



Redhill Philatelic Society



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Forthcoming meetings:

Tuesday Evenings:

- 3rd Sept – 6 Sheets - All members
- 17th Sept – India - Mr E Winter
- 1st Oct – A Postal History Evening
- Mr J Baron
- 15th Oct - Trains, Planes & Automobiles
- All Members
- 5th Nov - Postal Mechanisation
- Mr R Downing

Friday Afternoons:

- 27th Sept - Letter "P" - All Members
- 25th Oct - Disolvav by Mr A Latham

Editorial:

The new season of meetings is almost upon us, and a copy of the programme card is included with this newsletter.

Those members who were at the AGM will be aware that there have been some changes to the Committee of the Society with Derek White stepping down as the Society Secretary (but remaining on the Committee as Programme Secretary) with myself becoming Secretary. Tony Sanson has also stood down as Treasurer, and Robert Prentice has now taken over the office. Derek and Tony have given many years of service to Redhill Philatelic Society, and I would like to take the opportunity to record a formal thank you to both of them on behalf of the Society for all that they have done in their previous roles. The Society would not be the success it is today without their contributions and hard work.

With my move to become Secretary, Steve Farago has agreed to join the Committee as Newsletter Editor and will take over with effect from the next edition.

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Up Coming Events: Another bumper list, including several County Federation events

- 26 August 2013 **Tolworth Postcard & Ephemera Fair** (Bank Holiday Monday 9:00am-4:00pm)
Tolworth Recreation Centre, Fullers Way North. KT6 7LQ.
- 1 Sept 2013 **Sevenoaks Stamp Fair** (Sunday 10am-4pm)
Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LE
- 18-21 Sept 2013 **Autumn Stampex** (including a specialist exhibition by The France & Colonies Society)
Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1 0QH
(Nearest Tube: The Angel on the Northern Line)
On 19 September Royal Mail will issue a set of stamps relating to the Merchant Navy
- 20-21 Sept 2013 **Woking (South of England) Postcard Fair** (Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm)
Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey. GU22 9BA
- 28 Sept 2013 **Malling Stamp Club (40th Anniversary) Stamp Fair** (Saturday 10am-4pm)
East Malling Village Hall, East Malling, Kent. ME19 6DD (**Kent Federation Autumn Rally**)
- 12 October 2013 **The South of England Stamp Fair & Sussex Convention** (Saturday 10am-4:30pm)
Norfolk Pavilion, South of England Centre, Ardingly Showground, Ardingly. RH17 6TL
(**Sussex Federation Event**)
- 19 October 2013 **Hampex** (Saturday 10am-4:30pm) (**Hampshire Federation Convention & Stamp Fair**)
Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, near Fareham, PO17 5AL
- 26 October 2013 **Kingston & District Philatelic Society Stamp Fair** (Saturday 10am-4pm)
Claygate Village Hall, Church Road, Claygate. KT10 0JP
(**Surrey Federation Event: AGM & Competitions**)

Reports of Society Meetings:

5 March 2013 - Sir Winston S Churchill - Mr N Evans

Mr Evans made a welcome return to Redhill to give a display relating to arguably one of the greatest Prime Ministers to have held office. The display took its historic prompts from a series of trade cards that depict the life of Churchill, around which was displayed relevant stamp issues to expand on the picture shown on each card.

The display followed Winston's life starting from his birth on 30 November 1874 at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, through his early life and education at Harrow where he developed his love of the subjects of English and History, and became the school fencing champion. The story then moved on to his early adult years with the 4th Hussars in India and on to his experiences in South Africa, the Boer War and as a reporter on the conflict.

In 1900 Churchill won a seat for the Conservatives in the House of Commons (representing Oldham). He was later famously to move to the Liberal party under the Campbell-Bannerman and Asquith administrations where he held several Cabinet positions including First Lord of the Admiralty (where he supported the development of Tanks and the re-armament of the navy) and Home Secretary. In the wake of the disastrous Dardanelles campaign in World War 1 Churchill lost his cabinet position and for a time served on the Western Front, before returning to office as Minister for Munitions.

