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EDITORIAL

Firstly, CONGRATULATIONS to the CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY on reaching their CENTENARY, and particularly good to know that we are all invited to join them for the Federation Day on June 25th.

Our thanks to those who helped at the Spring Rally at Paddock Wood but it was the usual few who set everything up on the Friday, and cleared up afterwards on the Saturday. Other volunteers would have been welcome - Many hands make light work !

It is disappointing that petty differences and misunderstandings have resulted in our President resigning half way through his term of office and our Hon. Secretary resigning even earlier. This has caused an additional work load for other officers. This information being sent to only half the clubs, plus some others who did not need to be told, hence further letters having to be sent out to all club Hon. Secretaries, as many were not informed properly.

On the bright side, I understand that the ROMNEY MARSH Society have rejoined the Federation - welcome back !

There are a few pages less in this Bulletin, but we do have a few Letters to the Editor this time. Our thanks to 4 former members for their contributions, Paul Davey, John Grant, Dennis Rosser and Neil Russell, all self exiled from Kent, but who do like to know what is happening here. Thanks Gents.

Perhaps I did not make it clear that the Bulletin can now be read on the Internet, in fact the last three issues have appeared (and maybe are still there) thereon. I am not, and do not understand much about it, I keep being told how good it is, but as I read about so many problems that arise, I wonder if its worth my while to even try to get involved. Incidentally, should anyone who is familiar with computers, the internet and e-mails be interested, I am quite happy to retire as the Editor, I have done this job since the Summer of 1991, some 20 years ago with three issues per year, a total of 60 issues, plus this one. Perhaps a new, and modern approach would be appropriate.!

I can offer advice to anyone who might like to have a go !

Finally, lets have as many members as possible down at Folkestone for Federation Day, and to give support to the C.P.P.S. host club Don't forget, its Saturday, June 25th at Folkestone Academy - see further details on last but one page.

One does wonder what the people who design the G.B New Issues are like, are they normal ? The P.O. have recently issued a set of 6 stamps and 4 more on a miniature sheet to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 'Royal Shakespeare Company'. I think the stamps are just about the worst G.B stamps ever - what do you think? I am not illustrating them, mainly because they are too dark and and at least three would not reproduce clearly enough. News of other New Issues appears elsewhere.

No minutes of the Spring Rally have materialised ! Do they exist?

Have a good Summer, see you at Folkestone, Happy collecting,

Peter O'Keefe. Hon. Editor.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011

(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.)

2011

MAY 2	Crowborough Stamp P/C Fair	All Saints Hall, Chapel Grn.
MAY 5/7	European Thematic Champs.	Essen, Germany.
MAY 6/7	ABPS Nat Phil.Exhib.	Ponds Forge, Sheffield.
MAY 11	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
MAY 14	"Worpex" (Worcester)	Oldbury Pk Schl.St Johns.
MAY 15	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad-Bradbourne School
JUN 4	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road,
JUN 4	'Wopex' Stamp Fair (Woking)	Trinity Meth.Ch,Brewery Rd
JUN 8	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
JUN 11	"Swinpex" (St Joseph's Sch)	Ocotal Way, Swindon,Wilts.
JUN 11/13	"Exphimo 2011"	Luxembourg
JUN 16/19	ABPS & Phil Congree of GB	Queens Hotel,Southsea
JUN 25	KENT FEDERATION DAY RALLY	Folkestone Academy,CT19 5FP
JUL 2	"Midpex"	Warwick Exhibition.Centre, nr Leamington Spa, (New Venue)
JUL 2	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
JUL 6	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
AUG 3	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
SEP 3	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
SEP 4	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad-Bradbourne Schl.
SEP 7	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
SEP 14/17	"Autumn Stampex"	Design Centre, Islington
SEP 24	KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY	Gravesend
SEP 30/OCT 1	Two Day Judging Seminar at the Inn on the Lake (A2) (Further details from Maurice Flack 01634-714584)	
OCT 1	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
OCT 12	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London WC1
NOV 3/5	"Philatex" (London)	Royal Horticultural Hall
NOV 5	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
NOV 16	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1
NOV 20	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad- Bradbourne Rd
DEC 3	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Rd.
DEC 7	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1

