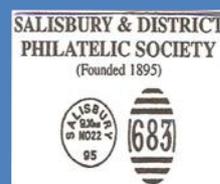


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Chairman's Introduction

What a load of rubbish! This was going to be the title of one of my entries in our 9 sheet competitions but I ran out of time. I don't feel guilty because I still managed to get two entries completed. The 'What a load of rubbish' is still in work but you will get to see it at some time. It was driven by a phenomenon that everybody must now suffer from and that is that very little of your mail ever turns up with stamps on. Stamps only seem to be used in mail from other philatelists but that isn't always true, The London Philatelist, the journal of the Royal Philatelic Society, comes in a PPI (Pre Paid Impression) package. So whilst I would normally dismiss all of these I have spent a little time looking at this current phase of postal history. Of course we had Frama labels which came and fortunately went but in recent times we have Horizon labels, Post and Go and a host of private companies providing services for which Royal Mail make the 'final mile delivery'. I am not quite sure what collectors see in some of this material but with this week post I had the following privately printed 'Post and Go' label. As you can see it advertises the recent Salisbury Stamp Fair. I thought that looks very attractive so I will keep it. I then looked on Ebay and would you believe it there is an example of the same label with four days to go on the auction that currently has

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eleven bidders at £26.50! Perhaps it's not all rubbish after all.
(To be continued).



Hope you can make it to the A. G. M

From your Chairman

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Aspects of the Postal Services in Salisbury and District

Salisbury Paid Date-Stamps

by  
Jeremy Martin

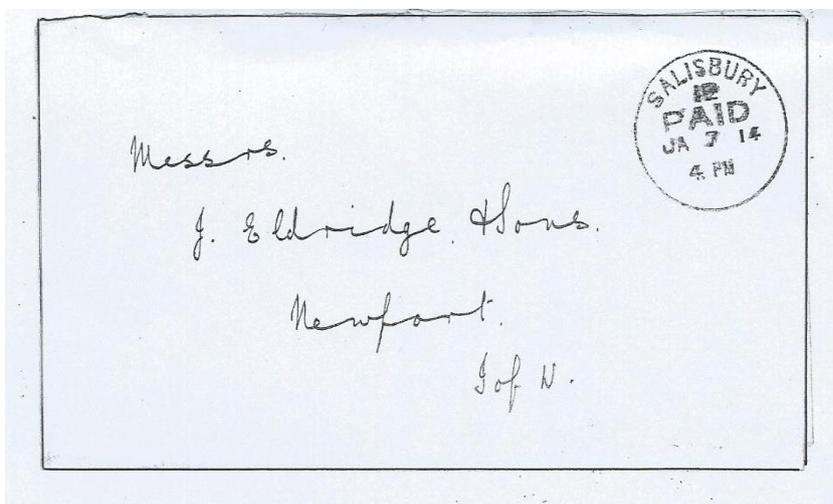
Siggers [ref 1], under Salisbury, records one OFFICIAL PAID mark 202a but no other PAID marks. The two examples illustrated, both in red and with different wordings, are 1914 [fig 1 ] and 1939 [ fig 2 ], the latter with R.A.F censor cachet 108 type R.

Since WW2 had just started. This cachet has been recorded as being with 226 Squadron in France [ ref 2 ] during the *Phoney War* so the

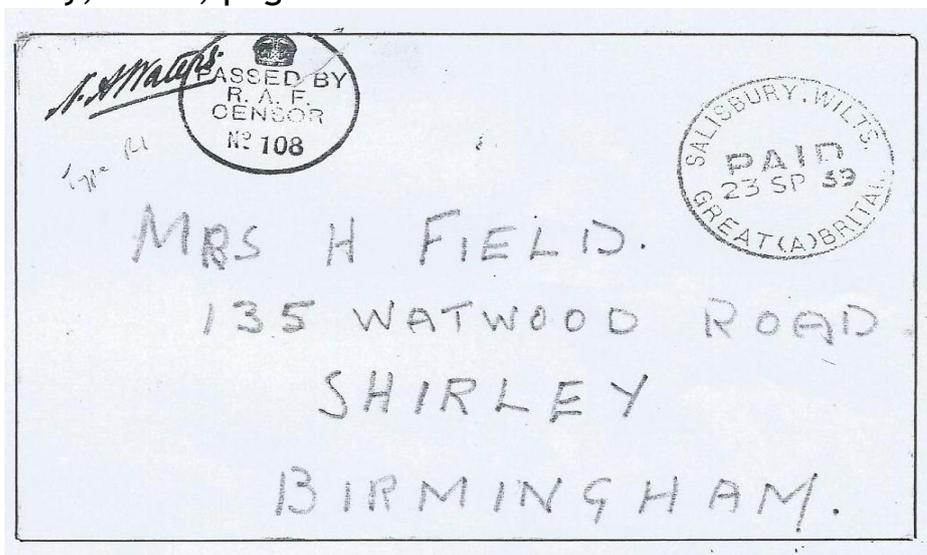
writer was entitled to free postage.

