



KENT FEDERATION of PHILATELIC SOCIETIES



The winning design set of GB stamps of 2012 as voted for by readers of the British Philatelic Bulletin was the set of 12 stamps featuring man made buildings & the White Cliffs of Dover. These were in the U.K. A to Z series, part 2

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EDITORIAL

Peter O'Keeffe

April has been a sad month for Federation, as I have learnt of the death's of four of Our members. It is with sadness that we have lost Dudley Prestedge (Isle of Thanet P.S), a Past President of our Federation. John Caryl (Romney Marsh P.S.), a Past President of that Society. Derrick Lincoln, (Dartford & District SC), the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of that club, and Alan Stenning (Bromley & Beckenham P.S), a Past President (twice) and former Hon. Secretary of that club. All four being long standing stalwarts of their clubs and all will be sadly missed. Obituaries appear later in this issue.

On a brighter note, the Spring Rally at Larkfield appears to have gone well, but yet again support from certain clubs was non existent. This was a new venue and was well organised - our thanks to the Gravesend Stamp Club for their "job well done". Our Federation Day and A.G.M. is our next big event, on July 27th at Sittingbourne at Bordon Grammar School and it is hoped that YOU will come along, with your club colleagues - remember a car full is company, and it really does make the trip seem shorter.

No one has commented on my two accidental omissions from the February Bulletin I omitted to include one page giving the results of the Autumn competitions, details of the competitions being held at Larkfield, and the Seminars planned for 2013. I had typed the page, but then 'lost' it somewhere in the computer that I use as a type-writer. Sorry for the confusion this caused, especially with the competitions, as one has had to be declared null and void. Perhaps some readers noticed that my maths looked wrong, - on page 26, my paragraph about the 'half penny' stamp still being valid if used as a pair (to make up a whole penny), I typed that $2 + 12 = 15$, when I had intended to type $2 \frac{1}{2} + 12 \frac{1}{2} = 15$. My keyboard does not have a half and I had planned to add the $\frac{1}{2}$ by hand, to the mastercopy before printing. As you can see I have now discovered how to print the $\frac{1}{2}$, also other fractions, should I need them! ($\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$). It must be that I am getting past it! How about a new Editor? Get in touch if you are interested, soon!

Continuing the Club Programme Listings, Mike Dobbs, our Communications Officer has sent me details of forthcoming meetings (from those clubs who have sent in their details), and these are printed elsewhere in this issue, taking us through to the end of 2013 (for some clubs). Your comments would be appreciated. However there are no definite plans to include them when the next season's programmes appear in the next club directory, due out early in September. Do please let Mike have your next seasons programme as soon as possible.

Thanks again to Essex, Middlesex and Sussex Federations for copies of their News letters, also to Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells for theirs. Thanks also to Michael Thompson for printing and distributing the Bulletins, and to our Advertisers - do mention the KFPS Bulletin when contacting them. Incidentally, I typed my telephone number on page 3 incorrectly in the last issue. It is 01732 - 357065

Two readers have been in touch following my enquiry about postal labels, thanks to both. 17 club reports this time - but 5 reports not to hand!

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DIARY DATES 2013

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

- MAY 5 Sevenoaks Stamp Fair, Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Rd.
MAY 6 Crowborough Stamp Fair (RTW P/S) All Saints Church Hall, Crowborough
MAY 10 Strand Stamp Fair, at Royal National Hotel, Nr Russell Square, London WC1
MAY 18 Chris Rapley Fair, at Sittingbourne, Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, ME10 1JB
MAY 18 Kent Fed Seminar - "P/H of the Mediterranean" by John Lea, at Wainscott
MAY 27 Chris Rapley at Felbridge Village Hall, Crawley Down Rd, Nr East Grinstead
JUN 1 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
JUN 2 ditto... at Meadows School, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, London Rd, TN4 0RJ
JUN 7 Strand Stamp Fair (Note: now on a Friday !)
JUN 8 "Swinpex", St Joseph's School, Ocotol Way, Swindon,
JUN 15 West Malling Mini Stamp Fair, Clout Memorial Hall, West Malling.
JUN 15 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
JUN 29 Kent Fed. Seminar - "Booklets of G.B." by Ian Harvey, at Wainscott.
JUL 6 Beckenham Stamp Fair. Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
JUL 6 "Midpex" Warwickshire Exhib. Centre, Fosse Way, Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN
JUL 12 Strand Stamp Fair, Royal National Hotel, London
JUL 12/13 "Thematrix" at Chessington, King George Field Indoor Bowls Club KT9 1TR
JUL 20 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
JUL 27 KENT FEDERATION DAY & A.G.M. (note - revised date) hosted by
The Federation at Borden School, Sittingbourne. ME10
AUG 3 Beckenham Stamp Fair. Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
AUG 16 Strand Stamp Fair, Royal National Hotel, London
AUG 17 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
AUG 26 ditto... at Felbridge.
SEP 1 Sevenoaks Stamp Fair, Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Rd
SEP 7 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
SEP 13 Strand Stamp Fair, Royal National Hotel, London.
SEP 18/21 Autumn Stampex (France & Cols), Design Centre, Islington, London. N 1
SEP 21 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
SEP 28 KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY at East Malling Village Hall.
OCT 5 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
OCT 11 Strand Stamp Fair, Royal National Hotel, London.
OCT 13 Chris Rapley at Southborough.
OCT 19 ditto.... at Sittingbourne.
OCT 26 Kent Fed. Seminar - "The Boer War", by Richard Stock, at Wainscott.

