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Two years have passed by so quickly - and only two more until Sweden

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Editorial

Well here we are again, a little bit late I'm afraid due to a bout of sickness by both my wife and myself - but I hope you'll think it is worth the wait.

I hope that those of you in the Northern Hemisphere have had as good a summer as possible. I spent some of my time at the Berkshire Scout Jamboree, WINGS 09, and it was really good to see the youngsters having such a good time. I did feel that there were more Guide at the event than Scouts but haven't checked properly.

We in the UK are now ready to start another Scouting year in September so wherever you are - have fun - and if you get to the Gilwell Reunion come and have a chat to us in the Lid.

Terry Simister

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From the membership secretary.....

Thank you to the majority of you who have now paid your club membership fees. The new standard membership renewal date will make things much easier to manage.

For those of you who are yet to pay, please contact me as soon as possible with your annual or five year subscription.

New club membership cards will be issued to each of you in the next club bulletin.

Should anyone have a question about their membership please contact me on the membership secretary details published in the bulletin.

Thanks

Tim Reed

FUTURE COPY DATES

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

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



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

Chairman's Notes

John Ineson

The Annual General Meeting held on the Scout Headquarters Training Ship "Lord Amory" based in Docklands, London was well supported. With two late apologies through work, we still had twelve attending, including our webmaster Randall Frank from the U.S.A. The new constitution which was published in the March/April Bulletin was approved and all the SGSC officers were re-elected for 2009-2010. As Chairman since 1997, I advised the meeting that I would be retiring at next year's AGM, as by that time I will be 76 year of age and consider it is time to make way for a younger person.

At a recent committee meeting, the question of advertising in the Club's Bulletin was included on the Agenda. After some discussion it was agreed that every member could have a free quarter page advert in the Bulletin each year for his or her personal use. This would be subject to the Editor's discretion regarding availability of space and the appropriateness of the content of the advert. In addition it was also agreed that the Club would accept "commercial" adverts in the Bulletin at the cost of £50 for a full page, £30 for a half page and £20 for a quarter page. This also would be subject to the Editor's discretion regarding availability of space and the suitability of the advert, which should be relevant to Scouting and/or the Club's objectives.

Tim Reed our membership Secretary reports that he has been selected onto the UK contingent staff for the next World Jamboree being held in Sweden. There were almost 130 applicants who attended Gilwell Park for the 24 places, so he must be congratulated on the result.

The 14th Midhurst Collectors Fair of Scout, Guide, Baden-Powell and other Scouting Memorabilia meets over the weekend of 29-30 August at the Grange Centre, Midhurst, West Sussex. I understand that this event is well supported by collectors from the UK and overseas, and this year, due to the success of previous events, a larger hall had to be hired. I will be taking part and look forward to meeting any of our members who may attend this show, a week before the Gilwell Reunion where we hope to have a stand on the Saturday as usual.

One of the largest Scout stamp collections to come up for sale in recent years was the one belonging to Robert Kan from the USA, which was sold by the Christopher Gärtner Auction House in Germany. Bob has been a member of SOSSI since 1953 and felt it time to sell his extensive collection which included many great items. With nearly 180 lots, there was something for everybody, although a number were sold in larger lots. With so many items for sale, some made very high prices while others realized below market value which is the trouble when a very large collection is sold in one sale. Eight 1937 Netherlands Indies 12½ Imperf colour proofs made €1300 (£1180) against an estimate of €200. The very scarce 1947 France



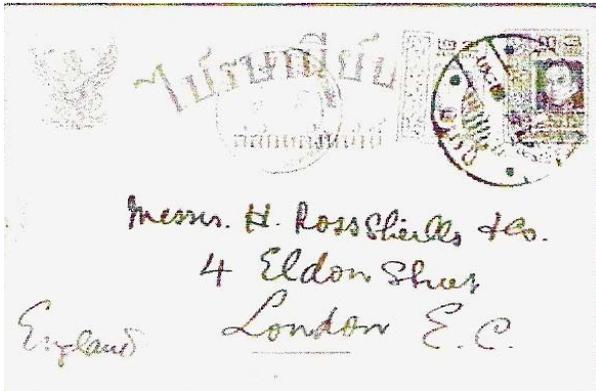
World Jamboree 3.5fr Die Proof (instead of the actual issued 5fr value stamp) made €1000 (£910) against an estimate of €150. A Netherlands 1945 Scout Mail service cover with green cachet "Padvindere Postdienst Rotterdam 1945" and posted at Bareda on 18.V.1945 made €800 (£727) against a €100 estimate. Three of

