

SOCIETY NEWS ROUND UP (1)



KENT POSTAL HISTORY GROUP The first meeting of the New Year was held on the 15th January at Hurst Green Village Hall when the afternoon's topic was London to Hastings & the Rye Road. Fred Goatcher was first to display followed by Roger Bailes & Peter O'Keefe, all with a number of interesting covers/postal markings. After a refreshment break, John Weston and Michael Thompson gave their displays. The Group have published "The Kent Post" as its 'Journal' since 1973, and are at present putting all 36 volumes on to a DVD, which hopefully will be completed later this year. This will make quite a difference in the need for storage space and it might also encourage more articles from members for the future. Michael Thompson brought along a laptop and was able to show some of the first volume as a 'taster', so that members have a better idea of how it will look and what it will contain, all on one DVD! This is a development that will greatly assist members to access all the topics that have appeared in 'The Kent Post' over the last 37 years. The Group's next meeting is the A.G.M. and mini auction to be held on Saturday 5th March at The Towers School, Ashford. Then on July 2nd, we meet at Etchinghill Village Hall, (just off the A20,) a few miles West of Folkestone, when the topic is to be "Folkestone", plus 'new aquisitions'. Whether you have an interest in the postal history of that area or not, you are welcome to join us, and hopefully learn something about it. If you can bring along something to show, perhaps something acquired recently, please do so, preferably with a Kent connection. Meetings usually start at 2pm, and further details can be obtained from John Weston (01732-358163). The other meetings this year are on 1st October (at the Willesborough Windmill, Ashford) and 26th November (Red Cross Hall in Sevenoaks) - mark your diaries now !

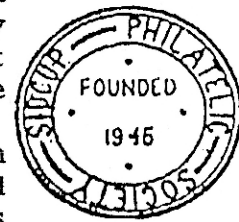


ISLE OF THANET P.S. To start the new Season on the 8th September last, members were invited to display anything connected with Queen Victoria, and we had six different displays from an attendance of 18. For the second meeting that month, we chose the letters 'I' and 'J', which brought forth five displays. Then in October, Tony Hayes showed Antarctica, followed by a visit from the Dover S.C.. On November 6th, David Luckhurst showed Eastern Europe, and on the 17th we saw some of Bernard Kennett's early FDC's and PHQ cards. We had to cancel our meeting scheduled for December 1st (competitions night) due to the snow. For our first meeting of the New Year, it was the letters 'K' and 'L', with six displays including, Kenya, Scouting (from countries beginning with these letters), 'London 1980', Light houses, and Lampeter postmarks. There were 11 attendees. An auction is planned for January 19th and a visit from Deal P.S. is on 16th February. Mike Thompson is booked for March 16th to show "Welsh Railways" then on April 20th, we have our 'Presidents Evening' and presentation of trophies. Our A.G.M and an auction follow in May So we are looking forward to an interesting second half of the season.

AUSTRALIA In 1788 Britain banished a group of convicts to Australia which was believed to be a desolate, uncivilised island. The convicts struck land on Bondi Beach, where an aboriginal tribe of topless blondes (the "Sheila's") introduced them to a ritual known as "downing a 'tinnie of Fosters", and a 'National Dance' "Coming a Raw Prawn". Now you didn't know that did you ?

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SIDCUP PHILATELIC SOCIETY Unfortunately the planned display of Undercover Propaganda Cards by Tony Hickey had to be cancelled due to a mix-up of the dates, but Judith French stepped into the breach and showed some of Fred's Egyptian material on September 14th last. Kent President, Bill Hedley was our guest on the 28th of September, with a well researched and well produced display of his Austrian and Hungarian material. This included a letter from the Emperor Ferdinand III dated 1655, plus many other early items through to 1938. On October 12th Ray Barton gave us a very interesting display of Mexico. Did you know that there were British Post Office Agencies in that country in the second half of the 1800's? Well Ray was able to show some. In October we had a Members Evening, with Postcards or Cinderella items on show, with displays by Don Brookfield, Eileen Elton, Geoff Hanney, Cliff Hurst, and Judith French. Chris Ayres showed British Africa on 23rd November, covering numerous countries such as the Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria (plus Lagos and North & South Nigeria), then came South Africa, (inc. Natal, and the Cape of Good Hope), Basutoland, Rhodesia, British East Africa, Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika, ending up with Somaliland. A good 'tour' of Africa! In the New Year, on January 11th, we kick off with "Anything Goes", for members to show something of their choice, then Frank Parsons shows part two of his Switzerland collection on the 25th. We have our 'Spring Auction' on February 8th, and a visit from the Malling Stamp Club on the 22nd. Our member Len Barnes is to show Pre War French Aviation on March 8th, and on the 22nd, we hold the 'Victor Mills Memorial Evening' with Traditional & Thematic displays. Our A.G.M. and 'Cheese & Wine Party' are on April 12th.



