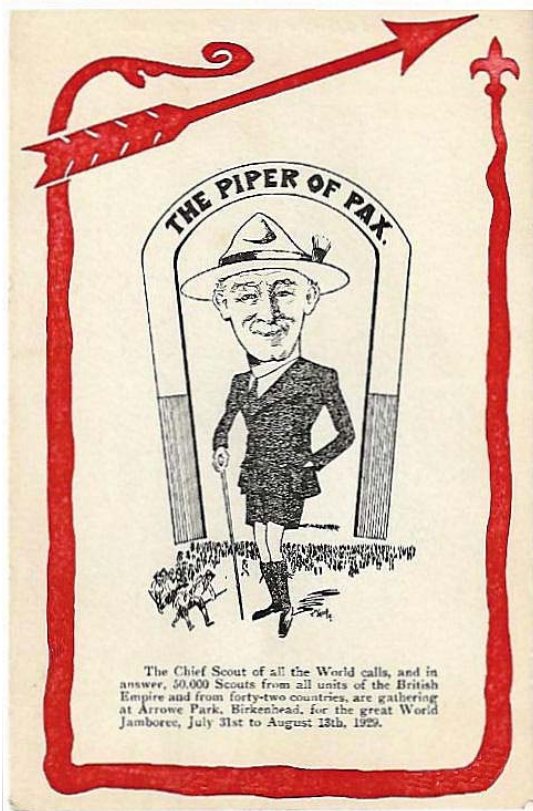


# Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN



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The Chief Scout of all the World calls, and in answer, 50,000 Scouts from all units of the British Empire and from forty-two countries, are gathering at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, for the great World Jamboree, July 31st to August 13th, 1929.

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Cover Image: Postcard from the Peter Duck collection, see 'Notes from the President', p.7



Mike Gosling was not a member of our club, but he was stalwart of the International Badgers Club and so came into contact with many of our members at the joint exhibitions that we have occasionally held, the last being at Hylands Park at the occasion 2007 Centennial World Jamboree. More recently Mike and his wife Jean were present at collector fairs associated with our Euro Scout events, the last being in Evora Portugal last year. Regrettably. Mike passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> May following a day of trading at Badger's Club event at Gilwell. He was due to attend the club AGM the following day.



Following the news that Randall Frank had been elected as a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society (FRPS) as are John Ineson and Hallvard Slettebø, I asked if any other members of Club shared this distinction.

I was delighted to be contacted by Dr William Wells of Melbourne Australia who not only shares this honour but, I believe, is our only member to hold the Bronze Wolf, generally acknowledged as being Scouting's highest adult award, bestowed by the World Scout Council. (294<sup>th</sup> award when presented in 2002.) In the photo William is wearing Australia's highest Scout Award. the Silver Kangaroo.

William was the Commissioner for South Australia 1992-1999 and responsible for organizing the 31<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference in Melbourne in 1988. His philatelic interests focus on the Malayan area. He has been a member of the Malayan Study Group (U.K.) for 58 years and was their Australian representative for much of this time. (Vice Chairman of Asia Pacific Scout Committee). Members may remember meeting William at our Euro Scout event in Chelmsford in 2007.

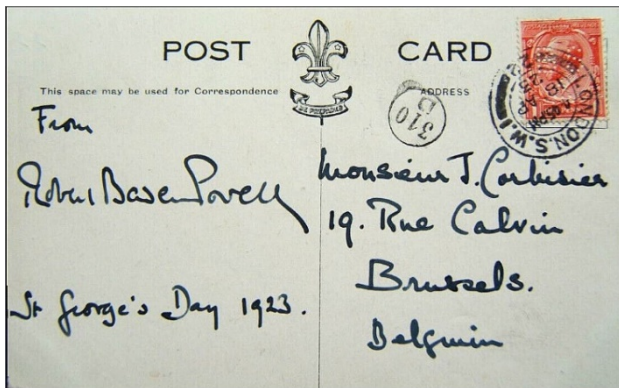
William writes that he has had to slow down of late experiencing health issues. I am sure members will join with me in sending our best wishes.

The Italian Club Filatélico de Scouts y Guías have given notice that due a decision of the management of Holiday Village Florenz where the event was due to take place on 15-17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 that they have now rearranged the event to take place on **8<sup>th</sup> -10 May 2020**

In my last Editorial I confess to relying on my memory (not a good idea at the best times!) to 'flesh out' a little of Gilwell's History. I stated that Mrs de Bois Maclaren cut a ribbon of her husband's tartan when opening the park on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1919. One sentence but two errors! Whilst the Maclaren tartan has shades of green with yellow (and red) lines, the ribbon cut was in the Scout colours of green and yellow chosen by B-P as the colours of the South African Constabulary (SAC) and later used as Scout colours. He chose these colours because the captured areas to be 'policed' by the SAC were the Transvaal (national colour green) and the Orange Free State (orange/yellow). Gilwell was due to be opened on 19<sup>th</sup> July and invitations were sent for that day, but the event had to be postponed to the 26<sup>th</sup> of July as many London Scouters were committed to a Peace Rally to held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I am very grateful to Peter Ford, a life-long Scout and stalwart of the Badgers Club who is now part of the Scout Heritage team at Gilwell Park for pointing my errors.