Subscribed



the scarce 1920 Siam postal cards were sold with one addressed to the dealer Ross Shields & Co in London made €2700 (£2455) against the estimate of €2000. All the above carried a buyer's premium of 18% plus €2 per lot. If the buyer lives in the EU, the extra

German Tax is 7% so this could add 25% to the purchase price.



Eurothema 2009, a European Thematic Exhibition with Thematic philatelists invited from Belgium, France England, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and Germany, takes place in Roskilde, Denmark from 6th - 8th November 2009.

The club has been asked to support with some exhibits at the "Stamp Essex Festival of Stamps" which is being held at the new Colchester United Football Club ground on Saturday 5th June 2010. This is only a few weeks after our own Euro-Scout exhibition at Chelmsford, and as the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies is going to lend us frames for our show, it is hoped that we can support this event in return for their help.

SCOUTING CINDERELLAS (Part 1)

Paul van Herpt

When Scouting commenced in the early part of the 20th Century, there were various medium for advertising which we do not see or use in our current electronic age. These included items like postcards and cinderellas. It is the latter I propose to look at in some detail.

Labels or cinderellas were a much used medium for advertising. In dutch they are known as “*sluitzegels*” or closing stamps, which describes their original use; a label used to seal down the back flap of an envelope. firms and events used such labels for advertising purposes, particularly throughout Europe. Our local philatelic society has in its library a “*Catalogue de Timbres Commemoratifs*” which was published in 1914 by La revue Francaise des Collectionneurs which contains 456 pages of worldwide cinderellas issued just to commemorate events which gives an idea of the extent of use.

Scouting used cinderellas to help promote itself and many interesting aspects of the Movement are seen on the labels. catalogues of this material are few and far between so there are always new discoveries to be made.

An early SOSSI catalogue by Harry Thorsen had a section in it covering cinderellas. The danish Scout philatelic Club has produced a catalogue in several volumes covering Danish Scouting labels and Lucien Desmaretz produced a 2 volume catalogue of French labels. Add to that the stereo catalogues of post World War Two Displaced Persons Camp labels which include many Scout issues and a listing does start to be built up. for the rest however it is limited to what we have in our collections or what information we exchange with others.

The following are a number of Scouting cinderellas I consider interesting and are offered in the interest of promoting the exchange of information.

BAVARIAN CINDERELLAS

Bavaria was an independent kingdom (nominally at least) up until 1920 when it became part of the unified Germany. this does give a period of early Scouting when Bavaria still had some independence. Early Bavarian Scouting can be seen on a series of cinderellas which were used in a number of places.

There are 4 basic designs;

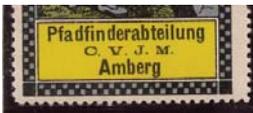
- i) A Scout on one knee looking into the distance
- ii) A scout as a javelin thrower



- iii) A Scout tasting from a cookpot
- iv) A Scout with a signalling flag

The panel at the bottom of the design is then printed with various differing text from town and divisions. Varieties noted by the author include;

- 1 “Bayer. christlicher Pfadfinderbund” (Bavarian Christian Scout Association). these labels have the printer's name of “Richter, (of)Wurzburg” along the bottom edge.
- 2 “CVJM - BK Nurnburg”
- 3 “CVJM - JA Nurnberg”
- 4 “CVJM - JA Nurnberg (Sterntor)”
- 5 “Chr.M.u.Jungl.-Verein - Nurnberg - Glostenhof”
- 6 “CVJM Amberg”
- 7 “CVJM Ansbach”
- 8 “CVJM Wurzburg”



The CVJM is the German equivalent of the English YMCA, an organisation with which early Scouting was linked.

