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EDITORIAL

For most of us, summer holidays are just memories and those of us who have been camping with our troops are recovering from the preparations and a hectic week or so of "back to nature". During such times we are apt to put philately at the back of our minds: in one way this may be a good thing, for with the autumn and winter approaching, we can return to our hobby with renewed interest: conversely, it may not be so good, if we omit to keep a check on all philatelic Scout material which has been issued during that time, particularly if it comes within our interests. If you have managed to have a good holiday or camp and, at the same time, kept abreast of your hobby, you're a fortunate person. Perhaps you would let me into the secret of how it is done!

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

I expect the Philippines Jamboree has seemed very remote to you: only short reports about it have appeared in the newspapers and we must wait until the official account of it is published in the "Scout" (which I hope all of you read). One thing I am disappointed about is that the Philippines postal authorities not only issued a set of five stamps but thought it necessary to produce a miniature sheet and tête-bêche pairs of the two lower values. Personally, I think such an action is liable to cause many stamp collectors to accuse the Scout Movement of "jumping the bandwagon". Although this is absurd, it nevertheless does the Movement a certain amount of harm. Another thing, it does not help the young collector who has only a limited amount of pocket money to spend on stamps.

Each country originally issued stamps purely for affixing to letters to defray the cost of conveying them to their destination: then people began collecting those stamps and the postal authorities of most countries found it profitable to introduce additional values, some of which were merely made for the collector and rarely, if over, did any postal service. Then pictorials followed and because they were popular, after them came the "pretty-pretty" - flowers, animals, fish, birds, fruit. I would be the last to condemn any of these, for most of them are beautifully engraved miniature works of art, and, as such, can form a good thematic collection for the Junior. But I think many of you will find, as you grow older, and read mere about stamps, your interest may change. Whether or not this happens doesn't matter: collect what stamps appeal to you, learn all you can about them and you

will certainly enjoy your hobby. Now get out that album, look through it and see if I'm not right. I'll be writing you again in November.

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INVESTMENT TOPIC by Howard L. Fears

The priced catalogue of Scout and Guide stamps compiled by my good friends, Roy Rhodes and Len Bowen and issued with the last edition of the Journal will be regarded as the standard "pricing" on the subject for some time to come, and apart from its obvious usefulness as our indication of the approximate cost in England of such material, it will be invaluable for insurance and valuation purposes. Our American members, however, will find several differences between U.K. and their own prices and with a few noticeable exceptions, I expect on average U.S. prices are higher.

I have also undertaken some research since the publication of the Catalogue to see whether I could better any of the prices: only in one instance could I really obtain a reduction - the issues of Persia. Just compare these prices -

<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Estimated Mint Price in Catalogue</u>	<u>Actual price of offer</u>
1950	7/6	5/-
1956	7/6	5/-
1957	3/6	3/6

However, in one other case, I was unable to get anywhere near the catalogue estimate. I refer to the Netherland Indies set of 1937. Catalogue figures give 5/- mint and 4/- used: personally, I feel a fine used pair is a better proposition than mint, but the dealers wanted between 8/- and 10/- mint and 7/6 and 10/- used. Draw your own conclusion. Can any Dutch member tell me the price in Holland?

With the rapid change of subject I would like to answer a member's query. A new member with a small basic collection asked what lines he should work on to increase his collection to a more comprehensive one. Firstly I would advise that every new issue is purchased as soon as it appears; prices rarely drop by waiting. Secondly, it must be appreciated that some items are not only expensive, but scarce, especially those from the pre 1939 era: therefore, in order not to become disheartened, try and complete the issues for, say, 1957 and then work backwards. Periodically, offers of early material will be noted and if an offer seems reasonable, then buy. A complete collection of the stamps only, will take quite some time to accumulate, not to mention the covers and events for which no stamps were issued.

