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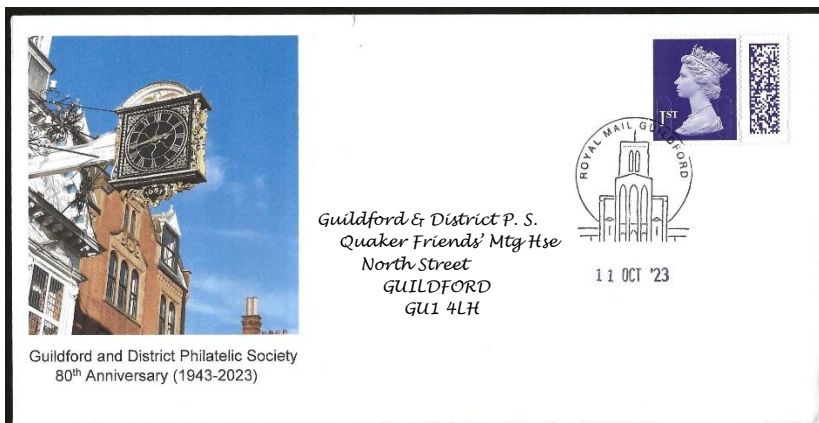
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80TH ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to all our guests and members who helped celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Guildford and District Philatelic Society with an evening party on 11th October. We were joined by Nicola Davies (RPSL Head of Collections), James Podger (RPSL & West Indies Philatelic Study Group), Peter White (Surrey Federation), three past Presidents and representatives from other local societies and WIPSG. After opening remarks by Susan Taylor, Barry Stephens gave a brief history of the Society from its first meeting on 2nd October 1943 at 146, High Street. James Podger congratulated the Society on its remarkable achievement. Barry Stephens and Charles Smith were each presented with a Surrey Federation Diploma of Merit by Peter White. The formal part of the meeting concluded when Nicola cut our magnificent Anniversary cake and guests/members were invited to view the display.

Thanks also to all who prepared one, two or several sheets for the display entitled "One Stamp, One Page, One Story" ('OSOSOP'). The topics ranged from a missing colour on a Churchill commemorative from Montserrat to Rosalind Franklin and included pages on: 1905 Liege Universal Exhibition; Alan Turing; Anguilla Boxed Cancels; Australian Arctic Territory; Blue Nose Schooner (Canada); Carteret Packet Ship Letter; Che Guevara (Eire); Camel Postmen (Sudan); Disaster at Sir Lowry's Pass; Indian Fiscals; New Hebrides; PO Tower; Sir John Marriott (T&T); Social Distancing & Vaccination (Austria); Uganda Protectorate; and Van Riebeck's Ship (RSA). In addition, thanks go to Michael Miller who showed a small part of his collection of covers to/from "Surrey Post Offices".

Graham Stockdale highlighted a Penny Black on cover, the subject of the first display at the Society, and a letter to Bletchley Park dated 1943, the year of the Society's foundation. Past President Michael Lockton spoke about the erudite membership and somewhat intimidating formality of the Society when he joined in 1968 and became President in 1972.



GDPS 80th Anniversary Cover (75%) and Cinderella Labels presented to Guests and Members



Susan Taylor opens the meeting



Barry Stephens outlines the history of the Society



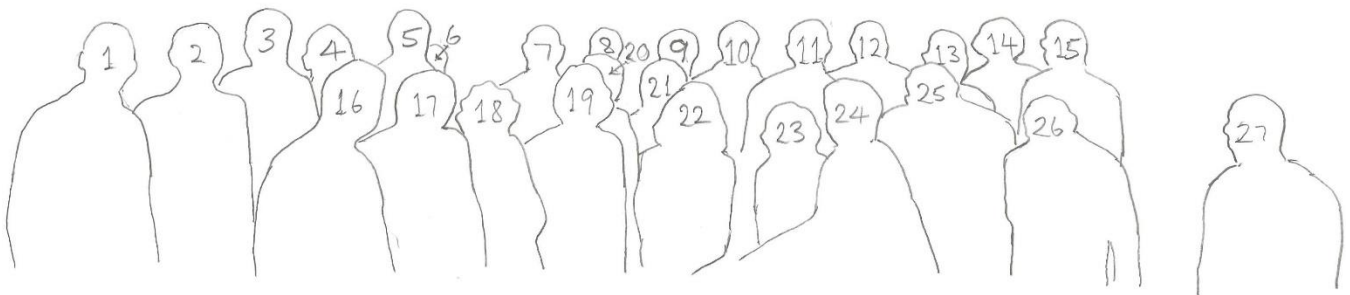
Nicola Davies (RPSL) and James Podger (RPSL/WIPSG) congratulate the Society



