

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)



SWALE PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB On January 19th Chris Rapley, a club member and stamp fair organiser entertained 25 members with a collection of stamp covers formed by Dale Howting, the Sittingbourne Charity fund raiser. The covers had been sent to various dignitaries world wide to obtain signatures, which were then sold for charity. Chris then showed Cycle Mail, a voluntary service run by the Clacton on Sea County High School, a charity collection and delivery service initiated in 1982. The display ended with a colourful collection of postcards of Penshurst village, nr Tunbridge Wells, plus some cartoon cards and beer mats. Our member, Francis Howland gave a photographic display of 'Trains and Planes' on 2nd February, highlighting the Sittingbourne to Queenborough line (and extension to Sheerness), which was started in 1860. The display of planes covered the first aircraft factory, next to Mussel Manor which became the Aero Club, where Winston Churchill learnt to fly. In 1912, a Lt. Samson performed the first take off from a special deck on H.M.S. Africa, anchored in Sheerness harbour. Ron Burn was our guest on February 16th, displaying Tristan da Cunha covering the period of the volcano 1961/3 when the inhabitants had to leave the island, and were brought to Britain. He gave a detailed history and his depth of knowledge is hard to pay justice to in a brief report. Bob Appleton showed postcards of Cobham Village on March 8th, plus Shorne & Chalk, all steeped in history of the Dickens era Cobham Hall, built between 1584 and 1670, and one of its owners was Ivo Bligh, 8th Earl of Darnley, Captain of the English cricket team in Australia that was given the urn containing 'The Ashes'. Our visiting speaker for the 22nd March was unable to join us, so at short notice, members Shaun Caveney, Bryan Clark and Bob Browne produced displays of Sittingbourne postmarks, G.B. modern mechanisation and stamp show items, and a History of Kent on stamps and cards, respectively. On April 5th, Robert Turcan displayed cards and photo's of Dover



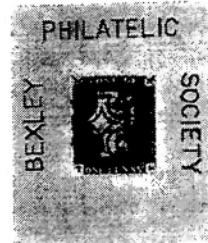
BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY Our 2012 meetings kicked off with a 2 page competition and displays by a few members. The competition produced 11 entries, which Mike Thompson won with souvenir labels of the 1912 Margate Philatelic Congress. John Corderoy's thematic entry 'Coconuts' was runner up. First visiting speaker of the year was Cliff Gregory, showing India starting with an underpaid item, charged 6d in 1858 on a letter from the U.K. this was shared equally,

between the two countries until India joined the U.P.U. in 1868. On February 17th, the Maidstone & Mid-Kent PS. entertained us when four of their members showed Australia, Gibraltar, German Feldpost, and a thematic display of Horatio Nelson. In March, Bill Hedley gave an engrossing display on the political and philatelic history of Hungary documenting its many alliances and schisms with neighbours over a long and tumultuous history.

Next was a visit by Gilbert Denton, showing 'Luxembourg' which was something of a European crossroads, having the dubious honour of having been invaded from all sides. Our speaker mentioned that this state was established after the Napoleonic wars, and was notable for having three heads of state who abdicated. They also had the first 'miniature sheet', issued in 1923. We held our next meeting on Good Friday, 6th April when John Smith showed material about the postal development of the Pitcairn Islands, (there are actually four) with their first stamps issued in 1940 (KGVI). They used New Zealand stamps until then.

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BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY (continued) Our next speaker was Alan Buckman, showing Canadian stamps was able using computer enhancements to show fine details of the intricately engraved stamps. He was also able to show, invisible to the naked eye, the issue dates which are printed on the stamps. There was also an uncatalogued G.B. £5 QEII 'Windsor Castle' high value, with a variation of the cross hatching behind the Queen's head. Forthcoming meetings, all on Friday nights, 7.45pm at the Freemantle Hall, Bexley Village include Ted Borley, showing 'Lighthouses' on May 18th, and John Rawlins with 'African Airmails' on July 6th. We end the season with an Auction on July 20th.