Ten years ago, almost to the day, 'Colin's Corner' contained an article examining the Scouting significance of St George, using my usual mixture of philatelic items postcards and badges etc. Just a few weeks ago there was an eBay auction for a very interesting postcard showing a B-Ps comic representation of St George and the Dragon. Baden-Powell has sent to Monsieur Jean Corbisier (Chief Scout of Belgium, on 18 April 1923- in good time for his St George's greeting to arrive by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of that month.



Note that the stamp has the Imperial Scout HQ BSA perfin (See Colin's Corner Summer 1916 edition).

This unique Baden-Powell St George's day commemoration however came with a hefty £1250 reserve and went unsold.

Another item of Scouting Ephemera relating to B-P and St George has surfaced that I had previously been unaware.

A typed and duplicated 'circular letter was sent out from Imperial Scout Headquarters on February



2<sup>nd</sup> 1914 in which then Secretary of the Scout Association Ewen Cameron wrote, *to all our foreign correspondents ... 'in the hope by the observance of this day to bring home to all Scouts that they belong to one great brotherhood all over the world.*

Cameron quoted B-P,

I hope to hear from Scout Troops Patrols and Lone Scouts keeping up St Georges Day , on 23<sup>rd</sup> April with rallies, pageants or Church Parades and that all will solemnly renew re-new their Scout Promise so they may not forget that fact that they belong to one great movement spread all over the world.

When I wrote that St George article, almost every Scout District in the country held a St George's Day parade or marked the day in some other way. Such celebrations are now on the decline.

My own Scout District last year, after much debate, decided to allow Scouters to opt between a traditional St George's Day parade with Church Service, or a District Weekend Camp with a Scouts' Own. They decided not to hold either form or commemoration and this has remained the case this year.

B-P wrote, *All Scouts should know his story! St George was typical of what a Scout should be... faced by difficulty or danger, however great, even in the shape of a dragon – he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all the power he could muster.*





This year the Scout Association is encouraging Scout groups and Districts to hold, *some for celebration which should be relevant to their members*. The merchandising arm of the association have emailed leaders with helpful reminders that they might require new flags if they intend to parade them. However, the following caution was issued in recently by the Association's online, 'Members Resources' entitled *St George's Day Celebrations*.

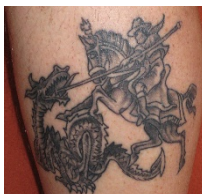
**B-P's rosette that he wore on St George's Day as the Vice President of the Patriotic Society of St George.**

*Traditionally, St George's Day celebrations have often been parades and faith services. For some, these remain popular shared moments, while for many Districts, this tradition no*

*longer fully engages the young people or reflects the make-up of their Groups.*

We live in a multicultural multifaith world and Scouting above is about inclusion and so it behoves all of us to respect and encourage members of all faiths (and none). St George himself, it is widely acknowledged, lived in what is now Greece around 245- 313 AD, but in fact has become entwined with myth. It is not known what nationality the Dragon was! St George however as B-P indicated is held up internationally as being a 'righter of wrongs'. In an earlier Scout Association *publication, St George Patron Saint of Scouting*, Item Code FS295414 Feb/08 Edition no 1 (103785) stated, *Slaying the dragon ... is an allegory illustrating the triumph of good over evil.*

As the Association suggests, **relevant** forms of celebration should be found- where we, the Scout Movement on perhaps the only occasion in the year can come together and to renew the Scout Promise in public, and where the public see Scouts 'en mass', the prime example of which is the Scout Association's St George Parade of Queen Scouts at St George's Chapel Windsor which has often been attended by the Queen are led by a Scout flag bearers carrying the Union Flag and the Flag of St George, both of which are the prime iconic symbols of our Nation. The link between St George and our national flags is relevant then not only to Scouts but to every citizen



**UK postage stamps depicting St George and the mascot from the Queen's 2002 state**

**Bentley. B-P's drawing of a Scout slaying the dragon, (in the form of a tattoo), observed at a Gilwell Reunion.**

The front cover of the Spring 2019 Bulletin shows the huge interest shown towards early Scouting in the Birmingham of 1915. Earlier, in July 1913 the city had hosted "The Imperial Scout Exhibition and Rally" at Bingley Hall at which 25,000 Boy Scouts took part. A cloth bound guidebook was produced with 28 photographic illustrations (costing 1/6d!) showing scouting displays, skills, crafts, inspections and with a forward by B-P.



The event was opened on July 2<sup>nd</sup> by Princess Alexander of Teck and H.R.H. Prince Arthur Duke of Connaught rode with B-P at a rally at which boys from 18 other lands took part. Some souvenir postcards were produced including one showing B-P with his new 20 hp Standard motor car presented to him for as wedding present

by the Boy Scouts of Britain who each contributed a penny towards the cost.

The event lasted nine days. There was a parade/inspection (see pc opposite), which according to B-P's diary, was attended by between 14000, 18,000 Scouts, 6000 of whom slept 'under canvas'. The events included an exhibition of Scout made crafts, for which prizes were awarded, and a Sea Scout Demonstration on Edgbaston

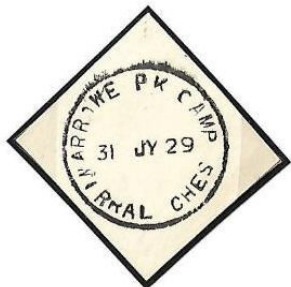


Reservoir under Chief Sea Scout Lord Charles Beresford, a Victorian naval hero.

