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We are pleased to welcome the following new Member:-

2107 Graham Booth, Sussex.

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EDITORIAL

Another 40 page Journal to cater for a variety of interesting articles I have to hand at present. The Report of the AGM on page 34 shows the changes to your Committee and the principal issues debated this year. Importantly the meeting agreed the following changes to subscription rates which have not occurred for some years now.

These new rates will be effective from the 1st January 2014:

U.K & C.I. ordinary members **£20**; U.K. Senior citizens & disabled **£10**;
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Those members who pay their subscription by Standing Order are urged to contact their Bank as soon as possible to arrange for the new rate to be paid by their Standing Order.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

Welcome to my first *Secretary's Clipboard* following on in the footsteps of Gerald Marriner FRPSL, our now retired Secretary. I am sure that Gerald has received many thanks for his past duties as Secretary to the Channel Islands Specialists' Society, but on a personal note I would like to add my own personal thanks to Gerald's for his hard work in helping to make the Society the success it is today. It will be a hard act to follow in Gerald's footsteps, but I aim to do my best for the Society in this role and hopefully will bring some new ideas.

Unfortunately I was unable to be at the Society's AGM held on the 8th June due to change of date and daughter's wedding on that day. I understand that Gerald, as the outgoing Secretary, will provide notes for the meeting. As per the June edition of *Les Iles Normandes* I would like to reiterate that the September Members' meeting will be held on the 28th at the Mayfair Hotel, Bournemouth, BH1 2NW, the themes for members' displays being *Anything related to letters A and B or anything ending in '3'*, interpret the themes for the day any way you wish. David Morris has kindly agreed to be our host for the day. If you require further details you can contact David at davidlytch@aol.com. It is hoped that as many of our members from the south and south-west will be able to attend, as well as those from far and wide and please bring material, old and new, to display. Coffee will be provided on arrival. Meeting commences at 11.00.

The December meeting at the Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, commences with coffee and biscuits at 10.30 followed by members' displays at 11.00, if possible with a Social Philately theme. This will be followed after lunch by T. Cornford's Scott of the Antarctic display.

Forthcoming meetings:

14 December 2013	Social Philately
Morning:	Members' displays.
Afternoon:	Guest speaker: T.Cornford ' <i>Scott of the Antarctic</i> '.
8 February 2014	CISS Members' Annual Competition
11-13th April 2014	Society weekend at The Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester
5 July 2014	Annual General Meeting

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Send it priced for circulation to our Packet Secretary:**

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Mulready envelope to Cherbourg from Jersey?

by Tony Peters

In response to this article in the June Journal I feel the envelope has a problem. The envelope bears an “Outre-Mer Granville” postmark which was used on merchant mail (not from Great Britain) or on mail from the French colonies. During that time mail from Great Britain fell under the French “Grande Bretagne par...” rule.

The postmark “Grande Bretagne par Granville” is recorded by SG up until 1833, but I can extend this date to 1837.

The postage of 9 decimes gives us the answer. Letters from Great Britain to France were charged with 6D (shipping fee / Grande Bretagne par... rule). When you add the French inland tax (Granville/Cherbourg, till 7½ g) which was 3D, then you get 9D.

Mail with a transit mark from Granville comes from Jersey, but if it was transported by a British ship it was classified “as from Great Britain”.

The official British mail boats arrived at the Islands as mail boats and changed over to merchant ships when they made an additional sailing to France and this was not accepted by the French.

The “Grande Bretagne par...” handstamp was not in use by the Post Office in that year and therefore the “Outre-Mer” postmark was used. The postage rate shows that the “Grande Bretagne” postage was calculated.

News of Members

At the Australia World Stamp Exhibition in Melbourne earlier this year the following achievements were recorded for our members:

Alan Holyoake FRPSL **Large Gold** – registration in UK 1450 – 1862

Graham Booth **Gold** - Cayman Islands Post Office 1889 – 1945

Large Vermeil – The Rise and Fall of the American

Merchant Marine as a Mail Carrier 1800-1868

John Sussex RDP FRPSL **Gold** – Postal History of South West Africa

Robert Wightman **Gold** - Postal History of New Caledonia



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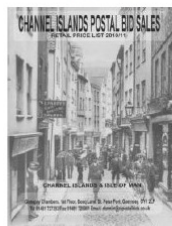
Postal Auction catalogues are produced 5 times a year and include a wide variety of Postal History and stamp issues. Including specialised listings.



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Please visit our Website:

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DISPOSAL OF YOUR CHANNEL ISLANDS' COLLECTIONS

If you or your relatives wish your collection to be sold due to change of interest, incapacity, or death the Society could assist you by arranging for its disposal within the C.I.S.S. either by private treaty or through the Society's auction and/or circulating Packets.

Benefits can be:

1. Best realisation of value to owner or dependents.
2. Opportunity for members to obtain items reasonably.
3. Society income enhanced with commission charged at only 5% on private treaty transactions, 10% on sale by auction or packet plus 2% insurance.

