

Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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Editorial

So here we are in 2017 and it really doesn't seem like 10 years since the World Jamboree was in Chelmsford and 7 years since we hosted EuroScout. They do say that the days go by so much quicker as you get older and I am starting to believe that it's true. Add to the general situation that Betty and I will have been married for 50 years on 24th June this year and if the days are going quicker I really don't know where they have gone!

There has been an increase in correspondence regarding the possible merger of SGSC and IBC which I find most satisfying as it does indicate that some people do care about the future. I'm afraid that there hasn't been any progress as we have sent a lot of details to IBC and are awaiting the result of a recent Committee Meeting.

As soon as there is any news we will let you all know.

Terry Simister

Our Secretary has received a request for assistance from somebody who is not actually interested in Scout or Guide matters and I am including this below just in case anyone can help.

*I am a collector of old postcards of topic **TABLE TENNIS /PING PONG /WHIFF WHAFF /PLIM PLAM** etc.*

Maybe there exist some members in your club which collect same or similar.

We can swap, buy/sell, etc.

Waiting for your comment !

Best regards,

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FUTURE COPY DATE

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, subject to hire costs. Known dates:

10th June,2017 AGM on Lord Amory at Docklands - full details to follow.

16th 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. 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.

Chairman's Notes

by Melvyn Gallagher

The "Spring Stampex" was an excellent show with many more interesting display frames than in recent years as well as the stands of dealers, auctioneers and post offices with activities for young collectors too.

At our Club's meeting we too were treated to displays from Peter Duck comprising Scout philately from Yugoslavia and Imperial Russia where Scouting flourished with the approval of the Czar before the Revolution. John Ineson brought along a large collection of Mafeking Siege printed ephemera and it is surprising to see just how much material has survived. No doubt many items were kept as souvenirs by those involved and treasured as such.

John reminded us all that 2017 sees the 60th anniversary of our Club formed after the 1957 World Jamboree and showed us his original membership card and other Club items including Bulletins from 1962 in which were advertised Mafeking 1d cyclist used stamps for £6, happy days!

Our editor would love to hear from any other original members out there who may have tales of the early days.

Once again our A.G.M will be held on board the Scout training ship the "Lord Amory" and we are planning to put on some displays for the many youngsters and Leaders expected to be there and promote the Club, we hope to see you there.

A new year of subscriptions will start on 1st 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.

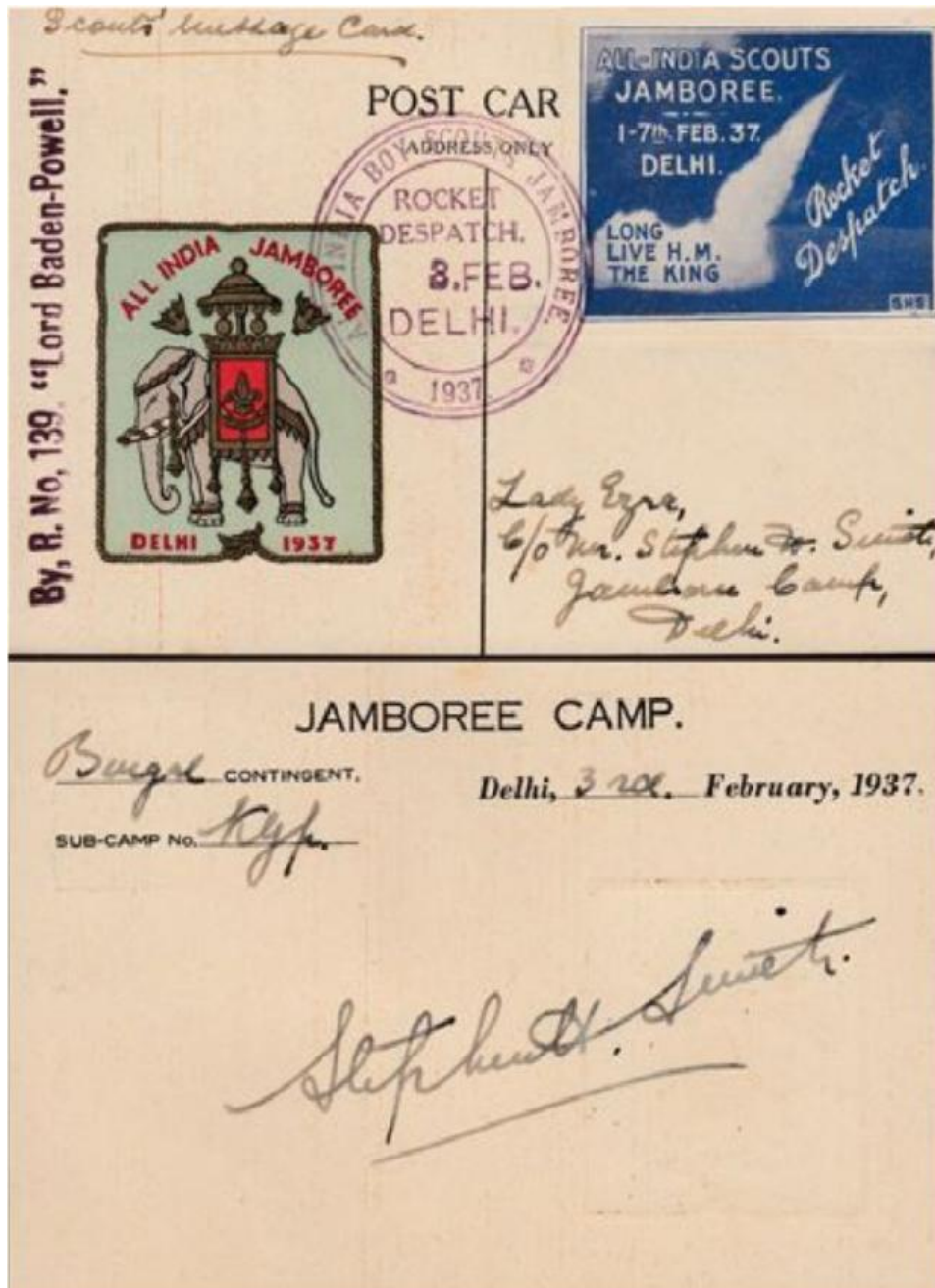
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	1 YEAR	5 YEARS	1 YEAR	5 YEARS
UK INDIVIDUALS AND SECTIONS	£18	£85	£12	£55
EUROPE AIRMAIL	£21	£100	£12	£55
REST OF WORLD AIRMAIL	£26	£125	£12	£55
JUNIORS ALL WORLD	£6	NOT AVAILABLE	£5	NOT AVAILABLE

An interesting auction held by "Romano House of Stamp Sales Ltd", took place in Israel in early December and amongst the many items on sale were over 20 lots of Scout Rocket Mail. Most of the covers were sent to a Lady Ezra who must have been a close friend of Stephen H. Smith, who at that time was the Secretary of the Indian Air Mail Society. He was the organiser of the Rocket Mail which carried covers and many other paper items sent at the All-India Boy



Scout Jamboree held at Delhi in February 1937, and at the Girl Guide Rally at Bengal a month later. Both events were attended by Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and Girl Guide Rocket No. 7 was fired by Lady Baden-Powell. A very good account of the Rocket Mail was published in Gordon Entwistle's book "Boy Scout & Girl, Guide Stamps of the World" and published in 1957. (This book can often be found on eBay for less than £5.00). This was a live auction by internet only, so you had the chance to bid early online or wait until the last few seconds at Israel Local Time of 00.00.00 (in other words at midnight on 1 December). As bids arrived they were updated on their website and were in US dollars, but there were some strange activities with the bidding. Amongst the

lots were two of the very scarce Girl Guide covers (shown here) which at an hour or so before the auction ended, stood at US\$ 4500 (£3600) but finally sold for US\$ 2700 (about £2160). It is difficult to guess what was happening, but once the bid stood at US\$ 4500 most people would have dropped out. I have my own thoughts what happened, but cannot prove them!! The same thing happened to one other lot, so it was a little "fishy". The postcard shown sent by Rocket R.139 Lord Baden-Powell sold for US\$ 450 (£360) but as with all lots, there was a 20% buyers premium, which brought the price, even with postage, to somewhat less than the usual market price for rocket mail.



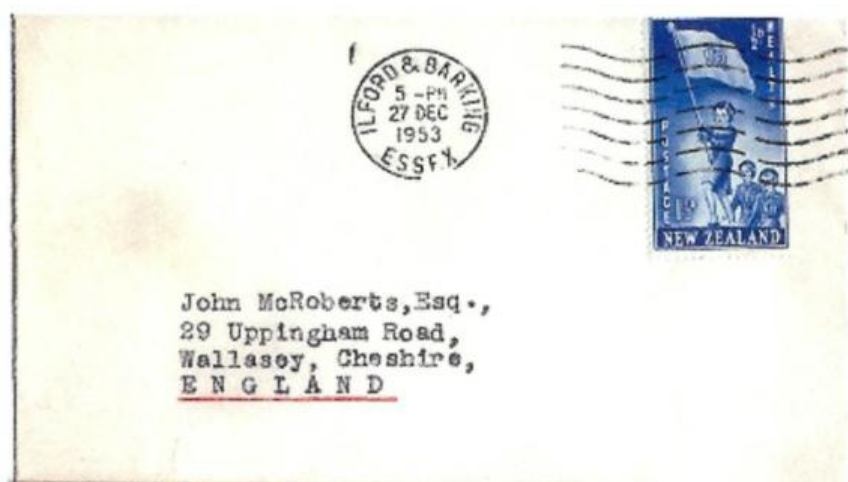
Something a little different to report this time are items with the “wrong” stamps.

Occasionally, stamps appear with postmarks from the wrong country, or are outdated stamps used by accident or design. I have not located too many items, although a few of which have been produced by myself in the past! Sometimes, these were done in an effort to obtain postally used stamps from countries where only mint stamps and/or first day covers seemed to exist.

One of my earliest efforts was to get the Nicaragua 1949 Baseball Championships 2c Scout value used on envelope with a 3d G.B. stamp in 1965 – it worked!

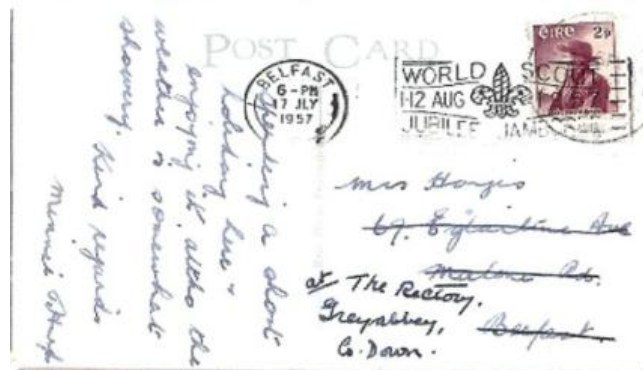
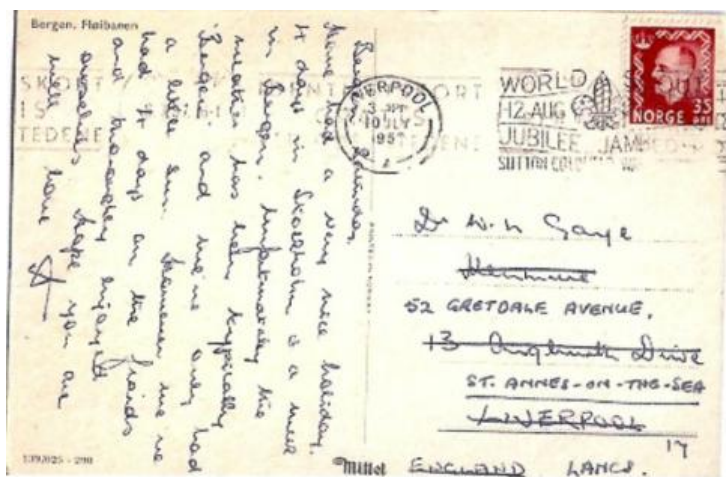


In the 1960's, I used to send stamped addressed envelopes to British Embassies in various countries in an endeavour to obtain really used Scout stamps from nations where the stamps were considered a bit obscure or perhaps “dodgy” philatelically speaking. One such envelope was sent to the Central African Republic with their first Scout set of 1965, and the item was returned to me as there was no British Embassy in Bangui. Consequently, I had an envelope with two C.A.R. stamps on, which was more-or-less useless for my collection. But, as it so happened, I had moved house a little earlier, so I re-addressed the letter, and ended up with a nice cover with Central African Republic stamps with Chiswick, W.4. Postmark!

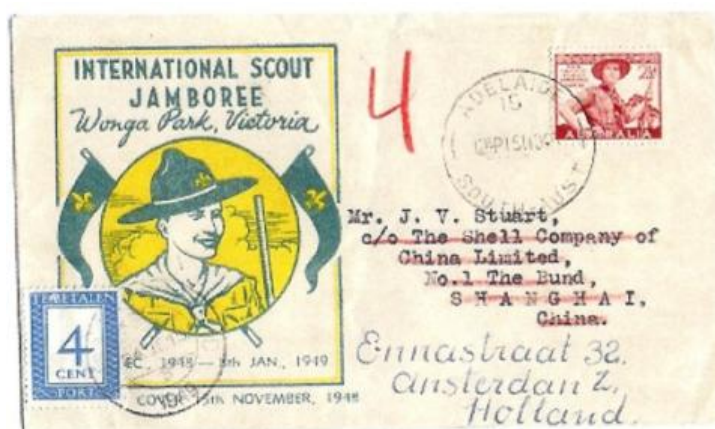


A cover that I didn't produce was an envelope bearing the New Zealand 1953 Girl Guides Health stamp, posted on 27 Dec.1953 from Ilford & Barking, Essex to Cheshire. When people move, mail is usually forwarded, and I have a postcard with Norwegian stamp bearing the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree slogan from

Liverpool. Similarly, a postcard with Irish stamp bearing the Belfast Jubilee Jamboree slogan.



A postcard which had been sent from Denmark to Australia in 1948 was forwarded during the period of use of the Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree slogan postmark in Melbourne (See Front Cover). Unusually, I have a first day cover of the Pan-Pacific



Jamboree 1948 stamp posted to Shanghai in China, then forwarded to Amsterdam and carrying a Dutch Postage Due stamp of 4c. Another, possibly unique FDC of this issue was sent to Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel and bears a Lundy 1 Puffin stamp for local delivery. Envelopes also exist carrying this stamp with Papua New Guinea postmarks, as Australian stamps were used in the Territory until 1952.

The stamps issued in the Netherlands for the 5th World Jamboree were only



valid until 31st December 1937. An envelope posted at Putten on 8.VIII.1944 carries the 12 1/2 c. Jamboree stamp. But as the country was under Nazi occupation at the time, it can



be presumed that the stamps were not checked. For one of my efforts in 1966, I arranged for a card to be posted with the 1 ½ and 6c Jamboree stamps. The stamps were cancelled and a line with circle was inscribed around them. This indicates that the stamps were no longer valid, although no postage due was applied.

During the Jamboree itself, an underpaid letter was received by a member of the British Contingent. Postage due was applied and the postmark neatly cancels the 2 x 1d King Edward VIII stamps. On 5.VIII.1937 an envelope was sent



to Belgium bearing both the Netherlands and Netherlands Indies sets of stamps – the only one I have seen.

Returning to the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in 1957, the stamps ceased to be valid when Great Britain changed to decimal currency in 1971. Although, technically they could be used until 29th February 1972. I have a couple of envelopes used with invalidated 1957 stamps, one of which was sent to me at the 14th World Jamboree in Norway in 1975.

A special postmark was used at Windsor on 29th February 1972, which was the last day of validity of all pre-decimal G.B. stamps. I sent myself three covers, but being the naughty (!) person I am, I included on the covers the overprinted stamps for Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar. I thought it might be possible that the NP values on the stamps might be interpreted as “New Pence”. The Post Office were probably handling so many covers at the time that they didn't study the stamps being postmarked.

At the time of issue, the overprinted stamps were valid in all the areas of Bahrain, Qatar and Muscat (British Postal Agencies in Eastern Arabia), also in Kuwait whose



stamps were withdrawn. I have envelopes with Bahrain stamps posted in Kuwait, also Muscat and Qatar stamps posted in Bahrain.

First day covers from 1960 and 1962 for the Scout stamps of U.S.A. are known with both U.S.A. and Canal Zone Boy and Girl Scouts stamps affixed, with either Washington, D.C. or Burlington, Vermont postmarks.

Finally, at Christmas 2016, I received a card from U.S.A. which somehow had been printed with the new CUBS slogan postmark from G.B.

Possible SGSC and IBC Merger

Further letters have been arriving on this subject - all with very valid points for consideration.

1. From Paul van Herpt

My two bob's worth on the merger issue. It doesn't have to be published as far as I'm concerned, it is more to assist the committee.

In general terms I'm not opposed to a merger as both have a level of commonality being Scouting, but I have always found philatelists not concentrating on a single country which badge collectors tend to do. Probably this is caused by a lot of countries only having 1 or 2 stamp issues and limited numbers of postmarks, while in badges a single country collection can still be very extensive particularly if they go into varieties.

2. From Fredy Scherb

"I understand that "merger" means that the SGSC would be integrated into the Badgers Club. And this would mean that SGSC would give up to exist as a society, lose its independence and the philatelic identity of the actual Club. What about future membership of the actual SGSC within IFSCO? Would the Badgers Club agree to adapt the name to "Scout & Guide Philatelic + Badgers Club"? The Badgers Club has no philatelic background and probably wouldn't care about it.

I suppose that the SGSC isn't a member of the Association of British Philatelic Societies (ABPS). Some or most of our Clubs within IFSCO are members in the National Associations of Philatelic Societies and profit from the various services such as frames or insurance for exhibitions, the national monthly bulletins and the possibility to participate in local, regional and national exhibitions.

Is the situation of SGSC really so serious to think about this merger?"

Response to Fredy - Peter Duck has passed me a copy of your e-mail on this subject so that I can include it with others on the same subject in the next Bulletin.

However I would also like to just explain to you some of the matters which are incorrect in your e-mail.

Firstly a "merger" does not mean that one of the bodies absorbs the other but that the two join together and continue, probably under a new combined name - such as "The Scout and Guide Collectors Club".

Secondly, each of the bodies would continue with its own sub-identity, although both would give up their individual status and, in the case of SGSC, the philatelic identity would be maintained within the new Club - we have already said that we would wish to remain in membership of IFSCO. Please remember that it was IBC who approached us on the subject of a merger not us approaching them.

You are correct that SGSC is not a member of ABPS but we are a member of the BTA (The British Thematic Association).

The reasons that we are considering the IBC approach, other than out of courtesy, is that our membership is steadily falling - now down to approximately 200 - and, unless we get a financial windfall, if we continue on the existing basis of income and expenditure then we will run out of funds in the early months of 2019.

