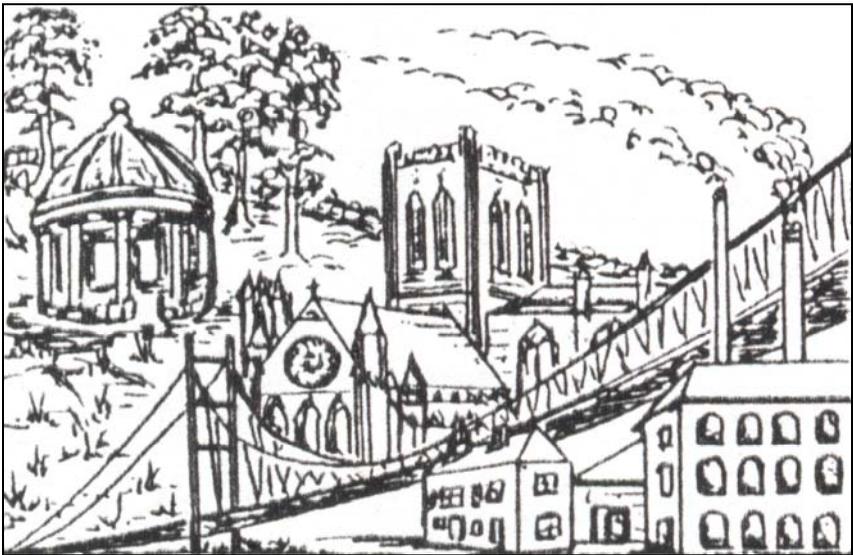


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The YPA Handbook

Secretaries are reminded that it is expected that the YPA Handbook will be available for reference at all meetings. **Please notify the Secretary and / or the Editor of any changes.**

Halifax PS have a new Secretary: Mr. Adrian Lee, 2 Wood View, Halifax, HX3 0HH

Speakers List:

Peter Bottrill (Barnsley) no longer displays Heligoland. His new contact details are 28 Corporation Street, Barnsley, S70 4PQ, Tel: 01226 296933

Competition Judging

The new YPA Competition Rules and Guidelines are now posted on the YPA Web Site – www.y-p-a.org.uk

What's on 2011

Local stamp fairs can be found in the advertisement on **page 3**.

Jan 21 to 22 York Racecourse Stamp and Coin Fair.

Visit **www.stampshows.net** for more information.

Feb 23 - 26 Stampex, Business Design Centre, Upper St., Islington, London N1. Display by South African Collectors Society.

Visit **www.stampex.ltd.uk** for more information.

Feb 24 - 26 Philatex, Royal Horticultural Society Lawrence Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, London SW1

May 6 - 7 ABPS Sheffield 2011 National Philatelic Exhibition
(pages 8 & 9 and inside back).

May 7 YPA Stamp Fair and Convention **(back cover).**

Leeds PS Syllabus changes

2010

21 December Members' Evening

2011

4 January

Postal History of the 1840's: E Klempka

15 February

British Guiana: J Hartley (YPA President)

1 March

Visit from Hull & District PS

A Yorkshire Celebration of a Landing in Australia

by Alwyn Peel



Some may find it strange that I should journey to the north-east of England in order to celebrate the 240th anniversary of Cook's first sighting of Australia. But the weekend proved most enjoyable, thanks to

the efforts of the North East of England Philatelic Association. For over 60 years the Association has held an annual convention in different towns and cities of the area. For 2010 the host society was Middlesbrough Philatelic Society with the venue being in Redcar. The theme for the convention was a celebration of Cook's landing in Australia 240 years ago. I was privileged and honoured to be invited to both formally open the convention and be the guest speaker. Throughout the day philatelists flocked to view the various exhibits and to visit the many dealers in an effort to add to their collections and hopefully find a bargain or two. They were aided by the provision of a free printed programme, the cover of which featured the Dance portrait of Cook.

A further attraction was provided by the host society having for sale special Smiler sheets of stamps produced by Royal Mail. These consisted of an attractive special sheet of ten first class stamps in se-tenant formation with a label depicting the Endeavour replica. Additionally, some illustrated envelopes had been printed to which a se-tenant pair was attached and cancelled at the nearby place of Cook's birth, Marton. Such items are valued by collectors and add a further interest to any collection of Cook material. Their popularity was such that well before the end of the day all supplies were sold.

