

# The WESSEX BULLETIN

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Our readership is still climbing to the extent we now need to distribute in two batches. We are also including The Royal Philatelic Society London Library on our circulation to ensure that Wessex has a visibility at National Level.

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**WESSEX FEDERATION WEBSITE** at [www.wessexpf.org.uk](http://www.wessexpf.org.uk) – **OUR WEBSITE IS YOUR SHOP WINDOW** – Secretaries please ensure the details about your club are fresh and up to date contact our webmaster Jim Wigmore at [wessexweb@talktalk.net](mailto:wessexweb@talktalk.net) with your current club details and programme. **The federation can only publish that which you provide. The website has recently been modified by removing the action buttons and adding hyperlinks this removes the need to have JAVA software installed to run the site.**

**WESSEX FEDERATION 2013 COMPETITION ENTRIES** – will be on view at St Michaels Church Hall Chudleigh Road Kingsteignton TQ12 3JU from 1000 – 1600 hrs. This years Competition Entries have been put together and judged against the new Federation Rules that comply with the latest National Standards for Federations. The venue is excellent, centrally located with good parking and catering plus dealer presence. We thank Torquay & Teignbridge Club for hosting the event, **DO MAKE THE EFFORT AND SEE SOME OF THE SOUTH WESTS BEST PHILATELY.**

**DAWLISH ANNUAL EXHIBITION** – Will be held in the Strand Centre Dawlish on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013. They will be featuring “Along Lost Lines” by Jim Wigmore, “Where in the World” by Peter Halmkin, plus “How to Put Together a Stamp Collection” and “An Introduction to the Line Engraved Issues”. Dawlish will also have to hand the Lots for its October Auction, a copy of the catalogue is included in this issue of the Bulletin. The Strand Centre is a splendid venue with lots of local parking, bus and train accessibility is excellent, Tea and Coffee etc. available during the event. **DO MAKE THE EFFORT TO ATTEND.**

**DAWLISH 2013 AUCTION** – will be held in Jo’s Room Dawlish Museum on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October starting at 1900 hrs. The catalogue can be viewed online at [www.wessexpf.org.uk/Dawlish](http://www.wessexpf.org.uk/Dawlish) many of the lots can be viewed online and they will be available for viewing at the Dawlish Exhibition see above. A copy of the catalogue is included with this Bulletin, in addition to room bidding they will accept postal and email bids. **GOOD HUNTING.**

**THEMATIX & WETS AGM** will be held this year on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Dartmoor Lodge Hotel, Ashburton from 0930 – 1600 hrs. This is an amazing opportunity to visit dealers you will not normally see in this part of the world and to find those elusive items you have been seeking for years. WETS will be having their AGM during the day and members will be competing for both the John Hilsdon & PIP Trophies. **THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED.**

## EVENTS

2013	Event	Location
12th September	Stamp Fair	Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way. PL1 2ER
13th September	Stamp Fair	Clyst St George (Exeter), Parish Hall EX3 0RE
14th September	Dawlish SC Annual Exhibition 10.00 - 1530 - see Report above	Strand Centre, The Strand Dawlish
14th September	Stamp Fair	Exeter America Hall
18th - 21st Sept	Autumn Stampex	Islington
28th September	Stamp Fair	St James Church Hall, Taunton
5th October	Stamp Fair & Wessex Competition Displays – see report above.	St Michaels Church Hall Chudleigh Road Kingsteignton TQ12 3JU
9th October	Dawlish SC Auction – see the details above	Jo's Room, Dawlish Museum
25th October	Thematrix – WETS AGM, PIP & John Hilsdon Trophies – see the report above.	Ashburton
26th October	Cornex	Liskeard
16th November	Stamp Fair	Exeter America Hall
23rd November	Stamp Fair	Victoria Methodist Church Hall Weston-S-Mare
28th November	Stamp Fair	Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way. PL1 2ER
29th November	Stamp Fair	Clyst St George (Exeter), Parish Hall EX3 0RE

