A NEW LOOK

Welcome to a new year and a new look and name - after many years of being a Society News Supplement to our main Newsletter and latterly Journal we have decided to enter 2014 with a fresh design and a change of name. We have adopted the title FPHS Newsletter as a more snappy title and still reflect the content. We hope you like and enjoy it - do let us know, please.

DATES 2014

10 May 2014 - Prisoners of War & Their Camps in the UK & Overseas (all periods) - Members' displays

14 June 2014 - Falkland Islands & Ascension Island - a display from Wilf Veveres

18-20 July 2014 - Weekend Conference at the Holiday Inn York, incorporating the York Stamp & Coin Fair

9 August 2014 - War & Philately at Banstead Community Hall, Banstead, Surrey SM7 3AJ

13 September 2014 - Europe at War - Medical Facilities, Hospitals, etc - Members' displays

Subscription Renewals for 2014

A reminder

A reminder that if you have not already responded then your subscription for 2014 is overdue - please complete the renewal form and send it to our Hon Treasurer as soon as possible, or make the appropriate PayPal payment. For those who use a Standing Order please make sure that it reflects the new rate (£20) otherwise you will be chased up for the underpayment by our Treasurer. We will be taking a far stricter line this year as regards the non-sending of the Journal to those who fail to pay their subscriptions.

Paperless Subscriptions

The following announcement was made in our Winter 2013 Journal and will be reflected in the subscription renewal form which accompanied that Journal and Supplement:

Our Committee has set the level for paperless subscriptions only at £15 for 2014, or £16 if paying by Paypal. This represents a saving of £5 for UK members and a very significant saving for overseas members. It also reduces the workload on our dispatcher, Alistair Kennedy, and will save several trees in due course. It would greatly help the management to have timely advance warning of members intending to go paperless so the print run of the Spring 2014 edition can be adjusted downwards, saving money, so please do e-mail our Treasurer at scapabaker@btinternet.com as soon as you read this Journal if you wish to go paperless for 2014 onwards.

Please also note that those who pay for their paper copy will still be able to access the online version through our Discussion Forum.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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Annual General Meeting 2014

In accordance with General Rule 8 (a) and (b) NOTICE is hereby given that the 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 12th April 2014 at 10.30am in the Union Jack Club. Members wishing to submit motions for discussion or nominations for officers and committee posts must notify the Hon. Secretary by 23rd March 2014. A mini ‘live’ room auction is expected to follow the AGM.

IMPORTANT: Postal Auction No 296

It will be remembered that our Postal Auction Manager, Steve Dunderdale died last year. Postal Auction No 296 was taken over by our President Peter High. Regrettably some of the paperwork relating to the auction in progress at the time of Stephen’s death did not reach Peter and as a result it has proved difficult to match up some lots with vendors.

It would be helpful if any vendor, who has not yet received their payment for lots sold or the return of their unsold lots, please make contact with Peter and identify their lots from the auction sale. There appear to be two or possibly three vendors to whom this may refer. We apologise for this administrative error which was beyond our control. Peter may be contacted at: peter.high94@hotmail.co.uk

Other dates of interest

11-14 July 2014 - Philatelic Congress of Great Britain 2014
To be held in Ypres, Belgium, in commemoration of the beginning of World War I. Arranged jointly by The Royal Philatelic Society London and the l’Académie de philatélie de Belgique

18-19 July 2014 - York Racecourse Stamp & Coin Fair, Grandstand, Racecourse, York YO23 1EX

17-20 September 2014 - Autumn STAMPEX, Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1 (Germany and Colonies 50th Anniversary and Centenary of the outbreak of World War One)

Advance Notice:


SOCIETY Displays

14th September 2013
Joint Meeting with the Postal History Society

We had a wonderfully successful joint meeting with the Postal History Society, so much so that we have organised another one for 15th November 2014. This time we will be in the more spacious Gascoigne Room, more fitting for the large numbers expected from both societies. I must apologise for
my tardiness in writing up this report, but the sheer number and variety of material display has made for a difficult task and I kept putting it off - which only makes matters worse as the memory of the event fades! The start was delayed as we were waiting for our President to arrive who had been delayed by unusually heavy traffic. He was also bringing back more display boards that had been refurbished by Nick Colley and his wife (our grateful thanks to both for the work undertaken - it is good to have a fresh feel to our boards with no missing runners or borders). Because of the number and variety of material displayed the descriptions will be necessarily brief (and my apologies if I miss something or someone!). From looking at those who displayed it is interesting to note the number who were members of both societies - and no doubt others were in the audience as well.

