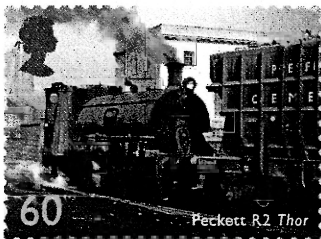
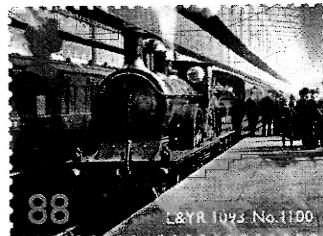




# KENT FEDERATION of PHILATELIC SOCIETIES



## MORE BRITISH LOCOMOTIVES

A Miniature sheet of four stamps featuring classic steam engines, issued on February 1st. This is the first of a new series of Miniature sheets showing 'working industrial' engines.

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## BULLETIN

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# EDITORIAL

Thanks to the MALLING STAMP CLUB for hosting the Autumn Rally at East Malling last October: the event went well and although I did not win even a raffle prize, I think all attending enjoyed it.

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The Bromley & Beckenham P/S have lost two former Officers with the deaths of Yvonne Larg and Charles Newson, both will be sadly missed. Yvonne also being well known on the Federation circuit was a Past Kent President.

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Despite asking clubs to ensure that the Bulletin is circulated in their 'Packet Box', I get the impression that few seem to be doing this. If you don't otherwise advise your members who for one reason or another do not attend your meetings, how are they going to know what is happening in the philatelic world? Few clubs seem to mention the Federation in their Newsletters! Also it seems that some delegates do not report back to their clubs of what is being discussed, proposed or arranged at Council Meetings. In fact some clubs don't arrange for a delegate to attend such meetings (three per year - not too onerous) - don't they want to be involved or have a say in running Federation? The Seminars are organised to help ALL members, but if you don't tell (encourage) them - YOU are NOT DOING YOUR JOB TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY!

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A number of suggestions have been made regarding finances (see on other pages) - it would be good if YOUR SOCIETY were to give some thought to these suggestions, and let our Fedn. Hon Sec. have YOUR views PLEASE!

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There is a move afoot to put the 'BULLETIN' on the Internet - what are YOUR thoughts on this? Would it make it more readily available to non members of societies? or to non attending members? Again YOUR views, suggestions etc would be welcome. The Executive Committee want to MOVE FORWARD! are YOU going to support them?

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Another comment I have received is that there is too much repetition in society reports; for instance if a speaker displays at 2 (or more) clubs within a few weeks, the reports are very similar perhaps therefore we should give the speakers name and title of his/her display, with a brief comment such as excellent show, most interesting, and/or well attended. Also we might consider not more than a half page for each society. Again your views would help to formulate future policy, but please chase up YOUR club reports so that we know that your society is still operational.

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I now have my fingers crossed in the hope that YOU will respond to these requests please! Your views are important, on ALL the suggestions under consideration!

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We send our Best Wishes to Pat Parsons and Brian Stalker, both of whom were hospitalised recently, and hope that they are soon back to better health.

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Finally, did you hear about the young lad who rushed home to ask his mother "Mum, are you a prostitute?" His mother rather shocked said no, but what made you ask?" "Well what religion are you then" asked the child.

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**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

FEB 9	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
FEB 20	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad-Bradbourne School
FEB 23/26	"STAMPEX"	Business Des.Cent,London N1
FEB 24/26	"PHILATEX"	Horticultural Hall,LondonSW1
MAR 5	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road,
MAR 9	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
MAR 12	KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY	Mascalls School,Paddock Wood
MAR 26	Spring StampEssex	Rayleigh.
APR 2	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
APR 6	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
APR 9	Maidstone Stamp Fair	Grove Green Community Cent.
APR 9	East Midlands Fed.	Trinity Meth.Church,Wisbech
APR 23	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
MAY 2	Crowborough Stamp Fair	St Johns Church Hall./Green
MAY 6/7	A.B.P.S. Nat.Ex.+ P/Cards	Ponds Forge,Sheffield S12PB
MAY 11	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London, WC1
MAY 15	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad-Bradbourne School
JUN 4	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall, Croydon Road.
JUN 8	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel,London WC1
JUN 25	KENT FEDERATION DAY & AGM	Folkestone (Cinque Ports)
JUL 2	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
JUL 2	"MIDPEX" at the Warwickshire	Exhibition Centre,Fosse Way
		Leamington Spa (New venue)
JUL 6	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1
AUG 3	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1
AUG 6	Beckenham Stamp Fair	Azelia Hall,Croydon Road.
SEP 4	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad-Bradbourne School
SEP 7	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1
SEP 14/17	"STAMPEX"	Business Des.Cent.London N1
SEP 24	KENT FEDERATION AUTUMN RALLY	Gravesend & District S.C.
OCT 12	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1
NOV 16	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1
NOV 20	Sevenoaks Stamp Fair	Knole Acad-Bradbourne School
DEC 7	Strand Stamp Fair	Royal Nat.Hotel, London WC1

