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# EDITORIAL .

Peter O'Keefe

Well, we have a date and a venue for this years FEDERATION DAY and Annual General Meeting ! Its at Folkestone on the 14th July, lets hope that we have a good attendance and that ALL our Affiliated clubs and societies can ensure that they are represented at the Council Meeting. If your usual Delegate(s) are not able to attend PLEASE make sure that someone else attends on YOUR behalf. Full details have been sent to ALL Hon. Secretaries, and a map etc. are printed on the last but one page of this issue.

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The Spring Rally at Mascall's School in March seemed to go along OK, and I believe that those attending had a good day. The Dawes Cup entries were on display, along with our own competition entries yet one or two clubs did not have anyone to represent them. It's YOUR Federation, if you can not generate more interest in YOUR club why is this ? Don't your Chairperson or Hon. Secretary care to set an example? or if they cannot attend get someone else to join us? It's often the same clubs that don't send in their news reports !

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Don't forget the next Seminar on June 16th at Wainscott - it's on 'World Postal History' and should be of interest to any collector of Postal History. Please also remember that entries for our competitions MUST be advised to Maurice Flack NOT LESS than 14 days prior to the 14th July.

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I would still like to have articles for publication in future issues of the Bulletin ! Have you a story about your stamps or an experience connected with Philately, that might interest other readers ? Or perhaps what started you collecting a particular Country ? If so, why not drop me a line, preferably including an illustration or two, and I will endeavour to use it.

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In the May 2012 Edition of the British Philatelic Bulletin there is the first of what is hoped to be a series of articles about UK Exhibition venues connected with Philately. The first is about "Blists Hill Post Office" at Ironbridge in Shropshire, which I am sure all collectors will find of interest. I have been to Blists Hill and found it fascinating - it takes you back in time, to the early 1900's (over 112 years ago, a bit before my time). However you can change current coins for old pennies at appropriate rates of exchange at the Bank in the village, and use them to purchase items in the village shops. (If you are very lucky you might be able to buy a 1d black using a Queen Victoria one penny!). The Post Office has been developed by the B.P.M.A. with a large grant from the 'Department for Culture' and the people staffing it and the shops are dressed in period costume. Depending on how long you want to take looking around, I think you should allow around three hours to see it all.

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In the "Post & Go" series, a new 'Union Flag' issue is due to be issued from the 21st May. It is a 1st class 'stamp' costing 60p. The 'James Bond' limited edition sheetlet of 10 small 'Union Flag' stamps and 10 labels (featuring the various actors who have played Bond) was released on the 1st May.

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Thanks to the Essex, Middlesex and Sussex Federations for their Journals, to Sevenoaks, Sidcup, and Royal Tunbridge Wells societies for their Newsletters and to Michael Thompson for the printing and distribution of this Edition. PJOK.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

(If you are planning to visit any of the events listed below, you are advised to check that neither the date, nor the venue have changed, BEFORE you travel.)

2012

MAY 6	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Academy, Sevenoaks.
MAY 7	Crowborough Stamp Fair	All Saints Ch.Hall, TN6 3AP
MAY 9	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
MAY 19	West Malling Mini Stamp Fair	Clout Mem.Hall, ME19 6QH
MAY 26	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road,
JUN 9	Orpington Stamp Fair	227 Poverest Rd, Petts Wood.
JUN 13	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
JUL 4	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
JUL 6/7	'Thematrix 12' (Chessington)	Indoor Bowls, Jubilee Way.
JUL 7	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
JUL 14	KENT FEDERATION DAY & AGM	StSaviours Comm.Cen. CT195NR
JUL 20/21	York Stamp Fair	Race Course Ground, York.
JUL 28	West Malling Mini Stamp Fair	Clout Mem.Hall, ME19 6QH
AUG 4	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
AUG 11	'War & Philately'	Banstead, SM7 2AJ, Comm.Hall
SEP 1	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
SEP 2	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Academy, Sevenoaks
SEP 12	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
SEP 15	Orpington Stamp Fair	227 Poverest Rd, Petts Wood.
SEP 26/29	'Autumn Stampex'	Business Design Centre. N1
OCT 6	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
OCT 10	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
OCT 19/20	GB Congress & ABPS Exhib.	Queen's Hotel, Perth.
OCT 20	KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY	Langley Park Schl. Beckenham
OCT 27	West Malling Mini Stamp Fair	Clout Mem.Hall, ME19 6QH
NOV 1/3	'Philatex'	C A N C E L L E D
NOV 3	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
NOV 10	Maidstone Stamp Fair.	Grove Green Comm.Centre
NOV 14	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
NOV 17	Orpington Stamp Fair	227 Poverest Rd, Petts Wood.
NOV 18	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Academy, Bradbourne V1
DEC 1	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
DEC 12	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London