Several collections have been successfully sold in this way in recent years to the benefit of the owners.

‘BRADSHAW’ Red Cross Bureau advice cards used during the German Occupation of Guernsey by Ron Brown
(Continued from the last Journal)

Various colours

However, due to the shortage of postcards in particular, and card in general, cards of various colour and slightly various sizes were used when normal postcards were no longer available.

The Controlling Committee of the
States of Guernsey.
13 SEP 1941

A communication for you has been received through the
International Red Cross, from *Mr Frederick Smith*

If you will call at 38, High Street, between 10 a.m. and
12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on any
afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send
a reply not exceeding 25 words.

Please reply to this notice immediately. Even if you do not wish
to answer the communication, let the Red Cross Department know or
you will delay the return of many messages.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

Very pale greyish-green

The Controlling Committee of the 78
91
States of Guernsey.

5 DEC

A communication for you has been received through the International Red Cross, from Mr. Claude Herpe

If you will call at 9, High Street, between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on any afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send a reply not exceeding 25 words.

Please reply to this notice immediately. Even if you do not wish to answer the communication, let the Red Cross Department know or you will delay the return of many messages.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

CAMP DU ROI PRINTING WORKS

Rose pink

Matched message form and advice card

The Controlling Committee of the 100
71
States of Guernsey.

APR 28 1942

A communication for you has been received through the International Red Cross, from Miss Bewey

If you will call at 1, Market Street, (Artisans' Institute), between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on any morning, or between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on any afternoon (except Thursday), you can see the communication and send a reply not exceeding 25 words.

Please reply to this notice immediately. Even if you do not wish to answer the communication, let the Red Cross Department know or you will delay the return of many messages.

GEO. A. BRADSHAW,
Red Cross Department.

IMPORTANT.—Please bring this Card with you.

Camp du Roi Printing Works

When the recipient brought this advice card to the Red Cross Office at 1, Market Street, it was matched with the original message form and identified by the batch and message number.

This card was number 71 from batch number 100. The card matches the Red Cross enquiry form which has matching numbers **71** and **100** in red crayon. These numbers were applied at the Guernsey Red Cross Bureau.

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RED CROSS MESSAGE BUREAU
5617
762

From :
**WAR ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS
AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN**

To :
Comité International
de la Croix Rouge
Genève

Foreign Relations
Department.

ENQUIRER
Fragesteller

Name Bewey

Christian name
Vorname

Address

Relationship of Enquirer to Addressee
Wie ist Fragesteller mit Empfänger verwandt?

The Enquirer desires news of the Addressee and asks that the following message should be transmitted to him.
Der Fragesteller verlangt Auskunft über den Empfänger. Bitte um Weiter-

Beistempel
GENEVE - 38000-7

PASSED
P.186

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Dated APR 28,1942, the earliest known date for this, the last printed 'Bradshaw' advice card recorded so far.

End of the Bradshaw advice cards

A Notice was placed in the Guernsey Evening Press on the 22nd May 1942 stating that in the future incoming Red Cross messages would be forwarded direct to addressees by post.

Also in the same edition a Notice headed 'Red Cross Messages / IMPORTANT CHANGE' was printed.

GUERNSEY
Evening Press

MAY 22, 1942

**RED CROSS MESSAGE
DISTRIBUTION**

**POST OFFICE CO-OPERATE
IN NEW SCHEME**

From Monday next, incoming Red Cross Messages are to be forwarded direct by post to the addressees.

This concession has been arranged for on account of the increasing number of such messages and the consequent difficulty of dealing with the public who attend at the offices of the local Department to send their replies. In future it will be possible, not only to receive any message that arrives with the minimum delay, but also to despatch the reply by the same means — through the post.

All residents will appreciate this new arrangement, particularly those who are unable to make the journey to the Department's offices as frequently as they might wish to do. Everyone who receives a message should study the rules and obey them faithfully as failure to do so will only result in delaying the despatch of their reply and that of other senders or prevent their reply reaching its destination.

Enclosed with every posted message will be a sheet of instructions which must be returned, with the reply to message, through the post.

Replies must be written in English on one side only of a separate sheet of paper and **NOT** on the form containing the message. Not more than 25 words, excluding the names and addresses of sender and recipient, may be sent, and the message should be written in block letters. The signature of the sender must however be placed where indicated by X on the back of the form, but no other writing is permitted. The signed form, the reply and the printed slip of instructions may then be posted in the envelope provided. This service is free and such letters do not require stamping but should be despatched within 48 hours of receipt.

In the event of no reply being thought necessary, notification should be given. The form must be signed and returned, accompanied by a slip of paper stating "No reply."

**Red Cross
Messages**

IMPORTANT CHANGE

ON AND AFTER MAY 23rd, Red Cross Messages will be posted to recipients with **PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS** for answering same. These instructions must be **STRICTLY** carried out or replies may not be sent away.