Hugh Feldman, FRPSL - President of the Postal History Society - opened proceedings and welcomed all to the joint meeting. He said that he collects postal history of the USA and showed material from postal contracts by railroads in the US from 1832 onwards; covers showing usage in the Confederate States; an adversity cover made out of wallpaper; patriotic covers and mail from various steamboats.

Tony Stanford, FRPSL showed an 1849 diplomatic letter from British Levant; British FPO 949 from Kobe, Japan during the Korean War and two items to Casablanca “By Favour of the Bag” in 1944.

Graham Mark (FPHS/PHS joint member) explained that during WW1 civil censorship was directed from London and that London sent out people to help / assist in the colonies. He showed a number of items connected with Egypt - a team went out in 1917 to assist in the organisation of censorship in Egypt. As regards the initials EPC these stood for Eastern Postal Censorship, initially it was thought to be Egypt. London censors brought their own material with them and so London style censor labels were used in Egypt. Peter O’Keeffe showed WW1 material. Forces had to pay postage until the end of August 1914 - 1d GB or 10c French stamps and also a mixed franking; miscellaneous postal stationery including some unusual Field Service postcards including an admission to hospital card from APO S11 signed by a nurse as the soldier was suffering from shell shock; an early postcard of a bedroom in the Union Jack Club and a tiny postcard from a soldier in Italy writing home August 1918; an item from a Portuguese soldier Apr 1917 and a registered letter enclosing a postal order from an FPO - quite unusual.

Ben Palmer (PHS) showed an item from 1795 with 1d rate; an item from Sydney, NSW with a 1d stamp not cancelled or with a back stamp, but it got to London where it received an FB (Foreign Branch) cancel but the military concession was disallowed!

Keith Tranmer showed a selection of Austrian material from 1744 to 1915, including the War of Austrian Succession in the Netherlands with an AA (Army Austria) marking of 1744; an item from 1805 during the Napoleonic occupation collecting donations for the Grande Armee; two entries from the army in France 1814-15; a naval cover from the Austrian battleship Kaiser at Cuxhaven during the 1864 war with Denmark; a registered letter to Austria from the Austrian Marine PO in Peking in 1912 and a 1915 picture postcard with cachet of Unterseeboot 5 sent by Captain Ritter von Trapp to his wife (Keith made the comment that he did not marry Julie Andrews!). Steve Ellis (FPHS/PHS joint member) showed mail from German POWs and internees in Hong Kong in WW1, some with Provost Marshal cachets. He also showed WW2 during the Japanese occupation showing mail from POWs and mail to civilian internees. Martin Lynes (FPHS/PHS joint member now, sadly, no longer with us) showed WW2 German internee and POW mail in Canada; some internees were reclassified as refugees which meant they lost free postage. In 1943 Canada introduced special datestamps with numbers in. Martin was interested in the biographical details of some of those interned or POWs.

Claire Scott, FRPSL (PHS) displayed a selection of correspondence from William Greenall Coe (born 7/12/1890) who began naval training on 3 May 1912 and qualified as an engine room Artificer; he was not an officer and he wrote home every week. In 1915 he started training as a submariner and joined the submarine E1, part of the British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic which operated behind enemy lines. He died of TB in March 1917 (but it was stated to be flu).

