

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)

ISLE OF THANET PHILATELIC SOCIETY Although numbers are low we have an excellent spirit, and have in recent months, seen some very good displays. At our Christmas 'Get-together' we saw 100 sheets of Christmas related items, presented by 3 of our members. and the results of our January auction were very reasonable. On February 6<sup>th</sup> members were asked to show something connected with the letters 'S' and 'T'. This produced 300 sheets with some very interesting displays by six members out of an attendance of ten. We had displays of a number of Commonwealth countries, with the letter 'S' proving most popular, with items such as Sport, Ships, Serbia, Scouting, and Souvenir sheets from the Stamp Exhibitions of 1963. The letter 'T' produced Transport postmarks on stationery and some T.P.O.s. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, Roger Hoult showed early postcards of Russian Royalty, circa 1900. This was a well written display of some 150 sheets and is worthy of a much wider viewing by other stamp clubs. The second half of the evening was taken by five members who displayed worldwide, FDC's with about 160 items, including, South Africa, G.B., Germany, Russia and Scouting. On March 6<sup>th</sup> Alan Munday gave an evening of "Miscellaneous" - a very interesting collection of philatelic 'bits and pieces', the existence of which many of us were unaware. Then on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, a bitterly cold evening, we had a visit from the Cinque Ports club, Chrissie Baker showed much fine material of Europe from 1840 to 1910, Barry Knight produced a well written display of Jersey, and this was followed by 'The Cornish Riviera Express' train covers. Maurice Flack showed G.B. booklets, the Falkland Islands and finished with a display of the Royal Silver Wedding of 1948. Our A.G.M. is on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and at the time of writing, our programme for next season, 2013/ 2014 is very nearly completed.



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### THE ROMNEY MARSH PHILATELIC & POSTCARD SOCIETY.



Our first meeting of 2013 was in late February, when we displayed our latest acquisitions; which included Warships, Mini Cars, local postcards, King George VI, early railway posters and photographs of the building of Tower Bridge. (some of the latter, having been rescued from a skip !). In early March, we were welcomed to the Deal Philatelic Society's evening meeting at which we displayed 'Army Communications' on covers, the Lady Boats, History of the R.A.F., Rhodesian Views, and Corals & Fungi. We went home having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Back on home ground, we only had 4 members turn up on March 13<sup>th</sup> for our 'Letter K' evening - very disappointing ! On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Brian Dorne, from Saltwood came to show us his slides - "Views of Statues, and Buildings etc, on a journey from Dover to Dungeness". Something different, but very interesting and enjoyable. It got everyone talking. In April we held our Philatelic competition and are now looking forward to our annual joint meeting at Rye, with the Hastings and East Sussex Philatelic Society, on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This always includes an auction at the end of the evening.

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### FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS

Back row:- Jimmy Greaves, John Charles, Gordon Banks, George Best, John Barnes.  
Front row: Kevin Keegan, Dennis Law, Bobby Moore, Bryan Robson, Dave Mackay, and Bobby Charlton.

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)

MEDWAY TOWNS PHILATELIC SOCIETY In January, our President, Richard Barnard entertained us with a brief autobiography illustrated by some photo's taken as he met personalities, such as Henry Cooper and Barry Sheene, followed by a wide variety of material in the "What Else Do You Collect?" category. Included were trade cards, cigarette cards, model cars, bottle tags from Bell's Whisky, and miniature 'Coco Cub' figures. Edwin Jarvis then showed a number of everyday coins painted in enamel and enclosed in protective resin. Colin McQuaid completed the evening with an accumulation of covers with various instructional markings, including postage dues, damaged envelopes, unclaimed items and many other interesting cachets. February was competition night, at which John Mortimore won the Challenge Cup with his display of 'Camel Post', Henry Steer won the Thematic Cup, with 'Royal Navy Ships Badges'. Eddie Shilling was the winner of the Cinderella Trophy with 'German Revenues and Tax Stamps'. It was most encouraging to see more members entering each of the three competitions. Then in March, Frank Parsons showed Switzerland, including early embossed Postal Stationery, some cards advertising Suchard's chocolate, flight covers from 1919, and items from some International Organisations with their Headquarters in that country. We also saw some Cinderella material - an outsize 19<sup>th</sup> century coach ticket, and several colourful 'Festival' sets of postcards and military cards. 'Members Night' in April produced ten displays with a surprising variety of material being shown.



