and 1s.3d...482, but due to the lack of sales, only just over 20 rolls were sold of each value. As the Post Office had a considerable number of rolls left, it

was found that the quantities were too large for



stamp collectors, so some were rewound into smaller rolls of 480 for the 2½d and 4d and 240 for the 1s.3d and placed on 2nd September 1957. The total amount sold was 49 of the 2½, 37 of 4d and 33 of the 1s.3d value. To prove that stamps came from coils, you had to collect the coil leaders as shown or find a strip of 21 stamps, as the original sheets consisted of 6 x 20 stamps.

Just a first reminder that annual subscriptions are due on 1st April and should be sent to Tim Reed at 10 Falconwood Close, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP16 1TB, England. Fees are unchanged, as follows:

TYPE	POSTAL SERVICE		ELECTRONIC SERVICE	
	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

Cheques, Postal Orders or Money Orders payable to "Scout and Guide Stamps Club".

Subscriptions via PayPal are still available with a modest extra charge.

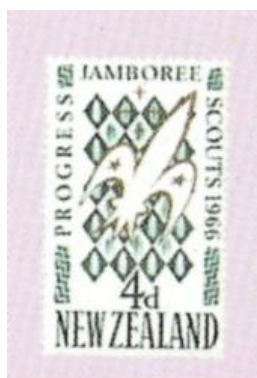
FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Fifty years ago, on a cold wet day in March 1966, Audrey and I were married. We went by train to Brighton for a short honeymoon, then struggled with our mortgage and obtaining the necessary items to furnish our flat.

I had started my Scout philatelic collection in 1959 after having got hooked on collecting (mainly badges) when I attended the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in 1957 where I was on the staff as a Gate Steward. Then meeting up with our late President, Roy Rhodes, fired my enthusiasm for Scout philately.

Up to 1966, there had been relatively few Scout and Guide stamp issues, more than 10 sets in a year was an exception, and in 1966 there were 14. Fortunately for my necessary expenditure, most of them were relatively inexpensive, being just single stamps or only two in a set. My major supplier at that time were Healey & Wise, and as I worked in the City of London there were many lunch-time visits to their shop.

The first issue for 1966 appeared on 5th January from New Zealand for their 4th National Jamboree. A single stamp priced at 4d, and I seem to remember that FDCs cost about one shilling (5p today). This was followed in March by a set of five from Guatemala "In Homage to National Scouting". An attractive set with the values of 5, 9, 10 and 15 cents being produced in a quantity of 100,000, and the top value of 20 cents showing B-P in a quantity of 50,000 only.



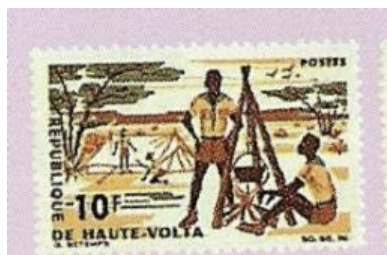
Saudi Arabia's first issue also appeared in March



for the 6th Arab & Islamic Rover Moot. This event actually took place in 1965, so first day covers were not produced at the Moot itself. The stamps are now catalogued fairly highly as mint, so were quite a good investment.



Korea followed on 10th May with a single stamp to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of Korea. Also during May, on 26, the Philippines celebrated 25 years of their Girl Scouts with an issue of three stamps.



On 15th June, two stamps appeared from Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) to honour the Boy Scouts Movement. These also appeared as imperforate stamps (always more expensive to exploit the collectors!).

The 7th Arab Scout Jamboree took place in Libya in August 1966, and this was



commemorated with stamp issues from three nations. Firstly, Algeria combined its issue of two stamps with one value celebrating the 30th anniversary of

Algerian Boy Scouts. This pair appeared on 23rd July, then on 10th August there was a single stamp from Egypt (then entitled U.A.R. – United Arab Republic, in conjunction with Syria.) And on 12th August a pair of stamps from Libya itself, together with a single for the 1st Arab Girl Scouts Camp.

Gabon and Dahomey (now Benin) – both on 17th October, joined in the philatelic “band-wagon” with commemorations of their National Scout Movements. Gabon produced two stamps, whereas Dahomey’s issue comprised four stamps plus a miniature sheet combining all four values. Needless to say, both of these issues appeared in perforate and imperforate format.



Haiti issued a set of six stamps publicising “Education through Literacy” in October. Two of the stamps depicted a Scout salute, a Scout hat, a tent and a reef knot.



Kuwait celebrated the 30th anniversary of their Scout Movement on 21st December with an issue of two stamps in a common design. I recall that first day covers of this issue were difficult to find.