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## THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT

ISSUE, IN SEPTEMBER, WILL NEED TO BE THE 11th AUGUST

However, it MIGHT be possible to include a late 'Newsflash' if something important is happening. Please put a note in your Diary preferably for at least one week before this, and drop me a line in good time to ensure that YOUR Society gets a mention - remind your PRESS OFFICER and SECRETARY at your society meetings.

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### -ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE KENT FEDERATION EVENTS-

Host Societies are still urgently needed for OUR FUTURE RALLIES ! But try to avoid date clashes with other events that might affect your support.

- 1) The Gravesend & District S.C. P.S. have booked the Spring Rally on Saturday, 16th March 2013. This will be held at Larkfield Village Hall. ME20 6PU.
- 2) Malling Stamp Club are hosting the Autumn Rally on Saturday, 28th September 2013 at East Malling Village Hall. ME19 6DD.
- 3) I understand that the Bexley PS. have provisionally booked Federation Day in 2014, which will mark their 50th Anniversary - the actual date and venue will be announced later.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Spring Rally held at Mascalls School, Paddock Wood on the 10th March was a success and I would like to thank all who attended on the day.

My thanks also to the regulars who helped set out the tables, chairs and display frames on the Friday evening, Colin Tobitt, Peter O'Keefe, and Richard Hart. (a few more would have been most helpful), it took us just under two hours, (4pm to just before 6pm). Thanks to those of you who helped clear away everything after the event, and to Amber and her friends for the superb refreshments.

The Dawes Cup entries were on display, and the Kent team did quite well again, taking second place this year.

My thanks also to Colin Tobitt for all his help with the arrangements in London and at Mascalls. I was able to present the Cup to Dr. Chris Cooksey of the Essex Federation on the day.

Finally, we had 15 persons including a few from other Counties at the "Exhibiting and Judging" Seminar held over the weekend 21st & 22nd October last, which we hosted in conjunction with the 'ABPS Exhibitions Committee'. My thanks to Bill Hedley for his help in arranging this Seminar and for persuading the experts to take part. The experts conducting the Seminar were Brian Trotter (President, RPSL), Chris King, Francis Kiddle and Birthe King. A full report was published in the ABPS NEWSLETTER in the March 2012 issue, and can be viewed on the ABPS Website. I understand that each participant was to be invited to attend at the judging at a 'National Exhibition' in the future, to further their abilities rather than hold a second seminar, as on previous occasions, and thus qualify as accredited judges. Overall a successful venture.

