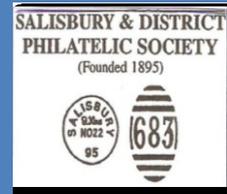


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Editor's Introduction

It was sad news to hear of the death of one of the stalwarts of our Society Dave Boakes, he shall be sadly missed, an 'Obituary' written by Alan Wood is on page 2.

At Easter I shall be going to my favourite place, Ypres in Belgium.

I am taking a group of people on a trip around the World One Battle Fields. We shall be going to a

Cheese Factory, and enjoying the samples, also to a lovely 'Flower Market' on Easter Monday. But on my free time I shall be in a friends shop full of books, WW1 memorabilia, the best bit, he has many, many albums of WW1 post cards, so wish me luck in finding some cards I want. If only I could read what they have written home. Our nine sheet competition was successfully held on the 23rd February, and this with our Day Meeting, which was packed as usual, can be read on pages 6-7.

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The Mayor of Salisbury at a stamp meeting.

As we go to press we have learnt of the sad death of Mervyn Betts, one of our long serving members on Sunday 13th March. It was good that at the last meeting he attended he won the cup for Cinderellas. There will be a tribute in the next edition.

OBITUARY

Dave Boakes 1934-2011

Dave died very suddenly at Salisbury District Hospital on 5th January 2011, aged 76 years, the day after a minor operation. He was a very active member of the Salisbury and District Philatelic Society. An almost ever-present member at society meetings he could be relied upon to participate in members' displays. His major collection was of stamps from the reign of King George VI, with emphasis on flaws and varieties, which he collected in positional blocks wherever possible. His collection also included booklets and as a side collection modern Great Britain, acquired as issued.

For many years Dave was the honorary secretary of the society and it was during this period that he negotiated the change of venue for the society's meetings from the Salisbury library to the Scout Hall at Harnham. The move entailed the relocation of the society's philatelic library and of course the display frames. It was hardly surprising therefore that so many members paid their respects to his memory at the funeral at Whiteparish Church.

The society extends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Anita, and his family.

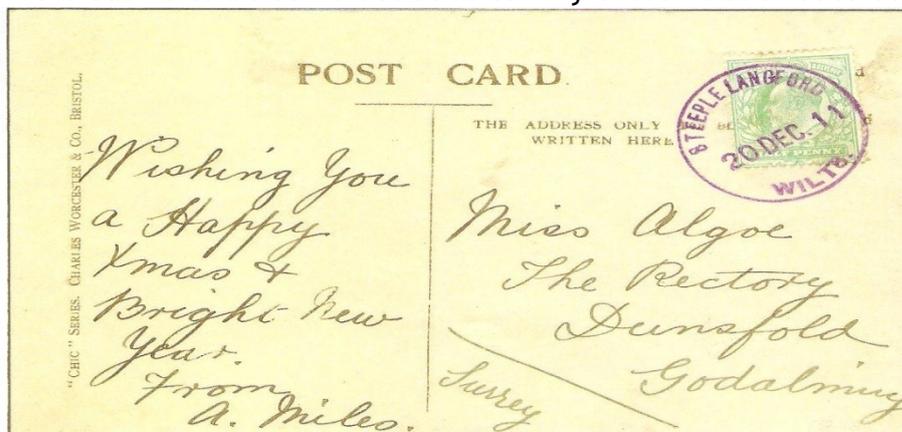
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Aspects of the Postal Services in Salisbury and District

By
Jeremy Martin

The postcard illustrated has an Edward V11 1/2d. stamp cancelled with a vivid purple rubber date-stamp of *Steeple Langford* used in 1911.

There seems to be some doubt as to why these Rubber date-stamps were issued.



Is it possible they were sent to minor sub-offices when they opened pending receipt of a steel date stamp.

These 'Rubbers' are discussed in more detail by James A. Mackay in his book '*English and Welsh Postmarks since 1840*', published 1980 in Dunfries by the author, pp 50-58.

