

Mary Queen of Scots - animal lover stamp collector?



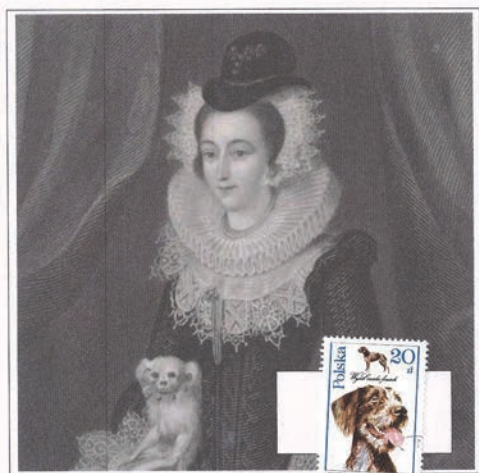
Mary Queen of Scots had a pet dog



She loved all animals



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Find a stamp with a dog and stick it beside her pet



One of the results of the activities, provided by
the Caledonian Philatelic Society at the Family
Day in Glasgow.

Well done, Mary, and the Caledonian..

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CHAIR'S UPDATE



What is 2023 going to be like for our hobby? I would suggest that the year could be quite an interesting one!

At the end of January, the Royal Mail “Stamp Swap Out Scheme” ends and definitives without the “barcode” will not be valid – although it’s interesting to read on the Royal Mail website: *“Mail posted with non-barcoded Definitive stamps after 31st January 2023, will for the first 6 months be delivered as normal, no surcharge will be raised. After this 6-month grace period, an item with a non-barcoded stamp would be treated as if there is insufficient postage. Any item that has insufficient postage is subject to a surcharge. Surcharge fees can be found on our website.”* So perhaps it’s going to be early August before we see what Royal Mail really does with covers that bear non-barcoded stamps.

All through the year, of course, we will see new issues coming out from Royal Mail. With subjects promised such as *Blackadder*, *Warhammer*, *Terry Pratchett’s Discworld* and *Dame Shirley Bassey*, it will be interesting how sales go for Royal Mail! It is very probable that in 2023 we will see new stamps issued for King Charles III. Gone is the term “QEII”, now we will have “KCIII”. I have seen it suggested that the start of a new King’s issues would be a good starting point for new collectors to join the hobby. I’d be interested to hear what other philatelists think.

Then we have the ongoing situation during 2023 of local philatelic societies working hard to survive. In the philatelic press recently, I saw a letter that suggested many local societies that managed to survive the two years of coronavirus lockdown are still struggling due to an almost fatalistic attitude. The letter also suggested that they have failed to grasp that unless they adopt and change, they will not have a future. I would ask what can be done to make sure that our local philatelic societies do survive? There must be some great ideas out there – please do let me know what ideas you have!

Let me end by looking forward to 2025. EuroPhilEx, a European stamp exhibition, will be taking place in this country from 8th to 11th May. The venue will be in Birmingham at the National Exhibition Centre. Most competitive classes will be available to enter in competition. There will be a large number of dealers’ booths and an auction will also be part of the events taking place. Note the dates – more information will be published by the organising committee soon. I always like to stress the importance of communication. Without good communication who knows what’s going on or what the current issues are in philately that need addressing? In my thoughts above I’ve asked several times for your ideas, comments and thoughts. Please do let me know what you think.

My email address is chair@abps.org.uk and my postal address is Steven Harrison, ABPS, c/o RPSL, 15 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BW or write to Keith Burton, our editor, at editor@abps.org.uk Steve Harrison FRPSL

Editorial



Four times a year for the last ten years or so I have worried in advance about what I can say in my editorial. Often after a few reports have arrived I see a trend or a specific piece of information which gives me an inspiration. This time is no different. The report from the Caledonian Society shows how one society has been reaching out and making contact with people in their community. Will it bring in members? Who knows? However there is always more of a chance that an individual will return to philately or start stamp collecting if the idea has been planted than if no-one has made an effort to re-awaken or start the interest.

Very often reports include statements that numbers attending meetings have fallen even though membership has been maintained. Wringing hands and bemoaning the fall without being active in working out how to change the situation is unlikely to reverse the position. We need to do something ourselves. Some have changed to day-time meetings, taking the risk that those who are still working will be excluded. Some offer lifts to take people to the meetings. Some look at their meetings and what their society offers.

If your society has gone through this process and found a large event to advertise or small change in your processes which has led to greater attendance or new members please share it with us. I can include the ideas in future issues.

If you have tried something that was a total failure, possibly expensive, let us know that too. It is an example of trying which others might be able to learn from - they could avoid getting into a similar position, or make an adjustment that increases the chance of success.

If you plan something that could incur some costs which would strain your society's finance, remember that affiliated societies are entitled to ask ABPS for a small grant. We cannot cover thousands of pounds but sums of a few hundred to support your advertising, event or outreach are perfectly possible. You can find more details on the ABPS website (abps.org.uk) on the Societies tab - at the bottom is the Small Grants subsection or you can contact the treasurer on treasurer@abps.org.uk

As I write this I am also preparing for the January York Fair - by the time that you read this it will be over. However there are other similar events around the country in the months to come. Some are small regular fairs, others are major regional events. You will find references to some of these in the pages of this issue, including the Diary. They are a great chance to meet friends and to support philately in your region. I have found some wonderful material, very competitively priced (perhaps the dealer didn't know the meanings of some of the marks on a cover or the significance of a particular stamp.) I have one item awaiting certification at the moment - travelling hopefully again. If I am right - great joy. If not - I didn't spend much on it. Either way the dealer made a sale. Hope for me please.

Keith Burton FRPSL

Society anniversaries

According to the date of foundation shown in the societies' information on our records, significant anniversaries include those shown below (though several societies have not let us know their foundation date, so there may be more).

Heartiest congratulations to all involved in these milestones:

Borneo Philatelic Society 75th anniversary report

In the 75th year of our society in 2022 we decided to change our name to Borneo Philatelic Society from 1st January 2023. Formerly known as the Sarawak Specialists' Society, we cover the former British Colonies of Brunei, Labuan, North Borneo and Sarawak. Published quarterly, our Sarawak Journal continues in strength with a variety of articles on stamps, interesting covers, new discoveries, postmarks, postcards and so on.

It has been a year of achievements for individual members: **Jon Higgins**, **Simon Martin-Redman**, **Claire Scott** with awards at London 2022, **Chung Ling** in Australia and **William Wang** in Malaysia at the Indonesia World Stamp Exhibition. The culmination was at Helvetia 2022 in Switzerland where our member and past president, **Simon Martin-Redman**, won the philatelic highest accolade of the International Grand Prize with his exhibit of *Sarawak*.

Carol Turner, **Chan Kee Tex** and **Bill Batty-Smith OBE** have all been granted honorary membership for outstanding services to the society. **Fah Onn Liao** won the Alec Turner prize for best contribution for the past 2 years to the Sarawak Journal.

In 2022, the Spring short weekend meeting was at Torquay and the long autumn weekend meeting was near Bicester. These were accompanied by auctions with more than 600 lots with estimates from £10 to over £1000. Displays and new acquisitions were the other main themes with the full participation of all the members present. Of course, in between there was time to socialise and catch up. Our AGM dinner at the autumn meeting was as usual enhanced by good food and conversation. This March's meeting will be at Torquay and the October AGM meeting will be at Bristol. In addition, we shall also have a presence at Midpex in July. There are also regular Zoom presentations in association with our sister organisation in Malaysia, PSKS. For prospective new members, please contact our secretary, **Roger Johnson** at secretary@b-p-s.org.uk A year's subscription is currently £20. Many details are available on our website www.b-p-s.org.uk

Fah Onn Liao

Cheltenham Philatelic Society, 75th Anniversary

Twice a year the Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and Stroud & District Philatelic Societies hold a tripartite meeting. On 9th November 2022 the focus of our entertainment was a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Cheltenham Philatelic Society, formed in 1947 by military personnel from what would become GCHQ in due course. We are still going strong, though of course membership

peaked some years ago. We have recently instituted afternoon and evening meetings, and a mid-winter break in our programme of visiting and club speakers, competitions and an annual auction. Our club booklet circulation is



Simon Griffin (Secretary), Steven Harrison (ABPS), Peter Wood, Barry Stagg (British Thematic Association), Andrew Millington (Chairman)

well supported.

For our anniversary meeting we cast our net widely and invited guests from the Evesham, Hereford & Mid-Wales, Swindon, Stratford-upon-Avon and Thornbury to join us. Fifty-five attendees were entertained by **Peter Wood's** enlightening *It's an Irish World* display which covers places, people and events linked philatelically to the Emerald Isle. In his vote of thanks, our programme secretary, **John Cooper**, highlighted a page dedicated to his wife's favourite

film *Yankee Doodle Dandy* (quite appropriate as she was in the audience!): the transatlantic link being Jimmy Cagney.

Cheltenham members also gave short displays on the missionary *John Williams* (**Barry Stagg**), *The Siege of Ladysmith* (**Chris Proctor**), 1841 two-penny-blue postal stationery (**Simon King**) and *Falun Mine* (**Andrew Millington**). Two dealers did a roaring trade. We all enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch and the Mayor of Cheltenham – **Sandra Holloway** - cut the celebration cake. This was a replica of a Penfold post box as Cheltenham is home to eight of the 20 original boxes. New members and visitors are always welcome to join us, and details can be found at

<http://www.cheltenhamphilatelicsociety.co.uk>

Andrew Millington



If you think we've missed you out, please let the Editor know.

Your society information?

Please let the ABPS Secretary know of any changes to the details, including the information on the ABPS website about your society. Contact details are on p 62. Please tell your Federation Secretary too.

Also if you want changes in times, venue, website or email addresses and telephone numbers of your secretary to appear in the Amendments List, send them to the Editor - details also on p 62.

Driving on the right side of the road?

Background

In Sweden there were various arguments for the change to driving on the right-hand side of the road:

Neighbouring countries, Norway and Finland, with which Sweden shares land borders. They have five million vehicles crossing annually.

Approximately 90% of Swedes drove left-hand drive vehicles. This led to many



Stockholm 1966, with left-hand drive traffic.

head-on collisions when passing on narrow two-line highways.

However, the proposal was not popular. In the 1955 referendum, 83% voted to keep driving on the left.

Nevertheless the Swedish Parliament approved Prime Minister Tage

Erlander's proposal on 10th May 1963 of right-hand traffic beginning in 1967,

as the number of vehicles tripled from 500 000 to 1.5 million and was

expected to reach 5.8 million by 1975.

The Statens Högtrafikkommission

(HTK - the state right-hand drive commission) was established to

oversee the change.

Preparing the country for the change was a costly and complicated endeavour. Traffic lights had to be reversed, road signs changed, intersections redesigned, lines on the road repainted, buses modified and bus stops moved. A massive PR campaign was conducted to reconcile the public to the change and educate how it would be implemented. Dagen H even got its own logo, which appeared on everything from milk cartons to underwear, and a song contest! The winning tune by the Telestars was "*Hall dag till hager Svensson*" - Keep to the right Svensson.



Left-hand and right-hand gloves

As part of the PR campaign, Sweden issued a set of two stamps on 2nd September 1967, designed by P.

Olofsson, "Keep to the right" issued in commemorative booklets and coils, perforated 12.5 x imperforate. Booklets contained panes of 10, values 35 öre, 45 öre. The stamps were printed on fluorescent paper in connection with postal mechanisation experiments. Two types were used, one reacting yellow and the other reacting white under UV light, the experiment ended on 19th June 1976, when non-fluorescent paper was reintroduced.



1967 Sweden Road Traffic Regulations change
FDC, vertical and horizontal stamp pairs on
numbered registered FDC with special handstamp
Dagen H logo



Special Commemorative
stamp booklets covers Kr
3.50 and Kr4.50



The two booklets showing
the format and style of the
stamps.

The last issue was the Royal Wedding, issued in commemorative booklets, imperforate x 12.5.

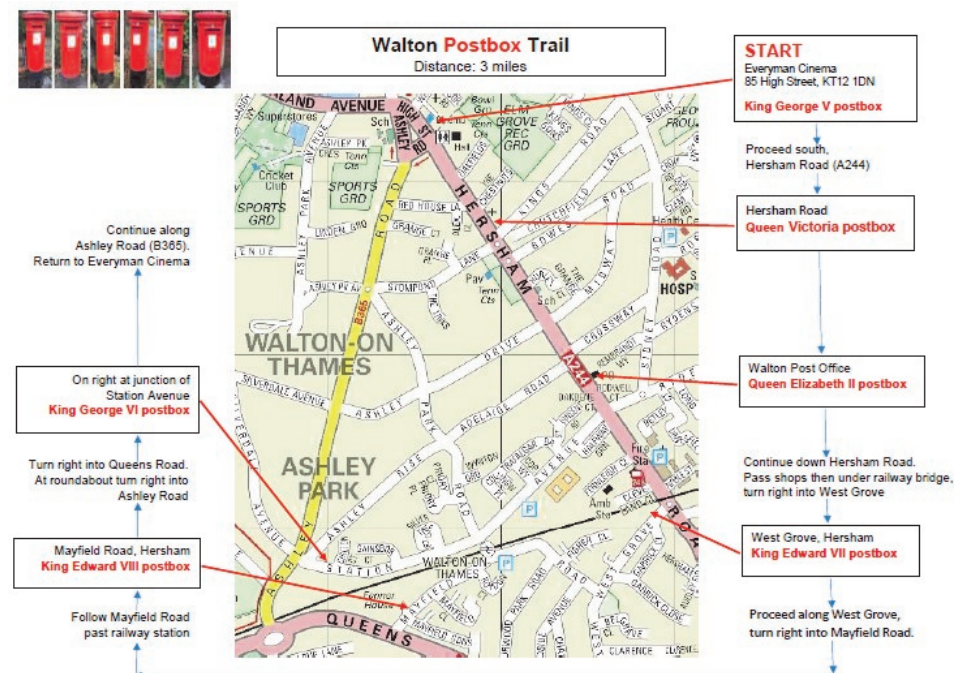
General Notes: Printer from 1920 - all Swedish stamps were printed by the Stamp Printing Office of the Royal Swedish Postal Administration on rotary machines from recess plates, unless otherwise stated.

Results

On the day of the change only 157 minor accidents were reported, of which 32 involved personal injuries with only a low number being serious. These initial improvements did not last. The number of insurance claims returned to normal over the next weeks, and by 1969, the accident rates were back to levels seen before the change.

Although all road traffic in Sweden became right-hand, metro and railways did not switch to the new rules and continue to drive on the left.

Carlo Consolante



An ex-colleague of mine has moved back to England (Weybridge) and has sent me info on the Post Boxes of Walton - see <https://www.wotta.co.uk/postboxes-in-walton.html> There are post boxes with 6 different Royal Cyphers all in a 3.5 mile walk including EDVIII - there can't be too many of them in the country? See [how many Edward VIII postboxes are there - Search \(bing.com\)](https://www.bing.com) for the answer!


Des Kent

from / respond to: **Andrew McGavin**Are You **THINKING** of **SELLING?**

This is How The Stamp Trade Works

Philatelic Expert Lets You into his Selling Secrets so you can benefit from a totally different (and New) Selling Experience

1 If You want to learn how the stamp trade works, please read on... When I was 15, I did. I wondered if there was some secret source of supply? So, I bought my 1st stamp mixture, (wholesale I thought), broke it into 50 smaller units, advertised it in Stamp Magazine 'Classifieds', and waited for the orders to roll in... I'm still waiting, 51 years later!...

