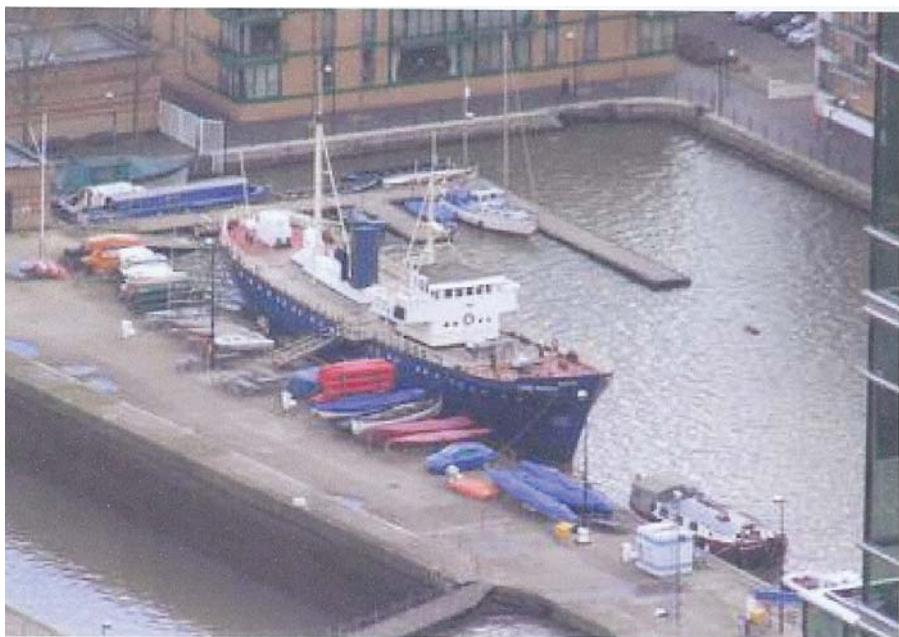


Scout and Guide Stamps Club BULLETIN



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The Lord Amory, Headquarters of the Docklands Scout Project in West India Docks, London. The venue for the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Club. Join us for a chance to see this fascinating vessel on Saturday, 20th June, 2009.

Full details inside.

MAY / JUNE 2009



Editorial

Another mixed bunch of articles for you and I hope you will enjoy reading them, whether they are about your own collecting tastes or not.

We are now less than a year away from EuroScout 2010 and the planning is beginning to get a bit more positive with the Saturday Gala Dinner booked and an additional room in the Exhibition venue so that IFSCO, SOSSI and SGSC can all hold meetings. The only other piece of good news (for me) is that I am still scheduled to retire in November which should mean that I get a bit more time.

I do have an important correction for you to note - especially if you are one of those who collect and even bind the issues of this Bulletin. Somehow, in the September / October issue I managed to jump a volume moving from 52.4 in July/August to 53.5 in September/October. This in turn meant that in January I moved on to Volume 54 when it should have actually been Volume 53. The "Whole Numbers" have been correct so can you please amend the copies in your possession as follows:-

- Whole Number 301 should be 52.5
- 302 should be 52.6
- 303 should be 53.1
- 304 should be 53.2

My apologies - but its amazing how few people actually noticed - I guess they were too busy reading all those wonderful articles

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

July 19th, September 20th, November 15th and January 17th.

Please send copy, including photos, electronically - where possible.

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NOTE THE DATES NOW - 14TH TO 16TH MAY, 2010
IN THE SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, UK.

Chairman's Notes

John Ineson

Congratulations must go to Hallvard Slettebø of Norway on his award of a Large Gold medal with 95 points at the recent International Stamp Exhibition held in China. His exhibit "World Scouting" had been completely revised since it was last shown at Washington 2006 with some new material and layout. I believe this to be one of the best results ever for a Scout exhibit at International level, and other than the late Walter Grob of Switzerland, who may have achieved this standard, no other exhibit has achieved more than a normal Gold.

While mentioning Norway, I had an email from our member Runar Ovstegard two months ago, and although it has nothing to do with Scout stamps, I thought it was of interest to know how some of our fellow collectors spend time at camp. "At Easter the Norwegian schools close for more than a week, so it is perfect time for a winter Scout camp. These camps have been running since 1934 at the same place, and I have been there for the last 31 years. The camp starts on a Wednesday and lasts until Monday, but we start 5-6 days earlier digging snow and raising the two special tents (each with room for about 30 Scouts). We have a lot of ski and snow activities, and campfires each evening with the fire hanging in a basket in the middle of the tents."

