

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP 3



THE ISLE OF THANET PHILATELIC SOCIETY May 1<sup>st</sup> was our "President's Night", and we were very pleased that Tony Hayes was able to be with us, having been off sick for five weeks. Tony displayed 180 sheets depicting the history and development of aviation - a very interesting evening! Tony has such a wide variety of interests. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, three members showed approximately 100 sheets each, on the history on Postcards, Church cancellations and the history of Czechoslovakia. At the A.G.M., David Luckhurst was elected as our new President. We have a FREE OFFER for anyone interested, first to contact Bernard Kennett on 01843 - 228415 gets it, and it's FREE! It is a virtually complete Prime Edition of the British Philatelic Bulletin, issued by Royal Mail, covering the period 1/9/63 to 2005, properly bound and boxed. A useful reference for collectors of G.B. stamps and postal history. - FREE!

Our 'New' season opens on the 18<sup>th</sup> September when members are asked to show Queen Elizabeth II material - Anything World Wide. Then on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we visit the Dover Stamp Club. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> it's letters U, V, & W plus a members one sheet display, followed on the 16<sup>th</sup> by members displays of First Day Covers - any country or subject. On November 6<sup>th</sup> we welcome a return visit by Dover S.C. Our 'season' continues with two meetings each month, except in December and January, (which each have only 1 meeting), through to May inclusive.

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ELTHAM & WOOLWICH STAMP CLUB Not long to go now before our summer break when we have only one meeting during June, July and August. Our April meetings were quite enjoyable when on the 11<sup>th</sup> we were treated to a nice display of 'FIJI' by Charlie Mead who raised many an eyebrow with some rare items. This was followed on the 25<sup>th</sup> with our competition evening, when Harry Layne did a clean sweep and won the cups for all three categories! On May 9<sup>th</sup> we had our A.G.M., which is also the last meeting of the 'season', with most of the officers were re-elected. Our ordinary meetings start again in September (the programme not yet available as this is written)), when most collectors look forward to visiting 'Autumn Stampex' at the Business Design Centre, Islington from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September inclusive. Meanwhile we had our Committee entertaining us at the June meeting, and a summer auction in July, when many items are knocked down at quite low prices. During our August meeting, members get the chance to display their recent acquisitions and other items they collect. Our Packet Secretary is seeking new contributors for our club packet - if you would like to submit any, please get in touch with John Smith, via our Hon. Sec., Ray Houghton (0207 237 6314) Everyone is welcome at our meetings, which are held in the Community Centre in Eltham High Street, 7.30pm for an 8pm start, Refreshments are also available, so do come along and enjoy a warm welcome. Contact Ray for more information.

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SOCIETY, Offer YOUR help! Make friends and learn more about our hobby. Persuade a friend to join you at a club meeting!

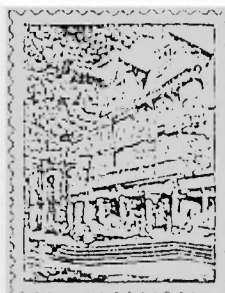
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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP 4

**DARTFORD & DIST. STAMP CLUB** Firstly, the important news - WE ARE MOVING ! From September 4<sup>th</sup> our future meetings will be at our new venue "The Meeting Place" the Orchard Shopping Centre, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DN. This is a free venue, linked to the 'Portas Fund'. We are also returning to holding meetings bi-monthly, commencing 7. pm for a 7.30pm start. The new programme, on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> will be a display by Cliff Ayers of "British Africa", further details can be obtained from our Hon.Sec. Steve Alpe. The 'Portas Fund' is a venture being organised by the Government, following recommendations by Mary Portas, in conjunction with local councils across the country to encourage the local community back to our High Streets, not just as shops, but as social gathering places. "The Meeting place" has many activities during the day and several clubs now hold regular meetings there both during the day and in the evenings. It is believed that in Kent, Margate and Ashford maybe included in the next wave joining this scheme. We held our A.G.M. in May, with nearly all our officers and committee signing on for another year. Our June meeting was a show of letters M, N & O which produced a wide variety of displays enjoyed by all the members. These evenings are always popular each year. Our summer auction in July produced a large number of lots and the majority found new homes with a little profit going to the club. We hope that the new venue will prove popular, as it is very central and near many bus routes.



