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Editorial

Here we again with another new and, I hope, interesting issue.

One thing that does strike me is that from the growing number of letters and articles that are coming forward the vast majority seem to be related to collecting areas which are non philatelic. I hope that this means we were right when we changed the Club Constitution to expand the field of activity to include paper ephemera but it would be nice to see some more articles related to stamps, etc. I do already have a few from Peter Shore under his "Memories" banner but there must be a number of you out there who could write a small piece, similar to that from Alex Hadden in this issue, extolling the virtues of your favourite Scout Stamp.

Just over a year now to EuroScout 2010 - the venue has been booked for both the event itself and also for the Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening. I have also had several meetings with the local hotels and hopefully will be able to tie up some deals regarding accommodation in the near future. Pending this I have delayed my notice about the Exhibition until the next issue.

Terry Simister

FUTURE COPY DATES

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

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

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DONT FORGET CLUB AUCTION ENDS ON 18TH APRIL

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

One of our members, Michael Loomes, writes to say that he has received a letter from Russell Hawkins, the Stamps programme Manager of Royal Mail to say that they are issuing a set of stamps for the Guide Centenary in February 2010. This is a surprise, but great news as the list of stamp issues for 2010 had already been published, and despite requests for stamps to celebrate this event, they were not originally chosen.

Many of you know of my interest in the Mafeking Siege Paper Currency. Recently an auction house at Bury St Edmunds, in Suffolk offered sixteen notes in near mint condition. The vendor had acquired them in a house clearance some 30 years ago. Thinking that hardly anybody would know about this auc-

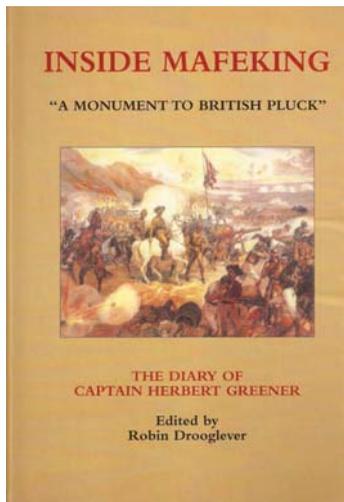


tion, I attended the sale as I was hoping to purchase one or two of the notes. However there was four telephone bidders plus buyers in the room which caused the prices to reach record amounts. With Buyers Premium, the 1/- notes made up to £351, the 2/- £469, the 3/- £1055, 10/- £996 and finally the four £1 notes which made between £1524 - £1876. As you can imagine, I went home with nothing!

It appears that our Royal Mail do not wish to encourage the collection of stamps. In the past if you had a used stamp, you soaked it off from the envelope and placed it in your collection. From last Christmas, it has been virtually impossible to remove used self adhesive stamps from their backing paper due to the new special glue that was used. It is understood that the re-use of un-cancelled stamps has made a big dent in the fortunes of Royal Mail, especially as unused stamps without gum have been offered on eBay in large quantities. No longer will we be able to soak legitimately used stamps from the mail for neat mounting in our albums. From February new stocks of stamps will be produced with two semi-circular slits on each stamp so that when the stamp is removed from the backing paper, it will come apart, so again not really suitable for the stamp collector. It looks as if in the future that used U.K. stamps will have to be collected on piece.

Peter Duck wrote an obituary in the last Bulletin about our former committee member Keith Burtonshaw. However very little is known about how he spent his

spare time other than in Scouting. In March 2009 at Woking in Surrey, over 1600 of his painting came up for sale in an auction. Bachelor Keith Burtonshaw (1930-2008) was a highly competent, self-taught amateur artist, influenced by Constable, Gainsborough and Reynolds. Keith was a member of the British Water Colour Society, the London Sketch Club (as was Baden-Powell), the United Society of Artists and the National Society of Painters. He also exhibited at the Royal Society of Marine Artists and the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours in London. His work can be found in collections around the world, but only occasionally have his pictures appeared at auction in the last 20 years.



