

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:**

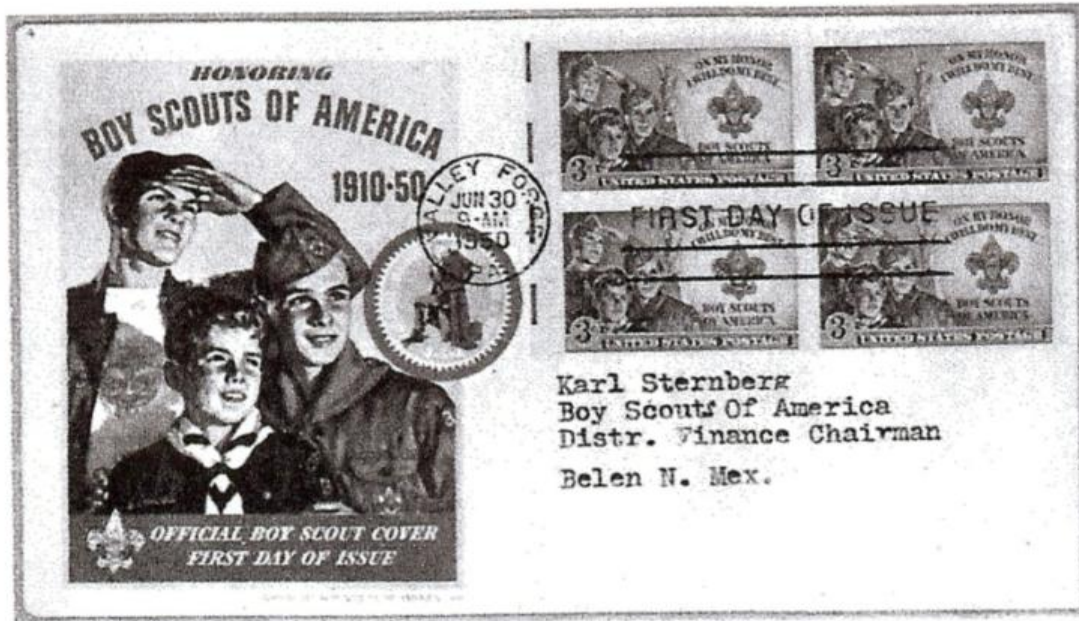
**17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 - Autumn Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. Hopefully a Room will be booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Committee Meeting from 12 noon to 13.00 and Open/Members meeting from 13.00 to 14.00.**

**The 2016 AGM has been planned for 25<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

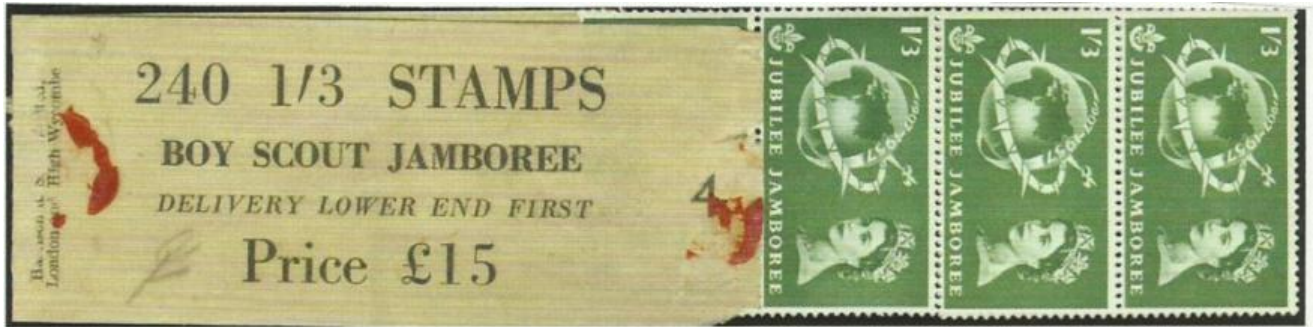
A few months ago, I gave a display of my U.K. Scout collection to a local Philatelic Society, and when it came to the 1957 World Jamboree set, I asked the audience how many issues of commemorative stamps had been issued since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. By then four years had passed, 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.

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Just a first reminder that annual subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



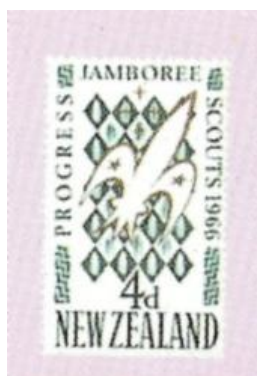
## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

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 5<sup>th</sup> January from New Zealand for their 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> May with a single stamp to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

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

Gabon and Dahomey (now Benin) – both on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Scout Movement on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## **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](mailto: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

<b>SCOUT &amp; GUIDE STAMPS ~ 2015 ~ NEW ISSUES</b>								
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			
			<b>All the above are, subject to prior sale, available from;</b>					
			<b>Bob Lee, 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2HA, UK.</b>					
			<b>e-mail ; boblee@thematix.co.uk</b>					
			<b>Please add postage as follows; UK ~ Stamps £1.20, Covers £1.80</b>					
			<b>Overseas ~ Stamps £2.00, Covers £3.00</b>					
			<b>Payment accepted by UK cheque, Bank Transfer and PayPal,</b>					



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 12<sup>th</sup> 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			Business Money Manager Account		0.06
PayPal Account			PayPal Account	677.45	677.45
	TOTAL		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 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree

The 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.<sup>(1)</sup> The 1<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree was held in 1920 at London, England, and since 1959 they have been held every 4 years. Japan previously hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> horizontal rows, while Designs 3 and 4 comprise the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>(2)</sup>

### 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

<sup>1</sup> The IST consists of adult (18 years and over) volunteers who undertake roles of unit leadership, organization, and other support activities.  
<sup>2</sup> 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](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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**...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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org) and [www.philstaff.com](http://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.

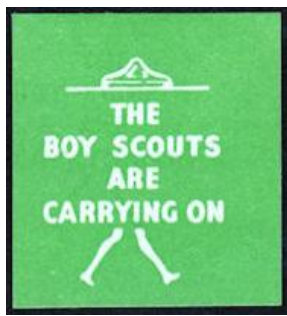
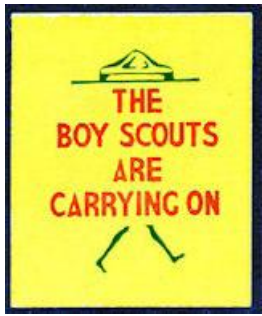
And then, there is the amazing work of the Scouts International Relief Service. 'Patrols' of Scouters to old or infirm to join up who were give a Bedford lorry battledress with an shoulder tape and tenderfoot badge on their beret who then went out, after a few weekends training at Scout camp to run entire 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](mailto:Scouting.Milestones@btinternet.com) or on 01977 794147.



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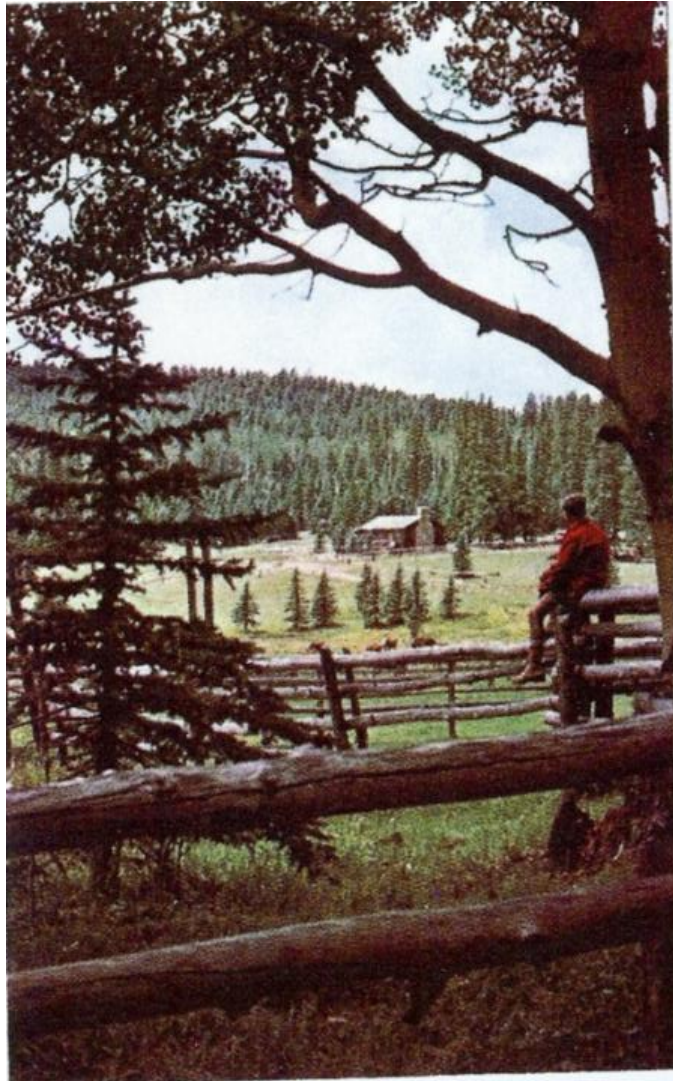
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**"BEAUBIEN"**

One of many beautiful camps at Philmont, Beaubien is located in the lush, green Beavert Valley in the southwestern section of the 274-square mile national camping area of the Boy Scouts of America.

Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base  
Cimarron, New Mexico

Philmont Photo by Mark Clayton



National Supply Division  
Boy Scouts of America



Post Card

Miss Ginger Austin  
2108 Packard  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
48104

Dear Ginger,  
Thank you for your nice note about George. 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**

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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2016 is also the Centenary of the Ranger Guides and we have an article on the subject in this issue starting on page 13.

In this picture our authoress, Margaret Davidson is standing on the left for the opening of their Guide Hut in 1955.

Margaret says “The opening of our Guide Hut in 1955, which was always only temporary. The Ranger on the left is me. Lady Burnham who was Chief Commissioner at the time had just arrived. She came when we opened the brick built HQ in 1967, when she was President.”

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## Editorial

The Cub Centenary is progressing well and, as you will see from Margaret Davidson's article in this issue, we are also celebrating the Centenary of the Ranger Guides.

From a personal point of view my wife and I went to see Chelmsford Gang Show a few weeks back and, to be honest, we weren't particularly impressed overall, although there were a few excellent items. I do think that the restriction of performers to those under 25 only (which in most cases, because of University, etc. actually means a restriction to those under 18) is not good and leaves too many items which can no longer be performed because the youngsters are not suitable.

**A short while ago I was approached by the Chairman of the International Badgers Club (IBC) who raised the possibility of the two clubs - IBC and SGSC - merging to form a "Scout Collectors Club" because both of us are facing a falling membership. The matter has been discussed in principle by the Committee and we have agreed to have some discussions with the IBC Committee on the whole issue, benefits, finance, control, etc. As soon as there is anything to report we will come back to you all but, meanwhile, we would welcome any comments or observations that you may have so that these can be taken into account in the discussions.**

A final plea yet again for items for inclusion in the Bulletin - the Editors Universal request - but it is true that I really have very little in stock for future issues. Please let me have something - even if its only comment on the IBC situation

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

August 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:**

**17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 - Autumn Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. A Room has been 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 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and again to be held at The Headquarters' Training Ship, The Lord Amory, Dockland Scout Project. See notice on page 11.**





From the earliest days of Scouting the hand axe was an essential piece of equipment with many uses and, when I was a young Scout, passing the “axe and knife test” was a right of passage.



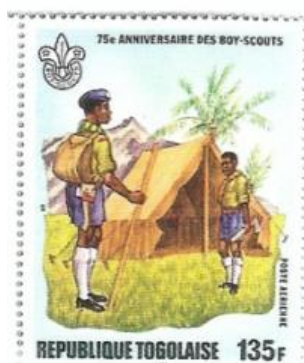
Back in 1909 “official pattern” leather axe pouches to carry on a belt cost 6 pence (old money) and axes were carried by many Boy Scouts as an essential piece of kit, as seen on many early postcards and the cigarette cards issued by Ogden's

and Gallaher's in 1911.

Nowadays here in Britain with less emphasis on cooking over wood and more health and safety rules, axes are not used so much. B-P's early illustrations and his humorous picture of “Tommy the Tenderfoot” trying to use a blunt axe are well known.

Many early Scout hand axes had a spike tool on the butt as well as the cutting edge, but today's Scouts wearing axes would probably be arrested for carrying an offensive weapon.

A 1982, 135F stamp from Togo show a Scout wearing an axe in full uniform, but perhaps the earliest depiction of Scouts using axes is an postcard No. 4 from the set issued by “The Scout” in 1908 entitled “Tree Cutting Competition” on which most of today's safety rules are broken!





It is not very often these days that an original sketch by Lord Robert Baden-Powell comes up for sale at a public auction in the U.K., but recently this one showing Lord Edward Cecil with one of the Mafeking Cadets, was sold for £620 (about US\$ 910, €790) against an estimate of £200-£300. Signed with B-P's initials, this pen and ink sketch measuring approximately 4 x 4 inches (10 x 10cm), had the provenance that the seller purchased it direct from C. Arthur Pearson's, the Publishers. In the earlier edition of *Scouting for Boys*, this sketch was used in the Camp Fire Yarn No. 1 and headed "Mafeking

Cadets". Baden-Powell wrote "And the Cadets, under their Sgt.Major, a boy named Goodyear, did right good work, and well deserved the medals which they got at he end of the war. Many of them rode bicycles, and we were thus able to establish a post by which people could send letters to their friends in the different forts, or about the town, without going out under fire themselves; and we made postage stamps for these letters which had on them a picture of a cadets bicycle orderly".

This cover sent from Breda during May 1945 through to Rotterdam and then to England showing the Dutch censor label was recently sold on eBay for £555.00 (US\$ 785, Euro €710). During the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, Scouting was banned, but upon the liberation of the country on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1945, the Boy Scouts were soon reformed. They played an important role in carrying and delivering mail for the Post Office, which at that time was in some disorder. The postal



service was run by the Scouts in Rotterdam and started on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1945. It lasted until 25<sup>th</sup> May when the Post Office in Rotterdam was again functioning normally. This cover with the circular purple Scout cachet, which had been designed and cut from linoleum by a certain Mr van Eijnsbergen was posted on 23 May 1945. Considerable information about the Scout post from this period is available in the well illustrated colour 132 page book by René Taselaar, which was published in 2009. Written in Dutch, there is a supplementary book with a translation in English, but without the illustrations.



Since the end of Communism, my Scout stamp collecting hobby has taken me to various countries in Eastern Europe. In the near future I will be going to the Czech Republic followed a month later to Warsaw in Poland. Each of these countries produced some of the earliest and most interesting Scout items, and no doubt you are aware that Romania issued five sets of Scout stamps in the 1930's. One of the rarest of all Czech Scout cancellations is that of the third Scout Congress, which should have taken place on 28 February 1948 at Zlin.



The Congress had started, but within an hour, the Scout Association was banned by the Communist Government throughout the country. The State Police arrived and all documents as well as the postmark were confiscated. However they forgot to check the letter box, so a very few postcards and covers which been cancelled, were the only items to have survived.

I was delighted to read in the latest St. George's Day awards that Colin Walker, our regular contributor to the SGSC Bulletin and Scout Historian, has been awarded the Silver Acorn, in recognition of specially distinguished service to the Scout Movement. Congratulations to him on receiving this high award in Scouting, which was first introduced on St. George's Day in 1933.

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Just a gentle reminder that annual subscriptions were due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and should be sent, if you've not already done so, to:

Tim Reed at 10 Falconwood Close, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP16 1TB, England.

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Our Queen Elizabeth II has received a lot of tributes recently, having become our longest reigning Monarch, and reaching her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Long may she reign!

Going back to her Coronation Year in 1953, there were a number of philatelic items and postcards, mostly issued by the Girl Guides to commemorate the event.

A meter slogan was used at Girl Guides Headquarters in Buckingham Palace Road showing a stylised crown with Guide badge and date 1953. This emblem was also issued in the form of a gold foil label. As my only example of this meter slogan is printed onto a brown envelope, the reproduction might not be too good.

I have three postcards, one posted on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1952 showing H.M. THE QUEEN “as Princess Elizabeth, in the uniform of Chief Ranger of the British Empire”. Another card shows the Queen as a Girl Guide together with an elegant portrait of Her Majesty. The (Girl Guides) Coronation Camp, Alnwick (Northumberland) was commemorated with an artist postcard showing three Guides in front of Alnwick Castle. My card has not been posted. (*See on next page*).



Special envelopes were produced (by the Girl Guides Association?) with a pictorial front, presumably to send a Message of Loyalty to the Queen. Mine was sent by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vale of Mowbray Company, and is empty. Do any of our Guide members know of these envelopes?

A Scout Pageant “Send Her Victorious” took place in the City Hall, Sheffield from 20-25<sup>th</sup> April 1953. This event was announced using a special meter slogan.