David Milsted, FRPSL who fascinated us with the tale of two lion cubs presented to the Tower of London! Lord Cornwallis was Governor of the tower, but he was in Ireland at the time. He showed correspondence relating to the presentation of the two cubs by the Governor of Bombay in March 1800. They arrived by an East Indiaman but no-one was prepared to disembark them into a menagerie and so they were kept onboard ship until it was resolved ! He also showed a cover from a native in Udjidji posted on 2 May 1915 to an Arab Askari in 6th Field Company. Michael Farrant, FRPSL (PHS) put up a selection of military and naval postal history from German East Africa. The German navy was off the coast of East Africa and initially there was no postal system. He showed an example of mail from Mozambique in 1894. Then the Schippost was introduced and each vessel was allocated a number. He also showed German mail from East Africa during WW1 including a Taveta Deutsch Feldpost used from 1 October 1914 and a cover written by an Arab - there were some Arabs in the Askari; there was also a special rate for the Army sending parcels in the colony and he had an example of such a parcel card.

Tony Eastgate, FRPSL (FPHS/PHS joint member) displayed material from Jewish immigration camps in Cyprus 1947/48 from three main camps Karados Camp (60 & 62), Xylotymbou and Dhekelia (69 & 70); some camps were numbered and numbers known from the main one are indicated; also shown were courier mails with Cyprus stamps and also with Jewish stamps applied, including an item addressed to Chile as well as mail from the American Jewish Distribution Committee (AJDC) with various AJDC cachets. He also showed German mail from East Africa during the 1943/44 war with Denmark; some camps were numbered and numbers known from the main one are indicated; also shown were courier mails with Cyprus stamps and also with Jewish stamps applied, including an item addressed to Chile as well as mail from the American Jewish Distribution Committee (AJDC) with various AJDC cachets.
markings. **David Stotter, FRPSL** (PHS) displayed German POWs held in Morocco during WW1. The display was in two parts, the first of picture postcards showing German POWs being made ready prior to going to Morocco, whilst the second part covered mail and postcards from German POWs showing various censor markings. The camps closed in 1916 following German representations on Germans being held overseas.

**Peter High** (President FPHS) showed a potpourri of items which he hoped would be of interest to those present; he started with an item of May 1918 from the hospital ship China from a fleet surgeon referring to the flu - took in 100 cases and they were still coming in; not kept in for more than three days. He showed items from the Anglo-Boer War including from someone in Manchester Port invalid ship; a letter from Lady Randolph Churchill; letter headed notepaper from HS Main; an item from the HS France and items from an Ambulance Barge in France, sponsored and paid for by Denmark with picture postcards showing the interior and exterior of the barge; one card was sent from one of four nurses provided by Denmark. He also showed covers from both British and French ambulance barges; lastly, various items from the Russo-Japanese War, including a Japanese hospital ship.

**Patrick Frost** (PHS/PHS joint member) displayed postmarks used in Great Britain on Army Manoeuvres prior to WW2. He started with items from 1873 from Cannock Chase and Dartmoor as well as other items from Aldershot and Salisbury. The Army held manoeuvres every year from 1903 to 1913, mainly in the Aldershot area with most using single ring Army Post Office datestamps; 1925 manoeuvres used double ring datestamps whilst those of 1933-37 established some 10/11 FPOs along with a Base APO - double ring FPO datestamps were used; he showed examples from all these eras. He also showed a large skeleton datestamp from Bustard Field PO (1903-04), Field PO Bordon, Hants (1914) and an Army Post Office skeleton used at Bourley (1912).

**Jeremy Martin, FRPSL** (PHS/PHS joint member) showed items connected with Warley Camp up to 1900, including an entire dated 1783; Napoleonic war items including an items from the Light Cavalry camp in the Crimean War 1855; British intervention in Russia at the end of WW1 with postcards postmarked PB66 and D27; Estonia and a cover from the Dongola campaign in the Sudan 1896. **Maurice Porter** (PHS) displayed items from the Boer War connected with the railways; he mentioned that the railways were all single track railways and showed a number of philatelic items as well as APO Eastern TPO, Western TPO and TPO East No 1 postal markings; many covers had their original letters inside; he also showed an interesting cover from FPO 17 (Johannesburg) dated 12 Ju 00 with the cachet “Recovered From Mail Looted by the Enemy”. **John Scott, FRPSL** (PHS/PHS joint member) put up a selection of material relating to postal stationery (writing paper and envelopes) from the 1790’s in France; writing paper from the British Legion (La Legión Británica) in 1837, a British military force of nearly 10,000 men sent to Spain to support the Liberals and Queen Isabella II of Spain against the Carlists in the First Carlist War; a letter from HMS Rodney 1853; stationery used in the Crimean War And Indian mutiny; red envelopes used in WW1 (to be used for urgent personal matters) and went up to 1945 with a US illustrated air mail letter sheet. This was a most fascinating display of illustrated stationery.

