



# **KENT FEDERATION of PHILATELIC SOCIETIES**



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after the Presentation of the Chain of Office.**

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## **BULLETIN**

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Firstly some good news, the Kent team have won this years 'DAWES CUP' competition - full details appear on the 'Competition Results' page, and a team photo is on the 'picture page'. Then some sad news with the passing of Jim Gifford, a well known member and packet secretary of the Dover Stamp Club.

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As we get older, we refer to many as 'Grumpy Old Men', as we find reasons to complain about many things not being done the way we think they should be. Sometimes, we are not (physically) able to do certain things, but for one (or more reasons), maybe our failure to encourage youngsters to take an interest in Philately, means that many clubs now have no members under 60 years old. and therefore there are no fit, keen and active 30 year olds to take on the jobs that need doing. Some say that the older members who are still running clubs (many for over 20 years) are no longer active enough - yet no one else is willing to have a go. (Note the usual response at club AGM's "the Committee and Officers were re-elected" - no new blood is available. Several members may have already 'done their time as officers' and are now perhaps a little dare I say, 'Past It'! Are we going to see more clubs closing down as old age, means people will not want to travel at night, are physically handicapped and there is no one to organise the meetings? I know this may sound like a dire warning, but will your Society still be functioning in say 10 years time? How are these problems to be overcome - are YOU going to help?

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Another moan - how big is a crowd? Why did so few clubs and their members attend the Federation Rally at Hollingbourne?, a fairly central venue in the centre of Kent, with easy access just off the motorway, good weather and in decent surroundings. Did your Club Secretary encourage YOU to pop along? There was ample advance publicity but did you see it? If not, WHY? The AGM and Council meeting meant that some 28 persons were missing for 100 minutes or so - was that 'a crowd'? I know that it was a Sunday, but that was unfortunately the only date available within the time scale for the AGM. Seven clubs did not even bother to send delegates - a bad example to others!

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We all have to go sometime, so don't forget the SEMINAR on November 21<sup>st</sup> - a Saturday, when the talk (and any questions) is "What happens to my Collection when I die" surely a must for any collector who thinks they have a good collection! ALL club Secretaries have had flyers with the details, so ensure that YOU know all about it, come along, and bring a friend or two! A solicitor, who is also a collector is giving the talk, which is preceded by a display of 'Gambia'. There is a map elsewhere in this issue.

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Incidentally, my mower did work, and I put down a load of fertiliser / weed-killer, but then the drought came, and my lawn is still quite black in patches.

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The views expressed in this Bulletin may not necessarily be those of the Kent Federation of Philatelic Societies. Peter J. O'Keeffe, Hon Editor. 8 Stainer Rd, Tonbridge, TN10 4DR

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We blame fate for accidents, but if we get a hole in one, we feel responsible

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## DIARY DATES

MARK YOUR DIARY NOW !

Remember, if you are planning to visit any of the events listed here, you are advised to check that neither the date, nor the venue have changed, BEFORE you travel.

NEXT CUT-OFF DATE for the JANUARY 2016 issue of the BULLETIN needs to be the 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016. PLEASE let me have YOUR CLUBS NEWS, or any other items for inclusion in good time. I some times try to assemble some pages before the cut-off date, so any early contributions are welcome. Your co-operation is much appreciated. Check these dates BEFORE booking your holidays, so that you don't miss the events. It should also help Secretaries to avoid clashes elsewhere !!!!  
Note: Our Communications Officer, Mike Dobbs keeps an up to date list of Stamp Fairs in and around London and the Home Counties. Contact him on 020 8402 5409 or at michael.dobbs@ntlworld.com