DOVER STAMP SOCIETY The season started with a very well attended 'Members Evening' on September 13th with postcards, postal history & covers as the theme. Then in October, we had a visit from two husband and wife partnerships, as members of the the Dartford PS with Pat and Frank Parsons, Ted and Jean Needham. showing National Savings stamps, Egypt, Fiji (KGVI) and European View postcards, matched by corresponding stamps, respectively. Our thanks to all four for a very interesting evening. Due to our reduction from

two to one meeting per month, we have only one auction this season held on November 8th, but it proved a great success, boosted by the attendance of visitors from other clubs. Auctioneer, Peter Read announced takings of over £400 as very satisfying. Currently, we are looking forward to our Christmas party on December 13th, when members can be relied upon to not only display material, but to provide a selection of 'Christmas' fare to share around during the evening.

GRAVESEND STAMP CLUB On Friday 26th November we held our first afternoon meeting - we were lucky with the weather, the attendance was good and included some possible new members. Our guest, Jeremy Gaskell gave an excellent display of British Borneo. After a break for refreshments, Jeremy's extensive range of stock was available for viewing or sale. It is hoped that we can arrange more afternoon meetings in the future. Our Christmas Social, a joint meeting with the N.W. Kent Postcard Club is scheduled for the 10th December with the first meeting of the New Year on 14th January when we have Presidents Evening, with Mike Thompson showing us some more of his gems.



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BEXLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY We commenced the current season in our traditional style, with 2 of our members sharing centre stage - Pat Parsons was first with her collection of 'Mourning Covers' from the 19th century through to the 20th, plus a display of various licences. Second on stage was John Corderoy, with a comprehensive display of Israel, with tabs attached to their stamps - it is surprising what members have tucked away.



The auction in October proved successful, followed on the 22nd by a visit from Tony Hayes, who showed his very interesting collection of Antarctica. Competition Night was also well supported, but it took a few nudges from our competition secretary, John Corderoy to raise nine entries, but ran out of display board space, requiring 2 prospective entries to stand down. Graham Brown was the winner of the 8 page 'Traditional to 1937' competition with his New Zealand KGV entry. Colin Tobitt won the 16 page 'Postal History' prize. On November 19th, Lindy Bosworth gave us an excellent display from her collection of Czechoslovakia. Our first meeting in December had to be put off due to the snow, and the Presidents Evening was within a whisker of being cancelled, but with the food having been purchased in the morning, thirteen brave souls turned out for the festive evening provided by Frank & Pat Parsons. It should have been Ray Jeal's 'Presidential show', but he suffered a nasty fall 2 days earlier which put him out of action. However, a significant hole was made in the 'fare', with the few left overs finding good homes. The New Year starts on January 7th with a members night linked to the letters D, E, & F and on the 21st we have another auction. On February 4th, Michael Dobbs will show items from his collection of British Forces Post Offices, and for the following meeting, we have the increasingly popular "Two Page" competition. In March, our guest is Marc Fuller, showing Classic USA, followed by a visit from the Medway Towns Society. Derek Hamilton Smith is showing his "General Postal History" on April 15th and Martin Lynes shows us "German Feld Post" on the 29th April. It should be noted that this year the April meetings are changed to the 2nd and 4th Fridays, also that the first meeting in May will be on the 2nd Friday, i.e. the 13th, when the Dover Stamp Society visit us.

DARTFORD & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB Our season began with a fine display of Tristan da Cunha, by Ron Burn entitled 'The Volcanic period'. Ron's displays are a reminder for some older members of the late Alec Page's collection of days gone by. This was followed by an auction with most lots being sold. Unfortunately our 'Christmas' evening on December 1st was cancelled owing to the weather, but we hope to have a late celebration early in January. In February we have a favourite sheet competition and a visit from



the Maidstone & Mid-Kent PS in March. Followed by another auction in April. We continue to meet on the first Wednesday each month and visitors are always welcome. We wish all Kent collectors a Happy New Year and Good Luck with their collections.

IN OR OUT ? Visiting an elderly Aunt recently, I noticed that when she answered the door, she was wearing a hat. "Oh, are you just going out ?" I enquired, "No dear, I put it on in case there was someone I did not want to meet, I can take it off now, as you have come".

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ORPINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY The first half of our 2010/11 programme went well. Starting with a members evening on September 8th, the items on display included postcards from Yeman, Zanzibar and Zambia, 'Christmas Day Delivery' and railway cancellations, Maltese Cross cancellations from 1840, The Ministry of Defence River Zaire Expedition 1975 commemorating the anniversary of the expedition made by Henry Stanley in the 19th century, a series of comic postcards, Christmas stamps, and philatelic gems of the Seychelles. On October 13th we had a very interesting display of the 'History and Philately of British Borneo' by Mr J. Gaskell. This was followed in November by another excellent evening, with displays by Mr & Mrs Frank Parsons which was of Switzerland and Customs & Law. The year ended on 8th December, with a 'One Sheet' competition, which Colin Wilson won, followed by 'Festive' refreshments and a bourse. In the New Year we have visits from Mr T. Taylor, showing G.B. Line Engraved on 9th February, our own Presidents Night on March 8th, and Mr R. Hart with Jamaica on April 13th. Our A.G.M. finishes the season on May 11th.