Wrong Offer ~~X~~ **Wrong Price** ~~X~~ **Wrong Place** ~~X~~
(naïve seller)  **me but I was only 15 at the time!**



ANDREW PROMOTING PHILATELY ON THE ALAN TITCHMARSH SHOW ITV

About The Author ▶ Andrew found his Father's stamps at the age of 10. A year later at Senior School he immediately joined the School Stamp Club. He 'specialised' (i) in British, but soon was interested in Queen Victoria which he could not afford. The 2nd to last boy wearing short trousers in his school year; he religiously bought Post Office New Issues on Tuesdays with his pocket money. He soon found that he enjoyed swapping / trading stamps as much as collecting them. Aged 19, eschewing University he quickly found a philatelic career in London, leading to creating his own companies in stamps. Andrew has authored many internationally published Stamp 'Tips' articles, appearing on Local Radio and National TV promoting Philately with Alan Titchmarsh. Andrew's area of expertise is unusual – in so far as his grounding in collecting and wide philatelic knowledge has given him a deep understanding of Philately. He has studied Philately for the past 51 years, in combination with Commerce and Marketing Expertise, enabling him to create synergies in 'lifetime' interlinked Stamp Selling Systems, selling unit-priced stamps through to handling collections & Rarities up to £700,000 each. Today Andrew is fortunate to be co-owner with his Wife, of Universal Philatelic Auctions (aka UPA) – the Largest No Buyer's Premium Reducing-Estimate Stamp Auction in the World, creating records selling stamps to 2,261 different bidders from 54 different countries 'in his international auctions'. Andrew stopped collecting stamps aged 18 reasoning that his enjoyment of stamps would be in handling them... He loves working in stamps.



2 Three years later, attending my first public stamp auctions I wondered how some bidders seemed to buy everything, paying the highest price? It didn't occur to me that they were probably Auction Bidding Agents, paid by absent (dealer) bidders to represent them. I wondered why two collectors sitting side by side muttered to each other "he's a dealer" as if that justified him paying the highest price...

...but did it really? What was the real reason? How could a Dealer pay a higher price than a Collector? It doesn't make sense, does it? Collectors are customers. Customers usually pay the highest price, unless... for a Collector, this was...

Wrong Presentation ~~X~~ **Wrong Place** ~~X~~
therefore **Wrong Price** ~~X~~

3 Fast-forward 48 years later to a British Empire collection, lot #1 in an International Stamp Auction – Estimated at £3,000, but we were the highest bidder at £21,000 – **YES** – some 7x higher. Including Buyer's Premium in the extraordinary sum of £4,788 we actually paid GBP£25,788= upon a £3,000 estimate... however, we broke it down into sets, singles, mini-collections etc. We made a profit. Some might say it found its price. Others may say:

Wrong Estimate ~~X~~ **Wrong Presentation** ~~X~~
Wrong Structure ~~X~~ **Wrong Protection of Price** ~~X~~

– **Lucky for the seller that 2 well-heeled bidders saw the potential value that day** or it could have been given away... the seller could easily have lost out couldn't he? or she?

So, by un-peeling the layers of obfuscation, hopefully we can all agree:

The Secret is Simple – it's ALL ABOUT: TIMING

Plus the 3 Philatelic 'P's –

Presentation  **Place**  **and Price** 

4 Understanding the problem... I always remember the car trade had their own little 'bible' – Glass's Guide. I've no idea, I've not even looked – in this internet-dominated world, it may even have disappeared. Well, there's an insider Stamp Trade publication for Stamp Dealers called "The Philatelic Exporter". There's nothing that special about it – and you won't learn much or find massively reduced prices by subscribing – **BUT** – it is a forum, a paper focal point, a last 'bastion' in this on-line transparent world that we inhabit... whereby dealers (and auctioneers) can try and communicate with each other. I publish my own articles there...

Recently I discussed the outcome of my 10 years' simple research, asking dealers and auctioneers 'what is your biggest problem?'

To a man, (why are we almost all men), they replied – "**my biggest problem is stock, if I can get more of the right stock I can sell it easily**"

Strange that, nobody ever asked me the same question back – because my answer would have been entirely different (and I don't treat it as a problem) – **I seek to satisfy more collector clients than any other stamp auction**

This is the reason why my company has such massive advertising. This is the reason why we spend up to 8% of turnover – up to £200,000 per annum in marketing costs. (Most dealers don't even sell £200K per annum).

5 Why is that? Because, as the world revolved the Stamp Market, imperceptibly Changed, and incrementally – **Massively**

So, although few will tell you this, it's clearly evident that the problem for most Sellers of Stamps today is no longer absent stock – but **absent collectors in**

the place they choose to sell their stamps in. Simply put, other Dealers, Auctions, Stamp Fairs have not invested in marketing to have a strong Customer-core. To be fair, this is not true of all – but it is true of most – so that our former competitor 'Apex' had 800 bidders in a recent auction. In my most recent 20,000+ lot UPA 77th Auction we had 1,793 different bidders from 49 different countries, 95% of whom were Collectors. Some other well-advertised auctions only have 200 bidders (a high percentage of whom are dealers – so that, essentially they are Dealer-dominated auctions) – so that when you sell through them – you're paying up to 18% (including VAT) seller's commission and the buyer is paying up to 25% and more in Buyer's Premium, credit card fees, on-line bidding fee, delivery and insurance etc... **AND all of that so that your stamps may be sold, wait for it – TO DEALERS (and some collectors),** but Dealers, that naturally must make a profit to survive...

6 Now, let's examine the cost implications – Example: Your stamp collection sells in public auction for £800. Upon a 25% buyer's premium, the dealer pays £1,000 and it could be more. He breaks it into £2,000+ selling price (much lower and he'll go out of business). The auction charges you a seller's commission of up to 18% (VAT included) upon the £800 sale price. This is GBP£144. Therefore you receive approaching £656 – which is approximately 33% of the dealer's £2,000+/- retail selling price - **BUT...** now that we have identified the problem...

Isn't the Solution Staring us Right in The Face?

7 Why Pay an Auction to Sell to Dealers: Sell to Collectors instead? In our example with buyer's premium, sellers commission, listing fees, extra credit card charges, VAT and even insurance - you're already being charged in different ways up to 40% of the selling price to sell, possibly or probably, **to the wrong person.**

Why not direct that 40% cost you're paying to sell to Collectors instead? Sounds good, so why hasn't this been done before?

8 Truth is, it has been done before... Sometimes the 'old' ways are the best ways aren't they? But in today's enthusiasm to obscure the

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I recall well the item you highlight, and realise that this one item has such colossal personal value, I could never part with it. It has been an absolute pleasure dealing with yourself, and I am more than willing for you to use this e-mail as commendation to others who may be thinking of disposing of their collection.

Many, many thanks for a memorable experience, and I will try to emulate your thought and care in my own business sphere.

Yours sincerely
D. E. B. Bath, UK

obvious so that money may be taken, almost surreptitiously, in numerous different ways, (without us apparently noticing until we see the cheque in our pocket) – the transparent 'seller pays' has been deliberately 'obscured' – so much so that, **amazingly**, the latest 2017 European Auction Selling Legislation just introduced – now requires auctions that charge 'buyer's premiums' **to warn the buyer in advance.** Just imagine going into the petrol station, and being warned that the price you're paying to put fuel in your tank is not the real price, you have to pay a premium! Obviously, there would be an uproar...

9 How can you cut out the middleman and sell to Collectors instead? Well, I can think of two ways. 1). **DIY** - Do It Yourself selling on eBay. That may be fine for lower grade material – but, would you risk auctioning relatively unprotected rare material on eBay? We don't and we're professionals, so we should know what we're doing. Or 2). Cut out the extra middle-man. **Use my company UPA, which reaches collectors instead.** Here's how it works: Continuing from our previous **Example:**

The auction sold your stamps to a dealer for £1,000 – but You received circa £656

UPA sells them to collectors for you for up to £2,000 – even after 40% commission you receive up to £1,200. Up to £544 more. Now that's amazing, isn't it?

10 Sounds Good Andrew, but Can You 'Deliver'? Obviously, nothing is as simple as that, and as we auction stamps to collectors some collections may 'break' to the example £2,000+/- but the stamps may be sold for more or less – especially as we reserve all lots at 20% below, (Estimate £2,000 = £1,600 reserve) and not everything sells first or even 2nd time so prices may come down... Naturally, it's not that straightforward for a dealer either – he may sell at a discount to 'move' stock **OR**, like many dealers he may be sitting on the same unsold stamps, that you see time and time again, in dealer's stocks years later and still at the same unattractive prices... So, I think it is more reasonable for you to expect up to 36% to 50% more, indirectly or directly via my **Collector's Secret Weapon: Universal Philatelic Auctions**, which moves material more quickly, by incrementally reducing estimate (and reserve) price in a structured selling system...

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11 Q: What is the Collector's 'Secret Weapon'?

A: It's called the Unique UPA Reducing Estimate System...

This is a rather long explanation, I don't want to bore you, but 20 years ago, when my wife and I set up Universal Philatelic Auctions I detected that the stamp trade's biggest problem then was not what sold – *but what didn't sell...* So, because I didn't want to try to keep on offering the same either unsaleable or overpriced stock I created the unique UPA Reducing Estimate (and reserve) Selling System. Simply put, if a lot doesn't sell in the 1st auction we reduce the estimate (and reserve) by 11% and unlike other dealers and auctions **WE TELL YOU** – 'US' = once unsold. If unsold after the following auction we **reduce by a further 12%** and **WE TELL YOU 'US2'**, if unsold after a 3rd UPA auction we reduce by a further 13% and **WE TELL YOU 'US3'** and so on till the lot finds its price, is sold or virtually given away...

12 Any Scientist will tell you that combinations of ingredients can produce powerful results. So we created the unique combination of my UPA Reducing Estimate System, married (in stone), with UPA's fair 'NO BUYER'S Premium' policy, PLUS each lot carries my total 'no quibble' guarantee – this formula is the reason why within the span of 4 auctions (one year)... 90%-95% of lots broken from a collection have sold. This Unique Philatelic Selling System **Formula** is the reason why we are the largest stamp auction in the UK today with more than 2,250 different regular bidders.

In Hindsight Dealers warned me 20 years ago that my idea wouldn't work. 20 years later I think I've proven that it does. (Reader: Please Request a complimentary UPA catalogue – using the contact details further below)

13 OK, Cut to the Chase Andrew, what's the offer? All of my Selling Systems are based upon **selling to Collectors Globally**, so that 95% of stamps sold by UPA are sold directly to Collectors. If you wish to benefit by up to 50% or more, depending upon

your circumstance and type of material, by cutting out the middleman – then this offer may be for you. Generally 'time' is the enemy in our lives, and for most dealers not being able to sell stock. Now is the time to let 'time' do the 'heavy-lifting' and consider making 'time' work for you, so that at UPA you can make time your friend.

14 AND the SMALL PRINT? Some lots are too small in value for us to offer this system. Other lots may not be suited to selling in this manner (e.g. surplus mint British decimal stamps best used for postage) – especially if the market is heavily compromised by stock overhang in specific areas. Some Collectors will not wish to use time and systems to leverage price, others will want to agree a specific price and know that they are paid precisely this amount. No client is treated like a number and no client is forced like a square peg into a round hole.

15 OK, What Do I Do Next?

- You contact UPA to discuss with Andrew or a highly-qualified Auction Valuer/Describer what you have to dispose of and your options bearing in mind your specific interests / requirements
- If you wish, get a 2nd opinion, but investigate what type of auction / dealer you are dealing with. Is it a Dealer's auction with relatively few collectors? Can you see where / how the Dealer sells? If you can't easily see any pricelists or high quality selling catalogues – that Dealer may sell your stamps to other dealers...
- Finally you ask UPA to collect your stamps, insure in transit for an estimated replacement retail value...

16 What Happens then? A member of my Team telephones/e-mails you to confirm safe receipt. 'Overnight' valuations, unless simple, are rare. Valuing stamp collections that have taken tens of years to create takes time. Depending upon your priorities / timescale I, or an experienced member of my Team will contact you to discuss your requirements and the options available to you for the sale of your collection. Provided only that you feel well-informed and comfortable do we agree strategy

17 How Strong is the Stamp and Cover Market?

Everybody knows that the strongest areas are GB and British Empire. Post-Independence / QEII material sells but if hinged at considerable discount. Mint hinged material pre 1952 is regarded as the industry 'norm' and therefore desirable – but genuine never-hinged commands a premium. Europe sells but at reduced levels, Americas is good, as generally is Asia but the 'heat' has come off China which is still good – and Russia which can still be good. East Europe is weaker. Overall, Rarities throughout can command their own price levels and real Postal History has good demand.

18 What Should I Do Next?

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21 Act NOW: Contact Andrew

or an experienced member of his Team using the on-line selling form at our website, by fax, telephone or by mail. We'll work harder for you not to regret the decision to sell all or part of your collection...

Andrew

Andrew McGavin, Philatelic Expert.
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Caledonian PS (Glasgow) Outreach

The Caledonian Philatelic Society has had a relationship with Glasgow Life / Museums for a number of years by attending events organised for families held in the Kelvin Hall. This hall hosts sporting and cultural events in the West of Glasgow run by Glasgow Life which is affiliated to the local museums. A Family Event was held in November 2022 and had as its theme "Mary Queen of Scots". Glasgow Life had organised sporting activities designed for children, one of which was a form of indoor bowls: Mary Queen of Scots was a keen curler and bowler.

The Caledonian PS provided stamp displays by two members: **Elizabeth Nairn** and **Sandy Kerr** on "*Famous Scottish Women in New Zealand*" and "*St Andrew, the Saltire and the Use of the Saltire in the UK flag*" respectively.

We also created a template showing Mary Queen of Scots with her pet dog on her lap asking children to stick a stamp with a dog on it in a space on her lap and also to fill a panel with other animal stamps as Mary was a great lover of animals. Another stamp activity involved the children completing three "stamp snakes" started during previous family days.

The Family Event was well attended with over 500 people attending during 4 hours. The Caledonian PS children's activities were by far the most popular with over 100 children completing Mary Queen of Scots "stamp pictures".

The Caledonian PS has now started face-to-face meetings after the restrictions during "lockdown". During lockdown we held Zoom meetings which were reasonably popular. We are now experimenting with a mix of face-to-face meetings (the majority), Zoom meetings and as a new venture, joint afternoon meetings with the Glasgow Philatelic Society. We will survey members later in the 2022/23 season to ask members to rate the different forms of meeting and plan our next season appropriately.

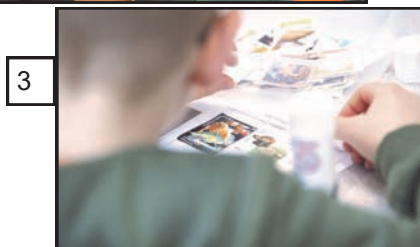
Stewart Gardiner



1. The first contact.



2. President, Ian Mason helping an interested boy start a stamp picture
3. The lad carries on - intently



Dates for your Diaries

The Perth National Stamp Competition 2023 (14th -15th April 2023)

This will be at The Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth PH2 0TH, and will include a full national competition enabling collectors to qualify for international exhibiting.

To enter use the form on www.exhibitions.abps.org.uk/users/sign-in
For more information or queries please contact Nick Martin on
exhibiting@abps.org.uk

The deadline for entries is 1st March 2023.

The Northern National Stamp Competition 2023 (21st - 22nd July 2023)

An opportunity to compete and qualify will be available at the York Stamp and Coin Fair at York Racecourse Grandstand, YO23 1EX. To enter use the form on exhibitions.abps.org.uk/users/sign-in

For more information or queries please contact Nick Martin on
exhibiting@abps.org.uk

The deadline for entries is 1st June 2023. This will be the last opportunity in the UK during 2023 to qualify for international exhibiting.

STAMPEX Autumn 2023 (27th – 30th September)

The Autumn 2023 stamp show will not include a nationally organised competition and there will not therefore be an opportunity to qualify for international competitions. We hope to arrange another qualifying opportunity in Spring 2024.

Calling Potential Exhibitors and Judges

A two-day seminar will be held at the Racecourse during the York Stamp Fair kindly sponsored by the York Stamp Fair. Anyone interested in learning about successful exhibiting or potentially qualifying as a judge should please contact

Nick Martin on exhibiting@abps.org.uk indicating an interest.

The course will consist of both theory and practical sessions viewing exhibits.