EDENBRIDGE STAMP & P/CARD CLUB Our January meeting was a visit by Ian Nutley showing Zeppelin Postcards and as anticipated, we were not disappointed; an excellent display. February was an 'Open' meeting, when our 'penny' box was on the table for all to rummage and we also had various items members brought along for others to peruse. Then in March the meeting was 'Postcard Night', and although I was not in present due to sickness, and do not know what members showed



I understand that the highlight of the evening was a display of postcards of Lingfield, presented by Arnold Berman. Our next meeting, April is "World of Stamps" to be displayed by Chrissie Baker Chairman of the Federation - (billed incorrectly in our programme as President of the Federation) and we are looking forward to her visit, which we will report on in the Autumn Bulletin.

SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY On the 1st of February we enjoyed a "Bits and Pieces" display by Michael Thompson - an entertaining and most varied selection of what might be described as oddments from Michaels many interests. Most frames covered different topics, many being of former 8 page competition entries, several of which had won in their class. These consisted of stamps & covers, labels and postcards, Congress souvenirs and even forged FDC's, various thematics and Cinderella material, including some rare and many rarely seen items. A very varied and interesting selection with something of interest for virtually all members present. On March 1st, Robin Morton was our speaker, with his display of King George VI stamps, plus a few cards and covers, covering all of the then 'British Empire' stamp issuing countries, but excluding almost all of the Omnibus issues and the leading countries Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and India. A good display, with very few gaps, and nice to see complete sets, all fine used, including high values. On April Jeremy Gaskell entertained us with an excellent and historically interesting display of 'British North Borneo'. This was in four groupings, Brunei and Labuan, followed by North Borneo and Sarawak, two in each half. We saw stamps, cards, covers and photographs, flaws and forgeries, Jap occupation items, revenues, paquebot items bogus issues and patriotic labels. An enthusiastic speaker, and a well presented and at times amusing talk. Next, on May 2nd, we have 'Presidents Night' with Peter O'Keefe presenting some more of his collecting interests. Our AGM is June 6th followed by a second visit by Michael Farrant on July 4th, and on August 1st we are holding our 70th Anniversary Dinner - exactly one day and 70 years after the founding of our Society on 31st July 1942.



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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS P.S For the evening meeting on February 9th, member Brian Stalker showed "Labrador", one of his many 'Canadian' collections, Brian also included several photographs of his latest trip to the area, plus many detailed and rare postmarks. As we expected, we were fully briefed on the early Mail Services in use in Labrador, and of the problems they encountered. Again a well prepared and most interesting story. On March 8th, we enjoyed a visit by Frank and Pat Parsons, Frank showing his favourite collection of Brighton Postal History with a number of postcard illustrations of the town over the years. Pat then showed 'Revenues', an interesting and somewhat surprising accumulation of stamps/labels which many of us had never seen before. Both displays created much interest and were well presented. Derek Hamilton Smith gave us a really varied selection of 'Postal History - covers of the World' on April 12th, many of which the audience had never seen before. If Derek likes a cover, whether it be rare or not, he will include it which must encourage others to do the same. On May 10th, our member Colin Evans who has rarely publicised his collection of the U.S.A was persuaded to show it; many of us were surprised at the extent of it, the quality, and the background story. Colin included early covers, Revenues & various Tax stamps, Civil War items and virtually full ranges of definitive stamps up to the 1950's, plus Air-Mails, Parcel Post, Special Delivery, and Newspaper stamps, but excluding the most of the commemoratives. An excellent display! Our morning meetings continue to be well supported, but we do have room for a few more. On February 16th, Ian Nutley displayed his 'Concentration Camp Mail', some very rare items, and some with a disturbing background, but a most interesting story. On March 15th Fred Hoadley showed 'Aspects of Swiss Philately', again of particular interest to several members, who had visited many of the areas Fred illustrated. The display of "1940, A Desperate Year" shown by Jim Etherington on 19th of April brought back memories of most members attending, as it was 'in their lifetime'. It covered much of the history of 1940, both in the U.K. and in several parts of Europe, and the effects of war. Well presented and enjoyable. In May we have a display of India by Brian Austen, and in June, Tony Bosworth makes a return visit, at an opportune time with the 1936 Olympics. Gilbert Denton shows us 'Ulster' in July.





KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP The A.G.M. held on April 28th, at Challock Village Hall (on the A252), a few miles north of Ashford, produced a few changes, John Weston stood down as our President (but will continue until the end of this year), with Ray Barton stepping up from being Chairman. Frank Parsons taking over this job. Pat Parsons joins the Committee in place

of Len Lasseter: all other Officers and Committee were re-elected. A mini-auction and Bourse followed the AGM, and it was decided to include these at all future gatherings, so prepare your surplus material now. Our next meeting is on June 16th, but the intended venue may have to be changed at short notice, it might not be big enough, (So get in touch with John or Mike, if you have not heard before say the 12th June). The topic will be the South East Coastal Region, plus new acquisitions. On September 29th we meet at Sevenoaks (Red Cross Hall), the topic then will be 'Sevenoaks & Villages', and the next main auction is at Leeds Village Hall, on November 24th, (closing date for submission of lots is September 29th, but earlier if you are ready. (gives Mike more time to type up the listings). Next years programme, 5 meetings is taking shape

NO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SEVEN SOCIETIES/CLUBS THIS TIME

It's A.G.M. time so perhaps they will find a willing volunteer to submit a (brief) report for future Bulletins. If no one is willing they could coerce someone, even pay them a fee. If your club has not got around to getting a mention, perhaps YOU could put pen to paper ! Its only three times a year, and to save postage, it can be telephoned to me - I would then compose a suitable report for you ! As I have said (often), it would be nice to include a 100% news report in each issue.

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ISLE OF THANET,++ ORPINGTON*, and ROMNEY MARSH,

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I understand that Len Bridger's wife has recently passed away, and offer our sincere condolences to Len and his family.

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that Bernard Kennett is not well, and wish him a speedy recovery,

NORTH WEST KENT POSTCARD CLUB

The first of what is hoped will in future be our Annual Dinner was held at The Old Prince of Orange hostelry in Gravesend with 16 members and guests in attendance.

Future events are May 21st Visit to Maidstone Evening P/C Fair. July 30th Tony Bosworth showing "Olympics". August 22nd Cliff Hurst gives an Exhibition. September 24th Third Reich Art by Steve Clark. October 2nd Reykjavik by Tony Davis.

November 22nd Munich & Bavarian Exhibitions by Tony Neale.

and on December 14th we hold a joint Social with the Gravesend & District Stamp Club.

Enquiries to Julie Lester (01474-325507) or on jal4714@aol.com Meetings are at the United Reformed Church Hall at the junction of Singlewell Road and Kings Drive, Gravesend from 7.45pm for 8pm.

WHAT DAY WAS IT ?

How to find out which day of the week an item was posted, or an event occurred .

(With acknowledgements to the G.B. Overprints Society . This article appeared in their Journal c 1982)

Ron Goodfellow came forward with a system for checking out the day of the week for any year you care to mention . Was that Levant Steamer cover posted on a Thursday or Sunday ? This system will tell you.

Take the last two figures of the year concerned: add a quarter of this number, ignoring any remainder: add the day of the month: add the following number, according to the month; Jan 1 (in Leap year, use 0), Feb 4 (leap year use 3), March 4, April 0, May 2, June 5, July 0, Aug 3, Sept 6, Oct 1, Nov 4, and Dec 6.

Then for the 1700,s add 4, the 1800,s add 2, the 1900,s add 0, in the 2000, add 6 Divide the total by 7, and the remainder gives the day of the week, eg 1 for Sunday, 2 for Monday, etc. with Saturday at 0.. For example, if your total is 51, divide by 7, which is 7 leaving a remainder of 2, which is Monday.

Baffled ? ? Try it out, it does work.

COMPETITION RESULTS - 10th MARCH 2012

As is usual, we only have two competitions at the Spring Rally, as this allows us space for the DAWES CUP, which we also host in the Spring every third year. This years results also appear below.