EDENBRIDGE STAMP & P/C CLUB "Whats New" was the title of our September 16th meeting which 'Kicked-Off' our 2010/11 season. Then we had an away trip to Basildon P.S on the 21st Sept, with Rita Whiffen and Derek Hamilton Smith entertained. In October we had something beginning with the letter 'O'. It is amazing how diverse the subjects produced by members can be, we saw Otford Postcards, Overprints, Oddities which came through the letterbox, 'Ofman' (Overseas & Envelopes of the Isle of Man), Ornithology, Oster-

reich (Austria), and 'O' cancellations of states in the USA. In November, an 'inhouse' display by Derek, who showed mostly local Edenbridge Postal History, proved very interesting. We did not meet in December, with Christmas being so close to our usual meeting date, but on January 20th, we have a 'Postcard Evening', and in February, its a surprise, entitled "Guinea Pigs for Rita" !

LEWISHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY The new season started on September 7th when our President, Arthur Jackson gave a superb display of Poland. On September 21st, Dane Garod, showed his "One Collector, 6 collections" quite an entertaining evening. Lynn Roberts was our guest on October 5th, and showed Albania, a country not often displayed in this area. Our speaker for October 19th was involved in a car accident, so we held a 'Members Evening', entertaining ourselves with lots of different things. November 2nd was "Recent Acquisitions" when several new items, which had been acquired at 'London 2010' where shown. On November 16th, it was 'L' is for ... (Maurice was advised beforehand, not to show 90 pages of penny lilacs otherwise he would be thrown out). Michael Farrant was our guest on the 7th November, with a magnificent display of Zanzibar. Our Christmas meeting had lots of members material on show as well as food, wine and we hope that everyone in the Kent Federation enjoyed a Merry Christmas. We started the New Year on January 4th, when it was '5 sheets or 50p' - as nobody could afford that amount, ALL members brought along something to show ! Judith French joins us on 18th January, with a display of 'Postcards of Kent'.





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SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT P.S. The current season opened on the 1st September with the letter 'N' for the W.E. Cordery Cup competition, the winner was Henry Hupfield with a display of 'New Zealand Private Posts', again a disappointing event attracting only 3 entries, Richard Hart with 'Natal' and Peter O'Keeffe with 'Nyasaland'.



It had been intended that members should bring along some 'New Acquisitions', but only Maurice Porter took the trouble. After the interval, Peter O'Keeffe showed more of his 'Nyasaland' collection. We enjoyed a fine display by Brian Stalker in October, showing 'Labrador Coastal Mail' during the 19th and 20th century, all of which was carried by steamer between the numerous harbours. For the November meeting, Ray Barton showed Mexico and surprised us when telling us how in the early days, stamps needed to be cut into quarters in order to make up the correct rates, he also told us of the strange way they handled Registered mail, by cutting the front off covers to act as a receipt! Our December 'Auction evening' had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. The first meeting of the New Year, now almost a tradition, was our 'Cheese and Wine Supper', but the attendance was down somewhat on previous years, although those attending did justice to the buffet but again found the quiz's rather baffling. Our meeting on the 2nd February is a showing of Granada by a relatively new member, Tim Pearce, followed in March by Richard Hart showing The Boer War and in April we welcome Michael Farrant, showing 'German East Africa' In May, Steve Jarvis is to show 'Jamaica', then on June 1st we have our A.G.M. and an auction. Finally to end the season, we have our 'President's Night' on July 6th and the Theo Jones Thematic Cup.



MALLING STAMP CLUB Our A.G.M. in October last was followed by a 'Members Evening', and the Federation Autumn Rally, which we hosted, went off without any problems. On November 9th, Ray How, showed his "Law & Order", and as usual his excellent display was both entertaining and informative. We held our Christmas auction in December with a good variety of lots on offer and a good attendance, as we were fortunate to avoid the snow. To start the New Year, we have a

"Show 5 sheets or pay 25p" evening on January 11th, followed by a 'competitions & bourse' evening on February 8th. A month later on March 8th, Richard Hart will be showing 'The Boer War'.

MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT P.S. Our recent displays have included Switzerland by Frank Parsons, British Borneo by Jeremy Gaskell, the 'Malayan Conflict' by Brian Richardson, then an auction, "Mail and the Steamship" by Malcolm Roberts, "From Cook to Quantas" by John Crowe and 'Presidents Evening' by Tony Davis. The meeting on December 2nd, when Gilbert Denton's display of 'Ireland' had to be cancelled due to the snow. The



New Year meetings commence on January 6th when Brian Stonestreet shows New Zealand - The Definitive Story, then on the 20th, we have the Grant & Woodruffe competitions and a bourse. The Ashford P.S. are our guests on February 3rd and on February 17th, the Kent Fed. President, Bill Hedley will be giving us his display. On March 3rd Brian Stalker is due to visit us with his display of Labrador Coastal Mail, and we have an auction on March 17th. Don't forget our next 'Stamp Fair' which will be held on Saturday 9th April at Grove Green Community Centre, Maidstone from 10am to 4pm.

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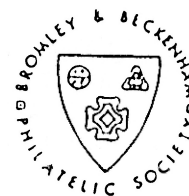
CINQUE PORTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY On September 6th we enjoyed a superb display by our visitors from the Swale Society, then on the 20th we had a show of 'Recent Acquisitions' by members. The Tunbridge Wells Society were our guests on October 4th when we were 'Royally' entertained, especially with some fine 'Penny Blacks' and three other displays. It was auction night on the 18th, with some good bargains to be had. On October 22nd we visited the Herne Bay P.S. and on November 4th we welcomed the Isle of Thanet Society team who gave four wonderful displays. John Priestly was our guest on the 15th with a rarely seen display of Brazil, followed on the 29th with a visit from the Ashford P.S. On December 13th, we enjoyed our Christmas get together with good food, wine, a Grand Draw and an auction. The New year started off with Presidents Night on January 10th, with Harry Ward giving us a whale of a night with his "Whales, Whales & More Whales" - A fantastic evening with some superb material. Pat & Paul entertain us on the 24th, but we have no idea what they will be showing. Its 'M' and 'N' night on February 7th (are these sweets ?) and here again we can only wonder what will appear. The 21st is Competition Night, plus a mini auction, then on March 7th, the Deal Society will be paying us a visit. The one we are really looking forward to is March 21st - Our "CENTENARY NIGHT" - some of us already feel 100. However this should be a night to remember !

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS P.S. Since our last report we have had visits by Mr P. Phillips on September 9th, with a most interesting display and talk on the P/H of Dartmoor, its postal arrangements and its Prison. Our President, Ian Marshall gave us yet another fine and interesting display for 'Presidents Night' on October 14th, then on November 11th we had our A.G.M. All the existing officers were re-elected, plus Steve Clark, as the new vice President in succession to the late Lord Cornwallis. Mike Bonds was awarded the

'Hughes Cup' for his great work in arranging the transfer of the Crowborough Stamp Fair from the now defunct Crowborough club to RTWPS, and Ian Marshall and the committee were congratulated on the success of the fair and of 'Kentpex 2010'. After the A.G.M. we had our two main competitions, the 'Brewer Cup', for 8 pages of Traditional stamps, was won by Colin Evans with his entry "Stamps with a difference", being early United States stamps with unusual perforations. The 16 page Postal History competition was won by Ian Marshall with an entry of G.B. 2d Blue line engraved stamps. On December 9th we held a mini auction of several lots donated to the Society, enjoyed some Christmas mince pies and held a team quiz. Our weekday morning meetings in Groombridge continue to be popular attracting an average attendance of some 15 members and visitors. We have not been affected by snow and have enjoyed displays of the 'Czech' Lands. China Airmails, a 'Members Morning entertaining ourselves, and 'A Morning with Maurice'. It is great that the evening meetings have shown a small increase in the numbers attending. The first gathering of the New Year, was on Tuesday 11th when a party of 31 members/partners enjoyed each others company for a luncheon which was very acceptable, at the Indoor Bowls Club, Tunbridge Wells. The first evening meeting was a display of World Postal Stationery by member Graham Barker, plus 'Bargain Acquisitions' by all members. At Groombridge, on January 20th Peter O'Keefe showed "GB Military WWII". The February meetings are (10th) GB Postal History by Mr P. Frost, and (17th - at Groombridge), Kent P/H by Maurice Porter.



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BROMLEY & BECKENHAM P.S. Our near neighbours Croydon PS visited us to start the current season on the 8th September, showing some breath taking material, David Milstead showed 1966 World Cup Ephemera, Peter Cottis had a fine collection of Tristan da Cunha, Gilbert & Ellice Islands was the choice of John Schofield, and Paul Elliot showed a range of hand drawn illustrations made by his grandfather whilst in France during WWI, plus some postcards of the period. On September 22nd, members displayed 'Overprints' on a wide range of stamps and postal related items. We made a return trip to the Croydon Society on October 12th, with our team of Ian Reed showing St Helena and St Lucia and Grahame Boutle showing his "Mourning Covers". Michael Farrant was our guest on October 13th with German East Africa, and on the 27th, Yvonne Wheatley displayed "Moving the Mails by Rail". We have been saddened by the passing of two former Presidents, Yvonne Larg (see elsewhere for obituary) and Charles Newson. On November 10th, Bill Hedley, the Kent. Fedn. President is our visiter, and we have an auction on November 24th December 8th is 'Nugent Cup' competition night with the letters 'E' and 'N', then on the 15th, its Presidents Night, plus a Christmas Social. January 12th is "Silent Night" when members display two frames of their choice, without having to talk about them !