This year, the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree will take place in West Virginia, U.S.A. from 22 July to 2 August. The Jamboree will be organised by U.S.A., Canada and Mexico (Trump's Wall permitting!). Participation is expected to be about 50,000 Scouts, and this should equal the World Jamboree record of 50,000 who attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Coming of Age) World Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead in 1929.

At the time of writing a Jamboree stamp has been promised, but no other information is yet forthcoming. With US Postal Authorities track record on Scouting commemoratives (see Editor's Notes), I am hopeful that this time we will have a 'proper' Scouting issue. There will, for sure, be a postmark of some sort, plus plenty of cachets from U.S. and overseas contingents. Also, no doubt, there will be many commemorative stamps from around the world – some probably from nations with no Scouts at the Jamboree!

Going back 90 years to 1929, the Jamboree produced the first G.B. Scout postmark, although unfortunately, there was no mention of the word SCOUT or JAMBOREE. The postmark was predominately used for Registered mail, although usage on normal mail has occasionally been noted. Most mail was postmarked at Birkenhead or Liverpool. In my collection, I have a postcard from a participant stating, *Alas! No special Arrowe Park postmark, all will be postmarked Liverpool ... . We are worked to death. I am in charge of groceries etc.etc Depot. Great fun!*



The Arrowe Park postmark was a 'skeleton' type which means that it was re-set each day before being used. This occasioned minor differences in the spacing of the letters, the most obvious one is the spacing between ARROWE PK and ARROWEPK.

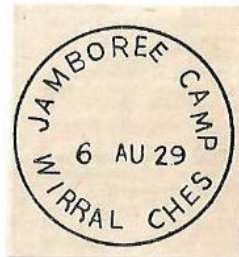
The postmark was (possibly) used from 28 July – 12 August 1929. Dates in my collection are: 29 July, 31 July, 1 Aug. and 6 Aug.

Some years ago, I obtained a cut-out from a magazine showing a proposed (?) postmark for the

Jamboree. The circular postmark reads:

JAMBOREE CAMP WIRRAL CHES 6 AU 29.

Unfortunately I have no idea of its origin and there is no recorded use of it, but it may have been a prototype for the Arrowe Park Camp postmark above. (See p. 10)



Prior to the Jamboree, a meter slogan was used at Imperial Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1 reading:  
50,000 BOY SCOUTS BID YOU WELCOME TO THE WORLD JAMBOREE ARROWE PARK  
BIRKENHEAD 31<sup>st</sup> JULY – 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.

Very few examples of this slogan are known and most of those have been cut from the envelope as is my example





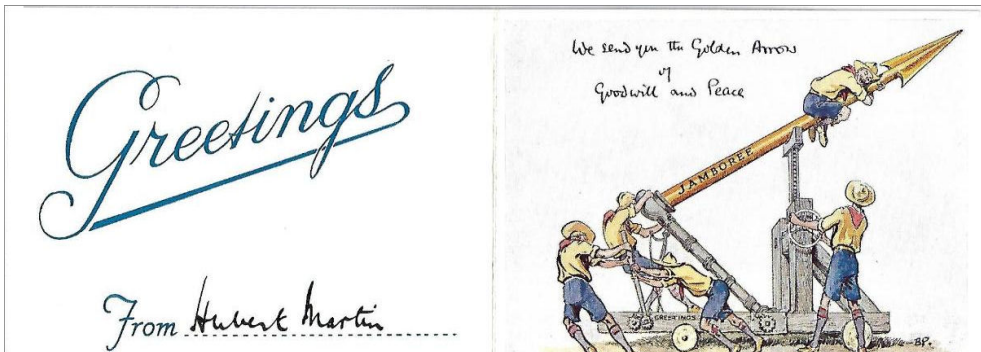
A rare cover sent out from jamboree to go by airmail to South Africa. (Note the 1/2 stamp is upside down, – which used to be thought very disrespectful but was, no doubt, just a careless error.)

A registered sent out from the Jamboree on its second day (this jamboree being the first UK Scout Event to have scout post-mark on a registered letter (see p.??) The business style window envelope indicates that this was a ‘genuine’ use of the registered mail rather than just a philatelic souvenir.



The Boy Scouts Association produced a publicity label which shows Scouts of three different nations. A similar label was issued by Les Scouts de France, which was paired with another announcing RALLYE DES SCOUTS DE FRANCE, ORLEANS 8-9 MAI 1929. These appeared in booklets of sixteen stamps, eight advertising the World Jamboree and the other eight a French Scout Rally in Orleans that year. The Orleans Rally stamps are paired horizontally and joined by perforation vertically to a pair of the World Jamboree issue poster stamps.





### Editor's Note

The above greeting card in Peter's collection was sent from the 1929 Jamboree by Hubert Martin, who was the first Director of the SA Boy Scouts International Bureau in 1920. He was presented with the Bronze Wolf (the only award of World Scout Committee), an extremely high honour. It was first awarded to Baden Powell who then presented the next three awards on the same occasion at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference in 1937 – the other two being to Walther Von Bonstetting who was the founder of Kandersteg and John Skinner Wilson, Camp Chief at Gilwell.

The card has a Baden-Powell cartoon with the caption, 'Would you send the Golden Arrow of Goodwill and Peace? A play on words as the venue for the 1929 WJ was Arrowse Park, Birkenhead. B-P made great use of the arrow symbol making and painting arrows out of plywood which were sent out to every contingent. At the opening ceremony they were ceremonially received back into a barrel, from which, at the closing ceremony, they were again handed back to each contingent to take home and spread the good news from the Jamboree across the world.