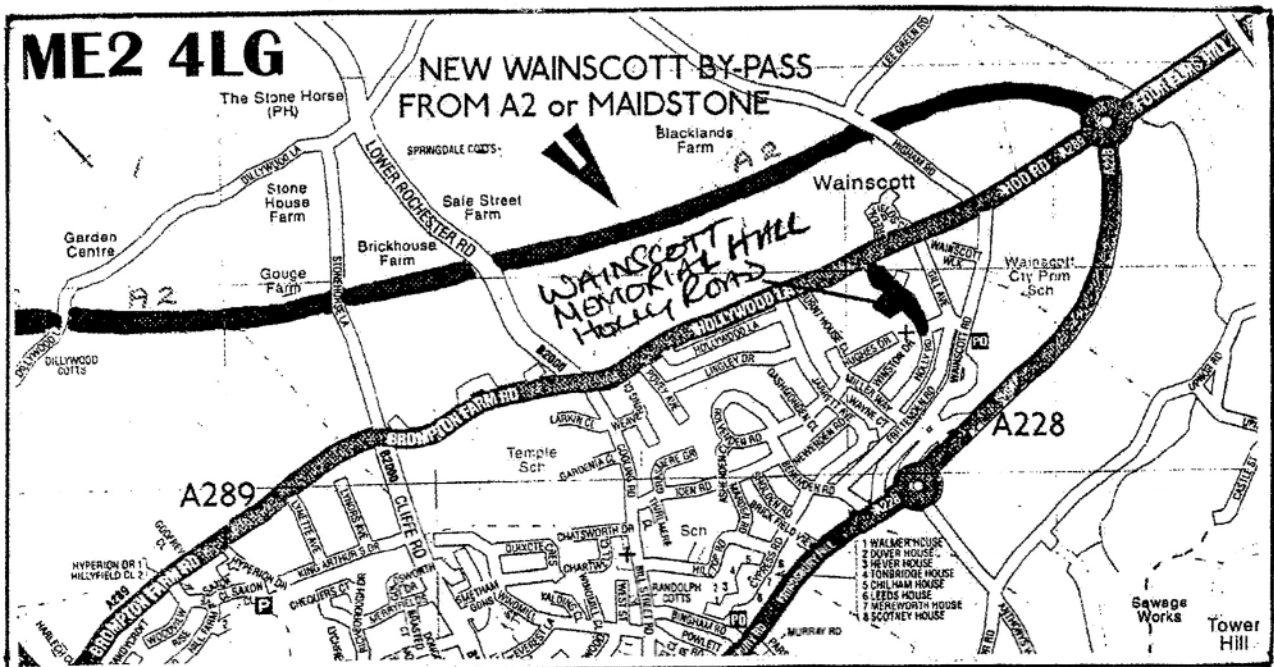
Maurice Flack.

President 2011/2013, Kent Federation.

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## THE WAY TO WAINSCOTT - SEMINARS VENUE

The WAINSCOTT MEMORIAL HALL is in Holly Road, Wainscott, near Rochester, postcode ME2 4LG with free car parking outside or on the road. Seminars start at 10am, but the venue is open from 9am



## FUTURE KENT FEDERATION RALLIES.

How about YOUR Society giving it a go ? If necessary, you could perhaps combine with a nearby society and act as joint hosts ! PLEASE give this serious thought. How long is it since your club last hosted a FEDERATION event ? Please contact the Federation Hon. Secretary early to book the event - the date and venue can be announced later. We NEED volunteers NOW for Summer 2013 and later

## T & T Auctions - Tunbridge Wells - 2012

Auction dates for the remainder of this year are as follows:-  
May 19th, July 21st, September 8th, October 13th, & November 24th  
All are held at St Mark's Hall, Bayham Rd, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5LX  
Enquiries to The Stamp Shop, Castle Street, Tunbridge Wells 01892-529898 (fax 619197) or E-mail : tntauctions@tiscali.co.uk

## ROYAL MAIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the increased numbers of stamps being issued this year, the Royal Mail have said that the issues for DINOSAURS scheduled for October 2012 has been postponed until next year and the SPACE SCIENCE set will now be issued on the 16th October 2012. There will be 12 special issues during 2013. New Issue News appears elsewhere in this issue.

## VISITING SPEAKERS LIST

Graham Boutle, (Beckenham) is the Federation Communications Officer and is currently revising our list of speakers. ALL affiliated club Hon. Secretaries have been requested to provide him (a telephone call will suffice) of any changes for their members who are prepared to display to other societies. YOUR co-operation is essential if such listing is to be kept up to date. PLEASE therefore contact him A.S.A.P. to advise him of any changes OR TO CONFIRM NO CHANGES ! Tel: 020-8658-6790

## POST OFFICE ROBBED

I was surprised to read in my local newspaper the small paragraph shown alongside. I assume that it was a small box bricked into a wall. I thought this type of robbery went out with the stage coach ! Yet this was in 2012. No mention of whether it was an old type of another reign; it has now been replaced with a modern plastic or synthetic one. (see article on page 21)

### Post box theft

HADLOW: A metal Victorian Royal Mail post box was stolen from the junction of Court Lane and Canton Road during the night of April 20 and 21.