MORE DIARY DATES ON NEXT PAGE

THE NEXT CUT-OFF DATE FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL NEED TO BE THE 1st AUGUST 2013 FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2013 EDITION. Due to holidays etc so please let me have YOUR news, letters, comments, cartoons as soon as possible !

Thank you PJOK.

A VACANCY WILL SOON BECOME AVAILABLE !!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE OVER AS HON. EDITOR OF THIS BULLETIN ?

The Salary is negotiable, but you won't be offered anything, apart from expenses, and the Treasurer keeps a firm check on what you claim. It would be ideal if a volunteer came forward, so we could work together for a couple of issues, prior to my stepping down, after nearly 24 years. Currently we have 3 issues per year, and although not essential, it would probably be easier for some one with computer skills, e-mail, etc and conversant with the Federation. Think about it - please! PJOK.

DIARY DATES 2013 (continued)

NOV 2 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
NOV 15 Strand Stamp Fair, Royal National Hotel, London.
NOV 16 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
NOV 17 ditto... at Felbridge.
NOV 17 Sevenoaks Stamp Fair, Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Rd
DEC 7 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
DEC 8 Chris Rapley Stamps at Rochester, Masonic Hall, Gundulph Square, ME1 1QD
DEC 13 Strand Stamp Fair, Royal National Hotel, London.
DEC 21 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.

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Check these dates BEFORE booking your holidays, so that you don't miss the events.
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FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2014

FEB 19/22 Spring Stampex (Thematic & P/Cs), Design Centre, Islington, London. N1.
MAR 22 KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY Hosted by Bromley &
Beckenham Philatelic Society at Langley Park Boys School, Beckenham
awaited KENT FEDERATION DAY / A.G.M. provisionally to be hosted by KFPS.

SEP 17/20 Autumn Stampex (Germany & Cols) Design Centre, Islington, London. N1.
OCT 4 KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY Dartford Grammar School, DA1 2HW

Make a note in your diary NOW !

CHANGES OF OFFICERS or COUNCIL DELEGATES !

Please remember to advise Michael Dobbs (Federation Communications Officer) OR Grahame Boutle (General Secretary of KFPS) of any relevant changes at your AGM including change of venue, timings of meetings AND AS SOON AS FINALISED, details of YOUR CLUB PROGRAMME FOR NEXT SEASON. You don't have to wait until your programme cards are printed. This will give Michael more time to prepare the next "Club Directory", which it would be of more use, if it can be published for the start of the new season in September. Don't let it be your club to miss out - make sure that YOUR Chairman presses your Hon. Secretary to do it. HELP FEDERATION TO HELP YOU !

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

This Ladies and Gentlemen will be the last time I write to you as President of the Kent Federation. My two year term has really flown by, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the honour. I have been invited to visit most of the Kent affiliated clubs and took great pleasure in meeting so many of our Philatelic community. It was terribly sad that work commitments encroached severely upon my time; with the Olympics, a shortage of personnel and a number of work colleagues being on long term sick leave, meant that I had a truly horrendous work load – a fact of life that I could not change, however I still managed to do my utmost to ensure things ran as smoothly as possible under the circumstances. Oh to be retired in about 4 years time! It has been an honour to serve you all and I look forward to seeing many of you again if invited to display to your society. I feel that the Kent Federation has gained in strength and stature, being one of the best Federations in the British Isles, acknowledged as a front runner by many. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported me during my Presidency.