Marguerite de Beaumont, author of *The Wolf that Never sleeps*, recounted the following story. In the early part of the Second World War, a Polish soldier, a Scout, who had completed his Wood Badge at Gilwell Park, was taken prisoner by the Germans. He had been the Polish representative to receive the Arrow from the Chief, but he had now lost everything, home, family, possessions, all except for the wooden Arrow from the 1929 World Jamboree. After the war, he set out across Europe to make his way to Britain. After many adventures he eventually reached his goal and he sought out his former Gilwell Scout instructor. He gave him the arrow- for he felt he had now longer need of it, as he had arrived at his haven.



B-P died as we know in 1941 and so never knew this story. The arrow was given to a small country troop.

The photograph above is one of a pair of gates at the entry to the park, a replica of the gates was created for the Jubilee Jamboree in 1957. The replica gates feature in a black and white photographic postcard sold at the WJ. The name of the Park had nothing at all to do with arrows, being derived from the Celtic 'Garw', meaning rugged.



Nothing much of Scout philatelic interest has come up for sale in the U.K. recently other than a few lots sold by the Argyll Elkin auction held in March. One of the most interesting items was this 6d Postal Order with attached counterfoil, both with the Type 1b Arrow Park Camp skeleton postmark dated

12 August 1929 (see p.??). Although a few Postal Orders from the 1957 Jamboree are known with the Sutton Coldfield circular date stamp, this would appear to be the first time one from the 1929 World Jamboree has come to the market. There is a Postal Order Society based in the U.K., so maybe this could also exist in the collection of some of their members.



Also sold was one of the very rare Darlington covers making a total of only four recorded from this Jamboree. Dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 1936, this was the day before the camp was visited by the Chief Scout. Although this cancel was known to exist, it was not until June 1965 that it was reported in our Bulletin that a member of our club had purchased a pair of stamps cancelled on piece.

Since then some twelve items have been recorded as being posted between 2 – 9th August.

The cover opposite, registered number 90, however, was unknown until it was illustrated in the Cherrystones Auction Catalogue. It sold for £900 (€1035, US\$ 1150).



Below, following on from my last Jottings, are more scarce items sold by Cherrystone Auctions of New York within the last few months. The exchange rate was about \$1.28 to the GBP.

**SOUTH AFRICA, MAFEKING** LOT #767 **\$525\*** Est. \$300



1900 Siege of Mafeking 10s note in green folded vertically and horizontally with the facsimile signature of Capt. Greener Commanding Frontier Forces, fine attractive Siege note.

This is a very high price for a standard 10s siege note that has been creased as a total of 7000 10s notes in total were produced.

**SOUTH AFRICA, MAFEKING** LOT #260 **\$1,100** Est. \$500



1900 Mafeking Siege note, with 'Bechuanaland Protectorate One Penny' embossing, folded horizontally and vertically, still very fine.

A scarce bank note signed by hand by both Capt. H Greener, Baden -Powell's military paymaster and Robert Urry, manager Standard Bank, Mafeking.

A total of 683 £1 notes were produced from a photograph printed by the ferro-prussate process. (See my book 'Bank Currency of the Anglo-Boer War'.)

**NETHERLANDS INDIES** LOT 1032 **\$650** Est. \$250



1937 Boy Scouts, eight different imperf. trial colour proofs. Never hinged, very fine.

**POLAND, WARSAW UPRISING**      LOT #1078      **\$1600**      Est. \$750



1944 (18 Aug) complete cover with ‘Poczta Hercerska Czemiakow’ (Tye 5) and ‘Cenzura Herceska (Type 1) violet hand stamps on front , also ‘Peczta Polowa 1-VIII-1944 Warszawa; (Type 15) and two “18 SRP 1944 datestamps (last day of use). Fine Boy Scout cover, with a combination of rare markings, expertised by Dr Kronenberg.

**ROMANIA SEM-POSTALS**      Lot #1116      **\$950**      Est. \$150

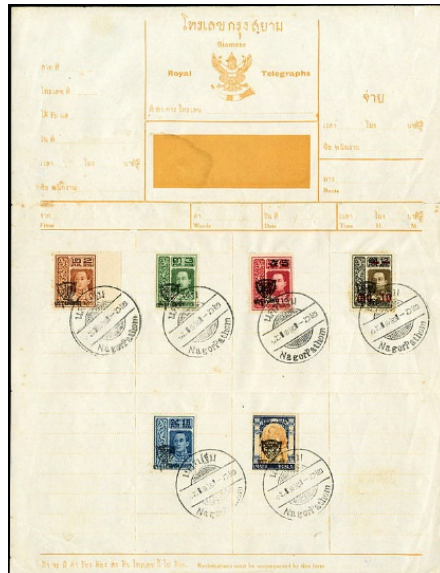


1935, imperforate sheet margin singles, never hinged and very fine.

**AND LOT #1355**      **\$900**      Est. \$500

1920 hand-stamped ‘Wild Tiger Corps’ complete set of six cancelled by bilingual ‘Nagorpathom 26.30.20’ on Royal Telegraph Form. Very fine with 2006 APS certificate (a similar item sold for \$2,900 plus commission in our Cherrystone’s January sale).