The final issue of the year came from Qatar when their 1965 Scouting set of eight stamps plus miniature sheet was revalued from NP currency to Dirhams and Riyals. All of the stamps and sheet appeared in perforate and imperforate format, and there is some doubt as to their official status, and they are not catalogued by Stanley Gibbons.

Not too overwhelming a selection for the year, and apart from getting married, the best thing about 1966 was England winning the World Cup!

MORE NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the “Prague Spring” period at the end of the 1960’s when Scouting was permitted in Czechoslovakia for a couple of years, a Season’s Greetings card was produced, and widely distributed. The black and white picture on the front of the card shows Lord Baden-Powell with cheering Scouts. The hand written message on the reverse of the card states: “Good by of Czek-scouts from little Jamboree in London 1929”. As we know, there was no “little Jamboree” in London in 1929, the 3rd World Jamboree had been held in Arrowe Park, Birkenhead in August of that year.

I was able to do some research on the event depicted as I recognised the building and the Scout Leader next to B-P. The building was the Chiswick Empire Theatre (demolished in the 1960’s) which Lord Baden-Powell visited on 19th October 1929 to inaugurate a series of children’s films. Apparently this was B-P’s first public appearance following his elevation to the Peerage.

The Scouter next to B-P in the photograph was “Uncle” Harry Garlick, District Commissioner of Brentford & Chiswick Boy Scouts (then in the County of Middlesex). Incidentally, Charles D.Garlick, the son of “Uncle” Harry was Scoutmaster of the Troop at the school which attended in the 1940’s. But I was already in another Chiswick Troop which I had joined earlier.

Where the originator of the card got his idea of the “little Jamboree in London” is a mystery!





Concerned for the Future of the Scout and Guide Stamp Club?

Prepared to do something to ensure that it has a future?

At the AGM of the Scout and Guide Stamp Club the Club will, once again, be looking for members to form its Committee.

The Committee consists of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, together with six other Members.

The Committee has for a number of years been running with at least one Committee Member short.

Several of the current Committee Members, including the Secretary, are looking to step down at the Annual General Meeting in June.

Without a full number of Committee Members the workload involved obviously increases for the other Members and the Committee's effectiveness is restricted.

Are you in a position to help the Club secure its future?

Are you the member that could make a difference to the Club's future?

If you think that you might be able to help to ensure that the Club has a future and would like further information of what might be involved then please contact: *Graham Osborne, Secretary, at 3 Camberry Close, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 3AG [Tel: 01256-328831 or e-mail - camberry@tiscali.co.uk]*

Alternatively come along to the Club's AGM which has been planned for 25th June, 2016 and to be held at The Headquarters' Training Ship, The Lord Amory, Dockland's Scout Project, London E14 3NU. *[Further details to follow.]*