*Ref 1 Siggers, Dr. John 'Wiltshire and its Postmarks' published Ref 1 1982 by Sandcliff Press, Devizes, page 475*

*Ref 2 Colley, Dr N. and Garrard, W Censorship in the*



Royal Air Force 1918 to 1956 published 1993 by the Charvil Press,  
Abernethy, Perth, pages 11-12



Ref 2

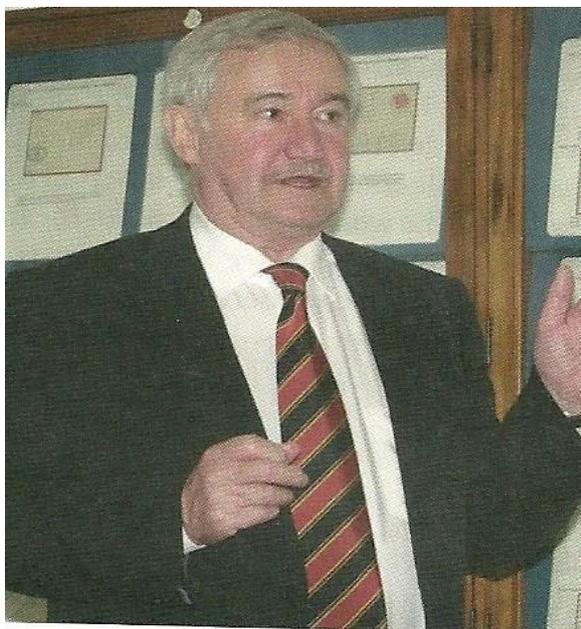
### Pat Campbell at the Royal Philatelic Society

Written

by

Alan Wood

One of our Members, Pat Campbell, gave the December presentation to the Royal Philatelic Society in London. Pat's presentation was entitled 'Posted in advance for Christmas'. Below is the review of the presentation as written up in the January/February edition of the London Philatelist and written by our very own Alan Wood.



Pat Campbell

The President, Brian Trotter RDP FRPSL, welcomed 114 Fellows and Members, plus 14 guests.

The presentation was the result of the research of family history and of a post office experiment carried out in the United Kingdom between the years 1902 and 1909. The scheme whereby Christmas greetings cards could be posted in

advance for delivery on Christmas Day was essentially the brainchild

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of John Phillips, the great-grandfather of the presenter. Trial strikes of the postal markings from the GPO Surveyor in the Manchester District would have been submitted for approval by the Secretary to the Post Master General. Rochdale was selected for the initial trial before the scheme was extended by its inclusion in further towns.

The display included covers bearing specimens of the trial strikes and covers which record the development of the scheme. From 1907 to 1909 Manchester employed a modified die for the Columbia machine to help speed up the cancellation of the advanced posted mail. In 1909 falling post office returns for the scheme demonstrated insufficient public support and the Postmaster General closed the experiment.

A lively Q&A session followed, with Iain Stevenson relating stories of his time working as a temporary postman whilst a student in Scotland in the early 1970s. He recalled delivering mail on the 25<sup>th</sup> December - and some of the liquid refreshments he received. Iain said he struggled to recall the latter parts of his round! After the discussion, a vote of thanks was proposed by Alan Wood FRPSL.

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[ANCESTRY.COM](#) and [SOCIAL HISTORY](#)

or

[GENEALOGY / PHILATELY](#)

I know just what you are thinking, how can they be *married* together, they are so very different, but read on and you will be, I hope, wanting to see more.

I have collected stamps ever since I was about 6/7 years old, my mother also collected, which is how I got involved, but like lots of people it got put away, bringing up a family, not having the spare cash. Then my children were teenagers, and more free time, I was then introduced to 'Tracing your family tree'. This took over my life, every spare minute I was trying to find a relative, but in the days when I first started 'ancestry.com' did not exist, it was travelling miles to obtain whatever I wanted. Still my stamps were stuck up in the loft, eventually I felt the need to bring them out, so once I had got them out, that was it I was back into sorting, when one day I realised that I

could take items of my history and put them to stamps. Here is one favourite example; my grandmothers 1st cousin was married to a sailing

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man, what was the ship he was on - S.S TITANIC - he did survive, which prompted me to buy some stamps relating to the S.S Titanic, and when I wrote up both in my stamp album and my ancestry side the two were married.

