

# The WESSEX BULLETIN

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## How ABPS is still misrepresenting WESSEX FEDERATION CLUBS

A review of Wessex Federation Clubs as listed on the ABPS website shows the following results.

Club Name	ABPS details shown	Comments
Bideford Stamp Club	None	Club not shown
Brixham Stamp Club	Details correct	
Dartmouth Stamp Club	None	
Dawlish Stamp Club	Details correct	
Exeter & District Philatelic Society		Club no longer exists
Exmouth Stamp Club	None	
Kingsbridge Philatelic Society		Club no longer exists
Launceston Stamp Club	Details shown	Contact name is incorrectly spelt
Liskeard Stamp Club	None	Club not shown
Mid Devon Philatelic Society	None	
Minehead Stamp Club	Details correct	
Plymouth Philatelic Society	Details correct	
Sidmouth & Honiton Philatelic Society	None	
Taw & Torridge Stamp Club	Details correct	
Tiverton Stamp Club		Club no longer exists
Torquay & Teignbridge Stamp Club	Details correct	
West of England Thematic Society (WETS)	None	Club not shown

ABPS have been advised on several occasions that the above details are incorrect and they have been advised of the correct information. **What are we paying for and why is ABPS website incorrect?**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**5th September 2015 – DAWLISH STAMP CLUBS ANNUAL EXHIBITION** will be held in The Strand Centre Dawlish – more details in future Bulletins. We hope to have dealer presence, offer good catering, and be able to show the lots for the October Auction. Wessex Federation 2015 Competition Entries will be on display – More details in next Bulletin

**WESSEX FEDERATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATES for 2015** - 11<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> September (to include the AGM) **all clubs are entitled to send two representatives.** All meetings at the URC Exeter starting at 11.00 am.

**CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE** – If you have events that you need to advertise make sure you draw attention to them here.

## ALL CLUB CALENDAR

Date	Description	Speaker	Club/Society
05/05/2015	An Evening with David Lethbridge	David Lethbridge	Dartmouth Stamp Club
06/05/2015	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Exmouth Stamp Club
06/05/2015	China	M. Watson & J. Dain	Plymouth Philatelic Society
11/05/2015	An Evening with Mike	Mike Dimmock	Brixham Stamp Club
11/05/2015	Seychelles Part 2	Julian Luke	Bideford Stamp Club
12/05/2015	Visit to Axe vale Club	Martin & Sally Ellam	Exmouth Stamp Club
12/05/2015	Latvia	Wendy Buckle	Minehead & District Stamp Club
13/05/2015	<b>WESSEX Roadshow</b>	Wessex Speaker	Dawlish Stamp Club
14/05/2015	AGM followed by Bring & Buy		Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
14/05/2015	Trading & Postcards	Tony Lucas & Jim Fisher	Launston Stamp Club
14/05/2015	An Evening with Martin & Sally	Martin & Sally Ellam	Torquay & Teignbridge
18/05/2015	Visit by Axe Vale Club		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
20/05/2015	New Zealand & Alfa Romeo	B. Paul & B. Hunt	Exmouth Stamp Club
28/05/2015	A Great Britain Treasure Trove	John Forbes-Nixon	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
28/05/2015	Israel	Graham Eva	Liskeard Stamp Club
28/05/2015	AGM & Informal		Torquay & Teignbridge
02/06/2015	AGM & Kiloware Night		Dartmouth Stamp Club
02/06/2015	Visit to Mid Devon Club		Torquay & Teignbridge
03/06/2015	Members 8 Sheets U-Z		Exmouth Stamp Club
03/06/2015	Annual General Meeting		Plymouth Philatelic Society
08/06/2015	AGM and Ken Fox Memorial Trophy		Brixham Stamp Club
08/06/2015	Jerusalem & Palestine a Personal Experience	Dr David Smith	Bideford Stamp Club
09/06/2015	Postal History of Holland	Peter Hardy	Minehead & District Stamp Club
10/06/2015	<b>“ Russia ” – A country not often seen but with a fascinating postal history</b>	Graham Rankin	Dawlish Stamp Club
11/06/2015	Sudan Stamps & Postal History	Richard Stock	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
11/06/2015	Trading & Ptt Pourri	Rex Eccott & Peter Hardy	Launston Stamp Club
15/06/2015	War & Post	Martin Evans	Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
17/06/2015	The Fire Service	Ken Ramsey	Exmouth Stamp Club
24/06/2015	AGM & Members Displays		Liskeard Stamp Club
01/07/2015	Russia	Graham Rankin	Exmouth Stamp Club
08/07/2015	<b>GB KEVII Mint – A superb display of a part of GB material.</b>	Alan Vaughan	Dawlish Stamp Club
09/07/2015	Trading & King George VI	M. Tooley/P.Chantry	Launston Stamp Club
13/07/2015	How to Put Together a Thematic Display	Jim Wigmore	Bideford Stamp Club
14/07/2015	AGM, Bring & Buy, Silent Display by Members		Minehead & District Stamp Club
15/07/2015	AGM & Mini Auction		Exmouth Stamp Club
20/07/2015	Spain all Eras	Tony Elliot	Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club

