

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (6)



Swale Philatelic & P/card Society On April 10<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker was Mr Joseph Cottrial from Warwick & Warwick Auctioneers, who gave us a tremendous 'Power Point Presentation', entitled "A View From The Rostrum" which included philatelic and other items sold by the auction house over a number of years. We saw many Cape of Good Hope 'triangulars', a One Penny milky blur error triangle, which realised £28,000, a modern sheet of 100 decimal 24p 'forged' stamps, with misplaced perfs. and several white £5, £10, £20, and £50 notes. After refreshments he showed postcards, one being a second class passengers breakfast menu from the Titanic which sold for £9,000, and a selection of coins and medals. His professional knowledge kept members spell bound as he related stories about other articles sent for auction. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, our old friends from Dartford, Frank & Pat Parsons entertained members once again; Frank started with a stamp display of the middle east. Palestine at the end of the first world war until the British pulled out in 1948, and the reign of King Farouk in Egypt up to 1953 when he was deposed. Pat then displayed postal history around the 1800's and a postcard history of roads and places in Faversham, ending with several items from other Kent villages. On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, for our last meeting of the season, we held our A.G.M. at Phoenix House.

All Officers were re-elected with the exception of the position of Secretary of the Postcard Section, which remains vacant. There are however two new Committee members, Mike Wilkins and Mrs Karen Blunden, with Ms Jocelyn Watson standing down. Two competitions were well supported, with Mrs Marion Jordan winning the Postcard Cup and Mrs Francis Howland, the Members Cup. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and hopes to see all, and any new members on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September when our new season opens. Editors note 4 coloured pictures were received, but have not reproduced well in black & white - hopefully a couple are on another page.

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Royal Tunbridge Wells P.S. Nigel Gooch, one of our members entertained us on April 9<sup>th</sup> with an excellent display of 'Persia' a Country he has collected since school days, and has a vast knowledge of their mail system.. We saw stamps & covers, overprints and surcharges, proofs and labels plus a very detailed and interesting Richard Hart showed his 'World Railways' on May 14<sup>th</sup>, again a mixture of World stamps, covers, photo's and newspaper cuttings with some interesting anecdotes. On June 11<sup>th</sup> we had two other members, each giving a display, Robin Morton showed covers from Leith the Port of Edinburgh, with a selection of postal markings and Lynton Wright showed WWI Naval Postal History giving us a detailed and interesting display over a longish period. There was no meeting in July, but we restart on 13<sup>th</sup> of August when David Targett is to show his collection of 'France'. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, Peter High is to show 'Hospital Ships', the mail mostly from several conflicts were ships were needed to handle injured or sick military personnel, sometimes including enemy wounded. Our morning meetings have included two excellent displays, the '2d Blue' by Tony Davis and 'Croatia' by Tony Bosworth. On 27<sup>th</sup> August, Peter O'Keeffe is to show some of his accumulation - we wonder what it will be. !

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (7)

Kent Postal History Group Our meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> had a good turnout as we had 5 visitors, and 2 new members. The topic being 'Squared Circle Postmarks' and 'Maritime Mail'. With the Chairman absent on holiday, Mike Thompson opened, with news that he had been approached by the son-in-law of our late member, Len Lassetter regarding the sale of some of Len's collection. He also announced that the books of 'Malling Postmarks', and Ray Barton's book of Kent sideways duplex cancellations would soon be ready. 7 members and one the new members then gave displays: Tony Belsey showed covers of Dover and Sandwich with squared circles, followed by items from his maritime collection of 'Ship Letters' between 1840 and 1905, Paquebot covers of 1911 to 1953, plus some postcards of the Dover to Ostende Ferries.. New member Ian Markie then displayed some other Dover- Ostende collection of advertising labels, Cinderella material, stamps and postcards. Geoff Hanney showed a selection of recent acquisitions, a Footscray squared circle, various postal marks and PCs of Kent scenes. Top marks however to Ray Barton for a comprehensive display of squared circles, in alphabetical order, of almost all known Kent marks. Two of the most difficult to find being those of Margate, Northumberland Road and Walmer. John Weston then displayed squared circles of Tunbridge, one being on a Parcel Post label of Tonbridge Wells, plus Calverley, Mount Ephraim. and Staplehurst. Mike Thompson showed some Margate Congres labels and some Folkestone Congress material and squared circle marks of Halstead, Snodland, Knockholt and Rochester Brian Fawcett then produced an extensive display of Dover Ship Letters and Deal items some dating as early as 1762 to the early 1800's including Antigua, America, Bahamas, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Calcutta, Dutch East Indies, Jamaica, Lisbon, Madeira Island, Montevideo, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St Lucia. There were also some covers posted on the Goodwin Sands. Peter O'Keeffe showed a selection of covers from the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells area, two covers from Leigh to the U.S.A., some Shorncliffe Camp Folkestone covers a postcard of the Canadian Military Hospital at Orpington in WWI. Michael Thompson thanked all members and guests for coming and those who displayed for an interesting set of presentations. Our next meeting is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, at The Red Cross Hall, Sevenoaks (TN13 3QG) when the topic will be Parcel Post and Kent Skeleton postmarks, and we end the season on November 28<sup>th</sup> with an auction at Hollingbourne Village Hall. Again our Editor, Paul Davey requests members to write articles for our Journal, "The Kent Post" - they can be sent via Ray Barton or Michael Thompson.