Another of my favourites is the town of 'Ypres', in Belgium. 'Wipers' as the First World Tommy called it. This is where one of my Grandfathers was killed, so again it means a lot to me. I often buy Post Cards dated in the First World War. You have the Military post mark, which leads you to where it was posted from, and realising that the name of who ever had written, writing to either his wife or mother, had given me all the clues I needed to find him. Firstly I had the address, the surname [to whom he had written to] and of course I had his Christian name. So I have the Stamps on a post card I can now go the Ancestry.com, to find him. Pick up on the 1911 Census, on the address on the post card, it takes you along a road, sometimes of death, the Cemetery he is buried in, you can also find out what was in his will, and whom he left it to and whom was left behind.

You may be of the mind you can collect etc. on your own, and have no need for the company of others who collect. I find it most interesting to talk to other people who are looking for Social History items, and often where I am stuck, someone gives me the clue, without realising they have done so. Why don't you come and try us out for a couple of meetings.

Editor .

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## [THE SOCIETY AUCTION ON 6 FEBRUARY 2013](#)

by  
Anthony Howgrave-Graham

The Scout Hut just coped with the 40, or so, people at the Society auction on 6 February. The auction was a bumper one with 394 lots reserved between £1 and £55 and finished off by 70 unreserved lots which all sold. The total sales exceeded club records at £2,954.

63% of lots sold numerically but the figure was over 85% when taken against the total "value" of lots.

Added to the 35 room bidders were another 14 postal bidders (of whom 11 were successful) and the whole made for some really good

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bidding. Unusually for Salisbury auctions the GB sold particularly well, especially the older material. The first sign that it was going to be a good evening came as the first 10 lots all sold and then that there were some bold bidders in the room when it came to the British Forces in Egypt 1932 Xmas seals which made £28 mint and £65 used. The same but 1935 Silver Jubilee used made £68. A fine 1863 Sydney ship letter made a double reserve £40 and an all world collection entered for "Stamp Active", a charity encouraging children to take up the hobby, reserved at £10 ended up with a hammer price of £78. The final section of unreserved lots also started with 5 general lots in albums which made well above estimated values. A fine plate 4 1d black made £105, a collection of QV surface printed, £170 (the highest realisation) and a rather heavily mounted mint E7 10/-, the Somerset House printing, £140 (the highest realisation for a single item).

So, all in all an excellent and spirited sale which will be extremely difficult to replicate next year!

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[PACKET SECRETARY VOLUNTEER REQUIRED](#)

Our current Packet Secretary is needing to step down from this post; so we are after a volunteer to take over. Could this be you?

The packet circuit is one of the benefits offered by our Society and quite obviously it needs somebody to run it. The Packet Secretary doesn't necessarily need to be a member of the circuit itself. We would like to complete the handover to a new Packet Secretary by this Christmas. If we don't get a volunteer then with deep regret we would have to wind down the packet circuit. This season 2012/13 would be the last for the packet.

Further details of what is required can be obtained from Ray Harris (01722 712439). If you wish to volunteer then please contact any of the Committee.

[This would be such a pity that it should fold, do please think about it, and see if you can help. Ed.](#)

David Ashby being presented with salver for winning the WDPF 16 sheet



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9 Sheet Competition held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**Postal History**

1<sup>st</sup> David Ashby

2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Howgrave-Graham

**The J.W.B. Ruffle Trophy**

NSW/Victoria Riverina combination covers and  
NSW/ South Australia cross-border post.  
French Colonial eagle stamps on cover.

**General Philately**

1<sup>st</sup> Tony Howgrave-Graham

**The George Riley Rose Bowl**

The Natal Government railways use of official

2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Wood

stamps.  
Early postal labels 1840-1861 from ten European Countries and States.

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### **Aerophilately**

1<sup>st</sup> Brian Cartwright  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Wood

### **The J & M Lucas Cup**

Uganda airspace 1931 – 1934.  
Transatlantic Airmail Services.

### **Thematics**

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Latham-Warde  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Cartwright

### **The Centenary Cup**

Barbed wire.  
Queen Victoria Penny.

### **Social Philately**

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Latham-Warde  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Green

### **The F & B Palmer Trophy**

British greetings telegrams.  
The Royal British Legion.

### **Cinderella**

1<sup>st</sup> Alan Wood

### **The Society Cup**

Hamburg local posts.

### **Best in Show**

Tony Howgrave-Graham

### **The George Miskin Trophy**

French colonial eagle stamps on cover.

## **PROGRAMME 2013/2014**

|          |                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| 25 09 13 | Members' Recent acquisitions                 |
| 02 10 13 | DAY MEETING                                  |
| 09 10 13 | Hugh Feldman, US waterways                   |
| 23 10 13 | Monarchies, members display                  |
| 06 11 13 | John Baron lottery                           |
| 20 11 13 | Robin Cassels, GB Mulready's and caricatures |
| 11 12 13 | single sheet competition & social evening    |

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

## **MEETING PLACE**

Are held at the SCOUT HUT, HARNHAM.

Evenings 7.15 p.m for 7.30p.m -- Daytime 10.00 a.m for 10.30 a.m

Come and join us.