

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)



Kent Postal History Group Our next meeting is on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September (NOTE the change of date!) at The Red Cross Hall, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3AQ at 2pm to about 5pm, when the topic is 'World War I' with a 'Kent' connection, but if this does not fall within your collecting interests, please bring something on any other Kent topic to show, or your 'New Acquisitions'. Visitor's welcome. Free admission, free car parking and refreshments. The year ends with an Auction on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30 to 5pm, at Sandling Village Hall, which is near the bottom of Bluebell Hill, just off junction 6 of the M20, close to the A229, on the road to Penenden Heath at ME14 3BB. With ample free car parking. Enquiries to 01732 – 358163. Our auctioneer, Michael Thompson needs more auction material, please advise him ASAP of any items you wish to dispose of – his number is 01474 – 325507. Our magazine, "The Kent Post" is also in need of more articles. Contact our Editor, Paul Davey (working in Switzerland,) ([pndavey42@googlemail.com](mailto:pndavey42@googlemail.com)) or via Ray Barton (in Ashford).

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Maidstone & Mid-Kent Philatelic Society Firstly a big Thank you to Julie Lester for looking after the publicity for us over the past few years - now for the bad news, as we know things can go round the proverbial circle, so now I am back to look after proceedings again. (B.S.)

Since the last Bulletin, we have had a variety of displays, Peter O'Keeffe gave a remarkable display of World War I material, a morning visit from the Heathfield P. S. with four interesting displays, and our own member Vernon Brown showed "Aspects of Europe". You may remember my letter in a previous bulletin re the number of sheets we should expect our speakers to show, well Vernon's display consisted of 40 sheets each half, but his knowledge of Europe is exceptional and we all enjoyed a fascinating insight into the formation of Europe, past and present. Gerald Mariner gave us a display of a little known area of Africa, called 'Katanga', which was followed by Michael Elliott with 'Finland at War'. After the club auction we had our competitions, the Thematic Cup was won by Tony Davis, and the Woodruffe Cup went to a new member, Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins, both competitions, being judged by our own members. Our final evening display of the season, was given by Mark Bailey with 19<sup>th</sup> century Postal History of the Channel Islands. Our morning meetings have been fairly successful, with an average attendance of 18. We have had displays by Colin McQuaid (Scissor Man) who showed "covers which he liked," and had not 'cut up.' Then John Wilson showed his 'Aviation' topic. Our last meeting of the season was down to our members showing stamps and covers relating to 'Rural Life'. Our President for the last five years, Tony Davis stood down at our AGM, and Tony Bosworth FRPSL, was elected to take over. We wish him well for his term of office. We now have two new Vice President's, Richard Barnes, our Treasurer, and John Wilson, our Packet Secretary. Another change is that Brian Stonestreet takes over the role of Publicity Officer. The new season starts on September 11<sup>th</sup> with a display of 'Tobago' stamps & postal history by N. Chandler, MBE. The morning sessions commence on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a visit by Ashford P.S.

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)



Bromley & Beckenham Philatelic Society In February, a team of Ian Reed, Grahame Boutle and Ron Burn travelled to Basildon P.S. Showing Music, Mourning Covers and Tristan da Cunha respectively. Then in March, Ian Reed, David Milsted and Paul Elliot visited the Medway Towns PS showing, St Lucia, GB KEVII, and Trench Art from WWI. Also in March, we held our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at the Wickham Room, at the Warren, Coney Hall, with 39 members and partners enjoying convivial company. Now back to our own 'Stamps' again, in January members put up 10 displays under the heading "India and it's Ocean" with Peter Newman (Zanzibar), Ian Nutley (Zeppelin Flights), Paul Elliot (PPCs of India), David Milsted (Ceylon War Tax Stamps), Peter Cottis (St. Helena Boer War P/S POW cards), Mike Dobbs (RAF posts S.E.Asia & U.N. Forces), Grahame Boutle, (Mourning covers India, Ceylon, Straits & COGH), Richard Solly (Indian States Money Orders and Postal Notes and Postal Orders), David Rennie (Stamps & covers of various Indian States, and finally, Ron Burn (Marian and Prince Edward Island covers). Bill Pain showed 'Malaya/Malaysia' on February 12<sup>th</sup>, which included all the various states, plus Dutch East Indies and Siamese Mail routed via Singapore, An early range of Army FPO's markings, plus a range of B.M.A. overprints. Later in February, Chris Sands displayed stamps from all three Scandinavian Countries, Denmark, Norway and Sweden from 1920, into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Derek Mauri showed "U.S.A. Wars and Trains." The first half was the American Civil War 1861-1865 with covers from both sides, the Confederates and the Unionists, with plenty of background information. The second half concentrated on the Railways which, by law, were obligated to carry mail. Rival rail companies vied with each other, even on similar routes and their history and the routes was backed up by several postcards, photo's and other related material. Tony Stanford was our speaker on April 9<sup>th</sup> with "19<sup>th</sup> Century G.B. Overprints in Africa", and included Bechuanaland, Zululand, Oil Rivers, Royal Niger Company, British East Africa Company, the Boer War with Ladysmith and Mafeking siege issues. The display included stamps, covers, postal stationery, specimens, scarce postmarks and provisional surcharges. A former President, Bob Parson's died on April 10<sup>th</sup> and our Secretary paid a tribute to Bob, who was to have been President for a second term in 2014/15. The members stood in silence for a minute in memory of Bob. The President's Cup competition had 10 entries, and was won by Jenny Viggers with "The Heart", Ernie Burkin was 2<sup>nd</sup> with "Iceland" and Paul Eliot took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with "French Empire". On May 14<sup>th</sup> Bob Larg a Past President, now living on the South coast, was back to see us again, giving displays of France, Finland, Germany, and Monaco. The show had a bit of everything, first day covers, stamps, covers, Postal stationery, postcards, overprints, and some hotel advertising items. At the AGM. on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Ron Burn stood down as President, with Ian Creeves installed as our new President. Ian thanked Ron for his successful year and members showed their appreciation as Ron returned to the "back benches". Ian Reed was then elected as President Elect, and with no other nominations all other Officers were re-elected 'en bloc'. Jenny Viggers and David Milsted were elected to serve on the committee.

