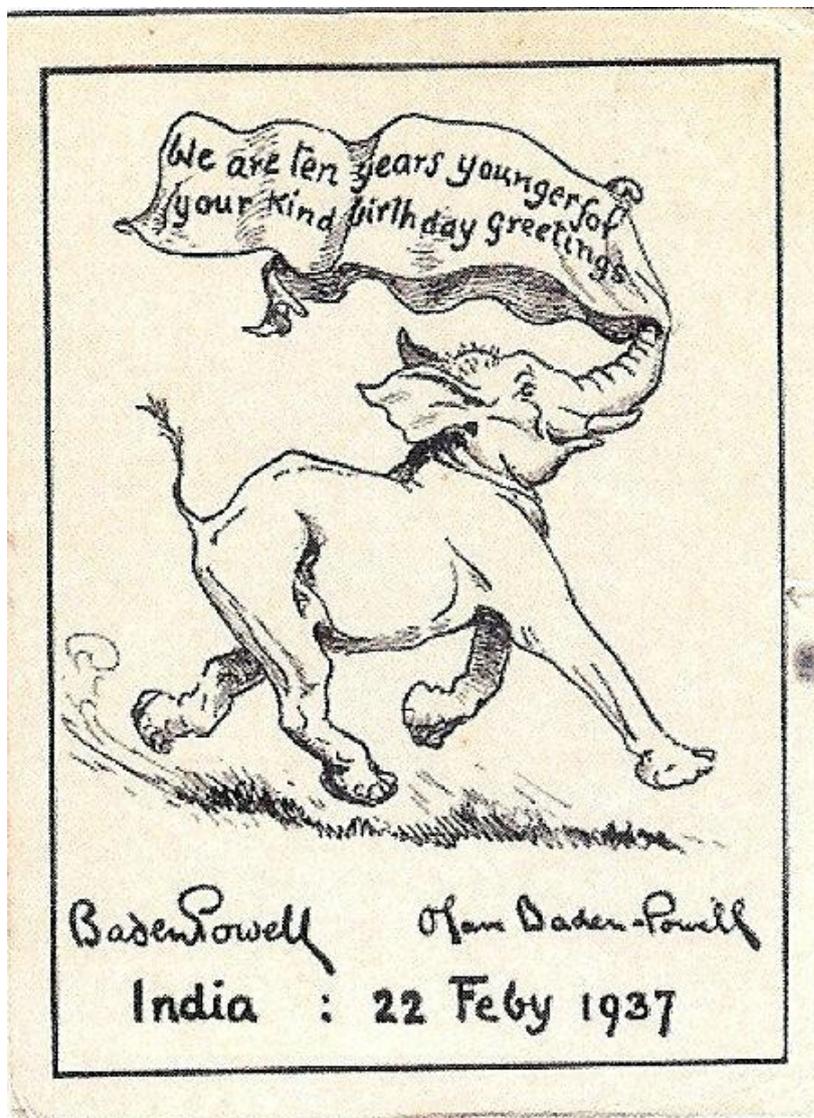


# Scout and Guide Stamps Club

# BULLETIN

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## Editorial

Here we are again and I hope that you are all getting used to the idea of a quarterly publication - which from a personal point of view is making life quite a bit easier on me. However, much as I say after each issue that I will immediately start putting items in to the next issue this doesn't happen and I still end up putting the bulk of each issue in place during the weeks before publication, in line with the deadline for receipt of articles. Perhaps I should think about bringing this date forward!!!

There has been a continuing correspondence regarding the possible merger with the IBC and this has been split roughly 50/50. However, as you will read in the Chairman's Notes on the following pages there has been a turn of events in this respect which, as a member of both Groups, I find rather disappointing.

There is a short article in this issue of an unexpected cancellation which the UK Post Office used to commemorate the Cub Scouts Centenary. As far as I can see nobody was aware that this was coming - so it might be a bit scarce - and there are already some varieties in the setting of the logos, etc. Any further information on this would be appreciated.

By the time the next issue is circulated I will have celebrated Betty and My Golden Wedding and will have achieved one of our long standing ambitions which is to visit The Faroes and Iceland. Hopefully the weather won't be too bad!

Hope everyone has a good summer.

Terry Simister

### **FUTURE COPY DATE**

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

Also, if possible, could anybody submitting scans of items from their article produce these individually on their own scan as where they arrive with several on the same document it is taking me quite a few hours of work to separate them into individual items, often with the addition need to re-scan some, which reduces the reproduction quality of the image.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS UPDATE**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 AGM on Lord Amory at Docklands - full details included.**

**16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 - Autumn Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. We hope for a Room to 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.**

**Badger's Club say NO to merger**

As you are all well aware, the Badger's Club had made an initial approach to us following a decision by their membership and then the Committee to explore the possibility of a merger of our two clubs, the aim being to unite all collectors of Scouting and Guiding memorabilia as many members of both Clubs collect various items including both philately and badges.

Terry Simister and I met with their Committee at Gilwell for preliminary discussion and we later provided them with further information appertaining to our Club, plans being made for further meetings.

The proposal publicised to our members generated much debate, both in favour and against the idea, many of these views expressed in editions of the Bulletin - which were no doubt read by Badger's Club members too.

Following an extended period of inaction and no further official communication being received from the Badger's Club we have now been informed that they have now decided to reverse their earlier decision and no longer wish to pursue the merger idea with us, their reasons explained in their letter reproduced on the next page.

Our Club will therefore continue with our existing aims and objectives and rely on you all for your continued support.