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A brief note about the Kent Postal History Group - we have 5 meetings each year, all on Saturdays from 2pm, at 5 different locations, 4 in Kent, and one at Hurst Green, which is just over the border into Sussex, so you can see the countryside. Why not come along to a meeting and see what we have on show ? We usually have a topic for the meeting, and all members are invited to bring along any new acquisitions.

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (8)

Cinque Ports Philatelic Society On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we sent a team to visit the Dover S.S., and on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to visit the Hastings & East Sussex P.S. Our competition night on April 13<sup>th</sup> attracted a good number of entries, which were judged by Lewis Giles and Brian Stonestreet, both from the Maidstone Society. Alan Febery showed 'R.A.F. Escaping Society' items on April 20<sup>th</sup> - a first timer for most of our members. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, two members from the Hastings Society gave us a taste of 'thematics', with Kevin Dillistone showing 'Lighthouses' from all around the world and Chris Dadswell showing 'Isambard Kingdom Brunel' A superb evenings entertainment. Our A.G.M. on May 18<sup>th</sup> turned out to be rather uneventful, with all the Officers and Committee continuing 'in office' for a further term. Two members from the Royal Tunbridge Wells P.S. were our speakers on June 1<sup>st</sup> with some topical WWI displays, Peter O'Keefe gave a comprehensive display of WWI mail, to and from British Service Personnel including the Army, the Navy and the R.A.F., Prisoners of war, and even items to and from German POW's held by the British. Jeremy Gaskell, showed a selection of stamps, covers, card. labels, photographs and newspaper cuttings relating to Nurse Edith Cavell, who was executed by the Germans in 1915. On July 6<sup>th</sup>, we ended the season with Maurice Flack displaying the winning entries by the Kent Fedn. team in the 'Dawes Cup 2015' competition, plus David Rennie's recent entry of 'Canadian Airmails' for another competition. Our new season opens on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September when Brian Day will show Czechoslovakian Airmails. We are to see some more 'Lighthouses' from Kevin Dillistone on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and our programme shows a club visit from the Isle of Thanet Society on October 5<sup>th</sup> (Editor's note : I understand that the I of T club has closed down so there must be a doubt about this !) On 19<sup>th</sup> of October, the Maidstone Society are to visit us; then on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, all members are invited to show items under 'U' and 'V'. Followed by, on 7th December 7<sup>th</sup>, members bringing along their 'Recent Acquisitions'. It is our Christmas Auction and Party on December 21<sup>st</sup>.



