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A warm welcome to our first issue of the New Year, as (I hope) you can see that I have learnt a few more tricks with this old computer (I use it only as a typewriter) as it is not ‘On Line’, on the ‘Internet’, does not have ‘broadband’, nor on ‘E-mail’, whatever these new fangled contraptions do, or can be used for. One day, perhaps !

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Past President, Grahame Boutle has been persuaded to retire as our Communications Officer, and has been co-opted, coerced, or whatever to become the Federation Hon. Secretary. (he is also an old codger, and does not have computer connections etc,) but he can be contacted on 020 8658 6790 - or 36 Elwill Way, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 6RZ. We therefore welcome a much younger, Michael Dobbs, who has also been conscripted to fill the vacancy of Communications Officer. Michael has agreed to try (with YOUR co-operation) to produce our much missed CLUB DIRECTORY for the 2013/14 season. Michael can be contacted at;- michaeldobbs@ntlworld.com or on 020 8402 5409 or at 52 Leamington Avenue, Bromley, BR1 5BL. Thanks to both for “volunteering”. Both are members (and Past Presidents) of Bromley & Beckenham P,S.

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Our Chairman, Chrissie Baker has sent me a ‘CD’ of three pages listing the meetings which some of our affiliated societies managed to submit for the Directory, these are printed out in this issue, and may well help club programme secretaries plan for their future meetings. Thanks Chrissie, even I was able to get my machine to read the CD.

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The Autumn Rally at Beckenham seemed to be a success, and was enjoyed, but yet again, the numbers of clubs who fail to support Federation events was noticeable. It is appreciated that certain other commitments might prevent some from attending, but all clubs and their members have sufficient advance notice of the relevant dates ! Is it bad planning, or apathy the reason for not supporting these events ?

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The Spring Rally is being held at a new venue, in LARKFIELD, a few miles west of Maidstone, and hopefully more will turn out on what it is hoped will be a fine spring day. Liaise with a couple of your club colleagues, fill a car or two and all enjoy a day out with other stamp collectors and dealers.

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I understand that one of our Past Presidents, who lives in Cornwall, Dr. Richard Saundry has recently won a Philatelic award, I do not have any details, but well done Dick. ! Incidentally, it would be nice to hear how philately is fairing in your part of the world and what ‘jobs’ you are lumbered with ! Perhaps you might care to drop me a line.

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My thanks to the Essex, Sussex and Middlesex Federations for copies of their Journals and to the Sidcup, Sevenoaks, Swale and Tunbridge Wells clubs for their Newsletters

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As page two of the Bulletin is omitted from the website (it lists details of club Hon. Secretaries etc, perhaps my name and address ought to be shown somewhere so that you know where and how to contact me ! My telephone number is 01732 – 457065 and my address is 8 Stainer Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN10 4DR.

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Finally, I catch up, in years, with Grahame this month, and aging fast (time seems to fly by) wonder if there is anyone out there who would like to take over as Editor of the Bulletin fairly soon, so that we can have a smooth handover, before I’m too old !



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.