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Interesting advert: Swimming Pool for Sale – "Instant fun, just add water"

# SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (4)

Dartford & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB We are pleased that most of the building work at our venue is finished and we are having a quieter time. Mid April, our "Easter on Stamps" proved quite a mixture with several other subjects. Next we had a wonderful display by our Chairman, Sue, of "Views of Crayford Past & Present." Our AGM was well attended and all posts were re-elected for the coming year. In Mid-June we had our "World Cup Football on Stamps" show surprisingly filled by Clifford Ayers whose display really took most of the evening. This was followed by our final auction which found new owners for many of the lots on offer, and we ended the season with "Holiday Snaps and Postcards" which brought a wide variety of happy memories to us all. Our next season opens on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a display of "Gibraltar" by John Corderoy. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, members are invited to mark the Centenary of the start of WWI by bringing any connected material to show.



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Herne Bay Philatelic Society A year has come and gone and with it many more stamps, covers, and postcards have been displayed and seen under their various headings. New acquisitions, alphabetically this year, in two sessions U & V early in the season followed by W, X, Y and Z more recently, all of which produced material rarely seen or not seen before. Then an excellent evening learning about Whaling from Henry Ward

who told us about all aspects from the Hunted to the hunters and the vessels and equipment needed. Another entertaining evening with a visit from the Isle of Thanet PS with a good spread of subjects which included Russian Imperial Mail cards and Local Emergency money from Germany, plus with stamps that have been given as free gifts with a particular magazine. A 'fish & chip supper' made a change for the end of the year and proved to be so popular, we plan to have another this Christmas. A visit by the Deal Society provided another excellent evening with a good variety of material shown. Competition evening was a little better supported this year by comparison with last year. Don Evans showing "G.B. with a Difference - Part Two" was again an evening to be remembered, not only for the various oddities that have occurred but for the display of the "Stamps of Victoria, 1857 - 1862," which we were informed was a Gold Medal winning display. Finally, the Herne Bay President gave a display of "Hong Kong" from 1863 to 1997 with a potted history of the colony and various anecdotes, this was followed by a series of Military covers produced in conjunction with the Forces Post Office and others.

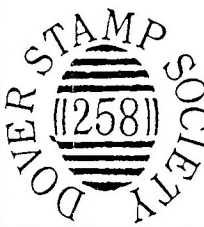
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Gravesend Stamp Club Our meeting in May was for members to display of 10 sheets, or pay a fine of 10p, and as usual this produced a good variety of material. The June meeting was a Summer Auction, which is usually smaller than our other auctions but there was still a good variety of lots on offer and most people found something to add to their collection. Our new season starts on September 12<sup>th</sup> with competitions and a bourse.



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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)



Dover Stamp Society Towards the end of the 2013/14 season we enjoyed a display by Michael Cox of Ashford on Heraldry, an unusual but very well developed theme. Also we had visits from the Tunbridge Wells and Swale societies. There were two displays by Swale members, Brian Day, a keen collector of Czech material who had treated us to some excellent shows in the past, brought unusual items of Czechs and Slovaks in Siberia during WWI. An appropriate theme at the time when that period is especially in the news. Eddie Scott then produced a very comprehensive and informative collection of Germany and West Berlin. The Tunbridge Wells visit was that society's first ever trip to the White Cliffs and we had an excellent evening; Peter O'Keeffe showed us varieties of the G.B. Red Penny (not Penny Reds) issues and a range of modern French Postal Labels. Most collectors look a bit askance at these feeling they are ousting stamps, but the details and different types were fascinating. Richard Hart showed South African Airmails, another appealing display, but probably most memorable was the display by Suzanne Targett of her theme of "Women of Distinction." She showed very interesting material on the personality and lives of several famous ladies and without saying too much, she was able to illustrate from her collection, the key facts of each individual. Very impressive! Our new season starts on September 8<sup>th</sup> with a Members Evening of Postcards or Covers. Then two weeks later we look forward to a display of the "Union of South Africa," by Federation President, John Shaw.