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BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY Our mid January meeting with Mike Slamo due to show G.B. Victorian issues had to be cancelled due to snow, so the New Year did not get underway until the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, when we had a visit by the Royal Tunbridge Wells PS. Nigel Gooch showed a fascinating collection of Iran, and how their Postal Service developed. Suzanne Targett, gave a thematic display entitled "Famous Women on Stamps" including a history of the suffragette movement. Peter O'Keeffe gave a presentation of Frama type machine produced French postal labels - these included Euro values correctly used from French overseas territories of Guadeloupe, Reunion, and Martinique, all of which are included as 'departments' of France, and use the French postal system. Our auction on February 15<sup>th</sup>, netted a profit of £130 on total sales of £1032. One lot, a four margin penny black (with an ironed out small corner crease) realised £35, and a KGV1 £1 Silver wedding went for £22, (£7 over the reserve). On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Nigel Chandler presented his "Fun with Philately" which covered postwar German stamps issued by the occupying powers. Many of these stamps were printed in the United States, some in Great Britain, and some in France. Parcel services did not start until February 1946. The second half of his show had a varied selection of items from, Tobago, Cayman Islands, Latvia and Montserrat. Then on March 15<sup>th</sup> we had a visit from Swale P.S., Brian Day showed World Airmails, Chris Rapley showed GB George VI occupied Channel Islands stamps, including bisects, amended date slugs on hand cancels, (ie. cutting an 0 vertically in half to make a rough and ready figure 1, for use in 1941. Highlights of our forthcoming meetings include competition night on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dr R. de Vekey showing Postal Mechanisation on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 'Russia' by M. Sherwood-Jenkins on July 5<sup>th</sup>, and our traditional end of season auction on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

On February 6<sup>th</sup> we had a look at Canada & Newfoundland, with various displays by members, lead by Gordon Darby and Richard Hart, plus a non collector, David Elliott, who had inherited a collection from his Grandfather, who lived in Newfoundland from 1912. David also lived there for a few years and was able to tell us about his early experiences, and show a few items of philatelic interest. Ian Marshall was our guest speaker in March, with an excellent display of early GB stamps and postal history (including much Scottish P/H), including a marvellous collection of the penny blacks, etc. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we were taken back to Canada by Brian Stalker, with a fine display and talk about the 'Great Western Railway of Canada' - a very detailed history of the development of railroads in the centre of Canada. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter High, President of the Forces Postal History Society is to show us 'Hospital Ships' - the story of various types of vessels from Sailing Ships and Barges to Ocean Liners, converted into mobile hospitals during conflicts in many parts of the world - quite an interesting and rarely told story. Then on June 5<sup>th</sup> we have our A.G.M. and an auction, followed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> when it's the "President's Night". We close down then until September 4<sup>th</sup>.



### LEWISHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the New Year was on January 15<sup>th</sup>, when we had the letter 'L', members produced plenty of varied and unusual items. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Frank Simpson displayed 'The German City of Goslar' - a World Heritage Site, with many fine colourful architectural buildings, and although not a large town, well worth a visit especially if you have a camera. The Malling Society were our guests on February 19<sup>th</sup>, with a varied Selection of items on display. March 6<sup>th</sup> was competition night, with



Grahame Boutle and Maurice Flack as the Judges. We also had a bourse. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, we reciprocated by sending a team to display to the Malling Society. Then on March 20<sup>th</sup> Cliff Hurst showed us 'Newfoundland' - an new area that many members had not seen before. (March was a busy month, !). Barrie Cook displayed "British Post Offices in the Arabian Gulf" on April 2<sup>nd</sup> - another interesting and not often seen area. We are looking forward to Tony Neale displaying 'Bavaria', on April 16<sup>th</sup>, then we have our A.G.M. on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### MALLING STAMP CLUB

Our February meeting was competition night, with Malcolm Buller winning with an entry entitled "Kent Connections". Suzanne Targett was second with "Great Americans". Michael Thompson, was third with "British European Airways Mail". In March, we had a visit from the Lewisham P. S. - there is a popular belief that the members of Lewisham only collect Germany, but their team proved that this is not the case! They showed Postal History of the K.D.F., Polish Refugee Mail, Modern Stamps of Kenya, and Royal Mail Parcel and Parcel Force labels.



### DON'T BE LATE !

A man standing next to me at a car boot sale asked a stall holder the age of an item. She said that she did not know, it had been purchased by her late husband. As the man started to walk away, she shouted after him "Hold on, he's here now" "But you said he was your late husband" the man protested. "He is", she insisted, "He should have been here half an hour ago" she replied !

## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)

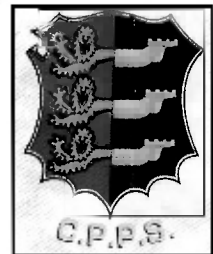
GRAVESEND STAMP CLUB Our meetings in January were firstly, "Presidents Afternoon", given by Michael Thompson, and secondly, "Competitions & Members Displays Evening". Unfortunately, there were very few competition entries so the cups were not presented this year. The first meeting in February was a visit by the Maidstone and Mid-Kent P.S, represented by Tony Davis and Colin McQuaid. Colin also brought his stock along. Later in February we held our A.G.M., at which, all the current officers were re-elected; We also decided to hold only one meeting during the winter months, and these would be in the afternoon, commencing at 2,30pm. In March we had a well attended auction, with a particularly good selection of lots on offer, with boxed lots proving very popular. There were a number of visitors from other clubs and most people went home with at least one purchase. Later in March the "W.A.Page Memorial Display" was entitled "The Munich Crisis", given by Tony Hickey - an excellent and very informative display.



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MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT PHILATELIC SOCIETY Our Evening meetings this year have been 'Gibraltar', by Bob Higgins, "What Else Do You Collect" - a members evening, 'Mexico', by Ray Barton, another members evening, this time Countries with 'land' in their name, and "A Touch of Blarney" by Ray How. In addition, our morning meetings continue to be well attended. 'The Grant Cup' was held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, with 6 entries - the winner was Ernie Warden with Hong Kong Treaty Ports. The Revell Cup also attracted 6 entries, with Lewis Giles winning it With "Survey Flights of New Zealand"



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CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY The New Year got off to a brilliant start on January 7<sup>th</sup> with joint displays by President Mary Cockburn and President Paul Cahill. Mary's display included items of the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway, Bletchley Park and French Colonies, and Paul showed United States Airmails, and the Canal Zone Both provided a nice selection with plenty of interest. January 21<sup>st</sup> proved to much for our members to brave the Arctic conditions, with only our speaker, the "Antarctic Explorer" Harry Ward "Shackleton" managing to reach the club's meeting venue - sorry Harry !



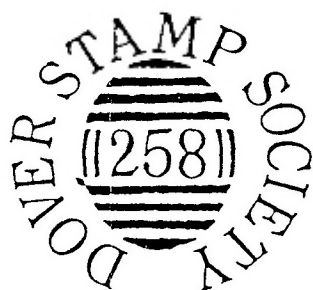
Our programme for February 4<sup>th</sup> showed "Glory Box Find", and this brought a brilliant response from members with a wide variety of finds, perhaps the best was a Penny Black, which had been purchased for 11/- back in 1959! a lucky break! On February 18<sup>th</sup> we had a mini auction whilst 15 competition entries were being judged by Colin Tobitt, Bob Higgins and Maurice Flack (who kept quiet about it being his birthday). Then on the 20<sup>th</sup>, our team of Paul Dickenson, Barry Knight and Maurice Flack visited the Ashford P.S. giving various displays. On March 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Hedley was our speaker, with a superb display of Austria, and on March 18<sup>th</sup> Colin Tobitt was back to display "Pneumatic Mail". Colin had many questions to answer, as few of our members were aware of such a scheme. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, our team of Chrissie Baker, Barry Knight and Maurice Flack visited the Isle of Thanet P.S. with their displays (see IOT report for details). Lindy Bosworth is to show Czechoslovakia on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we have our annual joint meeting with the Hastings and East Sussex P.S. at Rye on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (6)