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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

**ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS P.S.** Our evening meetings have included displays 'The History of Australia' by Brian Baldock, in May, 'Post Horse to Post Bus', by John Armstone, in June and 'Mexico' by Ray Barton in July - all having a very interesting background both philatelically and historically. On the 8<sup>th</sup> August, Derek Mauri is our guest speaker showing "American Civil War, then we have a visit by the Bexley P.S on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, President's Night is on October 10<sup>th</sup>, our AGM and Competitions on November 14<sup>th</sup> and an Auction and Quiz on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The morning meetings (third Thursday monthly) have seen visits by Jeremy Gaskell, showing British Borneo in May, John Rawlings with German Maritime Mail 1933/39, in June, and Maurice Shorten showing 'The 1971 British Postal Strike Mail'. All very different topics, but very entertaining and enjoyable. Michael Farrant shows us German East Africa on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and we have a visit from the Hastings & East Sussex P.S. on September 19<sup>th</sup>. One of our own members, John Barker is to show us 17<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Century Global Adventure on October 17<sup>th</sup> (This has had to be postponed on two previous occasions due to health problems, so we are really looking forward to seeing it this year) On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Graham Little is our guest, with a display of Cyprus, and to end the year, member Richard Hart shows Namibia 1890/1990.

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It's true, Birthdays are good for you! The more you have, the older you get.

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP 5

KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP At our meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Sevenoaks, Roger Vaughan and Patrick Awcock from the Surrey Postal History Group were our guests. Roger showed a variety of unusual postmarks connected with the early Parcel Posts of the South East Region, including Railway marks, augmented with several illustrations Patrick showed some miscellaneous items that one rarely sees these days, that have gone through the post. In the second half, Peter O'Keeffe showed a range of Post Bus items, for routes in Kent and even into Surrey. These included route maps, time tables, adverting items, postcards, photographs and tickets - many of the latter had adhesive postage stamps afixed which were used to pay the appropriate fares. There were newspaper cuttings reporting the setting up of the various services and also of their closing down. Our next meeting is on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September when we will be at another New venue, - Sandling Village Hall (ME14 3BB) from 2pm to 4.30pm. when Pat Parsons is to display "Court Material" (i.e. Legal Documents, Mail to and from Prisons, etc, and much more). Members attending are also asked to bring along anything with a similar connection and/or any recent acquisitions or any other items with a Kent interest. Our main auction is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> and will again be held at Leeds Village Hall (not far from Leeds Castle - remember, its in Kent !). Anyone with an interest in Kent Postal History is welcome to join us - more details from our Hon. Secretary John Weston, on 01732 - 358163. Admission and car parking is free.



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Editor's note: When I heard that the meeting was to be at Sandling, I thought it was near Folkestone, but I now learn that it is just North of Maidstone, on the A229, just off Junction 6 on the M20, at the bottom of Bluebell Hill.  
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GRAVESEND STAMP CLUB Our meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> April was a display by Mr B.Day of Czech Military Forces in Exile, which was a most interesting and informative display of a subject not often seen. On May 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Pat Parsons entertained us with British Revenues and Licences. There were an amazing variety of items shown with something to interest everyone, whatever they collect. We held our Summer auction on June 14<sup>th</sup> with a good variety of lots on offer and as usual most people found something to take home.

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NORTH WEST KENT POSTCARD CLUB Meetings for the remainder of this year are as follows: September 23<sup>rd</sup> Austro-Hungarian Navy during WWI by Lindy Bosworth. October 28<sup>th</sup>, "Gravesend Revised" by Bob Appleton and on November 25<sup>th</sup>, two displays, "A Tour of Gibraltar" by Bob Higgins, and "A Selection from My Collection" by Rosemary Dellar. Visitors always welcome at our meetings, which are held in the United Reformed Church Hall at the junction of Singlewell Road, and Kings Drive, Gravesend, 7.45 for 8pm  
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People are still willing to do an honest day's work. The trouble is they want a week's pay for it !

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP 6

BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY The 'Big' news is our plans for a stamp fair on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014, (10 – 4) to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society (the actual birthday is around the 17<sup>th</sup> July). Although it is early days, there will be dealers, a tombola, possibly a bourse, and refreshments, all at our usual venue, the Freemantle Hall in Bexley, Kent. Save the date !