<u>THE GRANT CUP</u>		8 pages of 'Traditional' material,- 8 entries	
		<u>This is for 'club' entries</u>	
1st	MAIDSTONE & MK	British Occupation of Italian Colonies.	76 points
2nd	Bromley & Beck	Early St Lucia	72 "
3rd)	Bromley & Beck	Gibraltar, QEII varieties/errors	71 "
3rd)	Cinque Ports PS	Zanzibar	71 "

<u>The Des.Kill Trophy</u>		16 pages of Cinderella material, 3 entries	
		<u>This is for 'Individual' entries</u>	
1st	RICHARD SOLLY (Bromley & Beck)	British Presentational Postal Orders.	80 points
2nd	Michael Thompson (Malling S.C.)	Herm Island - The Development of the 1959 'Map & Boat' Definitive Issue.	78 "
3rd	Grahame Boutle (Bromley & Beck)	Marketing Black Gold (Oil)	72 "

Our thanks to the two judges on the day, Brian Sole, FRPSL and Derek Mauri, both from the Surrey Federation.

THE DAWES CUP - Competed for by four Federations in the Home Counties - South East. This years results were as follows:

ESSEX 419 points, KENT 409 pts, SURREY 395 pts, SUSSEX 372 pts

Congratulations to Essex, and welcome back to the Sussex team after an absence of a couple of years. Unfortunately, I have not got the individual scores for the Kent team, our team was (I believe) Grahame Boutle, John Crowe, John Shaw, Lewis Giles and Colin Tobitt.

The Judging took place at The Royal P.S. with Francis Kiddle and Chris King as Judges.

DO NOT FORGET The next SEMINAR at Wainscott, is on 16th June and explains all about WORLD POSTAL HISTORY, led by John Lea FRPSL. and should prove very interesting. The other Seminars this year are October 27th, 'History of the Zeppelins', by Ian Nutley, and in November we have more on 'KGV1' by Gavin Fryer, FRPSL Contact Maurice Flack (01634-714584) to book your place.

NEXT COMPETITIONS On July 14th, we have two competitions (Club entries) for, 1) Postal History and 2) Cinderella. We also have a 16 page (individual) competition for Social Philately. **BUT DON'T FORGET - ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ADVISED TO MAURICE FLACK, 14 DAYS BEFORE THE RALLY.** So you have to contact Maurice **BY THE 30th JUNE.** If you are entering any of the above mentioned competitions. It is NO longer 7 days notice but now 14 days notice is required.

NOTE: 'PHILATEX' has now ended - the Royal Horticultural Halls have been sold and that venue will no longer be available. Whether a replacement venue will be found remains to be seen !

G.B. NEW ISSUES

All 26 stamps (1st class) in the "Jubilee Year" set publicising 'Great Britain', are illustrated here as issued in the Souvenir sheet. They show alphabetically A to Z, man made constructions, except for letter 'W' (the White Cliffs at Dover) which are regarded as 'National Monuments', which are well worthy of sight-seeing by tourists. Alphabetically A to L were issued earlier, now M to Z follow. Additionally in the souvenir sheet, there are 4 stamp sized labels one in each corner to represent each of the four countries of the U.K. i.e England - The Houses of Parliament, Wales - The National Assembly, Scotland - the Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland - their Assembly. I think that the designers had a very easy job, but this issue is good publicity for Britain.



(The illustration is reduced by 50%)

This A to Z composite 'Souvenir Sheet' shows each of the chosen sites in their true colours and contains all the 26 first class stamps, plus four non postally valid labels. Originally sold at £11.96 (ie 26 x 46p), but now costing £15.60. (26 x 60p)

FASHIONS

On the 15th May, Royal Mail issued yet more new stamps - Ten stamps, all 1st class values, showing "Great British Fashion" - personally, I do not rate any of them, so there are no illustrations. None of the figures has any facial features and even the 2 (I think) males, dressed in suits, are nothing special!