SEP 4	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal National Hotel, Russell Sq, London
SEP 5	Beckenham Stamp Fair,	Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
SEP 6	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair,	Stag Plaza, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ZZ
SEP 12	Orpington Stamp & P/C Fair	Lutheran Church, Poverest Rd, BR5 1RD
SEP 16/19	"Autumn Stampex".	Design Centre, Islington, London.
OCT 3	Beckenham Stamp Fair,	Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
OCT 4	Bexley Stamp Fair	Freemantle Hall, Bexley DA5 1AA
OCT 9	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal National Hotel, Russell Sq, London
OCT 10	S/England & Sussex Fed	Ardingly Show Ground, Sussex.
OCT 17	"Hampex" Hampshire Fed. Convention	Wickham Centre, PO17 5AL
OCT 24	KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY	Langley Park Schl, Beckenham
NOV 7	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham.
NOV 14	Maidstone Stamp Fair	Grove Green Comm. Centre, ME14 5BT
NOV 14	Orpington Stamp & P/C Fair	Lutheran Church, Petts Wood, BR5 1RD
NOV 15	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Stag Plaza, Sevenoaks. TN13 1AA
NOV 20	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal National Hotel, Russell Sq, London
NOV 21	KENT FEDERATION <u>SEMINAR</u> - What happens to my collection when I die by Mike Roberts FRPSL at Wainscott ME2 4LG (More details see elsewhere in this issue.)	Freemantle Hall, Bexley DA5 1AA
NOV 22	Bexley Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham.
DEC 5	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Royal National Hotel, Russell Sq, London.
DEC 11	Strand Stamp Fair,	

For more information, try [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk) on the "Exhibiting" tab. E & O.E.

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If you know of any more 'dates', together with post codes - please let me know, and space permitting, I can include them in future issues. PJOK.

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**ROUND AND ABOUT** We have two 'Kent based' stamp & philatelic material Auctions in the County, namely **MARTELLO PHILATELIC AUCTIONS**, (Office Telephone no. is 01303 – 269712 or E-mail : [info@martelloauctions.com](mailto:info@martelloauctions.com)). They hold their auctions at The Holiday Inn, Canterbury Road, Ashford TN24 8QQ. Their next Auctions are on Friday's. The other is **T & T AUCTIONS LTD** which HAS MOVED it's Auction Sales to THE MASONIC HALL, St.John's Rd, Tunbridge Wells TN4 9UY (commencing at 12 noon). Their next auction is planned for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Their Shop is as before, 8 Castle Street, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1XJ Telephone 01892 – 529898 or E-mail them on [info@tandtauctions.com](mailto:info@tandtauctions.com).

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Please see some dates for 2016 for Fairs etc on the next page.



## TUNBRIDGE WELLS CELEBRATES ITS 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A meeting was called in November 1945 to see what support there might be for the formation of a 'new' Philatelic Society in the town; fourteen persons turned up and it was decided to proceed. I say 'new', as it was known that a Society had existed as early as 1905, known as the Kent & Sussex Philatelic Society, but unfortunately we have no more information, and do not know when it closed down. Later there was a 'Tunbridge Wells Pioneer Society', but we have very little details of when it existed, but we understand that it ceased in mid 1945 - perhaps it had a Military connection, and with the war ended, its members or staff, had been demobbed? We know that there was a military establishment somewhere in or near to the town. The present club held its first meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1945, and at its peak had over 100 members. In 1954 the Society added the title 'Royal' to its name, however the minutes do not give any reason. (KEVII had granted the town the title in 1909) The Society was a founder member of the Kent Federation in 1947, and with a close connection with Sussex, we also affiliated to that Federation in 1954. Also in 1954, a leading member, Mr B.T.W. Stevenson donated a collection of local postal history to the town, together with some other donations of P.H. To celebrate the anniversary, we have arranged a Lunch on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015. at the local Indoor Bowls Club, where we have held a New Year lunch over the last 4 years. The clubs bi-annual journal has to date had 146 issues, in two volumes, unfortunately with a break between 1978 and 1996. We have hosted the GB Congress (1950) and 2 Kent Federation Rallies, the last in 1995. Amongst our more prominent members we include Jack Cartwright, who was President for a total of 16 years (in five different periods,) B.T.W. Stevenson, J.W. Brewer, Henry Hupfield, (a founder member who died 2 years ago), Dougie Read, and three surviving life members, W.J. Raven, (Hon. Treasurer for 28 years), Frank Blincow, and Gordon Bass, (Packet Secretary for many years.)