The only other Coronation Year items I can locate are for first day covers of the New Zealand Health Stamps of 1953. These show a Scout and a Guide with flags flanking a picture of Mount Everest with the text “1953 Coronation Year. Conquest of Mt. Everest May 29, 1953”. These envelopes were widely available as they are known from various towns in New Zealand. On one of the covers, a coloured portrait of a young Prince Charles has been affixed over the picture of Mt. Everest. This cover was posted from Dunedin to Chester, U.K. (Prince Charles had appeared on the N.Z. Health Stamps in 1952.)

The Queen’s father, King George VI only appeared on one Scout stamp issue, and by the time it made its appearance, the King had died. The pair of stamps produced by Jamaica for the 1<sup>st</sup> Caribbean Jamboree were issued on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1952, but the King had died on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952.



The two stamps were designed by Claude D’Souza, and proofs exist showing a profile portrait of the King. These are signed on the reverse by Claude D’Souza F.R.S.A., M.R.P.S.L. POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNER, JAMAICA, B.W.I. When the stamps were issued, the King’s portrait appears full face on. The printer was Bradbury Wilkinson & Co.Ltd, New Malden, Surrey, England. Printing plates were 1 and 1a for both 2d and 6d values. A minute colour shift of the red appears of some of the 6d stamps.



The official first day cover for the Jamboree shows a map of the





Caribbean area with Jamaica highlighted, plus a Scout badge and the text "1st Caribbean Jamboree, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 1952". There are two recognised postmarks used for the

Jamboree, printed in purple with the wording "1<sup>st</sup> CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE, BRIGGS PARK, JAMAICA. The one, which I believe to be the philatelic postmark and possibly used for first day covers only, has no hyphen between the figure 5 and MAR 1952. I have one FDC with this postmark plus Registration label No.0003, posted to Huddersfield, Yorkshire. All the way to U.K. by Registered mail for 8d! Other postmarks show a hyphen between 5 – MAR 1952, and similar envelopes posted from the Jamboree are dated 6 -, 7 - & 8 – MAR. I also have covers dated 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17 MAR (last day) when the hyphen would not apply.

The Boy Scouts Association of Jamaica was granted the privilege of free post within the country. A circular print in green with Crown and text POST FREE can be found on covers posted from the Jamboree. A handstamp of similar design but in purple was also used on other envelopes from the Boy Scout Headquarters in Kingston.



I only know of one other cachet FDC posted from the Jamboree, it shows a multicoloured map of the Caribbean area within a Scout badge and was posted to OVERSEAS MAILERS LTD, New Jersey, U.S.A. who probably produced the cachet.



The Jamboree stamps were available nationally within Jamaica, and I have first day covers with normal postmarks from such exotic sounding locations such as: Half Way Tree, Cross Roads, Port Maria, Irish Town, Constant Spring, Montego Bay as well as Kingston.







## **Invitation - Scouting around the World at the Royal Philatelic Society London in October**

The Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) is the oldest philatelic society in the world, and was established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London. Our member Hallvard Slettebø FRPSL has been invited to display Scout and Guide philately at RPSL.

As much as 588 pages of Boy Scout and Girl Guide philately will be shown. This is the first meeting of the Royal devoted to Scouting.

The display takes place at the society's premises at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY on Thursday 27 October 2016. It is open from 13:00 to 18:00 hrs, with wine and nibbles being served from 17:15. (See description of the display below.)

Hallvard has the pleasure to invite SGSC members to visit the Royal and view the display, and it would be great if many members can attend. Please submit your name before 15 October if you plan to attend so that a list can be available at the door and name badges prepared – by informing Hallvard Slettebø, Theodor Dahls gate 23, NO-4024 Stavanger, Norway, or to [hallvard@slettebo.no](mailto:hallvard@slettebo.no) or tel +47 4140 8960.

### **Scouting around the World**

The display starts with the FIP large gold exhibit “World Scouting – its Path to Success” which currently is the highest merited exhibit within the ever popular theme of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. The exhibit presents the idea, principles and activities of Scouting and its development from Baden-Powell's Scheme into today's world wide movement.

It is followed by “Scout Mail in Displaced Persons Camps”, “Scouting Norway” (since the presenter is Norwegian), “Scouting UK” (since we are here!) and a general section “Scouting around the World”. Focus is on presenting Scout related postal history for the period up to 1957 which marks the golden jubilee of Scouting and the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell.

**PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

## SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club  
will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 2.00pm at the  
Headquarters' Training Ship, Lord Amory, Dockland's Scout Project,  
631 Manchester Road, Dollar Bay, London. E14 3NU.

### AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (previously circulated).
- 3) Matters Arising: *Club Website*.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Membership Secretary's Report.
- 6) Editor's Report.
- 7) Treasurer's Report.
- 8) Club's Future.
- 8) Election of Committee.
  - i. **Chairman.**
  - ii. **Secretary.**
  - iii. **Treasurer.**
  - iv. **Six Committee Members.**
  - v. **Independent Examiner.**
- 9) Future Meetings including the AGM 2017:

*The next Meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Stampex Autumn 2015 (Committee Meeting 12noon -13.00: Open/Members Meeting 13.00 - 14.00.)*
- 10) Any Other Business.

The first meeting of the newly elected Committee will be held immediately after the AGM for the  
Election of Officers from the Committee.

Note: The AGM will be preceded by a short meeting of the SGSC Committee starting at 12.30pm followed  
by lunch [bring your own].

NB If you need a map to show the location of the vessel please e-mail the Editor who will forward one.



Here are the audited accounts for the SGSC in respect of the year 2015.

The signed original copy will be available at the AGM.

They are in a slightly amended format to previous years as the Auditor felt that the new layout would make matters clearer for all those reading them.

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB							
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2015.							
Expenditure				Income			
2014		2015		2014		2015	
1,771.78	Bulletin Expenditure	1,134.52		1,130.11	Annual Subscriptions	1,015.43	
30.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	131.00		668.24	Five Year Subscriptions	443.81	
9.70	Telephone, Post and Travel	62.18		238.63	Auction Income	0.00	
0.00	Sales Service	0.00		15.00	Advertisements	93.32	
123.38	Stamp Insurance	77.00		526.55	Sales Service	25.50	
41.65	Printing and Stationery	36.06		82.65	Donations	132.05	
17.00	British Thematic Association	20.00		0.00	Interest	0.00	
0.00	Web Site	8.38					
				2,661.18	Active Income	1,710.11	
				0.00	Unpresented cheque	8.38	
1,993.51	Total Expenditure	1,469.14		2,661.18	Total Income	1,718.49	
667.67	Excess Income over Expenditure	249.35					
2,661.18		1,718.49		2,661.18		1,718.49	
Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2015							
Brought Forward				Carried Forward			
Community Account as at 1st January, 2015	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		Balance as at 31st December, 2015	838.31	838.31	
Business Money Manger Account		0.06		Business Money Manager Account		0.06	
PayPal Account		286.21		PayPal Account	677.45	677.45	
	TOTAL	1,267.71		TOTAL	1,515.82		
Postage reimbursement outstanding		-1.24					
Excess Income over Expenditure 2015/2016		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



When we talk about Rangers it is the girls in the age group of 14 – 25, but the age bracket has varied over the years, along with the various name changes of this section.

*Land Ranger Enrolment badge each section had a different colour background Air Rangers Pale Blue, Sea Rangers Dark Blue, Cadets White, outlined in blue*

I was a Land Ranger from 1953-1958. We were an active unit, some of the time we were running ourselves, and when we had gained our Ranger Camp Permit we could go off camping, which we all enjoyed. There were not the activities that are now available.

2016 celebrates 100 years of Rangers. The Guide movement started in 1910 and by 1916 the pioneer Guides were getting too old to work side by side with newer younger recruits and other older girls were clamouring to join the movement.



So Senior Guides were formed. At the same time Cadets were started in schools to train as Guiders.

In 1920 Sea Guides were formed and Senior Guides renamed Rangers. By 1927 a scheme was devised to bring Rangers, Sea Guides and Cadets into one branch, and were known as Rangers, Sea Rangers and Cadet Rangers. During WWII there was a war time uniform – beret, pullover, skirt, belt and triangular tie. The Rangers helped out in many ways during the war. It was in 1959 this section became the Senior Branch, and there have been various other changes over the years. In 1945 Air Rangers were officially recognised, selected companies of Rangers begun



experimenting with air training in 1944, presumably at this point the name Rangers became Land Rangers. In 1946 the first Ranger Magazine was published monthly.

In 1968 with the introduction of the Eight Point Programme the need for separate specialist sections ceased. All Ranger Sections were then amalgamated into one Ranger Guide Section sharing a common programme, uniform and aims but allowing individual units to follow their own interests.

In 1973, adoption of a standard Ranger Guide Uniform for all formal occasions The Young Leaders Scheme launched through which girls between the ages of 16 and 18 who wanted to work with younger members of the Movement whether or not they were Ranger Guides, could register as a Young Leader and work for the Young Leaders Certificate. The Sea Rangers were very unhappy about all of this and a lot of them went off on their own forming the Sea Ranger Association.



*Issued:- 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1944 - 1 of 2 Health Stamps. The 2d post & 1d health was the same but blue*

The Royal Family have always taken an interest in Guiding and in 1943 HRH Princess Elizabeth who had been a Guide, was enrolled a Sea Ranger on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, in the SRS Duke of York, who met at Windsor Castle. Later in December, 1946 she was followed by HRH Princess Margaret. In 1945 HRH Princess Elizabeth became Commodore of the Sea Rangers. At the All England Ranger Rally on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, in the Royal Albert Hall, she became Chief Ranger of the British Empire. The Princesses took part in the first course held on board the Association's first training ship the MTB 630. In 1949 HRH Princess Margaret becomes Commodore of the Sea Ranger Section, and in 1953 becomes Chief Ranger of the British Commonwealth & Empire as on the Coronation in 1953 HRH Princess Elizabeth who had become H.M. Queen Elizabeth II had become a Patron of the Girl Guides Association, jointly with HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.



*Issued 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1970 for the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding, there were two other stamps in the set one a brownie and one a guide in the same design.*

1977 was Ranger Diamond Jubilee Year and events were held all over the Country. Our County, Croydon held a weekend camp 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September at Frylands Wood, our local Scout Campsite, which also included our Joint Units.



I produced this cover and we sold about 500 of these, posted in Croydon.



Issued:- 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 as a set of 6 for the Girlguiding Centenary

In 1983 the Queens Guide Award moved from the Guide Section to the Senior Section, and was drawn up on the lines of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme which started in the Senior Section a a few years previously.



Issued 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010 – A miniature sheet with 4 stamps. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section. 4 maxi Cards one for each Section ,

There have only been a few stamp issues with Rangers and Senior Section issued. These I could not fit into the story.



*Issued 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1987 to Celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Guiding in Zimbabwe One stamp of a set of 4.*

*Issued 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1989. Celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Guiding in Trinidad & Tobago. One stamp of a set of 4.*



*Issued 28<sup>th</sup> June, 1990 Celebrating 75 Years of Guiding in Jamaica. One stamp of a set of 3.*

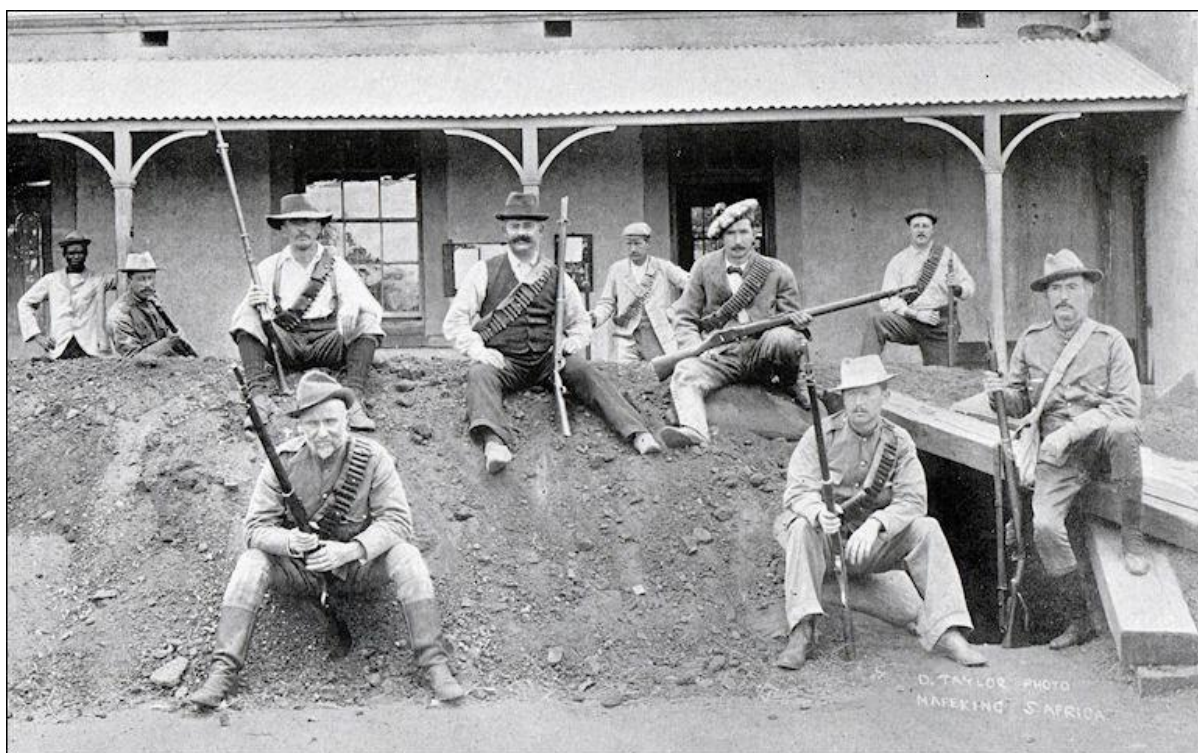
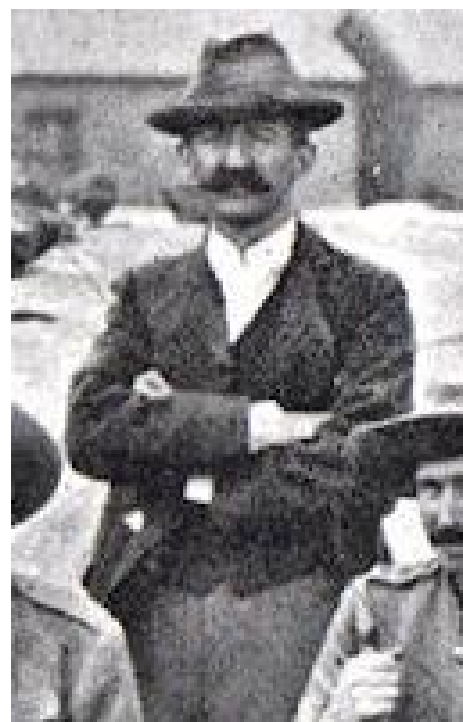
*Issued 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girlguiding..*





## Mafeking's Postmaster JV Howat

Amongst the Scout stamp collecting fraternity who take an interest in the Mafeking issues, there will be some who will know that JV Howat was Mafeking's Postmaster at the time of the Siege. (I have met Scouting philatelists, and even competition organisers, who have no interest in Mafeking issues, even though two of the stamps have the same photographic portrait of B-P. They claim they do not belong in Scouting collections as Scouting had yet to be founded at the time of the Siege!) Not only was Howat the member of Baden-Powell's staff who ran the Post Office, but he was also responsible for establishing telephone lines between B-P's HQ in the Market Square and the outlying forts. This is confirmed in the General Order of 21/10/1899. (Mafeking had an 8 mile perimeter observable from a considerable number of forts, though they were not all connected by trenches.) Besides his official role, like all Mafeking townsmen of serviceable age, Howat was a member of the Town Guard. The General Order of March 3rd 1900 stated that he had been awarded a special allowance of 2 shillings and 6 pence ...*in consideration of the very valuable work he has done under fire and under considerable strain.*





*Caption for photograph on bottom of previous page*

JV Howat (centre) at the 'Post Office Redan'. The 'bomb proof' was constructed by laying rails from the railway workshops across a hole, covering it over with sleepers and then a layer of earth. There were no fatalities amongst those taking cover in the 'bomb proofs', despite the Boer's massive 96lb 'Long Tom' gun. After a four hour bombardment B-P famously communicated with his high command, 'All's well, Four hours shelling, one dog killed.'

Unfortunately not much is known about Howat, who played such a leading role in Mafeking's postal history. Indeed, it was not until I was able to research an historic ledger from Mafeking's Standard Bank that carried the names and signatures of all its account holders during the Siege that I was able to discover that Howat's initials JV, stand for John Voltman.

The Mafeking Mail Siege Slip 114 issued on April 10th 1900 contained news that Mrs Howat (I think her initials were CJ) had that morning been 'safely delivered' of a baby girl, one of the few children to have been born in the town whilst the siege was ongoing. Mrs Howat's presence in Mafeking was much against Baden-Powell's advice as he tried (but with only partial success) to get all wives and children to leave on the last trains out before the siege commenced. According to 'The Philatelist' magazine 1978, both she and her husband would on occasion initial the back of stamps 'on piece' that were cancelled to order at the Post Office so that the townsfolk could obtain 'used' copies of the Siege stamps.