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**The Next Set of Competitions** to be held at the Autumn Rally at Beckenham on October 24<sup>th</sup> will be two 'club' entries of 'eight pages' for Thematic or Aerophilately subjects and one for 16 pages of Postal History by individuals. Entries to be advised to Maurice Flack by the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, and delivered to him by no later than 10 am on October 24<sup>th</sup>.  
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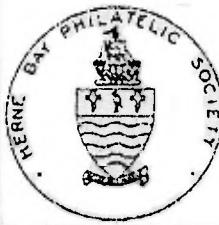
**COMPETITION RULES** Please note these have been rewritten and re-issued to ALL AFFILIATED SOCIETIES IN KENT. There are no major changes, but those entering are recommended to read a copy for the class in which they propose to compete. Contact your club secretary for details.  
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Competitions in 2016 Spring Traditional (8) pages & Cinderella (16) Summer Cinderella (8) and Postal History (8), plus Open Philately (16) Autumn Thematic (8) and Aerophilately (8), plus Postal History (16)  
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KENT will host the Dawes Cup on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016. & we need a new team  
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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (9)

Herne Bay Philatelic Society As the philatelic year once more comes to an end, and we look forward to a new season starting in September, with as usual for us, a bourse, but that is as far as we can go at present, as the new programme is not yet to hand.



The season ended with the final auction which probably due to the time of year, with holidays etc, was perhaps down on prospective buyers, but this was no disadvantage to those who attended and business was brisk with everyone on the way home by 9pm. Previously, the Presidents evening had gone well with a display of stamps of Singapore covering the years 1948 to 2000, this followed by more recent Stamps from Australia 2010 to 2013 was the period covered with subjects covering Sports, Wildlife, Scenery and Personalities, a good evenings entertainment. The following meeting was a members evening with Postcards from anywhere or any subject and this was, as is usual for members evenings, well met with a good variety of subjects and places represented. A further well attended auction followed by the A.G.M., and in July, a bourse, allowed us to wind down for the Summer.

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Alas no reports this time from Deal, Edenbridge, Eltham & Woolwich, Medway Towns and Orpington. They are we believe still in existence, but have no body wanting to send in reports. Also missing is Dartford, although they have apologised. ! Certain clubs have not yet got round to completing their programme for the new season, so they do not appear on the listing in this issue  
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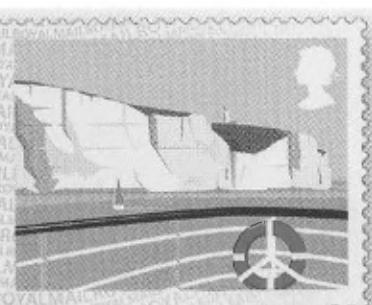
**WELCOME** to Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins, who has taken over as Secretary at Maidstone & Mid-Kent P.S. and also has been elected as the new Secretary of the Kent Federation. We wish you well in both jobs.

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**THE WHITE CLIFFS AT DOVER** are featured again, this time on one of the 'Post & Go' stamps to be issued in September. Anyone wanting some with just this view can, I believe, obtain them from a special machine usually available only at Stampex. They are 1<sup>st</sup> class - i.e costing 63p.

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**Quotations** The four most beautiful words in English are "I told you so"

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The only failure is not knowing how to be happy !

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## FAREWELL TO THE ISLE OF THANET PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Michael Thompson writes:-

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> April, Julie Lester and myself visited the I.O.T.P.S. for their second to last meeting before the Society was disbanded – (their last meeting being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – “President’s Night”). We both took along ‘Thanet’ material and were invited to display it. Julie showed her Victorian postcards of Thanet, which included a card of Margate, (fig 1) used in 1895 (the earliest known used postcard of Margate, but postmarked from London) and I displayed my 1912 Fourth Congress of Great Britain material. The event hosted by the I.O.T.P.S. had been held from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> May that year, at the ‘Queen’s Highcliffe Hotel’ in Cliftonville.



Postcard of “The Jetty”, Margate  
29th July 1895.  
(fig 1)



Postcard sent to Austria. Rated Q.V. 1d lilac with London W.C. square circle cancel dated 30th July 1895. Also Oetz (in the Tyrol) receiving handstamp. 1st August 1895.

It was a very sad occasion for myself as the I.O.T.P.S. was my first club – I joined in 1967, when still at school, after moving down to Westgate-on-Sea with my parents from Barnehurst. The first meeting that I attended was in the Six Bells Public House, High Street, Margate in September 1967 and the meeting was an auction, where I purchased the 1912 Highcliffe Hotel blue label ‘used’ on piece (fig 2) for 1/-. After a couple of season’s there we moved to the Nayland Rock Hotel, which was very near to Margate railway station, during this time meetings were also held in Ramsgate at the Odd Fellows Hall in the High Street. The meetings being every two weeks alternating between Margate and Ramsgate, with the Society having a meeting every week !