Please rest assured that when some proposals have been made then we will put them all to the membership for consideration before taking any action. There will be several more letters on the subject in the Spring Bulletin.

3. From Colin Walker

Shall we stay or shall we go? (This article has also been accepted for publication in the IBC Sett).

No sooner had the nation learnt the news of the referendum result then I was motivated to consider the next great dilemma on which we will be asked to ponder. I refer of course to last year's news that members of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club and the International Badgers Club are considering a merger.

I should say from the outset that I have a vested interest in that I have been a very keen member of both clubs over the last 15 years. In July 2008, (where does time go?) I was commissioned to write a regular article for the SGSC Bulletin, encouraging members to look not just to their stamp collections when depicting Scout themes, but include other ephemera such as postcards, cigarette cards, photos, posters, and yes badges. None of the above, of course, makes my vote any more valid than anybody else's, but my membership of both clubs has perhaps given me certain insights that I would like to share.

Both clubs have a great deal in common, our greatest bond being, of course, that we are all members of the Scout/Guide Movement. The two clubs cover various forms

of collecting, mainly using historic/obsolete material from our Scouting Heritage. A Martian freshly arrived on the planet might conclude that one 'tribe' collects bits of paper with printed Scouting designs, the other very similar designs on cloth and metal, all of which are swapped or cost good money. Members of both tribes store their finds, often in albums and display them sometimes publicly. The very titles of their collections are often identical e.g. 'World Jamborees' or relate to Scouting in particular countries.

Both clubs have magazines, the editors of which regularly send out very similar pleas to their members to supply articles which sadly these days seem in very short supply.

Both clubs have members in common such as myself, but a surprising number have at least some examples from the other camp in their collections. Last year at EuroScout, the two yearly meeting of European Scout and Guide stamp clubs plus the American SOSSI, (Scouts on Stamps Society International), the highlight of the philatelic exhibition was the Walter Grob Award. The award founded in 2014, in memory of a prominent Swiss Scouting philatelist, is competed for at every EuroScout event. Entries of 12 to 16 sheets are submitted on any Scouting subject or theme. Interestingly, the rules demand that judges should not be prejudiced by the value or rarity of the items being exhibited, but must take into account the development of the Scouting theme, which may use other ephemera/artefacts as well as stamps. This combination of subject matter is now described as 'Open Philately'.

The award comprises of a certificate and 500 Swiss Francs (very rarely do philatelic competitions offer a cash prizes). The 2016 winner was Hubert Schnabl from Austria whose exhibit ably demonstrated my premise in that he selected several national and international Scouting events and illustrated these with stamps, postcards, cloth badges, metal badges, handbills, letterheads, etc; all combining to make a very interesting, colourful and informative display.

Dare I suggest that a union of both clubs would bring together skills and attributes from which both sides might benefit? The philatelists are past masters at developing a topic or theme. The care spent on research, 'writing up' and display is staggering. The Badgers Club already have a network of regional meetings and do not suffer from the 'Londoncentricity' that afflicts the philatelists. Joint meetings would of course cure this problem.

The EuroScout events are held each time in a different member country, usually in conjunction with the World Scout Collectors' Meeting, or if not a smaller but integral collectors' mart, where of course all types of Scouting artefacts are on offer to a wide range of collectors. Last year in Vienna the Badgers Club was well represented by

Mike Gosling, Bob Bailey and Peter Ford who all had stalls. Both collecting fraternities, I feel, benefit immensely from these shared events.

Both clubs however have declining memberships and an ever-rising average age. I am not privy to the actual statistics but, in good referendum style, I am not above surmising. Average ages in both clubs will be in excess of that required to receive the national old-age pension! The option of remaining 'as is' then will surely ultimately result in the demise of both clubs. The first signs are already visible as it is increasingly difficult to fill key roles such as magazine editor and other club officers.

On a selfish, but practical level, members of both clubs have built up valuable collections, investing funds secure in the knowledge that their asset could always be liquidated come 'a rainy day'. Without young informed collectors however will the market for Scouting 'collectables' always be as strong?

Both clubs are subject to rising costs, particularly for venues not least that of Gilwell. In an age where members independently 'trade' on the internet without subscription, any increase in club membership costs would not be helpful. A single larger club would allow for a reduction in membership fees as expenses would only be required to fund one magazine, committee, AGM etc.

We all surely want the same thing, to pass on, as others have before us, an appreciation of the 'cultural' (if not financial) value of our collections along with the importance of making friendships in Scouting? We are all part of the world's greatest youth movement and as 'elder statesmen' we surely have a duty to look to the needs of the rising generations, to maintain a strong group of knowledgeable collectors intent on preserving our Scouting heritage that will survive long into the future.

I am strongly in favour of merger, but I know that many members hold the opposite view. I would be very interested to hear all the arguments to give a better understanding of the consequences of this important debate.

4. From Sandy Kerr

I write in support of the views expressed by Lawrence Clay in Volume 60 (3) of the magazine. His conclusion that a merger will not solve the problems facing the club is spot on. What we need is an honest review of the problems, their causes and possible solutions. In doing so, I recognise that a) I joined the Club when I was over 70 so have not been involved for most of my time, b) compared to those who currently

lead the Club, I am a novice in most aspects of serious Scout Philately and c) I live so far from London as to make me of little help in doing things for the Club. Anyone involved in Scouting will be aware of the first charge on taking up an appointment- “your first duty is to find your successor”! Easily said. Not so easily done when we have a committee with such eminent people. Who would dare to succeed them?

It would be helpful to have an indication of the profile of our membership. A basic split between overseas and UK would be a help. An analysis of the spread of UK membership would also help. Beyond that, we need to develop a succession plan for the office-bearers and the committee and then a development plan for the Club.

On succession planning, maybe we just start by seeking one new person and ask the longest serving member of committee to step down – hopefully while remaining willing to help out or to mentor an incoming member. On the forward planning side perhaps we need to start with recruitment and the ways of achieving that. One key plank in my view would be ensuring we are attractive and friendly to new members. Might it be possible to try and engender informal regional meetings? Could individuals be targeted to lead that process? Happy to help in a Scottish context. The second plank would be developing a positive relationship with the Scout Association as our existence and activities are never mentioned in their publications. Scouting magazine now goes to all leaders and office-bearers for free. What a fantastic recruitment opportunity. How about a short non-technical item about the recent Jamboree stamps?

The Club has much to be proud of and the need to change is one that many organisations have faced up to very successfully. Surely, with our Scouting background, we can find a way around the current difficulties without depending on others.

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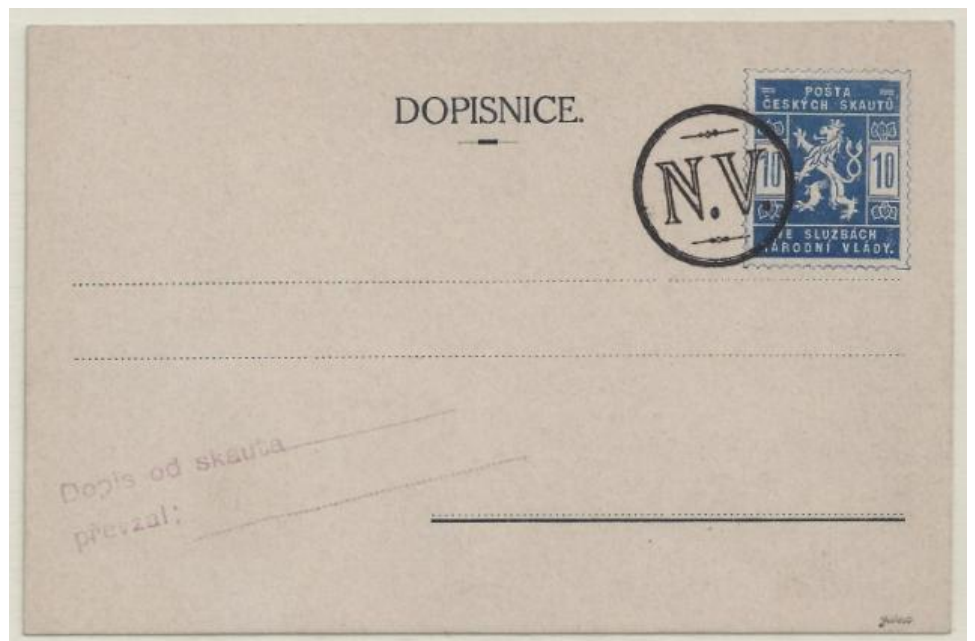
From John Ineson - I would like to purchase the following Polish cancels on cover or postcard. 1932 Charzkowo, 1932 Garczyn and 1937 Wilno. If you can offer, please send a scan and price required.

John Ineson at jpineson@aol.com

The Winter 2016 issue of the *SGSC Bulletin* is now at hand here in the United States. I would like to briefly expand on some of the comments made by two of the contributors.

In his “John’s Jottings” our former Chairman and President John Ineson reported on the auction sale in Prague of a post card from the 1918 Czech Scout Post, which “was not addressed and did not have a message on the reverse, so not so collectable.” Closely related to this card, and in my opinion highly collectable, are the precancelled post cards, which were prepared in the Scout Post operations centre in the National Council offices in the Harrachov Palace to facilitate dispatch of Scouts with messages or to collect telegrams. An

adult Scout leader wrote the name of the agency or office on a precancelled post card, the name of the Scout to be dispatched on the first line of the “Dopis od skauta ... prevzal: ...” (Delivery by Scout ... received: ...) handstamp, and a message on the back. The Scout presented the post card and his Scout Post identification card at the agency or office, to



authenticate the message as being from the National Council provisional government. These precancelled post cards of the Scout Post were the first Scouts on stamps precancels.

In his “Colin’s Corner” Scout Historian Colin Walker reported on our member Hallvard Slettebo’s afternoon display at the Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) on October 26, 2016. Unfortunately, personal and professional obligations prevented my attending, though I would have very much wished to have been present. Colin noted that Hallvard is a Fellow of the RPSL (FRPSL), and very courteously and thoughtfully mentioned that our former Chairman and President John Ineson and I are both also Fellows.

From Hallvard’s display Colin first illustrated one of the today-reported four April 9, 1900 first day covers of the small format Baden-Powell head Mafeking siege photographic or “blueprint” (“blue”) stamp. April 9 (Monday) is considered the

official first day, based on an announcement by the Postmaster, J. V. Howat, which appeared in the April 7 (Saturday) issue of *The Mafeking Mail*, the daily Special Siege Slip. Until 1979, April 7 was considered the unofficial first day of use. In 1979



I discovered the first stamp cancelled on April 6 (Friday). Today, at least five examples are reported, either on or off piece, but unfortunately none on cover. That the stamps cancelled on April 6 were neither cancelled on April 9 with the “9” inverted, nor cancelled on April 16 or 26 with the leading “1” or “2” missing, is discussed in detail in the Autumn 1983 and Spring 1984 issues of *The Anglo Boer War Philatelist*, the journal of the Anglo-Boer Philatelic Society (ABWPS).



Another of the four April 9, 1900 first day covers is addressed to Trooper H. D. Reid, Cape Police, Maxim Fort, Western Outposts. According to Dr. Freund, the Western Outposts were postal service zone 6 for mail delivery by the Mafeking Cadet Bicycle Corps. This cover was formerly in the collection of the late Judge Sheldon Levy in New York

City, who was a well-known Scouts on stamps collector.



Colin then illustrated a December 21, 1918 telegram of the Czech Scout Post franked with an “Arrival of President Masaryk” overprinted stamp, and stated that “on that day eight telegrams were sent out, ...” In fact, there are eight telegrams reported with 20h red stamps

with black “Arrival of President Masaryk” overprints, and two telegrams reported with 10h blue stamps with red “Arrival of President Masaryk” overprints, all posted on the day of President Masaryk’s arrival by train in Prague, December 21, 1918. In my opinion, of the two telegrams with 10h “Arrival of President Masaryk” overprints, the more interesting is a handwritten message on a telegraph form by Josef Roessler-Orovsky, the President of the Czech Scout Association (Junak) and the organizer of the 1918 Czech Scout Post, with instructions for Scouts to assemble

later that day at the Wilson Station for the arrival of President Masaryk by train. (Illustration 5 on back cover) The other telegram with a 10h “Arrival of President Masaryk” overprint is in an international large gold medal exhibit of Czechoslovakia, currently located in the Czech Republic.

Colin then illustrated a miniature RSVP reply envelope, horizontal format, franked with a 1920 Siam “Scout’s Fund” 5s+5s Type II overprint. The Type II overprints were a split issue. The first five values, not including the 5s+5s, were produced and sold in early 1920, probably beginning in late January or February. The source stamp for the sixth and last value, the 5s+5s, was part of the 1920-1921 King Rama VI definitive series, and was not issued until March 11, 1920. The miniature RSVP reply envelopes were included in invitations from King Rama VI to members of the royalty to attend a fundraiser for the Wild Tiger Scouts Corps, which included the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides as components. Modern-day Siam/Thailand specialists believe that the 5s+5s Type II overprints were produced specifically for these invitations and the replies from the invitees. Several of these miniature RSVP reply envelopes are reported today, but to date no outer mailing envelope, which would have contained both an invitation and a stamped miniature RSVP reply envelope, has been reported, so it’s not known for sure, if the 5s+5s Type II overprints were also used to frank the outer mailing envelopes, as is suspected. These miniature RSVP reply envelopes are also reported in vertical format. (Illustration 6 on back cover).

If I might be so presumptuous to take this opportunity for a shameless plug ... Our Webmaster Randall Frank and I have compiled a CD of my 100 “The Classics Corner” columns which appeared in the *SOSSI Journal* of our sister society, the Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI), from October 1994 through November/December 2012, and with copies of all the principal references (sources) from the philatelic literature about the Scouting on stamps “classics” issues [except for one, permission to reproduce which has not been granted by the copyright holder]. The CD is available for the cost of materials (US\$5) plus postage [by media mail to addresses in the US, but unfortunately only by air mail to addresses outside (per the United States Postal Service)]. Anyone interested in a CD may contact Randall through the SGSC web site or by email to rfrank@sossi.org, or me by email to ieconsulting@cox.net.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL CONTAIN A NEW ISSUES LIST AND THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2016 AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF SHORTER ITEMS.

In 1989 Boreham was asked to join the East Essex Village Christmas Post scheme, along with approximately twenty other villages. Like today's Royal Mail the villages operated a two tier system. Postage at that time was 5p for delivery within our village and 10p for posting to the other villages.

The mail was collected 2 or 3 times a week from the 4 shops who not only sold the stamps, but were kind enough to have a post box as well. It was then taken to the scout headquarters where it was sorted into home (Boreham) and away (all other villages). The resident GSL had the job of cancelling the mail, while a couple of helpers then sorted into their roads for distribution. Two old ex kitchen cupboards, which had been adapted for the purpose, formed the pigeon holes for the respective roads. The Scout & Guide leaders on their meeting nights would then pass out the mail to the children for delivery.

Post travelling out of the village was taken to the main sorting office at Prances, our local scout camp site. Staff there would then sort the mail into the individual villages. Delivery and pick up was twice a week with monies changing hands as well as the post. Each village was responsible for passing on half of their "Stamp money" with the mail. The money travelled all the way with the post until both ended up at the receiving village, who then used to money for their own purposes. For Boreham, we found whilst the scheme was in operation, that twice as much mail came into the village, than ever left us.

Into the 21st century, some of the villages began to leave the scheme for various reasons. The main Sorting office at Prances Scout camp closed, and by approximately 2005 only a few villages were left to carry on their own postal service. This of course means that nowadays Boreham only delivers within its own village boundaries.

An incentive for the children to be involved has been running after the first couple of years. Every unit has the opportunity to design the stamp for the coming year. The winning entry is then used for the post and the winner is able to see their design in print as well as receiving a book token as a prize. Whilst this idea is very good for children's participation it has meant in several years, designs following the same sort of pattern. It has also meant that some of the stamps have received comments along the lines of "I could have done better than that", but the people concerned did not enter!

The post within the village nowadays is used to provide publicity and promote the uniformed organisations. Although no longer seen as a major fundraising scheme, while the post remains cost effective it is hoped to carry on for years to come.

So far the groups have only failed to deliver one card which came into the system several years ago, with just the number 11 on the envelope. With no name or Road name, it still sits in the pigeon hole year after year. Other recent problems have included 2 envelopes, one addressed to “Steve & Angie” and the other addressed to “Rose & George”, again without surname or address. These were eventually delivered by Royal Mail as our local knowledgeable post lady was able to work out the recipients, and delivered them for us.

The post of today is still sorted and cancelled at our new headquarters by volunteers and delivered by the children. We have found that some post can take days to arrive due to the fact some parents only allow their children to deliver at weekends (we can't let Johnny out on his own in the dark.)

As of this year, the Boreham Stamp Story, continues.



If you would like copies of any of the Boreham Christmas mails then please make contact with Bernard as per the details inside the back cover.

Brave Little Belgium and a discovery!

In the first edition of *The Scout* (August 15th 1914) following the declaration of WW1, Baden-Powell outlined, in the simplest of terms, the just cause of Britain's entry in the Great War.

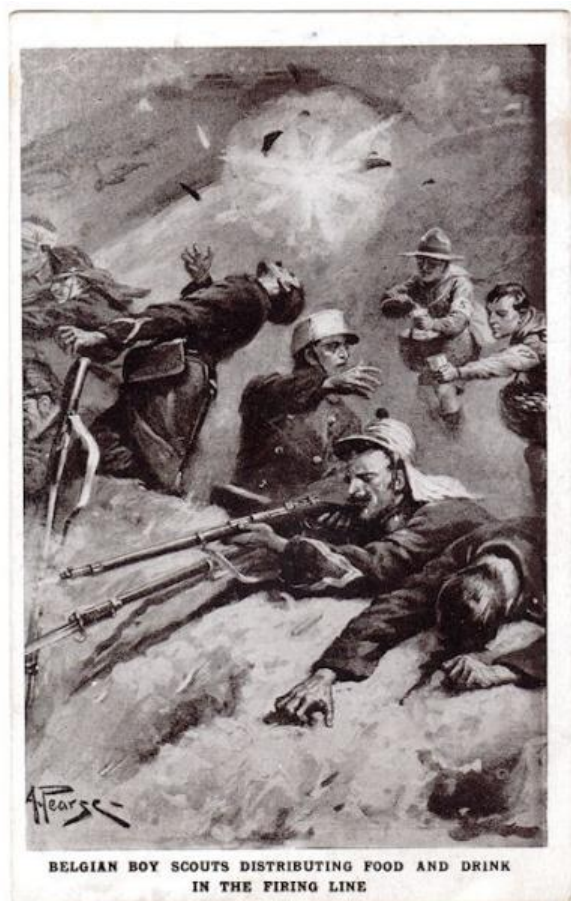
The British long ago made a promise that we would protect the small country of Belgium if war should arise between Germany and France, so we have been dragged into this huge conflict when really the original question of which they (Germany and France) are quarrelling has nothing what so ever to do with us.