Though Howat was not responsible for the actual production of the blue stamps (that was the responsibility of Edward Ross, a Government Agent and one of the town's auctioneers), he was later to profess complete ignorance as to the mechanics of the operation. He was though clearly very familiar with both the overprinted and the three 'blue stamps' produced in the town by the ferro-prussiate method.



The size of these images will of course depend on how you are viewing them on your screen and they will be different again if you are looking at a hard copy of the bulletin. However the relative sizes of the small head to the large is correct and the size of the 'cyclist' stamp is the same size as that of the small head.

You will note that on both of the Baden-Powell stamps (above), B-P is looking to his left. In an article that Howat wrote for *The South African Philatelist* in September 1936 he reported that he first became aware of the very rare Baden-Powell 'reversed-head' 3d blue Mafeking stamp (B-P looking to his right) by reading an

article in the *London Philatelist* by JRF Turner entitled *The Romance of Baden-Powell*. In this article Turner provided 'a complete list' of Mafeking Issues. Just to make this clear, Howat was reporting that as the official in charge of the Post Office at the time of the Siege, he was completely unaware that he had had through his hands a sheet of twelve stamps that are now to be considered amongst the world's rarest.



Of particular interest to Howat was that three Baden-Powell stamps were listed, not just the two of which he was very aware, i.e. the Baden Powell 'small head' and the Baden-Powell 'large head'. Turner made it very clear that there were three different stamps by listing them underneath each other.

Baden-Powell Blue,  
Baden-Powell Blue larger size,  
Baden-Powell Blue head looking to the right.

Howat decided to reread his bound volume of the Mafeking Siege slips, 'Published Daily Shells Permitting' as he was aware that as the Siege was drawing to a close, residents used its columns to advertise that they had stamps for sale or wanted to purchase same. He found, in the Siege Slip of May 11th, just 6 days before the town was relieved, that an advertiser calling himself 'FY' had inserted the following advertisement.



STAMPS WANTED Imperial Brown on Salmon, or brick dust red surcharged British Bechuanaland and Mafeking -

(This issue, now classified as SG 15, is the most valuable of the overprinted stamps (varieties excepted). It is claimed that only one sheet of 240 stamps was produced - though there are numerous forgeries as just reproducing the overprinted words 'Mafeking Besieged' and British Bechuanaland on a standard

British postage stamp is not hard to achieve.)

The advert concluded ...

**3d blue local head to right, state price, or will exchange for any other.** (My bold emphasis)

As I have maintained my *Mafeking Siege Register* over many years listing the European inhabitants along with details taken from every source possible (and also any philatelic items sent either to them or by them during the siege), I am confident that there was nobody in the town with these initials. It was though quite usual for

letter writers, contributors and advertisers to use pseudonyms. Howat had found what he was looking for, confirmation that a blue stamp with B-P looking to the right existed. He realised, as did the advertiser FY, such stamps were of great rarity.

The ex-Postmaster started to look avidly at all sources of Mafeking stamps to see if he could locate a 'reversed head'. In 1936 (the year of his South African Philatelist article) Howat was in London and called on the philatelic auction houses that might have Mafeking Blue stamps on offer. Plumridges in Chancery Lane had had a recent sale including some blue stamps. They informed Howat that this would also be the case in their next Auction.

Howat received the catalogue but, because he was unable to attend the auction, he asked if he might inspect the lots he was interested in at his home address. Perhaps because they were aware of his Mafeking connections they quite amazingly, agreed to do so. Howat was shaken to discover that in a lot of eight blue stamps - one had B-P facing right with a beautifully April 30th 1900 postmark. Neither by the vendor or the auction house, however and done to mark this stamp as being of any special significance. Howat now faced a considerable dilemma, did he alert the auction house to the importance of the stamp by submitting a very high bid, or risk losing it by only bidding to the value of the normal issues? (A third option existed but it is to Howat's great credit that it didn't appear to cross his mind. As he believed that he was the only person in London aware of the existence of right-facing B-P stamps, he could easily have swapped it for a normal one!). He came to a conclusion that he thought would serve. He instructed Plumsteads to purchase on his behalf a large number of Mafeking stamps with the single instruction that they were to keep going until he won ( I have been at auctions where this has happened- it is great fun if two such buyers give the same instruction to two different agents!) His ruse succeeded beyond all his expectations because amongst the stamps purchased were other minor rarities that were knocked down to him at a cheaper price than their then current market value. What of the reversed head? Well, he had to pay £2 10s for all eight Baden-Powell blue stamps in the lot!

The last 'reversed head', a used example, was auctioned in 2010 making £34,000. There are no records of a mint example being sold in recent times. Other than the one in the Royal Collection, only two are known so if one came up for sale, it could be expected to make in excess of £60,000.

It is now known that there was only one sheet of twelve 'reversed heads', accidentally printed by the careless act of reversing the photographic negative when the stamps were printed. To date only ten of these stamps have been located seven of them used. These ten stamps are then amongst the rarest in the world. (I am informed that we



have three members of our club fortunate to have a reversed head in their collection!)



Both mint and used examples are to be found in the Royal Collection

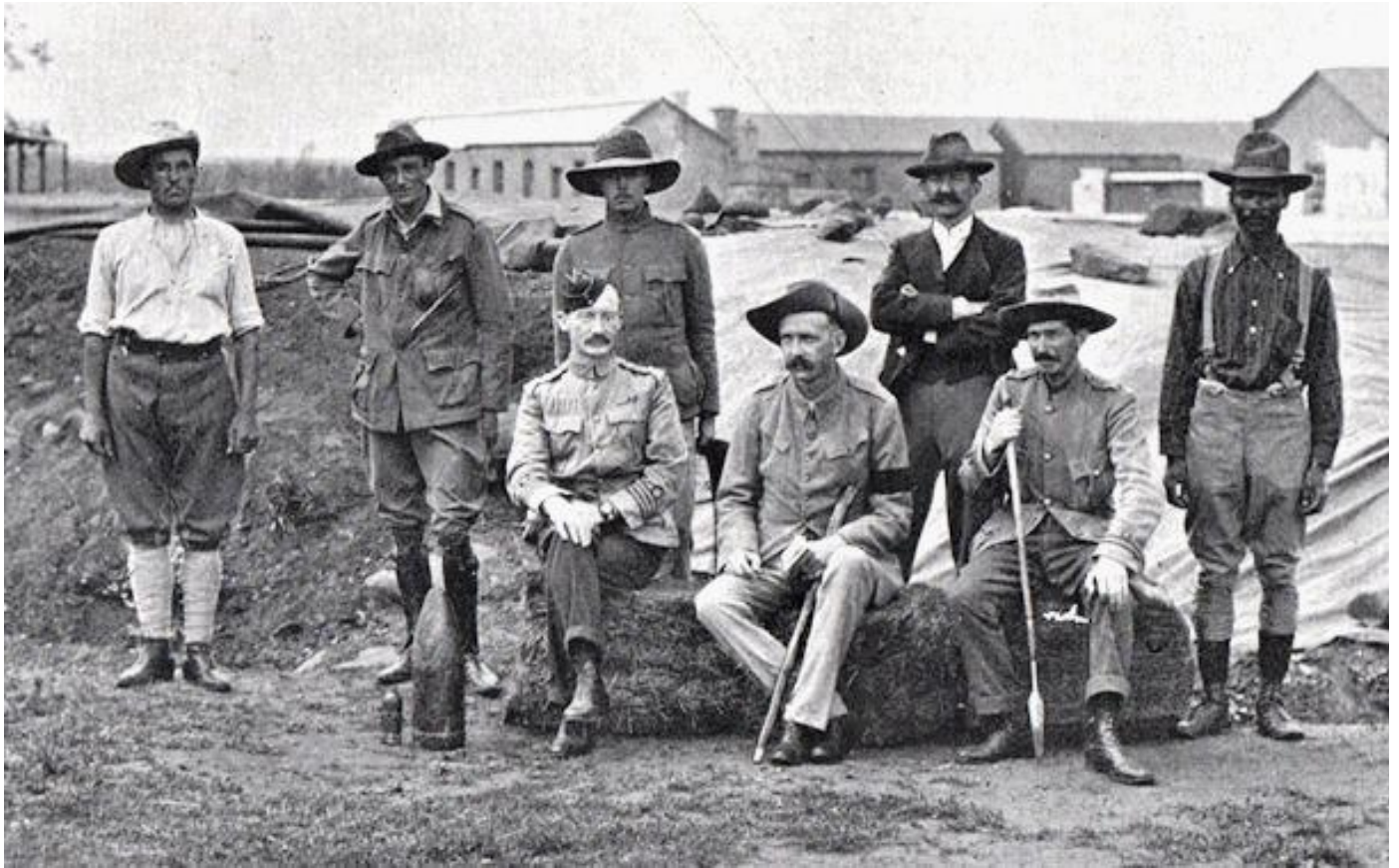
*Howat's Queen's South African Medal with its Defence of Mafeking bar is in the collection of Chris Gillett, to whom I am very grateful for these excellent photos. The specimen signature is from the Giovanna Cucchiani Mafeking collection.*



This interesting cover was sent to Howat as the 'Ober Post Meister' in Mafeking, whilst the siege was ongoing, from a train in Germany. We know this from the Zug (German for train) Bahnhof postmark. On the reverse of the cover was sender's return address, who no doubt wanted to purchase Mafeking stamps. He

would have been out of luck, as his mail did not reach the town until after its relief, by which time all the blue and overprinted stamps had sold out. Amongst Howat's more unpleasant duties after the siege would have been returning mail addressed to soldiers who had been killed in the Siege. I have a cover addressed to Trooper Armstrong, British South Africa Police, postmarked May 8th which was received in Mafeking on August 10th 1900 and returned to the sender in Newcastle Upon

Tyne with the single word 'Deceased' written in red across its front. Armstrong died of typhoid on February 13th 1900.



*Howat is standing second from our right. Seated is B-P in his forage hat (he did not have his wide awake hat in Mafeking). Next to him is Lord Edward Cecil his Chief Staff Officer, son of the serving Prime Minister Lord Salisbury, and then Capt Wilson, married to Lady Sarah Churchill, Winston Churchill's aunt also in Mafeking. Standing 2nd from right is Lt Ronnie Moncrieffe i/c Mafeking Cadets.*

I have only a few copies left of my 615 A4 page *Mafeking Siege Slips*. The book is complete with 50 photographs taken from the contemporary Taylor's *Souvenir of Mafeking* photographic album together with my commentary. These are available to members at £35.00 each plus postage. My *Mafeking Siege Register* is now out of print but a new edition is planned, with several hundred updated records, at the original price of £25.00. Please let me know if you are interested in obtaining a copy at [scouting.milestones@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:scouting.milestones@btinternet.co.uk)

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A further selection of Margaret Davidson's photos of Ranger Guides to compliment her article on their Centenary which is in this issue.



*Camping at Crossrigg, which was a local campsite.*

*Marching back to the Guide Hut from Church Parade.*



*The Downland Joint Unit, was a combination of the Rangers (Old Coulsdon District Land Ranger Unit and 17th Purley Venture Scouts). This was the dedication of their Flag. At the time they were very active. Sadly we do not have a Ranger Unit, I don't know about the Venture Scouts.*

# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

Volume 60 No. 3 (Whole No. 345)



**SEE JOHN'S JOTTINGS  
STARTING ON PAGE 4  
FOR REFERENCE TO  
THESE AND OTHER  
1957 ITEMS**



TESTING LABEL COVER



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REG. COVER TO NYASALAND

AUTUMN 2016





## Editorial

Well here we are two thirds of the way through 2016 already. Do you realise that the next issue of this Bulletin will be at Christmas!

Although I have made a few presentations on the subject of 100 years of the Cub Scouts, including running one Pack Meeting as it would have been in the early days, I still find it strange not having a role within Scouting after so many years - but it does mean that I am getting my collection up to date and have almost completed the move of my home office from being makeshift in one of the bedrooms to be properly built in in one of the others.

In my last Editorial I mention the fact that we had been approached by the International Badgers Club to discuss the possibility of a merger and asked for comments on this matter. To date only two have been received which the Chairman and I have found to be very disappointing. It would, to some extent, imply that our Membership doesn't care what happens to the SGSC - and I'm sure that this is not the case. **SO PLEASE TRY TO FIND TIME TO DROP US A LINE - LETTER OR E-MAIL - ON THE SUBJECT SO THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA OF THE MEMBERSHIP'S FEELINGS. I HAVE INCLUDED ONE OF THE LETTERS RECEIVED WITHIN THIS BULLETIN.**

Can I just make the point that when I mentioned "Scout Collectors' Club" in my previous comments this was a general term and was not meant to imply that we were not going to include Guides or Girl Scouts - it just makes the title a little shorter until we have a final decision on the matter.

A final plea yet again for items for inclusion in the Bulletin - the Editors Universal request - but it is true that I now have nothing in stock for future issues. Please let me have something - even if its only comment on the IBC situation

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATES**

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

### **FUTURE MEETINGS UPDATE**

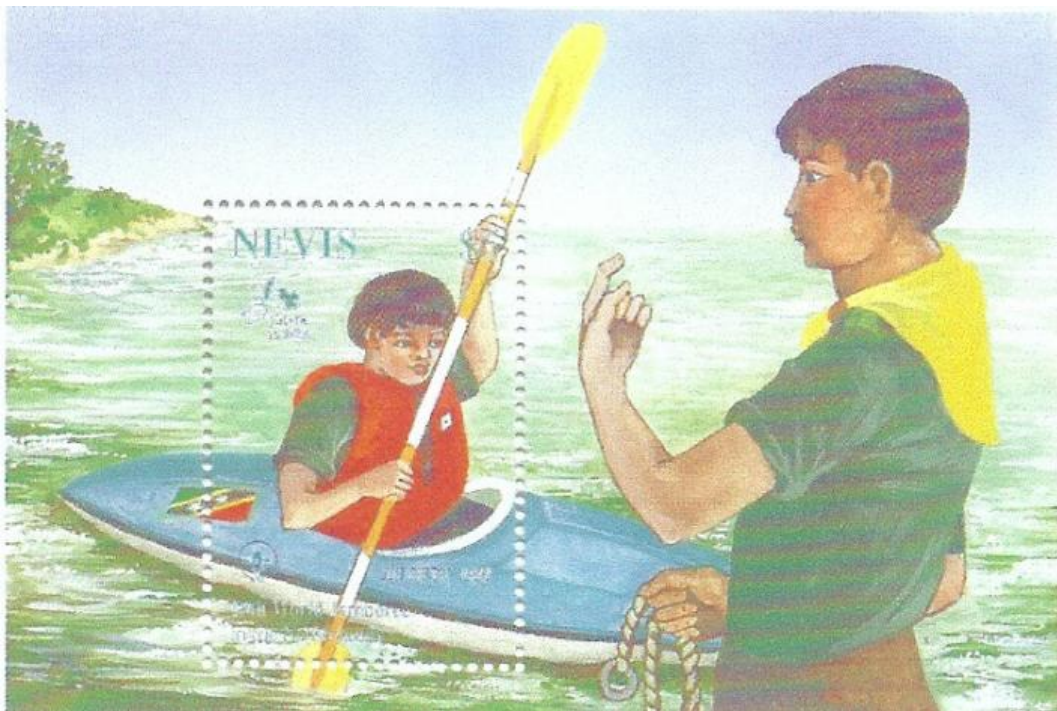
**As mentioned before we are still intending to hold meetings in the UK during the major philatelic Exhibitions each year, providing that the hire costs are reasonable. Known dates are:**

**17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 - Autumn Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. A Room has been booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Committee Meeting from 12 noon to 13.00 and Open/Members meeting**



Among the successes of Team G.B at the Rio Olympics were medals for kayaking events. One of our athletes stated that he first tried the sport as a Scout and no doubt other medal winners in other sports had their first taster by trying out a sport organised by Scouting or Guiding.

I was quite surprised to see just how many Scout stamps have been issued depicting kayaking and canoeing including issues from Antigua & Barbuda 1987, British Virgin Islands 1982, Dominica 1977, Dubai 1971, Eire 2002, Nevis 1995 and New Hebrides 1975.



There are also many other stamps picturing Scouts with non sporting and native canoes enough to make an interesting display!

As the Rio Paralympics are only a few weeks away, I looked very hard to find a related stamp issue the only one related to this theme to my knowledge being a sheetlet of sixteen stamps from Libya in 1998, half depicting Scouts and half handicapped athletes, for their "International day for Handicap & Scout".