There is no charge for attendance.



Philatelic Congress of Great Britain

9th, 10th and 11th June 2023

This year's Congress will be in Torquay from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th June. The event was last held there in 1959. After 64 years it returns! Congress is reverting to its traditional slot earlier in the year to avoid the "philatelic congestion" that happens so frequently in September of each year.

The theme of the Congress is **"Why we collect what we do"** – why do we collect just stamps, just postal history, a thematic area?

Why do some collectors concentrate on Postal Stationery or Revenue Philately? What is Astrophilately or Maximaphily? What does collecting Ephemera really mean?

During Congress there will be input from individuals and specialist societies to try to illustrate what these different categories are within the field of collecting and what makes them so attractive to collect.

For more information, a copy of the booking form and the draft Congress programme please go to the ABPS website:

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But it does happen!

Many years ago a dealer in SA sold me an Austrian Levant 1871 2 soldi with what he said was a forged Alexandria postmark - beautiful upright clear cancel - too good to be true beautiful. I put it in my reference collection of forged Levant postmarks which are quite common unfortunately. Years later I showed these to Dr Ferchenbauer in Vienna (THE best examiner there is) and he immediately spotted it and said it was in fact genuine. He took it away and later provided me with a full certificate of authenticity - also with the comment "if ever you want to sell it give me first refusal". I sold it recently for over EUR 1000.

Not bad for a R2 buy which had lain in my album for more than 40 years!

The late David Bravery

How Much?

This is the typical "Yorkshire" response when I say how much money I have made from stamps, and tax free as well.

How did this happen? It all started when on my way to catch a bus home I noticed a part set of stamps of Malay Straits portraying a tiger which I was keen to purchase. Unfortunately I did not have sufficient money to buy them. In those days there was no such thing as "The Hole in the Wall" banking system, therefore I caught a bus home, grabbed some money and caught a bus back into town. On approaching the shop I noticed that the set was no longer there. On enquiring of the shopkeeper I learnt that he had just sold them.

I left the shop feeling very frustrated and stopped to light a cigarette, and that moment realised that the reason that I did not have the funds to buy the set originally was because I had just previously bought a packet of twenty.

Immediately I grabbed the remaining cigarettes in the packet, screwed them up and threw them into a waste container. This was the last time that I had a "smoke" – thanks to my stamps and a certain amount of willpower.

If you reckon 20 cigarettes a day (more at the weekends) at present day prices of £9 to £14 the total over 45 years is between £150 000 and £230 000 – and health-wise I must be better too. Not that I have that much in my pocket, but I do now have that set of Malay tiger stamps.

Ted Lunn

Your article?

We are always pleased to consider articles by our readers. Please send your item to the Editor who will let you know if it can be used. 500 words roughly please, and a picture relating to the subject matter is always a help (300dpi jpg or photograph). We do not pay for publication, and any items may be edited for length or content.

A New Member or a Questionable Approach?

I received the following from a correspondent

I have received several emails from the sender below. The person appears to be using a splatter gun approach to sending emails to all and sundry in ABPS (assumed).

I cannot be sure if the person is genuine because they have sent the email to many people and therefore they cannot live far from the "local philatelic society". The worst case scenario: it could be the initial stages of a scam. I have not responded nor am I intending to do so.

From: Pierre BERNARD *****

Sent: 19 December 2022 13:58

To: undisclosed-recipients:

Subject: Membership application - philatelic society

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Good day,

I got your contact information from the ABPS association website.

Following a professional transfer to the United Kingdom, I moved to the district in early March 2023.

I will live not far from your local philatelic society and anticipate my arrival now. Interested in philately and marcophilia since childhood, this passion almost occupies my daily life. I would like to build on my achievements and collections by joining your society. At 26 years old, I consider that joining a circle like yours would allow me to enrich my knowledge by participating in all types of events. Could you please send me by Post mail a membership form and some information about your society? I will send you the duly completed form with the requested membership fee.

Many thanks in advance,

Kind regards,

Mr Pierre BERNARD

Has any other society received the same email? Editor

Time to take Action

The closing date for nominations for the 2023 ABPS Awards of Merit and Congress Medal is 1st March 2023 so there is not much time to prepare them. You will find the Nomination Form and Guidelines on the ABPS website under Awards (www.abps.org.uk) Once completed send the form to me at

7 Manor Croft, Leeds, LS15 9BW or email to awards@abps.org.uk

Our Societies and Federation rely on the dedication of a few people to keep them running efficiently. A national Award of Merit to such members shows that their work is appreciated. The same applies to individuals who do outstanding voluntary service for British philately at national level. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yvonne Wheatley

Chairman ABPS Awards Committee

Congratulations



Awarded the Rowland Hill Medal

at the prestigious stamp show **Monacophil**
on 25th November 2022, in Monte Carlo.

The Museum celebrates great and award-winning collections that promote, educate, and inspire viewers, illustrating the wonderful diversity of what has been called many times the greatest of hobbies.

After an active campaign with almost 1000 public votes from young and old, male and female, participants, The Museum of Philately is delighted to award not one but three medals. They have been presented to Iva Mouritsen, Simon Martin-Redman and John Davies at an awards ceremony in the Hôtel de Paris.

These well-recognised philatelists have three very different exhibits, all of which you can enjoy reading at your leisure on the Museum website.

A Royal Ménage à Trois and its historical consequences by **Iva Mouritsen**

→ <https://www.museumofphilately.com/collection/90>

Penny Postage Jubilee, A Jubilee Reminiscence by **John Davies**

→ <https://www.museumofphilately.com/collection/41>

The First Forty Years 1858-1898 by **Simon Martin-Redman**

→ <https://www.museumofphilately.com/collection/89>

David Feldman commented in his speech 'Whilst none of us can see into the future, this event today provides encouragement that the philatelic landscape in future years will be healthier and more diverse than ever before. Certainly, if we continue to embrace new ways of doing things and the emerging technologies, we will enjoy a bright future, once again, exactly what the Museum of Philately is all about.'

On the Club circuit

A roundup of events and speakers at local and national societies.

Please send your reports direct to **the Editor**. We cannot undertake to include every report sent to us, and reserve the right to edit the reports we receive in the interests of space; short reports are best please. Contact details for the societies are on the ABPS website. **Visitors are welcome** at all societies listed. *When submitting photos please ensure that any people shown (especially children) have agreed to their photo appearing in this national newsletter (Data Protection and all that...).* "→" Indicates contact information.

Federations

Cornwall

The Cornwall Philatelic Federation Annual General Meeting and quiz final was hosted by Launceston Stamp Club on the 13th October 2022. Following the AGM, teams of three from Falmouth, Launceston, Newquay and St Austell stamp clubs had to navigate ten rounds of philatelically demanding questions on all aspects of stamp collecting from quiz master and CPF Chairman Neil Sargent.

Des Kent



Falmouth, the winning team, Adele Gunn, David Lethbridge (captain) and Nigel Tregoning

Hampshire

We have seen a period of settling back into some kind of normality but the current squeeze on club finances has seen some clubs raise their subscriptions. BUT saying this we have not seen a rapid decline in membership so maybe not a bad thing. If clubs are going to survive then they have to look at the wider picture. Our members are very active and their programmes cover a great range of material and see a wide variety of speakers willing to travel and speak at meetings. The Federation Committee is currently busy with HAMPEX 2023 on the 23rd September with many dealers returning again after a fairly successful HAMPEX 2022 for those attending, both visitors and dealers. Let's hope 2023 sees a growing number of new members across the board. Steve Gerrard

Midlands

The Federation is looking forward to Midpex, sponsored by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Ltd. It will be held at Warwickshire Event Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN on the 1st July 2023 between 10am and 4.30pm. Dealers and

societies are now booking up for this popular and successful show, and all visitors will be very welcome.

John Davies

Wiltshire and District

We held our 16-Sheet competitions concurrent with our AGM in December. It was held in Swindon. Winners of the competitions were **Tony Howgrave-Graham** and **Paul Latham-Warde** both of Salisbury. Tony's entry, which won the Federation trophy, was *Franco-Italian Maritime Mail of the mid-19th Century not posted in a Post Office*. Paul's entry won the Victor Hutchinson Memorial Trophy with *Barbed Wire*. Our thanks go to our judge, **Keith Chadwick** of Bath. Our next significant event will be our 9-Sheet competitions that will be held as part of Swinpex on the 10th June but in a new venue - the Grange Leisure and Community Centre, Swindon, SN3 4JY. As usual, entries will only be received as best quality colour photocopies with the closing date for submissions being 1st May 2023.



The President presenting his certificate to Tony Howgrave-Graham

Paul Latham-Warde

Specialist Societies

American Stamp Club of GB

The Club held the Annual Convention in conjunction with the Stafford Stamp Fair on 12th November 2022. Attendance was on the low side, but members who came saw three good quality displays in the morning: *Forgeries of United States Newspaper Stamps* (**Michael Goodman**), *18th Century American Mail of the Colonial and early Independence Period* (**John Edwards**) and *United States Duck Stamps* (**Dr Murray Touche**). About



midday the annual competition entries were displayed, followed by the AGM, where there was discussion about the inadvertent use of forged 2nd Class stamps to send out the postal version of our journal the Mayflower. The Editor had purchased a quantity of stamped envelopes at a discount and used them to post out the Journal believing them to be genuine. In fact, although some were accepted by Royal Mail, many were declared invalid and surcharged.

Members wishing reimbursement were invited to claim it. Finally, the announcement of the competition results was made. We are planning to hold our 2023 Convention in the North of England. For more details and a copy of our Journal → ponte38@msn.com

John Edwards

British West Indies Study Circle

BWISC, an international philatelic society with 300 members, has been working on a possible merger with the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Circle (a largely USA-based society with similar interests and many members in common). A recent ballot confirmed that members wished the merger to proceed. The merged society the *West Indies Philatelic Study Group* would have a membership of c400. Our 2023 Convention will take place at Weybourne House, Hitherbury Close, Guildford GU2 4PR. Non-BWISC member collectors of Caribbean stamps are warmly invited to join us on Sunday 15th October. A ticket costs £20 (including soup and baguette lunch and coffee). Non-member tickets will be limited so please apply early by contacting **Susan Taylor** on sec@bwisc.org A number of philatelic stall holders have been invited to attend. The programme from 9am to 5pm will include many interesting Caribbean-themed presentations and attendees are encouraged to take part. Please contact Susan Taylor if you plan to bring a display. For members there is a social gathering on Saturday afternoon and a Club Dinner that evening. Attendees can book accommodation at the Mandolay or another Guildford hotel or B&B. Joining the BWISC only costs £8 pa for online membership and members are able to take part in our annual high quality 600-lot auction, taking place this year at the Royal Philatelic Society on Saturday 29th April, along with our AGM. For membership details → <https://bwisc.org> Susan Taylor

Channel Islands Specialists' Society

Our 703-lot Autumn auction, NS 19, closed on 24th November 2022. Auctioneer **Nick Stuart** commented: "This was another good auction, with sales of £17 400 and 94 bidders participating". Highlights included: an 1819 letter sent from Jersey by a private in the Grenadiers 55 Regiment Jersey with a fine Jersey Scroll cancel. The reserve was £40; it sold for £375 (NS19005), a September 1840 Mulready from Guernsey to London with a fine red Maltese Cross on the front sold for £500 (NS19011), a very scarce Victorian Parcel Post label from Alderney with 4x 1d lilacs sold for £375 (NS19061), a rare cover salvaged from the wreck of the SS *Ibex* sold for £800 (NS19062), a 1911 Special Coronation Aerial postcard addressed to Jersey sent on the first Air Mail



NS 19061 and 19062

flight from London to Windsor sold for £110 (NS19096). The use of sub-post office registration labels during the German Military Occupation was limited, so a 1944 Guernsey registered cover with both a Forest date-stamp and Registration Label sold for £130 (NS19255), a 1944 Jersey registered cover with a set of Views stamps cancelled with a St Martin's Jersey date-stamp with the rare "D" type registration label sold for £200 (NS19311) and a 16-sheet collection of proposed designs and original drawings by Victor Whiteley, who designed the first Jersey Independent Post Office 1969 definitive stamps, sold for £800 (NS19440). For further information → <https://www.ciss.uk/> Steve Wells

Forces Postal History Society



Peter High in action

We held a very successful 70th Anniversary meeting and lunch in November. In the morning **Peter High** gave a well illustrated and very informative talk and display of *Italy's Wars 1911-1945: The Hospital Ships that served the Troops*, while in the afternoon we held our annual President's Cup 9-page competition which was won by **Tony Stanford FRPSL** with his entry on *British Forces in the Crimea*. This was followed in December by a Zoom meeting (there are displays on our website) and later in the month with an all-day meeting at Banstead. We started the New Year with a return to the Union Jack Club (UJC) in

January and February. We have eight Zoom meetings lined up for 2023 as well as our monthly physical meetings, most at the UJC, but a couple of all-day meetings to be held at Banstead. We also have a joint meeting with the West Africa SC lined up for November; again details of all of these can be found on our website. Following a successful regional meeting at Hinckley last year we are holding another one there on 3rd June 2023, once again organised by our Editor, **Chris Grimshaw**. Our meeting reports are placed on our website with some illustrations and most of our Zoom displays are available there as well at:

www.forcespostalhistorysociety.org.uk

Michael Dobbs

Germany & Colonies

We are delighted to announce our AGM to be held in Peterborough on the 6th-7th October 2023. Not a member? Would you like to know more about what we do and how to join us? A good place to start is our website www.germanphilately.org - or why not visit one of our seven regional groups (details on the website). Membership benefits abound. There are themed study groups, Zoom meetings, a Twitter account (Germany & Colonies Philatelic Society) and a full-colour journal - '*Germania*', with over 70 pages of insightful features from Prussia to the Ottoman Empire, WWII censorship to the Red Cross mail of the Channel Islands. Published quarterly and sent to all members,



It's a great place to be informed and submit articles. Philatelic literature covering most aspects of this fascinating study is also available to purchase, as well as books, pamphlets and monographs from our lending library (open to all members on application). We also offer an Exchange Packet, Postal Auction, and a Members' Forum for those difficult to answer questions. We paint with a broad brush and welcome contributions and enquiries from around the world. Why not make 2023 the year you embark on your 'German Journey'... be it Pre-Philately, Weimar Republic, Third Reich, Allied Occupation, German States, Private Post or Revenues? There's a lot to enjoy for the philatelist and historian in all of us! Please submit all enquiries via our website. Thank you and happy collecting!

Carl Buck

Gibraltar Study Circle

We will hold our 47th AGM over the weekend 24th - 26th March 2023 at the Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke. Friday evening will be dedicated to members' own mini-displays featuring the topic *Air*. The main displays of the weekend will be on the Saturday afternoon prior to the AGM and will consist of items relating to *The Reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II in Gibraltar Philately* to be given by individual members. The AGM will then follow. The bi-annual auction will be on Sunday morning, followed by farewells. The competition weekend 2023 will be over the weekend 21st - 23rd October at a venue still to be confirmed. Tentative plans are in operation for a possible return visit to Gibraltar in 2025 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the forming of the society. Specific details will be promulgated nearer the time.

Bert Burton

This is Bert's last report as he has resigned as Publicity Officer after many years - more than I have been your editor. I wish to express my appreciation for his consistent support - he deserves a medal!