Article to appear in the *Scout and Guide Stamp Club*

New Issues for 2015

We are very grateful to Bob Lee for supplying an up to date list

SCOUT & GUIDE STAMPS ~ 2015 ~ NEW ISSUES								
lfsco	my ref	country		set	mint m/s	set	imperf m/s	FDC
class								
A	789	Bangladesh	Cub Camporee x 1 val (2011 ~ At long last !)					2.65
A	882	Libya	60th Anniversary of Scouting					23.70
A	885	Gibraltar	100th Anniversary of Sea Scouts x 2 vals	1.55				2.60
A	886	Oman	20th Arab Regional Conference x 2 vals	1.60				
A	887	Nepal	Diamond Jubilee of Scouts x 1 val	1.40				2.30
A	888	Palestine	100th Anniversary of Scouts x 3 vals + m/s	6.60	7.45			10.40
A	889	Malaysia	Opening of World Scout Bureau x 3 vals	1.15				
A	890	Philippines	100th Anniversary of Scouts x 2 vals + s/s	1.80	2.70			
A	891	St Helena	100 Yrs of ~Big Brownie Birthday sh x 5 vals		5.20			
A	892	Solomon Islands	Sc & Gd Commem. 4 vals + m/s B-P & Juliette Low	4.35	5.40	19.40	19.40	15.60
C	893	Djibouti	Scout Activities sh x 3 vals + m/s of B-P	3.75	5.60	10.30	13.70	
C	894	Central Africa	Scouts and Mushrooms sh x 4 vals + m/s	9.40	7.80	20.60	20.60	
C	895	Rep of Togo	Scouts in camp with B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s of B-P	7.60	6.40	20.60	20.60	
C	896	Rep of Niger	B-P and scout activities sh x 4 vals + m/s of B-P	7.60	6.40	20.60	20.60	
C	897	Sao Tome	Scouting Commem. Sh x 4 vals + m/s both with B-P	6.20	6.20	19.40	19.40	
A	898	Dominican Rep	100th Anniversary of Scouts x 1 val	1.95				
A	899	Columbia	100th Anniversary of local Scouting x 1 val	2.60				4.10
A	900	Uruguay	Scout Jamboree x 1 val	9.80				10.60
A	901	GB	WW II "1915"prestige booklet	17.40				
C	903	Rep of Togo	Scouting activities sh x 4 vals + s/s	5.30	4.50			
C	904	Rep of Benin	Chess & Scouting sh x 3 vals + s/s	3.50	4.35			
C	905	Guinea Bissau	Scout activities sh x 4 vals (inc B-P stamp on stamp)		7.45		20.60	
C	906	Guinea Rep	B-P & Scouting sh x 4 vals + s/s	9.30	7.40	20.60	20.60	
C	907	Guinea Rep	Orchids & Scouting sh x 4 vals + s/s	9.30	7.40			
A	908	Solomon Islands	Scouting sh x 4 vals + m/s	6.50	5.40			18.60
A	909	Bahamas	100th Anniversary of Girl Guides x 6 vals	3.25				
A	910	Bahamas	Queen Elizabeth longest reign 1 of 4 vals ~ Scout	1.15				
A	911	Cayman Islands	Island Pioneers ~ T E McField Scout founder 1 of 4	0.45				
A	912	Japan	23rd World Jamboree sh x 10 vals		8.20			
A	913	Cook Islands	50 yrs of Self Government B-P, 1 of 10 vals, sheet	1.35				
C	914	Rep of Guinea	23rd World Jamboree sh x 4 vals (B-P) + M/S	5.20	4.60			
C	915	Sao Tome	23rd World Jamboree sh x 4 vals + M/S	6.90	5.40			
C	916	Central Africa	23rd World Jamboree sh x 3 vals + M/S	6.40	5.75			
C	917	Rep of Niger	Scout activities sh x 3 vals + M/S	5.90	5.30			
C	918	Maldives	Scouting 1963-2015, sh x 4 vals+ M/S all with B-P	5.70	4.60			
C	919	Maldives	QE II Longest Reign, with Brownies m/s x 1 val		4.90			
			All the above are, subject to prior sale, available from;					
			Bob Lee, 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2HA, UK.					
			e-mail ; boblee@thematix.co.uk					
			Please add postage as follows; UK ~ Stamps £1.20, Covers £1.80					
			Overseas ~ Stamps £2.00, Covers £3.00					
			Payment accepted by UK cheque, Bank Transfer and PayPal,					

I am writing a few comments about the item entitled 'Beware of Imitations' in the excellent December 2015/January 2016 magazine of the Plymouth Postcard Collectors Club.

I collect postcards of Bristol, Ripon, and Scouts/Guides. There are many interesting postcards which I have collected over the years. Although an unused postcard is preferable, I like to read the messages on the back. I try and collect original postcards but there are times when I am unable to afford the cost of an original card.

I am fine about bidding on EBay or similar sites for a copy of the original postcard. As long as it is made perfectly clear that the item on sale is 'a copy' and not an original then I am happy to pay a reasonable price.

I have recently purchased two railway locomotives photographs (from original postcards) depicting 'The Boy Scout' and 'The Girl Guide'. Both of these were reasonably priced and were stated that they were copies from an original postcard. I had been looking for these two items for a fair time.

I recently missed out on a postcard of the opening ceremony of BP House depicting the hall and the assembled guests on the stage. I would very much appreciate a copy of this postcard.

The caption reads:

HM The Queen opens Baden-Powell House on July 12th 1961.

It is fair to say, in conclusion, that we would all like to own original postcards of our preferred subjects etc., but where this is not possible then a copy or a photograph will suffice.

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Editor's Comments:

I think that John has made a very interesting point with this article and one on which I would think many members of the SGSC will have opinions. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of you to send me in your opinion and I can then put together a reasonable article on the subject.

How about - what's a fake or counterfeit?

- what's a copy or a forgery?

- what's a replica or a facsimile?

and my own personal favourite - what's a set?

Here are the “un-audited” accounts for the SGSC in respect of the year 2015.