# اليوم العالمي للمعاقين



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE HANDICAP & SCOUTS



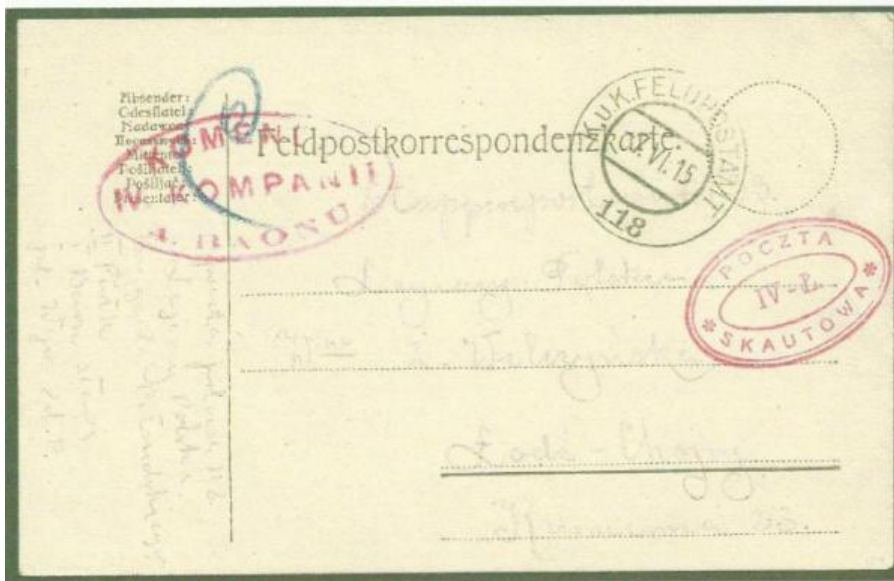
## John's Jottings

by John Ineson

An interesting cover sold by Gartner of Germany in their recent auction was this 1947 commemorative item sent from the World Jamboree on 10 August 1947 by a Scout from the Lithuanian Displaced Persons Contingent. Posted to Lübeck, Germany, (which was situated in the British Zone), the country having been divided up between the American, French, British and Russian zones soon after the war. Many of the Scouts attending the Jamboree under the Displaced Person contingent came from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Ukraine and were provided with tents by the American, French and British armies. A total of 213 Scouts attended from the various D.P. camps, which included 36 from Estonia and about 40-50 from Ukraine. Despite spending some time searching in "Google", I cannot find out how many Scouts came from Lithuania. During and after World War II, until the early 1950s, Scouting and Guiding flourished in these Displaced Persons camps with Scout and Guide groups often providing [a](#) postal delivery and other basic services. Although this rare cover was not illustrated in the catalogue, it was shown online with an estimate of €150, and sold for €600 (About £480) plus 22% buyers premium.



Sold by Gartner in their auction held at the International Stamp show in New York during June was this very scarce postcard. In 1915 During World War I, this Scout Postal item was sent from German and Austrian occupied Russian Poland and written by a member of the Polish Legion of the Austro-Hungarian Army. On the left it shows the unit cachet in red "KOMENDA IV.KOMPANII 4.BAONU", as well in black the double circular K.U.K. Fieldpost No, 118 cancel dated 7 June 1915.



Posted to Łódź and delivered by the local Polish Scout Post, it has the three ring oval cancel inscription "POCZTA SKAUTOWA IV-L" (The "IV-L" signifies the 4th Scout



Group of Łódź). This is the first Scout postmark from Poland and one of the earliest Scout postmarks from anywhere in the world. Very few examples are recorded and this is considered to be the best of them all.

Some high prices were recently obtained on eBay for 1957 World Jamboree philatelic items with some making at least double the market price. Sold by "Downton2", well



over 100 lots were offered by him over three weeks. He informed me that he was not a Scout, but a collector of GB commemoratives and had kept the Jamboree part of the collection as he had enough material to do an evening's presentation to local philatelic clubs. As he



had visited most of the clubs in his local area, he has decided to sell. The highest price made was for the set of three 1957 coil leaders which made £485 (€580, US\$ 680) which was below the market price, when they can be found. A registered cover from Umm Said in Qatar made £256, and the next highest price was for the cover showing the testing labels which sold for £238. Although there was only one bidder, the two registered covers both sold for £120, which is about double the market value.

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Prices achieved for some of the items in the sale referred to in this article, which are illustrated in this Bulletin, are as follows:-

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| 1. Testing Label Cover              | £238 |
| 2. Olympia H.Q. Camp Cachet         | £60  |
| 3. Reg. Cover to Nyasaland          | £120 |
| 4. German Contingent Reg. Cover     | £77  |
| 5. Extract from Philatelic Bulletin | £82  |
| 6. Harrison Sheet                   | £56  |
| 7. Soke of Peterborough Cover       | £48  |
| 8. Francis Field Cachet Air Letter  | £102 |
| 9. Registered Cover                 | £120 |

## EUROSCOUT 2016

The 11<sup>th</sup> EuroScout Exhibition, together with the 35<sup>th</sup> World Collectors Meeting took place from 26-29 May, 2016. It was organised by the Austrian Scout Stamps Collectors Guild and was held in the JUFA Wien City Hotel. SGSC was represented by John Ineson, Bob Lee, Colin Walker and myself. Of course, there were many other SGSC members from other nations, plus collectors from most countries in Europe.

There were 23 exhibitors showing their treasures in 85 display frames. John Ineson had three frames with his exhibit of “U.K. Scout and Guide stamps, cachets and covers from 1929 - 2010. Other fine exhibits were on show from collector friends from Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Germany, Norway and France as well as from the host nation, Austria.

There were also six frames mounted for the Walter Grob Award, which is for new exhibits and a prize of 500 Swiss Francs. I entered an exhibit of 12 sheets for this competition entitled “In the Name of Scouting”. My theme was how the word “Scout” had been adapted into many languages and included early covers and labels from European countries. The prize was won by Hubert Schnabl of Austria with his exhibit “Something interesting - Scout Postage, etc.”.

The emblem for the event was adapted from the 7<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Bad Ischl 1951 badge. In fact it was the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event.

The programme included a tour of Vienna, a visit to the Scouting Museum, plus an evening at a Wine Tavern for a special supper and tasting. The final evening saw the Gala Dinner and presentation of awards.

A special cover and postmark was issued, together with a “personalised” stamp (P\_stamp) with a value of 80 Eurocents. The stamps were self-adhesive in sheets of 20. Mail was also carried from the Scouting Museum in a special handcart by local Cub Scouts and Brownies. A special postmark was used for this transportation of covers.



A great weekend, for which our Austrian hosts are to be congratulated and it was great to meet up with so many old and dear friends. The next EuroScout will be in Portugal in 2018.



**The Special Cancellation for the EuroScout and WCM 2016**

On Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 there will be a special Post Office in the hotel of our event. It is open from 12 am to 4 pm. A special cancellation will be applied.

There are also special envelopes for the event available and sold nearby the Post Office.





SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB AUCTION  
POSTAL AUCTION No.34  
CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS: 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

a) **BIDDING:** All bids will be executed in strict confidence, bid your limit on each lot with the assurance that they will be purchased as cheaply as possible. All lots will be sold to the highest bidder at one advance above the second highest bidder (or at Reserve if no other bids received). When identical bids are received, the first bid received will be deemed the purchaser.

“BUY” BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

All bids must be in £ Sterling and must reach us not later than 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and should be sent to Peter Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW or to: [peterjduck@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterjduck@hotmail.co.uk).

Bids below 85% of estimate will not be accepted.

Photocopies of suitable lots can be sent on request. A charge of 10p per lot, plus postage, must accompany each request. Scans sent free of charge.

b) **PAYMENT** can be made as follows:

A pro forma invoice will be sent and lot(s) will be forwarded on receipt of payment.

Send a signed, blank cheque and we will complete it to cover lot(s) plus postage. In the event of a bidder being unsuccessful, we will return the cheque immediately.

Credit or Debit Card by Mastercard or Visa. Submit card number, expiry date and three figure security number with bids. A charge of 5% will be added to total invoice to cover card charges.

By Paypal through [boblee@thematix.co.uk](mailto:boblee@thematix.co.uk).

ALL CHEQUES, POSTAL ORDERS ETC PAYABLE TO P.J.DUCK.

PLEASE NOTE: A buyers premium of 5% will be added to all lots purchased for SGSC funds, and will be shown as a separate amount on all invoices.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

UM Unmounted mint	CANC Cancellation
LMM Lightly mounted mint	PMK Postmark
MM Mint with heavy mount	WMK Watermark
VFU Very fine used	B & W Black & White
CDS Circular date stamp	YOS Year of the Scout 1982/83
PC Postcard	S/S or MS Miniature sheet
FDC First day cover	O/P overprint

LOT No.	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE £
1	ABKHAZIA (Georgia) 2007 Centenary of Scouting sheetlet of 12 UM	5.00
2	AFGHANISTAN 1962 Women`s Day with Girl Guides (4 + MS) UM	4.00
3	AJMAN & MANAMA 1967 12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x 6 imperf UM	6.00
4	AJMAN 1971 Zodiac issue Baden-Powell MS UM	3.00
5	ARGENTINA 1992 “Sydpex” MS O/P for 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree UM	3.00
6	AUSTRALIA 1967 Baden Powell (Post Office) PMK on 2 x 1948 Scout values on paper	1.00
7	BANGLADESH 1985 3 <sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree O/P varieties: double O/P, double inverted O/P & normal + inverted (3) UM	20.00
8	BARBUDA 1969 3 <sup>rd</sup> Caribbean Jamboree (3) in UM blocks of 4	3.00
9	BARBUDA 1977 Caribbean Jamboree MS UM	4.00
10	BARBUDA 1986 Girl Guides 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (4 + MS) UM	12.00

11 BARBUDA 1996 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	UM	6.00	
12 BHUTAN 1967 12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree O/P 6 + 2 x MS perf & imperf	UM	8.00	
13 BHUTAN 1982 YOS (4 + MS)	UM	7.00	
14 BHUTAN 1984 YOS issue (4 + MS) revalued	UM	14.00	
15 BOLIVIA 1984 Winter Olympics MS with Scout stamp imprint	UM	5.00	
16 BURUNDI 1967 Scouting commemorative (10)	UM	3.00	
17 CAMEROON 1982 YOS 2 x de luxe proof cards		10.00	
18 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1980 European-African Cooperation issue gold foil stamp depicting Scouts dancing (1)	UM	5.00	
19 C.A.REP. 1988 Scouts & birds 5 x de luxe imperf MS	UM	10.00	
20 C.A.REP. 1988 Scouts & birds gold foil MS	UM	6.00	
21 CHAD 1982 YOS (6 + MS)	UM	5.00	
22 CHAD 1995 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree O/P on 6 x de luxe MS	UM	10.00	
23 DENMARK 1983 Scouting commemorative in booklet of 10		5.00	
24 DUBAI 1964 Innsbruck Olympics O/P on Scouts – 5 with red shield + 1 with black shield	UM	4.00	
25 DUBAI 1967 12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (6)	UM	3.00	
26 ETHIOPIA 1973 Prince Makonnen Hospital (5 – one Scout)	UM	3.00	
27 EYNHALLOW (Scotland) 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II MS depicting Cub Scouts	UM	1.50	
28 FRANCE 1938 Jean Charcot issue (2) used		7.00	
29 FUJEIRA 1971 13 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS with Lord & Lady B-P with colour slip of yellow	UM	3.00	
30 FUJEIRA 1972 Scouts & animals 3 x MS perf	UM	4.00	
31 FUJEIRA 1972 Scouts & animals (as above) 3 x MS imperf	UM	6.00	
32 GERMANY 1996 “Children`s” issue MS with O/P for EuroScout	UM	2.00	
33 GHANA 1972 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting (5) in imperf blocks of 4		10.00	
34 GHANA 1975 14 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (4 + MS) all imperf	UM	6.00	
35 GIBRALTAR 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4 in presentation sheetlets of 10)	UM	24.00	
36 G.B. 1957 Jubilee Jamboree (3) with B-P perfins	UM	12.00	
37 GUERNSEY-SARK & GUERNSEY-ALDERNEY Local Carriage stamps with “B.P.S. Scout Jamboree Japan 1971” O/Ps 15 values	UM	10.00	
38 GUINEA 1969 Pioneer Scouts (6) imperf	UM	4.00	
39 GUINEA 1990 Scouts & Wildlife gold foil MS	UM	6.00	
40 GUYANA 1982 YOS O/Ps (3) in full sheets of 25 sets	UM	20.00	
41 IRAN 1950 Shah in Scout uniform (1) used		1.50	
42 JAPAN 1949 1 <sup>st</sup> National Jamboree (1) in complete sheet of 50	UM	100.00	
43 KHOR FAKKAN O/P on SHARJAH 1965 Scout & Guide values (2)		3.00	
44 KHOR FAKKAN O/Ps on Sharjah 12 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (10)	UM	10.00	
45 KOREA 1967 3 <sup>rd</sup> Korean Jamboree 2 x MS	UM	4.00	
46 LIBYA 1974 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting (3)	UM	3.00	
47 MALAGASY 1988 Scouts & Wildlife (6) in combination sheetlet	UM	5.00	
48 MALAGASY 1988 Scouts & Wildlife gold foil MS	UM	6.00	
49 MALAGASY 1993 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Death of B-P O/P in green (1 + MS)	UM	5.00	
50 MALDIVES 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS	UM	4.00	
51 MALI 1981 2 x Scout Conferences MS	UM	4.00	
52 MANAMA 1971 13 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 8 x de luxe MS	UM	6.00	
53 MAURITANIA 1991 Scouts/birds/butterflies 7 x MS	UM	12.00	
54 MONGOLIA 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, Korea 2 x MS with gold or silver edges	UM	5.00	
55 NETHERLANDS 1949 Cultural & Social Relief Fund (5 – with Scouts)	UM	8.00	

56 NICARAGUA 1949 Baseball Champs. Scout 2c value MS	UM	3.00	
57 NICARAGUA 1965 CAMPOREE SCOUT O/P on 1957 MS	UM	4.00	
58 NIGERIA 1965 Golden Jubilee of Scouting MS	VFU	5.00	
59 PARAGUAY 1960 Scouting commemorative (8) imperf.	UM	4.00	
60 PHILIPPINES 1968 Unissued Olympic Winners MS with Scout badges + S.N.V.(Specimen) O/P	UM	5.00	
61 RAS AL KHAIMA 1969 gold foil MS honouring B-P – in folder		8.00	
62 ROMANIA 1935 5 <sup>th</sup> Accession of King – 5 x Scout designs – used		12.50	
63 RWANDA 1985 Girl Guide 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary O/Ps (8)	UM	3.00	
64 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1982 YOS 2 x MS – with & without imprint on central label	UM	10.00	
65 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 1987 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (1) in sheetlet of 4	UM	4.00	4.00
66 SAUDI ARABIA 1966 Arab Jamboree (3)	LMM	4.00	
67 SAUDI ARABIA 1974 6 <sup>th</sup> Arab Rover Moot (3)	LMM	5.00	
68 SCOTTISH ISLAND LOCALS 2000 DAVAAR, GAIRSAY & STAFFA with EuroScout 2000 O/Ps (3)	UM	6.00	
69 SOUTH OSSETIA (Russia) Centenary of Scouting sheetlet of 12	UM	5.00	
70 SWITZERLAND 1969 50 years of Girl Guides (1) in full sheet of 50		5.00	
71 TANZANIA 1986 Girl Guides 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary O/Ps (4)	UM	20.00	
72 TANZANIA 1986 Girl Guides 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.O/P on Scout 1982MS	UM	20.00	
73 TOGO 1990 Scouts/birds/butterflies 7 x MS	UM	12.00	
74 TOGO 1961 Scout commemorative (6) in 4 x sheetlets with imperf and mock perforations	UM	10.00	
75 TURKMENISTAN 1998 B-P commemorative MS (design by SGSC member Keith Burtonshaw)	UM	6.00	
76 UKRAINE 1996 18 different Scout O/Ps on old USSR stamps	UM	5.00	
77 UMM AL QIWAIN 1971 13 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 3-D stamps (5 + MS)		6.00	
78 UPPER VOLTA 1973 Scouting commemorative (5 + MS)	UM	4.00	
79 UPPER VOLTA 1984 Famous Men issue B-P (1) imperf	UM	4.00	
80 YEMEN ARAB REP. 1980 World Jamboree (7) in imperf de luxe format + 2 x MS	UM	20.00	
81 AFGHANISTAN 2003 Orchids & Butterflies 2 x MS containing 10 stamps all depicting B-P (!)	UM	4.00	
82 BANGLADESH 1971 O/P on Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Jamboree - plate block of 4 with printer`s imprint	UM	4.00	
83 BANGLADESH 1971 O/P in Bengali on Pakistan 3 <sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree in corner block of 4	UM	6.00	
84 BANGLADESH 1971 O/P (as lot 83) with Bengali + English text inverted in corner block of 4	UM	6.00	
85 BHUTAN 1983 “DRUK AIR” O/P (5 – one Scout)	UM	7.00	
86 CHAD 1999 Millennium sheet of 9, one shows B-P & Prince of Wales		3.00	
87 GUINEA 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 3 x MS, all with B-P	UM	6.00	
88 GUINEA 2003 B-P & Albert Schweizer 2 x MS	UM	5.00	
89 GUINEA-BISSAU 2003 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 3 x MS of butterflies, dogs & owls – all depicting B-P or Scout badge (!)	UM	4.00	
90 GUYANA 1982 YOS 3 x booklets containing Scout O/P stamps		10.00	
91 HAITI 1962 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Scouting Epreuves de Luxe MS	UM	3.50	
92 LIBERIA 2006 Rockwell Scout paintings 4 x MS	VFU	3.00	
93 MOZAMBIQUE 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree B-P & butterflies 4 x MS		6.00	
94 St.THOMAS & PRINCE 2003 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 5 x MS of Pandas, Owls, Cats, Butterflies & Birds – all depicting Lord or Lady B-P!		5.00	