**THAIL**



**THAILAND**      LOT #1365  
**\$800**      EST. \$550



Hand-stamped. 'Scouts Fund' on 5s carmine cancelled 5.5.20 (first known date of issue for this value) on local Bangkok cover. Very fine with 1998 Brandon certificate.



**CYPRUS**

**LOT #564**

**\$1,800**

Est.\$450



1963 Boy Scouts souvenir sheet of three, each stamp overprinted with 'SPECIMEN' in red, never hinged and very fine. Only nine such sheets have been reported.



**HUNGARY LOT #2926**

**\$325**

Est. \$230

**Horthy National Aviation Fund**

Imperf. sheet margin singles, never hinged and very fine sets.

**PORTUGAL** LOT # 3239

**\$625**

Est. \$450

1961 Boy Scouts, imperf. top sheet margin single, black colour inverted, unused without gum. Very Fine. Only one set of thirty-five printed. A rarity.



**TURKEY** LOT #3441

**\$260**

Est. \$230



1962 Scouts imperf. horizontal pair, never hinged and very fine . Only one sheet of 100 stamps known.

**UKRAINE** LOT #3453

**\$1800**

Est. \$450

### 1947 Mittenwald Displaced Persons Camp

Five specially prepared Scout postal cards, with Ukrainian Scout franking. Used in combination with German, Allied and French Zone adhesives and different postal markings. Two cards unaddressed, others to Landshut, some creases. Mostly fine/very fine.



**UKRAINE** LOT #3461 **\$210**

Est. \$140



1951  
Scouts  
Issue.

Imperf. proof in black and blue, on chalky white card. Very fine

## New Issues

from information supplied by Bob Lee

Bob has sent details of ten different issues from nine different counties! Four countries, the Republic du Benin, Republic du Niger, Seo Tome and Sierra Leone have each issued a set of five stamps showing Scouting Cartoons which appear to be drawn by the same artist. The republic of Benin stamps are circular, each one part of a larger 'sheet' showing landscapes. All four countries have four of the five stamps in the set combined a block of four. The highest value of each set is presented separately within its own sheetlet.

The Republic of Togo offers a set of eight nicely drawn stamps – in two blocks of four in separate sheets showing Scouting activities. The Central African Republic and the Republic of Djibouti both have four of their five stamps in a block within a 'sheet. with the highest value on a 'sheet of its own. Both sets have artists' drawings of Scout Activities

The Republic of Madagascar has a set of four showing 'Scouting Uniforms' including a 1930's illustration of a Rover Scout, and ..... portrait of a US Scout against the Stars and Stripes and a single issue commemorating B-P using the Jagger portrait set into a postcard like b&w image of British Scouts parading.



Mozambique has issued a set of 4 stamps depicting 'Famous Scouts', i.e. BP, Lady B-P, Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg, and in addition a single stamp issue depicting B-P.



## British Scout Poster Stamps, Seals and Stickers

### Part 2 1912-18

Scout Historian Colin Walker

**1912 January. Incorporated Charter, blue on white, perforated, published by the UK Scout Association. 20 x 20mm**



This poster stamp has not, as far as I know, ever been documented, that it to say its date of issue is not known. It shows the UK Scout Association's Fleur de Lys badge (with stars) registered May 1909 and also the banner 'Incorporated by Royal Charter' which was granted by George V on January 4<sup>th</sup> 1912. My feeling is that it was issued by the Association shortly after this event. If this is the case, it is the first Scout poster stamp/sticker/seal to have been produced in the UK. (Both France and Germany had produced several by this time- German poster stamps sold in the UK feature in Part I of this series). Failing the finding of an official document announcing its issue, some indication

of its history could be ascertained if one could be discovered on a postmarked envelope or postcard. Should you know of such evidence please make contact.

**1913 Jack Sharp. Black on red, light green, dark green and white, rouletted. 'Once a Scout always a Scout', showing a Scout with patrol pennant. Size of design, (not the rouletted area), 25 x35mm.**



By March 1913 Jack Sharp, a Liverpool Scout Outfitter who advertised in Scouting publications including the *Headquarters Gazette* was using illustrations of the this posters stamp with the banner *Once a Scout Always A Scout* in his advertising. The poster stamps were produced in a least five different colourways.

This famous 'Once a Scout ...' saying is often attributed to B-P, but was in first used by Lord Kitchener at a Scout Rally in Leicester in 1912.

As these poster stamps were produced to advertise Sharp's shop and wares it is surprising that they carry no reference as to their origin.

The production is quite amateurish. The poster stamps are not perforated but can be torn from the sheets of six along the rouletted incisions probably made by a tool similar to a pastry cutter which was wheeled over the paper sheets (note the 'deviation' in horizontal line between the two stamps at the left side of the sheet).

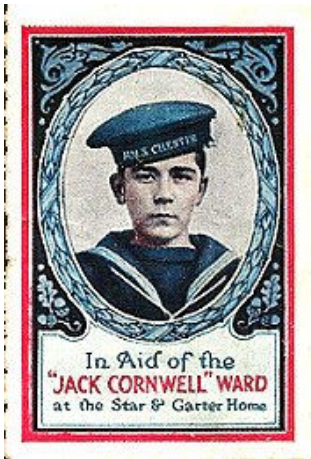


**1915 G R Be Prepared scout with staff to waist red and blue.**  
**The printed image within the perforations 25 x 32mm.**



Once again I have been unable to find any provenance for the issue date of these two stamps. It was typical at this time for Scout poster stamps, which of course never had to match the exacting standards of 'proper stamps' issued by the Royal Mail, that their perforated sides would sometimes deteriorate into nothing more than torn paper. The placement of printed image within the 'frame' allowed by the perforations was also very 'hit and miss'.