## A WASTE !

A couple of members have commented that the Federation has wasted a few pennies by using first class post for items that could easily have been sent by 2nd class mail. This is noted and unless it is deemed necessary, we should consider which stamps are used in the future. I would however mention that the Federation did purchase several hundred 1st class stamps when they sold for 30p a couple of years ago, some of which are now in use! Thus a saving was made and the letter(s) were not delayed.

## MY APOLOGIES

I chose the cut-off date for this Edition of the Bulletin as the 20th April, but due to rather a busy period over the last 3 weeks, I have been unable to complete it within that timescale. However with the Federation Day now being on the 14th July, the delay should not cause too many problems, hopefully it can be published between 5 to 6 weeks prior to that date.

# OBITUARY

## STEPHEN WILLIAM BOORN

(CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY)

It is with great regret that we report the death of Stephen, who died on the 20th January 2012. Stephen was born in Folkestone on the 12th April 1955. He was the eldest of five, having two brothers and two sisters. He grew up in Folkestone and had strong connections with the town. He progressed through the ranks at Woolworths to become a store manager, working at several places in the south, before settling in Portsmouth with his wife Bernice, son Mark and daughter Leanne.

His funeral service was held at the Church of St Mary & St Eanswythe in Folkestone on February 1st. As well as Steve's family, a great number of friends from the local stamp and bowls clubs were present.

Steve was diagnosed with an enlarged heart in the late 1980's and eventually underwent a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital in 1991 which was performed by the leading heart surgeon, Sir Magdi Yacoub. During his long process of recovery he decided to take up Thematic collecting and developed a specialised collection, which he titled "The Heart is Life". Gradually this grew from a club display at the Hayling Island & District Stamp Club, to county and national competitions, and finally to International Standard, with a Large Silver Medal at IBRA '99 in Nuremberg and a Vermeil at China '99 in Beijing. He continued developing this entry and achieved his main International goal, in 2006 winning a Gold Medal at the 6th National Philatelic Exhibition at Torquay, where he also won the award for the best individual entry, and the Harmers Diamond Jubilee Trophy. He also won the 'Stamp Magazine Trophy' for the Outstanding Thematic Exhibit.

By this time Steve and his family had returned to his native Folkestone joining CPPS, giving displays to other Kent Federation clubs, attending the Wainscott Seminars, and having his entry for Kent in the Dawes Cup competitions. He branched out and started a Postal History collection of Folkestone and in a very short time achieved a Vermeil when he submitted an entry for the 8th National Philatelic Exhibition in Harrogate in 2008.

Steve then decided to take up bowls (indoor and outdoor) and soon became Captain of the Wear Bay Bowls Club.

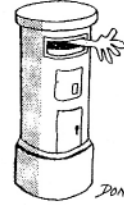
He will be remembered as a great enthusiast, with great Philatelic knowledge always happy to advise others, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with his wife Bernice and the rest of his family.

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Editor's Note: Steve achieved such a high standard in such a short time, due to his great enthusiasm and energy in pursuing his hobbies, and in learning more about them than many others. He was always friendly with everyone he met. A great loss to Philately. This Obituary has been compiled from two submitted.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sittingbourne  
16th April 2012



Dear Peter,

I received a letter from Mr Hammond, Managing Director of Royal Mail, Tallents House, Edinburgh, thanking me for my valued custom and highlighting important Stamp Programme changes. He states that the Dinosaur issue, scheduled for October 2012 is to be suspended to 2013, and the 'Space' set is to be issued on the 16th October instead. Customers who prepaid this years programme with a subscription will be contacted to arrange a refund.

He also said that they have reviewed their stamp programme, with a commitment to reduce the number of issues, with 12 special stamp issues in 2013, also reviewing the postage values used on stamps to keep the collection relevant and affordable (they have told him the price of first and second class is going up dramatically) Perhaps they should stop issuing the £1 and £1.10 values !