- FEB 2 Beckenham Stamp Fair Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
FEB 16 Chris Rapley Stamp & P/C Fair, Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne, ME10 1JB
FEB 20/23 Spring Stampex (Cinderellas/Revenues) Design Centre, Islington, London.
MAR 2 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
MAR 3 Sevenoaks Stamp Fair, Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Rd.
MAR 16 KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY Hosted by the Gravesend & District
Stamp Club at Larkfield Village Hall, near Maidstone.
MAR 16 Chris Rapley Stamp & P/C Fair, Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne, ME10 1JB
MAR 17 ditto....(Nr East Grinstead) Felbridge Village Hall, Crawley Down Rd, RH19 2NT
MAR 23 Essex Fedn. Rally (Dawes Cup) Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 9JB
APR 6 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
APR 13 East Midlands/East Anglia Fed. King Edward VII School, Kings Lynn, PE30 2QB
APR 20 Chris Rapley Stamp & P/C Fair, Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne, ME10 1JB
APR 27 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
APR 27 Stamp Essex 2013. James Hornsby High School, Laindon.
MAY 5 Sevenoaks Stamp Fair, Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Rd.
MAY 6 Crowborough Stamp Fair (Organised by RTW P/S) All Saints Church Hall, Crow
MAY 18 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
MAY 18 Kent Fed Seminar - P/H of the Mediterranean by John Lea
MAY 27 Chris Rapley at Felbridge.
JUN 1 Beckenham Stamp Fair, Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
JUN 2 ditto... at Meadows School, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, London Rd, TN4 0RJ
JUN 8 "Swinpex", St Joseph's School, Ocotol Way, Swindon,
JUN 15 West Malling Mini Stamp Fair The Clout Memorial Hall, West Malling
JUN 15 Chris Rapley at Sittingbourne.
JUN 29 Kent Fed. Seminar - Booklets of G.B. by Ian Harvey.
JUL 6 Beckenham Stamp Fair. Azelia Hall, Croydon Rd, Beckenham
JUL 6 "Midpex" Warwickshire Exhib. Centre, Fosse Way, Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN
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 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 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 13 Chris Rapley at Southborough.
OCT 19 ditto.... at Sittingbourne.
OCT 26 Kent Fed. Seminar - The Boer War, by Richard Stock.

NEXT CUT-OFF DATE WILL BE THE 10th APRIL, for the MAY 2013 issue of the Bulletin. Please let me have your news in good time! Thank you. PJOK.

MORE DATES ON NEXT PAGE

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NOV17 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 21 ditto... at Sittingbourne.

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NEXT CUT-OFF DATE for the MAY 2013 issue of this BULLETIN needs to be the 10th APRIL 2013. Do PLEASE let me have YOUR CLUBS NEWS, or any other items for inclusion in good time. I sometimes start assembling pages before the cut-off date, so any early contributions are welcome. THANK YOU ! PJOK.

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.
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 !

WANTED Amongst the many Philatelic things that I collect/accumulate are postal labels, those issued by France, the G.B. Recorded Delivery types on cover or complete forms, and the G.B Horizon labels, both white and gold colours, including Welsh items. On cover or on paper. If anyone has any they wish to dispose of, I could be interested.
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A Few Words from the PRESIDENT.

The Autumn Rally at Langley Park School, Beckenham on the 20th October last was very good, the weather was fine for a change, and the Bromley and Beckenham P.S. pulled out all the stops to make the day so successful.

The Spring Rally is my penultimate appearance as the Kent President and I step down at the Federation Day event in July, when I hand over to John Shaw. My two years as President has passed very quickly - where does the time go, when you are enjoying yourself?

Larkfield is a new venue for a Kent Rally and I sincerely hope that you will support the event and will find the stamp or cover that you are seeking to fill a gap in your collection.

When you are reading this Christmas will be well and truly over, but I will take this opportunity to you all a Happy and Prosperous 2013.

Maurice Flack, F.R.P.S.L.
President K.F.P.S. 2011 - 2013

NEWS SNIPPETS

John Grant and Linda were spotted at York Stamp Fair - Linda's mother is not well and both have been visiting her up North! Maurice met them last month, and I understand that John will be visiting one of his old haunts, the Maidstone Society soon.

Your Executive Committee considered a proposal that the Federation might hold 'joint' meetings (Rallies) with other 'Non' philatelic societies, with the aim of attracting more visitors, but after discussing this in some depth, it was turned down. In theory this might have some advantages, but would probably have required larger premises, almost certainly needing the venue to be available on the Friday to set up etc. Then one overall organiser supported by a 'small team' representing both organisations to look after their own interests and requirements. However, a jointly organised event with another Philatelic Society would be acceptable. How about YOUR club holding one?

I understand that Michael Thompson was presented with his ABPS award ~~at the Porth Meeting in October last.~~ However, a correction is required, to the report in the last Bulletin, John Shaw was awarded the FRPSL 'London Medal' for outstanding services to their Expert Committee, over many years. (not the ABPS award of merit. Sorry for the confusion and congratulations to both.