FABULOUS 50 UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA 1910-61

By Tony Howgrave-Graham

This 'interprovincial period' is fascinating, not least because the stamps of one colony can be found used in a different one, although of course the study of these depends on postmarks with clear names and dates. The old stamps weren't actually demonetised until 1938, but their usage after September 1913 became increasingly philatelic **King's Head definitives**. The first definitive stamps, issued on September 1st, 1913, are generally known as the 'King's Head'. Typographed in the UK by De La Rue, on paper with a Springbok's Head watermark, they were inscribed bilingually in English and Dutch, with 'Union of South Africa', in the left side of the frame and 'Unie van Zuid Afrika' in the right side. The original set comprised 11 values from 1 ½ d. to 10s, some of them in two colours, with a £1. added in 1916 and 1 1/2 d. and 1s. 3d. values in 1920. The 3d. changed colours from black and orange-red to blue in 1922 to comply with UPU regulations. Inverted watermarks exist on all values except the £1., but they are rare on the 5s. and 10s.



Varieties from overinking are fairly common but others are scarce, such as paper joins, misperforations, offsets and blank corners from foldovers. The jubilee lines in sheet margins exist in four stages, and coil stamps are imperforate on two sides. The standard domestic postage rate was increased from 1d. to 1 ½ d. on May 19th 1920, but there were no 1 ½ d. stamps until August 20th. The rise caught many by surprise, and the Post Office allowed a ten day concession whereby letter franked 1d. were charged only an extra 1/2d. instead of double deficiency. Covers showing this make an unusual element of any collection.

Another knock-on effect of the rate change was a shortage of 1/2d. stamps. As a result, 1d. bisects are known on cover, even though never authorised! A second surprise increase, from 1 1/2d. to 2d. in 1921, also had an interesting impact. Large stocks of booklet printings of the 1 1/2 d. [which were produced with columns

4, 5 and 6 printed upside down] were left redundant by the rate rise, so they were sold over the counter, providing tete-beche pairs

Synopsis of our Meetings

By Editor

As I promised that I would take a synopsis of our meetings, originally written up by Jeremy Cusden. Starting with the first day of our 2010/211 season, on September 22nd.

As usual our first meeting was about the 'Members Recent Acquisitions' 14 Members displayed their items. Covers and early stamps of Switzerland, new mint George V1 Commonwealth. Some Salisbury postal history, a RAF Postgram. The first stamps of independent India & Pakistan. Postcards of Lille, an 1849 Art Journal about forgeries. Personal covers discovered in an old handbag. Three stamps depicting coins, and some very illusive covers 1731-98 from Wales to Wilthshire.

On 6th October, we held our first Day Meeting of the Season, 21 visitors saw David Ashby open the meeting on 'Australian Mail by Pioneer, Steam and Clipper'. Onto 'The Sower of France', 'Coronation 1937 GB' to 'Tynemouth Postal History' and 'British Bechuanaland' Very biased I enjoyed Colin Tabcart on 'Royal Navy in WW11'. After lunch Trevor Buckell started with 'Airmail', into WW11 with 'Malta Postal History' We travelled to Guatemala, to a fishing village in Greenland, Churches of Andorra, Tonga, Finland to South West Africa, with 'Classic French Postal History'. A great lunch, in a word a brilliant day as always.

The 13th October, a presentation by Richard Stupples on 'Barbados 1657 to 1952. Before 1900 it was the first commercial port of call for shipping from Europe. Interesting to hear the first consignment of stamps was destroyed on board the Amazon, but not for the 115 who lost their lives. Forgeries were shown both modern and old.

On 27th October we had a display on 'Smaller Countries of Europe' by Jeremy Hutchinson.