The papers will shortly be passed to the Auditor and the final documents will be available at the AGM.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB					
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2015.					
2014	Expenditure	2015	2014	Income	2015
1771.78	Bulletin Expenditure	1,134.52	1130.11	Annual Subscriptions	1,015.43
			668.24	Five Year Subscriptions	443.81
30.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	35.00	238.63	Auction Income	0.00
9.70	Telephone, Post and Travel	62.18	15.00	Advertisements	93.32
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	526.55	Sales Service	25.50
123.38	Stamp Insurance	77.00	82.65	Donations	36.05
41.65	Printing and Stationery	36.06			
17.00	British Thematic Association	20.00			
			0.00	Interest	0.00
0.00	Web Site	8.38	2661.18	Active Income	1,614.11
			0.00	Unpresented cheque	8.38
1993.51	Total Expenditure	1,373.14	2661.18	Total Income	1,622.49
667.67	Excess Income over Expenditure	249.35			
2,661.18		1,622.49	2,661.18		1,622.49
Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2015					
Brought Forward			Carried Forward		
Community Account	456.44		Community Account	829.93	
Less Uncleared Cheques			Less Uncleared Cheques		
Plus Unbanked Cheques	525.00		Plus Unbanked Cheques	8.38	
	981.44		981.44	838.31	838.31
Business Money Manger Account			0.06	Business Money Manager Account	0.06
PayPal Account			286.21	PayPal Account	677.45
	TOTAL		1267.71	TOTAL	1515.82
Postage reimbursement outstanding			-1.24		
Excess Income over Expenditure			249.35		
			1,515.82		1,515.82

NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £355.05
2. Bulletin Postage included with Bulletin cost as part of printing deal.

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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, 2015.

Signed

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B. Forshaw. Hon. Auditor

JAPAN World Scout Jamboree 2015

Our regular contributor T.P. McDermott is also a member of the International Society for Japanese Philately and he has arranged with them for us to reproduce the following article

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2015.07.28 23rd World Scout Jamboree

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree was held from 28 July to 8 August 2015 at Kirarahama (Kirara Beach) located on the Inland Sea in southwest Yamaguchi Prefecture. It was attended by over 32,000 scouts (both boys and girls) and 8,000 International Service Team (IST) members.⁽¹⁾ The 1st World Scout Jamboree was held in 1920 at London, England, and since 1959 they have been held every 4 years. Japan previously hosted the 13th World Scout Jamboree held at Fujinomiya in Shizuoka Prefecture in 1971, which was commemorated by a ¥15 stamp (right) issued on 1971.08.02.



The theme of the 2015 Jamboree was “和 Wa: A Spirit of Unity”. This theme is encompassed within the 2015 Jamboree logo depicting a knotted *mizuhiki* (cord created from rice paper) accompanied by the character 和 (*wa* or “harmony”) at the bottom right. All four of the different ¥82 designs (28.0 x 35.5 mm) by Tamaki Akira comprising this stamp issue incorporate the logo, shown enlarged at the right. The designs appear as alternating horizontal pairs in sheets of 10 (2 x 5) measuring 84.0 x 222.5 mm (i.e., Designs 1 and 2 comprise the 1st, 3rd and 5th horizontal rows, while Designs 3 and 4 comprise the 2nd and 4th rows). A total of 600,000 sheets (1.8 million each of Designs 1 and 2, and 1.2 million each of Designs 3 and 4) were printed in 6 offset inks by Joh. Enschedé Stamps. The JSCA/Sakura catalogue numbers allocated for this issue are respectively C2221a-d for Designs 1-4.



Although the four designs are quite similar, they are all distinctly different. However, no design name appears on any of the four, and in the Japan Post announcement they are respectively identified as just “Scout[s] and Jamboree logo” and a sequential number from 1 to 4. Design 1 and Design 2 respectively depict a boy scout and a girl scout (both aged 14-17) while Designs 3 and 4 both depict two scouts with an 18+ year old scout leader. Design 3 features two boy scouts and a female leader, Design 4 two girl scouts and a male leader.

In addition to the logo, the remaining component of each design is best appreciated by viewing the whole sheet, which shows a representation of the official Jamboree neckerchief spanning each design and its adjacent sheet margin. The Jamboree neckerchiefs, which incorporated the Jamboree logo, came in seven different color designs depending on the person’s role. For the two main groups, the scout’s neckerchief was red with an orange border, while the leader’s was colored red with a green border.⁽²⁾

Sheet background

The upper margin of the sheet depicts all eight scouts and leaders seen in the four different designs. Each horizontal pairing of Designs 1 and 2 in the sheet has the female leader from Design 3 in the left margin and the

¹ The IST consists of adult (18 years and over) volunteers who undertake roles of unit leadership, organization, and other support activities.
² A comprehensive reference of everything that participants needed to know was the official “Participant Handbook”, of which an electronic copy can be accessed at http://www.23wsj.jp/assets/hb_en.pdf.

male leader from Design 4 in the right margin, while each pairing of Designs 3 and 4 has a pictorial representation of the world scout emblem in both left and right margins.