**Robin Pizer** (PHS) regaled us with military mail from the Allied Forces which occupied the Rhineland 1918-25, this included British FPOs, aerial post (London-Cologne); Belgian mail with military postmarks and unit markings; US mail from Koblenz and Trier and a couple of items from US Forces in Luxembourg; French military postmarks, almost certainly used from German occupied territory - Robin was actually looking for more information on French military postmarks in WW1. **Richard Fleming** (PHS) told the story of his father-in-law Edward (Jack) Main in what was titled “One Man’s War” and illustrated it with correspondence he sent home. Jack was called up was sent into the Royal Signals; he went to Singapore and sent a letter back from Cape Town on 18 Apr 1941, he arrived in Singapore on 20 May 1941 - where he sent a telegram home to his wife and wrote home the next day via the horseshoe route. Mail was sent home from Malaya via the Clipper route. With the fall of Singapore he became a prisoner of the Japanese and eventually sent to work on the infamous Burma Railway. When his wife (Vera) sent him a letter on 13 Jul 1942 it took some 15 months for him to receive it. On 6 Sep 1945 hostilities had ceased and he spent a few weeks at Rangoon on rest and recuperation before being sent home.

**Alistair Kennedy, FRPSL** (PHS/PHS joint member) displayed a fascinating collection of British mail from the period 1792 to 1815. This included an from the British campaign in the Low Countries 1794; a 1795 letter to an officer in the UK redirected a few tie which saw the cost build up, which was eventually cancelled by the Post Office; the 1d concession rate was introduced to soldier/sailors in 1795 and he displayed a cover from 1805 showing the 1d rate; 1808 letter to a soldier in Woolwich but the sender did not pay postage so the soldier had to pay 11d instead of 1d ! Lastly a cover from May 1815 from a soldier in the cavalry; soldiers letters were signed by the CO and both the soldier and the CO lost their lives at Waterloo.

9th November 2013

**World War 2 and beyond - Mail to & from Islands (Malta, Crete, Cyprus, etc)** by Gavin Fryer, FRPSL

Prior to the commencement of the afternoon’s display our President, Peter High, called for a moments silence in memory of our late Vice President, Martin Lynes. Following our recent announcement Peter then went on to present engraved medals to the co-authors and author of our recent joint Harry Cope Memorial Award winners: **Dr Rodger G Evans, Dr David Ball and Mr Alan**
Green for their joint authorship of “Malta in World War 1 - Postal History” and David Tett, FRPSL for his “A Postal History of the Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in East Asia During World War Two: Volume 6 - Japan, Korea, Manchuria and Borneo 1942-1945: Hell Ships to Slavery”.

Then we came to the afternoon’s display by Gavin Fryer, FRPSL: after being introduced by our President, Gavin explained how the display came about - he had received the 2012 programme and was slightly surprised to see that there was no display by a member shown - and so here he now stood before us! He commented that it was his intention to put up the material, provide a short introduction and then allow plenty of time for members and guests to view the items displayed - they were well written up, but he would answer questions from members. He showed a selection of KGVI definitive’s on mail sent out to islands and coming back, this was a tour around the world - but only a selection. He started off with mail from the Orkneys, mail to the Faroe Islands, together with an FPO on the Faroe Islands; a printed paper wrapper with a copy of the typed paper that would have been included. Shown were items from the British air mail service to Scilly Isles and from the Foreign Office which had a listening post on Westland Islands. Next was the turn of Cyprus in which he showed a number of FPOs (122, 124, 291, 726, etc) as well as some AMLC’s and a cover to No 2 Wireless Regiment in Famagusta. He finished with high values on cover to Cyprus; also included was surface mail to Cyprus.