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 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](http://Postalheritage.org.uk/events) and postal  
[heritage.org.uk/exhibitions](http://heritage.org.uk/exhibitions)  
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**THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR NEWS IN THE NEXT ISSUE (IN MAY)**

**IS THE 11th APRIL 2011.** Do please put a note in your Diary and drop me a line in good time to ensure that YOUR Society gets a mention - remind your PRESS OFFICER at your society meetings.

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

Host Societies are urgently needed for all three RALLIES in 2012 SPRING, FEDERATION DAY and AUTUMN.(Olympic year !) 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 FED event ? The MALLING S/C are hosting the AUTUMN RALLY on 28th September 2013. Please contact the Federation Hon.Secretary early to book the event,the date and venue can be announced later

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# PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

5th January 2011

I would like to wish everyone in the Kent Federation a very Happy and successful New Year, when I hope you will continue to enjoy your collecting and the companionship that your societies provide. For my part I am hoping to be able to show some of my material at the Hungarian National Exhibition in April, and beyond that, who knows ?

The recent dislocation of our postal services is a reminder, however, that we should never take things for granted and I can't help feeling that we are in the process of taking a huge step backwards to the era before the 'universal penny post' was introduced. Can anyone remember what all the different rates for postage are today ?

At our Council Meeting in October I raised the question of how we should face up to the steady decline that has taken place in the numbers of members of societies affiliated to the Federation.

I have to admit that this is a universal problem that nobody has really come up with an answer as yet. Of course, the only solution is to attract new members to come and, having come, to come again. Anecdotally we are constantly told of people who collect but would never dream of joining to a local society. Yet it is the societies that are the bedrock of the philatelic world - it is where people who are new to this world meet others and learn what can be done. My fear is that, if we carry on as we are, some clubs will not be able to survive in the longer term. My message to all societies is that what you do is important and worth preserving, so please look hard at what more you need to do to ensure your survival for at least the next ten years. To the members, please do so !

Please also take full advantage of what the Federation offers with its rallies, competitions, and seminars. Kent is lucky to have one of the most active Federations in the country, so enjoy !

Finally, may I offer congratulations to the Cinque Ports Society who are celebrating their centenary this year. What a magnificent achievement. Well done, and now onwards to the second centenary. Perhaps by then, collectors will be paying fancy prices for the gold labels that the Post Office now attach to our letters and parcels and, probably, even fancier ones of the horrid things that came out of the Horizon machines a few years ago which, naturally nobody kept. Worth thinking about !

Bill Hedley.

Kent Federation President, 2010-2012

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## WANTED -

### TOMBOLA PRIZES

If you would like to help the Federation, we would be pleased to receive donations for the TOMBOLA stand at the 'Spring Rally'. Those unwanted Christmas gifts or that spare Bottle (or two) of wine/beer etc would be ideal. The teddy bear, toy train or DVD would make useful prizes. Any donations to a member of the Fedn. committee, or bring them along on the day - Thank you.

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## "MIDPEX" - A NEW VENUE FOR 2011

MIDPEX in 2011 will be at a NEW VENUE. THE WARWICKSHIRE EXHIBITION CENTRE, just south of Leamington Spa on SATURDAY, 2nd JULY. There is doubly the space at the new venue compared with the last one. For those of you who have not yet been to a 'MIDPEX' event, which is held every two years, this venue is easily accessible from the M40, leaving at junction 12 or 13. It is all on one level, apart from the catering, but drinks are available at ground level. It is an ideal opportunity to make contact with virtually all the Specialist Societies and see what they have to offer, obtain books on almost any philatelic topics, (thus saving postage) and in addition, there are many dealers (from all over the Country) who might have just the items you are missing from your collection. There is free parking for up to 2000 vehicles, but if you travel by train there is a 'free' shuttle bus from Leamington Rail Station to the event. Maybe YOUR Society might consider hiring a coach for the day, its only about 2½ hours from Kent (M25 to M40). Last time, I noticed that at least three (non Kent) clubs arranged coach trips. I again hope to be there this year. PJOK

For more info: bobharper@btinternet.com OR on the A.B.P.S. web site :- [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk) in the 'Events' tab.