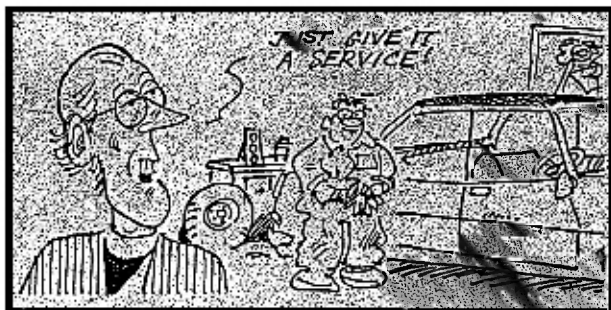


SWALE PHILATELIC & POSTCARD SOCIETY We met at our new venue, The Masonic Hall, Albany Road, Sittingbourne on February 8<sup>th</sup> when our guest speaker was Colin Such, a Director of Warwick & Warwick, the Philatelic Auctioneers. Colin gave a 'power point' presentation of stamps, covers and postcards, plus various other items sold by his company. On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Chrissie Baker, the Federation Chairman was our visiting speaker, but your correspondent was unable to be present, and offers apologies to Chrissie for not being able to provide a report. (Editor's note: I believe that Bryan was unwell, and hopefully is now fully recovered). On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Bob Appleton gave an interesting display of the Gravesend Ferries, with cards of every ferryboat from 1855 to modern times. Bob's knowledge of the ferry service and the area is outstanding. Afterwards, his wife showed silk embroidery cards. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of Swale members visited the Bexley Society. Our member, Eddie Scott was our speaker on March 22<sup>nd</sup> giving his display, and a history lesson of German States, from 1830-1852 through to Wurttemberg with stamps and cards of Postillions and Postmasters of various states from 1793 to 1893. His second half was from 1919 through the inflation period up to 1933 and then on to Hitler's Third Reich, 1933-45, including Hitler's family tree. On 4<sup>th</sup> April, our postcard Secretary, Bob Turcan, displayed cards and photos of Rochester which he used for his book 'Rochester Through Time'. He spoke about the research he undertook, and details of the Cathedral, founded in 604 AD, the Castle, Eastgate House, Restoration House, Corn Exchange and The Royal Victoria and Bull Hotel. There were photo's of the Sweeps Festival and Dickens Festival. Bob gave a good account of his research. Martin Lynes is to visit us on April 19<sup>th</sup> showing Military Mail, and our final meeting of this season, our A.G.M. and competitions is on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.



DOVER STAMP SOCIETY Unfortunately our meetings have not been attended as well as usual during recent weeks, largely due to adverse weather conditions. On three occasions our monthly gatherings coincided with particularly unpleasant downpours and on one occasion, snow caused us to cancel a meeting. However, the first two meetings of the New Year were well attended; the letter 'M' members evening produced very varied displays ranging from the 'Marianne' issues of France, to Malta, and the GB Millennium issues.

We have also had a visit from our friends and near neighbours the Cinque Ports P.S. - arriving with a large contingent and providing a very entertaining evening. In early March, we had a fine night for once and seven members enjoyed a trip up the M20 to display to the Ashford Society. We received a very warm welcome and renewed friendships started by their visit to us in October last. At the time of writing, we look forward to our Annual Dinner, which is usually well supported, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and also to visiting speaker Peter O'Keeffe, who has kindly offered to come down all the way from Tonbridge, to show us "Rhodesia".



### THE LINGLEY SHIELD 2013

There were three nominations for this years award - a decision has been made, and the winner will be announced on "Federation Day" at Sittingbourne on July 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a very close vote with only one vote between the first and second.

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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS PHILATELIC SOCIETY Our evening meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> saw Peter O’Keeffe show a wide variety of G.B ‘Official Paid’ covers and cards from the 1857 to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – an unusual collection, but never the less postal history ! On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Graham Booth gave us a very interesting display of ‘West Indies Maritime Mails’ comprising stamps and covers, many of the latter being transatlantic to the U.K. Nigel Steer took us to the ‘Land of the Vikings’ (Norway) on April 11<sup>th</sup> with a fascinating display and a detailed history of that area. We have Brian Baldock showing ‘The History of Australia’ on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and J. Armstrong is our guest on June 13<sup>th</sup>, with ‘Post Horse to Post Bus’, Ray Barton joins us on July 11<sup>th</sup> to show his ‘Mexico’ - a country not previously shown at Tunbridge Wells PS On August 8<sup>th</sup> we welcome Derek Mauri to show us his collection of ‘the American Civil War’. Meanwhile our morning meetings continue, with an attendance around 12 to 15 members and a full and interesting programme. Tony Hickey showed ‘The Austrian Anschluss’ on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and John Dann displayed ‘Fiji’ on 21<sup>st</sup> March, followed on April 18<sup>th</sup> by Mike Slamo showing ‘St.Pierre et Miquelon’ – a French Colony, and with a name like that (which is rather long) they had to over-print their first stamps with the initials S.P.M. on French Colonial stamps. (Somehow this reminds us of spam!) On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Gaskell is to show ‘British Borneo’ then on June 20<sup>th</sup>, John Rawlings shows us German Maritime Mail 1933-39. We have the ‘1971 British Postal Strike’ by Maurice Shorten on July 18<sup>th</sup> and another visit by Mike Farrant on August 15<sup>th</sup>, showing more of his ‘German East Africa’



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KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP In January we had our




regular meeting at Hurst Green, and being just over the County border, into Sussex; our chosen topic was ‘Brighton’, but the weather (snow, and more forecasted) rather deterred a number of members from turning out. The A.G.M. and auction was at Challock (near Ashford) Village Hall on April 6<sup>th</sup> was better attended - the current Officers and Committee were re-elected for a further term. The mini auction (and it was mini, this time) did have one or two interesting items. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a

meeting at Sevenoaks (Red Cross Hall) when Roger Vaughan (Surrey) is to show us his collection of Surrey material. Members are of course invited to bring along any new acquisitions. On September 21<sup>st</sup> we are at Sandling, when Pat Parson’s will display ‘Court’ material - this relates to legal documents (of bygone days) etc., and again members may care to show any new acquisitions. Our final meeting of the year is at Leeds Village Hall (not in Yorkshire), when we hold our main auction, with some 250 to 300 lots on offer. Interested in local postal history ?? Why not come to one of our meetings, which are in different parts of the County, or fairly close by. Contact John Weston, on 01732-358163

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Postally cancelled,  but what is it? Where did it Come from ?