For a special "tip" this time I am going back to 1938,

to Turkey. As part of a set of six stamps, one was of Scout interest and, in theory, a specimen of this stamp, mint or used, should cost no more than two or three shillings: with years of trying, I have failed to obtain the stamp used on its own i.e. without having to buy the whole set, and can only recall one occasion when the value was offered mint. You may have to buy the whole set, even so. I advise you to buy and if the dealer you ask has any spare, at a reasonable price, ask him to offer them to me!

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What should a "Scout Stamps" Collector collect?  
By Ernest Sterne

It is perhaps somewhat impertinent to ask such a question, because it is the beauty of stamp collecting that everyone can collect precisely what one feels like collecting. However, we all have certain views and as mine appear to be rather different from those mostly expressed in the Journal, it seems only fair that they should have a hearing.

I maintain that the only items worth putting into a stamp collection are those which have been issued by a recognised postal authority. This means that one can collect stamps and postmarks, officially issued covers, wrappers and cards and call them a philatelic collection. One may have too much money and prefer one's stamps on "special first day covers" of the racket type the Boy Scouts tried to sell to the public in 1957, but that does not alter the fact that really only the stamps on them matter. Personally I prefer a somewhat battered envelope which has served its real purpose to the immaculate "made to measure" item that never saw the inside of a letter box.

It is, however, mainly against one branch of 'Scout philately' that we should warn junior collectors. This is the "cachet" swindle - as opposed to the official postmark. Scoutmaster Crafty, taking his twelve boys of the 701st. Swindlethem Troop to camp at Low Racket is quite entitled to fabricate a cachet reading "701st. Swindlethem - Low Racket, Camp Mail" and put this on the grubby postcard Tenderfoot Slinkey sends home; but to advertise these "cards" as Scout "philatelic items" and to ask fancy prices for such a rarity is no longer philately, but a racket.

Older people with money to waste can only blame themselves if they fall for such swindle advertising - I use the word "swindle" intentionally for to my mind that is what it is if one tries to foist one's souvenirs on the public as philatelic items. But we must protect the young collector from such rubbish; we should, very clearly in this Journal, distinguish between official issues of all typos, including postmarks etc, and private rackets, otherwise we sink to the level of the

stamp dealer whose "Junior approvals" are full of valuable (?) free Roumanians, Moluccas and other bogus lots. I feel we have certainly not acted fairly in this so far.

I have no objections, if anyone wishes to collect Scout cachets, going ahead. Pay 10/- for covers of weekend camps - which can be made to order as often as not - but please don't call it either stamp collecting or philately!

The 1957 Jamboree first day cover racket was a disgrace to all concerned; to the dealer - about whom the less said, the better - as well as Imperial H.Q's who fell for his racket and expected youngsters to pay 6/6 for stamps they could buy anywhere for less than half the money and to all Scout collectors and Scout stamp collectors who did not raise a loud enough outcry (and that, I confess, includes me) at the time. The sufferers were the lads who bought a souvenir at 100% above value.

Because I feel it is our duty to protect the good name of "Scout stamp" collecting, I raise this matter. What do you think?

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(I am sure there are some members who won't see eye-to-eye with everything Mr. Sterne has written. I think it only fair to point out that although I.H.Q. agreed to allowing official cacheted envelopes to be printed by the aforesaid dealer, these envelopes (unstamped) - and also other special envelopes - were obtainable at a very reasonable figure: anyone visiting the Jamboree could buy them, and the stamps, at the camp post office. Incidentally, I understand the donation promised by the dealer for the privilege of using special cacheted envelopes is still awaited by I.H.Q. Incidentally, I notice that one leading London dealer in Scout material offers these G.B. F.D. Covers at 10/-. In a few years time I have a feeling that even a set of those stamps, used, will be round about this figure! Ed.)

