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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Being Chairman involves a number of duties - many meetings, much correspondence and long discussions. They can be interesting and stimulating but of far more personal interest is meeting other collectors, going to displays, conventions and exhibitions. The summer has been particularly full of these. At all of them whenever possible I take photographs to remind me of the occasion and the people involved. I have taken this opportunity to share some of them with you.

Graham Winters FRPSL



Editorial

I write this as the sun shines brightly and the garden calls (or to be more precise the weeds call and the garden cries out for help). Now is the season when many societies go into a state of waiting for September - when you will probably be reading this. On rainy days we might have done some work on the stamps and covers that we have found amongst our own collections or bought from one of the Fairs around the country. I have visited York to see what the dealers have available that suits my eclectic mix of collections and to see how others have risen to the challenge of presenting their displays in the National Competition. I look forward to Congress in the North-East and the chance to meet friends from other parts of the country and to make new contacts and friendships. Philately is not always seen as a social hobby but it certainly has that potential. We have a common interest though we might express it in very different and personal ways, so we ought to be able to relate

to each other and reach out to others by using that common interest. A new start in September is a chance to bring



the attention of the local non-members to our societies by notices, letters to the paper, offers to give talks, displays or standing exhibitions. It is important to be welcoming without being overwhelming, knowledgeable without being patronising, and outgoing without being pushy. We know we have something to offer - now we need to make sure that we offer it in the right way to those we meet. One of the contacts with the non-philatelic public occurs when we are approached by someone who has a collection to sell. How often do we look and speak disparagingly (though probably correctly) of it being a "schoolboy collection"? Could this be dealt with more positively?
Keith Burton

Do your members pay their subscription by card or by Paypal?

Additional charges for paying with a credit or debit card or Paypal were banned across the EU as from Saturday 13th January 2018.

The ban means that it is unlawful to charge additional fees when someone uses a particular credit or debit card or other payment system like PayPal to make a payment.

So-called 'surcharging' had become commonplace and there have been many instances where the additional charges are far higher than it costs to process the payment.

The new rules will be enforced by Trading Standards who will have the power to take civil enforcement action against organisations who breach the regulations. It will also entitle customers to receive a refund of any unlawful surcharge they have paid.

A Farewell Letter from Winchester & District Stamp Society



*The members at the final AGM in February.
back row; Mike Vokes, Andrew Galfskiy, Dennis Thomson, Chris Pile, Roger Lewis, Wilf Simcox, Brian Reeder, Roger Harris (P. H. Custodian), Robin Pope (Treasurer), Front row; Peter Mills (Secretary), Gillian Mills (President)*

The Winchester & District Stamp Society was established in November 1948 by just a handful of Members, three of whom were Commander Gunn, Colonel Dickson and Commander Collins. It very soon afterwards started to attract more members. Mr L Cox and James Parsons come to mind and two of the oldest surviving members John Warren and Mike Vokes.

1951 was the year of The Festival of Britain. E H Archard was Secretary then and J W Parsons was Treasurer. Winchester & District Stamp Society together with Winchester City organised and arranged the Exhibition held from Tuesday 13th to Saturday 21st July in the Banqueting Hall of the Guildhall. On the first day opening was at 12 noon, other days were from 11am to 7pm. Two hundred and fifty sheets were on display for the five days. It must have been after this Exhibition that the Society's Postal History Collection was formed.

Very little information of our society is available as the whereabouts of the early (1948 to 1965) minutes book and the signing-in register are not known. I joined the Society in 1978. We met in the conference room at the Royal Hotel, and then at the Library Room at Peter Symonds College. From there we came to the Winchester Conservative Club as it was then known.

Over the years, membership rose to over one hundred and fifty and most of these took the stamp exchange packet. In the 1980s and 1990s we had three circuits for the packet but since then members have either moved away from the district or aging has taken its course.

In 1981, an exhibition was held in the conference room at the Royal Hotel here in Winchester. Many other philatelic societies were invited to take part and it was then that many so-called unknown postmarks came to light. This exhibition could have been the first “spark” to the establishment of the Hampshire Postal History Society. Our society has done so much good work in the past.

Another time during the 1980’s Gillian and I went to Fleet to collect a vanload of frames for an exhibition and stamp fair that the society organised to be held in the Guildhall, afterwards we returned the frames to Fleet.

Gradually over the next 30 years membership has dwindled quite slowly and we have been concerned about this as very few newcomers have come forward to join our society and yet there are hundreds of stamp collectors in and around Winchester. By enrolling in our society, they could learn so much more to enhance their own collections and enjoy meeting and exchanging views with fellow members.

We have had some super presentations and displays and many fluent speakers over the years. I am sure we have all learnt a considerable amount especially on how to set up a presentable philatelic sheet - I know that I have - but it has been difficult not to copy others.

Since I was elected to be Secretary in 2009, I have always tried to talk people into being members. These people are the ones who either email or phone me to ask if I know where they can sell their inherited stamp collection, always first day covers and modern stamps. I tell them to use the stamps for postage and donate the first day covers to a charity or join us. They never join us; they just want the money. Like I said earlier there are a lot of collectors out there but they don’t believe in joining a stamp club.

Now we are to wind-up our society but before we do may I remind you of one thing. The Postal History Collection is to be given away to the City Records Office and may never surface again as a collection.

Farewell

Peter R. Mills

2 lots from the CISS Auction: Jersey Imperforate Proof and Herm First Day Cover. Another lot can be seen on page 49



Society anniversaries, 2018

According to the date of foundation shown in the societies' information on our records, significant anniversaries include those shown below. Heartiest congratulations to all involved in these milestones:

High Wycombe & District - 40

This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary. To mark the occasion we will be combining our annual Christmas Dinner and Draw with a special event on Thursday 6th December at Hazlemere Golf Club. All members, spouses and friends will be invited along with as many past members as we can find. It was in 1978 that a club was first formed in the area, known then as the Bellfield and Downley Philatelic Society, but I am told the name was soon changed to High Wycombe & District because some visiting speakers couldn't find Bellfield or Downley! The society now covers a wider area, from Radnage to Holmer Green, and although numbers are down these days, those that remain are an enthusiastic bunch. We still provide a very interesting programme, with Bourses, Auctions, Quizzes and Members' Evenings, and we have arranged for 4 speakers to visit us during the coming season which starts on 13th September. From time to time we also arrange exchange visits with other societies, and these prove to be very interesting when meeting other fellow collectors.

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Ken Richardson

Amersham & District 60th Anniversary

We will celebrate our 60th birthday by holding a stamp fair on Saturday 27th October this year at the usual venue Amersham Community Centre, which is only about 300 metres to the right from the exit of Amersham Railway Station. Our membership is slightly more than 100. The regular meetings with a speaker are usually supported by 20/25 members, but our four auctions per year draw in double these numbers. Quite a few members also bid by post. We hold meetings on alternate Thursday evenings with breaks over the festive season and the summer months July and August. Most meetings are held in the Barn Hall, but the larger Drake Hall is required for our popular auctions, which are very well organised by **Les** and **Liz Gwilliam** and represent our main source of revenue. We also run a system of circulating packets which generates a second helpful source of income. As a result our financial position is healthy, which allows us to charge only a nominal subscription. We are affiliated to ABPS and Middlesex Philatelic Federation both of whom offer good support. In common with all philatelic clubs in Britain our main problem is our ageing membership as well as the difficulty of attracting younger collectors. Visitors and new members are always made very welcome. In 2008 The Queen kindly gave permission to **Michael Sefi**, Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection to display several frames as the highlight of our 50th anniversary fair.

Jim Drummond

Austrian Philatelic Society Celebrate 70 Years

We started life as the “Austrian Stamp Club of Great Britain” [ASCGB] and have become - through a series of advances and setbacks - the leading international organisation for English speaking collectors of Austro-Hungarian and Austrian Republic stamps, and their associated postal history. This year we celebrate 70 years of existence. It was founded on 1st January 1948 by Major Cowie and a small group of enthusiasts with the objective of “serving the interests of collectors of the postage stamps of Austria and fostering good fellowship between collectors in Great Britain and Austria”. The early success of the club and an Austrian Philatelic Exhibition in Manchester in 1961 led to the enrolment of many new members and the subsequent issue of the Bulletin and a regular circulating Packet. The Bulletin continued until 1965 and was then re-launched as the present journal “Austria” under the editorship of **John Giblin**. We now have our third editor **Andy Taylor** and issue No. 204 will be published in October this year. Over the years the excellence of the journal has won it several awards. In 2000 the ASCGB amalgamated with the London based “Association of Austrian Philatelists” [AAP] to become the “Austrian Philatelic Society”, thus uniting the two northern and southern-based stamp clubs. The club currently has almost 200 members in the UK and overseas. Despite the passing of several club stalwarts in recent years membership numbers remain fairly constant – an encouraging situation in these times of despondency about the future of philately. We have developed strong links with societies in Austria of which we are very proud, and have not only an extensive library of Austro-Hungarian literature, lovingly cared for by **Joyce Boyer**, but also an excellent informative website www.austrianphilately.com. Four postal auctions are held each year and the packet continues to thrive in the capable hands of **Barry Clark**. In September we will be holding our annual weekend convention, in Derby this year, when our 70-year anniversary will be marked with, amongst other things, a Grand Auction and celebratory dinner presided over by our President **Keith Brandon**.

David Bravery

York Philatelic Society's 70th Anniversary buffet

More than 40 members and guests of York Philatelic Society – founded in September 1948 – attended a 70th Anniversary buffet on Tuesday 26th June. The chief guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York, **Councillor Keith Orrell** and **Mrs Judith Orrell**. Councillor Orrell was sworn in as the 801st Lord Mayor of York in May this year. Also present were **Graham Winters**, Chairman of ABPS, representatives of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association; and the guest speaker, **Professor Tony Ward** of the University of York, who served for nearly 20 years as the Society's secretary. Guests viewed an exhibition of stamps from around the world which were issued in 1948, and stamps of later years commemorating events of that year – more than 50 A4 sheets covering 40 countries, and making a total of 453 stamps. The Society also unveiled its Anniversary mascot – a little cartoon character called 'Phil Atterly'. Phil was created by artist **Jo Claire** who lives in Old Malton, between York and



The Lord Mayor in conversation with Society President Joe Kotek

Scarborough. He is modelled on a red definitive 1st class stamp and, being a good Yorkshireman, wears a flat cap. The Lord Mayor commented that the exhibition vividly recalled the events of 1948, a gloomy year of rationing and rebuilding in post-war Britain, illuminated by the birth of HRH The Prince of Wales and of that great institution, the National Health Service. 1948 was also an important year for the Royal Air Force, which in that year celebrated its 30th Anniversary; and for women, who celebrated 20 years of universal suffrage. He also said that stamp collecting offered not only aesthetic

appeal, but was also useful in amassing information about geography, history and the different cultures of the world population. Philately knew no international boundaries, he said, and brought people together. It had been enthusiastically embraced by many diverse figures such as King George V and Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. He offered York Philatelic Society his warm congratulations on its 70th Anniversary.

Richard Billinge

A Jubilee Reminiscence

I am now compiling a new book on the philatelic history of the 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee which I hope will be published later this year. I would be grateful for details and scans of any rarities or unusual items that relate to the celebrations at any of the events such as the dinners, Guildhall and South Kensington Exhibitions. This would include details of invitations, tickets, registered covers or ephemera.

If you feel able to contribute, please email me on davies1890@btinternet.com

Many thanks. *John Davies* FRPSL

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

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ABPS Awards of Merit



Jim receiving his award from Yvonne Wheatley

Jim Etherington

There was a double display and award evening at the last meeting of the season for Mid Sussex PS. The two displays were given by the Chair of the Association of British Philatelic Societies (ABPS) Awards Committee, **Yvonne Wheatley** and husband **Richard**. Richard entertained first with his detailed collection of *Netherlands East Indies Pre-Stamp*, followed by Yvonne with *Czechoslovakia*. Both displays were thoroughly enjoyed by the members, especially in the write up and presentation. The award part of evening was to Mid Sussex Philatelic Society Secretary, **Jim Etherington**, by the ABPS Award of Merit

committee, chaired by Yvonne Wheatley. The award was in recognition of Jim's work throughout various aspects of philatelic collecting including the British Thematic Association, the Royal Philatelic Society, London and service to Sussex through the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies (ASPS).

John Bushell (President ASPS, MSPS)

Brian Morriss, last surviving founder member, honorary secretary/treasurer of Hullbridge Philatelic Society received his Award of Merit at Rayleigh P.S. on Monday 14th May. For 50 years Brian had continuously held these positions, until the Society was forced to disband at their 50th AGM in April, through lack of volunteers to take over position of officers. The Award was presented by the President of the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies, **Len Stanway** FRPSL *Bill Trower*



Len Stanway with Brian Morriss

The Pakistan Study Circle

has been dormant but has revived with a meeting in Staffordshire in August. An issue of the circle magazine "Pakphil" has been published. Interested?

Mike Roberts wishes to hear from any additional potential members and can be contacted at mike@mikerobe.co.uk or on 07885 839622.

Rachel McHugh was somewhat surprised that the President of YPA and Chairman of ABPS, Graham Winters, had decided to visit Harrogate on the occasion of the visit from Grimsby PS. He was, of course, very welcome as is any visitor. She was even more surprised when she was asked to come forward to receive her Award of Merit framed certificate. Rachel has worked hard over very many years for both Harrogate and the Yorkshire Philatelic Association and has held high positions in both. The award was a recognition of all that she has done for philately in Yorkshire and the North-East.