For Web pages listing national events, you could try
<http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Exhibitions/index.xalter>
BPMA lectures and events: Postalheritage.org.uk/events and postal
heritage.org.uk/exhibitions

THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE - SEPT

IS THE 8th AUGUST 2011. Do 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 urgently needed for OUR FUTURE RALLIES ! especially in 2012, for Spring and Federation Day (usually June) but remember, its 'Olympic year' and other events might clash in say July. Bromley & Beckenham P/S have provisionally booked October 20th for the Autumn Rally. The Malling Stamp Club have booked the Autumn Rally for 2013, for Saturday 28th September 2013

THE PROPOSED TWO DAY JUDGING SEMINAR

It had been hoped to arrange this event for Friday, 30th September and Saturday, 1st October, at The Inn on the Lake Hotel on the A2, in the Rochester area. This has had to be CANCELLED as Chris King of the ABPS, who was to conduct the Seminar will now be elsewhere (abroad actually). There would need to be charge, possibly £40 per person to meet the costs and obviously we would need to have at least 10 persons attending. Maurice has only had six members indicating an interest so far - this is not enough, so if YOU are interested PLEASE get in touch with Maurice ASAP ! His number is 01634-714584, if he does not answer, leave a message, and he will contact you with full details. BUT YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL if you want it. NEWSFLASH Just heard that it is now provisionally to be held on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October 2011 !.

SEMINAR REMINDER

The Seminar arranged for Saturday 5th November at Wainscott Memorial Hall on "FAKES & FORGERIES" is to be led by Chris Harman and John Shaw, when those attending can bring along any material they may have for confirmation as to its genuineness. Starting at 10am, cost £10. which includes ample tea and coffee breaks, and a good

buffet lunch.free car parking, and ending about 4pm. Again contact Maurice Flack to book your place ASAP, but no later than 5 days beforehand please. If Maurice is not in, leave a message. Thank you.

WANT THE BULLETIN ON THE INTERNET ?

If YOU would prefer to receive the Federation Bulletin via the Internet, please let the Editor know, quoting your full details very clearly. I am not familiar with it, so will not recognise any possible errors. The cut-off date for the next issue is the 8th AUGUST 2011

LINGLEY SHIELD 2011

If you or your Society wish to nominate anyone for this award it MUST be submitted BEFORE the end of MAY, in writing to a member of the Executive Committee

THANKS to the Essex,Sussex and Middlesex Federations for copies of their Journals, and to the Sidcup, Sevenoaks, and Tunbridge Wells societies for their Newsletters.Also to Mike Thompson for printing and despatching this edition.

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COMPETITION RESULTS - SPRING RALLY 12th MARCH 2011

Held at the Mascall's School, Paddock Wood, near Tunbridge Wells

<u>THE GRANT CUP</u>	8 pages	<u>TRADITIONAL</u>	with only 4 entries
1st: MALLING STAMP CLUB		St.Vincent, the Development of the 1975 Fish issue.	80 points
2nd Maidstone & Mid-Kent		GB Victorian 2d blues plates 7 to 15	78 "
3rd Eltham & Woolwich		Austria 1858 to 1859	76 "

<u>THE PAUL MOUNT CUP</u>	16 pages	<u>THEMATICS</u>	only two entries !
1st MICHAEL THOMPSON (Malling S/C)		The Story of Archery - The Bow & Arrow	85 points
2nd Grahame Boutle (Bromley & Beck)		Captain Cook and the Exploration of the Pacific	78 "

Our thanks to the judges on the day, Brian Coates and Richard Akers from the Middlesex Federation, and an apprentice judge, Alan Anyon, also from Middlesex.

Thanks also to the Tunbridge Wells members who helped out on the Friday evening setting up the tables, chairs and display frames, and those who helped to clear up after the event. A special thanks to Amber and partner who ran the refreshments, and to the sixteen dealers for their support. MCF.

Editors Note: As usual there were only two competitions held at the Spring Rally, but the number of entrants must be our lowest yet. Thanks to those who did submit entries, but if each of the clubs affiliated had troubled to find just one entry, the judges would no doubt have been rushed off their feet. One does wonder at the lack of interest, and if this continues, should we consider finding judges from within our own membership? This could cut down on expenditure! There were however a few other sheets on display - The Dawes Cup, which was hosted by the Surrey Federation but who had no Rally or meeting for it to be displayed.