Looking back over the Spring meetings, members displays on 5<sup>th</sup> April included modern Falklands commemoratives, Belgium, early GB postcards, GB Penny Reds (1841-1880), first South African pictorials, French Southern Antarctic, Stamps of the London Olympics and Paralympics, GB Booklets & coils, New Zealand GVI provisional overprints, G.B. Official Mail, and Belgium's 'semi-postal' cultural issue 1958 – 86. Later that month, Cliff Hurst gave a fascinating presentation of Canadian Airmails; with few roads, contact with foresters, trappers and miners in unexplored areas was only possible by the use of seaplanes landing on lakes in the Summer and on ice in the Winter months. Cliff gave a very detailed history of the various private air services which operated prior to the Canadian Postal Authorities taking over, and later granting licences to some of the private carriers. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Bob de Vekey showed and explained early London Postal Codes, which were first introduced in 1856 to avoid confusion caused by the duplication of street names. He also gave details of how the mail service was mechanised, the introduction of prepayment (Meter machines, introduced in 1922), and the Transorma machines in the 1930's. In June we held our A.G.M., with Frank Parsons handing over the Presidency to Graham Brown, and Judith French being elected as our new Vice – President. This was followed by members displays of Belgium, Aviation, Napoleonic War covers, and covers addressed to 1930's film star Deanna Durban.

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins display of Russia covered that country's vast historical cultural and geographic territory in about 30 frames. Town posts (Zemstvo) were a feature from the 1860's, and 130 years later, they were re-introduced because of the vast volume of post in the post Soviet state. We also saw censored mail of the Russo-Japanese war (1904/05) which we were told is believed to be the first instance of official postal censorship.

Our 2013-2014 season (our 50<sup>th</sup>) begins on September 20<sup>th</sup> with displays of G.B material by John Topliffe and Peter Boyd, then on October 4<sup>th</sup> we have an auction, followed by another G.B Presentation, of Queen Victoria issues by Mike Slamo on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. It's competition night on November 1<sup>st</sup> and members displays on November 15<sup>th</sup>, based on letters N, O, P and Q. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we host an Inter-Society competition, before finishing the calendar year in our usual fashion with our President's Night on December 20<sup>th</sup>. However we have a team visit to display to the Tunbridge Wells PS on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Jeremy Gaskell is our first guest speaker of the New Year with his display of 'British & Foreign Treaty Ports in China' on the 17<sup>th</sup> January. We have a full programme of two meetings a month from February to May inclusive, plus our Anniversary Stamp Fair on the 17<sup>th</sup> one meeting in June, and two in July. In addition we visit the Chelmsford PS on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Quite a busy time ahead ! Enquiries to our Hon.Sec Adrian Smith on 01322- 559210, or e-mail to:- [adethebeak@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adethebeak@yahoo.co.uk)

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MALLING STAMP CLUB Our April meeting was 'President's Evening' and Colin Smith, one of our founder member, having been elected as President for 2013, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the club showed of part of his collection of Czechoslovakia for the first half of the evening, followed by a selection of items from Postal Authorities around the World, in the second session. Colin used to write to numerous postal authorities just to see what they would send back, hence this display. Our May meeting was a visit by members of the Basildon P.S. from Essex. These inter-club visits usually produce a good variety of subjects, and this proved no exception. We saw material from Spain, Bermuda, Metropolitan Railway parcel stamps and letter stamps, Penny Blacks used in May 1840, Royal Family and United Nations items. In June, Mr J. Corderoy gave a display of Israel, a most interesting display of a country which is rarely seen. Our auction, which is usually held in April was switched to July and this change of month did not seem to be a problem; the attendance was good and there were plenty of lots on offer.



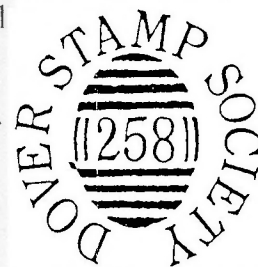
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MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT P.S. At our A.G.M. in June, Colin McQuaid was elected to the committee to replace Richard Trotter who was moving out of the area. The Secretary decided that his intended report was too long, but his editing resulted in a couple of 'slips' when he read it out, which caused great amusement. Our Summer meeting was, as usual, hosted by Nigella Kent at her home, which is way out in the country. The weather was good and those attending enjoyed socializing and touring the gardens and the disused quarry !



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DOVER STAMP SOCIETY Following another successful and well attended Annual Dinner we had a very interesting and informative display of Rhodesia by Federation Bulletin Editor, Peter O'Keeffe. An interesting country, no longer of course existing, having fragmented into Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Then in mid May, for the first time in several years, Tony Belsey entertained us with a Philatelic Quiz.