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Malling Stamp Club Our May meeting was John Corderoy with "Gibraltar" - an interesting and colourful display including a surprising number of stamps that several members did not recall ever seeing before. The June meeting was a display by Raymond Blunden, our oldest member, with an extensive collection, (which he has developed over many years) of autographs of people depicted on stamps. Raymond never buys the autographs but obtains them by various means including writing to the people and sometimes approaching them in person. Some of his more recent acquisitions include competitors in the 2012 Olympics. Our July meeting was 'President's Evening' and Lindy Bosworth displayed her "Austro-Hungarian Naval Mail". Lindy has an in depth knowledge of this unusual subject and her display included much scarce and unusual material.

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The North West Kent Postcard Club have three meetings planned for the rest of the year, On September 22<sup>nd</sup> the topic is "Panama Canal" and "Panama Pacific Exposition". On October 27<sup>th</sup>, it is "Giant Wheels" by Bob Appleton, and on November 24<sup>th</sup>, Michael Thompson shows "Special Tourist Attractions" Visitors are always welcome, The meetings are held at the United Reformed Church Hall, at the junction of Singlewell Road and Kings Drive, Gravesend, at 7.45 pm for 8pm on a Friday.

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Was it the weather? After the hot Summer, a report of a woman lying unconscious in her driveway, an ambulance was despatched, but it was not required, when it was discovered that she was sunbathing!

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (6)



Royal Tunbridge Wells Philatelic Society Our evening meeting in May was a fine display by our member Robin Morton with his showing of "British Empire" KGVI stamps, but excluding the larger territories of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, and India. Mainly stamps, mostly fine used, virtually complete, and including some Mini. Sheets and some covers. It's not often one sees a complete reign on display. We then saw "Mail and the Steamship" by Malcolm Roberts with early mail from the 'New World' to Europe, with a good variety of material. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, our member, Bill Hedley showed us an amazing display of early and more modern items, several reporting events in Tunbridge Wells which most of us had no previous knowledge. There were a number of rare documents also on show. Another member, Colin Evans, stepped forward on August 14<sup>th</sup> when the expected speaker had to withdraw (in good time), and we saw more early U.S. Civil War and fiscal items, with a fine range of stamps and covers. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Julie Lester is to be our speaker showing "Lundy Island", Then on October 9<sup>th</sup>, its "President's Night", when we have a visit by members of the Malling Stamp Club. November 13<sup>th</sup> is our A.G.M. and competitions evening, followed on December 11<sup>th</sup> with an auction and bourse, plus some Christmas Fayre. The morning meetings continue, but attendances have dropped a little with a few previous regulars now unable to attend, However we enjoyed A visit by John Rawlings on May 15<sup>th</sup> with an excellent showing of "German FPO's and Naval Mail of WWII", then on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Ray Jeal displayed his "Ascension Island" - another delightful collection with an interesting historical background. There was no meeting scheduled for July, but we resume on 21<sup>st</sup> August when our speaker is to be Lindy Bosworth, showing "Austro-Hungarian Naval Mail". John Weston is booked to show "Tunbridge Wells & Villages" postal history on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Peter High showing "Russo-Japanese War" on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and Kent President John Shaw showing "South Africa" on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We end the year on December 18<sup>th</sup> with members showing up to 12 sheets of their choice.

Late News On a sad note we have just lost member Ian Stephenson, who whilst driving apparently suffered a 'black out', crashed his car, and has died in the intensive care unit at hospital a day or two ago.

There are no other details known at present, but we offer our condolences to his family. Ian used to attend our morning meetings. PJOK

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Edenbridge Stamp & Postcard Club As I missed the cut-off date for the last Bulletin, I will include the missed portion.

Our meetings resumed in January with 'Something beginning with E', but disappointingly only two members brought some thing to show, we saw 'Eagles' and 'Edenbridge postmarks'

Both were enjoyed by our small number of attendees. Then In February, billed as an 'Open Evening', our member Rodney

Pomfret brought U.S.A Airmail stamps for our viewing, these were nicely presented and written up. It was good to have a member bringing something ad-hoc. Along.

In March, we were fortunate to have a visit from Mrs Pat Parsons with her "Revenue and Savings Stamps", a most enjoyable evening. Only four members turned up for our April meeting - 'A Favourite Cover or Stamp.' An album of cat covers (as the member couldn't pick a special one)

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### Edenbridge Stamp & Postcard Club (continued)

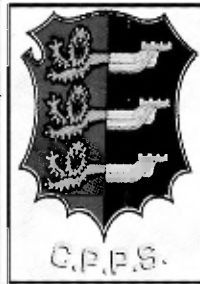
Only four members turned up for our April meeting - 'A Favourite Cover or Stamp.' An album of cat covers (as the member couldn't pick a special one) together with another album of covers were displayed. We were honoured to welcome Peter O'Keeffe in May with his World War II display which was interesting and thought provoking, especially the returned mail because the addressee was deceased. This meant with the time lapse there were further letters of a later date. How distressing for the families. June was our AGM. I do not have our new season's programme, but September is normally an 'Open Meeting' with new acquisitions. Lets hope the attendance is better!