THE 2011 DAWES CUP RESULTS

This year the SURREY FEDERATION were the winners with 423 points, KENT were second, with 406 points and Essex took third place with 396 points.

The Kent team and their scores were:-

IAN MARSHALL (Royal Tunbridge Wells)	The GB One Penny Black	77 points
JOHN SHAW (Eltham & Woolwich)	South Africa, A study of the 5/- Rotogravure Ox Wagon pictorials 1933/1954	82 points
RON BURN (Lewisham)	Tristan da Cunha WWII	
COLIN TOBITT (Eltham & Woolwich)	Austrian Postage Due Rates with the 1922/1925 issues	Individual scores not to hand
JOHN CROWE (Sevenoaks)	"Flying the Tasman" The Australian - New Zealand Air Route	sorry.

A total of 406 points.

The judges were David Alford and Patrick Reid, both from the Hertfordshire Federation, and the judging was done at The Royal Philatelic Society, London on the 7th March.

THE A.B.P.S. INTER-FEDERATION COMPETITION 7th MAY 2011

Kent are again entering a team for this competition which takes place at Sheffield on the 6th/7th May.

Our team will be:-

Ron Burn (Lewisham),	Tristan da Cunha in WWII
John Crowe (Sevenoaks)	The Trail Blazers - Pioneer Flights of the England-Australia Route.
John Shaw (Eltham & Woolwich)	South Africa - A study of the 5/- Rotogravure Ox Wagon Pictorials 1933/1954.

Our thanks to Colin Tobitt for taking the entries up to London, and Good Luck to the team.

OUR JUDGING TEAM The East Midlands and East Anglian Federation invited Kent to send a team to Wisbech, in Cambridgeshire on Saturday the 9th April 2011 to judge their competitions. Our team comprised Ron Burn, Grahame Boutle, Colin Tobitt, Maurice Flack, Bob Browne, Bob Higgins and a guest, Alan Anyon from Middlesex. There were seven categories, four of eight pages each, Thematic had 12 entries, Postal History had 10 entries, Traditional had 8 entries a Junior competition with 2 entries and a Youth competition with one entry, plus two 16 pagers - Aerophilately with 3 entries, and another Postal History with 6 entries. A total of 42 entries, some 408 pages - quite a task, hence the need for so many judges. If they can attract so many entries, why can't we ?

COULD YOUR SOCIETY DO IT ? As mentioned (many times) before, we need clubs to volunteer to host the Federation Rallies - Please give this serious thought, maybe your club and a neighbouring club could combine and co-host an event. If you need advice/suggestions etc, the Federation has a printed timetable of the recommended procedures to give you guidance. How about it ? Provided it is set up properly, it can be a money spinner and it could help your club finances. It does need some time consuming work to get things up and running, but it is also unfair to expect the same people to arrange the Rallies every time. It can be very satisfying when done properly and will boost your club standing !

COMMUNICATION One wonders if Club Delegates and/or Hon Secretaries keep their members advised of what is happening in Kent ? It seems that few are responding to proposals by the Fedn asking for YOUR VIEWS on certain matters, few bother to publicise the Seminars, the Rallies, or the Competitions and don't encourage their members to support the various events organised for their benefit. Some however are doing their bit, are you ? Many club members seem to know little about Federation, who should tell them surely club secretaries should take some initiative and ensure the Federation is well known ! Some clubs say that they don't want to be told how to run their affairs, or to listen to experienced collectors, so Federation offers all the chance to enjoy and learn more about the hobby, by participating in a partnership for the benefit of all. Show some interest, contribute to Federation and you will find that you can improve your knowledge of the hobby.