**1916 Jack Cornwell Poster stamp blue and white red border**



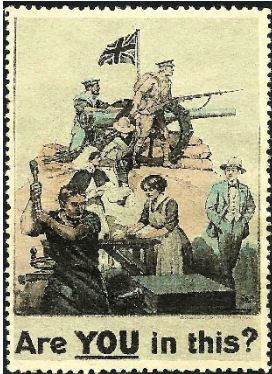
The inspiring story of Jack Cornwell VC is well documented in my Scouts at War World 1 book and in a smaller book entirely dedicated to him and the 'The Scouts Badge of Courage. These books contain details of his bizarre first burial and how, after his VC was awarded, he became a 'cause célèbre' taken up for fund raising purposes by national newspapers, The Star and Garter Home appeal run by Navy League, the Lord Mayor of London and Baden-Powell. Jack Cornwell was the youngest VC of WW1 through to the present day, and a Boy Scout. The money gained by selling these poster stamps for 1d each (in 1916) was used to fund a wing at the Star and Garter Home for Sailors at Chelsea. Schools selling 240 stamps were awarded a coloured print of Jack serving his gun on HMS Chester painted by Royal Academician Frank Salisbury.

**1916 Jack Cornwell head and shoulders, in Maltese Cross, 'flag' with pin, Brown in white, 30mms square**

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 was declared Jack Cornwell Day. These 'flags' which could be attached to clothing with a pin, showing Jack against a representation of his Victoria Cross were sold across the country, sometimes by Scouts. The image on both the 'flag' and the poster stamp was that devised from a photograph of Jack's younger brother George as there was no photographic image of Jack available.



## 1916 'Are You In This', from B-P's WW1 poster. 56 x 37mm

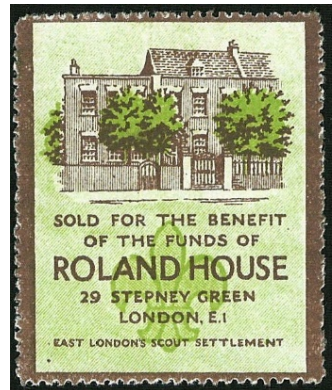


This World War 1 Poster Stamp, based on a poster designed by Baden-Powell, was one of three issued by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee using Scouting as a means of recruiting. (Conscription did not start until March) 1916. This particular poster was numbered 112 and issued in 1915.

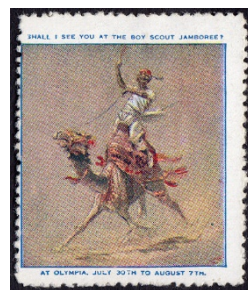
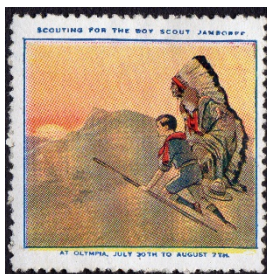
It was reproduced on postcards printed in Russia and Japan and was also the subject matter of a £1.00 stamp issued by Jersey in 2014.

## 1920. Roland House 43 x 50cms

Roland House was left to the Scouts of NW London by Roland Philipps, a young East End Scout Commissioner with an aristocratic background whose family were friends with the B-P. Philipps was unfortunately killed 7<sup>th</sup> July 1916. P B Nevill was first warden of the 'The House on the Green', moving in 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1919 before the House was officially opened Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1916. It was P B Nevill who drew the sketch of the house in 1920 in conjunction with an appeal for funds in July 1920 when the sketch appeared in HQ Gazette. The house became an International Scout Hostel. Nevill remained warden till 1925. Roland House closed in 1982 after the building of B-P House in Central London, but funds from its sale was used to convert an old school to the Roland Phillipps Scout Centre in Tower Hamlets.



## 1920 Set of three 1st World Jamboree, Olympia, London



Each of poster stamps (designed by B-P) had a different banner running under the top and the bottom of the image, Zulu Warrior, *I am off to the Boy Scout Jamboree* 34 x 44mm. Red Indian and Scout, *Shall I see you at the Boy Scout Jamboree*. 40 x 40mm. Camel, *Shall I see you at the Boy Scout Jamboree*, 34 x 44 mm. The Red Indian Scout Image, *Red Indian and Scout*, was used as the cover image on of the official programme and Jamboree Handbook entitled *Boy Scouts and Citizenship*. Very little publicity was given to this poster stamp issue.

## New Major Error of Canada 1983 World Jamboree Stamp

John B. 'Ben' Adams



There is a newly discovered colour missing error for the stamp honouring the 75th Anniversary of Scouting in Canada issued at the 1983 World Scout Jamboree, Canada Scott No. 993. The normal stamp, displayed opposite, is collected as a world jamboree stamp.

Canada hosted the XV World Scout Jamboree it was held at Kananaskos 4000ft up in the Rocky Mountains, 80 miles west of Calgary Alberta. The Jamboree Theme was 'The Spirit moves on'. Fifteen thousand Scouts attended from nearly 100 countries attended.