I hope that my successor as President, John Shaw, of the Eltham & Woolwich P.S. has an enjoyable and successful time and enjoys the position, as much as I have, especially when visiting the various Kent societies. I wish John every success and trust that he will receive your full support.

I have done my very best to serve the Kent Federation for the past two years and will happily assist in any way possible in the future.

Maurice Flack. President 2011- 2013

AND A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

This Summer I have the privilege of being the next President of the Kent Federation a duty which now extends to two years, during which the President is expected to offer to give a display to each of the societies affiliated to the federation. Now I am essentially a stamp collector, rather than a postal historian and my collecting covers mainly the period 1900 – 1950, and what I consider to be “proper stamps”, especially those wonderful pictorials issued, such as the King George VI definitive sets and the beautiful Waterlow issues of Mozambique and Latin America. As a boy I fell in love with these and I have been a slave to the hobby ever since. Some of my collections are a mess, and awaiting the leisure time to sort and mount them, but the selection of displays I can offer to give are as follows:

- (A) Haiti to about 1950, includes some nice proofs and varieties.
- (B) Iraq 1918-1970, again some nice proofs, specimens and varieties
- (C) Union of South Africa 1910-1960, my major interest.
- (D) Airmails of South Africa 1912 to about 1955.
- (E) Paraguay to about 1955, again lots of proofs, colour trials etc.
- (F) Ecuador to about 1950, and (G) El Salvador to about 1950.

The last two items need much work, so I would appreciate not showing these until the 2014/15 season.

Many of you, of course, may never have heard of me; since having moved here from Lincoln only in 2001, I am what one might call a “New boy on the block”. We lived 24 years in the same house in Lincolnshire, having moved there from North Yorkshire, after 37 years in the Royal Air Force; that was followed by 11 years at ‘The Nottingham Trent University’ as a lecturer, after which we moved here to be closer to family. Previous service in Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire means I have been a member of many societies across the land, and made lots of good and lasting friends. Now, I work two days a week in the ‘Expert Rooms’ at the Royal Philatelic Society, a duty that continues to give much pleasure and means that I have contact with things I could not afford. I look forward to serving you as your President for the next two years.

JOHN SHAW.

KENT FEDERATION NEWS A brief summary of the main points raised At the Council Meeting at Larkfield on the 16th March 2013. In the absence of the Chairman (due to a family wedding), the President, Maurice Flack chaired this meeting. Twenty members/ club delegates attended representing only 14 of our affiliated societies. Apologies received from Chrissie Baker, John Shaw, and reps from Deal, Orpington & Isle of Thanet. Thanks were expressed to the Bromley & Beckenham P.S. for a generous donation of £120, following the success of the Autumn Rally they hosted last October. The Hon. Secretary thanked Michael Thompson for distributing the Agenda's for this meeting (sent with Bulletins to club Secretaries - who are responsible for passing them to their club delegate or representative (see below) who is attending the Council meeting) .

Mention was also made, that only 10 Kent clubs were affiliated to the ABPS and one wonders why / (Are they not interested in keeping up to date with Philately ? Is it just apathy, have they no interest in progressing our hobby ? Why do club officers not try to involve their members more, advance their knowledge and move on from the 'novice collector' stage. ? Opportunities are there - but you have to do something not leave everything to others.) It was reported the the Ashford (Kent) P.S. had decided not to continue their membership of the Federation. Their reason being "due to the ongoing situation", no explanation given of what the 'ongoing situation' might be. Reports were also given by other Officers, and dates of forthcoming Rallies, Seminars and suggestions for future Seminars. One nomination has been received for the position of President Elect for 2013/2015, being Michael Thompson. Any other nominations need to be in the hands, (in writing, with the nominees consent,) of the Fedn. Hon Secretary at least on or before the 28th June 2013.



On a show of hands, it was obvious that many delegates had not received the Agenda', Minutes. etc. from their club secretaries; it was proposed that in future two copies would be sent (with the Bulletin) to each club secretary. As club's often do not get around to notifying who their delegate is (or will be), and this would add to costs They are not being sent to delegates - its up to club secretaries to pass them on. The meeting closed at 12.08pm.

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE decided some eight months ago, that it would be helpful to have 'Job Descriptions' for each of it's 'Officer' positions, thus clarifying who does what. This will assist our new Communications Officer, and any future member of the Executive. These have now been completed; for details, please contact Grahame Boutle.