This year the Italian Scout Stamp Club, AISF celebrate their 40th Anniversary with three weekend meetings, one in the South at Melfi in June, one in the Centre at Arezzo last April and one in the North of

Italy at Venice from 16- 18th October, so wherever members live in the country, they should be able to attend one of these special events. In Arezzo there were 28 members, in Melfi at least 22 are expected and in Venice it is hoped over 30-35 will be attending. (Peter Duck and myself hope to attend this event, as we also took part at their 25th Anniversary in Verona). In Arezzo there was 960 sheets exhibited, in Melfi about 700 sheets and in Venice it is expected that there will be about 960 sheets. It concerns me that our SGSC meetings are only attended by members of the committee and maybe one or two others. Why can the Italian Club get such good support, and our club which is ten years older receive virtually none? Maybe we will have a few



more attend the Annual General Meeting in June, and then of course we are the hosts of Euro-Scout next year in Chelmsford. Shown is one of the ten postcards that were entered by members into a competition held by the AISF club to celebrate their 40th Anniversary, with this one being designed by Luigi Rosso.

Some high prices were obtained at the May 2009 auction held by Healey and Wise with an unused 10h Czechoslovakia embossed postal stationery card in fine condition and expertise by “Gilbert” making £1025 against an estimate of £725. Other highlights included a 1937 India Rocket postcard with the single line cachet “By R. No. 126, Dr Radasch” and postmarked on the reverse 2nd February made £500, while a 1937 World Jamboree advertising meter mark of Gravenhage on 28th



September 1936 made £760 against an estimate of £550. Some very high prices were also obtained at a recent auction held in London by Grosvenor Auctions. Included was a 1948 Australian 2½ die proof in a sunken board with paper overlay which made £1750 against an upper estimate of £300. A pair of the Egypt 1956 sheets both perf. and imperf. unmounted mint made £850 while a Mafeking 1d Cyclist on cover reached £3900. Despite the recession, scarce material still appears to be making good prices.

On reading the April 2009 issue of the *Philatelic Exporter* I was surprised to read a letter from an Ohio USA correspondent concerning the way that the US postal authorities handle registered mail. He writes that “registered mail is no longer handled in secure containers but is treated as Certified Mail with signature required. Registered mail can still be covered by up to \$25,000 insurance, yet is still handled like regular mail. Foreign registered mail receives no backstamps in the USA. I have complained to the Universal Postal Union but it says the handling of the mail is up to the individual countries. I am upset because foreign senders are paying for security in registered mail in the USA they are paying for something they are not receiving.” Those who send items by the daft name “International Signed for” to the US should realise that there is very little security once it reaches the United States.

Two dates for your diary. **Please try and attend our AGM June 20th at the HQ Training Ship at Docklands Scout Project, London** and then ThematiX '09 at Twickenham on 26th/27th June.

Illustrated Scout-Postcards (Gottfried Steinmann in co-ordination with W-O.Neubäck/Graz)

Lajos Márton, Ungarn (Continued from previous issue)

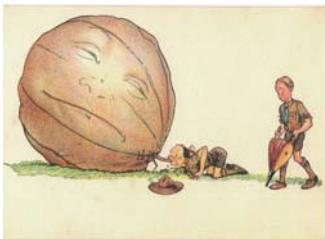
5th. series: 1931 „Scouts“

8 different cards are known

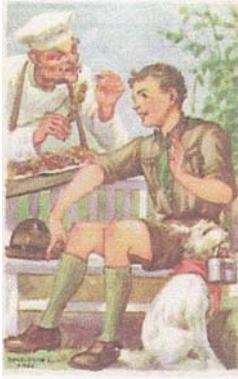


6th. series: 1933 „Gödöllő“

23 cards are known, some of them have surely been produced some two or three years earlier



7th. series: 1937/38 „Scout law“
5 + 5 different cards



8th. series: 1941 – 1943 „Scouts“
Partly very religious themes’,
8 cards known



Sources:

W-O.Neubäck, STPS. Mitteilungsblatt Nr. 89 und 92
T.P.McDermott, SOSSI -Journal Vol. 49/2



Scouting in Freemasonry

by W.Bro. Michael T. Harrington



Continued from previous issue.

Being an associate member of the K.L.A. allows you to attend the spring and autumn meetings. One being held in the north of England and one in the south. These are usually large meetings of between 100 to 200 brethren, who wear the uniform of their movement. Very colourful compared to the usual dark suits. I have even seen members in khaki shorts attend, this does look strange when conjoined with the Masonic apron.