The labels are generally yellow with black, though those from Wurzburg (8) are a more golden colour while the Association labels (1) have more colours in them.

Do more town and city versions exist ?



Letter to the editor - (although longer than normal this raises some interesting points and I would welcome lots of comments.)

Dear Editor,

I've read many contributions over the past few years from those who wonder how to increase our societies static (or declining) subscription. Also, there have been questions on what to do with the website and an expressed desire to have greater focus on older covers. Clearly, not all GB FDC collectors are interested in the frustrations that some, who manufacture their own, have with the Post Office. In reality, the society at present offers very little for the collector of older covers.

Something that is missing from the information available to GB FDC collectors, particularly for pre-1980 covers, is some idea of the many different cachet types, cancellations and indeed the relative scarcity of these. We of course have the FDC catalogues, but in reality these offer a very narrow view of the variety of covers available pre-1980, choosing instead to focus on later officials and (often dubiously) relevant cds cancels.

So my suggestion would be to start gathering together copies of all the different types of cover cachet (except hand illustrated "after the fact") and cancel for each issue pre-1980, and make these available via the GBFDC website (maybe in collaboration with a dealer like Adrian Bradbury who has a remarkable selection of covers available on his website – but none the less far less comprehensive than the real variety out there). With some estimate of rarity (perhaps 5 categories), this would provide an excellent reference for those looking to collect a particular issue, or indeed step back from the Technicolor envelopes of today, to those that were produced during their earlier lives – or those of their parents!

It would give reason for the web site's existence (beyond sales and marketing for new FDC producers), be of great interest to those who collect earlier issues and likely give new impetus to both membership and contributions on older covers in the society magazine. It would also give recognition of the true scarcity of some of these covers (often referred to as "Cinderella's" by those who would dismiss them, to ensure "officials" get the focus). Clearly we would need to agree on picture resolution – and quality of photo – for this to be of value - and indeed it would require significant effort to get the site updated to support this. But the potential benefit to the society I believe would be great, and I for one would be happy to contribute 100's of photo's to get this started.

In conclusion, I'd be interested to hear the thoughts of the committee and members about this opportunity and indeed how we might resource the effort to achieve this.

Regards,
Richard Bennett

SALES SERVICE

The following items are available. Orders to Peter J.Duck, 9 Broadlands Court, Kew Gardens Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3HW..Payment with order please: cheques payable to P.J.Duck, USA \$ bills or EURO notes accepted at current rates. Postage extra – Inland 50p for 1st class post (any packets weighing over 100 gr will be sent by 2nd class post). Overseas 80p for stamp orders only, covers/cards orders £1.20.

