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The Isle of Man Philatelic Federation (Founded 1924)

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Commemorating the Isle of Man Racing Career of Stanley Woods, 1921 - 1929



Stanley Woods

Shown at Dublin, 1965, Stanley Woods, visited the Isle of Man in 1921 with his friend C.W. "Fudge" Robinson to watch the motorcycle racing. Looking disappointed to compete himself, in 1922 he entered the Junior Road Race & went on to win in 1924 plus still only 17 years of age. Stanley went onto a successful racing career competing in 8 events over the now Snareshead Mountain Course during the 1920's and 1930's winning ten times. He raced on European circuits as well but is best remembered for his tenure on the Isle of Man, represented only when 1926 National general elections were in being years.

Stanley Woods about his 1922 speed trials.



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Dubliner Stanley Woods spectated at Hillberry at the Isle of Man Road Races in 1921, and was convinced he could do it, which resulted in him winning 10 races, a record which stood until 1967. He is seen here on his first ride in the 1922 Junior, in which he finished 5th.

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Chair's Update



It was with great pleasure that I took over the post of Chair of the Association of British Philatelic Societies at the annual general meeting held on 24th September. I must say thank you to Graham Winters for all the hard work he put in over the four years he was Chair. Graham will remain part of the Management Committee, specifically focussing on the work with federations and how the ABPS can provide support.

So what am I going to do as Chair? I think the hobby is at an interesting point in time. Many societies, because of the pandemic, stopped face-to-face meetings, but with the start of the new philatelic season and the relaxations in Covid restrictions many have started meeting again face-to-face. I would like the ABPS to help reinvigorate the hobby by supporting all local societies, clubs and federations in their resumption of activities. Over the next few months, the ABPS will be launching several new initiatives to help the hobby to flourish in its “re-start”.

One other objective I have is to raise the profile of the ABPS, making it clear to everyone both inside and outside the hobby what the ABPS does, why it exists, and achieving a situation where no one needs to ask “what does the ABPS ever do for me?” because we have made it crystal clear why we are here and what we do!

The ABPS AGM was held as part of the 2021 Congress in Harrogate in September. I think the event was much appreciated by all those who attended especially as Congress could not be held in 2020. Only two world wars have stopped it before! It was good to see so many friends after such a long gap.

The event had several elements to it as well as the ABPS AGM. There were a series of philatelic displays and talks, standing displays, the signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and the presentation of the Congress medal.

At the Congress banquet, on the Saturday evening, it was excellent to see Keith Burton, our editor of ABPS News, being recognised for all his excellent work by receiving a FEPA Certificate of Merit from Bill Hedley, President of FEPA.

Congress 2022 is going to be held in Birmingham – more news on this in my next *Chair's Update*. If you have never been to Congress do think about coming to Birmingham – four unadulterated days full of your hobby!

One thing I would like to stress is the importance of communication. Without good communication who knows what's going on or what the current issues are in the hobby that need addressing? This is why I really want to hear from you; from federations, societies or individuals. What are your thoughts about where the hobby is and its future? What should we be doing? Please do let me know what you think. My email is chair@abps.org.uk and my postal address is Steven Harrison, ABPS, c/o RPSL, 15 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BW. I really want to hear from you!

Steve Harrison

Editorial



At last face-to-face meetings have started again and the reports and photographs have come in to prove it. It is good to know that most societies have survived but two have told us that they have stopped, and their former members are presumably looking for a new philatelic home. I am sure that you will all be willing to welcome them. I hope that they will know to look on the ABPS and Federation websites to find their nearest or most convenient society.

Meetings are sometimes being forced to go to new premises because of post-Covid restrictions or changes of practice. This can cause its own problems.

Erene Grieve of Haverfordwest has contacted me as follows: **WANTED - Lightweight display boards.** *Due to a change of premises for their meetings, Haverfordwest Stamp and Postcard Club will no longer have a store room. This means that their large wooden display boards will need to be replaced by smaller, more portable ones that could be brought to the meetings by a member. Would anyone be able to recommend a source for such boards? Please contact Erene Grieve on erenegrieve@gmail.com*

Does one of the closing societies have some boards that could be of use?

Another matter has been raised by **Grace Davies** at the Harrogate Congress and later in an email by **John Gledhill**. Apparently some banks have contacted societies to say that they are no longer giving free banking to them. The two mentioned by John are HSBC and NatWest as follows: *For example we've been quoted by two banks which we'll have to choose as at the moment we are not charged at all: (1) HSBC will charge £5 per month and 0.4% of all cheque and counter cash transactions (from November) and (2) NatWest do not have a monthly fee but charge £0.70 per cheque and counter cash transaction.*

Some advice given was to make an appointment with the Bank Manager, stressing that they are penalising community services by doing this to philatelic societies. The letter has almost certainly come from some automaton in a Head Office. Don't go down without a fight. If it helps at all – I know at the moment that Virgin Money and Lloyds are still providing Harrogate PS with free banking. If you need to shop around be prepared to have a lot of hoops to jump through to set up a new account. **DO NOT CLOSE** the old account until you have set up a new one. With all the necessary money-laundering checks it can take time. Leave a small amount in the old account until everything is done. With multiple signatures needed it is not possible to use online banking (I believe) but perhaps you can set up to use BACS whenever possible. Any other suggestions?

Let's help each other. During Covid lockdowns and restriction many societies and individuals worked together; why not now? Don't forget to advertise your Zoom meetings - those stuck at home might be glad to join you from just about anywhere. And keep your own speaker list up-to-date! *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).

Helvetia Philatelic Society of Great Britain – 75 Years Young.

The society for all collectors of Swiss stamps, covers and postal history, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year.

Edward H Spiro invited a few fellow members of the Wimbledon Philatelic Society who were interested in Swiss stamps, round to his house. They founded the embryonic “Helvetia Stamp Club” in 1946, later to evolve into the Helvetia Philatelic Society under Edward’s enthusiastic leadership.

Following a public display of Swiss stamps at the Stagg & Russell Exhibition Gallery at Leicester Square, London, and the formation of a formal committee, the society flourished. Many eminent philatelists such as **Professor Landau, Dr K Strauss, Lawrence Moore MBE, Colonel H DeWatteville CB, R F Bulstrode OBE, Alma Lee** and many others were at one stage active members of the HPS. One of the first lady members, **Mrs Edith Rawnsley**, became a firm pillar of the society in her roles as secretary and newsletter editor. She wrote many articles about Swiss stamps and philately in all the British stamp magazines, always fostering the Helvetia Philatelic Society.

Today the society is as popular and as active as ever. The flagship publication, the HPS Newsletter, has been published without interruption since the late 1940s and continues to offer the membership annually about 150 full-colour A4 pages of philatelic and society news, research articles on Swiss philately and postal history, questions and answers, and meetings reports. Much of this treasure trove of information has been digitized and is now available to the membership on our active and ever-growing website, www.swiss-philately.co.uk



1840 Cover from St Gallen to London, part-paid



1845 Basle Dove Cantonal stamp & 1845 Peace issue 5 francs



fantastic philatelic reference library covering Swiss stamps and philately. With over 300 books and catalogues, it





1918-1926 Pro Juventute Charity stamps - Cantonal Arms

is one of the largest such library outside Switzerland, and members can borrow the books without charge. The society also offers a postal sales packet offering a wealth of stamps and covers for and by members. Meetings are about to be resumed after the pandemic, with an annual 2-day national meeting (this year in October), usually three southern England meetings per year in Salisbury, and now new regular Zoom meetings as well.

Anybody interested in the stamps and postal history of Switzerland is invited to join us. For a very modest £10 annual membership fee you can enjoy all the benefits outlined, including our Newsletter in digital form. (Subs. including Newsletter by post: £22) Please contact the secretary Mike Sharp (secretary@swiss-philately.co.uk 01905 423 091) for further details.

Werner Gattiker

If you think we have missed you out please contact the editor

Colin Tobitt

A recent Lewisham meeting was in honour of **Colin Tobitt** who died on New Year's Day 2021. Colin gave much to our hobby, through local societies, the Kent Federation and the Expert Rooms at the Royal. He was one of those invaluable "backroom boys" who just got on with things such as erecting and dismantling frames for Kent rallies, and steering societies and the federation to financial probity. His offices included treasurer and examiner for several societies, auctioneer for the Austrian Study Circle and president of the Kent Federation. For the past 15 years he worked in the Expert Rooms at the Royal and was their resident expert on Austria, being especially helpful on the classic reprints and forgeries, but also turning his hand to anything that came along, including the odd bit of carpentry, the study of wood being another of his passions. At the Royal his efforts were recognised by a fellowship ahead of time and the award of the prestigious London 2000 medal.



John Shaw

Books from Stuart Rossiter Trust



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Michel J. R. Houde

Bringing together all the information he has discovered from more than 40 years of collecting, the author has produced a fascinating insight into the politics, the businesses, the people, the stamps and the postal history of the British Consulate Post Office in Bangkok. Also included are detailed studies of the "B" overprints, the cancellations and the forgeries, along with a census of all known covers. This book is thoroughly recommended.

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By Marty Bratzel

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Richard Blakey

Richard Blakey was a member of Sunderland Philatelic Society for 73 years. He won several trophies in the NEPA Competitions and had been actively involved with NEPA for 70 years. Margaret, his wife, has asked that any contributions in his memory should be made direct to Sunderland RNLI, Marine Activities Centre Sunderland Marina Brunel Drive, Sunderland SR6 0PW. Richard had fond memories of them. He and his father once had to be rescued by them whilst fishing out at sea. *Jeff Armstrong*



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 no enjoying 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 uni-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 and selling 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, seller's commission, lotting 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 QJ What is the Collector's 'Secret Weapon'?

A.J. 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 U P A 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.

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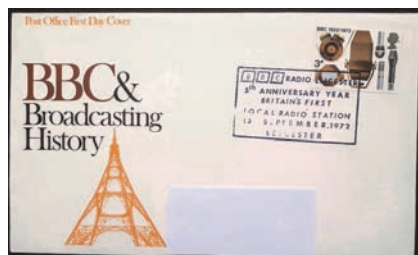
BBC and Broadcasting History Anniversaries 1922-1972

The BBC came into being in November 1922 as the British Broadcasting Company. A 10/- (50p) licence was introduced and on 14th November 1922 daily broadcasts began from the London station of the company. On 1st January 1927 the company was turned into a public corporation constituted under Royal Charter.

By 1972, after 50 years of broadcasting, the BBC was a very different institution from that at its inception - still imbued with the same ideals of public service but had grown to two colour television services, four radio networks, 20 local radio stations, a complex of Welsh language and regional broadcasting and an external broadcasting system in forty languages.



BBC Pebble Mill FDC, with special handstamp. BBC Pebble Mill was opened 10th June 1971 by Princess Anne (first anniversary 1972) closed 2004.