No correspondence or telephoning can be allowed in reference to these messages. Queries must be settled personally at the Red Cross Bureau.

JOHN LEALE,
President, Controlling Committee.

The same concession applies to the sending of monthly messages, but these must not be included with replies as above and the envelope containing them must be stamped. These messages and names and addresses must also be written in block letters. Such monthly messages can only be accepted by the Department, of course, during the correct week as indicated by the alphabetical list issued monthly.

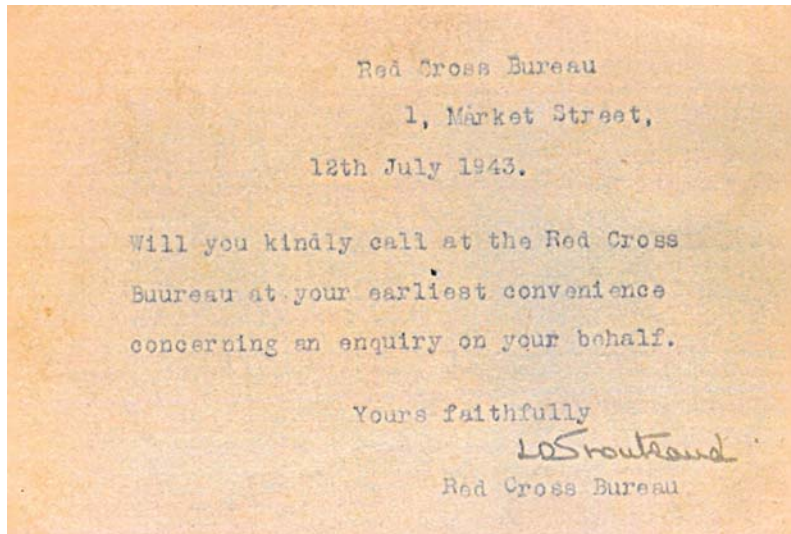
All persons who have changed their addresses since the Occupation must notify the Post Office of such change so as to avoid delay in delivery and facilitate the reception of replies. This is an important point.

Finally, the Red Cross Department, who deeply appreciate the generosity of local residents in their contributions, trust that this new service will not interfere with the flow of subscriptions. It will be quite as easy and effective to enclose a donation with a reply as it has been to drop this in the collecting box, and the result will be the same.

The new concession will not supersede the functioning of the Department at the Artisans Institute. Those who may find it more convenient to call there personally can still do so but must bring all messages with them properly prepared. It is hoped that the wider scope allowed by the co-operation of the Post Office will enable the Department to render more direct service than hitherto and we feel sure the general public will show their appreciation.

Meanwhile, those who have received advice cards under the old scheme are specially requested to call at the Red Cross offices by to-morrow (Saturday) with their replies.

Plain postcard



The Guernsey Red Cross Bureau continued to use old and plain cards for correspondence, in this case signed by Miss Leonie Trouteaud herself.

Jersey Counter Printed Stamps.

by Jon Aitchison FRPSL

At the recent C.I.S.S. Jersey meeting I acquired a batch of Jersey Counter Printed Stamps on cover. This may not be the correct name for them, so please educate me, but they are essentially produced and used in the same way as the British large gold Machin labels, albeit somewhat less attractive. I don't think anything has been published on these yet and it occurs to me that they should probably be documented, especially due to the likelihood that most will be trashed. I welcome further information and updates from members, as well as any unwanted examples. In all probability there are Guernsey, and possible Alderney and Sark, equivalents too.



Any value can be printed for any type, as required by the post rate, and they are always printed in black on white self-adhesive labels. I believe that these stamps cannot be sold to collectors mint but must be attached to the postal item and retained by the counter staff. As they are not cancelled upon use they would be open to improper re-use if the public were able to buy them in mint condition and post them in the conventional manner. The information I provide is undoubtedly far from complete, but so far I have found five basic types as follows:

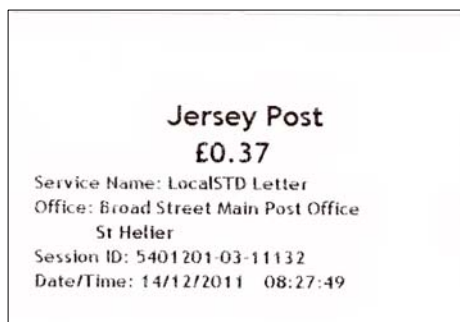
Type 1. Label size 89mm x 29mm with rounded corners. Sans serif face with 'JERSEY POST' in capitals, about 12 point. Earliest use seen is 06/01/2009. Latest use seen to date is 14/06/2012. Offices recorded on labels: Beaumont, Quennevais, Roseville Street, St. Aubin.