Next to Gibraltar with various items on show and on to various AMLC’s with red crosses from both Ghana and Gibraltar. Mail to the Canary Islands and the Azores were shown before he moved on to the Caribbean.
This section included mail to / from Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica and Trinidad. Also shown were items connected with Cuba, Guadeloupe and mail to St Helena with a 4/-franking and printed paper rate. He had an item from St Vincent with an enclosed letter sent before the war as well as an example of the 2/- to Trinidad. Next were the Falkland Islands before he turned out attention to Ceylon, where he showed examples of mail from the Netherlands Navy in exile from Colombo. The remainder of the session was connected with Malta, some of which appeared in the Malta WW2 book. He showed a selection of Malta definitive’s on cover with various censorship labels. He also showed an example of a thin postcards, used to save weight; substitute AMLC’s due to the shortage of stationery; an airgraph sent through the post with a 3d stamp; various “gratitude” labels, including one where the censor had tried to delete the name “Malta”! Then there was the green cross message scheme where priority was given to servicemen on Malta writing to their families in the UK and who were given special labels with a green cross for enclosure in their letters home which then afforded priority when used on mail from families back to Malta. The rate of issue was one per week. He also showed a letter from Tangier to Malta. He also showed mail connected with the RAF in Shetland Islands in 1942.

Part 2 of Gavin’s display started off with Crete and here Gavin referred to the article he wrote on the subject and which appeared in the Autumn 2013 edition of our journal. He showed items connected with Crete and its aftermath, which included FPOs from Albania and Greece. British, Australian and New Zealand troops fled Greece and went to Crete; Lieutenant-General Freyberg, commanding the NZ Expeditionary Force was expecting a substantial seaborne invasion, but the Germans arrived by air. Also shown were items from Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Zanzibar. Then onto the Maldives - in 1941 a fuelling anchorage was to be established at Addu Atoll and Naval Detachment 350 was sent to Port T at Gan in the Maldives. He showed examples of mail which originated from Gan: AMLC’s, registered mail, airgraph and other letters. Next stop was further east to Malaysia, Hong Kong, China and Java. Some of the items shown included immediate post-WW2 Australian APOs in Japan and Korea, including British mail sent through such APOs.

He showed an item connected with the Atom Bomb base in Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, used for nuclear tests between 1946 and 1958. This was a cover addressed to RAF Group Captain Kyle in Washington who had attended the bomb tests in Bikini Atoll in July 1946 and which had been re-directed to Bracknell. Also shown were items from Ocean Island, Papua-New Guinea, a 1943 letter from Pitcairn and Henderson Island via Tahiti, with mail to Honolulu (including a bag label from London FS) and Sandwich Isles. A 1944 Christmas airgraph from Solomon Islands, a postage paid AMLC from Thursday Island 1944; items from Christmas Island, a couple of examples of mail from Tristan da Cunha; mail to New Zealand, including a newspaper printed paper wrapper to Long Island. He also showed a registered cover from Glasgow to Tonga with a TIN CAN MAIL circular cachet of 1944 which had postage of 2½d plus 3d registration fee. Finally we came to the war in the Pacific with examples of US mail, V-mail from Admiralty Islands 1945 and a cover from US APO 914 on Kanton Island in 1943.

Rodger Evans gave a vote of thanks and quite coincidentally (to us anyway!) they were both members of the same local society. In thanking Gavin for a most enjoyable display Rodger said that the range of material was testament to the depth of knowledge and research possessed by Gavin and that his range of postal rates was quite extraordinary. During the meeting we were made aware that the guest who accompanied Gavin was fellow RPSL member John Lea, who was acknowledged to hold the longest continuous membership of the ‘Royal’ for a current member and that it was his birthday that day! What a wonderful birthday treat!