MRT 2015.



(fig 2)

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A BUSY MAN      A man called his dentist for an appointment, but the dentist apologised saying “Sorry, I cannot see you today, I have 18 cavities to fill”, putting the phone down he then picked up his golf bag and left the surgery. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

**G. B. NEW ISSUES.** On the 18<sup>th</sup> August the Royal Mail are issuing a set of six stamps of "BEES" - a very colourful set with values of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, £1, £1.33, £1.52 and a £2.25, total cost of £7.27, plus a miniature sheet with four different designs, being two values as 1<sup>st</sup> class and two at £1.33 depicting aspects of the bees behaviour. There is also a booklet with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class 'Bee' stamps, plus four Machin 1<sup>st</sup> class stamps – costing £3.78. As is the norm these days, they also offer special postmarks, first day covers, stamp cards, and presentation packs.

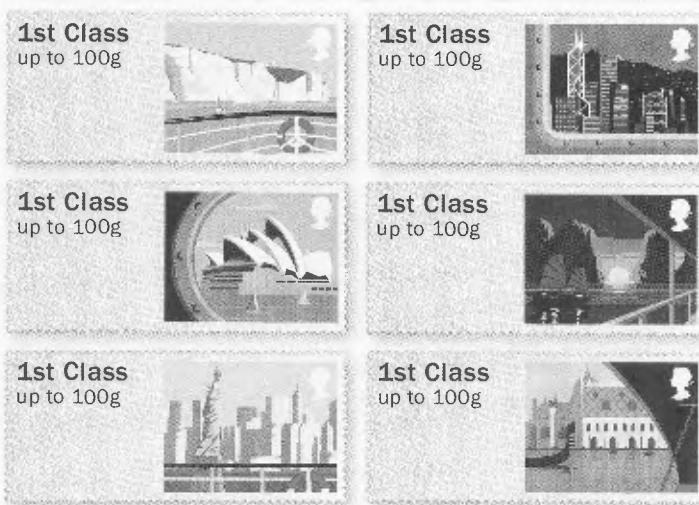


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**RUGBY WORLD CUP**  
On 18<sup>th</sup> September a set of eight stamps, in black & white showing

various scenes from matches is being issued. There are two 2<sup>nd</sup> class values, two 1<sup>st</sup> class, two at £1, and two at £1.52. plus some of the usual additional items, and a full fixture list for all the games. The set costs £7.38. Why these are not in full colour beats me, they could look so much better.



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## "THIS IS YOUR LIFE"

(or should this be "Is This Your Life" ?)

On the first day, God created the cow: God said "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years!"

The cow said "That's a kind of tough life, you want me to live for sixty years ! Let me have twenty years, and I will give back the other forty!"

And God agreed !

On the second day, God created the dog. God said "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years !" The dog said "that's too long to be barking, Give me ten years and I will give back the other ten !" So God agreed.

On the third day God created the monkey. God said "Entertain people, do monkey tricks and make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty year life span!"

The monkey said "How boring, monkey tricks for twenty years ?, I don't think so. The dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay ?" and God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man. God said "Eat, sleep play, have sex, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years!" The man said " What ? only twenty years ? No way. Tell you what. I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back, the ten the dog gave back, and the ten the monkey gave back. That makes eighty, okay?" "Okay said God, You've got a deal!"

So that is why for the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit in front of the house and bark at everybody !

So that is why we are known as Grumpy Old Men !

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## HOW TO HELP YOUR PHILATELIC SOCIETY

- 1) Don't go to the meetings !
- 2) But if you do go, arrive late !
- 3) If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going !
- 4) If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the officers !
- 5) Never accept office, it is easier to criticise than to do things !
- 6) Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend the meetings !
- 7) If asked by the Chairman to give your opinion on some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done !
- 8) Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organisation is run by a clique !
- 9) Hold back your subscription as long as possible !
- 10) Don't bother about getting new members - "Let George do it" !

The above appeared in the 1933 B.P.A. Congress Handbook - what has changed ?

