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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Wanting to respond to Tony New's request for articles for inclusion in the Newsletter, I thought back on how I first became interested in stamps. It was a postcard from Belgium in 1937 from my father (I was eight). The stamp looked more interesting than our own G.B. George VI issues and this started me off



I soon had a small album and collected anything I could find. As my interest grew, I subscribed to the 'Philatelic Magazine' in 1942 at 3d. for each fortnightly publication (equivalent to about 50p. today). The magazine was edited by Albert H. Harris whose secretary and manageress was a Miss Vera Trinder. Many adverts were included and, whenever funds allowed, I bought KG VI colonial sets up to 1/- for about 3/- each. The magazine contained many articles written on a wide range of subjects but I did not fully appreciate them at the age of 13.

However all is not lost! I kept the magazine throughout the war years and a pile of over 150 copies were then stacked away. Luckily my father, exasperated no doubt by the growing collection, decided that rather than throwing them out, he would have them bound and today I have five volumes for those war years. The articles are now of much greater interest to me thanks to my involvement with P. & D.P.S. Unfortunately there is no index to the contents so it is necessary to thumb through the issues, but it is remarkable that such interesting articles were produced throughout those years. Seventy years on they make nostalgic reading.

There are five volumes for the years 1942-45 and 1947. I cannot find 1946! Should any member wish to borrow a volume, please let me know.

Peter Marsh

Your Federation Needs YOUR Help.....

Your Federation badly needs your help because as many of you will know every two years a **Yearbook** is produced with a **Speakers List**, giving details of the many collectors who are prepared to give displays. It also gives a list of **Accredited Judges** who are prepared to help on society competition nights, but don't panic we only want your help to put this list together. Once this list is put together and published, it is generally then that we find out that so and so does not do displays anymore because of ill health and so and so died six months ago which is most frustrating to the **Yearbook** editor. The next **Yearbook** is due out in January 2015 and we would be most grateful if you could let us know now rather than when the booklet has been published. Come on, help put a little back into this great hobby of ours. If you can help please contact the Bulletin Editor.

And remember your Federation really does need your help....

EDITORIAL

A look over the last year from a Federation point of view shows a successful Hampex, with a fair number of people through the door. Apart from a small glitch with the catering it seemed to go well. Some dealers said they have had better days but a good number have booked for next year. There are reports of Hampex and Junior Hampex elsewhere in this bulletin. Sadly the Hampshire Postal History Society, has again gone dormant but there will be an attempt to keep the journal going early in 2015.

My thanks go to the following societies for regularly sending me regular meeting reports, Petersfield, Vectis, Ringwood, Thatcham and Southampton. Sadly there are a few societies who will not even provide me with a copy of their programme cards so I cannot advertise their meetings.

As well as producing this Bulletin I have also completed the 2015/2016 HPF Yearbook. As previously intimated it will be 'electronic' only and can be accessed through the HPF Website

I am always on the lookout for articles for the Bulletin so if you have anything of interest let me have it. Publishing deadlines are approx. four weeks before the HPF meetings listed below.

Tom Fowler

**Can all Society Secretaries or Programme Secretaries please let me have their programmes as soon as they are published please.
If I get a programme you will get a slot. Thanks**

Editor—Tom Fowler—email thfowler49@gmail.com

Hampshire Philatelic Federation - 2014-15 dates

25 January 2015 - Petersfield - Meeting
10 May 2015 - Petersfield - AGM
13 September 2015 - Petersfield - Meeting / Competition Entries
26 September 2015 - Petersfield - Hampex Judging
17 October 2015 - Hampex at Wickham

From the Chair - Looking Forward

Julian H Jones

In fact, 2015 looks as if it will be a busy year with both London 2015 in May and MIDPEX in July as additions to the usual Spring and Autumn STAMPEX shows. Locally, Salisbury show will be held in Andover in March! Worth a visit - trains run from the north of the county to Andover and by road it is just off the A303 before the part where the bottlenecks begin. So don't be put off! As usual, details of these and other events may be found on the HPF website www.hpf.hampshire.org.uk as well as in the Bulletin.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and productive philatelic hunting for 2015!

Julian H Jones , HPF Chairman and Competition Secretary

Ringwood Philatelic Society

A Visit from Poole Philatelic Society

The October meeting of the Ringwood Philatelic Society was hugely popular taking the form of most interesting presentations from members of the Poole Philatelic Society.

'Transatlantic Mail' was Brian Cropp's contribution - a 45 sheet display covering the period from early 1840's onwards. Here was a well written up in-depth study, highlighting different postal rates applied by both GB and USA postal administrations, surcharges, including 'Late Fees' (posting after official deadline) and 'Unpaid' where no, or insufficient postage was paid. Fabulous Victorian and USA covers were presented...covering numerous sailing routes.

Bob Small examined fascinating postal material relating to WWII. Via stamps, covers, photos and pictures he traced the chronological progress of the conflict...from the invasion of Poland, Russian convoys, Battle of Britain, Dam Busters and the Atomic Bomb... through to V-J Day.

Philately can lend great insight into any theme and the third display provided just that...'Railways and Lakes'...was indeed well covered by Barry Hobbs'...a lesson in South American history, geography and politics, this display examined postal services across land and water, maps, the railway routes taken, the 'Travelling Post Offices', trains, steamers, covers and postmarks.