The German invasion, not surprisingly, immediately resulted in many thousands of Belgians fleeing across the channel. The British nation as you would expect opened up their hearts and their homes to the escapees, and it was not long before British Boy Scouts at local level were 'mobilised', not only to respond to their other many war duties* but also to assist in re-housing the refugees.

Hertfordshire, for example, just six days after the declaration of war opened its St Albans' Scout Office as a 'clearing house' to service requests for Scout assistance in the emergency. The official log book records that a Mrs Beal required services of a trek cart party to move furniture to assist the re-housing of Belgium Refugees.

Taunton and District Scouts held a 'Belgium Favour Day' selling little bows of ribbon in Belgium's national colours in aid of the refugees. Scouts across the nation were well aware that brother Scouts who had stayed behind in their homeland were fighting manfully against the enemy in a way that Scouts in Britain thankfully were never called upon to do.

Two postcards (at least) were published in Britain that illustrated their role and risks they undertook which sometimes resulted in fatalities. The card opposite has no publisher's mark but the reverse states: *Belgium Boy Scouts have shown remarkable pluck during the fighting in the trenches outside Liège. It can be seen that this is very dangerous work, and should be writing large in the roll of daring deeds in this war of wars.*



BELGIAN BOY SCOUTS DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND DRINK
IN THE FIRING LINE

The postcard (right) was postally used on September 1st 1915. It is marked *The War Series No.1855. Printed in England. The Regent Publishing Company London N.W.* You will observe the front of the card features the image of, *A Boy Scout Hero Rene Castex ... who was in both Liège and Namur....* His Red Cross armband gives some indication of his work, but unfortunately I have been unable to find any other specific reference to Scout Castex.

The *Headquarters Gazette* of September 1914 carried a full page article mainly extracted from the Belgium correspondents of *The Times*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Express*. The article comments on the war work of the 4,500 Belgian Boy Scouts often in close proximity with the enemy. *The Times* Correspondent noted that Germans had disbanded Scouting in Liège. ... *on account no doubt of the number of German Spies they had tracked down.* This work had earned them the sobriquet *Enfants Terribles* amongst the enemy who had no hesitation in executing Scouts engaged in such work.



The *Daily Express* correspondent reported on a Boy Scout who *captured a German Cavalryman near Liège last week..*

On the following page is a very rare poster stamp issued early in WW1 depicting *Boy Scouts of Belgium who captured German Spies*. Our former Chairman John Ineson, whilst searching through back issues of this publication, discovered a very poor black and white image of this poster stamps (not that illustrated) in an article written by Bill Bourke in the March 1965 edition of this magazine. Bill was an Assistant Editor of *The Bulletin* and often contributed occasional notes to the magazine. He died in December 2005 and regretfully his considerable collection including a pair of stamps with a 1936 Northern Counties Jamboricee Darlington Cancel, some Mafeking Items and Baden-Powell sketches were destroyed in a fire at his former home four months after his death involving his former lodger, who confessed his actions to the police. He did not burn everything however as a dealer, a member of our club, Michael Berry of Healey and Wise bought some items which were known to be in the collection which were then auctioned. It is thought that poster stamp was one of many items which went up in smoke.

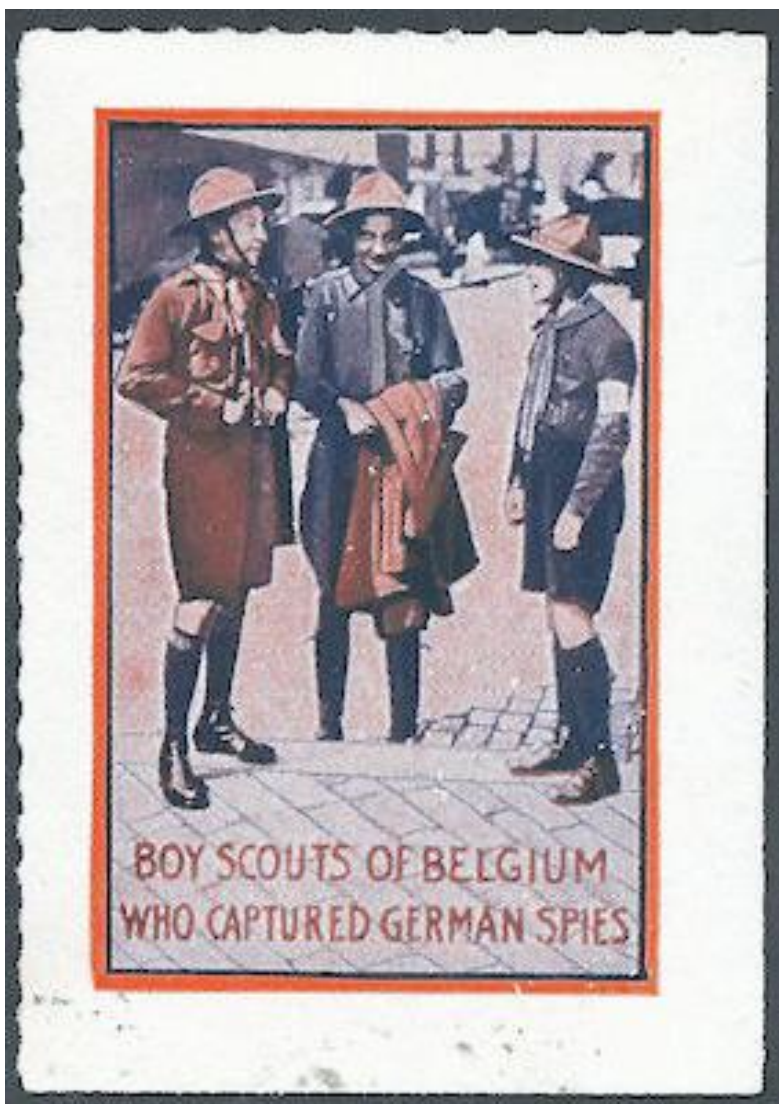
John, being aware of my long-term aim to publish a 'catalogue' of all British Scout Poster stamps up to 1957 kindly forwarded the image to me. Neither he nor I had ever seen this issue before. My dilemma was whilst it obviously amazing to find a rare addition to my catalogue, the quality of the image and its lack of colour meant that it was virtually impossible to reproduce to modern-day standards.

Obviously the item is not a 'one off' and there must, I reasoned, be others. I was able to source this coloured scan of an example in the collection of our member Peter Duck who, like John, has for many years been interested in this 'Cinderella' branch of our hobby. He too has never seen another example.

I had previously seen and scanned Peter's collection but not this issue, because as Peter explained, as the subject matter concerned Belgium he had filed it with other items from that country. However, it is very clear from its English title that it was published for the British market.

Bill Bourke was aware of the rarity of the item, and wrote that it might be the earliest ever poster stamp (I am sure it is not) and that it might be unique. Clearly, as two edges of the stamp are rouletted, it must have come from a sheet of stamps. Given the amount of time and effort that it will have taken to produce, and that its purpose must have been to attract publicity/funds to the plight of Belgium, it is very unlikely that only one sheet would have been produced. The publisher is unknown but we can be reasonable sure that it was not the British Scout Association, as there is no reference to it in any publication that I have ever seen. Like the 'War Series' postcard by Regent Publishing it could easily have been produced by an independent printer and perhaps part of a war-time series that may or may not have had other Scouting subjects.

It goes without saying that should you be aware of other poster stamps that may have been issued at the same time as this I would be very pleased to hear from you. I am currently working on Scouts at War Vol II, World War II, and so I would also appreciate scans of any items relating to this conflict. *Volume 1 about Scouting in the Great War is still available but there will be no further reprints.



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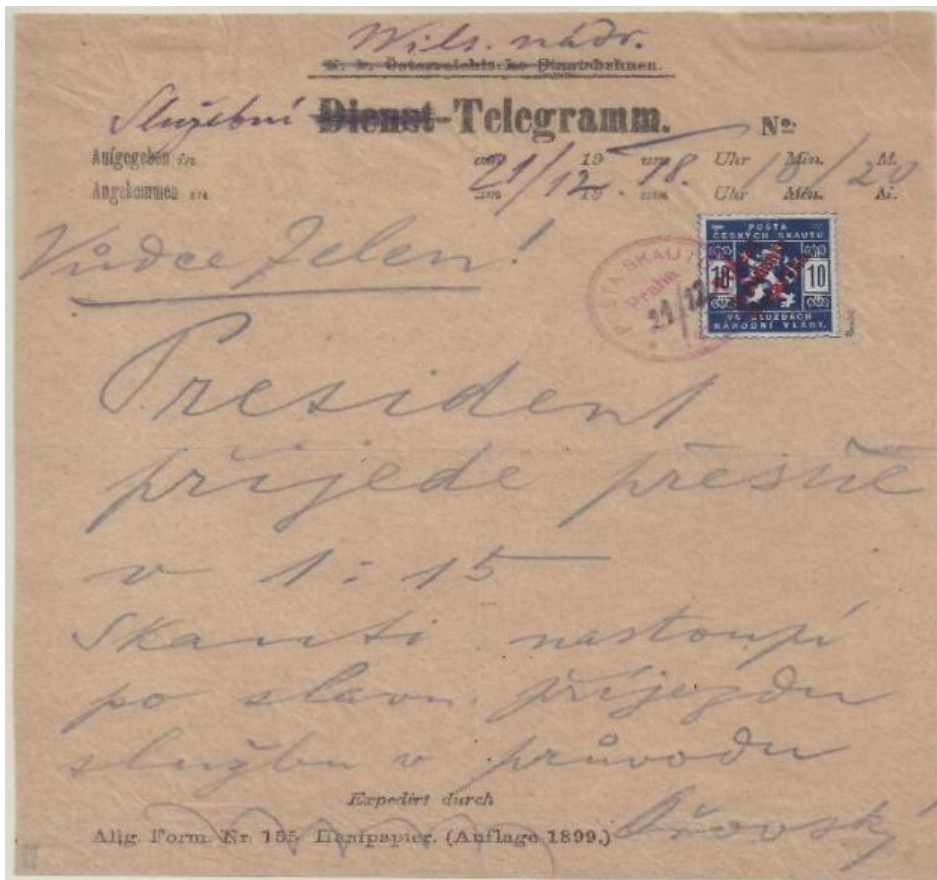


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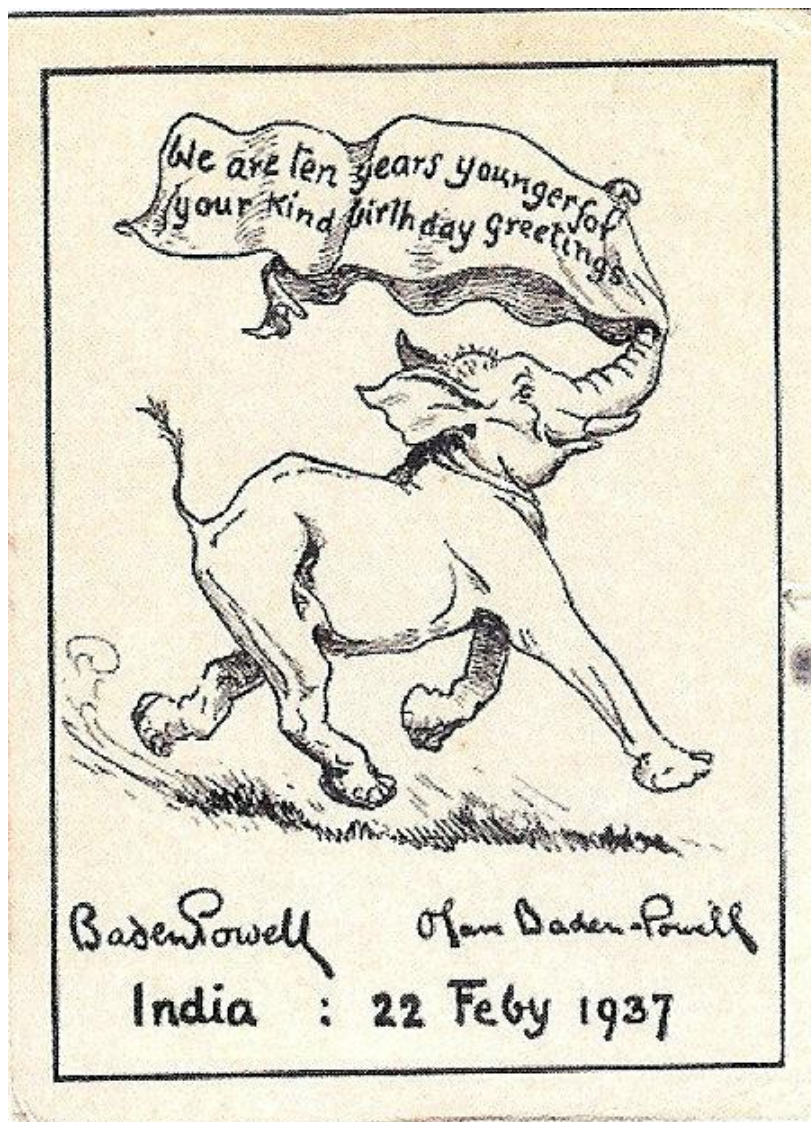


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Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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See Notes from The President on Page 7.

SUMMER 2017



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:

10th June, 2017 AGM on Lord Amory at Docklands - full details included.

16th 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.

A new year of subscriptions started on 1st 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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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 3rd 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. 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 2nd 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.

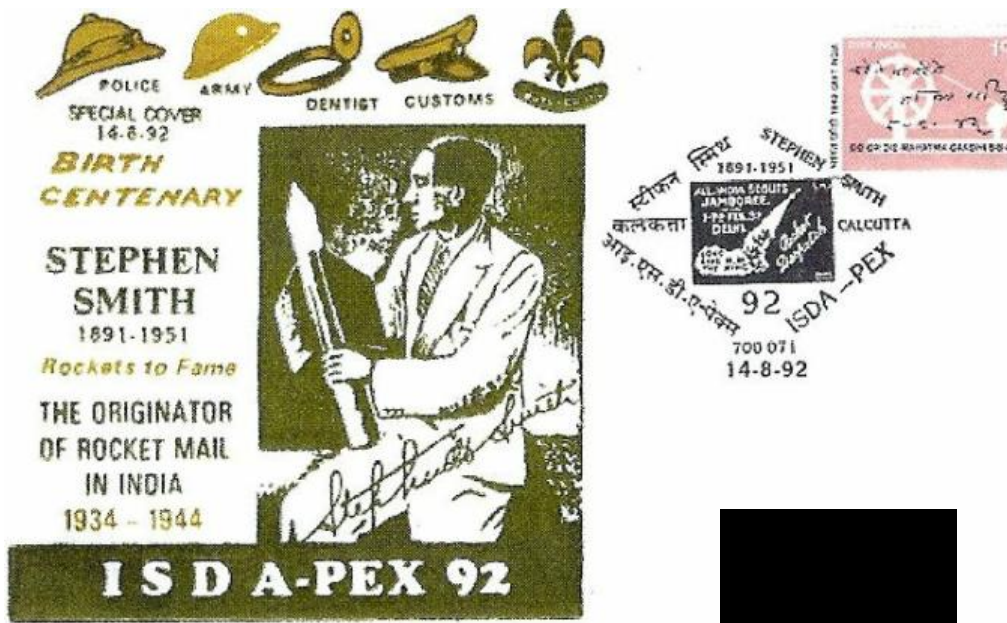
As a "confirmation" that the Rocket Posts took place, I have a letter from THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION (INDIA) BENGAL PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION, Calcutta, dated January 26, 1937 to Stephen H.Smith:

"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 80th). (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.

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 10th 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 25th 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 16th 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		2015	2016
1,134.52	Bulletin Expenditure	1,052.21	
131.00	Exhibitions and Meetings	96.00	
62.18	Telephone, Post and Travel	5.32	
0.00	Sales Service	0.00	
77.00	Stamp Insurance	67.00	
36.06	Printing and Stationery	37.38	
20.00	British Thematic Association	20.00	
8.38	Web Site	0.00	
		1,710.11	Active Income
		8.38	Unpresented cheque
1,469.14	Total Expenditure	1,718.49	Total Income
249.35	Excess Income over Expenditure		Excess Expenditure over Income
1,718.49		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
TOTAL	1,515.82	TOTAL	1,055.39
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.

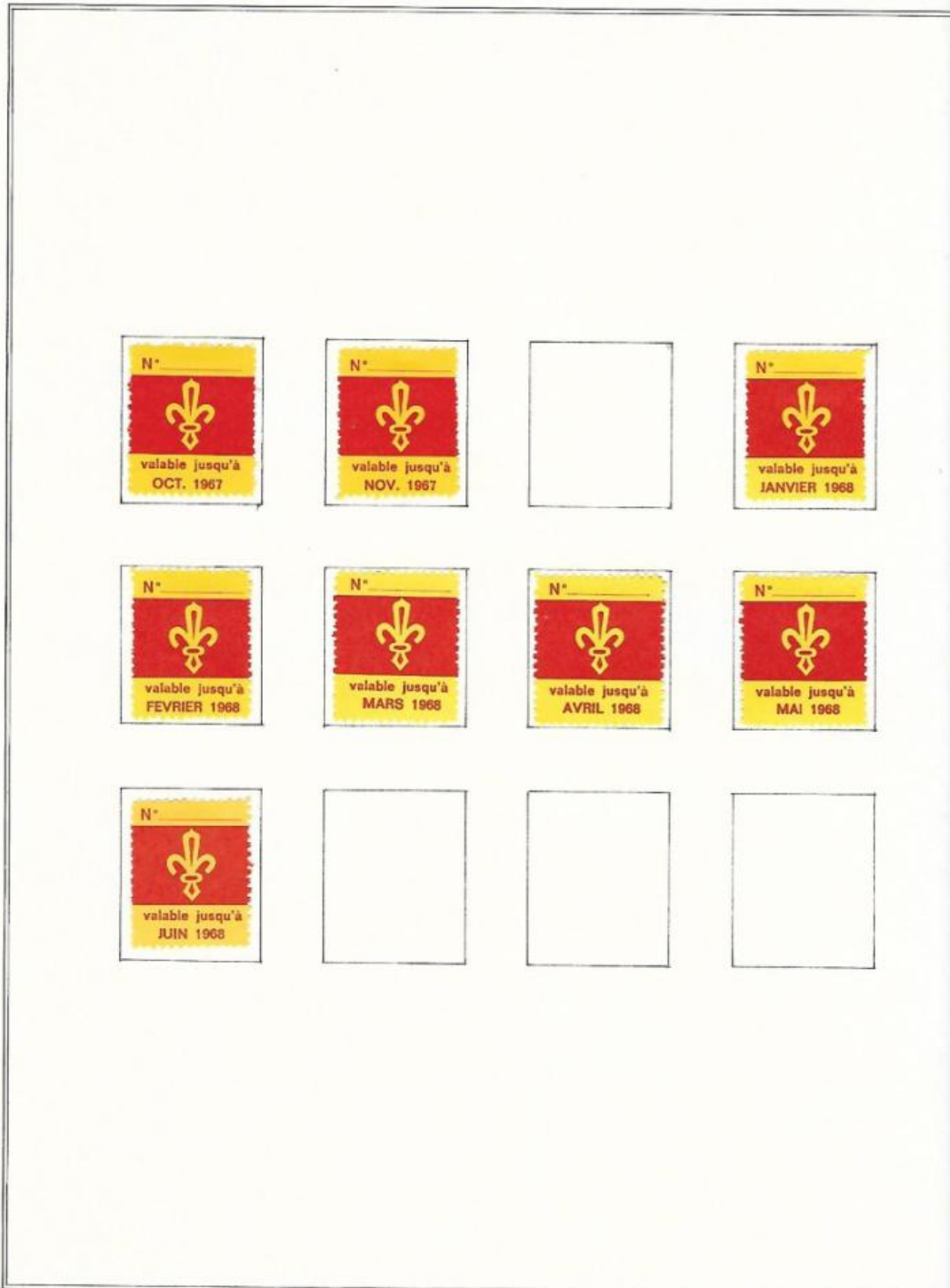
BA, BS. GL.TA Mail centre	15.12.2016	left	**mm
Manchester	15.12.2016	right	**mm
Mount Pleasant	15.12.2016	left	
#	14.12.2016	left	24mm
Croydon	15.12.2016	left	24mm
#	14.12.2016	left	24mm
South Midlands	15.12.2016	left	19mm
#	14.12.2016	left	24mm
Dorset & SW Hants	15.12.2016	left	24mm
Jubilee Mail Centre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

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!



