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EDITORIAL

Peter O’Keeffe

I was sorry to hear that Steve Boorn of the Cinque Ports P.S. and the Kent Postal History Group has passed away. I understand that he had problems with the pacemaker that he was given a few years ago, and was back in hospital. Steve’s Philatelic knowledge and cheerful manner will be sadly missed by those who knew him. I have just heard that Peter Gilbey (Sidcup P.S) has also passed away

I thought that we had a good day at Gravesend for the Autumn Rally in September but I was disappointed with the attendance as only 15 clubs were represented at the Council meeting. Federation apologises for the delay in announcing the date of the Federation Day later this year. The school which we hope to use will not guarantee the date we want. It is hoped to hold it on the 14th or 21st of July in Folkestone. When the date is known, ALL club Hon.Secretaries will be advised .

In the meantime, we have the Spring Rally at Mascall’s school, Paddock Wood on the 10th March. Do come along, bring a couple of colleague’s, and ensure that Your club is represented at the Council Meeting.

No news of any changes in club secretaries has reached me, so it is assumed that all is ticking over O K. But it is rumoured that two clubs are finding it difficult, no volunteers to take on jobs and attendance ‘ down. Hopefully some one will remind members that if their club is forced to close down, they will have to travel further to join another club, so it is in their interests for their club to soldier on !. Remember, “When it’s gone, it’s GONE “. - PROBABLY FOR GOOD !

Competitors will be sorry to hear that one of our regular visiting judges, Brian Asquith has suffered a heart attack, however he hopes to be able to join us on March 10th. We wish him well. After all, he is not a bad judge !

This is a “double whammey” issue, as we have two lots of competition results, those for the Folkestone and the Gravesend Rallies, last June and September. Maurice has managed to find them.

Can someone persuade the Ashford, the Deal, the Herne Bay and the Eltham & Woolwich societies to include the election of a Press Officer on the agenda for their A.G.M. In this issue, we have reports from 19 of our 23 affiliated societies. It would be nice to hear from the missing four as to how they are faring, and their plans for the future.

The Judging Seminar held at the end of October was attended by 15 people, five of whom were from out of Kent. It is felt that it was a success, and it is hoped that part two might be arranged for the Autumn, and held at “Stampex”. More details later. Those who attended will be advised when arrangements are finalised.

In the last issue I asked if anyone could suggest why the Post Office allowed a meter mark “Specimen” to go through the post without being surcharged. It was from an insurance broker, and was probably not the only item posted that day. Will it be rare?

The “Fakes & Forgeries” Seminar was so successful, that it may justify holding it again. So watch this space.

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

FEB 8	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
FEB 22/25	Spring Stampex	Design Centre, Islington.
MAR 4	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Academy, Sevenoaks.
MAR 10	KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY	Mascals School, Paddock Wood
MAR 14	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
APR 4	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
APR 14	Maidstone Stamp Fair	Grove Green Comm. Centre.
APR 19/21	'Philatex'	Royal Horticultural Hall.
MAY 6	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Academy, Bradbourne V1
MAY 9	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
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 ?	KENT FEDERATION DAY	Host Society WANTED ! ! ! !
SEP 2	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Academy, Sevenoaks
SEP 15	Orpington Stamp Fair	227 Poverest Rd, Petts Wood.
SEP 12	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
OCT 10	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London
OCT 20	KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY	Langley Park Schl. Beckenham
NOV 1/3	'Philatex'	Royal Horticultural Hall
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 12	Strand Stamp Fair (Russell Sq)	Royal National Hotel, London

Sorry, but I do not have the dates for the Beckenham Fairs in 2012

 For Web pages listing forthcoming NATIONAL events, you could try
 General: <http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Exhibitions/index>
 BPMA lectures and events: postalheritage.org.uk/events
 and/or: postalheritage.org.uk/exhibitions E&OE

**THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT
 ISSUE, IN MAY, WILL NEED TO BE THE 20th APRIL 2012**

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.

-ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE KENT FEDERATION EVENTS-

Host Societies are still urgently needed for OUR FUTURE RALLIES! and date clashes with other events might affect your support. The Malling Stamp Club have booked the 'Autumn Rally' in 2013, for Saturday 28th September 2013.

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 Spring & Summer 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 20th December 2011

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the local society members in the Kent Federation, a Happy, Healthy and a Prosperous New Year for 2012. This year Kent are the hosts for The Dawes Cup Competition and we have put together a strong team to represent the Kent Federation. I wish the team Good Luck; it would be great to win it again, especially as we are the hosts. I hope to see many of you at Paddock Wood on the 10th March for the Spring Rally.