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Editor's Note See the Club Programme listing at the end of this Bulletin This shows the Edenbridge meeting is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. PJOK

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Cinque Ports Philatelic Society On April 28<sup>th</sup> Harry Ward entertained us with a superb display of Japan, ranging from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with beautiful stamps including the 'National Parks' publicity series. Then on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, the Hastings society team of two members, Chris Dadswell and Kevin Dillstone were our guests, showing British Stamp Booklets, and a selection of flight related covers respectively. Our AGM was on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and was quite well attended. The one page competition held on the same night was won by our President, Mary Cockburn. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we welcomed Kent President John Shaw who gave a superb presentation of the "Union of South Africa." which in addition to the issued stamps also included essays, proofs, & colour trials. Our 'Summer' meeting was held on July 7<sup>th</sup> with over 100 auction lots on offer, then at our meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> members showed their displays that had been entered in recent competitions. In addition Paul Cahill showed a fine array of Airmails of Italy & it's Colonies, and Maurice Flack entertained us with Malaya and French Antarctica Territories. The first meeting of the new season is on September 1<sup>st</sup>, when members are to show their new acquisitions.



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Editors note It seems that the Cinque Ports P.S. failed to advise our Communications Officer, Mike Dobbs of their new programme, so it does not appear in his listing later in this issue. However it was in their News Report so I quote it here. All societies have been requested to let him have details as soon as they are arranged and he will keep the Directory List, which is on the Internet, bang up to date. YOUR co-operation is hoped for !

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| Sep 15 <sup>th</sup> | "British & Foreign Treaty Ports in China". | - | Jeremy Gaskell |
| Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>  | "Tristan da Cunha - the Volcano Period".   | - | Ron Burn       |
| Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> | Quiz Night. The Dover Club visit us        |   |                |
| Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | "Fossils & Dinosaurs"                      |   | Bob Higgins    |
| Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> | Members Night - the letter 'T'             |   |                |
| Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>  | "The R.A.F. Escaping Society"              |   | Alan Febery    |
| Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas auction and members party.       |   |                |

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (8)

Lewisham Philatelic Society Our members will soon be preparing to attend our Christmas Dinner party which, strangely enough, we hold during the Summer, so that members will not have to brave the cold dark frosty nights of the winter.



The new season kicks off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September when our new President, Ray Houghton is set to entertain us. Then on the 16<sup>th</sup>, it is 'Recent Acquisitions', when members can show off (and gloat over) the new items they have acquired. We look forward to John May visiting us on October 7<sup>th</sup>, showing 'Lundy', and Lindy Bosworth is our speaker on the 21<sup>st</sup> with her fantastic collection of the Austro-Hungarian Navy. Members need to find 5 sheets for the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting or pay a fine of 50p, and as everyone is so poor, especially just prior to Christmas, we expect everyone will produce their 5 sheets rather than pay up. Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins is to display "WWI Russia", which is rather apt, as this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, our old friend Bob Larg will return to Lewisham, one of his old clubs, to entertain us with some of his treasures. We hope to have a team ready for the area 'Inter Society' evening on December 3<sup>rd</sup> which this year is again at the Bromley & Beckenham club. To end the year we have our Christmas gathering on December 16<sup>th</sup>, combined with not too much wine plus some nibbles. We would like to wish everyone in the Kent Federation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2015.

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Medway Towns Philatelic Society Members Night in May drew a Pleasing response, with displays of Aden States, Danzig, Gibraltar, Morocco Agencies, Spanish Sahara, Stamps on Stamps, Postcards from Finland and Russia, Early British Court Cards, some Modern Presentation Packs, Covers relating to Stamp Exhibitions, and an album of 'Dross'. (is this a new Country ? someone collects it.)

In June our Treasurer, Eddie Shilling, (good name for a Treasurer ?) gave a straight forward display of Spanish stamps, with a few relevant covers, accompanied by an excellent resume of the history of the country from 1850 to date. Our AGM in July was followed by the one sheet competition, which drew nine entries; the winner was President Richard Barnard, with '100 years of the 'Postal Union', two members then gave short displays, while a silent auction also held during the evening proved popular, with buyers and sellers being equally pleased with the results.