I have often said in the past, Royal Mail killed off the young collector to the demise of clubs and surely this will put another nail in their coffin. I admit I am at fault using electronic mail, but at least this is quicker than next day delivery and will be cheaper than 60p.

Best wishes,  
Bryan Clark,  
Swale P & PC Society PRO.

P.S. He did not mention there may be quite a few individual gold medal winner stamps, which they are going to issue !

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Editor's Note: I received the same letter - I wonder if Mr H. is or was a collector of these little bits of coloured paper we all like to acquire ! I doubt it, as surely he would be aware of the lack of younger collectors in clubs these days. Incidentally, has Royal Mail previously issued 'Olympic Gold Medal' winners stamps? I don't think so, but they have issued Cricket & Rugby World Cup winners, plus the single Soccer one in 1966! I suppose they could issue a 'Prestige Booklet' - if we have enough medal winners !

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# SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (1)



DOVER STAMP SOCIETY The Society continues to flourish and we have recently enjoyed two particularly successful evenings. Firstly, in early March there was a visit from our good friends and neighbours from Deal, which also included a special celebration, as it was the birthday of Paul Epps, a very popular and long standing member; we had three birthday cakes, one kindly brought by Paul himself, and our visitors shared in the occasion. Also present was our former Secretary, Derek Oram and his wife Beryl who travelled from their new home in Hailsham for the weekend. It was good to see them and altogether it was an occasion to remember. The Deal members produced a variety of superb material, Gerry Williams showed us the theme of the Victoria Cross, Alan Buckman had exhibits featuring the letters F, G, and H, while Mike Furness displayed 'The Queen', and Ron Ogilvy showed 'Canada' and some Glasgow postmarks. There were several interesting marks, some very scarce. Postmarks are usually locally based, but perhaps are not often collected. Then in late March, we held a Members Evening of Memorabilia, now a popular feature of our annual programme; Jim Gifford showed his 'Souvenirs' gathered on his many USA trips, such as model light-houses and some commemorative wine glasses. Peter Read had vintage photo of our Society's events of long ago, Paul Epps produced a number of decorative inkwells, while Richard Theobald showed mementoes from a trip to China. Roy Chambers had photographs of the shining steam loco's from the proud days of the railways before Nationalisation, and Shirley Chambers had an array of geological items including a piece of Vesuvius. But perhaps the most memorable display was a collection of canine photo's, rosettes and certificates belonging to our packet secretary, who had won prizes at Cruft's and other dog shows in Belgium and France. A very unusual subject and the highlight of another of our occasional non philatelic evenings. Sometimes it's refreshing to have a break from those little bits of paper which we stick on envelopes !

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Editor's Note: Keith, you did not name your Packet Sec ! Is Jim Gifford still 'in office' ?

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LEWISHAM PHIL.SOCIETY It seems that the members enjoyed their 'open air' meeting early last January when they endured the wind and rain (due to the caretaker failing to turn up), that they are considering holding another next January ! On February 7th we held a "5 sheets or a fine of 50p", and with every member present preferring to show rather than pay up we saw several 'recent acquisitions'. Barrie Cook was unwell and unable to give the scheduled display

on February 21st, so Tony Hickey showed 'Victory & Peace'. Then on March 7th by Jeff Richardson gave a Thematic display of 'Skiing' and 'Boy Scouts'. Derrick Lincoln from the Dartford Society was our guest on the 21st March with 'Burma', and it was competition night on April 3rd - Grahame Boutle and Maurice Flack doing the Judging. Our friends from the Dartford Society are to visit us on April 17th, and we have our A.G.M on the 1st of May.

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**DRUNK IN CHARGE !** A Policewomen stopped a car and found that the driver had been drinking. She told him to get out of the vehicle and noticed he was unsteady on his feet "You are staggering" she told him "You're not so bad yourself" he replied.