Yours sincerely,
Maurice Flack.
President 2011/13.

MORE MEETINGS

We now have three societies holding day time meetings, Royal Tunbridge Wells have held 16 morning meetings over the last 16 months, Maidstone & Mid-Kent have (I believe) had 6 morning meetings and Gravesend have (I think) held 3 afternoon meetings. They are all continuing with their evening meetings. Additionally, the Dover Stamp Society have returned to holding two meetings each month. Is it because these clubs are more progressive than some others? that they have an individual (or a Committee) willing to organise extra get togethers? Who knows? Whereas some others are finding things tough - support is flagging

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Hedley, FRPSL, on being awarded a Gold Medal - Hunfica Balaton Fured - April 2011 at the Hungarian Stamp Exhibition.

LONDON 2015 - "EUROPHILEX" - 13/16 MAY.

This international stamp exhibition is to be held at The Business Design Centre in London, and the leading organiser is Bill Hedley There are to be 1,200 frames of competitive exhibits, so if you are interested, you have three and a half years to perfect your entry! Refer to www.london2015.net for further information

CLUB PROGRAMME SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE

Judith French (details on page two) has written requesting that clubs advise her as soon as possible (don't wait until your club programme card is printed) of your next seasons programme, so that she can get the bulk of the work done early, and thus publish the next Club Programme Directory at the start of the season. Also if there are any errors in or changes needed to this seasons directory, please let her know NOW.

THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS P.S. are again on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May 2012, hosting the **CROWBOROUGH STAMP FAIR**

at All Saints Church Hall, Chapel Green, Crowborough, TN6 3AP from 10am to 4pm. Free Admission, 15 dealers, Stamps, Postal History & Postcards, free off road car parking, tombola, refreshments. Mark YOUR diary now and come along, why not bring a friend?

Editors apology Sorry for wrongly saying that it was Len Giles when it was actually LEN BARNES in the background of the illustration in our last Bulletin, showing Don Donovan at Bexley, cutting his 90th birthday cake.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Firstly the results for the competitions held on FEDERATION DAY, at Folkesone on 25 JUNE 2011.

W.A.PAGE POSTAL HISTORY TROPHY 8 pages

1st	CINQUE PORTS P/S	Canadian Packet Mail to Great Britain 1868-1889	90 points
2nd	Bromley & Beckenham	Armistice Day 1919	86 "
3rd	Malling S/C	Postal History of Lundy to 1930.	84 "

THE CINDERELLA TROPHY 8 pages

1st	MALLING S/C.	The Island of Jethou, 1960 Scenes, definitive issue.	82 points
2nd	Malling S/C	The 4th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.	78 "
3rd	Bromley & Beckenham	Marketing Black Gold	65 "

THE LOTTIE GREY AEROPHILATELY CUP 16 pages.

1st	MICHAEL THOMPSON (Malling S/C)	Lundy Island - Devon Air Travel Ltd & Devon Air Ltd	76 points
2nd	Paul Cahill. (Cinque Ports P/S)	Interrupted Mail	75 "
3rd	Ernie Warden (Maidstone & Mid Kent)	Kaitak - The Hub of the Orient.	71 "

Our thanks to entrants and to the Judges on the day, Brian Asquith and Brian Sole, both from the Surrey Federation.

Next, the results for the AUTUMN RALLY, at Gravesend on 24/9/2011

THE PARNALL THEMATIC CUP 8 pages

1st	MALLING S/C	Reach for the Sky - Development of the "Hydrogen" Balloon.	89 points
2nd	Bromley & Beckenham	Short Brothers Flying Boats	85 "
3rd	Medway Towns P/S	Who Needs Hats	81 "

FRANCIS FIELD AEROPHILATELY TROPHY 8 pages

1st	MALLING S/C	The Lundy & Atlantic Coast Air Lines Ltd. The LACAL 1937/38 Small Air Issues.	84 points
2nd	Malling S/C	British European Airways Air Letter Service	83 "
3rd	Cinque Ports P/S	Early European Glider Mail	82 "

THE ROY GARLAND TRADITIONAL TROPHY 16 pages

1st	JOHN SHAW (Eltham & Woolwich)	Africa 1935 Silver Jubilee	81 points
2nd	Michael Thompson (Malling S/C)	The Crown Colony of Aden and Qu'aith State Hadhramaut	76 "
3rd	Ian Reed (Bromley & Beckenham)	Australian Surface Printed King George 5th.	74 "

Once again the Judges on the day were Brian Asquith & Brian Sole of the Surrey Federation: our thanks to them and to the entrants.