This only included members of SEPAC - Small European Postal Administration Corporation, formed in 1994, with 13 members. Stamps from Aaland Isles, the Fareos, Gibraltar with the world's first self adhesive; Greenland Guernsey and Jersey; Iceland; Isle of Man; Malta and many more. 'Inland Waterways' we were shown a composite map of England and Wales; a collection of large cards with picture postcards, map and write-up. Something very different.

The 10th November was 'Members' Displays of Europe'. Fourteen displays were shown, including one by a prospective new member. They ranged from covers from occupied and unoccupied in WW1 to and account of German Girl in Sudetenland WW11. Stamps printed on the reverse of bank notes. Fraudulent cover from US to

Irish lottery, postal forgeries; Postal cards, letter-cards and envelopes from Hungary 1869-77. This was just a taste of the meetings delights.

A great variety of material was displayed by George Gibson on 24th November of Australia and New Zealand, with many anecdotes, amusing and sad. An account of the Sydney Harbour Bridge history with covers. Red Cross; an insight to the 1940 Aussie Imperial Force [AIF]. The most valuable story was that of John S Kilpatrick who carried the wounded on his donkey at Gallipoli. His 30 years of collecting New Zealand, showed us a album of Purdons' beautifully painted covers. Exhibition stamps and labels; Health stamps and publicity labels. Rail and Life Insurance stamps.

On the 8th December we had our Social Evening, and 'Single Sheet Competition'. Two tables of food were brought by Members and their Spouses. Pat Cambell brought along a music set, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our Annual Auction Review of Sale

By Tony Howgrave-Graham

There were fewer people in the room than usual but this was made up for by a greater number of postal bidders. The 20 room bidders spent £437.80 compared to the 18 (of 20) successful postal bidders who spent £591.75. This shows the benefit of distributing the list as extensively as possible. We even had one successful bidder from India! Most vendors did reasonably well and of those who didn't the main reason was probably over reserving the lots. People generally are looking for bargains and low reserves often generate more interest and make the auction more fun. The vendor risk, of course, is that some will sell at reserve. Some very fine spoon cancels I put in cheaply at £7 reserve attracted a not unreasonable bid of £28 but, sadly for me, attracted no-one else's attention and went for £7. Luckily the buyer was someone I was very happy to pass them on to and who I know from the South Africa auction I run, so he knew that I would knock them down as cheaply as other bids allowed. I was compensated in like fashion when the wonderful photographs of the "new" Post Office in Salisbury at the turn of the century (before & after & with a photo of the staff), for which I'd expected vigorous competition, was knocked down to me at reserve! Lot 162, a small collection of early GB revenues, reserved at £1 only, made the record for most numbers of bids (6 postal and more in the room) and was knocked down for £7. Strangely Lot 169, a 1918 post card with FPO2 (Egypt) cancel, equalled it in the number of postal bids despite only making £3.50 against a £2 reserve. The Hong Kong Annigoni set to \$20, um, shows that good, popular, more expensive items can sell when it made £75.

Finally I would like to thank the postal bidders for the speed with which they settled. All, bar one, cheques were received within a week of the sale. It makes life hugely easier for me in closing the auction accounts and allows vendors to be paid out with expedition.

Total for sale - £1,029-55

The Mayor of Salisbury

By Brian Cartwright

At the meeting of the Salisbury and District Philatelic Society, held at the Scout Hut, Harnham, on Wednesday 9th March 2011, the visiting speaker was Wendy Buckle from Ferndown.

Her thematic display 'The Write Stuff' told the history of paper making, printing, books etc., This fascinating show was not only enjoyed by the club members but two special guests were the Mayor of Salisbury Brian Dalton, accompanied by his fiancée Marina Evseeva.

Of special interest was a piece of type font, less than 1cm square, which contained the full Lord's Prayer, clearly visible when viewed through a magnifying glass.

The Mayor is a collector himself, having built up a collection of GB first day covers and presentation packs.