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A new year of subscriptions started on 1<sup>st</sup> April,2017 and the Committee hope that everyone will wish to continue with the Club and will make their payments, which remain unaltered yet again, to the Membership Secretary as soon as possible. **Subs Cheques, Postal Orders or Money Orders should be made payable to "Scout and Guide Stamps Club" and sent to** Tim Reed at 10 Falconwood Close, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP16 1TB, England.

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



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Graham Osborne, Secretary

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21 April 2017

Dear Graham,

**Re: Proposed Merger of the SGSC and IBC**

As you may know I was recently appointed as Acting Chairman of the International Badgers Club. This Club has been discussing the possibility of our two organisations amalgamating into one collecting body since well before my appointment. There are, I believe, one or two members from each side who are in favour or such a move. However, there seem to be many more who are opposed to the idea.

At a meeting of our Executive at the weekend it was put to a vote and it was unanimously decided not to proceed with the proposed merger. The main issues from our point of view were:-

- 1/. The tremendous amount of work involved to consolidate the two Constitutions;
- 2/. The great disparity in our financial positions:

There were other considerations like the size of our respective Executive Committees and financial reporting calendars but the former were the biggest determining factors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for their time in considering this arrangement and hope that both Clubs can continue to provide members with organisations who support their interests in Scouting and Guiding Collectables.

Yours sincerely,

David W. Pinnington

Acting Chairman

President: Mike Gosling, 2010 – To date

Gartner Auctions of Germany sold earlier this year, what was described as "Artist pencil drawing for the issue of the 6th World Boy Scout Jamboree - size 110 x 177 mm and signed by the artist- Unique". The start price was €1400 and it sold for €2100 (£1810). Also in the sale was this "1944 Warsaw Uprising Scout Post letter with two cancels". The start price was €650, it sold for €900 (£775) plus the usual buyers premium.



While in Prague recently, I attended the Burda Stamp Auction where part 1 of the **Ludvík Pytlíček** Large Gold Medal collection was sold. Amongst the lots was this pair of unused 1918



Czechoslovakia Scout Stamps with the overprint "**Příjezd Presidenta Masaryka**" (**Arrival of President Masaryk**). Only used for one day on 21 December, a total of 600 stamps of the 10h blue and 1000 of the 20h red were overprinted. Most of the genuine stamps were used, so this pair of stamps, with some four expert committee names on the reverse sold well. The estimate was 90.000 CZK, but they soon

sold for 120,000 CZK with the rate of exchange on the day being £3910, €4570, US\$ 4880 plus 19% buyers premium.

While writing about Czechoslovakia items, I noted that another auction house in Prague sold a Zlin cancelled cover. I did write about this postmark a year ago, but to find an example on cover is very difficult. One of the rarest of all Czech Scout cancellations is that of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scout Congress, which should have taken place on 28 February 1948 at Zlin. The Congress had started, but within one 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. Very few postcards and



covers had been cancelled and only those placed in the letter box survived. This cover was estimated at CZK 5000 and sold for CZK 6860, (£220 US\$ 274, € 258) plus 10% buyers premium

These two Australian Die Proofs were sold by Spink's of London in April. The 1952

Australia Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree 3½d. maroon on white wove paper, mounted in a sunken card frame (86x85mm.). Eight die proofs were prepared for presentation purposes., and this was presented to Sir G. Chippendall, Director-General of the



P.M.G.'s Department. Both Die Proofs were estimated at £880-£1000 and this one sold for £800. The 1960 Girl Guide Movement Anniversary 5d. deep ultramarine on white wove paper mounted in sunken card frame (102x92mm) sold for £650. Eleven die proofs were produced for presentation purposes and this. was presented to C.W. Davidson, the Postmaster-General and. Both



Die proofs were subject to 5% import tax on the hammer price in addition to the Buyer's Premium of 20% and both plus 20% VAT so the total charges come to 30%, so if paying 2% by credit card the total came to nearly a third extra.

**Euro-Scout 2018** - The IFSCO Committee has announced the dates for the Euro-Scout and World Collectors Meeting, which will be held from 4-6 May 2018 at Evora, Portugal.

It was interesting to read John Ineson's Jottings in the last Bulletin with details of the Scout Rocket Mails from India in 1937. He states that "Girl Guide Rocket No.7 was fired by Lady Baden-Powell". This Rocket contained 1000 messages with signature of Olave Baden-Powell, Chief Guide, plus 30 covers addressed to various dignitaries. Rocket No.8, (which contained another 1000 messages plus 35 covers) was fired by Lady Dorothy Arthur, the Provincial Girl Guides Commissioner. All envelopes carried a rubber stamp print reading PROPAGANDA R.7 or R.8. There is an obvious error in the spelling of "Propaganda".

In 1954, our late President, Roy Rhodes wrote to Lady Baden-Powell to ask about the Rocket firings in 1937. Her reply was rather disconcerting! She states:"I am very sorry not to be able to answer your question about the envelope you mention, having been flown at the Guide Rally at Belvedere Park in Bengal in March 1937. I have looked in my diary and find that I was at a Guide Rally there on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with about 1500 Guides and Blue Birds, but I have NO recollection at all of any "rocket", nor I am afraid have I any recollection of Mr.Stephen H.Smith."

I note that the two covers illustrated by John are addressed c/o Mr.Stephen H.Smith, as are the pair which I possess. In fact, one that I own appears in Gordon Entwistle's "Boy Scout and Girl Guide Stamps of the World". This came from Roy Rhodes' collection, as did all the Rocket Post covers illustrated in this book. A large amount of the details of the Rocket Posts from 1937 are contained in Gordon Entwistle's publication, which is probably the most definitive description one can find of the event.