FDC with special handstamp BBC Radio Leicester (Fifth anniversary of Radio Leicester, the first local radio station, first air date 8th November 1967)

The first recorded suggestion of a stamp to mark the 50th anniversary of broadcasting in Britain came from George Campey, Head of Publicity at the BBC, writing to Tom Dawson, Director of Public Relations at GPO Headquarters, saying that the BBC and British broadcasting would be 50 years old on the 14th November 1972. Campey added that the BBC had issued a number of schemes to mark this historic date, and asked if a stamp could be considered. Dawson replied he would forward the suggestion to the appropriate department.

Arnold James, Principal of Barry College of Further Education, wrote on 9th April 1970 to the Philatelic Bureau with the suggestion of a stamp to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Marconi-Kemp wireless tests across the Bristol Channel in 1897. Arnold James was informed that the stamp programme for 1972 would not be chosen until summer 1971, but the suggestion would be added to the stamp programme.

The 1972 Stamp Programme

The Stamp Advisory Committee (SAC) met on the 22nd October 1970 to discuss the 1972 programme. The Post Office felt consideration should be given to the 50th Anniversary of the BBC, possibly linking it to the Marconi-Kemp wireless

tests. George Dawson, Director of Operations and Overseas, met with the committee on 11th December 1970; it was proposed to submit the following programme for 1972 to the Post Office Board:

- a. British Architecture: Old Inns
- b. British Explorers
- c. The Queen's Silver Wedding
- d. Christmas

Recommendations for a BBC Issue

The SAC meeting on 20th October 1971 was told by the chairman that the Post Office was going ahead with a stamp issue to mark the BBC anniversary and that it had decided to link the 75th Anniversary of the Marconi-Kemp wireless tests to this issue.

The design process was now underway as Stuart Rose, Post Office Design Advisor, had been asked to discuss the proposals with the Head of BBC TV design, and David Gentlemen had been commissioned to commence preliminary artwork.

David Gentlemen presented his preliminary drawings to the SAC on 25th November 1971.

The committee examined the designs and agreed the following subjects should be developed as finished artwork for essaying. Deciding three stamps would be for the BBC and one for the Marconi-Kemp anniversary.

BBC: Horn Speaker, Earphones (both in David Gentleman's preliminary drawings); Television camera

Marconi-Kemp: Morse key (also in the preliminary drawings)

Stamp Subjects: 3p Microphones

Design concept to suggest BBC sound transmission from the earliest days up to the present. Six microphones were shown from the start of Savoy Hill (bottom left) known as the 'meat safe' to contemporary models for studio and outside broadcasts, indicating the trend to smaller and lighter microphones.

5p Loudspeaker

'Listening in' the impact of wireless in the home, showing an early domestic loudspeaker, the AMPLION swan neck, dating from the 1920s, the precursor of the wireless receiver

7½p Television camera

During the preparation of designs, David Gentlemen saw an EMI colour camera (the latest at the time) in use at Lime Grove television centre and regional studios, suggesting this design as symbolising the present-day television services.

9p Marconi-Kemp Experiment

The design illustrated two items from the transmitting equipment, an early form of spark transmitter and an oscillator, used by Marconi in his 1897 Bristol Channel experiments in conjunction with the Post Office. David Gentlemen used photographs for reference.



FDC souvenir envelope. BBC 50th anniversary exhibition, the Langham



BBC 50 special staff presentation pack

waves - cancels of Philatelic Bureau and London W1 (the postal district covering Broadcasting House). A special commemorative handstamp sponsored by the Marconi Philatelic Society was issued at Chelmsford, as the town has an association with Marconi dating back to 1898 when the World's first wireless factory was set up in Hall Street (now flats).
Carlo Consolante of Bedford PS

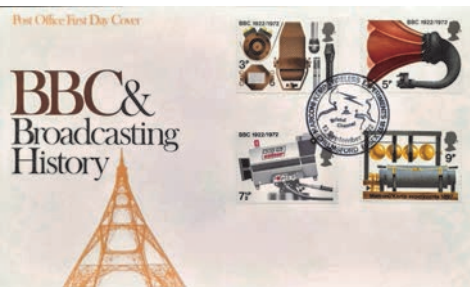
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BBC Special Arrangements

Two exhibitions were mounted by the BBC from 1st November 1972 until the end of 1972 to commemorative 50 years of public broadcasting. A commemorative cover was produced by the Post Office who also arranged for special handstamps to be applied to items posted at these exhibitions. 32 600 special BBC presentation packs inscribed 1922-1972 were given out by the Chairman and Board of Governors, the Director-General and Board of Management of the BBC to every member of staff on 13th September 1972.

First Day Covers

Two pictorial handstamps were provided by the Post Office, each showing a radio mast transmitting



FDC, BBC broadcasting history with special handstamp Chelmsford (75th anniversary of Marconi-Kemp wireless experiments in 1922)

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THE ABPS PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN 2021

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, organised by the Association of British Philatelic Societies (ABPS), is one of the highlights of the philatelic calendar attracting leading collectors from all over the world. This year, the 102nd Congress was held in Harrogate from 23rd to 26th September. The event has several elements to it; a series of philatelic displays and talks, standing displays, signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, the ABPS AGM and presentation of the Congress Medal. In addition, there is an informal programme of receptions and dinners which allows delegates to get to know each other and share their interests. This was much appreciated this year as Congress could not be held in 2020 due to Covid.

Harrogate itself had a lot to offer visitors with the world-famous Betty's Tea Rooms, a walking tour of the town, The Royal Pump Rooms and a visit to the RHS Harlow Carr Gardens all being popular attractions not far from the venue.

Delegates were welcomed by Congress Chairman, **Keith Burton**, who introduced a presentation on *The Story of Flying from the Stray* by **Peter Rix**. Keith then showed a *Welcome to Harrogate in Postcards* which was followed by a presentation by the 2021 Congress medallists, **Barry Burns** and **Bernard Mabbett**, on *Preserving the philatelic archive of St. Helena*. After a reception and dinner there was a fun competition of "Four sheets to tell a story". **Derek Williams** from Preston was the popular choice with an amusing story featuring mathematics.



*The Mayor and Mrs Chapman
cutting the Centenary Celebration
Cakes*

The Mayor of Harrogate, **Councillor Trevor Chapman**, performed the official opening on Friday morning, supported by his lady. They viewed the standing display by **Gerald Marriner** on the *German Occupation of the Channel Islands* and remained to listen to the Kay Goodman lecture by **Richard Smith** from Leeds PS who asked the question *Do Philatelic Societies have a future?* After the challenges and learning points during the pandemic, Richard brought home the importance of using modern technology when giving presentations.

The AGM of the ABPS included the introduction of the new Chairman, **Steven Harrison**, and completed the formal business of our national federation. **Barry Burns** and **Bernard Mabbett** received

the Congress Medal for their efforts in preserving the St. Helena postal archive.

The Signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists recognises the highest contributions in philately from around the world. 2021 was 100 years since the first signing of the Roll in Harrogate which is headed by King George V. No signing took place in 2020, so **James Grimwood-Taylor** from the UK belatedly signed the Roll this year. Regrettably, many were not able to travel to the UK because of travel restrictions but **Seija-Ritta Laasko** (Finland), **Henrik Mouritsen** (Denmark) and **Jose Ramon Moreno** (Spain) all signed the Roll. Others will be carried forward to the next event.

After a relaxed dinner in the hotel restaurant, retiring ABPS Chairman, **Graham Winters**, entertained us with a display of *Yorkshire, my adopted county*.

Saturday opened with a presentation by winner of the 2020 Congress Medal, **Nigel Gooch**, with a stunning display on *Persia 1896 -1907 – Reign of Muzaffer -ed-Din Shah Qajar*. **Chris King** followed with the *Fathers of Philately* which told the story of some of the early signatories to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and internationally renowned collectors. The standing display by **Jon Aitchison** was *The Local Posts of the Isle of Man*.

One of the great innovations of recent years has been presentations by new RDPs. Once again, they did not disappoint with some stunning collections on show and entertaining stories:

Seija Riita Laakso *From East India Company to P&O - carrying mail between Britain and East India*

Jose Ramon Moreno *The Great, Funny and Unrepeatable Father of Philately – Doctor Thebussem*

Henrik Mouritsen *Why I became and remained a philatelist*

James Grimwood Taylor *The Expected and Unexpected – from my collections*

A small dealer bourse in the hotel provided an opportunity to acquire some items or the afternoon gave the opportunity to explore Harrogate and the local area. An evening reception preceded the formal Congress Banquet which was also attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate.

Sunday again saw some amazing displays, with **Frank Walton** showing *GB Postal History 1952-1971* and **Simon Richards** *Dominica*. Static displays were shown by the recipients of the ABPS Award of Merit - **Michael Dobbs**, **Eddie Mays**, **Richard Smith** and **Des Kent** - and by local society members.

The closing ceremony included the presentation to **Frank Walton** of the Congress Certificate for the best display.

These events take a lot of organisation and ABPS greatly appreciated the support of members of the Harrogate Philatelic Society, local companies, and sponsors, which included Cavendish Philatelic Auctions, Jon Aitchison and Alan Holyoake.

The 2021 Congress was less well attended than usual but this was not surprising given the ongoing international travel restrictions and concerns over Covid. Let us hope that Congress in 2022, planned for Birmingham, will be a



11 of the 13 members of local societies who gave standing displays on Sunday

less stressful undertaking for the organisers. 2021 was a tremendous success and will encourage many a return visit.

John Davies

Congress

I attended my very first Congress this year held in the beautiful town of Harrogate in North Yorkshire. I was awarded an ABPS Award of Merit for 2021 for my work for British philately, put forward by the Forces Postal History Society. I received my certificate at the Congress Banquet on the Saturday evening. I thoroughly enjoyed the various presentations and displays and I also gave a one-frame standing display on the Sunday morning. I should also add that my wife and I enjoyed the guided tour of Harrogate given by Congress Chairman (and ABPS News Editor) Keith Burton - thank you Keith.

Michael Dobbs



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Steve Harrison

Chair of ABPS - chair@abps.org.uk

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The last 18 months have taught us to adapt to changing circumstances. For many learning the new skills of video meetings has meant that we have been able still to meet our friends and keep in touch with our hobby. In fact it has opened up new opportunities to have contact with philatelists that would not have been possible in our 'normal' world.

As we are starting to consider a return to real meetings the Committee at ABPS is actively looking at ways where we might incorporate the new technologies with the traditional activities and so increase the participation by our members in their hobby. As part of this procedure from January 2022 we are updating the benefits to individual philatelists who wish to support us with their patronage:

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In return for these benefits ABPS would ask that you support us financially with a minimum donation of £50 per annum. To learn more on how to enter this partnership with us please contact me direct.

Steve Harrison
Chair - chair@abps.org.uk





1. Chris and Birthe King, Steven Sherman, Richard & Yvonne Wheatley and Richard Smith at the Congress Banquet
2. Henrik Mouritsen receiving a FEPA Award from Bill Hedley, FEPA President.
3. Richard Smith and Liz Schweiger receiving the Leeds FEPA Award
4. John Davies and Sue Henderson receiving the Stamp Active Award.
5. Eddie Mays receiving his Award of Merit from Graham Winters
6. Chris Harman presenting a certificate to Seija Riita Laakso RDP after her display.
7. Frank Walton RDP receiving his certificate for the best display of Congress from Gerald Marriner.
8. Viewing displays
9. Simon Richards speaking to his display of Dominica.
10. Des Kent, Michael Dobbs and Eddie Mays, Award of Merit winners, with their certificates after their standing displays.