SWALE PHILATELIC & POSTCARD SOCIETY commenced the 2010/2011 season on September 23rd, with 20 members present for a display by Peter Basterfield from Bath of the postal history of that city from 1836. There many early postal markings, and one cover had twelve penny red stamps, a "More to Pay" cachet, as it was over 6 ounces. Another cover was dated 10th January 1840—the first day of the 'Penny Post' prior to the issue of adhesive postage stamps. There were 1d & 2d



Mulready envelopes, and every type of hand and machine postmarks. Bob Turcan, our postcard secretary was our speaker on October 7th with an interesting talk and display of Faversham and surrounding area, covering hops and gunpowder production. On the 21st October Geoff Hanney and Cliff Gregory of the Sidcup P.S. were our guests Geoff showed the Panama Canal on stamps and postcards, and Cliff displayed a 'Miscellany of Indian Postal History', an array of TPO (Travelling Post Offices) items and some Somali Land Field Forces covering four expeditions to rid the land of the Mad Mullah. Then on November 4th, three of our members gave displays, Laurie Tomlin showed Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago finishing with cards from Thailand & Sri Lanka. Alan & Frances Howland displayed cards and photographs of "Sky Sheppy 2009" in conjunction with the Kent History Federation Conference 2009, celebrating the centenary of British Aviation on Sheppy, the birthplace of British Aviation. On November 18th, Tony Hayes from the Isle of Thanet P/S was our guest with a display of world wide T.P.O.'s cancellations and postmarks from the carriage sorting wagons on trains. His second half show was of 'Paquebot' mail, plus some illustrated covers of the 'Tall Ships' races in 1974. Our Christmas party and competition night was held on December 9th; the Hales Cup was won by Bob Browne and the Postal History, by Brian Day, the judging was by those present. After the competitions, refreshments were available and we saw some further displays by members. We start the New Year with a joint meeting (stamps & postcards) on the 21st January - the topic being "Miscellaneous & South Kent Coast". Then on the 17th February we welcome Maurice Flack who will be showing stamps of the 'British Commonwealth'. On March 17th, its The Boys Brigade by Bernard Kennett

A request from Don Brookfield (Bexley P.S.).

4th January 2011

Dear Peter,

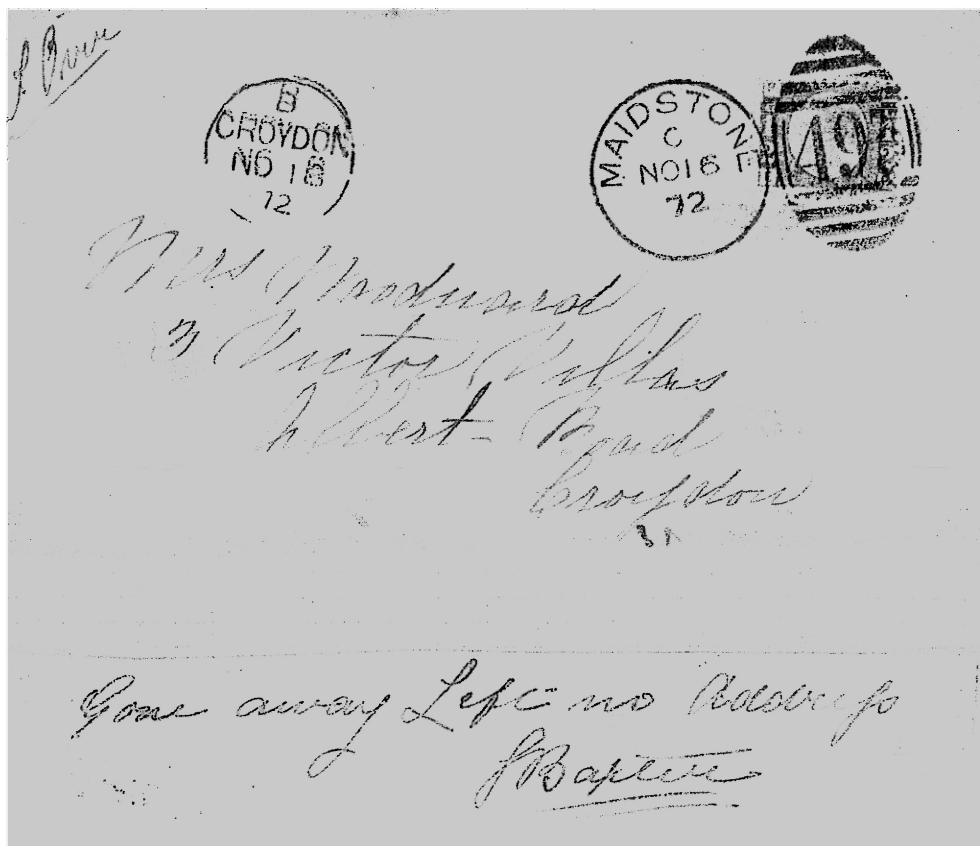
I am wondering if this snippet is worthy of inclusion in the Fed. Bulletin, more of an appeal on behalf of Shepherd Neame of Faversham Britains oldest brewer.

