

PROGRAMME OF CLUB MEETINGS (Continued)

20/03/2013	Competitions & Bourse		Thanet
21/03/2013	Auction	Members	Maidstone
21/03/2013	(LT) - Fiji	John Dann	Royal T. Wells
22/03/2013	Switzerland	Frank Parsons	Herne Bay
22/03/2013	German States (S)	Eddie Scott	Swale
25/03/2013	Rhodesia	Peter O'Keeffe	Dover
27/03/2013	KFPS President Evening	Maurice Flack	Bromley
27/03/2013	Dover to Dungeness	Brian Dorne	Romney Marsh
01/04/2013	Buses & Trams	Chris Dadswell	Medway
02/04/2013	British P.O.s in the Arabian Gulf	Barrie Cook	Lewisham
03/04/2013	1936 Olympic Games	Tony Bosworth, FRPSL	Dartford
03/04/2013	Visit from Cinque Ports		Thanet
04/04/2013	A Touch of the Blamey	Ray How	Maidstone
05/04/2013	New Acquisitions		Bexley
05/04/2013	Rochester Through Time (PC)	Robert Turcan	Swale
08/04/2013	An evening with	Peter Read & Tony Belsey	Dover
09/04/2013	Spring Auction	Members	Malling
10/04/2013	Anne & Brian Asquith Entertain	Anne & Brian Asquith	Bromley
10/04/2013	An evening of British Rubbish	I. Crane	Orpington
10/04/2013	Philatelic Competition		Romney Marsh
11/04/2013	From the land of the Vikings	Nigel Steer	Royal T. Wells
12/04/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
15/04/2013	Annual Dinner		Dover
16/04/2013	Bavaria	Tony Neale	Lewisham
17/04/2013	My Other Hobby/Collections		Thanet
18/04/2013	New Zealand 1935 Pictorials	K. Collins	Maidstone
18/04/2013	(LT) - St. Pierre Et Miquelon	Mike Slamo	Royal T. Wells
19/04/2013	Canadian First Flight	Cliff Hurst	Bexley
19/04/2013	Military Mail (S)	Martin Lynes	Swale
22/04/2013	Czechoslovakia	Lindy Bosworth	Cinque Ports
22/04/2013	Visit from Maidstone		Dover
24/04/2013	Grand Auction		Bromley
24/04/2013	Annual Meeting Rye H.E.S.P.S.		Romney Marsh
01/05/2013	Presidents Nights and Awards		Thanet
03/05/2013	Competitions - Two Page Competition & Members Displays	Members	Bexley
03/05/2013	AGM, Competitions & Bourse	Members	Dartford
04/05/2013	Revell & Thematic Competitions & Bourse	Members	Maidstone
07/05/2013	AGM	Members	Lewisham
08/05/2013	Tristan da Cunha: Volcano Period 1961-63	Ron Burn	Bromley
08/05/2013	AGM and Member's auction	Members	Orpington
08/05/2013	AGM		Romney Marsh
09/05/2013	History of Australia	Brain Baidock	Royal T. Wells
10/05/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
13/05/2013	Quiz Evening		Dover

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13/05/2013	Members' Night	Members	Medway
15/05/2013	AGM & Small Bourse		Thanet
16/05/2013	Club Visit from Bexley	Members	Maidstone
16/05/2013	(LT) - British Borneo	Jeremy Gaskell	Royal T. Wells
17/05/2013	Postal Mechanisation	Dr Bob de Vekey	Bexley
20/05/2013	AGM & 1 page Competition	Members	Cinque Ports
22/05/2013	President's Competition & AGM		Bromley
24/05/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
24/05/2013	AGM - Competitions Postcard Cup & Members Cup	Members	Swale
29/05/2013	Postcards	John Edwards	Romney Marsh
30/05/2013	KFPS President Evening	Maurice Flack	Maidstone
03/06/2013	Dover Visit Us	Members	Cinque Ports
03/06/2013	AGM & Bourse		Dover
03/06/2013	?Visit from	Members	Medway
05/06/2013	Letters M,N,O are for ---	Members	Dartford
06/06/2013	AGM Cheese & Wine	Members	Maidstone
07/06/2013	AGM & Members Displays		Bexley
07/06/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
11/06/2013	TBC		Malling
12/06/2013	Anything South of th Equator	Members	Bromley
12/06/2013	From Cook to Quantas	John Crowe	Orpington
12/06/2013	Building of a Nation - South Africa	Chrissie Baker, Chairman KFPS	Romney Marsh
13/06/2013	Post Horse to Post Bus	J. Armstrong	Royal T. Wells
17/06/2013	Competition Entries Display	Members	Cinque Ports
20/06/2013	(LT) - German Maritime Mail - 1933-1939	John Rawlings	Royal T. Wells
01/07/2013	Summer Auction	Members	Cinque Ports
01/07/2013	AGM, 1 sheet, members' displays	Members	Medway
03/07/2013	Summer Auction	Members	Dartford
05/07/2013	Russia	M Sherwood-Jenkins	Bexley
05/07/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
09/07/2013	TBC		Malling
10/07/2013	Hong Kong	Ernie Warden	Romney Marsh
11/07/2013	Mexico	Ray Barton	Royal T. Wells
18/07/2013	(LT) - 1971 British Postal Strike	Maurice Shorten	Royal T. Wells
19/07/2013	Auction		Bexley
05/08/2013	"Er Um?" - Summer Social	Members	Cinque Ports
08/08/2013	American Civil War	Derek Mauri	Royal T. Wells
09/08/2013	TBC		Herne Bay
13/08/2013	TBC		Malling
14/08/2013	Members Evening		Romney Marsh
15/08/2013	(LT) - German East Africa	Mike Farrant FRPSL	Royal T. Wells
30/08/2013	Annual Dinner	Members	Malling