'Airmails of the British Isles' from 1911 through to the present was the final theme.....presented by David Lockwood. Here was presented a considerable array of supporting material relating to both London and provincial airways...air letters and stamps, first day covers, including flying boat, helicopter and railway air services, (even rocket mail!), brochures of routes and fares, with newspaper cuttings further enhancing the display.

Chairman Colin Mount highly commended these superb contributions, stating this was indeed...'a most fascinating' philatelic evening.

Society Round Up (more details of meetings and contacts are available on HPF web site.)

APRIL 2015

Basingstoke - 6 April 2015 - no meeting
Petersfield - 6 April 2015 - Competition Night - Years Ending in 8
Milford on Sea - 7 April 2015 - Falklands Ancient and Modern - Kim Stuckey / Malcolm Barton
Gosport - tbc
Southampton - 7 April 2015 - Australian Airmails - Alan Whittaker
Farnborough - 1 April 2015 - Competitions
Portsmouth - 13 April 2015 - Scotland the places and people - Miller Mc Grath
Farnham and District - 13 April 2015 - Turkey - Ted Kemp.
F and West Moors - 14 April 2015 - Postcard Evening
Winchester - 14 April 2015 - Exploration and Expansion of North America - Paul Davidson
Camberley - 14 April 2015 - Transatlantic Postal History - Julian Jones
Ringwood - 14 April 2015 - Scottish Islands - Norman Hudson
Vectis - 14 April 2015 - AGM and Society Annual Competition
Fareham - 8 April 2015 - AGM and Single Sheet Competition
Hayling Island - 10 April 2015 - Auction
Basingstoke - 20 April 2015 - Faroe Islands - Dave Church
Southampton - 21 April 2015 - AGM and Single Sheet Competition
Farnborough - 15 April 2015 - Fife - John Campbell
Waterlooville - 19 April 2015 - AGM, One Sheet Competition Letters L,M,N
Thatcham and District - 16 April 2015 - Rubbish, a talk and display by Tristram Brittain
F and West Moors - 28 April 2015 - Competition Entries Displayed
Farnham and District - 27 April 2015 - Border Changes in the Balkans during WWII - Reg Dixon
Portsmouth - 27 April 2015 - Spring Auction
Fleet and N Hants - 28 April 2015 - Members Evening
Camberley - 28 April 2015 - Scandinavia - Members

MAY 2015

Basingstoke - 4 May 2015 - AGM and Competitions
Petersfield - tbc
Southampton - 5 May 2015 - Aspects of Samoa - Alex Walker
Milford on Sea - 5 May 2015 - AGM and Bourse
Farnborough - 6 May 2015 - Auction
Gosport - tbc
Portsmouth - 11 May 2015 - Dartmoor , Postcard and Postal History
F and West Moors - 12 May 2015 - AGM
Farnham and District - 11 May 2015 - Malaya to 1939 - Joe Robertson
Winchester - 12 May 2015 - Belgian Congo - Peter Denning
Camberley - 12 May 2015 - Civil Aviation - Tom Fowler
Ringwood - 12 May 2015 - One Page Competition and Bring and Buy
Vectis - 12 May 2015 - IOW Rural Post Offices - John Minns plus Auction
Fareham - tbc
Hayling Island - 8 May 2015 - British Honduras - Brian Rodgers
Basingstoke - 18 May 2015 - Auction
Southampton - no meeting
Farnborough - 20 May 2015 - AGM
Thatcham and District - 21 May 2015 - Visit from Reading PS
Waterlooville - tbc
F and West Moors - 26 May 2015 - Australia KGV 1d Red - Colin Mount
Portsmouth - 25 May 2015 - no meeting
Farnham and District - no meeting
Camberley - 26 May 2015 - Imperial Civil Censorship WWII - Peter White
Fleet and N Hants - 26 May 2015 - AGM

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FEBRUARY 2015

Milford on Sea - 3 February 2015 - Latvia 1785 - 1945 - Wendy Buckle
Southampton - 3 February 2015 - Fiji - Bryan Jones
Farnborough - 4 February 2015 - Competitions
Basingstoke - 2 February 2015 - Have you got it covered - Members
Petersfield - 2 February 2015- Trophy Competition Evening
F and West Moors - 8 February 2015 - What the Victorians did for us - Members
Portsmouth - 9 February - 2015 - Transatlantic Mail 1775 to 1875 - Julian Jones
Camberley - 10 February 2015 - AGM and Quiz
Gosport - 10 February 2015 - AGM and Single Sheet Competition
Ringwood PS - 10 February 2015 - The Write Stuff - Wendy Buckle
Vectis - 10 February 2015 - P Clarke, A life of Sport..... and P Bungham IOW FDC.
Winchester - 10 February 2015 - AGM, Thematic Letter N, Annual Competition
Fareham PS - 11 February 2015 - Travels through Natal - Peter Jones
Hayling Island - 13 February 2015 - AGM
Farnham and District - 9 February 2015 - 65th AGM
Southampton - 17 February 2015 - Bourse, Members Letter J and Silent Auction.
Farnborough - 18 February 2015 - Members, bring, buy and sell.
F and West Moors - 24 February 2015 - Napoleonic Prisoners of Wars, Lord Nelson - Bob Small
Waterlooville - 19 February 2015 - Competition 8 sheets plus short presentation
Thatcham and District - 19 February 2015 - Philatelic Quiz Night
Basingstoke - 16 February 2015 - Chairman's Evening
Camberley - 24 February 2015 - Club Competitions and Auction.
Farnham and District - 23 February 2015 - Visit from Epsom and Ewell PS
Portsmouth - 23 February 2015 - Morocco Agencies and British Levant - Geoff Chivers
Fleet and N Hants - 24 February 2015 - Postal Stationery of the Orange Free State - Mike Smith