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G.B. USED IN CANADA ?

Can anyone give an opinion on a plain envelope with a GB KGV 1½d definitive stamp postmarked 15<sup>th</sup> November 1934 from QUEBEC ? There is nothing to indicate that it was a Pacquebot usage, nor that the Canadian Post thought it was unpaid. Perhaps

the Quebec P.O. did not have a Pacquebot canceller handy ?

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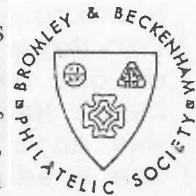






## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (1)

Bromley & Beckenham P.S. At our June meeting, the topic was 'The Atlantic Ocean', which brought displays by seven members; Peter Collis, showing covers of Ascension, Falklands, St.Helena, and Tristan da Cunha; Paul Elliot showed St.Pierre & Miquelon; Grahame Boutle had mourning covers of Portugal & Spain from 1876 and 1916, plus Spanish Civil War censors; Mike Dobbs with a variety of Military material used from Anguilla, Bermuda, the Falkland Islands, Ascension and HQ 'SACLANT'; David Milstead showed G.B. items with EVII 'Perfins' used on mail to America; Ian Reed showed Ascension postcards, postal orders, GB stamps with Ascension postmarks; and Ron Burn showed a selection of items relating to maintenance visits to the weather stations on Bouvet and Gough Islands from the 1950's onwards. The July meeting was our annual 'postcard evening' when members of the Croydon Postcard Club joined us. We saw eight displays covering a wide variety of subjects including St. Helena, WWI cards, Labuan, local Kent hospitals, Los Angeles, New Zealand, some Post Buses, German Locomotives, Postmen & Uniforms, and postal humour. Those giving displays were Helena Butcher, Ron Burn, David Hubbard, Adrian Thomas, William Morris, Michael Dobbs, Len Barnes and Grahame Boutle. The August meeting is "Great Moments in History", when members are invited to show items from their collections. (Late News - See note on page 8)



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Lewisham P. S. On the 7<sup>th</sup> April, Lindy Bosworth displayed her collection of the Austro - Hungarian Navy during World War I. This is a fantastic display describing the ships from large to the smaller ones and their part in the war - a display not to be missed. Next up was a return visit by Ron Burn on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, with another aspect of his Tristan da Cunha collection - again a fascinating and interesting display. Then

on May 5<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual General Meeting - a quite uneventful evening with all the Officers and Committee continuing 'in office' for a further term. Ray Houghton now in to his second year as President. On the 26<sup>th</sup> May we sent a team of four (Ray Houghton, Colin Tobitt, Albert Jackson, and Maurice Flack) to display to the Sidcup P.S.

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Gravesend Stamp Club Our April meeting was our 'One Sheet' competition and 'Bourse', and despite a number of members being absent 'on holiday', those attending enjoyed viewing, buying and socializing. Steve Alpe was our visiting speaker in May with his display of 'Me and My Collection', which is the story of Steve's life through stamps, covers and postcards. A truly novel display and very interesting.



Other collectors could be inspired to put together a collection of their own lives in this way. Steve also has several non-philatelic collections including a huge collection of beer mats ! In June we held our Summer auction, which is usually smaller than our Spring auction, owing to holidays. However, this time we had a good number of lots and a good attendance, with lively bidding for some of the lots. We also held a raffle which raised a nice sum for club funds.