ADDITIONAL CLUB NEWS - 2013.

Forthcoming club meetings;- Just to clear up a few points, The Royal Tunbridge Wells PS meetings (marked with LT on the list) are MORNING MEETINGS, 10.30am at The Spread Eagle, in Forest Road, Hawkenbury, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5BT (on 3rd Thursday monthly). On 18th March, Colin Tobitt is showing Pneumatic Mail (not Pneuomatic !) at Cinque Ports. The Maidstone & Mid-Kent P.S. continue their morning meetings and their programme is:- February 14th: Members 12 sheets on any topic. March 14th: Maidstone Villages by John Dann. April 11th: Postcards of Iceland by Tony Davis, and on May 9th: "Aviation" by members. Details of the K.P.H.G. and the Sevenoaks & District P.S. meetings are :-

KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP meetings in 2013 and the venues:-

Sat: Jan. 19 at Hurst Green Village Hall, 2pm. With Brighton P/H + New Acquisitions

Sat: Apr 6th at Challock Village Hall, A.G.M. and Club Auction.

Sat: June 1st at Red Cross Hall, Sevenoaks, 2pm, Surrey P/H + New Acquisitions.

Sat: Sept. 21st, at Sandling, 2pm, Pat Parson's shows "Court Material" + =====do=====

Sat: Nov. 16th at Leeds Village Hall, 2pm, Our Main Auction. (and a bourse).

The remaining SEVENOAKS meetings are : (7.30pm - 1st Wednesday of each month)

Feb 6th Canada & Newfoundland - Richard Hart & club members.

Mar 6th Early G.B. (incl. Scotland) by Ian Marshall.

Apr 3rd The Great western Railway of Canada, by Brian Stalker.

May 1st 'Hospital Ships' WWI & WWII by Peter High (Pres. Forces P/H Society)

June 5th Club Annual General Meeting and Auction.

July 3rd President's Evening (Peter O'Keeffe)

No meeting during August.

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SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UPS A CLANGER - Two members submitted reports on behalf of the Orpington P.S. and as I typed them out on different days, I did not at first notice the duplication. I thought of combining them, but then decided NOT to change, so Orpington have got TWO similar reports this time !

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SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (1)

BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY Julie Lester opened the new season on the 21st of September with a presentation about Lundy, an island in the Bristol Channel. The name is derived from the old Norse word 'Lund', for Puffin, and 'y', for island. Julie said that she started collecting Lundy, thinking that it would be quite cheap, but soon discovered that much of the early postal history was purchased by wealthy Americans, and is now not easy to find. Julie has visited the island on a number of occasions since her first visit in 1989. She is a member of the Lundy Collectors Club. On October 5th, members were asked to show items under the letters, K, L, and M and we saw an interesting variety of items, including Lancaster, Land Registry, Maori Wars of New Zealand, Monaco miniature sheets, House of Lords Freepost, Middle East Land Forces, K.U.T - KGV pictorials and KGV1 specimens set, Margates Philatelic Congress, Postcards of Lands End, Kadive (Turkey), Law stamps and Medicinal stamps of Switzerland, Leeward Islands, a D-Day message from Field Marshall Montgomery, Mauritius, and Communist States spelt with a 'K'. Our Auction In October raised £126 on sales of £660. Two members from the Herne Bay Society displayed to us on 2nd November, David Russell showed Channel Islands and David Goodban gave a display on Cricket. On Competition Night there were 2 competitions Peter Boyd won the eight page "Traditional to 1937", and club President, Frank Parsons won the 16 page Postal History Competition. The invited judge was Peter O'Keeffe. On December 7th, our speaker was Alan Jackson showing "The German Occupation of Poland" including Gdansk (Danzig). For our final meeting of the year, Frank Parson's showed some Swiss commemorative cards, airmails and Cinderella military items. On February 1st, we welcome the Tunbridge Wells Society, then we have an auction on the 18th, and Nigel Chandler visits us on March 1st. Other planned meetings include Canadian First Flight Mail by C.Hurst, Postal Mechanisation by Dr. R de Vikey and Russia by M.Sherwood-Jenkins.