My particular slot as guest speaker arrived at 3.00 pm and I enjoyed a "packed house". They proved to be a very attentive audience. I had

been asked to take the Endeavour voyage as my theme, with particular emphasis on the Australian east coast. In support I exhibited some 150 sheets of philatelic material: stamps, covers, postmarks. stamp essays and artist's drawings, postcards, and photographs. My audience, among whom were some members of the Captain Cook Society, proved very appreciative which greatly added to my pleasure of the weekend. I also enjoyed my journey by train until, on the return, we were joined by hordes of very noisy people, some gaily dressed, some slightly the worse for wear likely due to an over consumption of some kind of liquid! Sadly they were not celebrating the anniversary of Cook's landing in Australia but trying to overcome their sorrows at the defeat of their football team (Sheffield Wednesday) by the local club, Middlesbrough! They left the train at York so peace returned for the rest of the journey, allowing me to contemplate an excellent event, for which I owe a debt of thanks to James Cook for sighting Australia in mid-April 1770 and giving us the opportunity to celebrate.

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Morley at:

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United Reform Church
Commercial Street

Last Saturday Every Month

World Cup stamp designs from 1970 uncovered by archivists at The British Postal Museum & Archive



World Cup 1970 stamp design recently uncovered by BPMA. Credit: ©Royal Mail Group Ltd 2010, courtesy of The British Postal Museum & Archive

Although the Royal Mail had produced a hugely popular set of stamps to mark England's hosting of the World Cup in 1966, when the national team won, there was only time to modify the existing stamp with the words 'ENGLAND WINNERS' to celebrate the triumph.

Right: 1966 England Winners stamp Credit: ©Royal Mail Group Ltd 2010, courtesy of The British Postal Museum & Archive

Just days before the 2010 World Cup kicked off, unused postage stamp designs from the 1970 World Cup were uncovered by archivists at The British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA). The designs, by one of the UK's most prolific stamp designers, David Gentleman, were commissioned in the event that England should have a successive World Cup victory following its win in 1966.

It's thought that David Gentleman was briefed to prepare the 1970 designs after the more hasty production of the celebratory stamp for the World Cup four years previously.



Jennifer Flippance, exhibition manager for the London 2010: Festival of Stamps said: "Royal Mail was obviously determined to be more prepared in 1970 which is why it commissioned designer David Gentleman. It's only a shame that England didn't experience the same victory in 1970 and that the stamp designs were filed away and forgotten".

She continued: "It's particularly exciting to find these designs during our London 2010: Festival of Stamps – a year long programme of exhibitions, event and activities, aiming to showcase, celebrate and raise public awareness of stamps, stamp design and postal heritage".

The BPMA holds all the original artwork for both the 1966 stamps and the unseen 1970 stamp designs and they present a fascinating picture of the design and approval process for new stamps. Those who would like to see the stamps and the designs may visit The British Postal Museum & Archive - for details see www.postalheritage.org.uk/visiting

York Philatelic Society 2011

<http://sites.google.com/site/yorkps>

The York Philatelic Society's Programme has been brought into line with that of the YPA and will run from September to July of the following year.

2011 brings an interesting and varied visitors' programme featuring on the 11th January *To and From India by Sea* by M. Smith, 8th February J. Goodall will present *Morocco Agencies*, on 12th April D. Lilley will show *Cinderellas*, 10th May J. Church will show *Confederate States of America* with the year ending on the meeting of the 12th July with a display by J. Colton *Bavaria* and *Franks of Archbishops and Bishops*.

The meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month, apart from August, in the Denham Room, Priory Street Centre, Priory Street, York at 7-15 p.m. with extra meetings during the year.