Another quote: Your critics have information that your friends are withholding.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (1)

CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The end of March marked the CENTENARY of the Society, and celebrations commenced on Saturday, 19th with a luncheon at a local restaurant, in Folkestone, with Federation President, Bill Hedley and his wife as the guests of honour. The meeting on March 21st was "Centenary Night" at which club Chairman, Roger Dickenson gave a presentation on some of the personalities who have served the Society with distinction over the last 100 years. Roger also displayed to the society a forgery collection which was established in 1912. The second half of the evening was for members to display and talk about their favourite philatelic item; with an attendance of some 30 members, one of our best supported events for several years. Meanwhile the 'ordinary programme' of meetings also provided club members with plenty to wet their appetites - on January 10th, it was Presidents Night, when we had a 'whale' of a time, then on the 24th, Pat & Paul entertained us. On February 7th, we found some interesting material for the letters 'M' and 'N'. Our Competitions were held on February 21st, with Ron Burn and Grahame Boutle as the judges, with a lot of entries on show, plus a mini auction. Near neighbours, the Deal P/S visited us on March 7th, and on March 14th we visited Tunbridge Wells. On April 4th, the Herne Bay Society came to show us their displays. Bill Hedley is our guest on the 18th of April, then on the 20th, we visit Ashford P/S. On May 9th Chris and Paul are to show us "Aviation", then its our AGM on May 23rd, along with the one sheet competition for the 'Jim Scannell Trophy'. Ray Jeal joins us on June 6th, to show 'Kent Postal History', and on the 25th June we are hosting the Kent Federation Day Rally and stamp fair, which will be at The Folkestone Academy Academy Lane, Folkestone, CT19 5FP. Its a really busy first six months of the year.



SIDCUP PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society have lost two former officers of the club, with the passing of John Steinberg in January and Len Giles in February. John was for many years the Hon. Treasurer, and Len a past President. John had left Kent and lived in Norfolk, but Len was a regular attender at meetings. Both will be sadly missed.



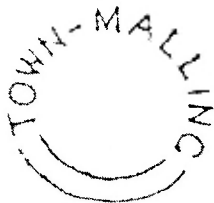
On January 11th, we had an evening entitled "Anything Goes", Don Brookfield showed islands, bi-sects, hand-drawn covers for the Festival of Britain. Eileen Elton had some holiday photos. Cliff Gregory - India, Geoff Hannay had mail from Haiti to the USA and Judith French produced a selection of postcard views of early Bexleyheath. Then on Jan 25th, Frank Parsons displayed Switzerland (Part 2) from 1948, but including some postcards of both WWI and WWII, plus cinderella and fiscal items. Malling Stamp Club were our visitors on Feb. 22nd, but unfortunately, we had a rather poor attendance. Displays were given by Mike Thompson, Lindy Bosworth, Tony Bosworth, and Julie Lester each with a good variety of items for our enjoyment. March 8th, saw Len Barnes with his "Aspects of Pre-war French Aviation" - another very detailed display. For the 'Victor Mills Memorial' evening on the 22nd March various members brought along displays, Don Brookfield, Eileen Elton, Cliff Gregory, Geoff Hannay, Alan Baratt and Cliff Hurst. These ranged from KGVI Commonwealth stamps, New Zealand Heritage Transport (Ships, wagons, pony & trap, locomotives and cars etc), Indian forgeries, the French Island of Reunion, Animals, and Canadian Airmails - a most varied selection of items. Our AGM was on April 12th, with wine & cheese.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (2)

EDENBRIDGE STAMP & P/CARD CLUB As reported in the last Bulletin, our February meeting was a surprise, entitled 'Guinea Pigs for Rita' - it was actually a new display put together for a presentation at Bromley & Beckenham P/S, but unfortunately, our visit did not take place due to illness. The true title was "Being a Member" and I ask for constructive criticism and any suggestions for improvements, plus how best to reduce the album pages to suit the 90 pages required. Our club members said they enjoyed the display and gave advice as requested. In March, we should have had Gilbert Denton showing Luxembourg, but he had to cancel due to illness, he has promised to give this display at a later date. We therefore entertained ourselves. April was 'An Open Meeting' with members showing items of their choice, then in May we have a visit from Bill Hedley, followed by our A.G.M. in June which ends the season.



MALLING STAMP CLUB In January, we had a '5 sheets or 25p' showing, with as usual, a diverse selection of material on display - Special mention has to be made of the display by Didier Houlemare, who is writing his own French postmark catalogue, showing us the substantial progress he has made with this project. In February, Michael Thompson won our club Competition with a display of 'Herm Island', Malcolm Buller was second, with a fun entry entitled "Why is the World Red"?. Richard Hart visited us in March, showing "The Boer War", and as usual Richard was an entertaining and informative speaker.



MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT P.S. Our meetings this year have included 'New Zealand - The Definitive Story' by Brian Stonestreet, a visit from the Ashford P.S., Display by Kent President, Bill Hedley, Coastal Labrador by Brian Stalker, and 'The Life and Times of King George VI', by Don Brookfield. We are now looking forward to our Annual Dinner, at The Russell Hotel in May, and also in May, we are holding our first daytime meeting, which will be held in a morning. (Editors note: no dates given !)



GRAVESEND STAMP CLUB Michael Thompson started off the New Year with "Buying & Selling on E-bay" which had been re-scheduled after being cancelled due to the snow last year. The audience kept Michael busy after the display with numerous questions. Tony Hoad was our speaker in February, giving the 'W.A. Page Memorial Display'. His subject was 'Newfoundland' an excellent and informative showing. In the early years the countries for this display, were those that Alec collected, however we eventually exhausted those. In



March, Len Barnes gave a fascinating display of French Airmails, including a number of nice vignettes appreciated by members.

MODERN WINDSOR ! A decorator working outside a shop close to Windsor Castle heard two American tourists discussing their visit to the castle say "What a wonderful and impressive place, but why did they have to build it so close to the Airport" ?

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (3)

HERNE BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY The year started quietly with a 'bourse', but had got into the swing of things by the second meeting which featured the letters 'K & L' which produced a kaleidoscope of displays from the members, and this was followed by a well attended club auction. Early in February, four members visited the Bromley & Beckenham Club (SEE THEIR REPORT) and were well received. They in turn, visited us on February 25th, Alan Stenning showing Indian States and Brunei, Ian Reed displayed Beethoven and Mozart, then Bob Parsons showed security devices now incorporated in the British definitives, and Graham Boutle, rather fittingly, provided the final display, which he entitled 'Beyond Recall' - more of his mourning mail, all being well received. In March, our President, John Mills, gave his annual display, this year it was Telegraph stamps used in the Ashanti war, followed by examples of many first flight covers flown into and out of the Gold Coast/Ghana over the years. The second session was devoted to official first day of issue covers from the Netherlands, up to 1977, when we ran out of time. Ron Burn kindly stood in for Ian Nutley who was unable to join us at the end of March, and gave us a fine display of Tristan da Cunha, members being surprised that so much material could be found from what is such a small island. Early in April, four of our members travelled to display at the Cinque Ports P/S, for the future we have our competitions evening, a display of 'The Second Anglo Boer War' by Richard Hart, an auction and our A.G.M. to look forward to.



ORPINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY In January, we had our eight sheet competitions, with twelve entries; subjects displayed were the Falkland Islands, G.B. booklets, Airmails, Ceylon, Postal History of Shooters Hill, Lower Lusatia, the British Solomon Islands, and early ship letters of the Cunard shipping line. Terry Collings won both the 'Cornell' and the Challenge Cups



with entries of the Falkland Islands stamps, and the Postal History and Tony Louis won the Thematic Cup with G.B. booklets. In February Trevor Taylor gave a very interesting display of GB Line Engraved stamps which was enjoyed by all present. In March, Our President, Terry Collings entertained us with mixed displays of Philately and a variety of collectables. In April, we have a visit by Richard Hart, who will be showing 'Jamaica', and on May 11th we have our AGM and auction. At the start of the year, we enrolled two new members, but sadly we lost a long standing member, condolences were sent to the family and a member attended the funeral. We are now looking forward to next season, which starts in September.

DARTFORD & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB Due to the inclement weather in December, we held our 'Christmas' meeting in January, this included a short display of BERLIN by our President, John Corderoy, followed by a Quiz and the usual Christmas goodies, all greatly appreciated by members and wives. On February 2nd, members showed 'A Favourite Sheet' together with our comp-



etitions evening with better support this year. The Maidstone Society were our visitors in March with a very good selection of displays. In April, we had an auction and May is our A.G.M. Kent President, Bill Hedley is our guest in June and the season ends in July, with another auction.