Although the uniform short trousers were dispensed with in 1966, along with many of the older ideas, a breakaway movement was created called the B-P Scouts, and some of their members have attended the K.L.A meetings.

At one of our meetings while we were donning our aprons and gloves, I was chatting to my friend, who is also an associate member of the K.L.A., about the K.L.A., when a visiting brother nearby said that he was a member of the Red Scarf Lodge. Now anyone not in Scouting may be forgiven for thinking this has something to do with cowboys, Indians or outlaws, but we knew better. The Red Scarf with the distinctive gold G.S. on the back is worn by Scouts who have appeared in a ‘Gang Show’.

Rudyard Kipling – Nobel Prizewinner 1907

This is a show of sketches, songs and dances originally started by Ralph Reader in 1932. He was a theatrical producer and Rover Scout whom B-P asked to organise a show in London, this continued for forty-two years with a slight interruption during the war. During the '60s it was often screened on the BBC TV at Christmas. Many local shows started and when they had reached a high standard Ralph awarded them the ‘Red Scarf’.

As our meeting in the lodge was about to start we did not find out the visitors name until the end of the meeting when we were asked to welcome a Grand Officer by the name of Robert Corp-Reader. He turned out to be the son of Ralph and was good enough to invite us both to his lodge at Butcher’s Hall. Here we learnt a little about the history of the Lodge.

During the performances of the ‘London Gang Shows’, in late 1960’s, it was discover that a number of members of the cast shared the same *Kindred Spirit*. It

then became a tradition, that during the run of the show, those members would assemble in the Managers Office for a 'drink'. He too being as they say 'one of Them'. During one of these meetings it was suggested that they form their own lodge. This was the birth of Red Scarf Lodge No 8448 on 7th September 1972. Although there were fourteen founder members, Ralph is symbolically regarded as their 'Founder', and since Ralph's entry to the Grand Lodge above in 1982, a moments silence is held at the Festive Board prior to 'Grace' being said, to his memory. Without Ralph none of the comradeship that they all shared would have come to pass.



A 'Gang Show' cancel from Newcastle

To conclude, one last connection between the Craft and Scouting is that our Grand Master, the Duke of Kent, is also President of the Scout Association.

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Proposed Scout and Guide Historical Society.

Michael Baden-Powell, Grandson of the Founder, has kindly agreed to be President of this proposed society which will be formed in October 2009 should there be a demand for it. (200 names will trigger the formation of the Society). About half that number are currently 'signed up', one third of which have a Guiding background). It is intended that the Society will be mainly internet based with its magazine and archives open to its members. Costs then will be kept low, and there will be a 'one-off' lifetime low membership fee. On the formation of the Society elections will be held and officers elected. In the interim our member, Scout Historian Colin Walker, is publicising the intended society on his Website Blog (visit the Blog and scroll back over the last few entries to see all the news the aims of the proposed society).

If you wish to register your intention to join the society please visit the Scouting Milestones website at

www.scouting.milestones@btinternet.co.uk

or write to Colin directly at

scouting.milestones@btinternet.com

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STAMPS MINT & USED (Please note – some issues are only available in mounted mint condition, but unmounted will be sent where possible).