A nationwide poster contest for youth between the ages of 5 and 17 on the theme "What Scouting Means To Me" was won by Scout Marc Fournier (aged 12) and his poster drawing was used as the basic design for the stamp by Montreal graphic designer Francois Dallaire for the Canada Post Corporation. The design illustrates an evening flag-lowering ceremony at an overnight camp.



The stamp was printed by lithography in four colours in a pane layout of 50 stamps by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto. The quantity of stamps printed has been given as 20,000,000. The stamp was issued on July 6, 1983 on the jamboree site at Kananaskis Provincial Park, Alberta, Canada. This location is about 80 km. west of Calgary, the capital of the Province of Alberta. The last day of sale was announced as January 5, 1984 (as stock allows).

It now has been over 35 years since the Jamboree. At the time this SGSC article is published, it is thought to be the only known recorded major error associated with the issue though almost certainly an entire sheet of these colour errors will have been produced.



The cover was offered and sold by Ron Leith Philatelic Auctions on March 18, 2018. The cover shows two stamps side-by-side, a normally printed No. 993 stamp and the colour missing error stamp. Each has a face value of 32¢ to provide the correct Canadian international postal rate of 64¢ to frank the item.

The colour missing is red. In appearance, the error stamp seems to have been printed primarily in the colours of green and yellow. It was used on an envelope mailed on December 12, 1983 from Sainte-Therese de Blainville, Quebec, J7E 3K0 Canada. The town is located northeast of the city of Montreal in the southwestern part of the province of Quebec. It is known both for its heavy industry and recreational & tourist activities. The cover's destination was Trieste, Italy.

The present owner was on the XV World Scout Jamboree official staff assigned to the SOSSI portable trailer located in the jamboree's Katimavik meeting place. He has a keen interest in the philately of this jamboree. The error stamp was located through one of his computer's normal searches.

After the stamp was acquired in 2018, it was deemed necessary to assure it fully met all the criteria for a major error. It was submitted for the first time for an opinion to The American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APEX), the cooperative service offered by the American Philatelic Society (APS) and the American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA). The resulting APEX Expert Committee Report states it is their opinion that this stamp is, "Canada Scott No. 993, plain paper, red colour missing, used on cover, genuine in all respects."

When the Scott Stamp Company, publisher of the Scott Stamp Catalogue, was notified, it indicated that this error was previously unknown to the Scott or Amos organizations. With all charges the item sold for \$175 US about £134, which the author believes is something of a snip for a unique certified colour variation. He would welcome learning about any other example of this error. Contact information is PO Box 41972, Sacramento CA 95841, or email at [fjadams@gmail.com](mailto:fjadams@gmail.com).

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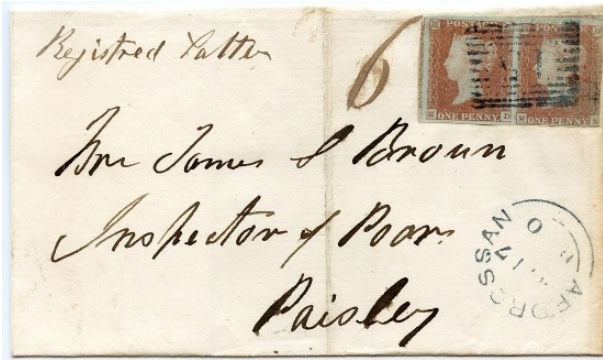


# 1957 Jubile Jamboree

## Registered Letters



Scout Historian Colin Walker



Registered Mail was introduced by the Royal Mail in 1841 when the normal postage rate was 1d (one penny). The additional cost of registering a letter was another penny, guaranteeing that if the letter were lost, compensation would be paid.

The example above shows a pair of imperf penny reds, the registered status of the mail

being denoted only by handwritten words, 'Registered Letter'. The letter had been tied up with coloured (originally green) string or tape (see vertical mark left the on cover) which was later replaced by the with blue pencil crossed lines. By 1860 an additional cache (postmark) was applied containing the word "REGISTERED" and in 1878 the registered envelope was crossed vertically and horizontally with blue lines (a practice continued until at least 1965). In 1885 a label had to be attached to the cover with identifying the Post Office from which the item was sent with a unique sequential number. (This was to later enable Scout collectors to discover how many registered mails were sent from Jamboree Post Offices- on a day by day basis). A receipt was given to the purchaser to use should there be the need to make a claim.

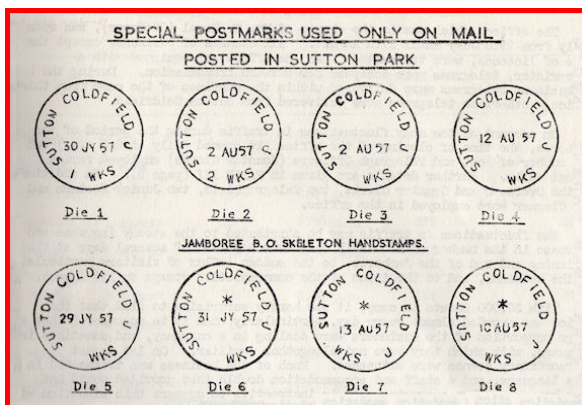
The first 'registered mail' sent from a British Jamboree having a distinctive postmark was from the 'Coming of Age' Jamboree World Jamboree held at Birkenhead in 1929. (see p.10.) Examples of Scout Registered mail – which by that time was crossed with blue pencil and a Registered Sticker, are quite hard to find and can be very valuable.