NOTE There is more New Issue news on another page of this issue.

G. B. NEW ISSUES

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE On the 31st May, the Royal Mail are issuing 8 stamps to mark the six decades of the Queen's reign. Four are in full colour and four are in black and white. The values planned, before the recent price Rises were two x first class, two x 68p, two x 76p, and two x £1.10. Printed by De La Rue using the gravure process. In addition, there will be a Prestige booklet which will include four of the "Wilding" 1/- brown design with a 1st class face value in se-tenent format with the most recent grey 1st class definitive stamps. The booklet has self adhesive stamps and has been printed by Walsall Security Printing.



CHARLES DICKENS 1812—1870

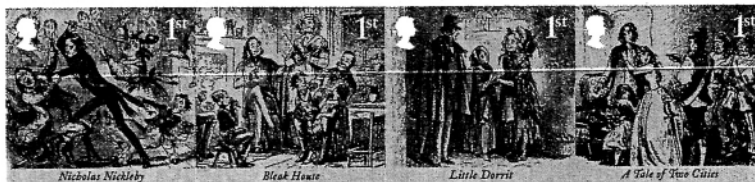
On the 19th June, the Royal Mail are issuing six stamps, featuring Dickens characters and a miniature sheet of four stamps showing original scenes from 4 of his books. The stamps are printed on a cream paper, with a buff coloured background, and have face values of 1st and 2nd class, 77p, 87p, £1.26, and £1.90. They show Mr. Bumble, Mr. Pickwick, the Marchioness, Mrs. Gamp, Captain Cuttle, and Mr. Micawber. (two of the stamps are illustrated alongside). The stamps in the miniature sheet are all 1st class values and are coloured black and grey.

BIRTH BI-CENTENARY ISSUE



There is also a

Charles Dickens 1812—1870



"No one who can read, ever looks at a book, even unopened on a shelf, like one who cannot."

Charles Dickens

It seems that the general public rarely buy (or even know about these new issues) how often do you get them on your mail? Business firms and many stamp dealers don't use them these days. One wonders, does the Post Office advertise them enough?

WHAT THE POST OFFICE DOES IF YOU DON'T COLLECT MAIL !

Do you ever send recorded delivery? Make sure it is not destroyed in Belfast!

As a recently qualified electrician, the training provider sent my certificates to me by recorded delivery. Unfortunately I had just gone away on a fortnight's holiday the day before a delivery and when I returned of course it was now after the 7 day window for collection/redelivery.

I contacted the sender on my return and was told that the packet would be returned to them and they would re-send it to me, but this could take up to 12 weeks. If I hadn't received the item by then I should contact them again.

12 weeks later I still had not received the certificate and I needed it for my forthcoming registration inspection. I contacted the sender again and was told that it hadn't been returned to them and 'chances are it was still at my local post office'. They gave me the identification number and told me to check with the Post Office System. One telephone call later the automated voice told me that the item was at my local sorting office.

Did you ever think about what happens to the item if it was not delivered and not collected?

I jumped into my car and raced to the sorting office in Sandwich and explained the problem to the member of staff. His immediate response was "it won't be 'ere lov, but I'll check the system!"

A minute later he returned with a piece of paper and said "no it's not 'ere – it's been sent to Belfast!"

"So how can I do I get it from Belfast?" I asked

"Chances are it's been destroyed by now – all uncollected mail goes there and if they can't trace the sender it get's destroyed. If it had had the sender's details on it – it would have been returned from 'ere."

He did however give me the printout with 17 undelivered items listed on it that does provide some potentially useful information! At my local sorting office the uncollected items seem to be reviewed/dealt with once a week. If the item has a return address on them it can take up to 8 weeks to be returned to the sender.

If however it has **no** return address then it can sent to Belfast in as little as 7 days – my own was sent after 14 days.

Lessons for everyone!

So if you missed your 7 day deadline for collection it would still be worth your while visiting the sorting office. But more importantly if you are sending something recorded delivery and you don't won't it destroyed in Belfast put your return address on it!!!