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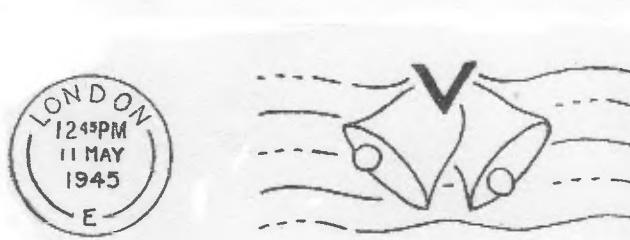
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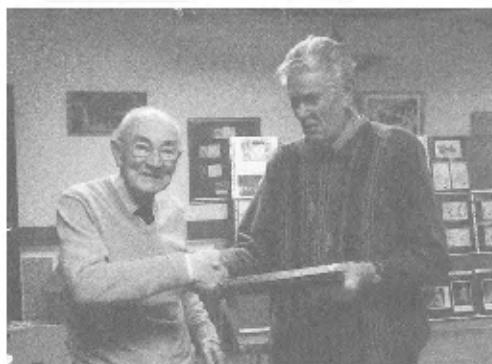


THE 1945 "V" BELLS SLOGAN POSTMARK as WWII was just beginning to change in favour of the Allies, in 1943 the British Post Office secretly ordered 400 'dies' of a special postmark for cancelling machines. These were sent to Postmasters with strict instructions that they were securely stored and were not to be opened until further instructions were issued. In May 1945, they were instructed to open the packet and use the new slogan die from the 10<sup>th</sup> May, two days after Victory in Europe was announced. The die has a large "V", with two bells and six wavy lines either side, with the morse code in an 0 0 0 —— format at the end of alternate lines.



is officially - but it is said that some have been seen dated 9<sup>th</sup>, and one, from London W.1 is reported dated 7<sup>th</sup>.) They were only authorised for use from 8<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June, but they were re-introduced, when Japan surrendered, and for use from 15<sup>th</sup> August to the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. However as 15<sup>th</sup> (a Wednesday) & 16<sup>th</sup> August were also declared as Public Holidays, the Post Offices were again closed ! So examine the dates on covers carefully ! XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

PICTURES FROM SWALE Sean Caveney (Chairman) presents a trophy prepare for the tea break. (Apologies, the other two are too dark to show)



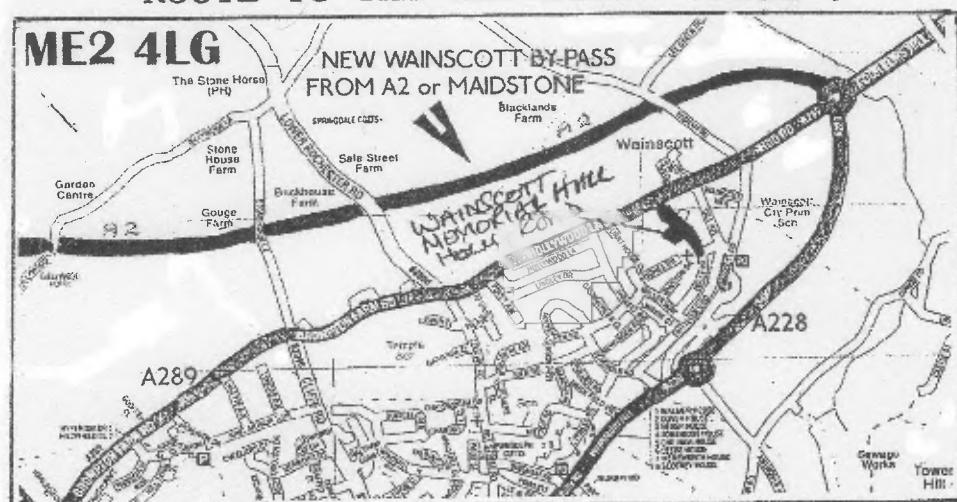
Postal History 2014 won by Brian Day



Refreshments being served

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#### ROUTE TO THE WAINSCOTT VENUE !