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				£	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

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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. 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



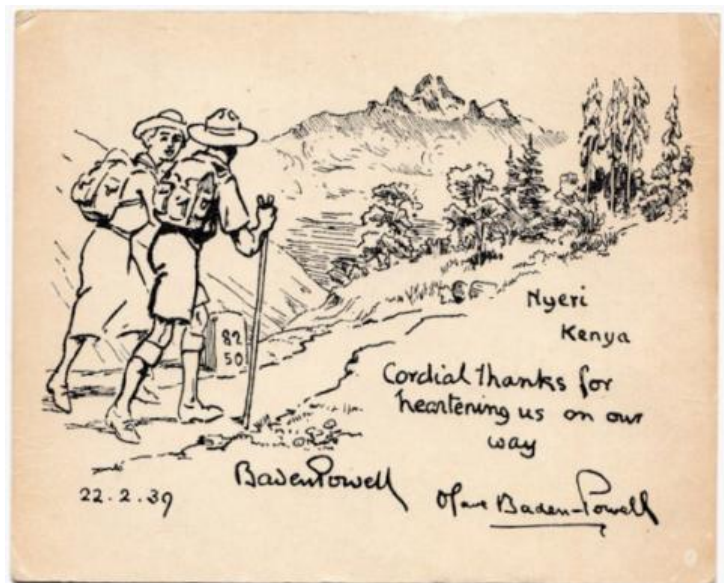
not just linked to the rarity of the roller cancel but that it should appear on a Baden-Powell 'Thanks Card'. These were mainly reproductions of B-P artwork on

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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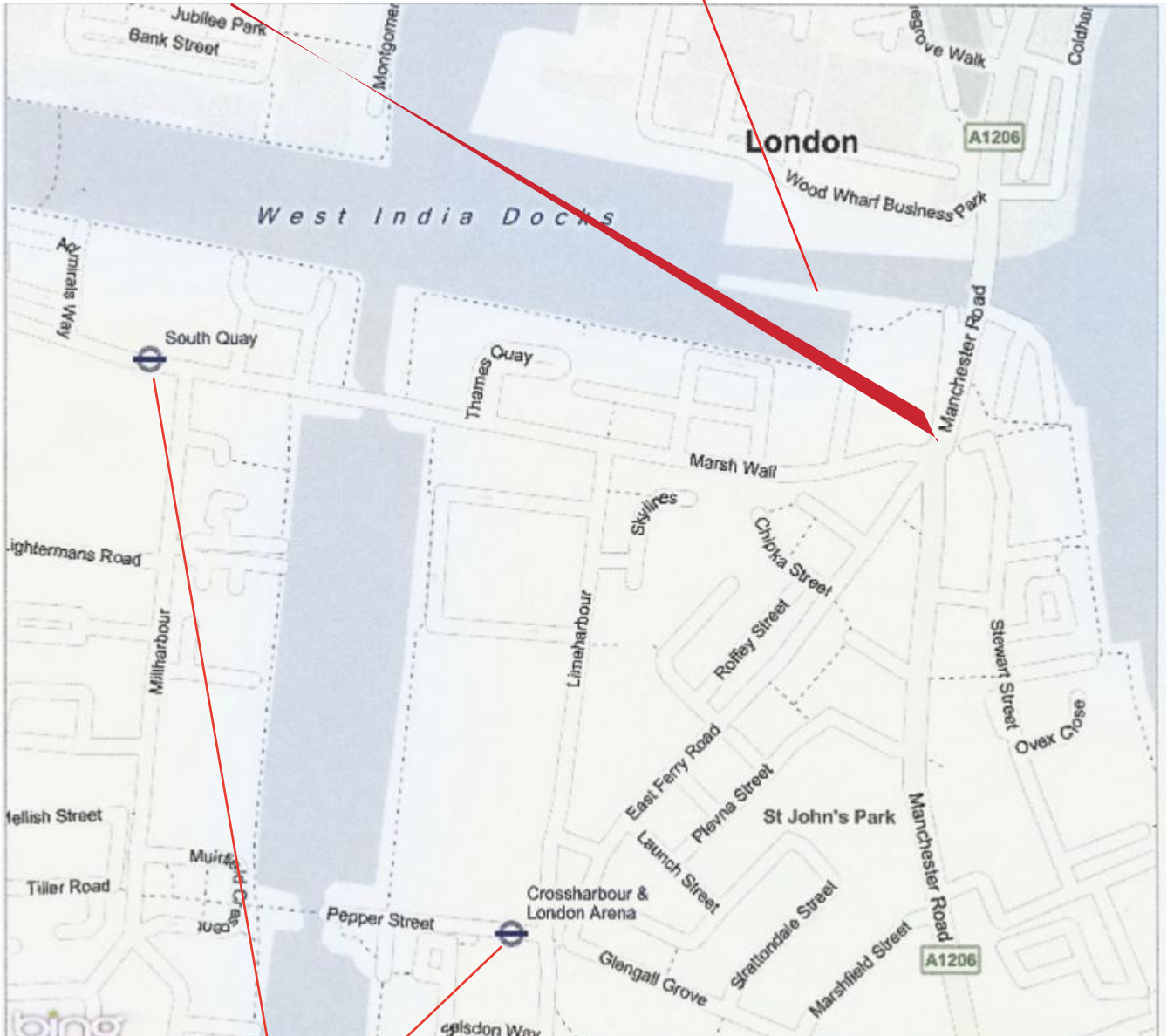
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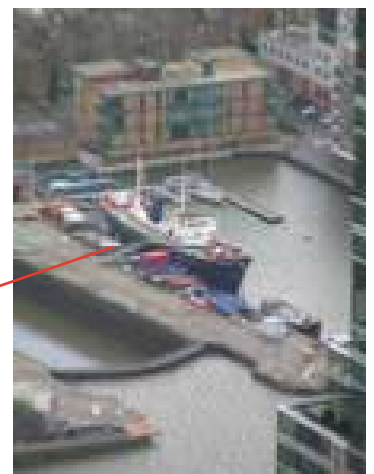
**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club will be held on 10th June, 2017 at:
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Scouting for Girls - see article by Colin Walker which starts on page 18 of this issue.

This item is a studio photo of a Girl Scout made into a postcard. Note that she wears the first (1908) pattern rectangular Scout Belt sold by Gamages.

AUTUMN 2017



Editorial

Well we made it to a successful Golden Wedding Anniversary and had nearly 150 guests at a “Garden Party” and “Afternoon Tea” at the local Heritage Centre on our nearby “common land”. It was a very pleasant afternoon and we were very lucky with the weather, especially when compared with what we’ve had for the rest of the summer months.

I apologise for the poor quality of the Cub Centenary postmarks in the last issue which, according to the printed was caused by the fact that they were all in a pale blue ink which is notoriously difficult to reproduce. I have tried, to the extent of my computer facilities - and skill - to darken the print without blacking out the whole sheet and this is included in this issue.

We had the usual poor attendance at the AGM despite the surroundings and facilities available in Docklands. I know that many of you live quite a distance away but I think the whole Committee would welcome any comments on what we can do to increase participation in this event.

There are quite a few Club Members who have not paid their subs for this year so instead of sending them any more Bulletins we are sending them a personal letter with this issue asking if they wish to remain in membership. We may end up with less actual members but it will save us the cost of sending Bulletins to people who are no longer interested, for whatever reason.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATE

November 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 additional 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:

16th 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.

Summers are said to be the “silly season” and this year is no exception. I have just returned from Virginia, U.S.A. where there is much controversy regarding the many statues erected to commemorate Confederates from their Civil War and slavery. Some have been pulled down or vandalised and others taken down by the authorities. Any statue seems fair game as one of Christopher Columbus was vandalised!

Back here in Britain too the future of monuments to various historical personalities are also being discussed, including those of Cecil Rhodes and Lord Nelson.

By the politically correct standards of today almost every statues, especially those of military leaders could be criticised and I hope that this does not extend to the statue of B-P in Kensington by Don Potter pictured on the 10c stamp from the Dominican Republic.



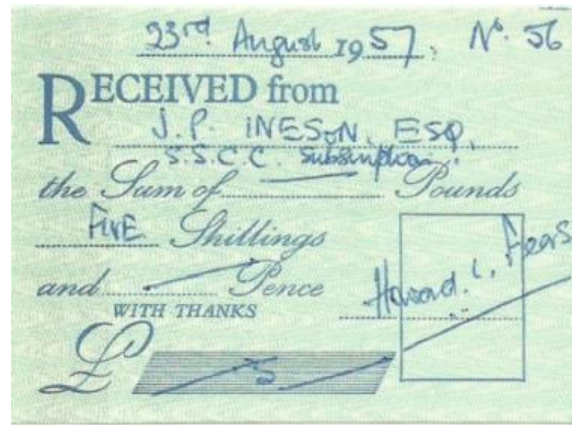
At this time our sympathy is with the people of Houston, U.S.A. Suffering from the terrible flooding, loss of life and property. Their Boy Scouts must have suffered too but no doubt are doing their best to help others. The painting by their official artist Norman Rockwell, reproduced on the 15c stamp from Liberia, shows the Scouting spirit and determination under similar conditions.



John's Jottings

by John Ineson

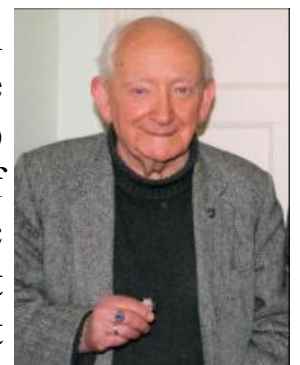
Earlier this year, we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the formation of what was then known as "The Scout Stamps Collectors Club". Although a couple of informal meetings were held in the autumn of 1956, it was not until February 1957 that the first official meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, which at that time was in London. I attended the 1957 World Jamboree as an Assistant Scoutmaster, and with the issue of the commemorative stamps for this event; I started to collect Scout stamps. During the Jamboree, a meeting of SOSSI was held which I attended as a visitor, and met Roy Rhodes for the first time who informed me about the UK club.



Within two weeks I had joined the Club having paid my subscription of 5/- (25p) and given membership number 56, and so now have 60 years membership.

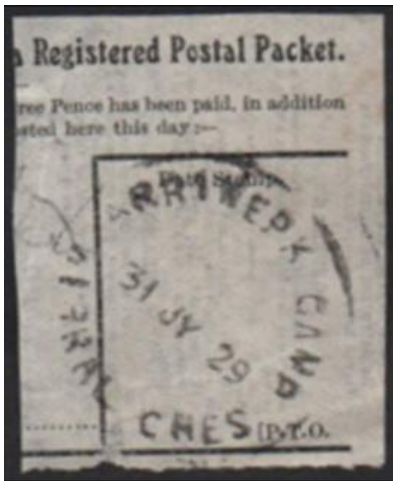
For those who look at eBay, you may have seen for sale as "buy it now" pairs of the 1957 World Jamboree 2½d stamps with double perforations at £9.75. The heading does not mention that they are forged, but the seller, "Avion Thematics" description reads "Great Britain 1957 World Scout Jamboree 2½d unmounted mint vertical pair with perforations doubled (stamps are quartered) interesting forgery. Note, the stamps are genuine but the additional perforations are a slightly different gauge and thus assumed to be forged". No doubt the seller knows that they are forged and I guess has been busy making double perforations with maybe a sewing machine. The genuine stamps have approximately 26 perforations along the bottom, while these fakes have only 20. There are many blocks available and no doubt the seller has a sheet of this value which will bring him a good profit. In my opinion a waste of money.

It is with sadness that I report the death of Zbigniew Bokiewicz in Warsaw on 21 October 2016 at the age of 93. For many years he traded as the Continental Stamp Supplies in one of the Strand stamp arcades in London. He was known by many of us as being one of the former Scouts in the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, and his philatelic collection of this tragic event. was shown at our club meeting at Baden-Powell House in June 1976. His illustrated book "The Scout Field Post in the Warsaw Uprising" was published in September

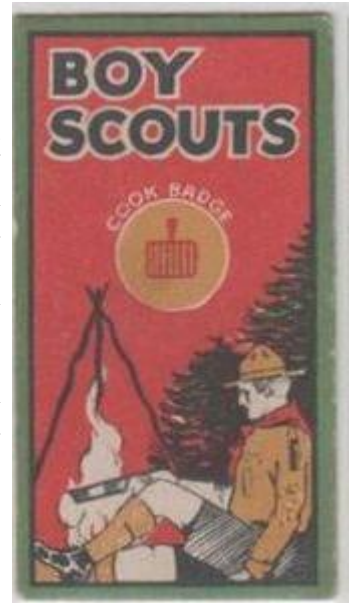


1974, on the occasion of his collection being exhibited at the General Sikorski Museum in London. Colin Walker and myself were honoured to spend some time with him in March 2013 when we visited him at his house in London. Not only did we see his collection, a few weeks before he gave it to the Uprising Museum in Warsaw, but also his original Scout badge which he so proudly showed us, and which he holds in his hand.

Earlier this year on eBay was an example of the 1929 World Jamboree registered



postmark which received nine bids. Cut from a receipt, this item made £59.88 (US\$ 78 Euro 71.00). Another item that took my interest was a Goodwin Trade card issued between 1923-38. This company were flour millers from Kidderminster and issued a set of 24 cards to advertise their Red Shield Self-Raising Flour. Showing Boy Scout and Girl Guide badges, this



Scout Cook card was sold by Loddon Auctions of Arborfield, Berkshire for £88.00, against an estimate of £40-£60.

A new year of subscriptions started on 1st 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.

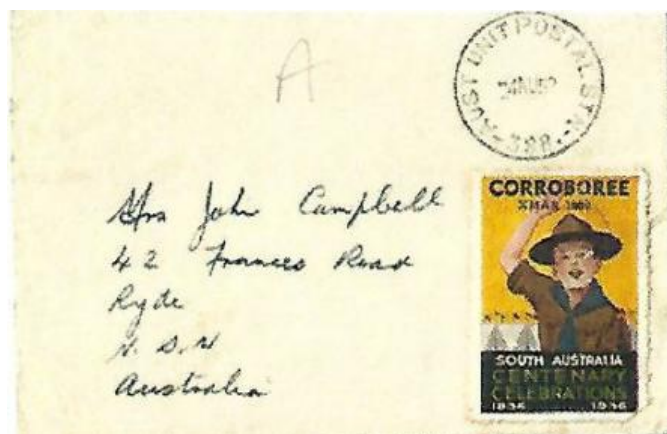
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EUROPE AIRMAIL	£21	£100	£12	£55
REST OF WORLD AIRMAIL	£26	£125	£12	£55
JUNIORS ALL WORLD	£6	NOT AVAILABLE	£5	NOT AVAILABLE

(Continued from Summer 2017 issue)

An envelope posted in Malta to Liverpool in July 1937 carries on the reverse the label of the World Jamboree held in the Netherlands that year. The envelope was forwarded from Liverpool to Beverley in East Yorkshire, and the label on the reverse is nicely postmarked LIVERPOOL 21 JY 1937 plus wavy lines. I do have similar covers with labels affixed, but just missing the postmarks, so possibly stuck on later.

A number of labels were issued in Australia before World War II to advertise Scouting and other events. A cover which was flown “By First Air Mail Flight – Melbourne to Flinders Island and Brisbane to Sydney” carries one of the “Koala” labels promoting the Centenary Jamboree, Frankston, Victoria at Christmas 1934. The label on the front of the cover is cancelled with an AIR MAIL BRISBANE QLD postmark dated 28 SE 34. And a postcard with a different label from the above set of four was posted in Melbourne to Belgium on 27 DEC.1934 with AIRMAIL slogan postmark.

For the South Australia Centenary Celebrations 1836-1936, a sheet of 30 publicity labels was produced, which included various sports – cricket, tennis, horse racing and athletics. The sheet included blocks of four labels promoting the Boy Scouts Corroboree at Christmas 1936, and the Girl Guides. I have two covers bearing the Corroboree label, one posted at the event and a second posted in 1952 from



an Army Post Office. Neither of these labels are unfortunately tied by postmarks, and probably the later one was affixed to “prettify” the plain addressed envelope. A similar “prettification” is the Girl Guides label on a plain Registered envelope from Mt. Bold (South Australia) to Adelaide. Having studied this particular label quite carefully, I find that the Guide’s nametape on her uniform is blue and her badges are white, whereas on those in the sheet it is the opposite. Perhaps there were two printings of these labels? But she has a nice smile anyway!



A label of the Belgian Free Scouts Association celebrating their 5th Anniversary 1921-26 has been affixed on the address side of a picture postcard of Gand (Ghent). The message (in French) is from one Scout to another, but although the card bears 2 x 5c stamps, it was not actually posted.

A “mystery” label, also from Belgium was produced in a number of single colours. The design is of a Scout head superimposed on a Scout badge with the text GEBRUIKT DE SCOUT-PRENT. The earliest usage I have seen is on a postcard mailed in Strasbourg, France but not tied by the postmark, this dates from 1928 and the label is printed in brown. A similar label, in blue, is affixed to an envelope from the Belgian Free Scouts Association and tied by postmark GENT 24.2.67. Presumably these labels were



produced by the above Association – but when, and why?