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

	MINT	USED
GHA 95 GHANA 1995 18th World Jamboree (3)	2.50	-
GHA95S GHANA 1995 18th World Jamboree MS	-	1.65
NEV95 NEVIS 1995 18th World Jamboree (3)	3.00	2.75
NEV95S NEVIS 1995 18th World Jamboree MS	-	3.00
GUY95S GUYANA 1995 18th World Jamboree 2 x MS	-	4.50
BRB95 BARBADOS 1995 300th Anny. of Combermere - 1st Barbados Scout Troop	0.15	-
LBY95 LIBYA 1995 Scouting strip of 3	-	1.20
LBY95C LIBYA 1995 Children's Day strip of 5 (one Scout value)	1.00	-
NL95 NETHERLANDS 1995 18th World Jamboree + "Sail '95" (2)	1.00	1.00
NL95J NETHERLANDS 1995 18th World Jamboree (1)	0.50	0.50
BKF95 BURKINO FASO 1995 18th World Jamboree + Fungi (8)	5.00	-
BKF95S BURKINO FASO 1995 18th World Jamboree + Fungi 2 x MS	4.00	-
SLO95 SLOVENIA 1995 Scouting commemorative (1)	-	0.80
VEZ95 VENEZUELA 1995 La Salle College sheetlet of 10 with 2 Scout values	4.80	-
UGA95 UGANDA 1995 Scouts serving the community (5)	-	3.00
BAN95 BANGLADESH 1995 2nd Asia Pacific Scouts Comdeca Camp (1)	0.20	0.20
CHD95 CHAD 1995 18th World Jamboree + Fungi (6)	5.00	-
CHD95S CHAD 1995 18th World Jamboree + Fungi MS	2.25	-
MAL96S MALI 1996 Wildlife MS with Scout badge background	6.00	-
KOR96 KOREA 1996 50th Anny of Girl Scouts (1) (Used stamps creased)	0.35	0.10
CHD96 CHAD 1996 Scouts/dogs/chess triptych (Scout badge label in centre)	1.50	-
BRD96 BARBUDA 1996 18th World Jamboree "Barbuda Mail" o/p on Antigua (6)	-	3.00
BRD96S BARBUDA 1996 18th World Jamboree "Barbuda Mail" o/p on Antigua 2 x MS	4.50	4.25
CAR96 CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1996 Birds/butterflies/fungi + Scout badge (6)	3.00	-
CAR96S CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1996 Birds/butterflies/fungi + Scout badges MS	2.75	-
CAR96D CENT AFR REP 1996 Birds/butterflies/fungi + Scout badges 6 D/Luxe MS	10.00	-
NGR96A NIGER 1996 18th World Jamboree + Animals (4)	3.25	-
NGR96AC NIGER 1996 18th World Jamboree + Animals in combination sheetlet	8.00	-
NGR96ACA NIGER 1996 above sheetlet imperforate	10.00	-
NGR96AS NIGER 1996 18th World Jamboree + animals MS	3.25	-
NGR96B NIGER 1996 18th World Jamboree + butterflies (4)	4.00	-
NGR96BC NIGER 1996 18th World Jamboree + butterflies in combination sheetlet	8.00	-
NGR96BCA NIGER 1996 above sheetlet imperforate	10.00	-
CAR96CS CENTRAL AFRICAN REP 1996 sheetlat of 6 - Scouts with dogs, cycling,etc.	5.00	-
BVI96 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS 1996 Diamond Jubilee of Girl Guides (5)	3.00	-
UKR96 UKRAINE 1996 Scout badges overprint on old USSR stamps (3)	0.30	-
UKR96L UKRAINE 1996 Scout badge large size on block of 4 old USSR stamps (Val 25)	0.40	-
CHD97W CHAD 1997 Wildlife with Scout badges 3 x MS	6.00	-
CAR97A CENTRAL AFR REP 1997 90th Anny of World Scouting MS with animals	3.50	-
CAR97B CENTRAL AFR REP 1997 90th Anny of World Scouting MS with birds	3.50	-
CAR97C CENTRAL AFR REP 1997 90th Anny of World Scouting MS with insects	3.50	-
CHD97A CHAD 1997 Local animals + Scout badge (6)	2.40	-
NGR97S NIGER 1997 90 Years of World Scouting MS	2.50	-
NGR97SA NIGER 1997 90 Years World Scouting 3 x MS with fungi,mineral & Animals 6.50	-	-
HUN97 HUNGARY 1997 Scouting commemorative (1)	0.30	0.30
PER97 PERU 1997 90th Anniversary of World Scouting (1)	1.50	0.75
PHL97 PHILIPPINES 1997 World Scout Parliamentary Union (1)	0.30	-
TKM97 TURKMENISTAN 1997 90th Anny World Scouting + butterflies sheetlet of 9	7.25	-

BAN97 BANGLADESH 1997 9th Asia Pacific Rover Moot (1)	0.20	0.20
ROM97 ROMANIA 1997 Scouting commemorative strip of 5	1.50	1.50
MAL97 MALI 1997 140th Anniversary of Baden-Powell 4 x MS	9.00	-
CY97 TURKISH CYPRUS 1997 Anny World Scouting (1) showing Brownies	0.40	-
EGT97 EGYPT 1997 85th Anniversary of Arab Scouting (1)	0.40	-

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Peter Duck

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) is an historically based organisation which operates from Rome and has been producing its own stamps for many years. There has been some question about the availability of their stamps as well as their validity in international mails for some time.