I know that I have already written about Mafeking earlier in these notes, but I was pleased to say that at long last the diary of Captain Herbert Greener has been published. He was the Chief Paymaster in Mafeking during the Siege, and it is his signature that appears on the famous siege notes. This is not simply Greener's diary as the journal has been studied meticulously by the Editor, Robin Drooglever and the story of the siege is written around it. There are exact diary entries, of course, telling the story in Greener's own words, but the analysis of those words by Drooglever makes this book required reading for anyone with an interest in

the Siege of Mafeking. Published by Token Publishing Ltd of Honiton, Devon at £29.95.

One of the great treasures of Scout collecting, is the crash mail from the Zeppelin "Hindenburg" In March this year one of these rare covers was offered for auction in the Netherlands by Van Dieten. With an estimate price of €10000, it made €8200 plus buyer's premium. Most of the crash covers still show the 12½c 1937 Netherlands Jamboree stamp. Hallvard Slettebø writes on his Scout website <http://www.slettebo.no/scout/hindenburg.htm> LZ 129 *Hindenburg* left Frankfurt am Main, Germany on May 3 on her first North America flight for 1937. The world's largest aircraft ever was 804 feet (245 metres) long and filled with 7 million cubic feet of highly flammable hydrogen. At Lakehurst, New Jersey, cameramen and reporters waited for her arrival and recorded one of the most famous disasters in history. On landing at Lakehurst on May 6, 1937, the airship burst into flames and was destroyed in about 34 seconds. 13 passengers and 22 crew died but 61 passengers survived.

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

Lajos Márton, Ungarn

The probably best known artist of Scout-postcards is „Márton“, this name really became a synonym amongst collectors, and is even a collecting theme itself.

Lajos Márton was born on the 18th of Nov.1891 at Szekelyudvarhegy, Transylvania, Hungary. He became a well known Hungarian book illustrator and a most occupied church painter (almost 40 churches can show his works, amongst them the church of Gödöllő).



Márton was an enthusiastic Scout (his Scout name was DEDI-DODI) and like all Hungarians, most patriotic minded. After the defeat in WW 1, which resulted in the Treaty of Trianon, under which so much Hungarian land was lost; like Upper Hungaria, now Slovakia; Transylvania (now belonging to Romania) or West Hungaria (today part of Austria).....for each of which he made the patriotic illustration of a protest-postcard.

Worldwide known amongst Scouts became his sketch books:

- * Jamboree 1924
- * Czerkészalbum 1929 (drawn 1926/1927/1929)
- * Jamboree 1933
- * Jamboree 1933 „Souvenir“
- * Jubele Album 1906 – 1936

Also for the Litho-pages I, II, III. from the Jamboree Gödöllő 1933 - but most of all for his illustrations of postcards.

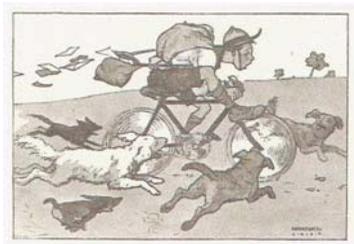
Lajos Márton died on 26.Jan.1953 at Budapest

1st series of castles and fortresses along the river Waag – now in Slovakia – which was drawn during the legendary rafting tour 1913. These cards also show the fleur-de-lies and a small sketch of rafting on the reverse side.

10 different cards are known, but the issue of a dozen is suspected.



2nd series 1921/1922... here appear the first of his humorous Scout-cards, not in colour yet, but vividly demonstrating „Scout life“ and typically for Márton, there is always an animal (dog) incorporated in the picture.



1921/23 (?)

3rd series: 1926

„Nagytabor“ (Main camp = National camp)

10 different cards



In this year Márton produced further most humorous cards like: pursued by a mosquito a Scout flees in panic pulling his dog behind him.

4th series: 1927 „Beatulund“

9 cards showing portraits of Scouts of nations, who participated at the camp: Denmark, France (2), Scotland, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Hungary.



