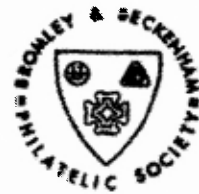


SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)



Bromley & Beckenham P.S. David Milsted showed "ARMY OFFICIAL" overprinted stamps and their usage at our meeting on the 14th September. These included a wide range of material with plate varieties, covers and postcards, postmarks, control numbers and documents. On the 28th, Brian Asquith showed "Triest/Trieste" which was part of the Austro/Hungarian Empire and Italy's aspiration after WWI. He included incoming and outgoing mail, various documents, telegram forms and disinfected items, stamps from various administrations with overprints and propaganda items. Ian Marshall visited us on October 26th showing a miscellany of "Early G.B." from the 1600's into the 18th Century, including Bishop marks, Dockwra marks, plus cachets and Post Paid marks, 5th Clause posts, Coffee House, Ship Letter markings, Four penny post and the Uniform Penny Post. The second half was line engraved QV issues, and all 1d black plates, including the rare 'V R' impramatur, plus 2d blue plates. Trevor Devon was our guest on November 9th with a display of "Medicinal Stamps on Plants" used to beat all sorts of diseases and as drugs He did however also show some Bermuda and early Australian stamps for those suffering withdrawal symptoms from the lack of more usual philatelic material. For President's Evening, Len Barnes showed "French Aviation" including 'Ballon Monte' material, covers, cards, stamps, cachets, various documents of French Airlines and airmail services between 1900 and the 1930's. Additional items included flying boats, catapult mail, crash covers, publicity flights and Zeppelin flights. Langley Park Boys school (now refurbished) has again been booked for the Federation Autumn Rally, on October 20th.



Orpington Philatelic Society. The second half of our 2011/12 programme began with a members evening on subjects A.B.C. and items on display included Airmails, Bromley & Chislehurst PPCs, Aden, Boots Ltd logo's on cover, British North America Airgraphs, window booklets, Bohemia and Moravia, USA commemorative covers, Bees on Stamps, Crystal Palace, Publicity labels, Isle of Man Steam Pack-

ets and Deptford war memories (WWII). We have gained three new members, but sadly we lost two long standing members who have died during 2011. In October we had a visit from Mr W.Hedley with a display and talk on Hungary, followed in November by a visit from Mr I.Nutley who entertained us with a display and talk "Flying Down To Rio". Both evenings were well presented and enjoyed by all present. On November 16th we celebrated 65 years of the OPS with a dinner which was a complete success and enjoyed by all. On December 14th we had our Christmas social evening with a one sheet sheet competition, bourse and festive refreshments which included a birthday cake to round off the OPS 65 years celebrations. In the New Year we have our 8 sheet competitions and look forward to two visits, one from Mr J.Rawlings "German Maritime", and Mr B Sole, "Go By Cycle". Our own President's Evening will be on 8th February, and our A.G.M. followed by a members auction on 9th May when we 'break up' for the Summer recess.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF A LOCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OR CLUB.

Support your local club regularly otherwise it might close down ! Then YOU would have to travel further to obtain membership of a club outside your immediate vicinity. You do have the choice !

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (6)



SWALE PHILATELIC & P/C SOCIETY Once again our new programme of our Philatelic & Postcard meeting's began on Thursday 6th September when member Bryan Clark gave a display of GB definitive issues from Victoria to QEII, followed by a photographic show of local Murston history. On October 6th, member Laurie Tomlin entertained the society, with displays of Theatrical cards of Actors and Actresses, entitled Henry Irvin & Co. from the early 1800's. He also showed programmes of acts from the Theatre Royal, The Royal Lyceum, Kings Theatre, and the Criterion to name but a few. With Laurie's extensive knowledge of Theatres he related many stories surrounding many of the stars, including the murder of Stanford White, an American Architect who befriended Evelyn Nesbit, a 15 year old girl who he introduced to the stage. Laurie showed Opera singers, Composers and Poets, then ended his displays with cards of Circus entertainers and Bookmark cards.