After the War Winston re-joined the Conservative party and became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Baldwin's government, taking Britain back to the Gold Standard in 1924, at an exchange rate that resulted in harsh financial difficulties for many. From 1929 Churchill entered a period often referred to as the "Wilderness Years". During this time he spoke out on the threat of Communism and later Fascism, but did not hold office in government. This state of affairs changed in the prelude to the Second World War when Churchill returned to the Admiralty before taking over from Chamberlain as Prime Minister. The War years were again illustrated by Mr Evans including reference to the speeches and the lows and highs as the war progressed.

The story did not end with the War as having lost the general election in 1945 the Conservatives under Churchill returned to power in 1951, and had to face problems in Kenya and Malaya. With failing health, Churchill resigned in 1955 and spent the majority of his retirement at his homes: Chartwell in Kent and at Hyde Park Gate in London.

On 15 January 1965, Churchill suffered a severe stroke that left him gravely ill. He died at his London home nine days later, at age 90, on the morning of Sunday 24 January 1965, 70 years to the day after his father's death.

Mr Evans display covered Winston Churchill's political and military careers, his interests in horse racing, and painting, as well as awards bestowed on him and how he has been commemorated. The use of the set of trade cards as a strand in drawing together the story proved interesting and effective.

The vote of thanks was given by our Chairman, Tony Sanson.

(For those wishing to expand their knowledge there is a collection of Sir Winston Churchill memorabilia on display at Bletchley Park (Station X in WWII), and a little closer to Redhill - Churchill's home Chartwell, now in the care of the National Trust, is open to visitors)

19 March 2013 - Society Competitions

As in previous years the (six sheet) Knight Rosebowl competition attracted the largest number of entries. The remaining three trophies each attracted 3-4 entries.

The Knight Rose Bowl Competition – Six Sheets of General interest

(Judged by ballot of the members attending on the night)

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| 1. Mr Derek White | Canadian Revenues |
| 2. Mr David Brunning | Egypt |
| 3. Mr Geoff Richardson | The Flight of the Condor |
| 4. Mr Robert Hurst | Union Castle Line – SS Kenya Castle |
| 5. Mr Alan Denman | KGV Somaliland Protectorate |
| 6. Mr Paul Munro | GB QV Definitives |
| 7. Mr Edward Walker | GB 1879 1d Definitive |
| 8. Mr David Hall | Guernsey |
| 9. Mr David Wiskin | Columbia |

Winner:- Mr Edward Walker – GB 1879 1d Definitive

The Wright Cup – Sixteen Sheets of Any Specialised subject

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| 1. Mr David Wiskin | Measures Taken to Prevent an Anthrax Terrorist Attack Using the Post |
| 2. Mr Geoff Richardson | Austria Post WW1 Development of Airmail |
| 3. Mr Les Jobbins | The Netherlands Airmail - Propeller Postmark |

Winner:- Mr Les Jobbins - The Netherlands Airmail - Propeller Postmark.

The Miss Gilbert “Thematic Cup” – Sixteen Sheets Thematic Display

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| 1. Mr David Wiskin | Christopher Columbus |
| 2. Mr Robert Prentice | Aerophiletic entry |
| 3. Mr Alan Hall | The Letter Box |
| 4. Mr David Brunning | GB 2012 Olympic Games |

Winner - Mr Alan Hall – The Letter Box

Judge’s comments : While commending the entry by Mr Prentice it was felt that it had not been made in the correct category and was therefore not judged.

The Judith Faulkner Shield – Sixteen Sheets of Straight Stamps

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| 1. Mr Alan Denman | Aden |
| 2. Mr David Hall | Tristan da Cunha |
| 3. Mr Geoff Richardson | Bosnia & Herzegovina |
| 4. Mr Robert Prentice | Newfoundland |

Winner:- Mr Geoff Richardson - Bosnia & Herzegovina

Judge’s comments:- It is refreshing to see modern material being entered for competition.