And as to what happened to my certificate? A new one has been ordered for me and should arrive in four weeks!!!

Chrissie Baker
Chairman KFPS



BE AN ORGAN DONOR ?

We were dining with our neighbours and remarking how well both their sons were doing in their respective careers. "Of course", my friend said to his wife, "they've got my brains, hav'nt they, darling?" "Yes dear", she replied, "I've still got mine".

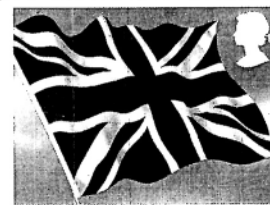
STOLEN POST BOXES

Further to the brief note on page six I now learn from the 'Courier', my local newspaper, that other post boxes have been stolen in West Kent and East Sussex. Lionel Jones of the 'Sussex Postal History Society' has reported that a full size pillar box (around 6 feet tall, in cast iron, of the Victorian type) is offered for sale on E-bay for £5,000, and even a small wall or pole mounted box could realise £500. It is believed they could be 'stolen to order' as some collectors want them as garden ornaments ! In addition to the box stolen in Hadlow, (bearing the KGVI arms) on April 20th, a similar box was stolen from 'Summersales', London Road, Crowborough a week or so earlier. A Royal Mail spokesperson said that the box had been cleared the day before so hopefully no mail would have been lost. It has also come to light that a third box, one sited at 'Mardens Hill' in Crowborough was also stolen on April 28th. The newspaper also reports that a box was stolen from Burwash in February this year, and one stolen in Brenchly in 2007, has not been replaced. Perhaps they were taken for their metal content ! You will be pleased to learn that the Police are investigating all these incidents. If you have one of this type of box near you, keep an eye out for it's well being. I attended a stamp auction at Seaford several years ago, and remember a wall type box being offered for sale at £30 - I think it raised £45 - there were two bidders. Perhaps I should have bid for it ! If one is offered in your club auction, be wary, before buying it, especially if it does not have a key ! PJOK.

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SOME FORTHCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Don't forget

that as a member of a Kent affiliated society, you can attend, as a guest, a meeting of another club occasionally. If planning

to do so, you should contact their Hon. Secretary beforehand as a matter of courtesy to check that you will be welcome, and also to check that the meeting, timing and venue etc. are unchanged. You will be expected to pay for any refreshments you have, and to join them as a full member, if attending more than say twice !

Note For various reasons, club programmes are subject to change, some at very short notice, illness perhaps, unavailability of the meeting place or for other reasons. As we come to the end of the 'season' for several clubs, it's A.G.M. time, and all clubs are requested to advise the Federation Hon. Secretary of any changes of their club delegate(s), their own Hon. Sec. or Competition Sec.

MAY

22nd	Sidcup P.S.	Interrupted Mail	Paul Cahill
24th	Maidstone & Mid-Kent	1936 Olympic Games	Tony Bosworth

JUNE

6th	Dartford	Day Trip to Brighton	Frank Parsons
7th	Eltham & Woolwich	Gibraltar	John Corderay
11th	Cinque Ports P.S.	1936 Olympic Games	Tony Bosworth
11th	Medway Towns P.S.	Jamaica	Richard Hart
13th	Romney Marsh	Evening with the Parsons	Frank & Pat
16th	Kent Postal Hist,	** Walmer ** S/E Coast Mail	

July

4th	Sevenoaks	German East Africa	Michael Farrant
6th	Bexley	Airmails of Africa	John Rawlins
9th	Cinque Ports	On the Rails - Mice	Barry Knight
12th	Tunbridge Wells	Zanzibar	Michael Farrant
19th	Tunbridge Wells++	Ulster	Gilbert Denton

AUGUST

16th	Tunbridge Wells++	Imperial Russia	Nigel Chandler
20th	Cinque Ports	Tribute to Yvonne Larg	Alan Rye

NOTE ** ** The Kent Postal History Group meeting scheduled for Walmer may be switched to another venue. Check with John Weston (01732-358163)

++ These are Tunbridge Wells morning meetings, 10.30am to 12.30pm at The Spread Eagle, Forest Road, Hawkenbury.