Great Britain Philatelic Society, Northeast Group

The meeting on 19th November attracted about 20 members and guests back to Billingham after the enforced 'Covid break'. The two morning displays were given by **Norman Hudson** who took us on a whistle-stop tour of *The Northern and Western Islands of Scotland*, showing a vast range of postal history from the islands, ranging from relatively local deliveries to a cover from Iona to Boston dated June 1852, bearing twelve 1d reds. In contrast we saw an item with the cachet 'Damaged by 1st explosion at Scarp/Harris' from the Western Isles Rocket Post in July 1934. Norman's comprehensive display included postcards depicting the Scottish Islands and their post offices, and his fluent and entertaining commentary held us spellbound through both sessions. After lunch, **Daphne McMillan** showed GB King George VI varieties, using PowerPoint to clarify the commemorative flaws. Three rounds of short displays included: 1934

Photogravure issue, Max Melrose; 1887 Jubilee, David Willmen; King Edward National Memorial stamps, Bob Philliphent; Edinburgh PH, Bill Shand; Hull ship letters, Robert McMillan; PO reward notices from the 1700s and 1800s, Malcolm Fenning; Irish mail, Euston to Holyhead, David Watson; Bishop marks and 'Rex' marks, Peter Chadwick; Berwick on Tweed before 1800, Dave Foster; Guisborough postmarks, Phill Harriman; Hartlepool's famous people, Ian Lightfoot. Thanks go to Peter Chadwick for his co-ordination and to Bill and Evelyn Shand and helpers, who organised the logistics – and kept the tea flowing!
Daphne McMillan FRPSL

Helvetia Philatelic Society

Now in our 76th year, we have the benefits of electronic communications in recent years. The website www.swiss-philately.co.uk continues as a source of news and information with a large accessible archive of information and resources for students of Swiss philately and postal history. The introduction of Zoom meetings has been well received, attracting participation irrespective of geographical location in the UK and overseas. Reciprocal arrangements with the American Helvetia Philatelic Society and others have been mutually beneficial in sharing knowledge and extending our global network. However, we are not immune from prevailing difficulties reported by other societies. 'We need more doers!' to quote the Winter 2022 edition of ABPS News, page 10. Our newsletter editor is taking a well-earned retirement after 16 years and no successor has come forward for this or another committee vacancy. The secretary would be delighted to hear from any philatelist or postal historian with a passion for newsletter publishing. → secretary@swiss-philately.co.uk Mike Sharp

Malaya Study Group

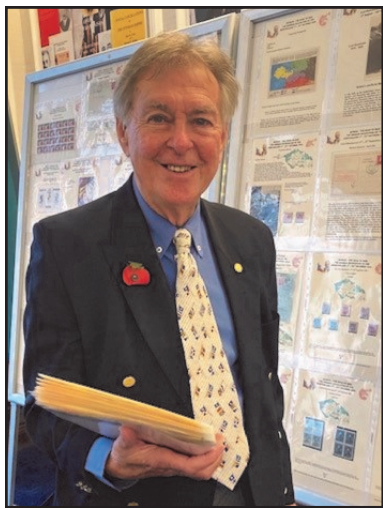
The Zoom display on 22nd October from **Michael Waugh** on *Early Malayan Philately* commenced with a letter from the botanist Dr William Jack, 1818, from Bencoolen to Aberdeen. It then passed through correspondence in the pre-stamp era, postal history using India stamps in the Straits Settlements, the Provisional issue of 1867, and the definitive issue from 1867. This was followed by examples of surcharges and finished with Bangkok Bs with watermark Crown CC. The next meeting on 19th November was *Survey Department Essays*.

Andrew Norris opened with Negri Sembilan but also including new aspects of Pahang and Perak. **Susan McEwen** followed with a detailed study of the mosque and Sultan Suleiman essays of the Selangor 1935 issue. **Peter Cockburn** displayed a range of revenue stamps from Sarawak, from 1875 featuring Rajah Charles Brooke, then from 1918 showing Charles Vyner Brooke and later some plate proofs of 1900 printed by De La Rue in small format. Our Christmas Celebration on 10th December was members' displays N to P.

Michael Waugh began with *Mail from Netherlands Indies through Malaya*, from 1845 from British firms in Batavia through censorship in WWI to similar in WWII. **Peter Cockburn** produced a powerful *Study of Perfins*, and a registered cover from North Borneo with 74 2c brown applied. **Martin Roper** showed a study of *Early Negri Sembilan*. **Susan McEwen** covered *Penang to 1936 Imperial*

Airways to Hong Kong. **Andrew Norris** finished with *Stamp Booklets of Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Sembilan after 1935*.
Michael Waugh

National Philatelic Society



Tony Hickey

We continue to alternate London meetings at the Royal Philatelic Society with virtual meetings. London's November meeting featured *Munich, the Road to War* by **Tony Hickey**. He told the story of Czechoslovakia from its creation in 1918 to the ceding of the German-speaking area known as the Sudetenland to Germany under the infamous "Munich Agreement" of 30th September 1938. We were treated to a superb array of stamps, postal history, postcards and newspaper cuttings which illustrated a dark time in pre-war history. There was also the usual room and postal auction. Unfortunately a rail strike that day depleted the numbers who attended. More WWII material was the subject of the virtual meeting in December when **Mick Bister** presented *The 1 Fr 50 Petain and its uses*. His display illustrated the history of Vichy France through postal history and post cards and how

Petaín, the hero of Verdun in WWI, ran a German puppet regime in the second and died in disgrace. By contrast, the London meeting of 14th January featured a



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thematic display of *Fossils and Dinosaurs* by **Terry Wagg** together with the usual room and postal auction. Extensive reports of these meetings appeared in our bi-monthly journal *Stamp Lover*, while the December issue included a report on the society's presentation to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain held in Birmingham. In addition to bi-monthly auctions and monthly meetings, we offer an extensive exchange packet and *The Stamp Lover*. ➔ Peter Mellor npsmemsec@ukphilately.org.uk or 01582762284. Michael Goodman

Orange Free State Study Circle

2023 sees the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the OFSSC. A historical review of those 70 years will appear in the March 2023 *OFS Bulletin* while, earlier, the December 2022 issue listed a wide range of fine auction material from the OFS and Orange River Colony. Our chairman, **Michael Smith**, is to be congratulated on achieving 'Best in Show' in 2022 for his near-perfect exhibit of *OFS Postal Stationery* at Autumn STAMPEX 2022, when he achieved a Large Gold medal plus the Silver Mail Coach. At the Cape Town 2022 International, he also achieved a Large Gold and was runner-up for the Grand Prix National, the 97 points that the exhibit received being the highest marking an OFS exhibit had ever achieved at an FIP International Exhibition. ➔ Richard Stroud RDPSA richard@richardstroud.plus.com or Michael Smith FRPSL mikesmith.philatelist@gmail.com

Richard Stroud

I am delighted to welcome the first report from Orange Free State SC during my editorship.

Royal Philatelic Society, London

The centenary of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun by Howard Carter on 4th November 1922 was marked by displays from members of the Egypt Study Circle on 17th November. The displays aptly began with the 3p stamp issued by the British Post Office in 1972 on the 50th anniversary of the discovery, but included Salt Tax and 'No Value' stamps; Officially Resealed Mail; the Advice of Receipt Service; the Palace Post of King Farouk; the store in Port Said – operated by Simon Arzt – that catered for tourists with its own post office; the story of the ships trapped in the Great Bitter Lake during the Suez Canal closure in 1967. With no fewer than 62 one-frame displays to view, members had a rare



*David Griffin receives a
plaque for GBPS*

treat when they were entertained by the Great Britain Philatelic Society on 1st December. Understandably, it proved to be an extremely popular event, with over 150 attending. The person who brought it all together was **David Griffin**. Thirteen Council members provided the displays at the meeting on 8th December. They managed to cover a remarkable range of periods and countries. Despite disruption caused by travel problems the meeting for 18th December went ahead. 23 members brought material to fill the frames. The wonderful mixture, much not

previously seen, certainly did not lack variety. Each displaying member spoke for a few minutes about their material. This ranged from *The First Trans-Pacific Air Service to Fiji* to the *Postal History of Manchester and Savoy*.

South African Collectors' Society

Another successful open meeting was held at Letchworth Garden City on 1st October when the last day of Stampex and a train strike reduced attendance. In November we attended the Southern Africa Societies Convention at Meriden, Warwickshire. Several excellent displays were seen. **Roy Ross** was awarded the Tony Chilton Memorial Cup for the best of the four main displays. He displayed *An Introduction to the First South African Republican definitive stamps* as he felt that a full display might prove too extensive and boring to those present. It was also agreed that, as the award had not been presented since 2019 due to lockdown, **Steve Hannath** should be awarded it for



Roy Ross with the trophy

2020 for masterminding his online *South Africa Philately Club*. Our convener, **Simon Peetoom**, was commended on arranging a good weekend and for conducting the auction. Some of our members had exhibited at Autumn Stampex, themed on Africa. → www.southafricancollector.com or Chris Oliver on olivers.of_ham@virgin.net or 020 8940 9833

Chris Oliver

West Africa Study Circle London Meeting

At our November meeting the morning display was given by **Wilf VEVERS**. He covered *Over 150 Years of Ascension Island Postal History* from the first occupation to prevent possible use to free Napoleon from St Helena, through its importance as a staging post in WWII, and later, the Falklands War, and finally as a communications centre. In the afternoon **Brian Lythgoe** displayed *A Cameroons Miscellany* with material focusing on four themes: the German colonial period to 1900; the WWI CEF overprints; French Cameroons 1930s to 1950s; then the Sterling Overprints of 1961. As well as presenting excellent material, Brian entertained us with anecdotes from his time in Cameroons, and how some of the material was acquired. After tea we saw members' displays from **John Powell** (*Gold Coast Victorian Registered Letters*), **Michael Round** (*How many stamps can you put on an envelope?*), **Tony Plumbe** (*Proofs of the 1961 Nigerian Definitive Issue*), **Philip Quirk** (*Post-Independence Sierra Leone Post Marks*) and **Barry Burns** (*The Ascension 1938 definitive set*).

All the above are available on YouTube. Please visit www.wasc.org.uk for details.

Paul Redhead

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Local Societies

Amersham & District

The programme for 2022 continued with two talks on avian subjects; a riveting and lively display on *Penguins* by the president of the Milton Keynes Philatelic Society, **Pauline Avery**, followed a month later by a most interesting display on *Birds of Prey* by **David Walker**. In between these displays we held a successful Autumn Auction. These activities were followed by the last “home” meeting of the year, an Informal Three Sheet Competition which drew a dozen entries judged in-house by the members attending. The Ruby Trophy was won by a display of *Newfoundland Air issues for 1933*, second was a presentation on *Dandelions* and third a display on the rare *Bamforth postcards*. A visit to High Wycombe Philatelic Society rounded off the activities for 2022. For 2023 we can look forward to another varied and interesting programme to include displays, advice on how to write up a competition entry, a visit from a representative of an auction house, the Spring Auction and the Competitions Evening. It is also planned to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss and approve the revised constitution. The Spring Auction is scheduled for 30th March, to be held in the new Chilterns Lifestyle Centre. The regular fortnightly meetings will continue to be held in the Amersham Community Centre, Barn Hall, our first being a members’ display evening.

For full details → our website: <https://stampersham.org.uk>

David Lee

Ayrshire

In October we were visited by **Mike Turnbull** representing Falkirk & District Philatelic Society. In keeping with a society visit Mike entertained us with two entirely different rounds of material. The first round had *An Aviation Theme* including the development of the Zeppelin and a display of the Hendon to Windsor first UK airmail flights in connection with the 1911 Coronation. Then came Mike's collection on *A Musical Theme* from classical to the Beatles and Elvis. The final meeting of the year, on 9th December, covered the themes of *Boats and Trains and Planes*. We were not disappointed. Our secretary **Ken Gibb** opened the evening with the *steamers and fishing boats that visited St Kilda*, the mercy mission of HMS Achilles in 1912, the island's use as an air navigation point in WWII and the airdrops of mail and supplies to the army in 1959-61. **David Rossall** showed *Recent Swiss sheetlets* mainly commemorating various local



Mike Turnbull and secretary Ken Gibb

mountain railways, and **Ian Barker** completed the first round with a display on *Kings Cross Station and A4 Pacific Locomotives*. **Russell Ramsay** opened the second round with a challenge to spot boats and trains and planes in a run of *Modern Australia* - I counted over 120. President **Alan White** had *Covers from The Talylyn Railway, The Settle-Carlisle line, IOM aircraft and Jersey Maritime Heritage*, and **John Chalmers** concluded the evening with a *Miscellany of Miniature Sheets, Postcards, Covers and First Day Covers*, all related to our themes. ➔ David Rossall at davidrossall@sky.com David Rossall

Basildon

In October **Geoff Miller**, from Frinton, made a welcome return to display his *War Tax stamps*, issued by various colonies to raise funds for the war effort in both World Wars. In November *Letters D, E or F* were for members' displays. Five members responded. **Claude Crowder** opened showing *Dominica* followed by *Cinderella material* from the *Spanish Civil War* (Claude thought it was C, D or E). It was decided that the civil war had been a *Dispute* and was therefore on topic. **Maggie Thompson** continued with *Postage Due stamps from French colonies including Colour Trials and Essays*. **Charlie Mead** followed with *Fiji from the reign of Edward VII including a modern Forgery of the 1912 £1 value* (a stamp that had been issued after the King's death in 1910). **Harry Flatman** continued the session with *A £2 Machin D1 cylinder block* showing the missing pound sign flaw. For the final session, **Alf Potter** showed *Postcards depicting Postal Delivery* in its many different forms. From Basildon Philatelist

Bookham



In November the members brought along their most interesting item, not necessarily philatelic, for the second instalment of the Roy Gilbert Cup. The winner this time round was **Barry Brown** with his grandfather's and father's *WWI memorabilia*. We also had a presentation by member **Malcolm Cole** on *Spies*,

covering the role of spymasters, spies and those whose job was to catch spies. The display showed how dangerous it was to be a spy, with many meeting a deadly end. In December the members enjoyed our usual superb Christmas buffet lunch and raffle. We announced the overall result of the Roy Gilbert Cup, won by **Simon McArthur**. The cup was presented by Roy's wife **Frances**. **Malcolm Cole** gave us another treat with two super presentations on *Tanks and WWI - The Long Journey Home*. But unfortunately, the December meeting also brought us some sad news. We had to announce the passing of our trading secretary, **David Bravery**, who was a great stalwart of the club, being on the

committee for many years – he will be sorely missed by us all. For 2023 meetings →

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Barry Feltham

David was a regular contributor to the ABPS news, mainly but not exclusively from Bookham Stamp Club meetings. I too will miss him, though we never met.

Editor

Bridlington & District

The first meeting of our society was held in the Liberal Club in Bridlington on 9th January 1947, so we proudly celebrated our 75th anniversary in June 2022 at Belvedere Golf Club with a three-course meal which was free to members. Nowadays we

meet in a large room at Emmanuel Church and it was interesting to read in the Bridlington Free Press of 15th March 1947 that the Archbishop of York in a sermon in the church had said that the country stood near the precipice of economic disaster. Some things just don't change! In 2022 our first guest speaker, **Mike Lewis**, showed postal history material linked to the Stockton and Darlington Railway, followed by a rather moving presentation of WWI correspondence entitled *Killed in Action*. In July **Robert McMillan** gave a display of postcards and covers relating to *Norwegian Whaling Mail*, then **Daphne** showed her collection of *Illustrated Airgraphs*. **John Jackson** paid us a return visit in September with more of his *Netherlands* material and his friend, **Nick Wraith**, entertained us with anecdotes from his *Experiences in the British Indian Ocean Territories*. We maintain close links with our neighbours from Scarborough PS and they were our guests in October. Since Covid our numbers have been greatly reduced but we maintain the support of loyal members who contribute to members' evenings and competitions, whilst our September auction was deemed a success although on a reduced scale compared to previous years.

Roy Stephenson

Another first report in my editorship term - it gives me a boost to see a new one in an issue - more than one is fantastic.

Editor

Burnley and District

Our December programme featured topical Christmas displays and there were many thoughtful exhibits. These included *Christmas Stamps, Cards and Carols, Things You Might Wish For at Christmas, Same View Postcards in Summer and Winter* and *Electricity and Gas Saving Stamps* - remember those? We rounded



David donating the dive bell of the Austrian U-boat SMU4 to the Director of the Army Museum in Vienna on 3rd December 2015



the year off with a dinner at a local hotel in snow at minus 6°C. So a Happy New Year 2023 started with a president's night mid-January and members' displays in February as the weather hopefully improves. In March we welcome visitors from Rochdale PS and Morecambe PS and pre-Easter a competition night amongst ourselves. We cease meeting in May for the summer and to recharge. The 2023-24 season commencing in the September will see in our 80th year.