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HERNE BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY Way back early in the season, the Medway Society visited us with three very different displays, firstly a look at a century of German Postal History from 1849, followed by a display of Gibraltar along similar lines, but with stamps, and finally, a look at the Dutch East Indies, which later became Indonesia.



Two evenings have been taken up with alphabetical issues. P, Q & R, produced Railway stamps, Russian Revenues, Russian Postal Stationery, Stamps from Raratonga, and Papua New Guinea, Portraits of H. M, the Queen with their sources, and Revolutionary stamps of Czechoslovakia.

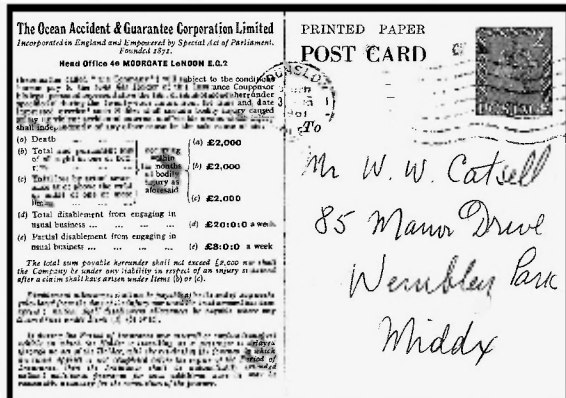
S and T provided displays of stamps from the Czech Army in Siberia, the Sudetenland, The South African 'bantam' issues, and 'Trains of the World'. The President's display for the year was 'Gold Coast' as used in Toga, with a selection of Postal Stationery, including Toga in the second half. More recently, we had a display of Switzerland, from Frank Parsons, which showed a different aspect of that country, with Postal Stationery and Postal cards at the forefront with examples of many of the early stamps also being shown. The Society also held a postcard evening which produced four displays, all different, Chinese postal cards, cards from the 'Nostalgia' series of the 1900's, embroidered cards from many European countries showing various Costumes and a miscellany of cards from the first twenty years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the first world war and it's aftermath with various memorial cards that were the vogue at the time. We also had a couple of auctions thrown in for good measure.

A 'not so posh restaurant' A wealthy customer called a waiter over and complained that it was "rather chilly in here, please turn down the air conditioning". The waiter said "No problem Sir". A few minutes later, the man complained again, "now I am too warm," "Right" said the waiter "I'll see what we can do". But soon the customer was complaining that it was chilly again. A patron at another table whispered to the waiter "I commend you for your patience, that guy is certainly keeping you busy". "No he's not" said the waiter "We don't even have air conditioning!"

## TRAVEL INSURANCE CARDS

## CAN YOU HELP ?

I have a small collection of the Postal Stationery cards which were issued to provide last minute travel insurance cover. These were, I believe available only for a single journey and gave cover for a premium of a few pence. The insurance was available



at Airports, Harbours, Train stations etc. but I am unsure as to whether they were issued by travel agents with enclosed offices at the place of departure, or from stand-a-lone machines in the open. Both the Phoenix Assurance and the Ocean Accident companies offered this cover; I have written to both, but their Archivists have been unable to answer my queries. It seems this cover was available at least between 1952 to the early 1970's, with cards having KGVI, QEII pre-decimal and decimal 'stamps' printed

on the cards. Does anyone remember them? I would love to have a photo of the machine that issued them.

Peter O'Keeffe

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**OVERDUE REPORT - COMPETITION RESULTS FOR THE AUTUMN RALLY 2012, HELD AT BECKENHAM ON 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER LAST.**

My apologies for omitting this paragraph from the February Bulletin - having typed it out, I "lost" it somewhere in the computer - I don't know how!

You will see that the Judges felt that there were entries in two competitions which earned equal points. Well done to those entrants, but the Executive Committee feel that we should ask future Judges to add or deduct one point from such entries, to ensure that we have outright winners and placings so that we do not end up with equal points.