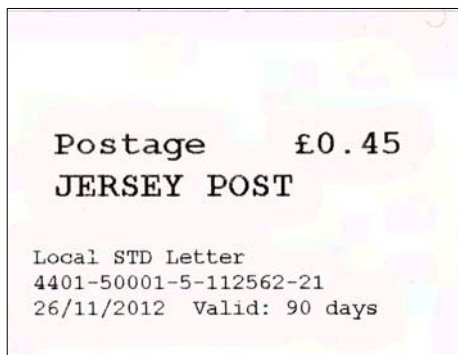
Type 2. Label size 76mm x 51mm with rounded corners. Sans serif face with 'JERSEY POST' in capitals, about 24 point. Earliest use seen is 24/03/2009. Latest use seen is 30/12/2011. Only recorded at Broad Street Main Post Office, St. Helier.



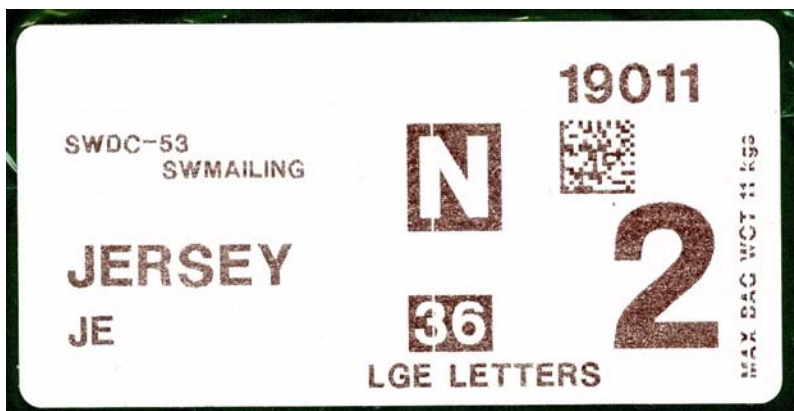
Type 2a. A variation of Type 2 headed 'JERSEY POST Priority'. Earliest use seen is 11/02/2011. Latest use seen is 25/05/2011. Offices recorded on labels: Broad Street Main Post Office, St. Helier and The Power House, Queens Road.



Type 3. Label size 60mm x 42mm with square corners, roll fed. Sans serif face with 'Jersey Post' in upper and lower case, about 10 point. Earliest use seen is 24/10/2008. Latest use seen is 14/12/2011. Only recorded at Broad Street Main Post Office, St. Helier.

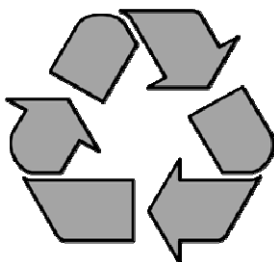


Type 4. Label size 60mm x 46mm with square corners, roll fed. Serif face with 'JERSEY POST' in capitals, about 12 point. The label paper is security printed with the 'Jersey Post' logo faintly throughout the paper roll, which has not reproduced above, and the postage value appears at the top of the stamp. Only date seen is 26/11/2012. No office stated.



Type 5. This is likely to be a mainland label with a different function so probably does not belong in this grouping, but has been included until confirmed. Label size is 102mm x 50mm with rounded corners. Sans serif face with 'JERSEY' in capitals, about 18 point. No date or office stated. Appears to be used for batches of mail. Example shown states '36 large letters'. Seen applied to inward postage paid licence mail. 'SWMAILING' may refer to South-West England mailing, which would mean it is not a Jersey label. If that is the case it is a separate area of study that should also be documented.

ANY UNWANTED JOURNALS?



Please do **not** throw your Journals or old Bulletins away. Send to the Membership Secretary, **Moirra Edwards at 86, Hall Lane, Sandon, Chelmsford. Essex. CM2 7RQ** for recycling to other members.

Jethou Island cachet used 2nd September 1913

by Guy Dandoy

Recently acquired on Ebay this rare marking is one of only four examples recorded to date, three being mentioned in the SG CHANNEL ISLANDS catalogue, this example being the latest.