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Sevenoaks & District Philatelic Society Ian Nutley kindly filled in for our May meeting, following the death of Martyn Lynes, and gave an excellent display of what he called "The Memmoz Line" - early flights between France and South America in the 1920's/1930's - Memmoz being a French pilot. The display



included crash mail, early bag labels, British mail sent via France, flights being via Africa, some by sea and air, but later non stop to Rio. Mail to Britain in 1939 which was 'Detained in France' due to the war, and not released until 1945. (Of some 144 bags of mail hidden by the French Postal Authorities, one bag was from the Argentine) Special red cachets, including some to mark the 500th crossing of the Atlantic, and some censored items. (continued)





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PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THESE DETAILS ACCURATE & UP TO DATE

DATE	SOCIETY	TITLE OF DISPLAY						
<b>September 2014</b>								
Mon 1	Medway Towns	Something beginning with 'G'						
Tue 2	Lewisham	Presidents Evening	Members					
Wed 3	Dartford	Gibraltar	Ray Houghton					
Wed 3	Deal	WW1 Anniversary	John Corderoy					
Wed 3	Sevenoaks	Competitions Night	Members					
Fri 5	Herne Bay	New Season Bourse	Members					
Mon 8	Dover	Postcards or Covers	Members					
Tue 9	Malling	World War 1	Peter O'Keefe					
Tue 9	Sidcup	Poland WW2	Albert Jackson					
Wed 10	Bromley & Beck	President of KFPS	John Shaw					
Wed 10	Orpington	Letters J, K & L or WW1 / WW2	Members					
Wed 10	Romney Marsh	Fed of Rhodesia & Nyasaland	Bob Carr					
Thu 11	Eitham-Woolwich	Members Evening	Members					
Thu 11	Maidstone	Tobago Stamps & PH	N Chandler MBE					
Thu 11	Tunbridge Wells	Lundy Island	Julie Lester					
Fri 12	Gravesend	Competition & Bourse	Members					
Mon 15	Dartford	WW1 Centenary 1914-18	Members					
Tue 16	Lewisham	Recent Acquisitions	Members					
Thu 18	Edenbridge	Open Evening	Members					
Thu 18	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Tun Wells & Villages PH	John Weston					
Fri 19	Bexley	French Aviation from 1870	Len Barnes					
Fri 19	Herne Bay	Recent Acquisitions	Members					
Fri 19	Swale	Whales and Whaling	Harry Ward					
Mon 22	Dover	South Africa	John Shaw					
Tue 23	Sidcup	Canadian First Flights	Cliff Hurst					
Wed 24	Bromley & Beck	Newfoundland is different	Cliff Hurst					
Wed 24	Romney Marsh	Visit by Thanet PS						
Thu 25	Eitham-Woolwich	Poland During WW2	Albert Jackson					
Thu 25	Maidstone	Germany: History of 3rd Reich	D Luckhurst					
Fri 26	Gravesend	Spain	Eddie Shilling					
Sat 27	Kent PHG	WW1 & new acquisitions	Sevenoaks					
<b>October 2014</b>								
Wed 1	Dartford	Club Auction						
Wed	Deal	To be arranged						
Wed 1	Sevenoaks	Austro-Hungarian Naval Mail	Lindy Bosworth					
Thu 2	Maidstone	(AM) visit from Ashford PS						
Fri 3	Bexley	Auction	Members					
Fri 3	Herne Bay	Club Auction	Members					
Fri 3	Swale	The Gaiety Old & New	Laurie Tomlin					
Sat 4	KFPS	KFPS Autumn Rally	Dartford					
Mon 6	Medway Towns	Thematic: "Music Display"	Ian Reed					
Tue 7	Lewisham	Lundy	John May					
Wed 8	Bromley & Beck	Tasmanian Revenues & Goats	Francis Kiddle					
Wed 8	Orpington	War & Peace	Tony Hickey					
Wed 8	Romney Marsh	Postcard Competition	Members					
Thurs 9	Eitham-Woolwich	Auction	Members					
Thur 9	Maidstone	St Pierre et Miquelon						M Slamo
Thur 9	Tunbridge Wells	President's Night: Visit by West Malling PS						
Fri 10	Gravesend	Autumn Auction						
Mon 13	Dartford	Licence / Revenue stamps						Members
Mon 13	Dover	Thematics						Members
Tue 14	Malling	AGM & Members Displays						Members
Tue 14	Sidcup	Autumn Auction						
Thu 16	Edenbridge	Postcard Evening						Members
Thu 16	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Russo-Japanese War						Peter High
Fri 17	Bexley	Visit from Cinque Ports PS						
Fri 17	Herne Bay	Visit from Thanet PS						
Fri 17	Swale	Visit from .....						
Mon 20	Dover	Quiz at Cinque Ports						Tony Davis
Tue 21	Lewisham	Austro-Hungarian Navy						Members
Wed 22	Bromley & Beck	Auction						Lindy Bosworth
Thu 23	Eitham-Woolwich	Rhodesia						Members
Thu 23	Maidstone	Germany WW2 Occupations						Peter O'Keefe
Mon 27	Dover	Auction						J Terry
Mon 27	Gravesend with NW Kent PC: "Giant Wheels"							Members
Tue 28	Sidcup	Visit from Orpington PS						Bob Appleton
Wed 29	Romney Marsh	Committee entertains						
<b>November 2014</b>								
Mon 3	Medway Towns	Morocco to 1956						R C Deakin FRPSL
Tue 4	Lewisham	5 sheets or 50p						Members
Wed 5	Dartford	South Africa						John Shaw
Wed 5	Deal	Autumn Auction						Members
Wed 5	Sevenoaks	Australia						Ernie Warden
Thu 6	Maidstone	Club Auction						
Fri 7	Bexley	Letters R, S & T						Members
Fri 7	Herne Bay	Letters A & B						Members
Fri 7	Swale	To be arranged						
Mon 10	Dover	An evening with .....						Bob Palmer
Tue 11	Malling	Visit from Bexley PS						
Tue 11	Sidcup	Monty Sims Memorial Night - KG VI any country						Members
Wed 12	Bromley & Beck	Borneo Pt 1: 1883-1908						Carol Turner
Wed 12	Orpington	South Africa						John Shaw
Wed 12	Romney Marsh	Recent Acquisitions						Members
Thu 13	Eitham-Woolwich	Newfoundland						Cliff Hurst
Thu 13	Maidstone	(AM) WW1						W Lyens
Thu 13	Tunbridge Wells	AGM / Competitions						Members
Fri 14	Gravesend	Speeding up of the Mail 1854-7						Ray Barton
Sat 15	Kent PHG	Grand Auction						Sandling
Mon 17	Dartford	Cinderella / back of book, etc						Members
Tue 18	Lewisham	Russia WW1						Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins
Thu 20	Maidstone	Morocco						B Deakin FRPSL
Thu 20	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) South Africa						John Shaw
Fri 21	Bexley	Competitions & Bourse						Members