On October 18th, 14 members attended an informal luncheon at the Dover Castle in Teynham, celebrating 75 years since the original formation of the Society. Two days later, Geoffrey Hanney from Sidcup PS was our guest speaker, showing Haiti. On November 3rd members observed a minutes silence in respect of Edwin (Dave) Pope who has passed away. Our speaker was member Vicky Harris, and she displayed many cards sent to and from her grandparents, who emigrated to Canada, highlighting her family history. In her second display she showed postcards of her holiday, when she visited Canada in 2008, one particular card was of a steam clock operated from an underground steam supply. On November 17th, Eddy Scott, another member displayed Saarland South East of Luxembourg, which was occupied by France under the League of Nations mandate, after the first World War. It was returned to Germany in 1939, until 1945 but it again came under French occupation then. But in 1956 following a National Referendum it again returned to Germany. Many stamps were issued in various currencies, and overprints during these periods. He also showed West Berlin stamps from 1948 to 1990, when the last stamp for West Berlin was issued, and the Berlin Wall came down. Eddy's depth of knowledge was a history lesson of both areas. Our last meeting of the year, on December 8th, was our competitions, held in a Christmas atmosphere, with The Hales Philatelic Cup being won by Eddy Scott, and the Tom Stevens Postal History tray being won by Robert Turcan. Afterwards some members displayed various items from their collections. At the AGM last May, all the Officers and Committee were re-elect-ed en-bloc.



Isle of Thanet P/S We continue to jog along, with an average attendance of 14, Our 'Open Evening' back in September was devoted to material from the reign of "King Edward VII", worldwide, and this revealed a host of rarely seen stamps. We have had visits from both the Swale and the Herne Bay societies and our visit to the Ashford P/S was appreciated. The letters 'M' and 'N' again showed up some ingenuity

with five members showing some 280 pages. The 'Christmas Evening' meeting was enjoyable with a Christmas F.D.C. and a Buffet. We are looking forward to our planned programme for 2012, and to some happy stamp hunting (especially at auctions) and visits to and from other societies. On February 15th our speaker is Harry Ward, who is to show "Whales & Whaling" and in March we welcome the Ashford PS for a return visit. Then on 18th April, Bert File updates us with modern Bermuda.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (7)



Romney Marsh Philatelic & P/C Society Our last meeting of the summer was August 10th, with latest acquisitions, these included displays on "Nancy Wate of the Star & Garter", Postcards of "Ramsgate Model Village and the Annual Harbour Lights", Woven badges from the U.S.A. space programme, Napoleon, Spitfires, and Malawi Illegals and Anomalies. Starting the new seasons programme in September, the Committee showed a variety of themes, Balloon Flights, Shackleton and Scott, History of Aviation on cards, Salisbury Rhodesia postcards, and the start of Aerial Posts. Chris Dadswell from the Hastings & East Sussex Society was our first visitor on September 28th, with an excellent display of "Buses and Trams", from horse drawn to the present day. Then on October 12th, Chrissie Baker, Chairman of Federation, came to see us and showed "A World of Stamps", another lively evening when everyone seemed to join in. Later in October our member, John Henley, showed postcards of "Old Folkestone" and also "China". The Dover Society visited us on November 9th, giving displays of "Crossing the Channel", and "Aerial Posts" by Peter Reed. It is amazing what people will do to get across the Channel. Tony Belsey displayed "Dover Postal History", Zenia Graves had Cigarette cards and postcards of "Marine Life" and other subjects, Jim Gillard showed "USA Early Presidents" and the "Stars & Stripes" from 1775 also sheetlets of "Marine Life". Peter Luckhurst displayed sheets of "National & International Exhibitions", Childrens Charity stamps and lastly, Keith Gawn displayed Czechoslovakia, Bohemia & Moravia and Leilig cards from oxo and other packets. Our thanks to the Dover Society for a very entertaining evening. On November 30th we held our "Christmas Evening" and members night, and saw postcards of "Bygone Folkestone" and an Australian VC. of WWII, Malawi and their banknotes, Portraits of "Paintings on Postcards", Postboxes and Postmen's Uniforms", "Martello Towers" and "Hythe Ranges. Much more could have been shown, but we ran out of time, but Kathy Carr's Christmas treats were eagerly accepted and enjoyed with a cuppa. We start the New Year on February 8th, when it's 'K' is for?