SMOM were founded in 1099 and was previously known as the Order of Jerusalem. They travelled and settled in Malta in 1530 by decree of King Charles V who granted them the island of Malta. When Napoleon besieged Malta in 1798 they were forced to leave the island. After exile in Russia they eventually settled in Rome. Today the Order's Head Office is run from Condotti in Rome. The SMOM have issued postage stamps since 1966.

A stamp commemorating the Centenary of Scouting was issued on 1st October, 2007 by the SMOM. The stamps was priced at 2.20 Euros. There was some question as to whether this was a valid stamp, either locally or internationally, or merely a fundraising "label".

Research done by Keiichiro Noguchi of Japan and Marco Ferrini-Bronzoni of Milan, Italy has shown that the SMOM stamps are certainly valid within Italy. An envelope was posted from the Order to Marco's address in Milan on 15th April, 2009. A faint pink barcode (departure from Rome) appears on the envelope, plus a black barcode (arrival in Milan) as well as an arrival postmark of Milano Isola via Sasseti on the reverse. Keiichiro Noguchi states "Thus I recognise SMOM stamps in Euro value are now not labels but real postage stamps, though the use is limited to Italy inland only (recently Vatican too).

A SMOM official envelope addressed to me via airmail in April does not bear their stamp but an 0.85 Euro Italian stamp (without postmark...I do not know why?) due to no postal agreement with Japan."



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 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.

We will be changing the name and password of part of our web site from 1st September. This is to protect names and addresses of our members, and from this date until next year you will need to enter:- User name: **jamboree** and Password: **hungary** (no capitals)

My favourite Scout Stamp

by John Ineson



This is my favourite Scout stamp which was issued by Syria in 1958. It shows a young boy with a stone trying to knock a tent peg into the ground despite the wind blowing. It comes from in a set of two stamps with the same design, the 35p brown and the 40p blue. In 1982 Syria reproduced the same design in green for the 75th Anniversary of the Scout Movement.

The stamp brings back many memories which I am sure many of you have had in the past. Have you tried to erect a tent with the wind blowing a gale, so that it is virtually impossible to knock the pegs into the ground?

Although not a Scouting trip, I remember the day when my wife and I camped on our summer holidays and tried to erect the tent in a storm. After getting wet and the tent blowing everywhere, we had to give up and went to nearby pub which had a comfortable bed and a large breakfast. Not many years later we bought a caravan!

A Message from Bob Lee as SGSC Auctioneer:-

SGSC Auction No 29 April 2010

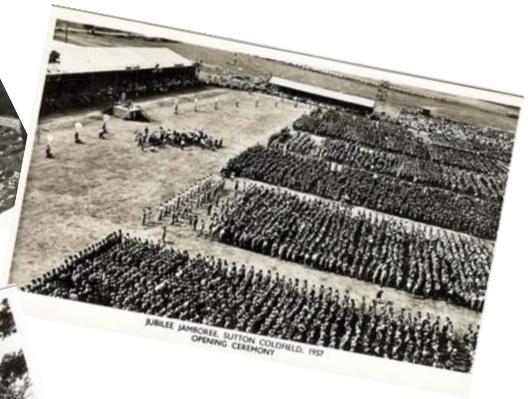
Any member with spare suitable material for inclusion in the next club auction should send it to me before the end of October 2009. As usual I would suggest that a minimum value of £5.00 per lot should be maintained but I am happy to sort and value lots if you are uncertain.

With the EuroScout event next year I would ask you to consider donating one or two lots, no matter how small (or large), to help finance this important event.

If you require further assistance please contact me and I will try to help.

Bob Lee, 57 Church Rise, Chessington, Surrey UK, KT9 2HA
e-mail; boblee@thematix.co.uk 'phone 0208 397 2332

1957..... and all that



Some out of the ordinary covers and postmark info

The Jubilee Jamboree of 1957 in Sutton Coldfield was the first commemorative issue since Queen Elizabeth's coronation issue 4 years earlier, and many scout troops from around the world visited, some bringing their own covers to be franked at the Camp Post Office. In addition, the Post Office received more than 60,000 orders for scout FDC's so to process the number of covers expected, the Post Office produced two machines to affix the stamps to the envelopes; coils comprising 4,800 stamps were produced, to accommodate the machines – the only QEII commemoratives to be produced in coils (as well as sheets).