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PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THESE DETAILS ACCURATE & UP TO DATE

12/8/2015

DATE	SOCIETY	TITLE OF DISPLAY	Members & Guests			
<b>August 2015</b>						
Sat 22	Malling	Annual Dinner (AM) A morning with	Peter O Keeffe			
Thur 27	Tunbridge Wells					
<b>September 2015</b>						
Tue 1	Lewisham	President's Evening	Ray Houghton			
Wed 2	Dartford	Jersey World War 2 Competitions	Paul Skinner			
Wed 2	Sevenoaks	Visit FROM Tunbridge Wells	Members			
Tue 8	Malling	Aspects of NATO	Michael Dobbs			
Tue 8	Sidcup	West African Airmails	Barbara Priddy			
Wed 9	Bromley & Beck	Chairman's Night	-			
Wed 9	Romney Marsh	Czech Forces France/UK 1939-45	Dr Garth Taylor			
Thu 10	Maidstone	Hospital Ships	Peter High			
Thu 10	Tunbridge Wells	Postcards or Covers	Members			
Mon 14	Dover	Recent Acquisitions	Malcolm Roberts			
Tue 15	Lewisham	Lighthouses of the World	Members			
Fri 18	Bexley	Postcards	Ernie Burkin			
Tue 22	Sidcup	Iceland	Michael Farrant FRPSL			
Wed 23	Bromley & Beck	Zanzibar Postal History	Chris Rapley			
Thur 24	Maidstone	Stamps and Postcards	Members			
Thur 24	Swale	(AM) 2 Sheets or 50p !	Derek Murphy			
Thur 24	Tunbridge Wells	Military Covers	Members			
Mon 28	Dover	Postcard Competition				
Wed 30	Romney Marsh					
<b>October 2015</b>						
Fri 2	Bexley	Mail to/from Czechoslovakia	Brian Day			
Sat 3	Kent PHG	Parcel & Skeleton pmks	Sevenoaks			
Mon 5	Cinque Ports	Visit FROM Isle of Thanet PS	-			
Tue 6	Lewisham	Why collect Austria ?	John May			
Tue 6	Dartford	Club Auction	Members			
Wed 7	Sevenoaks	WW1 French Military Postcards	Colin Clarkson			
Wed 7		& Australian Aerophilately	John Crowe FRPSL			
Thur 8	Maidstone	Saar 1935-48	Maggie Thompson FRPSL			
Thur 8	Swale	Postcards of Kent villages	Laurie Tomlin			
Thur 8	Tunbridge Wells	President's Evening	Colin Evans & Maurice Lovell			
Mon 12	Dover	Letters T, U & V	Members			
Tue 13	Malling	AGM & Displays	Colin Evans			
Tue 13	Sidcup	Autumn Auction	Members			
Wed 14	Bromley & Beck	America with a difference	Colin Evans			
Wed 14	Romney Marsh	Auction	Members			
Fri 16	Bexley	Visit FROM Maidstone	-			
Mon 19	Cinque Ports	Visit from Kent President	Paul Cahill			
Tue 20	Lewisham	Australia at War WW1/2	Brian Baldock			
Thur 22	Maidstone	Miscellany - early GB	Ian Marshall			
Thur 22	Swale	(AM) Machins	Robin Tapper			
Thur 22	Tunbridge Wells					
<b>November 2015</b>						
Tue 3	Lewisham	5 sheets or 50p	Members			
Wed 4	Dartford	Poland - World War 2	Jan Korzeniowski			
Wed 4	Sevenoaks	Carlisle - A Railway Town	Brian Stalker			
Thur 5	Maidstone	Club Auction	-			
Fri 6	Bexley	Postal Mechanisation	Ray Downing			
Mon 9	Dover	Visit FROM Romney Marsh	-			
Tue 10	Malling	Eddie Shilling Entertains	Eddie Shilling			
Tue 10	Swale	Monty Sims Memorial Evening	Members			
Wed 11	Bromley & Beck	Umbrellas & Parasols + Bourse	Michael Blackman			
Wed 11	Romney Marsh	Philatelic Competition	Members			
Thur 12	Tunbridge Wells	A Journey through Central America	Vickie Harris			
Thur 12	Lewisham	AGM & Annual Competitions	Members			
Tue 17	Maidstone	Russia WW1	Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins			
Thur 19	Maidstone	The pitiful & wasted life of a	Mike Roberts FRPSL			
		Chronic Stampoholic				
		Competitions & Bourse	Members			
		Auction	Members			
		Newfoundland	Cliff Hurst			
		French Colonial Aviation	Len Barnes			
		Members night	Members			
		Captain Cook	Harry Ward			
		(AM) Newfoundland	Brian Stalker			
		Annual Auction	Hollinbourne			
<b>December 2015</b>						
Tue 1	Lewisham	Fiji Inter-Society Competition Evening	John Dann			
Wed 2	Bromley & Beck	Christmas Social & Quiz	-			
Wed 2	Dartford	Auction Night	Members			
Wed 2	Sevenoaks	Germany: War Years 1939-45	John Rawlings			
Thur 3	Maidstone	Team Visit FROM Malling	-			
Fri 4	Bexley	Christmas Auction	-			
Tue 8	Malling	Christmas Social	Members			
Tue 8	Swale	Competitions & Christmas party	Colin Smith			
Thur 10	Tunbridge Wells	Czechoslovakia	Members			
Mon 14	Dover	Christmas Party	Members			
Tue 15	Lewisham	Members Christmas Evening	Members			
Wed 16	Bromley & Beck	President's Evening & Christmas Social	-			
Thur 17	Maidstone	Presidents Evening	Tony Bosworth FRPSL			
Fri 18	Bexley	President's Night	Judith French			
<b>January 2016</b>						
Tue 5	Lewisham	The Anti-Bolshevik Campaign	Tony Bosworth FRPSL			
Wed 6	Dartford	British Forces Mail Post-WW2	Michael Dobbs			