My Bulgaria: Part 2

By Steve Cook

In part one I told you when I started collecting Bulgaria (and about my favourite item), here I will tell you why. I have been going across country boundaries since the age of 10, and have been to eleven countries. If you count the different parts of the UK then add another 5. Some countries I have been to more than once, Bulgaria 8, USA 3, Holland and France 2 and the Bahamas 2 (all be it for about six hours each time). Just diverting a little, the lady who owned the stamp shop in the Bahamas used to own the Nags Head pub (now Bowshaw) at the top end of the Dronfield by-pass, which I went into three days before setting off for the first visit.

I got token mementos from some countries but with Bulgaria it was as though I got a message, from St. Philaterler. "You will collect Bulgaria". Not being able to find Varna Post Office was very frustrating. I was told it was in the gardens, which stretched for about two miles. There were cafes, a bandstand and play areas, but nothing that resembled a post office. When I did find it (behind the cathedral) I couldn't believe we had past it so many times. There are no signs saying it is a post office.

I found the Philatelic Counter straight away. I say counter. It was a glass floor unit filled with stamps. I had only visited one Philatelic Counter before, which was in the old Sheffield Post Office. There were display cabinets along the walls showing previous issues and accessories. The high counter was way down the far end of the room. The man on the counter always seemed to be stern without being unpleasant.

The Varna Philatelic Counter is very different. Up a small flight of stairs is a room 10 x 12 feet. In front is an information desk and to the left is a glass cabinet about 4 feet long. On the two walls behind the counter are glass cases with year sets, individual sets, mini sheets and thematic collections, far more impressive than the Sheffield counter. There was a huge safe, with each shelf heavily stocked.

The displays were jaw dropping. There was so much to look at. It was very hard to know where to start. I'll have that, no that, no that. I decided on three-year sets. I could have spent a lot of money. All in I spent about £35 and not forgetting £8 for a full colour catalogue. Had I bought from a dealer or off e-Bay, I'd hate to think of the cost. I certainly wouldn't have the collection I have.

Everything I have bought from the counter was modern. Where could I get the older stuff? I couldn't believe my luck when I returned to the Antiques shop. Again I could have spent a fortune. Everything I have bought from there is pre1960.



James D. Bourchier Balkan correspondent of the London Times. The only Irishman on Bulgarian stamps



One of my favourite sets as a mini sheet.

One difficulty was getting the lady behind the counter to understand what I wanted. Her English, like my Bulgarian, would fit on a stamp hinge. Somehow she understood. In the Antiques shop, though, it was totally different. The owner spoke good enough English for us to get by. I'm itching to go back to Varna, but I don't know when it will be. I want to fill the gaps, and there is a lot to fill.

Last year I bought twenty stock books so I could spread the stamps out, so when I got the space fillers they would slot in without having to move everything that came after. It has worked with the GB collection, so it should work with the Bulgarian. Well, sort of. I got up to 1999. I have to buy some more to get up to date and that is just the mint collection. I haven't started on the used yet.

I have quite a few duplicates, which I would like to swap, any offers?

ABPS Sheffield
2011
Friday 6 and
Saturday 7 May



The Sheffield Philatelic Society is delighted to host the 2011 ABPS National Philatelic and Picture Postcard Exhibition. The event will take place at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre. This is a prestigious city centre venue providing excellent facilities. It is easily reached by road, and by bus and tram from the main railway station.

Dealers are signing up, competitive entries have started coming in, and a number of specialist societies will be meeting during the day. There will also be a raffle with quality prizes donated by our sponsors.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has graciously permitted the display of some of her private collection to mark the 100th anniversary of the coronation of King George V. We have also been very lucky to secure an award winning display of material showing the History of the Olympic Games from John Crowther. On top of that, there will be displays of philatelic and postal history material by Sheffield PS.

As if this wasn't already enough of a special event, the fees for competition entries have been dropped to £10 per frame and £10 per literature class entry for this event. Moreover, the awards dinner will be held at the spectacular Sheffield Cutler's Hall.

For entry forms or more information please contact:

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Sheffield 2011: Volunteers Wanted

by Greg Spring, Chairman of ABPS Sheffield 2011

The ABPS National Philatelic and Picture Postcard Exhibition will take place at the Sheffield International Sports Hall on 6-7 May 2011. It is an opportunity for established members of philatelic societies forming the YPA to once again take pride in warmly welcoming fellow philatelists, collectors, dealers and members of the public to Yorkshire, particularly as the YPA convention will be held during the event.