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We are pleased to give a welcome to the following new members:-

- 214 Bruce E. Ross, 158 Lincoln Avenue, East Paterson, New Jersey, U. S. A. \*
- 222 Leong Chee Keng, 15B Kim Ching Street, Singapore 3, Malaya \*

Reinstatement: Member No. 113

Deletions: Please delete the following from your membership list:- Nos. 152, 153, 154

Change of address:-

- No. 68 Sheldon Levy to 697 West End Avenue, New York 25, U. S. A.
- No. 44 W. E. Millard, to 2 Ellachie Road, Alverstoke, Gosport, Hants.

Change of address (Contd.)

- No. 164 I. Brown to Oakdale, Bridgnorth Road, Madeley,  
Wellington, Shropshire.  
No. 172 Lt. Col. W. C. Stoll to Quarters F, Base Annex, Fort  
Campbell, Ky, U. S. A.  
No. 211 John Owen to P. O. Box 417, Fort Payne, Ala. U. S. A.  
No. 9 C. F. Bennigsen now 2/Lt. C. F. Bennigsen, XII Loyal  
Lancers, Elizabeth Camp, Nicosia, B. F. P. O. 53  
No. 137 G. R. West to 53 Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe, Melbourne,  
Victoria, Australia.  
No. 142) W. Buben ) to 9104 So. Euclid Avenue, Chicago 17,  
No. 143) R. Buben ) Ill, U. S. A,

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FOURTH MAIL AUCTION SALE. From the Hon. Sec.

No, I haven't made a mistake - it's the same Sale as was recorded in the July issue. This is simply a reminder that the closing date for bids is September 20th. The Fourth Sale includes the already scarce RUWA covers. If you haven't sent a bid, you have still time if you hurry.

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LATE NEWS FLASH FROM THE HON. SEC. - Bids for RUWA covers (Item 1 of Fourth Mail sale) pouring in. Average bid exceeds 7/-. If you are interested hurry your maximum bid NOW.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

Naturally most of the recent correspondence has been about the priced catalogue, and I have been kept busy passing on the compliments. The Asst. Secretary, Mr. BLUNT, is also kept busy trying to round up all the membership renewals. By having to increase the annual sub. ('though we feel our efforts this year have already justified any extra) we expected a few members to 'drop off', but I doubt whether, on balance, there will be much difference in our total membership at the end of the year. You and I, the members and the committee, can be proud of our Club and (whisper it quietly) I think some of our American cousins like to boast that they belong to an organisation 'second to none'.

The comings and goings of your letters raise many interesting topics, not least being the details of Scout stamp activities in Formosa, contributed by member Howard Ang. If you have any queries about a permanent supply of covers from that island in connection with all their events, I am sure Mr. ANG would be pleased to help if you care to write to him.

From U. S. A., member James YEAW tells me that he has G. B.

covers for the Gilwell Reunions of 1930, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1938 and 1939. All have the same cachet - a large Scout badge with "Annual Gilwell Reunion" and the year. In chronological order the covers are printed in red, blue, red, red, green and blue. Also pre-war he has 3 covers dated July 30, 1920, postmarked at London. All 3 have Scout emblems with "1st. World Jamboree, London, July 30th. 1920." They all have the same design, with different colours, red, yellow and black.

Whilst we are on G.B. covers, he goes on to complete his listing of pre-war ones with Aug. 1st. 1924 - London: Imperial Jamboree; Aug. 8th. 1924 - London: Imperial Jamboree with last day handstamp; Aug. 8th. 1936 - Jamboree at Mount Edgcombe, with special cancel. I bet that list makes a few people envious!

Checking through my New Zealand Pan Pacific Jamboree covers I have noted a curious difference in the Registration labels. Label No. 111 has had applied a rubber stamp with the wording "PAN-PACIFIC SCOUT JAMBOREE" - No. 121 is a label with the name space left blank, but it has been 'cancelled' with the Scout handstamp, obviously intended for that alone and not for any stamp on the cover. No. 130, by comparison, has had the words "Pan Pacific Jam" written in by hand in the name space. I wonder if any more varieties exist.