11/08/2015	Taw & Torridge Entertain		Minehead & District Stamp Club
13/08/2015	Trading & The Story of Australia	Keith Attwood & Anne Lewis-Jones	Launston Stamp Club
17/08/2015	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club

**CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE** – if your meetings are not being shown above, it is because you have not sent details of your future meetings to the Wessex Webmaster, contact details above.

**Good programmes and good speakers do attract visitors.**

It is particularly important to tell us about exhibitions and fairs, plus joint meetings being held by clubs. If all this information is displayed on the federation website it does get noticed.

## AROUND THE CLUBS

**DAWLISH STAMP CLUB** – No change took place at the AGM when the existing committee were returned. Some interesting displays were given by members showing some of their recent acquisitions. The March meeting enable members and visitors to have a good look at the Lots for the 1504 Auction. The 1504 Auction itself was quite well attended and there was some lively bidding both from those in the room and postal bidders. The auction was a success with sale value exceeding 55% of total value. A high degree of satisfaction was achieved by both buyers and sellers. The club looks forward to seeing the 2015 Wessex Roadshow. Several club members have given displays to other clubs/societies during the period.

**Launceston Stamp Club** January's meeting was the first to be held at Edymead House, the new premises of the Launceston Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Club Secretary Evelyn Sandercock welcomed the nineteen members present and gave out Club notices and also reminded members that refreshments would now be provided using the facilities available with the proceeds going to the Club funds. The meeting opened with a busy trading session arranged by Rex Eccott. The meeting was devoted to displays from eleven members of the Club John Harrison, Jim Parsons, Dave Richards, John Cole, Des Kent, Evelyn Sandercock, Viv Sandercock, Joe Allen, Mike Tooley, Terry Mounce, John Henderson showing the diversity of interests arising from collecting stamps and postcards.

Evelyn Sandercock thanked everyone who had contributed to making the evening a success.

February's meeting was the second to be held at Edymead House the new meeting room which, although a little smaller than our previous venue, is proving to be quite well suited to our requirements. The meeting opened at 6.30pm with the usual busy trading session of stamps, collections and covers arranged by Viv and Evelyn Sandercock.

Following the trading session Club Secretary Evelyn Sandercock welcomed the sixteen members present and gave out Club notices and also reminded members of the annual Club Stamp & Postcard Fair to be held on Saturday 28th February at the Sunday School Room of the Central Methodist Church in Launceston. Visitors are welcome, admission is free, there is a raffle and light refreshments will be available.

Treasurer Des Kent reported that the Accounts for the year ending 30/11/14 showed a very welcome increase in the Club's reserves. This was largely attributable to the support and generosity of Mrs King. It was agreed by members present that the Club's thanks should be recorded and a bouquet of flowers should be sent to Mrs King. Members were also reminded that although the Club's Spring Stamp Auction was not until April they should register their entries as soon as possible. This is to avoid disappointment as again there has to be a limit of 300 lots.

Speaker for the evening was Club member David Richards who presented an impressive display of the stamps of Trinidad and Tobago in two parts - pre and post the union of the two islands in 1893. David introduced his display with a brief but informative cultural and economic history of the islands which were "discovered" by Columbus in 1498. Trinidad was ceded by Spain to Britain in 1797 followed by the annexation of Tobago to form the colony of Trinidad and Tobago. Independence was gained in 1962 with the country forming a Republic in 1976. The Islands' largely agrarian economy has been transformed by oil and petrochemical products and more recently by the development of its natural gas reserves and the export of LPG.

The display comprised some 80 A4 sheets and could be said to be practically complete with the exception only of rarities. The first Trinidad issue was in 1847 and for Tobago the first joint issue was in 1913. In addition to the more conventional postal items David's collection features numerous items of philatelic interest including WWII censored mail, local maritime mail, French Caribbean mail, local coastal mail and village postmarked items. All in all a collection worthy of recognition and is recommended viewing for all collectors.

The Club held their regular monthly meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March with seventeen members present. The meeting opened at 6.30pm with a busy trading session of stamps and covers arranged by the evening's Speaker, David Lethbridge.

Following the trading session Club Secretary Evelyn Sandercock gave out Club notices and welcomed new member, Aubrey Fanning. Treasurer Des Kent was asked to report on the Club's Stamp Fair. Des advised that the receipts from traders and the raffle less costs realised the sum of £144.58 towards the Club's funds. Members were also advised that over 250 lots had already been entered for the Club's Spring Stamp Auction on 9th April. The closing date for members to register their entries will be 21st March.