Congratulations

To Jeffrey Stone of Aberdeen who won the Grand Prix at KESFILA 2018, the annual exhibition of the Finland Philatelic Federation which was held this year in Jyväskylä, with an 8-frame entry of "Finland: the arms type of 1875". Jeff is a stalwart supporter fellow of his local society and has won a number of gold medals. He was very surprised to win over all the Finnish competitors.



Jeff with the Chairman and Secretary of the Jury



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HOW THE STAMP TRADE WORKSPhilatelic Expert Lets You into his *Selling Secrets* so you can benefit from a *totally different* (and *New*) Selling Experience

by Andrew McGavin

1 If You want to learn how the stamp trade works, please read on... When I was 15, I did. I wondered if there was some secret source of supply? So, I bought my 1st stamp mixture, (wholesale I thought), broke

About The Author Andrew loved his father's stamps at the age of 10. A year later at Senior School he immediately joined the School Stamp Club. He specialised (!) in British, but soon was interested in Queen Victoria which he could not afford. The 2nd to last boy wearing short trousers in his school year, he religiously bought Post Office New Issues on Tuesdays with his pocket money. He soon found that he enjoyed swapping / trading stamps as much as collecting them. Aged 19, eschewing University he quickly found a philatelic career in London, leading to creating his own companies in stamps. Andrew has authored many internationally published Stamp 'Tips' articles, appearing on Local Radio and National TV promoting Philately with Alan Titchmarsh. Andrew's area of expertise is unusual - in so far as his grounding in collecting and wide philatelic knowledge has given him a deep understanding of Philately. He has studied Philately for the past 45 years, in combination with Commerce and Marketing Expertise, enabling him to create synergies in 'Lifetime' interlinked Stamp Selling Systems, selling unpriced stamps through to handling collections & Batches up to £700,000 each. Today Andrew is fortunate to be co-owner with his Wife, of Universal Philatelic Auctions (aka UPA) - The Largest No Buyer's Premium Reducing Estimate System Stamp Auction in the World, creating records selling stamps to 2,261 different bidders from 54 different countries in his latest auction. Andrew stopped collecting stamps aged 18 reasoning that his enjoyment of stamps would be in handling them and selling them...

it into 50 smaller units, advertised it in Stamp Magazine 'Classifieds', and waited for the orders to roll in... I'm still waiting, 48 years later!...

~~Wrong Offer~~ ~~Wrong Price~~
~~Wrong Place~~

(naive seller) - me but I was only 15 at the time!

2 Three years later, attending my first public stamp auctions I wondered how some bidders seemed to buy everything, paying the highest price? It didn't occur to me that they were probably Auction Bidding Agents, paid by absent (dealer) bidders to represent them. I wondered why two collectors sitting side by side muttered to each other "he's a dealer" as if that justified him paying the highest price...

...but did it really? What was the real reason? How could a Dealer pay a higher price than a Collector? It doesn't make sense, does it? Collectors are customers. Customers usually pay the highest price, unless... for a Collector, this was...

~~Wrong Presentation~~ ~~Wrong Place~~
~~therefore Wrong Price~~

3 Fast-forward 48 years later to a British Empire collection, lot #1 in an International Stamp Auction - Estimated at \$3,000, but we were the highest bidder at \$21,000 - YES - some 7x higher. Including Buyer's Premium in the extraordinary sum of \$4,788 we actually paid GBP£25,788= upon a \$3,000 estimate... however, we broke it down into sets, singles, mini-collections etc. We made a profit. Some might say it found its price. Others may say:

~~Wrong Estimate~~ ~~Wrong Presentation~~

~~Wrong Structure~~ ~~Wrong Protection of Price~~

- Lucky for the seller that 2 well-healed bidders saw the potential value that day or it could have been given away... the seller

could easily have lost out couldn't he? or she?

So, by un-peeling the layers of obfuscation, hopefully we can all agree:

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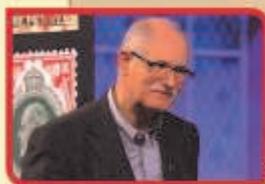
4 Understanding the problem... I always remember the car trade had their own little 'bible' - Glass's Guide. I've no idea, I've not even looked - in this internet-dominated world, it may even have disappeared. Well, there's an insider Stamp Trade publication for Stamp Dealers called 'The Philatelic Exporter'. There's nothing that special about it - and you won't learn much or find massively reduced prices by subscribing - BUT - it is a forum, a paper focal point, a last 'bastion' in this on-line transparent world that we inhabit... whereby dealers (and auctioneers) can try and communicate with each other. I publish my own articles there...

Recently I discussed the outcome of my 10 years' simple research, asking dealers and auctioneers 'what is your biggest problem?'

To a man, (why are we almost all men), they replied - "my biggest problem is stock, if I can get more of the right stock I can sell it easily"

Strange that, nobody ever asked me the same question back - because my answer would have been entirely different (and I don't treat it as a problem) - I seek to satisfy collectors

This is the reason why my company has such massive advertising. This is the reason why we spend up to 8% of turnover - up to £200,000 per annum in marketing costs. (Most dealers don't even sell £200K per annum).



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5 Why is that? Because, as the world revolved the Stamp Market, imperceptibly **Changed**, and incrementally - **Massively**

So, although few will tell you this, it's clearly evident that the problem for most Sellers of Stamps today is no longer absent stock - but absent collectors in the place they choose to sell their stamps in. Simply put, other Dealers, Auctions, Stamp Fairs have not invested in marketing to have a strong Customer-core. To be fair, this is not true of all - but it is true of most - so that our nearest competitor 'Apex' had 800 bidders in a recent auction. In my most recent 20,000+ lot UPA 68th Auction we had 2,184 different bidders from 58 different countries, 95% of whom were Collectors. Some other well-advertised auctions only have 200 bidders (a high percentage of whom are dealers - so that, essentially they are Dealer-dominated auctions) - so that when you sell through them - you're paying up to 18% (including VAT) seller's commission and the buyer is paying up to 25% and more in Buyer's Premium, credit card fees, on-line bidding fee, delivery and insurance etc... **AND all of that so that your stamps may be sold, wait for it - TO DEALERS (and some collectors), but Dealers, that naturally must make a profit to survive...**

6 Now, let's examine the cost implications - Example: Your stamp collection sells in public auction for \$800. Upon a 25% buyer's premium, the dealer pays \$1,000 and it could be more. He breaks it into \$2,000+ selling price (much lower and he'll go out of business). The auction charges you a seller's commission of up to 18% (VAT included) upon the \$800 sale price. This is GBP£144. Therefore you receive approaching \$656 - which is approximately 33% of the dealer's \$2,000+/- retail selling price - BUT... now that we have identified the problem...

Is it the Solution Staring us Right in The Face?

7 Why Pay an Auction to Sell to Dealers: Sell to Collectors instead? In our example with buyer's premium, sellers commission, lotting fees, extra credit card charges, VAT and even insurance - you're already being charged in different ways up to 40% of the selling price to sell, possibly or probably, to the wrong person.

Why not direct that 40% cost you're paying to sell to Collectors instead? Sounds good, so why hasn't this been done before?

8 Truth is, it Has been done before... Sometimes the 'old' ways are the best ways aren't they? But in today's enthusiasm to obscure the obvious so that money may be taken, almost surreptitiously, in numerous different ways, (without us apparently noticing until we see the cheque in our pocket) - the transparent 'seller pays' has been deliberately 'obscured' - so much so that, **amazingly**, the latest 2017 European Auction Selling Legislation just introduced - now requires auctions that charge 'buyer's premiums' to warn the buyer in advance. Just imagine going into the petrol station, and being warned that the price you're paying to put fuel in your tank is not the real price, you have to pay a premium! Obviously, there would be an uproar...

9 How can you cut out the middleman and sell to Collectors instead? Well, I can think of two ways. 1). **DIY - Do It Yourself** selling on eBay. That may be fine for lower grade material - but, would you risk auctioning relatively unprotected rare material on eBay? We don't and we're professionals, so we should know what we're doing. Or 2). Cut out the extra middle-man. Use my company UPA, which reaches collectors instead. Here's how it works: Continuing from our previous Example:

The auction sold your stamps to a dealer for \$1,000 - but You received circa \$656

UPA sells them to collectors for you for up to \$2,000 - even after 40% commission you receive up to \$1,200. Up to \$544 more. Now that's amazing, isn't it? 🍷

10 Sounds Good Andrew, but Can You 'Deliver'? Obviously, nothing is as simple as that, and as we auction stamps to collectors some collections may 'break' to the example \$2,000+/- but the stamps may be sold for more or less - especially as we reserve all lots at 20% below, (Estimate \$2,000 - \$1,600 reserve) and not everything sells first or even 2nd time so prices may come down... Naturally, it's not that straightforward for a dealer either - he may sell at a discount to 'move' stock OR, like many dealers he may be sitting on the same unsold stamps, that you see time and time again, in dealer's stocks years later and still at the same unattractive prices...

So, I think it is more reasonable for you to expect up to 36% to 50% more, indirectly or directly via my Collector's **Secret Weapon: Universal Philatelic Auctions**, which moves material more quickly, by incrementally reducing estimate (and reserve) price in a structured selling system...

11 QJ What is the Collector's 'Secret Weapon'?

AJ It's called the Unique UPA Reducing Estimate System...★

This is a rather long explanation, I don't want to bore you, but 18 years ago, when my wife and I set up Universal Philatelic Auctions I detected that the stamp trade's biggest problem then was not what sold - but what didn't sell... So, because I didn't want to try to keep on offering the same either unsaleable or overpriced stock I created the unique UPA Reducing Estimate (and reserve) Selling System. Simply put, if a lot doesn't sell in the 1st auction we reduce the estimate (and reserve) by 11% and unlike other dealers and auctions **WE TELL YOU - 'US'** - once unsold. If unsold after the following auction we reduce by a further 12% and **WE TELL YOU 'US2'**, if unsold after a 3rd UPA auction we reduce by a further 13% and **WE TELL YOU 'US3'** and so on till the lot finds its price, is sold or virtually given away... ✓

12 Any Scientist will tell you that combinations of ingredients can produce powerful results. So we created the unique combination of my UPA Reducing Estimate System, married (in stone), with UPAs fair 'NO BUYER'S Premium' policy, PLUS each lot carries my total 'no quibble' guarantee - this formula is the reason why within the span of 4 auctions (one year)... 90%-95% of lots broken from a collection have sold. This Unique Philatelic Selling System Formula is the reason why we are the largest stamp auction in the UK today with 2,184 different bidders in my recent auction. 🍷

In Hindsight Dealers wamed me 18 years ago that my idea wouldn't work. 18 years later I think I've proven that it does. (Reader: Please Request a complimentary UPA catalogue - using the contact details further below)

13 OK, Cut to the Chase Andrew, what's the offer? All of my Selling Systems are based upon selling to **Collectors Globally**, so that 95% of stamps sold by UPA are

sold directly to Collectors. If you wish to benefit by up to 50% or more, depending upon your circumstance and type of material, by cutting out the middleman – then this offer may be for you. Generally 'time' is the enemy in our lives, and for most dealers not being able to sell stock. Now is the time to let 'time' do the 'heavy-lifting' and consider making 'time' work for you, so that at UPA you can make time your friend. 🍀

14 AND the SMALL PRINT? Some lots are too small in value for us to offer this system. Other lots may not be suited to selling in this manner (e.g. surplus mint British decimal stamps best used for postage) – especially if the market is heavily compromised by stock over-hung in specific areas. Some Collectors will not wish to use time and systems to leverage price, others will want to agree a specific price and know that they are paid precisely this amount. No client is treated like a number and no client is forced like a square peg into a round hole. 🍀

15 OK, What Do I Do Next?

a). You contact UPA to discuss with Andrew or a highly-qualified Auction Valuer/Describer what you have to dispose of and your options bearing in mind your specific interests / requirements.

b). If you wish, get a 2nd opinion, but investigate what type of auction / dealer you are dealing with. Is it a Dealer's auction with relatively few collectors? Can you see where / how the Dealer sells? If you can't easily see any price-lists or high quality selling catalogues – that Dealer may sell your stamps to other dealers...

c). Finally you ask U P A to collect your stamps, insure in transit for an estimated replacement retail value... 🍀 📧 📞

16 What Happens then?

A member of my Team telephones/e-mails you to confirm safe receipt, 'Overnight' valuations, unless simple, are rare. Valuing stamp collections that have taken tens of years to create takes time. Depending upon your priorities / timescale I, or an experienced member of my Team will contact you to discuss your requirements and the options available to you for the sale



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Many, many thanks for a memorable experience, and I will try to emulate your thought and care in my own business sphere.

Yours sincerely
D. E. B. Bath, UK

of your collection. Provided only that you feel well-informed and comfortable do we agree strategy 📧 📞

17 How Strong is the Stamp and Cover Market?

Everybody knows that the strongest areas are GB and British Empire. Post-Independence / QREI material sells but if hinged at considerable discount. Mint hinged material pre 1952 is regarded as the

industry 'norm' and therefore desirable – but genuine never-hinged commands a premium, Europe sells but at reduced levels, Americas is good, as generally is Asia but the 'heat' has come off China which is still good – and Russia which can still be good, East Europe is weaker. Overall, rarities throughout can command their own price levels and real Postal History has good demand.



18 What Should I Do Next?

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Demerara leaves a sour taste

At the auction viewing at a local club I looked at a pre-stamp entire addressed to a John Gladstone in Liverpool. It had all the appearance of just another junk item being off-loaded. Typical club auction stuff.