Fri 21	Herne Bay	An evening with .....	Alan Munday	Thur 22	Maidstone	Club visit by Deal PS	-
Mon 24	Dover	Visit from Deal PS	-	Fri 23	Gravesend	(PM) President's Meeting	-
Tue 25	Sidcup	Victorian	Chris Drakes	Fri 23	Herne Bay	Letters C & D	Members
Wed 26	Bromley & Beck	Mail and the Steamships	Malcolm Roberts	Mon 26	Dover	Memorabilia	Members
Wed 26	Romney Marsh	Members evening	Members	Tue 27	Sidcup	President's Evening	-
Wed 26	Romney Marsh	(PM) From Cook to Qantas	John Crowe	Wed 28	Bromley & Beck	From the Collections of .....	Chris Sands
Fri 28	Gravesend	Netherlands	Rosemary Dellar	Thur 29	Maidstone	(AM) C is for .....	Members
Fri 28	Swale						
<b>December 2014</b>							
Mon 1	Medway Towns	Annual Auction	Members	Mon 2	Medway Towns	Competition Night & Bourse	Members
Tue 2	Lewisham	Larg at Large	Bob Larg	Tue 3	Lewisham	Tristan da Cunha	Ron Burn
Wed 3	Bromley & Beck	Inter-Society meeting / bourse	Members	Wed 4	Dartford	1936 Berlin Olympics	Tony Bosworth
Wed 3	Dartford	Christmas Party & Quiz	Members	Wed 4	Deal	The Committee Entertains	-
Wed 3	Sevenoaks	Auction Night	Members	Wed 4	Sevenoaks	Displays	Members
Thur 4	Eltham-Woolwich	Germany, Peace Years	John Rawlings	Thur 5	Eltham-Woolwich	Tour of Africa	Clifford Ayers
Thur 4	Maidstone	Canada	R Dickinson	Thur 5	Maidstone	Competitions & Bourse	Members
Fri 5	Bexley	Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	Dr Brian Austen	Fri 6	Bexley	Auction	Members
Fri 5	Gravesend	Christmas Social	Members	Fri 6	Herne Bay	Club Auction	Members
Fri 5	Herne Bay	Christmas Social / Displays	Members	Fri 6	Swale	Cranbrook through time	Robert Turcan
Mon 8	Dover	Christmas Party	Members	Mon 9	Dover	Anything South of the Equator	Members
Tue 9	Malling	Christmas Auction	-	Tue 10	Sidcup	Spring Auction	-
Tue 9	Sidcup	Christmas Social	Members	Wed 11	Bromley & Beck	Visit by Basildon PS	-
Wed 10	Deal	Christmas party & Competitions	Members	Wed 11	Orpington	8 sheet Competition	Members
Wed 10	Orpington	One sheet comp, Bourse & Social	Members	Thur 12	Maidstone	(AM) Anti-Communism 1941-45	Tony Bosworth
Thur 11	Maidstone	(AM) Australia / Falklands conflict	J Taylor / A Davis	Fri 13	Gravesend	(PM) South Africa	John Shaw
Thur 11	Tunbridge Wells	Auction / Bourse	Members	Fri 13	Gravesend	Love and Romance	Members
Fri 12	Swale	Competitions & Quiz	Members	Mon 16	Dartford	Competitions, Bourse, Displays	Members
Tue 16	Lewisham	Christmas evening	Members	Tue 17	Lewisham	Auction	Members
Wed 17	Bromley & Beck	President's Evening & Christmas Social	Members	Thur 19	Eltham-Woolwich	Whales & Whaling	Members
Thur 18	Eltham-Woolwich	Christmas Social	Members	Thur 19	Maidstone	Morocco: KGV1 & QEII Reigns	Harry Ward
Thur 18	Maidstone	President's Evening	Members	Fri 20	Bexley	Postal History	Maurice Cook
Thur 18	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Members' Displays	Tony Bosworth FRPSL	Fri 20	Herne Bay	Evening of Open Philately	Chrisie Baker
Fri 19	Bexley	President's Night	Graham Brown	Fri 20	Swale	Competition & Bourse	Members
<b>January 2015</b>							
Mon 5	Medway Towns	President's Night	Richard Barnard	Mon 23	Dover	Visit from Kent President	John Shaw
Tue 6	Lewisham	Letter 'M'	Members	Tue 24	Sidcup	GB Booklets	Ian Harvey
Wed 7	Sevenoaks	Social evening	Members	Wed 25	Bromley & Beck	Red Cross Part 2	Richard Mittel
Thur 8	Eltham-Woolwich	Members Displays	Members	Wed 25	Romney Marsh	AGM	-
Thur 8	Maidstone	Munich Crisis 1938	Tony Hickey	Fri 27	Gravesend		-
Fri 9	Herne Bay	New Year Bourse	Members	<b>March 2015</b>			
Fri 9	Swale	To be arranged	Members	Mon 2	Medway Towns	Visit from Malling SC	-
Mon 12	Dartford	Starting with S, T or U	Members	Tue 3	Lewisham	British Army of the Rhine	-
Mon 12	Dover	Letters Q, R & S	Members	Wed 4	Dartford	Club Auction	Michael Dobbs
Tue 13	Sidcup	Travel	Members	Wed 4	Deal	Great Little Trains of Wales	Michael Thompson
Wed 14	Bromley & Beck	Letter C for Nugent Cup	Members	Wed 4	Romney Marsh	Visit to Thanet PS	-
Fri 16	Bexley	To be arranged	Members	Wed 4	Sevenoaks	Commonwealth Mystery Tour	Maurice Flack
Tue 20	Lewisham	A Miscellany	Simon McArthur	Thur 5	Eltham-Woolwich	Zanzibar	Mike Farrant
Wed 21	Bromley & Beck	Annual Dinner - The Warren	Members	Thur 5	Maidstone	New Zealand - George V	A Dove FRPSL
Thur 22	Eltham-Woolwich	Victory and Peace	Tony Hickey	Thur 5	Bexley	Visit from Deal PS	-
				Fri 6	Herne Bay	Club competitions	Members
				Fri 6	Swale	"Hold Tight Please"	Bob Appleton