Speaker for the evening was David Lethbridge from St Austell. David explained that although the topic for his philatelic display was Social History he had drawn upon his collection of militaria, in particular, campaign, general service and gallantry medals.

The display comprised some 80 exhibits, decorations and related postal packets and correspondence spanning the Victorian era through to WWII and the Korean War. Mention should be made of David's special interest in the history of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (DCLI) and many of the exhibits have this local connection.

Chairman Jim Sowden presented David with the Club's Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for a most interesting and entertaining evening.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our evening meetings which are now held at the Royal British Legion, Edymead House, Launceston on the second Thursday of each month. The Secretary, Evelyn Sandercock (01566 772846), will be pleased to provide further details of our activities and forthcoming events.

## DANZIG

Why collect a "dead country"? asked one Sidmouth and Honiton stamp club member for a February display and talk on "Danzig Free State" by Malcolm Steward.

He was quickly shot down, the simple idea that new issues don't drain your pocket then proceeded to enthral all present. Danzig issued its' own stamps from 1920 to 1939 and Malcolm virtually just "tossed in" early information that in this Baltic Sea nation's territory the first shots of World War II were fired there on September 1st 1939.



A map explained exactly where Danzig existed and attractive postcards illustrated buildings of it's historic city.

Stamp wise winter relief issues, overprinted German definitives, inflation issues and overprints were shown and explained. Also included were Air Mail stamps, miniature sheets and special cancels for a 1932 world class "Luposta Exhibition".





Postal History offered field posts for British troops following World War I. A Zeppelin flew across Malcolm's display. Germany obviously featured strongly on his pages along with Poland, which surrounds the important Harbour. Wartime censors and identity notes prior to German's defeat in 1945 added to the absorbing story.

Danzig was then awarded to Poland by allies and renamed Gdansk.

Illustrated covers showed much of the rebuilding of the now "vibrant city". Malcolm, confirmed these words having visited the area. *(An interesting country and one we see little of philatelically – Ed)*

## An apology to Sidmouth & Honiton – by Jim Wigmore

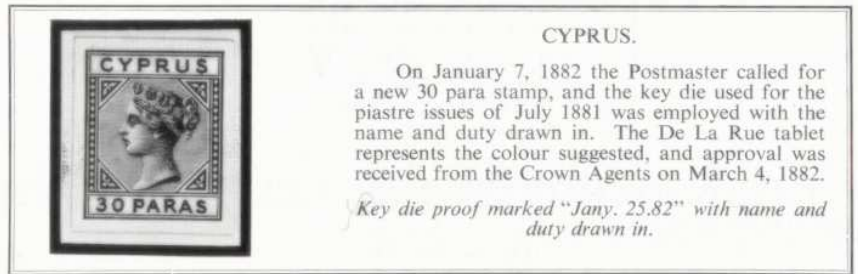
At a recent display given by me to Sidmouth & Honiton Club I was left feeling a little red faced having mentioned the missing 30 para value from the 1881 issue and the reason behind it to then discover the relevant sheet was not in the display. So here it is. *(The sheet was subsequently found miss filed in the wrong display.)*

### The missing 30 para value.

When the first Key Plate printing was introduced this value was being met by the vast stocks of 1d stamps of Great Britain overprinted with both **CYPRUS** and **30 paras**.. This met



the need of the 1d Imperial Letter Rate. As stocks ran down, a request was made for stamps with this additional value, *(reference the British Museum proof copy and note, shown above.)*



British Museum Proof and Note.

The stocks actually ran out prior to delivery of the new stamp, this was overcome by overprinting a number of the 1 piastre value at the Government Printing Office in Nicosia.



The resulting stamp was on sale from 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1882 until 7<sup>th</sup> June 1882, **a period of just 17 days**.

The new stamp is shown left in its delivered state and right how it was to appear in service.

*Although the stamp had been a part of the original requirement it only appeared on Crown CA paper as a part of the second printing.*



What they were totally unaware of was that the sheet behind which would have appeared in the second half of the display was an equally unusual item. This is shown right, note the fact that the kings head is in panels that do not match the rest of the stamp for all the stamps applied to the cover. These stamps were printer's samples and should never have been used for postage. It should have been picked up prior to delivery and charged postage due, as the stamps were



not of an approved design. This is one of only two known covers where these samples have been used. Both covers were sent by the same person.