In the scrum of other viewers it wasn't easy to focus on much detail. It was a clean item, although with only a faint postmark but at modest estimate so I took the plunge. Back home I still didn't "connect" with John Gladstone until later.

Below are scans of my completed album page with its notes and of the contents.

Could these hide a perverse nature? A look at background material on John Gladstone & his son William Ewart Gladstone (four times Prime Minister) yields more of historic interest. From their business he and his family had amassed enormous wealth and benefit from slavery in Demerara.

A recent student protest at Liverpool University demanded removal of the family name from Gladstone Hall. W.E. failed to support fully its abolition in Britain in 1833. My letter is dated 1840. *Brian Gash*

GREAT BRITAIN POSTAL HISTORY -Overseas Mail.

An Entire of commercial & historic interest.



Dated DEMERASSA.
On the reverse.

10 Moes 1840 Demerassa, British Guiana to Liverpool where it arrives
on 31 Dec. 1840. Double rate M/s 2/- (1/- per 1/2 ounce).

This is a "Duplicate Letter" sent on the "Silverstone", a British Packet is fast sailing ship, carrying mails in case the original is lost on the first voyage.

The Writer is a trading merchant in Demerara, a District in British Guiana. As well as giving the details of Cargo ship movements, he comments on the low confidence he has in the Commander to reach his destination with the vessel "Mathriens" which has just sailed, bound for Barbice, on a steer in Guiana.

Later the addresser begins trading himself in Demerara.

He is the very wealthy father of William Ewart Gladstone.



On the Club circuit

A roundup of events and speakers at local and national societies.

Please send your reports direct to **the Editor**. We cannot undertake to include every report sent to us, and reserve the right to edit the reports we receive in the interests of space; short reports are best please. Full contact details for the societies are in the ABPS handbook and website. **Visitors are welcome** at all societies listed. *When submitting photos please ensure that any people shown (especially children) have agreed to their photo appearing in this national newsletter (Data Protection and all that...).* "→" Indicates contact information.

Adur Stamp Club

We, as possibly the youngest stamp club in the country, would like to greet all our friends in ABPS. We formed in 2016 as an amalgamation of Shoreham Stamp Club and Southwick Philatelic Society and have gone from strength to strength, gaining new members and increasing our regular attendance. This was a season of excellent displays and members' participation. In the annual Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies competitions, our members did extremely well. We have a good social side, that we hope will develop further during this year. We have managed to get features in a local magazine and in Stamp & Coin Mart magazine. Our secretary, **Bob Knight**, has put together another extremely interesting programme for the coming season. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Southwick Community Centre, Southwick Street, Southwick. BN42 4TE, at 7pm for 7.30pm. The displays planned include *St. Pierre et Miquelon* by **Mike Slamo**, *Austro-Hungarian Naval Mail from WWI* by **Lindy Bosworth**, *The Rise of Great Gothic*

Churches by **Brian Doherty** and our club auction in December. There are also club visits to other clubs and evenings for members. We welcome guests on any club night and anyone who would like to display. We wish you all a very good season. *Dave Hilton*

Amersham & District

Having been cancelled on 1st March due to a heavy snowfall, our Competitions Evening was held four weeks later after eleven members beavered away to produce twenty-four entries within five disciplines, being nine sheets of Traditional (Stamps), Postal History, Thematics and Postcards plus a 3-sheet competition in any of these four. President **Chris Marsh** and **David Lee** represented us on 3rd April in making a reciprocal visit to Pinner PS, while **Alan Williams** and **Tim Harrison** covered our return visit to Bishop's Stortford with displays of *Jamaica* and *Estonia* respectively. Prior to the latter visit at President's Evening, Tim gave us the Estonia presentation. We were all pleasantly surprised to learn it is such an interesting country. **Brian Sole** gave us his display *Go by Cycle*, and the Chairman and Secretary

of the Malaya SG, **Dominic Morris** and **Martin Roper**, plus our own **Mike Padmore** ably presented *Malay States and Settlements*. After our AGM in May our longstanding member **Nigel Perrins** showed us several frames of *Royal Mail Special and Registered Post* most of which related to the period 1992 to 2004. It was quite surprising to see the large number of trials and changes which Royal Mail had introduced during that time. We ended our 2017/18 season on 7th June with another successful auction attended by 54 members and visitors.

Jim Drummond

Ayrshire

We closed this year's session on 27th April with the AGM and Competition Night. After the usual reports, we moved swiftly on to the election of our President for 2018-19, **John Chalmers**. Other changes to the committee were the election of **Ken Gibb** as new Vice President, and, with our current secretary, **Ian Barker**, standing down after many year's service, **Robert Watt** was elected as the new secretary. Ian was heartily thanked for all his efforts on the society's behalf. The remaining committee members were re-elected en bloc. We then went on to consider the entries to the club competitions, which are judged by the members present. There were a gratifying 12 entries over the three competitions, and after the votes were counted, the results were as follows: the President's Cup awarded to **Robert Watt** for his entry on *Early Isle of Man Postal*; the 20th Century Cup went to **John Chalmers** for *The Allied Occupation of Germany*, and the W I Finnie Shield for thematic displays went to **Ian Smith** for

Argentinian Claims on Antarctica. The Members' Cup for the best entry from a member who has not previously won any of the main trophies was awarded to **Jim Irving** for a display of *The Stamps of Eire*. We restart on 7th September. → davidrossall@sky.com

David Rossall



Basildon

For our third appearance at Mayfest, we were able to make more impact, with a greater range of displays and our new roller banner to attract customers. A wide range of material was displayed using facsimile pages laminated to make them weatherproof. It started well but then the rains came and the crowds dashed for shelter! We now have the capability of attending other non-philatelic events to spread the gospel of "The Hobby of Kings and King of Hobbies". In May **Dave Hacker**, the Clacton Secretary, displayed *North East Africa*. He began opposite Gibraltar and took us, country by country, along the coast, through Suez to the Horn of Africa and down the east coast as far as Madagascar. This was a fascinating voyage of discovery with issues that have never been displayed here in our fifty years. Former Basildon

member **Steve Alpe** accompanied Dave on his visit. In June only eight members attended the AGM, disappointing, but quorate. Those present received a very upbeat report on current activities, with celebrations of our Golden Jubilee under way, but concern that more members were needed, and more attending if the cost of the hall was to be afforded in the long term. The exchange packet and auctions are going very well. At the break, the Chairman cut a cake to mark the anniversary. Also in June were our Annual Competitions judged by **Ray How**. The trophy winners were **Charlie Mead** (2), **Len Stanway** (4) and **Alan Taylor** (1). *The Basildon Philatelist*

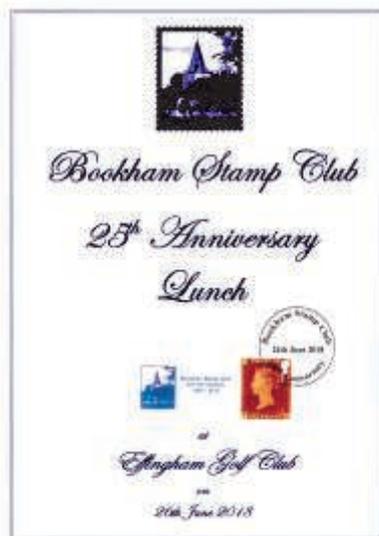
Bolton

In April **Peter Kirk** from Macclesfield PS gave an excellent display on *The Three Kings on Stamps*. The May meeting was our AGM. **Jack Lindley** took the chair as President and Chairman for 2018 - 2019. All the officers were returned unopposed. June meeting is always the second quarterly auction of the year, over 400 lots were offered to room and postal bidders. Members from any ABPS affiliate are invited to place lots or bid in any of our auctions. → Auction Secretary Graham Travis 07939 056421. *Howard Anderson*

Bookham

Our Chairman, **John Dicker**, entertained us on Chairman's afternoon in April with a wonderful display of his extensive collection of *King George VI mint* stamps. He began with a short PowerPoint display highlighting some flaws in the stamps from a variety of countries. The flaws more recently have attracted much

popularity and thereby some amazing price increases. In the second half of his presentation we were treated to a comprehensive selection of the many KGVI stamps from across the Commonwealth, particularly in areas where he has been specialising in collecting fine copies of each of the various printings. In May our AGM was attended by 48 people. Two members who had contributed so much to the club over many years were rewarded for their efforts with honorary memberships, **Michael Boatman** (Chairman from 2009-2011) and **Tom Appleton** (current Treasurer from 2009). Our annual Norman Frost Salver went to **Julia Todd** for all her endeavours looking after the Stamp Exchange Packet. June brought about our 25th Anniversary (Bookham Stamp Club was founded in 1993). On a



wonderful hot and sunny afternoon, we celebrated with luncheon at Effingham Golf Club. It was attended by 75

members and guests who enjoyed pre-lunch drinks and a superb three course meal followed by coffee and mints. They also received a wonderful inscribed wine glass and a specially produced commemorative menu.

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David Bravery

Bromley & Beckenham

In April **Tony Stanford** brought *Indian & British Postal Agencies in the Persian Gulf*. The first half dealt with the Indian Post Office period when Indian stamps were in use, identifiable from the postmarks, and later when Indian stamps were suitably overprinted for the main agencies. Then came the period of political turmoil in the area following the partition of India in 1947 into Pakistan and India which brought about changes. The British Government took over responsibility for the Agencies on 1st April 1948. As an adjunct to the main display, Tony showed the development of the expanding airmail services to/from Cairo and Baghdad, the RAF route across the desert, Imperial Airways continuing to Basra, initial use of the overland route from Kuwait to Basra, then by air via Kuwait to Karachi and Delhi. In May **James**



James Podger receiving his Certificate and Mug from Adrian Thomas

Podger started by showing some recently acquired items for his *Cayman Islands* including a very early map printed in 1612 by Barat Langanec of Amsterdam. He also showed postal history including scarce incoming mail, and then concentrated on fiscal usage from 1906 ending with the high values to £50 issued in 1961 and later decimal currency values to \$100. At our June meeting we welcomed **Helena Butcher**, President of Croydon Postcard Club with a selection of *Leamington Spa views*. Our new President, **Grahame Boutle**, talked about his *Mosque postcards* started

Grimsby and District 2018 Grand Charity Auction

The Grimsby and District Philatelic Society holds an annual philatelic auction to raise money for St. Andrew's Hospice. All monies raised go directly to the charity. There are approximately 350 lots, no buyers fees and the only extra to pay is your postage if you are using the postal bid system and not attending. The Auction is on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at Number 2 meeting room, Central Hall, Duncombe Street, **Grimsby** DN32 7EG. All are welcome. Pre-Auction viewing starts at 17.30. The Auction starting promptly at 19.00. If you would like a catalogue and are not on our mailing list, or you need any other information on the auction ➔ John Mileman 01472 827396 who will be glad to help.

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when he was seconded to Turkey by his company many years ago.

David Rennie

Cambridge

At our AGM we said a big thank you to **Rufus Barnes** the outgoing President for his leadership over the past two years. We welcomed **John George** who will serve as President until July 2020. We also saw several changes in the main committee and a couple of changes in the special responsibilities. We are well placed for the future, especially as we will shortly give further consideration to planning and agreeing what will happen in late 2020 when the Society will celebrate its centenary. On 20th July we enjoyed the visit of **Ed Hitchings** who brought *USA locals and forgeries* for the first half and *A Miscellany* in the second. →

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Peter Morton

Chelmsford & District

In these three months we have enjoyed excellent displays. **Norman Sharpe** brought a *GB Miscellany*. He included examples of Dockwra, ship letters, halfpenny mail carried on Toll roads in Scotland on carriages with more than two wheels, a selection of Mulready envelopes and numerous examples of penny blacks and penny reds. He continued with British stamps issued by the 60 British post offices abroad. He displayed examples originating from the Mediterranean, the Middle East, South and Central America and the Carriibbean. **Lindy Bosworth** gave us a potted history of *Czechoslovakia* from its formation in 1918. Austrian or Hungarian stamps were used initially. Hradčany stamps followed both imperforate and perforate. Over the

years as air travel became more common and Air Mail more widely used the country produced some beautiful cards and stamps. Lindy continued with cancellations including the town of Pardo Blitz which produced three-colour cancellations to celebrate their steeple chase, racing track and air flight events. She concluded by describing the events leading up to the country dividing successfully without bloodshed into the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1993. Next husband and wife **Steve** and **Pat Schorah** gave us *The history of the Dunmow Flitch*. They are Custodians of the Great Dunmow Museum. They also brought postcards with stamps on the reverse side. **Tony Gill** with *Gilbert & Ellis Islands* and **Mike Burt** showing *Concord & Concordski* came from Witham PS and we finished with 12 members accepting the challenge to show *Anything Philatelic*.