This emblem, introduced at the 8th World Scout Jamboree held in Greece in 1955, shows a rope tied in a reef knot encircling a modified fleur-de-lis. The three plumes in the fleur-de-lis symbolize Service to others, Duty to God, and Obedience to the Scout Law. The two five-pointed stars in the left and right plumes symbolize knowledge and truth. The rope symbolizes the family of the World Scout Movement and the knot its strength and unity. Finally, the white color of the fleur-de-lis and rope symbolize purity, while the royal purple background denotes leadership and courage.

First-day post offices



The officially designated first-day post office was Yamaguchi Central (山口中央) post office, although serviced copies of the datestamps (both LCDs) were available from both Tōkyō Central and Nihonbashi post offices. The framed (hand) datestamp depicts the boy scout in Design 1, and the unframed (machine) datestamp shows the two girl scouts and male leader which formed the subject of Design 4.



Small Commemorative Datestamp (SCD)

An SCD was also produced for the Jamboree. It was authorized for use during the Jamboree's duration (28 July to 8 August) at both the Ajisu (阿知須) post office in Yamaguchi (山口) Prefecture and a temporary branch of it located at the Jamboree. As can be seen from an example (right) struck on 7 August, this SCD has the same design as the machine stamped LCD, except for the different post office name.



We thank the International Society for Japanese Philately for allowing us to reproduce this article, which appeared originally in their Magazine of October 2015.

Anyone interested in ISJP should e-mail me at publisher@isjp.org, or look at our website www.isjp.org, or send me regular mail at PO Box 1283, Haddonfield NJ 08033 USA.

...Ken...

CENTENARY OF WOLF CUBS / CUB SCOUTS

As has been mentioned in other parts of this issue 2016 is being celebrated in the UK as the Centenary of the foundation of the Wolf Cubs, later to become Cub Scouts. To support this Centenary we have a number of period Wolf Cub postcards which are being included on this page. Hopefully they will be of interest.



Of the many Philmont Scout Ranch picture post cards, one of the nicest is the vertical view of Beaubien base camp with a scout wearing the then traditional red woolen jacket and scout shorts while sitting on a rail fence looking at horses and the base camp cabins in the distance. I recently purchased a postal used copy and while reading the card's message, was I surprised! A postcard from Philmont, that super bastion of American Boy Scouting, but from a female. A female staff member at that! (*See Page 24*)

The card was postmarked at Cimarron, New Mexico, postal code 87714 on July 5th, 1969. The postage was paid with a 5 cent blue George Washington stamp from the Prominent American series. It is a coil stamp, Scott catalog # 1304, whose first day of issue was Sept 8, 1967. This stamp is the bearded face of Washington stamp not the re-drawn, clean shaved face stamp which was re-issued a year or two later.

The post card read "Dear Ginger, Thank you for your nice note about Grandpa. We all were very saddened by his death. I'm enjoying the MTS (mountains) and working in an office with very nice people – very different from school! Have a nice seminar and I'll see you in the Fall. Sincerely, Cynthia Piser" It was addressed to Miss Ginger Austin / 2108 Packard / Ann Arbor, Michigan / 48104.

The card is BSA National Supply Division's picture post card #41719C. Its caption reads "Beaubien One of the most beautiful camps at Philmont, Beaubien is located in the southwestern section of the 214-square mile national camping area of the Boy Scouts of America."

Beaubien in the lush, green Bonito valley is the hub of many trails leading throughout the southwestern section of Philmont. While Cynthia may have picked the Beaubien picture post card to communicate with her friend, I don't believe she actually worked at the base camp. As a pioneering female on the staff, she most likely would have worked at the reservation's headquarters area rather than t this base. Could it have been that this Philmont card is one of the few that contains a human figure, 'a boy' and the scene is most pleasing.

Boy Scout of America's Exploring scheme or program level became co-ed in 1969 and females would eventually make up about one-quarter of all registered Explorers by the 1980s. BSA authorized Venturing program level in the late 1990s which was basically a specialized outdoor interest, Explorer program for 14 to 18 teenagers. Girls soon started to appear at scout reservations and camps all over America. But remember, our postcard sender was at Philmont in July 1969. That's the first year female youth were registered by National BSA. She might have been one of the first female Explorers. Prior to that, females were only registered as Den Mothers, the adult leader for Cub Scouts' small den groups.