THE BULLETIN IS 60 YEARS OLD

Peter O'Keefe

Back in February 1952, the then Hon. Secretary of the Federation, a Mr P.J.Slocombe published the first ever Kent Federation Bulletin so we can now celebrate the 60th Anniversary of this publication. Initially it started off as a single page (more like a letter from the Secretary) and was sent to:- all members of the Council, and Hon. Secretaries of the Federated Societies.

It was hoped to make it a quarterly Bulletin and that it "would be of advantage in keeping the federated societies in more close contact, and would prove a means of communication between individual societies".

Hon Secretaries were requested to notify Mr Slocombe "of any items of general interest, such as changes of officers, the holding of meetings of special importance (where visitors are welcomed), auctions, or similar functions, and any item of philatelic interest they may think sufficiently important for circulation". It was also thought that "It may also be possible to arrange through this medium for exchanging visits between societies to amplify and vary the programmes".

All were reminded that Federation Day that year was to be held at Canterbury on the 17th May; entries for the 8 page 'Grant' cup (on any subject) should be ready in good time as it may be necessary to ask for them to be in his hands a week before the date of the meeting. Also that a Certificate would be awarded as a permanent record of the winning societies entry. Finally a reminder that subs (due last May!) were overdue from some societies.

Incidentally, Mr Slocombe edited 6 issues, then Vic Daniels did the next 33, Alec Page did 5 (whilst Vic was our President), with Vic doing the next 6, before handing over to Alec who did the next 76 issues. Yours truly has now done the last 62 issues (inc this one) Have we achieved the original aims, as set out in Mr. Slocombe's letter? I hope so. However, I get the impression that with the gradual decrease in society memberships, our readership is falling so is there something we might do to rectify this? Certain clubs do not seem to promote the Federation as much as they could, attendance at Federation Rallies could be better - there are the few stalwarts in a number of clubs who regularly support these events but there are many who do not. Do the latter consider themselves as keen collectors, or still as just novices? It is amazing how little interest some take in our hobby: some, even in what their society has arranged. If you are reading this, you are probably keen, but many do not even pick up a copy of the Bulletin, and if your club don't tell you, you will not know what you are missing. How about a New Year resolution (its not too late!) - to support and take more interest in what Federation is trying to offer YOU. The Seminars are in addition to your club meetings but are perhaps more 'hands on' - they are available to all philatelists, collectors, novices or even to non collectors who might wish to learn something about the hobby. With free car parking, a good buffet plenty of tea, coffee, cold drink and a friendly atmosphere which is good value when you consider how much you might spend on a day out elsewhere. Why not get into the habit of improving both your collection and knowledge of philately?

THANKS to the regular correspondents, to the Essex, Middlesex and Sussex Federations and to the Sevenoaks, Sidcup, Swale and the Tunbridge Wells societies for their Newsletters, also to Michael Thompson for the printing, and distribution of this issue.

OUR NEXT ROUND OF COMPETITIONS 2012/13

<u>2012</u>	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>AUTUMN</u>
8 pages	Traditional	Cinderella	Thematic
	-	Postal History	Aerophilately
16 pages	Cinderella	Social Philately	Postal History

<u>2013</u>	The 8 page competitions are the same as in 2012		
16 pages	Thematic	Aerophilately	Traditional

The reason only one 8 page competition is held in the Spring is because we will be taking part in the DAWES CUP, and will be hosts once every in three year cycle.

THE DAWES CUP - 2012 Kent are again hosting this competition this Spring, and the team to represent Kent is :-

AEROPHILATELY	<u>GRAHAME BOUTLE</u>	Wartime and Early Post War Proving Flights to and from Australia
	<u>JOHN CROWE</u>	"Flying the Tasman, Australia to New Zealand Air Routes.
TRADITIONAL	<u>JOHN SHAW</u>	South Africa - A Study of the 5/- Rotogravure Ox Wagon Pictorials 1933/34
POSTAL HISTORY	<u>LEWIS GILES</u>	Otago Goldfield, New Zealand.
	<u>COLIN TOBITT</u>	Austria to Switzerland, Concessionary Cross Border Mail 1921/25

We wish this team 'Good Luck'. Judging takes place at the Royal on Monday, 5th March, by International Judges, Francis Kiddle and Chris King.