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### The N.P.S. (National Philatelic Society)

This Society publish 'The Stamp Lover', which includes a free listing of stamp fairs, including Federation Events which are open to dealers and the general public. They would be happy to include YOUR event, but need to have the details direct from the organiser such as the full address and postcode for the venue, the date(s) and times, and a telephone contact to which any enquiry can be made. The magazine is published every two months and therefore the issue for February will list events in February, March & April. An event in May, June or July will need to be included in the April issue. Your details can be sent to their Hon. General Secretary, Peter Mellor at 10 Gilpin Green, Harpenden, AL5 5NR by post or E-mail ([nps@ukphilately.org.uk](mailto:nps@ukphilately.org.uk)). Remember to give ample notice. A sample copy of 'The Stamp Lover' can be found on their website: [www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps](http://www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps)

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**POSTAGE RATE INCREASES, AGAIN !** Don't forget the Royal Mail are raising the G.B. postage rates again, from 1st April, first class will increase by 5p to 46p and second class, by 4p to 36p. Current issues of all 1st & 2nd class stamps will still be valid for the new rates, its just that when you buy more, you will be charged more. I don't have full details as yet, but it's almost certain that other rates will also increase, so make sure that you stamp your outgoing mail with the right face values

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### ORGANISING A STAMP EVENT NEXT YEAR ?

Its 'Olympic' year in 2012 - this might affect attendance at your event ! Traffic wise, Television coverage (especially if G.B. are involved in say a final) or if there are any other distractions. I do not know when it all gets underway, I think it may be June or July ? So think about it !

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**FACT OR FICTION ?** The difference between fact and fiction, is that fiction has to make sense.

**MEMORY LOSS !** I have a photographic memory, but I do not always have same day service.

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# OBITUARY - YVONNE LILLIAN IVY LARG 1930 - 2010

Yvonne passed away peacefully at St. Barnabas Hospice in Worthing on September 30th, 2010, after a long and stressful illness.

An ardent supporter of the Kent Federation, being elected its President for 1994/95, she gave many displays in her own name, and even more, jointly with her husband Bob, under the title "The Largs at Large". Displays being given to clubs from Glasgow (and of course, Largs) in Scotland, to Guernsey, Norwich, Chester, Barnstaple, and even one in Canada.

She was made an Honorary Life Member of the Guernsey P/S in 2001 and of the Bromley & Beckenham P/S in 2002. Yvonne was also Hon. Secretary of Bromley & Beckenham P/S for 11 years from 1985 - 1986, as well as being President in 1988/89.

Later, she was Hon. Secretary of the Goring-by-Sea P/S for 3 years after moving to Worthing in 2001. In addition, she was Hon. Secretary of the Lloyds Bank P/S for 23 years from 1987 to the date of her death.



An Accredited Judge up to County level, she received the ABPS "Award of Merit" for services to Philately in 2000 and was awarded the Kent Federation's "Lingley Shield" in 1997.

Her passion for the hobby was shattered when she lost her sight due to Macular Degeneration in 2009 this being the 'final blow' with all her other problems.

Yvonne will be greatly missed by all who knew her and Philately has lost a most dedicated and loyal servant.

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**KENT FEDERATION -** A brief summary of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 30th October 2010 at East Malling

The new President, Bill Hedley encouraged all societies to mount a drive to find and encourage collectors who are not members to join their local philatelic club. He also requested clubs to let him have feedback on their methods and hopefully successes. The fall in income of the Federation was also causing some concern and with costs rising, suggestions on how to rectify this were invited from delegates. There has been a decline in affiliation fees of some 26% in the last decade, although the per capita fee had not changed for over 12 years. One suggestion was that with postage increases and printing costs, could the Fedn. Bulletin be made available on-line ?