The Jubilee Camp Post Office processed covers using 4 types of cancellation:

- 1) a slogan cancel, with changeable date, whose arcs in the lower part of the date-stamp are 0.25 inches long and with the "1" in 1957 and the "1" in "1 AUG" directly aligned above/below one another
- 2) a similar cancel with fixed date of 1st August, used mostly on the official Post Office covers, whose arcs are 0.2 inches long, with the "1" in 1957 offset slightly to the right of the "1" in "1 AUG". Also, every one in my possession has a time-stamp of 2pm.
- 3) a double ring Counter Date Stamp (similar to those at other Sutton Coldfield PO's), which may be found with or without time-stamp;
- 4) a skeleton, apparently with several different types, used to cancel registered mail (registration label is "Sutton Coldfield J"), with only the date, not time.

A wavy line "Sutton Coldfield" slogan and a different style of Jamboree slogan altogether, (used to advertise the Jamboree, and in use during July (hence its scarcity in August!)), are the other recorded cancels of relevance to this issue. This article focuses on the cancels from the Camp itself and also illustrates some of the less common types of cover illustration produced.

The first (fig 1) is an Aircraft cover produced in the US for UK stamp issues and has an engraved design of Lord Baden Powell. It is cancelled with the first type of slogan mentioned above and is one of my favourites for this issue, as it keeps focus on the stamps, rather than the design.



Fig 1.

Figure 2 is a very uncommon design produced in Germany, again featuring Baden Powell, but this time cancelled with the second type (fixed date) slogan cancel.



Fig 2

Figure 3 is an unusual design, but the cancel is the real interest - it is cancelled twice on 1st August, one applied at 2pm, the second at 7pm. Clearly many FDC's were processed in bulk and this must have gone through once, but as some of the others in the stack were missed, they were run through again later! Both are Type 1 changeable date slogans.



Fig 3



Fig 4

Figure 4 is a cover produced by the Scouts On Stamps Society International – SOSSI. Most such covers have the standard slogans (mostly type 1) but this obviously missed the cancelling machine and has received a Sutton Coldfield double ring CDS (type 3 cancel above). Finding this as an “extra” cancel, where one stamp has been missed by the slogan, is not too uncommon. As a single cancel though, they are very rare.

Figures 5 and 6 are both examples of FDC's produced by scout troops or societies – one from the USA (Scouts on Stamps society – Washington Chapter), the other in the UK by the Sidcup Scout Group. Both have type 1 cancels.



Fig 5



Fig 6

Figure 7 is similar to these, being from a scout contingent visiting from Nyasaland, but is notable in that it is registered, with the skeleton postmark (cancel type 4) used for registered post. This one is numbered 100 (between the lion and the rock it stands on) – I have another numbered 87 so suspect there were very few produced.



Fig 7

Lastly Figure 8 is produced by Francis J. Field – a cover company of great renown for earlier cover collectors – co-incidentally based in Sutton Coldfield – again showing an example of the skeleton cancel and registration label of “Sutton Coldfield J” but with a different style to the cancel (the cover in Fig 7 has a cancel with date through the middle and WKS (Warwickshire) offset to the right at the base– this has the date lower than midway, a star above it and WKS central at the base).



Fig 8

And finally two questions:

First, does anyone know how many of the Nyasaland covers were produced – I’d really appreciate hearing from anyone who has one of these covers with a number greater than 100.

Second, the registration labels I have in my collection (and have seen) stretch from 246 to 492, Does anyone have covers with skeleton cancels where the registration label number is outside this range?

Scouting Cartoons – Well you have to smile?