Barry Evans

Cambridge

In early November **Michael Kemp** gave a very interesting and detailed presentation on *The History of Submarines* with many photographs and postcards plus submarines shown on stamps from across the world. The display included the use of submarines for exploration and research followed by their warfare roles. In December **Mike Kentzer** from King's Lynn gave a fascinating and informative presentation covering the *Additional ½d Charge on Mail arriving in Scotland from Abroad*. The display included many excellent covers. In the second half of the evening we were entertained by Mike with a mainly photographic *Postcard Display of Scarborough* in respect of features and events. Near the end details and photographs of the Scarborough to Whitby Railway were shown as well as a range of luggage labels. We will continue with the format of a face-to-face meeting in Cambridge on the first Wednesday of each month and a Zoom presentation on the third Friday.

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Peter Morton

Cardiff

We, like many, used Zoom to keep in touch during the Covid lock-downs and as a consequence now have a combined 'Live' and Zoom programme - some being 'in-house' and others with wonderful 'visiting' speakers found through the ABPS 'Visiting Speakers' web page. Last autumn we enjoyed a wonderful Zoom presentation by **Sue Burn** on *The Rise of the Flying Boats and The Empire Airmail Scheme*. Our 2023 programme started with an *Acquisitions from 2022* evening. Future meetings include a visit from Newport & Gwent Philatelic Society March 7th, *Animals* March 21st, a visit to Bridgend Philatelic Society to share collection items on March 30th followed by a Zoom meeting on April 4th entitled *Officials & Dues*. We welcome all to our meetings, more details and a full programme can be found at www.cardiffphilatelicsociety.org.uk

Roger Gilbert

Chelmsford & District

In early November **Ian Kelly** of Witham was our guest speaker. His presentation's first part displayed numerous examples of *Postage Rates from 1858 to 1946 in Germany* on a variety of envelopes and postcards. Particular emphasis was placed on the hyper-inflation period affecting Germany from mid-1923 to the end of that year when the currency was stabilised by reverting from the Mark to the Pfennig. The most striking example was an envelope sent to the Swiss Bank in London on 7th November 1923 bearing stamps to the value of 5 billion Marks. Ian continued with a display covering *Germany from the 1930s to 1946*. This included Cash on Delivery, propaganda, Olympic Games and Zeppelin mail, as well as commercial mail. For our final meeting of the calendar year **Pat Adams** gave a display on *Iceland*. This began with a brief history of the country and then a wide variety of stamps from the late 19th century of typical Scandinavian design, followed by 1902 issues containing the King's portrait and then numerous stamps produced covering many topics including sport, personalities, scenery and buildings. For the second part Pat displayed stamps commencing in 1963, including commemorative issues, with one covering the 1000th anniversary of the settlement of Iceland. Finally she displayed Viking history from several nations including a first day cover of 1991 commemorating the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Maldon.

David Everard

Chichester & District



Dennis Coe holding one of his vellums

Dennis Noe gave a great display about *Great Britain Revenues*. Impressed duty, or revenue, stamps were introduced in the 1694 Stamps Act. Adhesive stamps appeared in the 1740s, but it seems that none have survived. The Window Tax in 1696 is widely known but there were many others – including taxes on hats and gloves, on cheques, properties and land. From around the 17th century about 10 000 different types of impressed duty small tin impressions exist. These impressions were inserted into coloured paper and were embossed. Later there were albino, pink, green and vermillion stamps. The collection was fascinating and included two large vellum examples. Both had royal cyphers on them. One was from

Queen Anne's reign and the other from King George III's. Dennis's knowledge demonstrated the changes in embossing and design through many decades.

Samples of drawings, proofs, and many more were shown. His collection is a highly remarkable collection of British revenue history. *Martha Brown*

Croydon

President Pauline MacBroom opened the meeting, which was attended by eleven members, and invited **Roger Morrell** to present his display of *Bulgaria*. The Bulgars reputedly came from across the Danube in the Middle Ages and merged with the Slavonic population, spreading almost to the Adriatic Sea. Part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the 1700s, then part of the Ottoman Empire until the 1870s, then independence was eventually achieved. The resulting complications included its postal system. From the 1870s we saw Turkish stamps for local post offices followed by the first issue of Bulgarian stamps printed in Russia in 1879. Postal stationery was extensively represented. The Balkan Wars, WWI and



Pauline presents his certificate to Roger

WWII were well covered right through until 1990 when communism collapsed. In December **Marcus Sherwood-Jenkins'** display was entitled *The East*. There was a mixture of the postal history of Ukraine from 1914, the postal history of St Petersburg and the stamps of the USSR. The display gave a brief summary of the history of Ukraine from the 19th century to the present day. From 1919 Ukraine used the stamps of the Soviet Union until the end of 1991, apart from during WWII when occupied by Germany. The display showed overprints of Russian and German stamps. There were examples of postal stationery, Russian prison mail, War correspondence envelopes and Russian censor covers. Ukrainian postage stamps have commemorated the defence of Ukraine by its armed forces and people and creating propaganda directed against aggressors. *Graham Harker*

Dawlsh

Our Zoom meeting in September had a quick change from the booked speaker to a stand-in speaker. We saw some rare material from *Cyprus* that had lots of flaws and errors not included in Gibbons Specialist Catalogue. This included one of only five known stamps from a sheet that had been printed with an inverse watermark, an interesting display produced at very short notice. The meeting in October was Auction Night with some interesting sales and purchases by members and visitors. Our meeting in November was a series of displays on *Telling Stories* using philatelic material. The first presentation was on the *American Apollo Programme* to put a man on the moon. It showed the difficulties that had to be overcome including a fire in the capsule of Apollo 1 which killed all the astronauts, the explosion in space during the Apollo 13 mission and the

eventual landings on the Moon. Then came the *Pilgrim Fathers* and their difficulties in this country, the problems they encountered attempting to emigrate to America as well as the difficult journey they made and the problems they had to overcome on arrival. The third featured *Stamps produced for Christmas* over many years and the lovely pictures they had of Virgin Birth and related religious images. → our website or by calling 01626 864844
Jim Wigmore

Dundee

In October we enjoyed a visit from members of Aberdeen PS. **Graham Searle's** display consisted of four sections, covering different topics, of *Canadian items* including The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, Modern definitives of Canadian Mammals and "The Large Queen's Issue" of 1st April 1868. **Bruce Walker** took us on a philatelic journey with a display entitled *A Trip to Aberdeen* showing postcards of early ships with an Aberdeen connection, by train to Balmoral and a selection of colourful invitations to balls at Balmoral Castle. In November our first guest was **Alan Blakeley** of the Caledonian PS. The first part of Alan's display covered the *US National Parks* with stamps and covers of all the Parks and Monuments. Then he covered *Newfoundland/Maritime Colonies* in his display of a selection of Newfoundland related *Trans-Atlantic and Round the World Flight*



Richard with his winning entry

Covers and an impressive collection of early Newfoundland stamps followed by a selection of stamps and covers from the Maritime Colonies including Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Our second November visitor was **John Davies FRPSL** of Banbury who gave a fascinating *Philatelic History of the Great Britain 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee* with essays of postal stationery, commemorative postmarks and associated ephemera. Part of a Gold Medal display, this had many

unique and rare items. In December we entertained each other with displays of recent acquisitions and entries in the One-Page Competition, the winner of which was **Richard Griffiths** with *GB Airmails in WWI*. The evening ended with festive fare. Colin Campbell

Epping Forest & District

Our spring session started with our April meeting which was our competition evening with trophies being won by **Nick Kkama** with his *Mistakes*, **Ron Crump** with *Ceylon* and **Keith Lillywhite** with his *Germany WWII*, *Loughton Postal History* and *Shackleton*. The May meeting was the AGM where members had the opportunity to discuss the future of the club. In June



Nick Kkama with the Thematic Trophy

we held our second auction of the year which produced happy bidders and a small contribution to club funds. Meetings resumed in September after the summer break with a *Recent Acquisitions* evening where members displayed a wide range of material. **Don Knight** was our guest speaker in October showing his fascinating collection of *1966 World Cup material* which must be unique and was greatly enjoyed. This was followed in November by **Steve Alpe** from Frinton PS with his *Me and my Collection* - an interesting display showing the development of his collection from personal experiences. *Keith Lillywhite*

Ferndown & West Moors

In October we were educated and entertained by **Bill Barrell**'s award-winning *Great Britain – The Emergence of the Royal Mail, Postal Reform and The Penny Value 1840 to 1880* and the whole of his Roadshow. There is never enough space to list all that he showed but if you have the chance to see a version of this in your area – take it! We also enjoyed the chance to purchase from the stock that he had brought. The next meeting was a members' evening – *Four Sheets from Everybody – No Excuses*. Thirteen members brought a wide range: *Siege of Tobago, Astronomers dating from 1473, Illuminated Manuscripts* for example. Our club is never short of humour and this evening's displays did not disappoint!



John, Tony and Claire after their displays

Terry Kirkman with his *Christmas Crackers* and **Julian White** with *Local Postcards* kept up the tradition. In November we welcomed Salisbury PS members, **Tony Howgrave-Graham** and **Claire** and **John Scott**. Tony showed *French Colonies, 1859 – 1906* with many high points eg 1859 – 65 'Imperial Eagle' with proofs. Claire's presentation took a very different subject. It was based on a box of letters, documents and photographs from a most detailed naval correspondence emanating from WWI. It had

resulted in a publication entitled '*From Beef Tea to Battleship*'. John's display was of *Victorian and Edwardian Christmas and New Year Cards*. Here was a beautiful collection of early British stationery, revealing great artistry, colour, much variety and some rarity. Embroidered and three dimensional cards also featured. *Paul Barry*

Frinton and District

Local resident, **Simon Martin-Redman**, won his second major philatelic award for 2022. At the prestigious MonacoPhil held in Monte Carlo in late November 2022, he won one of the three Rowland Hill Medals, awarded for the best

collection in the Museum of Philately. Simon knew he was up against very stiff opposition and was a bit pessimistic about success. This follows on from him winning the International Grand Prix at the World Stamp Show, HELVETIA 2022, held in Lugano, Switzerland in May 2022 for his display of Sarawak stamps. This Helvetia award is the world's highest for a stamp exhibit. Simon is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society and a member of the Frinton and District Philatelic Society. He has displayed his collection there and at several other societies, on quite a few occasions. There is no doubt that Simon's collection of stamps and postal history from Sarawak is the best in the world, which has now been proved by the awards that he has won. Simon's achievement in winning these awards not only reflects on his ability to compile such a collection, but also reflects well on this country in the field of international philately. All of us in the Frinton and District PS are delighted at Simon's achievements, something that he has been striving for for very many years.

Mick Carter

Grimsby and District

With the Christmas break coming to an end, our members are dusting off their collections ready for this year's program which includes three visiting speakers, two club auctions, an end of year Charity Auction, and a number of in-house displays dotted throughout the year. These will cover many aspects of the members' interests from *George VI to Europe* and far-flung *Norfolk Island*. What we always start our year's program with is our St Andrews Presentation. This is where members of St Andrews Hospice visit us, receive a cheque from the Christmas Charity Auction and give an update on the Hospice's progress. This year's cheque will be approximately £3500. The sum being a little fluid due to the mail being disrupted over the Christmas period, though **Dave McMann** our charity auction organiser is confident all will be in by 1st February when we will hold the presentation. Another date for the diary is the 15th of March which is the first of our club auctions. If you want a catalogue or more information

➔ Chris Dodsworth on 01652 654928. The only other news from the society is that 2023 is the centenary of our foundation and the August meetings are being given over to things with 100 in them.

Mike Webb

Guildford & District

We entered the Federation of Surrey Philatelic Societies' Mason Cup for the first time in many years and achieved a creditable second place, missing out by only four points. Our entry comprised *Rhodesia & Nyasaland: 1954-1959 Definitive Issues* (Traditional) by **Rob Cooke**, which was Highly Commended; *Trinidad's Pre-1900 Postal History* (Postal History) by **Susan Taylor**, for which she received the Federation Cup and *Exposition or Tontoostelling: Belgian Poster Stamps* (Cinderella) by **Charles Smith**, which was Highly Commended and awarded the



Susan with the trophy

Derek Nathan Cup. We have retained the Derek Nathan Cup because **Susan Taylor** won it last year. Susan also submitted two solo entries: *Anguilla's Quest for Identity* (Traditional) and *Trinidad & Tobago: Early Postal Slogans* (Postal History). Exhibits in all the Annual Competitions were displayed at the Stamp Fair hosted by Kingston & District PS in Claygate on 29th October. In November, Susan gave a presentation at the evening meeting entitled *British Guiana/ Guyana*, a country which has an interesting history. It also boasts some of the world's most expensive and rare stamps, and a complex philatelic story. Susan couldn't show the 4c Magenta, or a "Cotton Reel", but her extensive display covered the period from Empire to Independence. Our annual Christmas Social was held in December and included a Philatelic Quiz entitled "Maps on Stamps". The members are looking forward to celebrating our 80th Anniversary next October.

Rob Cooke

Another very welcome first-time report - many thanks. This makes the third first-timer, leaving 1 Federation, 18 Specialist and 46 Local societies still to come - then I can retire happy and complete!

Editor

Halifax

We started the 2023 season in a new venue with displays from **Douglas Armitage** *Turkey 1880 -1905*; **Rod Unwin** *GB Machins on Registered covers*; **Roger Mannings** *Belgium Airmails 1930s covers and postage stamps*; **Charles Squire** *Modern WWI commemorative covers*; **Maria Fabrizi** *German Notgeld (emergency money) 1921* and **Max Smith** *India WWI covers passed by the censor*. In December, **Mike Roberts** (President-elect of the Royal) presented *LATI Airmail*, an Italian airline set up in 1939 which allowed Axis powers to transport mail in Italy and South America without being subject to censorship. It was forced into closure due to the withdrawal of supplies of fuel by America. In January **Roger Mannings** gave a display of *Postal History mainly from Archives of Veloce Ltd Birmingham*. **Adrian Lee** presented *Secure Underprints* on postage stamps from GB and New Zealand. **Mike Roberts** presented *Scilly Isles Postal History* with helpful maps of the area. One outward cover (a 1727 letter from William Crudge to the army pay office) precedes the previous earliest-known by 78 years). Mike's display included many carefully researched items. **Bill Tait** provided a display of *Scottish (Glasgow) Postmarks*, circular delivery company Railway newspaper stamps and (Glasgow port) only Scottish packet cancellations.