The second part of Gottfried's article on Marton will appear in the next issue.



Scouting in Freemasonry

by W.Bro. Michael T. Harrington



I have been a Scout Leader for over 43 years, and was a committee member of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club for many years. About sixteen years ago I was invited to become a Freemason, and joined the Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 1178. I soon found many similarities between the two organisations such as brotherly love, helping others, the world wide aspect of the organisations etc.



Baden-Powell –
Founder of Scouting

On the 27th April 1992, Tanzania issued a set of three stamps honouring Robert Baden-Powell. On the right hand corner of each stamp was a square and compass with the ‘G’ in the centre. This stamp makes it appear that Baden-Powell was a freemason. Many people thought that he was a freemason, but I have since found out that there is no information that he *was* connected with Freemasonry at all.

Now one man who had a connection with the craft was Rudyard Kipling. He was a friend of Baden-Powell and became a Scout Commissioner. When B-P founded the Wolf Cubs he based it on Kipling’s “*The Jungle Book*”, using the names of Akela as the leader, who protects her young, and Baloo, Bagheera, Kaa etc., for all the assistant leaders. Kipling also wrote a book especially for the Boy Scouts called “*Land and Sea Tales for Scouts and Guides*” in 1923. Kipling can be found on a Swedish stamp depicting



Rudyard Kipling –
NobelPrizewinner 1907

Nobel Prize winners which was awarded in 1907, the same year as Scouting started with the experimental camp on Brownsea Island.



Scouts experimental camp at
Brownsea Island

After being in Freemasonry for a couple of years, I found that there were many Scouting Lodges. A friend took me along to the Torch Lodge No. 7236. I felt that I was at a Scout Meeting here, but without the Scouts. I found out that there are about 38 lodges in England that come under the umbrella of the K.L.A. (Kindred Lodges Association).

To be a member of one of these lodges the general rule is that you must be associated with a youth movement, the majority being with Scouting and Boys Brigade. I was then asked if I wished to become an associate member, I of course said yes, wondering in the back of my mind how much this would cost me, the form was handed to me and I saw that it was going to cost me £5 every leap year. This was a great relief on my pocket.

This article concludes in the next issue of the Bulletin

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MOT89S MONTSEERRAT 1989 Uniforms of Montserrat Defence Force (Girl Guides)MS	2.40	2.00
COM89 COMORO IS. 1989 Scouts/birds/butterflies (6)	1.85	-
COM89S COMORO IS.1989 Scouts/birds/butterflies MS	4.00	-
MAY89 MALAYSIA 1989 7 th National Jamboree (3)	0.80	0.75
UGA89 UGANDA 1989 2 nd African Jamboree (4)	-	1.70
UGA89S UGANDA 1989 2 nd African Jamboree MS	2.50	2.35
NIG89 NIGERIA 70 th Anniversary of Girl Guides (2)	0.50	0.40
STV89GS St.VINCENT 1989 Girl Guides Diamond Jubilee MS	1.75	-
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TOG90 TOGO 1990 Scouts/butterflies/fungi (6)	4.50	-
TOG90S TOGO 1990 Scouts/butterflies/fungi MS	2.50	-
TOG90A TOGO 1990 Scouts/butterflies/fungi (6 imperf)	9.00	-
TOG90G TOGO 1990 Scouts/butterflies/fungi gold foil stamp (1) imperf	9.00	-
TOG90GS TOGO 1990 Scouts/butterflies/fungi gold foil MS perf.	10.00	-
EQG90 EQUATORIAL GUINEA 1990 Scouting commemorative (3)	1.50	-
CAR90 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1990 Scouts & butterflies (6)	4.00	-
CAR90S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1990 Scouts & butterflies MS	3.00	-
CAR90GS CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1990 Scout & butterflies gold foil MS	10.00	-
TON90 TONGA 1990 150 th Anniversary of 1 st Postage Stamps (Scout stamp design) (1)	1.20	-
PHL90 PHILIPPINES 1990 Girl Scouts 50 th Anniversary (2)	0.40	-
YMN90 YEMEN 1990 75 th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (4)	4.00	-
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SEN90 SENEGAL 1990 Honouring Scouting (4)	1.60	-
CZE91 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1991 80 th Anniversary of Scouting – honouring A.B.Svojsik	0.30	0.30
MAU91 MAURITANIA 1991 Scouting/butterflies/fungi (6)	7.00	-
MAU91S MAURITANIA 1991 Scouting/butterflies/fungi MS	2.25	-
MAU91D MAURITANIA 1991 Scouting/butterflies/fungi 6 x de luxe MS	12.00	-
MAU91C MAURITANIA 1991 Scouting/butterflies/fungi 2 x combination MS	10.00	-
PHL91 PHILIPPINES 1991 12 th Asia Pacific Jamboree (3)	0.80	0.70
PHL91S PHILIPPINES 1991 12 th Asia Pacific Jamboree MS	1.50	1.40
UGA91A UGANDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (1 st issue) (4)	-	2.50
UGA91AS UGANDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (1 st issue)MS	2.50	2.20