A Rieger of Zabreh in Czechoslovakia was a supplier of Scout, camping and sports equipment, and in 1936 an order postcard bearing their advertising label with Scout emblem (priced at 50 haleru) was sent to another company at Niemes.

In 1926, the K F U M Scouts of Aarhus District held an event at the University of Jutland. The publicity label produced was affixed to a Christmas postcard which was posted on 22 December 1926.



The first Scouting publicity labels from France were issued by Les Eclaireurs de France (Boy Scouts Francais) in sheets of 10 designs during 1912. An envelope from Eclaireurs de France, Grenoble carries the label showing a Scout rescuing a girl from drowning.

This envelope (front only) is addressed “Monsieur le President des Boy Scouts Anglais, 116 Victoria Street, London SW and posted in 1913. Another label depicting a Scout giving first aid to a dog is on a picture postcard



sent from Paris to Rome in 1916, and the label was postmarked in Rome.



Another envelope from Les Eclaireurs de France used in 1921 carries another label from the series showing a Scout helping an elderly gentleman. This label is in changed colours and shows a new address, and is posted to Vlissingen (Flushing) in the Netherlands

where the label received the local postmark.



A picture postcard from Varengeville-Sur-Mer in 1914 carries the circular label of Eclaireurs Unionistes de France, the postage stamp is on the face of the card.

Just before I was born, a picture postcard of Paris was sent to Epinal, Vosges. Posted on 15 April 1932 it carries a Girl Guides (Eclaireuses) publicity label tied by the Paris slogan postmark.



Special labels were issued by the German Boy Scouts (Deutscher Pfadfinderbund) during the Great War 1914-1918, and these are sometimes found on mailed items. One appeared on a Fieldpost card with postmark of Mulheim 16.10.15, and another on a postcard sent from Grosskreidel on 7.7.21 together with



definitive stamps One value (x 3) of a set of three fund-raising labels issued in the 1920's was affixed to a letter posted in Frankfurt in August 1924, just tied by the postmark.

One of my favourite covers was sent from the Consulate General of Ecuador in Genoa on 9.11.15. The envelope carries four of the eight Scout publicity labels issued in Italy that year. All are neatly tied by the postmark GENOA 11



via ASSAROTTI, and one wonders why this item was produced – to advertise Scouting? Another of the labels from this set, showing a Girl Guide, was affixed to a postcard with postmark of Como 3.4.15.



An envelope posted in Bingen, Germany on 16.8.21 addressed to Luxembourg carries two labels from the F.N.E.L. Boy Scouts Luxembourg POW-WOW 30/7 – 1/8 1921. One of the labels

bears the postmark of Walferdange 17.8.21 (where the Pow-Wow had been held. This was probably postmarked later by favour (of the Postmaster).



A Vereeniging de Nederlandsche Padvinders label was affixed to a postcard from Soest sent to Denmark in April 1923. This label was just missed by the postmark, but it is very much a Scout item as the message (in English) is from one Scout to another.



mailed in 1931.

Sweden issued a series of fund raising labels in 1929 depicting a Scout St. George slaying the dragon. One of these labels was affixed to a postcard from Stockholm



A label which I believe to be from YMCA Scouts in Switzerland as it uses the words “Rovers”, “Cadets” and “Louveteaux” (Wolf Cubs) was affixed to a greetings postcard sent from La Chaux-de-Fonds on 24.V.29.



The Swiss company of Tobler produced many sets of advertising labels for their chocolate products. These included a series of 12 with

Scouting themes, and with texts in various languages including English, French, Flemish and Esperanto. I have a postcard posted in Newcastle-on-Tyne to Germany on 30 June 1921 carrying label No.253 (Scouts with flag in the Alps) with text in Esperanto tied by the wavy-line cancellation. The message on the card is also written in Esperanto.

A letter was posted from La Grange, Illinois on 1st July 1935 to Budapest in Hungary. On the reverse of the envelope is the label announcing the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. There are various markings in blue crayon plus four local Budapest



postmarks, one of which ties the label. Perhaps the addressee had moved, there is no indication of another address.

As is well-known, the above Jamboree had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of polio, and another series of labels re-dated 1937 was issued. One of each of the 1935 and 1937 labels appear on a first



day cover of the “Newspaper Boys” stamp issued in Philadelphia in October 1952. Another of the 1937 was affixed (probably to cover the name of an hotel) to an envelope posted from Saranac Lake N.Y. in July 1937 to Finland.



I have numerous other Scout and Guide labels affixed to the appropriate event covers and postcards, but feel it is interesting to enquire why such labels should be affixed to non-Scout or Guide related items?

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB AUCTION
POSTAL AUCTION No.35
CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS: 21st OCTOBER 2017.

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 15th 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.

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. Please add 3% for charges.

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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	BHUTAN 1983 “DRUK AIR” O/P on 1971 Scout + 4 other values	UM 6.00
2	BOLIVIA 2006 Stamp Show MS including Scouts	UM 9.00
3	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.1988 Scouts & birds (5 + MS)	UM 8.00
4	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.1985 Audubon birds + Scout badge(6+MS)	8.00
5	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.1980 European-African Co-operation Scouts dancing value in gold foil – perf & imperf	UM 8.00
6	CHAD 2013 Scouts with insects/fungi gold foil 4 x MS	UM 12.00
7	CHAD 2013 Scouts with birds gold foil 4 x MS	UM 12.00
8	CHAD 2013 Scouts with dogs & cats gold foil 4 x MS	UM 12.00
9	GUINEA 1988 Scouts, birds & butterflies (6 + MS)	UM 8.00
10	GUINEA-BISSAU 1985 15 th World Jamboree O/P on Royal Wedding value (1981)	UM 5.00
11	HAITI 1961 18 th World Scout Conference O/P on Aeroport	MS UM 10.00

12 HAITI 1970/71 "Timbre Mobile" Tax O/Ps on 4 Scout values	UM	10.00
13 IRAN 1957 Baden-Powell Centenary (1) in UM block of 4		8.00
14 IRAQ 1973 Water Tax O/P on 1967 Scout value	UM	7.50
15 ISLE OF MAN 2007 Centenary of Scouting booklet – under face val.		8.00
16 MALI 1967 12 th World Jamboree – de luxe compound	MS UM	5.00
17 MALI 1967 12 th World Jamboree – colour trial imperf. Pair	UM	5.00
18 MALTA 2007 EUROPA/Scouts booklet		3.00
19 MICRONESIA 1978 Rockwell Scout paintings sheetlet + MS	UM	5.50
20 NETHERLANDS 2007 EUROPA/Scouts presentation pack		6.00
21 NIUAFO'OU 1990 150 th Anniversary of Penny Black T\$2.50 value depicting Mafeking cyclist stamp—used in strip of 5 with "Progressives"		15.00
22 PARAGUAY 1965 Int'l Patrol Camp (8) imperf in changed colours		4.00
23 ROMANIA 1938 Straja Tari Scouts issue (11) used on paper		3.50
24 RYUKYU IS. 1964 Girl Scouts (1) with MIHON (Specimen) O/P	UM	3.00
25 St. THOMAS & PRINCE 1982 YOS sheetlet perf – without text on central label	UM	6.00
26 St. THOMAS & PRINCE 1982 as above imperf – with text in label		10.00
27 St. VINCENT 1985 ROYAL VISIT O/P on 1982 YOS (2)	UM	3.00
28 SAUDI ARABIA 1969 3 rd Rover Moot (3)	UM	9.00
29 SAUDI ARABIA 1973 5 th Arab Rover Moot (3)	UM	7.00
30 THAILAND 2002/3 20 th World Jamboree booklets x 5 with stamps cancelled on various dates of Jamboree		5.00
31 TONGA 1980 Olympic Games O/Ps on earlier Scout values (13) used		7.50
32 TONGA 1986 Scout Jamboree O/Ps (2) x 10 sets from sheet centres with "Progressives" in centre	UM	20.00
33 TONGA 1986 Centenary of Tonga stamps MS – design includes Scout stamps	UM	4.00
34 TONGA 1990 150 th Anniversary of first postage stamps (5 – inc 1 x Scout) in UM gutter pairs		8.00
35 TONGA 1994 Self adhesive stamps commemorative booklet (unstitched) contains 1985 Guide stamps with revised values + 1 Scout stamp. All O/P SPECIMEN		18.00
36 TUNISIA 1960 4 th Pan Arab Jamboree (5) in imperf colour trials	UM	10.00
37 UGANDA 1995 18 th World Jamboree O/Ps (4 + MS)	UM	4.50
38 UPPER VOLTA 1984 Fungi + Scout badge (6 + MS)	UM	12.00
39 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 2006 75 th Anniversary of Guiding 3 x MS		6.00
40 AJMAN 1971 13 th World Jamboree Japanese Paintings issue (6) in de luxe MS format + imperf MS		10.00
41 ALGERIA 1968 8 th Arab Jamboree souvenir folder with 1966, 1967 & 1968 Scout stamps affixed		3.00
42 ANGOLA 1999 "Countdown to the Millennium" MS inc. Guides	UM	4.00
43 ANGOLA 2002 "Salute to the 20 th Century" 2 x MS with B-P etc(!)		4.00
44 AUSTRALIA 2008 Canberra Stamp Show MS with B-P stamps	UM	3.00
45 BOLIVIA 1985 75 th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America MS	UM	4.00
46 BOLIVIA 1987 above MS with O/P for 16 th World Jamboree	UM	4.00
47 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1997 90 th Anniversary of Scouting 3x MS showing animals, birds & insects + Scout badge	UM	9.00
48 CHAD 1982 YOS 2 x gold foil MS with B-P	UM	8.00
49 CHAD 1982 4 x UNICEF paintings MS with B-P 125 th Anniversary		10.00

50 CONGO 1995 18 th World Jamboree (4 + MS) UM	4.00
51 CONGO 2002 Life of B-P 9 values in sheetlet UM	6.00
52 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 1957 B-P Centenary O/P on Olympics (8)	3.00
53 FRANCE 1947 6 th World Jamboree (1) in corner block of 15 UM	1.50
54 FUJEIRA 1971 13 th World Jamboree gold & silver foil stamps UM	4.00
55 GAMBIA 2002 20 th World Jamboree 2 x MS UM	5.00
56 G.B. 1971 British Postal Strike Airmail to Israel with Scout stamp (2)	3.00
57 GUINEA-BISSAU 1982 YOS (6 LMM + MS UM)	5.00
58 GUYANA 1981 Scout revalues including variations (12) UM	20.00
59 GUYANA 1987 16 th World Jamboree O/Ps (4) UM	4.50
60 GUYANA 1987 16 th World Jamboree 2 x MS – 1 with perforation error (used – unofficial issue)	3.00
61 GUYANA 1995 18 th World Jamboree 3 x MS of Owl, Whale & Dinosaur with gold O/P on numbered cards	10.00
62 HUNGARY 1925 Sports issue (8 -1 Scout) mint with original hinges	20.00
63 INDONESIA 1984 Children`s Day with Scouts & Guides(4) + 3 x Exhibition MS UM	10.00
64 ISLE OF MAN 2007 EUROPA/Scout Centenary(2) in complete sheets	7.50
65 ISLE OF MAN 2010 Girlguiding Centenary(2) in complete sheets + 2 x MS UM	10.00
66 ISO (Swedish Local) 1982 YOS sheetlet of 4 + 2 x MS UM	3.00
67 KOREA 1962 40 th Anniversary of Scouting 2 x MS UM	4.00
68 KYRGYZSTAN 2003 20 th World Jamboree sheetlet of 9 UM	4.00
69 MALI 1995 18 th World Jamboree (6 + MS) UM	6.00
70 NICARAGUA 1957 Centenary of Baden-Powell 2 x MS UM	4.00
71 STATE OF OMAN 1982 YOS sheetlet of 4 + 2 x MS UM	3.00
72 PHILIPPINES 1973 Golden Jubilee Jamboree 2 x souvenir sheets – used	3.00
73 ROMANIA 1940 Straja Tarii Scouts Fund (8) UM	4.50
74 SWITZERLAND 1963 & 1969 Publicity Issues, including Scouts & Guides in 2 x first day Post Office folders	2.50
75 TANZANIA 1987 1987 60 th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II (4 + MS) with Scouts & Guides in background of 60/- value UM	2.00
76 UGANDA 1986 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides MS with “NRA LIBERATION 1986” O/P UM	3.00
77 UKRAINE 1994 Hetman (Chieftain) series O/Ps on old USSR stamps including Scout emblem in designs 3 x strips of 5 UM	5.0
COVERS	
78 BELGIUM 1966 50 Years of Antwerp Sea Scouts PMK on Registered cachet postcard	2.00
79 BERMUDA 1965 50 th Anniversary of Scouting (1) on Reg.FDC	1.50
80 CANADA 1955 8 th World Jamboree order form for FDCs + 4 covers	2.00
81 CONGO 1967 12 TH World Jamboree (2) on 2 x cachet FDCs	2.50
82 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1968 4 x Registration receipts with Scout PMKs + Reg.cover with PMK Beroun 1969	3.00
83 DENMARK KFUM Scouts Camp, Holstebro PMK on Registered cover with St.George cachet	2.00
84 DAHOMEY 1973 World Scout Conference (3) on 3 x cachet FDCs	2.50
85 FINLAND 1948 Scout PMK Suurleiri Vierumaki Camp - plain cover	2.00
86 FINLAND 1953 Tapiolan Suurleiri Sulkava Scout Camp PMK	2.00
87 G.B. 1952 1 st World Scouters Indaba, Gilwell Park, handstamp cover	1.00

88 G.B. 1955/6 Methodist Scouters, Gilwell Park 2 x cachet covers	1.00
89 G.B. 2010 Scout Christmas Post, Wrington cover handled by GPO	1.00
90 GRENADA 2002 20 th World Jamboree 2 x MS on cachet FDCs	4.00
91 GUYANA 1992 17 th World Jamboree gold & silver foil MS on 2 FDC	8.00
92 IRAN 1960 3 rd National Jamboree cover signed by D.C.Spry, Director of World Scout Bureau, posted to Canada	2.50
93 ISRAEL 1964 Israel Catholic Scouts Pilgrimage cachet cover	1.50
94 ISRAEL 1968 Scout comm.FDC with PMKs of 10 th & 11 th Jamborees	1.50
95 ITALY 1956 3 rd Congress of ASCI Scouts Rome PMK - cachet cover	1.50
96 MALI 1970 Scouting commemorative (3) on 3 x cachet FDCs	2.50
97 MICRONESIA 2002 20 th World Jamboree 2 x MS on cachet FDCs	5.00
98 NIGER 1967 12 th World Jamboree (3) on 3 x cachet FDCs	3.00
99 PAKISTAN 1961 Girl Guides Rally for visit of QEII cachet cover	1.50
100 PAKISTAN 1963 Handicapped Scouts Rally cachet cover	1.50
101 PALAU 2003 20 th World Jamboree 2 x MS on cachet FDCs	4.00
102 PHILIPPINES 1950 Boy Scout Week slogan PMK – 1 st & last days	2.00
103 PHILIPPINES 1954 1 ST National Jamboree slogan PMK on plain cover with imperf 1948 Scout stamps	2.00
104 PHILIPPINES 1968 Mexico Olympics MS with Scout badges FDC	4.00
105 SWEDEN 1941 Olofsborg Scout Camp PMK 9.7.41 on plain cover	4.00
106 SWEDEN 1946 Granso Scout Camp PMK 12.7.46 on plain cover	3.00
107 SWEDEN 1946 Sparreholm Scout Camp PMK 27.7.46 plain cover	3.00
108 SWEDEN 1946 Bjorko Girl Guides Camp PMK 1.8.46 plain cover	3.00
109 SWEDEN 1955 National Scout Camps - 6 covers & labels (some affixed)	12.00
110 SWEDEN 1957 Salvation Army Guides Camp, Skara PMK on cover	1.50
111 U.S.A. 1933 Scout cachet cover for Abraham Lincoln Centenary	2.00
112 U.S.A. 1935 25 th Anniversary Schenectady Scouts cachet cover	2.00
113 U.S.A. 1948 Juliette Low Girl Scouts FDC large size with block of 4	1.50
114 U.S.A. 1950 National Jamboree 12 x different FDCs inc.2 with blocks of 4 plus “leather type” card	10.00
115 U.S.A. 1960 National Jamboree 6 x different covers + large card	6.00
116 U.S.A. Fiesta(Stamp Co) fake FDCs of 1960 Boy Scouts 50 th Anniversary Stamp (as reported in Levy’s catalogue) No’s 2,3 & 11	3.00
117 U.S.A. 2010 SCOUTING stamp First Day on 6 presentation folders	4.00
118 VENEZUELA 1975 14 th World Jamboree(2) on cachet FDC	1.50
119 AUSTRALIA 1948 Pan Pacific Jamboree slogan PMK on paper (5) + 36 stamps (mostly Scout) bearing slogan – useful for research	10.00
120 AUSTRALIA 1957/8 Greenbank Corroboree – 3 covers 29 Dec.57, 1 & 3 Jan.58 PMKs	15.00
121 BULGARIA 1942 “Work & Joy” 3 x Scout/Guide values on commercial cover, posted to Geneva	3.00
122 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.1980 Europe-Africa co-operation gold foil Scout value on cachet FDC	4.00
123 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1980 above issue 6 x gold MS FDCs	18.00
124 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.1984 B-P gold foil perf & imperf (2 + 3 x MS) on registered FDC to UK	25.00
125 CHILE 1999 19 th World Jamboree presentation sheet with set + MS affixed showing all Jamboree PMKs + sheet of self adhesive labels	10.00