MARCH 2015

Basingstoke - 2 March 2015 - letter N - Members
Petersfield - 2 March 2015 - AGM
Southampton - 3 March 2015 - Chinese Treaty Ports - Jeremy Gaskell
Milford on Sea - 3 March 2015 - Union of South Africa - Roy Ferguson.
Farnborough - 4 March 2015 - US Air Mail - D Springett
F and West Moors - 10 March 2015 - Annual Competitions and Bourse
Gosport - tbc
Portsmouth - 9 March 2015 - Egypt and 21/2d mail overseas - Greg Todd
Fareham - 11 March 2015 - What's New in my Collection - Members
Hayling Island - 13 March 2015 - 1940 a Desperate Year - DR Jim Etherington
Vectis - 10 March 2015 - Grand Auction
Farnham and District - 9 March 2015 - Berlin Local Posts
Camberley - 10 March 2015 - Letter U-Z.
Winchester - 10 March 2015 - Members - Latest Acquisitions - Impromptu Displays
Ringwood PS - 10 March 2015 - Competitions
Southampton - 17 March 2015 - Auction
Farnham and District - 23 March 2015 - Railway Philately - Ron Jones
Thatcham and District - 19 March 2015 - Philatelic Halves - Members
Basingstoke - 16 March 2015 - An evening of Revenues - Mike Tanner.
Farnborough - 18 March 2015 - Members, bring, buy and sell.
Waterlooville - 19 March 2015 - Cinderella - Francis Kiddle
Portsmouth - 23 March 2015- Delivery of the Mail - John Davis
F and West Moors - 24 March 2015 - Visit from Warminster Society
Camberley - 24 March 2015 - Auctions and How they function
Fleet and North Hants - 31 March 2015 - Quiz

Junior Workshop - HAMPEX 2014

by Paul Davidson

This year 19 children (with their parents) attended from school clubs at Bognor and Cosham.

The workshop activities included three exercises using and recognising stamps of the world and two fun competitions.

There were two sheet and one sheet competitions. Every child received a certificate for their display. The joint winners of the 2 sheet competition were :- Amy Harris (Butterflies), Jamie Nagle (Birds and War), Harry Cleall (Coronation and Winter Games). The one sheet display winners were :- Daniel Nagle (Sport), Bailey Seacombe (Space), Martin Edwards (Olympics).

The workshop commenced at 10.00 a.m. and finished at about 12.00, when lunch was provided for all of the children. Prize giving followed at 12.20, with Harry Wright (Portsmouth P.S.) presenting the prizes.



This had been made possible due to the generosity of Portsmouth and District P.S. who covered most of the workshop costs, including transport costs for the children and lunch. However thanks are due to all of the Hampshire Societies, some local dealers, and Stanley Gibbons for supporting the various school clubs by providing stamps and other philatelic items during the year.

In addition to the many prizes, all of the children received a goody bag with many stamps and other philatelic items, before they retired to their transport at about 12.45 p.m.

Vectis Philatelic Society

November Meeting Report

Sixteen members of the Vectis Philatelic Society attended the November meeting. They were entertained by Mr. Alan Dinnis, who presented a very well researched display entitled *White on Wight*; the subject of which was a philatelic display of shipbuilding by J S Whites of East Cowes. The display of 160 plus sheets consisted of early ship building in Cowes during the 16th and 17th century, followed by the arrival of the White family in the area and the subsequent rise of ship building in East Cowes, culminating both ship, submarine and aircraft building during the two world wars. Mr. Dinnis explained how the company grew, providing ships for many countries including Chile, Argentina and Poland. The latter country also engaged Whites to build a shipyard in Gdynia in the 1930s. Many of J.S. White's ships were illustrated by postage stamps supported by postal history and postcards, many produced by Whites themselves or the famous Cowes photographer Frank Beken. Notable ships, such as the Vectis which took Florence Nightingale to Crimea, the sinking of the Eurydice off the Isle of Wight, the defense of Cowes by the Polish ship ORP Blyskawica, HMS Dainty and the Pitcairn Bell, and HMS Jersey (II). Mr. Dinnis stated that the only two remaining British WWII destroyers were both built by Whites. In the late 1940's and 1950's, many different types of ships were built, including yachts, lifeboats and frigates, both for the home market and abroad. Again many of these craft were illustrated by stamps. The display was concluded with the closure of Whites as a shipbuilder in 1965 and the company's attempts to diversify until final closure in 1981.

Michael Torreggiani

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2015 National and International Exhibitions.

Spring Stampex 2015; 18 February - 21 February 2015.

Wernamo 2015; 13 March - 15 March 2015. Swedish National Exhibition at Värnamo.

EXFILNA 2015; 13-22 March 2015. Aviles, National Spain + Italy. Spain.