While trying to determine how Cynthia heard about Philmont, I developed a timeline to see if she could have worked on the Ann Arbor campus of the University of Michigan

during one of the huge scouting conferences held there. Maybe her father was a professional scouter. Or maybe a boyfriend, who earlier went to Philmont, and endlessly talked about his experiences. Cynthia might have decided to see what Philmont was all about and to get paid while doing it. *Or maybe her great-grandmother was a Harvey Girl (waitress) who worked for the Fred Harvey Company which provided hospitality/food services at depots along the Santa Fe Railway (A T & SF) and told her tales of life in the amazing state of New Mexico.*

According to information on the Philmont Staff Association website, the first two female rangers were hired for the summer of 1972 and backcountry staff in 1988. A ranger was a staff member who accompanied a crew on their trail expedition for the first few days. The other position was as a program specialist at one of the many base camps. So I believe she worked as a clerical worker at Headquarters.

From the post card message, I hypothesis that Cynthia might have completed at least her second year at college as her friend would probably not be attending a summer seminar at the end of her first college year. Both would have been at least 18 years old at the time of writing the postcard and might be at least 65 years old today.

I was able to make contact with Cynthia Pisor-Zapel and one of my assumptions was correct. Her boyfriend/husband did tell her about the wonders of Philmont and convince her to spend her summers with him at Philmont. She reported that her husband, Nick Pisor, was a camp director at several base camps over the years and was Assistant Director (1966-69) to Joe Davis, Director of Camping (1965-75) the year round head man at Philmont Scout Ranch. Cynthia worked as a secretary to Don Wilson who was the Director of Food Services and Purchasing. Wilson was responsible for supplying the necessities of life for the 10 to 12 members of crews who hiked the many trails and mountains of Philmont. Cynthia, being a music teacher, also led the group singing for the families whose husbands/fathers attended the various volunteer training courses at the Philmont Training Center. Additional attempts to get other answers were not successful.

Lawrence R Murphy lists Cynthia and Nick Pisor, among three other Philmont summer employees who deserve special notice for their patience and indulgence (and help) while writing his 1972 book *Philmont: A History of New Mexico's Cimarron Country*. There is a scholarship in Nick Pisor's name that is still supporting deserving Scouts to hike the Rayado trails of Philmont.

Web sites www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org and www.philstaff.com

Scouts at War

Those of you that follow my writings will know that my last major work was *Scouts at War Vol I the Great War*. After a bit of struggle I was able to meet my deadline and see the project published in time to meet my self-imposed deadline of August 4th 2014, the hundredth anniversary of the war. Those of you lucky enough to have a copy of this work (those that haven't don't worry, contact me!) will have seen that it is lavishly illustrated in the 'stock in trade' of *Colin's Corner* notably, posters, poster stamps, covers, handbills, and any other Scouting related war- time ephemera. On publication I let out a big sigh and thought, with relief, that there was no hurry to complete Vol II on the Second World War as the hundredth anniversary of that is not until 2039.

However, as my 70th birthday has now come and gone it has slowly dawned on me that I might really not have the luxury of all those years of grace left- and so after a little respite I have decided that I better get on with it, and that is where you find me now, in the midst of writing having completed most of my research. I am though, as always, encouraged as my researches have taken me to amazing places where I meet fantastic people from whom I learn things that even after 15 years of Scout Historianship and lifetime membership of the Scout Association that I had never or scarcely heard. So, I have been able to gather information that, I am sure, will astound many people. However, I have also discovered yet another quite surprising fact in comparing the Scouting involvement in the two wars. I wonder if your mind is racing ahead to see if you can predict the differences- I would be quite impressed if you can?

Yes, self -evidently, B-P did not have an active role in WW2, so we miss his direct input in so much of Scouting's war effort, his setting up the Rest and Recuperation Scout Huts under the YMCA banner in France for example. His direct leadership of Scouts being involved in the Flax Harvest Scheme that enabled Britain to have air supremacy the closing stages of the war etc., the enormous extent and success of B-P's' *Grains of Sand*' the Coastwatchers. In the 2nd War however other major threads emerge, different in concept but every bit as important to the war effort and of which we in Scouting should be equally as proud (not that most people in Scouting like me have ever heard of some of these things!)

It was the return of servicemen after the Great War who had been Scouts before it that caused the Association to form the Rover Section, so Rovers played no part in the Great War but they certainly did in the second. Whereas in my first book I was writing mainly about ex scouts and Scoutmaster when considering for instance the Scout VCs, but in WW2 we had men serving at the front, on nearly every ship, in every Squadron and every unit who were active Rovers, and their testaments are

amazing, telling the Scouting History of that war, nowhere more so than in the POW camps where of course Rovers were interned on the same ratio as had existed in their service organisations, Once captured however they proliferated in the POW camps and their stories, whether from the Stalags in Germany or the Japanese Death Camps are humbling. I have discovered POW stories of German and Austrian Scouts who came to England for sanctuary from the Nazis in 1936 and were interned with their parents in 1939, only to be sent (without their parents) to Australia for internment on SS Dunera where they formed a Rover Crew only to be treated (badly) as if they thought they were prisoners of War both on the ship and in POW like internment camps, where the Dunera Rover Crew proliferated.