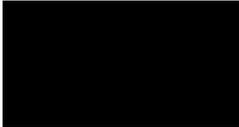
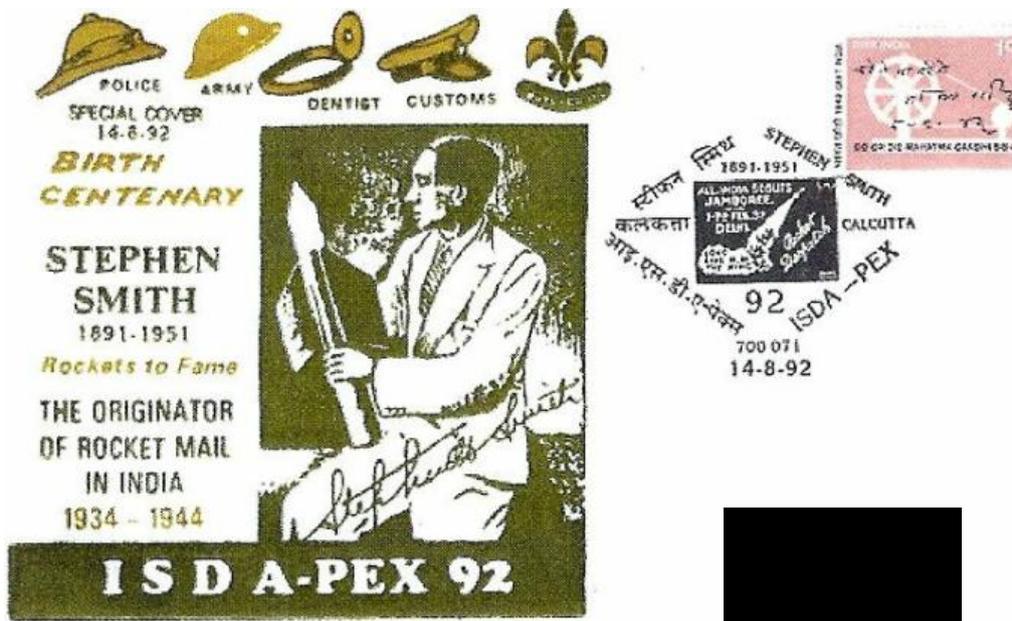
As a "confirmation" that the Rocket Posts took place, I have a letter from THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION (INDIA) BENGAL PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION, Calcutta, dated January 26, 1937 to Stephen H.Smith:

"Dear Sir,

Would you very kindly give a demonstration of Rocket Mails and propaganda by Rocket, at the All India Boy Scouts Jamboree to be held at Delhi in the first week of February.

The Association will only pay for your passage to and from Calcutta, and see to your food and stay at the Camp, but in any event such cost will not exceed Rs.20/- (twenty) only." Yours faithfully B.Bosu / 28/1. (Provincial Organising Secretary).

Stephen H.Smith (1891-1951) was Secretary of the Indian Air Mail Society and produced many covers and labels for rocket mail firings during the 1930's. A special postmark was produced in his honour in August 1992 to commemorate his birth centenary and his many achievements. *(See next page)*



Lord & Lady B-P remained in India during February 1937 from where he sent “Thank you” cards for their joint birthdays (B-P`s 80<sup>th</sup>). (*See front cover*)

Later in 1937, in the Coronation Honours List, Lord Baden-Powell was awarded the Order of Merit by the new King George VI. This Order is limited to 24 members only, and is one of the most prestigious honours of the United Kingdom.

During the many years of my collecting, I have acquired four items addressed to B-P relative to this award. One is a telegram from Oslo on 16 May “Most hearty and sincere congratulations – Glentanar” (Lord Glentanar). An envelope from the Lord



Chamberlain, St.James`s Palace on 20 May is addressed: Lieut-General The Lord Baden-Powell, O.M., GCMG, GCVO, KCB.

Another envelope (front only) with 2 x Coronation stamps addressed: The Lord Baden-Powell O.M. etc from his former Regiment 13/18 Royal Hussars. Plus another cut-down envelope front with 6 x 1d stamps of Kings George V, Edward VIII and George VI to Lord Baden-Powell O.M., posted in Farnham, Surrey on 21 May 1937.



Occasionally, Scouting labels can turn up on unlikely covers, which can be interesting, but sometimes mysterious! I will include more of these in my next Notes.

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### **Letter from Tim Reed re Winter 2016 Bulletin**

I was interested to read the article by Alex Hadden on page 15, relating to the 1983 World Scout Jamboree. It brought back some wonderful memories.....

The two SSCC items that show a rubber hand stamp on them ‘GOWS CANADA 83’ are in fact a UK troop hand stamp.

They were a stamp produced by UK Troop 28 – This unit comprised of Scouts from Guernsey, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Somerset (Hence GOWS).

How do I know this? Well, I was one of the participants in that Troop from Wiltshire! We camped on Deer sub-camp.

I have examples of the stamp in black, blue and red ink. There was also a T-shirt and stickers produced with the same design.

Hopefully this information helps to solve the mystery.

The impression of Scouting was for some people, at least at the beginning of its existence, that this is a kind of a sport discipline, or an open-air undertaking. One could see young people hiking over fields and hills, could watch them engaged in camping or in a canoe on a river. All this was really unusual at this time. Even public institutions often linked Scouting as a kind of sport.



100 %  
Surcharge on  
the nomination  
„For the sport“



A 100%-os  
felár  
testnevelési célokra  
fordítatik.

