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WESSEX FEDERATION WEBSITE at 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 with your current club details and programme. **The federation can only publish that which you provide.**

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED – As reported in the last newsletter we need a new Editor. **We still do and unless we get a volunteer it is highly likely you will not get anymore Bulletins.** If you are willing to perform this task please contact Jim Wigmore at JamesWigmore@talktalk.net or have a chat with him on 01626 864844

WESSEX FEDERATION 2016 COMPETITIONS – were shown at Sidmouth on Saturday 3rd September 2016 at a splendid Stamp Fair hosted by Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club. It was much appreciated by the Federation on its 70th Birthday all were delighted to see visitors attending from many of our Federation Clubs, Exmouth, Dawlish, Torquay & Teignbridge, North Devon and Plymouth members were all spotted and we also noted attendees from Cornwall. The Federation would like to thank our hosts Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club for a truly excellent day and for all the hard work put in by its members that made the day such a success. Thanks should also go to Gary Green our Competition Secretary for his work behind the scenes in gathering competition entries getting them judged and mounting the exhibits on the day. Both Gary and Carol Turner must also be thanked for obtaining, delivering, erecting and taking down the frames and transportation to/from there normal places of storage.

Julian Jones of Hampshire judged all the entries, only 5 Gold Medals were given, with 3 being won by Dawlish Club Members and 2 by Torquay & Teignbridge Club Members. The Various Cups and Certificates were presented by the Wessex Chairman David Evans

This years entries and results are as follows:-

TRADITIONAL PHILATELY

Peter Halmkin - G.B. 1840-79 The Line Engraved Issues; 65 LARGE SILVER

David Roseveare - France - An introduction to the 'Marianne de Sequel' definitives; 77 LARGE VERMEIL

Sally Ellam - French Issues from 193S-1955; 75 LARGE VERMEIL

Martin Ellam - German Postal Stationery; 55 SILVER/BRONZE

Martin Ellam - Germania; 7S LARGE VERMEIL

Gary Green - The Maharaja Stamps of Cochin; 81 GOLD

Jim Wigmore - The Cyprus Post Office 1880-95, 82 GOLD (**Class Winner**)

POSTAL HISTORY

Tony Elliott - Alfonso XIII of Spain, 51 SILVER

David Roseveare - Versailles-The Notre Dame Post Office cancellations 1347-1900; 79 LARGE VERMEIL

Martin Ellam - Censored mail; 65 LARGE SILVER

Martin Ellam - Foreign Workers Germany Censored mail; 68 LARGE SILVER

Jim Wignore - Publicity Handstamps of Cyprus 1934-42; SI GOLD (Class Winner)

Dennis Kenworthy - Gibraltar, 79 LARGE VERMEIL

Dennis Kenworthy - Aden Postal History; 76 LARGE VERMEIL

THEMATICS

Peter Halmkin - The Game of Chess - Olympiads/World Championships 194S-74; 63 SILVER

Sally Ellam - Dance, 69 LARGE SILVER

Martin Ellam - Diamonds in their many forms; 74 VERMEIL

Gary Green - Travel and Tourism; 32 GOLD (Class Winner)

Jim Wigmore - Along Lost Lines; 74 VERMEIL

INTRODUCTION TO THEMATICS

Tony Elliott' Bullfighting in Spain - 71 VERMEIL

Gary Green; Volcanoes of the World - 77 LARGE VERMEIL

Vicki Wigmore; It's a Dog's Life - 83 GOLD (Class Winner)

OPEN CLASS

David Roseveare – A Stroll to the Bank, 65 LARGE SILVER

Gary Green – Winter Olympics, 62 SILVER

THOMPSON CUP COMPETITION

1st - Torquay & Teignbridge.

2nd - Plymouth

3rd - Dawlish

WHATS ON & WHERE

Date	Meeting Description	Speaker	Club
12/09/2016	World First Issues	Bryan Short	Bideford Stamp Club
14/09/2016	The Life of the Honey Bee	Gary Green	Dawlish Stamp Club
19/09/2016	WETS Roadshow	WETS Speaker	Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
19/09/2016	Sherlock Holmes Mystery Show	Sarah Bennet	Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
22/09/2016	Postcard tour of South Island New Zealand & Rhodesia Double Heads	Nigel Cox & John Knight	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
28/09/2016	United States of America	Terry Cowlard	
05/10/2016	USA State by State Tour	Terry Cowlard	Plymouth Philatelic Society
06/10/2016	Visit by Launceston Club		Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
10/10/2016	British & Foreign Post Offices in Morocco	David Evans	Bideford Stamp Club
11/10/2016	Hungary & Russia	Martin Nash	Mid-Devon Philatelic Society
11/10/2016	Seychelles	Julian Luke	Minehead Stamp Club
12/10/2016	Auction Night – View the Listing and see the lots online		Dawlish Stamp Club
13/10/2016	C.P.F. AGM & Quiz Final at Falmouth		Launston Stamp Club
14/10/2016	Launceston AGM Auction & Raffle Viewing from 6.30 pm.		Launston Stamp Club
17/10/2016	Auction		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
20/10/2016	Early GB & Illustrated Envelopes & Stamp Sales	Mike Tooley & Rex Eccott	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
24/10/2016	Great Britain	John Harrison	Mid-Dvon Philatelic Society
26/10/2016	Bird Stamps	Roy Hexter	Liskeard Stamp Club
29/10/2016	Autumn WETS Day		Buckfastleigh Town Hall