UGA91B UGANDA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (2 nd issue) (4)	2.80	-
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CON91 CONGO 1991 Scouts/butterflies/fungi (6)	4.00	-
CON91S CONGO 1991 Scouts/butterflies/fungi MS	2.00	-
CON91D CONGO 1991 Scouts/butterflies/fungi 6 x de luxe MS	12.00	-
CON91C CONGO 1991 Scouts/butterflies/fungi 2 x combination MS	10.00	-
INA91 INDONESIA 1991 National Jamboree (1)	0.60	-
GHA91 GHANA 1991 17 th World Jamboree (4)	1.75	-
GHA91S GHANA 1991 17 th World Jamboree 2 x MS	6.00	5.00
MAG91D MALAGASY 1991 Scouts/insects/fungi 6 x de luxe MS	13.50	-
MAG91C MALAGASY 1991 Scouts/insects/fungi 2 x combination MS	11.00	-
JIJ79 Sheetlet of 7 labels issued by World Scout Bureau for Join-in-Jamboree 1979 (self adhesive)	0.75	
JIJ83 Sheetlet of 7 labels issued by World Scout Bureau for Join-in-Jamboree 1983 (self adhesive)	0.75	

My (New) Favourite Scout Stamp

by J. Alex Hadden

While I still really like the Italian stamp with the Scout badge forming a campfire, my new favourite is the Canadian 2007 issue. Forming a totem pole in the centre are members of all five Sections (from the bottom Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers). In the background are pictures of old and new Scouting activities.



And it doesn't stop there. This stamp is a self adhesive which comes in an attractive booklet of 8 which includes seals of Cub and Scout badges, the World badge and Kub Kars and a picture of an old Grand Owl. The front of the booklet shows old time Scouts plus new ones and the back has a picture and a brief biography of Baden-Powell. In all, a very nice issue with only one error (hint – it is on the front page of the booklet).

Future meetings and Venues

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

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

2009

7th November starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm

2010

27th February starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 31

6th May starting at 10.30am to 12.30pm - Room 23

6th November starting at 12.45pm to 14.45pm - Room 23

These meetings to be open to Club members with any Committee business being discussed as necessary.

2. A Committee meeting will be held on 25th April, 2009 at the North Richmond Scout HQ.

3. 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.

ThematiX '09

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STAMP SHOW**

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Friday 26th June 10.30 to 18.00

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Review of Club's Constitution.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find a revised copy of the Club's Constitution.

In 2005 the Annual General Meeting accepted an amendment to the Constitution, which extended the Club's objects to include related paper ephemera. Now, some four years later, your Committee are proposing a wholesale revision of the Club's Constitution. What is going on, why is there the need for a complete revision of the Constitution which has served us so well for a number of years?