126 FRANCE 1938 Charcot presentation sheet with 5 x Plein Jeu labels + Charcot stamp all with Plein Jeu PMKs	25.00
127 G.B. 1957 Jubilee Jamboree(3) on Indada Camp FDC + label posted	5.00
128 G.B. 1972 European Friendship Camp, Windsor PMK on Registered First Day cover with Mobile P,O, Reg.label	4.00
129 G.B. 1974 Privately produced MS of B-P on cachet FDC	2.00
130 GREECE 1963 11 th World Jamboree set on Registered FDC to UK	3.00
131 IRAN 1950 Shah in uniforms (6 – one Scout) on plain FDC	8.00
132 JAPAN 1949 National Jamboree (1) on cachet FDC	6.00
133 LIBYA 1974 20 th Anniversary of Scouting (3) on cachet FDC	5.00
134 NAGALAND 1981 U.N. & Scouting(1+MS) perf & imperf 4 FDC	4.00
135 NAGALAND 1982 above issue with BELGICA 1972 0/Ps 4 FDCs	4.00
136 NETHERLANDS 1937 World Jamboree PMK No.3 30.VII.37 cover	5.00
137 NETHERLANDS 1937 World Jamboree PMK No.3 11.VIII.37 cover	5.00
138 NETHERLANDS 1937 World Jamboree PMK No.4 2.VIII.37 cover	5.00
139 NORWAY 1949 4 th World Rover Moot local postcard with Moot PMK 4.8.49 (card creased)	30.00
140 PARAGUAY 1982 YOS MS on cachet FDC	2.50
141 PERU 1986 2 nd National Jamboree PMK in blue on cachet cover	1.50
142 SAUDI ARABIA 1967 2 nd Rover Moot (5) on cachet FDC	12.00
143 SAUDI ARABIA 1969 3 rd Rover Moot (3) on cachet FDC	12.00
144 SWEDEN 1958 NTO Guides Camp Nordingralagret PMK. Reg.cover	2.50
145 TAIWAN 1961 Gilwell Training Course cover, signed John Thurman	3.00
146 TANZANIA 1996 World Scout Conference O/P on Rhinos MS FDC	2.50
147 TONGA 1980 South Pacific Jamboree (10) on 3 x plain FDCs	6.00
148 VIETNAM 1959 1 st National Jamboree (4) on 2 x cachet FDCs with different PMKs	12.00
POSTCARDS	
149 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1920`s postcard of Scout with staff – unused	6.00
150 FRANCE 1945 25 th Anniversary Scouts de France – unused postcard	4.00
151 FRANCE 1997 50 th Anniversary of 6 th World Jamboree 15 postcards of Jamboree scenes – unused	5.00
152 G.B. 1920`s Scout Xmas Greetings card (not p.c.) – unused	3.00
153 G.B. 12 x reproduction cards (plain backs) of Sid Wright postcards produced for Arrowe Park Jamboree in 1929	5.00
154 GREECE 1960 8 x maximum cards for stamps in set	6.00
155 ITALY 2007 10 postcards commemorating Centenary of Scouting	5.00
156 NETHERLANDS 1937 5 th World Jamboree artist postcard of Scottish Scout – unused	5.00
157 ROMANIA 1997 5 x maximum cards for Scout issue	2.50
158 ROMANIA 1999 National Camp 5 x maximum cards with different PMKs on Scout issue	2.50
159 SWITZERLAND 1923 Artist postcard of Scout with bundle of wood posted with 1922 Jubilee label	8.00
160 SWITZERLAND 1987 pack of 8 sepia portraits of B-P	3.00
161 SWITZERLAND 1990 pack of 8 sepia postcards of Joubert Scout illustrations	3.00
162 SWITZERLAND 1998 8 x multiscene postcards of National Camp	4.00
163 SCOTLAND 1939 3 rd World Rover Moot postcard of March Past	8.00
164 CHILE 19 th World Jamboree 33 SGSC postcards with various Contingent handstamps – 14 with Jamboree stamps & PMKs	18.00

LABELS AND EPHEMERA

165 AUSTRALIA 1955 sheetlet of decals of Australian Jamborees	1.00
166 FRANCE 1920 10 x imperf labels from Les Eclaireurs de France showing new address	10.00
167 JUBILEE JAMBOREE 1957 3 x Esperanto sheetlets of 6 labels in different colour combinations – produced in Spain	12.00
168 G.B. Scout New Year card- “May you have a `Ripping` time”signed	5.00
169 G.B. 1957 Jubilee Jamboree Performer`s Pass & Dinner invitation	8.00
170 G.B. 1920`s Scout Christmas card – “Signalling across the sea”signed	5.00
171 ITALY 1952 13 labels issued by CNGEI Scouts – various events	6.00
172 LIBYA 1966 7 th Pan Arab Jamboree sheetlet of 4 labels	8.00
173 U.S.A. 1940 circular label for Boy Scouts at World`s Fair, New York	3.00
174 AUSTRIA 2005/10 7 x Private Scout stamps UM	2.00
175 BELGIUM 1957 B-P Centenary sheetlet of 8 labels in folder	3.00
176 BRAZIL 1963 6 th Int`l Patrol Camp commemorative card – unused	1.00
177 ESTONIAN SCOUTS IN SWEDEN 1962 commem.sheetlet + PMK	2.00
178 ESTONIAN SCOUTS & GUIDES IN USA 1978 souvenir sheet	2.00
179 HUNGARY 1933 label of 4 th World Jamboree emblem MM	3.00
180 HUNGARY 1933 “Globus” label in blue – imperf – no gum	2.00
181 LITHUANIAN SCOUTS IN EXILE 1957 8xJamboree savings labels	4.00
182 RUSSIAN SCOUTS IN EXILE 1949 40 th Anniversary MS of 4	5.00
183 UKRAINE 1931 2 x 20 th Anniversary labels	3.00
184 UKRAINIAN SCOUTS IN EXILE 1970 Unity Camp sheetlet	4.00
185 MEXICO 1970 official carnet containing 40 Activity labels	6.00
186 G.B. 1957 YOS 8 x Christmas greetings cards – unused	3.00
187 U.S.A. 1929 Boy Scout`s Membership card – in pocket	3.00
188 UKRAINIAN SCOUTS 1956 4 x “Scouts Service” labels in blocks	4.00
189 RUSSIAN SCOUTS 1958 Hahnenbachtal labels tete-beche (no gum)	2.00
190 RUSSIAN SCOUTS 1949 40 th Anniversary MS (St.George)	2.50
191 BRAZIL 1981 4 th Pan American Jamboree announcement sheet with first day of affixed stamps	2.00
192 ITALY 1968 Official announcement leaflet of Scout stamp issue	1.00
193 NETHERLANDS 1995 Jamboree Lottery documents in official env.	1.00
194 PAKISTAN 1967 4 th National Jamboree souvenir folder with details of earlier Jamborees inc. first day of 1967 stamp	2.50
195 SOUTH AFRICA 1957 Jubilee Year sheetlet of 12 labels	3.00
196 SWEDEN 1934 sheetlet of 20 x Camp Savings labels	4.00
197 THAILAND 1920`s 5 x cigarette cards of Scouts doing Semaphore	10.00

END OF AUCTION

Scouting for Girls

(Part One)

Prior to the first publishing of *Scouting for Boys* in fortnightly parts starting January 1908 it is clear that Baden-Powell never envisaged that Scouting would also be for girls. It was only a matter of weeks however before he came to realise that girls wanted to be involved and that gave his official blessing for their inclusion in his newly-formed Scout Movement. I recognise that this might come as a surprise to some readers as the official histories of both the Scout and Guide Movements have up until very recent times totally denied the official inclusion of Girl Scouts within the Movement, saying only that some girls unofficially '*tried to 'ape' their brothers*', but the evidence is irrefutable, not least from their depiction of Girl Scouts in the ephemera many of us collect, particularly on 'real photographs' used to make postcards.

The fortnightly parts were sold in newsagents and taken home, so sisters were also able to read them and, like their brothers some of these girls, engaged in Scout-like activities prior to the any Scoutmaster ever being appointed. One of the first of these was Percy Everett. This is hardly a surprise as Everett, was philanthropist and publisher Pearson's literary agent, and it Pearson that had funded B-P's 1907/08 lectures to promote the new movement. Everett attended the Brownsea Camp on its last Saturday, no doubt to check on the investment his boss had placed in the future of Scouting. Everett's conversation to Scouting came at the campfire that evening and ensured his life-long commitment to Scouting ultimately becoming B-P's 'right hand' and Deputy Chief Scout. The inaugural meeting of his 1st Elstree Troop took place on March 13th 1908. Everett noted down the names of 16 boys whom he formed into the Otter and Eagle patrols, including his daughter Winn whom he maintained was the first ever Girl Scout! Winn was to remain in her father's troop until she went away to school, probably when she was eleven. Unlike most Scouts she had the privilege of knowing the Founder.

Baden-Powell was a wonderful person, I just thought that he was my friend. I used to think that when he came here, he had come just to see me, not to see anybody else. (Wynn Everett's Story p 20, Avril Chick, Courtesy Frank Britain Hertfordshire Scout Archives.)

The first mention of Girl Scouts in *The Scout* magazine came just one month after its first issue (*May 16th 1908*), in a contribution from Baden-Powell himself, under the heading, ***Can Girls Be Scouts.***

The Founder said that he had several letters asking,
...whether scouting would be a good thing if girls were Scouts and ... whether there was any chance of their being sufficiently plucky enough to make good scouts.

I have replied that girls can get just as much healthy fun and as much value out of scouting as boys can. Some who have taken it up have proved themselves good scouts in a very short time. As for pluck, women and girls can be just as brave as men, and have over and over again proved it in times of danger.

B-P then went on to give examples of heroines including Grace Darling, the 22-year-old daughter of a Northumbrian lighthouse keeper who, with her father set off in an open boat to take off shipwrecked survivors from rocks of the Farne Islands during a terrible storm in 1838.

Some of the girls lucky enough to have had access to the magazine, were as B-P intended, suitably inspired to become Girl Scouts. On May 30th. *The Scout* described the competition on Wimbledon Common between Putney and Hampstead attended by B-P who met and described several Girl Scouts wearing their badges.



A 'scrap' depicting a Girl Scout, note the Bull's patrol flag.

In a later edition on July 25th 1908 an unnamed writer, but most probably B-P himself, answered readers' questions,

Let us tell Mary, Isobel and Mr Ferguson that there are already many Girl Scouts and successful ones too. They enter all the games and practices with zest, and exhibit as much intelligence, courage and reliability in performing their work as any of their masculine companions.

A modern day feminist could really want for little more. Girl Scouts were being praised by the Founder, who, it must be remembered, was a product of the Victorian era and had spent his nearly all of his life, at School and in the army, in an all male environment. His views on female equality, as far as Scouting was concerned, like his views on social class, were revolutionary! Because of his upbringing, he perhaps can then be forgiven for his follow-up comment.

A patrol of Girl Scouts should extend a beneficial interest in the troop and inspire the boys associated with them with high ideals. Sometimes when boys get together their play is apt to border on roughness.

Elizabeth de Beaumont formed a patrol with her brother and her governess.

We got out precious copy of 'Scouting for Boys' by the Chief Scout and read all we could lay out hands on about Scoutcraft. We had Scout hats and poles and scarves

and belts. We were the Seal patrol and desperately in earnest about it. It was a wonderful game, so full of something that was lacking in any other!

Marguerite de Beaumont, surely a relative of Elizabeth, was also a Girl Scout who went on to become a personal friend of the Founder and author of a B-P biography, *The Wolf that Never Sleeps*. In her book, she states that she became the proud Patrol Leader of the Wolves Patrol and reveals that they had a secret password, *Impeesa - The Wolf that never Sleeps*, which was the name given to Baden-Powell by African tribesmen. (The translation into English was 'edited' as there are not wolves in Africa! The natives called B-P 'The Hyena that never sleeps'!

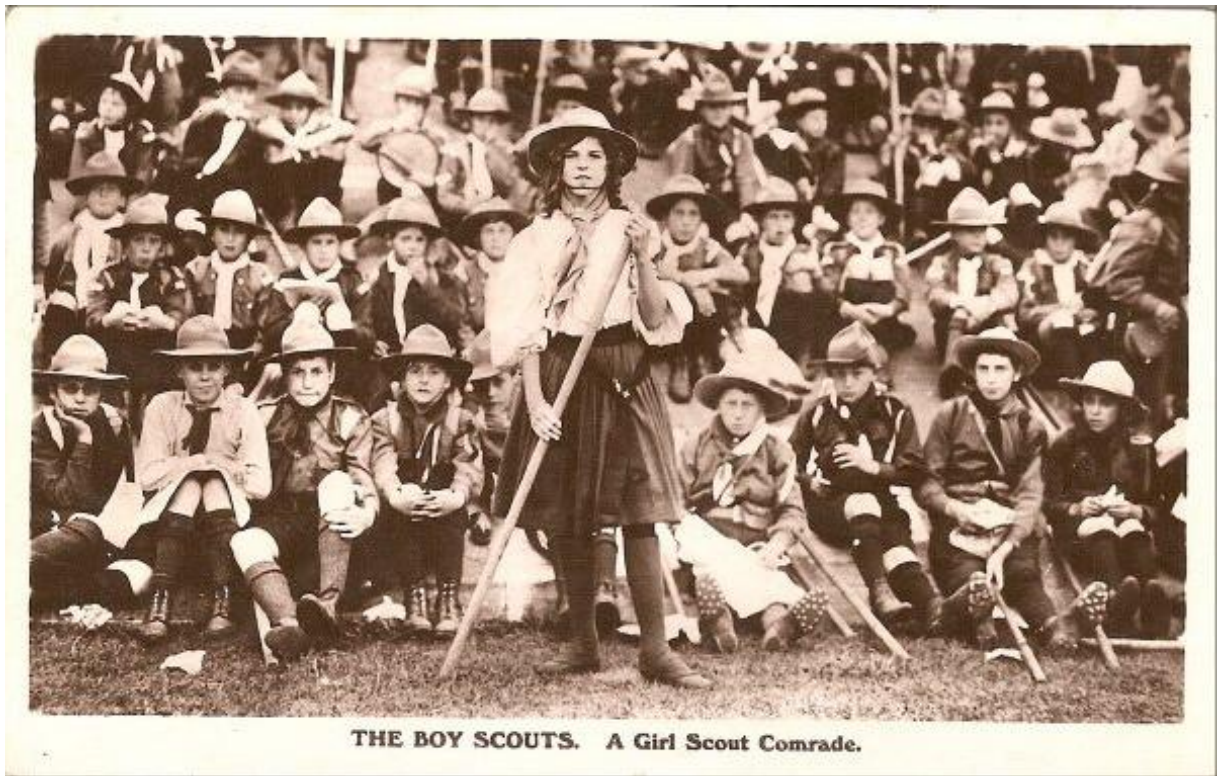
Marguerite was one of the guides who turned up at the Crystal Palace Rally on September 4th 1909, (see postcard images on following page), and recounts how, on her first meeting with the Founder, she was asked who she was. She replied,

...PL of the Wolves patrol of the Girl Scouts and we want to do Scouting just like the boys.

And Scout she did. In 1944 when *The Wolf that Never Sleeps* was published, the author described herself as a Scoutmaster as well as Guider. With many male Scouters fighting in the Armed Forces, some ladies were inspired to become 'Scoutmasters', but few if any could have had such a history!



Miss Elsie Lee is thought by both the UK Scout and Guide organisations to be the first Girl Scout in Newcastle. There is no other information about Miss Lee, other than the photograph dated 1908. The Fleur de Lys on Else's Scout hat however shows the two five pointed stars added to the Scout Badge in 1909!



The images shown on both postcards were taken at the 1909 Crystal Palace Rally.

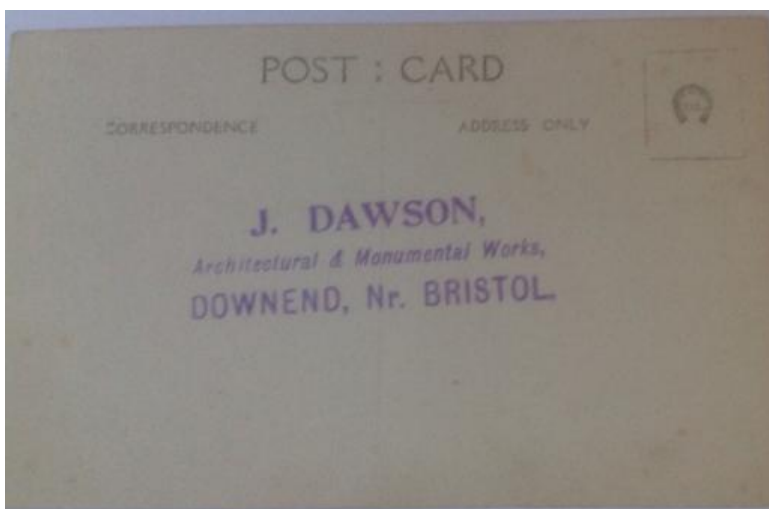


The lone Girl Scout in the postcard image above is revealed opposite as being part of an all-girl patrol. The side reveals that she was Corporal, the 'rank' accorded to patrol leaders up to 1909.

(Contrary to regulations some troops maintained this practice for several years longer.)
 The postcard was published by Alfred Stibwell no. 181 in the Alpha Series and processed in Saxony.



Today I received a postcard and also a photograph (both from EBay) of a scout WWI memorial of the 1st Downend scout troop. Downend is situated outside of Bristol. The memorial was commissioned and erected in about 1923/5. The troop members were led by a local minister from the area. Each year the local scouts and others hold a service on Remembrance Sunday. A few years ago I attended a talk and photographs etc about the scouts who died. I hope to find out some more information. On the back of the postcard is the name of the monumental mason. Coincidentally, on the photograph there is a part plaque about the said person who has now become a sculptor. Maybe other members have similar examples. John A. Roberts .



From Member John Roberts

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A selection of covers from the final part of Peter Duck's article which started in the Summer 2017 Bulletin and continues in this issue..

Scout and Guide Stamps Club

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TO ALL OUR READERS.

WINTER 2017



Editorial

So, here we are approaching another year end and I am wondering what 2018 will have in store for us all.

We do have one important event to commemorate shortly - and that is the Centenary of the purchase of Gilwell Hall and Park by William de Bois Maclaren and its presentation to the Boy Scout Association. This started late in 1918 and was completed early in 1919. I expect that there will be some publications - and possibly philatelic material - to record this event.

There has been a lot of discussion amongst the members of the Committee following the breakdown of the merger talks with the IBC and plans are being implemented to ensure the continued activities of the SGSC. As before we would very much welcome members' ideas on three key areas:

1. How do we attract more members?
2. How do we get our membership to take a more active part in all our activities?
3. What do we do to improve our Financial position?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Terry Simister

THE LETTERS MENTIONED IN THE LAST ISSUE REGARDING OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW INCLUDED WITH THIS BULLETIN.

FUTURE COPY DATE

February 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 additional 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:

17th February, 2018 - Spring Stampex at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London. N1 0QH. We have Room B booked for 12 noon to 14.00. Open/Members meeting from 12.15 to 13.45 (see page 8) followed by Committee meeting from 13.45 to 14.00.

Although now beyond anyone's living memory, World War One continues to be commemorated as well as later conflicts that are more relevant. November 11th is Armistice and Remembrance Day and from 1921 "Poppy Day" the symbol used to remember all those who fell or were injured in all our wars and conflicts, with funds raised for the Royal British Legion to assist ex-servicemen and women. Many Scouts and Guides take part in parade services at their local war memorials as well as that at London's Cenotaph.

During and after World War One many other national and local charities were founded to support ex servicemen and women and "Flag Days" started to raise funds by giving little paper flags or flowers to contributors.

Boy Scouts took part in these fund raising schemes, as seen on this pre 1923 postcards from Reigate.