ÇANAKKALE; 18-25 March 2015. : Çanakkale, Turkey + 8 countries FEPA Recognition.

LAPOEX; 10-12 April 2015. Lahti, National, Finland.

Rhein-Ruhr-Posta 2015; 17-19 April 2015. Löhne, Germany.

JUVENIA 18-25 April 2015; Ourense, Spain.

North Bohemia Stamp Exhibition; 7-10 May 2015. Chomutov, National, Czech Republic

ECTP 2015; 7 May - 9 May 2015. In conjunction with the International Stamp Fair in the Exhibition Hall of the Messe Essen.

LONDON 2015 Exhibition; 13 May - 16 May 2015. Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1 0QH.

LONDON 2015 Exhibition Seminars; 13 May - 16 May 2015 Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1 0QH.

Advance notice that there will be seminars on Postal History, Thematic Philately, Traditional Philately and Open Philately on 13th and 14th May. These are open to all on a first come, first served basis.

PHILA-FRANCE 2015; 22-25 May 2015. Mâcon, National. France.

TRONDHEIM 2015; 5-7 June 2015:: Lerkendal, National. Norway

York Fair 2015; 16 July - 18 July 2015. York Race course

SINGAPORE 2015 World Stamp Exhibition; 14 August - 19 August 2015. Sands Expo® & Convention Center Bilateral Exhibition "Germany-Great Britain"; 3 September - 6 September 2015. Winter Palace - library/orangery in Gotha, Thuringia, Germany. Details available from the British Commissioner: Graham Winters, 110 Oakenshaw Lane, Walton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 6NL

Autumn Stampex; 16 September - 19 September 2015.

The Capital Stamp Show 2015; 23 October - 25 October 2015. TSB Bank Arena, Wellington, New Zealand.

Celebrating 150 years of Government in Wellington

Nordia 2015; 30 October - 1 November 2015. Täby Park Konferens & Hotell, Täby, near Stockholm.

NOTOS 2015; 12 November - 15 November 2015. Peristeri Exhibition Centre, Dodekanisou 106, 12135 Peristeri . Athens

For more information check at ABPS.org.uk

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HAMPEX 2014 in Review

The Hampshire Federation Convention was again a great success. As Chairman I feel that I'm in the thick of it from 8am until about 5:30pm. Only then can I relax. We had as many people as ever through the doors with all the programmes and attached raffle tickets taken up. The dealers seemed pleased with their day. The Junior Workshop was crowded and lots of people viewed the competition exhibits. There was a small catering glitch which could have been addressed by better communication had we realised what was planned - but on the whole the day went very well.

It only goes that well because a number of people from Hampshire's philatelic societies turn out to help mount the displays, ensure everyone has a table, put up signs, staff the reception area, staff the Junior Workshop, get raffle prizes, deliver raffle prizes and dismount the displays. My heartfelt thanks to the members of Portsmouth, Ringwood, Winchester, Hayling Island, Basingstoke, Petersfield, Waterlooville and Fleet & North Hants who volunteered their time to make sure all ran as smoothly as we could manage.



This time last year I wrote that we were upgrading our marking scheme to match that for the National competitions. Subsequently we also added the Cinderella class. In the event we had four interesting and different Cinderella entries - so keep them coming. Of a total of twenty-two, we had ten Postal History entries which seems to show a move away from the Traditional class exhibits. There are still, sadly, some societies that do not contest the Howard White inter-society trophy. If these societies think they could manage it but need some help or guidance to mentor their first two entrants to the starting gate then let me or one of our other Council members know and we'll try to work out some way to visit and give advice one-to-one. As usual, I will also write to all Societies as a reminder and enclose a form for the HAMPEX 2015 competition.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR 2015.

RINGPEX

Saturday 6th June 2015.

The Greyfriars Community Centre, Ringwood. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

More information in next Bulletin

Blackbushe Airport

Blackbushe Airport in Hampshire was developed as the military airport, Hartfordbridge in 1941. At the end of the second world war Blackbushe became one of London's main airports and was home to Airwork, Britavia, Silver City, Skyways, Dan Air, Eagle Airways. Blackbushe was also a major centre for troop flights due to the proximity of army bases at Aldershot and Salisbury Plain. With the development of Heathrow and Gatwick the airport became less important and was finally closed for civil aviation by the government in 1960.



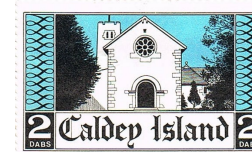
Postcard produced by Airwork Limited illustrating the company routes from their home base at Blackbushe. Airwork Limited was formed at Heston Aerodrome in 1929 to provide training and pleasure flights. Airwork helped to set up Egypt Air in 1932 and Indian National Airways in 1933. After the second world war the airline established itself at Blackbushe where it used its varied fleet to establish new routes to Africa. In 1960 Airwork Limited merged with Hunting Clan Air Transport to become British United Airways

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Caldey Island Locals - First Issue