Congratulations are also due to our President, Maurice Flack who has recently been awarded a Fellowship of The Royal Philatelic Society, London. It's almost like being Honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours list !!

Don't forget, if you, or your club wish to nominate a member or a friend for the award of the 'LINGLEY SHIELD' (for outstanding service to Philately, through a club or the Federation, nominations should be sent (in writing, not by E-mail) to the Federation Hon Secretary BEFORE the 1st April 2013, with brief details of your reasons.

Please note a change of E-mail address: Our Chairman, Chrissie Baker can now be Contacted on baker_chrissie@yahoo.co.uk

Whilst mentioning E-mail addresses, PLEASE can Club Hon.Secretaries advise either Chrissie Baker or Michael Dobbs (see page 2 for addresses) or Graham Boutle (by letter) of either their E-mail address, OR a reliable club contact address, that can be used, if necessary by the Federation - it is not intended to publish such details and will only be available to Federation Officers. Please do this A.S.A.P. Thank you.

STOP PRESS: Malling Stamp Club are holding their Mini-Fair at the Clout Memorial Hall. West Malling on the 15th June 2013. 10am - 4pm.

THE LINGLEY SHIELD - 2012. was awarded to LEN LASSETTER a long standing member of both the ORPINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY and the KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP. This award is for devoted and outstanding service to any Kent affiliated club, or to the Kent Federation.

Len joined the Orpington Society on the 27th September 1967, and has served on the Committee for several years, he has been Vice President 1974/5 and again since 1998 to the present. President 2001/4, Librarian/Archivist from 1996 until the Library was closed in 2010. He was awarded Life Membership in 2006 has remained a prominent and active member of the club, always ready to help and advise on philatelic matters his knowledge of our hobby is a great asset to our Society.

Len has also been a stalwart of the Kent Postal History Group for over 30 years, and has been either President, Auction Secretary or Committee member for most of that time. Len has had eye and hip operations over the last few years, but still gets to lots of Stamp Fairs whenever possible. He says that for a few years he was a "Dogsbody" helping 'Harmers' in their Stamp Department. His interests are many and varied, but mainly the West Indies, Kent P/H, G.B. and Cinderella items, plus all sorts of other items that take his fancy. He is also a member of the N.P.S., the British West Indies Group, Air Mail Society, and Sevenoaks P.S.

The photograph below was taken on September 12th last, when Kent President, Maurice Flack presented the Shield, together with Kent Fed. Chairman, Chrissie Baker.



NORTH WEST KENT POSTCARD CLUB Our programme for the early part of 2013 is: January 28th - A.G.M. and members displays.

February 25th - Members displays. March 25th - "The Queens" by Colin Wallsgrove

April 22nd - "The Life & Times of Nelson" by Tony Davis.

Visitors are always welcome. We meet at the United Reformed Church Hall, junction of Singlewell Road and Kings Drive, Gravesend (same venue as Gravesend Stamp Club) Commencing 7.45pm for 8pm.

THE LATEST G.B. "NEW ISSUES"

Firstly there are new colours for some definitive stamps: From the 3rd January, the first class and the first class large stamps are now 'Royal Mail Red', the 50p value changed to 'slate grey', and the £1 stamp is now 'wood brown'. For those 'in the know', all the current issues, i.e. 1p,2p,5p,10p, and 20p will now have the Royal Mail iridescent overprint added on all values. (I think this is the wording 'Royal Mail' which you can see if holding a stamp at an angle ?) Even more for the 'Machin' collector !

And there's more: Machin collectors will no doubt want to acquire a 'Definitive Presentation Pack' which outlines the history of definitive stamps, since the Penny Black, including the 'Machins'. The presentation pack costs £3.90.

The 'EUROPA' theme for 2013 is Postal Vehicles, so look out for them fairly soon.