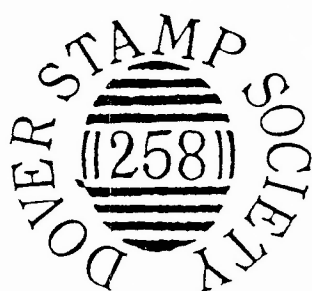


ORPINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY Our 2012/13 programme began well on the 12th September, when Maurice Flack, the Kent Federation President presented 'The Lingley Shield' to the 2012 winner, our own Len Lasseter, who is one of our clubs longest serving members. (see photo elsewhere in this issue). Also in attendance was Chrissie Baker, Chairman of the Federation. After the presentation, members were treated to a varied collection of philatelic displays including Festival of Britain, History of London and Kent Ports, First Flight covers, British Empire Exhibition, Empire da France, French Zone of Germany 1945, Falkland Islands Dependencies, and modern Falkland Islands issues.

On the 10th of October we had a visit from Mr R.Deakin who displayed Morocco, and on the 14th November, Mr C.Hurst showed Newfoundland, then on 12th December, we held our usual Christmas 'One Sheet' competition, won by P. Heinecke, followed by a bourse and refreshments. We are looking forward to the rest of our programme, and on 23rd January, we hold our eight page competitions. On 13th February Mr A.Hickey shows Austria, and on 13th March, the Bromley & Beckenham P.S. are our guests. Ian Crane is to visit us on the 10th April, showing his "An Evening of British Rubbish". Our AGM is on the 8th May, together with a members auction. We complete our season on 12th June, with a visit by Mr J.Crowe, showing "From Cook to Quantas". Our "Away Team" visited the Redhill P.S. on November 6th, and have another trip on February 27th with a visit to the Bromley & Beckenham P.S.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)

MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT P.S. A full programme of day time meetings has once again been arranged in addition to the evening meetings. The morning meetings are held at the Mote Par, Indoor Bowls Club, Willow Way, Maidstone, ME15 7RN from 10.30am. These meetings have been well attended and the numbers are continuing to increase. The evening meetings this season have been Scottish Islands, Members Displays of 'H' is for..., British & Foreign Treaty Ports in China, an Auction, German East Africa 1914-17, 17th to 20th Century Global Adventure, Aspects of Malaya, a visit from the Maidstone Postcard Club., and President's Evening.



DOVER STAMP SOCIETY We have enjoyed some excellent Meetings this season, including guest speaker Paul Cahill with a very professional display of 'Crash Mail' mostly from the 1930's and 1940's when air travel was less safe than now. Ian Nutley returning by popular request gave an equally impressive display and talk on Zeppelin mail. Before the meeting, Ian and his wife joined our former Secretary, Derek Oram, and his wife Beryl for tea at the home of our President, Shirley Chambers. Derek is an old friend of Ian's, and travelled from Hailsham for the meeting. Thank you Shirley for preparing such a superb spread for us all.

Other notable occasions were the visits by the Romney Marsh and Ashford Societies. Bob Carr figured in both meetings with interesting Mission postcards of Central Africa in one and Rhodesian Military Mails in the other. From Ashford, Tony Fisher sent his Pitcairn Island, Ray Barton showed Scottish local mail, Peter Ainsley brought Banknotes and Graham Saxby displayed UK miniature sheets. In the Romney Marsh team, Albert Terry showed Horse Drawn Vehicles, Tony Bounds had R.A.F. covers, and Andy Aston, G.B. postal history. Gerry Bates treated us to a very memorable show of memorabilia connected to the liner Queen of Bermuda including photographs and dinner menus. The Society continues to flourish with attendances regularly not far short of 20 and at the Christmas Party there was as usual no shortage of members willing to display. The highlight was Jim Gifford's home made Christmas cake. Thank you Jim for your generous offering - you are an ace cake maker! Our only current problem is a shortage of material for the packet, as regular suppliers appear to have dried up. If ANYONE is looking for some where to send their spare booklets, please phone our Packet Secretary, Ian Markie on 210587. (Editors note: I assume this is an 01304 STD ?).

GRAVESEND STAMP CLUB For our September meeting, we held a members 3 page competition and a bourse. Later that month, Ian Nutley visited us giving an excellent display entitled "Flying Down to Rio", with members asking several questions afterwards, and staying longer than usual viewing the display. In October, we saw a very interesting display of New Zealand by Graham Brown, and we also had an auction. We held an afternoon meeting in November, when Ian Marshall showed his "Early Great Britain" material. In December we had a joint social with the North west Kent Postcard Club; their members providing the displays - Christmas Postcards and Bookmarks. Much food was enjoyed by all attending.



SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)

ROMNEY MARSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY We had quite a variety of topics on display at our "Latest Acquisitions" evening in August, including Antarctica, Malawi covers, Butterflies, 'The change from Rhodesia to Zimbabwe', Baltic States, Victorian Britain, Fungi & Seashells. In September, the Committee entertained, with their displays including the Grenadines of St. Vincent, the 1948 & 2012 Olympic Games, Railway Posters on cards, and Missionary cards. We also had a visitor, who came along to sell some of his collection of stamps and cards which caused a bit of interest.