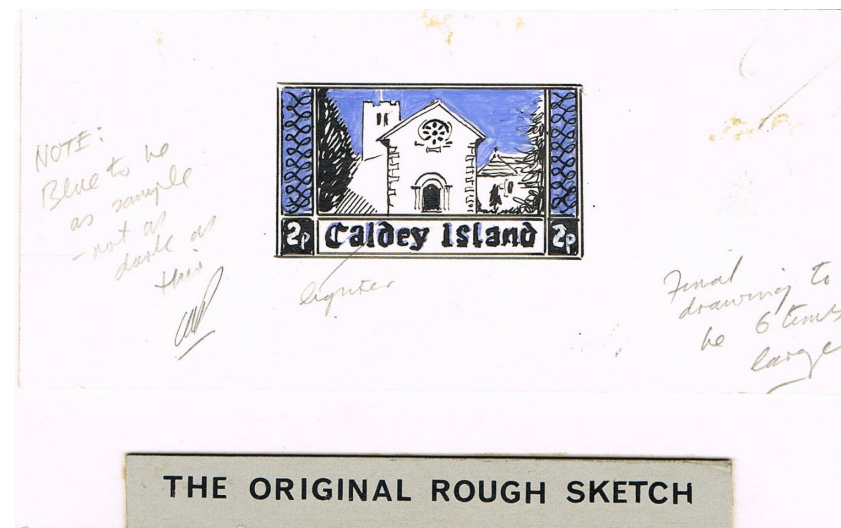
by Francis Kiddle

Caldey Island is sited just three miles offshore from Tenby in Pembrokeshire, Wales. The island is owned by the Reformed Cistercian Community, it is small in size but its history is long as its first monastery was built in the 6th Century. The modern monastery and Abbey were built in 1906, initially as an Anglican Benedictine community, converted to Roman Catholicism in 1913 and left Caldey in 1925, due to financial difficulties, to move to Prinknash Abbey. The Cistercians who now occupy the abbey came in 1929 from Scourmont Abbey in Belgium. Today the community survives through tourism, creation of perfume from lavender, chocolate production and the sale of local stamps. The stamps are sold not for postal use but as souvenirs, although many are added to mail.



1st stamp issued 1 May 1973.

1973 the Monastery decided to issue a stamp to be sold as a souvenir. A local artist in Tenby, Claude A Page designed the first stamp which took as its feature the Abbey Church. Initially the design was in 'pence' but it was decided to change the currency to 'dabs'. The stamp was printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., New Malden in sheets of 50 (5x10), perf 13½.



The Original Rough Sketch.

The drawing has annotations 'NOTE Blue to be as sample - not as dark as this'

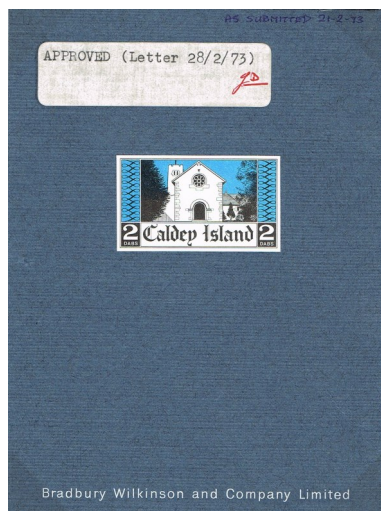
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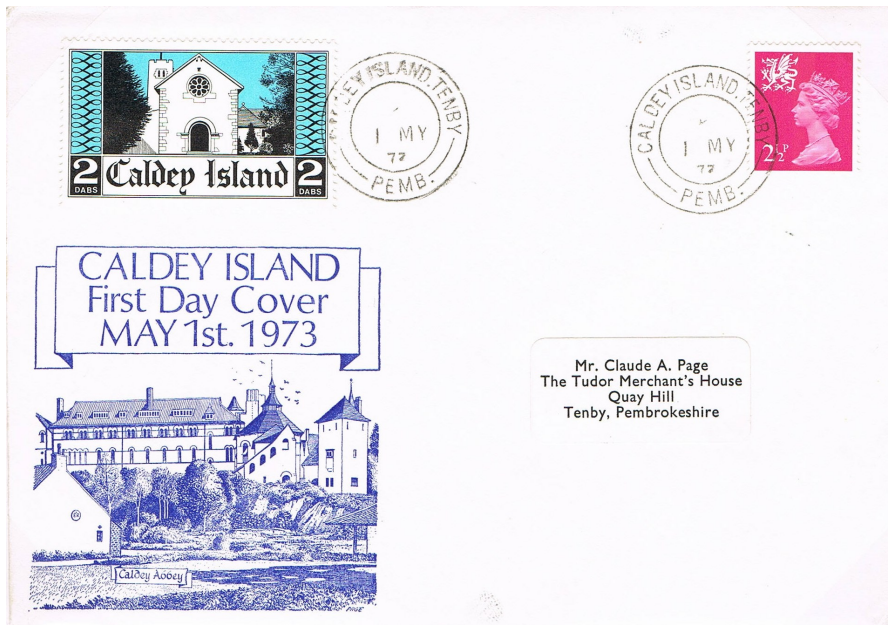
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Imperforate stamp on Bradbury Wilkinson essay card, annotated
'As submitted 21-2-73' and 'Approved (Letter 28/2/73)'.