For most clubs, the new season gets underway in September - Clubs should advise Judith French (0208-851-4858) of their programme as soon as possible please, but to get it published in the Kent Fed. Directory, it needs to be in her hands no later than August 31st, please. If you are late, get in touch anyway, she might be able to slot it in, but it needs to be published in September.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE

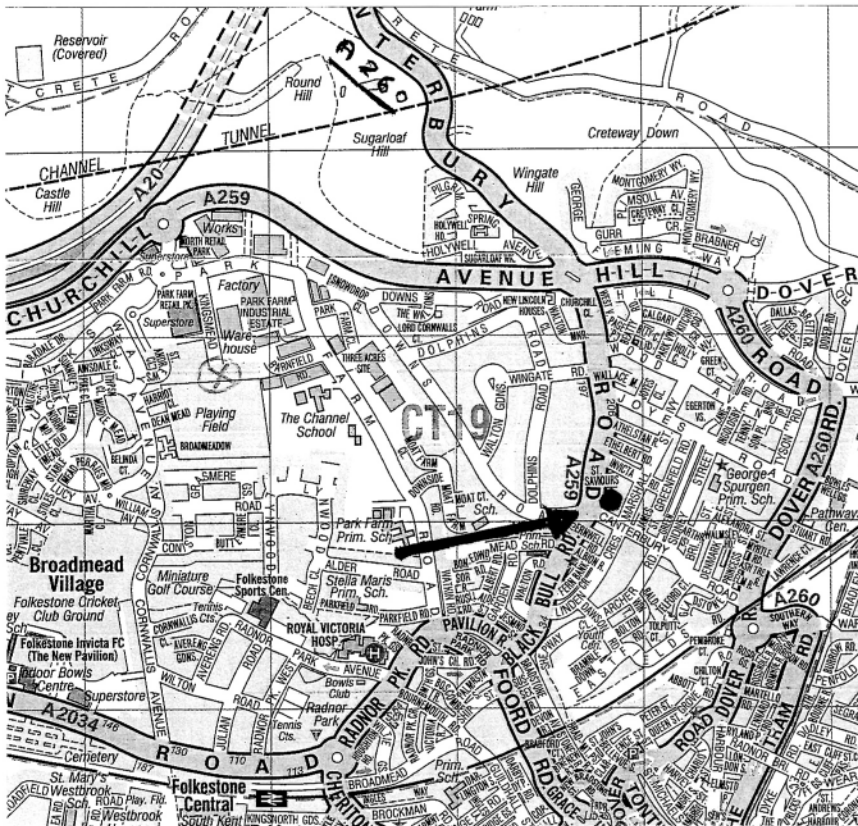
Grahamme

Boutle is endeavouring to up-date the list of members who are willing to display at other clubs. Club Hon. Secretaries or Programme Secs. are asked to contact him NOW with details of any deletions, additions or changes that need to be made. **THIS IS IMPORTANT - IT CAN HELP OTHER PROG SECS TO PROVIDE YOUR CLUB WITH A GOOD SELECTION TO CHOOSE FROM !** Grahamme can be contacted on 0208-658-6790.



KENT FEDERATION DAY & A.G.M. - 14th JULY

Sorry that it has taken so long to fix a date and the venue, but at last we can confirm both. We will be at a new venue in Folkestone, and hope that YOU will continue to support the Federation by your presence. Some may think that it is a long way, but a trip along the M20 should not take much more than say 90 minutes, even from the London area. If you fill your car with colleagues (or even your family) you will have someone to talk to, and in no time you will be there! Souvenir cards, like the one featured here, have been sent to all affiliated clubs, and more can be issued if you fail to find one.



DIRECTIONS: If you approach FOLKESTONE along the M20, from the west, you might leave at Junction 13 cross over the M20 head south for a few yards, then take the A259, heading east along Churchill Ave until you meet the Canterbury Road. Turn right, heading south then after about the sixth road on your left you should see St. Saviour's Church, on the left, CT19 5NR and hopefully you should see signs for car parking and the fair. (It's opposite the Black Bull Pub!) Why not make a day of it? See you there

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On the back there are 2 maps, both are smaller than that shown above.