Lewisham Philatelic Society Our new season started on the 6th September when Maurice Flack, as Kent Fed President showed "A Miscellany of British Commonwealth" stamps. Frank Simpson from Croydon was due to visit us on the 20th September, but due to a car accident, we held a members evening instead. Albert Jackson, our President displayed on 4th October and Rex Dixon showed "The Baltic States in WWII" on the 18th October. It was letter "I for ..?" on November 1st, and Roger Morrell displayed Bulgaria on the 15th

On December 6th, John Shaw gave a superb display of South Africa. On December 7th, a Lewisham team took part in the 'Inter Society competition evening at the Beckenham PS, and were very successful with their entries winning all three competitions. Our Christmas evening on the 20th December was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Our first meeting of the New Year, five sheets or 50p fine turned out to be our first 'outdoor' meeting - the caretaker failed to attend, and so we had to suffer the gale force wind and rain. On January 17th, Grahame Boutle showed 'Beyond Recall' - a display of 'Mourning' envelopes; and certainly different from other displays. Coming up soon, we have 'Recent Acquisitions', Barrie Cook showing British P.O's in the Arabian Gulf, Geoff Richardson with Austrian postmarks, and visits by the Dartford Society and the Sidcup P.S.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (8)

Bexley Philatelic Society Our 2011/12 programme opened on September 16th, with Peter Burton's presentation of "Foreign Oddities", with stamps from Colombia, Liberia, Poland (locals), Uruguay, East Germany, Portugal, Thailand, Albania, Afganistan, and modern Ukraine. The 19th century Afgan stamps were a particular highlight, and bore the marks of an unusual cancellation method (tearing off part of the stamp). At our next meeting on 7th October members displayed material linked to the letters G,H,I and J. with items of Geneva Revenues, George, Gold Coast, Greenhithe, Guernsey, Egypt, health, Herm, hexagons, hockey, Belgian Railway bill cancellations to 'Hemmuyeres', India, Italian colonies, and Swiss Projuventute stamps. The auction in late October made the club £150 from sales of £900. Graham Booth outlined the philatelic history of the Cayman Islands on November 4th, which had a complex relationship with its larger neighbour, Jamaica. He showed the first known registered cover for the island. There were 12 entries in our mid November competitions, Don Brookfield won the Traditional with the Bahamas, landing of Columbus, and the Thematic comp. was won by Frank Parsons display of Charles Dickens. Three members of the Bromley & Beckenham P.S visited us in early December, showing modern G.B. (Bob Parsons), the stamps of St Helena (Ian Reed) and a wide range of Victorian Mourning cards (Graham Boutle). For our regular pre-Christmas 'President's Night', Frank Parsons displayed six frames of Switzerland, and afterwards we enjoyed tea and mince pies, etc. We were pleased to learn that our member Colin Tobitt has been made a Fellow of the Royal PS. Forthcoming presentations in 2012 include, Cliff Gregory with Unpaid Mail to and from India on January 20th, an evening with Bill Hedley on March 2nd and on March 16th, Gilbert Denton shows Luxembourg.





C.P.P.S.

Cinque Ports Philatelic Society We have to announce the recent death of Steve Boorn. Steve had a pace-maker fitted a few years ago, but was re-admitted to hospital where it is believed he suffered another heart attack whilst there. Our New Year programme starts with "President's Night" on January 16th and on the 30th, members are invited to show five sheet (any topic) OR pay a fine of 50p. It's competition

night on the 13th February, plus a Mini auction, then on March 5th Ted Borley will display "Lighthouses". We are to visit the Deal Society on the 7th March, and we receive a visit from the Hastings and East Sussex P.S. on the 19th March. Tony Hickey from Lewisham visits us on April 2nd to show "The Munich Crisis 1938", but all members are asked to tone up their brains for our "Quiz Night" and Social evening on the 16th April. Then on April 30th, we have a Century of the post in "The Rhodesia's 1891 to 1991" by Peter O'Keeffe. Chris & Paul will display "Aviation" on May 14th, and it's our A.G.M on the 28th May, plus the one page competition for the Jum Scannell Trophy.