03/11/2016	Malaria & Man	Carol Turner	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
04/11/2016	Club Auction		Bideford Stamp Club
05/11/2016	WETS Roadshow	WETS Speaker	Plymouth Philatelic Society
07/11/2016	Censored Mail	Martin Ellam	Mid-Dvon Philatelic Society
08/11/2016	North Borneo Postcards	Carol Turner	Minehead Stamp Club
09/11/2016	Concorde - <i>The first supersonic airliner, blink and you will miss it.</i>	Val Beekin	Dawlish Stamp Club
10/11/2016	Trading, West Indies Pot Pourri	Mike Tooley & Rex Eccott, Bill Gibb	Launston Stamp Club
17/11/2016	An Evening with Mike Roberts	Mike Roberts	Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
21/11/2016	Members GB & Europe		Mid-Dvon Philatelic Society
21/11/2016	AGM		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club
30/11/2016	WETS Roadshow	WETS Speaker	Liskeard Stamp Club
01/12/2016	4 Sheet Competition Letter N plus Bring & Buy		Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
07/12/2016	All Members 10 shts - Any Subject/Theme		Plymouth Philatelic Society
08/12/2016	Trading, Local Postal History	V & E Sandercock, Rex Eccott	Launston Stamp Club
12/12/2016	Members & Guests Christmas Evening		Bideford Stamp Club
12/12/2016	Christmas Lunch		Liskeard Stamp Club
13/12/2016	Bring & Buy, Silent Display & Christmas Fayre		Minehead Stamp Club
14/12/2016	Social & 1 Sheet Competition (Theme: Christmas) – <i>This is a fun evening so bring the other half and enjoy the evenings events.</i>		Dawlish Stamp Club
14/12/2016	Members New Issues & 1 sht Comp		Liskeard Stamp Club
15/12/2016	Christmas Evening - Mini Auction & Committee Entertain		Taw & Torridge Stamp Club
19/12/2016	Philatelic Fun for Christmas		Sidmouth & Honiton Stamp Club

AROUND OUR CLUBS

DAWLISH STAMP CLUB

May 11th – WETS ROADSHOW see the comments about this show in the WETS report below.

June 8th – Tony Key “A Philatelic Miscellanea” – What an amazing show this turned out to be, with lots of interest and many challenging questions to both mystify and delight the attendee’s.

July 13th – Members (4 shts or £1.00) plus Members Sales/Swaps – members produced some fascinating insights into their odds and ends interests much to the delight of all, further delights followed during the Bring and Buy when some brisk trading was carried out.

12th October - **DAWLISH AUTUMN AUCTION** –The Auction List has been circulated and is available on our website www.wessexpf.org.uk/Dawlish many of the lots can also be viewed online. The lots were available for viewing during the Sidmouth Show and a number of Postal Bids have been received to date. We look forward to a strong attendance.

MINEHEAD STAMP CLUB June Meeting was held on 14th June 2016 the subject being "The Siege of Paris". The visiting presenter started by giving a potted history of the 1870-1871 Franco Prussian War including the foolish declaration of war by France and the disastrous French conduct of the war.

After the French defeat at Sedan the Prussian army besieged Paris. During the 5 month siege the citizens of Paris maintained communications with the outside world by balloon which carried small numbers of people escaping the siege and at least three and a half million letters and cards from the people of Paris to the outside world . There were 67 recorded flights some of which, driven by winds, landed in odd places such as the sea and even Norway! The actual display consisted of photographs

and drawings of the balloons and a few of the cards and letters carried. Of particular interest was the correspondence by an English business man trapped in Paris, William Brown, to his wife in England. The presenter had acquired the correspondence from the family and based on this and his other researches has published a book on the siege in particular the postal aspects thereof.

After the tea break the display dealt with incoming mail. A system was devised whereby miniature photographs were made in Tours of letters destined for Paris. These were inserted into goose quills and attached to homing pigeons which had originally been sent out of Paris by balloon. When the pigeons returned to their lofts in Paris the messages were transcribed at the main Post Office before delivery. William Brown's wife was able to send short messages to her husband in this way.

An unusual and interesting topic.

Visitors are always welcome

LAUNCESTON STAMP CLUB held their Spring Auction at the Royal British Legion Rooms on 9th April. Bidding was conducted by the Auctioneer for the evening, Rex Eccott, ably assisted by John Harrison and Mike Tooley showing and distributing the lots with Des Kent and Viv Sandercock recording sales. There were 139 lots sold.