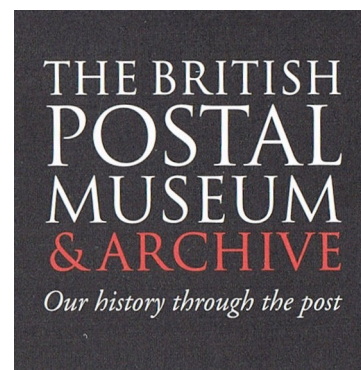
First Day Cover addressed to Designer Claude A Page



Ringwood Philatelic Society

'The Post Office Went to War' - Christine Earle

The November meeting of the Ringwood Philatelic Society hosted a well-timed military theme, looking in depth at various aspects of WWII, with the Post Office's role closely scrutinized. Specialist speaker, Christine Earle, provided a unique display of frequently scarce and fascinating philatelic material which highlighted the work and influence of the Post Office (the largest UK employer), in this desperate period. Beginning with 'Mobilisation and Evacuation', which massively disrupted the lives of millions, the posting of letters took on a new urgency and importance. 'Air Raid Precaution, the Blitz and the Blackout' were further themes. The display emphasised that despite this turmoil, the mail, although frequently disrupted or damaged by enemy action, usually got through without excessive delay. 'Censorship' was then examined and postal correspondence received huge restrictions. The Post Office played a crucial part in propaganda as it did in 'Salvage and Savings'... a section which highlighted another vital contribution. 'Repatriation and Reconstruction' concluded this fascinating presentation with a focus on 'Victory' and new 1946 stamps entitled 'Peace & Reconstruction'. The display made superb use of stamps, original letters, envelopes (one partially burnt in an air raid), registered mail, telegrams, postcards, official marks and deletions, such as 'Opened by Censor/Examiner', printed matter, ration books, public leaflets, including 'War Savings Campaign' and 'The Spitfire Fund', propaganda items ('Dig for Victory'), photos, newspaper cuttings and black-out samples, Home Guard artefacts and 'Victory Celebration' certificates... awarded to all children... signed by the King. Colin Mount, the Society's Chairman, was clearly moved by the breadth and depth of the material presented and warmly thanked Christine for her 'magnificent display...full of great interest'.



www.postalheritage.org.uk

The Postal Museum and Archive in London not only provides access to the extensive postal archives for research but also provides various events and displays throughout the year. It is worth looking at the web site for a full listing of events.

A couple of exhibitions at Freeling House worth noting.

Mail Rail: An Exhibition of Photographs till April 2015

Penny Black 175: Story of the Creation of the Penny Black; check website for details



Airmail letter carried on the first Imperial Airways return service from England to Rangoon.
Croydon aerodrome, Croydon Sy. circular date stamp.
Rangoon arrival and illustrated cachet on reverse for 2 October 33 and re transmission dispatch for 7 October 33.



on reverse



First Flight cover for direct service from Belgium to Elizabethville in Congo. Croydon Aerodrome BO Croydon Surrey circular date stamp (type III). Brussels and Elizabethville arrival / transit marks.



Air mail letter from London to Hong Kong. Aerodrome B.O. Croydon Surrey. Air Mail circular date stamp. (type V). Victoria Hong Kong arrival on reverse.



Panda Fairs 2015

18 Jan	Sun	Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street PO6 3AP
1 Feb	Sun	Yeovil Westlands Leisure Complex, Westbourne Close BA20 2DD
7 Feb	Sat	Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE
14 Feb	Sat	Salisbury United Reform Church, Fisherton Street SP2 7RG
7 Mar	Sat	Bournemouth, Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd BH8 9RW
12 Mar	Thurs	Plymouth Guildhall Armada Way PL1 2ER
13 Mar	Fri	Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Woodbury Road EX3 0RE
22 Mar	Sun	Upper Hale, Farnham Village Hall, Wings Road GU9 0HN
25 Apr	Sat	Fareham Holy Trinity Church, West Street PO16 0EL
17 May	Sun	Yeovil Westlands Leisure Complex, Westbourne Close BA20 2DD
23 May	Sat	Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE
28 May	Thurs	Plymouth Guildhall Armada Way PL1 2ER
29 May	Fri	Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Woodbury Road EX3 0RE
30 May	Sat	Trowbridge St James Church Hall, Union Street BA14 8RU
20 June	Sat	Salisbury United Reform Church, Fisherton Street SP2 7RG
11 July	Sat	Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH
25 July	Sat	Petersfield Community Centre off Love Lane GU31 4BW
30 July	Thurs	Plymouth Guildhall Armada Way PL1 2ER
31 July	Fri	Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Woodbury Road EX3 0RE
22 Aug	Sat	Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE
30 Aug	Sun	Yeovil Westlands Leisure Complex, Westbourne Close BA20 2DD
6 Sept	Sun	Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street PO6 3AP
10 Sept	Thurs	Plymouth Guildhall Armada Way PL1 2ER
11 Sept	Fri	Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Woodbury Road EX3 0RE
20 Sept	Sun	Upper Hale, Farnham Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN
26 Sept	Sat	Bournemouth Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd, BH8 9RW
1 Nov	Sun	Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street, PO6 3AP
7 Nov	Sat	Salisbury United Reform Church, Fisherton Street SP2 7RG
14 Nov	Sat	Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE
26 Nov	Thurs	Plymouth Guildhall Armada Way PL1 2ER
27 Nov	Fri	Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Woodbury Road EX3 0RE
28 Nov	Sat	Trowbridge St James Church Hall Union Street BA14 8RU
5 Dec	Sat	Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH
28 Dec	Mon	Lechlade New Memorial Hall Oak Street GL7 3AY
29 Dec	Tues	Upper Hale, Farnham, Village Hall, Wings Road GU9 0HN

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London, Croydon Airport

Waddon Aerodrome, a test flying ground attached to the National Aircraft Factory no 1 in Croydon began civil operations in 1918. It was decided to turn Waddon Aerodrome and the adjacent Beddington Aerodrome into the 'Air Port of London'. It opened officially on 29 March 1920 as the capital's official customs airport and the point of entry and departure for all international flights. It later took the name of Croydon Airport.