The LINGLEY SHIELD 2012 Nominations, in writing, should be sent to either the Federation Chairman, or to the Federation Hon. Secretary, by the end of April stating your reasons for nominating a member of your club, (or another) who has given outstanding service to the club, or to the Federation, over several years.

Notice on door at Church hall : Keep Fit class cancelled - instructor off sick !



REPORT FROM OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

Paul Davey reporting from Dubendorf, Switzerland - August 2011

Things are very quiet here over the Summer, although my local club continues to run a programme of two meetings a month including an auction each time, fairs are noticeable by their absence. Things kick off again in September. I attended my first club talk where the speaker gave a Powerpoint presentation on catapult mail between Germany and the U.S.A. One had to concentrate hard as the talk was in German, but the slides allowed me to keep up. There is a big "boot fair" in central Zurich on Saturdays in the summer and there are several dealers in attendance, with postcards and stamps/postal history. One chap brought in, on request, several boxes of British cards (not usually brought to the venue as nobody asks for them). I found some very nice cards, including Kent items, with a particularly nice photo of 'Biggin Hill' tearooms being the best.

Having a 'free' Saturday, I took the opportunity of visiting the Communications Museum in Basel. There was a general "history of communications" display, from Babylonian tablets to e-mail, then a display of computers. Many of these I remember as being 'state of the art' when they first came out! There were many displays which were interactive for the kids to investigate. Finally a large room devoted to stamps, with slide out display frames, similar to those in the British Library, showed much of Switzerland from pre-stamp, Cantonals, the early federal issues onwards, including postal history, to cinderellas and even perfins. There then followed a fine display of 'ld blacks' on well over 200 pages and on to a display of the stamps of the rest of the world. There is something for everyone but I didn't have time to see it all, but it was a little patchy in China. This section was all stamps, no postal history! Magnifying glasses were provided - a nice touch! The area in Basel where the museum is situated (Helvetiaplazz) has several other museums very close, and is well worth a visit even if you are accompanied by those who are less interested in the philatelic side of things. I will let you know how things go when the season gets underway again.

Regards, Paul.

YOU ARE JOKING.


A man and his wife, whose surname is 'Angel' were attending a jumble sale at their local church and with the wife not feeling too well, decided to call a taxi to take them home. The taxi was half an hour late and after apologising the driver said he thought the request was a hoax, as the message he got was "Pick up 2 Angels at the Methodist Church".

evening, his mother offered him a piece of Swiss Roll. - "I can't eat that" he said, "It's five years old"!


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Tommy learnt at school that you could tell the age of a tree by counting the rings in its trunk. For tea that

REPORT FROM OUR NORTH WALES CORRESPONDENT

Well I did finally get around to leaving instructions for the disposal of my various collections, accumulations, catalogues, and philatelic literature etc. Mostly advisory notes in the form of A4 sheets of paper placed inside albums, stock books and boxes.

I tend to acquire most of my material from dealers attending local stamp fairs, collectors fairs and fellow members of the clubs I belong to. I hardly ever bid with one of the main stream of auction houses, so do not have a particular Company to recommend to my heirs. However, I have 'Stamp Magazine' on sub-subscription and for the last few months have been impressed by a series of full page advertisements by a company, that I will not name, thereby not showing any favouritism, and I have suggested should be contacted. It was around this time last year that I mentioned I collect the Christmas cards given to Royal Mail employees - as well as Post Office sponsored Father Christmas cards sent to children. For those of you that remember, the cancellation on the envelopes was of Father Christmas on his sleigh flying across the sky except for last year when the cards were sent with a Postage Paid impression. This year 'we children' writing to the man in the red suit had to include a stamp with our letter - even Father Christmas is feeling the pinch ! On the subject of red - why do Christmas card manufacturers supply some packs of cards with red envelopes ? Such addressed envelopes must be difficult for some post people to read I am surprised they have not been banned for postal use !