Overprint at the  
rear of the stamp

This can so often be detected on stamps issues. The sport series 1925, issued by Hungary, shows images of all kinds of sport disciplines like swimming, skiing...The 1000 Korona value (postage for inland-cards) shows a Scout blowing a trumpet in front of a camp scene. Apart of this, this stamp issue was meant to raise money to benefit sport, by a surcharge of 100% to the nomination.



The Olympic stamp issue of 1938 was used for an overprint to commemorate the Jubilee-Camps of the Lithuanian Scouts and Guides. The overprint on two

stamps show the fleur-de-lies of the Scouts (camp at Aukstoji Panemune) and the other two the emblem of Guiding for their separate camp at Pazaislis



13 miniature sheets „Inland postage“, of which sheet no.2 shows a Scout in front of the flag of Nicaragua



13 miniature sheets „Airmail“ no.25 with a slight variation of the stamp/sheet no 2



Even in 1949 a monster series was issued in Nicaragua, 26 values plus 26 additional miniature sheets, which had a fund raising tax in favor of sport. Two values and the sheets no 2 and 25 are Scout issues and so demonstrate, the idea, that Scouting is sport.

A matter of fact is, that Scouting includes physical training as well. Baden-Powell in his spectacular book “Scouting for boys” emphasizes the need to do so, and demonstrates the daily morning exercise. According to the motto:” a healthy mind in a healthy body”, this is the third column in the human development. The imminent value of educating and the forming of the character is not always seen as part of the Scout training, but is the most

important part. By this a Scout should be able to help the weak and poor, according to his promise.

Competition and even expeditions are being undertaken, which naturally needs physical fitness, although to be the very first should not be the only target, but the general fitness should get you to know your personal level.

Quite a few undertakings help to reach this level of fitness and can be seen on stamps and postmarks:

### In the open nature

Camping - Hiking and Trails (Barefoot Scout trail) - Running (Marathon) - Bicycle Riding - Paddling, Rowing and Sailing - Climbing - Swimming -

Winter Sport - Skiing, Skating

Indoor Sport - Foil-fencing, Table Tennis, Judo, Gymnastics

Team Sport

Competitions (Labor Olympics, in Canada)

Taking part in expeditions (Greenland, Shackleton, Chile),



"Mens sana in corpore sano" - "a healthy mind in a healthy body"; this old Roman saying is surely correct. One comes after the other, but you must not ignore the forming of character and exactly this is one of the most important aims in Scouting. What is it to be a champion, but you have no stable character?

In 1962 a stamp catalogue was issued in Paris in which sport and Scouting were put together:

## SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club  
will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 2.30pm 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (previously circulated).
- 3) Matters Arising: *See Main Agenda Item 8.*
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Membership Secretary's Report.
- 6) Editor's Report.
- 7) Treasurer's Report.
- 8) Club's Future.
- 9) Election of Committee.
  - i. Chairman.**
  - ii. Secretary.**
  - iii. Treasurer.**
  - iv. Six Committee Members.**
  - v. Independent Examiner.**
- 10) Future Meetings including the AGM 2018:

*The next Meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Stampex Autumn 2017 (Times planned as follows: Committee Meeting 12noon -13.00: Open/Members Meeting 13.00 - 14.00.)*

- 11) 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].

## SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2016.

Expenditure		Income			
2015		2016			
1,134.52	Bulletin Expenditure	1,052.21	1,015.43	Annual Subscriptions	583.09
131.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	96.00	443.81	Five Year Subscriptions	85.00
62.18	Telephone, Post and Travel	5.32	0.00	Auction Income	34.04
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	93.32	Advertisements	0.00
77.00	Stamp Insurance	67.00	25.50	Sales Service	18.30
36.06	Printing and Stationery	37.38	132.05	Donations	97.05
20.00	British Thematic Association	20.00	0.00	Interest	0.00
8.38	Web Site	0.00			
			1,710.11	Active Income	817.48
			8.38	Unpresented cheque	8.38
1,469.14	Total Expenditure	1,277.91	1,718.49	Total Income	825.86
249.35	Excess Income over Expenditure			Excess Expenditure over Income	452.05
1,718.49		1,277.91	1,718.49		1,277.91

### Statement of Funds as at 31st December, 2016

Brought Forward		Carried Forward	
Community Account	829.93	Community Account	1,016.56
Less Uncleared Cheques		Less Uncleared Cheques	
Plus Unbanked Cheques	8.38	Plus Unbanked Cheques	8.38
Community Acc. at 01.01.16	838.31	Community Acc. Bal. 31.12.16	1,024.94
Business Money Manger Account	0.06	Business Money Manager Account	0.06
PayPal Account	677.45	PayPal Account	30.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,515.82</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,055.39</b>
Unbanked cheque	-8.38		
Excess Expenditure over Income 2016	- 452.05	Excess Expenditure over Income	
	1,055.39		1,055.39

#### NOTES

1. Unearned balance of five year subscriptions included in above figures is £68.00
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, 2016.

Signed

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B. Forshaw. Hon. Auditor

# CUB SCOUT CENTENARY POSTMARK



A totally unexpected used by Royal Mail to event, and after members I can start to offices that used this slogan.

slogan postmark was commemorate this contact with 2 SGSC list the postal sorting

To date 3 known dies are known, one with the logo at 19mm, 21mm & another at 24mm. The cub logo appears either to the left or right of the wavy line cancellation.