OUR NEXT SEMINARS All are being held at Wainscott

<u>16th JUNE</u>	World Postal History, this will cover all continents and will be led by JOHN LEE, FRPSL.
<u>27th OCTOBER</u>	An in Depth Look at Zeppelins, explaining the three types used, their construction, and their flights. Led by IAN NUTLEY, a leading expert on this subject.
<u>24th NOVEMBER</u>	King George VI, 1937 to 1952, led by Gavin Fryer FRPSL, Its now 60 years since KGVI passed away.

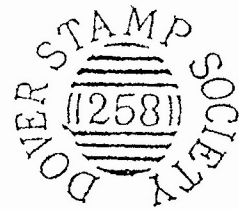
All will commence at 10.30am on Saturdays, ending around 4pm, with a buffet lunch, free car parking, and plenty of tea/coffee or cold drinks. £10 for a days enlightenment ! You have a query ?, the experts may be able to give you an answer, or they will be able to put you in touch with someone who can. Please CONTACT Maurice Flack on 01634-714584 to book YOUR place, at least 14 days prior to the event. It is hoped to announce a further Seminar soon, about the BOER WAR, which hopefully will be led by Alan Drysdall, an expert on this topic.

ANOTHER APOLOGY Sorry if this issue of the Bulletin is later than usual: I ran out of cartridges for my machine, got three more, by mail order, but the ink in all three failed to flow, and despite a promise from another company, that they could supply me within 24 hours, they did not produce them for a full week. PJOK

Some Names on Boats ! - "Watertight Alibi", (owned by a lawyer) "Sir Osis of the River", "Out to Launch", and "Meals on Reels"

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP 1

DOVER STAMP SOCIETY "The season brought a welcome return to TWO meetings a month. In September our initial gathering was 'Postcards and Covers', and as usual was very well supported by members willing to display. Then Ian Nutley treated us to yet another of his superb shows with the 'Third Reich and Postkreig'. The visit from The Medway Society in November was exceptional, hardly anyone here had heard of German private posts in the early days of the history of the mail, but Ed Shilling produced a remarkable display of privately issued stamps including forgeries and added later gems from the Nazi period. He was accompanied by Bob Higgins who showed a very detailed collection of the main issues and varieties of King George the Sixth of Gibraltar. The best, however, was revealed when they left for home - a promise that they would come back next year to show us some more. We look forward eagerly to seeing them again. The next meeting was 'Antarctica' by Tony Hayes, and appropriately there was no heating in the Salem Hall. The attendance was for various reasons unusually low, the speaker got lost, but was worth waiting for with a show of covers from many of the territories claimed by European and other countries. Thanks Tony for showing us yet another of your interesting collections. We are now looking forward to the Christmas party on December 21st, and then in the New Year a 'Members Evening' featuring the letters J. K. and L.



Edenbridge Stamp & postcard Club The new season

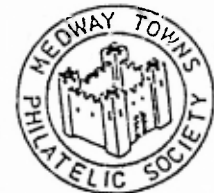


started with our usual 'Open Evening' when we bring along new purchases and anything from our collections which might be of interest to others. Several members brought new material for our 'penny box' which always proves popular. In October the subject was something beginning with 'R', not such a good response as usual, but we had, Regionals, Rhodesia, (special postmarks) a very good display by Arnold

Berman, G.B. penny red plate no's 71 to 225, including underprints, overprints and perfins and finally Russia. Our visitor in November was Jeremy Gaskell who treated us to British Borneo, a most interesting, enlightening and well presented display. There was no meeting arranged for December, but we are looking forward to Ian Nutley showing us Zeppelin postcards in January.

Medway Towns P.S. The new season opened on September

5th with a display by Ray Barton of (mainly early) Mexico. Michael Farrant also showed early material when he visited us in October, this time from German East Africa.