	MINT	USED
STV91 St.VINCENT 1991 17 th World Jamboree (3)	2.25	-
STV91S St.VINCENT 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	2.10	2.10
SV91GS St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1991 17 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	4.00	4.00
SRL91 SIERRA LEONE 1991 17 th World Jamboree (3)	2.00	-
SRL91S SIERRA LEONE 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	1.75	1.75
ANT91 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (3)	-	1.85
ANT91S ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	2.15	2.00
GUY91 GUYANA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (3)	2.20	-
GUY91S GUYANA 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS	2.10	2.10
MAV91S MALDIVES 1991 17 th World Jamboree MS (Scout stamps on stamp)	-	2.10
POL91 POLAND 1991 Scouting commemorative (4)	1.00	-
UGA92S UGANDA 1992 17 th World Jamboree 3 rd issue MS	1.75	1.50
BOL92 BOLIVIA 1992 Jamboree of the Andes (1)	0.60	-
GUI92S GUINEA 1992 17 th World Jamboree “Sharing Cultures” MS	3.00	-
TAN92S TANZANIA 1992 Baden-Powell commemorative MS	2.00	-
ARU92 ARUBA 1992 “Solidarity” issue – Girl Guides (1)	0.50	0.50
EGT92 EGYPT 1992 20 th Arab Jamboree (1)	0.20	-
PAK92 PAKISTAN 1992 6 th Islamic Jamboree & 4 th Islamic Scouts Conference (2)	-	0.70
STH92 St.HELENA 1992 Local Anniversaries (4) including one Scout value	2.00	2.00
POL93 POLAND 1993 Commemorating Scouts’ Raid on the Arsenal (1)	0.20	-
SLA93 SRI LANKA 1993 75 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (2)	0.40	-
GRE93 GREENLAND 1993 50 Years of Scouting (1)	0.70	0.70
GRE93S GREENLAND 1993 50 Years of Scouting + Red Cross MS	4.00	4.00
GUY93DS GUYANA 1993 Dinosaur sheetlet with XVIII World Jamboree in silver	10.00	-
GUY93DG GUYANA 1993 Dinosaur sheetlet with XVIII World Jamboree in gold	10.00	-
GUY93O GUYANA 1993 Owl sheetlet with XVIII World Jamboree	10.00	-
GUY93OSP GUYANA 1993 Owl sheetlet with SPECIMEN overprint	12.00	-
GUY93WSP GUYANA 1993 Whale sheetlet with XVIII WJ in silver SPECIMEN	12.00	-
GUY93WGSP GUYANA 1993 Whale sheetlet with XVIII WJ in gold SPECIMEN	12.00	-
MAG93 MALAGASY 1993 Scouts/insects (1991) gold o/p 50 years death of B-P (6)	3.20	-
MAG93S MALAGASY 1993 above issue MS	2.25	-
MAG93G MALAGASY 1993 B-P memorial o/p in green on chameleon (1988) (1)	1.45	-
PHL93 PHILIPPINES 1993 1 st ASEAN Jamboree (2)	0.45	-
PHL93S PHILIPPINES 1993 1 st ASEAN Jamboree MS	0.90	-
BAN94 BANGLADESH 1994 14 th Asia Pacific Jamboree (1)	0.20	-
EGT94 EGYPT 1994 40 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.20	-
PAK94 PAKISTAN 1994 12 th National Jamboree (1)	-	0.25
BOL94S BOLIVIA 1994 Pan American Jamboree MS	7.50	-
DOM94 DOMINICA 1994 10 th Caribbean Jamboree (8)	6.00	-
DOM94S DOMINICA 1994 10 th Caribbean Jamboree 2 x MS	5.75	5.50
PAR94 PARAGUAY 1994 Red Cross commemorative with Scouts (1)	0.35	-
NL94X NETHERLANDS 1994 Scout Christmas Post (1) announcing 18 th W J	0.30	-

DOM95S DOMINICA 1995 18 th W J o/p on 10 th Caribbean Jamboree MS(1 MS)	-	2.50
CAR95 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1995 18 th World Jamboree Scouts/fungi/butterflies (6)	3.25	-
CAR95S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 1995 18 th World Jamboree/fungi/butterflies MS	2.75	-
SVG95S St.VINCENT GRENADINES 1995 18 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	-	5.00
SVK95 SLOVAKIA 1995 Scouting commemorative (1)	0.30	0.30
GRN95S GRENADA 1995 18 th World Jamboree MS	-	2.50
GRD95S GRENADA GRENADINES 1995 18 th World Jamboree MS	-	2.50
PER95 PERU 1995 Lord & Lady Baden-Powell commemorative (2) Dated 1994.	-	0.75
UGA95S UGANDA 1995 18 th World Jamboree overprinted MS	-	2.75
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SRL95S SIERRA LEONE 1995 18 th World Jamboree MS	-	3.00
MAV95 MALDIVES 1995 18 th World Jamboree (3)	-	4.00
MAV95S MALDIVES 1995 18 th World Jamboree MS	-	3.00

THE SCOUT HOLIDAY HOMES TRUST

Providing affordable family holidays at popular holiday sites, with specially adapted accommodation for all families with special needs. These holidays are available to families, carers or groups who have a member with a disability, a physical or mental or age related illness, and to low-income or single parent families. No Scouting connection is required.

SGSC has been supporting the Scout Holiday Homes Trust for many years by collecting stamps, postcards, cigarette cards and badges. But recently the sources of many of these items seem to have dried up. If you can spare any of the above, please contact Bob Lee, 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2HA (020 8397 2332).