This is something that might also make it more widely available and if Club Secretaries would advise the Fedn. Hon. Sec. of their members E-mail addresses, this can be looked into, although 'hard' copies would continue for archival purposes, and for those who requested them. Another suggestion was to make a charge for competition entries, this does seem to be a minority interest and perhaps a voluntary fee of say £5 for club entries, (the 8 pagers) and £3 for individual entries (16 pagers) might be appropriate.

The possibility of using local judges, the use of smaller frames, (unsecured) to save on transportation of secure frames, and the cost of insurance of trophies were all discussed. The Executive Committee were asked to discuss these matters.

There is still a vacancy for a Federation Communications Officer, it seems that no one is willing to take on this task. Would YOU care to volunteer ? if so please speak to Bill Hedley soon !

Council felt that we should continue to hold three 'Rallies' each year, but it was essential that at least two societies would need to volunteer to host the events. The Federation Committee would endeavour to organise the other. It was reported that "KENTPEX", held at Tonbridge had been very successful, was well supported and with the aid of a grant from the "Festival of Stamps" organisers, the finances were good.

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**The Lingley Shield**

Don't forget, if you wish to nominate someone for this award you need to put it in writing and send or hand it to the Federation Hon. Secretary before the end of May 2011. The nominee should be someone of repute who has worked hard over a reasonable term for your society, for the Federation, or for both. Full details of their endeavours should be mentioned

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**THANKS** to the Essex, Middlesex and Sussex Federations for copies of their Journals, also to Sevenoaks, Sidcup, Swale, and Royal Tunbridge Wells societies for their Newsletters. Thanks also to the club reporters, to Don Brookfield for his article and to Michael Thompson for the printing and despatch of this issue. Thanks also to our Advertisers, please mention this Bulletin when contacting them. PJOK.

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**CLUB DIRECTORY**

There has been a suggestion that we might consider putting part or all of the Club Programme Listing on the Internet and/or including some of it in the Bulletin. What do YOU think about it ? It would include contact phone numbers but not addresses ! Your 'Feedback' would be appreciated.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT ?** A Budget Airline Hostess asks a passenger, "Would you like dinner ?" Passenger replies, "What choices do I have ?" Air Hostess "Yes or No"

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## THE NEXT ROUND OF KENT FED. SEMINARS

Maurice Flack has arranged some more for your enjoyment, enlightenment and hopefully education. Members have suggested these topics so if there are any others you would like, please let him know. Obviously your support will be appreciated, perhaps you might be able to persuade another member of your Society/Club to join you. Of those who have attended any of the seminars already held, many have enjoyed them, found them very interesting, and have learnt things they might never have found in books. There is also the opportunity of questioning the speakers about their specialist subject. The informality and friendly atmosphere makes everyone at ease, and the buffet which is included, is very good ! If YOU plan to attend, please contact Maurice three or four days beforehand, so that he knows how many to cater for. If he's out, please leave a message - 01634-714584.

### SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2011 "CRASH & INTERRUPTED MAIL"

This will be a half session, (Morning), led by John Lee, and will tell the story of Mail which was delayed due to various crashes, on land or in the Air, plus other items delayed for what ever reason, war or ship or rail disasters etc. The afternoon session will be a talk (and display) by Gavin Fryer a Past President of The Royal Philatelic Society, London, headed "SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT".

### SATURDAY, 5th NOVEMBER 2011 "FAKES & FORGERIES" led by Chris Harman and John Shaw.

This is likely to be of special interest to those members who wonder whether that apparently valuable stamp in their collection is genuine or not: or whether that fine used postmark is faked. Bring it along and see what the experts think of it. Become aware of the possible pitfalls, the con tricks that some dealers might use to persuade you to part with your pennies.

Some thoughts for future Seminars include:-

Stamps of King George VI. by Gavin Fryer.  
Local Postal History, by the Kent Postal History Group.  
The story of the Zeppelin Mails, by Ian Nutley.  
and Another 'Cinderella' Society Seminar.



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### RECENT SEMINARS

Both of the recent seminars, about "PERFINS" given by The Perfin Society and "MILITARY MAIL", given by The Forces Postal History Society, were well attended and the members present found them very interesting. Such events are put on by the Kent Federation for YOUR benefit, you would probably not find such a varied selection of topics elsewhere, and if you could you would need to travel some distance. Why not support these while you can and improve your general knowledge of our hobby.