LONDON UNDERGROUND'S 150th ANNIVERSARY Many of you will already be aware of the stamps issued on 6th January for this anniversary, but perhaps fewer will know of the stamps on the miniature sheet. They depict posters used to advertise the Underground and all 4 are illustrated here. For anyone interested in Poster Art, there is an exhibition from February 15th to October 27th at the London Transport Museum close to Covent Garden - £13.50. (£10 concessions) Children (u.16) free. The cost however allows free admission to all the Museum Galleries for a whole year. Members of a mature age living (or who lived) near the Underground may remember some of these posters, but I don't remember seeing any of them !



TWO NEW POST & GO STAMPS At long last they are include a 'Second class' value in these stamps/labels. They will be issued on 20th February - the 1st day of Stampex, but probably will not be available elsewhere until March. They will be coloured blue, and come in 2 formats, ordinary 2nd class (up to 100grms.) and 'large', depending on the appropriate size and postage rate. More 'NEW ISSUE' news elsewhere.

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up to 100g

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FIRST WORLD WAR ANNIVERSARY is in 2014, and to mark this anniversary, the Government have allocated £50 million (assuming the Country, i.e. us, can afford it !) for numerous projects which an advisory board suggests. The 'National Commemorations' will be held on August 4, the day on which Britain joined the war. No doubt the Royal Mail will be issuing (lots of) stamps, so if you collect 'wartime Memorabilia', start saving up your odd pounds now !

MORE NEW ISSUES

ANOTHER POST & GO SERIES A new set, "Water World" shows various 'Pond Life' and is the first of a series of three sets: the first set will be available from the 22nd February. All are 1st class values, with six stamps in each set. These P & G sets seem to have become collectors rarities, and dealers prices are 'taking off', especially with earlier (now obsolete) sets. However many of the General public still seem unaware of them, and even fewer used appear 'on the market'. Have you missed out ?

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A NUISANCE

Have you found it rather difficult to remove the Olympic Winners stamps from the envelopes they have been stuck to ? After much soaking they do not easily peel away, without thinning ! Another reason not to have used, damaged stamps in your collection !

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS ! What must you know to be an Auctioneer ? Lots !
Where should a dressmaker buy a house ? On the Outskirts !
What has a bed, but does not sleep, and a mouth, but does not speak ? A river !

“SERENDIPITY” PART TWO

By IAN NUTLEY

As I pointed out in the last Bulletin, this wonderful hobby of ours occasionally repays the costs in time and money incurred and the hours we spend rifling through dealers albums and boxes. One such memorable occasion happened to me at the big stamp fair in the Javitz Centre in Manhattan in 2001. I get the distinct impression that the ‘big boy’ dealers in the U.S. (Greg Manning, Cherrystone Auctions and Harmers New York, for instance) are the only ones who know anything about non U.S. material. Looking through a dealers box, (where I spotted a pre-stamp of St Helena, filed under ‘Europe’), I came across the cover illustrated! It was flown on the ‘Graf Zeppelin’ on her round flight over Danzig in 1932, I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the four signatures on the left hand side of the card. In addition, the card was flown back to Germany and was cancelled on board on August 1st. I looked in vain for a price, and thought that anyway this clearly this rare item would be beyond my pocket, but ever hopeful asked the dealer “how much?” The dealer, who shall be nameless, took the card in his hand, looked at it with what I can only describe as disdain, and said “Weeel, some schmuck has scribbled on it; Gimme ten bucks!” Resisting the temptation to take his hand off, I took the card and paid him the ten dollars. The ‘schmucks’ who had “scribbled” on it are, from the top: (Straatsrat) Victor Zander, Director of Posts and Telegraph Admin. in Danzig, and one of the three chairmen of the Airmail Exhibition “Luposta” being held in Danzig at the time, Graf (Countess Hella) von Brandenstein-Zeppelin, Count Ferdinand’s daughter who launched the “Graf Zeppelin” on the 8th July 1928, Captain Ernst Lehmann, who later commanded both the ‘Graf Zeppelin’ and the ‘Hindenburg’, and who died of his injuries after the Lakehurst disaster in 1937, and Navigator, Anton Wittemann, designated Captain of the ‘Graf Zeppelin’ in 1937. A dear friend of mine who has devoted a lifetime to collecting Danzig thinks this item is probably unique. I wish I could get to Manhattan on more occasions!!