Some members from the Cinque Ports PS joined us, together with a number of 'teams' from our own society. In an exciting finish, our visitors from Folkestone regained the trophy, a mini shield, which we had won from them at their quiz a year ago. The A.G.M. slipped by with little of note cropping up; so we had time to spend our money at the traditional bourse which followed. We look forward to the new season, starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the usual mix of 'Members Evenings', visiting speakers and club visits there will be a bit of variety in the form of a free tour of the Royal Mail Centre in Rochester. If any other Society is interested in planning a similar expedition, details can be supplied by our Hon.Secretary, Keith Gawn.

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Committee: an avenue into which good ideas are lured and quietly strangled !

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP 8

CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY It was the annual quiz night on May 13<sup>th</sup> between the Dover S.S. and ourselves, and this time we managed to win the mini trophy. On May 20<sup>th</sup> we held our A.G.M. and the 'Jim Scannal' Single sheet competition, which was won by Mary Cockburn. Our planned meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June had to be cancelled, but we were lucky in being able to get Rosemary Dellar from the Medway Towns to step in and fill the gap, with an interesting display of the Netherlands. This covered many aspects of that Country and its stamps. The members displays on the 17<sup>th</sup> June featured a display of 80 sheets of Penny lilacs by Maurice Flack. But it is reported that before he had finished putting up his sheets, several members were asleep, and it seemed a shame to disturb them ! However, Chrissie Baker soon put that to rights and explained to the Society how to advance from Federation level of exhibiting to the National level. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we held our Summer auction, with a lot of interest, and some good lots. Several members were able to acquire various stamps, albums and catalogues. Our meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> is devoted to "How to Display" and "Society Club Competitions."



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LEWISHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY The season ended on May 1<sup>st</sup> with our A.G.M. - and again there were no changes to the Committee. A slightly unusual event, our Christmas Dinner was held at the Bromley Court Hotel on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July (yes you did read it correctly). In all, 23 members/guests attended, and not even a sprinkling of snow or frost in sight. It was a 'fun' night the camaraderie was great, and the dinner

was good. The President's wife, Veronica was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Our thanks to Tony Hickey for arranging the dinner !

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HERNE BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY With the Summer upon us there is very little news of philatelic activity that has happened since the last report save for one meeting which was a visit by Don Thomas at the end of May. His display of "G.B with a Difference" included various examples of the non postal carriage of mail, how money could be sent to ensure it arrived safely, the 'extra' charges and markings that were applied to ensure



that the correct fee was obtained - these marks had to be understood by both literate and illiterate persons. We also saw items of the 4d Post, and the introduction of the 1d Post, and postmarks indicating the parts of the country from which items originated. The second half showed early forms of addressing and positioning of the stamps etc. There were examples of the different ways of sealing letters so that the casual observer could not read the contents. The display ended with a contemporary newspaper from 1821, in which a man advertised for a wife. Apparently he received four replies each showing the arrangements by which he could meet the writers. The outcome was not reported ! The display lived up to it's title and was an evening enjoyed by all present. We now look forward to our new season starting in September.

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## REPORT FROM OUR NORTH WALES CORRESPONDENT

Dennis Rosser. July 2013

My wife and I recently travelled back to Ashford, and as well as calling on friends and ex - neighbours I also gave a display to Ashford P.S. It was good to see so many 'old' friends amongst the audience as well as visitors from the Maidstone & Swale Societies. I would like to say that I was disappointed to learn that Ashford, a founder member of the KENT FEDERATION, would be resigning from the Federation. They have their reasons, and I will leave it at that !

As a 'side-line' interest I have started to collect 'cut squares' - regardless of country of origin. In the past I would have binned any I came across. When sorting through an accumulation of about 60, I got to thinking how much Postal Stationery must have been destroyed in cutting them off postcards and envelopes.

On a similar vein, when calling into one of the many Charity shops that abound in most High Streets - my wife was looking for a couple of jigsaws - I asked if they had any old paperwork, such as letterheads, bills, ration books and the like. I was horrified to be told that anything like that is always destroyed. Why, I asked? . Because of the Data Protection Act the lady replied. I hope this is not a procedure used in all such shops as I dread to think how much collectable paper ephemera is being destroyed if it is.

One of my main collecting interests is anything to do with the National Savings Movement, and I had a bit of luck just a couple of weeks ago when I found a 1938 N.S. bookmark at a Boot Fair in Rhyl. I have eight of these bookmarks but this one was different in that it is bi-lingual, in English and Welsh, and there are only two such bookmarks - the other was issued in 1936. Quite made my day.