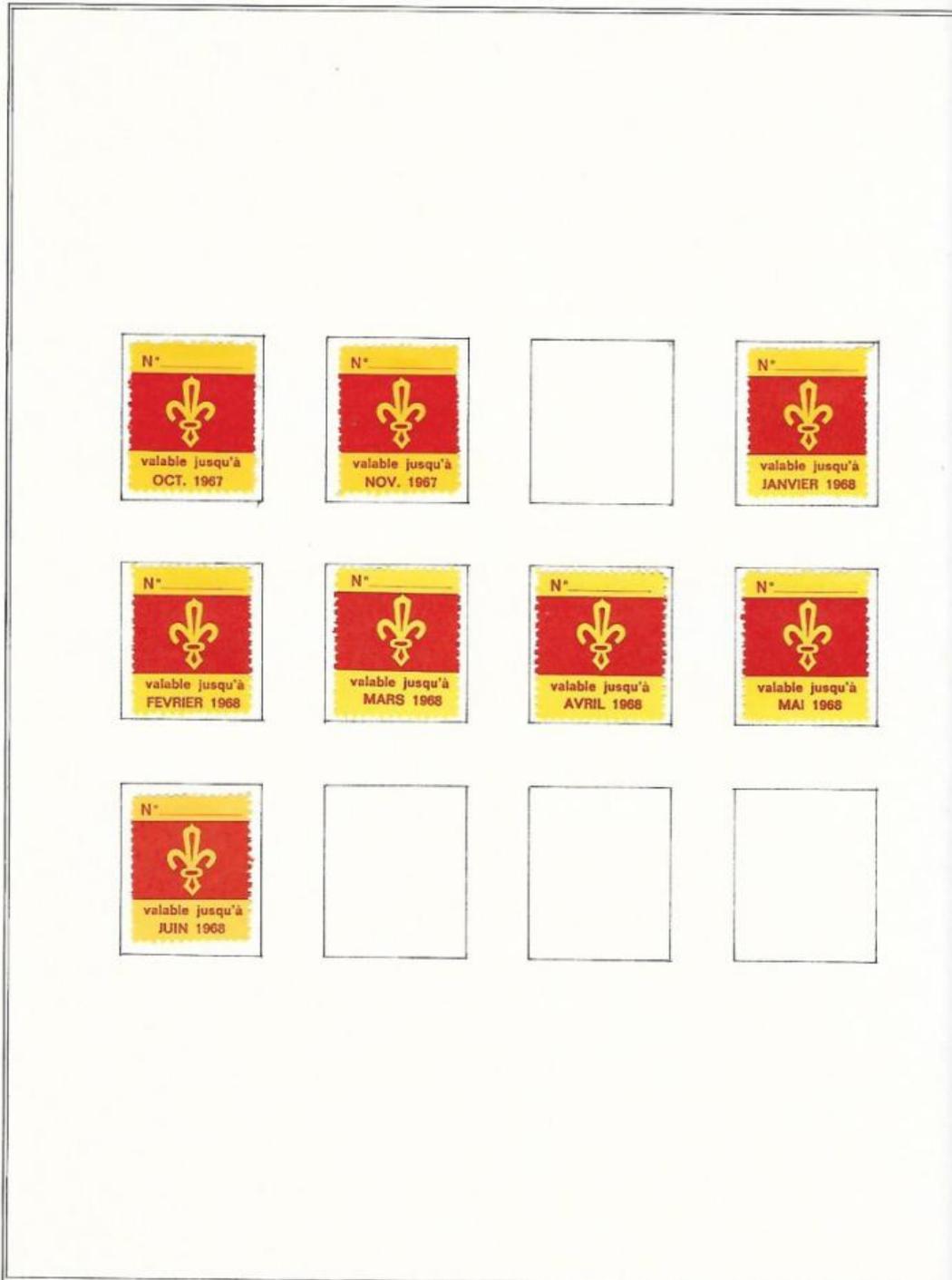
BA, BS. GL.TA Mail centre	15.12.2016	left	**mm
Manchester	15.12.2016	right	**mm
Mount Pleasant	15.12.2016	left	
#	14.12.2016	left	24mm
Croydon	15.12.2016	left	24mm
#	14.12.2016	left	24mm
South Midlands	15.12.2016	left	19mm
#	14.12.2016	left	24mm
Dorset & SW Hants	15.12.2016	left	24mm
Jubilee Mail Centre	14.12.2016	left	
Swindon	14.12.2016	left	
N & W Yorks.	15.12.2016	right	21mm

To enable me to compile a more comprehensive listing I would be delighted if members could send me scans or details of offices / layouts that do not appear in this first draft of a listing.

Please send to Bob Lee 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2HA or [boblee@thematix.co.uk](mailto:boblee@thematix.co.uk).

# LETTER FROM SANDY KERR

I attach a scan of some scout labels that I have acquired. I have these in a similar format in different colours and also as simply a coloured badge on a white ground. Whilst they clearly come from a Francophone country I can't tell which and wondered if any of your members could help. The badge is very distinctive. You will see that they can be individually numbered and I am puzzled as to how they were used. The nearest thing I can think of is coffee tokens issued by Dobbies!