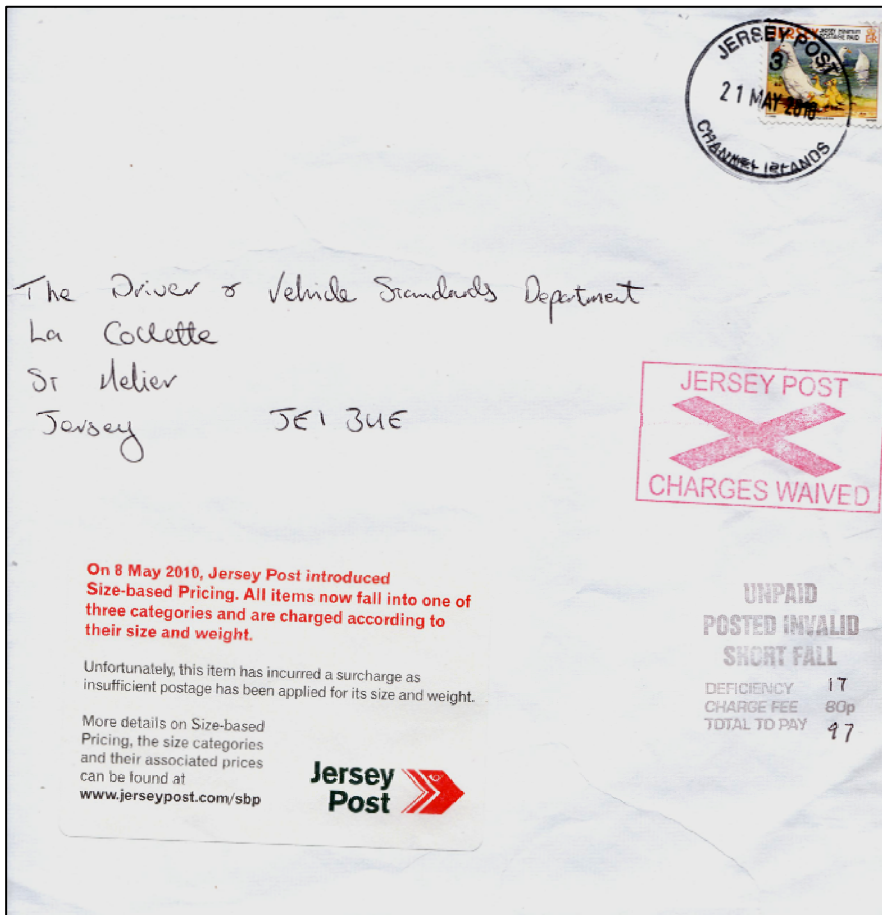
This particular example has the cachet tied beneath the 1/2d GV stamp which is itself cancelled over the violet cachet. The postcard shown here was published by Tozers of Guernsey



I have seen similar cards in the old collection of Benoi Verfaillie and in the sale at Grosvenor Auctions.
Does any member have another copy in their collection?

New JERSEY Instructional Marking

by Gerald Marriner FRPSL



I illustrate above a scan of a recent acquisition. This is a large commercial underpaid cover posted in 2010. The stamp has been cancelled with a 38mm diameter JERSEY POST datestamp with the code 3. A new JERSEY POST sticker has been applied informing the addressee of the new 'Size based Pricing' structure. On the right hand side there is a seldom seen unframed Jersey surcharge mark – 'UNPAID/POSTED INVALID/SHORTFALL – Charge fee 80p'. The deficiency surcharge and 'TOTAL TO PAY' surcharges have been added in manuscript. The total surcharge

was 97p. The Post Office decided to waive this surcharge and applied a new framed mark in red inscribed '**JERSEY POST / CHARGES WAIVED**'. This handstamp measures 57 x 32 mm.

THE GERMAN OCCUPATION – THE DEATH OF A CHANNEL ISLANDER - JOHN HENRY INGROUILLE 1920-1945 by Ron Brown

There is a group of Channel Islanders deported during the German Occupation to prison camps in France and Germany, many of whom suffered terrible treatment at the hands of the Germans leading to their deaths. These were the civilian prisoners sent to penal prisons, and in one case Buchenwald Concentration Camp, whose 'heinous' crimes include listening to and distributing BBC news, making 'V' signs and defamatory remarks against the Germans.

The stories of many of these prisoners have been recorded, but that of John Ingrouille has not previously been fully told.

John lived with his parents at Miellette Bay, Vale, Guernsey and worked for the German forces at the Vale Mill (Fig.1). He was denounced to the Germans by two fellow workers, Mrs Brewster and her daughter, who alleged he had incited them to commit sabotage and claimed to have 800 men ready to revolt.

On 31 December 1940 the Military Police arrested John at this home. The following day his father went to the HQ of the Feldkommandantur at Grange Lodge, but could not obtain any information except that his son was in prison. On 2 January 1941 their home was searched during which much damage was caused. The search was repeated several times during that week, on one occasion the Brewsters being present. Nothing incriminating was found except a knife and fork which were confiscated as German property. John's parents and Miss Hampson, who was living with them (referred to in John's letters as "Reenie"), were interrogated in a



brutal manner. It was not until three weeks later that they learned that John was in a Guernsey prison.



Fig.1. Vale Mill

he faced another trial when the Brewsters again testified against him. His sentence was upheld and he was sent to Brandenburg-(Havel)-Göerden, a penal prison administered by Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

On 1 May 1945 Berlin was captured by the Russians and Brandenburg Prison was liberated. John was sent to a Displaced Persons Camp where he was found by a unit of the British Liberation Army who arranged his repatriation to Guernsey. John's health had been severely undermined during 4½ years imprisonment. On his way home to Guernsey John became ill and was admitted to the British Military Hospital in Brussels where he was diagnosed as suffering from TB and meningitis.

