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## WHATS ON

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Dawlish Stamp Club Auction** – A list is attached to this newsletter along with a picture view.

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 Autumn WETS Event** at Buckfastleigh Town Hall doors open at 1330 hrs. The Theme for the day is Air and attendee's are asked to bring along a few sheets on this subject. Entries for the John Hilsdon Trophy will be on display along with entries for the PIP Trophy. During the course of the afternoon an AGM will take place. All thematic collectors are welcome

## ALL CLUB CALENDAR

Date	Meeting Description	Speaker	Club
30/09/2015	1492 and all that	Richard Wiggins	Liskeard Stamp Club
06/10/2015	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Dartmouth Stamp Club
07/10/2015	Switzerland	Gary Green	Plymouth Philatelic Society
07/10/2015	Members 8 pages A-D		Exmouth Stamp Club
08/10/2015	Mandate Palestine	Dr David Smith	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
08/10/2015	AGM, Auction & Raffle		Launston Stamp Club
10/10/2015	Stamp Fair		Torquay & Teignbridge
12/10/2015	Flight Pioneers	Val Robbins	Bideford Stamp Club
12/10/2015	Members Evening - John Hegan Cup Letters A, B & C 6 - 8 sheets		Brixham & Paignton Stamp Club
13/10/2015	Members Evening & Postal History		Axe Vale Stamp Club
13/10/2015	Malaya - Part 2	John Dain	Mid Devon Philatelic Society
14/10/2015	Auction Night		Dawlish Stamp Club
19/10/2015	Auction		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
21/10/2015	Innovations	Graham Mark	Exmouth Stamp Club
22/10/2015	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Torquay & Teignbridge
22/10/2015	Ceylon to 1872	Rodney Frost	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
26/10/2015	Belgium	Peter Lawrence	Mid Devon Philatelic Society
28/10/2015	Ireland	Peter Errs	Liskeard Stamp Club
04/11/2015	WETS Roadshow	WETS Speaker	Plymouth Philatelic Society

04/11/2015	Informal Swaps & Selling		Exmouth Stamp Club
05/11/2015	Carol Turner Entertains	Carol Turner	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
09/11/2015	Club Auction		Bideford Stamp Club
09/11/2015	Modern USA	Dave Chattock	Brixham & Paignton Stamp Club
09/11/2015	Concorde & Flight Covers	Jim Parsons	Mid Devon Philatelic Society
10/11/2015	Concorde	Val Beekin	Axe Vale Stamp Club
11/11/2015	(Members 4 Sheets or £1.00 & Members Sales/Swaps) – Your chance to show off items in your collection you love as well as do some buying & selling.		Dawlish Stamp Club
12/11/2015	Trading & Taw & Torridge Entertains	Rex Eccott	Launston Stamp Club
14/11/2015	Annual Dinner		Axe Vale Stamp Club
16/11/2015	AGM		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
18/11/2015	Cyprus 1876 - Independence	Jim Wigmore	Exmouth Stamp Club
19/11/2015	Penny Black & Other European First Issues	Bryan Short	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
23/11/2015	Members Commonwealth		Mid Devon Philatelic Society
25/11/2015	Wessex Roadshow	Wessex Speaker	Liskeard Stamp Club
02/12/2015	All Members 10 shts - Any Subject/Theme		Plymouth Philatelic Society
02/12/2015	Members 8 Sheets Any Theme		Exmouth Stamp Club
03/12/2015	4 Sheet Competition Letter M plus Bring & Buy		Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
08/12/2015	Club Auction		Axe Vale Stamp Club
09/12/2015	1 Sheet Competition (Theme: Christmas) – This is a fun evening so bring the other half and enjoy the evenings events.		Dawlish Stamp Club
10/12/2015	Trading & Chairmans Evening	V & E Sandercock plus Jim Sowden	Launston Stamp Club
14/12/2015	Philatelic Fun for Christmas		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
14/12/2015	Members & Guests Christmas Evening		Bideford Stamp Club
14/12/2015	Chairmans Christmas Social		Brixham & Paignton Stamp Club
14/12/2015	Christmas Social		Mid Devon Philatelic Society
14/12/2015	Christmas Lunch		Liskeard Stamp Club
16/12/2015	Members New Issues		Liskeard Stamp Club
17/12/2015	Christmas Evening - Mini Auction & Committee Entertain		Taw & Torridge 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 - May 13<sup>th</sup> WESSEX Roadshow** – This was a lot of fun, with attendee's being asked to act as judges for the material shown. It was explained that the material being shown had been competition entries. Attention was also drawn to the value of being aware of competition rules even if you are not interested in competing as they contained some interesting aspects which all collectors should be aware of, and in particular the information relating to sheets sizes