The results of the three competitions held at the Autumn Rally at Beckenham were :-

FRANCIS FIELD AEROPHILATELY TROPHY

8 pages - 6 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	CINQUE PORTS	North Atlantic Catapult Mail 1929-1932	81 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bromley & Beckenham	Adelaide-Cowell - 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1934	79 "
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malling	Lundy Island - The Atlantic Coast Air Service	
		The 1936 Large Map Issue	77 "

THE PARNALL THEMATIC CUP

8 pages - 7 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	MALLING	The Deadly Bow & Arrow	79 points
2=	Bromley & Beckenham	St. George, England's Patron Saint	75 "
2=	Cinque Ports	Submarines & Submersibles	75 "
2=	Malling	The Frog	75 "

THE ARTHUR JACKSON POSTAL HISTORY CUP 16 pages - 6 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	CHRISSIE BAKER (Cinque Ports)	The General Post Office of France during the Revolution & the First Empire 1789 - 1815	87 points
2=	Frank Schofield (Bromley & Beckenham)	Postal History of the British Army in Italy during WWI	84 "
2=	Colin Tobitt (Eltham & Woolwich)	Austrian 1935 Postager Dues usage during the "Ostmark" - 4 <sup>th</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> July 1938	84 "
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hugh Johnson (Gravesend)	Transatlantic Mail	83 "

Our thanks to the two judges, Lyn Roberts and Bill Trower, both from the Essex Federation who did the judging on the day at Langley Park School, also to the competitors, without whom we would not be able to keep up such a high standard. Well done to all.

NORTH WEST KENT POSTCARD CLUB The next meetings are:-

May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Club outing to Maidstone Postcard Club
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Smaller Channel Islands by Michael Thompson
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Austro Hungarian Navy during WWI by Mrs Lindy Bosworth.
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gravesend revisited by Mr Bob Appleton.

Enquiries to Julie Lester, 01474-325507

HINDSIGHT !

Whilst holidaying in Arizona, a group of British Tourists spot a cowboy lying by the side of the road, with his ear to the ground. "What's going on here?" they ask. "Two horses - one grey, one chestnut - are pulling a wagon, carrying two men" says the cowboy. "one is wearing a red shirt, the other, a black one. They are heading East". "Wow!" says one of the tourists, "You can tell all that by just listening to the ground?" "No" replies the cowboy, "they just ran over me!"



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Devon, 12/2/2013

Dear Peter,



I have just received my copy of the Bulletin and see that I could get it on line, so leave me off your Postal list.

I see that some members are having trouble with the Olympic stamps, so will give you the correct way to get them off, unharmed. You need one watermark tray or similar, one can of lighter fluid and some talcum powder on a piece of paper. Put some fluid in the tray and then put in the stamp, cover it with the fluid and wait about a minute. Insert tweezers under one corner and the stamp should lift away. Catch the corner and peel the paper from the stamp slowly. This is important as it means the stamp is kept straight. When the stamp is off paper, put it on the powder to take up the gum. Result, a perfect stamp!. I have done this and have over 20 clean stamps. I hope the above tip will be of use.

Best wishes, David Parnall.

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Editors note: Thanks David, Has anyone else tried this method? What is however disappointing is that I have so far only received one Olympic Winners stamp on mail sent to me, and none have appeared in club packets - collectors do not seem to have to want to use them on their mail! Nice to hear from you, and trust that you are keeping well. Regards.

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No other letters for this Bulletin - has nobody anything to say? Do drop me a line sometime - it gets lonely typing all the Bulletin, tucked away with this old computer, which still has a mind of it's own, and the instruction books don't seem to have an index about how to correct the errors, either I or 'it' makes, however I am slowly winning - just !

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## CLUB PROGRAMME LISTING - MAY 10<sup>th</sup> to NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>

Overleaf is a listing of the Programme for each club that has submitted details for the period mentioned. If YOUR club is not shown, it means that either your programme for next season has not yet been completed, or that someone has not forwarded details to Michael Dobbs our Communications Officer.

Michael writes "Should you wish for your club meetings and events publicised in both the Bulletin, and the KFPS Directory, please send any amendments or changes and future programmes as they are agreed (i.e. before you get your programme card printed) to me, either by post or e-mail ([michael.dobbs@ntlworld.com](mailto:michael.dobbs@ntlworld.com)). This is a 'rolling diary' which I can only keep up-to-date with your help".

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**NOTE:** We have details for December meetings, from Malling (10<sup>th</sup>), Sidcup (10<sup>th</sup>) T/Wells (12<sup>th</sup>) NW Kent P/C & Gravesend (13), and T/Wells (19) but no space to Include them this time.