Congratulations to:

1. **John Davies FRPSL** who won a Large Gold for his *A Jubilee Reminiscence* at Autumn Stampex and also won the Silver Stagecoach awarded to the Best in Show.
2. Unfortunately we have not received the rest of the Stampex Awards in full so are unable to give other than general congratulations to all who took part.
3. **Thailand Philatelic Society** who won a Vermeil medal for their journal "The Thai Times" in the Literature section at PhilaNippon in August 2021.

The medal is shown alongside.



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From Juliet Keel, via Martin Farr

A QUICK QUIZ

(unless you have to look up the answers in your catalogues etc)

1. In 1894 which was the first country to issue a stamp with the Union Jack flag featured in the design?
2. The stamps of which country were the first to be used in Cyprus?
3. What was the value of the British stamp inscribed 'absence is the moonlight of affection'?
4. Which country issued the first stamp on the Coronavirus theme?
5. In January 1859 which was the first country to issue a postage due stamp?
6. In which year did Britain issue its first two-coloured stamp?
7. Pierre Gandon was responsible for designing which iconic stamp series?
8. What was a Boule de Moulins?
9. When were the first Europa omnibus stamps issued?
10. What are 'semi-postals'?

There are no prizes - the answers are on page 52

Thanks to Mike Parker of Stroud for supplying this - I have now run out of these light-hearted pieces.

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

Essex

Philately is waking up after a long slumber. Eleven member societies have now announced a resumption of meetings, although not all have yet launched full new programmes. Len Stanway

Hampshire

Our HAMPEX 2021 went ahead on the 25th September under a somewhat COVID cloud. BUT at 7.30 am the day was overcast grey and traffic heavy at the petrol stations - otherwise it had arrived. Yes, like every well-planned event we did have a couple of issues – motorway partial closure and local doctors carrying out FLU jabs which made parking during the day a bit precarious but all out of the organisers' hands. Everything was set and at 10am the doors opened and with 21 eager dealers waiting, let the ocean of people fill the room. Well, people slowly appeared in the hall. In previous events. 150 people filled the hall. So, what was in store for 2021. We had in fact



100 people attending the free event, as the £1.00 entry fee had been dropped. Tables seemed to have people looking

through the stock brought along by dealers, and money (which I have not had in my pockets for 18 months or so) was changing hands. Following the event one dealer contacted the organisers to say that they had taken more money at this event than ever before. Some dealers paid deposits on the day for HAMPEX 2022 in advance. So HAMPEX 2021 was a success and 2022 will be much better.

Steve Gerrard

Isle of Man

We held our Annual Convention at Kirk Braddan Church Old Hall on Saturday 2nd October. The event included various competitions, dealer tables and an



View of hall showing dealers, the judges on the stage and some of the winning competition displays.



Paul Ford and Charlie Jordan of IOM Post present Mary Simkiss with the trophy for the person who has most helped develop philately in the North of the Isle of Man during 2020/21.

auction. The event was a great success with good attendance throughout the day. The auction was very well attended and sales were well above normal. The traditional Convention “Dinner” was held on the following Wednesday (6th October) as a lunch at the Ticket Hall at the Isle of Man Steam Railway Station. The change to holding the event at lunchtime has resulted in a significant increase in participation. This event was attended by members of the Isle of Man Post Office who handed out trophies to prize winners after the lunch. There was also a popular raffle that raises

funds for the Federation. A special Convention cover was prepared for the event

and has a special post office cancel. A Convention postcard was also prepared based on historic postcards from around a hundred years back. *Martin Davies*

Kent

The Kent Federation barely exists at the present time, due to a lack of volunteers to fill posts and as a consequence a lack of activities. This mirrors many clubs with an aging and ever-decreasing membership. The Federation Executive Committee is going to try to hold a meeting to determine our future. I still circulate information to my many contacts within Kent clubs and it may be that we will continue but as an information hub only.

Many clubs within the Federation have now resumed physical meetings and in doing so there have been changes: Bromley & Beckenham PS now hold its meetings in the Melvin Halls Community Centre, Melvin Road, Penge, London SE20 8EU; Sidcup PS have resumed meetings at their usual venue, but now meet in the afternoon only; Medway Towns PS has a new Secretary: **Ian Griffin** (iangriffin10@yahoo.co.uk) as does Herne Bay PS: **Mary-Jane Pamphilon** (pamphilon1@gmail.com); whilst the Royal Tunbridge Wells PS has a new website: rtwphilsoc.org Discussions are also taking place on a possible merger of three clubs: Sidcup, Bexley and Eltham & Woolwich. Lastly Lewisham PS held a special meeting on 21st September in memory of the late **Colin Tobitt** FRPSL, attended by family members and friends from other clubs he was a member of, namely Eltham & Woolwich and the Royal. *Michael Dobbs*

Local Societies

Aberdeen

Having successfully Zoomed for last season, we resumed our fortnightly room meetings from 9th September. Meanwhile we have been promoting ourselves while supporting a local cancer charity (CLAN). They have sponsored a couple of hundred fibreglass lighthouse Artworks, decorated by local schools and located through the Grampian Hospital Board region in museums, shopping malls and community centres for eight weeks. Thanks to one of our members **David Macdonald**, we have been able to display *Lighthouses on stamps* alongside some of the art works in several locations.

Alex Walker



President Roy Burnett and Publicity officer Alex Walker with one of the A-frame displays

Amersham and District



I am pleased to report that our first meeting following the lockdown took place on September 16th with 24 members in attendance. A general discussion was held regarding future meetings. The visiting speaker programme was discussed and will recommence in January 2022 (details on our webpage). A new three-sheet competition was discussed and agreed to be held annually, separate from our main competitions' evening. A new cup

is to be awarded for this competition in memory of **Derek Chandler**, our longest serving member, who died suddenly in July 2020. On 7th October our first Auction since lockdown took place with over 50 members and visitors from other societies present. Bidding as usual was brisk with 46% of lots being sold, many exceeding their reserve. In November we are looking forward to a member display by **Dr Tim Harrison**, the topic being *A Short Postal History of Estonia* and in December the three-sheet competition will take place, ending what has been a difficult and challenging year for us all. *Brian Feakes*

Ayrshire

We are delighted that our fortnightly meetings have started for the 2021-2022 season. The opening meeting in early September was an Annual General Meeting to regularise the affairs of the society and ratify decisions taken by the committee in the long enforced break. **Ken Gibb**, as outgoing President, reviewed his period in office and regretted the loss of three previous presidents - **Jim Breckenridge**, **Graham Boyd** and **Roy Wickham**. We have also lost our treasurer **Ian Pettit** though this is through his moving south to be nearer to his family. Reports of other officers were approved and the new committee confirmed. Our new President is **David Connolly**, with **John Chalmers** as



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Treasurer and **Ken Gibb** as Secretary. Then followed displays by three members on the theme of *Recent Acquisitions*. **Ian Smith** produced *Commercial Covers from the Solomon Islands*. Then **David Rossall** showed *Covers and other Items from Tanna Touva*. **Ken Gibb** finished with *Islands in the Firth of Forth, Jura and St Kilda*. Our meeting on 15th October was in memory of both Graeme Boyd and Roy Wickham, who had played full parts in the life of the society. Members were asked to bring displays which would celebrate their lives and collecting interests. **Dan Ross, John Chalmers** and **David Rossall** showed postcards and items mirroring their lives and interests. Then **Ian Smith and Willie King** showed items in the same vein – but completely different. A fine memorial. → David Rossall at davidrossall@sky.com David Rossall

Basildon

Seven people attended our first meeting after lockdown. **Ian McElwain** displayed 32 sheets of *Malta* and 34 of *Great Britain stamps, shades and errors*. **Maggie Thompson** followed with 16 sheets of *Pictorial Advertisements on Slogan Postmarks and Watermarks*. Ian finished with 17 sheets of *1848 Crimea Overprints*. Len Stanway

Bookham Stamp Club

In September after an 18-month closure because of the Coronavirus restrictions we held our first “open” meeting at the Barn Hall in Bookham attended by 35 members, all keen to meet old friends and renew “normal” philatelic activities. Sales on the trading table were brisk – after so long away members were keen to pick up some bargains and there were plenty to choose from. The first half of the meeting comprised the AGM, with officers giving their reports. However before this we held a 2-minute standing silence to remember the seven club members who had passed away during the shutdown, three of these from Covid -19. All officers were unanimously re-elected and some minor changes to Club Rules were approved. The membership secretary reported five new members, who were introduced. **David**

Bravery, the trading secretary, was awarded Honorary Life Membership for his contribution to the club over the past years. The second half of the meeting was a superb display titled *West Indies Postal History* by **Captain James Podger**. The range of material was outstanding and some rare and sometimes unique material was displayed together with fascinating background stories. One item was a letter thrown overboard in a bottle from SS Nou Benito (off Madeira) in January 1907 and picked up on the Caicos Islands in



Captin James Podger in full flow

November 1908. This was a top-quality presentation of very early West Indies covers and entires which was hugely appreciated by the members.

David Bravery

Bristol



David Hooper (right)

We have honoured **David Hooper** for his long and incredible service by bestowing upon him Honorary Life Membership. David was formerly a dealer in modern GB. His collecting interests include Bristol Postal Memorabilia, with a fascinating range of Bristol Firsts. Commendably, David and **John Edwards**, both nonagenarians and honorary life members, continue to take up arms in competitions against us young upstarts. **John Roe**, our prolific gatherer of

silverware, was invited to present his impressive *GB 'lilac & greens'* display at STAMPEX 2021, in London recently. **Chris Harman**, Chair of the Great Britain Philatelic Society, commenting on John's display, explained that this was, though a 'tough-to-collect area, a superb, lovely all-round collection' and that the 'hard-to-come by proof and colour trial material was beautiful'. John is the Philatelic Co-ordinator at the Bath Postal Museum. Why not combine a West Country soir e to the museum on a Thursday, 11.00 – 16.00 (booking advisable 01225 460333), Bath having been the centre for Ralph Allen's reformation of the British postal system. Then, having dined, allow yourself to be entertained by the Bristol PS at one of our (7.15 for 7.30) fortnightly shindigs. Please advise us of your visit (01275 839224) so that we can welcome you in true Bristol Fashion.