95 SIERRA LEONE 1969 Diamond Jubilee of Scouting 12 self adhesive	24.00
96 NIUAFO`OU 1990 150 years of stamps T\$2.50 value showing Mafeking Cyclist stamp in strip of 5 with Progressive proofs UM	15.00
<b>COVERS</b>	
97 FRANCE 1978 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eclaireurs Neutres PMK on 3 cards – two with imperf labels & handstamps	5.00
98 NICARAGUA 1975 14 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree (10 + 2 x MS) on 5 FDCs	5.00
99 QATAR 1965 Scouting commemorative (8 + MS imperf) on 3 FDCs	5.00
100 RUSSIAN SCOUTS IN EXILE 1972 cover honouring Founder	2.00
101 TUVA 18 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree O/P on Pandas MS on FDC	2.50
102 TONGA 1975 Girl Guides commemorative (13) on 5 x FDCs	7.50
103 TONGA 1980 South Pacific Jamboree (10) on 3 x FDCs	6.00
104 TONGA 1982 revalued South Pacific Jamboree stamps (2) on FDC	10.00
105 U.S.A. 1933 Scout cachet cover honouring Abraham Lincoln, Postmaster posted with inverted date slogan	5.00
106 OLAVE BADEN-POWELL autograph on USA 7 <sup>th</sup> National Jamboree envelope 1969.	20.00
107 AFGHANISTAN 1971 Scout H.Q. envelope posted to Australia	2.00
108 BANGLADESH 1977 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Scout Rally scarce PMK on cover	3.00
109 BHUTAN 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	5.00
110 CUBA 1954 3 <sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree(1) on FDC with red slogan PMK + Announcement leaflet	3.00
111 DAVAAR ISLAND (Scotland) 1971 commemorating Hong Kong Scouts 2 + MS on 2 x FDCs	4.00
112 FRANCE 1947 6 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree slogan PMK 10.VIII.47 with Jamboree stamp on small cover	3.00
113 G.B. 1957 Jubilee Jamboree(3) on Brownsea Island cachet FDC from Sutton Coldfield posted to U.S.A.	8.00
114 G.B. 1979 27 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference cachet cover with International Year of the Child (4) FDC	2.50
115 GREECE 1963 11 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree airmail cover with Jamboree slogan (English version) posted to Switzerland	3.00
116 GREENLAND 1993 Scouts + Red Cross MS on FDC	8.00
117 GUYANA 1989 16 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree MS on large plain FDC	5.00
118 ISRAEL 1961 8 <sup>th</sup> Israel Jamboree Special Flight cover into Jamboree	3.00
119 JORDAN 2000 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting (3 + MS) on FDC	2.00
120 KOREA 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree all dates of Jamboree PMK on 8 covers	8.00
121 LIBERIA 1979 Rockwell Scout issue (50) on 50 matching FDCs	20.00
122 LIBERIA 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	3.00
123 MALDIVES 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> world Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	6.00
124 MOZAMBIQUE 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	3.50
125 NETHERLANDS 1932 National Jamboree slogan PMK on cover	5.00
126 NEW ZEALAND 1959 Pan Pacific Jamboree 3 FDCs with variation of PMKs	3.00
127 NEW ZEALAND 1962 N.Z.Jamboree PMKs first day 4.1.62 + scarce "Albatross" PMK 6.1.62	4.00
128 NIGER 1996 Baden-Powell commemorative MS on FDC	4.00
129 NORWAY 1954 envelope from Scout HQ, Oslo posted to London	1.00

130 PAKISTAN 1960 3 <sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree PMK on first day of stamp on Kim`s Gun postcard	3.00
131 PAKISTAN 1960 West Pakistan Pre-Jamboree Camp – scarce PMK on cachet cover	4.00
132 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2010 Guides Centenary (4 + 2 x MS) FDCs	8.00
133 St.KITTS 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	4.50
134 SIERRA LEONE 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	5.00
135 TRISTAN DA CUNHA 2007 Centenary of Scouting (4 + MS) FDCs	8.00
136 TUNISIA 1973 Pan-Arab Rover Rally (1) on FDC (difficult to find!)	2.50
137 TUVALU 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	7.00
139 UGANDA 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	4.00
140 UKRAINIAN SCOUTS IN CANADA 1959 4 x Christmas labels on FDCs	4.00
141 U.S.A. 1985 Youth Organisations(4 – one Scout) 2 x sets of 4 covers, 3 sets on single covers, Scout only FDC “Young America” (12 covers)	10.00
142 U.S.A. 1998 “Celebrate the Century” Scout value 7 different FDCs	7.00
143 U.S.A. 2010 Centenary of Scouting stamp – 4 different FDCs	4.00
144 YEMEN 2002 3 x revalued Scout values on 3 x FDCs	5.00
145 ZAMBIA 2002 20 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree 2 x MS on FDCs	4.00
<b>POSTCARDS</b>	
146 CANADA 1955 8 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree visit by St.Catharine`s Scouts unused postcard	2.00
147 G.B. approx 1910 local PC with Boy Scouts Brass Band programme	15.00
148 G.B. 1957 “Emblem of the Jamboree” Sutton Coldfield PC – unused	2.00
149 G.B. 2007 21 <sup>st</sup> World Jamboree contingent handstamps on cards x 39	8.00
150 HUNGARY 9 reproduction postcards – unused	8.00
151 ITALY 1916 Patriotic PC showing Scout + flag & children – posted	20.00
152 ITALY 1916 Patriotic PC showing Scout with lady – unused	20.00
153 ITALY 1967 Scout Exhibition, Fano PC posted by parachute mail	2.00
154 NETHERLANDS 1950`s Girl Guides New Year PC –unused	3.00
155 KOREA 1991 17 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree pack of 6 PCs + SOSSI PC	4.00
156 ROMANIA 1998 3 PCs reproducing old Scout cigarette cards unused	0.50
157 SWITZERLAND 1990 9 <sup>th</sup> Scout Collectors` Meeting set of 10 puzzle PCs completing one picture of a Scout – unused	6.00
<b>LABELS &amp; EPHEMERA</b>	
158 AUSTRIA 1967 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scout Philatelic Exhibition, sheetlet of 9 labels	3.00
159 DENMARK 1942 10 x KFUM Scouts publicity labels	5.00
160 ESTONIAN SCOUTS IN EXILE 1940`s block of 8 labels – 3 with Scouts/Guides - 2 sets in different colours	4.00
161 GERMANY pre-1914 4x“Unser Junges Deutschland” labels(no gum)	8.00
162 ITALY 1915 8 x Scout publicity labels – hinged on reversed(scarce)	12.00
163 HUNGARY 1933 4 <sup>th</sup> World Jamboree label of Scout with gliders	6.00
164 LITHUANIAN SCOUTS IN EXILE 1957 8 x label sheetlets for Jubilee Jamboree year funds	8.00
165 NETHERLANDS 1990`s selection of 18 Scout ChristmasPost stamps	2.00
166 POLISH SCOUTS IN USA 1958 Congress in Chicago S/S signed by Chief Scout	3.00
167 ROMANIA 1934 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jamboree Mamaia label + part of Camp PMK	5.00
168 RUSSIAN SCOUTS 1947 2 x Displaced Persons Camp stamps, one on recycled paper + 1954 S/S	6.00
169 RUSSIAN SCOUTS 1949 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary S/S of 8 labels	6.00

170 SWITZERLAND 1948 National Camp, Lugano label	3.00
171 SWITZERLAND 1956 5 <sup>th</sup> National Camp 2 x O/P publicity labels	3.00
172 SWITZERLAND 1982 sheet of 20 labels for 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of Girl Guides Chalet, Adelboden	2.50
173 UKRAINE 1931 2 x se-tenant labels for 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting	4.00
174 U.S.A. 1937 National Jamboree label – no gum	1.50
175 GERMANY 1985 30 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference programme+Fdcard	3.00
176 PHILIPPINES 1979 SCOUTPEX programme with FDstamp affixed	2,00
177 U.S.A. Merit Badge Series booklets “Coin Collecting” 1959 & “Stamp Collecting” 1960.	3.00

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### LATE LOTS

178 AUSTRALIA 1948 Pan Pacific Jamboree (1) 8 x FDCs from different towns (some with multiples)	6.00
179 ETHIOPIA 1973 Scouting commemorative (5) on cachet FDC	2.50
180 KOREA 1962 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting 2 x MS on cachet FDCs	4.00
181 LITHUANIA 1938 National Jamboree label showing a wolf	4.00
182 NICARAGUA 1957 Centenary of Lord B-P (15) on 2 x cachet FDCs	5.00
183 JAPAN 1959 “World Scouting in Action” cachet cover with Japanese & USA stamps – posted	2.00
184 AJMAN 1971 13 <sup>th</sup> world Jamboree Japanese Paintings issue (6) in imperf colour trials – 5 for each value UM	30.00
185 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1990 Scouts & butterflies (6 + MS) 2 x FDCs	7.50
186 CONGO 1991 Scouting & butterflies gold foil MS UM	6.00
187 COOK ISLANDS 1969 New Zealand Jamboree (6) in full sheets of 10 + labels UM	5.00
188 G.B. 1909 National Series postcard “Boy Scouts Standing at Ease”- posted	7.00
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RE BELGIUM COVER MENTIONED IN LAST BULLETIN

FROM PAUL VAN HERPT

In John Ineson's column "John's Jottings" in the April-June 2016 Bulletin, can I suggest that he has the route for the Rotterdam Scout cover the wrong way around.

The cover has a Dutch censor tape down one side. At the time the cover was posted, the censorship bureau was in the city of Eindhoven. Normally, the Scout post did not carry international mail, it was all local mail. The international mail routes had all mostly been shut down.

The southern part of the Netherlands had been liberated in 1944 and there were postal and other services up and running in the south while the north was still occupied by the Germans. In the south, international mail was only accepted for allied nations, i.e. UK, USA, Belgium, France, with the route out from Eindhoven to Brussels in the first instance being the only route out, and then on.

The cover that he showed would have been received by the Rotterdam Scouts at their office, stamped and taken to the nearest town in the south, Breda, and placed into the already operating postal service. From Breda, a short trip eastwards to Eindhoven, and then Brussels to the UK.

John mentioned the Rene Tesselaar book. There has been an addendum to it published, in the Dutch postal history society's magazine "De Postzak" (they also published Rene's book). Interestingly enough, in his book there is not one cover illustrated going to an overseas destination. In the addenda there are many more published, but only one is to an overseas address (USA) which is the one I have in my collection. That makes the one in the Bulletin the second published cover to an overseas destination, so a bit special. My cover did the same route as I described above. One fact Rene published was that towards the end of the period, the Scouts did not actually carry the mail. They postmarked them and handed them over to the Dutch military who took the mail to Breda in one of their trucks returning south to collect more equipment and food etc.

### JOHN RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

Many thanks for your most intrusting email regarding the 1945 cover. I copied your email to Henk Goettsch in the Netherlands who is an expert on this issue (and who incidentally purchased this item) and he writes:-

About the cover, I think Paul is right. The cover was given to the Scouts in Rotterdam, then sent to Eindhoven for the Censorship and then to Brussels and finally to the UK. I have difficulty reading the postmark, I think Rotterdam.

I only copied the description that the vendor on eBay wrote

## RE POSSIBLE MERGER TALKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BADGERS' CLUB

FROM LAWRENCE CLAY

First, my comments are as an individual and do not necessarily represent the views of SOSSI.

I see that you are considering a proposal from the International Badgers Club for a merger as both clubs have a falling membership. Of course, I am familiar with the SGSC membership numbers but had no idea of the Badger membership numbers. I had thought that they were considerably larger and find that their website says that they have around 1,000 members.

My first reaction is that SGSC would inevitably be "swallowed up" by the larger group. Since the 1960's SGSC has filled a commendable niche in Scout philately and it would be a major loss to lose their input. I realize that there is a huge problem in most of the key members are now very senior and replacements are few and far between. But going with the Badgers would not solve that problem.

Of course, most SGSC members, as well as most SOSSI members, are also to some extent patch and memorabilia collectors in addition to philatelic collectors. But should we have one huge "umbrella" organization for Scout collectors? I am very opposed to that concept. I think it would be discouraging for Scout philately.

One of the questions that you mentioned was who would have control. If the Badgers Club publishes the newsletter how willing are they to continue using philatelic information? Whenever they are short of memorabilia articles is my guess.

Finances is another sticky problem. Once a merger occurs, how is money allotted? I assume it will all go into one big fund and former SGSC members will have little or no say. It would be necessary to have at least some committee members represented by former SGSC members. If further money shortages occur do you really think the the Badgers Club will give much thought to including philately?

As you can see, I would be opposed to such a merger. Unfortunately, I don't have any viable solutions to the SGSC membership and finance problems either.

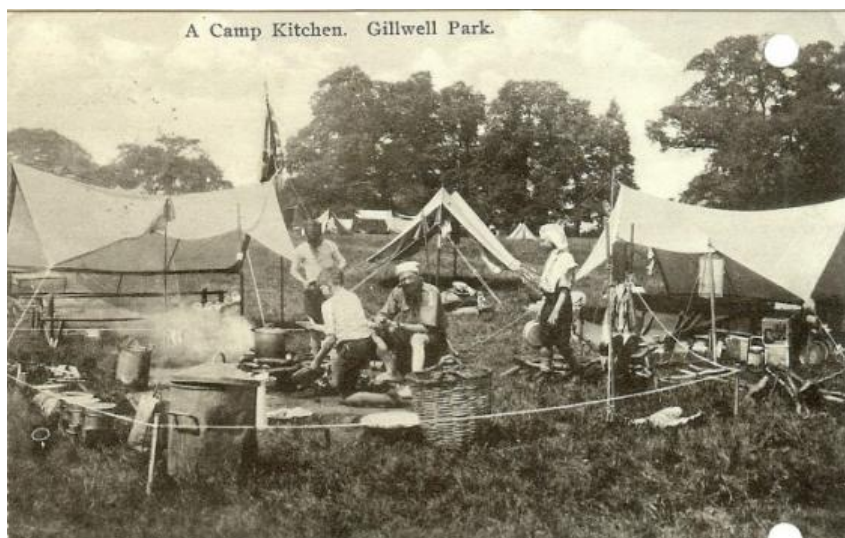
Finally, your plea for material is universal. SOSSI and Pat are struggling with that issue almost every issue. I do want to comment you personally for the fine job you are doing. It was great having the large amount of Girl Guide material in the Summer issue.

To fill up a bit of space in this issue I thought that you might like to see some of the postcards of Gilwell Park which I have in my collection.



The White House on a card which has been signed by the legendary camp leader John Thurman.

The Gidney Cabin



A Camp Kitchen proves that some things hardly ever change.





The Jim Green Gate

Gilwell Lane - a lot different nowadays.



Jam Roll and Eccles together again - a recent shot.



## The B-P 1957 World Jamboree Perfins

The B-P perfins on the 1957 UK 1957 set of three World Jamboree commemoratives first came to the notice of the philatelic world via the 1993 Bulletin of the Perfin Society. It illustrated, in black and white blocks of four of the three stamp set, each having a separate perfin design but all containing the letter's 'B-P' and a scroll reminiscent of the old second class badge. This news however seemed to escape the attention of most, if not all, Scout philatelists.



The word 'perfin' is used in philately to denote initials or designs made of needle-sized holes cut into the stamp by a die cutting machine. The article noted that the three 1957 World Jamboree perfins were made on a perfin die-cutting machine made by a company called Sloper's who had been producing them since 1868.

Sloper's machines were sold as a deter employees from stealing stamps, which of course had to be used in large quantities by most firms in pre-computer days. Stamps, accepted as 'legal tender', were far less likely to be stolen if they could be readily identified as belonging to a particular firm, because the holes cut into them

spelt out the initials of the company name. Indeed, the Scout Association had used Sloper's machines from the 1920's to at least 1938 using the BSA (Boy Scouts Association). Baden-Powell had his own supply of perfin stamps to use on his Scouting correspondence, as did other high profile members of the Association. Our deceased member David Jefferies (Chief Commissioner for Scotland) wrote a very interesting article in our Bulletin 281 (April 1996), in which he documented the BSA perfins and remarked that perfin machines were in use by some councils etc into the 1950s.