Ifsco class	my ref	country	SCOUT & GUIDE STAMP NEW ISSUES 2016	set		mint	
				£	set	£	sheet
A	920	GIBRALTAR	90th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II 1 of 9 in Guide uniform	0.25		£	6.75
A	921	HONG KONG	100th Anniversary of local Girl Guides x 4 vals + s/s	2.30		£	2.30
A	922	SIERRA LEONE	23rd World Jamboree sh x 4 vals + s/s	8.10		£	8.10
A	923	MOZAMBIQUE	Scouting sh x 4 vals + s/s	9.60		£	6.30
C	924	Rep of CONGO	Scouts & Butterflies sh x 2 vals + 2 s/s	9.25		£	6.30
C	925	Rep of CONGO	Scouts & Owls sh x 2 vals + 2 s/s	9.25		£	6.30
C	926	Rep of NIGER	Scouts & Fungi sh x 4 vals + integral s/s	7.50		£	8.00
C	927	Rep of TOGO	Lord & Lady B-P sh x 2 vals	6.20		£	8.00
C	928	Rep of TOGO	Scout activities sh x 4 vals	7.90		£	8.00
A	929	INDONESIA	23rd World Jamboree sh x 2 vals	1.25		£	7.30
C	930	GUINEA BISSAU	75th Anniversary of death of B-P Sh x 4 vals + s/s	7.30		£	7.30
C	931	SAO TOME	Queen Elizabeth II in Guide Uniform, on m/s margin			£	6.90
C	932	SAO TOME	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	6.90		£	6.90
C	933	IVORY COAST	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	3.70		£	3.70
C	934	Rep of Central Africa	Commemoration of B-P sh x 6 vals			£	5.00
C	935	Rep of DJIBOUTI	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	7.40		£	6.60
C	936	Rep of GUINEA	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	6.10		£	6.10
C	937	Rep of BENIN	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 3 vals + m/s	4.20		£	4.20
C	938	Rep of Central Africa	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	6.40		£	5.80
C	939	Rep of NIGER	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	7.60		£	7.60
A	940	SIERRA LEONE	75th Anniversary of death of B-P sh x 4 vals + m/s	6.90		£	6.90

**All the above are, subject to prior sale, available from;  
 Bob Lee, 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2HA, UK.  
 e-mail ; boblee@thematix.co.uk**

**Please add postage as follows; UK ~ Stamps £1.20, Overseas ~ Stamps £2.00  
 Payment accepted by UK cheque, Credit / Debit card, Bank Transfer and PayPal,**

**FULL DETAILS OF SGSC NEW ISSUE SERVICE CAN BE SENT ON REQUEST.**

A ratty looking and poorly photographed airmail cover was listed in an on-line auction as a “1942 WWII Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii Boy Scout Postal History Cover”. It did not look impressive but only had a price of ten dollars. I thought it had a lot of interesting features. It would look better when its rough edges were straighten out and stored in a stiff plastic cover holder in my collection. It is a business size #10 envelope.

The cover had a USA 20 cents airmail stamp (Scott #C9) of 1927-37. I rarely saw this stamp on a scout cover. This postal rate paid the ounce rate between Hawaii and mainland USA. IS rate correct? I believe so.



It had two cancelled 10 cent postage due stamps on it. The stamp's selvage suggests they may have come from the same corner of a block of stamps. However, if the postal service

required additional postage, I doubt that the pair would have been separated. Also, their cancellation was not tied to the cover. It only covered the stamps and did not touch the cover. Ah! A philatelic addition! Well maybe. There is a “Postage Due 20 cts” purple auxiliary marking. Could the cancelled postage due stamps have been pre-cancelled? A comparison of other postage due covers on eBay found some with cancelled but not tied stamps; so maybe it's a good cover.

It was addressed to Dr. James E. West/Boy Scouts of America/2 Park Avenue/New York City. Doctor! Yes he had an educational degree as a doctor of law but his title was as Chief Scout Executive. Modern collectors will notice the lack of postal delivery codes. The use of two numeric digits for postal identification of sections of American cities would be initiated in 1943 as a wartime aid to save time in sorting mail in large cities and the use of five numeric digits, the ZIP codes, started in 1963 for the entire USA.

The return address was created by a very light purple rubber stamp. It reads MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LTD/Boy Scout of America/ Wailuku Maui T.H. Maui County Scout Council was organized in 1912, chartered in 1920, and incorporated in 1935,

under the professional leadership (1935-1947) of Scout Executive Harold Stein, who probably wrote this letter.

Maui County had a very small population until after the World War II years. The scout council still exists, serving youth mostly within its original territory. [www.mauibas.org](http://www.mauibas.org). Today's American Boy Scout councils have been merged with neighbouring councils, sometimes with multiple councils. This enlargement has resulted with corresponding effects.

T.H. is the abbreviation for the territory of Hawaii. Large organized areas not yet recognized as states were known as territories. Hawaii would become America's 50th state in 1959. Decades ago, there was a group of American stamp collectors that specialized in territorial postal history but they have evolved into collecting covers of the evolved states.

The cover was cancelled Wailuku, Hawaii on Mar 6, 1942 7-AM. Eighty-nine days after the Pearl Harbor attack. A communications embargo was established after the attack by the USA government to control information about the military destruction. Was civilian mail held up for 90 days? Could this cover have been one of the first out of the Islands? A recent book, Life's "Pearl Harbor: 75 Years Later" reports that several American ships slipped out of Hawaii and on Christmas day arrived in San Francisco harbor. The luxury liner, President Coolidge and a smaller Army transport carried 180 badly wounded as well as women and children being evacuated. I wonder if these ships carried any mail.

On the left side of the cover is located a ½ inches (15cm) strip of white paper and if



one turns over the cover, the paper extends 1 and 5/8 inches (44cm). This strip has EXAMINED BY 2598 printed on it. Oh! a censored cover! Also in pencil is the number 40. Like a dealer price --- 40

dollars or more likely 40 cents.

Let's hope that the Hawaiian Philatelic Society and the Maui County Scout Council can help answer some of our questions.