**EDITORIAL VACANCY**

This is issue 196. It would be appreciated if my successor (as yet unknown) would care to contact me SOON, to see what is involved in producing our Bulletin, to 'learn the ropes' etc and fully take over, hopefully no later than the MAY 2016 issue. I would be happy to continue (if pressed) to prepare up to and including issue number '200' (due Jan 2016) but thereafter I will definitely retire as your Editor. Please think about it ! It is a 'rewarding job' (Salary works out at less than 1p per annum, (no tax to pay!) reasonable expenses can be claimed, but no foreign travel is offered, nor any 1<sup>st</sup> class travel) Applications, stating your experience of dealing with Newsletters etc, (non actually required), knowledge of computers, e-mail etc, would be helpful, and a youthful approach and some knowledge of philately is necessary. Male or Female, but must be under 70 years of age.

I am only the 4<sup>th</sup> 'Editor', T.H.J. Slocumbe (6 issues), V.A.Daniels (39), W.A.Page (81) and myself (70 so far). So the next will be only the 5<sup>th</sup> Editor - over 200 issues - a fairly exclusive 'club'. Obviously it is now by invitation only ! Would YOU LIKE TO JOIN ?" Please apply soon - there might be a rush ! PJOK

**NEWS FLASH !!!**

The date and venue for FEDERATION DAY in 2015 has been arranged It will be on SUNDAY the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at the GREAT DANE'S HOTEL (Mercure Group) This will be the first time That a Federation Rally is to be held there. It is on the A2 and fairly central in Kent, so should not be too far for ANY members to attend. We will not be able to fund it from catering sales, so we will need a good TOMBOLA. Please do your best to donate one or more prizes to help boost the income from this source. Thanks !

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NO NEWS received from DEAL, SWALE, ORPINGTON, SIDCUP, or ROMNEY MARSH this time - perhaps they hibernate during the Summer ? Why not delegate a Communications or Press Officer and get some publicity ?