More than half a million pounds have been raised through fundraising schemes since 1969, we can help to increase this. Thank you Peter Duck.

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Congratulations to our friends of ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA SCOUT FILATELIA on reaching their 40th Anniversary year. The Association was founded in 1969 when Lamberto Luconi and a few other enthusiastic Scout philatelists got together. I am pleased to say that I was given the honour to be amongst this group, and am proud to have been a member for forty years. Unfortunately, Lamberto passed away in 1979, by which time the Association had been well established. This year's celebrations will include exhibitions in Arezzo, Melfi and Venice. Peter Duck

Future meetings and Venues

Just a reminder of forthcoming Club Meetings to be held in the UK:-

Please note new later start times.

1. Rooms have been booked at Philatex for Club meetings as follows:

2009	7th November	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm
2010	27th February	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 31
	6th May	Starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm - Room 23
	6th November	Starting at 13.15pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings will be fully open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed prior to the meeting, as necessary.

2. The June 2009 Committee Meeting and the 2009 AGM will both be held on 20th June at the Headquarters Training Ship, the Lord Amory, at the Docklands Scout Project in London.

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FUTURE BULLETINS

At the present time I am building up quite a nice stock of main articles for the future, many of which will run over several issues and I am very grateful to those who have taken the trouble to produce this material.

What I am short of are the “filler” articles - like “My Favourite Scout Stamp” or just a memory as the example from Peter Shore in this issue. Please put your mind to it and don't worry about the text - we can always make any necessary amendments when they arrive with me.

I really do look forward to hearing from you.

Terry

The 1906 award "For Scouting"

by Melvin Gallagher

Following Colin Walker's interesting article in last month's Bulletin, I can answer all the questions he raised regarding the 1906 award "For Scouting" presented by B-P.

I own one of these awards engraved on the reverse "FOR SCOUTING FROM R.S.S.B.P. 1906" together with the maker's mark for Elkington, London. The design of St. George holding a sword is no mystery - it being a design by Benedetto Pistrucci used on British gold and some silver coinage from 1817 (see illustration).

As well as this award to Mr. R.L. Picton, his military medals are also in my possession. In 1926 he was living in Johannesburg, South Africa and wrote to B-P, who was visiting that city at the time asking B-P to send him a note describing the story behind the award - which he did and this letter answers the questions recently raised.

"Corporal R.L. Picton a member of the team of the Royal Irish Lancers which won the Scouting Competition at Aldershot in 1906"

The other regiments taking part were all from the cavalry; the 1st Royal Dragoons, 5th Royal Irish Lancers and the 8th Hussars.

The letter from B-P states that "this token was to encourage the development of Scouting" and although this refers to military scouting we all know that by that date another form of Scouting was on B-P's mind.



CABLES) AFRICA
 TELEGRAMS) JOHANNESBURG.
 TELEPHONE THE TOWNVILLE.
 P.O. BOX 1097 JOHANNESBURG.

BRYNRYWEN,
 25, QUEEN'S ROAD,
 PARKTOWN,
 JOHANNESBURG,
 SOUTH AFRICA.

22. Nov. 1906

Dear Mr. Picton

I gladly enclose the statement
 you ask for, and am only so pleased
 to think that the little token I
 gave so long ago, to encourage the
 development of Scouting, was so
 much appreciated.

With cordial goodwishes

Yours truly
 Robert Baden-Powell

TEXT

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TEXT

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 which won the Scouting Competi-
 tion at Aldershot in 1906.

The competing regiments were
 1st Royal Dragoon
 5th Royal Irish Lancers
 8th Hussars

The members of the 5th Lancers
 team were Lieut. Pym: Sergt.
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 Pte Goodman. Robert Baden-Powell

Algeria – ah! the sights - sounds - smells and stamps!

By Peter Shore

T’was a trip in the ‘50’s on **H.M.S. Cumberland** and involved a lad called Skidmore who went ashore with me to browse the Souks to see what bargain could be organised. A bit of a 5ft clown was our Skidmore (and a Scout from up t’North!) and already the heat and his lunch time tot was affecting his normally sedate behaviour. Eventually down a very narrow shopping lane/mall he slipped behind some hanging material suitable for ladies ‘howd’ya’dos’ and draping himself in the aforementioned colourful material, sang a few words from the “Desert Song” (we weren’t *all* culture-starved morons in the RN). Arab traders and passers-by naturally stopped to stare and I not really thinking shouted “*Oi! Laurence of Arabia—all you need now is a camel!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*”