The problem is that it has served us well for a number of years but that is because there has been little need to consult it. Every one on the Committee knew what the Constitution provided for and, in the absence of any problems, there was little need to consult it, and when a problem arose, there was generally agreement as to how to proceed without the need to resort to the constitution. That state existed until your Committee looked at the Constitution when considering the widening of the Club's objects to include related paper ephemera. It was then that a number of anomalies were noted as well as a few gaps in the provisions.

For example there was a provision to "elect" new members, which was not being operated, and there was no definition of who constituted a member or who were working officers of the Club. There was no provision as to which posts in the Club should be appointed and which ones elected and as to what action should be taken in the event that it became necessary to dissolve the Club. At the same time consideration was being given to a move to a common annual date for membership renewal. Whilst the current Constitution gave the Committee authority to move on the common annual date for membership renewal it was the Committee's unanimous view that a full-scale review and updating of the Constitution should be carried out and for the new Constitution to remove any ambiguity and to reflect current policies.

For a number of meetings now your Committee has been considering drafts and redrafts, revisions and rewrites of the Constitution. Their finished work is what you now have before you. In accordance with the current Constitution your Committee is putting before the Annual General Meeting this revised Constitution with the recommendation that the whole document be accepted as the new Constitution for the Club with effect from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Please study the new Constitution and please contact a Committee member or myself if you have any questions about it. It would also be good if as many members as possible could attend the AGM so that we can be assured that any changes made have the members' support.

Graham Osborne

*Secretary
March 2009*

SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS CLUB

(Formerly Scout Stamps Collectors Club)

REVIEW OF THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION: 2008

1. NAME & OBJECTIVES

- a) The Club shall be known as the "Scout and Guide Stamps Club".
- b) The objects of the Club shall be to promote the study and practice of philately and especially to encourage and assist collectors of Scout and Guide stamps with information on allied philatelic material and related paper ephemera, and support the world Scout & Guide Movements.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open to all, but members under 18 years of age shall be admitted as Junior members.
- b) An applicant for membership, on payment of the appropriate subscription shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Constitution of the Club in force and any subsequent amendments thereof.
- c) Membership shall be conferred on payment of an annual subscription due on 1st April each year. New members joining after that date will pay a subscription on a pro rata basis for the first year of their membership. Membership will cease on receipt of a notice in writing to the Membership Secretary of a member's intention to resign. Membership will cease in any instance where the annual subscription has not been paid by 1st July."
- d) Any member may be suspended or removed from the membership of the Club by vote of the Committee for breach of the Constitution or otherwise at their sole discretion.
- e) The Committee shall fix the subscription for members and for Junior members.
- f) Junior members shall not be entitled to vote at elections.
- g) Any notice sent by prepaid post to the address of a member registered in the books of the Club shall be deemed to have been properly directed and no claims shall be sustained on the part of a member who has failed to notify a change of address to the appropriate officer of the Club in time to prevent misdirection of any notice or other communication.
- h) All UK members will be subject to the provisions of the Child Protection Policies of the UK Scout and Guide Associations.
- i) Members, or non-members, who have given distinguished service to the Club, may be elected Honorary Members of the Club by proposal and majority vote at an Annual General Meeting. Honorary Members will pay no subscription and will enjoy all the rights of membership.

3. ADMINISTRATION

- a) The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting every year before the end of June or as soon as possible thereafter. Notification of the time and place of this meeting must be given in the Club Bulletin or by other means not later than one month prior to the meeting.
- b) The business of the Club, in pursuit of its Aims and Objectives, and not reserved for General Meetings, shall be managed by the Committee of the Club consisting of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and six other members. These nine members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. A President, Vice President, Vice Chairman, Membership Secretary, Bulletin Editor, and Webmaster will be elected by the Committee from among its members at its first meeting immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for Officers and the Committee must be proposed and seconded and must have the consent of the nominee. Nominations can either be in writing to the Secretary before the AGM or made verbally at the AGM. The Committee will retire from office each year but will be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and their terms of reference.
- d) The quorum for the Committee shall be four including two Officers from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