Adrian Lee

Harrogate

Janet & Nick Nelson took us to *Brazil* in October. This was a display with a difference – a taste of Brazil in every sense. They made a long journey to us and took us on an even longer one. Our two meetings in November were home-based. **Peter Rix** investigated *1934* – a novel approach to a display and one which we enjoyed. Then **Alan Green** and president **Mike Wilesmith** did a double act with *Pro Patria Postcards and Stamps of Switzerland* and *Two Kings: George V and Edward VIII*. There was something for everyone to enjoy throughout. **Mike Roberts** of Ilkley brought his first-class display on *Operation*

Tabarin, followed by *Falkland Revenues*. Both displays were new to us and gave us lots to learn and to think about. Our last meeting in December was a combination of *Thirsk Postal History* by **Derek Lilley** and a festive celebration. The first part was extensive and fascinating, the second very tasty. For our first 2023 meeting YPA President **Keith Burton** brought *A Visit to Harrogate*. This was an enjoyable tour round Edwardian Harrogate using Keith's high-quality collection of PCs accompanied by his witty commentary. We learned where visitors stayed and how they entertained themselves during the day and in the evening. What a class-ridden society it was! Our monthly Zoom meetings have continued with growing participation. **Susan Burn** brought us *Empire Flying Boats and the Empire Air Mail Scheme* and members' sessions included *Christmas* and *Antarctica*. All are welcome. ➔ harrogateps@gmail.com
Bill Tait/Keith Burton

Haverfordwest Stamp and Postcard Club

With a recent increase in the membership of our small club, we are enjoying a minor renaissance. We now have regular ten-minute member displays, resulting in some members displaying items from their collections on various themes. Even new members are taking part. Usually, the theme is a letter of the alphabet, and displays have been ingeniously worked to fit in. There is the option of playing a 'Wild Card' too, when members can choose to display anything they like, if they are stuck – this actually doesn't happen very often. Having been asked to leave our cold, damp, inhospitable (but cheap) church hall (because of the danger of falling through the floorboards, due to dry rot), we were forced to seek new premises. This resulted in us moving to a very smart and spacious studio, in a newly refurbished Arts Centre. They provide what we need to make refreshments, and insist on doing the washing-up afterwards. Of course, this comes at a price, which we are actually pleased to pay! We are doing this in various ways – a small increase in the annual fee, a bring-and-buy shoe box of philatelic donations for members to purchase, and our self-imposed 'car park charge' (our new premises has its own car park, unlike the church hall). So, why the increase in membership? Could it be the move to afternoon meetings? Items in the local paper? Moving premises? Changing our name? Or having a website (thank you ABPS)?
Erene Grieve

Hinckley & District

In October **Rob King**, **Peter Thomas**, **Chris Hailstone** and **Mick Rose** provided 1 to 18 sheets when members were invited to display. Nottingham PS visited us with four excellent displays by **Brian Clayton**, **Mick Britton**, **Bill Whitaker** and **Mike Severns** covering *1d Universal / Dominion stamps of New Zealand*, *British Forces Egypt 1932-36*, *Censored by Sydney* (Australian postal history), and *US Airforce in India / Patriotic Covers / Airline Publicity Covers* respectively. Later in November **Peter Strachan** showed us *Stamps of Post-Independence Anglophone Africa*. He used a PowerPoint demonstration combined with a standing display of Malawi, Ghana and Tanzania. **Ian Varey** invited members into his *Wonderful World of Covers* – a series of mini-

collections of covers, mainly to encourage youngsters to take up philately – including lots of tips, hints and ideas. We rounded off 2022 with a Christmas Social Night with a quiz, won by **Bob Store**. The one-sheet competition went to **Mick Rose** and the open philately competition was won by **Chris Grimshaw** with *Censorship of Civilian Mail in Persia 1919-1920*. Peter Thomas

Henley & District

Spring is starting and the days are getting longer. At the Henley stamp club, we are preparing for our annual auction where you would be able to obtain fantastic material. This year we can proudly announce we have over 800 lots of excellent quality. Come along and have a look at what will be auctioning at our preview meeting on the 22nd February.



The auction is on 8th March.

Catalogues itemizing all the lots will be issued and many of the more interesting items will be illustrated on the Society's website. Please request a catalogue by emailing steve@activeload.co.uk

We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.45 pm; visitors and new members are very welcome. The programme covers all aspects of philately and is displayed by in-house members and guest speakers. → Brian on 01491 681739 or visit www.henleyphilatelic.org.uk

Steve Hewitt

Huddersfield

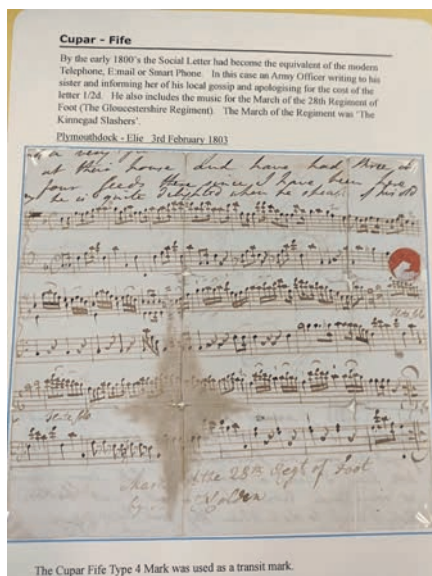
The 2022-2023 season continues at Lindley Liberal Club, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3EQ. Meetings will be held during the afternoon commencing at 13:30. In December **Adrian Lee** gave his display titled *Stamps covering Tax Stamps, Fee Stamps, Credit Stamps* in their various forms: Direct Embossed uninked, Base paper embossed uninked, Base paper inked, Direct Embossed inked, and Adhesives. **Charles Squire**, following his November contribution of WWI covers, presented a display of *GB Christmas Issue stamps and covers*, covering the first GB issue of 1966 and first Christmas MS, together with his recent acquisitions from the Cockermouth Stamp Club Auction. At the first meeting of 2023 **Douglas Armitage** provided an entertaining display about the former Southern

Rhodesia now Zimbabwe from *Independence in 1980 -1987*. He explained his interest was started in the 1990s after a visit. The display comprised a collection of covers covering the main postal system items of internal and outward mail showing Registered, Post Due, Air Mail, Surface, etc. Douglas had also tabulated the Postal Rates which existed for all services during the period covered by his display. **Brian Jones** gave a display of *British Philatelic Exhibition* material. He described its formation in 1909 at Hulme Town Hall, Manchester and covered the stoppage during WWII period to the STAMPEX 1979 with the reproduction of 1929 UPU £1. **Charles Squire** displayed A *Miscellany* of GB Post and Go, Travelling Post Office and Dr Who material.

Adrian Lee

Hull Stamp and Postcard Club

The October meeting was an opportunity to see another part of **Bill Thorpe's** extensive collection. This time the society saw a selection of material from *St Helena and Ascension Islands*, including examples of varieties on 'specimen' overprinted stamps. The possible numbers of these are only in single figures, and the locations of most examples are known. We also saw *Channel Islands stamps and their original artwork* by **Sylvia Goaman**, a graphic designer who was probably best known for her floral stamp designs created for several of the Commonwealth countries. Sylvia was the daughter of JB Priestley. Her art studies were interrupted by WWII, during which she joined the Wrens, working as a motorcycle dispatch rider between London and Dover. In November we enjoyed a visit from **Bill Shand**, who gave us *A Scottish Miscellany*. He brought a wide range of postal history relating to Cupar (with different spellings and stories of Scottish 'coos' – cows for the Sassenachs). We heard about the abundance of breweries in the area. In contrast, we also saw a range of postcards and material relating to Scottish regiments including the Scots Guards, the King's personal guard whilst in Scotland. We were also shown a letter containing the music for 'The Kinnegad Slashers', the March of the 28th Regiment of Foot (The Gloucestershire Regiment). This was the first time that the



The Cupar Fife Type 4 Mark was used as a transit mark.

President has been called upon to play part of the display! ➔ **Robert McMillan**,
robertfcmillan@gmail.com **Daphne McMillan FRPSL**

Help!: This issue has reports from 70 groups. If I am to stay(?) sane I need reports (not articles) to be easily reduced to 250 words (max was ca 900) Editor

King's Lynn

The season continued with the now popular and regular monthly Zoom meetings. The last two subjects of 2022 were *Ladies from Heaven and Parachuting* and *Tobacco from around the World*. In late October we were entertained by part two of **Peter Pugh's** display - a continuation of the story of the *Trans-Siberian Railway* covering the period from December 1910 to 27th July 1914. Each cover, with the cachet 'Via Siberia', had an illustration of the ship/steamer that carried the mail plus news items that applied to the date on the cover. There were numerous examples detailing the security marks of companies that operated in the area, including perfins, as well as original postcards and photographs of the early railways and their engines/equipment. **John George** visited in November to give his display of *Rajasthan*. With the aid of maps John explained the complicated history of the feudal/princely states. His excellent material related to the eleven feudal states that made up the Estate of Rajasthan until partition in 1947. The display was illustrated with examples of forgeries, postage stamps, revenues, court documents and court fee stamps, overprints, printers' proofs and pre-printed postcards. The meeting in late November consisted of members' displays on *Malawi*, *St Vincent*, *New Hebrides* and an unusual Edinburgh cover to entertain whilst **Alan Berrisford** judged the competition for the traditional, postal history and thematic entries. The year ended with a members' evening of picture postcard displays, followed by seasonal refreshments.

Dahlia Harrison

Kingston & District

We have been busy since the start of new season in September. We held several members' meetings entitled *New Acquisitions*, *Stamp Designers and Cinderellas & Forgeries*. We hosted the Surrey Philatelic Federation Stamp Day on 29th October which was well attended. The AGM of the Surrey Federation was held in an adjacent room, as was the Surrey Postal History Society meeting. The Royal Philatelic Society London also held a meeting in the vicinity, chaired by **Brian Sole**. We entered the Mason Cup Competition but did not achieve any accolades except for **Brian** who was awarded the Colonel Webb Memorial Trophy, awarded most years from 1970, to the person who has the second



Derek Weston

highest marks in the two Traditional Classes, and **Chris Oliver** who was awarded The Croydon Cup for his Postal History entry. In early November we welcomed **Derek Weston** with his display of *Cinderella issues, including Poster Stamps* which was both amusing and interesting, with the second half expounding Coleman's mustard and allied products. This included advertising through poster stamps and labels among other paper ephemera. Our

Zoom meetings were re-established and in December we saw a Virtual display by Graham Winters FRPSL entitled *Going to Ceylon*. → brian.sole@btinternet.com or 01932 220677, or www.kingstonphilatelicsociety.com

Chris Oliver

Lanarkshire

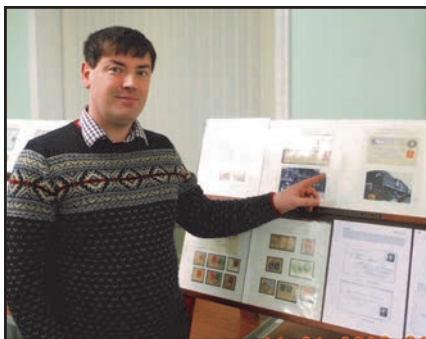
A belated "Happy New Year" to all from north of the border. First, an update on our two "invalids". Hon President, and founder member, **Ken Norris FRPSL** left hospital on 15th November and took up residential care at the same time. I'm pleased to report he's fine, alert and chirpy and still desperate to keep up to date with "matters philatelic". If anyone wishes to get in touch please email me (ipssecretary@outlook.com) and I'll ensure the message is passed on. **Elsie Miller**, Press Officer, is now out and about again and gradually catching up with everything, given her long lay-off. We had two excellent displays prior to Christmas; **Elizabeth Nairn** with *The River that Launched a Thousand Ships* (The Clyde) and **Terry Woods** with *Lanark and District Postal History*. By the time you read this we'll have had displays from our own **Derek Wiltshire** (*Zanzibar*); a visit by our good friends from the Caledonian Philatelic Society and a couple of members' evenings when the meeting topic always seems to be rather loosely interpreted....such is life! Our annual auction will take place, as usual, at the beginning of March though with a change in auctioneer, **Terry Woods** having taken over that role from **Ken Norris**. Later in March **Drs Dow and Liddell** will give us a philatelic trip around Perthshire. Finally, congratulations go to **Terry Woods** who announced his engagement, to Christina, at Christmas. We wish them all the best for the future.

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Andy Napier

Largs

The final night for 2022 was appropriately a Christmas theme though this still elicited a wide variety of material over three rounds. **Angus Dodds** kicked off with *Gibraltar Christmas issues from 1967-1999*, followed by **Martin McBurnie** with *GB issues from 1966-2000*. **Duncan Turner** closed the round with issues from *Christmas Island*. The second round started with special *Christmas airgraphs and V mails from WWII* by **Bill Clark**. **Finlay Mitchell** showed *New Zealand Christmas issues 1961-87* and **Russell Ramsay** gave us more *Christmas Island issues*. In the final round **Robert Watt** produced *Austrian*



Robert with Bill Bamford's display

Christmas issues on Covers with Special Postmarks, **Caroline Watt** displayed *Christmas-themed Silk Postcards from WWI* and **David Rossall** gave us *Christmas covers from both York and Switzerland*. We started the new year with the vice-president's night on 11th January. Our vice-president, **Robert Watt**, gave us two rounds of local postal history based on the collection of our late member, **Bill Bamford**, covering early to more modern postal markings from Ardrossan, Ballantrae, Dalry, Newmilns, Kilwinning, Saltcoats, Stewarton and West Kilbride.

This was followed by a completely different third round featuring the colourful issues of Papua New Guinea from 1911 to 1971, ranging through birds, butterflies, shells, fauna and local art. A good turn-out of members was supplemented by Bill Bamford's son who had come to see some of his father's material. ➔ David Rossall at davidrossall@sky.com David Rossall

Launceston

At our December meeting the chairman welcomed those who had braved uncertain weather to attend. The display was provided by **Viv Sandercock**, showing items from his collections of *Guatemala and Honduras* in Central America. Viv explained that he had worked in the Republic of Honduras and after he left he thought he should collect a Central American country and settled on



Viv receiving his certificate from Mike Tooley

Guatemala, later diversifying and collect the other Central American countries including Honduras. Viv gave a brief 'potted' history of the two countries before speaking about Guatemala. The display consisted of bogus stamps issued in the period 1867 and the actual issue of the stamps in 1871. The display then continued with various issues through to the 1920s including the Large Quetzal of 1886. At the break members enjoyed mince pies and cream served by **Evelyn Sandercock** and **David Hatwell**. The second part of Viv's display on Honduras started with their first issue in 1866, followed by 'Seebeck' issues from 1890 to 1895. Viv's display continued with the 1896 President Arias and 1898 Locomotive issues again showing genuine and forged examples. The display was rounded off with the Apollo 11 commemorative issue of 1969 with the colourful stamps, miniature sheets, commercial covers and the later overprinted varieties. Des Kent



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Lewisham

Members' evening produced ten displays, starting with **Geoff Richardson** who showed *Postmarks on the Franz Josef stamps of Austria*. **Peter Newman** showed a good representation of *Zanzibar*, one stamp with a pen obliteration of the Sultan's head following the revolution. **Tony Bosworth's** 1941-45 *Croatia anti-communism* theme included a Pavelich-Hitler exhibition booklet and scarce miniature sheets. Recent member **John Corderoy** showed *Balloon Posts of Austria* including one to Finland - how did it get that far? *Karlsbad in Czechoslovakia* was **Lindy Bosworth's** theme with a lovely Moza biscuits advertisement cover and postcards of the Karlovy Vary spa baths. **John Shaw** showed *Chile 1878-1920* with archival specimen strips with "00000" sheet numbers and **Geoff Hanney's** contribution was *Military Covers from the post-1919 Ottoman Area*. **Phil Clarke** moved forward to recent days with issues from *Kosovo under UN authority* and president **Michael Dobbs** covered *Cachets for post-WWII Allied censorship in the Netherlands*. Finally **Tony Hickey** showed *Propaganda Cartoons and Caricatures from the WWII Phoney War*. Next meeting's visiting speaker contracted Covid so **Tony Hickey** illustrated the *1930s Hitler-Mussolini Alliance* including the 1932 march on Rome and the night of the long knives. The "Pact of Steel" was illustrated by Italian and colonial stamps depicting both dictators, and grizzly postcards of Mussolini's death. Germany's claim that the SS Athenai had been sunk by British destroyers was debunked when a U-boat captain claimed the kill. Finally wonderful items illustrated Vichy France and Marshall Petain's involvement; was he saint or sinner?