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NUISANCE - A REMEDY ?

Following my comment in the last Bulletin, that it is not easy to remove paper from the back of used Olympic Winners stamps, David Parnall, a Past President who donated the Parnall Cup to the Federation, has written to suggest a way to do this. Please see "Letter to the Editor" page !

OBITUARY

DERRICK LINCOLN

Derrick, who was the Hon. Secretary of the DARTFORD & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB passed away peacefully in his sleep on the night of Thursday, the 7th March 2013. He had been ill for several months, and had a spell in hospital in February, but discharged himself when told by Doctors at the hospital, that there was nothing more they could do for him. He was well cared for as the hospital arranged a proper bed at his home, as well as the visit of two doctors and several nurses each day.

Derrick joined the Dartford & D.S.C. in 1993, took over as Hon. Secretary and as Hon. Treasurer in 2002. He had lived and worked in the area since birth and had always had an interest in stamps from childhood. He was also a member of various Philatelic Societies in the N. W. Kent area, including Bexley, Eltham, Orpington and Sidcup and possibly others, but I am unaware of any 'senior' positions that he may have held elsewhere - I apologise for any omissions. His main collecting interests were of Burma, Concorde and Sudan, and he also regularly attended local stamp fairs. He was well known for leaving club meetings at half time, so that he see his grandchildren before they went home to bed.

Following his retirement, Derrick played Golf regularly in a morning, was also a keen member of the local bowls club, and several Masonic Lodges in the area. Whilst all these clubs have lost a very important member, we have all lost a very good friend, and he will be sadly missed. Godspeed !

We send our condolences to Madge, his wife, who often attended meetings with him, also to his sons and their families, including the grandchildren, of whom, he always spoke so lovingly. It was nice to see, at the Funeral, representatives of several of the clubs of which Derrick was a member.

Steve Alpe.

Steve has taken over as Temporary Hon. Secretary of Dartford and Dist. Stamp Club, pending the appointment of a new Hon. Sec. for the club. He can be contacted at 2a Whitehill Road, Crayford, Kent. DA1 4AA. Home Telephone 01322 284491

ALAN STENNING

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Alan, a long term member, Past President and former Hon. Secretary of the BROMLEY & BECKENHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY has died unexpectedly. He last attended a meeting on March 27th this year. Alan joined the Society in October 1985, becoming a Committee member in 1993, President Elect the following year, President for 1995/6 The taking over as Hon. General Secretary until 2004, when he was elected President for a second term 2004/5. He was a regular attendee at meetings and was one of our Society Delegates at Kent Federation events. He was also a long term member of and Past President of the Insurance & Banking P.S. Our sympathies go to Penny and Alans family. David Rennie.

See also on next page.

OBITUARY

JOHN CARYL

It is with great regret that we report the death at the age of 92 of John Caryl, one of the best known philatelists in Kent. John was born in Chadwell Heath but the family moved to what was then the new town of Dagenham when John was a child. John took up philately at a very early age, but he also had other interests as a young man including model railways. In addition he had musical talent and, together with friends, he started a dance band in which he played the accordion.

His first job in 1939 was at the Chronicle newspaper, but when this folded he transferred to the Daily Express. John was called up in 1940 and joined the RAF in which he was a radio communication officer. He was posted to North Africa and took an active part in the invasion of Tunisia in 1944. By 1945 he was in Rome where, together with other colleagues who had participated in the invasion of Tunisia, he had an audience with Pope Pius XII.

John returned to the Daily Express in 1946 and took up the position of 2nd Buyer in the Buying Department, and eventually reached the position of Head Buyer. He retired in 1985 by which time he and his wife Barbara were living in Herne Bay and both were members of the Herne Bay Philatelic Society.

Soon after retirement John and Barbara moved to Dymchurch where they became members of Romney Marsh Society and, a year later, the Cinque Ports Society. Retirement meant that John could, with Barbara's encouragement, devote his efforts fully to philately. He played an active role in both societies and he was, at various times, Secretary and Chairman of both, and also attended Kent Federation meetings in his role as Federation Representative.