With the first G.B. ½d 1870 'Bantam' being part of my collecting interests, now just postal history, I acquired the attached advertising material relating to 'Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy'. Only recently it came to my notice that 'Grant's' is now part of the Shepherd Neame Group, and at the companies AGM, held in Faversham I discovered that almost half the population of Faversham seem to be shareholders ! I met the Chief Executive, Jonathan Neame and was able to show him some early advertising items relating to the 'Grants' business. He was overjoyed when I offered to donate it for their archives, and in his reply, he mentioned that they had very little archival data of Grants.

I wonder if any other members have anything relevant, that they might care to donate (or perhaps provide a photocopy) ? If so you might care to communicate directly with Jonathan Neame, Esq, The Chief Executive, Shepherd Neame PLC, 17 Court Street, Faversham, Kent. ME13 7AX.

Thank you,
Don Brookfield.

Below is an illustration of a cover in my collection, sent by the Grant's firm in 1872. This has a Maidstone duplex cancel on a halfpenny 'bantam' stamp. The cover was returned marked "Gone Away" and inside I found the adverts. Unfortunately, the firms crest on the back of the envelope does not photocopy very well. Overleaf there are also photocopies of 2 items found inside, which Don has donated to the company.



GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY.



Supplied to Her Majesty the Queen at all the Royal Palaces.

TESTIMONIALS TO ITS CURATIVE PROPERTIES.

MR. GRANT begs attention to the fact that his CHERRY BRANDY has been found very beneficial as a tonic in the following cases, namely:—debility and exhaustion, especially when the stomach fails to retain food or medicine, as in Diarrhoea, Cholera, Sea-sickness, and other internal disorders. It is strongly recommended by the Medical Profession, and the following Testimonials are very expressive. It is also nourishing and restorative in cases of weakness, lassitude and depression of spirits, in dyspepsia, or whenever either the vital or the physical system requires a gentle stimulant, and particularly in disorders peculiar to women and children. Its delicious flavour is not its least recommendation.

Testimonial from the LONDON HOSPITAL, dated 16th December, 1866.

Sir,

I have used your "CHERRY RESTORATIVE" (it was thus labelled) in a large number of cases of Diarrhoea, and consider its use has been attended with the most beneficial results. It is exceedingly grateful to the patient, and has the great advantage of producing no after ill effects. It is not too stimulating even when used in large quantities, and is well adapted for cases of debility resulting from protracted illness.

(Signed) JAMES JACKSON, M.D., London,
Resident Medical Officer.

To Mr. Grant,
Maidstone, Kent.

From ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, Medical and Surgical College, Newington, Surrey, S.,
15th March, 1867.

Sir,

Having now for some months given your "CHERRY RESTORATIVE" with considerable advantage where other astringents and stimulants have failed, particularly in irritable conditions of the alimentary canal, or great debility and exhaustion after long and protracted disease, when it is difficult for the stomach to retain food or medicine, I have every reason to believe that it will become not only useful, but a valuable addition to our remedial agents, and one worthy of great consideration, being pleasant and grateful to the taste.

(Signed) R. G. WHITFIELD,
Resident Medical Officer.

To Thos. Grant, Esq.
Maidstone.

A Lady who had a most alarming attack of Cholera in March, 1866, writes:—"When vomiting and Diarrhoea had continued almost without cessation for more than two hours, my husband gave me a half tea-spoonful of the Cherry Cordial, diluted with water, and it remained upon my stomach, unlike anything I had previously taken. In three minutes I took a little more, with the same result, and afterwards I continued sipping it at short intervals for an hour, at the end of which time the violence of the disorder had abated, and I fell into a refreshing sleep. There was no return of the vomiting after the first dose of the Cordial the Diarrhoea gradually decreased in violence."

GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY may be obtained at 4s. per dozen through any Wine Merchant; or it will be sent at the same price direct from the Distillery, carriage paid and packages included, on pre-payment by Cheque or Post Office Order, addressed "THOMAS GRANT, THE DISTILLERY, MAIDSTONE." Mr. Grant will be glad to receive information of any striking benefit derived from the medicinal use of the Cordial.

Please observe that the smallest quantity supplied direct from the Distillery is one dozen, and a remittance of 4s. net per dozen must accompany the order, it being found impracticable in so large a number of orders from strangers to make the needful inquiries which a system of booking demands.