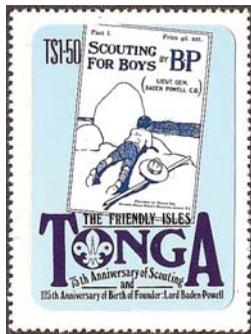
Like a flash he was across the 5ft or so wide lane, still draped in female finery, clambered aboard a nearby tethered nodding-off donkey. As he shouted back to “*how about this then?*” the donkey awoke and panicked! Unfortunately the moke was attached to his master’s 4-wheeled cart, displaying myriad assortments of brass and copper pots and pans, buckets and spades—and it took flight!. There was pandemonium – for the cart was about the same width as the shop-strewn lane and collapsed many carefully arranged fruit and veg displays en route. Skidmore came off; clothes for sale came off; and we effed-off and another Royal Navy sprint record was broken in a steeplechase, getting out of the lane and into the anonymity of the more modern township. When we were later—and inevitably, apprehended.

P.S. On my “Comeuppance Day” one of the Masters at Arms (ship’s police chief) formal recorded details, i.e. my charge sheet highlighted that - *it was noted that “the hoffence did take part in such a violet mannah that the subject was nigh on emasculated!”* Upon hearing this I naturally protested, for being an ex-farmer’s boy I knew that our braying ass of a donkey had ‘no toggle and two’ or crown jewels etc’ - *it was a she!*” “*Silence!*” I was admonished “*what we he’re talking about, is of the police man chappie who tried to h’apprehend you both - not the h’animal that you hu’ad it away with!*”

What the PDSA or RSPCA would have to say to that was way beyond my imagination—and the fine beyond our joint weekly wage — ah youth!

The stamp of course is circa ‘68 and not ‘50’s—but seeing the two scouts having fun and the evocative ‘*Algerie*’ suddenly brought it all flooding back.

Scouting for Boys



There can however be few collectable areas with a wider coverage of Scout history than philately. Indeed it would be problematic to name a significant Scouting topic that has not been illustrated on stamps. So, once again we begin with a stamp, one that has as its subject the very starting point of the Scout Movement.

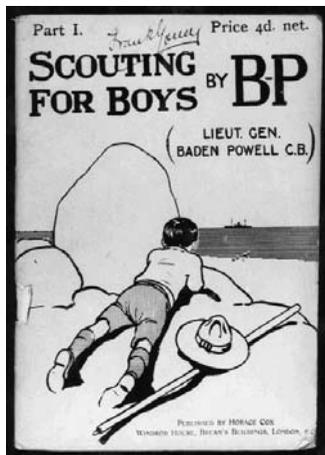
There is however no official starting date for Scouting. The Scouting nations of the world, as we know, celebrated 2007 as our centennial, getting it spectacularly wrong in my opinion. The event being celebrated by the centennial was the ‘experimental camp’ on Brownsea. No Scouts were involved, the Law and Promise had yet to be written! There is evidence that B-P, funded by his sponsor, newspaper magnate, Arthur Pearson, opened up a Scout Office in Henrietta Street WC2 after signing a contract with him on January 1st 1908, and that would be my choice as the inception of the Scout Association. The first public awareness of the new Movement however occurred on January 16th 1908, with the publishing of the first part of six fortnightly issues of *Scouting for Boys* (S4B) by Pearson’s printers, Horace Cox.

The Tonga stamp (illustrated), depicting this publication was issued on February 22nd 1982, the 125th anniversary of the Founder’s birth. It was part of a set of 5 large format stamps also commemorating the ‘75th Anniversary of Scouting’, all the stamps carrying historic Scouting images, one of which depicted B-P at the Brownsea Camp.

Original copies of the ‘Part Series’ are extremely collectable and a complete set is regarded by many as the ‘Holy Grail’ in Scout Collecting. The first issue is the most expensive at around £650. I have never seen all six issues being sold together as one lot and so it would probably take a new collector quite a few years to find them all. Condition of course is everything. ‘The ‘Parts’ only had paper covers which are



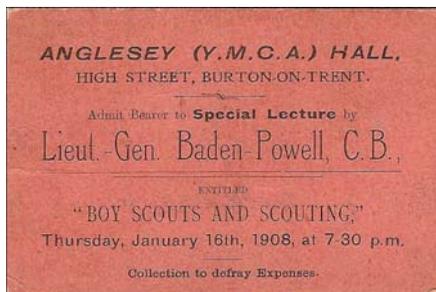
now often missing their corners, and the staples have sometimes collapsed into rust, staining the pages.