A request to any reader who has an April 2011 copy of 'Stamp and Coin News' - I think I have the right month - if so, I would appreciate a copy of two articles in it. One is on Perfins, and the other on QSL radio ham cards. I did try to obtain a copy from the publisher a couple of months after issue, but they were out of stock. I'll be pleased to reimburse any costs involved - if you care to check with me to see if I have obtained the information in the meantime, my number is 01352-712105, or perhaps E-mail me at ilcsrosser@gmail.com

To close on a high note, I am pleased to mention that Mold P.S. has enrolled a new member, and Wrexham P.S. two new members - all adults, and new to philately.

Regards to all,

Dennis Rosser. December 2011

Editor's note : The red envelopes mentioned are also a pest when soaking stamps off paper, as the red colouring can sometimes also run, thus discolouring any stamps being soaked at the same time.

North West Kent Postcard Club Our first 'annual' dinner at the 'Old Prince of Orange' in Gravesend in August last, was attended with 16 members and guests present. Forthcoming club meetings are January 23rd, A.G.M and members displays. February 27th, it's more displays by members, March 26th, Great Postcard Expectations (Cobham) and Silk Postcards by Mr & Mrs Bob Appleton. then on the 23rd April we have a display of Falkland Islands by Mr. Ken Thom. On May 21st we visit the Maidstone Evening Postcard Fair, and as it is Olympic Year, we have a display of "The Olympics" by Tony Bosworth on the 30th July. Cliff Hurst shows us "Exhibitions" on the 22nd August. We meet at the United Reformed Church Hall at the junction of Singlewell Road and Kings Drive, in Gravesend, same venue as the Gravesend & District Stamp Club, 7.45pm for 8pm. and visitors are welcome to come along.

Label seen on the back of a lorry - "Is this vehicle being driven well ? Call the Police - it must have been stolen !"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (1)



Switzerland
26th August 2011

Dear Peter,

I picked up the Federation Bulletin (No. 187) at the West Malling "mini-fair" last Saturday, and feel that I should comment on a couple of things.

Firstly Dennis Rosser mentioned the Samuel Graveson collection of Kent postal history (page 12). I understand that the Ashford Society, via Bob Browne, has decided to donate the collection to the Kent County archive, despite a vote at the 2009 AGM to sell it. Personally I voted for the sale as Chairman at the time, since I do not believe it will ever be seen once it disappears into the bowels of the KCC. I believe the sale option would have more fitted Graveson's wish to have his collection appreciated by others.

When the Ashford Society visited the Herts club some years ago, we showed Graveson's Kent, they showed photocopies of some of the Herts items from his collection as they were not allowed to take things from the archive to display. It has to be said that the Kent collection has been partly re-written at some point in its history, so it does not look like Graveson's original. A sad fate! I agree with much Ray Barton has written on the subject of institutional collections and would like to feel that the items I took so much joy in acquiring and identifying in my collection will give the same pleasure to another collector in the future.

Secondly, I am a little perplexed as to what has happened in the Federation since I was unable to attend the meetings. I think I will not be alone in this. When I held the post of President the job involved visiting each club that invited you to give a display during the year (now spread over two years), and hosting KFPS committee meetings (with cake if Mrs Davey could be persuaded).

As you say, as a figurehead. The real work was done by the honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Maurice, controlled by the Chairman. As far as competitions go, I still feel the Federation should fund the individual competitions. Why not?

I wish the Federation every success in future and look forward to continuing to see the next Bulletin 'on.line'.

Paul Davey.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (2)



Extracts from Dennis Rosser's letter, typed on 25th December !

Holywell, North Wales.
Christmas Day, 2011

Dear Peter,

As you will see I now have a website address, I have had a computer for several years but only recently decided to 'get up to date'. It is surprising how much I have already saved, postage wise and its so instant - the more I use it, the more I like it ! Last week, whilst on the way home from Wrexham, I called into an antique shop that I had a flyer from and had been carrying round with me since it opened about 15 months ago. It turned out to be much bigger than a shop in that it contained 37 units, and one had a showcase with a few stamps in it plus a stockbook that was standing upright. Written on the inside cover was "Stamps £5.- Stockbook £5". I asked to look at it, most of the stamps were mint, late 1970's to mid 80's from the Sultanates of Oman, Kuwait and Qatar, and at the back of the book were several mint G.B. commemoratives that I would be able to use for postage. A quick glance told me that the face value was certainly over £5. I said that I would just buy the stamps as I did not need the book. The GB face value was £7.40. Some days later, out of curiosity, I catalogued the 'rubbish' stamps and was stunned to find they catalogued at £364. Trouble is I do not know of anyone who collects these countries, but you can bet I will be taking the stamps to the next fair at Colwyn Bay in the hope of selling them to one of the dealers, and of course I will be paying another visit to the shop !