- e) The Committee shall have power to call Special Meetings. It must call a Special Meeting if so requested by not less than ten per cent of those members who subscriptions are not in arrears. Notification of the time, place and purpose of this meeting must be given in the Club Bulletin or by other means not later than one month prior to the meeting.
- f) The Committee shall have the power at any time to fill any casual vacancy among the Officers and Committee and any Officer or member so appointed shall hold office only until the following Annual General Meeting, but shall then be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall also have the power at any time to co-opt additional members as may be deemed necessary.
- g) The decision of the Committee upon all matters affecting the Club and not specifically provided for in this Constitution shall be final and binding on all members.
- h) At any meeting of the Club or Committee the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

4 FINANCE

- a) The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions and monies and shall deposit them in bank accounts approved by the Committee, in the name of the Scout and Guide Stamps Club. The Treasurer shall settle all accounts and shall present at the Annual General Meeting audited accounts made up to the 31st December of each year. The Treasurer shall administer the bank accounts of the Club. Two from a list of four nominated individuals must sign any cheques drawn on these accounts.
- b) The Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to audit the Treasurer's accounts for that year. The auditor may not be a member of the Committee.
- c) The Club shall indemnify Members of the Committee for all debts incurred by them on behalf of the Club but the liability of the Club shall be limited to a figure, which shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

5 DISSOLUTION

- a) The Club may be dissolved only by a properly convened Annual General or Special Meeting.
- b) The Club can only be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the membership present at that meeting votes for dissolution.
- c) After dissolution all remaining monies and property shall be given to an organisation(s) with objectives similar to those of the Club as decided by the Committee.

6 AMENDMENTS

- a) This constitution shall be subject to amendment by resolution at any properly convened Annual General or Special Meeting. Notice of the proposed changes shall be served upon each member not less than one month before the time fixed for holding such meeting.

22 Nov 08 – Final Revision.

Membership Update from Tim Reed, Membership Secretary.

As you are all hopefully aware, the club has moved to a single, annual renewal of membership date which is 1st April each year and therefore your Annual Subscription is now due. The only exception to this is those of you who currently have five year memberships. I shall contact each of you individually when your renewal is due. For overseas members, you should have received a letter from me by now, explaining how much you owe the club for any outstanding membership due from last year and also the 2009 membership fee.

The current fees are as follows:-

Junior	£5 per year	
UK Member	£10 per year	£50 Five Year membership
All World Surface & Europe Airmail	£13 per year	£65 Five Year membership
All World Airmail	£18 per year	£90 Five Year Membership

The following payment methods are acceptable:

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Some More Philatelic Terms.....

Classics - In mainstream philately rare and early issues but within our own area of interest the term would describe such rarities as Mafeking Siege issues, especially on cover, Czechoslovakia Scout Post of 1918, Siam “Wild Tiger” Scout covers and cards and later Scout “Sewer Post” covers from Warsaw.

Locals - Stamps whose validity is restricted to a prescribed area or town, country or country route where there is no official postal service. Sometimes issues by Civic Authorities, landowners, etc. Mafeking blues are a typical example.

Metered Mail - Post that is automatically franked by machine. The franking combines a postmark and a postage stamp and can also include a slogan (see below). Used in the main by large commercial and public organisations the machines record the number of items sent and the total cost of postage is paid to the post office.

Slogans - Used in conjunction with metered mail to advertise events, good causes, etc. Many Scout and Guide events are advertised on slogans and last month’s Bulletin illustrated many examples

Surcharges - Overprinting existing stamps with another face value usually obliterating the original. Although originally employed to stem a genuine shortage of certain values, such as during the Mafeking siege, it was later used as a means of using large stocks of obsolete stamps and creating more items for collectors. Guyana issued many such on Scout and Guide stamps during the 1980s.