Some day I will tell you how I secured the 12 covers from the RUWA Jamboree offered in the Auction Sale - no cancelled to order tricks. But whilst on that subject there is one thing I am lacking - has anyone a spare cloth badge, such as I imagine must have been issued to those attending? I'm willing to swop.

I'm sure member Bjorn Hermond won't mind my quoting from his short note enclosed in a cover from the Jubilee Scout Camp at Ebeltoft in Denmark. "It is very windy here and I had better stop writing now because the tent is nearly blowing away." Don't worry, Bjorn, I was glad to have the cover.

When looking through my Weekly and monthly stamp magazines I always keep an eye open for adverts, of Scout items, and I quote from a July issue "MAFEKING 1900 S.G.20, 3d. deep blue (Baden Powell) bottom marginal copy on cover with dated cancellation, rare ... 700/-".

The same magazine - but a different advert. - mentions "Mafeking Besieged stamps 1 x 3d; on 1d, (slightly cut into), 1 x 1d, Sgt-Major Goodyear, 1 x 3d. Baden Powell. All fine used on pieces ... PRICE £6."

In another Journal I spotted an advert. detailing Scout covers. I'll allow your own guess on "Liechtenstein, 1953 Scout pict. card 9/6d; N.Z. 1954 Scout official F.D.C. 4/-; Canada 1955 Scout F.D.C. 4/6d."

RESEARCH TOPIC By Howard L .Fears

I should think every Scout stamp and label collector by now knew something about the 1933 Jamboree we examined for our last research topic. This time I would like to take a much less-studied item - the 1924 Imperial Scout Jamboree, held in connection with the British Empire Exhibition. This took place at Wembley, Middlesex and let me say at once, this time there was no special Scout stamp or cancellation: there were at least two different types of the latter used at the Exhibition, but these give no indication of any Scout association.

In the same year, 1924, the World Jamboree in Copenhagen, Denmark was held and our chief interest in the Imperial Jamboree must centre on two labels, both overprinted "WEMBLEY, AUG 1-8, 1924". These labels were not issued originally for this occasion, and the original inscription has been blotted out: one of them depicts a plumed Zulu warrior, complete with assegai and shield; printed near the base of the dancing Zulu are the words "HAPPY HEALTH AND ENERGY"; outside the frame at the top, but still within the limits of the perforation is the quote - "I AM OFF TO THE BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE".

The other label, similarly perforated, shows a camel, complete with a coloured rider in motion: at the top of this one is the question "SHALL I SEE YOU AT THE BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE?"

A simple question would be "are these scarce?" If its any help I can say that I remember seeing single copies for sale, three or four years ago at 10/- each! Would you pay that much? If anyone has a genuine cover posted from Wembley in the 1924 Exhibition with one of the labels 'tied' by the Exhibition cancellation, I'd be willing to think in terms of £5. Any offers?

That's all for this time. A number of our members could possibly add to these remarks, so please let Mr. Blunt or myself hear from you. And if you can get any details about the Goerge Robey "Scout stamps", share it with us all, please.

(I'm sure some members can supply some additional information to that given by our energetic Secretary. Don't disappoint him and your other members, will you? Editor)

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PAGES PROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE 5  
by Len Bowen

So we meet once again? What are the headlines all about this time? I reckon the second type of cancellation of the New Zealand Pan-Pacific Jamboree 1958/1959 is one of the notorious headlines! Although the first day cancellation was only in use for a period of 24 hours, everybody has it: there are still plenty of spare covers in dealer's hands and these can

be purchased currently for 1/- each. The second type cancellation was in use for nearly a fortnight but hardly anyone has a specimen, almost every collector is clamouring for one, and lots of them had not even heard of its use. The moral once again, don't leave it to the dealers, who are jacks of all trades and masters of none; prepare the ground in advance yourself - write out to the Scout Headquarters beforehand or even to the Postmaster of the country, find out "advance information" and book all your requirements before the event starts.