## FEDERATION CLUB CALENDAR

Date	Meeting Description	Speaker	Club
07/08/2013	All Members 10 shts - Letter "B"		Plymouth Philatelic Society
08/08/2013	Trading	Rex Eccott	Launceston Stamp Club
08/08/2013	Newquay Entertains		Launceston Stamp Club
08/08/2013	Informal		Torquay & Teignbridge
19/08/2013	Gibraltar	Charles Berry	Sidmouth & Honiton Philatelic Society
22/08/2013	Informal		Torquay & Teignbridge
29/08/2013	GB Revenues	Terry Mounce	Liskeard Stamp Club
04/09/2013	A to Z of Islands	Jim Parsons	Plymouth Philatelic Society
06/09/2013	Ionian Islands	Richard Stroud	Exeter Philatelic Society
09/09/2013	Seychelles 1861-1935	Julian Luke	Bideford Stamp Club
09/09/2013	German Inflation 1919-1923	Peter Lawrence	Brixham Stamp Club
10/09/2013	Members Foreign & New Additions		Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
11/09/2013	Return Visit by Mid Devon Club - Some interesting entertainment from one of our neighbours.		Dawlish Stamp Club
12/09/2013	Members Sale & "Bantams to Sowers"	M. Hopkinson	Launceston Stamp Club
12/09/2013	Presidents Evening		Torquay & Teignbridge
14/09/2013	Dawlish Club Exhibition, The Strand Centre, Dawlish – see report above		Dawlish Stamp Club
20/09/2013	Pig in the Post	Colin Mount	Sidmouth & Honiton Philatelic Society
23/09/2013	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
25/09/2013	Germany	Martin Ellam	Liskeard Stamp Club
26/09/2013	Norway	John Shields	Torquay & Teignbridge
02/10/2013	Living in a Whirl	Gillian Gray	Plymouth Philatelic Society
04/10/2013	GB - Queen Victoria	John Shields	Exeter Philatelic Society

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05/10/2013	Wessex Federation Competition Displays – see report above		Torquay & Teignbridge
08/10/2013	Hop Around the Islands	John Albones	Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
09/10/2013	Auction Night – A live auction with viewing from 7.00pm to 7.30pm plus Sat 14th Sept – see details above		Dawlish Stamp Club
10/10/2013	Trading	Tony Lucas & Jim Fisher	Launceston Stamp Club
10/10/2013	Postcard Display		Launceston Stamp Club
10/10/2013	China 3rd Installment	Mike Watson	Torquay & Teignbridge
14/10/2013	Topic to be Announced	Peter Christie	Bideford Stamp Club
14/10/2013	Stamps & Religion	Ron Bergman	Brixham Stamp Club
21/10/2013	Auction		Sidmouth & Honiton Philatelic Society
21/10/2013	An Afternoon with Martin & Sally	Martin & Sally Ellam	Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
24/10/2013	Four Sheets or £1.00		Torquay & Teignbridge
30/10/2013	Postcards	David Willcocks	Liskeard Stamp Club
01/11/2013	Britain in Italian Colonies	M Sanders	Exeter Philatelic Society
05/11/2013	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Plymouth Philatelic Society
11/11/2013	Club Auction		Bideford Stamp Club
11/11/2013	Visit by Dartmouth Club		Brixham Stamp Club
12/11/2013	Martin & Dave + Auction		Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
13/11/2013	Jim Wigmore – Cyprus a Divided Island – What happen after the Turkish invasion..	Jim Wigmore	Dawlish Stamp Club
14/11/2013	AGM, Auction & Raffle		Launceston Stamp Club
14/11/2013	Comp Nigh - Nicholson & John Hepburn Cups		Torquay & Teignbridge
18/11/2013	AGM or Concorde		Sidmouth & Honiton Philatelic Society
18/11/2013	Russia	Phil Densham	Torquay & Teignbridge
25/11/2013	Great Britain	John Harrison	Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
27/11/2013	King George VI	Viv Sandercock	Liskeard Stamp Club
04/12/2013	All Members 10 shts - Any Subject/Theme		Plymouth Philatelic Society
06/12/2013	Informal Evening		Exeter Philatelic Society
09/12/2013	Members & Guests Christmas Evening		Bideford Stamp Club
09/12/2013	Chairman's Evening		Brixham Stamp Club
09/12/2013	Christmas Social		Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
11/12/2013	Christmas Social – 1 Sheet Competition (Theme: Christmas) – This is a fun evening so bring the other half and enjoy the evenings events..		Dawlish Stamp Club
12/12/2013	Members Displays, Letter "C" & Informal		Torquay & Teignbridge
13/12/2013	Trading	Viv & Evelyn Sandercock	Launceston Stamp Club
13/12/2013	"Channel Islands Occupation"	Mike Tooley	Launceston Stamp Club
16/12/2013	Buy & Sell		Sidmouth & Honiton Philatelic Society
16/12/2013	Christmas Lunch		Liskeard Stamp Club
18/12/2013	Bring & Buy		Liskeard Stamp Club
20/12/2013	Christmas Buffet & Quiz		Exeter Philatelic Society

The above listing is based upon latest information supplied by clubs to the federation.