**June 10<sup>th</sup> – Graham Rankin "Russia"** – This was an amazing insight into a country little shown that has a fascinating postal history. Graham also explained how the postal history had been influenced by the countries move from being a country run by royalty to its move to Communism.

**July 8<sup>th</sup> Alan Vaughan GB KEVII Mint** – This display is the result of many years of in depth study and has to rank as one of the best collections of its kind ably introduced by someone who is well on top of his subject.

**Annual Exhibition 5<sup>th</sup> September** – For the full report on this event refer to the report on the 2015 Wessex Federation Competitions below.

**EXMOUTH STAMP CLUB** may not be the biggest in the County but- along with display frames and tables it can almost fill its fortnightly premises with up to 18 members in attendance. A far cry from the 7 or 8 stalwarts of four or five years ago.

We have a problem; although numbers have risen so has the average age of the membership. This has brought up an increasingly relevant question. What does an old collector eventually do with his or her collection?

I recently visited a couple who had inherited a quite interesting old and detailed mass of Rhodesian Stamps. Would I value them? For probate they asked. No problem. What are you thinking of doing with them, I asked? This appeared to stump them.

You could sell them and use the money. We don't want to as they have some sentimental value and anyway S. G. and a realistic sale value are often Poles apart and we don't need the money.

Have you relatives who could give them a good home? Nobody we know in the family collects stamps or has expressed any interest. Would you take up the collection and try to add to or improve it? No, we don't know enough and it all seems rather complicated- things like colour variations, perforations design changes and flaws are for experts- not for us.

What else is there? Safe deposit boxes in Banks would preserve them for a time until some one might develop an interest. Donate them to a museum- but who, where and why?

It is quite probable that such a collection would be sold off for funds as it would have little connection with the locality. Advertise on E-Bay Here there might be time consuming problems of labelling, display and pricing along with an assumed knowledge of Computers. Find a dealer who specialises in such stamps either here or in Africa – or even in a country like Portugal where collecting is still a fairly common activity. Donate them to a charity shop where at least you know they may help in a specific cause of your choice.

None of these seem totally satisfying and conversations in our club tend to end in a rather doleful sigh or –Pass the biscuits! So what can we do answers on a post card please

But I digress!

We had a wide range of talks from experts - Gary Green; Graham Mark; James Hooper; Graham Rankin; John Roe and Ken Ramsey and from within the club itself. This later group covered a very wide range of shorter topics delivered in a variety of ways - 8 pages of A-D; ¼ or 1/2 hour talks by individuals and an **April Fool Day True or False Night** where only one speaker out of a dozen managed to fool us all. The short talks were wide ranging too! Lundy; Airmail envelopes; early Ghana; Victoria; General Franco; Butterflies on British Stamps and even David Gentleman. It gave members a chance to demonstrate little known and idiosyncratic interests

Exmouth Stamp club seems to be thriving and we look forward to many more years. Our approval boxes are successful and help keep our annual fees down to very single figures.

Look us up on the Web and do come over to any evening. You will get a warm welcome and as many biscuits as you can manage our new season starts on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> - for details and a map contact

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### **Launceston Stamp Club**

**Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May.** Dealers were Jim Fisher and Tony Lucas specialists in postcards.