Talking of camps reminds me of the epic journeys made by Polish families overland to British Colonies in Africa to escape the Nazis - where they too were interned, this time on humanitarian grounds. They formed Scout Groups and as they grew older like the Dunera Boys many found they way to Britain by the end of the war to fight for their homelands.

And then, there is the amazing work of the Scouts International Relief Service. 'Patrols' of Scouters to old or infirm to join up who were give a Bedford lorry battledress with an shoulder tape and tenderfoot badge on their beret who then went out, after a few weekends training at Scout camp to run entire ex Nazi labour camps until the internees could be repatriated to the homelands after the Nazi retreat.

Well, if you are patting yourself on the back because you knew about some of these things, the 'surprising fact' to which I referred was not so much a particular facet of the war, but that they are not supported as far as I can discover by the amazing wealth of paper ephemera that existed in World War One. Have you seen - or are you aware of any paper ephemera that would illustrate any of the above topics, if so

Those of you with a copy of Vol 1 will recall the wonderful full-page full colour illustrations of the three posters used by the War Office for wholesale distribution on station hoardings, post offices and library notice boards etc.



The 'Are You in this?' poster designed by B-P also made into three different versions of posters stamps, the very evocative illustration of 'The Drummer' wondering when he will get the chance to serve and lastly the total moral blackmail going in "What Will Your Answer Be' with the Scout causing his dad to scratch his head. Well, where are there 2nd World War equivalents? Never mind the Ministry of Information posters- does any one have any Scouting posters relating to World War Two? If so I would be very pleased to see them- and, dear readers, I am sure that you are beginning to spot that a theme is about to emerge!



I am only aware of two UK Scouting poster stamps from WW2, they are illustrated here correctly sized relative to each other however probably not to the correct dimensions if your bulletin is a hard copy. The Green stamp which was the first to be produced measures 30 by 33mm, the yellow 25x30mm. Do you know of any other wartime poster stamp, or have either of these two stamps on cover? The blue cutting from a Scout Wartime information pamphlet published weekly would seem to indicate they were used on postal items by businesses as well as individuals.

One whole chapter in the First World War book is devoted to Scout related postcards - mainly in colour- mainly produced for propaganda purposes but some 'comic' I have a counted then up and I illustrated 17 such cards nearly all at full size.



Okay, so where are the WW2 equivalents? I will be totally frank, so far I have only one postcard with which to illustrate the new book, and that, though very useful, is a black and white image of a totally blitzed Scout Headquarters of the 1st City of London Troop 'bombed and burned out December 1940'. I refuse to believe that no other WW2 Scouting postcards exist, and even if that were the case then, there will for sure be photographs of Scouts, maybe your relations, taking part in war time activities; if so

One or two areas of very interesting research, not surprisingly, have failed to leave a 'paper trail' of any kind that I could use to illustrate my researches (unless you know differently). I refer to the cloak and dagger department. Did you know that after the 1939 London Gang Show was cancelled Ralph Reader and small group from the Gang toured France under instruction from what became SOE (Secret Operations Executive) to use the opportunity to 'spy out' war activity. Even more surprising was that one of the people with whom Ralph interacted with at official Top Secret Level was no other than JS 'Belge' Wilson (Gilwell Camp Chief and Director of World Scouts International Bureau) who was a senior officer in the SOE and went on to command all operations in Norway, having much to do with the Norwegian Scouts in exile. Even more clandestine was his involvement in 'Churchill's Secret Army', the Auxilliers, whom Churchill had recruited to literally go underground when the Germans invaded (as he was sure they would in 1939/40 so that they would be present behind the front line to commit sabotage and assassinations. When asked as to the ideal recruit for his new 'army', Churchill replied, 'Poachers, Gamekeepers, Criminals and Rover Scouts' - and of course in Belge Wislon he had a man who knew all about the latter. The 'patrols' as they were called in their OB's (Underground Operational Bunkers), often had a Rover Scout member but at least three patrols were totally composed of Rover Scouts. Thrilling stuff! I have first-hand testimonies, newspaper articles and the several books that have been written since the Official Secrets Act on 2nd World War activity was listed, but do you know more? Was there an OB near you? Do your have a relative that was an Auxillier? If so please

My research so far has led me to Sunderland find out about the sinking of The City of Benares, a small cruise ship that was to carry 100 evacuees to Canada. (Scouts were to play a major part the evacuation programme). Unfortunately the Benares never arrived, it was sunk by a U-boat and 93 of the children perished including a Sunderland Boy Scout George Crawford who, before he was washed out of a lifeboat had himself rescued another boy from the sea. I am soon to interview his surviving cousin and have found that the family were given a statue of the Scout by the local Scout Association which I will be allowed to photo. Do you know anything about this?