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Editor's note: Thanks Dennis hope you understood the language down south, but it's a pity A.P.S. have not given Federation a reason for their decision - there are rumours, and it might cause them some difficulties in future. PJOK  
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DATE	SOCIETY	TITLE OF DISPLAY	
<b>September 2013</b>			
Tue 3	Lewisham	President's Evening	Colin Tobitt
Thur 5	Maidstone	Abraham Lincoln	Angus Lincoln
Tue 10	Malling	Licences and Revenues	Mrs P Parsons
Tue 10	Sidcup	Anything Goes	Members
Wed 11	Bromley & Beck	Underpaid Mail to/from India	Cliff Gregory
Wed 11	Orpington	Subjects Letters 'G', 'H' & 'I'	Members
Wed 11	Romney Marsh	Dresden & Little Switzerland	Derek Martin
Thur 12	Eltham-Woolwich	Members Night	Members
Thur 12	Maidstone	(AM) Historic Events	Members
Thur 12	Tunbridge Wells	Club visit from Bexley	-
Fri 13	Gravesend	3 Sheet Competition & Bourse	Members
Tue 17	Lewisham	Recent Acquisitions	Members
Wed 18	Isle of Thanet	QE II Anything World Wide	Members
Thur 19	Maidstone	Thematic: Skiing & Fishing	G Newey
Thur 19	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Club visit from Hastings	-
Fri 20	Bexley	Great Britain	John Topliffe & Peter Boyd
Fri 20	Swale	Postcards & Nelson	Tony Davis
Sat 21	Kent PHG	Court Material by Pat Parsons	Sandling
Mon 23	NW Kent PC	Austro-Hungarian Navy WW1	Mrs Lindy Bosworth
Tue 24	Sidcup	Gibraltar	John Corderay
Wed 25	Bromley & Beck	KE VII "First day to Funeral"	David Milsted
Wed 25	Romney Marsh	British & Foreign Treaty Ports in	China - J Gaskell
Thur 26	Eltham-Woolwich	Auction	-
Fri 27	Gravesend	"Women of Achievement"	Mrs S Targett
Sat 28	Malling	40th Anniversary Stamp Fair, East Malling & KFPS Autumn Rally	

### October 2013

Tue 1	Lewisham	Underpaid Mail to/from India	Cliff Gregory
Wed 2	Isle of Thanet	Letters 'U', 'V' & 'W'	Members
Thur 3	Maidstone	(AM) A Miscellany of covers	M Porter
Fri 4	Bexley	Auction	-
Fri 4	Swale	A Variety from my Collection	Chris Rapley
Tue 8	Malling	AGM & Members Displays	Members
Tue 8	Sidcup	Autumn Auction	-
Wed 9	Bromley & Beck	Crash & Interrupted Mail	Paul Cahill
Wed 9	Orpington	Zeppelin mail	Ian Nutley
Wed 9	Romney Marsh	Visitors from Deal PS	-
Thur 10	Eltham-Woolwich	Visit by Croydon PS	-
Thur 10	Maidstone	The American Civil War	Derek Mauri
Thur 10	Tunbridge Wells	President's Evening	-
Fri 11	Gravesend	Autumn Auction	-
Tue 15	Lewisham	Kent Fed President's Evening	-
Wed 16	Isle of Thanet	FDCs - Any country or subject	Members
Thur 17	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) 17th-20th Century Global Adventure	John Barker
Fri 18	Bexley	GB Queen Victoria	Mike Slamo

Fri 18	Swale	Olympic Games & Falklands	Tony Bosworth
Tue 22	Sidcup	Postal History	Frank Parsons
Wed 23	Bromley & Beck	Auction	-
Thur 24	Eltham-Woolwich	American Civil War	Derek Mauri
Thur 24	Maidstone	Visit from Dover PS	-
Sat 26	KFPS Seminar	Boer War	Richard Stock
Mon 28	NW Kent PC	"Gravesend Revisited"	Bob Appleton
Wed 30	Romney Marsh	Postcard Competition	-