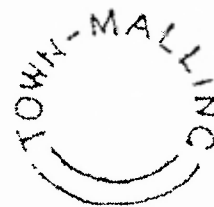
Then Kathy Carr read out the 'Philatelic Psalm', and one of her own poems about the sand pit on Hythe beach. We were invited to the Dover S.C. on September 24th for their evening meeting, five of our members accepted and were made very welcome. We all displayed as much of the material we had taken, as we had time for. Our thanks to the Dover members for a very enjoyable and friendly evening. Unfortunately September ended rather badly when only five members turned out for our Postcard competition evening. In October, Paul Cahill kindly stepped in at short notice and gave us an excellent display of Aero Philately covering many different aspects, Zeppelin, German Airmails, American Contract Mail, British manufacturers, Glider Mail, plus several other areas. Luckily for us, Chrissie Baker who had to cancel, has agreed to fill in for another cancellation later this season. Our thanks to them both - weather and illness have made their mark this year!

Also in October, Julie Lester visited us, with her display of Lundy, surprising us with the variety of material she has. Privately produced postcards, Mail from America and Estonia, Puffin stamps, a privately operated Airmail Service, and the Tighearna marked stamps, taking us back many hundreds of years. Both of our October visitors displays are well worth seeing again. Richard Mittell, our Treasurer gave the display in November with "History Down Under", Flinders, Tasman, and Wright, the First Fleet, and around the coast from the Great Barrier Reef to Melbourne and Bendigo, Tasmania, and ending in the Northern Territory at Kahadu National Park, covering everything for over 200 years! Our last meeting of 2012, held in late November was a display by our vice-Chairman, Bob Carr, from 1964, covering the 'Independence of Rhodesia', their first stamps, overprints, covers, miniature sheets, cards, flaws and forgeries. Bob also told us of the British Governments (mis)handling of the U.D.I. episode. We saw mail items that had maltreated, with covers to the U.K. which were surcharged, treated as being invalid and several with postage due stamps and labels thereon. As it was the last get together before Christmas and our 'Winter Break', Kathy Carr then generously offered us hot sausage rolls, with mince pies, chocolate rolls and nibbles with our tea and coffee. Kathy also found time to organise the raffle as well. Finally, we wish all collectors everywhere, a Happy New Year!

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The various reports submitted on behalf of clubs do tend to vary considerably, I am grateful to the correspondents who regularly send in their club news, some brief, some others perhaps a bit too detailed. Some leave me guessing who of their members they might be referring to, some quote the dates of past or future meetings, some do not! I do not wish to favour any particular clubs, but if I cut their reports down, or try to pad them out a bit, it might displease someone. It seems only fair to limit reports to say half or threequarters of an A4 page. I appreciate that some clubs have more meetings than others, but I hope to achieve a reasonable balance. Hopefully, I manage to get it right more times than not! I would still love to have more Philatelic topics. PJOK
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SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (4)

MALLING STAMP CLUB Our August meeting was a display of British Africa by Cliff Ayers, his first showing of this part of his collection, and it was a very enjoyable evening. We have invited him to visit us again, sometime in 2013. We also held our Annual Dinner in August, at The George, in Trottiscliffe and again enjoyed by all attending. Ian Nutley was our visitor in September, with his fine display entitled "Flying Down To Rio", an excellent story with much scarce and unusual material. Ian gave an interesting and informative talk demonstrating his extensive knowledge. Incredibly, this was Ian's first visit to Malling S.C., and we hope to persuade him to come again to display one of his other collections. Our A.G.M. was in October followed by members displays. As 2013 is our 40th Anniversary, one of our founding members, Colin Smith was elected as our President for the year. Lindy Bosworth was elected as Vice President, and David Targett agreed to join the Committee. In November, it was President's Evening, but Maurice Flack had to cancel, due to work commitments, but fortunately, Eddie Shilling was able to step into the breach with an excellent new display of Germany 1849 to 1949. An interesting show, with several scarce and unusual items including local stamps which are rarely seen in such quantity. Our Christmas auction in December was well attended, and included some members from other KFPS clubs, we also enjoyed some festive snacks.



We started the new year with members given the option of displaying five sheets, or paying a fine of 25p; most managed to show, some more than the five sheets. Amongst the items on show were United Nations, early G.B. postcards, Uniforms, Herm Island, Laos, Blacklands Local Scout stamps, parcel post labels, Czechoslovakia, Germany WWII Foreign Legions and Australia.



SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT P.S. The New Season kicked off on the 5th September with members putting up entries relating to the letters R, S, and T. in three groupings, 8 pages, 4 pages and for those whose time seems to be taken up by other trivia, a single page entry. The winner of the 8 page section was, for the second successive year, Tim Pearce. On October 3rd we were entertained by Christine Earle, Hon. Secretary of the Royal P.S. with an excellent display entitled "The Post Office Office Went To War" - the story of The Post Office during WWII.