Chris Harman (left) congratulating John Roe

Ron Gillard

Cambridge

Until September 2021, our meetings for this year, which all took place via Zoom Conferencing, had been held on the first Wednesday and third Friday monthly. From the new programme year, commencing in September, the first Wednesday meetings are scheduled to be held in Oddfellows Hall, Cambridge. Both September and October face-to-face meetings covered the various competitions, where a great variety of entries were displayed, many of which were of a high quality. Judging was carried out by members from King's Lynn

PS. On 17th September we were entertained via Zoom by two members from Pretoria Philatelic Society, South Africa. **Adél Bulpitt** gave an interesting and informative display covering *Antoni Gardi, the Spanish architect*. **Steve Marsh** then gave a detailed illustrated display on the subject of *Gold*. For a more detailed programme of events to the end of August 2022

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Peter Morton

Chelmsford & District

Our first post-pandemic meeting was on 14th September with our last meeting on 10th March 2020. In that time five members had sadly passed away and we observed a minute's silence in remembrance. The theme was *What we did in lockdown*. Eleven members submitted displays on subjects ranging from *Swiss postcards for advising change of telephone numbers* to *The 1914 German Military Mission to Iraq*. Later that month **Pat Adams** presented *Aspects of Norway*. Her interest arose from family links and frequent visits. Pat gave a history of Notodden in Telemark. She showed numerous postcards showing street scenes over the years. After an interval Pat displayed a series of envelopes bearing stamps known as *The London Issue*. These were produced in London for shipping in exile for Norwegian naval and merchant navy vessels (the latter only when in international waters). Pat concluded with photographs and memorabilia concerning her grandfather and his WWI experiences, including being wounded and discharged from the army. In October **Nick Adams** showed *British Occupation of Italian Colonies*. Nick started with envelopes with censor stickers after WWII from North Africa to global destinations. Often envelopes were festooned with high numbers of low value stamps to provide the required postage rate, with some being overprinted with a higher value. Then we saw envelopes sent home by German and Italian POWs, many of whom opted to remain in Civil Works camps to repair and improve infrastructure damaged during the conflict. ➔ 01245 465506 or

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Dawlish

We have had our first face-to-face meeting in 2021. There was a general discussion regarding how we had kept members informed during lockdown and about the success of our ZOOM meetings that had reached far beyond our usual club membership area. We agreed that our October meeting would commence with an AGM and that we would in future continue our ZOOM meetings such that we have two meetings each month. Then there were a number of short displays that included *French WWII Mail*, *African Overprints on Overprints*, *Interesting stamps that have been received as Gifts* and *The Cyprus Government Railway*.



Jim Wigmore

Dundee & District

At our first face-to-face meeting for the current year President **Harry Jackson** provided everyone with a fascinating display of *Germany from States to the Weimar Republic*. He began with stamps from mainland Germany which were issued by Postal Authorities. At that time there was no overarching authority and each state operated independently. Issues started slowly with Bavaria being first and by the 1860s all the states had pulled together after the Franco-Prussian War and this



Harry Jackson on show



Bruce Gillham in action

became the German Empire which ran from 1870 till 1920, after WWI and the Treaty of Versailles. Then Harry covered the period of the Weimar Republic showing the stamps issued and postal history. He finished off his presentation with similar material leading up to the creation of the Third Reich. In October **Bruce Gillham** displayed a variety of stamps, covers, photos and documents

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The last 18 months have taught us to adapt to changing circumstances. For many of us learning the new skills of Video Conferencing has meant that we have been able still to meet our friends and keep in touch with our hobby. In fact it has opened up new opportunities to have contact with philatelists that would not have been possible in our 'normal' world.

As we are starting to consider a return to real meetings the Committee at ABPS is actively looking at ways where we might incorporate the new technologies with the traditional activities and so increase the participation by our members in their hobby. As part of this procedure, starting in January 2022, we are updating the benefits to philatelists who wish to support us with their patronage.

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associated with *Disasters involving Balloons, Pigeons, Forgery and Earthquakes* amongst others. Disasters foster ingenuity and there were examples of microfilm used in the 19th century, mail floated down the Seine in metal canisters (many are still missing!) and rocket mail. Some amusing items included a letter to Leicester City FC returned “No tickets available” and non-delivery due to “Bad Handwriting” or “Not Wanted”. (Elvis Presley’s “Return to Sender?!”). This fascinating display showed how philately can give an insight into both international and personal events.

Colin Campbell

Harrogate

September in Harrogate was Congress time where our members showed a wide variety of material from postcards to airmail etiquettes, from stamps to covers and just about everything in between. We enjoyed hosting the return of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists to its first public signing. Normal meetings (whatever that means) have resumed and we have been delighted to welcome four of our Zoomers to these meetings. We have dealt with two years' worth of AGM business, followed by a very successful auction on behalf of Harrogate Hospital. Early displays were of latest acquisitions and things found during lockdown and recently **Alan Green** gave us a very varied display of *Switzerland*. We expected to hear of his favourite spot, Adelboden, but Alan extended this to include stamps, soldier stamps, history, and WWI and II internment covers. Five members visited Cockermouth by Zoom and showed *Polish Solidarity material, Harrogate oddities, A Cheshire Archer cover, Spanish Rio Tinto Mine and Railways and Faroes Lighthouses*.

Keith Burton

Hereford & Mid-Wales

We started the season and our first physical meeting for 12 months with a good turnout for the annual competition evening. Four trophies were up for grabs, and all produced stiff competition. Outgoing President, **Paul Olver**, won the Founders Trophy with the *Postal History of the Comoros Islands*, and incoming President, **Greg Brunt**, won the Novice Cup with his display of *British Architecture*, by only one point from **Susan Olver's** display of *France*. **Nick Nelson** won the President's Cup for Traditional Philately with his entry on *British Post Offices in Brazil*, whilst the Shingler Cup for Thematic Philately went to **John Henshall** with *Ring of Fire*, illustrating the Pacific Ocean volcanoes. In October

four members gave displays on *Somewhere Special For Me*. **Anthony Mills** showed postcards of places he had lived, beginning with Lavenham church where he was christened following the



John Henshall receives his trophy Covid-style

16-generations family tradition! **Susan Oliver** brought various items relating to the theme of *Discovery*, her old school house. **Janet Nelson's** special place was Rio de Janeiro, location of her first South American visit after many years of interest in the continent and Brazilian philately. As the former capital, the city features on many Brazilian stamps even without the Olympic issues! Finally **Greg Brunt** showed his embryonic collection of Mexican stamps, evoking memories of his boyhood where his father's career took the family. We are eagerly awaiting the next meeting which will feature our first in-person visiting presenter for nearly two years.

Janet Nelson

Ipswich

We restarted live meetings early in October at a new venue: The Kesgrave Memorial Community Hall, Twelve Acre Approach, Ipswich IP5 1JF with alternate evening and afternoon meetings. A full season's programme has been created to encourage members to participate.

Mike Smith

Keswick

Somewhat tentatively, our members, or those whose bottle has not been compromised by the pandemic, gathered for our first meeting since February 2020 at our usual venue. Everything was sanitised, aired and socially distanced - so much so that one or two of our more venerable members had some difficulty in hearing what was said. Nevertheless, we dealt with subscriptions which were reduced because of half a season lost during lockdown, the extension of our president's reign because he had not completed his stint, and the programme for the new season. We are all a year and a half older - some might say, 'more senile', some of us have put on weight, others are more slimline and a couple of members have lost contact with the local barber. We all look forward to the chance to display the hundreds of sheets we have prepared during the close season and to surprise our friends with the depth of our knowledge if not our purses.

Mike Mapleton

King's Lynn

At the start of the season our secretary, **Terry Wagg**, announced his desire to relinquish the role. We acknowledge with thanks the many years Terry has contributed to the philatelic success of the society and trust that we are all able to enjoy displays of his collections for many years to come. Fortnightly Zoom meetings and a joint Zoom with Cambridge were arranged over the summer. Thanks to **Jon Higgins**, programme secretary, members enjoyed subjects as diverse as: *Antarctica 1908-1913, Homage to Zealandia, English and Irish Additional Half-penny Marks, Norfolk Postal History 2021-1579, Labuan – a failing Colony – the Empire's first two coloured pictorials – Classic Labuan, and Australian Colonies 1850-1912*. Participation at Zoom meetings was circa twenty attendees so we will continue Zooms as part of our programme of displays. It was a pleasure to see so many members turn up for the first of the face-to-face meetings on 10th September with a real buzz of expectation in the room. **Alan Moorcroft** gave a stunning and well-presented display of rare illustrations and

documentation on *The German Occupation of the Channel Islands* together with examples of stamps and postal history. **Mike Elliott** was our next speaker. He displayed varied and interesting examples of rare material from his collection, entitled *Finland at War*. Illustrated with maps and an explanation of the peculiarities of the Finnish language, Mike gave a clear, concise interpretation of the background, in addition to changes to the postal system. *Dahlia Harrison*

Kingston & District

We started in September with **Susan Oliver** in the chair for the first time since her election in March 2020. These all-members meetings involved *Acquisitions or material written up during the Covid-19 pandemic*. and *Olympic and Paralympic Issues*. We first saw interesting displays from five out of six members present and on the second only two from four present. Our long-established venue had changed hands during the intervening 18 months, increased the rental and denied us storage space. The committee decided that we should move our meetings to the Day Centre at Claygate, Surrey. Our first meeting there was again an all-members meeting, entitled *European Countries*. **Bob Holmes** displayed some well-produced *Facsimile Stamps from Gibraltar* and, as a divergence, some *Ancient Whisky Bottle Labels*; **Susan Oliver's** display was a *Potpourri of French stamps* showing flowers, red cross booklet panes and some early definitive issues; **Brian Sole** displayed *Welsh stamps* of both pre-decimal and decimal issues including progressive proofs of the latter; **Ian Amy** produced an elegant display of the *Stamps of Monaco* with 1919 charity stamps and commemorative and charity issues during and after WWII; **Chris Oliver** then displayed some *Stamps of Wartime Croatia* when Ante Pavlic, the head of fascist Ustase movement, was president. It is intended that our popular Zoom meetings will continue on alternate months.

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Lanarkshire

'Celebration' was the keyword for us on 8th October! At last we were able to meet and greet each other again - and this was the 1000th meeting of the society. Celebration! To mark the occasion, members were asked to bring a one-frame display - and the response was wonderful. A great variety of subjects were viewed: Stamps of Great Britain of *Queen Victoria; issued at the Millennium*; from *Scottish Islands*; the *Prestige booklets*; and the *Falkland Island Dependencies*. Also displayed were stamps of *South Africa*, and of the *German Democratic Republic* through the years. Other subjects included *Football (one player from every Scottish team)* and a *profile of St Johnstone FC*; *New Zealand Lighthouses*; *Mountains and Geology of Arran*; the *Royal Maundy*; *Zeppelins*; *German Occupation of Lithuania*; *Christmas post delivered by balloon*; *Medicinal plants*; *Aspects of Chemistry*; *Tall Ships*; views of *Fiji, Zanzibar, Chambois, Alexander Hamilton (a Founding Father of the USA)* and *postmarks of Lanark 1738-1840*. Also *stamps pertaining to Covid-19*! Members were delighted to be given – to take home - a small cake with our logo imprinted on the top of the



icing - and also presented with a postal cover with a Hamilton postmark dated the 8th October 2021 – marking the 1000th meeting. The President, **Andy Napier**, gave warm thanks to all who had displayed and to **Maureen Mathieson** who had baked and iced the cakes – some of which never reached home! They were enjoyed on the spot! Celebration indeed! → www.lanarkshiresps.co.uk

Elsie Miller

Largs & District

Great news. The new session is underway. We started with a brief AGM, dealing with the essentials. Reference was made to members and past members who had died - **Jimmy Brown**, **Roy Wickham**, **Dudley Birch**, **Crawford Collin** and **John Fulton**. At the close of the AGM the new president, **David Rossall**, gave a short display from his collection on the *Palace of Versailles*, from the time of Louis XIII to WWI. In late September a good number appeared for a *Recent Acquisitions* night. **Ian Armstrong** kicked off with *Football items*. **Finlay Mitchell** followed with *Red Cross issues of Finland*, and **Willie King** showed covers from *Lufthansa flights from Hamburg to Bangkok*. A selection of items on *East African Railways* and *1970s covers from forces in the Rhodesian bush wars* from **Gordon Shepherd** preceded **Neil McDonald** with *Engraved issues from the Kingdom of Laos*. **Ricky Boyd**, **David Rossall** and **Willie King** completed the line-up, finishing with a 1790s cover from Kirkwall, where the postmaster was hanged for stealing from the mail.