### November 2013

Fri 1	Bexley	Competition Night & Bourse	Members
Fri 1	Swale	Oilettes & Novelty	Laurie Tomlin
Tue 5	Lewisham	The Balkans	Rex Dixon
Wed 6	Isle of Thanet	Visit from Dover PS	-
Thur 7	Eltham-Woolwich	??	Cliff Hurst
Thur 7	Maidstone	Club Auction	-
Fri 8	Gravesend	"Horse Riding"	Cliff Ayers
Tue 12	Malling	An Evening with .....	Mr A Hoad
Tue 12	Sidcup	KGVI - any country	Members
Wed 13	Bromley & Beck	Minerals: thematic display	Trevor Devon
Wed 13	Orpington	KG VI & Empire - used	Robin Morton
Wed 13	Romney Marsh	A visit from .....	John Henley
Thur 14	Maidstone	(AM) Thematic: Animals	Members
Thur 14	Tunbridge Wells	AGM & Competitions	-
Fri 15	Bexley	Letters 'N', 'O', 'P' & 'Q'	Members
Sat 16	Kent PHG	Annual Auction	Leeds Village Hall
Tue 19	Lewisham	Egypt	Alan Holverson
Wed 20	Isle of Thanet	PHQ Cards & Postal Slogans	Members
Thur 21	Maidstone	Thematic: Television	M Routh
Thur 21	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Cyprus	Graham Little
Fri 22	Gravesend	(PM) Haiti	Geoff Hanney
Fri 22	Swale	Visit from Dover PS	-
Mon 25	NW Kent PC	A Tour of Gibraltar	Bob Higgins
Tue 26	Sidcup	An Evening with .....	Cliff/Chris Ayers
Wed 27	Bromley & Beck	Aspects of NATO (Michael Dobbs) & Bourse	Members
Wed 27	Romney Marsh	Members Evening	Members

### December 2013

Tue 3	Lewisham	5 sheets or 50p	Members
Wed 4	Isle of Thanet	Anything Christmas & Buffet	Members
Thur 5	Eltham-Woolwich	<i>To be advised</i>	
Thur 5	Maidstone	New Zealand - KG V	A F Dove FRPSL
Fri 6	Bexley	Inter-Society competitions	-
Tue 10	Malling	Christmas Auction	-
Tue 10	Sidcup	Christmas Social	-
Wed 11	Bromley & Beck	President's Evening & Christmas Social	
Wed 11	Orpington	One sheet competition, Bourse & Christmas social	
Thur 12	Maidstone	(AM) Belgian Congo	R A Carr
Thur 12	Tunbridge Wells	Auction & Quiz	-
Fri 13	Gravesend	Christmas Social with NWKPC	

Fri 13	NW Kent PC & Gravesend & Dist SC - Joint Social		
Fri 13	Swale	Christmas Party: Hales Cup & PH Competitions	
Tue 17	Lewisham	Christmas Evening	Members
Thur 19	Eltham-Woolwich	Christmas Members Night	Members
Thur 19	Maidstone	President's Evening: QV 2d Blues	A R Davis
Thur 19	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Namibia 1890-1990	Richard Hart
Fri 20	Bexley	President's Night	Graham Brown

### January 2014

Thur 2	Maidstone	German East Africa 1914-18	M Farrant FRPSL
Tue 7	Lewisham	The Letter 'A' Night	Members
Wed 8	Bromley & Beck	Letter 'B' for Nugent Cup	Members
Thur 9	Eltham-Woolwich	Members Night	Members
Thur 9	Maidstone	(AM) Six of the Best	Members
Thur 9	Tunbridge Wells	Brit & Span POs in Morocco	Bob Deakin
Fri 10	Swale	Journey up the Thames & Gibraltar	Bob Higgins
Tue 14	Sidcup	Things I like	Members
Wed 15	Bromley & Beck	Annual Dinner at The Warren	-
Wed 15	Isle of Thanet	Olympics & Sport	Members
Thur 16	Maidstone	Visit from Basildon PS	-
Thur 16	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Carlisle: A Railway City	Brian Stalker
Fri 17	Bexley China	British & Foreign Treaty Ports	Jeremy Gaskell
Tue 21	Lewisham	A Tour of British Africa	Cliff Ayers
Wed 22	Bromley & Beck	India and its Ocean	Members
Thur 23	Eltham-Woolwich	Auction	-
Fri 24	Gravesend	(PM) President's Afternoon	Michael Thompson
Tue 28	Sidcup	President's Evening	-
Thur 30	Maidstone	Grant & Revell Competitions & Bourse	