At his trial, held on 11 February 1941, the Brewsters gave evidence against him. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for theft of the knife and fork and five years hard labour for treason. On 7 March 1941 he was sent to Caen Prison in France where he remained until his transfer in June 1942 to Rheinbach Zuchthaus (Penal Prison), Germany. During his time in Caen he spent several weeks in hospital recovering from typhoid fever

Some time towards the end of 1942 he was transferred to the Wehrmachtunter-Suchungsgefängnis (Armed Forces Investigation Prison), Berlin. On the 8th

December 1942, in Berlin,

Major D M Beaugié, a fellow Guernseyman serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps, wrote to his own father on 6 June 1945 *'Thanks for the very interesting GWP (Guernsey Weekly Press). I have passed it to a fellow Ingrouille who is a patient here. He knows you and was arrested and taken to Germany on a charge of inciting two women to commit sabotage, and was sentenced in Berlin to five years imprisonment. He is in here with a chill only I think.'* On 11 June he wrote a further letter. *'I mentioned Ingrouille in my last letter. He wasn't my patient then, but since he has become very ill and I have taken him over and found he has TB and meningitis, poor chap. I am afraid there is no hope for him at all – we would try to get his people over here from Guernsey if there were any point in it, but he recognises nobody and it would only distress them. He has no pain at all and won't live very long now. We sent a notification to them that he is dangerously ill. I don't know whether you know his folk or not. The address is 'Dunromin, Miellette Bay, Vale'. I passed on your Guernsey Weekly Press to him much to his joy and he read it cover to cover before he became delirious and seemed very happy to have had a breath of Guernsey again. If you see his folk assure them that everything possible is being done by us all, but it would not be fair to give them any hope or to encourage them to wish to see him. It is a most tragic case – the saddest I've had over here – just on his way home after all these years. He was a charming fellow – all the sisters fell for him and he certainly hasn't let Guernsey down – he never once complained and never really realised how ill he was. Enough for tonight.'*

John Henry Ingrouille died at 7.00 pm on 13 June 1945 aged twenty-four (the same evening as the note above was written) and was buried in the Military Cemetery at Evere, near Brussels. After 16 months of dedicated effort his parents finally obtained permission for his body to be exhumed and brought home to Guernsey. The reburial took place on 24 October 1946 at the Vale Cemetery with the service being conducted by the Salvation Army.

The letters which John wrote during his captivity show consistent courage and optimism. He never grumbled about the hardships he had to endure, but sought always to reassure his parents that he was in good health and expected to be home soon. He was popular with his fellow prisoners in Caen and Berlin, several of whom tried to get in touch with him after the war and the Padre at the Maison Centrale Prison Infirmary corresponded with his parents for many years after his death.

John's father, writing after the war to a Dutchman who had been a fellow prisoner of John's in Germany, said:-

'I can assure you my Friend that life does not hold much for us, times are bad...my home was destroyed by the Germans so now we have nothing left. We are all alone in this world to face the future and that is unknown to us'.

Twenty years later in 1965, Mr & Mrs Ingrouille, together with other Islanders, benefited from the £1,000,000 paid by the Federal German Government in compensation to victims of persecution and suffering at the hands of the Nazis. A year later they presented a stained glass window to the Vale Parish Church as a memorial to their son. It was dedicated by the Very Rev E L Frossard, Deane of Guernsey on Sunday 13 March 1966.

After the war there was much resentment against the Brewsters. Letters to the Press asked why they were allowed to remain at liberty and they left the Island after being advised to do so. It is difficult to understand the reason for the Brewsters' betrayal – they may have sought to ingratiate themselves to the Germans. The German Court appears to have given credence to their absurd allegations without any corroborative evidence. Perhaps it was hoped the heavy sentence passed against John so early in the Occupation would prove a deterrent.

John Henry Ingrouille 1920-1945 and his pathway to death

Arrested	30 December 1940
Sentenced	11 February 1941
Imprisoned	
30 December 1940 – 7 March 1941	Guernsey
7 March 1941 – Late 1941	Maison d'Arret Caen
Late 1941 – June 1942	Rheinbach Zuchthause
	Penal Prison, Germany
Late 1942 – Early 1943	Wehrmachtuntersuchgefänger
	(Armed Forces Investigation
	Prison) Berlin
Early 1943 – May 1945	Brandenburg (Havel) – Göerden,
	Berlin (a penal prison
	administered by Sachsenhausen
	Concentration Camp).
Released May 1945	Schonbeck displaced persons camp

May 1945 – 13 June 1945

Admitted to the British Military Hospital, Brussels whilst on his way home to Guernsey after over four years of brutal treatment.

John died on 13 June 1945

Following John's arrest on 30 December 1940 he was imprisoned in Guernsey for nine weeks during which time he was not allowed to send or receive letters.

After being sentenced to five years hard labour for sabotage John was transferred to Maison d'Arret, Caen, France on 7 March 1941 and was then allowed to both receive and send letters.



Fig.2.

Maison D'Arret De caen,
Calvados, France.
10/8/41.
Dear Mum and all.
Just a few lines to let you
know that I am alwright. Hoping that you
are all alwright also. I have answered your
letter of the 12 July, but I do not know if you
have received it yet, so I will answer it again.
The weather has changed again and I find it
gets colder every day. To-day it is almost
like winter. Still I'll be pleased when the
long nights come again, because that is the

Fig.2a.