In November, John Crowe and Tim Pearce together with other members displayed "Aerophilately" - a variety of covers (and stamps) connected with mail flown in many parts of the world. December 5th was our main auction, conducted by Michael Thompson aided by Peter O'Keeffe. Then on January 4th we held our 25th Annual "Cheese & Wine Supper", with three Quiz's, a Raffle and a Buffet Supper - our thanks to Mary Russell, Richard Hart, John Hilder and Les Snowball for arranging and conducting this - a very enjoyable evening. Forthcoming meetings include, February 6th its "Canada & Newfoundland", by Richard Hart and members, March 3rd, Ian Marshall showing his 'Early G.B. stamps and covers', April 3rd, Brian Stalker with "The Great Western Railway of Canada", and then on May 1st, Peter High, President of The Forces Postal History Society" is to display "Hospital Ships" - this covers the many civilian liners converted into mobile hospitals during various wartime conflicts. In June we hold our A.G.M. followed by a mini auction, and in July its 'Presidents Evening' when Peter O'Keeffe has a Mystery Show (even I don't know what its going to be just yet)

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)

DARTFORD & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB Our season started with a visit by the KFPS President, Maurice Flack who showed the 'Homeland' stamps of South Africa. A subject not often seen. Next, we held another auction, featuring several old albums, full of stamps which sold well. September saw two members (Editor's note: I wonder who they might be? My guess, Mr & Mrs Ted Needham - congratulations to both of you) celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary; they met at a club meeting back in 1954. The Lewisham Society were our visitors in November when we enjoyed another good evening with a varied mixture of displays. Also in November, we held our annual evening meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In December, members and partners enjoyed the usual short displays, quiz and Christmas goodies. Our New Year starts in February, with a visit by Graham Brown who will show New Zealand.



SWALE PHILATELIC & POSTCARD SOCIETY (Editor's Note)



Founder Friends 1936
Postcard 1991

Due to a misunderstanding, I indicated that the Swale Society would host the Federation Rally at Borden School in July 2013 – sorry PJOK On September 13th, a few of our members visited the Tunbridge Wells P.S., prior to our season opening a week later, on September 20th, when our Committee members showed some of their collecting interests. Deryk Kitney displayed some of the paintings which he has produced, John Crunden showed postcards of Milton Regis,

Jocelyn Watson displayed postal history depicted on British Museum cards, Bob Browne showed his 'Cricket on Stamps', and Marion Jordan put up a few postcards which she was happy to sell to members. Shaun Caveney rounded off the evening with a display of ephemera from around Sittingbourne.

On October 4th, Laurie Tomlin, one of our postcard collectors gave a stunning display of 'Comic Postcards' dating from WWI up to the 1950's, including nine sets by Bruce Bairnsfather whose character "Old Bill" depicted the soldiers woe in the first world war. He followed this with 'Cats & Dogs', and Men Only cards, (ie saucy seaside postcards of the 1930 to 1950's) by various artists, in all some 200 cards; a very colourful collection amassed in only one year!

Lewis Giles was our speaker on October 18th, displaying New Zealand from 1840 with a Missionary 'ships letter' and included the Goldfields era. The first N.Z stamps were not issued until 1862, but Lewis showed some Maori War Stamps of 1860. His depth of knowledge was so vast, it is impossible to do it justice in such a short report.

Club member Vicky Harris gave a colourful display on November 1st, of her holidays in China and Australia. On November 15th Bob Higgins displayed Gibraltar, having worked there in 1969. His display ranged from early Victorian through to QEII, however he has now stopped collecting due to the rising costs of the many new issues now being made. Our last meeting of 2012 was on December 13th, when we had intended to hold our competitions, but with only one entry in each for the Hales Cup and the Postal History comps. both were declared null and void. Michael Thompson set a quiz, and after-wards we enjoyed some Christmas fayre. We started the New Year on January 10th, when Michael Thompson and friends, displayed Herm (Channel Islands), Eddie Shilling showed postcards of Germany from 1900, Mrs Elke Shilling had her collection of humerous cards, and Julie Lester rounded off the evening with a collection of cats.

Please note our next meeting on FRIDAY, February 8th will be at our NEW VENUE the Masonic Hall, Albany Road. Our Packet Secretary urgently want more booklets!