KENT FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING - 20th OCT. 2012.

A brief summary of the main points raised at the meeting.

THE CLUB DIRECTORY 2012/2013 The Chairman thanked Judith French for her efforts over several years in producing the Directory, but failure to find a volunteer to continue this task, she would try to produce a DIRECTORY herself, listing forthcoming club meetings shortly. (it later transpired that several clubs had failed to submit their details, and only a small version, omitting a list of meetings would be issued - however a list of some meetings is shown in this issue of the Bulletin)

OTHER MATTERS It was mentioned that 7 of our 22 clubs were not affiliated to ABPS: that the 19 entries for today's three competitions came from only 6 clubs: two nominations had been received for the 'Lingley Shield' for 2013, and that the closing date for any other nominations would be 1st May 2013.

FUTURE SEMINARS Few suggestions had been received for these, but consideration was being given to topics for 2014, such as Social Philately, Third Reich, G.B. Postal History, and perhaps another 'Fakes & Forgeries', which had proved popular some time ago. Possibly speakers who might be approached include Gavin Fryer, Christine Earle, and Birthe King. (2014 will mark 100 years since the start of the first World War, is a Seminar connected with this a possibility?)

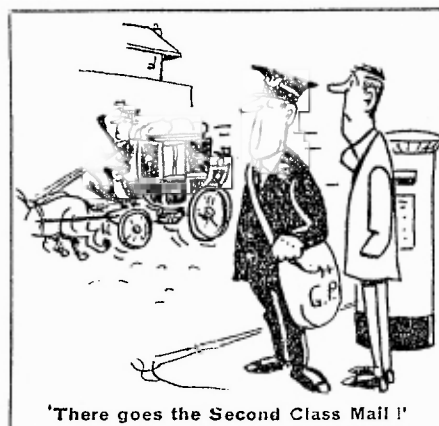
CONGRATULATIONS were due to John Crowe and Bill Hedley who had won Gold Medals in recent competitions at Stampex, and to John Shaw and Michael Thompson, who had won awards for services to Philately.

NEW APPOINTMENTS Since the Council meeting, the Executive Committee have persuaded Grahame Boutle to take on the role of Federation Hon Secretary, and his place as Communications Officer, has been taken by Michael Dobbs, both are members of the Bromley & Beckenham P.S. Our thanks to both of them!

NEW POSTAL MUSEUM ONE STEP CLOSER The BPMA have Announced that Heritage Lottery Fund has confirmed a 'first round pass' as part of a two stage application for financial help, to move its collections into a new home, with development funding of £250,000 being awarded. The new BPMA will be situated in Calthorpe House, near to the Mount Pleasant mail centre, in London. Fund raising activities for the Museum are continuing, and it is hoped it will open in late 2014. (Quoted from the British Philatelic Bulletin - December 2012 issue)

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS How do Penguins drink their cola? On the rocks!
What is the most popular wine at Christmas? "I don't like sprouts"
What happened when Santa's cat swallowed a ball of wool? She had mittens!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



(Extracts from a letter from Dennis Rosser,
our North Wales correspondent, written Oct. '12)

Dear Peter,

I succumbed to signing up for Broadband about 7 months ago and although I was not initially keen on doing so, I have to admit that I find it very useful and I particularly find Google most helpful and informative. Being on Broadband certainly saves on postage and you can send a message to anywhere in the world and promptly receive a reply. I still have to learn the vagaries of using the scanner on my printer so that I can E-mail photos, pictures and similar items - covers, stamps etc.

I joined the Merchant Navy in 1953 and spent four years at sea before 'leaving' a ship in Sydney where I spent the next four years before returning to the U.K. in December 1961. This is leading up to me saying that I am a member of the Gravesend Sea Training School 'Old Boys' Association. They send us a magazine three times a year in the same format as the Bulletin - several A4 sheets stapled together. You will have noticed that I have printed this letter on a couple of pages that I downloaded from the Internet. I did this on purpose so that you could see the quality of how it reproduces. You will see from the copied slip, from the Asst. Editor, that he asks if members on E-mail would be willing to download the magazine thereby greatly reducing costs.