Our postcard evening also provided a breadth of subjects, including a *Short Journey along the Firth of Forth from Queensferry to Port Seton*, *A trip round Largs and Postcards and Postmarks of the Third Reich* from **John Chalmers**. **David Rossall** took us to *Versailles* and *the York Pageant of 1909*. Then **Willie King** was off to *The Hejaz*. There were also comic cards from **Dennis Gray** who was unfortunately absent. → David Rossall at davidrossall@sky.com

David Rossall

No report of your society? Why not send one to the editor? It could get you new members, and also gives hints on good speakers to other societies.

Photographs are helpful too - to lighten the text.

Launceston

Here you see the members of the Launceston Stamp Club, who held their first post-Covid lockdown meeting on Thursday 9th September 2021 at the



Yeolmbridge Methodist Chapel Hall, Ladycross, Launceston PL15 8TN. The meeting started at 2 pm, with **Rex & Helen Eccott** trading before a number of members gave one-page displays. Before lockdown we used to meet at 7.30 pm. The committee have agreed to trial afternoon meetings for our four meetings before Christmas.

Des Kent

Lostock

We are happy to say all members had been looking forward to the first meeting since lockdown began. Everyone was pleased with the change from evening meetings to the first Friday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. Our first speaker was **John Suddal** who had prepared his talk on *Official and Government parcel marks* before lockdown and then gradually added extra material. Our second guest speaker was **Bernard Hooley** showing *Postage of GB and GB Railway engines in stamps*. Finally a big thank you to Leeds Philatelic Society who have cordially offered to help us with our plans to introduce regular Zoom meetings.

David Morley

Maidstone & Mid-Kent

We returned to live meetings early September with over 20 members turning up. Our committee gave various displays and everyone was pleased to be back and catch up with news. Our second meeting was the AGM for 2020/21. 25 members turned up even though there was no cheese and wine social at the end. The only major change to our committee is that **Margaret Emerson**, who has been superbly covering the post of secretary for the past 18 months, has now been appointed secretary, (mind you if anyone had voted against, they would have been given the job!). The remaining meetings for the rest of this year for both evening and morning meetings will be covered by our members with various displays, the first of which was by **Hugh Johnson** with his working collection of *Chile* which was very interesting. Members were amazed to see so much philatelic material from that country. We will also have our competitions and bi-annual auction. We are hoping in the New Year that our invited guests will be able to return. Finally Maidstone & Mid Kent PS wish you all a Happy

Christmas and hope that 2022 will be a better year, especially as it will be our 100th anniversary.

Brian Stonestreet

Mid Sussex PS

Finally we have got back together. We have not met since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 and unlike some we did not have a computer expert able to organise Zoom meetings for us. However contact was maintained through regular emails from our President and the continued circulation of our packet. Like many societies, due to the continued uncertainty, we have arranged an in-house programme until Christmas. Seven members have volunteered to entertain us resulting in what promises to be an interesting variety of displays. Our first meeting attended by 15 members followed the now traditional format of 10 sheets. Later in September we had our AGM and then were enlightened by **David Sumpter**. That was followed by **John Bushell's** 60th Anniversary Display in early October.

Jim Etherington

Morecambe and District

Since the last edition of this newsletter we have held our much-delayed annual stamp fair on 22nd August. It was so enjoyable to get out to live events again and everyone seemed really keen to spend some money on our hobby and catch up with fellow collectors. A dozen dealers plus a club sales table and refreshments including lots of lovely home-made cakes meant there was something for everyone. And even better we gained two new members as a result! After that we started our new season in September and have so far had two excellent

visiting speakers. **Stephen Toynbee** split an evening giving talks on *St Therese of Lisieux* and then *Postal History material from the Napoleon III era*. Then on 5th October **Mark Everiss** gave us the third part of his *Russian Civil War* display. He is always an entertaining and informative speaker. Our 39th Annual Auction followed. After having to stage a much-restricted event last year just before the winter lockdown, it was again a sign of returning to normality to return to our previous format. A successful event due to teamwork, and



President Lesley Vincent with Councillor Mike Greenall, Mayor of Lancaster, who opened the Fair. A young stamp collector and her father taking a look at dealer John Hawkins' stall.

another great way to promote our club as well as raising funds which helps us to keep our membership fees down.

Lesley Vincent

Oxford

Between March 2020 and mid-September 2021, we went online with regular Zoom meetings. The packet in lockdowns was suspended but since March has circulated very satisfactorily as rising, indeed record, sales indicate. With open doors and windows, no congregating round specific frames, and a register, we were ready for the first meeting which concentrated on AGM business, the paying of subscriptions and some Bringing and Buying. 24 members attended, close to half our membership, including new members gathered during the online displays. With me as president and **Paul Dickinson** as vice-president we were ready. After the AGM there was a lot of tea/coffee and biscuits consumed amongst the chat and organised philatelic lucky dip/lucky sort. No matter the country, the period or the theme being collected, the return of the boxes of 5p stamps and 20p covers proved how much lots have missed a good rummage.



David Potts on Austria

Digging and delving, getting your eye in and spotting, picking and choosing nuggets of paper is a satisfying skill! At the next meeting, having missed his opportunity to show his own Presidential display during the lockdown, **David Potts** presented *Austria since 1933: From the Sublime to the Ridiculous?* Ranging from the noted charity stamps to contemporary corporate sponsorships, and with a handout to accompany the very model of a measured, interesting talk, we were all grateful for a real three-dimensional display. We look forward to a full, exciting, in-person, normal season ahead, with Zoom as our backup if needed.

Dr Simon Heap

Rochdale

Our first meeting since 12th March 2020 was attended by nearly all the membership. Presentations began with *New Zealand commemorative stamp plate errors -The Deterioration over time on specific stamps*. Next was a *Selection of Chinese stamps*, mainly showing landscapes, architecture and not forgetting the Great Wall. Following on were many *Penny Post covers from the Greater Manchester area*. The first stamps from the *Australian Antarctic Territory* were then discussed concerning early exploration and the politics of the time. The meeting ended with samples of *Early Parcel stamps first issued on Rochdale's buses and trams* together with *Commemorative stamps and coins from the 2012 Olympics*.

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Peter Grimshaw

Royal Sutton Coldfield

On 2nd August we held our first face-to-face meeting since 10th March 2020. The main part of this first session was a members' meeting with the title *What I wrote up in my collection during Lockdown* but as one member said "The title didn't

mean much in a members' display". First shown were some sheets of *Railway and Parcel Stamps* from railways including the Highland, the Caledonian, London NW, Midland, Great Northern, Great Eastern, London Brighton and South Coast and the Great Western. Next up were *Thematic Sports* stamps including billiards, triathlon, flying, tenpin bowling, lacrosse, roller skating, surfing, greyhound racing and karate. An American Civil War letter from a soldier begging for clemency after being sentenced to death for giving food and clothing to fleeing and starving Yankees followed. There were also covers sent by British soldiers taking part in the Atomic bomb tests in the late 1950s and covers sent at the end of the war in 1945. To end the first half we saw some *Postcards from the British Occupation of Batum and postcards from the Imperial Russian period*. Round two was stamps from *Cyprus, Basutoland, other Commonwealth countries and Angola*; various *Items from the London General Post of 1855* and finally *1940 Philatelic Congress of Great Britain* held in Bournemouth including postcards, Congress souvenir labels and Booklets. The next was a morning meeting called *A Morning of Postcards*. → Malcolm Hughes on 0121 3784837 or mkhughes567@btinternet.com Albert Smith

Royal Tunbridge Wells



Along with other philatelists we re-started our live meetings. Our first one since March 2020 was on 8th September with a record attendance of 27 - and we took a photograph to record this momentous event! - with many staying on afterwards for a convivial and informal lunch. The President's display was a magnificent occasion when **Robin Tapper** covered *Recent postal mechanisation* with the introduction of graphite lines then the development of the various phosphors through to the current position and *The Introduction of Post Codes* - no-one correctly dated this to 1858 when the London postal districts were created - then, thirdly, two of Robin's specialised areas; *South West Wales* and *Plymouth* where, many decades ago (!!) he grew up. We had held Zoom meetings, inviting Maidstone, Heathfield and other societies to join us. Members were asked for

presentations on given themes. These included *Railway, Sport, Royalty, War* and *Conflict*. We also went from "A" onwards. Attendance was good, although some of our membership found Zoom meetings a big stretch. We signed up two new members from neighbouring societies. We will be holding one live and one Zoom meeting each month until year's end when we will resume a fully live format although we are exploring having a large screen and "beaming in" displays from all over the UK – or further! Robin stands down in November after three years as President and **Mike Wilkinson** will be appointed to take his place.

Ian Marshall

Rugby

We opened our season on the 6th September with an AGM and members' evening. Our secretary of many years, **Theo Schilderman**, decided to stand down. We would all like to thank him for all the work he has done. We have a full program of displays planned for the season on a wide range of topics. On the 20th September we welcomed **Nick Bridgewater** with a display of *Bristol Commercial Postal History*. This was very well received, and showcased the vast range of imports, trades, manufacturing and commerce that lead to the city's development. Among the old records Theo passed on to me was this program of events of the First All-Midlands Philatelic Convention held in Rugby 29th & 30th April 1972. Delegates from across the country were treated to four top-flight displays, two by fellows of the Royal. Cavendish held an auction and there was a special post office counter. The event was so well attended that lunch was in two sittings. A simple 5p program shows how things have changed in fifty years.