November brought a two man team from Swale PS, Eddie Scott with a complete range of stamps issued for use in Berlin from the Allied occupation to the fall of the Berlin Wall, and Bob Browne with his ingenious thematic display called "Kent On Stamps". Our Annual auction took place in December, while President Night in January by Bob Higgins comprised two very different halves. Firstly he showed stamps from Gibraltar from the 1870's to modern issues with particular attention to the watermark and perforation varieties of the KGV reign. After the teabreak we were entertained with many colourful stamps and sheets featuring dinosaurs and other pre historic creatures. Hon Secretary, Rosemary Dellar is hoping to be relieved of her duties soon, as it seems, a prospective successor has been found.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)

DARTFORD & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Our meetings this season have been well supported. We started with the letters J, K & L which proved very mixed and interesting. Then the Postal History of Dartford by Ray Jeal who very nearly didn't make it, but was rescued by Don Brookfield, so we had an exceedingly good evening finding out things we never knew about our towns mail. In November we had an auction which produced many items, most of which found new homes. Also that month we held an enjoyable evening meal greatly appreciated by all. This was something we had talked about for a number of years but had never got around to it. Our Christmas meeting included a philatelic quiz and the usual refreshments were well received. We started the New Year with a Postcard and New Acquisitions session, with everyone showing something. In February we have a visit from Don Brookfield showing his "Life & Times of KGVI", followed by a visit from the Eltham & Woolwich PS. During the Autumn we also had the joyous news that our Chairperson, Sue had become the wife of our Auctioneer and Competition Secretary, Steve. We wish them every happiness and a long life together.

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Sevenoaks & Dist. Phil. Society The current season opened on 7th September 2011 with our usual 8 page competition for items connected with the letters O, P, and Q. which produced several thought provoking, and interesting entries, plus a 'single sheet' comp. In October, member Henry Hupfield displayed Egypt, an enjoyable & interesting but rather difficult country from the philatelic viewpoint. Ian Marshall visited us in November to show more of his early G.B. postal history and stamps - another excellent display of rare items. In December we held another auction, and although a good number of lots sold, it could have been better. Regrettably we learnt of the passing of three of our members, Life member and former President, Geoffrey Miller, and ordinary members John McCauslan and Don Mitchell. We commenced the New Year with our annual "Cheese & Wine Supper" on the 4th January - this was our 24th such event - last year it had to be cancelled due to bad weather, so next year it should be our 25th. The Society was founded in 1942, so this year is our 70th Anniversary, and we are having a large cake prepared for the celebrations later in the year. We also plan to hold a Dinner at a local restaurant during the Summer. On the 1st February, Michael Thompson is to entertain us with "Bits & Pieces", which no doubt will have some unexpected items on show. In March, Robin Morton will be our guest with his world wide display of KGVI stamps, and Jeremy Gaskell is to visit us in April to show British Borneo.

KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP Meetings are held in various parts of the County, and over the last year or two, we have crossed the border into Sussex. Our latest venture, to Hurst Green was for a display of the early postal history of Eastbourne by our member Lionel Jones. This also had family links for him as he was able to show some items connected with his predecessors of long ago. An interesting and well presented show. The auction held at the Village Hall, near Leeds Castle in November went well. Our next meetings are, April 28th Challock Village Hall, being the Bourse, Mini-Auction and Annual General Meeting, then June 16th we meet at Walmer (at a new venue) when the topics will be Sandwich, Deal, Dover, plus surrounding villages and also new acquisitions.



SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)

MALLING STAMP CLUB Our September meeting was 'Ladies Night' and the star of the evening was Suzanne, with her first major display on 'Women of Achievement'. This was a display of 100 sheets covering famous women and others not so well known. Suzanne had researched every woman depicted and this is the only time that members have asked for the display to be left up for longer as they wished to finish reading the sheets. We hope that Suzanne will be able to join our "Away Team" on future visits to other clubs. There were also displays by Lindy Bosworth, Julie Lester and Joan Buller. Our October meeting was the A.G.M. followed by members displays, then in November, Tony Hoad visited and gave a display of Tristan da Cunha. As always Tony gave an interesting and informative display. We hope to see Tony again next year with another display. The December meeting was an auction, which was well attended with a good number of lots including many albums and stockbooks. As usual, the auction was followed by festive snacks.



Sidcup Philatelic Society Last September, Maurice Flack, the Kent President was our guest, showing a fine selection of stamps, such as Botswana, Mauritius Hong Kong and Cyprus, depicting many scenery, flora and fauna, buildings, animals, birds, gemstones, pottery bullock carts to aeroplanes, cave paintings and the visit of Pope John Paul. A bright and colourful show most enjoyable to see. Members evening on September 27th was letters E, F, & G with plenty of material on



show. Who remembers the 'Far Tottering and Oyster Creek Railway which was one of the attractions at the 1951 Festival of Britain? Other displays included Military 'Field Force' items, KGV ½d & 1d varieties, Eagles, Flight covers, Elizabeth II & Duke of Edinburgh special events, Falklands, Fiji and Gambia. In October, Cliff Hurst showed Newfoundland and Labrador, and later that month, we had the Monty Sims remembrance evening with various displays of KGV items. In early November, Chris Ayres gave a display of 'British Africa' with stamps & covers from many of the Empires countries, then the second half was devoted to South Africa. John Corderay was our visitor on November 22nd, with a fine showing of Israel.