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (6)

LEWISHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Colin Tobitt, our new President opened the new season on the 4th September when he displayed some of his Austrian collection to our members. Then on September 18th, we had 'New Acquisitions' with all attending, showing something new. October 16th saw displays by Ian Nutley and Tony Hickey. Greg Newey gave two very different shows on the 6th November, on Fly Fishing and Skiing, with some superb material. On November 7th, four of our members visited the Dartford Club, and displayed a varied selection of material. Malcolm Roberts, from Essex, was our guest speaker on November 20th, with his display "Mail & the Steamships", a first class evening, with some fantastic material on view. Malcolm knows his subject very well. On December 4th, every member showed something, under the threat of a fine of 50p, perhaps with Christmas approaching, they could not spare the cash!. We hosted the Inter Society Competition on December 10th, with visitors from the Bromley & Beckenham and Bexley societies. There were 27 displays, and it was a very enjoyable evening. The 'Christmas meeting' on the 18th produced ample food and drink for all attending. On January 15th, we have the "Letter L is for ..." and look forward to seeing some interesting and well thought out material. Then on the 5th February, Frank Simpson will display the German City of Goslar - a World Heritage Site, and one we know very little about.



CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The new season started on the 3rd September, when members showed their 'New Acquisitions'. We were given an insight into the Boer War, when Chrissie Baker displayed her collection on the 17th September, with some very interesting and rare items. The Isle of Thanet P.S. visited us on October 1st, when Roger Hoults showed postcards and stamps featuring Victoria, Edward VII and George V. Bernie Kennett displayed QEII Jubilee items and Tony Hayes had a collection of Prisoner of War covers and Airgraphs. Next we welcomed Grahame Boutle and Ron Burn, on October 15th, with their displays; Grahame's was entitled "Beyond Recall" which features 'Mourning Covers', cards and other related items; Ron showed a series of postcards and related ephemera of the liner Caronia. Both very interesting and certainly different! David Luckhurst showed us Poland on the 5th November, covering the history of that Country during the 20th Century. On November 19th we held our annual 'Letters Night', when members were asked to show material with 'R' in it's title, and which as usual produced some interesting items. Our final guest in 2012 was Ian Marshall, who joined us on December 3rd and displayed his collection of "Early GB. stamps & covers" dating as far back as 1686. This was an excellent and spectacular showing - a real philatelic treat. We concluded the year on December 17th with an auction of 100 lots, most of which sold, and the Society will make a donation of £30 to "Help for Heroes" from the proceeds. It was nice to welcome Samantha Askey back, not having seen her for some two years. It's Chairman's Evening on January 7th, and we have a visit from the Ashford Society on January 21st, then we have "My Glory Box Find" on February 4th.



CHRISTMAS CRACKERS:

What does the word minimum mean? A small mum.
Who is the most famous married women in America? Mrs Sippi!
What did the beaver say to the tree? Nice gnawing you!
Why didn't the skeleton go to the New Years Eve party? He had no body to go with.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (7)

ORPINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY The club holds regular meetings on the 2nd Wednesday each month, at the Methodist Church Hall, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington. On September 12th we held a Members meeting - letters D, E, & F., however the highlight of the evening was the Presentation of the Lingley Shield, to our member Len Lassetter - (see report later in this Bulletin), being the 2nd of our members to be honoured this way. (Ted Needham was first). The presentation was made during the half time refreshment break, when Len provided a merry tippie for us all. The displays included Festival of Britain Cinderella labels, Len showed Postal History from London to the Kent Ports beginning with a "Dockwra" letter from 1762. We then saw First Flight covers, The Festival of Empire Exhibition at the Crystal Palace, and various Exhibition labels. Our visitors joined in with Chrissie showing postal history of "Empire du France" about the French Revolution, and Napoleonic Wars from 1792 to 1815. The second half had the French Zone of Germany 1945, postal history of the Falkland Island Dependencies, and Maurice showed modern Falkland Islands stamps. Terry Collings, the Orpington President then thanked all participants for their efforts and entries, and invited them to return on October 10th, when a former member, Bob Deakin is to display Morocco.



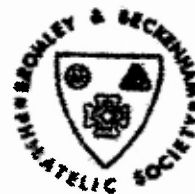
ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS P.S. Firstly, lets start with our evening meetings: on the 13th September, we were entertained by a team from the Swale Society, with a varied and interesting selection of stamps, covers and cards. It was 'Presidents Night' on October 11th, with Steve Clark showing more of his German collection. On November 8th, we had our AGM, with the Committee and Officers all being re-elected, this was followed by our competitions, with some good entries. On December 13th we had a successful auction, and an excellent Christmas buffet, but this seemed to dull members

brains for the Quiz which followed. Here those attending were split into teams of 3 or 4 so that any one person's ignorance was not too obvious. It worked, but some members do need to polish up their general knowledge a bit. On January 8th members and partners assembled at the T/Wells Indoor Bowls Club for our now annual "Late Christmas Lunch" which was well attended with a very good meal. Two days later, Grace Davies showed her thematic display "Peace" - relatively modern, but a very interesting programme. On February 14th, Peter O'Keeffe is to show "It's Official" covering G.B. 'Official items, and on March 14th, Graham Booth visits us with West Indies Maritime Mail. Next, it's our Morning meetings: John Lea showed 'Disaster Mail', with covers and cards on September 20th, Roy Ferguson took us to South Africa in October, and Tim Pearce showed 'Early Grenada' in November, all three were very good with several rare items on show. On December 17th, we had an earlier start, due to special bookings for Office Christmas parties, however, members managed to produce more than 'A Frame' each of previously not shown before material, that we ran out of time to see it all. On January 17th, member Nigel Gooch displayed his "Persia", which proved an excellent alternative, as Henry Hupfield had to stand down due to health problems, and we wish him well for a speedy recovery. On February 21st Tony Hickey is our guest, showing "Austrian Anschluss" and John Dann joins us on March 21st with 'Fiji'. Another new territory, 'St Pierre & Miquelon' will be the display of Mike Slamo from Sussex on April 18th. Don't forget our hosting of the Crowborough Stamp Fair on May 6th (Bank Hol)