Steve Williams

Southampton & District

The autumn season started badly. The late July video presentation should have been **Peter Rix's** talk on the *Centenary of the first flight into Australia*. However the host (myself) managed to get himself locked out of our Zoom account. Peter



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has agreed to come back in the New Year. Our regular meetings resumed at Bugle Street in early August and the first evening had eight members showing a range of material around the letter “W”. A month later **Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye** showed his *Mail on Rail in Germany* and as usual his presentation was meticulous and extremely detailed with maps showing virtually every route. The Afternoon Club met at Chandler’s Ford on the second Thursday with twenty members and ten apologies received. The 2021 AGM was held towards the end of September. The Single Sheet Competition for the Marianne Trophy was held and the winner was **Lorraine Simms** with her topical entry of *Hands, Face & Space*. The final Tuesday evening meeting was a video presentation by **Malcolm Gascoyne** on the *Development of the De La Rue Stamp Printing Technology*. The image (right) is of an Albion Press, of which some are still working. Hampex 2021 was held at Wickham at the very end of September and although numbers were slightly down visitors showed great enthusiasm for the return of the event. Our stand had many visitors and there were a few membership enquiries.



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Eddie Mays

Thatcham & District

“What I did during the pandemic – philatelic of course!”

It was so nice to meet other society members at last. **Colin West** opened with *Edmund Dulac*, a French designer and artist who eventually became English. He designed George VI definitives and Coronation stamps. Next in was **Mike Smith** speaking on *Botswana Independence stamps*. He also showed stamps from his sideline interest *Malaysia and Strait Settlements*. **Ian Keel** followed with *Machins* (what else) and pandemic-sorted *Royal Mail cancels and overprints*. **Juliet Keel** had some lovely mounted postcards including *The Balmoral packet boat leaving Cowes* and an amusing cartoon Welsh railway card by Cynicus. **Paul Watkins** had time to sort out his *Undeliverable WWII material* from around the world, including GB and USA covers that were RTS and others labelled “INADMIS”. **Barney Bardsley** finished the first innings by taking us through the *Plates of the 1d Blacks*, including varieties and re-entries. After the interval **Martin Farr** spoke about his *Tokaido Road collection* having finally obtained three waystation stamps from the Japan society. **Jim Andrews** produced lots of recent cancellations, postmarks and rounded off with the dreaded ‘*Scribble Cancels*’ by *the Post Office* plus examples of cancels that missed the stamps altogether! **Graeme Stewart** showed some *Newbury related letters and covers* - some very

early indeed. **Bob Patterson** finished off the evening including material from the *West Indies and the Bahamas`* and an `OAT` cover – Onward Air Transmission. Then we all packed up and went home.
Martin Farr

Torquay and Teignbridge

We are happy to report our progress since Covid. We restarted in August, not knowing how many members would want to rejoin, and we now have 23 signed and paid-up members. A programme was rather hastily assembled, on the premise that we didn't want to waste any momentum generated by re-starting, and on the assumption that it would have to consist of a blend of face-to-face meetings and Zoom meetings. The highlight of our Centenary year was the visit of the **Bill Barrell** Roadshow to our club in October. Bill presented his amazing

128-sheet exhibit entitled *GB Postal History 1584 – 1840 and the penny value 1840 – 1880*. This is an international award-winning display which had recently won a Large Gold medal at Stampex. A certain amount of tweaking has been applied to that first effort, and the current programme is



President Peter Webb thanking Bill Barrell (left) and presenting him with a special souvenir cover commemorating our Centenary

now maintained live on www.torquayandteignbridgestampclub.org/ for all to peruse. You too can buy one of our limited edition signed commemorative covers, details of which are on our website. By the time you read this, we will be in the winter period of activity, and most of our forthcoming events are likely to be of the virtual variety. If you would like to join any of our Zoom meetings → dave.cleaver@btopenworld.com to introduce yourself and request an invitation.
Dave Cleaver

Wakefield

We continued with Zoom meetings in July with his display *A Jubilee Reminiscence* by **John Davies**. Also, in July **John Gravett** shared with us *Aspects of Wakefield postal history* and our first face-to-face meeting was the Annual General Meeting when **David Hemingway** continued as President, **David Horner** as Vice President and **Philip Reynolds** as Junior Vice President. All the other officers continued in their roles. In August **Yvonne Wheatley** shared with us a display entitled *Railway Letter Stamps*. Our annual barbeque

was hosted by **Graham** and **Eve Winters** in their garden. The weather was fine so we enjoyed ourselves. On 1st September we held a members' evening where everyone brought along and presented their own displays. Later in September the President's Evening was held with Past President **Jill Fearons** displaying an amazing collection of *Postcards and Memorabilia relating to ships and the history of seagoing vessels*. Finally that month **Gerald Marriner** gave a Zoom Presentation of the *Falklands War of 1982* and again on 6th October, at our first afternoon meeting, he shared with us his amazing and very poignant *Falklands War postal history* presentation.

Julie Hitchcock

Watford

After 18 months away, we opened the new season with a 'proper' meeting at our usual venue, the community rooms at Asda Watford. This meeting was an informal get-together, with a bourse. **Wayne Cox**, a Watford member, gave a display at the October meeting, looking back at some of the more successful competitive entries put together over the years at club, federation and national level. Wayne also showed some recent one-page virtual competition entries, which philatelic magazines and the British Thematic Association have been running since the Covid lockdown. → 01923 243243 or watfordps@gmail.com

Wayne Cox

West London

Our meetings started again in September, though some of us had linked into Zoom meetings held by neighbouring societies. The first meeting was not well attended: only four with another four recorded apologies. We acknowledged, with sadness, the passing of our colleague **Dr Shane Beadle** from cancer. After brief displays on *What I did during lockdown* from **David Reynolds**, **Melvyn Green** and **Chris Oliver**, we adjourned, in true philatelic fashion, to the local hostelry for the second half of the evening. Our next meeting was better attended when we held an AGM six months late. **Melvyn Green** then displayed some *Perfins on a Tobacco Theme* and **Chris Oliver** presented his display of *South African aerograms*. → Chris Oliver at 020 8940 9833 or

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Chris Oliver

Woking

A new season brought a new reality to Woking and District Philatelic Society. We recommenced our twice monthly meetings on 3rd September after a break of 18 months. It was by far the longest break since our founding in 1949, mitigated to a considerable extent by the power of Zoom, but that could not substitute for the welcome social interaction of physical meetings where postal history can be viewed and discussed. We have since held members' evenings on *Buildings on stamps* and *Prince Philip on stamps* and a very well-attended AGM combining the past two years to bring our administration and officers' positions up to date. We look forward to our planned members', guests' and social evenings plus our trading evening in late October. A long-standing and dedicated member, **John Ballam** passed away recently. We were touched by the gift in his will to the

society of some 60 Albums, containing comprehensive and well written-up postal histories of a number of European countries. *Brian Sheriff*

Worthing

We met at last in September though we are now meeting in the afternoon at our usual meeting place, Cotton Hall, Durrington Community Centre, 2 Romany Road, Durrington BN13 3FJ. Our first speaker was **Graham Booth** who took us on *Admiral Byrd's South Pole Expeditions*. A month later we went to *New Zealand* with **Brian Baldock**. We have visiting and local speakers and a few social events programmed for the next 9 months. For any further information

➔ Brian Baldock 01903 263539

Steve Wells

Specialist Societies

Channel Islands Specialists

July was busy. We manned a stand at Midpex and three weeks later held the first London members' meeting for 18 months. We started with a 68-lot room auction. Almost two-thirds of the lots were sold. Lot 31, a 1941 Occupation letter from Major General Graf von Schmettow to the Department of Essential Commodities in Jersey, achieved the best price: estimated at £30 it sold for £110. The afternoon was given over to displays with a 'Smaller Islands' theme. We saw displays from **David Laurillard**, **Steve Wells**, **Mark Bailey**, **David Winnie**, **Richard Flemming** and **Jon Aitchison** covering a very wide range of collecting areas. At our AGM in September, **David Winnie** was re-elected as Chairman and the committee was re-appointed en bloc. The competitions secretary position remains vacant. Treasurer, **Bryan Elliston**, proposed a new simplified subscription structure, which was adopted: this included a reduction in the junior subscription to just £1 to encourage younger members.



Undated arc Alderney cancellation on an 1848 cover (David Winnie)

Membership secretary **Mark Bailey** reported that we have 241 members. A 65-lot room auction was held. Just under 50% were sold. Lot 30, a Guernsey registered local cover bearing the 1946 Peace issue stamps cancelled with the COBO handstamp, offered at £10 sold for £36. Then there were displays by **Steve Wells** showing *Sub-Post Offices & Their Environs*, **Nick Stuart** *Guernsey Forwarding Agents*, **David Winnie** *Jersey Triangular JE & 409 Markings* (used to indicate correct postage had been paid) and **Richard Flemming** *The German Occupation of Alderney*. *Steve Wells*

Forces Postal History

We continue to hold Zoom meetings but are looking forward to returning to physical meetings soon with two planned for Saturday 23rd October and Saturday 11th December 2021, both at the Banstead Community Hall as all day meetings (10am to 4pm). On 7th August we held our annual War & Philately Stamp & Postal History Fair, also at Banstead. This was a great opportunity for members to meet up and, despite the wet, thundery weather, attendance was not too bad, albeit lower than in previous years, but this was to be expected given the circumstances - but we did manage to recruit a new member! We hope to plan our 2022 schedule soon with a mix of physical and Zoom meetings - the latter becoming a "must have" for many societies as they are a means of including overseas and far-flung UK members. We shall also be holding a meeting at London 2022 on Tuesday 22nd February as a "meet and greet" session with standing displays. Our Autumn Journal was a massive 80-page edition with a variety of articles from a host of members - long may it continue! Full details can be found on our website at:

➔ www.forcespostalhistorysociety.org.uk

Michael Dobbs

Gibraltar Study Circle

We enjoyed another excellent weekend at the Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton over the weekend 15th to 17th October. This should have been a combined competition and AGM weekend, but unfortunately the competition had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and is now to be held as another combined competition and AGM weekend in March. The Saturday afternoon displays were given by **Susan Dare** on *Gibraltar airletters and US Ships in Gibraltar in the 1930s*, followed by **Tony Puckridge** with a comprehensive display of *GB Used in Gibraltar*, including single items, stamps in multiple blocks and different values on cover. The final display was given by **Stan Lawrence** on *Aspects of King George V*, which included stamps, covers, postcards and other items of ephemera. At the AGM all the officers were re-elected en bloc, plus **Stan Lawrence** was co-opted on to the committee in his role of Editor of the Study Circle newsletter. The next meeting of the society will be the combined competition/AGM weekend to be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke over the weekend 25th to 27th March 2022.

Bert Burton

Italy & Colonies Study Circle

29 members and partners attended the first weekend meeting since lockdown at the Bank House Hotel, Worcester in mid-September. We combined displays over two days with our AGM and auction. The hotel had been refurbished since our original booking and the combined private meeting room and restaurant was ideal. We were entertained by 16 displays including: *Registered Express Mail, Italian Colonies in Africa, Official Mail of the Dodecanese Islands, Postal arrangements in Italy during the Napoleonic occupation, 1910 Florence Air Show, Lombardy & Venetia, Italian Post Offices in Turkey, Frank Watts 1887 trip to Italy, Italian Hotels and Lake Mail*. On the last evening we held the



competition for the Richard Harlow Trophy with six entries. The winner judged by members, was **Martyn Cusworth** for his display of the *Italian Post Office in Janina*. Our next weekend meeting is being planned for May 2022 and we hope that our postponed trip to Lake Como will be in October 2022. For more information on the Study Circle → Andy Harris andyharris@blueyonder.co.uk or www.icsc-uk.com

Paul Woodness

Malaya Study Group

Rejoice. Since March 2020 our group, which usually meets at Spink Auction Rooms in Southampton Row in London, because of COVID restrictions has had no face-to-face meetings but several Zoom meetings, the last being the Annual General Meeting and Members' Presentations on 19th June 2021. The good news is that on 13th November a face-to-face meeting on *WWII Postal History* will take place.