Speculative Issues - The over production of postage stamps vastly exceeding the genuine postal needs of a country these issues are targeted at collectors and are usually thematic with several themes used in the design to maximise their appeal. Some issues have very doubtful postal validity.

Postage Due - Term used to define items posted with no stamps or are underpaid - the cost to be paid upon delivery. A special stamp printed “Postage Due” with the outstanding sum or a rubber stamp with handwritten message can be found on British examples.

Used on Piece - A stamp or stamps displayed on a portion of a used cover that includes the postmark and, if present, a slogan.

Paquebot Postmark - The translation is “Packet Boat” and the term describes letters posted on board a ship whilst at sea using a special postmark.

Illustrations of “Surcharges”, “Used on Piece” and “Paquebot Postmark” are shown on the back page of this Bulletin.

St George and the Dragon

Among the membership of our club there are more than a few who, as part of their Scout Stamp collecting, have an allied collection themed on St George. Indeed both our club and SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps Society International) have devoted pages/links to the subject. Our member Michael Harrington has compiled a definitive list of all stamps which can be accessed from the society's websites depicting the theme of St George. This is a wonderfully impressive piece of work. My favourite St George stamp, was issued in Greece as part of a set of six on April 23rd 1960. As everybody reading this article will know, St George is both the Patron Saint of England and Scouting and his day, April 23rd is the most important in the Scouting Year. It is marked by parades across the country, but notably at St George's Chapel, Windsor which is always attended by recent Queen Scouts and, sometimes by Her Majesty The Queen.



The legend of St George and the dragon is widespread and many details of George's life have been 'documented', but there is no actual proof of his existence, which probably will not come as much of a surprise to those of us that do not really believe in dragons. However there is no doubt that the morality of trying to overcome the 'dragons' of any age, particularly in support of weaker or downtrodden peoples, is a 'Scouting' virtue to which we should all aspire.

My experience in giving talks on Scout history to a wide variety of audiences has lead me to the conclusion that most Scouts and Scouters, in Britain at least, just assume that B-P chose 'our' Saint on the basis that what was good enough for England, was good enough for Scouting. This however is not the case. At the time of the foundation of the Scout Movement (Jan. 1908) Baden-Powell was the Inspector General of Cavalry, British Army. The Cavalry had adopted St George as their patron saint, purely because they saw him as one of their own. St George, so the legend goes, mounted on his white horse killed the dragon with a lance, the traditional weapon of cavalry. Baden-Powell merely passed the Saint over to Scouting as he did with so many of our traditions. Our Badge, the Fleur-de-Lys or compass north point badge (B-P said it was both - in the same sentence, many times!), our Scout Colours, the neckerchief, - the old uniform hat and shirt etc., all came from his army experience.



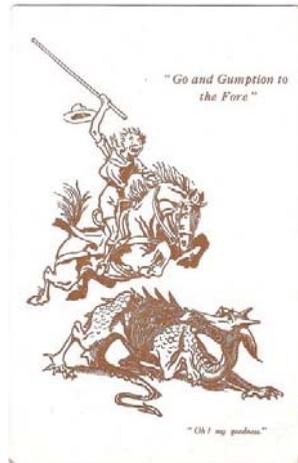
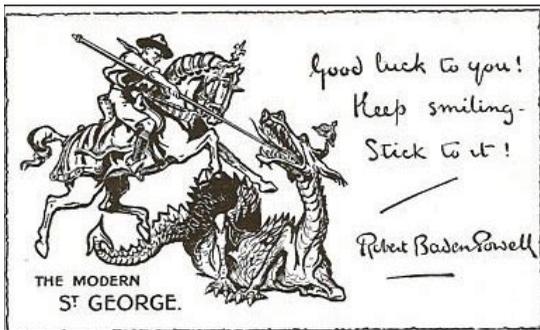
Whilst Baden-Powell was Inspector General of the Cavalry between 1903 and 1908 he became the editor of the *Calvary Gazette* to which he contributed both articles and artwork. The invitation below was sent out in the magazine to all its subscribers. Whilst I cannot be certain that the artwork is that of B-P, it is very likely to be so. Readers will I hope recall from previous articles that the Fleur-de-Lys badge was first introduced by B-P, as an army scout badge in 1887. The version below based on his original design is very special.