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**An N.P.S. Seminar.** The National Philatelic Society announce that they are running a Seminar on "Thematic and Social Philately" on Thursday, 3rd March 2011, from 1.45pm to 4.30pm. This will be held at The Phoenix Centre, Phoenix Place, London WC1 ODL. There is a charge of £5.00 (£3 for NPS members) and as places are limited, bookings should be made by Saturday, 26th February 2011. Enquiries to NPS. Hon Secretary, Peter Mellor, on 0207-239-2571 or E-mail to [nps@ukphilately.org.uk](mailto:nps@ukphilately.org.uk).

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# COMPETITION RESULTS - AUTUMN RALLY 2010

## FRANCIS FIELD AEROPHILATELY TROPHY 8 pages 8 entries

1st	MALLING STAMP CLUB	Lundy Island - Devon Air Travel Ltd 1950-1952	80 points
2nd	Cinque Ports P.S.	Crash Mails - Imperial Airways and B.O.A.C.	75 "
3rd	Cinque Ports P.S.	Early Sudan First Flights	74½ "

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## THE PARNALL CUP - THEMATIC COMPETITION 8 pages. 8 entries

1st	CINQUE PORTS P.S.	AVRO Aviation Company	73 points
2nd	Cinque Ports P.S.	Short Brothers	72 "
3rd	Malling S.C.	The Frog.	71½ "

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## THE ARTHUR JACKSON POSTAL HISTORY TROPHY 16 pages 7 entries

1st	RON BURN (Lewisham P.S.)	Tristan Da Cunha WWII	85½ points
2nd	Richard Gardner (Maidstone & Mid-Kent)	Scottish Experimental Postmarks	83½ "
3rd	Hugh Johnson (Gravesend S.C.)	Transatlantic Mail	83 "

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Our thanks to the Judges, Brian Coates and Richard Akers (both from the Middlesex Fed) and Alan Anyon (also from Middlesex) as an apprentice judge. Thanks also to the entrants, especially the Cinque Ports members who dominated the 8 page competitions.

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## OUR NEXT COMPETITIONS - SPRING RALLY - PADDOCK WOOD

- 1) "TRADITIONAL" 8 pages for the "GRANT CUP" - This is for club entrants.
- 2) "THEMATIC" 16 pages for the "PAUL MOUNT CUP" - This is for individual entries.

Please advise Maurice Flack, at least a week beforehand if you or your club are intending to enter both or either of these competitions.

NOTE: It was proposed at the last Council Meeting that societies and individuals were to be asked to contribute a small fee with each entry to a competition; this being to offset the overheads: a fee of £5 for society entries (ie. the 8 pagers) and a voluntary fee of £3. for the individual entries (16 pagers) Delegates being asked to obtain their club's views and for this to be ratified (or rejected) at the Spring Rally. The overheads are the costs involved with providing food for the Judges, & when charged, their travelling expenses, plus the expenses incurred for the organising and insurance. (collection & return etc). Failure to cover these expenses might mean an increase in the per capita affiliation fee required from each club.

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**RECRUITMENT** Have YOU found a new member for your club ? Preferably a little younger than yourself. All clubs need to have some new blood, if only to sustain their well being and the future

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# THE DAWES CUP COMPETITION - SPRING 2011

The Surrey Federation will host this years competition, which will be Judged at The Royal P.S. at 41 Devonshire Place in London. The Judges will be Patrick Reid and John Alford, both being from the Hertfordshire Federation.

The KENT team will be selected at WAINSCOTT on Friday February 11th Those members wishing to be considered are requested to contact Maurice Flack as soon as possible - invitations have already been sent to possible contenders. As Surrey do not have a meeting soon, the entries will be on display at the KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY at Mascalls School, Paddock Wood on the 12th March 2011. Kent will be hosting the 2012 competition in the Spring next year

## THE INTER-FEDERATION CUP COMPETITION.

Due to the lack of support for a 32 page competition, the ABPS. have decided that this will in future consist of 16 pages. As above members wishing to compete as part of a Kent team are to contact Maurice ASAP - the team will be selected on the 11th February at Waincott at the same time as mentioned above. Further details can be obtained from Maurice on 01634-714584. The competition will be held at Sheffield on the 6th/7th May 2011, and entries will be required from Kent in any three of the following categories :- Traditional, Postal History, Aerophilatelic, Postal Stationery, Thematic, Revenue, Cinderella or Social Philately. There will be a fee of £10 per frame (i.e. £30 for Kent to find) The Kent team have done well with their entries in the original 32 page comp. so hopefully, we can again find a winning formula in the new comp. It might be that Traditional, Postal History and Aerophilately will achieve the highest number of points, so this might be the route to take ?