30th June 1923 Registered Air Mail letter carried from London to Zurich via Paris on Inscripted 'Registered by Air Mail London - Paris'. Letter carried by Handley Page Transport Ltd from Waddon to Le Bourget.



Air Mail letter carried from London to Berlin on 13 September 1923. Waddon Aerodrome Croydon circular date stamp cancelling adhesives. Berlin arrival 13.09.23.



Senior Service cigarette card illustrating Croydon Aerodrome



Aerial view of Croydon Airport, postcard by Air Views Ltd.

Looking Back - Ken Binks

Ken Binks has recently come across a bound copy of the boy's weekly magazine 'Chums' for 1907-08, and was naturally fascinated by the regular articles on stamps accompanying its enthralling (pre sci-fi) land and sea adventure stories. How many schoolboys nowadays would be in the least interested in Bergedorf or Moldavia - or even the 'Post Office Mauritius'?

Courtesy of Petersfield Philatelic Society

Our Stamp Corner. by P. G. Bishop.

A BIT ABOUT BERGEDORF.

A PECULIARITY about the stamps of Bergedorf is that they increase in size according to face value—just as coins do. After all, if a bronze penny is to be twice the size of a bronze halfpenny, why should not a penny postage stamp be twice the size of a halfpenny one? There was originally some idea of applying this idea of size-for-value to postage stamps, for when the first British halfpenny stamp appeared (in 1870) it was made exactly half the size of the red penny issue then in current use. However, the principle was soon abandoned, and the stamps of Bergedorf are the only complete series in the whole world which are proportioned according to their value. The lowest priced of them all, the $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, is a tiny thing about half an inch square, the 1 schilling is a wee bit bigger, the $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling bigger still, and so on up to the 4 schilling, which is the largest of all.

Where, and what, is Bergedorf? Many of us would never know such a place existed but for our stamp albums; but centuries ago it was notorious as a hotbed of piracy. The historic "free cities" of Lübeck and Hamburg united to restore order and respectability to their smaller neighbour, and so well was the lesson learned that when Lübeck and Hamburg issued their own postage stamps, in the year 1859, the local authorities of Bergedorf decided to follow suit, although the total population of the place did not exceed 12,000!

There are seven varieties of the curious postage stamps of Bergedorf; and as they were in use for only six years, it is natural that postally-used specimens should now be exceedingly scarce. In the unused state two of the stamps are rare, the other five common. Here are the present "unused" values, according to Messrs. Bright and Sons' latest catalogue:

$\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, black on violet, £12. 3 schilling, black on rose, £18. $\frac{3}{4}$ schilling, black on blue, 1s. 6d. 1 schilling, black on white, 2s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, black on yellow, 4d. 3 schilling, blue on pink, 6d. 4 schilling, black on brown, 1s.

Now, before my philatelic Chums write to me in their thousands to tell me that they possess specimens of the rare $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling on violet paper and 3 schilling on rose paper, let me point out that the vast majority of the unused Bergedorfs now in existence are nothing better than worthless reprints manufactured by Continental dealers for the benefit of those collectors who like to buy a nice set of clean, unused stamps at an exceedingly moderate price. The odds against any reader finding genuine unused specimens of the two stamps named, or

genuine used specimens of any stamp of Bergedorf, are very heavy odds indeed.

Buy Bergedorf stamps only from people who will give an absolute guarantee of genuineness, and, above all things, beware of reprints to which forged postmarks have been applied.

Two Great Rarities.

London Chums may see two great rarities in the Taping collection at the British Museum. The first, a crude-looking circular stamp with a bull's head for its principal feature, is the famous 61 paras of Moldavia—formerly an independent principality, but now one of the provinces of Roumania. This is by common consent the rarest European stamp. A specimen has changed hands at over £300.

The second is one of the two stamps belonging to the famous "Post Office" issue of Mauritius—so called because the inscription at the left-hand side reads "Post Office" instead of "Post Paid" on the later stamps of the island. The stamp shown is the one penny, of which rather a poor specimen was recently sold at a London auction for £450. For a fine unused specimen of the 2d. value the Prince of Wales paid just a thousand pounds more—namely, £1,450, the largest sum ever paid for a single postage stamp.

A Chat with my Stamp Chums.

There is quite a heap of interesting stamp letters before me, but I still want more. Please remember that I mean to answer every philatelic Chum who writes me, and to those who send the six best-written and most interesting letters each week I am sending little prize packets of newly or recently issued stamps.

One of my Yorkshire readers, A. E. N., of Bradford, tells me he has been puzzled about various references to British colonial watermarks, such as "single C.A." and "multiple C.A.," and asks me to state clearly what these are and what they mean. As perhaps other stamp Chums are in a like difficulty, perhaps it will be well to explain.

For a long time past it has been the custom to print all the postage stamps of the British Crown colonies—that is, other than self-governing colonies—on paper watermarked with a crown and the letters "C.A." (Crown Agents, although an older form, crown and "C.C." (Crown Colony), is still occasionally used.