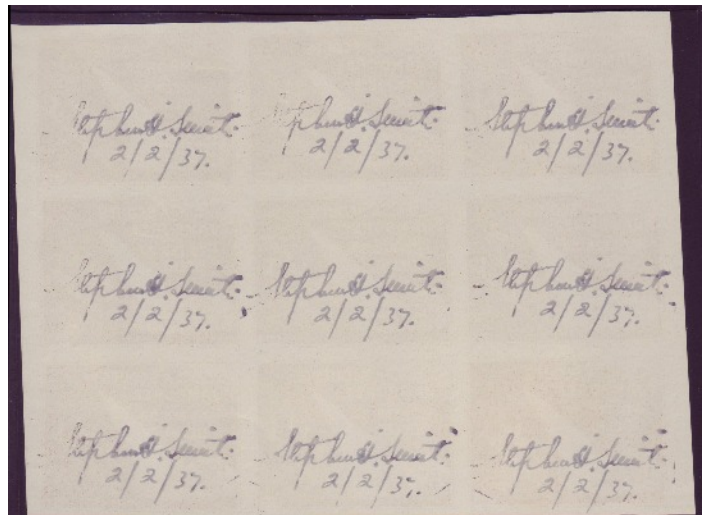
Largely due to our modern day social media the sending of postcards is now a thing of the past and very recently Britain's largest publisher of seaside postcards has ceased production - thus sealing their fate.

On behalf of your Committee I wish all members season's greetings and a happy and prosperous 2018.

In August, a sheet of nine red 1937 Scout India Rocket labels came up for sale with an U.K. auction company stating in their description, "INDIA ROCKET MAIL 1937 - Red rocket mail stamp, Boy Scouts Jamboree pane of nine, signed Stephen Smith on each stamp. Lovely, never hinged mint". Having looked at the scan of the front, the colour of the paper looked good, so I requested a picture of the reverse. The signatures were all the same and must have been photocopied from an original signature. I contacted the auctioneer



and told him that they were modern forgeries, and without hesitation they were withdrawn from the sale, despite the estimate being £125-£150. It was probably in the 1980's when the sheets of nine first came to the market in three colours of red, blue and green. Original records show that there were 2000 of each printed, and I do know that 25 souvenir sheets of four of each colour were produced, but have never seen any references as to how many were printed



in the original sheets. During September, the London based auction house Argyll Etkin sold this 1929 cover with the circular postmark. This should have only been used for Registered Mail. Their description in the catalogue reads, "Boy Scouts. 1929 (July 31) 1½d Stationery envelope bearing a 3d stamp each cancelled "ARROWE PK CAMP / WIRRAL CHES" skeleton date stamp with a third strike on the reverse, addressed to "Asst. Dist.



Com. V. Collett, No 2 Cash Supply Depot, Arrowe Park, Birkenhead". This date stamp used on the first day of the World Scout Jamboree at Arrowe Park. The circular date stamp should only have been used on registered mail, but although this item was franked at the registered rate, it was without a registration label, possibly because it was delivered within the Jamboree Camp. Estimated at £200-250, it sold for £355.

Some real treasures of 1918 Czech Scout philately have come up for auction recently. The very rare strip of five **10h blue** imperforate stamps was sold by



Jiri Majer in Prague in September. As is well known, the stamps were perforated individually. A month later, Burda Auctions sold the second

part of the **Ludvík Pytlíček** collection which included a strip of four 10h stamps, as well as the pair of 20h value. The most spectacular item sold was the telegram with the **10h blue Scout stamp with red overprint "Příjezd presidenta Masaryka"**, the arrival of President Masaryk on 21 December 1918. The telegram gave the first announcement from the border crossing at **Horní Dvořiště** that Masaryk had arrived back on Czech soil after returning from exile. An historical document of great importance in the founding of the state of Czechoslovakia.



Some time ago, I purchased a cover which had been posted in the Netherlands on 13.VIII.1923. Unfortunately, the postal town is illegible. The envelope is addressed to: Weleden Heer T.J.Besemer Padvinder (Scout), Poste Restante, Ommen. There is also a rubber stamp cachet on the cover reading KAMP "EERDE" Centrale Leiding. As I could see that it was addressed to a Scout, I wondered if Kamp "Eerde" was actually a Scout Camp?



The answer was supplied by an article which appeared in "Scoutpost" from our equivalent Club in Germany – ArGe Pfadfinder. The article first appeared in the Dutch magazine "The Scout" researched by Adrie Saltzherr, and has been translated from the German text by my friend Thomas Liebers.

"It is rare to find evidence of mailings between Scouts from just after the First World War. I was recently successful in obtaining a postcard through auction which was sent from Germany to the Dutch Scout Camp "EERDE". I had never heard of it so I (the writer of the article in "Scoutpost") had to turn to Adrie who was now forced to search through old publications at the Scout Museum – and she was successful.



Here are the results of her research which she found in the magazine "The Scout" from 1922/23.

Baron Philip Dirk van Pallandt inherited in 1913, the castle Eerde (near Ommen) from his cousin. He was a Scout of the "Archipel Group" in The Hague, and District

Commissioner for Scouts in The Hague. During the summer he set up his Scouting office in his castle Eerde which had extensive grounds with widespread forests (2000 Hectares). He made these grounds available for camp sites. Land close to Ada's Hoeve in Ommen (the Dutch equivalent of Gilwell) also belonged to the estate of van Pallandt. In the year 1921, 835 campers – girl and boy Scouts, but also members of several other youth organisations, for example the “Dutch Youth Organisation of Physics” set up camp there.

In 1923, the camp was given to the girl scouts (presumably Girl Guides PJD) which use it to the present day, although under the name “Labelterrein Eerde”. In 1920, van Pallandt gave the Boy Scouts part of his estate in Ommen which equally to this day is used as a camp site by the Dutch Scout Movement.

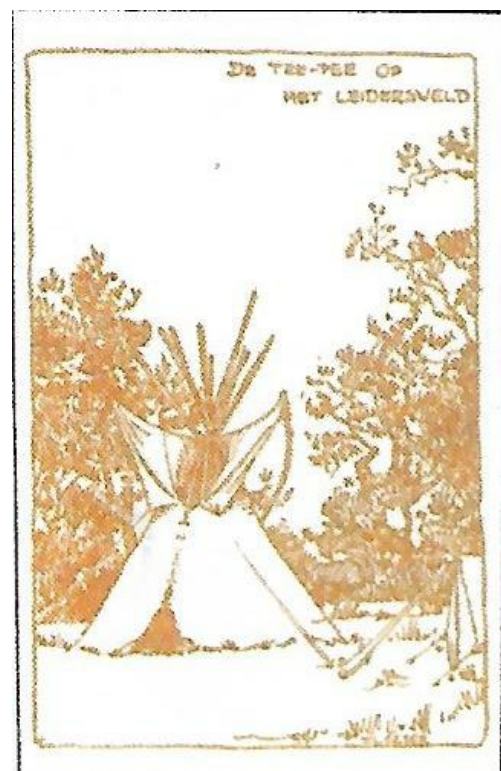
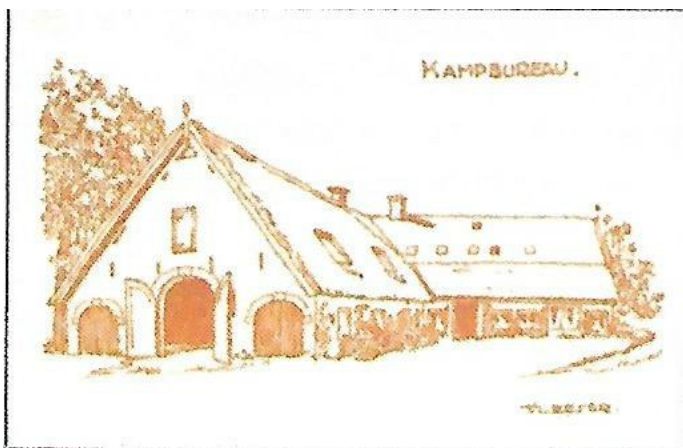
Today, castle Eerde is home to the “International School Eerde” which was founded in 1934 and is the oldest international school in the Netherlands.



CASTLE EERDE

Adrie's comment on the writer's postcard find: “I think that the parents of Willem van de Linden (to whom the postcard was sent) were on holiday in Zellerfield and sent their son, who as a member of the Archipeltroep, from The Hague, took part in the Camp Eerde in Ommen.”

Pictures of the Site



MEETING AT STAMPEX IN FEBRUARY

At the last Committee Meeting we had a lengthy discussion on the future of the SGSC following the collapse of the IBC merger. The discussions were recorded as:-

“Future of the Club: There was a wide ranging discussion regarding the Club’s future which mainly rehearsed many of the points previously discussed with little in the way of new proposals for taking the Club forward. The Secretary reminded the Committee that, in the light the Treasurer’s view regarding Club funds by the end of 2018, it was important for Committee to bear in mind the steps involved in winding up the Club’s affairs and the need to allow appropriate time to follow the due process. It was also suggested that it might be appropriate to make the next meeting at the Spring Stampex 2018 an open one and invite all members to attend and express their views on the Club’s future and the way to take it forward.”

Could you promote the meeting on the 17th Feb in the next Bulletin in an attempt to get as many members present to discuss the future of the Club and possibly give the Committee some guidance on the decisions that it faces? As can be seen from the notices we are suggesting a 12.15pm start for the “Open Meeting” with an aim to finish at 1.45pm thus giving a few minutes for the Committee to have a quick word to agree some next steps?

EUROSCOUT 2018

The 12th Euro-Scout Philatelic Exhibition held jointly with the World Collectors meeting will be held at Évora, Portugal from 4-5 May 2018. It will be held at the Arena de Évora which is situated about 80 miles from Lisbon airport. It would help planning if those proposing to attend would let me know as soon as possible if they are likely to attend. Depending on numbers, it may be possible to arrange transport from the airport, or if not, it will have to be by train. At the moment the Organizing Committee are still working on the agenda, so when they have more detailed information, it will be sent directly to all IFSCO members. The IBIS Évora hotel is very close to the Arena, and as it is a Bank Holiday weekend, flights and hotels will probably book up quickly. John Ineson. (address inside back cover)



21st NEW ZEALAND SCOUT JAMBOREE - MARLBOROUGH

by Paul van Herpt

Background

This event took place and saw Troops arrive on the 28th December 2016 with the official opening that evening, and closing on the evening of 6th January 2017 with the Troop then moving out again on the 7th January. It was attended by 3500 Scouts and had a little over 500 support staff. The main site was at the Giessen Sports Ground in Renwick which is where the Troops were camped along with a Staff/Family Camp. The site was relatively small so it was back to much earlier Jamboree's where tent where packed in together and there were streets rather than village greens. On-site activities and services were limited. Each day Patrol went off to one of the many activity "Pods" scattered around the Marlborough region, to Picton for water activities in the Marlborough Sounds, to Blenheim to explore the city, to Omaka airfield for air based activities including every Scout getting a helicopter ride, to Renwick school grounds for abseiling and other activities in the Media Centre where the National Scout Museum display was, badgers club display, handcraft activities, and a mini Gang Show/entertainment activity, along with an overnight "Pod" at Pine Valley for land based activities.

Renwick is to the south west of Blenheim in the Waiau Valley, just past the Woodborne Air Force base and airport and centre in an extensive grape growing area known for its chardonnay and sauvignon blanc varieties and their resultant wines.

Philatelic Commemoration.

As per the previous Jamboree, a personalised postage stamp (or better known as a CAL) was purchased from New Zealand Post.

The design of the CAL used the centrepiece of the event logo of the flax leaves with the key. The key is the traditional symbol for attaining 21 years of age and getting the key to the house (though not in practice any more!) and the flax is part of what the original vegetation of the area was as it was known as Waiharakeke, or flax swamp. The flax logo is similar to the Scout arrowhead but has 6 leaves to symbolise 6 Scouts in a Patrol, and the entwined 6 flax seed pods to represent the 6 "activity pods" of the event. Other element of the event logo were left out to keep the design simple and graphic.

The order with NZ Post was for 50 sheets, or 2500 stamps on gummed perforated paper, in the vertical format for the \$1 domestic postage rate.

Jamboree wise, the philatelic commemoration came under the Media Team to organise. This team was led by Jane Hansen of Cambridge, who enlisted the



The full logo design for the Jamboree is shown left while the simplified and coloured design used for the CAL is to the right.



author to assist

With the philatelic aspects. The team organised both the production of envelopes and postcards. These were all done digitally and the envelopes were printed off as required and the postcards were likewise printed off using standard office computer and printer. There was a little bit of discussion initially over the envelope design and the white area was increased to allow for space for stamp. Postmark, and handwritten address.

The CAL's, envelopes and postcards were sold from a Jamboree office located in a small portacom cabin at the entrance to the sports ground. Visitors has to sign in here and get a pass. In this location was a box in which mail could be placed, particularly the envelopes and postcards once stamped and addressed.



New Zealand post were approached for a postmark,



but were unable to do so. However, they did advise there was still a hand canceller in the Blenheim Postshop and a staff member who could use it. Under current NZ Post processes, all mail goes to one of 3 mail sorting centres and gets machine cancelled and sorted. In the case of the Marlborough region the sorting centre for them is at

Christchurch Airport. Hand date stamping with pictorial cancels is also limited and again the nearest is the Christchurch one. Therefore getting a Blenheim hand datestamp was rather fortunate given current policies of NZ Post.

Arrangements were therefore made with the lady in question of the Blenheim Postshop to taken mail into them on the 6th of January. At midday, the mail box was collected from the portacom and taken into Blenheim Postshop. In total 141 envelopes and 88 postcards for domestic address, 7 envelopes and 1 postcard for international addresses, and an oversize envelope/package (238 items total) were processed.

More CAL's were used later. A souvenir DVD of photos and videos along with a souvenir edition of the camp paper were produced and separately

posted to those that ordered them. Some of this activity (posting out that is) happened over a period of time after the Jamboree and from Cambridge.

The author's items were in his Christchurch postbox on Tuesday 10 January so all processed pretty promptly.

The situation of the limited site size, the Scouts being away from the home base for extended periods, and the general reduction in services normally on site because of the size probably impacted in the low number of items



being sold. As with all previous 20 Jamborees, they are each unique events and this one was no different and they are designed for the Scouts to really have a memorable time. The 4000 people attending double the population of the town. Jamboree's effectively are a town in themselves and have all the services a town would have. These days small towns have less facilities than in the past and this perhaps shows in the uptake in this philatelic commemoration. the Scouts to really have a memorable time. The 4000 people attending double the population of the town. Jamboree's effectively are a town in themselves and have all the services a town would have. These days small towns have less facilities than in the past and this perhaps shows in the uptake in this philatelic commemoration.

Letter received from member Ben Adams. It would be really nice to have some response to include in a future issue.

I have enjoyed reading about the Scout Rocket Mail in the Scout and Guide Stamps Club Bulletin. It seems there is often something new to be learned in this area. This time for me, it was the thought of the Baden-Powell 1937 birthday greetings card fitting very nicely into my India Rocket Mail collection. I have used the Ellington-Zwisler Rocket Mail Catalogue (Vol. 1) for years having gotten an autographed copy of the book from Perry Zwisler shortly after it was published. It also lists the 1960 and 1961 Scout rocket mail material.

I have been trying to get a fix on reasonable selling prices of Scout Rocket Mail for some time. But its been too variable for me to determine. I only follow the 1937 India, 1960 Netherlands/Belgium, and 1961 German Scout rocket flight items. I had thought that perhaps these new higher prices came from an updated catalogue. However, the only newer catalogue title that I found during the last 15 years or so was one from Germany: Pioneer Rocket Mail and Space Mail (Pionierraketenpost und kosmische Post) by Hopferwieser, 2016 Hardcover, 500 pages. The description states it lists rocket mail until the end of World War II, which should only include the 1937 India Scout rocket mail.

I attempted this month to borrow a copy of this book from the library of the American Philatelic Society, of which I am a longtime member, but the APS did not have a copy. Then I found out that the USA distributor, Regency Superior, finally went out of business in June 2017 due to illness of its owner. Amazon did not include it on a list I viewed. The large increase in price for the items flown in Belgium is erratic and astonishing.

Perhaps you might care to share some thoughts on this in the Bulletin.

Message from Peter Duck regarding the latest Auction.

Our SGSC Postal Auction No.35 took place on 21st October 2017 and of the 197 lots on offer, 90 were sold to 15 bidders. In the 2016 Auction there were 12 only bidders who purchased 79 of the 200 lots on offer. But, the total difference in sales was £1.47 more this year! If any unsold lots are of interest to you, they are available at 10% discount – the following are still with me: Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15,16,18, 20, 27, 28, 31, 33, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 70, 72, 76, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 92, 93, 94, 96, 98, 102, 103, 105-109, 111, 112, 115, 116, 121, 130, 131, 135, 136, 137, 139, 141, 146, 147, 149, 150, 153, 154, 155, 157, 158, 161, 162, 165-177, 180, 181, 183, 184, 185, 186, 188-197.

Press article from John W. Owen "Reprinted by permission of Athlon Outdoors. To order a back issue or to subscribe to American Frontiersman magazine, please visit outdoorgroupstore.com". Whilst not all about Boy Scouting there is some reference and it is extremely interesting.

FRONTIER LEGEND

KING *of the* SCOUTS

The life and times of Frederick Russell Burnham, the ultimate adventurer.

BY THOMAS RAY

The young mother was gripped with worry. Anxiously awaiting her husband's return, she tended her young child in the crude log cabin about 20 miles outside of Mankato, Minnesota. Nights earlier, the sky beyond the cabin had turned a fiery red. Unknown to her at the time, she had witnessed the burning of the nearby town of New Ulm by Little Crow's warriors during the Dakota War of 1862. One late afternoon, her worst fears were realized. Forms could be seen moving about in the timber along the creek. The shapes of the eagle feathers silhouetted against the gloaming struck a desperate panic within her and evoked a primal fear. The young woman knew that she could never escape carrying a child. She hid her son in a shock of newly gathered green corn and escaped from the blind side of the cabin just as it was surrounded by the Sioux warriors. Moving quickly along the creek, she looked over her shoulder as her home went up in flames. The fear for her child, vulnerable and alone, was overwhelming. She returned the next day to look for the baby. The child she found the next morning, Frederick Russell Burnham, would become the greatest military scout of the last 200 years.

Early Travels

Fred Burnham was born of missionary parents, Edwin and Rebecca Burnham on the Lakota Reservation near the pioneer settlement of Tivoli, Minnesota, on May 11, 1861. In 1870, the family moved to Los Angeles, California, thinking that the climate would help Edwin, who was recovering from an injury, but two years after the move, Edwin died, leaving Fred and his mother in grinding poverty. Rebecca moved back to her family in Iowa, but Fred, by then 13, wished to remain in California to make his own way. He became a rider for Western Union and worked in California and the Arizona Territory. When Fred was 14, he went to live with an uncle in the Midwest but left after only a year of school.