Fig. 2a is a letter from John in Maison d'Arret, Caen addressed to his mother in Guernsey dated 10 August 1941. The letter is postmarked 25 August and received 20 September, a journey time of over five weeks. Unlike prisoner of war and internee mail which was post free, postage was required on letters to and from civilian prisons. This cover is unstamped and received the French 'T' (taxe) mark showing postage was due, but no surcharge was made.

The endorsement 'Per Courier Allemand S.V.P.' has not previously been recorded on Channel Islands mail, nor was it necessary as there was no other way to send mail to the Channel Islands except through the Feldpost system.



Fig.3.

Fig. 3 is a further cover from Maison d'Arret, Caen to his mother in Guernsey. A 1f stamp has been attached. The correct postage rate was 4f, but the letter was not surcharged. The red crayon mark at the top left appears on the other correspondence from Caen prison and is probably a censor mark. 'acheminer' (forward) has been added in blue crayon beside Guernsey.

Fig. 4 is a cover dated 1 January 1942 from Maison Centrale, Caen. Progress is being made with postage and the letter now has stamps to the value of 2f 50c (correct rate 4f)! Again the letter is not surcharged. The letter was probably posted outside the prison as it is dated 1 January 1942 and backstamped Jersey 5 January, a journey time of only four days.



Fig.4.

In September 1945, when answering a letter from a Dutch friend of John's who had been with him in Brandenburg prison, his father said that their house had been destroyed by the Germans. This may be why John's letters to his parents, after the end of 1941, were sent to a new address – 'La Moye, Vale' instead of 'Dunromin, La Miellette, Vale'.

Fig. 5 on the next page is a printed letter form from the Maison Centrale Infirmary dated 2 December 1941. John says he is suffering from influenza which was incorrect as he was later diagnosed as having typhoid fever and was in hospital for 7 or 8 weeks. The letter had to be in French and was probably written by one of the nuns at the hospital. The letter is signed by John '*Votre fils qui pense a vous souvent. John xxx*' (Your son who often thinks of you).

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les visiteurs doivent être munis d'une pièce constatant leur identité.

Les timbres, cartes postales illustrées et images seront rigoureusement refusés.

(*)

Le 2. décembre 1941

Nom et prénoms : Gahn Ingruilla

N° d'écrout 1250 Atelier : Inocupés C.A.

Chère album et tous

Je vous écris ces quelques lignes pour vous faire savoir que je suis changer de prison, je suis toujours à Caen mais à la maison contrainte, nous sommes maintenant plusieurs

ensemble dans une grande salle, on nous pouvons faire à peu près ce que l'on veut. Ne soyez pas surpris que je vous écris cette lettre en Français parce que si j'écris en Anglais il faut que la lettre aille à Paris pour être traduite, et cela demande deux ou trois semaines, et si vous pouvez, tâchez de m'écrire en Français aussi, je recevrais vos lettres plus vite. Si vous me pouvez

N. B. — Les familles qui adresseront leurs lettres au Directeur devront mettre celles destinées aux détenus sous une seconde enveloppe portant le nom et le numéro du destinataire.

(*) Désignation de l'établissement

Fig.5.

On 16 February 1942 the Bailiff of Guernsey made representation to the Feldkommandantur for a reprieve for John.

<u>Translation.</u>	
Nebenstelle Guernsey der Feldkommandantur 515.	21.4.1942.
To The Bailiff of Guernsey.	
With reference to your letter of the 26th February, 1942, I beg to inform you that the request for reprieve in favour of John Ingrouille has been submitted to the Military Commander in France. A decision has not yet been pronounced.	
(Signed) FUERST VON OETTINGEN, Rittmeister.	
=====	
<u>Translation.</u>	
Nebenstelle Guernsey der Feldkommandantur 515.	15.5.1942.
To the Bailiff of Guernsey.	
<u>Re: Request for Grace for John Henry Ingrouille.</u> <u>Your letter of 26.2.42.</u>	
I beg to inform you that by decision of the Superior Command of the Army, dated 13.4.42, the request for grace has been rejected.	
(Signed) DR. BROSCH, Kriegsverwaltungsrat.	

Fig.6.

Fig. 6 is a translation of two letters in April and May 1942 sent to John's parents informing them that the appeal had been rejected.

After the dismissal of the appeal John was transferred at some time in June 1942 from Caen to Rheinbach Penal Prison in Germany.