The 1957 B-P World Jamboree stamps with B-P perfins came to greater prominence on February 22nd 2001 (did anybody notice the coincidence?) when a First Day Cover with the Jamboree stamps (not posted at the Jamboree) appeared on eBay. At the time I was staying with our former Chairman John Ineson and well remember his surprise and close scrutiny of the auction image. Other expert friends were contacted for their opinion and as they too had never seen such an item, some were of the opinion that the cover was bogus. The auction image then appeared in the pages of this bulletin and members joined in deliberated on the origin of these perfin stamps.



Many of our club members remained dubious (a correspondent to the Bulletin expressed his view that members that should have nothing to do with the perfins, 'and the less said about them the better'. The suspicion surrounding the issue amongst members probably accounts for fact that the eBay item was sold to an American for the knock down price of £74.



Little by little fresh evidence came to light. Rosemary Smith of the Perfin Society wrote in their bulletin of June 2001 that on seeing that the eBay cover was addressed to WO Hawkins, she remembered that he was the Secretary of the perfin machine manufacturers Sloper's from 1939 to 1960. The society had acquired the firm's archives in 1993 and found in them some photocopies of advertising literature with an image of the actual cover sold on eBay which was addressed to Hawkins with the same perfin as on the 2½ d value stamp die cut into lower left hand corner of the envelope. The Perfin Society Bulletin carried a black and white image of the cover from the advertising leaflet, however it was clear enough to be able to state positively that it was the same as the cover sold on eBay. Rosemary Smith thought at the time that the cover had a Scouting connection, commenting that '...perhaps the surplus Scout Stamps were sold to a dealer'.

The quest to discover more lead to Australia where a John Matthew bought a single loose example of the perfin from a philatelic auction in his country. He contacted a Scouting friend in the UK who gave some support to the view that the perfins might have been produced by the British Petroleum Company (B-P) as the company did in fact have a Sloper's perfin machine and used stamps with the initials B-P cut into them).

The British Petroleum link was made even stronger when it was confirmed that the oil company had been a sponsor of the 1957 World Jamboree. John Matthew was motivated to write to the auction house where he acquired his example of the perfin and was informed that they had acquired a number of these stamps in an envelope marked British Petroleum. This interesting development in fact proved nothing a collector not knowing the origin of the perfin might well have assumed that were produced by British Petroleum and send them off to auction marked as such.

Given that the cover has a genuine 1957 first day of issue postmark and that there is no record of any sales of the perfins at an inflated price or otherwise till 2001, it is now reasonable to conclude that all thoughts of bogus items or forgeries can now happily be dismissed. The fact that only one cover is known, does seem not seem consistent with activities of British Petroleum, so I think it is reasonable to conclude that Sloper's themselves produced this single item specifically to use in their advertising material.

One might ask why it took from 1957 to 2001 for the cover to be discovered by the Scouting philatelic fraternity? Well it was a one off, and the only illustration of it until 2001 were in specialist advertising designed to be read by company buyers looking for a perfin-machine. Obviously none of them were keen Scout philatelists!

Ignoring the advice from the 2001 contributor to this SGSC Bulletin. I am quite happy to 'talk about' the issue and wish that I had followed my instinct at the time to bid for this one-off Jamboree cover. It is encouraging to reflect that took 64 years for Scouting to discover the B-P perfins. Clearly there always going to something new to discover.

This article could not have been attempted with the assistance of John Ineson who, as with all his specialist collections has, over time, gathered from all sources relevant articles etc which he then carefully archived. It is not the first time, and will not be the last, that the Scouting philatelic world will have reason to be grateful for his diligence.

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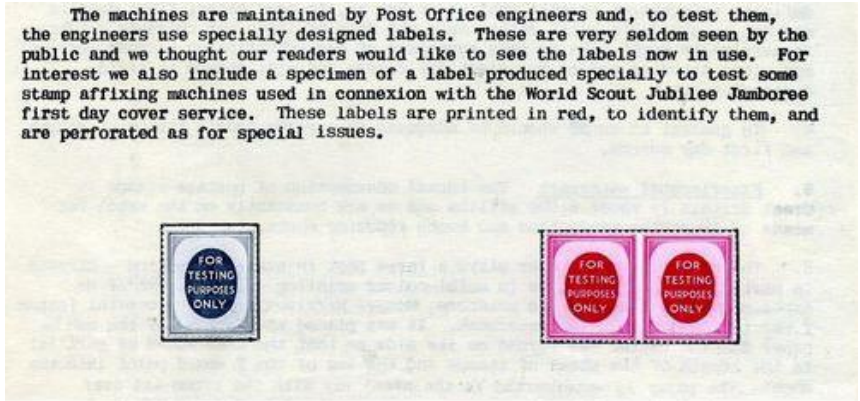


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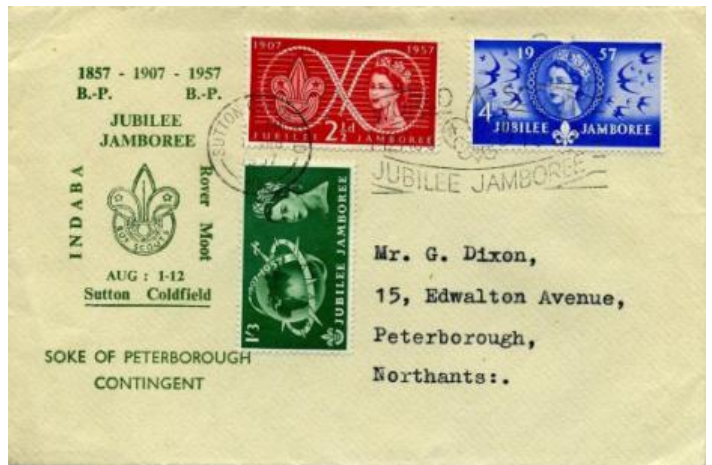


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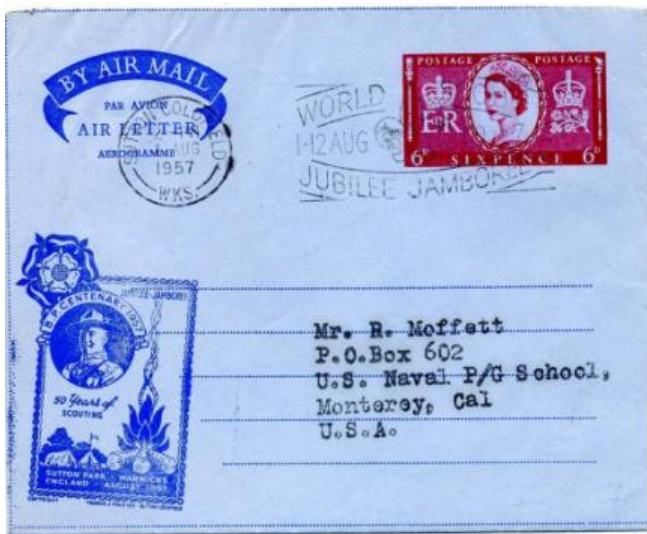
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REGISTERED COVER



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See note from Bob Lee on page 22.

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## Editorial

Can I start by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2017 with lots of opportunities to enjoy life.

My wife and I have recently enjoyed a holiday cruise around the Mediterranean which included stops in Cadiz, Messina, Corfu, Dubrovnik, Venice, Split and Gibraltar. No opportunities to meet up with members of the movement but we did meet one or two from the UK on the boat. Some very spectacular sights, especially in Venice and some fascinating ruins in Split which we really enjoyed.

There are so many wonderful things to see in this world it's such a pity that we all seem to spend so much time arguing.

I've finally started to get comments in regarding the possible merger with IBC and I know that there are several others in the pipeline. In fact Colin Walker has promised me his personal observations and, as a taster, sent the following:-

*I shall be including in my 'piece' one or two comparisons with the brexit arguments for and against - including the one that should people over a certain age be entitled to vote - yes they are certainly entitled to a view - but the argument as to how are both clubs going to survive into the future has to be considered and that will not really be concerning to most of the members of either club because the demographics will bear out that most of us will not paying too much attention to club matters in say only 20 years time!!!*

A final comment that this is actually my 50<sup>th</sup> Bulletin so I look forward to lots more material so that I can eventually get to my 100<sup>th</sup>.

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 meetings in the UK during the major philatelic Exhibitions each year, providing that the hire costs are reasonable. Known dates are:**

**18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 - Spring Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. A Room has been booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Probably Committee Meeting from 12 noon to 13.00 and Open/Members meeting from 13.00 to 14.00. Confirmation will be in next Bulletin.**



Following the invitation from Hallvard Slettebo, around 80 philatelists viewed his display "Scouting around the World" held at The Royal Philatelic Society, London on 27<sup>th</sup> October. It was pleasing to see many of our Club members present as well as many of your Committee, including Randall Frank from the U.S.A. The six award winning displays of 52 frames filled the main exhibition room and contained many rarities and varieties. The President of the R.P.S.L., Himself a Group Scout Leader, gave an address thanking Hallvard before presenting him with a medal and a Beaver Scout collector's badge.

A full review of the exhibits are included as Colin Walker's "Corner" in this issue and there is a description and several illustrations in the splendid handbook, a copy of which is being made available to all our members from Hallvard.

For those who received Bulletins by mail the handbook is included within this package and for those who receive Bulletins by electronic mail the handbook can be down loaded from

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with the entire display of 588 pages.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and prosperous New Year and look forward to meeting members at our next meeting.

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Congratulations to our friends at the Spanish Scout Stamp Club "Filatelico de Scouts y Guias" on their 30th Anniversary. To celebrate this event, they held their tenth International Exhibition during October in the city of Madrid, and having attended two or three of their previous shows, I am sure it was a great success. If you have never been to one of their 'fraternity' lunches, you have really missed a great occasion.

A few months ago Gert Muller of Germany sold (and I use their description) "Lot 4518 - Scout World Jamboree 1933, wonderful blocks of four on five, correctly franked registered Zeppelin covers to South America flight with connection flight via Berlin, with the various special confirmation stamp, as well also the Scout stamp, to Brazil with transit and arrival postmarks. Impressive, in this kind unique set for the sophisticated Hungarian, Zeppelin or Scout collection". Although rather philatelic they sold for €2200 against their estimate of €1000.

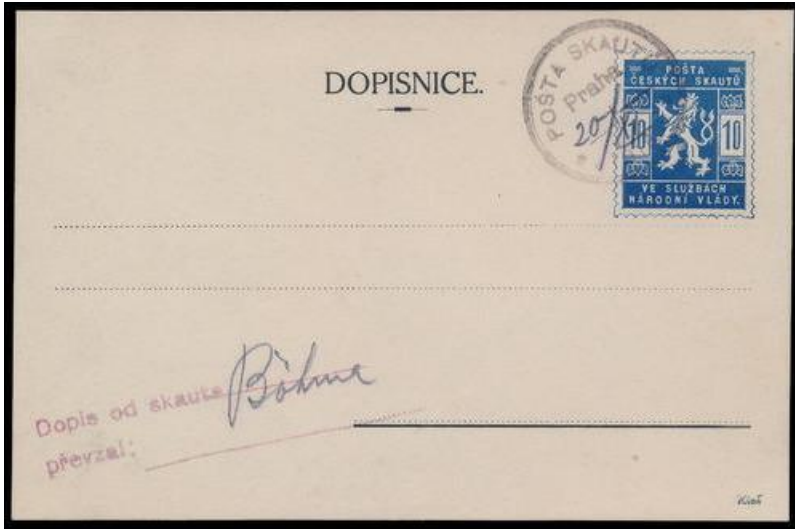


Not many blocks of Mafeking stamps come up for sale these days, so I was interested to read that Cavendish Auctions sold (and I use their description again) "Mafeking Siege Stamps - 1900 1d on 1/2d block of eight (4 x 2) on small piece with multiple Mafeking/CGH with circular date stamps. Fine and scarce Est. £200" made £340. The rates for the GBP have changed since Brexit, but this was

about €390 US\$ 410). The largest and second largest of all Mafeking overprinted stamps was of this value, the largest block of 29 being sold at the 'Maria de La Queillerie' sale held by Harmer of London in 1970.

During October these two 1918 Scout Post items were sold by auction at Prague in the Czech Republic. The postcard, of which only 1000 were produced, was not addressed and did not have a message on the reverse, so not so collectable. It did have the 10h printed stamp cancelled on 20 November and the two line Scout delivery cachet signed by Böhma. Estimated at 15,000 CZK, it sold for 31,000 CZK which is about £1000. The cover with the Masaryk overprint, posted on 21 November 1918, the day that





President Masaryk arrived back in Prague from exile in the United States, having previously been in Italy, Switzerland, London and Russia. It shows the 20h stamp with the "Arrival of President Masaryk" overprint in black. Despite having a number of expert certificates, it had an estimate of 25,000 CZK but sold at a reasonable price of

45,000CZK which is about £1450.



One other item that took my interest was this postcard sent by a member of the Austrian contingent attending the 1929 World Jamboree at Birkenhead. It shows the blue cachet in both German and English "Boy Scouts of Austria, Jamboree Birkenhead 1929". Sent to Vienna on 7 August 1929 from Wallasey, the nearby town of Birkenhead, it does have the ½d and 1d (but unfortunately stuck upside down) stamps issued for the 9th Universal Postal Union Congress. I had not seen this cachet before, but I do know

that a similar one was in the late Walter Grob's collection and used at the 1933 World Jamboree held at Gödöllő, Hungary. Sold in Vienna in November, this cover was estimated at €50 but sold for €380.





At our club meeting held at STAMPEX on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, it was pleasing to meet members from as far away as Cumbria, Norfolk, Bristol and Margate – why not you? My display was my entry for the Walter Grob Award at EuroScout 2016 – just 12 pages – as mentioned in the last Bulletin. Then John Ineson astounded us with a selection of sketches by Baden-Powell himself, plus B-P family photographs and letters etc. The time went too quickly!

During the course of this year, I have acquired two large boxes of Scout and Guide covers which originally emanated from U.S.A. A large percentage of the covers were American, with postmarks and colourful cachets from Boy and Girl Scout events. This prompted me to check through “Levy’s Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the United States”. This volume lists and depicts all known covers issued between 1910 and 1960 – and there are a lot of them!

When checking through the first day cover cachets for the Scouting stamp issues of U.S.A., there were 73 designs produced for the 1948 stamp honouring Juliette Low, Founder of the Girl Scouts. Then 110 types for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts stamp in 1950. These listings are also extended by colour variations on some covers. And for the 1960 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting stamp there were (wow!) 159 types plus colour varieties. Two types of slogan postmark were used in Washington D.C. One with the “For God and Country” symbol to the right of the date circle, plus another with the symbol below the date circle. There were even fake first day covers produced in 1979 by FIESTA (Stamp Co.) using rubber stamped postmarks in a series of 12 designs.

The first cachet cover listed in Levy’s Catalogue dates from 1914, and is cleverly designed with a Scout in darkness on the left side shining a torch to light up the address and stamp on the right. This was advertising “Baldwin Carbide Lamps”. The first event

cover has a cachet announcing “Camp Delmont July 6 – Aug.28 1915 Linfield, PA.” and this was posted in Linfield on July 26, 1915.



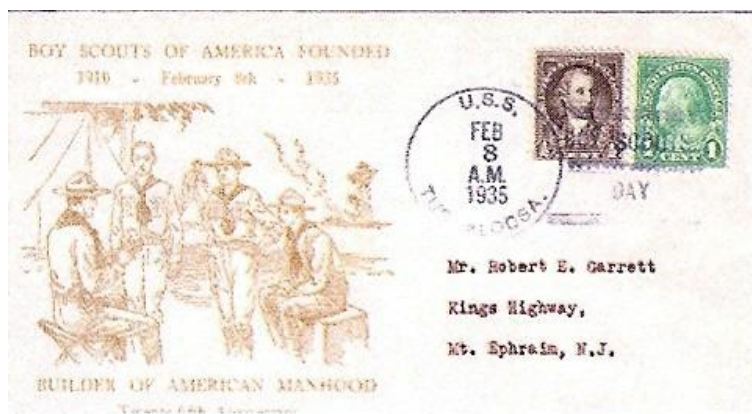
The first Girl Scout cachets date from 1930 with three different designs “Welcoming Rear Admiral Richard E.Byrd visiting St.Louis, MO on November 14, 1930. Under the

Auspices of Girl Scouts”.