With Best Wishes for 2012. Dennis.

Editor's Note: I have Dennis's E-mail address if anyone wants it.

E-Mail from David Rennie to Maurice Flack - 6th November 2011.

Hi Maurice, re The Fakes & Forgeries Seminar
Just a quick note to complement you on a wonderful day yesterday. I was so pleased I decided to go, and can honestly say that it was one of the best displays/lectures/seminars I have ever attended. I thought that John's (Shaw) presentation was just right and was a real eye opener to the complex nature of dealing with the unscrupulous perpetrators of forgeries throughout the ages. The fact that the 'Royal' is still spending huge capital sums to keep their expertise up to date, is surely proof enough that all collectors of whatever grade need to be on their guard. The displays by John and Chris (Harman) were simply stupendous. The quality and complexity of the material on display was excellent, the vocal and written explanations absolutely spot on, and on reflection I should perhaps have brought more items for comment. During my days running both Black Swan and Thames Stamp Auctions, I probably saw more forgeries and other concoctions than most collectors even imagine exist. However the opportunity to see them en mass, and in the context of the life's work of their individual producers left me stunned, and realizing how little I know. The food was pretty good too !!

Thanks for a great day, Best Wishes, David.

It's true that hardwork never killed anybody, but why take the chance?

NEW ISSUES

(See our front cover illustration.)

On the 5th January 2012, the Royal Mail issued what they describe as "our striking Definitive stamps that mark the start of this momentous year". The four stamps depict the official emblems of both the XXX OLYMPIAD and the XIV Paralympic Games. One can only say "they are different"! Apparently they have been designed by 'Royal Mail Group Ltd', obviously not by a professional artist! The face values are, 1st class is 46p and worldwide (up to 20g) is £1.10. Now I hear that the organisers have chosen to highlight the games as "Wonder of the Isles". so why did these definitive stamps not show scenes of Britain? such as famous areas from the four countries of the UK or perhaps four of our greatest Olympic heroes? Possibly, Steve Redgrave, Ben Ainslie, etc, or even Seb Coe? The special coins show a panoramic view of London, so we could have had an aerial view of the new Olympic Stadium, Wembley, the 'Shard', or the white cliffs at Dover! These might be more appealing to visitors, both from overseas and other parts of U.K.

THE HOUSE OF WINDSOR Issued from 2nd February 2012

The final issue of the 'Kings and Queens' series show our recent monarchs; these are more familiar portraits, being of Royalty we know more about, rather than the 'ancient looking' others shown in the series. In addition to these five stamps there is a miniature sheet of 4 stamps, depicting four momentous events over the last 100 years - Scott's Expedition to the South Pole, the King & Queen viewing bomb damage during the 2nd world war, England footballers lined up at Wembley prior to winning the 1966 World Cup, and the breakthrough when the Channel Tunnel was connected with the French



I see that Cartor Security Printing are the printers of the 'Windsor' stamps. I thought this was a French owned company! If so, why are these stamps not printed by a British firm? The Presentation Pack issued with these stamps costs all of £7.40



The miniature sheet (shown above) costs £2.90

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.