As with all expensive 'antique' items there is a risk that someone will attempt to pass off forgeries. Unfortunately the criminally-minded have been unwittingly assisted by the publication in 1957 by Pearson of their 'Centenary Edition'. which bound together facsimiles of the six parts, complete with covers, in the one volume. It does not take great skill to deconstruct this publication to create a set of 'Parts'. I am aware of Scouters who, like me, give talks on Scout History who have done this in order to create 'visual aids', rather than carry round valuable originals. Fortunately a 'quirk' in the original production of the Part Series can be used to ensure you are not buying a deconstructed book,

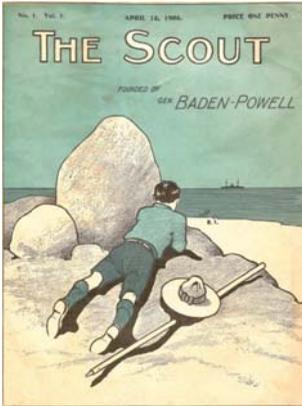
should you be offered all six parts. Part I of the original series measured 123mm by 182mm, but all the rest are 128mm by 196mm. The 'Centenary Edition' pages are all the same as Cox's original printing in Parts II to VI.

Other examples of paper 'ephemera' that tie in with the introduction of Scouting in 1908 are, as you would expect, very thin on the ground. I have been fortunate to find one or two. The latest was a recent 'eBay' acquisition. As previously mentioned the introduction of Scouting is inextricably bound up with the publisher Pearson. He had agreed to fund Baden-Powell £5000 to finance his lecture tour to promote Scouting in 1907-8, in return for the contract to print both *Scouting for Boys* and *The Scout* magazine. This resulted in over 60 lectures being given by the Founder to youth organisations across the land. The eBay auction was for a ticket to attend a 'Special Lecture' at the YMCA Hall, Burton on Trent, entitled 'Boy Scouts and Scouting'. The talk was free, a collection being taken to 'defray expenses'. As already mentioned the first of the parts of S4B was published on January 15th 1908. Was this meeting then the very first time Baden-Powell was able to hold up a copy of his seminal work in front of a Scouting audience? Press reports covering these talks, where ever held, consistently mention that every time Baden-Powell rose to begin his address the cheering went on and on for several minutes before he could begin to speak. The fact that the



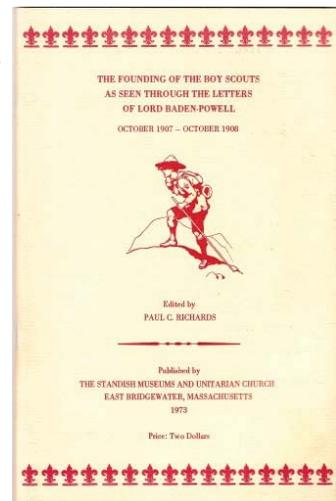
meeting was held in a YMCA Hall shows the very close relationship Baden-Powell had with other organisations at that time, including the Boys' Brigades and the Church Lads' Brigades. These three 'boy movements' are often referred to in my writings as Brother Organisations, but in truth could more closely be described as 'Parent Organisations'.

Following the publication of 'The Parts', Pearsons were working hard to bring out the first edition of *The Scout* (18/4/1908) and the hardcover edition of *Scouting for Boys* (1/5/1908). Both of these publications are available on the collectors' market, as are all the 1908 editions of *The Scout* in the official red and gold binding. These are of course rare but obtainable if you are sufficiently determined! As we all know, the book, *S4B*, went on to become one of the most published titles in the world. It has never been out of print, and copies can be found in every language. Believe it or not there are people who are determined to own every edition in every language!



Letters, as I have demonstrated in previous 'Corners', are a rich vein for Scout collectors and, as you would expect, there were many letters between Baden-Powell and his publisher Pearson's, at this formative time in Scouting history. Fortunately, these are mainly documented but their history is rather bizarre. A collection of sixty 1907/8 letters to Pearson's agent Peter Keary came up for sale in 1973 at a London auction house. The lot was poorly publicised and was purchased by Paul C Richards, an American manuscript dealer, who was visiting London on an exchange visit to a London Scout Group with his Unitarian Scouts from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The collection, which documented the very genesis of the Scout Movement, was then taken to America to form the basis of a Scouting Museum in the Group's hometown. Thankfully, a booklet was published documenting each and every letter. (The booklet occasionally comes on the market, usually at under £30, which I feel is very reasonable considering its contents.) The Scouting Museum closed and I spent some time trying to find out the whereabouts of this historic collection. I discovered according to an enclosure in the 1974 printings of the book, Richards had donated the collection to the Unitarian Church on condition that a museum be built to house them.