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**Proverb :- Before you marry, keep both eyes open! After you marry, close one !**  
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DATE	SOCIETY	TITLE OF DISPLAY	SPEAKER / EVENT	Wed	3	Sevenoaks	President's Evening	Peter O'Keeffe
<b>May 2013</b>								M. Sherwood-Jenkins
Fri 10	Gravesend	British Revenues & Licences	Mrs P Parsons	Fri 5	5	Bexley	Russia	
Mon 13	Dover	Quiz Evening		Fri 5	5	Herne Bay	Summer Bourse	
Mon 13	Medway Towns	Buses and Trams		Tue 9	9	Malling	Summer Auction	Members
Tue 14	Malling	Club visit from Basildon	Chris Dadswell	Wed 10	10	Bromley & Beck	Postcards	Ernie Warden
Tue 14	Sidcup	Summer Auction		Wed 10	10	Romney Marsh	Hong Kong	Ray Barton
Wed 15	Thanet	AGM & Small Bourse	Members	Thur 11	11	Tunbridge Wells	Mexico	Maurice Shorten
Thur 16	Maidstone	Club visit from Bexley		Thur 18	18	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) 1971 British Postal Strike	
Thur 16	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) British Borneo	Jeremy Gaskell	Fri 19	19	Bexley	Auction	
Fri 17	Bexley	Postal Mechanisation	Dr Bob de Vekey	Sat 27	27	Sittingbourne	Kent Federation Day & AGM	Michael Thompson
Sat 18	KFPS Seminar	Mediterranean Area	John Lea	Mon 29	29	NW Kent PC	The Smaller Channel Islands	
Mon 20	Cinque Ports	AGM & 1 Page Competition		<b>August 2013</b>				
Mon 20	NW Kent PC	Club outing to Maidstone Postcard Club		Mon 5	5	Cinque Ports	"Er Um?" Summer Social	Members
Wed 22	Bromley & Beck	AGM & Presidents Competition		Thur 8	8	Tunbridge Wells	American Civil War	Derek Mauri
Fri 24	Herne Bay	GB with a difference	Don Davies	Fri 9	9	Herne Bay	Club Auction	
Fri 24	Swale	AGM & Competitions: Postcard & Members Cups		Tue 13	13	Malling	Horse Racing	Mr C Ayers
Tue 28	Sidcup	Club visit from Leytonstone & Wanstead	John Edwards	Wed 14	14	Bromley & Beck	Design & Printing Errors	Members
Wed 29	Romney Marsh	Postcards		Wed 14	14	Romney Marsh	Members Evening	Members
Thur 30	Maidstone	Awaiting advice of a change ----		Thur 15	15	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) German East Africa	Mike Farrant FRPSI
				Fri 30	30	Malling	Annual Dinner	Members
<b>June 2013</b>				<b>September 2013</b>				
Sat 1	Kent PHG	Surrey PH & New acquisitions	Sevenoaks	Tue 10	10	Malling	Licences and Revenues	Mrs P Parsons
Mon 3	Dover	AGM & Bourse		Tue 10	10	Sidcup	Anything Goes	Members
Mon 3	Cinque Ports	Club visit from Dover		Wed 11	11	Romney Marsh	Start of 2013/14 Season	
Mon 3	Medway Towns	Canada	Hugh Johnson	Thur 12	12	Tunbridge Wells	Club visit from Bexley	
Wed 5	Dartford	Letters M, N & O are for ...	Members	Thur 19	19	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Club visit from Hastings	Sandling
Wed 5	Sevenoaks	AGM & Auction		Sat 21	21	Kent PHG	Court Material by Pat Parsons	Mrs Lindy Bosworth
Thur 6	Maidstone	AGM Cheese & Wine		Mon 23	23	NW Kent PC	Austro-Hungarian Navy VVV1	John Corderoy
Fri 7	Bexley	AGM & Members Displays	Members	Tue 24	24	Sidcup	Gibraltar	
Fri 7	Herne Bay	AGM		Sat 28	28	Malling	40th Anniversary Stamp Fair, East Malling & KFPS AUTUMN RALLY.	
Tue 11	Malling	Israel		<b>October 2013</b>				
Wed 12	Bromley & Beck	Anything South of the Equator	Mr J Corderoy	Tue 8	8	Malling	AGM & Members Displays	Members
Wed 12	Orpington	From Cook to Quantas	Members	Tue 8	8	Sidcup	Autumn Auction	
Wed 12	Romney Marsh	Building a nation: South Africa	John Crowe	Thur 10	10	Tunbridge Wells	President's Evening	Steve Clark
Thur 13	Tunbridge Wells	Post Horse to Post Bus	Chrissie Baker	Thur 17	17	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) 17th-20th Century	John Barker
Fri 14	Gravesend	Summer Auction	J Armstrong	Tue 22	22	Sidcup	Global Adventure	
Mon 17	Cinque Ports	Competition Entries Display	Members	Sat 26	26	KFPS Seminar	Postal History	Frank Parsons
Thur 20	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) German Maritime Mail, 1933-1939	John Rawlings	Mon 28	28	NW Kent PC	Boer War	Richard Stock
Sat 29	KFPS Seminar	G.B. Booklets	Ian Harvey	<b>November 2013</b>				Bob Appleton
				Tue 12	12	Malling	An Evening with .....	Mr A Hoad
				Tue 12	12	Sidcup	KGVI - any country	Members
				Thur 14	14	Tunbridge Wells	AGM & Competitions	
<b>July 2013</b>				Sat 16	16	Kent PHG	Annual Auction	Leeds Village Hall
Mon 1	Cinque Ports	Summer Auction	Members	Thur 21	21	Tunbridge Wells	(AM) Cyprus	Graham Little
Mon 1	Medway Towns	AGM & 1 sheet comp, 5 sheet members' displays		Mon 25	25	NW Kent PC	A Tour of Gibraltar	Bob Higgins
Wed 3	Dartford	Summer Auction		Tue 26	26	Sidcup	An Evening with .....	Chris Ayers