The first postmark indicated was used in 1931 at the Treasure Island Scout Camp in New Jersey. The postmark reads TREASURE ISLAND N.J. with date, and was used only during the summer camping season. (See Over)



The first postmarks with the mention of Scouting appeared in 1935 commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and were all cancellations from U.S. Navy Ships. These appeared from U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, Brooklyn N.Y. U.S. Receiving Ship, U.S.S. Relief, U.S.S. Herbert, U.S.S. Lexington and U.S.S. Manley. The latter appeared in two versions, one with spelling error with two A's in ANNIVERSAARY. All were dated Feb. 8 1935 (the founding date of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, except for Manley which is dated



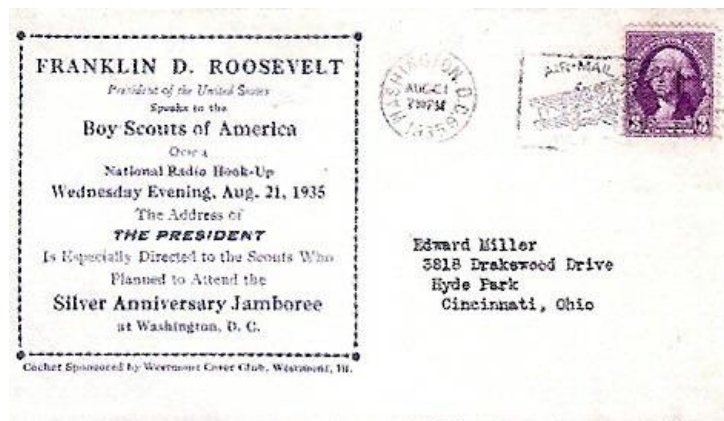
Aug. 21 1935. The U.S.S. Manley postmark was dated to coincide with the 1<sup>st</sup> National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. But this event had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of Polio in 1935. Although a number of cachet covers had already been produced in 1935, the Jamboree was re-scheduled to 1937

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when a further selection of designs were issued.



The first actual postmark used at a Boy Scout event was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA from 30 June – 7 July 1950. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America 3 cents stamp was issued on the first day of the Jamboree with "Valley Forge



PA First Day of Issue” slogan 30 June 1950, and the Jamboree slogan itself was used from 1- 8 July 1950. There were no Girl Scout postmarks listed up to and including 1960.



This gives me the opportunity to do a bit of advertising! If you are interested in U.S.A. Boy and Girl Scout cachet covers please let me know, and I will prepare a list – I have a lot of them! I should also like to promote my “100 List” which is still distributed to about 20 members, and new material is always arriving. Lists can be sent by email or by normal post. The Lists contain 100 items, including stamps, mint and used, covers (FDCs & postmarks etc.) postcards, labels, other ephemera and occasional badges. Most items are priced at under £1.00, plus a few better items to fill the page. When items are sold, they are replaced with new ones from my stock – which has been accumulating for about 35 years(!). Any subscriber not placing an order from two consecutive lists will be deleted.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1941, a few weeks short of his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. This year, being the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event, a number of countries have produced stamps, all of which are very colourful and depict aspects of his Scouting life. The nations noted are: Benin, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Niger, St.Thomas & Prince, Sierra Leone and Togo. All of these issues were produced in the Baltic States, and one wonders if they will ever see the light of day in the countries indicated on them?(*See back cover*).

Our friends in the Danish Scout Stamps Club have produced their own “Personalised” stamps in five designs. Four of the designs show the first four World Jamboree emblems – 1920, 1924, 1929 and 1933 with a series of code letters and numbers plus a note indicating that they are valid until 07.01.2017. The fifth design is the logo of CAF16 Jamborette. The face value of each stamp is 8 Danish Kroner (which is about 90 pence).





## Possible SGSC and IBC Merger

There's nothing to report in this respect at present as we are waiting for another meeting with the IBC. However, there has been, at last, some comment and I am including these matters herewith.

1. From Graham Osborne (SGSC Secretary)

### The Future of the SGSC.

I note that there have been several comments made regarding the future of the SGSC and these are to be welcomed. A recurring theme however, seems to be a reluctance to consider a “merger” with the Badgers Club, or as one person commented, “being taken over by the Badgers Club.” Perhaps I should make it clear, that at the moment that is not an option.

It so happens that, in a previous “life”, I had some dealings with the mergers of “legally recognised bodies” and it might be helpful, if I set out in general terms, the options that might be open to the SGSC for its continued existence. The first would be for a merger to take place between the SGSC and a body with similar interests – hence our discussions, which are very much in the initial stages, with the Badgers Club. There are basically two types of merger, the first involves a transfer of one body (Club) to another [e.g. the SGSC transfers all its membership/assets etc. to the Badgers Club; its members become members of the Badgers Club; the SGSC disappears or merely becomes a “section” within the Badgers Club and the Badgers Club adds some new rules to its constitution to cover the SGSC section.] Of course the opposite would also be possible with the Badgers Club transferring its membership to the SGSC and become part of the SGSC.

In the other type of merger, an amalgamation takes place and the members of both bodies agree to join together and a new “organisation” is created with a new name and a new set of rules and both the “old” bodies cease to exist once the new body comes into existence.

The discussion with the Badgers Club is very much in the early stages and Members can be assured that no decisions will be made without full consultation with the membership. The process involved in taking the SGSC to its next stage could be quite long and involved.

Of course I have not mentioned the other option that the SGSC might be faced with, which would be its disbandment, if there were insufficient officers to run the Club or there was a continued decline in membership numbers.

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From Don Douch

Sorry to read of the poor response to the above suggestion, so here is my twopennyworth - NO. I totally agree with Lawrence Clay's arguments and my only regret is that I cannot think of any other reasons - he appears to have covered all the angles.

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From John A. Roberts, Bristol -- IBC and SGSC member

As a member of both the Scout and Guide Stamps Club (SGSC) and the International Badgers Club (IBC) I am writing with a few comments about the possible merger of the two established collecting clubs in scouting and guiding.

Both clubs have been established for many years and have fulfilled their original intentions of promoting the collecting and study of both philately etc. and badge collecting etc. As is common with many clubs of varying colours the membership gets older and not so many new members join the club.

As we know the IBC has a larger membership (although not as many as a few years ago) and caters for those who collect and swop scout and guide badges (and other badges as members decide on their interests – these could be jamboree, proficiency and so on). The IBC is mostly UK based and has a fair number of members from other countries. The club also has links with New Zealand and Australia collecting clubs. Also, the club in the UK has lots of meetings which members can attend in many parts of mostly England. Overall, the meetings are well attended.

I believe that a proposed merger (on agreed terms to all) would be beneficial as both clubs have members who collect badges as well as ‘postal items’ (stamps, postcards etc.). The new magazine would have to accommodate all areas of collecting. The magazine would have to have a balanced number of articles, news etc where possible.

It is true that both the IBC and the SGSC at times find it difficult to have enough items to fill the magazine.

I hope that the committee members of both clubs manage to find a 'common ground' and work towards a merger of both excellent collecting clubs.

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From Richard Frank

Dear Terry –your comments in the Autumn 2016 bulletin regarding the future of the SGSC has prompted me (somewhat belatedly!) to write with my personal views! I am an active Group Scout Leader and it has been a very hectic summer for my Scout Group – combine that with an unexpected redundancy, it has meant that it is only now that a number of matters are getting the attention they deserve.

I started collecting stamps, like many of my generation, when I was a school boy in the late 1950's and 1960's. Stamp collecting was a major pastime and I remember that we had a lunch time 'Stamp Club' at school where we swapped stamps etc. As I grew older, my career, involvement with Scouts, marriage and a family meant that my collection remained in a large box on the top of the wardrobe, but I did maintain my membership of the Scout & Guides Stamp Club, reading the bulletins with interest. I always admired the obvious knowledge and enthusiasm of the contributors – but I have always known that I will never reach their level of expertise. I often thought that when I did retire, I would like to restart collecting stamps, and just be satisfied with trying to collect examples of as many stamps as possible in my particular areas of interest. I have never been to a stamp exhibition, and have only recently discovered that there is a Philatelic Society in Leeds! Stamp collecting, for me, has always been about personal satisfaction.

On reading your comments and those of Lawrence Clay, I thought I would conduct a quick survey amongst the members of our Scout Troop concerning stamps. I asked them for their response to three questions which were:

1. When was the last time that you received a letter or card through the post?
2. When was the last time that you sent a letter or card through the post?
3. Do you know anyone at school who collects stamps?

Around 90% could not remember the last time they had received anything through the post; about the same percentage said the same thing regarding sending anything (although I do know that the Scout Leader more or less forced those who were at Summer Camp to buy and send a postcard home whilst they were there!) – and all of them do not know anyone at all who collects stamps.



And that is the problem – young people, in the main, do not collect stamps, or are even aware that they are ‘collectable’. They send messages by email and social media; they don’t use the postal service and rarely receive post; and they have so many other distractions that they do not even consider spending time sourcing, sorting and presenting anything collectable, be it stamps, coins, or anything else!

However – young people are interested in badges – Campsites generally have a camp shop and do very well out of selling a wide variety of badges - and they also like earning and wearing badges for their uniforms – which ultimately are sometimes transferred to a camp blanket. Badges are colourful, bright, big, record achievement or campsites visited, and do not need a lot of time spending on them.

I personally see no reason at all why the Club should not amalgamate with the International Badgers Club. Unlike Mr Clay, I believe that a merger would be beneficial for the SGSC – there is potential, surely, for reaching a much wider audience than the current bulletin reaches at the present. The potential issues that Mr Clay highlights in his letter would, I am sure, be thoroughly discussed before any agreement would be reached, and it may well be that not everybody would be happy with every decision or outcome– but the alternative is to do nothing, and watch membership dwindle as fewer and fewer new members are recruited until, perhaps, we are left with nothing at all!

Change has been a constant factor in the Scout Movement over the past 50 years, and the Movement continues to be successful because it responds to the demands of young people, and embraces change. The SGSC should – in my view – recognise this by entering discussions with the International Badgers Club to explore potential benefits and opportunities for both parties.

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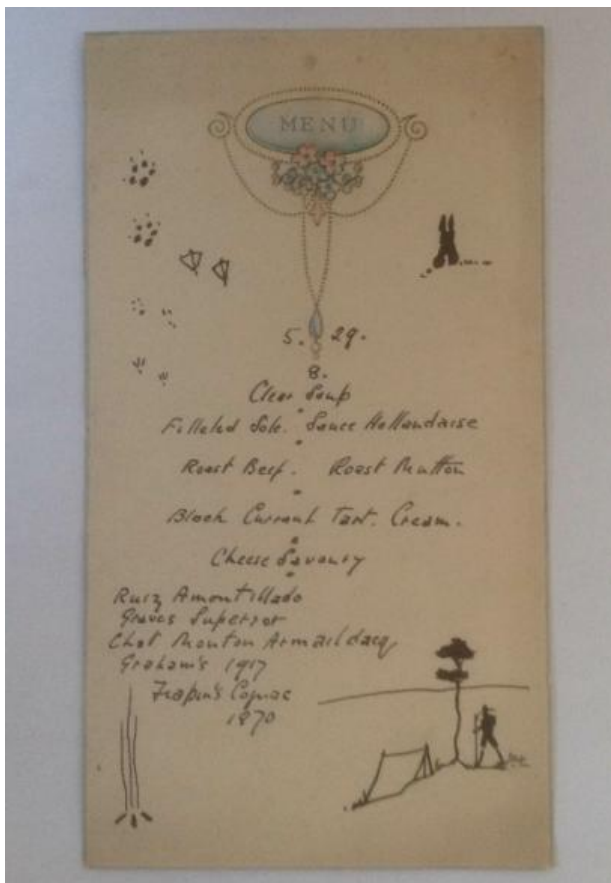
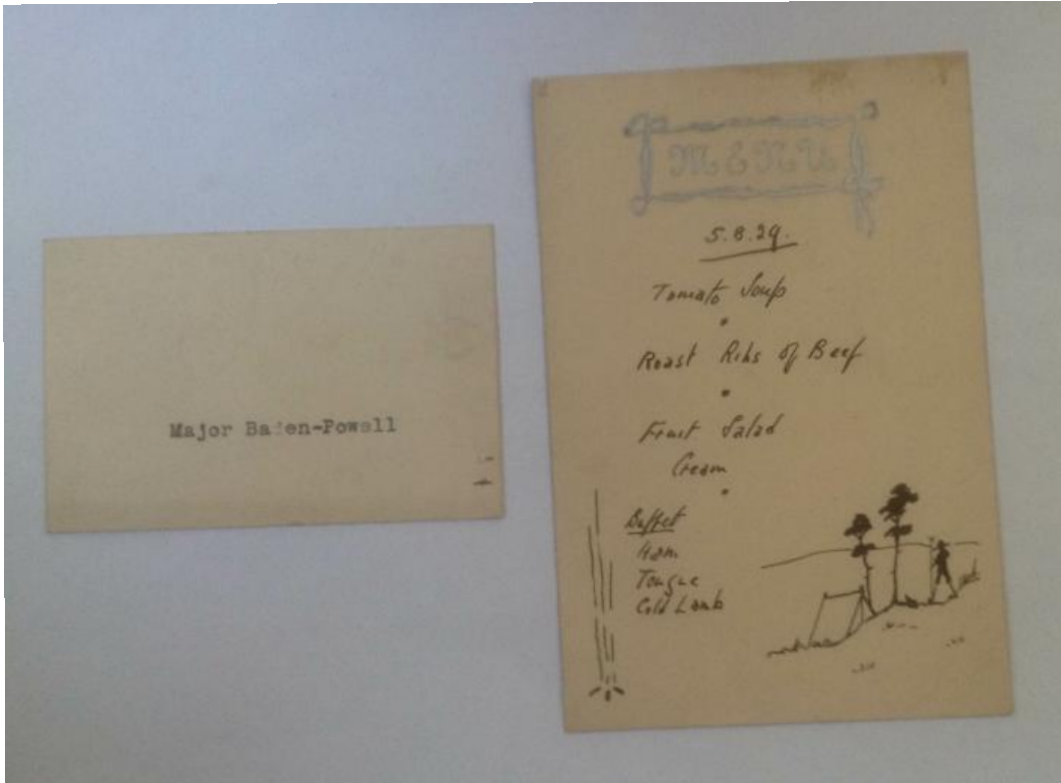
From John Owen

Concerning the merger w/Badgers. I believe SGSC would loose it's identity and those of us who collect would miss out on a lot on info served to membership.

I would be against such a move. And, I agree with Lawrence Clay whom I consider a well informed and educated collector, enthusiasts, writer and strong supporter of SOS both as a hobby and an educational venue thru organized philatelists of like mine. We have been friends for at least 40 years and I respect as well as admire his judgment. He is a greater thinker and analyst.

## From John Roberts

The final items I purchased on EBay many years ago. I assume it is genuine. I am assuming it is from the 1929 World Jamboree at Birkenhead. There are two menu cards and a place name for 'Major Baden-Powell'. They are both dated 5.8.29. The



two menus are different - could they be two different camps or similar? The larger choice menu looks to be a more important meal. The menu has a flap behind so it could be stood up on the table.

Also of interest on the menu cards are the same illustrations -- however, the word 'MENU' is different.

I would welcome any further information on these two items.

## Further material from John Roberts



Weston-super-Mare floral clock postcards. One celebrates the jubilee year of the Girl Guides -- I assume this is 1960 as it is an unused card. The other is the same view with the floral clock. It is a used card but I cannot make out the date, although it has a 4d stamp which means it is prior to 1971.

I have a few floral clock cards in my collection. They were popular for many years in towns and seaside resorts. Sadly, the Weston clock is no longer there but a lovely display of flowers.

There are two examples of guide standards postcards. I have about 20 -- some are postcards and others are printed on card. They are interesting as the card give information about the history etc of the standard.

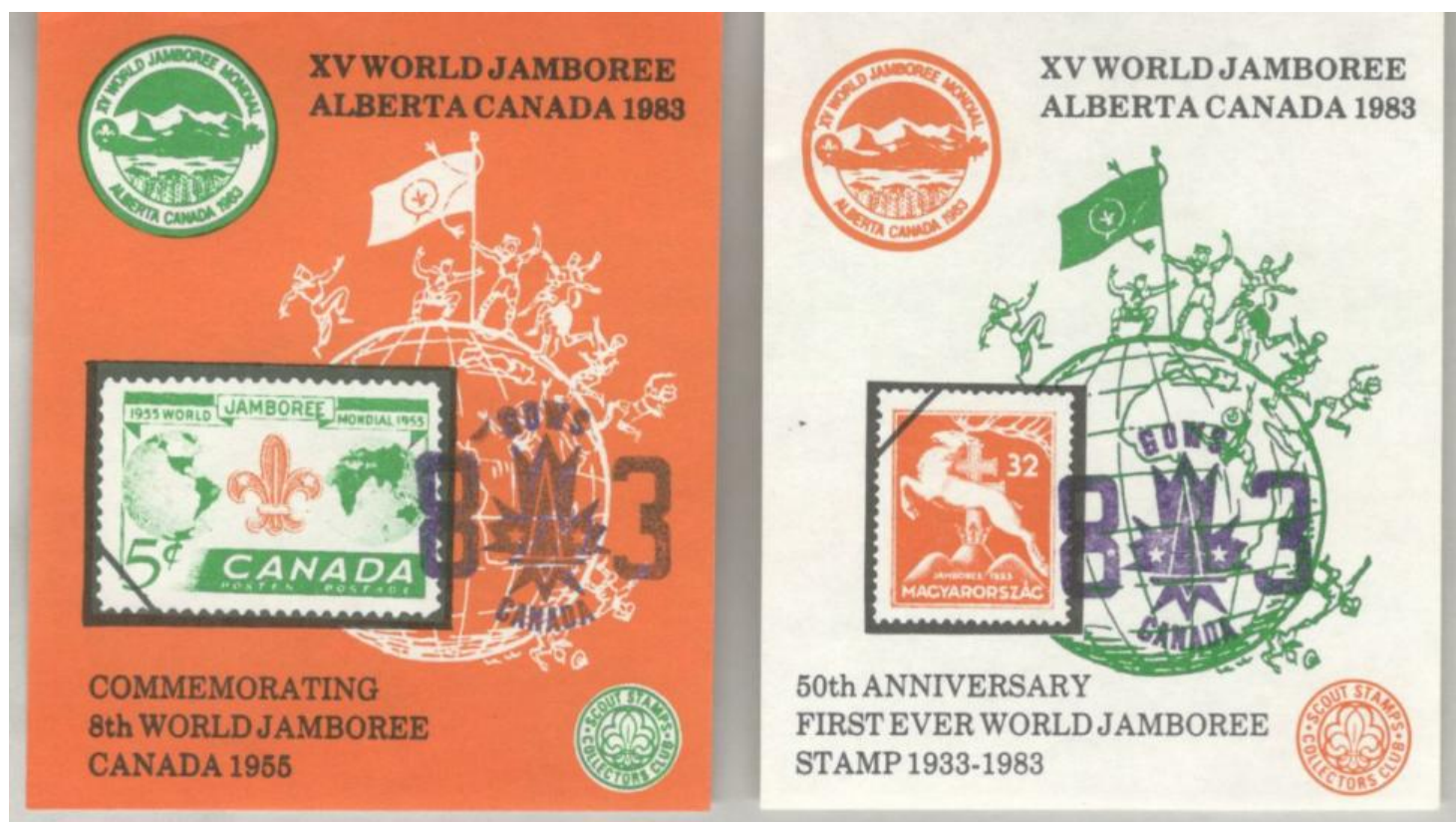




From Alex Hadden

SSCC produced 2 covers and 3 postcards for the 1983 World Jamboree. For some reason unknown I have the postcard but not the covers. As I recall the covers were produced by putting one of two large seals (which I do have) on envelopes. I was wondering if you or anyone else has any of these covers for sale or trade especially if they have been postally used. I am also looking for the post cards postally used. If anybody has anything else related to WJ'83 please let me know and I can tell you whether I need it.