David Everard

Cockermouth

We are now well into our third year and settled at our new venue, The Friends' Meeting House, Kirkgate, Cockermouth. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11am. We have a good mixture of displays by members, competitions in various



Stamp Day - Cockermouth style

formats, an annual auction and the occasional visiting speaker. The two highlights of the last year were our first foreign visit (to give a group display to Dumfries Stamp Club) and a Stamp Day Exhibition open to the general public. Our “Stamps in the Attic” valuation table was very popular and it looks as though the Show and surrounding publicity has attracted three new members. We welcome guests, whether residents of West Cumbria or visiting the area on holiday.
 → mike@mikerobe.co.uk or 07885 839622
 Mike Roberts

Croydon

Lindy Bosworth brought *A Czechoslovak Miscellany* in May. The first dedicated airmail issue of eight stamps was introduced in December 1930 and a supplementary stamp issued in April 1939. We saw covers using the third Airmail issue, including Zeppelin-flown mail to far-flung destinations including Argentina and New Zealand. The display ended with a frame of “*Why I collect*

Czechoslovakia” – postcards of Karlovy Vary/Karlsbad/Carlsbad where Lindy's father was born and lived before coming here in the 1930s. In June

Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins presented *Serbia*. The first half of the evening included postal history and unusual combinations shown on cover. In WWI the Austrians and Germans invaded the north of Serbia whilst the Bulgarians invaded the south. Serbian troops fought with the allies and many ended up as Prisoners of War as evidenced by Red Cross mail. **Nigel Steer** entertained us with *Norway*. The first imperforate 4 skilling blue in 1855 with no country indication was replaced in 1856 by 4 different value stamps



Nigel Steer explains a cover

bearing the head of King Oscar I and inscribed Norge. In 1871 the posthorn was introduced, still in use 148 years later, making it the most successful stamp in history. In 1905 Norway separated from Sweden and King Haakon VII of Norway stamps were issued. A postcard of the 1897 Balloon Expedition to the North Pole and souvenirs of other Norwegian Polar Exploration to the North and South Poles including Roald Amundsen, the ships Fram and Maud and Transpolar Flights were also displayed.

Graham Harker

Dundee & District

At the AGM a minute's silence was observed to remember members **Dennis Collins FRPSL**, **George Soutar** and **Bob Kennedy** who had died during this season. **Elsbeth Collins** and **Richard Young** were made honorary members. Our annual Dinner was held in May at the Invercarse Hotel - a pleasant evening. Discovery Walk at the new waterfront development features plaques commemorating famous local persons. On 27th April a new set was added including one for James Chalmers. They were unveiled by Dundee schoolchildren. We were pleased to support and help with James Chalmers' plaque. Born in Arbroath, Chalmers'



Robert Murray, David Millar, Charles Lloyd and Colin Campbell at James Chalmers' plaque

working life was in Dundee when, as a printer, he entered a Treasury competition which proposed an adhesive label to support the implementation of the Penny Post and also included a cancellation with the date and town of posting – something we now take for granted. Thus James Chalmers produced the first essays of adhesive postage stamps, the forerunner to the Penny Black. We were not allowed to use the phrase “inventor of the adhesive postage stamp” in a commemorative cancellation for the 150th anniversary of the Penny Black, despite the phrase having been used in a Royal Mail stamp booklet. A plaque commemorating James Bowman Lindsay was also unveiled. He has also featured in commemorative covers produced by Dundee and District Philatelic Society. For details of these and of the society →

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Colin Campbell

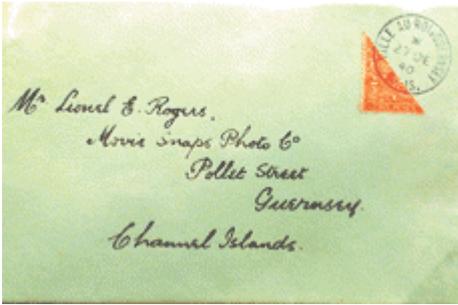
Edinburgh SG

Twenty-four people attended our June meeting, of whom 8 put up displays. In addition, two displays from the estate of our first President, **Professor David Manners**, were shown. Displays included 3 very different ones of *New Zealand* from **Elizabeth Nairn**, **James Smith** and **Ronald Rankine**, *GB New Issues* from **Bob Catto**, *Tristan De Cunha* from **Mike Faulds**, *Malta* from **John Studholme**, *Jordan & Nordex '80* from **David Manners** and *Alcohol on stamps and labels* from **David Mekié** - a total of 190 sheets. We are an open group with no membership list or annual fee, but a small fee each meeting to cover rent and tea/coffee and biscuits. Our average attendance of 24 is based around a core of close to 40. Any collectors reading this will be most welcome to drop in on us if in Edinburgh on the last Friday (10:00 – 12:00) of the month, but 3rd in July with none in August or December. Meetings are held in the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church Hall, 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX. It is very close to Surgeons Hall and Edinburgh University's McEwan Hall. A short walk away is the National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street.

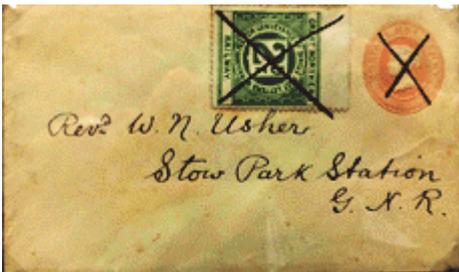
Bob Catto

Ferndown & West Moors

‘Home Grown’ presentations rarely disappoint and our April entertainment ‘9 in 4’ - *GB & Channel Islands Members’* was very well received. **John Duckworth** presented a small, beautiful collection of *German Occupation of Guernsey*. His presentation included several covers: one with bisected stamps (due to shortages of 2d. KGVI) and another



was an interesting Red Cross envelope. He supported his contribution with a short description of wartime postage rates. For railway buffs, **Charles Leonard** provided a worthwhile display on *The Great Northern Railway*. He spoke on various railway companies and the extensive



topic of railway stamps. Unusual for **John Garrett**, he produced no postcards but provided *A potpourri of early GB cards*, including an 1894 birthday card, a lady's *Dancing Card* with pencil and notes of dances, love message cards and interesting letters.

David Parsons shared *Channel Islands Wartime Stamps* which revealed differing papers. He explained the various postal rates used. There was next a fascinating display from **Don Seaby** considering mainly *GB Victorian issues*. These included 1d reds and the later 1d lilacs, all on cover. A 5d Jubilee on registered envelope was also in the mix. The final

display was supplied by **Bob Small** who provided a *Study of GB KGV 1d Reds* –the letter rate in 1912. He produced 10 basic shades on the 1d and spoke of a further raft of shade variations. This just skimmed the surface of his considerable knowledge and collection! Paul Barry

Grimsby & District

With the ending of another season of philatelic delights, **Jay Loates**, our Program Secretary, unveiled our program for 2018-2019 at the AGM. There are some of the usual items: two club auctions, a Grand Charity Auction on the 5th December (see p 23), a quiz and a number of guest speakers interspersed with displays from our members. This will cover a wide variety



The late John Benjamin in front of one of his displays.

of subjects from around the world. There is also the usual club favourite of the letters of the alphabet. This year it is *"S" and "T"* with the easy option for display for everyone as there are many sheets using "S". Finally we wish to record the passing of one of our long term members. **John Benjamin** who will be much missed could always be relied upon to bring out a display at

very short notice. He always had a helpful word for those members who were new to displaying and collecting.
Mike Webb

Harrogate

Mike Roberts took us to *Pakistan beyond the catalogue* when giving the Geoffrey Rospin Memorial Display. It was particularly fitting as Geoffrey's interests had included that part of the world – particularly Afghanistan. Our knowledge of the history, geography and politics of the area was much increased through the means of philately and the general view was that this was one of the best displays of the season. Mike's inimitable way of presenting added much to the experience.

Keith Burton

Haverfordwest

We recently held our annual Youth Awards Night inviting all the young people from Pembrokeshire who have entered competitions during the year to display their entries. The past 12 months have had record numbers entering the South Wales Federation Competition and the Stamp Active Competitions at various levels. The



A few of the Pembrokeshire young collectors with Erene Grieve.

youngest entrant was 9 years old and the oldest was 17. Trophies, medals, certificates and prizes were presented and a special award went to **Toby Middlemist** (aged 10) who has started a stamp club in his primary school. Anyone wanting to know more about setting up stamp clubs in schools → stampinschools@gmail.com

Erene Grieve

Herefordshire and Mid Wales

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*Alan, Robin, Chris & Frank Bennett,
our President*

local society. In April, members were encouraged to display 9 sheets on a subject of their choice, and sixteen displays resulted, on subjects as diverse as *New Zealand Post Office loyalty reward stamps, South African George V varieties, Burma Definitives* and *GB Christmas 2017 postmarks*. In May **Alan Godfrey, Chris Jackson** and **Robin Jarman** from Redditch entertained us with extracts from their award winning displays of *Needlemakers* (even managing to include a saucy Victorian postcard) and *Midland Red bus company parcel express services*, together with some *Chilean airmails*. In June we held our annual competition evening when, against stiff competition, **Nick Nelson** won the President's Trophy for Traditional Philately with an entry of *Colombian Private & Local Express Posts*. **John Henshall** managed to win both the Founder's Postal History Cup with his entry of *Panton Taxed Covers to the Cayman Islands* and the Shingler Thematic Trophy with an excellent entry entitled *Preserve the Polar Regions*. For the final meeting of the season in July we welcomed our oldest member, **Arthur Dyball**, who presented an enthralling display of *Italian and German stamps of the*

Fascist period. We start our new season on 5th September at St Martins Hall, Hereford at 7.30pm with an evening of members displaying recent acquisitions. Visitors and new members welcome. →

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Janet Nelson

Huntingdonshire

At our meeting on the 22nd May **Graham Wilde** displayed *Line engraved surface printed*. This display covered the Line Engraved and Surface Printed Victorian Stamps of Great Britain. He began by showing the Penny Black and the eleven different plate numbers. There were varieties and repaired plates needed when the plate from which the stamps were printed was worn out. They still used Plate 2 when they changed to the penny red in 1858. Next came the Two Penny Blue with examples of plates one, two and three. Henry Archer developed a machine capable of perforating stamps. In 1850 after four years of trials the first perforated stamps came into use. There were four different Watermarks consisting of varieties of the Large Crown. In 1858 check letters were added to each corner as a safeguard against forgery. The second half started with CDS cancellations on the surface printed issues. We saw various shades and examples of the small, medium and large watermarks. The 1865 issue had large uncoloured letters in each corner. All the surface printed issues of Queen Victoria are perforation 14 with the exception of two five shillings, a ten shilling and a one pound value issued between 1867 and 1883 which were Perf 15½ × 15. De La Rue printed the stamps up until 1911. This was a

comprehensive display given by a knowledgeable speaker. *David Birkert*

Kendal & District

Our April meeting was the Chairman's evening at which he gave a display of a broad range of materials he had *Purchased over the Past Six Months*. A competition night was held in May. In order both to attract a greater number of entries and encourage inter-Society collaborations, entries were invited from Kendal, Bolton-le-Sands and Morecambe & District Society members. As the host club, we dictated the various categories and the assessment scheme. All involved enjoyed the evening and all looked forward to one of the other two Societies hosting the event next year. In June, we welcomed **John Atkinson** from Morecambe. His display was entitled *Hutt River Province & more*. In the first half, John explained why both Hutt River and Rainbow Creek sought independence from Australia, then moved on to show Cinderella materials issued by both these 'provinces'. In the second half, he explained how the airmail postal service between the West of the USA and New Zealand was set up and provided examples of some first flight covers. Finally, we saw a broad range of postcards which illustrated Canada ships. *Phil Gerrard*

Kingston and District

An old friend, **Stuart Henderson**, braved the journey from Essex in April to give a display of *Cinderellas from the two World Wars*. An intriguing presentation consisting of rations and petrol coupons, official documents and directives, poster stamps and street flags as well as propaganda and victory labels. In May we enjoyed a visit from

West London PS. Their President, **Chris Oliver**, introduced the speakers. **Maurice Buxton** produced a very visual and colourful display of *Airletters from Around the World*. These were distinguished by different logos on etiquette labels and on differing shapes and colours used on borders. In this country blue lozenges are usually used but elsewhere this does not apply. **Keith Whitehouse** had a display which harked back to the days of the mail coach with some firearms used by post office representatives to protect the post. He also displayed a commemorative mallet used in the official laying of the foundations to many important buildings in the U.K. including the General Post Office in King Edward's Buildings. **Melvyn Green** displayed *Perfins local to West London and Surrey*. He explained the origins of perfins and how he researched the companies that produced them to give another slant to postal history. → **Brian Sole**, FRPSL brian.sole@btinternet.com or 01372-467652 *Chris Oliver*

Lanarkshire

At the opening meeting the new President, **Terry Woods**, gave his excellent display of the postal history of *Lanarkshire*. We had a wonderfully colourful evening in October when the display was entitled *Golden* – many Golden Jubilees, also Gold Medal winners, golden beaches, gold rimmed miniature sheets! In February, an evening of *Superlative* brought postal material depicting the highest, lowest, oldest, earliest, deepest etc for display. Guests gave displays of countries around the world, *Africa* – an amazing display of stamps which indicated the turmoil the postal services faced during

I Spy...

A selection of images sent from clubs and societies. No prizes for spotting yourself ...