The Club meeting on 9th June featured, Gary Green from Kingsteignton who presented his collection of philately associated with the Leipzig Trade Fair. Gary presented his extensive collection featuring numerous examples of commemorative covers, postal stationery, collectors' cards, labels, special postmarks and other postal items, in addition to a virtually comprehensive collection of all commemorative fair stamps issued from inception through to 1990 when production ceased. Finally having answered numerous questions and enquiries from members Gary ended his presentation with the assistance of the Club Treasurer, Des Kent, by displaying a large souvenir fair exhibition banner.

The Club meeting on 14th July, featured Lesley Marley, who presented her award winning exhibit "A Whale's Tale". A Whale's Tale has three parts **Pt.1** Natural description of Whales and their adaptation to the environment – (i) Cetaceous Habitats, (ii) Ecology and (iii) Feeding Habits **Pt.2** Man's Influence, Appreciation and Decimation – (i) Man's first sighting, (ii) Development of the Whaling Industry, (iii) Whaling tools and equipment, (iv) Whale Products and **Pt.3** Preservation – Glimmer of Hope – (i) Global threats to Cetaceans and (ii) Conservation. The display which was presented in two parts each comprising around (50) A3 sheets of photos, documents, correspondence and postage stamps from all over the World illustrating every aspect of Whales which Lesley has painstakingly researched and compiled over a period of some ten years. As to the Epilogue it is to be hoped that the Save the Whale Campaign will in the course of time persuade all Nations to cease the killing of Whales for whatever reason.

The Club held a meeting on 10th September. This was the second meeting of the year devoted to Postcards. Diane Lawer, from the Plymouth Postcard Collectors Club gave a presentation featuring a history of the Cornish Pasty as recorded on Picture Postcards from the early 1900's to the present day. Diane's talk was displayed as a PowerPoint presentation enabling her to show each postcard and provide a running commentary. In introducing the display Diane traced the history of the Cornish Pasty back to 1300 AD and St. Carantoc as its Patron Saint to the time it became the miners "crib" and was known as the Food of the Poor. A truly excellent display of interesting and rare postcards.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our evening meetings which are held at the Royal British Legion Rooms, Edymead House, 32, Westgate Street, Launceston on the second Thursday of each month. Parking is normally available at roof level in the nearby Multi-Storey Car Park.

WEST OF ENGLAND THEMATIC SOCIETY (WETS) – Our 2016 Roadshow with its title "How to put together a Thematic Collection/Display" has proved to be very popular in the clubs where it has been shown to date. The display encourages some very interesting discussions and lots of animation amongst its viewers. **It was agreed that the subject for the Autumn Meeting on 29th October 2016 at Buckfastleigh Town Hall would be Earth meeting starts at 2.00 pm room available from 1.30pm** The Spring meeting in 2017 the subject would be Power.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE BULLETIN - To submit Club Reports use the email address at the head of the Bulletin – Please keep reports short and to the point.

To submit articles use the email address as at the head of the Bulletin. Articles on philatelic matters are especially required. Tell us what you have discovered and pass on your knowledge. It would help if your articles are produced using type face Ariel

Any pictures that you would like to be included should be submitted in jpg format and suitably reduced in size prior to submission to keep the size of the final document as small as possible.

**If Reports about your club are not here it is because nobody submitted one.
DO TRY AND VISIT OTHER CLUBS**

I am only a Postage Stamp

"I am the world's greatest traveller. I have been transported by camel, dog sled, Pony Express, bicycle, train, steamship, automobile, airplane, airship and rocket. On my face are portraits of Kings, Presidents, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Shahs, Sultans, Tribal Chiefs, Explorers, Patriots, Martyrs, Inventors, Pioneers, Artists, Musicians, Architects, Poets, Aviators, Dramatists, Painters, Athletes, Cardinals, Popes, Saints and Sinners.



"I picture maps of the world and parts of the world. I reveal views of strange foreign beaches, rivers, lakes, sounds, waterfalls, geysers, mountains, monuments, castles, temples and ruins of temples, missions and harbours, locks and waterfronts, locomotives and modern giant sea-planes. I depict all

mariner of sports, industries, handicrafts, customs, sacred rites, ceremonies and parades ... also nearly every variety of bird, fish, flower, fruit and vegetable found anywhere in the world. I delineate the vanished forms of the Phoenix, the Griffin, the Dragon, the Centaur and the Unicorn.

"The heroes and heroines of mythology pose within my borders and I frame the horrors of war, the blessings of peace, the plight of poverty and destitution, the blight of famine, the hardships of



emigration and the beauty of male and female nudity. I illustrate the adventures of Don Quixote, the fairy tales of childhood, the legends, and the symbols of art, peace, agriculture, industry and the coats of arms and flags of all nations." I commemorate the wars, expeditions, inventions, voyages and discoveries, creations and constructions

that make social life liveable and happy.

I am the world's greatest picture chronicle. Millions collect me. Thousands have escaped boredom through my variety, Hundreds have been saved from insanity through my fascination ... yet

I am only a postage stamp.... just a little bit of coloured paper!

Obituaries – We are sad to have to report on the loss of **Derek Ashton** of Plymouth Club and **Michael Boulton, John Charlett, John Darnell & Alan Cox** from Dawlish Club. We extend our sympathies to their families and friends.

THE BULLETIN NEEDS YOUR STORIES