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (8)

BROMLEY & BECKENHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY October

was a very busy month for this Society, from October 3rd we put up a Public Display at Bromley Central Library for two weeks; On October 10th, Philip Cant gave us his display entitled "Titanic, From Cradle to Grave and Beyond", being the tragic story of the largest ship of it's time. Some odd facts were that the fourth funnel was purely cosmetic, being a dummy presumably to add to it's impressive appearance, and unusually (by today's standards) it's sea trials lasted just one day ! A lively and well informed talk. As you all know, we ran the Stamp and Postcard Fair at Langley Park School on the 20th, (we have already booked the same venue for the 22nd March 2014, to coincide with the Federation Spring Rally. Then on the 24th, club member, Ian Nutley displayed his "Anschluss: The German Annexation of Austria". The display included not only stamps, covers and Postal History, but many postcards and other related items including propaganda postmarks. We also had a full page report of the Society in the 'Bromley Times', the week before the Fair. Our Thanks to them.



On November 14th, Brian Sole gave his Gold Medal winning display "Go By Cycle" which covers the history of the Bicycle, it's development and the people involved. Brian mentioned the first "bicycle", the basic "Hobby Horse" of 1818 (two wheels and a plank – no pedals !) feet off the ground types and the French bike, with two front wheel pedals (which later evolved into the penny farthing design. We saw a wide range of material in this display, from stamps, proofs, postmarks and meter franks, some G.B. booklets with illustrations of cycles, even Mafeking Siege items all with a connection to bicycles, right through to the recent Olympics. An interesting and well assembled Thematic collection.

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REPORT FROM DENNIS ROSSER - North Wales Correspondent. Dec'12

There is not a lot happening in the philatelic sense at my clubs at the moment – with the festive season upon us it is time for the usual Society Christmas Dinner at one of the local hostleries. At another club, members are asked to show something seasonal. This will be followed by the usual Christmas Fare - mince pies and Christmas cake etc but now accompanied by lemonade, or maybe Ginger beer, instead of the previously, enjoyable glass of sherry. Better safe than sorry.

When one or other of our members asks me a question about postcards, I have always been in the habit of replying that I do not collect them. So it surprised me a couple of months ago to find that I have somehow tucked away something like 400/500 cards. Looking through them I could see that I had what I considered to be some quite good cards and decided that rather than put them back in the box, I ought to get some post-card albums to store what I thought were the better cards. It just so happened that the following weekend the Chester Postcard and Cigarette Card Fair was taking place, so I duly bought two albums plus, as you probably guessed, some more postcards. It was a really good fair with almost 80 stalls, but only a few had stamps too. I also bought several items of miscellaneous paper ephemera at what I considered to be a very fair and reasonable price, particularly at one stall where everything was priced £1 per item. I hope that particular dealer will be at the next Fair, because I will definitely be going again.

Regards, Dennis.

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THE VALUE OF VOWELS

We read in the Newspapers that as from the beginning of 2014, Roumanians and Bulgarians will be able to enter the U.K under E.U. rules. It seems to many of us that there could be Language difficulties and now the Authorities are getting a little worried.

Before an emergency joint session of the Postal Union Congress last month, a spokesman declared that plans were in an advance stage to deploy over 75,000 vowels to a number of Eastern European countries.

This deployment, the largest of it's kind in philatelic history, will provide the regions with critically needed letters A, E, I, O, and U, and is hoped to render countless European names pronounceable.

"For years we have stood by while names like Ygryvslhv Tzlynhr Glrm have been horribly butchered by millions around the world" the spokesman for the PUC stated.

"Today, we must stand up and say enough is enough". It is time that people of the world had some vowels in their comprehensible words. The PUC is proud to lead this crusade in this noble endeavour. The deployment, dubbed 'Operation Vowel Storm' is set for early next week when two transport planes, each carrying 75 boxes packed with 500 vowels, will fly from Heathrow and airdrop them over the cities of Bucharest and Sofia respectively. Said Sjlbdnzv resident, Grg Hmphrs, 67: "With just a few key letters, I could be George Humphries. This is my dream.