The Philippines Government have caused a bit of eye-popping regarding the 10th. World Jamboree - A set of five stamps, a miniature sheet and the two lowest values printed tête bêche and a special cancellation. I don't mind the charity "backsheesh" to the Scout Movement but it seems to be like a bit of philatelic salesmanship by the Philippines G.P.O. It's singles only for me this time, not my usual blocks of four. This sort of thing could have repercussions and bring the Scout movement into philatelic disrepute internationally.

Did you notice a paragraph in the Philatelic magazine recently by the stamp investment expert, forecasting a big rise in next season's catalogues for the Siam "Wild Tiger" overprints? It makes one feel good to have them. There is no need for me to offer advice, is there?

There was another item in the daily newspapers early in June which I immediately snipped out - it dealt with the despatch of mails by Thor rocket from an American warship to the mainland, with a radio-controlled landing and was apparently quite successful. This cutting, now mounted in the section of my album dealing with the "All India" Scout Jamboree 1937, gives a hall mark to the Rocket post items which they never had before. Some collectors had sniffed down their noses and dismissed the rocket experiments as "stamp dealers cashing in on the Jamboree by a stunt", but pre-war philatelists followed the Rocket post experiments of such people as Gerhard Zucker and Stephen H. Smith keenly and continuously. Fortunately for us Scout collectors, a goodly range of items in fair quantity were despatched by rockets during the course of this Jamboree and, bearing in mind the closely approximate figure of 1000 registered members of S.O.S.S. (America) and S.S.C.C. (Great Britain) it should be possible to acquire a rocket item of some sort by diligent and patient searching.

I heard a little "heart-cry" at the May meeting of the London Section of the S.S.C.C. - members would like to know more about what Scout material there is in existence, particularly in the realms of cancellations, covers and ancillary items - all Scout stamps can be listed from the stamp catalogues. I've had a think about this point: there is no doubt that all sorts of Scout philatelic odds and ends are contin-

ually being picked up by members hot on the trail and I'm sure everyone would be grateful if the finders would try writing a few paragraphs about them. The fellows with large collections of normal material are doing their best to display parts of their collections to members as opportunity occurs, so do tell all of us about those unusual items which have come your way. I can assure you the usual contributors of notes and articles have no desire whatever of "hogging" all the pages of this Journal!

Well, that's all for now; I'll be writing again shortly.

P.S. Owing to his attending the London meeting of the S.S.C.C., Wolf Cub Peter Bowen is now collecting cloth badges.

Any contributions gratefully received.

(Thanks a lot, Len; we all appreciate your newsy notes. Ed. )

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B.P. HOUSE AUCTION SALE - From the Secretary

As I write this, I have to report that about 20 contributions have been received, both large and small, but all equally acceptable. But that still means that many members may have forgotten - could that include YOU? B.P. House is a memorial to the founder of Scouting, B.P. himself, and here is a chance for S.S.C.C. to associate itself with that project. So if you haven't sent, what about sending one or two good items NOW to my Seaford address. I will include the items in the list to accompany the November issue, so you have about 3 weeks more. Could we reach a total of 50 lots?

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SALES BUREAU

At the time of writing material from the Philippines hasn't arrived, but you will be kept informed. Looking way ahead, we are already exploring the position about a specially prepared S.S.C.C. cover for the U.S.A. Scout stamp to be issued in 1960.

For Sale this time we have the following:-

- Formosa 1957 Jamboree. Cacheted cover with cancel ..... 2/3
- Formosa Scout labels. Sheet of 16 ..... 2/-
- Formosa 1957 Winter Jamboree. Cancelled cacheted cover 2/3
- Formosa 1958 Summer Camporee. Cover with Scout stamp, cachet, label and cancel ..... 3/-
- Formosa 1956. 3rd. National Jamboree cover ..... 2/6
- Formosa 1956. Aug. '56 Jamboree ..... 2/3
- Formosa 1957. Scout week cacheted cover & 4 labels .... 2/6
- Formosa 1958. B.P. commem. cover ..... 2/3
- Formosa Guide camp. Cacheted cover (? 1957) ..... 2/3

Sales Bureau (Contd.)