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**PLYMOUTH'S DAY OUT** - On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Plymouth Philatelic Society took itself out of the club and into Plymouth's Royal Citadel as part of the



HMS Heroes and 29 Commando (Royal Artillery) military families fun day. A flag bedecked marquee was set up and filled with displays of stamps plus activity tables where youngsters and adults could soak off stamps and dry them. They could stick stamps onto album sheets, search for water marks, look at phosphor bands and measure perforations.

A quiz on the stamps displayed was popular with youngsters as when they returned their sheet they were given a fun bar. The winning youngsters were Dominic Stewart, Jack Evans and Archie Keith, each receiving a Stanley Gibbons starter pack, donated by Wessex Philatelic Federation.

There was a giveaway table where the families could help themselves to postal cards or stamps from stock books to enhance or start their collection.

Martin Ellam, Chairman of PPS, said he was delighted by the help offered by club members, giving up a lovely sunny Saturday afternoon to promote stamp collecting.

The pictures show the splendid Marquee used by Plymouth Club and a few of the members and visitors who attended the event.

*(Well done Plymouth for taking some positive action to bring philately to the notice of the public and showing them what a fun hobby it can be. Note the use of a bit of bribery. – Ed.)*

**PLYMOUTH CLUB WEB PAGES** – The club have had a serious look at their pages on the Wessex Federation website and asked themselves how can we make the pages work a bit better for our club. The Club in conjunction with the Federation Webmaster have been able to re-structure their pages to better illustrate the club, giving some background history, show what the club does, where they meet and what they can offer new members.

**Other Clubs are encouraged to look at the revised Plymouth Club Pages review their own web pages and ask themselves do our web pages best sell the club and its activities. If not, work with the Federation Webmaster to get them saying what you want.**

**A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN** - I've just received an auction catalogue, large & glossy, the cover plastered in G B commemoratives, none of which I recognise & all un-cancelled. Some I find quite attractive. Do I soak them off & reuse?

Ethically I'm defrauding the Royal Mail but a lot of us have done so in the past. With privatization of the Royal Mail a strong possibility in the next year or two what is going to happen to the validity of all these mint & unused stamps.

I can foresee that the new owners will not want to take on the cost for providing a service paid for by these old stamps. My feeling is use what you've got squirreled away even though you may overpay slightly.

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Again looking at my mail over the last week or so, I think I have received 6 letters with stamps & only 1 with a commemorative plus 1 on a piece cut neatly round & stuck on (reused), they both got cancelled with a slogan postmark which was almost readable. Good commercially used modern commemoratives are very difficult to find grab what you can.

*(Sounds like a timely warning and some good advise – does anyone have any ideas about what the effect of Post Office privatization will do to our hobby? Will we be winners or loser's, does it open up a new set of opportunities? Your thoughts please.– Ed)*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

*The following appeared in Wessex Bulletin No.3 of Summer 1981*

**A ONE DAY SEMINAR.** - Wessex and Somerset Philatelic Federations have combined, to put on a one day seminar with the idea of presenting philately at an exciting level to members of the two federations. There will be two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. Distinguished philatelists from within and from beyond the two Federations are being invited to display and to speak. We hope to be able to let you see displays of the caliber which are usually confined to - London.

Full details in the next Bulletin, but make a note of this :-

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> AT THE -CLEVE COUNTRY HOTEL, WELLINGTON'; SOMERSET, from 10.0am to 5.00pm. COST - £4.50, including morning coffee, a buffet lunch and afternoon tea.

*The above was followed up in Bulletin No.4 with the following.*

**AND FINALLY “YOUR SEMINAR”** – SATURDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> AT THE CLEVE HOTEL, WELLINGTON FROM 10,00am TO 5.00pm, ALL FOR £4.50 INCLUDING MORNING COFFEE, BUFFET LUNCH AND AFTERNOON, TEA. JUST LOOK AT THIS PROGRAMME.

“TO THE SOUTH POLE with Scott & Shackleton” by Alan Rawlings of Portsmouth.

“BRITAIN IN THE LEVANT” by John Hepburn of South Devon

“DECIMAL MACHINS” by Andrew Watton of Stroud - Editor of the British Decimal Stamps SC

“STAMP FAIRS DEALERS AND AUCTIONS” by "Peter Collins, Editor of The Philatelist.

This is a serious attempt by Wessex to bring serious philately to our doorstep. Support it and we can go on to another next year in Devon - something really new and adventurous in the south-west - it is in your hands.