As a juvenile member of a philatelic society I learnt that that not all officially produced stamps had the same status - one of the deciding factors being whether an item was genuinely used in 'normal' post or been contrived just for collectors e.g. stamps that came in sheets cancelled to order without in fact ever having been through the mail. This has relevance to Scouting collectors as the covers from many World Jamborees etc could be said to fall into this category. Mail sent internally in Mafeking during the Siege that carried a whole range of Siege Stamps – costing way above the amount required for internal mail were clearly these covers were contrived for collectors. These used stamps 'off cover' would be worth the same as other similar used examples, but the cover should be regarded as 'Philatelic Mail' and would not normally be regarded as valuable as 'genuine' siege covers.

It is known that there were 576 registered letters sent from the Jamboree site at Sutton Coldfield on its first day, but very few were sent on the second day, which indicates to me, that the registered 'first day covers' sent to collectors and almost certainly did not contain anything of value. (See p.23.)

The registered sticker used has the words Sutton Coldfield and the letter J for Jamboree. One thousand and ninety-six registered covers were sent in the course of the Jamboree.

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In the booklet 'Postal Arrangements at the World Scout Jubilee', published in 1958, it is noted that registered items, even if contained in one of the 'official first day covers' illustrated in my previous article, did not receive the usual cancel but a circular strike much larger than the circular handstamp used as a part of the World Jamboree cancel. These large circular handstamps were used for saving transactions, Postal and Money Orders, Parcel Receipts and official documents as well as

Registered Mail envelopes and receipts.

Eight different dies were made for the purpose, all of which can be separately identified on cover as they all differed in some way. They are sometimes referred to as 'skeleton' hand stamps as each of the letters and numbers could be altered, and this feature led to a number of errors with misplaced or added elements such as the stars in Dies 6, 7 and 8 as can be seen from the illustration.

The most interesting of these differences is to be found on Die 8 which I think would be unlikely to be spotted at first glance. The 'U' in the word 'SUTTON' has been inverted to form what looks very like the letter 'n'. The image opposite is from a recently purchased registered FDC - where the inverted 'U' in 'SUTTON' is very nicely framed by the top right-hand corner of the registered label numbered 0199.



Our President Peter Duck has a large collection of philatelic items connected with the Jamboree. Illustrated is the Cert. of Posting (Receipt) for the very first registered letter to be sent from the Jamboree and so numbered 0001. The receipt has received one of the skeleton postmarks illustrated in this article but



unfortunately it is impossible to identify which of the eight it is. The quality of the applied skeleton hand cancels generally including the two illustrate above has been put down to the 'bendy' plywood counter in the temporary Jamboree Post Office.



If the concept of Scouts sending valuables / money out of a World Jamboree is somewhat bizarre, then the item opposite is even more absurd is the concept of a registered Air Letter. The whole point of an air letter was to keep postal costs down by devising a lightweight sheet of paper which when written could be formed an ‘envelope’ into which **nothing** could be added. So, the additional cost involved in registering the item was spent merely to create a philatelic item. As the edges of the sheet were not sealed all the way round it is possible to peer inside the illustrated cover and see

that in fact the paper has never been written on!

The air letter is addressed to Mr Walter Grob (now deceased) who was a famous Swiss Scouting Philatelist and a member of our club. He is remembered by a monetary prize given in his name at every EuroScout event since 2014 awarded for the best nine sheet exhibit on any Scouting subject.

He was known for adding interest to his covers by placing stickers/labels etc *after* they had gone through the post. The B-P 1857-1957 label however could have been applied before posting as it was available at the time, though produced by the UK Guide Association. The red fleur de lys cache looks to me to have been printed rather than being applied by a handstamp. I am not aware however of any other air letter with a similar device and so it might have been created by Walter?



It is interesting to note that registered mail was also delivered into the Jamboree, but not, I fear, in response to the postcards of the sort I used to send home from camp; *Dear Mum and Dad, having a great time please send 10/-.*

The registered letter illustrated was sent to a senior member of the ‘Israel Scout Delegation’. The back of the cover is even more interesting than the front, having ‘Registered’ receiving mark dated 12 Aug. 57 and a turquoise green cachet as illustrated. Other similar covers are known,





# 1920 World Jamboree



Our Membership Sec. Tim Reed was fortunate to acquire the postcard illustrated in a recent eBay auction. 8,000 Scouts from across the world attended the first World Jamboree held at Olympia London. Five thousand of them camped in the Old Deer Park in nearby Richmond. The card was sent home, on his arrival at the Deer Park, by a member of the S. Irish contingent from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Dalkey Scout Group (a suburb of Dublin) who gave his jamboree address as Tent 2 in one of the five camping ‘blocks’. The site was equipped with two large pillar boxes located at the sorting office (run by Lincolnshire Rovers) near the Camp entrance. Scouts were able to send telegrams and registered mail from the site. Postal items received the normal Richmond cancellations but in addition a special cachet printed in purple (see image). The Jamboree opened on July 30<sup>th</sup> but the 28<sup>th</sup> may have been first day that the day the camp post office operated at the Deer Park?

The coloured photograph of B-P was taken in the early days of Scouting possibly 1909 (note B-Ps Silver Wolf ribbon), when Scouters were encouraged to gain Scout proficiency badges to show their lads that they had these skills. Not many years later B-P was decry this practice

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