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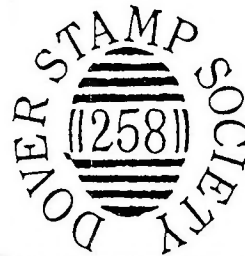
## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)

Sidcup Philatelic Society We mark our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, with a planned celebration Dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup> when we meet at "Sophie's Choice". So far this year we have had an interesting and detailed display by various members of 'Travel' which have included mail sent via the 'Travelling Post Office' in India by Cliff Gregory, a whirlwind tour of the sights of London, mostly of postcards, by Pat Parsons; Don Brookfield showed material relating to a number of World Tours by KGV and his Queen, mostly pre-war including photographs, postcards, covers and stamps, followed by another display featuring postcard views of the 1951 Festival of Britain, posted home by visitors. Then, Frank Parsons showed more postcards, this time of Switzerland, showing coach and horses, balloons, German Flying Boat, and airmail covers carried via 'Swiss Air' and 'Air France', Mountain railways and skiers. Eileen Elton showed forms of travel, which she has used, including motor car, trains, boats, planes, motorbikes, a horse drawn bus, trams, camels, helicopters, cruise liners, cable cars, a bob sleigh, the elevated railway in Chicago, Concorde, and the Orient Express. (is there any-thing she missed out ?). Finally, Judith French ended the evening with a clever collection entitled "How did you travel today ? this included postcards of London and Kent, covering walking, cycling, motor bikes, horse drawn trams, canal boats, trains, planes (from Croydon Airport), with a section about how long you had to wait, and traffic hazards etc

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, for President's Evening, Cliff Gregory showed 'Underpaid mail. to and from India', a fully detailed and interesting display tracing the methods of collecting fines and later 'postage due' on mail. Kent President John Shaw was our guest on February 24<sup>th</sup> with an excellent display of South African stamps, the printing methods, colour changes, and designs etc. John done has a lot of research with this topic and it was certainly appreciated by those present. March 10<sup>th</sup> was the 'Victor Mills Memorial Evening'; Frank Parsons kicked off with a display of "Where are they now" ? showing stamps of countries which have changed their names, with before and after designs. Pat Parsons then had a look at ancient invaders of our land, Romans, Saxons, Vikings, and Normans with stamps of castles, crusaders, and battles. Next John Corderoy showed covers with unusual cancellations, used in the UK and from abroad. Other displays included Eileen Elton with Winter Scenes, Don Brookfield showed 'Royalty', Cliff Gregory showed mail from a P.O.W Camp in India, Geoff Hanney brought along some of his Haiti, collection, including proofs, forgeries and postal stationery. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, we had a visit from 4 members of the Kent Postal History Group, Michael Thompson, opened with early covers from Rolvenden, including a penny black on cover, then a series of labels and publicity stamps and postcards of the 4<sup>th</sup> Philatelic Congress of G.B, held at Margate in 1912, finishing with some Kent and East Sussex Railway special delivery service items. John Weston showed covers from a number of Kent villages under Tunbridge Wells, including Groombridge, Hartfield, Lamberhurst, Southborough and Ticehurst. Peter O'Keeffe showed some World War II mail sent to or from British military personnel overseas. He also showed assorted postmarks and meter marks all on covers. Roger Bailes concentrated on Dartford mail, including early items from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, through to 1937. Our AGM was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> with all officers being re-elected for a further term, but with John Corderoy as President.



## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)



Dover Stamp Society We regret to report the passing of Jim Gifford, a stalwart member for many years and our Packet Secretary for most of them. Jim had been ill for some time and had moved to Whitstable to be near his daughter. A good friend who will be sorely missed.