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# SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)



## MALLING STAMP CLUB

Our January meeting was "5 sheets or a fine of "5p", with most members putting up a display. February was competitions night and a Bourse. By popular vote, Michael Thompson, showing Herm Island won the competition with Suzanne Target coming a very close 2nd with British Olympians. We also had a visit from a local collector who gave us a large box of material collected by his father, which he wanted donated to the club for the benefit of members. It was decided that we would sell the material at auction in April and donate the proceeds to charity. In March, Frank Parsons entertained us with a fine display of Switzerland. As usual, Frank gave an interesting and informative talk on a country which is not often displayed. In April, it was auction time, with a good attendance, a particularly good variety of lots on offer, including the charity lots and these realized good prices.

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## CINQUE PORTS P.S.

On Presidents Night, January 16th our President, Harry Ward displayed stamps engraved by Czeslaw Slania, something completely different and previously not seen by many of our members. On January 30th, we had a "5 sheets or a 50p fine" This encouraged many members to find something to show. It was Competition Night plus a mini auction on the 13th February organised by Martin. Then a Thematic display of Lighthouses by Ted Borley on March 5th.

We visited the Deal Society on the 7th March, with Paul Cahill displaying 'Crash Mail' and Harry Ward showing the "Whale Nation" and we welcomed members of the Hastings & East Sussex Society for a club visit on March 19th. Tony Hickey came to see us on April 2nd, showing "The Munich Crisis 1938", another superb display. We are looking forward to a Quiz Night on the 16th April, and Peter O'Keefe's visit on April 30th to show "The Rhodesia's 1891-1991" May 14th will see Chris Baker and Paul Cahill showing "Aviation 2" and on the 28th May, we hold our Annual General Meeting, together with the 'Jim Scannell' trophy.

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## GRAVESEND STAMP CLUB

Both our afternoon meetings have been well attended: our January meeting was a show by our President, Michael Thompson and in February, Tony Davis showed Iceland, he also brought along some of his stock of stamps and postcards for sale. On the evening of the 24th February we held our A.G.M, with no changes to the Officers or the Committee. On March 9th we had an auction, followed on the 23rd by an excellent display by Ray Jeal of Ascension Island. Ray has an extensive collection of the Island, much of which we had not seen before. Our April meeting was a competition and a bourse, but alas there were insufficient entries for a proper competition, but the bourse did have better support and members enjoyed looking and buying.



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## DARTFORD STAMP CLUB

We have held just 3 meetings since the last Bulletin in February: Don Brookfield gave a most interesting display "The Life and Times of King George VI". How Don unearths some of his acquisitions is indeed a mystery. In March we had a visit from Eltham & Woolwich PS when some very unusual items were shown. April was our Spring Auction, which was well supported, and we now look forward to a "Day Trip to Brighton" in June - Frank Parsons is our guide, and the AGM and bourse in July.

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# SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)

MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT P.S. A full programme of day time meetings has been arranged in addition to the evening meetings. The morning meetings are held from 10.30 am at "The Mote Park Indoor Bowls Club", Willow Way, Maidstone, ME15 7RN and visitors are welcome. These meetings held so far have been well attended and the numbers are continuing to increase. Recent displays at the evening meetings, held at St Paul's Church Hall, Boxley Road, have included Maidstone Postal History by our member, John Dann (a very large attendance for this popular speaker and subject), Ireland by Gilbert Denton, a Miscellany of Early Great Britain by Ian Marshall Aspects of Canada by Dave Armitage, Wembley Exhibition 1924 by Peter Denly and Aspects of World War II by Stuart Henderson. This year we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the formation of the Society in 1922, and an article giving a brief history of the club was published in the ABPS Newsletter in February this year.



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HERNE BAY Phil. Soc. The New Year began with the customary 'Bourse' which was rather better attended than previous years. The same may be said of the meeting that followed when members had been asked to bring along material under the letters 'O' and 'P'. This produced a display of 'Postage Dues' from the Channel Islands and continued with Paquebot markings to be followed by a selection of stamps showing Postal workers from around the world. The evening