Well, I must not tell you too much as you will have no need to buy the new book, but what about the four Kings Scouts from blitzed cities who were selected from 10 ten nominees to go to Canada (by boat at the same time the Benares was sunk) as a PR exercise to bring the Canadians 'on side' as some, as in America which they went on to tour, were far from convinced that the 'New World' should be involved in the wars of the old. One of the King Scouts from Birkenhead had already won the Bronze Cross for the work he done during the blitz in that city.

Last but not least, what of the National Scout Association's downright refusal to take any part in the many Spitfire Funds. Of the 20,000 Spitfires built in WW2, 1500 were privately donated and had the name of local Spitfire Fund painted on the engine cowling. I have traced five such Spitfires in which Scouts did play an important role and know of the activities and fate of 'their' Spitfires. There is no mention of Scout involvement in these schemes in any national Scout Association publication such as *The Scouter*, only a statement that Scouting would not be involved in funding Spitfires of bombers. Do you know of a Spitfire fund that operated near you, and what your local groups. District or Scout County did to support it?

Enough! I think you have got the message, I really would be most grateful for any scans that you send relating to any Scout activity connected with any of the British war-time activities that I have mentioned (and even more importantly activities that I haven't mentioned, perhaps because I don't know about them YET!)

The new book like Vol I, will be a limited edition of 200, if you would like a copy, be sure to let me know your contact details (no money required until the book's publication). If you would like Vol 1, please contact me at Scouting.Milestones@btinternet.com or on 01977 794147.



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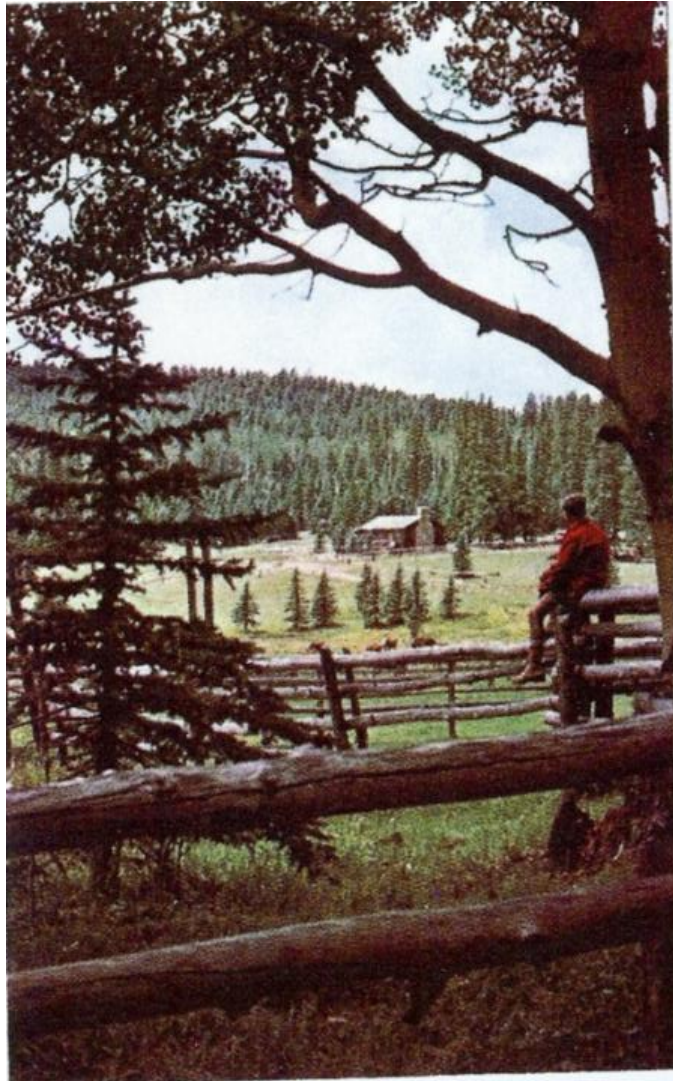
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Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base
Cimarron, New Mexico

Philmont Photo by Mark Clayton



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Post Card

Miss Ginger Austin
2108 Packard
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Dear Ginger,
Thank you for your nice note about Grandpa. We all were very saddened by his death.
I'm enjoying the MTS and working in an office with very nice people - very different from school!
Had a nice summer and I'll see you in the Fall.
Sincerely, Cynthia Pisor

See page 17 for T.P. McDermott's interesting article on
Female Staff Member at Philmont Scout Ranch