During the last quarter of the season we enjoyed visit's by the Medway Towns P.S. and by our neighbours at Cinque Ports in Folkestone. From Medway, Bob Higgins showed Dinosaurs, Rosemary Dellar showed Netherlands Indies and Indonesia, while Edward Shilling brought 1945-49 Allied Occupation of Germany. Another interesting evening was provided by the Cinque Ports, with Roger Dickinson showing Canadian Transatlantic Mail, Martin Outing showed early Bermuda and Barry Knight exhibits on a railway theme. As usual both visitors evenings produced a great variety, something for everyone, and our thanks to those involved for travelling to Dover, especially the Medway team from where it is hardly a short journey. On another evening, Maurice Flack, former Federation President made the same journey, and we enjoyed very much his lively presentation of three themes, South African Homelands, from the days of Apartheid, followed by Cyprus and French Antarctica. Tony Davis was also due to display on another night, but had to cancel due to family reasons; we have however slotted him in for the new season starting in September. At our AGM. there was as usual much discussion on the need for new members to cover the ever increasing rental for the Salem Hall where we meet. One change took place on the Committee, with Richard Monk stepping down after 8 years as Chairman. John Thorpe was elected in his place, with the rest of the Committee being re-elected 'en-bloc'. It would be appreciated if Jim Gifford's name can be included 'In Memorium' at the next A.G.M of the Federation.

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Sevenoaks & District P.S. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Paul Cahill, at the time Vice President of Kent Fed. was our guest speaker displaying his collection of 'Crash & Interrupted Mail' a most interesting and informative evening, with some fine items of mail which were eventually delivered to their intended destinations, despite having been in some very

serious accidents. Our A.G.M. was in June, when Peter O'Keeffe stood down after 4 years as club President, and Maurice Short was elected, for a second term. The rest of the Officers and Committee were re-elected 'en bloc' (this trend seems to be the theme for most club A.G.M's - a pity, as new blood, with new ideas can be good for most clubs).. On July 1<sup>st</sup> John Shaw, the then President of Kent Fed. gave what may have been his last display before his term 'in office' ended, of the 'Union of South Africa'. Another well presented and informative evening with many varieties of stamps and their printing methods. With no meeting in August we start the new season on September 2<sup>nd</sup> when members are asked to show 8 pages of Thematics (any topic), and/or 8 pages (or just 4 pages) connected with the letters B, C, or D. plus a single sheet entry. In October John Crowe is to show some of his excellent collection, and will be joined by former member Colin Clarkson showing French Military Flag postcards of WWI, then in November, Brian Stalker will show his interesting display "Carlisle - a Railway City", and in December we have another auction. The New Year programme commences on January 6<sup>th</sup> when we have our bi-annual "Cheese & Wine Party"

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (4)

Maidstone & Mid-Kent P.S. We were due to have had a visit by a Mr. J. Latham, FRPSL in March to show us 'Boxer War' material, but unfortunately he was unable to attend due to an accident, but we were fortunate that Harry Ward, from the Cinque Ports Society was able to step in at short notice and he gave us an interesting display on 'Designer and Engraving'. On April 9<sup>th</sup> we had another interesting display, this being on 'Heraldry' by Mick Cox, followed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of that month we held our bi-annual auction, which was well attended. May started off with competitions for the Thematic and Woodruffe cups, which were won by Mike Thompson and John Mortimore respectively. Graham Booth followed with a display on the Cayman Islands, with Graham admitting that obtaining information for the Postal History had been difficult due to two major fires that the Post Office had suffered. His display contained many covers, some of which were very scarce. He also included Victorian and Edwardian stamps, artwork for the Birds and Flowers issues, Postage Dues and Air/Sea mail. In June we had our AGM which was also well attended - perhaps it is the Cheese & Wine at the end of the meeting that attracts them! The only change to report is that our Hon Secretary Peter Dunford has stood down, being replaced by Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins. The morning meetings which attract around 18 members have included 'Flights around the Baltic', by Paul Cahill, 'Japan' by John Grant, (over from Spain, and no he did not claim travel expenses) and 'Australia' by Ernie Warden. Our 94<sup>th</sup> season starts on September 10<sup>th</sup> when Dr. Garth Taylor is our speaker with a display of 'Czech Forces in France and the U.K. 1939/45', followed by Michael Farrant FRPSL showing 'Zanzibar' Postal History. On October 8<sup>th</sup> Maggie Thompson, FRPSL shows 'The Saar 1935-48', and on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Brian Baldock shows 'Australia at War'. Our first meeting of the new season is on September 17<sup>th</sup> when we are to see a display of British Post Offices in Latin America.