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## YOU CAN LEARN AS A VISITING SPEAKER

I recently gave a display and drew attention to a couple of covers I had, giving a brief comment on where they were from. The next day I received a telephone call from a member of the audience who on returning home had looked up a book which referred to the covers I showed. He gave me a lot of information which will help me to more fully write up the page (in fact I will probably need to re-write it) and this will make it much better for future displays. My thanks to my friend, I am glad he has enlightened me. ANON.

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NEWSFLASH Thieves failed to break into a house in Ashford yesterday - nothing was stolen

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No one has managed to put pen to paper, or even type out a letter for this issue. perhaps everything is perfect in the stamp world and no one has any good ideas for making it even better ? or is it that no one loves me any more ? PJOK.

## WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT ?

The late B.S.H.Grant

*In the KENT FEDERATION Bulletin No. 9 dated August 1953 (57 years ago) the leading light of Philately in Kent. Bernard Grant. President of Maidstone and Mid-Kent P.S., Co-Founder of the Federation and its first President. was invited to write an article for that issue. Here is what he wrote:- (Readers will note how little things have changed over the years, are we making any progress ?)*

How often we hear the above phrase ! Societies ask it, its members ask it. It is a remarkable phase of our times that so many think it is more blessed to receive than to give ! Possibly this is due to the coming of the Welfare State and a natural and increasing selfishness as an aftermath to the war. It is asked about Congress about the B.P.A. and by no means least, the Kent Federation.

In these days when everyone wants something for nothing and good salaries and wages are frittered away on football pools, dog racing and cinemas, it seems a bit incongruous to plead poverty in regard to the payment of some small subscription, and yet it is often made. Those who really want to know what Congress and the B.P.A. do, for instance, have only to get hold of the Congress Year Book or the B.P.A "Summary of work of the B.P.A" obtainable from the respective secretaries, which tell them what they want to know: but I venture to suggest that less than one in fifty ever take the trouble to get the information they need.

The fact is, the benefits in the main are general to Philately and what is done in that respect benefits the whole philatelic community (which of course includes the enquirer). So far as the Kent Federation is concerned, societies have the benefit of a list of lecturers for their displays, the interchange of visits and personal contacts between collectors of similar interests.

A Federation exists to help its members individually and collectively, but this is only possible if Federation members GIVE as well as RECEIVE.

Let those who are prone to criticise ask themselves whether THEY are contributing anything to the general workings of their Federation. For instance, how many of its members appear in the list of lecturers previously mentioned who are willing to give displays to neighbouring societies or are willing to help the weaker ones who ask for assistance ? It is not all a question of finance !

It is not wrong to say "What do I get out of it ?", but it should also be "What can I do to help?", and so be less parochial in one's outlook. For the one is co-relevant to the other.

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Editor's Note: B.P.A. was the British Philatelic Association now defunct, but replaced by the A.B.P.S. (The Association of British Philatelic Societies). When speaking to other people, it is often surprising to discover that in their youth they too collected stamps or to meet them at a stamp fair and find that they may not even know that there is a local society. Then YOU should invite them along to a meeting ! If you don't, YOUR society could run out of members within say a few years, then you will realise how much you miss the opportunity to discuss, discover more and enjoy the hobby. But it does need YOU to put something constructive towards its success. Find at least one new member for your club NOW, don't leave it until it's too late !