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the various wars fought, from **Dr Stewart Gardiner**, *Straits Settlements* – its turbulent postal history from **Bill Shand**, *Macau* – overprints after the Revolution from **Richard Cuthbertson**, *South African Definitives* from **John Law** and *Ceylon – Forgeries* from **Eric Mason**. **Gary Cheyne** gave a detailed display of the development of the *Scottish Army*, **Frank Baran** produced a history of *Poland*; and **Ken Norris**



Ken Norris speaks on British Writers

spoke of many *British Writers*. Members also enjoyed a *Christmas Dinner* with decorations; menus, food, cards, carols, local Christmas posts etc. The Session ended with members giving an 8 page display - or paying 50p! Thoughts are turning towards the 7th September when we begin the new season with the new President's Display from **Gary Cheyne**. *Elsie Miller*

Launceston

In April **Carol Turner** entertained us with her *Malaria and Man*. This proved to be a most extensive and well researched collection of stamps, postal items, advertisements, publications, reports and relevant information tracing and illustrating the origins, history and scientific research and progress in the prevention, cure and worldwide control

of malaria. Carol said whilst progress has been made and is ongoing, the elimination of the disease may unfortunately never be achieved. At the CPF Eastern Semi Final Quiz at Liskeard on 25th April Launceston, represented by **David Richards**, **Evelyn** and **Viv Sandercock** came in a creditable second to Liskeard with St Austell third. Launceston and Liskeard now progress to the Final at Truro in October. **David Lethbridge** brought us a collection of some *Eighty interesting GB Victorian Covers* which he described as a work in progress. Then he followed with a remarkable display featuring the various forms of *Censorship Marking used by the US Mail during WWI* as part of US anti-espionage measures. Each cover has



David Lethbridge with his covers

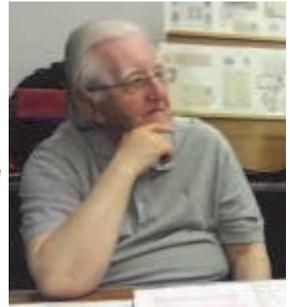
been carefully researched and annotated with its postal movements. **Neil Sargeant's** display began with a comprehensive selection of *WWI postal stationery cards* for the use of troops at the front line. He continued with POW and Internees mail. Another item shown was a series of recruiting and enrolment forms which were used for the UK fire, ambulance, air raid and first aid services during WWII. →

Mrs Evelyn Sandercock 01566 772846
Viv Sandercock

Leeds

Our programme ended with a unique display *Pictures in the Post* of **Judith Holder's** picture postcard collection given with great erudition by her husband **Stephen**, setting out their history from correspondence cards of Austria to the divided back cards from 1902 and the variety of techniques used in their production and then a wonderful choice of different themes and subjects. At our AGM in May our secretary **John Edwards** since 1998 stood down. John collected stamps from boyhood. He joined the Civil Service in 1955 becoming a member of the Air Ministry Stamp Club. then its Secretary and later joined the Civil Service PS and the Royal. He moved to Leeds in 1992 with part of the Department of Health moving to Quarry House. He was elected President in 1997 and made the unusual move to

Secretary a year later as that post was poorly served. His special interests are the United States, Danish West Indies, Denmark, and Liberia. He has been a rock for the smooth



John Edwards in pensive mood

continuity of LPS and its ability to find interesting topics and speakers. No one else in our long history managed more than 6 years. John, a superb pilot, steered our society through ever changing times for 20 years.

Michael Waugh FRPSL

In September, we are moving to a new and exciting venue in central Leeds - St George's Hall, 60 Great George St, Leeds LS1 3BR. First meeting

Captions for pages 30 and 31

- 1 John Dicker of Bookham giving his Chairman's KGVI display.
- 2 Stuart Henderson at Kingston
- 3 Chris Oliver and the Bookham visitors at Kingston
- 4 John Bathard, winner of the 9-sheet competition at the Austrian PS convention weekend
- 5 York members and guests survey the 1948 exhibition
- 6 Lindy Bosworth with *A Czech Miscellany* at Croydon
- 7 Benjamin Franklin aka Timothy O' Connor at the Royal
- 8 Carol Turner at Launceston
- 9 Recipients of 2018 awards from the Royal - Jean Voruz FRPSL, Robert B. Galland FRPSL, John Jackson FRPSL, Chris King RDP, Hon FRPSL, Colin Hoffman FRPSL, Dr Alan Huggins RDP, Hon FRPSL, Birthe King, FRPSL, Hugh V. Feldman FRPSL.
- 10 James Hooper presents Taunton President & Captain Graham Mark with the Trophy at Yeovil.
- 11 James Podger at the Royal
- 12 Sue Hopson at Thatcham
- 13 Dundee members in formal mood after their Annual Dinner
- 14 Anne Stanway and Claude Crowder on our Mayfest stand.
- 15 Graham Boutle and Adrian Thomas Presidents of Bromley & Beckenham 2018 -19 & 2017 -18
- 16 Mike Tonking receives the Abell Trophy from John Shaw (South African Collectors' weekend)

September 11th 2018 at 6.30. New collectors very welcome.

Richard Smith

Maidstone & Mid-Kent

In March our own member, **Bob Higgins**, gave us a display of *Modern Gibraltar*, which highlighted how the amount of new material for each issue has been increased by the Philatelic Bureau. His concerns were “Did we really need to have miniature sheets, booklets, sheetlets, etc for every issue and were some of the new releases really necessary?” – common questions. How do we expect children to become involved in philately given the cost involved? In April **Peter Pugh** visited again – now with his *Not Another Bloody Railway, part 2*. Part one showed the mails moving from the far east across Russia and Europe to reach our shores and beyond. Part 2 carried this on from 1917 to its conclusion with the introduction of airlines moving the mail. Our Secretary gave a fascinating display of *Postal History of Kronstadt*, followed by *Russian Prison Correspondence* and material relating to the France/Russian Alliance. For May we had a Thematic display on *Transport* by a husband and wife team **Mr & Mrs Roberts**, followed by our Thematic and Novices competitions. June was Our Annual Dinner and AGM. Our morning meetings continue to be well attended. In April members, **Rosemary** and **Basil Smith** displayed *South Africa Boer War and Papua New Guinea*. In May **Robert How** displayed *Ireland* and in June members showed 12 sheets from collection.

We will start all over again on 13th September with a visit from Sidcup PS.

Brian Stonestreet FRPSL

Mid-Sussex

The second half of our season saw well attended meetings, both at our evening meetings at Burgess Hill and our afternoon meetings at Lindfield. Our programme from January to May included members' evenings, a visiting society and guest speakers. At our first members' evening the entries for our annual competitions were on display. The winners will go forward to represent us in the ASPS inter-society competitions at Ardingly. Ten members provided an excellent evening of displays at our second members' evening, Z, A or B. Unfortunately our third members' meeting, a postcard evening, had to be cancelled due to bad weather. In March we welcomed five members from the Heathfield Society and as always on these occasions they brought along a diverse range of displays to stimulate our interest.

Our first visiting speaker, **Mike Slamo**, gave a display of *St Pierre et Miquelon* followed by **Josh Spoor** with his well-researched aero-philatelic display of *Swedish Blockade WWII air mails*. **Bill Hedley** was our final individual speaker with his display entitled *An Austrian Miscellany*. More unusually we also enjoyed two evenings of visiting double acts, both of whom had travelled considerable distances to be with us. The first husband and wife team, **Janet** and **Nick Nelson** from Ross-on-Wye, provided a highly entertaining evening, including drinks, outlining the *History of Brazilian postage stamps*. The second, all the way down from Leeds, were **Yvonne** and **Richard Wheatley**. Yvonne displayed *Czechoslovakia*. Richard followed with *Netherlands East Indies*.

Jim Etherington

North Berkshire

We started the new season with members displaying their choice of topic for *The Caribbean* in April. In May at the 43rd AGM members resolved to continue with meetings, though only during the summer months thus avoiding the dark winter nights. After the AGM, members displayed various topics covered by the letters W, X, Y & Z. *Maurice Meardon*

Petersfield

There has been plenty of activity here in the early summer months. A new secretary was appointed following the resignation of **Tony Shaw**, due to ill health, after 21 years' service. He was thanked by chairman **Robin Pizer**. **Victor Collins** was welcomed as the new secretary. Victoriana Day was celebrated at Petersfield on 13th May and we participated in the celebrations with a display of QV material, both GB and Commonwealth, in the museum. **Peter Marshall** kindly co-ordinated the material which allowed the public to see some of our work. The museum, formerly the police station, is in the process of transforming the building, and raising funds, to house the town's accumulated historical artefacts. One method of raising funds is to invite the public to purchase a brick which will be laid in the museum's forecourt inscribed with the name of the donor. Petersfield Philatelic Society, having bought a brick, will benefit from the publicity with a two-line inscription '1966 Petersfield / Philatelic Soc.' There was a limit on the number of characters which we believe will be inscribed in gold. This donation will ensure the club receives ample publicity for years to come. *David Allen*

Poole & Bournemouth

In June *Religion, Time and Time Zones* was the members' theme. **Mike Houchen** started, using stamps and PHQ cards illustrating the "*Light character*" of individual lighthouses around the country. He explained the workings of their time sequences, with examples of their colour frequency patterns, which sailors used to identify them. **Paul Edwards** gave examples of covers illustrating the *Religious aspect of Cathedrals and Celebrations*, also showing a cover commemorating the establishment of Greenwich Mean Time in 1884. **Bob Small** followed with a page of stamps about *John Harrison and the Marine Chronometer* he invented. **Chris Wheeler** presented the *Salvation Army*, their worldwide distribution, range of work, music, uniforms and correspondence. **Don Trowsdale** illustrated *GMT, Popes of the Vatican and The Planets* with a variety of stamps and covers. Then **Alan King** gave a very descriptive two frame display of the story behind the *First Christmas stamp (Canada)* and then stamps from GB, France and Hungary contrasting their treatment of religion. The first half closed with a display of postcards by **Tony Arnold** illustrating all manner of *clocks from around Great Britain*. After the break, **Mike Trickett** used a range of *Postcards from France illustrating cathedrals and Greek churches* and a range of postcards illustrating the *Mechanical workings of major world clocks*. Finally **Wendy Buckle** showed a magnificent display of *Religious manuscripts*, their production, and the bibles, psalters and missals produced as a result. She included stamps

showing how different countries treated the same subject differently.

Chris Wheeler

Redcar & Cleveland

In October one of our guest speakers, **David McMonagle** (Corbitts Auction house) provided a scintillating display of *Illustrated Envelopes* offering some amazing, and at times humorous, artwork. 2018 started with a display from our current president **John Simms** entitled *In the Beginning....and Still There* high-lighting GV and GVI Empire material. The current NEPA President **Ken Mitchell** visited in April with a varied display *Italian Lake Steamers and More*. He returned later and teamed up with our own **Phil Harriman** showing *Middlesbrough Postal History*. This was riveting according to all reports. Also in May our secretary **Geoff Reynolds** showed an amazing and varied display entitled *A Miscellany Including France*. Earlier this year at the NEPA Conference in Bowburn, Geoff was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished North East

Philatelists - quite an accolade as there are only eight such recipients here in the North East! Yes, it has been a cracking year for Redcar & Cleveland PS and we are all looking forward to our restart in September.

Martin Snowdon

Rochdale

Richard Wheatley from Leeds PS gave a talk on the *Dutch East Indies postal services during WWI* as illustrated on covers. Transit of mail to and from Europe had to be frequently rerouted due to war restrictions. Holland and its colonies were WWI neutral, which consequently created more variety of mail processed. For example, throughout the war many ships sheltered in neutral ports resulting in high volumes of crew mail. New members are always welcome at the meetings which are held at the Rochdale Unitarian Church on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30. → Neil on 01706 665698. or Neil.Wharmby@gmail.com

Peter Grimshaw

From the Secretary

As part of my involvement with the ABPS I receive all the enquiries through the website and by anyone wishing to write to the ABPS. It's very rare that I receive a complaint but this happened in July when a member of the public irately informed me about an experience they had with a philatelic society. The gist of the complaint was about the sale/valuation of some philatelic material. They thought that they were being given a valuation and advice on how to sell their material. What they actually received were the proceeds from its sale which needless to say were well below what they had in mind at the beginning of the process. Now the ABPS is a toothless old dog and has no powers to investigate, reprimand or take any other action but there is a lesson to be learned. That is that the ABPS strongly advises that no member of any Philatelic Society should undertake the sale and/or valuation of a member of the public's philatelic material. This should be left to the professionals of the Philatelic Traders Society. If however you do feel like helping someone then please, please put in writing exactly what you are going to do for them. That way there will be no misunderstandings.

Neil Ritchie

Sheffield

In April **Mike Lewis** showed *Killed in Action*, through the letters sent home between 15/5/41 and 14/3/43 by soldier Norman Tyler from Birmingham. In his letters Norman tells of his life in the army, how he liked and disliked the varying aspects of the jobs and training he did. There were many requests for cigarettes and money. Food was also requested by return post. Life in the trenches was grim. Norman's life and army career was sadly ended whilst on sentry duty. In May the members' night theme was *Countries beginning with H, P or S*. The members didn't disappoint with the range of material which amongst others included *Spanish Monarchs 1870 - 1929*, *Polish Postage Dues 1919 - 1950*, *Scotland Regionals 1958 - date* and *The break up of Hungary after WWI*. We will be hosting the Yorkshire Philatelic Association (YPA) convention at Bramall Lane (home of Sheffield United FC) on Saturday 15th June 2019. The venue is on the southern edge of the city centre, a short walk/bus journey from the railway station. The convention is part of our 125th anniversary celebrations.

Steve Cook

St Albans, Harpenden & District

Our April display was given by **Robert Hill** and was intriguingly entitled *The Travels of Harry Milner in South Africa 1908-1918*. He gave members and (non-collector) visitors an excellent evening. Based on a collection of postcards sent by Harry from South Africa to one Hilda Hall in Yorkshire, Harry's journeying in Cape Colony and Orange River Colony, and in German East Africa during WWI was vividly

brought to life by the material shown and Robert's talk. We speculated as to whether marriage would be the outcome. The evening concluded with some splendid preWWII South African material and cancellations including rare cork and skeleton cancels and items associated with Sir Malcolm Campbell's land speed attempts at Verneuk Pan in 1929. The season ended with our AGM on 9th May, which included the appointment of **Colin Smart** as our new Chairman.