John Shaw

Sadly this is John's last report. He died late in 2022. RIP my friend. Editor

Lostock

In September **Jack Lindley** brought *New Zealand in Stamps*. He included stamps issued for the NZ Expeditionary Force landing on 29th August 1914 and stamp booklets showing advertising for Dresden Pianos, The Ford Motor Company and Dunlop Tyres. In October Keith Burton revisited with *Visiting Harrogate in Early 20th Century*. With a combination of scans via his laptop and traditional board displays Keith explained the origins of Harrogate's Spa in a mini-tour including the baths with beautiful tiled interiors. At the November meeting new treasurer **David Brigden** entertained us with a talk created by the late **Randal Jones** who worked in the fire prevention industry and made a collection of philatelic material. *Fire Prevention and Protection* gave a detailed account in stamps and



David Brigden with Adrian Jones

postcards of the early days of how the fire services originated out of private insurance companies. He gave an amusing account of how on arrival at a fire if the burning property was not a fully paid-up member of a particular group they would simply let the building burn. A good reminder to everyone in other philatelic societies that Lostock was three months away from closing in 2015 but recovered. After Covid we pride ourselves to be among those who kept going by inviting six different members, some of whom had never spoken before. The camaraderie at Lostock is such that with ages ranged from 50 through to 80 we are still making valiant efforts to maintain the wonderful hobby of philately.

David Morley

Lothian

We have now been up and running since January 2022 and incorporate the former Edinburgh and Scottish societies. Our objectives are "to encourage and promote all aspects of philately in the Lothians and surrounding area." The members of both former societies agreed to merge and form the new group and have numerous philatelic interests. We held our first short season of eight meetings in Spring 2022 when Covid restrictions finally allowed, and have re-introduced the stamp packet. If you are interested in becoming a



Bob Catto and Bill Torrance

vendor for our packet please get in touch. Some members have recently visited and displayed at both Newcastle and Stirling societies and we also enjoyed reciprocal visits from these societies. We have seen a wide range of material with some unusual subjects such as *Blue*, *Stamps with Stories* and *Not less than 30 sq cm* as well as country-based and themed displays. It is regrettable that falling numbers in our membership and attendance at our evening meetings leaves us somewhat thin on the ground at times and faced with some budgeting issues due to reduced subscription numbers and rising hall costs. Solutions to these will have to be found and adopted for our survival. It's with that in mind we remain open to considering future associations and allegiances with other societies facing similar issues.

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Steve Cowles

Maidstone and District

Our season started in September with a fine display on the *UPU from 1864 to 1969* by **Philip Clarke** with the second half featuring from 1949 to the 1960s. Then our members showed a selection on *Anniversaries and Commemorations*. In October we welcomed **Leonard Barnes** with a display of *South African pre-WWII aviation postal history*, showing how the aviation service developed. Also in October we welcomed back **Ray Barton** for a display of his *Favourite Things Part 2*. Again a very fine display which shows how much material is available on

Ebay at a good price due to the seller not always being aware of what they have. **Sue Taylor** showed her remarkable display on *Trinidad and Tobago* in November. Our morning meetings have been well attended and we have seen our members showing material from the back of the book. We have also had displays from **Paul Cahill** on *Italy and The Colonies*, **Paul Davey** with *Sudan* followed by the *South East Railway*, and **Mike Wilkinson** with a *Wander through New Zealand*. Our 100th Anniversary Fair was held in November. We had plenty of customers, many still there when it came time to close. It was a very successful fair with the dealers being pleased and our finances also improving nicely. Thanks go to three members' wives who ran the catering with much home-made, also to two members who looked after the tombola table all day.

Brian Stonestreet

North West Kent

A year ago after a period of discussion between committees, Bexley, Sidcup and Eltham & Woolwich decided that the only way forward and to ensure survival in the area was to amalgamate. From the ashes rose the Phoenix of *North West Kent Philatelic Society*. Our inaugural meeting was on 11th January featuring superb displays of members' latest acquisitions. We have seen Whitstable cards and mail, and postcards featuring Abbey Wood, Dartford. We have also enjoyed displays by **Cliff Hurst** *Imperial & Revolutionary Russia*; **Lindy Bosworth** *Czech Republic airmails*; **Tony Bosworth** *1936 Olympics*; **Roger Dickinson** *Canada mail boats*; **Philip Clarke** *UPU from 1874-1963*; **Richard Morel** *New Additions to the British Library*; **Tony Davis** *Historic Journey around Iceland* with its lack of roads so greater use of shipping services; **Tony Hickey** *Bohemia & Moravia* and a couple of enthralling *Brazil Nuts* - **Janet** and **Nick Nelson** with a display that covered all philatelic eras from the first Bulls Eyes through the nine ages of currency reforms, the delayed 2012 Olympic issues making their appearance in 2015 and Brazil's version of smilers whereby businesses and individuals could have their own images portrayed alongside the stamps. Finally **Geoff Richardson** produced his fine *Austrian 'Stamp Day'* display.

Towards the end of the year we had the sad news of the death of two of our older and highly esteemed members, **John Shaw MBE FRPSL** and **Don Brookfield**, a founder of Bexley PS. → john.sinfield1@sky.com

John Sinfield

Another new report - but this time taking over from the old Bexley society. Editor

Oxford

A busy programme of meetings started off with **Pat Reid's** glorious *Tasmania* display. At the next meeting, members' displayed *letter 'B'*, covering bears, bee-eating birds, barcodes and Edwin Beer, as well as Bear Island, Bosnia, Botswana and Brazil. Hard to believe in just five years of collecting, **Julian Bagwell** showed some wonderful items on *Guernsey from the earliest times to the Second World War*. Two members then showed parts of their notable collections: **Steve Hewitt** on *Norway to the end of WWII* and **Vic Thorpe** on *QEII GB Presentation Packs, Miniature Sheets, Prestige Stamps and barcoded*

stamps. In the run up to the festive period, **Malcolm Gascoyne** displayed his impressive *Sarawak* collection, while the local branch of Cosmo provided a lovely venue for our Christmas social. At 2023's first meeting members showed their *Recent Acquisitions*, which included the very recent GB stamp issues, sparking debate of the philatelic worth of Iron Maiden, Pink Floyd, and other pop groups on stamps! Palestine, Sweden's ill-fated ship, the *Vassar* and PUC 1929 die proofs, as well as German and Christmas thematic material were shown. The story of Captain John Dunn killed in the Gallipoli campaign was told through a series of correspondence, including a five-page letter pulled from his body on the battlefield. Amongst all these lovely newly-acquired items, an illustrated letter to the Oxford Philatelic Society's founding and long-serving secretary, **Frank Bellamy**, was a gorgeous and important cover to see. Dr Simon Heap

Ringwood

Following the last-minute cancellation by the programmed speaker, our secretary quickly put plans in place to provide an 'in-house' afternoon. No less than eight members stepped forward to fill the void with displays covering diverse subjects. **Wendy Buckle** set the bar very high with her superb *Animal, Vegetable or Mineral* presentation. This sought to consider the writing materials used through the ages. It also reviewed the range of materials used to record the written word. Ranging from stone and clay tablets, through parchment, vellum, leaves, wood and bark, to cork and eventually paper, it proved to be a most insightful investigation. Instruments used for creating the written symbol or word were also examined at some depth. The whole subject was professionally underpinned by a highly successful philatelic input, in terms of old documents, letters, postcards, photos and stamps. The title page depicted provides an immediate impression of sheer quality, hugely enjoyed by our membership. Paul Barry



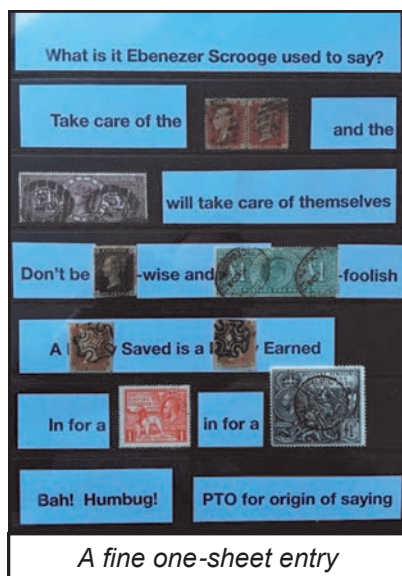
Rugby

Our year ended with a whisper after some of the tribulations earlier in the season. We have welcomed some new members, and enjoyed some excellent displays from both visiting speakers and our own members. We have been spoiled this year and our thanks go to **David Hutchins** (*History of China Postal*), **Terry Hare-Walker** (*Persia Airmails*), **Pete Pugh** (*Trans-Siberian Railways*) and **Ken Flint** (*Canada Trains, Boats and Planes*). We finished the year with a social evening and tried out a single sheet open class competition with only one rule - that the value of the entry was between a penny and a pound. I would have wished to report 100% entry, but we were close, and surprisingly the entries quite subdued.

Steve Williams

Salisbury and District

We have a new chairman, **Claire Scott**, who took over from **Paul Latham-Warde** after his very successful eleven-year stint, and a new secretary **Mike Moody** (for the third time). He took over from **Colin French** who has moved to Devon; Dawlish's gain and our loss. Like all societies we would like more members as sickness, age and moving location take their toll. However, we have had several new members this season and for our own meetings we average around fifteen. The best turnout was for *Transports of Delight* which was loosely interpreted. There is always a good buzz and a wide selection of interesting displays. Reports on all meetings with pictures are on our website within 48 hours. We have visited Bath and Ferndown societies and were given an excellent set of displays by Bath. The two outside speakers have also been excellent. **Hugh Feldman** on *The Mail Coach Age in Great Britain* was our first PowerPoint talk using our new system purchased with a generous grant from the ABPS. **Bob Small** gave us the *Postal History of the Napoleonic Wars from the British Perspective*. We finished the first half of the season with our Christmas Social Evening. Twenty members and partners assembled for drinks and a finger buffet, which was followed by their judging the one-sheet competition and a fiercely contested quiz.



Scarborough

At our own October meeting we had a talk from **Peter Pugh** on the second part of his story regarding the *Trans-Siberian Railway*. Peter displayed an amazing collection of material in the form of postal stationery showing postmarks mainly from China to destinations all over the world with added photographs of the ships and railway engines who carried the post. We were also shown the effect

Mike Moody

on the railway of an outbreak of plague and the means employed to control it. It was a privilege for our members to be invited to Bridlington, four of our members entertained our Bridlington peers with short talks and displays of items involving *Edward VIII, George VI, Joseph Chamberlain (Father of Neville), Queen Isabella of Spain, Orange Free State, Fake or Forged Triangulars, Parcel Post to Greenland Pre-1934* and finally a one-sheet item on *Goya and his famed portrait of La Maja Desnuda*.
Stuart W Hogg

Sevenoaks & District

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held in November to decide the future of the society, our members voted in favour of keeping going. So here we are still in existence for a while longer. The officers and committee remain the same. Our 80th Anniversary Luncheon on 3rd August was both very enjoyable and successful, with members and partners totalling 22. Small presentations were made to six members for services rendered over several years, and a few items from the society archive were on display. In September, **Paul Skinner** from Orpington gave a most interesting display of the *Channel Islands Mail used during the WWII Occupation*, including many posters and miscellaneous documents. In October **Peter O'Keeffe** gave a display on *The GB Red Penny*. Although a few Penny Reds were seen it was not a display of them. It was part of his *Round the World for One Penny* show. After the EGM Peter gave a 48-page display of *Used British One Penny Queen Victoria Foreign Rate Postal Stationery Cards*. They were sent to many different countries including some unexpected territories. To end the year our December meeting was a light-hearted *Social Gathering with a Christmas Flavour*, with quizzes, competitions and displays.
Peter O'Keeffe

Sheffield

We started the new season with some trepidation. Several speakers, worried about catching Covid, were reluctant to visit us. So the syllabus sub-committee has been very inventive providing a mixture of only one visiting speaker a month and Zoom meetings. We were privileged to have **Sir Alec Jeffreys** with his display of *India, the Weird and the Wonderful!*. A display and talk, which, even non-Indian collectors like myself cannot find adequate superlatives to describe how good it was. We will be breaking new ground on Thursday 2nd March at 7:30 pm when we will be hosting our first international speaker. **David Ball**, President of the American Air Mail Society, will be giving a Zoom presentation on *Astrophilately*. Anyone wishing to attend → for the pass codes
richard.hindle@hotmail.co.uk Richard A Hindle

Solihull

After some delay due to Covid we held our Charity Auction, at the local monthly Knowle Stamp Fair, as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations. 470 lots, which had been donated by members and supporters of the society, raised £5300 for the West Midlands Marie Curie Hospice. Our weekly meetings continue to attract good attendances on Tuesday afternoons. We are fortunate to have a first-class

programme thanks to our programme secretary and founder member, **Gerald Marriner**. In the last month we have had some memorable displays from eminent collectors including **Brian Peace** with his unique display of *Australian Disaster Mail*, **Kim Stuckey** showing *GB QEII Sterling Postal History* including rates and services which may have eluded many collectors at the time, **Tony Stanford** with his remarkable assemblage of *British Levant* and **Ben Palmer** who entertained us with *GB QV British Foreign Mail up to 1875*.

➔ www.solihullphilatelicsociety.org.uk or Paul Woodness 01564 776 879

John Barker

South Midlands SC

Recent rumours of our impending demise were rather exaggerated as the club is well and truly still alive and kicking. We have now boldly begun our fourteenth season of mainly theme-based, member-display, monthly afternoon meetings, with the odd guest speaker thrown in, although they do have to be very odd to be given the opportunity to entertain us!

➔ <https://sites.google.com/site/warwickshireps/smids> Steve Bence

Southampton & District

We successfully celebrated 90 years in 2022 and we look forward to an exciting 2023 with a strong membership of around 160. The last three months of 2022 saw the continuation of our Zoom meetings with attendees of 35/40 each time, and our Thursday afternoon sessions with around 25-30 members. Our main Tuesday meetings saw a wide range of subjects and speakers with **Neville Carr** - *Australia KGV Era*, a visit from Thatcham & District PS, and **Hugh Jefferies** with *The Man and the Company* and a second part of *Philatelic Terms*. We have a full programme for 2023 with key speakers and events.

Steve Gerrard

Taw & Torridge

Long-standing member **David Watson** was this year's winner of our annual four-sheet competition. The theme was simply *Any subject starting with the letter S*. Thus, the twenty present were entertained with displays about *School, Ships, Space, Shells, Sande, Selvege* and David's winning entry *Sweden*. This focused on *The Development of the Frankokuvert* stamped envelopes which we learnt were first issued in January 1872 continuing up to December 1966. He displayed many fine examples. We continued with a bring-and-buy session. **David** was in action again at the following meeting



David Butler and Watson with the four-sheet winner's shield

presenting *Philatelic Miscellany Part 2* from his extensive and diverse collection. David's talk included several meticulously detailed pages concerning *Mexico*, a country he decided to collect not only for its diversity of material, but also because it (still) represents a relatively cost effective subject to acquire. David explained that part of his display showed the comprehensive and multifarious examples of unique hand stamps used across Mexico together with postage stamps issued from 1861 onwards. Each postage stamp example was labeled with its size, colour and print-run. He also took delight in showing us many items from his collection from the *Tasmanian Postal Service*, in particular an original recessed printed set of pictorials from 1900. This display had countless examples of place names that also exist in Devon. David's talk was rounded off with a fine display from the *Canal Zone*.

Helen Soby

Wakefield

One evening in October we held a well-attended and successful catalogue auction. November started with us welcoming **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** to give a very moving display and presentation entitled *Channel Islands Destination Mail* and *Channel Islands Liberation* and then later that month a members' meeting was held with some very interesting displays and presentations. November concluded with a Zoom visit by Kings Lynn PS when two of their members gave very enjoyable and interesting displays and presentations. The first display was by **Dr Jon Higgins FRPSL** entitled *The First Two Coloured Pictorials of the Empire*. **Richard Moss** followed with a display entitled *Tristan Da Cunha, The Volcanic Period of 1961 to 1963*. Early in December **Martyn Cusworth FRPSL FSPH** entertained us with his display and presentation entitled *South American Airmails* and later we enjoyed a members' social evening, beginning with a presentation and display by **Lubomir Spacek** entitled *Imperial Russian posts, Moscow and Saint Petersburg*. This was followed by members displaying three pages *Telling a Story within 3 minutes*. The first meeting of 2023 was on 4th January with two displays by **Graham Winters** entitled *1941 to 1945 Pictorial Airgraphs* and *Ceylon GV Period Advertising*.