I replied that I like to keep my copy of the magazine in a box file, but if he E-mailed me a copy of the current issue I would download it so I could compare the difference and give him my answer. Well these two pages come via the net and the quality is as good as the copies that came in the post - so 'Yes please' I told him "send me future copies via the net". What I am leading up to is that Mike Thompson could ask the same question to those who currently have the Bulletin by post, and if they are willing to download - then that would save the Federation a few bob too.

We went to a monthly Collectors Fair in Queensferry this morning, only a couple of stalls with stamps and three with postcards - but about 90 other stalls with a mixture of all things collectable. Queensferry is only a 20 minute drive from us on the Flintshire /Cheshire border. This coming Saturday I will be going to a Stamp fair in Shrewsbury with three fellow members of the Mold PS. It is an annual fair and I usually manage to find something of interest.

If it wasn't for the fact that I have gone to the trouble of typing the piece about downloading magazines, I would delete it. Why am I saying this? I have just noticed on the cover of the Bulletin that it gives the Federation website address - so I logged into it- never done that before - and what do you know. I can download the Bulletin from the site - so no need to post me a copy any more!

Maybe Mike has previously mentioned the Bulletin can be downloaded, but as I was not on broadband at the time, I did not take it on board! I see that 13 club secretaries are 'on line' - I wonder if they download? I have rambled on far too much,!

Regards and Best Wishes, Dennis.

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Editor's Note: Thanks Dennis, All clubs have been asked to advise us of their E-mail address, so they can download, but we do not include page 2, which has the full details of club secretaries (for their security) - any communications can be routed through me. Also it is a useful reminder to have a hardcopy available at club meetings so that people know when a new issue of the Bulletin is published! At least one copy will continue to be posted to each club. But ALL who have access can read the Bulletin on line!
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As many of our readers will know, due to poor response by clubs, which together with other reasons caused our compiler, Judith French, to resign from the job, NO LIST was produced last September. However, after several problems, the Federation through the good services of Chrissie Baker, has put together a list of SOME of the club meetings scheduled over the six months from now until the end of August. This appears later in this issue of the Bulletin. Fortunately, Michael Dobbs, a member of the Bromley and Beckenham Phil. Soc. has been appointed as the Federation’s ‘Communications Officer’, and has agreed to produce the Directory for next season. It is therefore up to your club officers to ENSURE that YOUR CLUB submit’s full details (or as much as possible) to Michael, (address is on page two of this Bulletin) BEFORE the middle of AUGUST 2013, so that it can be included, in the new directory, which hopefully will be issued to all clubs by September. The Directory can be very helpful to other club Programme Secretaries, giving them details of who is available to give displays, and what other clubs are seeing. It also offers your members the opportunity of visiting other clubs if there is a particular display you would like to see. This is a service Federation provides, but it is up to your club to contribute to make it worthwhile, failure to take part means that others suffer from YOUR incompetence or lack of consideration. It surely is not too much to ask for your participation ?

One does wonder why so many clubs failed to respond to the requests last Summer for their co-operation ! Looking down the listing I note no details from Ashford, Deal, Edenbridge, Eltham & Woolwich, Gravesend, Kent Postal History Group, & Sevenoaks. (as current President of the latter, I was given to understand that details had been sent but when and to whom, I am unaware - my apologies, I will look into this pronto !) Personally, I preferred the original format for the listing, with the date, (and found it useful to have the day of the week shown), then the host society, followed by the subject or topic. Whether it is easier to produce it in lined columns or ‘open plan’ I don’t know - do YOU have any preference ? Do drop Michael Dobbs a line if you have any constructive suggestions which can be considered.

NOTE: Club Secretaries should have received a brief (shortened) Directory for 2012 –2013 giving an update on (1) A list of Kent Judges, (2) A list of Kent club members willing to give displays, and (3) A list of each club’s delegates to Council.