Gravesend Stamp Club In August last we held our "Ten sheets or 10p" when members who do not show have to pay a fine. Then in September, it was our three page competition evening and a bourse. On the 23rd October, Peter O'Keefe visited to show "The British Red Penny", which is an unusual and interesting display. Then on 14th October, we saw Indian unpaid mail by Cliff Gregory, this being a country we rarely see displayed at clubs. The



joint Christmas Social, with the North Kent Postcard Club was well attended and a good time was had by all with much food being eaten. The two clubs also enjoyed a joint postcard meeting in November and we hope that some of the stamp club members will consider joining the Postcard Club, now that they have discovered how interesting postcards can be. Our afternoon meetings continue to be well attended and the meeting on 11th November, a display by Mr A Lincoln about Abraham Lincoln was no exception and was enjoyed by all present. Our next afternoon meeting is our President's Display on the 13th January 2012.

My neighbour and his wife get along well considering its a mixed marriage - She's normal !

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (4)

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 at the Mote Park Indoor Bowls Club from 10.30am. This is in Willow Way, Maidstone ME15 7RN and visitors are welcome. The 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 "On Dragon's Wings" (Chinese Airmails) by Brian Asquith, "Andorra" by Gerald Marriner, "17th to 20th Century Global Adventure" by John Barker, a visit from the Royal Tunbridge Wells Society and our "President's Evening". In January John Dann shows "Local Postal History", and in February, Gilbert Denton is to show "Ireland", followed on 1st March by Ian Marshall showing "Early G.B."



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Royal Tunbridge Wells PS For those of you wishing to find us on the Internet, PLEASE NOTE that our web-site is NOW www.rtwphilsoc.co.uk and NO OTHER ! Any other is not controlled by the Society and is NOT in any way official. Please also note that we have changed the venue for our morning meetings. We are now using The Spread Eagle, Forest Road, Hawkenbury, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5BT. Meetings commence at 10.30 am, on the third Thursday each month. Other

details can be obtained from either Steve Clark (01732-360112) OR Lis Clare (01892-527587), and visitors are welcome to come along. We enjoyed a most interesting and enlightening display of "Italian Postal History" by Mr G. Lindsley on August 14th, various members displays on the 8th September and for "President's Night" on 13th October, our retiring President, Ian Marshall showed us more of his excellent G.B. Postal History. At our A.G.M. on November 10th, Steve Clark was elected as our new President, Ian having completed his 'term of office' but Ian then took on the mantle of Hon. Treasurer from Jim Raven who stepped down after 29 years in the job - well done Jim! The Society has completed 12 months of morning meetings at Groombridge with shows of 'Morocco' (August) by Bob Deakin, the 'Third Reich' by Steve Clark, (September), 'Palestine' by Martin Lynes (October), 'Iceland' by Tony Davis (November), and finally 'Money by Post' by Henry Hupfield (December), all of which were well presented and contained a wealth of good material. The New Year commenced with a well supported and very enjoyable dinner on January 10th, at the 'Royals' Indoor Bowls Club in Hawkenbury, with 44 members and other halves/partners attending. For our first morning meeting at the new venue, The Spread Eagle on January 19th our first guest was Terry Page, with an amazing display of Russian Zemstvo (Local) Posts, a topic none attending had seen before or even knew anything about. It was a well presented and very interesting display. We now look forward to "Concentration Camp Mail" by Ian Nutley (16th Feb), "Swiss Philately" by Fred Hoadley (15th March) and "A Desperate Year-1940" by Jim Etherington (19th April) then "India" by Brian Austen (May 17th). Back to our evening meetings, Peter O'Keefe kicked off on the 12th January showing a range of "G.B. Postal Stationery" from Queen Victoria to KGV1 and one frame of assorted QEII material. On forthcoming evenings we have displays of "Labrador" by Brian Stalker, (February 9th), then "Brighton P/H" & "Revenues and Prisons" by Frank and Pat Parsons (March 8th), "World Postal History" by Derek Hamilton Smith (12th April) and "U.S.A." by club member Colin Evans (10th May).