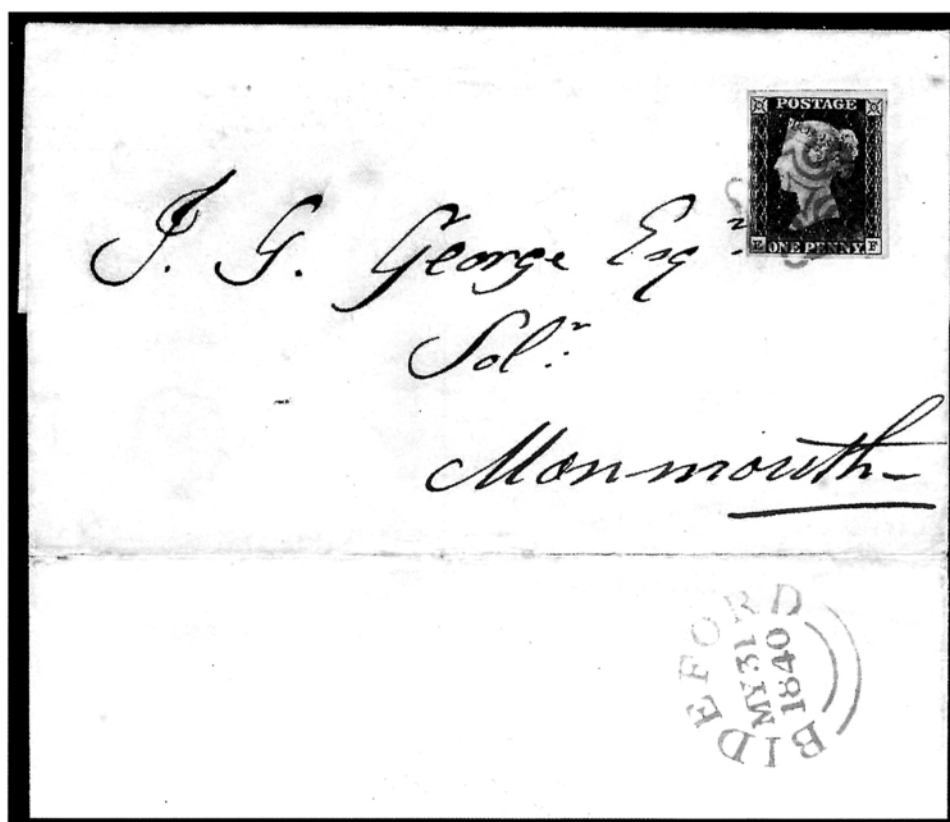
BALL POINT PENS

I received a Stamp Auction catalogue yesterday, It had 3 commemoratives and one regional stamp ALL HAND CANCELLED BY A BALL POINT PEN. The illegible machine cancel had only caught one stamp. Thanks Post Office you don't encourage collectors by scribbling over stamps! They never seem to do this on the P.P.I. envelopes we get with junk mail: I wonder why not!!

How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb?
It all depends on how many it took under the previous government!

All World Stamps and Postal History at Auction

16th. June 2012



Great Britain: 1840 1d. Black Plate 1a: EF, good margins all round, tied to entire addressed to Monmouth by red Maltese Cross cancellation, on reverse red Bideford c.d.s of May 31 1840, a rare Sunday usage.
Estimate £2,500 • Fine and very rare



Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika: 1922-27 £4 black and magenta, u.m., fine and rare.
Estimate £750



Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika: 1922-27 £5 black and blue, u.m., fresh, fine and rare.
Estimate £400



Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika: 1922-27 £75 purple and grey overprinted "SPECIMEN", fresh, fine and rare. Estimate £500



Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika: 1922-27 £100 red and black overprinted "SPECIMEN", u.m., fresh, fine and rare. Estimate £650

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