The reverse side of the award, for that is what it is, shows that it was presented by Baden-Powell in 1906. 'For Scouting'. The recipient is not named, but must have been in the army. Only two of these badges are known. It is interesting to see that in the St George 'device' made of solid silver, the Saint is armed with a sword rather than a lance. I wonder if this was because the competition was open to all regiments and not just the Cavalry?

I was fortunate to acquire from the estate of our late member David Jefferies, ex-Commissioner for Scotland, the rosette illustrated. The provenance of this item is such that we know to have been the property B-P, who was the vice-President of 'The English Patriotic Order of St George'. The society presented 'the Hero of Mafeking' with a commemorative 'trophy' in 1901. I believe that B-P would have worn the rosette to their Annual Dinner and Church Services (on St George's Day of course). It interesting to compare the 'device' on the rosette with that on the Army Scout Award. They both show St George with a sword and are so similar that I think it probably that were either both copied from the same source, or the army badge being later was copied from the rosette.

Baden-Powell used the image of St George and the Dragon in many of his Scouting books and at least two special postcards carrying B-P's original art work were published by the Association.



Readers will recollect that the remit of 'Colin's Corner' is to range far and wide over paper Scouting Ephemera as the club has now extended its interest into these areas. Our consideration here of the Scouting's links with St George, started with a stamp, went on to a B-P inspired invitation card, dwelt on some very rare metal items, but concluded with postcards and enrolment cards which are illustrated on the back cover. The latter are both colourful and very collectable, with plenty of examples to collect. Unlike stamp collectors who of who course want everything to be pristine, enrolment cards are far more interesting when the record section on the back has been completed by the Scout concerned, no matter how 'blotchy' his writing. They can usually be obtained between £5 and £10 each.

In any thematic collection, the motto surely has to be, 'access all areas'!

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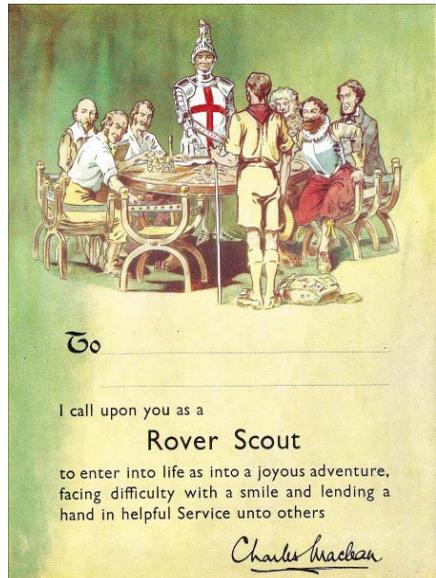
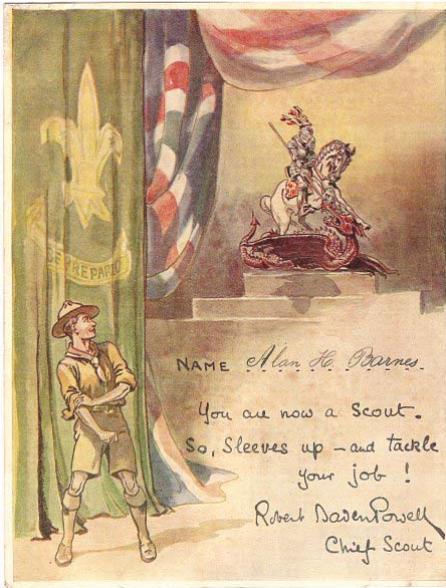
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Scout and Rover Scout enrolment cards as featured in Colin Walker's article on the subject of St. George - Scouting's Patron Saint.



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