## Plymouth Philatelic Society Winter 2014/15 Newsletter

### Tonight Derek's POST & GO's

In November Martin Ellam presented the WETS road show. December saw fourteen members displaying ten sheets on any subject, these showed a wide, varied and interesting collection of material. Including GB, Canada, France, Falklands and South Africa. Seasonal fair was dispensed as members enjoyed the free draw conducted by Derek Ashton. June was presented with a small gift as a thank you for her marvellous efforts for us throughout the year.

The society's "taking stamps to the people" put on a display in Crownhill library, in November, with a literature theme. David Parnall's Crownhill cancellations were included in the display. This was so successful we were asked to put it up in several other libraries.

The photo right shows the display in Southway library in December. This had a Christmas theme, Sally Ellam provided the Christmas material. *(a member of the public and one of the librarians were caught looking at the display).*



The Annual auction in January was conducted by David Parnall and Rob Hubble assisted by the very fleet of foot Steve Joslin and David Roseveare who distributed the lots. The grand total of £202.30 was paid for these and added £20.03 to club funds.

Two display boards were put up in January's meeting showing what was going to be displayed in the Peverell library. The main contributors were Derek Ashton with a sample of his Post and Go presentation and Steve Joslin with his Great Britain overprints. That presentation is on show at present in the library and shown right.

We have had good monthly write ups in the Herald by David Roseveare and the library displays have been advertised by Nicola Tapp in her 'community Guide'.



I was asked to give a talk to Southway Library friends group on philately while setting up the display. This I did, there was lots of interest and questions and was emailed a very encouraging thank you.

*'Hello Martin,*

*Thank you so much for coming to talk to our group. The feedback I have had has been all positive, the group really enjoyed it.*

*We would love for you to come back again.*

*Many thanks Teresa'.*

Above, answering questions during the coffee break.

In March we have B Hart giving a talk on Czechoslovakia. This will be one of the items in the spring newsletter and if you have any snippets for inclusion let me know at [martin.sally101@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.sally101@btinternet.com) or 01752 781252.

*(Well done Plymouth, some thoughts here for other clubs – Ed)*

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE REPORTS FROM ALL OUR CLUBS**

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## WESSEX 2015 COMPETITIONS

– Our Competition Secretary Gary Green has been busy producing and distributing Entry Forms for the 2015 Competitions – Well done Gary. All the entries will be shown at the Dawlish Clubs Stamp Exhibition at the Strand Centre Dawlish on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This is a superb venue easily accessible by public transport both Dawlish Station and the local bus stops for Stagecoach Services 2 or 11 are only a few minutes walk away. There is lots of car parking in The Barton Car Park also only a few minutes walk away. There will be dealer presence and other displays. Hot food, snacks and drinks will also be available during the event, so make the effort and **come and have a great day out**. If you really feel decadent you can indulge in Gays Ice Cream available from the opposite side of The Lawn.

Application Forms for the Competitions are now available. Please note that in accordance with member's wishes, this year's entries will be the original material. The federation has delivered upon your request so **PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT TO TAKE PART**.

Following requests from various clubs a new Competition has been introduced this year for beginners, no rules, just 4 sheets on any subject and NO ENTRY FEE. The federation has delivered on your request so **PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT TO TAKE PART**.

Copies of the Application Forms for both are included with this news letter.

## DO YOU COLLECT HONG KONG or SINGAPORE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THEMATIC MATERIAL

We have been made aware that a significant amount of material on all the above subjects will be included in a forthcoming sale by South West Philatelic Auctions further details and requests for catalogues can be made to SWPA at 01752 698089 the possible sale date for this material is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the ISCA Centre Exeter. GOOD HUNTING.

## WETS DAY 2015

– West of England Thematic Society (WETS) had a really good turn out for their Spring Meeting held at Buckfastleigh Town hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The guest Speaker was Dr Jean Alexander with her fine thematic display on "Waterfalls" much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Part of the inclusive deal was a really good Buffet Lunch along with Tea/Coffee. Members were asked to bring an eight sheet display on the subject of WATER. These were shown after lunch and Jean Alexander was asked to carry out a critique on the material shown. This was very well received and members agreed that they would set the theme of AIR for the Autumn Meeting which they requested be held at the same venue at a date to be notified by the WETS Committee.

## WHERE WERE THE MARINES

– this very fine envelope complete with associated letter written by Master Sergeant Delaney serving aboard HMS Rodney anchored at Coruna Spain in 1856 to his family in Dublin found no takers at the recent Dawlish Stamp Club 1504 Auction. Apart from the Postal History aspects the letter is a wonderful insight into life at sea at this time and its historical value would have appeared to be invaluable on both counts. Those who are interested in Naval History and the Marines have missed a good opportunity. The item has now been returned to the vendor who has little or no appreciation of the value. Let us hope it is not destroyed and lost forever.



## IF YOU HAVE A STORY WE WISH TO HEAR IT