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Malling Stamp Club Our Spring auction in April had a good variety of lots, and a good attendance. The meeting in May for members displays, attracted fewer than usual as some were helping in the 'setting up' at "Euromex". However there were still enough displays to keep us entertained all evening. In June, Cliff Ayres

display "The History of the Royal Navy to WWII" - a most interesting show which included many postcards in addition to philatelic material. Cliff's knowledge of the subject was extensive and there was some lively discussion when members were viewing. There was also a 'talent scout' from another society, and we believe that Cliff's display passed the test and he will be booked fairly soon. In July our club President, Lindy Bosworth gave us a display of 'Czech Exhibitions' which includes much scarce and interesting material.

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The North West Kent Postcard Club have three meetings arranged over the next 3 months, August 24<sup>th</sup> Mr John Mills with 'Chocolate', September 28<sup>th</sup> Mr Bob Appleton showing 'The Sittingbourne Area' and on October 26<sup>th</sup> Cliff Ayres shows "Development of the Battleship and WWI Sea Battles". Meeting are in Gravesend, 8pm - enquiries to Julie Lester 01474 - 325507.

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)

Bexley Philatelic Society It has been a busy Spring for this Society, in April, Mr C. Dadswell showed a thematic collection centered around Admiral Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar. The first G.B. stamp depicting Nelson was issued in 1982 as one of the Maritime Heritage set, and his collection has been assembled only since 2005. Two weeks later, Michael Musgrave showed part of an extensive collection of labels including 'Recorded Delivery' in Australia, and numerous 'Frama' labels. Members Night in May produced items relating to Royal Navy 'C' class boats and cruisers, early Chilean stamps, Japanese, postcards of 19<sup>th</sup> century local belles, KGV St Helena stamps, phoyographs of the surrender of Singapore, a Rhodesian booklet, and some South African flaws and revenues. The 'two page' competition was again popular, and was won by A. Jackson, with Cliff Ayres as runner up. Mel Doyle was our speaker on 15<sup>th</sup> May with a display of all the postage rates during the reign of KGV, including registered mail and airmails. Our A.G.M was on 5<sup>th</sup> June, and we held an auction on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, which raised £27 for club funds.



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Romney Marsh Phil & P/card Society We held our club competitions early in April, and instead of asking anyone to come down here. we did the judging ourselves. While this was going on, Paul Cahill kept our interest with a display of 'Aircraft through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'. Our Chairman, Bob Carr, then displayed postcards of 'African Animals In The Wild'. Later in April we had our annual joint meeting and auction with the Hastings & East Sussex Society at Rye, with 2 or 3 members from each Society giving displays.

In May, Federation Chairman, Ron Burn kindly stepped in at short notice to cover a cancelled visit. Ron showed us his collection of Tristan da Cunha postcards; talked about his visit there, and how the postcards came about. Since our A. G. M. at the end of May, we have had an evening of just post-cards – six members displayed, covering everything from horse drawn trams to Zeppelins and farming to the changes to a village over many years. The letter 'L' was the theme for our July meeting, with all but one member having something to display, so we saw a great variety of subjects. Our last meeting of this season, in August, will see us trying 5 sheets or 50p. Any can, and will, turn up that evening.

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Dartford Stamp Club Alas, none of their members seems to want to tell us what their club is doing. Hon Secretary, Steve Alpe has been unable to find a volunteer to send in even a few brief lines. According to the Club Directory, it seems that up to the end of the recent season, they have held two meetings each month, but they have only announced one meeting per month for the rest of this year. It can take just a few minutes to jot down a note about a display at each meeting, and drop the Editor a letter about three times a year for each issue of the Bulletin. Let people know what is happening in your club, if people hear nothing, they might assume that you have closed down, and that would certainly not attract any new members.