In the course of the evening’s meeting members were given the opportunity to purchase unsold lots from the Society Auction held on 19th February.

The vote of thanks was given by the Society’s Competition Secretary Mr David Ainsley who thanked those members who submitted entries into the competitions and especially the judges – Mr Les Jobbins and Mr Derek White

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Royal Mail – Dr Who Commemorative Stamp issue: 26 March 2013 PHQ Cards

In a the April 2013 Newsletter (Vol.16 No. 2) mention was made that *Coin and Stamp Mart* magazine was giving away a set of Dr Who PHQ cards with their May 2013 issue. Both the giveaway cards and those sold by the Post Office show the issued stamps on the picture side, however there are subtle differences on the reverse, more particularly the wording on the right hand “address” side of the divided back, creating two collectable sets. The differences are illustrated below:

Further details from: Royal Mail, FREEPOST,
Edinburgh EH12 9PE or www.royalmail.com/stamps
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Stamp Card Series PHQ 374 (1) 3.13



To see our full range of Doctor Who Special Stamps and Collectibles visit
www.royalmail.com/DoctorWhoSCM or call us on 08457 641 641.

Royal Mail Stamps & Collectibles Celebrating the Nation’s Events and Passions

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Edinburgh EH12 9PE or www.royalmail.com/stamps
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Above: Post Office sold card showing the Bar Code

Right: Giveaway card: No Bar Code & additional wording above the Royal Mail Logo

Subscription Reminder:

Your subscription for the 2013/2014 season becomes payable from 1st September. The rate remains at £15-00.
Paying promptly helps the Society by removing the cost of chasing late payers, and allows the Treasurer to accurately budget for the coming year.

Please send your subscription cheque made payable to “Redhill Philatelic Society” to:

Mr Robert Prentice
The Gables, Quality Street, Merstham
Surrey. RH1 3BB

Alternately Robert usually attends both the Tuesday evening & Friday afternoon meetings and will be pleased to accept payment in person by cash or cheque.

The London 2012 Olympics

In the last couple of months there have been several articles in the philatelic press and in Picture Postcard Monthly marking the first anniversary of the games and drawing together information concerning stamps and postcards issued to mark The 30th Olympiad. A short article appeared in the Newsletter (Vol. 15 No. 4, October 2012) concerning the effect of the Games on Redhill Post Office. However there were other short term effects on the provision of services by Royal Mail other than the Sunday opening described in October's Newsletter. While these are difficult to illustrate in terms of stamps and postal history on an album page, they do form part of the story of the Olympics and as such should be recorded.

The effect of an Olympic Games is not only confined to the venues. The numbers of visitors to events, the need to move competitors, judges and dignitaries quickly between sites and the staging of competitions such as the marathon through the streets of a city all had the potential to disrupt the day to day operation of the Post. This was recognised in the planning stages before the Games by Royal Mail and the decision was taken to bring forward some collection and delivery times. In some circumstances pillar boxes were taken out of use for the duration of the Olympics.

Right: A Sticker applied to the Collection Time panel on the post box outside Fenchurch Street Railway Station. The notice reads:

Collections from this box during the Games Period (23 July to 9 Sept.) will be earlier than usual to allow collected mail to meet onward connections.

Final daily collection times from this box will be:

*Mon. – Fri. 17:00
Saturday 11:00*



Left : A pair of pillar boxes at the City end of London Bridge temporarily taken out of public use from 24 July 2012 due to Olympic Road restrictions. A notice has been taped to the front of one of the boxes to advise users of the reason the boxes have been closed and to give details of the locations of boxes close by which remained available for use

Right: A notice displayed in the window of the Post Office in Eastcheap (in the city of London) advising in general terms alterations to postal services during the Olympic and Paralympic Games

The list of changes included Special Delivery would not be guaranteed by 1pm and that the Special Delivery by 9am Service into the City would not operate for the duration of the Games



If any members of the Society would like copies of the photographs shown above please contact Robert Hurst