Julie Hitchcock

Watford & District

In October we welcomed two visitors from Barnet PS. **Don Knight** showed us some of his extensive *Wembley* collection, including some modern material; **Alan Harris** displayed some lovely items from *Mauritius*, including proofs. Our November meeting featured a display from **Giles du Boulay**, *Danzig during World War II*, which gave us an excellent insight into what life was really like for its inhabitants. In December our president, **Phil Andrews**, showed us his *Hong Kong* collection. One of Phil's latest projects is attempting to collect a postmark from every post office in Hong Kong. There are over 140 of them apparently, so good luck with that, Phil!

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Wayne Cox

West London

Members' meetings held include *Autumn* and *Animals on Stamps*, the latter held on 4th October, World Animal Day. In November we welcomed **Ian Harvey FRPSL** with his display *The Development of GB Books of Stamps*. This was an informative display given in Ian's relaxed and erudite style, with rarely-seen proofs and samples as well as early booklets shown. ➔ Chris Oliver on olivers.of_ham@virgin.net or 020 8940 9833



Chris Oliver

Ian Harvey

West Riding SC

Our 2022 season of informal meetings continued in November with members' displays of new items from **Charles Squire**, with *GB Modern Postal History*, **Brian Hitchcock** a *Study of March 1883 GB (SG162) 6d*, **Adrian Lee** featuring *Liberia 1861-1892* covering the demise of the country's President Johnson; **Jonathan Taylor** resurrected his earlier collection and featured a display about *9d Machin Myrtle Green issued in 1967*; **Peter Clemenson** showed *Germany* during the early years of Adolf Hitler's rise to power and its occupation of Czechoslovakia and Ukraine. December's meeting was an informal quiz for those attending which was won by **Ken Moody** who matched the greatest number of 30 random stamps to the quiz master's list of features to be contained on the stamps. The meetings start at 13.30 at Lindley Liberal Club Huddersfield HD3 3EQ, refreshments being available.

Adrian Lee

Yeovil and District

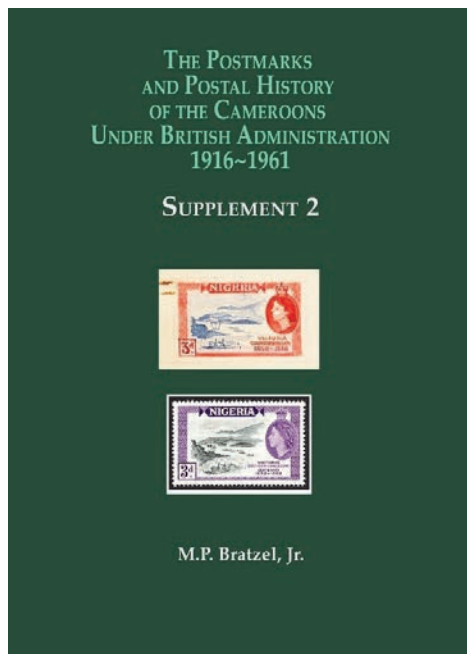
Due to the unavailability of the booked speaker for our January meeting, our own member **Roger Marsh** stepped in to give a display of *Great Britain Queen Victoria Line Engraved Period Covering the Development of the One Penny Red* from his collection. He first showed various examples from the 'Rainbow Trials' resulting in the introduction of a colour change to red for the One Penny stamp. This was followed by many examples of the various imperforate and perforated issues through the line engraved period. The second part of the display concentrated on postal stationery during the Victorian period beginning with Dickenson's One Penny and Twopence letter sheets of 1837, followed by Mulready Letter Sheets and Envelopes, the development of the Ocean Penny Postage, and concluding with various examples of items relating to Uniform Penny Postage Jubilee of 1890.



Roger Marsh stepping in

Roger Marsh

THE POSTMARKS AND POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION 1916-1961 SUPPLEMENT 2 by M P Bratzel Jr



Published with financial assistance from the Stuart Rossiter Trust, this publication updates information in the handbook (1994) and the first supplement (2007). The second supplement includes:

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Marty also has copies of the original 1994 publication and the 2007 first supplement available

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A New Book

The Channel Islands Specialists' Society has published a new 93-page book, *Delivered by the Hotel's Care*, written by member Roger E Harris.

What began as a simple catalogue of the various cachets used by hotels in the Channel Islands on postcards at the dawn of the 20th century developed into serious research with very interesting results. It transpired only four hotels in Jersey used the cachets and they were only found on mail addressed to France.

In the latter part of the 19th Century, four French hotels in Jersey offered a postal service "by the Hotel's care", whereby letters posted in the hotel mailbox would be taken by hotel staff and posted in the *Boîte Mobile* of the mail boats for France or taken to the head sorting office in Jersey for sending on the next mailboat to France. The envelopes were required to be hotel stationery, acting both as adverts and alerting the Post Office that they should be sent direct to France.

When the picture postcard became popular at the turn of the century, the hotels extended their service to postcards posted in the hotel mailbox but – as they were not identifiable hotel stationery – they devised their own cachets that they applied to the postcards, after posting in the hotel mailbox, to identify them as French hotel postcards.

This recognition by a State Postal Service of private stationery and private cachets as instructional marks for the post office sorters is possibly unique in world postal history.

Roger's research compiled in *Delivered by the Hotel's Care* illustrates all the different cachets as well as hotel stationery, gives a short history of the hotels and describes the other cachets that have been recorded.

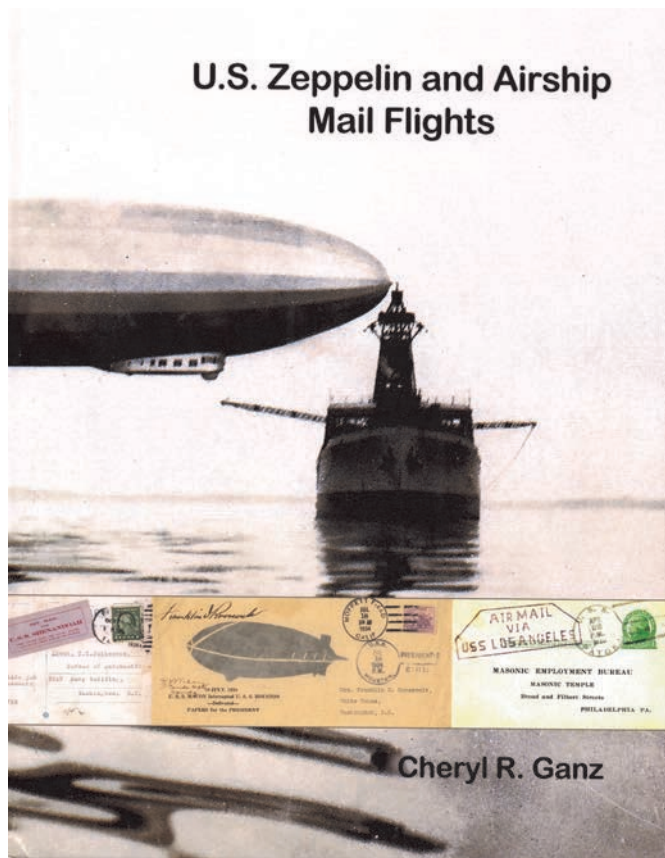
The book is available from the CISS at a standard price of £18 (and a discounted price of £5 to CISS members).

One to Remember

Some twenty or more years ago, an ancient member of our society by the name of Tom was in hospital suffering from a terminal illness. Our then president by the name of Jack decided to pay the old chap a visit taking the best wishes of the membership with him. As the nurse ushered our leader into the ward, she introduced him with, 'You have a visitor, Tom. Jack is a stamp collector, same as you.' The veteran was not pleased at all and all but choked his reply, 'Jack might be a stamp collector but I am a philatelist.'

We all remember Tom as the only man we ever knew who had bought a PUC £1 stamp over the counter only to regret for the rest of his life that he had not bought two so as to have one used and one mint. *Mike Mapleton, Keswick PS*
Note from Editor: These little stories are great reading and do a wonderful job of filling awkward spaces. Please send your own.

REVIEW – US ZEPPELIN AND AIRSHIP MAIL FLIGHTS, by Cheryl R. Ganz



Published by the author in 2021, 279 pages, 8 ½ inch format, hard cover. Available from: classic.stamps.org/Publications for \$80.00. 10% discount to American Philatelic Society members, plus \$5.08 media rate postage within the USA and \$37.60 Global Priority mail outside the USA.

This book is all about US Zeppelin and airship mail flights and Cheryl is the perfect person to write it. She has collected, exhibited, researched, lectured and written about airships for many years. Each chapter covers a different airship, starting with the “Shenandoah”, and continuing on through the ZR-2, ZR-3, ZRS-4

“Akron”, and ZRS-5 “Macon”. There is background information on each airship with lots of historic photos of the airships and the people connected with them. Then all types of known covers are shown in colour, followed by a flight log of all the flights by that airship. There is also a special event cover list for the “Akron”. The final chapters cover Navy airship bases and squadrons, Army airships, show covers from those bases, and finally a section on private and commercial airships, showing all known souvenir covers carried by them, also in colour.

There is an extensive list of references and a comprehensive index.

The book is well done and will be essential for the library of collectors of airship and Zeppelin covers.

Ken Sandford

ABPS updates

The details below are those which could affect your contacting a society or speaker. Other less immediate changes will appear in the details on the website abps.org.uk I will be grateful if you will send any more amendments or error notifications as soon as possible to me at editor@abps.org.uk I will pass them on and/or use them as necessary. Please note the changes below.

Specialist Societies

The Sarawak Specialists' Society has changed its name in its 75th Anniversary Year to **The Borneo Philatelic Society**. The secretary is **Roger Johnson** at secretary@b-p-s.org.uk

The Society of Postal Historians has a new secretary: **Bob Medland**
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Local Societies

Barnet and District Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **Steve Fraser**
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Bridlington & District Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **David Driver**
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North West Kent Philatelic Society has a new secretary **John Sinfield**
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York Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **Hilary Castle**
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We are delighted to welcome **Deal Philatelic Society** as ABPS affiliates. Their secretary is **Alan Buckman** alan@buckman-hardy.co.uk

We regret to report that the following societies are no longer affiliated to ABPS: **Belgian Philatelic Study Circle** and **Bradford Philatelic Society** (both no longer meeting), **Bolton Philatelic Society**, **Southampton Postcard Club**, **Southport Stamp & Postcard Club**, **Swale Philatelic Society & Postcard Group** and **Weston-Super-Mare Philatelic Society**.

We hope that they will soon decide to join us again to support British Philately.



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Richard West receives Special Award

Richard West MBE, FRPSL has received a special award from Stamp Active in recognition of fifty years of service to youth philately. He first joined the Melville Memorial Committee in 1972 and he has given continuous service to the evolving National Youth Stamp Group and now the Stamp Active Network. His principal role has been as organiser and judge for the national youth stamp competitions. He is an International Youth Judge and a member of the FIP Youth Commission for GB. The award of a certificate and gift of a 180th Anniversary Wyon Medal was presented to Richard by **John Davies**, Immediate Past Chairman of Stamp Active, at a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society London in December.

Susan Henderson, Chair of Stamp Active, said "There is no more deserving individual than Richard for this award. The Bill Hart award recognises outstanding service to youth philately in Great Britain. He has done a tremendous job in encouraging children to achieve high levels for a long time and we greatly appreciate all he has done."



2023 Crawford Festival:

27th & 28th June 2023

Plans for the next Crawford Festival are underway.

The theme for 2023 is **Philatelic Journals**.

The event includes the awarding of the Crawford Medal.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please email daviesn@rpsl.org.uk

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It could get you new members, and also gives hints on good
speakers to other societies.**

Diary

Local and regional events by ABPS members

2023

March

- 4 Launceston Stamp Fair: 10 - 3, Central Methodist Hall, Castle St., **Launceston** PL15 8BA ➔ 01566 772846
- 25 WESTBEX 2023 Stamp and Postcard Fair: 10 - 4, The Kennet School, Stoney Lane, **Thatcham**, Berkshire RG19 4LL ➔ www.tdps.org.uk or 01635 866942

April

- 8 Ferndown & West Moors P&PC Annual Fair: 10 - 4, The Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, **Canford Magna**, Near Wimborne BH21 3AL
- 8 Telford Stamp, Postcard & Coin Fair: 10 - 2, Belmont Community Hall, Wellington Centre, **Telford** TF1 1HU ➔ 01952 405458
- 15 Falmouth Stamp Fair: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Western Terrace, **Falmouth** TR11 4QJ ➔ 07764 409335
- 22-23 Helvetia Philatelic Society of Great Britain Annual Meeting: Whitehouse Hotel, Foregate Street, **Worcester** WR1 1EA

May

- 20 Redruth Stamp Fair: 10 - 4, Jubilee Hall, Wesley Building, Wesley St., **Redruth** TR15 2EG ➔ 07927 198758

June

- 3 RINGPEX: Ringwood PS Annual Fair
- 9-11 Philatelic Congress of Great Britain 2023: **Torquay**

July

- 1 Midpex 2023: 10 - 4.30, Warwickshire Event Centre, **Leamington Spa** CV31 1XN ➔ sharrison500@btinternet.com
- 8 Telford Stamp, Postcard & Coin Fair: 10 - 2, Belmont Community Hall, Wellington Centre, **Telford** TF1 1HU ➔ 01952 405458

September

- 9 Newquex Stamp Fair: Trevisker St. Eval Community Centre, Orion Drive, **St Eval**, Near Wadebridge PL27 7TU ➔ 01288 355918

October

- 7 Yeovil Autumn Exhibition: Digby Memorial Church Hall, **Sherborne** DT9 3NL
- 14 Telford Stamp, Postcard & Coin Fair: 10 - 2, Belmont Community Hall, Wellington Centre, **Telford** TF1 1HU ➔ 01952 405458
- 28 CORNEX: 10 - 4, Millennium Hall, Princess Road, Pensilva, **Liskeard** PL14 5NF

National Exhibitions 2023-25

- Perth, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, PH2 0TH 14th-15th April. National and Scottish Competitions. Entry deadline: 1st March 2023
- York Stamp Fair, York Racecourse YO23 1EX 21st – 22nd July 2023
Competitive Exhibition - Norwegian Federation have been invited. Entry deadline: June 1st
- Stampex, BDC 52 Upper Street, Islington, **London** N1 0QH 27th – 30th September 2023. No National Competitions.
- Europhilex 2025, NEC, Birmingham. In preparation. FEPA patronage received.

International Exhibitions 2023-2024

- **IBRA2023:** Essen, Germany 25th – 28th May 2023 FIP specialised international exhibition with FEPA recognition UK Commissioner: Graham Winters (j.g.winters@hotmail.co.uk) Classes invited include Traditional, Postal History, Thematic and Picture Postcard. Further information at www.ibra2021.de Entry deadline: 8th October 2022
- **Thailand 2023:** Bangkok 23rd – 28th November 2023: FIP Patronage. No UK invitation yet received
- **Efiro 2024:** Bucharest 17th – 20th April 2024: FEPA Patronage. FIP recognition. No UK invitation yet received
- **PhilaKorea 2024:** Seoul 15th – 19th August 2024: FIP Patronage. No UK invitation yet received
- **Hafnia 2024:** Copenhagen 17th – 20th October 2024: FEPA Patronage. No UK invitation yet received
- **Europhilex 2025:** NEC, Birmingham. 8th – 11th May 2025. FEPA patronage. All classes. www.europhilex2025.co.uk Entry deadline: 8th May 2024

UK handling charges are now standardised for all international exhibitions at £30 per frame for shows in Europe or £35 for events anywhere else in the world, whether single or multiple frame exhibits or per literary entry. This is to cover the cost of getting exhibits to and from exhibitions, FIP capitation fees and other costs relating to processing the exhibits. Overall this runs at a loss. Exhibits that are carried to and returned from an exhibition by the exhibitor are charged at half price. There is no UK handling charge for Youth exhibits. If you are interested in becoming a United Kingdom international exhibition commissioner please contact **Jon Aitchison** at britishlocals@aol.com

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