14th December 2013
Member’s Recent Acquisitions and Queries and a chat over mince pies and tea/coffee

Peter Burrows started off with items from his newly mounted box and, as was to be expected on a topic such as this, he showed a wide variety of material - starting off with an item from the Lerwick Kite Balloon Station; WW1 illustrated postcard and simple greetings from Fort Napier POW Camp in South Africa; during WW1 Japan was an Allie and rounded up Germans as POWs and placed them in camps with items associated with these; he also showed a variety of POW and unit Christmas postcards; moving onto WW2 there was a 1942 MEF and 1945 US Forces in the Netherlands East Indies Christmas cards; Jewish Hospitality Committee cards as well as Comforts Funds such as the Baildon War Services Comforts Fund. Robin Davis showed two covers - one an 1897 QV registered Gold Coast to Malta (stamps missing) from the Staff Commander on HMS Rodney in the Mediterranean Fleet and the other a Cyprus WW1 1918 New Years postcard sent internally in Cyprus. Michael Dobbs’ selection included a 1946 Christmas card for GHQ MELF which went alongside his existing one for 1945 from GHQ MEF; a number of post-war official registered and unregistered covers with FPOs and unit cachets mainly BAOR but also Bahrain, Libya and Kenya; 1963 covers from Eglin AFB; 1969 Met Police cover from Anguilla; a number of NATO-related items including an official printed envelope from the Island Commander Azores 1955 and lastly recent acquisitions and recent uses of the BFPS 1000 postmark. Geoff Hanney had a hotchpotch of items including a cover of 1824 from the Royal Engineers at Chatham; item from First Sussex Regiment; a couple of OHMS WW1 covers; a 1947 registered cover from Italy to South Africa and a couple of the
illustrated air mail envelopes used at the Maralinga Range in Australia.

Peter O’Keeffe meanwhile showed a number of postal stationery items including two with the 1d rate to the POW camp at Wahn near Cologne; a 1947 letter sheet from one German prisoner to his brother in another POW camp in Egypt; a couple of postal stationery cards for 1893 over printed Oil Rivers and a selection of red 1d Foreign rate postcards postmarked with FPOs in South Africa. Albert Coles included items were from the Air Training Scheme in Rhodesia - they were covers from Australians in the Rhodesian Air Training Group; an invitation from HMAS Adelaide and a photograph of the band of HMS Challenger to Hobart, possibly 1908 and lastly a postcard of the Boer War monument in Hobart. Cliff Gregory put up one item which was a “peaceful and happy Christmas” card cancelled at Raynes Park Camp, Bedford sometime during WW1 with an intriguing message “sorry cannot come at Xmas but will see you soon. They have found out my age and won’t let me go to the front. Your old chum Syd”.

Peter High displayed various items connected with the Russo-Japanese War 1904-05 including a postcard of a Russian warship on its way to the Battle of Tsushima - this was a 1904 Portuguese postcard of the armoured cruiser Vladimir Monomakh; a picture of a mail train in Manchuria; a couple of covers from Russian POWs in Japan addressed to Moscow and Poland respectively; photographs of Russian POWs in Japanese camps. He also showed a postcard of a former hospital ship in South Africa posted at Dar-es-Salaam in 1922 and a postcard of No 26 Siberian Hospital Train in 1904. Philip Kaye showed an item from Indian FPO 85 used 1917-20 in Bagdad; also used on mail from Dunsterforce at Baku with 30 OCT 18 being the earliest date recorded by the late Bob Emery; Philip had a postcard postmarked 25 OCT 18 which was five days earlier; it was written on 13 September five days before Dunsterforce endured a short, brutal siege before being forced to withdraw, but not postmarked until 25 October. Keith Lillywhite showed a variety of items including Christmas related cards from 908 Balloon Squadron 1939, US Forces in France 1944 (from APO 179), Polish Air Force 1944, 11 Armoured Division in Holland 1944, Canadian Forces in Holland 1944, the Middle East, 1939 BEF, and 1943 Combined Operations. He also displayed a copy of the Tobruk News of 24 December 1941, showed photos taken of aircraft on the carrier HMS Glory in the Korean War and of aircraft operations over Korea and lastly a ration card issued to the Germans in France.