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There was a split between Richards and the church in 1976 Richards removed the letters and allegedly emigrated. Further research revealed previously undisclosed information that Richards was, around this time, being prosecuted for fraudulent practices in the selling of antiquarian letters and documents. By a total coincidence I located a mention of B-P letters in archives of Boston University. Correspondence with the University authorities revealed that this indeed was the ‘Richards’ collection donated to the archives prior to his death in March 1993. I continued to press the Archivist for details of public access to the collection and was informed that I could obtain copies. A scan of just one letter however would be more than the cost of the transcript of all 60 letters as contained in the now collectable booklet described above, the existence of which was unknown to the university authorities.

This story is an object lesson in what can happen if we do not ourselves take a more positive attitude to the preservation of our Scouting Heritage. (See p.8 for details of the proposed Scout and Guide Historical Society). It is interesting to note the B-P’s Rolls-Royce ‘Jam Roll’, presented to him by the Scouts of the World in 1929, was being actively sought by the Unitarian Scout Museum for their collection, but they were frustrated in their attempt to purchase the car by a reply from the UK Scout Association indicating that it had been destroyed by fire! (See ‘*Jam Roll*’, *Baden-Powell: The Man and his ‘Motors’* recently published by Colin Walker on behalf of the charity B-P Jam Roll Ltd who have purchased the car for Scouting.)

Fortunately not all the letters between B-P and Pearson’s concerning *S4B* were in the exported collection. The author has a letter sent by Baden-Powell on May 2nd 1908 to his publishers from the Station Hotel in Newcastle Upon Tyne, where he states just prior to the publishing of the hard-cover book; “*I have been very remiss in answering your letters but my duties up North have kept me running about without a chance of getting to London to see the book (S4B) and I don’t know when I will be able to do so. So that if there is any urgency about this (B-P signing presentation copies) it would be better for you to take the books back.*”

Collecting ephemera and artefacts relating to the history of Scouting for Boys is possible, but expensive and requires great patience. Fortunately though, for collectors of Scouting on stamps, the set of five 1982 Tonga Scouting stamps are readily available. As I write a mint set, and ‘gutter pairs’ on First Day Covers are available as ‘Buy it now’ items on eBay for £7 and £10 respectively.

Note: The story of the writing of S4B is well documented on the Scouting Milestones website and in the book The Dawn of the World Scout Movement. The Brownsea Island camp is the subject of the book Brownsea: B-P’s Acorn.

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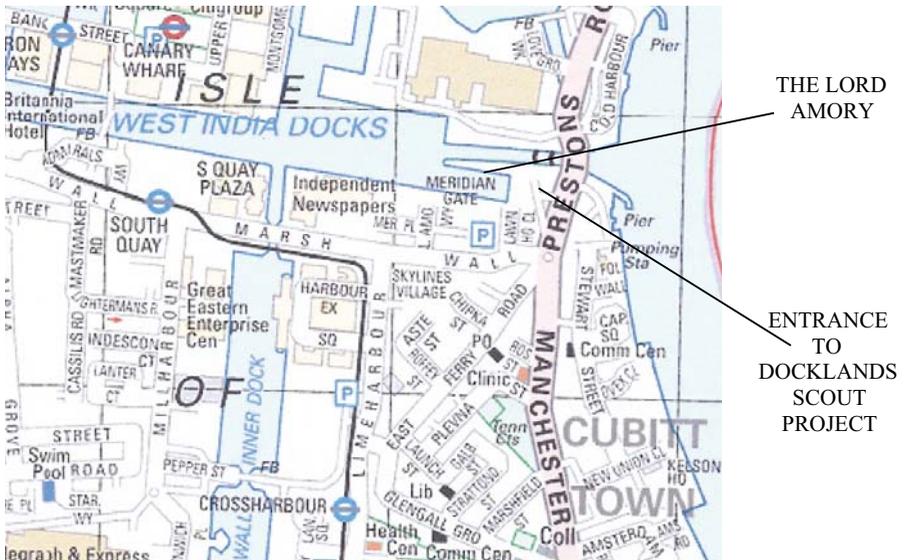
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