It is not always realised that since 1995 up to January 2020 there have been 83 articles (including some which spread over 2 months) by group members on most aspects of the philately of Malaya in Gibbons Stamp Monthly (GSM). Since then seven more articles have been published in GSM by **Susan McEwen** (3), **Dominic Morris** and **Michael Waugh** (3). All can or will soon be found on our excellent website www.malayastudygroup.com

Michael Waugh

The National

We held our first ever virtual meeting in October - an undoubted success. The 20 members who "tuned in" were from far and wide: from York in the North to Bournemouth in the South. We hope that some overseas members will join in future. The displays were diverse and included some unusual material. **Simon Richards** who hosted the meeting showed *West Indies postal cards and stationery* with the emphasis on Grenada. **Michael Thompson** showed *classic Ceylon* and a GB penny red plate 225 on cover with an 1880 Kent postmark. **Rodney Knight** showed the *first Korean postage stamps of 1884*. The *postal history and topography of picturesque Dorset* and *of Ham* (an attractive area of South West London) were the subject of displays by **Chris and Susan Oliver** respectively. **Robin Joseph** showed one item "as far from a normal philatelic item as is possible": a sealed letter of state service dated May 4th 1545 sent from Pavia to Milan, and asking for tax exemption on behalf of a junior officer. We

Southampton Forwarding Agent Thomas Bandinel 1719-1729. Letter dated 12th August, 1725 from London addressed to Guernsey sent via Thomas Bandinel. The 3d. postage London to Southampton from 1711 until 1765 being amended to 31/4d to cover the agents 1/4d. charge in the endorsement on the reverse 'Acheminee P.V.T.H.S. Thos.Bandinel/post 3 1/4d.'



EARLY LETTERS TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

LETTER FORWARDING AGENTS

Some of the agents handling mail for the Channel Islands endorsed the letters passing through their hands 'Forwarded by your Humble Servant', adding their signature thereto.



Letter dated 4th December 1753 from London to Guernsey with the endorsement of agent Peter Cailleteau, a Southampton merchant, thereon. He acted as an agent from 1735 to 1758.

Two of the items displayed at our meetings: a 1725 letter from a Southampton forwarding agent, Thomas Baldinel, and a 1753 letter endorsed by agent Peter Cailleteau from London to Guernsey.

plan to alternate “virtual “ with London meetings during the next year, with an AGM and grand auction in London in November, a virtual meeting in December and a London meeting in January with a display of *Lundy Island* by **Julie Lester**. Members receive *Stamp Lover* free, and can also join a thriving exchange packet, buy and sell at regular auctions, and enjoy virtual as well as London meetings. → Peter Mellor, npsmemsec@ukphilately.org.uk or 01582 762284.
Michael Goodman

The Royal

Good to be back!

It was a significant, and extremely welcome, return to normal life when 70 members were able to visit 15 Abchurch Lane in the City of London on 22nd July for our first meeting in nearly 18 months. It was the perfect way to celebrate, with a display from the Royal Philatelic Collection shown by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen, that had been kindly arranged by the Deputy Keeper, **Rod Vousden FRPSL**. On display was *Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus – 'The Three Kings'*. Among the highlights was the £5 definitive of Gibraltar of 1925 in a



Rod Vousden and
Richard Stock

plate block of four. Since then we have enjoyed the long-delayed Presidential display by **Richard Stock FRPSL**, which naturally included *Sudan* but also campaign mail from the Boer War and a selection of the exquisite recess printed definitives from the early years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. The new season started with another display from the Royal Collection – this time from *Brunei, North Borneo and Sarawak*. At the end of September we saw *The Postal History of the World: 3000BC to 1940AD* from **James Grimwood-Taylor RDP FRPSL**. As James



Peter Cockburn, James Grimwood-Taylor and Richard Stott

commented: 'It was a rare opportunity to show so much at one time.' The display fulfilled its aim, including a Sumerian cylinder seal from c3000BC and two 4000-year-old cuneiform clay tablets, while the earliest letters shown were a vellum

William (Bill) Gibb

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that our friend and colleague, **Bill Gibb**, unexpectedly passed away on Thursday 14th October. It is a huge shock, given that for the previous Saturday, Bill had organised the RPSL East Midlands meeting at Thrapston, including the provision of an excellent fish and chips lunch. In his usual roll as master of ceremonies, he was wonderfully entertaining. Bill will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

John Baron

deed of around 1175 and a Merchant's Guild-Mark letter from London to Venice in 1458.

Birthe King

South African Collectors'

In early September we held a belated AGM via Zoom when all the committee were re-elected. Our popular auctioneer stood down, leaving this position vacant. We then watched two displays. **Bob Hill** showed, alphabetically, some *Scarce items from Cape Colony* comprising village cancellations and post cards of those locations. **Tony Johnson** then showed how some of the regular stamp printing flaws occur. Our Zoom meetings will continue on a quarterly basis, but we are looking forward to our first physical meeting for almost two years. This will be held on 30th October at Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

→ www.southafricancollector.com or contact Chris Oliver on 020 8940 9833 or olivers.of_ham@virgin.net

Chris Oliver

Thailand

For the second year we held our AGM using Zoom. Two members from Thailand participated. With business quickly concluded and the committee remaining we still lack an auctioneer.

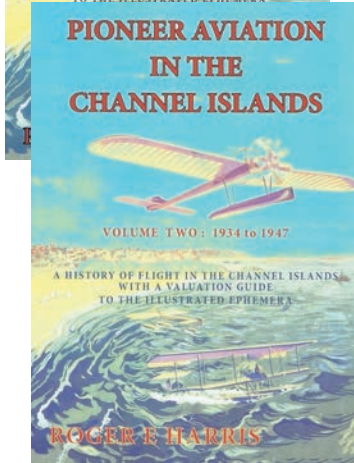


Afterwards we were treated to a display from our Chairman, **Jonathan Manning**, on the *Bang Pa-In* issues. The high values show the lake pavilion, the low values the head of Ananda Mahidol, the boy-king. Waterlows first printed them in 1940. Jonathan's display included plate proofs, with corrections marked and file copies from the archives. Then

A Waterlow plate proof of the Bang Pa-In issue showing frame thickness flaws to be corrected either side of the gutter.

followed a display of the *Rising P Palace Local* issue of 1876 by **Dr Prakob Chirakiti**. He talked about how they were used in connection with the "Court" newspaper, which was a daily publication produced by Prince Bhanurangsi, who later became the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. We saw copies of the "Court" newspaper, proclamations, and several types of the stamps themselves. The Stuart Rossiter Trust is taking orders for a book on the British Consulate Post Office at Bangkok that has been written by **Michel Houde**. **Dr Michael Waugh** has provided an article on the *Postal history of Penang* to Stanley Gibbons Stamp Monthly. **Dr Prakob Chirakiti** has written for the London Philatelist on the *Palace Locals of 1876 and 1893*. We have improved our Zoom skills and now share our screens more successfully.

Rory Morrisey



PIONEER AVIATION IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

in two volumes, by Roger E. Harris

The author has been a member of CISS for over 50 years. The society published his first Channel Islands history work in 1979 when he wrote *Islanders Deported*, the illustrated history of Islanders deported and interned in Germany during the German

occupation and their postal services back to the Channel Islands. *Pioneer Aviation In The Channel Islands* is the first comprehensive history of aviation in the Channel Islands, spanning from the dawn of aviation with balloon flight, through two World Wars to the nationalisation of the commercial air industry in 1947 and the last pioneer flight to the Islands in 1952.

The author's intention has been to record every known flight to, or within, the Islands, with descriptions of the aircraft flown and each pilot and passenger identified. There are biographies of the more famous or infamous characters involved including famous pilots and lady aviators, honoured war heroes, brave experimenters, entrepreneurs and even a treacherous aristocratic spy saved from prosecution by Sir Winston Churchill. One of the most interesting people

recorded is a Jersey resident who was Britain's richest and possibly most beautiful and eccentric woman who started life as a show girl but went on to be one of the first five women to be awarded the title of Dame of the British Empire. Her philanthropic financing of the development of the Spitfire helped save the RAF in the Battle of Britain.

Over eleven hundred original photographs and images from the author's own lifetime collections illustrate the two volumes of the book. These include postcards, photographs, posters, timetables, tickets, ephemera and airmail letters; many of which are very rare or even unique. As a novel addition and an aid and encouragement to collectors, the author has awarded each of these illustrations a "Collector's Value" at 2020 market prices.

For the aviation historian and interested layman, *Pioneer Aviation In The Channel Islands* is a fully illustrated and comprehensive history of the development of flight in the Islands and for the collectors of aviation ephemera or airmail first flight covers, the book is a complete record and catalogue of every item available to the interested collector and researcher. The reader will discover that the book is much more than just a history of aviation and aerophilately in the Channel Islands. For further information or to purchase (£60 + pp)

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Ken Sanford

British Stamp News



Thematic collectors will have enjoyed the latest stamps produced this year. Sports collectors will have relished the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Rugby Union and of the first England-Scotland International in 1871.

These were the most recent offerings. Back in August there were celebrations of the inventions that



helped to change the world in the Industrial and Electrical Revolutions.

These are far more to my liking - but then I never did enjoy getting



muddy in school sports. The transatlantic cable is particularly appropriate for us - to do with improving communications. All these developments led to our Zoom meetings in times of isolation. If you are keen on flying you have a double thematic opportunity. In September there were two issues. One was of British Army machines and the other was based on Batman. Clearly the latter was aimed at the Memento market which Royal Mail has been known to agree is a useful (financial) part of the market. I suspect that most of them will never see the outside of an envelope unless it is a First Day Cover. You might prefer Matilda Mk II.



The Editor's views are not necessarily those of the ABPS.

“The Inks of De La Rue & Co. and their introduction of synthetic and aniline ingredients c.1850–1910”

by Peter Young FRPSL - Reviewed by Charles Oppenheim

It is rare for a book to appear that will see changes in how collectable material is studied and recorded, catalogues re-write the names of colours, and will extend the knowledge of printing methods, processes and ingredients in use 150 years ago.

While the book focuses on postage and revenue stamps from Britain and around the world, from Antigua to Zanzibar, it also deals with other security printed material of the period, such as Mexican bank notes, Italian bonds, and Colonial Telegraph materials.