Discussions followed on display board and on "Stampfest", the event we are planning for October to bring our hobby to the general public in St Albans. The evening continued with a display by **Peter Mellor** entitled *Dear Doctor* that featured the advertising campaigns run by pharmaceutical companies La Biomarine and Abbott, using picture postcards posted to doctors from locations as varied as Pitcairn and Lundy. Unusual Junk mail! ➔ 01582 762284 or p.mellor@btinternet.com
www.stalbharpstampclub.org.uk

Peter Mellor

Taw and Torridge

The club was founded in 1971. Though not a large club, we have about 60 members, our fortnightly Thursday evening meetings are always very well attended. Members come to the meeting from all around the North Devon Area. We attract speakers from around the West Country and beyond who are happy to display and talk about their collections and interests on a diverse range of subjects and themes. Speakers are assured of a warm welcome to our club while the members are always pleased to view and learn about the philatelic material, countries of origin and speakers'

personal anecdotes. Additionally there are club competitions, auctions and regular Bring and Buy sales. We also run a popular Circulating Packet system and the club is always interested to hear from potential new contributors. Other particular strengths of the club are the willingness of members to get involved and club members displaying and talking about aspects of their own collections.

Visitors from other clubs are always welcome at our meetings, including those visiting North Devon on holiday. → Peter on 01409 281609 or Andrew on 01271 329762.

David Butler

Thatcham

In April we enjoyed three meetings. Four members produced displays on *Furry Things*. **Juliet Keel** brought cats and dogs. **Dave Tanner** added zoo animals, and **Graeme Stewart** after showing polar bears added furry moles, from his freezer! **Martin Farr** finished off with the origins of mankind - us with fur. Then we were visited by **Tristan Brittain** and friends. Tristan began with old letters and postal stationery – his *Rubbish* as it escaped from wastepaper bins. Much of it was found under the stairs of an old house, being the letters between two lovers. **Paul Boniface** followed with *Overprints of British stamps* from various British Army forces. **Gwyn Hughes** was a farmer so his display was unsurprisingly on *Agriculture*, including material relating to Agricultural Shows. Finally **Jeffrey Beasley** presented *George V Postal Stationery* of all types. On the 30th the theme was *Entertainment*. **Neil Hatton** showed collages of stamps and saucy seaside postcards. **Mike Smith** brought one item – a picture painted by an elephant



Tristan and friends from Northampton

in Thailand and **Martin Farr's** contribution was some pictures from his `recorded sound` sequence including early BBC information and a 1930 wireless licence. **Dave Tanner** had covers of films, television programmes, stage sets and operas. **Graeme Stewart** finished with novelty and entertainment cards with nice messages from Newbury and area all with local postmarks of the era. In May **Sue Hopson** showed us *Seychelles* with postal history, various postal usages and Official Mail. She finished with fakes, forgeries and her "Odds and sods". From *Thatcham Postmark*

Wakefield

In early April **Clive Jones** from the Yorkshire Postal History Group entertained members with a display of *Postal History appertaining to the areas around the edge of Yorkshire* which, over the years, have been affected by changes to the County's boundaries. During this period covers of a town can be seen with a Yorkshire postmark or the postmark of the adjacent county. The display contained many fascinating items - one which stood out was a cover posted in 1644, during the

English Civil War period, addressed to Lord Halifax. **Daphne McMillan** visited in May with a very colourful display of stamps, covers and postcards from the *French Antarctic Territory from 1956 onwards* including many interesting and colourful examples of the history, wildlife and scenery of this territory. In June **Douglas Armitage** and **Dr Rod Unwin** visited us. Douglas's display gave a fascinating insight into the stamps and postal history of *The Ottoman Empire*. It was supported by Rod's presentation which covered *Palestine / Syria from 1918 to 1921*.

Julie Hitchcock

Watford

We started the new year with a visit from **Peter Coe** who entertained us with a display of *United States air mail stamps on cover*. Peter showed an interesting range of material, which included first flight and other commemorative covers. It was also refreshing to see modern commercial covers, an area which so many collectors overlook. Postal history is still happening today! February is always earmarked for the nine page competitions. This year the winners were **Brian Coates** in the Traditional Class with *British Administration in Cyprus*, **Brian Coates** in the Postal History Class with *GB Outgoing Mail 1870-1880* and **Wayne Cox** in the Thematic Class with *Watch This Space*. Our March meeting was called *The Two Brians Entertain*. Our two Honorary Vice Presidents, **Messrs Thurlow** and **Coates**, gave displays with a wide variety of items, some of which we had not seen before. Brian C showed *GB, including Book Post, Newspaper Post and Perfins*. Brian T showed *Lebanon, Iceland, Spain and*

Switzerland, the latter accompanied by a selection of Goss china showing the crests of various Swiss towns and Cantons. We held our annual auction in April. 178 lots covering a wide range of countries and themes were duly knocked down by **Brian Thurlow**. → watforddps@gmail.com or 01923 243243

Wayne Cox

West London

We enjoyed a visit from Bookham Stamp Club in April. Having honeymooned in Antigua **John Jordan** has *Antigua village postmarks* as his philatelic first love. Leeward Island stamps were used up until 1956 when Antigua began issuing its own stamps. Collecting is made difficult by the fact that some parishes and post offices have changed their names. **Michael Cope's** display was of the *Illustrated postal stationery cards of the Belgian Congo & the mandated territories of Ruanda and Urundi*. A collector of Belgian philately, Michael had never visited the African colonies of that country but was fascinated by the four issues of postal cards & three more overprinted issues. The cards showed many aspects of the countries and the postmarks used. Michael explained the political background and the need for overprints to accommodate rate changes. We visited the new Postal Museum on 22nd May. Eight members attended and although enjoyable, particularly Mail Rail, we would have liked a special cancellation, postcards available and a posting box. After a short break we meet on 4th September 2018 with a members meeting themed on Industry & Industrialists.

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Chris Oliver

Winchester & District SS

On the 31st May 2018, our Postal History Collection of Winchester was donated to the Hampshire Records Office along with a donation of £75



Mike Vokes, Gillian Mills (President), Adrienne Allen (Archivist), Peter Mills (Secretary), Robin Pope (Treasurer).

towards the upkeep of the Collection. All historians will now have access to it for references. The other three recipients of the residual funds at about £75 each are Hampshire Philatelic Federation, Southampton & District Philatelic Society and Worthy Down Stamp Club.

Peter Mills

Yeovil & District

We had a very good season starting with two good displays in October from members from Wells. **Jake Jeffery** showed *Tax on Knowledge* - the first impressed Revenue Stamps and **John Russell** brought *Scottish Island stamps*. **Jim Wigmore** gave a good display of *Cyprus under British Rule* in November. Our annual competitions were won by **Roger Marsh** *Too Late Postmarks* (Postal History), **Dr Claude Leonard** *GB 1d black plates* (General) and **David Bryant** *Birds* (Thematic).

We enjoyed displays by **Carol Turner** of *North Borneo* and by **James Hooper** of *First Republic*. In May we hosted Somerset & Dorset Federation Quiz when four teams took part. Taunton PS won. Congratulations to them.

David Bryant

Federations & Regions

Kent

Since my last report there have been a number of developments within the Kent Federation - we now have a new Competitions Secretary (Michael R Thompson) who has already made a start by writing to all affiliated clubs to encourage them to participate in the eight sheet Inter-Society competitions to be held at our Autumn Rally to be held at the East Malling Grand Stamp Fair on 22nd September 2018. The Kent Federation Spring Rally 2019 will be hosted by Bromley & Beckenham PS at their Stamp & Postcard Fair on Saturday 11th May 2019. On a sad note societies within Kent have lost two active members - Bryan Clark of Swale PPS and Pat Parsons who was a member of several societies within the county, including the now defunct Dartford & District Stamp Club. Michael R Thompson has informed us that the East Malling Grand Stamp Fair in September will be dedicated to Pat Parsons, a great friend. Finally, ending on a positive note you can now read all our latest Kent Federation Bulletins at <https://kentphilately.jimdo.com/>

Michael Dobbs

Somerset & Dorset

On 24th May the last Federation Quiz run by Mike Welch and hosted by the Yeovil Stamp Society took place with teams from four member clubs:



Quizmaster and Scorer at work

Bridgewater, Poole, Yeovil and Taunton. Teams of four people were put through five rigorous rounds of ten questions per round, with the marks being posted up after every round. It quickly became apparent that Bridgewater and Taunton were going to fight it out for first place, with Taunton the eventual winner. Yeovil club were most hospitable, providing tea and coffee on arrival and a cold buffet after the quiz. Our thanks go to them and all the organisers for a most entertaining evening. *Wendy Buckle*

Wiltshire and District

We held our annual Convention and associated 9 Sheet Competitions at Swinpex on the 9th June. All of the entries were pre-judged by **Julian Jones** and **John Campbell** both of the Hampshire Federation. Winners were **Mike Tanner** of Bristol in the Cinderella Class, **Claire Scott** of Salisbury in the Aerophilately Class, **Peter Hindley** of Bath in the Thematic Class, **Barbara Borlase-Hendry** of Swindon in the Open Class, **Nigel Dickinson** of Bath in the Postal History Class and **Claire Scott** of Salisbury who won the General Class and Best in Show. This



Nigel Borlase-Hendry presenting the Aerophilately shield to Claire Scott

year also saw the inaugural running of a Picture Postcard Class which was won by **David Gibbon** of Swindon. Deadline for entries to the 16 Sheet Competition is the 1st November.

Paul Latham-Warde

Yorkshire

This year the annual convention of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association was in Scarborough, honouring the society's 80th anniversary. The meeting and stamp fair were held in rooms of the Westborough Methodist Church, close to the railway station, and were well attended. Corbitts of Newcastle sponsored the events and provided generous prizes. Scarborough PS, keen to attract non-philatelists to the hobby and to the society, promoted competitions for young people to "design a stamp featuring Scarborough" in schools and the media. Guest houses, eating places and leisure centres were asked to promote the stamp fair and several bought advertising space enabling a



The Scarborough Stamp Designs shown at Yorkshire PA Convention

booklet to be presented free to visitors. The fair was opened by the Mayor of Scarborough who presented prizes, donated by Corbitts, to competition winners, spoke to all the dealers and charity representatives present and showed great interest in the stamp displays. The Scarborough society is most grateful to Corbitts for their support. The NEPA team that brought

the display frames, erected them and later took them down, did a first class job, vital to the success of the day – many thanks. The event relied on help and support from members of both the Scarborough and Bridlington societies, their friends and families; thanks to them and, particularly, to **Chris Phillips** for his drive and hard work in organising the fair. *Robin Stenhouse*

National and specialist societies

British Thematic

We had a busy springtime with three meetings at locations across the country. On 14th April members gathered at The Royal in London to hear a talk by **Birthe King** entitled *Aspects of Pictorial Collecting*. Birthe outlined what may be included under the umbrella of pictorial classes, including thematic, open, postcards, Cinderella and more recently and perhaps controversially, ephemera. Following a lively question and answer session Birthe concluded with a display of sections of her international award-winning Open exhibit *Denmark: Conscience, Conflict and Camps 1932-1949*. After lunch members displayed their own material. Also in April an open meeting arranged by the Glasgow Thematic Society as part of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies Annual Congress for thematic collectors was held at the Dewars Centre in Perth, chaired by **Bob Henshilwood** of the GTS. Attendees

were invited to give a brief introduction to their 8-sheet displays. About 25 people attended from various societies and fourteen displays were given. In June we held our AGM in Swindon as part of Swinpex. The existing officers and committee were elected 'en bloc'. The meeting concluded with a display of *Alfred Nobel & his Legacy* given by **Grace Davies**, winner of the Thematic Cup. In October our Annual competition entries will be exhibited at the South of England Stamp and Postcard Fair at Ardingly and the ever popular 'Oxford Weekend' is again being held. →

www.britishthematic.or.uk

Jim Etherington

Channel Islands

We held our annual Weekend in April in St. Helier, Jersey. It started with a standing display provided by **Bob Mallet**. The Friday evening post-dinner *Three Sheets to Tell a Story* competition drew nine entries. Christine Earle was the clear winner with her picture postcard story concerning a Luftwaffe military funeral for two British airmen. On the Saturday morning **Alan Holyoake** RDP FRPSL gave one of the



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weekend's key displays entitled *English Postal History Prior to the Bishop Mark*. This offered a unique insight into mail from the earliest Messenger Postal System starting with an item from 1201 (during the reign of King John) some 14 years before the Magna Carta was signed – to items relating to Robert the Bruce of Scotland, a 1514 diplomatic letter signed by Henry VIII and a letter signed by Elizabeth I, regarding the appointment of the Marshall of Berwick. There were also rare examples of Merchant Adventurers and the Merchant Strangers on show, as well as mail from the period of James I and Charles I to the earliest known example of the New Post dating from the 6th June 1649. The afternoon display by **David Winnie** was a 102-sheet Chairman's display entitled *Jersey Sub-Post Offices* covering 31 offices from Augres to Trinity. Sunday morning was dedicated to members' displays. **Brian Sole, Henri Cartier, Leo Mayr, Ron Brown, Jon Aitchison, Christine Earle, Gerald Arminer, John Triggs and Richard Flemming** all responded with the customary diversity of material and excellent delivery. *Steve Wells*