Note: According to our Constitution (26/10/2009) each affiliated club has ONE delegate to Council, but you will see that some have listed more than one, and one club has none listed. The confusion arises from voting rights allowing one vote per 25 members (or part thereof.) As it stands any other member of a club can vote (in addition to their delegate) based on their ‘paid up’ membership. It is interesting to note how FEW of the listed Delegates have attended Council meetings over the last few years. Perhaps if they are not willing to represent their clubs, they should find someone who is or at least get someone to stand in for them on any occasion they cannot attend !

Several clubs have Hon. Life Members, who are not included as paid up members, yet may well be the life blood of a club. Should the Constitution need any amendment to cover this situation ? Are Life members represented by Delegates when voting is needed ? The Directory is as up to date as possible, provided that your club has submitted correct information. If you are aware of any incorrect details, please let Michael Dobbs know. Thanks.

PROGRAMME OF CLUB MEETINGS - FEB to AUG. 2013

Date	Title	Speaker	Club
01/02/2013	Team visit from Tunbridge Wells		Bexley
04/02/2013	"My Glory Box Find"	Members	Cinque Ports
04/02/2013	Competition Night	Members	Medway
05/02/2013	The German City of Goslar	Frank Simpson	Lewisham
06/02/2013	New Zealand	Graham Brown	Dartford
06/02/2013	Letters S&T		Thanet
07/02/2013	So what else do you collect?	Members	Maidstone
08/02/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
08/02/2013	Colin Such - Director of Warwick & Warwick Ltd (PC)	Members	Swale
11/02/2013	Postcards or Covers		Dover
12/02/2013	Competitions & Bourse	Members	Malling
13/02/2013	Perkins Bacon: The Company and its Work	Chris Harman, FRPSL	Bromley
13/02/2013	Austria	Tony Hickey	Orpington
14/02/2013	G.B. Officials	Peter O'Keeffe	Royal T. Wells
15/02/2013	Auction		Bexley
18/02/2013	Competition Night & Mini Auction	Members	Cinque Ports
19/02/2013	A visit from Malling Stamp Club	Members	Lewisham
20/02/2013	Postcards, Stamps & First Day Covers	Roger Hoult & Members	Thanet
21/02/2013	Mexico	Ray Barton	Maidstone
21/02/2013	(LT) - The Austrian Anschluss	Tony Hickey	Royal T. Wells
22/02/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
22/02/2013	From a murder mystery to the building of Gravesend (S)	Chrissie Baker, Chairman KFPS	Swale
25/02/2013	Competition Night & Bourse		Dover
27/02/2013	Visit by Orpington PS		Bromley
27/02/2013	Latest Acquisitions		Romney Marsh
01/03/2013	Fun with Philately	Nigel S Chandler, MBE, FRPSL	Bexley
04/03/2013	Austria	Bill Headley	Cinque Ports
04/03/2013	Switzerland	Frank Parsons	Medway
06/03/2013	Auction	Members	Dartford
06/03/2013	Competition, Bourse & Members' Display	Members	Lewisham
06/03/2013	Hungary & Miscellanea	Tony Hayes & Alan Munday	Thanet
07/03/2013	Countries with "LAND" as part of their name	Members	Maidstone
08/03/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
08/03/2013	A Ferry Tale Gravesend and Tilbury (PC)	Bob Appleton	Swale
11/03/2013	Memorabilia		Dover
12/03/2013	Visit from Lewisham Philatelic Society	Members	Malling
13/03/2013	Open/Thematic Competitions		Bromley
13/03/2013	Visit from Bromley & Beckenham	Members	Orpington
13/03/2013	Letter 'K'		Romney Marsh
14/03/2013	Visit From Swale Philatelic & Postcard Society		Bexley
14/03/2013	West Indies Maritime Mail	Graham Booth	Royal T. Wells
18/03/2013	Pneumatic Mail	Colin Tobitt	Cinque Ports
20/03/2013	Newfoundland	Cliff Hurst	Lewisham