

‘THE WAKEFIELD PHILATELIST’
WAKEFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to this the first edition of the Wakefield Philatelic Society Newsletter in our 75th Anniversary Year. I feel it would be appropriate to publicise our events over a wider area and let people know more about the Society in the hope that we shall encourage an increase in membership number, which I am pleased to say has steadily increased over the last 2 years or so.

This Newsletter will be published about 4 times a years, but much will depend upon the members providing me with information about new stamps/ cover purchases, any letters, items of interest, personal profile of members if anyone wishes and also any news, views, etc. of a philatelic and stamp collecting nature.

The Wakefield Philatelic Society area is quite extensive and covers all of the WF post There must be more stamp collectors in that area than we have members coming to our regular meetings, although I am pleased to say that numbers coming to our regular meetings is probably as good as any Society in the Yorkshire Philatelic Association area.

Our neighbouring Societies are Leeds Philatelic Society, Bradford Philatelic Society, Morley Philatelic Society, Barnsley Philatelic Society and Huddersfield Philatelic Society, all of whom we enjoy a first class relationship with joint events, exchange meetings etc., being held on a regular basis and indeed next year we have visits to Halifax Philatelic Society on Monday 9 March 2015, and to Huddersfield Philatelic Society on Thursday 21 May 2015.

I am sure most members will be aware that there is a regular report prepared by Julie Hitchcock included in the Clubs and Society Section of the Wakefield Express. This is a first class way of advertising and publicising the Society and also promoting our activities. This newsletter will be complimentary to the regular newspaper reports.

We have a twice yearly catalogue auction in April and October which is now becoming an important item, not only in our own programme, but in that of other Societies and the requests for auction catalogues is increasing with each succeeding sale.

We welcome lots from members and non-members. We charge a commission of 10%. Lists of lots for sale are required two months in advance.

The next sale is on Wednesday 15 October 2014 with viewing from 4.00pm. The sale starts promptly at 6.30pm and anyone with lots to offer must speak to our auction sales manager Brian Hitchcock, 01924 271218 as soon as possible as the catalogue is now in preparation.

The 2014/ 2015 programme is now published and the forthcoming season promises to be an exciting one with some extremely interesting speakers and topics. We start with Richard Wheatley FRPSL, the Chairman of The Yorkshire Philatelic Association who will provide a display of Spitfires on 17 September 2014, and this must surely be something worth looking at.

Our own members Alwyn Peel will present Airgraphs World War II and also Nigel Harpham and Glenn Fearons will present one of their eagerly awaited United States of America presentations on 1 October 2014.

We are also pleased to welcome back Brian Asquith, a local man, originating from Morley, worked in Ossett and Wakefield for a while, before moving South. He is a past President of the London and Provincial Stamp Club and he will be showing us a presentation of Chinese Airmails on 15 April 2015.

We have had some notable events this year, being our 75th Anniversary, particularly our dinner which was held at Gaskells Restaurant on 14 May last, and this proved to be an entertaining event, although perhaps numbers could have been better. We invited Richard and Yvonne Wheatley as Richard is the Chairman of The Yorkshire Philatelic Association.

Meetings are all held at the Wakefield Sea Cadets Head Quarters,
Thornes Wharf, Thornes Lane, Wakefield WF1 5QW. Commence at 7:00pm.
For further information contact: David G Horner 01924 271364
Brian Hitchcock 01924271218

Many of our Wakefield members will remember Peter Bottrill, a well known Barnsley member who was due to visit us on the 4 June 2014 to present Suez Canal Forgeries Venezuela War Issues 1902/ 3, but unfortunately Peter was admitted to hospital a few days earlier. He had recovered sufficiently to be present at the YPA Convention in Wakefield and I had the privilege of discussing with him the possibility of him coming to speak to us later in the year, but unfortunately Peter sadly passed away shortly after the Convention and we shall all be the poorer for his passing when one considers the immense knowledge which he had on his particular subjects.

We shall miss Peter greatly and send our condolences to Mrs Bottrill and family.

Included with this Newsletter are dates for your diary of events which are being held where members of Wakefield Society regularly attend. In addition to our programme there other events you may wish to be aware of.

The Channel Island Specialist Society regional meeting in Wakefield on 20 September 2014. Wakefield Philatelic Society members can attend as visitors at no charge and the meeting is being held from 10.00am until 4.30pm at the York House Hotel, Drury Lane, Wakefield, directly opposite the former library where we previously held our meetings.

Leeds Philatelic Society is holding its Stamp Fair on 15th to 16th November 2014 at Pudsey Civic Centre.

The YPA Convention for 2015 is on the 6 June 2015 from 10.00pm to 4.00pm at Pudsey Civic Hall.

Morley Stamp Fair meets on the last Saturday of each month.

The West Riding Stamp Club which holds its meetings at The Lindley Liberal Club, Lindley, Huddersfield on the fourth Monday of every month, or a third Monday if there is a Bank Holiday from 11.00am to 1.00pm with refreshments and food available at the bar.

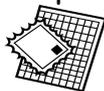
Held on: 22 September, 27 October, 24 November, and 29 December in 2014. 27 January, 24 February, 24 March, and 28 April in 2015.

For further information about any of the meetings please speak to:-
Mike Roberts 01484 427709 or
Brian Hitchcock 01924 271218

If anyone is interested in visiting this West Riding Stamp Club please ask Brian Hitchcock for a programme which covers the period from May 2014 to April 2015.

This list is correct to the best of our knowledge, but please check with the organisers before setting off especially if travelling some distance.

Stamp Collecting:



Most of us would have collected stamps when we were young and will have had an album of all world stamps. Many of those albums were put away in the attic, or some such secure place when career development, family life etc. overtook our needs, time and certainly finances. It is usually in middle life and perhaps even later that one comes back to stamp collecting and then one can develop activities and interests.

The hobby is unique in that it provides a link to history. Amongst those little pieces of sticky paper there is a considerable amount of history, geography, social interaction and in its own unique way stamp collecting tells us about historical events. How large or small events have had an impact on the lives of everyday people and in this year of 1914 we commemorate the start of World War I, with a considerable amount of

philatelic material available including some excellent stamps and related items from the British Post Office.

Stamp collecting is probably one of the oldest collective hobbies in existence. I was reading an article recently that train spotting only really started to develop in the late 1940's, so that is a relatively new hobby for those who wish to pursue it.

Stamp collecting has stood the test of time. Many people who are collectors and I was one of them, never thought about joining a society, but having joined firstly the Channel Island Specialist Society many, many years ago and more recently the Wakefield Philatelic Society and also others, I have come to realise that only by joining your local society can you have the contact with other likeminded stamp collectors or philatelists and exchange information, learn more about the hobby and your particular interests and also develop a wider circle of friends than was previously thought possible.

2014 (15 April) Buckingham Palace, London. (First Issue)

Since Queen Victoria's accession in 1837, Buckingham Palace has been the London residence of the Sovereign of the United Kingdom. It has been the venue for many royal ceremonies, official events, investitures and great moments in history which affect the population. State Rooms were opened to the fee paying public in 1993 and this proved to be extremely popular.

A sheet of stamps which were used by Wakefield Philatelic Society on its commemorative cover for the YPA Convention in July, were designed by Howard Brook and printed in lithography by Cartor Security Printing (International Security Printers). Printed on non- fluorescent coated paper with 'all over' phosphor (blue fluor) and ordinary gum. Perforated fourteen and a half. The Queen's head was printed in gold. Stamps are 60mm x 30mm and depict the Palace from 1700 when it was known as Buckingham House.



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