In the world of paper ephemera there can be little more ephemeral than a cartoon, printed as they usually are in newspapers, which in pre risk-assessment times were often destined to become the outer wrappings of the following day's fish and chip suppers. As Scouting became a part of the fabric of British life it is not surprising that it should become a target for cartoonists. The inherent humour in the spectacle of adults dressed in the same 'bizarre' (in the minds of the general public) uniform (i.e. shorts, wide awake hats, neckers and garter tabs) as their schoolboy charges, presented an irresistible target. Not all Scouters however saw the joke. Major national publications ran Scouting cartoons on a regular basis. Punch, published over 50 examples prior to 1950. Whilst extracting maximum humour they were never malicious or derogatory about the Movement. Indeed their top-flight cartoonists often used Scouting cartoons to poke fun not so much at us but to provide serious political satire. It was after all Punch Magazine, founded in 1841, that defined the modern newspaper cartoon.

As is the case with all other areas of Scout Collecting it is possible to go beyond the dawn of Scouting to the event that gave rise to its inception. 'The 11th Hour', a portrayal of life in Mafeking was published on May 9th 1900, just eight days before the end of Siege. The very sombre graphic shows the widow 'Mafeking' downcast on being told by B-P, that Lord Roberts had sent news that the Relief, so long expected, would not arrive until the 18th. (In fact it arrived on the 17th) It was the cliff-edge ending to the Siege that captured the public imagination. Would the 'flying column' arrive before starvation, disease or Boer attack brought an end to 'gallant little Mafeking'. World attention was focused on the town and its Colonel. His resulting fame ultimately allowed B-P to promote his Scouting Scheme.

As you will see, cartoons are not always designed to impart humour! Punch's first Scouting Cartoon proper published on September 1st 1909, drawn by Bernard Partridge, was (I think) funny. The caption is; Boy Scout to Mrs Britannia "Fear not Gran'ma. No danger can befall you know, Remember *I* am with you.

Mr Punch's famous whole page cartoon of July 5th 1911 illustrated, in graphic form, how Scouts had taken over Windsor Park the previous day at the King's Scout Rally. Nothing, you may think, could have been a better advert for Scouting.

Consider the cartoon in of the Punch issue of August 4th 1920 (see bottom right) where 'War –weary World at the (Imperial) Jamboree says "I was nearly loosing hope, but the sight of all you boys gives it back to me."

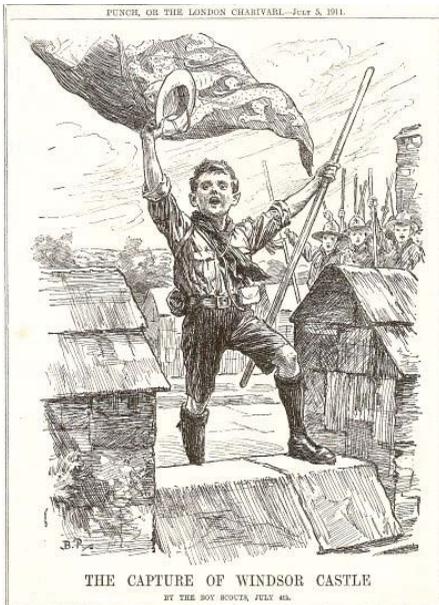
The 11th Hour



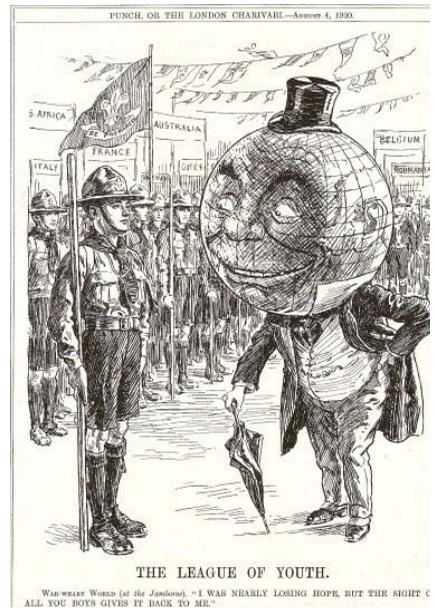
Our Youngest line of Defence.



