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At this time of year we would normally be announcing the forthcoming programme, starting with a meeting on the 9th September. Before the lockdown, the programme had been booked up to and including the 8th September 2021, but when we will be able to meet up again is difficult to anticipate. The programme for the autumn, as originally planned is shown below, but will almost certainly be subject to cancellations or changes.

We need to be very mindful of four factors before we can proceed with meetings – firstly any Government restrictions on meetings, secondly the safety of all our members, thirdly the safety of our speakers and their willingness to visit us and finally we must adhere to any rules or advice from the Friends Meeting House.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The cancellation of the May meeting, meant the deferment of the AGM and this will be rescheduled when we know when we can resume. Prior to the AGM we will circulate details of members who are willing to stand for election for the coming year.

AUTUMN MEETINGS – Subject to Alteration

- **September 9th.** The format for the evening will need to be fairly fluid. Will it be the AGM? Do we have a social evening, with a Bring-and-Buy Sale?
- **October 14th.** Our visiting speaker will be Tony Bosworth and his subject “The Berlin Olympics – 1936”. Some of you may recall a short presentation on this subject in October 2019 by Simon Macarthur. I’m sure Simon would be the first to admit that Tony’s display on this subject is second to none and his knowledge of the subject is excellent.
- **November 11th.** We welcome back Jean-Pierre Frossard, who visited us in February 2019 with his “Weird and Wonderful Stamps”. This time Jean-Pierre presents the Postal History of Perth – that’s Perth in Scotland, not Australia!
- **December 9th.** As usual our December meeting will be a Social Evening, with our competition, a bring-and-buy sale and seasonal refreshments.

PACKET NEWS

The most recent packet stalled in mid circuit for obvious reasons. Hopefully we will be able to start again fairly soon, although we appreciate that will depend on members being happy to receive and forward the packet. More news on that in the future.

THE FORCES POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY (FPHS)

I have been contacted by the Publicity Secretary of this Society, as follows :

During these difficult times we have made the decision to make our current Journal available to the widest philatelic audience possible, free of charge. We hope that you might be able to inform your members of this and let them know that they can access this as a download from the FPHS website front page at

<http://www.forcespostalhistorysociety.org.uk>

LOCAL STAMP FAIRS

- Panda Fair at Upper Hale. The website of Panda Fairs shows all fairs cancelled until 27th August, when a fair is booked at Upper Hale. Check the Panda Fairs website for more info.
- Chris Rapley at Onslow Village Hall. Chris Rapley has announced that all his Fairs are cancelled until further notice (see <https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/rapleyfairs/posts/>).