Burnham returned to Arizona and spent a time wandering through Missouri, Kansas,

Texas and Mexico. In Texas, Fred became a cowboy. The teenager purchased a .44-40 Remington Model 1875 revolver and practiced relentlessly with it. It was present throughout all of his many adventures.

After his return to the Southwest, Burnham received his first real lessons in scouting from older men in the area who had scouted for the U.S. Army. In Arizona, Burnham met Bill Holmes, who had served under John C. Fremont and Kit Carson. Burnham hunted and prospected with Holmes, soaking up lessons like a sponge in water. Holmes showed the boy the right way to braid a rope, how to tie knots, basic climbing techniques and how to make up a bedroll. In Prescott, another old scout named Lee taught Burnham to track Apache by the smell of burning mescal. Burnham studied the habits, customs and traditions of those he tracked as if it were a religion. Armed with this knowledge, Fred subsequently became a tracker and scout for the U.S. Army during the Apache and Cheyenne wars.

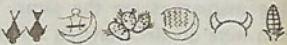
Trail Hazards

Near Globe, Arizona, the 19-year-old became involved in part of the Pleasant Valley War as a hired gun for one of the warring factions. Burnham, finally realizing he was on the wrong side of the law and how precarious his situation was, barely escaped with his life, fleeing to Tombstone, Arizona.

Fred was already a "man's man," and yet he was an unlikely candidate for it. At 5 feet, 4 inches tall, he hardly cut an imposing figure, at least until one saw his iron jaw and looked into his sky blue eyes. From his training as a scout, he missed no detail. He had survived the Indian wars, scouted for the Army, ridden as a messenger for Western Union and as a stage guard for Wells Fargo. He had been a cowboy, a successful prospector and an outlaw of sorts, although that was not his nature. The journalist Richard Harding Davis, a contemporary, described him as follows:

"Personally, Burnham is as unlike the scout of fiction, and of the Wild West Show, as it is

BURNHAM'S LEGACY OF ADVENTURE

- Burnham's earliest playmates were the Lakota children on the reservation where he grew up. 
- Due to the lessons he passed to Robert Baden-Powell, and for being the epitome of a model scout, Burnham has been called the father of the world scouting movement.
 - During the Boer War, Burnham commanded the Lovat Scouts.
 - After the Boer War, Burnham led mineral and archaeological expeditions in Africa and Mexico.
 - Burnham foiled an assassination plot against President William Howard Taft, personally helping to disarm the assailant.
 - Frederick Burnham had a plan to import hippos into American swamps and farm them as a meat source.
 - He wrote two books about his adventures: *Scouting On Two Continents* (1926) and *Taking Chances* (1944).
- Ernest Hemingway had planned to produce a movie version of *Scouting On Two Continents*, but died before the project could begin.
- Burnham made important discoveries regarding the Mayan civilization.
- During WWI, Burnham was involved in counter-espionage for Great Britain.
- Far from a braggart, Burnham was often shy of relating his accomplishments for fear they would be perceived as tall tales.



This Elliott & Fry photograph shows Major Burnham wearing the Distinguished Service Order and Queen's South Africa Medal.

equivalent of Custer's Last Stand. The British South Africa Company won the war, Rhodesia was created, and for his service Burnham received 300 acres in Matabeleland.

In 1896, Burnham fought in the Second Matabele War, started primarily by a spiritual leader called the M'limo who stirred discontent among the Matabele. Again, the war was fought primarily by mounted patrols led by Burnham, Robert Baden-Powell, Frederick Courteney Selous and others. It was during this time that Burnham and Baden-Powell had their famous conversations that contributed to the

creation of the Boy Scouts. Fred also made an impression on Baden-Powell with his Stetson and cowboy neckerchief, which Baden-Powell adopted for the South African Constabulary and later, the Boy Scouts. The war ended when Burnham and another trooper cornered the M'limo in his cave and killed him. Shortly after, peace was declared. Burnham and Baden-Powell maintained a mutual respect for one another that lasted for the rest of their lives.

After the war, Burnham left Rhodesia for the Klondike gold rush. When the Spanish-American War erupted, Burnham wanted to volunteer. He headed back to California, but the war ended before he got there, and he returned to prospecting in the Klondike.

In 1899, the Boer War began in Africa. Lord Roberts offered Burnham a command as Chief of Scouts. Burnham made no less than 34 forays behind enemy lines, blowing up rail bridges and tracks. He was captured twice, once on purpose to gain information and a second time because he betrayed his position to warn an approaching British column of danger. In 1900, Burnham was severely wounded. As a result, he was summoned to England by Lord Roberts, promoted to the rank of major and decorated by King Edward VII with the Queen's South Africa Medal with four bars and the Distinguished Service Order, the second highest British military decoration, for his part in the march to Pretoria. Burnham would have also received the Victoria Cross, but he would have had to relinquish his American citizenship, something he was unwilling to do.

possible for a man to be. He possesses no flowing locks, his talk is not of 'greasers,' 'grizzly b'ars,' or 'pesky redskins.' In fact, because he is more widely and more thoroughly informed, he is much better educated than many who have passed through one of the 'Big Three' universities, and his English is as conventional as though he had been brought up on the borders of Boston Common, rather than on the borders of civilization."

Fred assessed the error of his former ways, returned to California and went back to high school, but again did not finish. He became a deputy sheriff for a time, but that didn't pan out either. In 1884, he married his childhood sweetheart, Blanche Blick. Fred was 23 years old. He had saved enough money from prospecting ventures to buy a home and orange grove in Pasadena, California, but Fred soon discovered that he was a failure as an orange grower, and returned to prospecting and scouting.

African Dreams

After reading about Cecil Rhodes and his efforts to build a railroad across Africa, Fred packed up his family and headed to South Africa. When Rhodes' pioneers trekked into Matabeleland, it triggered the First Matabele War. Rhodes sent patrols to look for King Lobengula. The most famous of these patrols, of which Burnham was a part, was the Shangani Patrol. After the patrol was cut off and surrounded, Burnham and two others went for reinforcements. While they were gone, the patrol was wiped out in the British

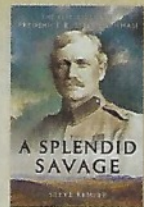
Striking It Rich

In 1923, Burnham struck oil on his property in California, making him rich for the first time. He used his wealth to support conservation efforts. He was a regional executive of the Boy Scouts of America in Arizona and was a recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award. Burnham died on September 1, 1947, of natural causes.

Sir H. Rider Haggard based his character of Allan Quatermain on Burnham, who would inspire *Indiana Jones*. Burnham was certainly the personification of human adventure and will be known forevermore by the name given him by the British press: "King of Scouts." ★

A GREAT FRONTIER READ

A Splendid Savage: The Restless Life of Frederick Russell Burnham



IF Frederick Russell Burnham had not existed, it would be necessary to invent him. Whether anyone would have believed the invention is another matter, for Burnham, who lived a long life taking in the years from the Civil War through World War II, was a kind of Forrest Gump—without that fictional character's simplicity, to be sure, but with every bit of his talent for being at the right place at exactly the right time, and for making history in the bargain.

Could there be anyone of Burnham's sort in the tame present? *A Splendid Savage: The Restless Life of Frederick Russell Burnham*, Steve Kemper's vigorous biography of this larger-than-life but largely forgotten figure, provides a fine example that any would-be pioneer could profitably follow. Burnham was brave, resourceful and careful to plan but not overplan. But his greatest trait, writes Kemper, lay in Burnham's optimism: "Like him, it was nearly indestructible. Despite his many setbacks and sorrows, it always rekindled his energy for chasing dreams to the next place, the next possibility." A dream chaser across a rugged landscape—one could ask for no finer testimonial, and this admirable book delivers much more besides. —Gregory McNamee

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The Cub Scout Centenary postmarks in the last issue have triggered off some memories for our member, Wilf Lewis in Northern Ireland

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

CUB SCOUT CENTENARY IN WHITEHEAD

On Friday 16th December 2016, our Cub centenary celebrations started at 6-00 pm from the Scout Hall in Beach Road, after making sure that every one was well wrapped up for our walk to the lighthouse, The ten Cubs, two leaders, one Scout and one parent plus a dog, we set off to Blackhead lighthouse, along Whitehead promenade and onto the Blackhead path .

It had been a wet day but by 6-00pm it had dried out, however with a full moon looking orange as it rose above the sea, with a clear sky and the Plough and Orion looking down on us, what a beautiful evening.

At the lighthouse we waited a few minutes for the given time of 7-15 pm. While doing so enjoying the view around us, and looking towards Belfast which lit up the sky in the distance. 7-15 pm arrived and we renewed our promise with other Cubs Scouts around the World and finished with a prayer thanking B.P. for creating the Scout Movement.

So back to the Scout Hall along the same path, at the Hall the helpers had arranged Birthday nibbles and drinks, also a visit for a previous Akela - Bill Pollock. The ten Cubs then unpacked their kit for the sleep over, but before hitting the sack, outside for a camp-fire and marshmallow cooking. On the second attempt the marshmallows were edible, with lots of banter and Christmas Carols, what away to finish the evening.

In the morning the smell of bacon & eggs for breakfast before heading home at 10-00am.

WILF LEWIS GSL 1st Whitehead.

Picture Postcard Annual 2018 is now on sale. It features the usual mix of reference information for postcard collectors – diary of 2018 fairs and auctions, directory of postcard dealers, fair organisers, auction houses, postcard shopping, websites and PPM article index. It also has in-depth feature articles on the Russian Revolution, Photochrom, tyre advertising, decorated border postcards, Japanese postcard correspondence, sugar rationing in WW1 and the great postcard exchange. Modern postcards are also highlighted and the SGSC gets a mention.

At only £6.95 (+£1.60 post) the Annual is great value, and you can order direct from us, either at our website www.postcardcollecting.co.uk or by phone 0115 937 4079 or by post to 15 Debdale Lane, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5HT.

Boating and sailing

by Gottfried Steinmann

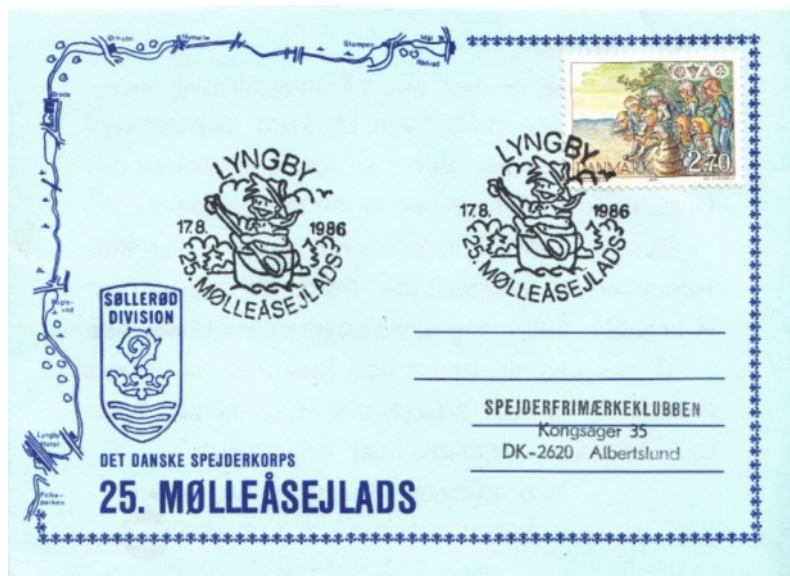


Sea Scout at Cyprus

Whether using a canoe or kayak, whether it is sail- or motor driven, the sport on water is the best description of sport in nature. This type of sport is not only part of the normal Scout training, but it has made them form their own Sea Scout groups, who operate not only on river and lakes, but also on the high sea. Remember, that the “Scout Mail of Prague in 1918” there was a Sea Scout Group, which had its Headquarters on an island in the river Moldau.



Not only since the legendary raft trip, undertaken by Hungarian Scouts in 1924 on the now Slovakian river Waag, - which Louis Márton documented with his drawings and is much loved by Scouts. It also takes special skill and ability to travel by this adventurous means of transport and is therefore all the more tempting.



In countries like TRANSKEI in South Africa, rafting is in use for ordinary transport as well.



A card out of a series for the Romanian National camp held in 2004 at Mamaia on the Black Sea. It shows the joy and fun they are having doing sport at a sea resort.

Scouting for Girls

(Part Two continued from the Autumn 2017 issue of the Bulletin)

The Chief Scout made further mention of Girls Scouts in the September 12th 1908 edition of the *The Scout*,

I have had several pathetic letters from little girls asking me if they may not share the delights of a Scouting life with the boys. But of course they may. I am always glad of Girls' Patrols being formed. ... There is no reason why girls should not study Scoutcraft and earn their badges just as boys do, and the more the merrier.

In the 2nd Edition of *Scouting for Boys*, 1909, B-P suggested that Girl Scouts might wear the Scout blue, khaki or Grey shirt with blue skirt and knickers.

Image courtesy of Girlguiding Scotland



The first patrol of Girl Scouts ever to be registered was the Cuckoos. Its Patrol Leader Allison Cargill formed a patrol with her school friends in Glasgow. They met in a stable loft, which could only be gained by climbing up a ladder, adding considerably to the fun. The girls tested the security of their knots lowering themselves out of an access door down to the stable floor below. In 1909, this patrol became attached to the 1st Glasgow Troop.

This association with a 'proper' Scout Group, enabled them to be registered and to 'parade' with the boys. The patrol's proudest moment came when they were allowed to march with the Boy Scouts behind a bugle band, to a wood on the outskirts of Glasgow to practice their 'Scoutcraft'. They lit their own fire, made tea in billycans, and joined with the boys in Scouting games.

In 1910, the patrol was advised that they could no longer remain in the Scout Movement but should join the new Girl Guide Association. Reluctantly the patrol was renamed the Thistle Patrol of the Girl Guides. *They* [Allison and her friends] *felt that Girl Guiding could never be as much fun.* (The quote is from Girlguiding Scotland's website!)

In 1930 Allison Cargill became County Commissioner for Midlothian and in 1953 the Scottish Girl Guides Association President. The Scottish Association, now called Girlguiding Scotland, have buildings and campsites named in honour of the Girl Scout they regard as their first member.

It is interesting that Nellie describes herself and her five friends as ' Scouts' rather than 'Girl Scouts'. The card as far as I know is the only surviving evidence of the Basingstoke Girl Scouts and certainly the only Girl Scout pc have an image of Girl Scout fundraising activity written by one the girls that took part.

This pc by Hart Publishing Co, (note their 'logo' on the bottom right) has the words 'Real Photograph' on its reverse. B-P is clearly talking to the patrol leader who may well have been Maugurette de Beaumont



This commercial but unattributed post-card depicts the 1st Mayfair patrol which in 1909 transferred to the GG. The patrol flag however is clearly that of Pewitts, dating the image in the Girl Scouts era.

This rather dull looking postcard image has in fact some significance. It is postally used, postmarked Nov. 20th 1909, with its message written by one of the 'Girl Scouts' depicted opposite.

Dear Will,
Do you know anyone on this photo? The six Scouts and Scout Mistress are in uniform. We had a tea stall, the other day and afterwards we had our photo taken

Write Soon
Nellie



The End of Girl Scouting in Great Britain.

Miss Mildred Thomlinson of Clifton near Brighouse wrote to *The Scout* to ask for advice and her letter was printed in the September 19th 1909 edition. Miss Thomlinson stated that she was a P.L. of a Girl Scouts patrol and wanted to know if boys could join the same patrol. She was advised the boys could join, but be placed in a different [all boys] patrol within the same group. There was after all a limit to the 'integration of the sexes'.



That limit was however to be replaced by a barrier. The 'ahead of his time' attempts by the Chief Scout to strike a blow for female emancipation was short lived. His lead in this area of Scouting at least was not supported by the Scouting's main sponsoring bodies, the churches, the affiliated 'brother organisations; such as the Boys Brigade, Church Lads Brigade and the YMCA, and indeed Edwardian society in general was unable to accept such a radical proposition.

Illustration from a 1909 book published by Brown & Sons Glasgow

Violet Markham, a committee member of the newly formed 'Anti-Suffrage League', was to write to the influential *Spectator* magazine,

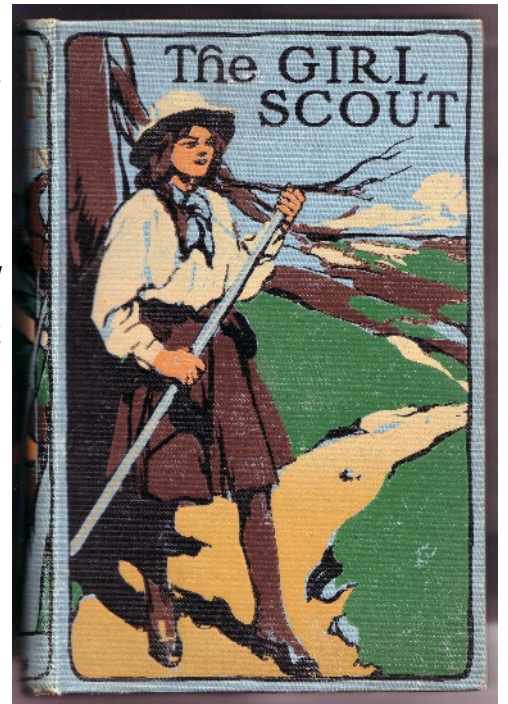
Girls are not boys and the training that develops manly qualities in one may lead to the negation of womanliness in the other.

These young pole-carrying, broad-hatted young ladies in Scouting were being treated in total equality with their brothers. They were, Mrs Markham must have thought, unlikely when older to agree to be subservient to them on the issue of the right to vote. Boy and Girl Scouts maintained Miss Markham,

...roam the countryside together, arriving home late and doing who knows what.

This slur was designed to appeal to the worst fears of the readers, but it was given the oxygen of publicity and the *Spectator*'s editorial approval.

As always B-P consulted his mother who, not surprisingly for a Victorian lady, thought that if Scouting was to be provided for girls it should be practised well away from the boys. B-P gave in to the pressure and reluctantly asked his sister Agnes to help him form the Girl Guide Movement, which was launched in 1910. Agnes Baden-Powell's handbook *How Girls Can Help Build the Empire* came out belatedly in 1912. B-P was not over impressed, calling it, '*the little blue muddly*'.



After the formation of the Girl Guides, girls were no longer allowed to play any further part in Scouting, other than as helpers and Akelas in Cub packs, until World War I (1914-18) when with many of the Scoutmasters at the front, women like Marguerite de Beaumont became Scout Leaders, However, as far as girls were concerned, B-P's brave attempt at equality was over, but in 1908/9 as now, Scouting was for girls as well as boys.

The image is not of "the little blue muddly", but a 1909 novel based on the doings of a Girl Scout.

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