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**2017 Badgers Club AGM & Monzie Roller Cancels**

As someone who has been vocal about the merits of a merger between Scout and Guide Stamp Club (SGSC) and the International Badgers Club (IBC) you can perhaps imagine my disappointment, on learning the news that that though the Badgers' Club initially proposed talks on the merger they have decided, by executive committee vote, to discontinue the idea.

The following, I should make clear, is my PERSONAL reaction to this news.

As a keen member of both clubs I attended the Badgers' Club March AGM at Gilwell (held prior to the decision) and was very surprised, that the proposal did not appear on the agenda, and that there was no discussion about it. There were however two fleeting references made. The first came at the conclusion of the Treasurer's report (Bob Bailey). He said that he had had sight of the SGSC financial accounts which were not presented quite as he thought they ought to have been. He was concerned that SGSC assets stood at around £850 whereas the IBC's were in excess of £35,000. He concluded by saying that this vast discrepancy ought to be a major consideration in what was then thought to be forthcoming negotiations.

I am well aware that Bob is a very experienced Treasurer and that he carries out his responsibilities in an exemplary fashion, and it would of course be improper for the assets of the two clubs not to be mentioned. However I do not see them, as they presently stand, as having any weight in a decision to merge or not. As a former Chairman of a large Scout County, and prior to that of a Scout District, I spent much of my time persuading treasurers and committees that they are not bankers, and funds are there to be used for the benefit of Scouting. It does not behove any part of a charity, as is the Scout Association, to seek charitable funding whilst it holds accounts greater than its needs. The SGSC is financially viable and a proposed merger would result in an increased membership increasing income whilst at the same time there would be savings in running costs, for example there would be no need for two magazines, AGMs etc. So, in short, I found Bob's comment cast an unnecessarily negative tone prior to any negotiations.

The second comment came from David Pinnington who has taken over the chairmanship of the Badgers' Club on Mike Breakwell's early retirement pending next years' AGM. He reported to the meeting that two members of the SGSC committee should have been present at some stage during that weekend to discuss the proposed merger but they had not even bothered to send in any apologies for their non- attendance. I am assured that no member of the SGSC committee was aware of any such invitation. As you would expect this announcement caused an

immediate change of atmosphere in the room and I could clearly discern a general feeling that if the SGSC could not be bothered to attend the meeting why should they bother to pursue a merger? These feelings were borne out by those members of the Badgers' Club that I spoke to afterwards.

It was always my hope that my article 'Shall we stay or shall we go', printed in the last edition of the Bulletin should also be printed the Badgers' 'Sett'. To this end I wrote to its editor and requested that he print the article and was given the assurance that it would be. Unfortunately for some this reason the last edition of the Sett which was available at the Badgers AGM did not carry the article only a note I had written asking for a snippet of information to be added to it. What ever the reason this was a great pity as the membership of the Badgers club have not been involved in the sort of debate I hoped my article might spark. I am also dismayed that the members of the Badgers' Club present at the last AGM were given incorrect information that showed SGSC club up in such a bad light that the proposed merger had no chance of being carried.

The above will also be submitted to the Editor of the Sett.

### **1939 Monzie Rover Moot and Thanks Cards.**

( See Vol 1 of Scouting Collectables which has chapters both on Thanks Cards and B-P Christmas Cards, supported by appendices with listings of all known cards. )

This, the only World Rover Moot to be held on British soil, has featured in two previous Colin's Corners and also in contributions made by other members, so my purpose on this occasion is just to write about an exciting new find.

The Moot does not have the same philatelic prominence as many other Scout Camps and Rover Moots because, although a GPO Mobile Post Office attended (GPO 1), which spent three days travelling up to Scotland from London, the event was not graced by a special cancel. Letters and cards posted at the Moot were taken to nearby Crieff where they were cancelled with the town's normal postal mark. Registered mail sent from the camp is very rare and I think that only seven examples are known. My find however concerns meter marks used in London to promote the event and though these must have been produced in hundreds, only a handful survive today.

My example as below was posted in SW1 London on 15th March and proclaims, 'Visit the International Gathering of 8,000 Rover Scouts at Crieff Scotland 15th 25th July 1939'.

Even rarer a later example, posted 19th April 1939 which states, '8000 Rover Scouts bid you welcome to the World Scout Moot, Crieff Scotland 15th to 28th July 1939', of which only one incomplete example is known. Why the lettering was changed is not known.



The significance of this find however is



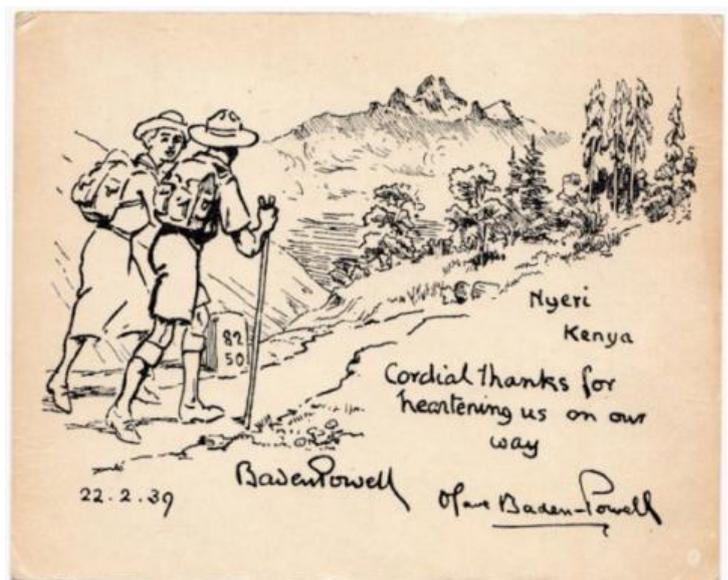
not just linked to the rarity of the roller cancel but that it should appear on a Baden-Powell 'Thanks Card'. These were mainly reproductions of B-P artwork on

card and sent out by him to the numerous Scouting folk who sent their best wishes on various occasions. These cards, more often than not, have a plain back and were sent out in an envelope.