Volunteers to help with three groups of tasks are sought:

- *Display Mounters* to put exhibits into the display frames on Thursday 5 May, and to remove material from the display frames at the end of the exhibition on Saturday 7 May in a strictly controlled, systematic and secure manner,
- *Dealer Assistants* to accompany and help dealers to their stands as they arrive on Thursday 5 May, and
- *Stewards* to patrol the exhibition areas keeping an eye on the exhibits and viewers for stints of up to two hours on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May.

It is emphasized that none of these tasks will involve any heavy lifting as all frame transport and assembly, and any other heavy work, will be performed by the venue staff and a specialist ABPS team.

Thanks to the generosity of our patrons refreshments will be provided to all volunteers during the day, and lunch will be provided to all volunteers who are with us for a full day.

If you are able to assist in this manner, you will help us to make the show more successful, and so ensure that it is held outside of London on future occasions. Please contact me on:

chairman@sheffield2011.org.uk

or on 0114 268 5993



A Social History Cover

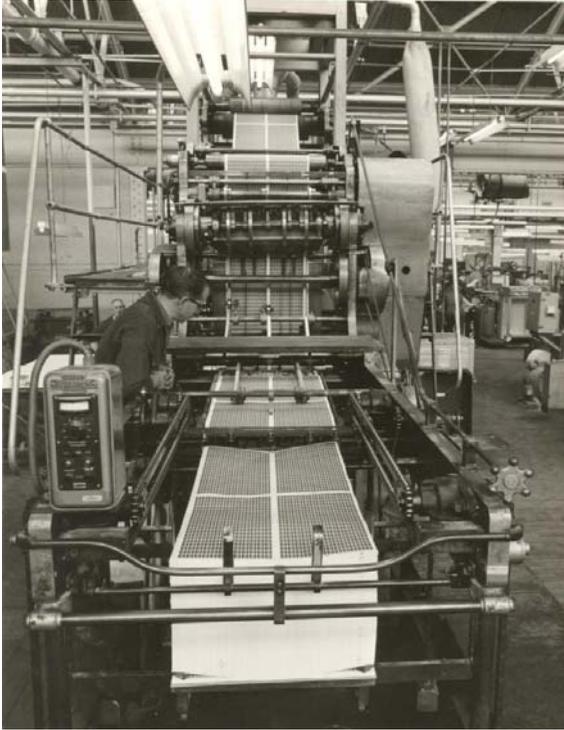
by T. R. Peacock

At a recent meeting of the York Society, Trevor handed me a small cover (6" x 4") and asked if I would like it for my collection. I saw that it had a 2½ d. KGVI stamp with a poor postmark, apart from the number 620, but when I looked at the neatly written address the years rolled away - post-war Britain, 12 o'clock Sunday

dinners, a small roasted joint, mother's Yorkshire pudding, vegetables, and the wireless tuned into the light programme for *Two Way Family Favourites*, presented by Jean Metcalfe in London and Cliff Michelmore in Germany – for the address read "Two Way Family Favourites, British Forces Network, Hamburg, B.A.O.R. 3".

To readers under 50 this may mean nothing, but to the older generation it will bring back memories of National Service, the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR), and the record request programme from forces in Germany to family and friends at home, and from home to service men and woman in Germany. The programme was followed at 2 o'clock with Billy Cotton's *Wakey Wakey* – at which point I came back to the present to see Trevor looking at me in a strange manner!!

The cover was accepted with thanks and mounted with memories of days long gone.



Donated Material

A short while ago Trevor Collins of York telephoned informing me that he had found some interesting photographs in an auction lot he had purchased. He felt they might be important and wanted them to go to a good home. I said that depending on what they were I would find a suitable archive for them.

Two of the pictures are shown here. They depict the printing and checking of Machins. Can anyone identify the printers before I pass these on to the British Postal Museum & Archive?