Tony Lucas displayed enlargements of postcards of his home town of Saltash that had been taken at the turn of the century by W.O. Freeman and E. Clapp. Jim Fisher followed with a display of views of Par and Luxulyan. Jim gave an interesting talk on the postcards by S. Dalby-Smith and an insight into the history of Par as a port.

Tony and Jim both received a well-deserved round of applause for their presentations and we look forward to seeing them again in the not too distant future.

**Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June.** Dealer for the evening was Rex Eccott The evening's speaker was Peter Hardy, who presented Dutch philately "Netherlands - Pot Pourri".

Peter commenced his presentation by unfurling an enormous banner created for the 2002 Amphilex Exhibition. This needed his wife's help as the banner must have been all of 5 feet wide and some 20 feet in length. In reviewing his extensive collection of early Dutch stamps Peter explained some of the unique features of the development of the country's postal system including the elaborate precautions taken to limit the re-use of the early stamps, the complexities of their perforation system, the "hokuspokus" of the POKO mechanical franking

machine and finally the desirability of the “numbered” postmarks from the 260 or so local Post Offices spread throughout Holland.

On behalf of the Club, Chairman Jim Sowden, presented Peter with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for a most interesting and entertaining evening.

**Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July.** Dealers for the evening were Mike Tooley and Rex Eccott

The evening’s speaker was Peter Chantry from St. Austell, who presented his display of stamps and postal items from Kenya issued during King George VI’s reign.

In his introduction Peter commented on the high quality of the stamps of this era combined with an interesting variety of printing flaws and errors. He explained that his interest in East Africa goes back to the time he spent there as a young soldier doing his National Service during the Mau-Mau uprising in Kenya.

On behalf of the Club, Chairman Jim Sowden, presented Peter with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for a most interesting and entertaining evening.

**Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August.** The evening’s dealer was Keith Attwood who offered a selection of GB stamps and covers, etc.

Club member Anne Lewis-Jones gave a talk “The Story of Australia” with a varied and interesting selection of Australian stamps and covers relating to the development of Australia.

Chairman Viv Sandercock thanked Anne for her interesting and “educational” talk and for offering such a wide selection of material.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our evening meetings which are now held at the Royal British Legion Rooms, Edymead House, 32, Westgate Street, Launceston on the second Thursday of each month commencing at 6.30pm. Parking is normally available at roof level in the nearby Multi-Storey Car Park. The Secretary, Evelyn Sandercock (01566 772846), will be pleased to provide further details of our activities and forthcoming events.

### **LISKEARD STAMP CLUB**

**27th May 2015** Graham Eva gave a display of Israel, it was a very good show and he explained the difference between short and full tabs most of us knew nothing about this. Our thanks go to Graham and his wife for giving us a good events entertainment.

**24th June 2015** Our last meeting of the season as usual the A G M which took about twenty minutes the officers of the club were all re-elected. This was followed by a member’s display which we enjoyed a total of 192 pages showing a wide variety of subjects by seven of the twelve members present.

**29th July 2015** Lesley Marley gave part two of her display Whales Whaling and Dolphins, Lesley was a former Treasurer of the club for many years and it was very good of her to return and show part of a Gold Medal National and International National display.

**26th August 2015** Jim Parsons displayed Antarctica it is always nice to have one of our own members give us a display. We were all surprised at the amount of material that Jim was able to show us.

*Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at the Long Room West Street Liskeard PL14 6BW. Meetings are listed on the Wessex Philatelic Federation and Cornwall Philatelic Federations Web Sites.*

*Many thanks to all who submitted reports its great to see what others are looking at and hopefully an inspiration to hard pressed programme secretaries – Ed*

## **2015 WESSEX COMPETITIONS RESULTS**

### **Traditional Philately** *(David Chamberlaine & David Herrity Memorial Cup)*

<b>Entry Title</b>	<b>Award</b>
Gibraltar	<b>GOLD</b>
The Maharaja Stamps of Cochin	<b>GOLD</b>
French Issues from 1938-1955	<b>VERMEIL</b>
GB KGV1 Coronation to Silver Wedding	<b>VERMEIL</b>
The Refugee Stamps of Cyprus 1974-2014	<b>GOLD</b>

## **Postal History** (*Manning Trophy*)

Entry Title	Award
Postal Oddities	<b>LARGE SILVER</b>
Jersey Postal History	<b>VERMEIL</b>
Gibraltar Postal History	<b>GOLD</b>
German States & Postal Unification	<b>LARGE VERMEIL</b>
The Postal History of Starcross from 1822	<b>GOLD</b>
GB Post Marks	<b>VERMEIL</b>

## **Thematics** (*Stantel Trophy*)

Entry Title	Award
Aphrodite's Island	<b>GOLD</b>
Tourism	<b>GOLD</b>
Diamonds	<b>LARGE VERMEIL</b>
Boats	<b>BRONZE</b>

## **Introduction to Thematics** (*Green Trophy*)

Entry Title	Award
Navidad	<b>GOLD</b>
The Game of Chess International Tournaments 1966-74	<b>GOLD</b>
Mans Best Friend	<b>LARGE VERMEIL</b>

## **Aerophilately** (*The Ken Fox Bowl*)

Entry Title	Award
Cyprus Air Mail Service to Independence	<b>LARGE VERMEIL</b>
Leipzig Messe Air Mail	<b>LARGE VERMEIL</b>

## **Open Class** (*The WETS Trophy*)

Entry Title	Award
Touring Spain? Then must see..	<b>SILVER</b>
Winter Olympics	<b>VERMEIL</b>

## **Thompson Cup Competition** **1st Torquay & Teignbridge Stamp Club** **2nd Dawlish Stamp Club** **3rd Plymouth Philatelic Society**

**REPORT** – The entries listed above were shown at the Strand Centre Dawlish at an exhibition hosted by Dawlish Stamp Club. All agreed that this exhibition was a very successful affair where all concerned had a good day.

The Federation would like to thank Gary Green the Competition Secretary for his hard work in obtaining the entries getting them judged and organising the federation's frames to be available and then being on hand to load all the entries on the day. Others who need to be thanked are Dawlish Stamp Club and all the helpers who arrived on Friday evening to set up the hall and then clear the hall on the day. We were delighted to see representation from the following clubs, Axminster, Dawlish, Exmouth, Mid-Devon, Sidmouth & Honiton, Plymouth, Taw & Torridge and Torquay & Teignbridge. Our special thanks has



already been given to the ladies of the Strand Centre Catering Team who supplied Tea, Coffee, Lunch and Cakes, very much appreciated by all who attended. Our dealers also had a good day and it was a pity the thematic dealer Eddie Foley failed to attend or let us know either before or since why he failed to do so. In addition to the competition displays there were some excellent displays promoting philately supplied and manned by Martin & Sally Ellam, well done for providing another element of interest which did get quite a lot of attendee's actually viewing the displays.



Just a few of the pictures from the day plus our Competition Secretary Gary Green and our Chairman David Evans thanking all on the day.

**2016 WESSEX COMPETITIONS –**

Sidmouth & Honiton have expressed an interest in hosting the Federations 2016 Competition Entries. This will be the first time in many years that the competition entries will have been shown in East Devon.

We hope to be able to give a date in the next issue.

Please start to think about your entries for next year, we would very much like to see entries from more of our federation clubs.



**OBITUARY – Janet Mary Horne** – We are sad to report that Janet the wife of past Chairman of Wessex Federation Barry Horne passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. We would like to offer our sympathy to Barry for his heartfelt loss.

**Thank You to all the contributors for this issue.  
We need lots of philatelic information for the next issue.**