It is also planned for the very near future to airdrop 92,000 consonants to Ethiopia, so that cities there, like Ouaouoaua, Eaoiuuae and Aao, with vital life giving supplies of L's, S's and T's. This will also be a God send to many philatelists in future to make easier to pronounce these once difficult names, when giving displays. The cost are being met by the United Nations, but if you care to donate, say £5, please send your cheques to me as soon as possible. Thank You ! Fed Repres. I need some too!

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QUALIFIED JUDGES I understand that five of our Kent based members have Qualified in Part Two for their Judging credentials, namely, C.Baker, M.C.Flack, E.W.L. Hedley, R.Higgins, and C.Tobitt. I do not know exactly what this means, but presumably someone thinks that they know a bit MORE about philately! Congrats anyway. Must check whether they might put their fees up !

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ANOTHER JUDGING SEMINAR ? Maurice wonders if there is any demand for another Judging Seminar ? ie. to train up more club members to act as judges. If you would care to express an interest, please contact him.

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INTER FEDERATION CUP COMPETITION It is reported that the glass trophy, which the Kent Federation won a couple of years ago has been broken! Apparently another competition was held last year, organised in Scotland (?) and won by a Scottish County Federation - Kent did not receive an invite! Well who wants to win a broken bit of glass ?

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THANKS to Dennis Rosser and all our correspondents for their news and reports, to Michael Thompson for the printing and distribution of this issue, and apologies for any of my typing errors. Mike does spot a few now and then and if possible alters them before the Bulletin is published.

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THE HALFPENNY CAN STILL BE VALID Remember that if you still have any halfpenny value mint stamps, they are STILL VALID, provided that you have two (to make up a full penny), even say a 2~ and a 12~ to make 15p. If your letter is surcharged, refuse to pay, or claim a full refund from the Post Office. Their rules are quite clear, but some Postal Officials have not understood (or even read them)

THE KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY 2013

HOSTED BY THE GRAVESEND & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

AT LARKFIELD VILLAGE HALL, (Just off the M20) 10am to 4pm

ON SATURDAY, 16th MARCH 2013.

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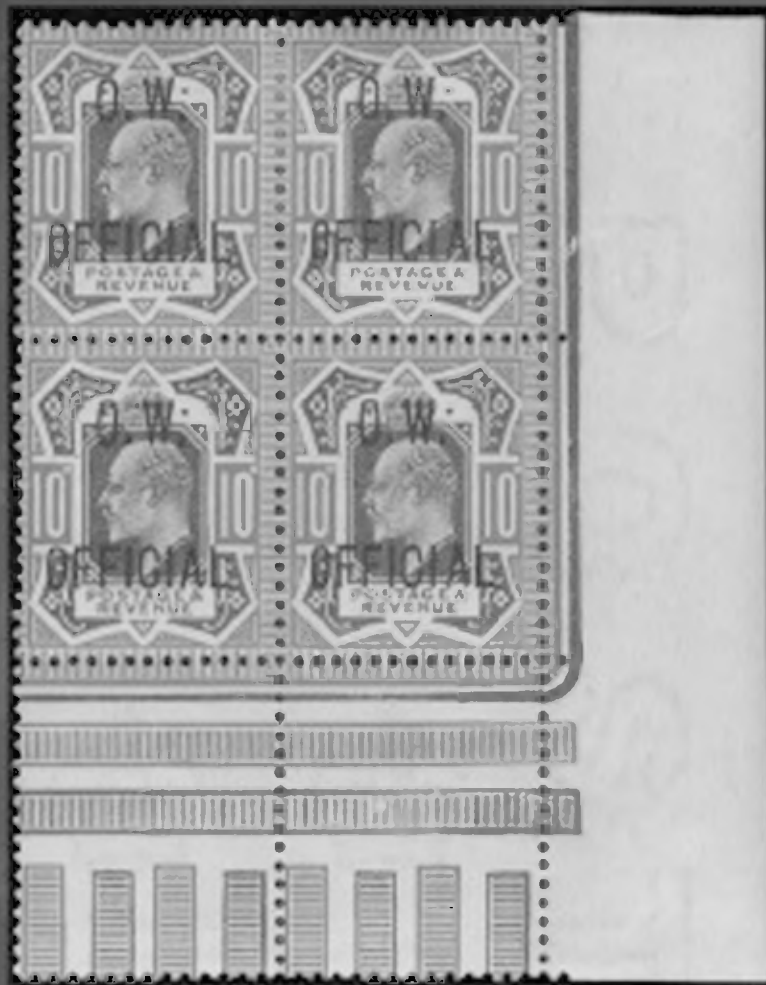
Having watched a Number of Quiz Shows on T.V. I am surprised at the general lack of knowledge of where Countries, Towns, Seas, Lakes etc. are located. I wonder whether Geography is still taught in schools! Many philatelists are knowledgeable about 'their' field of collecting, but the general public are quite ignorant about the subject. Geography was my best subject at school, probably due to my having started collecting stamps from age eight. No wonder we have so few school children collecting stamps these days, and the obvious ignorance of many adults does not bode well for the future of geographic knowledge.

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