The Capture of Windsor Castle

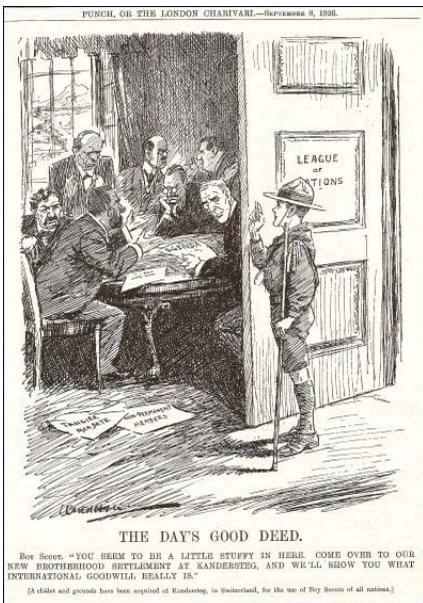


The League of Youth

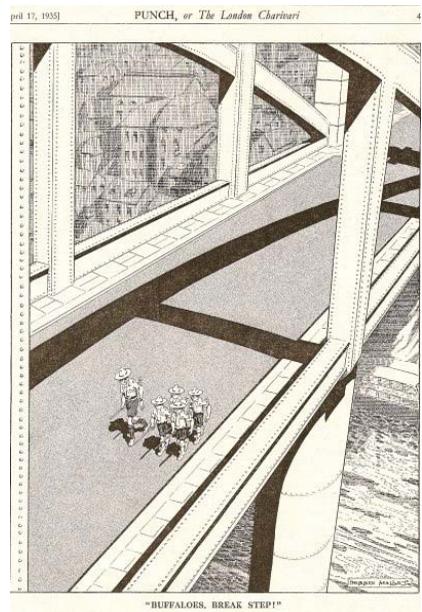


The public must have thought that the magazines cartoonists were employed by the 'marketing division' of the Scout Movement. No other youth organisation was to receive such loving attention. Under the title 'Today's Good Deed', a group of international statesmen at the League of Nations (predating the United Nations) are interrupted by a Boy Scout. "You seem to be a little stuffy in here, come over to our new Brotherhood Settlement at Kandersteg, and we will show you what international good will is". In parenthesis it was explained that Kandersteg in Switzerland had been acquired for the use of Boy Scouts of all nations. Not all Punch cartoons however were so serious. The following example resonates with my own patrol hike days!

The Day's Good Deed



Buffaloes Break step



A now obscure book published the Association in 1950 called 'Scout Smiles' has numerous examples of the work of Scouting cartoonists such as 'Ken'; 'Stue'; 'Douglas'; Leslie Cecil', the ubiquitous John Sweet; 'Henshaw'; 'Bill Sykes'; 'RH' and 'JBS', most of whom were first published in the Scout Magazine. Two of these are included at the top of the next page.

Not all Scouting Cartoons were confined to newspaper, there is a rich vein to be tapped on Comic Postcards, not least those drawn by early Scout illustrators Ibbotson and Harold Earnshaw, and the risqué Bamford issues, but that is for another day.

But why Air Scouts? (RH)

I am not so sure that collecting 40 car number Plates does get you your Collector's Badge



To conclude I leave you with my all-time favourite Scouting Cartoon, drawn by Giles. The original now resides in Scout Archives



Not least among the week's great headlines was the official announcement that women Wolf Cub leaders may now wear shorts, with a request that "they should be utilitarian rather than ornamental."

Most cartoons, carefully cut from the original publication are less than £5, even those more than 100 years old from Punch, but beware copies!

If you have a favourite Scouting Cartoon (out of copyright) that you would like to share, why not give us all a smile and send it to the editor?

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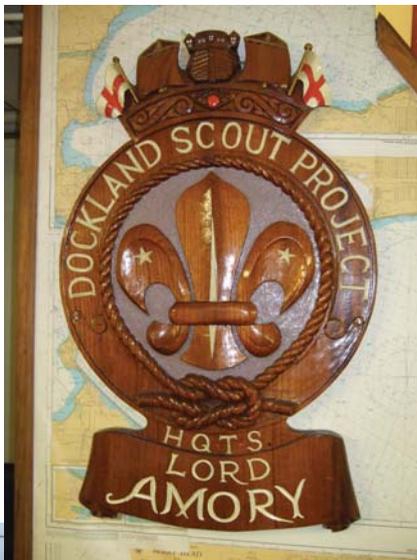
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