His philatelic interests were wide and included many countries, but it is perhaps for his thematic displays that he is best known. He gave shows throughout Kent and sometimes further afield. His displays on subjects such as Napoleon, Nelson, Queen Victoria, Henry VIII, London and the Spitfire were always entertaining and were notable for the depth of research that went into them. Through these shows, together with John and Barbara's regular attendance at Federation events, they both built up a wide circle of friends. He will be greatly missed by the philatelic community in Kent and our thoughts are with Barbara at this time.

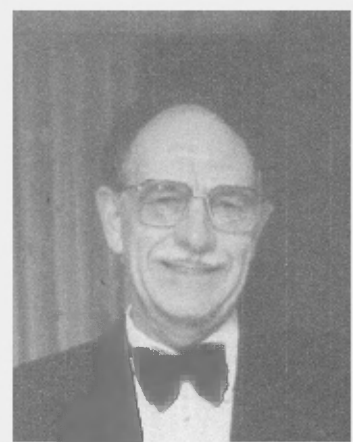
Roger Dickinson

LATE NEWS

DUDLEY PRESTEDGE

Just as this Edition was about to go to press, I have been advised of the death of Dudley Prestedge, a long standing member of the ISLE OF THANET P.S., a Past President of both that club (1984) and of the Kent Federation (1985/6). Until the last three years or so, Dudley was a regular attender at Kent Federation events and he will be sadly missed.

We send our condolences to his family and friends.



THE DAWES CUP 2013. This year the Dawes Cup was hosted by the Essex Federation, and the entries were on show at their Federation meeting held on the 23rd March at Rayleigh. The Judging was done at The Royal P.S. on Tuesday, 19th March by Dr. Alan Huggins and Chris King, both International Judges. The winners were the Sussex Federation, with 375 points, Kent were second, with 367 Points, Essex were third with 348 points and 4th place went to Surrey, with 305 points (the holders, who under the competition rules had to field their 2nd team).

The Kent team comprised :-

| <u>Traditional:</u> | | <u>Points</u> |
|--|--|---------------|
| John Shaw (Eltham & Woolwich PS) | South Africa, A study of the 5/- roto-Gravure Ox Wagon Pictorial 1933-54 | 72 |
| <u>Aerophilately :</u> | | |
| <u>Grahame Boutle</u> (Bromley & Beckenham PS) | Wartime and Early Postwar Proving Flights to and from Australia. | 71 |
| John Crowe (Sevenoaks & District PS) | Pioneer Flights - England - Australia Route | 70 |
| <u>Postal History :</u> | | |
| Chrissie Baker (Cinque Ports) | The Letter Rates of The Grande Poste Within France and The First Empire. | 80 |
| Colin Tobitt (Lewisham PS) | Austria to Switzerland Cross Border Inflation Rates 1921-1925 | 74 |

Congratulations to the Sussex team on their win, and to the Kent team, for a close contest with only 8 points difference between them, and our thanks to the Judges

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SEMINARS IN KENT THIS YEAR These are arranged for YOU, and it is hoped that you will support them; they are ideal for learning a lot more about any specified topic, and offer the opportunity to question those "in the know", whether you are an advanced or a novice collector. Come along and meet other collectors, air your views or give advice - it's an informal gathering of like minded old, or not so old, but younger members are also welcome. £12 provides some expert knowledge, fine displays and a very filling and good buffet with plenty of choice. Contact Maurice Flack to book your seat - telephone 01634-714584. The Seminars Commence at 10am, and usually finish by 4pm. - the venue being the Wainscott Memorial Hall, Holly Road, near Rochester, ME2 4LG.

- MAY 18th "Postal History of the Mediterranean" by John Lea, FRPSL
- JUNE 29th "Great Britain Booklets" by Ian Harvey FRPSL
- OCTOBER 26th "The Boer War" by Richard Stock

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You are nicked ! A man was walking along a street with a computer under one arm, a photocopier under the other and a desk strapped to his back. A policeman stopped him and said "I am placing you under arrest", "Why?" asked the man. "For impersonating an office, sir" replied the policeman.

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G.B. NEW ISSUES ! To celebrate the 150th year of the founding of the F.A. (Football Association) and the establishment of the agreed laws of the game, the Royal Mail are issuing eleven first class stamps featuring “a team” of 11 of Britains most famous players. These will be issued on May 9th, printed by Cartor Security Printing by Lithography. The publicity describes them as ‘key’ players, but one does wonder whether they could play ‘as a team’, particularly as they comprise 7 forwards, 3 half backs, and a keeper - no full backs ! There are 7 English internationals, 2 Scots, one Welshman, and one from Northern Ireland. Four of the ‘team’ played for Manchester United, 2 for Liverpool, 2 for Tottenham, and one each for Leicester, Leeds, and West Ham. They are available in sheet format (apparently not se-tenent), and presentation packs, small booklets (Bobby Moore and George Best, plus four Machin 1st class stamps), Miniature sheets, and a Prestige Booklet, including flag stamps of each of the four ‘Home Countries’. The Prestige Booklet has a shiny protective wrapper.