Alistair Kennedy, as usual, put up a mixed bag of covers including a postmark of an Indian Air Force base; a cover from Indian personnel in Belfast to take over a ship from the Royal Navy in the 1950’s; he mentioned that there was quite a lot of WW2 material around which had come from the Command Ordnance Depot in Donnington and showed one or two items from there; he displayed a couple of covers from Mauritius with Army Signals datestamps before they went into the civil post; he showed a selection of mail from Syria, which was in the Ottoman Empire for a number of years and at the end of WW1 British troops moved into the country from Palestine with EEF stamps being used on civil mails; French military occupation stamps; showed Forces Christmas mail in 1940 with a surface rate of 40 mls. Lastly we had Nick Colley with a fine selection of WW2 items mostly from Canadian units or individuals in the RAF, such mail tended to have unit cachets applied which made them more attractive and were from squadrons in the 4xx series (RCAF), other RAF squadrons or other RAF units such as Reception Centres, etc; he also showed items from Australian airmen from various RAF locations as well as POW mail.

**Display Wanted:**

Newcastle Philatelic Society

Through our member in Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tony Walker, the president-elect of his Newcastle Philatelic Society, Roy Richardson, has asked if there is anyone in the FPHS who could give that society a display between September and December 2014 on WWI and/or a display between January and May in 2015 on WWII. Not the same person of course.

Newcastle PS is a general society, so the displays should be of a broadish nature to appeal to a wider audience, or with a story etc. The subject is simply WWI, any country, any approach. Similarly for WWII. Out of interest there is a very strong German and Colonies Society on Tyneside, and we had a display from them recently.

The Newcastle PS would pay reasonable expenses of course. Please contact Tony Walker initially at walker360@btinternet.com [please note corrected email address] or telephone 0191 2819193. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month, 6.45pm - 9.00pm. The meeting place is 200m from the east coast mainline railway station.

**British Airmail Society (BAMS) Meeting**

2 November 2013

Seven FPHS members accepted the invitation of BAMS to attend their meeting on 2 November on the subject of WW2 airmails, four of whom provided displays. Neil Russell showed Australian military airmail letters, Gavin Fryer a range of British airmails plus some Dutch and Dutch East Indies, Tony Stanford - Tangier and Alistair Kennedy British Forces in Palestine plus 1918 items - Panama Canal flight and RAF flight Sofia to Salonica. Displays by BAMS members included Australia and New Zealand, Italian LATI, Netherlands (Philips of Eindhoven), Romania and Bulgaria. Brian Asquith (FPHS member as well as being a mainstay of BAMS) showed China, including RAF in Chengtu and a letter undeliverable because of Japanese bombing. Other FPHS members who attended were Lorraine Maguire, Nick Guy and Philip Kaye.
Following the success of 2012 your committee has once again decided to book our next weekend conference concurrently with one of the UK’s leading stamp fairs – The York Stamp Fair. This is a great opportunity of combining an enjoyable Society weekend with an opportunity to purchase material at a big fair.

The York Fair is held twice a year in the Grandstand at the York Racecourse, and it is widely regarded as an excellent venue, particularly for postal history collectors. Eighty or so dealers generally attend, including a handful of overseas dealers.

We have been offered favourable rates at the Holiday Inn, York, Tadcaster Road, which is adjacent to the Racecourse.

The Holiday Inn have agreed to offer us the same room rates as for 2012: a single room is £75 per night or double/twin rooms at £90 per night, including breakfast. We plan to have a semi-formal evening meal in the hotel on the Saturday night, and suitable rates and menus will be negotiated as numbers of members attending become clearer. For other nights members can either have a buffet (3 course) for £15 at the hotel or go to a very nice pub across the road (but which can get very crowded).

“Day” visitors will be most welcome, of course!

Inevitably space is limited, so please return your pro-forma as soon as possible. Please note that a deposit is not required. If you wish other nights immediately before / after the weekend please let Ian know.

Plenty of free parking is available, off-street, on the Hotel premises. The town centre is a short bus ride from the hotel, and there is a bus stop outside the hotel.

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