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The Germany & Colonies P.S. have asked us to Mention that they have their '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' 2 day weekend meeting (and AGM) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> October at the King Charles Hotel in Gillingham with a stamp fair on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October (unfortunately it clashes with our Rally on the Saturday)

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## SELFRIDGE'S - 'THE LONDON STAMP CENTRE' - 1938

At some time in the past, I acquired an original edition of "World Stamp Digest" Vol. 1 No. 1, dated March 1938, which has 64 pages and cost 4d. Browsing through it I found an article about the stamp shop run by the department store Selfridges. The photo of the 'stamp' department included with the article, shows a glass display unit or counter, and a number of glass fronted 'bookcases' with hundreds of stamps, presumably stuck on pages, or in frames, and is typical of many 'olde worlde' stamp emporiums of that era. (note, I can only remember some smaller, provincial shops of the late 1940's). The Editor, a T. Todd, was told that the shop had over 10,000 stamps on view, that the displays changed almost daily, they had over 500 stock books which a collector could choose from, and there were a number of comfortable inspection rooms. He was surprised at the reasonable prices being charged. There was a New Issues section, situated apart from the main department., which charged 12 ½ % on face values of stamps sold. All sections of the Philatelic Department were continually being extended to cope with their increasing stock, and practically every album in the world was now stocked from the Multi volume 'Shaubecks' to the modest beginners book at a few pence. If you could not visit them, they had a mail order service as well, especially if you were seeking that "difficult" item.



*One aspect of Selfridge's Stamp Department.*

### Advertisers

Healy and Wise  
were offering GB  
1918, 2/6 and 5/-  
Seahorses at 1/3d  
presumably used.  
now catalogued  
around £170 +  
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Other dealers had  
small adverts,  
from France  
Greece and Eire

THE 'WORLD STAMP DIGEST' I have another old copy of this A5 size magazine, it is Vol. 5, no. 27 of May 1940. still costing 4d, but now only 48 pages, now published by the Link House Group. It has 10 x A5 pages with "The Life Story of Sir Rowland Hill", (reprinted from Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal" of 1895. Most of the articles appear to be reprints from various other philatelic magazines, and include items about the "Centenary of Stamps" being commemorated that year, despite the war situation. There are other articles, one on the shades of the 1d red, and one about James Chalmers, who claimed to have first thought of having adhesive stamps. David Field, a dealer had an advert stating that he had bought the entire stock of Selfridges Philatelic Dept.

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If I believe in re-incarnation, can I legally leave my stamp collection to myself?  
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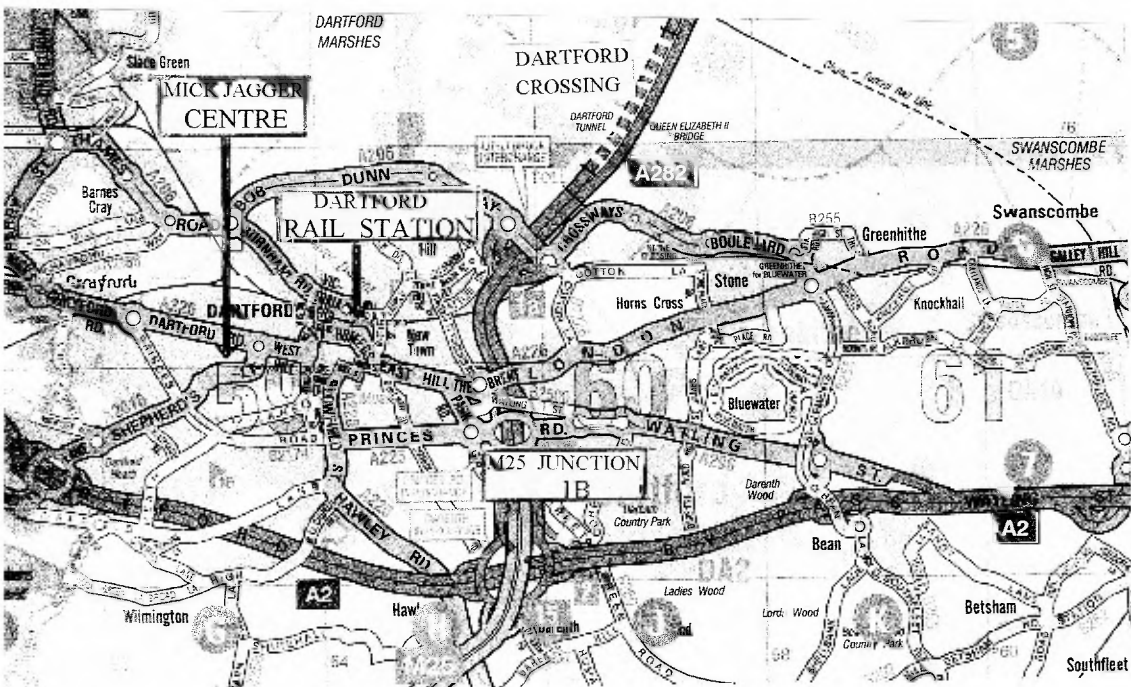
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-the Mick Jagger Centre is on the left by Dartford Grammar School.

Travelling by train The Mick Jagger Centre is about 15 minutes walk from  
Dartford Rail Station along West Hill, but it is up hill.

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the M25 at junction 1B (not 1A) - it is probably better to travel West along  
Princes Road (A225), carry on straight (B2174) and turn right into Shepherds  
Lane (A2018) This is assuming there are no road restrictions !

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bring a suitable prize for the stall, it will be very welcome - remember that  
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