Until quite recently the stamp-paper was so manufactured that one complete "Crown" and "C.A." watermark fell upon each stamp in the sheet.

Now, however, the paper is watermarked with the crowns and the "C.A.'s" dotted about indiscriminately, the result being that each stamp receives, not one complete watermark, but portions of several watermarks.

Some other queries which will be of general interest and value I must deal with in next week's "Chums."

"The Effect of War on Philately" Part 2

The following pages illustrate a "short paper delivered to the Quillet Society Hyde in May 1945". It contains an essay fully illustrated with stamps and covers of the time. It is a fascinating insight to the immediate post war period.

The paper was passed to Paul Davidson for use with children at junior Hampex. It is clearly an important document so it was felt that it justified inclusion in the Bulletin

There is now an electronic copy held by me and the original and an electronic copy are back with Paul. If any reader recognises the document or indeed the society it was presented to all information would be greatly received

(Part 1 was in Bulletin 138)



There is also the effect of war on existing stamps.

Fresh supplies of certain values may have been delayed due to lack of transport, or may have been lost or the plates may have been destroyed in the London Blitz as were many.

England were short of a 3s, and so locally available supplies of the 6s and the 20s were overprinted Kenya. Occasionally a country ran short of supplies of several values, and may decide to borrow from a neighbouring country.

Kenya became short of the 5c, 10c, 20c & 70c, and so they borrowed from South Africa and overprinted as the illustration.

India ran short, but were able to have a set specially designed and printed in India.

Guatemala ran short of the 1c, so they did this —

Bahamas wanted a new issue to commemorate the landing of Columbus. Her conditions in London prevented this, so the colony overprinted their ordinary issue, not forgetting to create an "error" in the date on one stamp in every sheet.



South Africa had a paper saving drive, and this was the result with the War Effort series previously illustrated (page 10).

Note the alternative inscriptions - English and Afrikaans and the notable mistake of the perforation between every other stamp, or two perforations per 3 stamps.

The Middle East forces required stamps for use in Egypt, and M.E.F. was overprinted on British stamps in London and in Cairo. The London issue was on the new pale shades, and the Cairo issue on the old darker shades.

A few years ago, the British Government ordered a set of charity stamps from U.S.A., as it seemed at home the postage value, the premium being raised for the "Obed to Refugees" Fund.

The stamps only arrived at the end of last year, and inflation had increased the postage rates from 2s to 6s. These stamps were then locally overprinted.

6.00 + 6.00
1s for postage and 1s for the fund.



British Colonial Stamps have undergone several changes.

The 1940 Rate, and those of 1941, destroyed a number of the plates, and the printers in London co-operated with each other by loaning their plates to other firms. As this first supply of stamps being sent out to the colonies with a different mesh of perforation; several King George VI stamps now exist with three different perforations.

Paper changed in texture, and the 1942 supplies were white instead of creamy. Some papers did not print well, and the fresh printing of the 2d Bermuda came up in a Mottled Blue.

When combining the effects of changes of color due to postage rate alterations, with differences in perforation and also in paper, it would be strange if no scarce items had been created.

About 1941, we were informed that General Franco had taken over Tangiers, and it was understood that even the Post Office privileges had been confiscated.

This, cutting ~~from~~ proves that in November 1943 the Post Office was either still functioning, or had been reopened.



One effect of the war has been the temporary loss in many cases of our printing "exports". London was the greatest centre in the world for stamp printing, and four following firms turn out work equal to, if not far superior to any other printer.

The firms are —

Waterlow and Sons Ltd,
45, La Rue, Ltd,
Bradbury Wilkinson Ltd,
Parker Bros & Co, Ltd,

The Colombian 2c was first printed by Waterlow, but in 1934 the American Bank Note Co printing was reserved during the war Colombia has printed their own, the then item by a private company, and the fourth, a very creditable effort by the Government Printworks.

Similarly the De La Rue printing of 1930 (2c) is now superseded by their own.



When postage rates increase, some countries are the higher valued stamps, whilst others go to considerable lengths changing their colours.

The Australians print their own stamps, and just prior to the war, they used this stamp.

Then they changed the printing (see at bottom).

The postage rate was increased to 2s, and they may have run out of 2s stamps, so they did this.

They then designed a new 2s, but kept the color of the "Island Letter Rate" Red.

The 2s stamp was then reprinted in purple.



The Red Cross have issued Propaganda labels and these are examples.

As an example.

British Guiana

Norway

Also St. Kitts:-

These are purchased as a charity, and stuck on the envelopes with the postage stamps or on the back of the envelope.



Only in exceptional cases, can European stamps be imported; and very little information about our own Europeans is available to collectors.

Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, and Franco, have all been well illustrated on their countries stamps, but these stamps cannot yet be imported.

Russian stamps have been imported and this is an illustration of one of their numerous issues.

It is significant that during the last 15 years, Russia has issued more pictorial stamps (for commemorative and propaganda purposes) than the total for any other country.

During the war, we forged one of the French stamps (1fr 50 - Paris) for the use of the Resistance Forces. This stamp is now on sale at 41fr 50 in Paris — the premium of 40fr being for the benefit of those who suffered in the Resistance Forces.

More such information will flow through later but all that is enough for another story.

S.H.