YPA Competition Results 2010



- **Phillip Harriman** of Middlesborough received the ABPS Award of Merit.
- **J. Lemm**, Huddersfield, Aerophilatelic Class with *Junkers Luftverkehr 1924-30*.
- **J. Pitts**, Bradford, Cinderella Class with *Ludwig Hesshaimer*.
- **R. Wheatley**, Bradford, Commonwealth Class with *Egypt 1867 Sphinx and Pyramid Issue*.
- **Y. Wheatley**, Leeds, Foreign Class with *Czechoslovakia Allegory issue - Chainbreaker Design*.
- **G. Winters**, Wakefield, Literature Class with *The Postal Commission Stamps of Ceylon 1888-90*.
- **D. Macmillan**, Hull, National Class with *King George VI Low Values 1937*.

Sidebottom Trophy for the best overall display

- **J. Pitts**, Bradford, Postal History Class with *Postal Activities of Austro-Hungarian Ships in the Far East 1900-10*.
- **J. Pitts**, Postal Stationery, Bradford, *Stationery of the Austro-Hungarian Parcel Service*.
- **J. Pitts**, Bradford, Revenue Class with *Early Fiscal Stamps of the Kingdom of Italy*.
- **J. Kavanagh**, Morley, Thematic Class with *Chariots of Iron*.
- **J. Pitts**, Bradford, Vivienne Sussex Social Philately Trophy with *Austro-Hungarian POW Mail in the Far East 1914-20*.



YPA President's Report - AGM 12 June 2010

by David Brown

Since the AGM at Sheffield in 2009 I have visited ten societies in the YPA, and two other societies in Yorkshire, to meet their members and give displays. I have also continued my "missionary work" to societies outside of Yorkshire.

I have been made very welcome on each occasion and look forward to visiting the other societies in the YPA I have not managed to visit during my two year term as President.

Adding new members to societies continues to be difficult, but I have found that contacts made at local stamp fairs have been beneficial. The coming thing now appears to be regional daytime stamp clubs, which I believe members should actively explore.

The YPA web site I hope will create more interest and encourage other societies and clubs.

I thank the Leeds Society for hosting this event on their 120th Anniversary in this 2010 special year for stamp collectors.

I have now come to the end of my two year term as President of the YPA which I have found to be extremely enjoyable and, I am sure that my successor will find that going around the different societies is a moving experience!

YPA Treasurer's Report - AGM 12 June 2010

by Cliff Hopes

01/04/2009 Balances at Bank

Current Account	208.98	
Instant Access Account	1934.20	
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Receipts 01/04/09 to 31/03/10

Subscriptions and Donations	440.50	
Advertising in Syllabus	240.00	
Web Site Income	55.00	
Interest	0.98	
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Payments 01/04/09 to 31/03/10

Competition Expenses	72.00	
Syllabus Printing and Postage	388.29	
Newsletter	239.98	
Administration Expenses	99.89	
Frames expenses	8.97	
Insurances	258.87	
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Balances at Bank

Treasurers Account	126.48	
Instant Access Account	1685.18	
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The YPA Archive - Update

by Greg Spring

We've nearly completed the first part of the YPA Archive. Thanks go out to David Brown, Richard Wheatley, Frank Walton, and Cliff Hopes who provided convention programmes and cards, old YPA News editions.

A special thanks goes to Alwyn peel for securing a donation of newsletters produced by the Huddersfield Philatelic Society. Alwyn was given a nearly complete set. However, Volume 2 numbers 1,2, and 6 and Volume 3 number 6 are needed.

The following few YPA convention handbooks are still needed to make the full set – items in gray have been scanned electronically but we do not have an original copy in the archive:

1947	Leeds	1953	Harrogate
1948	Sheffield & Rotherham	1960	Halifax
1949	Halifax	1964	Bradford
1950	Wakefield & Barnsley	1974	Halifax
1952	York	1993	YPA at Pudsey

If any members have copies of these, or know where they might be found, I would be very grateful if you would get in touch. Ideally I would like to have original copies but good scans or photocopies will do. Also, photographs or advertisements of the conventions would be welcomed, as well as YPA Year and Syllabus booklets (of which I only have 1950, 1952, and 1954).

I can copy any original material sent to me and return them. Material can be passed to me using the contact details found inside the front cover.

Thank you for your continuing help.

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