How many can YOU Name ? Answers are After Society News Round Up (2)

Although not stated in the British Philatelic Bulletin, it is assumed that “the team” may well be se-tenent in the miniature sheet, and possibly the prestige booklet.

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 The Australians are holding “Australia 2013”, a large Philatelic show, and the Royal Mail have decided to issue a ‘Smilers’ sheet of the small blue 1st class ‘Hello’ stamp which they are calling “G’ Day” sheets. The stamps have illustrations attached of various buildings, events etc. which I believe are all Australian scenes. Ideal for Aussie’s in the U.K. or collectors of Aussie material ? 20 x 1st class GB stamps to be issued on May 10th

ANOTHER GB New Issue has portraits of 10 “Great Britons”, all 1st Class values, issued on April 16th and those featured include the 3 illustrated alongside, Vivien Leigh, Peter Cushing, David Lloyd George, others are Benjamin Britten, Richard Dimbleby and William Shankly, plus 4 others whom I have not heard of !

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE ? If so, why not collect some of the recently issued set of Belgian stamps to mark the achievements of the “Belgian Chocolatiers” ? I understand that they TASTE and smell of chocolate ! I do not have details of how many are in the set, but do be warned, they might melt if you stick them in your album.



COMPETITION RESULTS -- LARKFIELD 16th March 2013

THE GRANT CUP Traditional - 8 pages,

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|-----------------|------------------------|---|--------|
| 1 st | MALLING STAMP CLUB | Belgium, the 1946 "VanAcker -10% issues | 82 pts |
| 2 nd | Bromley & Beckenham PS | Ascension Island | 76 " |
| 2 nd | Malling Stamp Club | Crown Colony of Aden, QEII Issues | 76 " |
| 3 rd | Cinque Ports PS | The Camel Postman | 75 " |

Our thanks to the Judges, Lynn & Malcolm Roberts, and Bill Trower, from the Essex Federation, for attending at Larkfield on the day.

The second competition has been declared null and void - there were two entries, but due to a misunderstanding, caused by the relevant information not being listed in the February Bulletin, one was a Thematic entry and one was a Cinderella entry. The error was not noticed until the entries were received. Sorry for the lack of information, and apologies to the two entrants.

The correct schedule for our competitions was published in the February 2012 Bulletin but had been omitted from subsequent issues. Although I had typed details via my Computer of the Spring Rally competitions, I had somehow "lost" the page somewhere in the works. In one way it was fortunate, as the missing page listed incorrect details but this was not published until after the competitions had been submitted, and then it was only released to a few members at the Council Meeting.

THE CORRECT SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IS :-

As we have five 8 page competitions, these are spread over three rallies. The six 16 page competitions are being held over a two year term.

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|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>2013</u> | <u>SPRING</u> | <u>SUMMER</u> | <u>AUTUMN</u> |
| 8 pages | Traditional | Cinderella Postal History | Thematic Aerophilately |
| 16 pages | Thematic | Aerophilately | Traditional |

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The 8 page competitions will be in the same order each year

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| 16 pages | Cinderella | Open Philately* | Postal History |
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NOTES

- 1) Only one 8 page competition each Spring, as space is required when Kent Host the Dawes Cup. The Host club may wish to mount a small display of their choice.
- 2) * Social Philately is no longer, it is replaced by "OPEN PHILATELY" what ever this covers !
When the terms are known, we will publish them in the Bulletin.

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OTHER RESULTS The results of the Autumn Rally 2012, held at Beckenham are shown on another page of this issue - sorry for their omission from the February Bulletin. Does one blame it on the computer or on the operator ?


A Lucky Coincidence !