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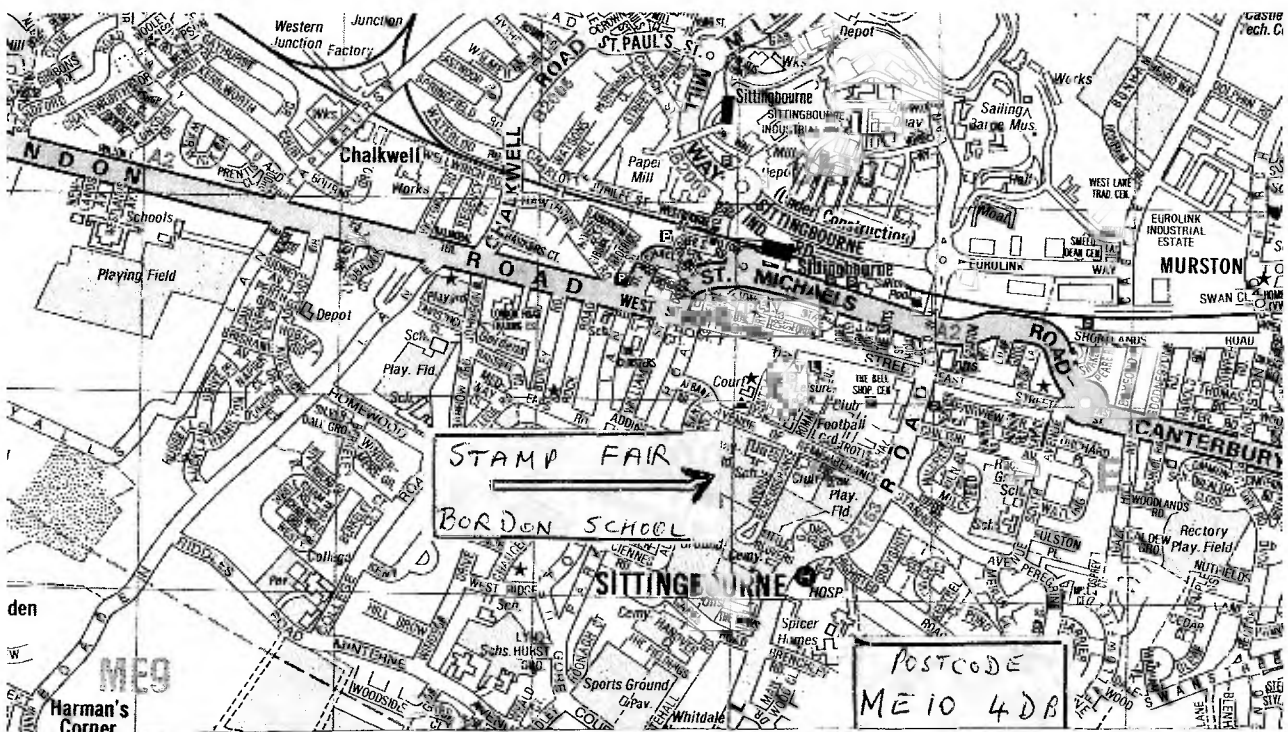
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