Wed 6	Sevenoaks	Social Evening	Members	Suzanne Targett	Aspects of Germany	Eddie Scott
Thur 7	Maidstone	Women of Achievement	-	Visit FROM Dover	-	Dr Jim Etherington
Thur 7	Swale	Postcards & Stamps from our collections	Frank & Pat Parsons	World Scout Jamboree	-	
Mon 11	Dover	French Colonies	Paul Cahill			
Wed 13	Bromley & Beck	Commonwealth Collections of	Chris Sands		The Committee Entertains	
Fri 15	Bexley	Visit FROM Lewisham	-	Visit FROM Cinque Ports	-	
Tue 19	Lewisham	Newfoundland	Cliff Hurst	Czechoslovakia	Lindy Bosworth FRPSL	
Wed 20	Bromley & Beck	Society Annual Dinner	Members	Tsingtao Coronel & Falklands	Graham Booth	
Thur 21	Maidstone	British Levant & Kuwait	Geoff Chivers FRPSL	Broadstairs through Time	Bob Turcan	
Mon 25	Dover	Europe	Members	Visit FROM Malling	-	
Tue 26	Sidcup	President's evening	-	AGM - Cheese & Biscuits	Members	
Wed 27	Bromley & Beck	Marie Curie, Philatelic Superstar	Prof Adrian Thomas	Grand Auction	-	
<b>February 2016</b>						
Tue 2	Lewisham	Mourning	Grahame Bootle	Visit FROM Dover	Chris Dadswell	
Wed 3	Dartford	Club Auction	Members	Lighthouses	-	
Wed 3	Sevenoaks	Jamaica	Richard Hart	Club Auction	-	
Thur 4	Maidstone	Competitions & Bourse	Members	Two Page Comp & Displays	Members	
Thur 4	Swale	Fish & Ships: Shipping on Lower Thames	Bob Appleton	Annual Dinner	Members	
Fri 5	Bexley	Hospital Ships - A Postal History	Peter High	Visit FROM Medway Towns	-	
Mon 8	Dover	UK & Commonwealth	Members evening	Iceland	Tony Davis	
Tue 9	Sidcup	Spring Auction	-	New Zealand	Graham Brown	
Wed 10	Bromley & Beck	French Army 1792-1815 and Cayman Islands QV & Ed VII	Tony Merson	Visit FROM Cinque Ports	-	
		Competition, Bourse & Displays	James Podger	Joint meeting at Rye with Hastings & East Sussex PS		
		Railways Part I: 1898-1917	Members	Visit FROM Chelmsford		
		Auction	Peter Pugh	Visit FROM Deal		
		Comps & Display by	David Luckhurst			
		A short history of Space Flight	Paul Skinner			
		Letter R for Nugent Cup	Members			
		Red Cross Anniversaries	Richard Mittell			
		Tristan da Cunha	Ron Burn			
<b>March 2016</b>						
Tue 1	Lewisham	The Letter P Night	Members	Visit FROM Medway Towns	Propaganda ppc's Boer War	
Wed 2	Dartford	Team Visit FROM Lewisham	-	Boer War	John Cowlin	
Wed 2	Sevenoaks	Stamps, P/cards & Local PH	Members	AGM	Members	
Thur 3	Maidstone	A Masonic Evening	Peter Nason	Competitions & Bourse	Members	
Fri 4	Bexley	Disaster Mail	John Lea	AGM / Comps / Displays	Members	
Tue 8	Sidcup	Victor Mills Mem. Evening	Members	The Battle of Jutland	Cliff Ayres	
Wed 9	Bromley & Beck	Competitions / New acquisitions	Members	Visit FROM Orpington	-	
Thur 10	Romney Marsh	Anti-Communism 1919-45	Tony Bosworth FRPSL	WW1 Battleships & Jutland	Cliff Ayres	
Mon 14	Swale	Images & Topography: Half Way & Sheppey	Francis Howland	AGM & President's Competition	Members	
Tue 15	Dover	Quiz Night	Members	Visit FROM Ashford	-	
	Lewisham	Gibraltar	Bob Higgins	Battle for the Pacific	Bill Trower	
	Maidstone	Visit FROM Cinque Ports	-			
Thur 17	Bexley	The letters U, V & W	Members			
Fri 18	Sidcup	Postcards, Postal History, Ephemera	Members			
Tue 22	Bromley & Beck	GB before 1952	Members			
Wed 23						