G.B. 1958 Gilwell Reunion covers. 9 left. 6d, each, or the  
9 for 3/-

G.B. 1959 1st. Berkhamsted Golden Jubilee cacheted cover.  
Small printing only. A few left at 1/6d.

Australia 1959 Corroboree stickers (You received one free  
with the May-Journal). A few left at 3d. each.

N.Z. 1959 Jamboree F.D.C. The last few at 1/3d. each.

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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

From Howard Ang (Member No. 103) - Details of new issue -  
A new issue of stamps to celebrate Chinese Boy Scouts joining  
the 10th. World Jamboree in the Philippines. Three values as  
under, issued in sheets of 10 x 10, printed by the Central  
Printing Works, Taipeh, Formosa: designed by Mr. Wen Hsue-ju  
and engraved by Mr. Pao Liang-yew. Perf, 11½, no gum.

Values, colours and numbers printed:-

\$ 0.40, deep red .....	1,500,000 )	
\$ 0.50, bronze blue ....	1,000,000 )	Issued 8th. July 1959
\$ 5.00, medium green ...	500,000 )	

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The next London area meeting at Roland House (East London  
Scout Settlement), Stepney Green will be held on Sunday 11th.  
OCTOBER at 2 p.m., to which all members are cordially invited.  
The President would like to hear from members who will be  
able to attend. It is hoped that a Sunday will be a more  
convenient day for members in suburbia, especially those who  
work on Saturdays, and that provincial members may be able  
to make the journey in the time.

Members are invited to display material from their  
collections at the meeting, only please advise the President  
in order to avoid the duplication possibility - Oh! And don't  
forgot to bring your swops.

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I have, at long last, been able to complete a sheet showing  
illustrations of cancellations which have, from time to time,  
been mentioned in the Journal. These will be printed and cir-  
culated with your November number. Should you require any  
additional copies with which to illustrate your collection  
they will be available from the Honorary Secretary, price 3d.  
per sheet, all proceeds going to Society funds.

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Anent my remarks in Volume 3, No.3, pages 5 and 6, of the

Journal, concerning overprinted G.B. Jubilee Jamboree stamps used in Kuwait, I am again indebted to "Stamp Collecting" for some further information. It was reported that further covers, additional to those quoted in above mentioned article, exist: those are two registered covers bearing the complete set of Jamboree stamps of Muscat, one cancelled Ahmadi, 26.3.58 with two 1 np and one 3 np values of the current issue of Kuwait; the other bearing similarly valued stamps cancelled Mina-Al-Ahmadi, 27.3.58. It was also quoted that it is understood that three identical sets of covers are in existence.

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Mr. Dickenson (Member 219) has pointed out an error in the catalogue circulated with our last issue. For the Netherlands Indies issue, 1937, 5th. World Jamboree, the colour for the 7½c value S.G. 227, is quoted as green: this should, of course, be drab brown. The President has also pointed out that the lowest value of the Netherlands Antilles set of 1957 should read 6c + 1½c. I must take the blame for this since I made typing errors in the rough draft of the catalogue. My apologies. Please correct your copy.

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When this Journal reaches you, I shall be on an expedition with members of my Senior Scout Troop. Whether I shall find any time for "Scouting-on-Stamps" remains to be seen. Maybe I shall be lucky!

Sincerely yours,  
WILF NODDER.

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ADVERTS.

1. Mainly for beginners - send stamped addressed envelope for my duplicate stamps - mainly of Scout interest at current values. I. BROWN, "OAKDALE", BRIDGNORTH ROAD, MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
2. Would any overseas members exchange their used Scouts stamps for G.B. Jubilee 1957 used or unused, single or sets? No covers. Reply guaranteed. Write - E. B. HAMLEY, 5 ST. SAVIOUR'S ROAD, CROYDON, SURREY, ENGLAND. (Member 84)