Forces Postal History

We held our AGM in April and all officers bar one were re-elected. We now have a new Journal Editor, **Chris Grimshaw**, whose first issue was our Spring 2018 Journal. He has now produced two issues and they are looking extremely good with a varied mixture of subjects. In May we had a thematic display entitled *1940: a desperate year for Britain* by **Jim Etherington FRPSL**. He explained the intricacies and rules of thematic

collecting and displaying and produced a fascinating display showing Hitler's expansionist policy which led to Britain declaring war, the role and involvement of British and Dominion forces as well as those of our European allies, the Home Front and much more. June saw a members' afternoon with material on *Military and Naval Mails in the 19th Century* and for July the members' afternoon theme was *Post-WWII Forces Mail*. We will have a 30 frame display at Autumn Stampex to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI. We invite you to come along and view it and talk to us about collecting military related postal history. ➔

martinhopkinson@hotmail.co.uk or
www.forcespostalhistorysociety.org.uk

Michael Dobbs

Gibraltar

We will be holding our annual competition at the Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon, Somerset over the weekend 5th – 6th October. The year 2020 will mark the 45th Anniversary of the formation of the Study Circle and it has therefore been proposed a further visit to Gibraltar would be made to celebrate that milestone. However it has been suggested that this visit be brought forward to October 2019 to coincide with the commemorations of the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society. There will be a series of events/displays and a full week's programme to be held in conjunction with the GBOS. Further details will be available once final decisions have been made. The 2019 AGM weekend will be held over the weekend 22nd – 23rd March at the Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke. ➔

ericholmes@talktalk.net *Bert Burton*

The Great Britain

At the final meeting in our 2017/18 programme, three members of Council, **Janet Bygate, Ian Harvey** and **Howard Hughes** gave displays on diverse subjects – *RAF Prisoners of War, The Preparation and Make up of the Wilding Booklets* and *The Late Use of the Maltese Cross*. In the afternoon we held the AGM during which outgoing president **Howard Hughes** presented his successor **John Davies** with the badge of office. John was then given the pleasure of introducing seven members, **Mike Williams, Maurice Buxton, George King, Peter Tanner, Peter Wood, Dave Potter** and **Dave Griffin** all of whom gave short displays. Great Britain collectors may be interested to know that our website now contains a complete index of contents of the Great Britain Journal. For information on the Society → membership@gbps.org.uk or www.gbps.org.uk Janet Bygate

Helvetia

Our Southern Group meets three times a year in a traditional village pub at Whaddon, just outside Salisbury. Our previous meeting in cold March was warmed up by a log-burning stove. By

contrast our latest meeting on 2nd June had the door flung wide open to the garden with the sunshine pouring in on the fifteen members and one guest present. Four rounds of eight frames meant that we had a full and fascinating day – and still fit in the excellent lunch. The day began with **Ted Stern**'s full round on *Day of the Stamp* which surprisingly no one had seen previously. We were reminded once again of the world-class standards of Swiss graphic design – the best in the world some said but they may have a slight degree of bias. The remaining three rounds were (over)filled with such diverse topics as *Early TPO marks of the Nord-Ost Bahn, definitive stamps used for postage due, the 1900 UPU commemorative issue, Dickinson silk-thread security paper, the Swiss National Exhibition of 1964* and many other subjects. We look forward to the next meeting on Saturday 20th October, 10am. Also we hope to start a new 'North and Midlands' Group with a meeting in Birmingham on Saturday 6th October. For details → swiss-philately.co.uk/ or secretary@swiss-philately.co.uk Bob Medland



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Italy & Colonies

Our trip to Bari in May was very successful. Bari PS Secretary **Sergio De Benedict** gave us a great display on *The WWII Polish Corp in Bari*. Sergio also accompanied the group for 2 days during which we visited the only Stamp Shop and the impressive WWII British & Allies Cemetery. Then we went to Lecce via Monopoli and Ostuni. We enjoyed the visits to churches, mosaics, restaurants and shops. Whilst in Lecce **Alessandro Agostosi** travelled 8 hours from Padova and gave a fascinating presentation of *Ship Mail transiting via Brindisi*. We were shown some very scarce covers from unusual destinations with examples going in both directions. This presentation created much discussion on the rates and routes. Alessandro joined our group on the visit to Brindisi which has a superb promenade. The tour included visiting the Sailors Memorial and the original P&O International Hotel. The 2019 trip to the Amalfi Coast is already in the planning stage. → www.icsc-uk.com or 0208 9778737 *Paul Woodness*

King GVI

Eight members brought displays to our Spring meeting. Some of the more specialised material included *printings, varieties of Leeward Islands, Tristan da Cunha, Falklands Islands and Dependencies, Morocco Agencies and BMA Malaya Striated paper values*. The President, **Rod Vousden**, Assistant to the Keeper, Royal Philatelic Collection, gave a detailed account of the *Ascension ½d long bar on E variety*. Rod explained how it arose and continued throughout all the later printings. **John Spencer** showed

the advantages of photography with a digital microscope for illustrating several flaws. Other displays included a 1940 letter from the “Children’s Reception from Overseas” to Belgium, returned marked “No Service;” a 1944 cover with illegal bisect to make the 2½d rate, allowed through; Malaya items still in Japanese occupation but posted after the atom bombs were dropped but before the surrender; a 1937 Coronation Greetings Telegram, only in use from 6th May to 13th June; and even scarcer Valentines Day telegrams only used on the day and the “Black-eyed Princess” variety on the South African 1947 Royal Visit. The joint Auction and AGM was held in May with all officers being returned to their posts. → www.kg6.info *David Rennie*

Midland (GB) Postal History

The seventh of our publications, *The Parcel Post Labels of the Midland Counties*, was launched at a special lunch in the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on 28th April. The lunch was attended by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor **Mrs Anne**



Malcolm Allinson presents a copy to the Lord Mayor

Underwood, who was presented with a copy of the book by our Chairman, **Malcolm Allinson**. Before the lunch members and guests had the chance to view displays of labels from several counties. The attractive hardback book, 270 pages long, covers Birmingham and twelve midland counties and contains details of nearly 4000 labels of which over 500 are illustrated in colour. Many collectors have such labels in their collections. Copies of the book (cost £30 plus £4 p&p) are available from John Calladine 5 Skillins, Kington St Michael, Chippenham SN14 6RL
Michael Dobbs

The Royal

We have enjoyed excellent displays from the far corners of the world. **James Podger** took us to the *Cayman Islands* beginning with April 1889 when a branch of the Jamaica Post Office was opened in Georgetown on Grand Cayman and continuing to the present reign, including proofs and varieties. Later in May we explored colder climes - *The Polar Regions*. Many of the displays focused on the major expeditions and those who led them, including Amundsen's Northeast Passage Expedition, the Expédition de Garlache, and the Wilkes Antarctic Expedition, plus those undertaken by Sweden, Germany, Japan and Norway. Naturally featured were the expeditions led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott, Ernest Shackleton and Captain Dumont d'Urville. **Timothy O'Connor** donned the persona of Doctor Benjamin Franklin while Postmaster of Philadelphia to recount *Colonial American Postal History 1675 – 1783* to the gathered members in June. The material shown in the frames opened with a letter sent in 1675 from Fort

Albany to Rotterdam, the earliest letter from the newly re-conquered Fort Orange. Nowadays Albany is where the first permanent Dutch settlement in New Netherland was. Included in the presentation was a cover, marked 'Post Payd', from the Lovelace Post of 1672/73, an effort by Francis Lovelace, who became Governor of New York Colony in 1668, to create a reliable line of discourse with the New England Confederacy.

South African Collectors

The first display at our weekend was on *Birds of Southern Africa* by **Otto Peetoom**. He included anecdotes about the species, their locations of birds and the artists that drew them. **Mike Tonking** showed the *King's Head Roll* stamps and **Chris Oliver** displayed *Mobile post-offices of South Africa*. After lunch the next display was by **Rob Lester** on the *Christmas labels* issued annually by South Africa from 1929, in aid of tuberculosis relief, with their symbol the cross of Lorraine included. He continued with *Street Flags* which covered collection badges given in return for modest donations to help and support the armed forces and their dependents. After viewing, the stage was set for six entries for the Abell Trophy competition and after much deliberation **Mike Tonking** was judged the winner. The winner of the Wick's Literary medal was **Hugh Amore** for his article on the *2nd definitive issue of the republic*. Sunday breakfast was followed by displays from **Simon Peetoom, Rob Lester, Tony Johnson, Richard Weaver, Tony Howgrave-Graham, John Shaw** and **Oliver Peetoom**. After lunch we held an auction. Our next Carlisle and London meetings will both be held on

22nd September. → 020 8940 9833 or
olivers.of_ham@virgin.net or
www.southafricacollector.com

Chris Oliver

Stamp Box Study Group

This is an informal group of people who collect stamp boxes - with a passion. The group has been going since 1985 and for over 25 years has been part of the Writing Equipment Society (WES), which produces a sumptuous magazine. We contribute an article to each issue highlighting some aspect of collecting stamp boxes e.g. boxes made in various materials; Mauchline ware boxes, Tartan ware, Tunbridge ware, ones with stamps on them, ones with the word "Stamps" on in any language – the list of possibilities is endless. Many of our members have researched items in their collection and our website shows the result of their work from *Chrome booklet holders* and *Stamp Boxes and Cases made of Plastic Material to Advertising on Stamp Boxes*. We feel that our hobby belongs in philatelic circles and we are pleased to be a recent Specialist Society to be affiliated to the APBS. Most of us are, or have been, stamp collectors and we know that many stamp collectors do have a stamp box or two. In addition we have seen stamp boxes on display and on sale at Stampex - and producing a lot of interest. Consequently we would like to reach out to the philatelic community to say join with us and learn more about the fascinating history and scope of this sphere of collecting. To learn more about the subject look at our wonderful website www.stampbox.org.uk, and maybe find your own example written about there. Look out for one of our meetings at Stampex too. We look



forward to hearing from you. →
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STAMPEX MEETING Saturday 15th
September Room B 10.30 - 12.00. A
display of stamp boxes and a chance
to meet with collectors.

Strathclyde Postcard

We enjoy a wonderfully varied syllabus each year. From the President, **Ian Kennedy**, we learnt the history of the landed families of *Breadalbane*. **Richard Torrance** visited to show a great display of the history of *James Valentine and Son*, and some Scottish PS members presented historic postcards of *Ceylon* - **Eric Mason**, a wonderful variety of *Foxes* - **Mike Humphries**, *Postal history stationery of Macau and Timor* - **Richard Cuthbertson** - and *The story of Togo Railways* - **Ian Anderson**. From members we learnt: about *Hamilton* – its history in Lanarkshire – and views of the same name around the world - **Alex Magowan**, a very helpful account and demonstration about *How to Prepare for a Competition* - **Margaret Morris**, *Golf Courses in Southwest*

Scotland (Postcards, Score Cards, Rule Cards) - **Jimmy Crawford**, and Pre-1914 postcards & postmarks of post offices in Scotland from Aberchirder to Bankfoot - **Ken Norris**. We had an Auction - always popular.

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Elsie Miller

Welsh Postal History

In June we gathered again for our AGM weekend at the Snowdonia Study Centre. We began with the Egg Cup Competition where members show just 3 sheets. The winner was **Marion Turner** showing three photo postcards

posted from Trawsfynydd Army Camp on the same day in 1906 to the same address. On Saturday there was a lively auction of Welsh material followed by the AGM which included the presentation of trophies. **Neil Prior** won the Derek Daunton Award for the best article (his 100th) in the Newsletter. The winner of the Mike Scott Archer Trophy for the best member's display was **Gordon Owen** showing *Anglesey*. Finally the George Thorpe Cup, awarded in recognition of outstanding society duty, went to **Gwynedd Brindley** who has just stood down as auditor after many years. The main displays highlighted various aspects of railways in Wales. Topics covered the whole of the principality from *The London to Holyhead TPO* through *Mid Wales and Monmouthshire*, ending in the *Swansea area*. Later **Cedric Prys-Roberts** entertained us with a railway ride from Llangollen to Blaenau Ffestiniog. It closed long ago but he

showed much of what it looked like when operational. Next morning Cedric continued *Merionethshire Railways*, following the line from Bala to Barmouth. We ended with a display entitled *Pembrokeshire Postal History* by chairman and newsletter editor **Roger Antell**. He outlined the original post road and showed how it developed, illustrating his talk with early letters showing various cancellations.

Marion Turner



An interesting Red Cross letter from Jersey dated 23 Dec 1941 - sold at the CISS Auction

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History of the Lostock Trophies

Like many surviving philatelic societies, Lostock PS confirms that we owe a great deal to the publicity of the ABPS magazine. Only three years ago we were on the verge of closing but with help and several new speakers who have travelled distances to speak to us we have survived and grown. We are proud to keep the flag flying for all philatelists in every club. Each year our members enter as many competitions as possible starting with our own annual ones. Trophies are awarded to the winners of five categories. They are the Hargreaves Trophy for 16 sheets, the Philatelic Trophy for 9 sheets, the Postal History Cup, the



Thematic Cup and the Jimmy Page Cup for the best entry as voted by the membership.

The Hargreaves Trophy is 12 inches high and made of silver. Its hallmarks show us that it was made in 1938 in Birmingham by Deakin and Francis. This company is still trading (2017). In the 1930s George Hargreaves, a director of William Heatons Ltd of Lostock Junction provided the workforce with a trophy for annual competition. What it should be played for was up to the staff. Bowls was the chosen sport.

The trophy was engraved "The Hargreaves Cup for Yearly Competition". It was first played for in 1939 when the winner was S Faulkener. Because of the War, the trophy was only played for once more, in 1940. Peace was declared in 1945 but it was another two years before the trophy was played for again. J Tinsley won it then and for the next two years. After three wins the trophy was given to Mr Tinsley to keep. On his death the trophy was passed to his daughter, Laura.

Around 1979 or 80 Laura donated the trophy to the nephew of its donor, Mr Raymond Hargreaves. She believed it should be played for once again in the village but it was for him to decide where it was to be placed. As a Philatelic Society had just been founded, and as Raymond Hargreaves was a founder member this was agreed to be the new home of the Hargreaves Cup for Yearly Competition. Since 1980 that is where the trophy has been played for.