Only very rarely were they ever used for personal messages, though I do have two examples in my collection with personal messages from B-P to the individuals who received the cards and one announcing the birth of Gill Clay with a message from Olave her grandmother.

Further interest is engendered by the fact that the recipient of the Monzie Card was Cyril Maude a lifelong friend of B-P. He was also an Old Carthusian (ex pupil of Charterhouse), born thirteen years prior to BP who became a theatrical impresario and owner of the Haymarket Theatre where he produced an annual 'Old Carthusian' review. B-P appeared in one of these on June 26th 1899 just before he went to Mafeking.

The card itself depicts a youthful looking B-P and Olave hiking towards Mt Kenya, passing a milestone depicting the numbers 82 and 50, their respective ages in 1939. B-P of course was to die in Kenya but he recorded a personal message to his beloved Rover Scouts at Monzie where he, as usual, exhorted them to become ambassadors of world peace. His philosophy that Scouts that camp together would not fight each other however was unhappily was proved incorrect. Austrian Rovers returning from the Moot were soon to be conscripted into the German Army and



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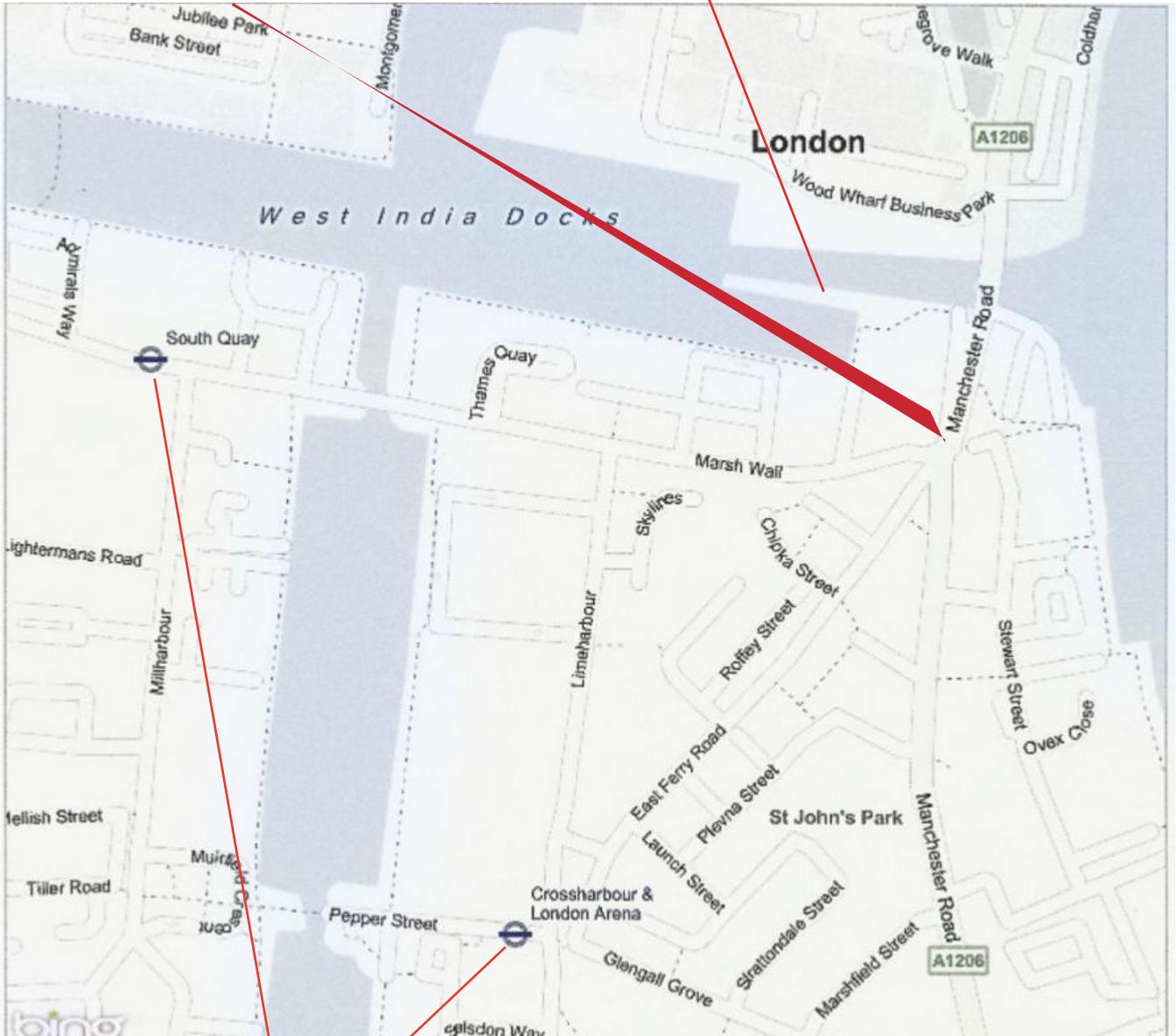
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