*(As an attendee at this Seminar I can report as follows – The presentation by Alan Rawlings was amazing as it included a number of hand illustrated and coloured covers. John Hepburn had been taken ill and his display was given by his wife using John's notes for the display Would your wife be prepared to give your display under the same circumstances. For many of us this was the first time that Levant had been taken seriously and we all learned a great deal. The Andrew Watton Display was a real mind blower, introducing us to aspects of the Decimal Machin's we had never even considered and it opened up a whole new world. I have no real recollection of the talk by Peter Collins, probably mentally numb from the amazing displays that preceded him. – Ed)*

This Seminar was the first of many such events held at various locations around the Wessex Region featuring some fantastic speakers and philatelic material. Other similar events took place at Bovey Tracey and Tiverton (3 different locations) all produced some amazing displays of some very fine philatelic material given by some equally fine speakers.

The cost of the events as time passed got greater, which was to be expected, numbers dropped and apathy seemed to prevail, hence they no longer happen. **Could such events happen today and how many people would be prepared to attend?** Your thoughts to the Editor please.

**More from the Archives in our next issue.**

**HAVING TROUBLE WALKING?** – Would this help to get you to club meeting's. RASCAL 850 Motorbility Scooter in near new condition, 4 & 10 mph speed capability, solid in filled tyres, Storage cover, Charger and User Manual. Tuition in use can be given. Price £400 o.n.o. new cost was £3000+. Fully charged & ready to go.

Contact the Editor on 01626 864844 in the first instance.



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## THE GERMAN HYPERINFLATION PERIOD – Pt 4

### The Second ODP Provisional Overprints

It became necessary to overprint the Rosette stamps by the OPDs due to a combination of machine breakdowns and strike action in Berlin State Printing Works. Both flat plate and rotary plate printing was used.

#### Flat Plate Issue

5 Milliarden Mk on 4 Million Mk	SG344
5 Milliarden Mk on 10 Million Mk	SG345*
10 Milliarden Mk on 20 Million Mk	SG346*
10 Milliarden Mk on 50 Million Mk	SG347*
10 Milliarden Mk on 100 Million Mk	SG348

#### Rotary Plate Issue

5 Milliarden Mk on 2 Million Mk	SG343
5 Milliarden Mk on 4 Million Mk	SG344
10 Milliarden Mk on 20 Million Mk	SG346
10 Milliarden Mk on 50 Million Mk	SG347

- indicates stamps were issued rouletted.

The cover to London right posted on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1923 shows very clearly the extent of the problem.

### The Hitler Provisional Stamp

A provisional 1 Milliarden MK on 100 MK stamps SG342 was issued only from the OPD Munich on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1923, only two days before Hitler's failed putch. There was no connection but a German Catalogue of the time referred to it in this was and the name stuck.

During the OPD and Rosette printing period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> November 1923 there were 8 postal rate increases. All prices are shown in Marks.



Date	Local Postcard	Local Letter	Distant Postcard	Distant Letter 20gm	Foreign Postcard	Foreign Letter 20 gm
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	400,000	800,000	800,000	2 Million	3.6 Mill	6 Mill.
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	1 Mill.	2 Mill.	2 Mill.	5 Mill.	9 Mill.	18 Mill.
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	2 Mill.	4 Mill.	4 Mill.	10 Mill.	18 Mill.	30 Mill.
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	20 Mill.	40 Mill.	40 Mill.	100 Mill.	120 Mill.	200 Mill.
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	200 Mill.	500 Mill.	500 Mill.	1000 Mill.	2,400 Mill.	4,000 Mill
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	2,000 Mill.	5,000 Mill.	5,000 Mill.	10,000 Mill.	24,000 Mill.	40,000 Mill
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	4,000 Mill.	10,000 Mill.	10,000 Mill.	20,000 Mill	48,000 Mill.	80,000 Mill
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	16,000 Mill.	40,000 Mill.	40,000 Mill.	80,000 Mill	192,000 Mill	320,000 Mill.

You can see from the tables above the problems the Postal Authorities faced. The longest period for a rate was 10 days and the shortest 4 days with the rates doubling on each occasion.

The high inflation ended officially at Midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1923, when the new Renten Mark currency came in. To ease the changeover, inflation stamps with a face value in excess of 800,000 Marks were valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1923 at a rate of exchange of 10,000 Million Marks to 1 Renten Pfenig.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 when Mike Roberts will be giving a talk “Philately will get you Nowhere” (The Pitiful & Wasted Life of a Stampaholic) at Torquay & Teignmouth Club. This display was given to the Royal Philatelic Society London in December 2011. This is a major display and well worth making the effort to go and see.**