The four other cups have a lesser history. Three were donated by Jimmy Page, founder member and the Society's first Treasurer. Both the Postal History and Thematic trophies were made by Jimmy himself and the cup bearing his name he



Bernard Hooley receives the Thematic Cup from Adrian Jones



Robin Heap won the Postal History cup



David Brigden receives the Jimmy Page cup.

presented to the Society for whatever purpose they decided. The original Philatelic Trophy was lost. Its origin is unknown but it is most likely that this was also donated by Mr Page. A new trophy was given by Mr R Heap as replacement. We are grateful to Ray Hargreaves' son David Hargreaves for gathering this information for the society members.

David Morley

MIDPEX Boost for Specialist Societies

**MIDPEX 2019 Warwickshire Event Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN
6th July 2019 10:00am – 5:00pm**

MIDPEX is the biennial exhibition first held in 1995 and attended by stamp collectors from across the UK. It brings together specialist societies with local, national and international dealers covering all aspects of Philately. The venue is the same, although there has been a slight change of name.

It provides an opportunity for specialist societies to show off their sphere of interest to other collectors, to recruit members and identify common ground with members of other societies. It also provides an opportunity for societies to promote their publications and research projects and for members to meet informally, particularly those members who find it difficult to get to meetings in London. The event in 2019 will be further expanded with space for post card dealers as well as stamps, thematics and postal history. There is space for 70 dealers, and 40 Specialist Societies are expected to support the Show, with many holding their regional meetings at the event.

Midpex have now started to take bookings from dealers and societies for this prestigious event. For more information and booking forms → Steven Harrison sharrison500@btinternet.com

Clive Murray, who is the new Chairman for the Organising Committee, said "We are planning for our most ambitious event yet. It is a showcase for all that is best in UK philately. We look forward to seeing you all on July 6th."

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The Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture 2018

The Stuart Rossiter Trust is pleased to announce that the 2018 memorial lecture will be held at 5.00pm on Friday 9th November at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 41 Devonshire Place, London, W1G 6JY, when

Frank Walton RDP FRPSL

will give a talk entitled

“Should Aerophilately be a subset of Postal History?”

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Federations

Kent Federation (p 57): New Competition Secretary is Michael R Thompson
kentphilately@aol.com or 01474 325507

Specialist Societies

Arabian Philatelic Association International (p 66) has ceased to be active and is no longer affiliated to ABPS

Society of Postal Historians (p 81) has a new secretary: Dr Duncan Crewe
duncancrewe@aol.com

We are pleased to welcome the following as returned/new affiliates:

Pakistan Study Circle: Contact is Mike Roberts mike@mikerobe.co.uk or
07885 839622

Stamp Box Study Group: Secretary is Erene Grieve erenegrieve@gmail.com
01646 278826

Local Societies

Addlestone Community Association (Philatelic Branch) (p 88): The secretary, Mrs. Shirley Kemp has resigned due to relocation.

Ayrshire Philatelic Society (p 90): New secretary is Robert Watt

Bath Philatelic Society (p 93): New secretary is Nicholas Hillier
nichillier@hotmail.com

Bishop's Stortford & District PS (p 95): New secretary is Dave Armitage
davearmitage18@btinternet.com

Bromley & Beckenham PS (p 100): New Packet Secretary is Mrs Carole McCarthy cmccarthy@talktalk.net
and the new website is: kentphilately.weebly.com/ca-bbps.html

Fleet & North Hants PS (p 114): New venue: Vestry Hall at Christ Church, Gally Hill Road, Church Crookham, Hants GU52 6LH

Harrogate PS (p 117): New secretary is Bill Tait bill.tait@dsl.pipex.com
0781 664 5513

Leeds PS (p 130): New secretary is Richard Smith 07818 061 336
and a new venue: St George's Hall, 60 Great George St, Leeds LS1 3BR
To contact the society use www.leedsps.org.uk

Middlesbrough & District PS (p 137) have a new venue from 27th September:
Middlesbrough Scout Headquarters, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough
TS5 5PJ

Sevenoaks & District PS (p 153): New Secretary is Peter O'Keefe
01732 357065

Yeovil & District PS (p 171): Meeting times for the new season are: 1st
Thursday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm September to June, *except*
January and February 2pm for 2.30pm

We regret to report that **Walton & Weybridge PS** (p 166) has closed its albums.

We are pleased to welcome **Blyth PS** and **Rochdale PS** as ABPS affiliates.
Rochdale's Secretary is Jack Lindley lindleyjack@aol.com

Speakers

Brian C Day (p 202), Ms Rosemary Dellar (p 203), Ian Nutley (p 232) are no longer able to give displays.

Stamp Active Network

Salisbury collector's fair 2018

Charlie wins Penny Black at Salisbury

Charlie Whitworth, aged 8, from Salisbury, was the winner of the Penny Black from a free draw for young collectors visiting the Stamp Active stand at the Salisbury Collectors Fair in May. The Penny Black was generously donated by Dauwalder's of Salisbury, the organisers of the popular two day event. All youngsters received a free goodie bag and other gifts at the show.

Although not large in number, the children were enthusiastic and excited about their visit as they hunted for items for their collections. Once again, the most popular collecting area appeared to be "Animals" with "Chickens" and "Cats" amongst the varied range of topics.

David Rossall

And here is a message from Charlie:

I had a great time at the Salisbury collector's fair at the town hall. It was a surprise winning the penny black; it can go with my penny red and the rest of my small collection with about 600 stamps worldwide. I also have a 50p collection which only has a few missing. I sort my stamps into categories (space, transport, birds, small ones, sports and bigger ones). How do other people organise their collection? The goody bag I was given from Stamp Active was awesome. It came with books, first day covers, a stamp finder's dictionary and much more good stuff. I recommend this to all keen collectors and people who are interested in stamps and coins.



Diary

Local and regional events by ABPS members

September

- 8 Poole and Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club Annual Fair: 10 - 4, Upton Community Centre, Poole Road, **Upton** BH16 5JA. 01202 395484 → chriswheeler07@btinternet.com or philatelyinbournemouth.co.uk/poole-club.html
- 22 Newport & Gwent Autumn Stamp Fair: 10 - 4, Graig Community Centre, **Newport** NP10 8HZ → 07825 305616 roybentley@mylundy.co.uk
- 23 Warminster PS Fair: 10 - 4, Kingdown School, Woodcock Road, **Warminster** Wiltshire. BA12 9DR → Martin Mantell 01225 760597 or martinmantell@hotmail.com

- 29 HAMPEX 2018 - Hampshire Federation: 10 - 4, Wickham Centre, Mill Lane, **Wickham** PO17 5AL → 01794 514902 or www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfhpx.htm

October

- 6 South West Scotland Philatelic Societies 56th Annual Stamp & Postcard Fair: 10 - 4, Prestwick Community Centre, Caerlaverock Road, **Prestwick**, KA9 1HR → 01418 126653
- 6 Yeovil & District Stamp & Postcard Fair: Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, **Sherborne**, Dorset DT9 3NL → David Bryant 01460 74422
- 13 ASPS South of England Stamp Fair, South of England Centre, **Ardingly**, West Sussex RH17 6TL
- 13 Telford Stamp, Card and Coin Fair: 10 - 3, Belmont Hall, Wellington Centre, **Telford** TF1 1LU → Bob Pilkington, 01299 211737 sbpilkington02@outlook.com
- 25 CPF AGM at Truro → cornwallphilatelic.co.uk/whats-on.php
- 27 ADDPEX 2018: Surrey Federation Stamp Fair & Exhibition (hosted by Addlestone Community Association - Philatelic Section): 10 - 4 Addlestone Community Centre, Garfield Road, **Addlestone**, KT15 2NJ → Shirley Kemp albertedward.kemp@ntlworld.com
- 27 Bolton PS Stamp Fair & The North West Federation Annual Convention: 10 - 4, St Josephs High School, Chorley New Road **Horwich**, **Bolton** BL6 6HW → 01942 813386.
- 27 Cornex Liskeard: 10 - 4, **NEW VENUE** Millennium Hall, Princess Road, Pensilva, **Liskeard** PL14 5NF → 01288 355918
- 27 Amersham & District PS Diamond Gala Day & Middlesex Philatelic Federation Stamp Fair: 10 - 4, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, **Amersham** HP5 6AH

November

- 10 Maidstone & Mid Kent PS Stamp Fair: 10 - 3, Grove Green Community Centre (opp Tesco's), **Maidstone**, Kent ME14 5BT → Brian Stonestreet 01622 675784
- 17 Taunton Stamp Fair: 10 - 4, St James Church Hall, St James Street, **Taunton** TA1 2AS → www.tauntonstampclub.co.uk Peter Hardie 01823 666371
- 17 & 18 Leeds 28th Annual Stamp Fair: 10.30 - 5, Pudsey Civic Hall, **Leeds** LS28 5TA → www.leedsp.s.org.uk 01943 465236

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May

- 11 Bromley & Beckenham Stamp & Postcard Fair: Langley Park Boys School

June

- 15 Yorkshire PA Convention: Bramall Lane (home of Sheffield United FC), **Sheffield** S2 4SU

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National Exhibitions 2018 - 2019

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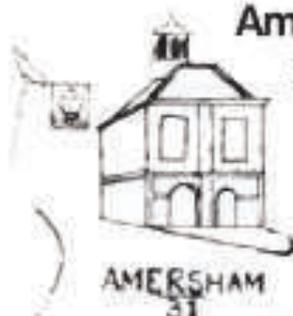
- September 12th -15th 2018: AUTUMN STAMPEX 2018: Full National Exhibition. We are expecting the American Philatelic Society to visit, and the Forces Postal History Society and Civil Censorship Society have also offered to provide displays to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.
15th September : Free Seminar from **Yamil Kouri** 'An American Perspective'
- 13th - 16th February 2019: SPRING STAMPEX 2019. To mark its 150th anniversary The Royal Philatelic Society London will be lead contributor with a display on the theme of 'King George V'. This will also be the last opportunity in the UK to qualify for London 2020 - online through the ABPS Website
- 11th - 14th September 2019: AUTUMN STAMPEX 2019. Plans are being made for a special display on Indian philately. Further details will follow.
- 19th - 22nd February 2020: SPRING STAMPEX 2020. Further details to follow
- 16th - 19th September 2020: AUTUMN STAMPEX 2020. The British Thematic Association has offered to take the lead.

International Exhibitions 2018-2020

- 23rd - 25th November ITALIA 2018: Verona as part of a philatelic exhibition devoted to the Great War. Literature Class. For Regulations and electronic application forms → www.italia2018.eu No UK Commissioner
- 28th November - 3rd December THAILAND 2018: Royal Paragon Hall, Bangkok. Details at www.thailand2018.org Commissioner: Peter Cockburn pcockburn@aol.com The FIP Congress meeting will take place in Bangkok. Chris King is the UK candidate for President and has the support of ABPS
- 29th May - 2nd June 2019 STOCKHOLMIA: Waterfront Congress Centre, Stockholm, Sweden, RPSL exhibition with ABPS recognition. → www.stockholmia2019.se/ ABPS Congress. Closing date for applications is past.
- 2nd - 9th May 2020 LONDON 2020 International Stamp Exhibition: Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH → www.london2020.co UK Commissioner: Mike JY Roberts. The deadline for applications will be around the end of February 2019. **Volunteers Sought** The Organising Committee are keen to recruit volunteers to help run LONDON 2020. If you would like to help, please go to www.london2020.co and click the "**Sign up here to Volunteer**" link.

No details available yet for : BULGARIA 2019 in Plovdiv May 2019, FEPA patronage; CHINA 2019 in Beijing June 2019, FIP patronage; ANKARA 2020 7th -10th October 2020 FEPA patronage; MALAYSIA 2020 Kuala Lumpur in November-December 2020, FIP patronage.

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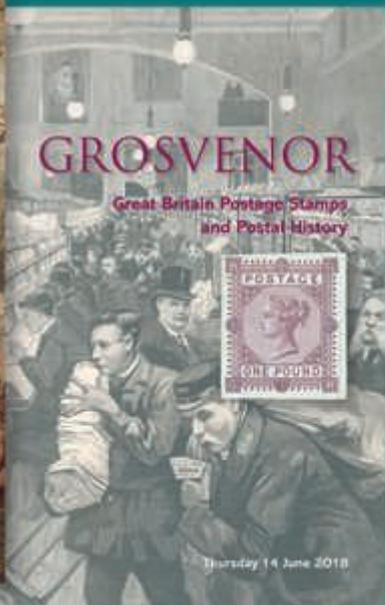
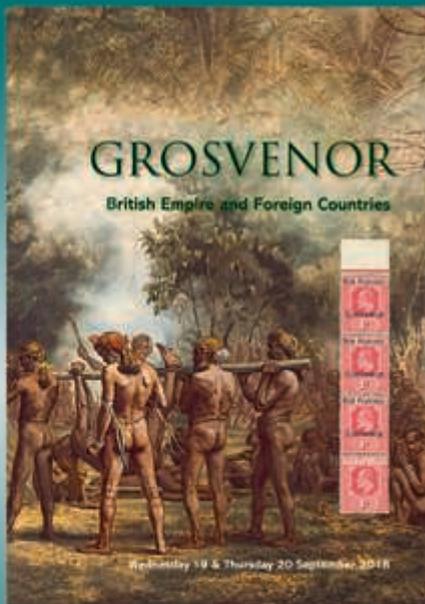
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