NEW ISSUES (continued) THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

On the 6th February 2012 six new definitive stamps, all for the 1st first class rate are being issued. They are only available as a miniature sheet, costing £2.76. One shows the 'Wilding' head with the words Diamond Jubilee at the sides, the next one shows the head used on the last £1 note to be issued, another shows the head used on a £5. note, then one used on a 10p coin, and one used on a one penny coin, and finally a new colour for a Machin head. The latter being the current stamp design but with the words Diamond Jubilee patterned in wavy lines behind the Queen's head. It seems that the two 'banknote' stamps are se-tenant as are the two 'coin' stamps, with the 'Wilding' and 'Machin' stamps on their own. The Royal Mail states that this is the first time that we have had GB stamps with the Queen's head facing to our right ! The 'Machin' however can be acquired in self adhesive booklets of 12 stamps (£5.52) and also individually (46p).



ROALD DAHL STAMPS

Ten stamps with various designs and values were issued on 10th January, but I do not think much of them and am not illustrating any here. Now a Prestige book is about to be issued/published ? It includes various Machin values (2p, 10p & 68p) and the mini sheet stamps. No further details yet

BRITONS OF DISTINCTION

On 23rd February we have yet another set of ten 1st class stamps, plus a mini sheet, featuring ten famous Brits - Delius, Odette Hallowes, Kathleen Ferrier Montague James and Joan Mary Fry, plus buildings or equipment used or designed by Basil Spence, Mary Morris, Thomas Newcomen, Alan Turing and Augustus Pugin. (must admit, I've not heard of some)

HORIZON LABELS

These are the Gold coloured labels used to pay the postage, and are put on certain packages or envelopes

by a post Office cashier, when an item is handed in over the counter. The latest issue, now have a code letter after the word 'Mail', to indicate the type of service used, and a number after the words 'Postage Paid UK' This indicates what rate of VAT has been charged or whether the service is exempt from VAT. However Parcelforce use only the numbers codings on their labels. Full details are listed in the British Philatelic Bulletin for January 2012.

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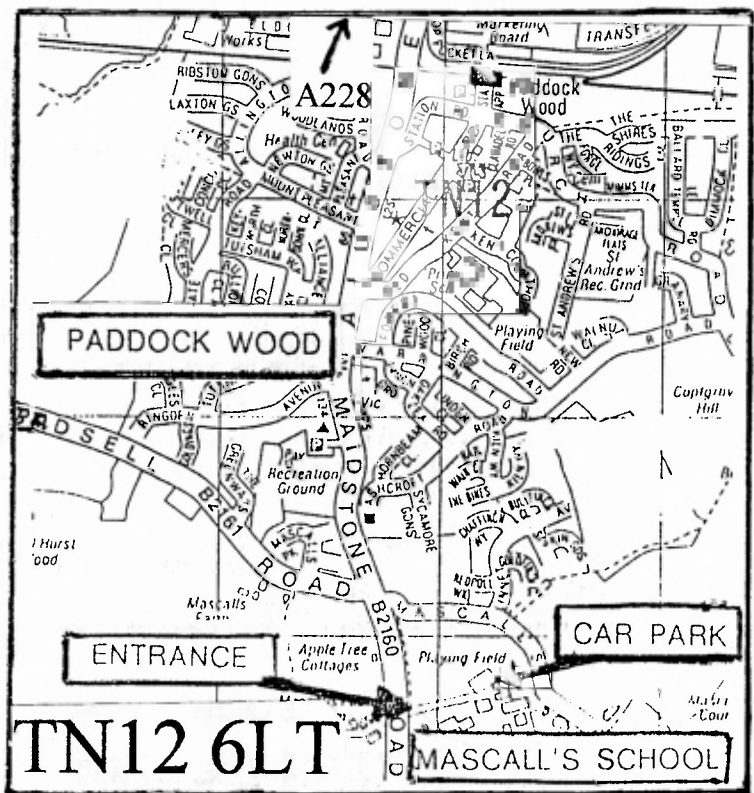
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A brief summary of the minutes of the Council meeting held at Gravesend on 24/9/11
 Fewer than usual turned up for this meeting, as only 15 clubs had delegates attending, with apologies from 15 other members. Reports included, mentioned that the Federation finances were sound, the Cinque Ports PS were pleased with the venue for Federation Day. It was stated that we were encountering a shortage of advertisers in the Bulletin, and a suggestion that we might accept adverts from non philatelic sources was agreed. Another suggestion that we might approach various W.I. groups was discussed; the Executive Committee would look into this, as a means of gaining new members. Twelve persons had so far signed up for the Judging Seminar to be held at Shorne over the 21/22nd October, a few places were still available. A number of Seminars were announced for 2012. Also mentioned was the fact that Maurice Flack was taking on too many commitments, it was felt that he needed some help. Chairman, Chrissie Baker invited anyone who could not contact Maurice, should get In touch with her. Maurice, as well as being President was also our Competition Secretary, Seminar organiser, and also had a full time job to do. Arrangements for the Spring Rally were progressing, and it was hoped to finalise the dates and venue for Federation Day 2012 soon.