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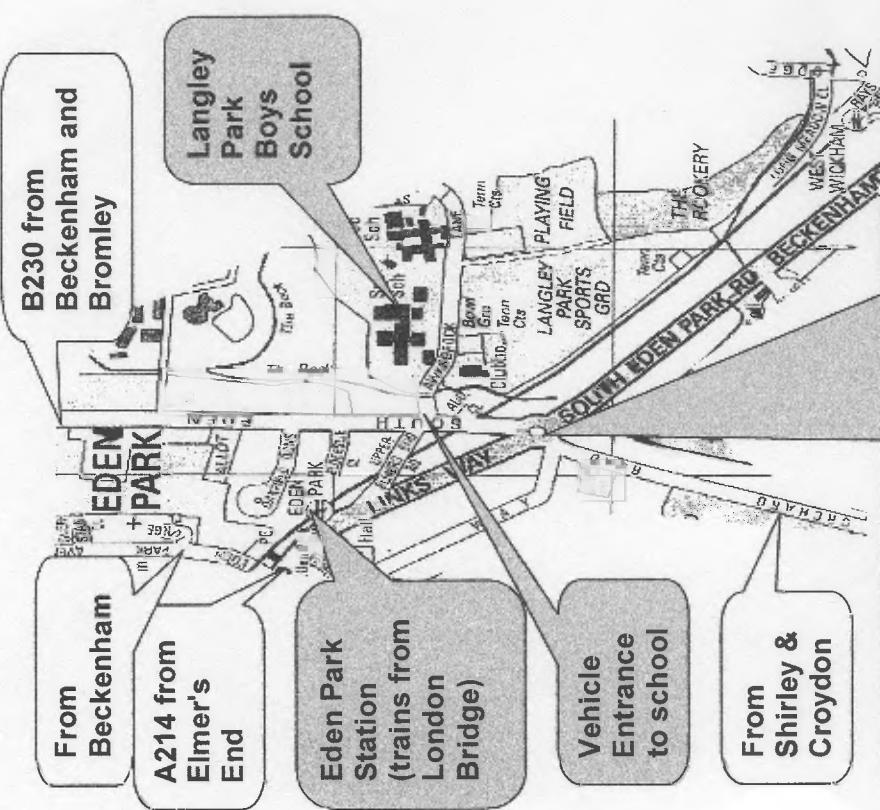
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