### February 2014

Tue 4	Lewisham	Visit from Orpington PS	-
Wed 5	Isle of Thanet	Auction	-
Thur 6	Eltham-Woolwich	<i>To be advised</i>	
Thur 6	Maidstone	(AM) Maidstone - Part 2	J Dann
Fri 7	Bexley	Auction	-
Fri 7	Gravesend	(PM) An Afternoon with .....	Peter O'Keeffe
Fri 7	Swale	Uncle Tom's Journey Revisited	Frances Howland
Tue 11	Sidcup	Spring Auction	-
Wed 12	Bromley & Beck	Malaya / Malaysia	Bill Pain
Wed 12	Orpington	Eight Sheet Competitions	Members
Thur 13	Maidstone	Russian Revolution & Civil War	M S Jenkins
Thur 13	Tunbridge Wells	Women of Achievement	Suzanne Targett
Sat 15	Kent PHG	Members other interests	Hurst Green
Tue 18	Lewisham	Competition, Bourse & Members	Displays
Wed 19	Isle of Thanet	Letters 'X', 'Y' & 'Z'	Members
Thur 20	Eltham-Woolwich	Visit by Orpington PS	-
Thur 20	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) BPOs in Latin America	Bill Kemm
Fri 21	Bexley	Visit from President KFPS	South Africa
Fri 21	Gravesend	AGM	-

Fri 21	Swale	Early GB	Ian Marshall
Tue 25	Sidcup	Small Islands & Music	Ian Reed
Wed 26	Bromley & Beck	From the collections of Chris Sands & Bourse	
Wed 26	Romney Marsh	Red Cross	Richard Mittell
Thur 27	Maidstone	GB World War 1	Peter O'Keeffe

#### March 2014

Tue 4	Lewisham	Inflation	Robert Mott
Wed 5	Isle of Thanet	Recently acquired Material	Members
Thur 6	Eltham-Woolwich	Quiz by Harry Layne	Members
Thur 6	Maidstone	(AM) Visit from Heathfield PS	-
Fri 7	Bexley	Morocco Agencies	Geoff Chivers
Fri 7	Gravesend	Spring Auction	-
Fri 7	Swale	An Evening of Postcards	Bob Appleton
Tue 11	Sidcup	Victor Mills Memorial Evening	-
Wed 12	Bromley & Beck	Open/Thematic Comps & New Acquisitions	
Wed 12	Orpington	GB WW1 Military mail	Peter O'Keeffe
Wed 12	Romney Marsh	Visit from Cinque Ports	-
Thur 13	Maidstone	Aspects of Eastern Europe	V Brown
Thur 13	Tunbridge Wells	Cook to Quanta	John Crowe
Tue 18	Lewisham	Haiti	Geoff Hanney
Wed 19	Isle of Thanet	"Bits & Pieces" and "Royalty"	Roger Hoult & Bernard
Thur 20	Eltham-Woolwich	<i>To be advised</i>	
Thur 20	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Nelson	Tony Davis
Fri 21	Bexley	The Motor Cycle	John Haywood
Fri 21	Gravesend	Canadian First Flights	Cliff Hurst
Fri 21	Swales	Visit from President KFPS	John Shaw
Sat 22	KFPS	KFPS Spring Rally	Beckenham
Tue 25	Sidcup	Four Kings	Peter Boyd
Wed 26	Bromley & Beck	USA: Wars & Trains	Derek Mauri
Wed 26	Romney Marsh	Poland - A General History	David Luckhurst
Thur 27	Maidstone	Belgian Congo: "Katanga"	G Marriner FRPSL

#### April 2014

Tue 1	Lewisham	German East Africa 1914-17	Mike Farrant
Wed 2	Isle of Thanet	Visit from Herne Bay PS	-
Thur 3	Eltham-Woolwich	Mexico	R Barton
Thur 3	Maidstone	(AM) 1: Covers saved from the Scissors and 2: Aviation	1: C McQuaid 2: J Wilson
Fri 4	Bexley	Visit from Basildon PS	-
Fri 4	Swale	Deal Through Time	Robert Turcan
Sat 5	Kent PHG	AGM & Room Auction	Leeds Village Hall

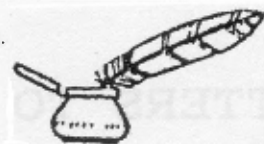
#### Notes:

- (1) Kent PHG 2014 dates are firm but locations are provisional
- (2) (AM) indicates morning meetings (Maidstone & Mid-Kent and Tunbridge Wells)
- (3) (PM) indicates afternoon meetings (Gravesend & District)



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eltham.  
June 30<sup>th</sup>



Dear Peter,

Having just returned from Wainscott after a Seminar on "G.B. Booklets" by Ian Harvey, FRPSL, one of the Countries foremost collectors of booklets, I had to put pen to paper to congratulate Maurice for arranging this Seminar. Let me say from the start, I am not a GB collector although I have a representative collection from King Edward VII.