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## SOME FORTHCOMING SOCIETY MEETINGS 2011

<u>MARCH</u>	Wednesday 2nd	Sevenoaks	LUXEMBOURG	G.Denton
	Thursday 3rd	Maidstone	COASTAL LABRADOR	B.Stalker
	Friday 4th	Bexley	CLASSIC U.S.A.	M.Fuller
	Thursday 17th	Eltham	POLAND	T.Hayes
	Monday 21st	Cinque Ports	CENTENARY NIGHT	Members
	Friday 25th	Gravesend	FRENCH AIRMAILS	L.Barnes
	Friday 25th	Herne Bay	ZEPPLIN MAIL	I.Nutley
	Thursday 31st	Maidstone	LIFE OF KGVI	D.Brookfield
<u>APRIL</u>	Wednesday 6th	Orpington	GERMAN E.AFRICA	M.Farrant
	Thursday 21st	Swale	FRANKING PRIVILEGE	C.Baker
	Friday 29th	Bexley	GERMAN FELDPOST	M.Lynes
<u>MAY</u>	Wednesday 4th	Sevenoaks	JAMAICA	S.Jarvis
	Monday 9th	Medway Towns	LETTER SORTING	M.Lynes
	Wednesday 11th	Bromley/Bec.	BOHEMIA/MORAVIA	T.Bosworth
	Friday 13th	Gravesend	BRITISH F.P.O	M.Dobbs
	Thursday 26th	Maidstone	ASTRONOMY	M.Morris
<u>JUNE</u>	Monday 6th	Cinque Ports	KENT P/HISTORY	R.Jeal
<u>JULY</u>	Friday 1st	Bexley	MONEY BY POST	H.Hupfield
<u>AUGUST</u>	Thursday 11th	Tunbridge Wells	ITALIAN P/H	G.Lindsley

There are many others, sorry if I have omitted some of your clubs events, but all are listed in the Federation Directory, a copy of which was issued to YOUR club Programme Secretary last October.

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## NORTH WEST KENT POSTCARD CLUB NEWS

In September. Frank Parsons displayed part of his 'Brighton' collection stepping in at quite short notice as a replacement for our advertised speaker. John Smith gave an excellent display of Abbey Wood postcards in October. with a few other cards shown by Cliff Hurst. which included some of his Queen's Dolls House Series. It's hoped to invite Cliff along in 2011 to give a more complete show. In November. Stuart Henderson showed New Zealand 'wooden' postcards plus a collection he found in a junk box labelled 'Uncle Arthur's Holidays' depicting locations around Britain in the 1920's & 30's The second half included a mixed variety of other cards. Our next

\*\*\*\*\* meetings are

March 28th -  
Gravesend to  
Tilbury.

April 11th  
Descendants  
of Queen  
Victoria.

On May 16th  
We visit the  
Maidstone

Postcard Fair  
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A synonym is  
a word you  
use when you  
cannot spell  
the word you  
first thought  
of.

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# G.B. NEW ISSUES

There are quite a few members who will remember the THUNDERBIRDS series on television in the 1960's, well you now have the chance to include postage stamps depicting some of the FABulous rocket propelled flying machines they used and a few of the well known characters in the series. Its 50 years since they were first on our TV screens and on January 11th, six stamps plus a miniature sheet of four different stamps were issued. In days past, every schoolboy would have sought out these stamps for their collections, but I wonder how many of todays youngsters will be so keen - perhaps its up to Dads, Uncles or Grandparents to buy them as Birthday presents. Illustrated below are the six stamps, three are first class values and three are priced at 97p each. The stamps are printed by Vartor Security Printing.

The illustrations are reduced in size



The miniature sheet has values of 41p, 60p, 88p and 97p. but it seems that it sheet may have 3 different printers, Cartor, Meauce of France, and Outer Aspect Ltd of New Zealand. (In the Jan 2011 issue of the British Philatelic Bulletin it does not make it clear) Two "Thunderbird 2" stamps also appear in a booklet of six first class stamps as self adhesives, (the other four are Machins) so if you want them, get down to your local Post Office soon - one never knows, they might, just might, become scarce !

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## POST & GO

Looking for the 'Bird' labels, I have visited both the Maidstone and the Tonbridge main Post Offices, but neither has yet installed the first series of 'Bird' labels (see our last Bulletin for details) into their machines, (they are still using the plain Machin head label) and now the Royal Mail have announced that the second series would be issued on 24th January. It seems that (a) perhaps they over ordered too many 'plain' labels, or (b) the system has not proved as popular as hoped (c) it has not been publicised widely enough, or (d) the public are using more second class stamps and don't use these. What-ever, the first series may yet be in short supply, although we have no information as to how many have been ordered. I have not yet seen any used on mail to me nor any offered by dealers. No 'withdrawl' date has been announced for the first series, but I understand that both series can still be obtained from the Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh.