Starting with the history of inks and ink makers, it extends through ingredients, and included samples or trials, testing for light sensitivity and fading, fluorescence and 'bleeding', even use for postmarking, as well as their export. The second half of the book then records over 2500 recipes used by the firm. The study examines in depth a number of documents and correspondence not previously discussed elsewhere to consider the firm's intaglio (recess-printing) inks that accounted for much of its extensive bank notes and other security printing, its letterpress (surface-printing) inks used to produce so many postage and revenue stamps over the period, its ordinary inks for lithography for its substantial jobbing work, and its embossing inks for the stamps of the Gambia and those of Somerset House.

Using previously unexamined documents, the book not only reveals the day-to-day 'makings' and quantities of the ingredients and the maker's comments, but includes processes not discussed previously. Finally, a gazetteer, an index of the ingredients and a comprehensive general index are provided. Inks have been the least studied aspect of printing history which makes this new book a notable work of reference.

The author published his first philatelic study in the *GB Journal* of the Great Britain Philatelic Society in 1968. He has been the 'Victorian Surface Printed Consultant' for that society for fifty years.

➔ www.rpsl.org.uk/Publications/Books/DLR-Inks.

1. Hawaii
2. Austrian Levant
3. 1st Class from the Romantic Poets issue
4. Iran
5. France
6. 1887 – eight values from the “Jubilee” issue
7. The Marianne series of France
8. A container to hold letters. It was designed to float down the Seine to get mail into or out of the 1879 Siege of Paris.
9. 1956 – 6 countries issued a total of 13 stamps with an identical tower design
10. Stamps issued with a surcharge, usually to raise money for charity

STAMP ACTIVE at AUTUMN STAMPEX

Let's get
**STAMP
ACTIVE**

Autumn Stampex saw the launch of a new "Youth Zone" run by the Stamp Active Network, with additional features on Postcrossing and StampIT. World Postcard Day was celebrated on the Friday with a talk by RPSL President, **Peter Cockburn**, with visitors receiving a free postcard.

The theme of the activities from Stamp Active was Birds, and young collectors could find stamps on this



popular theme and complete other challenges to win points to exchange for prizes or use the points at the free children's auction on Saturday. Once again the auction proved highly popular with lively bidding for the most attractive items. The auction was held in the new Spink Auditorium and it provided a great venue for the auction which was hosted for the first time by **Keith Burton**. At the end of the auction there was a free prize draw for a Penny Black, donated by **Robin Cassell** of Mulready Philatelics. This was won by **Micah McCaulay**, aged 6, from London.

There were no youth competitions at Autumn Stampex due to restrictions on school stamp clubs during the pandemic but these will start again at Autumn Stampex 2022.

Full details can be found on the Stamp Active website www.stampactive.co.uk

Stamp Active is in urgent need of volunteers to fill a number of roles due to a number of current supporters indicating that they would like to step down from their current roles.

These roles would not be regarded as full time ones and, in order to continue our activities encouraging the next generation of stamp collectors, it would be appreciated if, as a volunteer, you might have a couple of hours to spare now and again to help.

The roles becoming vacant are:

Press coverage

Data Base Management Officer

RPSL Liaison Officer

Postal Museum Liaison Officer

Fund raiser

Publicity Officer

Anne Dummer Award

Facebook & Twitter administrator

Stamps in Schools Liaison Officer

If anyone is interested in any of these roles please contact the secretary

Peter Barham (email stampactive@btinternet.com)

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

Malay Study Group has no secretary at the moment: Please contact the chairman **Dominic Morris** dominiccbmorris@yahoo.co.uk

Local Societies

Ayrshire Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **Ken Gibb**

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Bromley & Beckenham Philatelic Society has a new venue:

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King's Lynn Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **Dahlia Harrison**

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Leicester Philatelic Society has a new secretary: Sue Jeffreys

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Plymouth Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **John Woolven-Allen**

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Rugby Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **Steve Williams**

stevejwilliams1955@gmail.com 07950 719938

Southport Stamp and Postcard Club has no secretary at the moment. Please

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St Albans, Harpenden & District Philatelic Society has a new secretary:

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Torquay & Teignbridge Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **Dave Cleaver**

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Wombourne Philatelic Society has a new secretary: **David Hickman**

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We are pleased to welcome back **Old Eastwood Stamp Club** as ABPS affiliates.

Sadly **Liskeard Stamp Club** and **North Berks Philatelic Society** have closed.

ABPS accredited judges

The current list of ABPS accredited exhibition/competition judges can be found on the ABPS web site [www. Abps.org.uk](http://www.Abps.org.uk) Click on the "Exhibiting" tab, then the "Judges" tab that is on the 2nd line of tabs.

Your help is needed



London 2022, the international stamp exhibition taking place from 19th to 26nd February at the Business Design

Centre in Islington in London (nearest Underground Station: Angel), will soon be with us. It is being eagerly anticipated by collectors across the world.

To ensure it is successful, volunteers are needed – about 150. There are many ways in which help will be required. To assist in the bin room, from which the handling of the exhibits is controlled; to help mount and dismount the exhibits; to help at the Information Desk; to act as stewards; to provide general secretarial help; to look after the meeting rooms; plus many other tasks.

While help will be required throughout the exhibition, it will be particularly needed at the beginning and the end, and on Tuesday, 22 February. Especially helpful would be those with a good knowledge of London (to assist visitors wishing to have some time away from philately) and those with IT skills.

Those who would like to help are invited to visit london2022.co and click 'Information' and then 'Volunteers' to find more details of the help required and to register your interest.

Diary

Don't forget to check before making a journey.

Local and regional events by ABPS members

2021

November

- 13 Maidstone & Mid Kent PS Stamp Fair, 10 – 3, Grove Green Community Centre (opp Tesco's), **Maidstone**, Kent ME14 5BT → Brian Stonestreet 01622 675784

2022

March

- 5 Launceston Stamp Fair, 10 - 3, Central Methodist Hall, Castle Street, **Launceston** PL15 8BA → 01288 355918

May

- 21 Redruth Stamp Fair, 10 - 4, Jubilee Hall, Wesley Building, Wesley Street, **Redruth** TR15 2EG → 01209 213422

June

- 11 SWINPEX 2022, St. Joseph's Academy, Ocotal Way, **Swindon** SN3 3LR

August

- Newquex Stamp Fair, 10 - 4, Trevisker St Eval Community Centre, Orion Drive, **St. Eval, Near Wadebridge** PL27 7TU → 01288 355918

National Exhibitions 2022

Held at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, **London** N1 0QH unless otherwise stated

- **AUTUMN STAMPEX 2022:** 28th September - 1st October 2022 Competitive exhibition.

International Exhibitions 2021-2023

- **LONDON 2022:** at The Business Design Centre, Islington, London from 19th to 26th February. Specialised World Stamp Championship Exhibition with FIP patronage and FEPA recognition. Closed to new entries. UK Commissioner: Kim Stuckey ukcommissioner@london2020.co → www.london2022.co

- **HUNFILEX 2022:** Specialised World Stamp Championship Exhibition, Budapest, Hungary at Bálna (The Whale), Budapest, Hungary from 31st March to 3rd April 2022. The exhibition has FIP patronage and FEPA recognition.

→ www.hunfilex2022.com Available classes are World Championship Class, Traditional Philately, Postal History, Revenues, Thematic, Open Class, One Frame and Literature. The entry date is passed. The UK commissioner is **Bill Hedley** at ewlhedley@gmail.com 01892 531516.

- **HELVETIA 2022:** Specialised World Exhibition, Lugano, Switzerland at the Padiglione Conza Convention Centre, Lugano, Switzerland from 18th to 22nd May 2022. The exhibition has FIP patronage and FEPA recognition.

→ <https://www.helvetia2022.ch> Available classes are World Stamp Championship Class, Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Thematic, One Frame and Literature. Entries open soon. Frame fees are CHF80 per frame or CHF100 for one frame entries and Literature Class. UK handling and transport charge is £25 per frame. UK commissioner **Chris King** at chris.king@postalhistory.net 0208 346 1366.

- **CAPEX 2022:** Toronto, Canada at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from 9th to 12th June 2022. Hosted by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada under the Patronage of FIAP with FIP recognition. All One-Frame sub-classes plus literature. Website www.capex2022.org The frame fee for One-Frame exhibits is US\$125 and literature is US\$80, plus the UK handling charge of £30. Youth entries are free. Deadline for entries is 30th November 2021. Contact the UK commissioner Frank Walton at frank@frankwalton.com

→ www.capex2022.org

- **LIBEREC 2022:** European Stamp Exhibition and Polar Salon, Czech Republic at the Wellness Hotel Babylon, Liberec, Czech Republic from 13th to 16th October 2022, with FEPA patronage and FIP recognition. → liberec2022.eu Available classes are Grand Prix, Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Open Philately, Picture Postcards, Youth, Literature and One-Frame. Two and three frame exhibits are accepted as well as the usual one, five and eight. Frame fees are 40 euros per frame for 5 or 8 frame exhibits, 45 euros for 3 frame, 50 euros

for 2 frame and 55 euros for one frame and literature, with Youth exhibits being free. The UK handling charge of £25 per frame also applies. The deadline for entries is 31st January 2022. Please contact the UK commissioner Steve Harrison at sharrison500@btinternet.com or phone him on 0121 313 0671.

• **SOUTH AFRICA 2021:** Cape Town, South Africa 8th to 12th November 2022 FIP patronage. UK Commissioner: Jon Aitchison britishlocals@aol.com
Further information on classes, dates and IREX → www.capetown2021.org
Entry deadline 15th May 2022

• **IBRA2023:** World Stamp Exhibition, Essen, Germany at the Messe Essen from 25th to 28th May 2023 (Date change). Website www.ibra2023.de A full international exhibition under FIP patronage with FEPA recognition. All FIP classes are accepted at 80€ per frame, 110€ for single frame exhibits and 50€ for literature, plus a UK handling and transport charge of £25 per frame. UK deadline for entries is September 2022. For entries please contact the UK commissioner **Frank Walton** at frank@frankWalton.com

UK handling charges have now been standardised on all international exhibitions at £25 per frame for shows in Europe or £30 for events anywhere else in the world, whether single or multiple frame exhibits, and £25 per literature 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

Details of FEPA exhibitions are at <http://www.fepanews.com/>

Web information

Further information can be found on the ABPS website www.abps.org.uk on the "Exhibiting" tab.

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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 58. 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 58.

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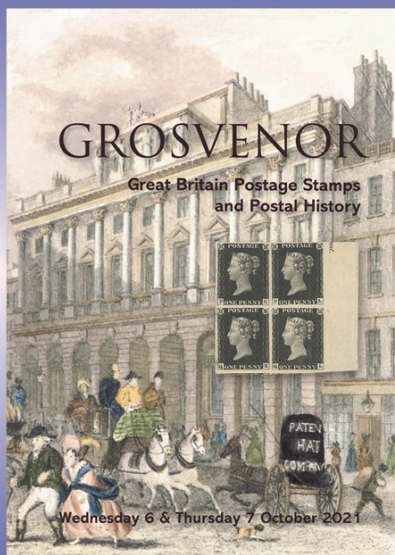
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