I got some nice items from Peter Duck but one of them is a bit of a mystery. It is the 2 SSCC labels but they have been overprinted with a rubber stamp reading GOWS 83 CANADA. Neither Peter nor I know what the GOWS stands for. There was another set of labels overprinted North of Scotland Troop so it might be another Troop.



Response from Peter Duck

Thanks for the forwarded message from Alex Hadden. The covers and cards + labels for the 1983 World Jamboree were produced by Dave Clark. I do come across them occasionally, but don't have any at present.

## Editor's Request.

My wife and I have recently returned from a cruise around parts of the Mediterranean and our land stops included a day in the fascinating town of Messina in Sicily. Whilst there we walked up to visit the attractive “santuario Montalto” and on the way discovered this memorial to B-P which had been erected in 2009 in a children's playground. The whole area had seen better days and the playground looked as if it was disused - except perhaps for some vagrant sleeping. Could I ask our members, especially those who live in Italy, if they know anything about this situation as the memorial obviously meant something to somebody at some stage.



**'The Royal' Event: A Personal Perspective**

October 26th 2016 marked a very special day in the annals of Scouting Philately as a considerable number of 'firsts' coincided in an exhibition held in London at meeting place of the Royal Philatelic Society. 'The Royal' was established in 1869 and is the oldest Philatelic Club/Society in the World.

Our Member Hallvard Sletterbø from Norway with his thematic exhibit *World Scouting - its Path to Success* has won medals at many world class philatelic events culminating in Large Gold Medals in China in 2009, Antwerp in 2010, Phillanippon 2011, and Singapore in 2015. It is today the world's highest ranking Scout exhibit, however it should be clearly understood that the large Gold Medals were gained in open competition against all thematic exhibits, not just that of Scouting.

Though membership of the Royal is available to all (if the individual can be find a proposer and a seconder), the honour of becoming a Fellow however is a distinction to be gained on merit. There are three fellows only in the ranks of our club, Hallvard and our former Chairman and one-time president John Ineson who was of course present at the exhibition and Frederick Lawrence USA. Our club was well represented by Nick Coverdale and Randall Frank (USA), who are members of the Royal, Peter Duck, our Chairman Melvyn Gallagher, Bob Lee, and myself who attended as guests. Leif Nelson and Tom Sund of Norway both of whom are members of Danish Club were also present,

I attended in Scout Uniform as did Peter Ford, a keen member of the International Badgers Club who was there representing the Scout Association, as he now works in Scout Archives, Gilwell Park. It was pleasing to note that amongst the 70 or so visitors there were a few other people also in uniform including a young Scout, emphasizing that though this was a philatelic event, the exhibit was designed to promote Scouting.

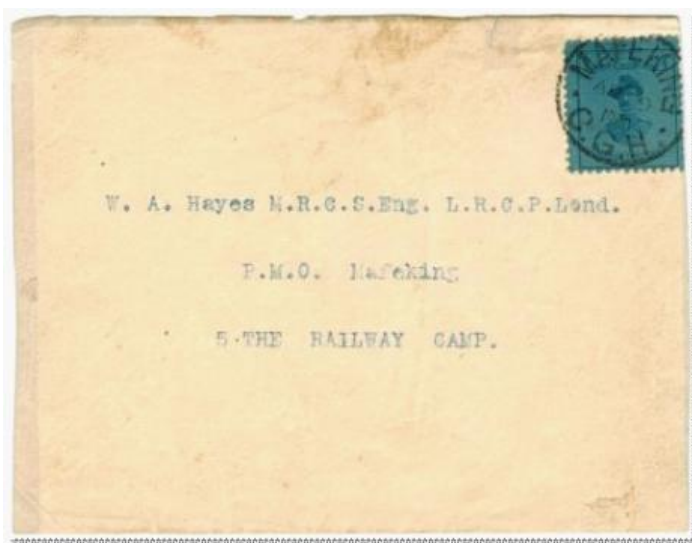
I should perhaps declare that I had slight vested interest in the exhibition as I was privileged to play a small part assisting Hallvard in the complexities of the English language in presenting the material and the also in the booklet that was giving away to visitors to the exhibition. This can be found on line on both Hallvard's the RPSL's



website. The club has some 'hard' copies of the document and are there details of how one can be obtained elsewhere in this Bulletin.

This involvement has given me an insight into just what it takes to gain success at such a high level. A quick appraisal would be an enormous amount of very hard work! The 'design' of the exhibit, before any philatelic item is selected, is crucial. It can be likened to a good book. It has to tell a story, in both width and breath, mainly though postal ephemera, which will include the stamps, covers, essays, proofs, and original artwork. These have to be displayed in an attractive way on album pages leaving very little room for text which cannot be allowed to distract from the artifacts and so has to be succinct, providing relevant information and developing the theme. If all that is not hard enough, the quality of the philatelic items has to be exemplary and though their commercial value is not relevant, the interest of the viewer (and competition judges) is maintained when 'material of philatelic importance' is presented in such a way as to indicate its significance. All of these criteria are splendidly met in Hallvard's exhibit. There is however an additional quality that is not a requirement. Hallvard uses philatelic material to shine a spotlight on our Scouting Heritage, producing a powerful advertisement for the Scout Movement. He uses both the past and the present in a way which should inspire and motivate members of our Movement, and bring an understanding to those outside it as to just what a great and remarkable achievement Scouting is.

The exhibition was divided into four sections, the first 12 frames being the Large Gold Medal collection *World Scouting, Its Path to Success*. It is impossible in this article and not necessary to record the entire exhibit because as I have explained earlier that has already been done elsewhere. I have however selected for comment a few of them many gems on display.



My attention was focused immediately on one of the world's rarest first day covers (four only), of the Mafeking blue stamps made in the town at the time of the Siege to facilitate local postage, dated April 9th 1900. The cover is addressed to the Baden-Powell's Principal Medical Officer W A Hayes.

There are those that say that the Mafeking issues have no place in a thematic display on Scouting as they predate the movement by eight years. Hopefully Hallvard's inclusion of items from

Siege will put an end to such nonsense. B-P said that the Mafeking Cadets were his first Boy Scouts and it is self evident that without his fame as the Hero of Mafeking, Scouting could never have been founded. The cover below was sent by Baden-Powell to his brother Frank. The 'Large Head' blue stamp shows the cracked plate flaw, the exhibit included the entire row of stamps from those affected by the crack.



Naturally the exhibit records the advent of world's first Scout Stamp produced in the Czech Republic in 1918 which were produced the local Boy Scouts Association to restore the postal service after WW1 in order to facilitate to restoration of the Government. The



two values were issued, but every stamp produced was individually die cut with imitation perforations. On the day incoming President Masaryk arrived in Prague, the stamps were overprinted to mark the celebration. On that day eight only telegrams were sent out, each example with a one of the overprinted stamps affixed cancelled and the telegram signed by a Scout. Only eight such telegrams are known.

Above right. King Rama VI was educated in Britain. He took Scouting back to Siam surcharging existing stamps with an overprint to fund raising for the 'Tiger Cubs', a

junior branch of the military 'Wild Tigers'. All boys in Siam were enrolled Scouts in their schools, a tradition that to some extent continues today.

There have been several examples of Scout run Post Offices at times of national emergency. One of the lesser known examples is that of the Shanghai Emergency Postal Service that operated during a postal strike in 1931 in the European Concessionary Areas of that city. Coupons rather than stamps were affixed to items which allowed them too be sent, be sorted and delivered by Scouts in the Concessionary Areas. Mail to foreign destinations was by ships so that the mail could forwarded on arrival at their next destination. Hallvard's example was sent via Vancouver Andover Mass. USA. As with the Prague 1918 Scout Post Office, mail was individually signed by Scouts.



Perhaps the highlight of the exhibition was this example of 'sewer mail' carried by Scouts between the various enclaves that existed underground in parts of Warsaw after German Occupation in 1944. This extremely rare example of the so-called potato print cancellation is found on a pre printed Government issued postcard dated 6th August 1945.

The 1937 Hindenburg Airship disaster has only a somewhat slight connection with Scouting. Bundles of charred mail were salvaged from the wreck some 358 pieces in total. Of these some carried the then current Dutch World Jamboree issue stamps. One of which partially survives on the cover overleaf.

The second part of the exhibition was devoted to Scout Mail in Displaced Persons Camps immediately after WW2, and then five frames of stamps showing the Potal History of Scouting in the United Kingdon, including examples of rare postmarks



and Recorded Delivery items from the 1929 World Jamboree and National Jamborees.



The next section was devoted to Scouting in Norway (because Hallvard is Norwegian). Below is an interesting cover sent in Second World War by 'exiled' Norwegian Scouts to Norway. As members may know having written *Scouts at War*



*Vol I* on the First World War I am now emarked on *Vol II* devoted to the the Second

World War. One one of the chapters concerning espionage will recall the fact that Colonel JS (Belge)} Wilson former Camp Chief at Gilwell Park left Scouting to join the Special Operations Executive in 1941 and eventually commanded all Scandinavian Operations luding the 'Heavy Water' raids etc, He also founded the Norwegian Scout Club in London. Who knows what this envelope contained but as we see it was opened by the Censors. Perhaps this is an appropriate point for me to seek the help of members who have any Second War related Scouting ephemera, whether philatilic or not, that could be use to illustrate the book, if so please get in touch.

Hallvard's magnificant exhibit concluded with sections devoted to the Postal History of Scouting in Europe and then outside Europe until 1957.

During the afternoon Frank Walton the President of 'The Royal' presented Hallvard with a Beaver's Collector's Badge. Frank is a former Scout Leader and now GSL of a Scout Group in Dronfield, Derbyshire where I, though not at the same time, was a Venture Scout Leader. Hallvard on looking up the requirements to win this badge has concluded that he is not qualified for it! We think however that he is well deserving of it, the exhibition was a remarkable 'tour de force', and an absolute priviledge to view.

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From Bob Lee

May I inform you of a recent addition to our Scouting stamp theme. To celebrate Queen Elizabeth II becoming our longest reigning monarch as well as head of The Commonwealth , the postal authorities issued a joint commemorative stamp sheet. This is the first time that postally valid stamps from different countries have appeared on the same sheet.

One of the stamps depicted is that from Bahamas (Row 5, position 3) showing Prince Harry talking to local Boy Scouts. This will surely be a “sleeper” in our theme?

I have managed to obtain a few of these sheets, with their descriptive folders, and if they are of interest to you then please inform me and I will forward a copy by return.

Prices; UK £32.00. Europe £34.00 and Rest of World £38.00 all post paid; payment may be by Euro / Dollar cash; PayPal or Credit / debit card as usual (Note credit cards and PayPal please add 5% to cover costs)

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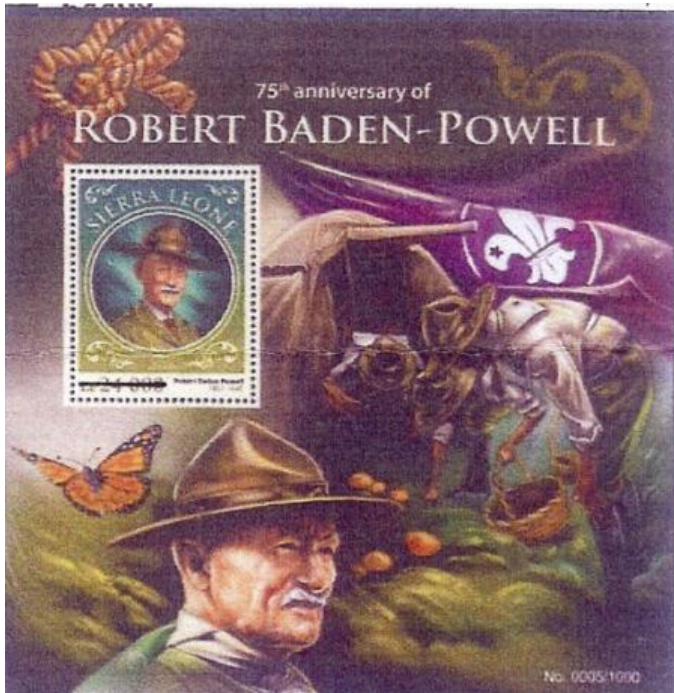
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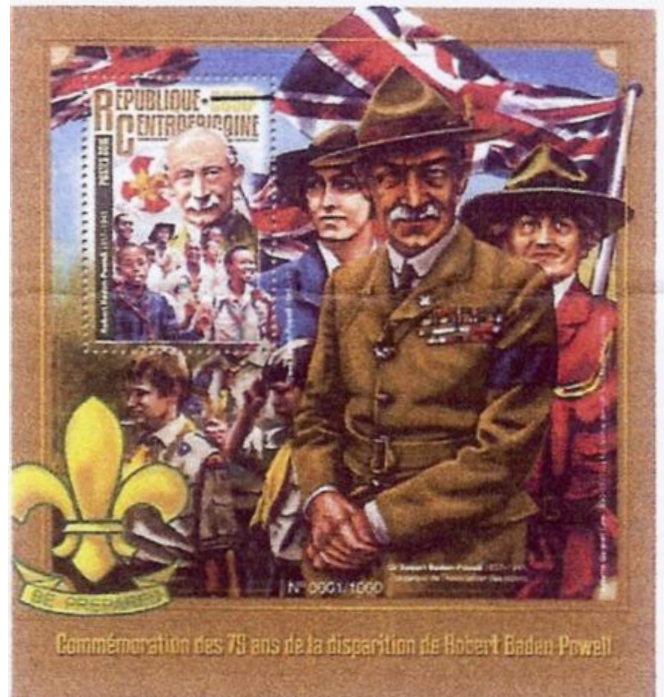
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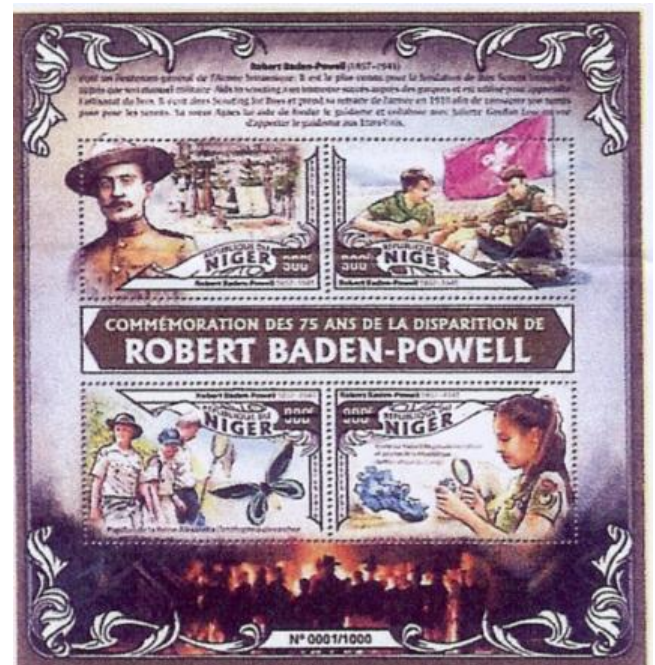


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