Mrs Elke Shilling, Hon Secretary of Medway Towns P.S. has sent in a note about a coincidence connected with stamp collecting. The club had an auction last December, and a near neighbour, the Reverend Geoffrey R. Breed, M.A. a former Baptist minister, who had never visited the Medway Towns P.S. had heard about the meeting and enquired if he and his wife could join us for that evening. Mr Shilling had submitted some items to be auctioned, one being a bundle of old letters, which he had chosen from a large box he owned for many years. Below is a letter from Mr Breed to explain the unusual coincidence:

My wife and I were invited last December to the annual auction of the Medway Towns Philatelic Society, in which there were over 150 lots. I noticed one lot, described as "G.B. Box of stamps, letters, etc" with a reserve price of £1, and packed in a square Ferrero Rocher box which, at first sight was the most attractive item in the lot ! Amongst the contents were six envelopes, franked with the 1881 penny lilac stamps,

all a little bedraggled. To my amazement, on opening one envelope, I found 6 tatty looking letters from a John Kemp of Biddenden to a Miss Malvina Day (who later became his second wife). As a Baptist historian, I immediately identified Kemp as the strict Baptist pastor of Bounds Cross Chapel, Biddenden from 1880 until his death in 1932. Perhaps detecting my interest, the bidding rose rapidly and I had to pay £7.20 to secure it. Within days I had sent the letters to John Kemp's biographer, who has transcribed them and having now put them in archival sleeves, has deposited them in The Gospel Standard Baptist Library at Hove. Thus proving that life is not just a box of chocolates

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SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (1)

ELTHAM & WOOLWICH STAMP CLUB Yes, we are still going, and enjoying a regular programme, although sadly, as with most other societies, we are all getting older, and there is very little sign of any "new blood" joining the ranks. We did have a potential new member about 3 months ago, who was warmly welcomed, but alas, we never saw him again! At our A.G.M. last May, which was well attended, it was mentioned that we were one of the few clubs not to contribute to the KFPS Newsletter! We have in previous years appointed a Publicity Officer, and that had resulted in club news being provided to 'Gibbons Stamp Monthly', rather than KFPS, presumably on the basis that we would be "preaching to the converted" and that GSM would reach a wider audience. Cliff Hurst volunteered to provide an update of the club's activities, so hopefully, a more regular record of our activities will be provided! Since Christmas 2011, we have enjoyed displays of Switzerland, by Frank Parsons, and a booking of Pat Parsons to show Kent Postcards turned into an interesting display of Revenues instead. Two of our planned shows had to be cancelled, Tony Hayes (with Poland) had car problems and Ernie Burkin, (with Iceland), due to ill health. Both evenings were rescued with "in house" displays. In April (2012), our Annual competitions were won by Harry Layne, with the cups being presented at our A.G.M. During the summer months we hold monthly meetings, before resuming our fortnightly programme in September. (Editor's note: Here, I received another report, this from Harry Layne - thanks!)



We had a good 2012 season which ended as usual with our Christmas social and now have an average of 10 members attending most evenings, however the auction nights as usual are better attended. This year we got off to a good start on January 10th with members showing "Something beginning with the letters I.C. or H," thus following through the letters of our club title. On January 24th we were entertained with a wonderful display of Gibraltar by John Corderoy, which included many noteworthy items. This was followed on February 7th by a most entertaining and knowledgeable display of Hong Kong by Ernie Warden, including many rare items of both stamps and covers and a nice selection of the Treaty Ports. The meeting on February 21st, was our first Auction Night of the year with some very keen bidding and almost everyone took something home. Tony Neale was our speaker on March 7th and we were nicely surprised with an unusual display, entitled "Aspects of Bavaria", which included many scarce items. On March 21st, Mr N. Crouch gave a display of Persia and Iran, much enjoyed by those present, and again, with many scarce and unusual items. Reports on future meetings will follow in the next Bulletin, to allow for any mishaps or cancellations. Everyone is welcome at our meetings which are held at the St. Mary's Community Centre in Eltham High Street, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Refreshments are also available so do come along and enjoy our facilities.



DARTFORD & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB The New Year started with an excellent display of New Zealand by Graham Brown, one of the best displays we have had for some time. This was followed by a fine auction with most lots finding new owners. In early March we lost our Secretary and Treasurer, Derrick Lincoln, leaving quite a gap in our committee. Fortunately, Derrick was able to name his successor. (see Obituary, on another page). A large number of collectors attended his funeral, including members of his other clubs.

Our April speaker was unable to join us, so we had an impromptu selection of Australian covers. Our A.G.M. is in May, together with competitions and a bourse. Then in June, members are invited to show something connected with the letters M, N, and O. and on July 3rd we hold our 'Summer Auction'.