MESSAGE FOR ALL CLUB SECRETARIES AND DELEGATES.

The Federation relies on YOU to ensure that ALL YOUR MEMBERS are fully aware of what benefits are available to them via the Federation, and what is happening in the County. YOU are requested to remind your members frequently, and to encourage them to support Federation events, and to include a copy of the Bulletin in your Packet, so that those who do not attend meetings have the opportunity of finding out "Whats On". It seems that too many ordinary club members do not support the Federation, and few know what it offers. Is this YOUR fault ? Do YOU publicise The Federation enough ? Do YOU set a good example ? If YOU don't know, Where have you been these last few years ? Contact Chrissie Baker or one of the Executive Committee if you need any advice, or guidance.

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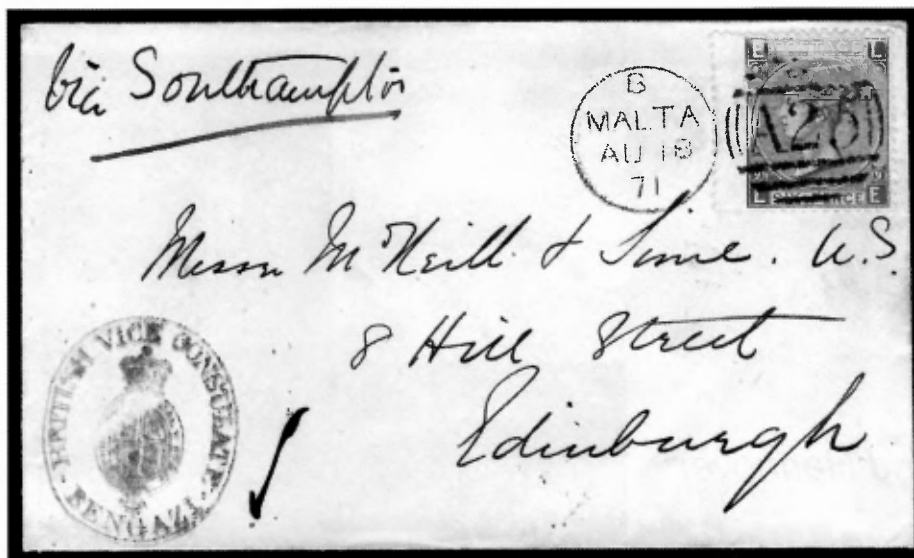
Great Britain : 1867-83
Watermark Anchor on blued
paper 10/- grey-green, FD,
light Birmingham c.d.s. of
March 20 1884.
Estimate £ 500
• Fine and attractive



Great Britain : 1867-83 Watermark Anchor on
white paper £5 orange, DM, central Warrington
c.d.s. of November 24 1899, minute pin hole
under the "A" in the c.d.s. Rare.
Estimate £ 1,250
• Fine, fresh and attractive



Great Britain : 1867-83
Watermark Maltese Cross
10/- greenish-grey, GA,
Glasgow c.d.s. of May 12
1882, centred to upper left.
Estimate £ 300
• Fine and scarce



Great Britain used in Libya: 1871 envelope from Bengazi addressed to Scotland, showing good
strike of the "BRITISH VICE CONSULATE/(Arms)/BENGAZI" cachet at lower left, franked Great
Britain 1870 6d. mauve Plate 9 wing marginal example, tied by Malta duplex cancellation of Aug.
18, on reverse Edinburgh arrival c.d.s. of Sept. 2.
Estimate £ 1,500
• Fine, rare and attractive

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