The Day Meeting 2nd February

By The Editor

The meeting started at 10.30a.m with an exhibit from Colin Tabeart, on 'R.N WW2 Surface Ships'. The next group of exhibitors were started by our Packet Secretary Mike Moody on 'Coronation Varieties', followed by Brian Hague with an interesting display of 'Danish Sunday Letter Service', what an unusual subject. Followed by John Campbell on 'Mecklenberg-Schwerin Postal History', next came David Stotter with 'Tangier Airmails'. The third set of displays again started with a Salisbury Member Bob Alison displaying 'Early Postal History of Montrose', next we had Tony Stanford showing 'King Edward V11 British Levant', and finishing with Claire Scott, with 'Brunei Airmails'. Our last displays before lunch started with John Scott showing 'Wafers', very interesting. Next Bryan Wood gave a display of 'France - Early Classics' and Ashley Lawrence displayed 'France - Money Stamps and Porte Timbres', again interesting. Our lunch was eagerly received by at least 30 hungry philatelist. Our afternoon started in sunshine, with Alan Wood showing a 'WW2 Postal History' followed by Colin Faers with 'South West Africa - Ramansdrift and Neuheuis'.

Our Auctioneer Tony Howgrave-Graham exhibited 'South Africa 1930-45 unhyphenated rotogravure', while Brian Cropp showed 'Transatlantic Mail from France', followed by Bill Pipe with 'Railway/Dorset or something else'. Coming towards our last groups, John Yeomans showed French Equatorial Africa, 'Channel Islands wartime material' was exhibited by Gerald Marriner and Morva White gave a display on 'Falkland Islands'. The last displays were started by Jeremy Martin again a Salisbury Member gave us 'Something Interesting', Patrick Reid showed 'Tasmanian Postal History'. But I think the best was left till last, well I am biased because I like Thematic, Anne Stammers gave a brilliant display on 'Rocks to riches - minerals and gemstones'. A good day was had by all. Ed.

Nine Sheet Competition By Editor



Paul Latham Warde receiving the cup for the overall best at the 9 sheet competition.

Our thanks go to our Judge who was John Campbell, and did a very thorough job. General Philately was won by Brian Standley, Social was Paul Latham-Warde, who also won Aerophilately. The late Mervin Betts was best in Cinderella, last but not least Pat Campbell [no relation to John] collected his trophy for Postal History. Yes I did have a go and got a 1st for Thematic. So why were you not in the headlines, did you enter, you need to enter to win, so may I thank all those who did enter, but were pipped at the post, better luck next time. Let us hope you are in the first next time. Ed.

Programme 2011

23 rd March 2011	Chairman's Choice.**
7 th April 2011	Visit to Swindon Philatelic Society
13 th April 2011	Guest Speaker - Norman Higson: "Early English Postmarks".
27 th April 2011	Visit by Swindon Philatelic Society (David Gibbon- "Mauritius")
11 th May 2011	A.G.M. followed by 16 page competition and Members' Display letters XYZ. **

****Mini-auctions and raffles on Members' nights.**

Dates for 2011/2012

2011: 28 September, 5 October (Day Meeting), 12 October, 26 October, 9 November, 23 November, 14 December (Social Evening). **2012:** 11 January, 25 January, 8 February (Annual Auction), 22 February (Annual Competition), 7 March (Day Meeting), 13 March (Visit to Winchester), 14 March, 28 March, 11 April, 25 April, 9 May (AGM).
Please put these in your diary. The actual programme will be issued later.

Swinpex 11 June
Midpex 2 July 2011
York Stamp Fair 15-16 July
Autumn Stampex 14-17 September
Philatex 3-5 November

We start our new season in September 28th,
and hope to see you at our next meeting at
Harnham Scout Hall,
Lower Street, Harnham,

Evening meetings are 7.15p.m for 7.30 start.
Doors are normally opened by 7.00p.m
Daytime meeting are 10.00 a.m for 10.30 a.m
until approximately 3.30p.m.

Visitors are always welcome