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (4)

KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP The A.G.M. mini auction, and bourse, held at Towers School, Ashford on the 5th March, had a good attendance. Various reports were given, and the financial position of the Group remains sound, although auction and packet income was lower than in recent years. Paul Davey (now living & working in Switzerland, has continued to produce "The Kent Post" and the regular Newsletter (via the Internet). and Members expressed their appreciation of his efforts. A full programme of five meetings has been arranged for the next twelve months. The existing officers and committee were re-elected, with John Weston (still the President) filling the post of Hon. Secretary and Julie Lester filling the one vacancy on the Committee. The next meeting is on July 2nd at Etchinghill Village Hall (near Folkestone, sat-nav CT18 8NQ) with the topic "New Acquisitions" If you do not have any, bring something else along to show. The October 1st meeting, at Sevenoaks will concentrate on 'The Medway Towns', and a new venue, near Leeds Castle, at Leeds Village Hall (ME17 1RN) will be tried out for the auction in November. The DVD which Michael Thompson is preparing (covering all 36 volumes of The Kent Post) is 75% complete and should hopefully be available for issue by the end of this year. All current members will be sent a copy, and a few additional copies will be produced, for sale to non members if required.



SEVENOAKS

SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT P.S. We enjoyed a very good display of Grenada, by member Tim Pearce in February Tim gave a detailed history of the Island supported by the stamps which included tete-beche items, early GB stamps used there, various postal markings, over-prints and even some forged stamps. An interesting insight of the mail services in a territory which few of us had seen before. In March, Richard Hart

gave us his display of The Boer war, which included stamps, covers postcards, photographs, newspaper cuttings and censored items, plus a brief history to the background of the war. Prior to this we had a small auction of several albums donated to the society from the collection of the late Bob Probert. In April we saw a fascinating display of German East Africa by Michael Farrant from 1892, which included stamps and postal history up to 1914. An interesting and very informative session. Our May meeting is to be a display of Jamaica by Steve Jarvis, then we have our AGM in June, followed by Presidents Night and a thematic competition in July.

MISSING ! Nothing to report from five of our affiliated Societies/Clubs for this Edition. If anyone from such clubs reads this issue, can I please ask them to either send in a report for the next issue, OR chase up their Press Officer/Secretary or some one else to let the rest of us know that they are still functioning. Beleive it or not, there are our regular readers who do like to know what other clubs are doing; even a brief note of meetings you have held, displays you have seen, competitions held, etc, all are newsworthy, and maybe advance announcements of forthcoming meetings might attract potential new members to your club. Please do try !

A USEFUL QUOTE: It is wise to persuade people to do things and make them think it was their own idea ! (Nelson Mandela)

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (5)



BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY The New Year started with all members displays linked to the letters 'D.E & F' no prizes, but we had a good turn out with a variety of themes on show. Later in January we held another Auction. Michael Dobbs was our February visitor with his excellent British Forces Post Office display, and this was followed by our "Two Page" members competition - not as many entrants as last year - John Corderoy was a popular winner. In March, Marc Fuller gave a superb display of classic U.S.A. with our members taken aback by the quality and rarity of his material. Later in March, our 'team' visited the Dover Stamp Club - a somewhat foggy journey but there was a good turn out to welcome us. A Medway Towns team were our guests at the end of that month with a varied and interesting choice of subjects. Derek Hamilton Smith is showing his General Postal History theme in April, but our other April meeting has had to be cancelled as our venue is closed for the bank holiday celebrating the Royal Wedding. The Dover Society are coming to visit us in May and we have our A.G.M in June which will include some members displays. Then in July we have a visit by Henry Hupfield showing "Money By Post 1800 to 2000" and to end the season we have an auction on the 15th July.