The title 'GB Booklets' was a bit of an understatement, its not just front and back covers with their designs. We were taken through the whole process with full explanations; covering interleaving and the introduction of advertising labels, following on with the perforation of the sheets and how the inverted watermarks came about. Why some of the booklets, even from the same issue, were stitched and some were stapled.

Ian's eminent knowledge and erudite talk explained this in great depth from the first issues of Edward VII to the last sterling definitives of QEII.

To finish the day we were treated to a display of the artwork and working designs of the Wedgewood booklet. An exemplary day enjoyed by all those attending. This display will be on show at The Royal, 41 Devonshire Place London in 2014.

Yours sincerely,  
Colin Tobitt.

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Sittingbourne,  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Dear Peter,

I was sorry to read in the last Bulletin that Ashford have decided to withdraw from the Kent Federation - which they may well regret losing contacts with other Societies.

The reason I am writing is that I am the last Founder Member of the Ashford Society having joined as a school boy in February/March 1942, together with about six collectors who were members of the Ashford Grammar School stamp club.

I became Secretary of Ashford Society in 1948 and we were invited by Mr B.S.H Grant to consider joining the K.F.P.S and I well remember there was opposition to joining, "We don't want them telling us what to do", however common sense prevailed, and I attended the early Council Meetings at the Maidstone Museum, which meant having to travel by East Kent Bus no 10 and I joined both Mr W.S. Tinsley and Major P. Wentworth- Chapman from Cinque Ports P.S., both of whom were a great help in getting the Society on a firm foundation. The Society paid for my ticket to attend the Federation Dinner at the Regency Hotel, Ramsgate.

We organised the first Federation Rally at the Saracens Head Hotel, Ashford, (now demolished) on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1954 when Mr. Robson Lowe presented "Sperati and His Craft" which was purchased by the BPA. There was a good attendance and among those who attended was Mr Samuel Graveson, RDP, and Mr Kenneth Chapman, editor of 'Stamp Collecting', who wrote a good report of what was a most successful event.

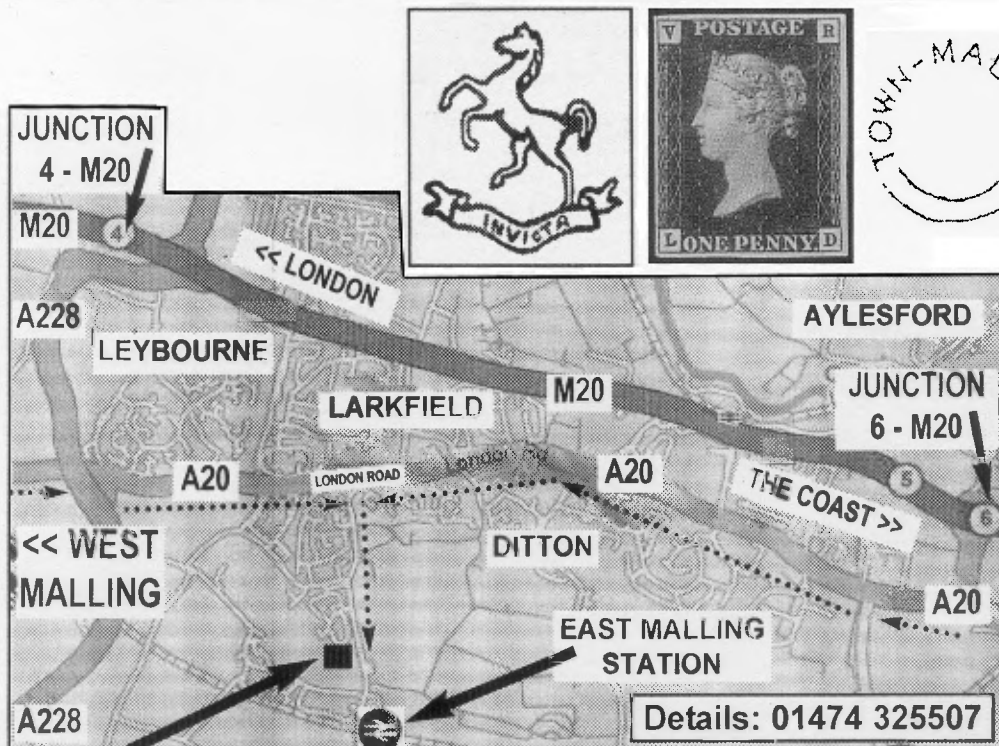
Yours sincerely,  
Bob Browne.  
Hon. Secretary - Stamps.  
Swale Philatelic & Postcard Society.

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