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A LASTING CHRISTMAS PRESENT ? Charles bought his Mother in Law a large plot in the local cemetery as a Christmas present two years ago. When she moaned that he had not bought her any present last Christmas, he responded, saying that she had not yet used the previous years gift !

THE SHEPHERD NEAME
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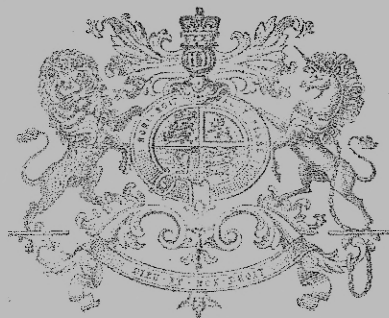
In a letter from Mr Neame, he mentions that Thomas Grant established his company in DOVER in 1774, but moved to Maidstone in 1853, following a destructive cliff fall which destroyed the premises

The business flourished and a large distillery was later opened in Lenham, supplying cherries from the many small orchards in East Kent. They also made Cherry Whisky, and Cherry Liquer, Sloe Gin, and Jamorella. The popularity of Cherry based wines declined after the war and as Grant's distilleries closed down most of their records were lost. However some 19th & 20th century ledgers and a few old books did find their way into the Maidstone Museum and County Archives.

Shepherd Neame then purchased Grants in the 1970's, and Mr Neame feels that the items Don found may well be unique. Maybe someone can add to this saga ?

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GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY.



SUPPLIED TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN,
AT ALL THE ROYAL PALACES.

THE favor of your attention is specially requested to the following notice of this beautiful Liqueur, made from the famous KENTISH MORELLA CHERRY. Kent has always been noted for the fine quality of its Cherries, and among them the Morella is unrivalled for richness and delicacy of flavour. THE MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY, when well matured by age, (as it is when sent out), is superior to the over-sweet Copenhagen in genuine *fruit flavour*, and has the advantage of being only half the price.

FOR HOUSEHOLD USE, between meals, and at all suitable times, it is certainly the most delicious, attractive, and wholesome Liqueur ever produced, and taken with a biscuit, often supersedes the use of wine. It is in great favor with the Ladies.

FOR PICNICS, EXCURSIONS, and as a travelling companion, it is invaluable; and with water, or soda-water, it forms a refreshing *summer beverage*. In the winter it is often *mulled* with spice.

IN THE HUNTING FIELD, and with SPORTSMEN generally, it is a universal favourite; also, in NAVAL, MILITARY, and ARISTOCRATIC circles.

THE MEDICINAL PROPERTIES of the MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY are of the most important character, on account of the remarkable astringency which it possesses, causing it to act with a decidedly beneficial effect upon relaxed constitutions, and in cases of exhaustion, when the stomach fails to retain food or medicine. It is a valuable tonic, and *restorative* in all cases of weakness, lassitude, and depression. A few of the Testimonials received have been printed, and are enclosed herewith.

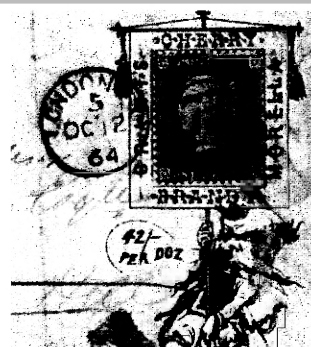
GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY, in bottles of the size of ordinary wine bottles, can be obtained at 42/- per Dozen, through any Wine Merchant; or, it will be sent at the same price direct from the Distillery, carriage paid, and packages included, *on pre-payment by Cheque or Post Office Order*, addressed to

THOMAS GRANT,
THE DISTILLERY, MAIDSTONE.

Please observe that the smallest quantity supplied direct from the Distillery is *one dozen*, and a remittance of 42/- *net* per dozen must *accompany the order*, it being found impracticable in so large a number of orders from strangers, to make the needful inquiries which a system of booking demands.

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Pictured alongside is part of an advertising envelope used by "GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY" postmarked London 12th October 1864. This was a Lot 458 in "The Magpie" Auction 2nd February 2011 with a reserve of £50.