continued with Postcards from Portugal, stamps from Penrhyn, and a selection of some more recent P.O. Pay Labels. On the 9th March we had a visit from former Kent President, Bill Hedley, with what can only be described as an excellent display of Hungary - having said that, Bill managed to provide a history of a country, from a postal point of view, for the past 450 years, and to achieve that in one evening requires a great deal of applause. When John Mills the Club President gave his display on March 23rd, it was based on his country of choice, namely the Gold Coast, now GHANA. He began with the Travelling Post Office markings for the railway system in the Gold Coast, starting with the western line moving on to the eastern line and then the central line, all were represented in both directions. This was followed by a variety of material including bi-sects and various other covers, including one addressed to Sylvia Pankhurst, the daughter of Emeline Pankhurst, the suffragette, who followed in her mother's footsteps in that movement. The second half consisted of postcards of which there were 7 series each of six cards that showed various aspects of the colony, also the 1924 & 1925 Empire Exhibitions at Wembley, they had been produced by Missionaries and various trading companies. There were also a large number of cards from many sources concerned with the manufacture of chocolate. More recently, we held our competition evening, this year the total number of entries was up on previous years with a total of 11 entries for 3 competitions. With an auction thrown in for good measure, and our AGM on June 8th, that concludes a review of the club's recent activities.

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**HEAR, HEAR !** At an Airport, I heard someone's name being called over the public address system, followed by the announcement: "We have found your hearing aid, you may come and collect it from the customer service counter".

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# SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (4)



SIDCUP PHILATELIC SOCIETY On the 10th January our President, Geoff Hanney chose 'HAITI' as the subject for President's Night. The first Europeans to find the Island were led by Columbus in December 1492. It is now shared with the Dominican Republic. The French took it over during the 17th century. Geoff showed some early stamps from the French period, up to 1802, gaining its independence in 1804. The first Haiti definitives were issued in 1891. A very comprehensive display, impossible to cover in detail but enjoyed by those present. We were entertained for the evening on the 24th January, with Frank Parson's display of 'Brighton and District' postcards. Later we saw stamps and covers marking the 1932, 1946 and 1966 Philatelic Congresses held in Brighton. Another very interesting and varied display delivered with Frank's usual enthusiasm. John Smith showed two of the 'Small Islands' on 28th February, these being the Turks & Caicos Islands, in the Caribbean to Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific ocean. A most interesting choice and very surprising how many items John showed for the two small island groups. For the Victor Mills Memorial Evening, we had displaying by 3 members: Derek Lincoln showed Burma Fantasies Don Brookfield showed letters to and from King George VI, Sarawak centenary imperf stamps, Canadian Royalty issues, and then Eileen Elton showed various G.B. Royalty items, and finally, Judith French showed a selection of Hong Kong, including flight covers, revenue stamps. With some time left, Don showed some more Commonwealth issues from Australia. On March 27th, Julie Lester gave a display of Lundy Island, with a history of its Postal Service and stamps, plus many postcards of island scenes. Julie also had a selection of Airline tickets used on flights to and from Lundy. An enjoyable display, enthusiastically given

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MEDWAY TOWNS P.S. Because of the snow and ice our February meeting had to be cancelled, but we had a good number attending in March for Trevor Taylor's display of G.B. line engraved stamps. We saw examples of single stamps and covers from different plates illustrating the varieties of ink and Maltese Cross cancels used on the penny values of both blacks and reds, also the differing alphabets used. In the 2nd half devoted to the twopenny blue and the halfpenny

bantams, plus embossed stamps and the 1870 1½d value, which was to cover a postage rate rise, which did not take place. We also saw the usage overseas, such as Malta and other British territories. For our meeting in April, we had the letter 'D', with displays of Duplex cancels, Danzig, Disney, Djibouti, Dutch stamp designs by Rein Draijer, Postage Dues, and Dinosaurs (from Dominica). PLEASE NOTE - that our next meetings will take place on the SECOND Monday of the month. Richard Hart will show Jamaica on June 11th, and our A.G.M. is on July 9th.

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**NAME THAT CAR !** I went to a vintage car rally and saw that they were running a competition to name a particular old car so I decided to have a go. I thought 'Sarah' would be a suitable name. Sometime later there was an announcement over the loud-speaker that the car was a Lotus Esprit, and not a 'Sarah' as one person thinks !

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 Advert seen in a local shop: "Pure bread Border Collies for sale"  
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