BROMLEY & BECKENHAM P.S. In January we held our now annual "Silent Display" with members putting up two frames of their choice, but not having to talk about them - this time we had 13 participants. Later in that month, two of our members, Ian Nutley and Grahame Boutle entertained us with 'Propaganda Forgeries' and "Beyond Recall" respectively. Early February we had a visit from four members of the Herne Bay P.S. with displays of The Victoria Falls, two different

shows of Channel Islands and Australia & Cricket. A photo of the Herne Bay team appears below. This was followed by our 'Open' and Thematic competitions on the 23rd February. We are looking forward to a visit by Alan Brown at the end of March with his "Pirates, Sugar & Rum" and we have a 'Grand Auction' in April. Then it's letters 'C & D' later that month. Tony Bosworth will be our guest in May showing 'Bohemia and Moravia', followed by our President's competition and the A.G.M on the 25th. Plans are in hand to return to the 'refurbished' Langley Park School in Beckenham, in October 2012, with the Society hosting the Kent Federation Autumn Rally, and also for the Society to mount a display at the local public library a couple of weeks earlier, which might help to boost the attendance at the Federation Rally - more details in due course.

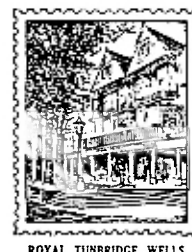
Photo Left to right Bromley and Beckenham President Bob Ambrose with the Herne Bay PS team on February 9th Ryan Epps, Anne Gogh, David Russell, and David Goodban.



DID YOU KNOW ? that a group of owls is called a Parliament

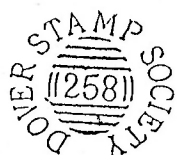
It makes you think!

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (6)



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS PHILATELIC SOCIETY We had a very good display of G.B. Postal History by Patrick Frost on February 10th, a visit by the Cinque Ports P/S, on March 10th with four interesting displays and a visit by Mr G Booth showing 'The Cayman Islands' in April, all three provided a wide variety of material and were well received. Coming up are visits by K.Dillstone, showing 'Safety at Sea' in May, Mike Thompson with 'Little Trains of Wales' in June, and a visit by the Eastbourne P/S in July. Meanwhile the morning meetings (on the 3rd Thursday monthly at Groombridge) are still well supported, and recent displays there have included Kent Postal History in February by Maurice Porter, Lighthouses and Brunei, in March, by Chris Dadswell and Iraq and Abraham Lincoln in April, by Angus Lincoln. In May, Ray Jeal is joining us at Groombridge (The Junction Inn) to show Ascension Island and Ian Nutley is scheduled to show his 'Zeppelin Post' in June. Then in July, Gilbert Denton will display his Luxembourg collection. With two meetings each month throughout the year, the Society has attracted a number of new members, and is again hosting the annual Crowborough Stamp & Postcard Fair on May 2nd (Bank Holiday Monday), at All Saints Church Hall, Chapel Green, Crowborough from 10am to 4pm with 14 dealers present



DOVER STAMP SOCIETY On January 10th we had a well attended 'members evening' with subjects beginning with the letter 'I'. This produced displays ranging from Information to the Ionian Islands. In February we had a bourse together with a competition which attracted 5 entries, not surprising in a club where this aspect of the hobby does not have a big following, but there was plenty of buying and selling at the bourse. In March, the Bexley Society were our

guests, Don Brookfield displaying the Queen Victoria '½d Bantam' issue, and a collection of Shakespeare Cinderella items relating to postal history and postcards - an unusual and fascinating show Graham Brown showed rare early blocks of New Zealand Essays which had recently come to light after being locked away for several years, and John Corderoy showed some uncommon and infrequently seen early issues of Israel. At the time of writing we are looking forward a visit by John Priestly showing Brazil, and a week later we are holding our very popular Annual Dinner, followed closely by a trip to our friends in Whitstable for a display there.

LEWISHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY At the start of the year, the members were so poor, that everyone attending on January 5th, for "Five sheets or 50p", managed to bring five sheets, which in turn produced a large variety of topics. Judith French was our guest on the 18th with her fantastic display of postcards. On February 1st, Roger Morrell gave a superb display of 1919 European Overprinted stamps, and on the 15th, Bill Hedley, the Kent President was our guest with another superb display.



On March 15th, Barry Cook gave an excellent display of KGVI and QEII Morocco Agencies, and on April 5th, Grahame Boutle and Frank Parsons were the judges for our competitions. Michael Thompson is displaying 'The Smaller Channel Islands' on the 19th of April, and we have our A.G.M. on Tuesday, 3rd May.

TWO NEW WORDS FOR YOUR DICTIONARY :- EXTRAVAGRANT - additional street person ! KINDREAD - fear of visits from relatives !