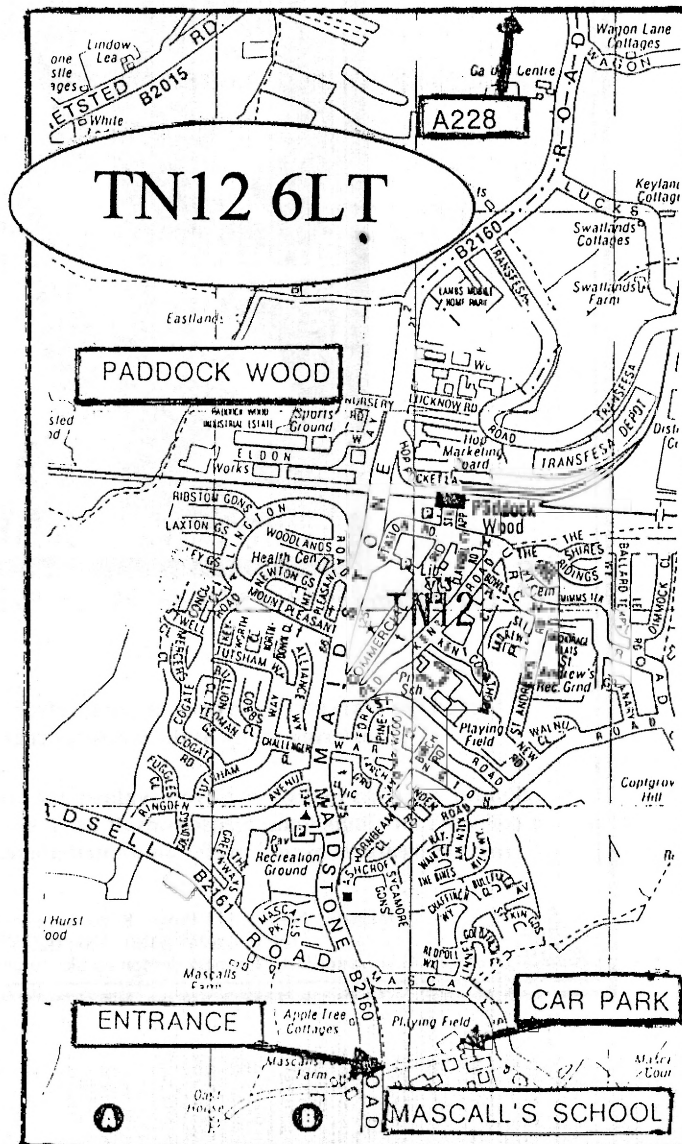
THE KENT FEDERATION SPRING RALLY
THE FEDERATION ARE HOSTING THIS EVENT
ON SATURDAY, 12th MARCH 2011 AT
MASCALL'S SCHOOL, PADDOCK WOOD, TN126LT
10 am to 4 pm.FREE ADMISSION & FREE CAR
PARKING. DEALERS. TOMBOLA. REFRESHMENTS
FEDERATION COMPETITION ENTRIES ON VIEW
PLUS THE 'DAWES' CUP COMPETITION ENTRIES

Travelling by Train ?
 Paddock Wood station
 is on the main line
 LONDON to ASHFORD and
 the station is about
 a 25 minutes walk to
 the school. There is a
 bus service from the
 station, which passes
 the venue, about 20
 minutes past the hour

SOCIETY NEWS

Despite reminding all
 Club Secretaries of
 the cut-off date for
 this Edition, we again
 have 5 societies who
 have NOT found time
 to send in their news
 It should not take
 long to jot down a few
 notes of the meetings
 you have had, what is
 to come, or any other
 items which might be
 of interest to readers
 IF YOUR CLUB IS NOT
 included, perhaps YOU
 could drop me a brief
 report, or AT LEAST
 chase your Club Sec.
 to send something by
 the next cut-off date
 which is 11th APRIL
 2 weeks BEFORE EASTER
 It would be good to
 have news from ALL of
 our KENT Societies in
 every issue of the
 BULLETIN !

 ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT
 FORGET THE COUNCIL
 MEETING at 11am.



DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSIS !

A young man was sent to hospital by his
 G.P., but his problem was typewritten by
 the Doctor's secretary as "This man has
 pholenfrometry". The nurse at the
 hospital was puzzled, but then realised
 it was "This man has fallen from a tree"

All World Stamps and Postal History

February 2011



Great Britain: 1867-83 Watermark Anchor, white paper £5 orange, AC, from left of the sheet, large part original gum; with wonderfully fresh deep colour: **Estimate £ 5,000**

• **Fine and very attractive**



Great Britain: 1867-83 Watermark Anchor, blue paper £5 orange, DD, fine light central strike of the London Northern Office c.d.s.; with good colour: **Estimate £6,500**

• **Fine and attractive**



中华人民共和国成立十五周年

1949-1964

China: 1964 15th. Anniversary of People's Republic, the miniature sheet, u.m. **Estimate £1,500.**

• **Fine and rare**



New Zealand: 1906 Christchurch Exhibition, 1d. claret, large part o.g. **Estimate £3,500**

• **Rare and very attractive**



New Zealand: 1855 Watermark Large Star; imperforate, 1d. dull carmine on white paper; close to good margins all round, lightly cancelled, fine and very rare. **Estimate £5,750**

• **A fine example of this classic rarity**
• **With B.P.A. certificate (1991)**



North Borneo: Japanese Occupation: 1944 (May 11) 5c on \$1 brown and carmine, unused. **Estimate £2,500**

• **Fine and rare**

• **With "Royal" certificate (2010)**

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