Barry Stephens & Charles Smith receive their Diplomas of Merit from Peter White (Surrey Federation)



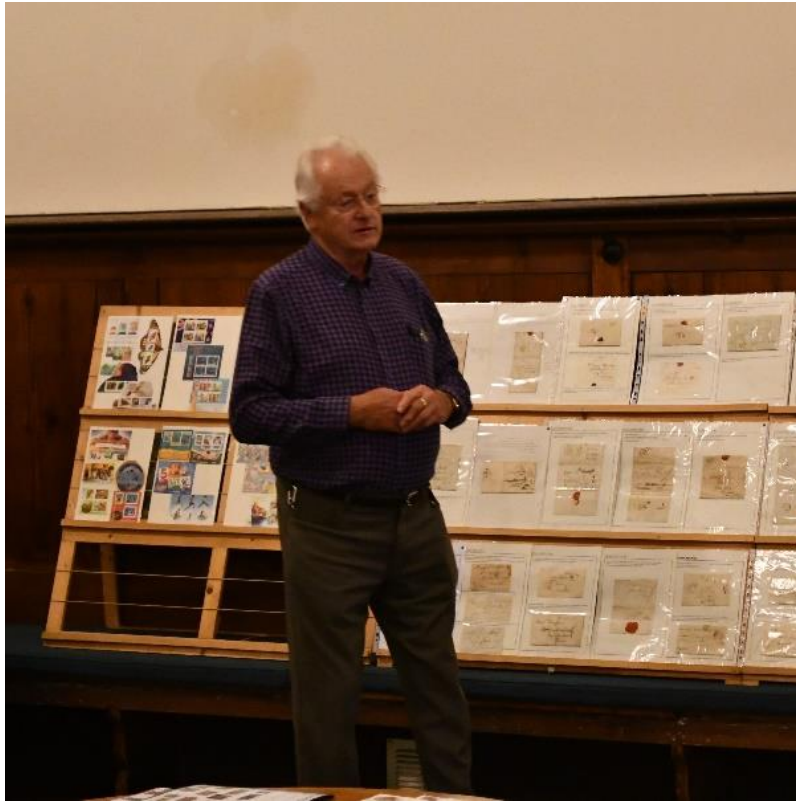
The Anniversary cake is cut



Apologies to those people hidden in the back/middle rows.

No	Name	No	Name	No	Name
1	David Taylor (GDPS)	10	Malcolm Cole (BSC)	19	Susan Taylor (GDPS)
2	Barry Stephens (GDPS)	11	Alan Hall (GDPS)	20	Sheila Morris (GDPS)
3	David Griffin (WDPS)	12	Anthony Brown (GDPS)	21	Sandra Caton (GDPS)
4	David Whitby (GDPS)	13	Roy Hunt (GDPS)	22	Jan Whitby
5	Michael Miller (GDPS)	14	Simon Burke (GDPS)	23	Sheila Smith (GDPS)
6	Frances Suttonwood	15	Peter White (Surrey Fed.)	24	Nicola Davies (RPSL)
7	Willam Herlihy (GDPS)	16	James Podger (RPSL)	25	Charles Smith (GDPS)
8	Graham Stockdale (EEPS)	17	Michael Lockton	26	Alan Hammond (GDPS)
9	Robert Mott (EEPS)	18	Iona Lockton	27	David Frankcom (GDPS)

Also present were Andrew Fowles (West Indies Philatelic Study Group) and Rob Cooke (GDPS) behind the camera.



Michael Miller introduces his display on "Surrey Post Offices"



Charles Smith our previous President wearing the badge of office



Sheila Morris in conversation with Susan Taylor, whilst in the background husband David Taylor talks to Graham Stockdale (Epsom & Ewell Philatelic Society)



Michael Millar and Simon Burke discuss a potential purchase



Sheila Smith in conversation with Mrs Whitby, whilst Malcolm Cole (Bookham Stamp Club) speaks to Anthony Brown and David Frankcom awaits the start of the meeting.



Nicola Davies (RPSL) cuts the celebration cake.



Robert Mott (Epsom & Ewell Philatelic Society) in conversation with Nicola Davies (RPSL) and James Podger (RPSL/WIPSG)



Michael Miller, David Whitby, Anthony Brown and David Frankcom view the OSOSOP Display



Sheila Morris and Michael Lockton take a closer look at one of the OSOSOP sheets, while Simon Burke talks to James Podger (RPSL)



Alan Hammond, Alan Hall, Malcolm Cole (Bookham Stamp Club), David Whitby & Sandra Caton by the OSOSOP Display



David Taylor and Peter White (Surrey Federation) share a word



Barry Stephens chats to David Frankcom, whilst in the background Roy Hunt talks to Sheila Morris