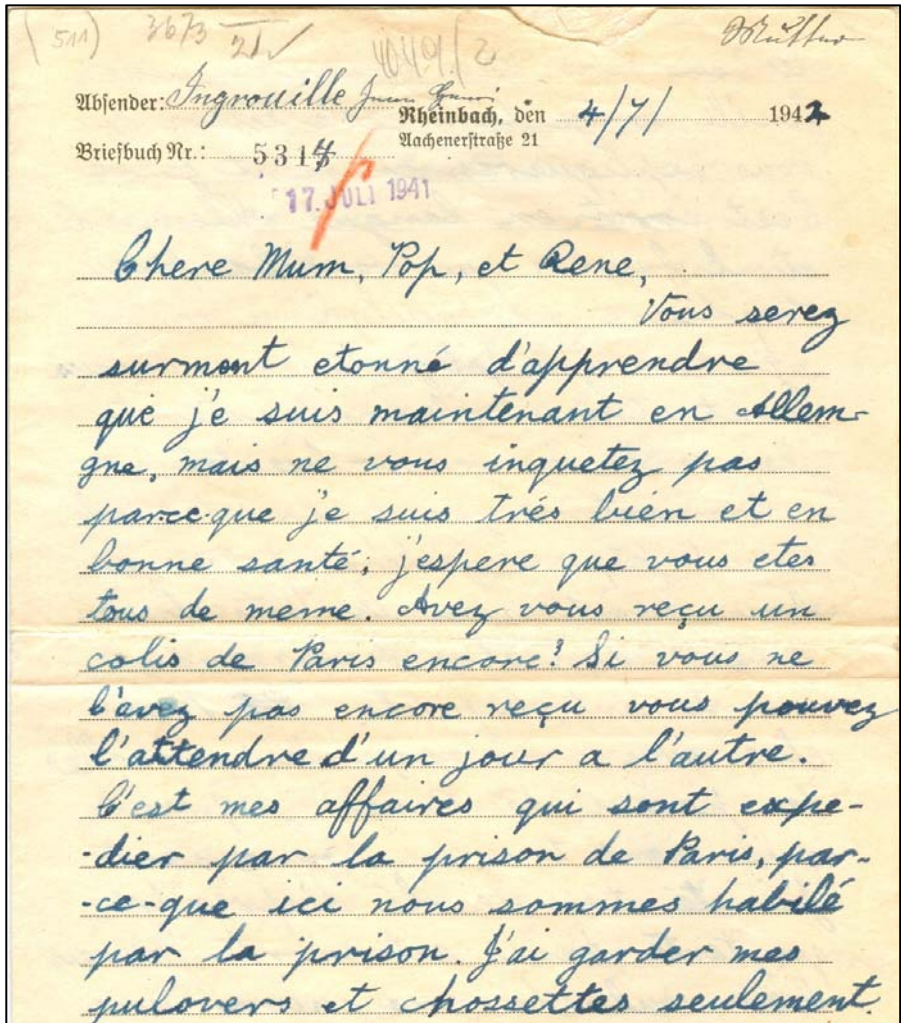


Fig.7.

Fig. 7 is John's first letter from Rheinbach Zuchthaus (Prison for capital offenders) dated 4 July 1942 was received in Guernsey on 18 July, a journey time of only two weeks. Fig.7a is the accompanying envelope.

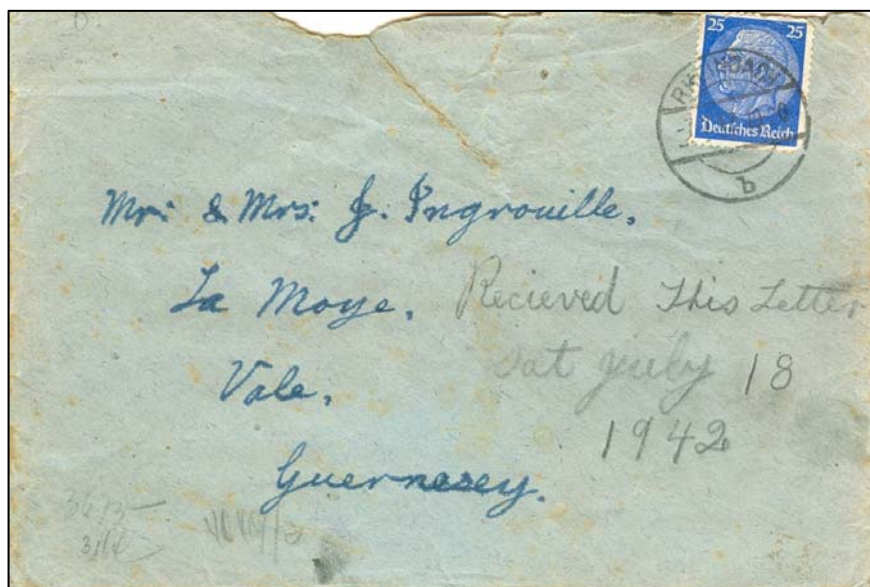


Fig.7a.

John was transferred from Caen to Rheinbach via Paris and in his letter, written in French, he asks his parents whether they had received a parcel of his clothes which was despatched by the 'Prison de Paris' as similar to his experience at Rheinbach he had to wear prison uniform.



Reverse side of envelope Fig.7a reduced in size

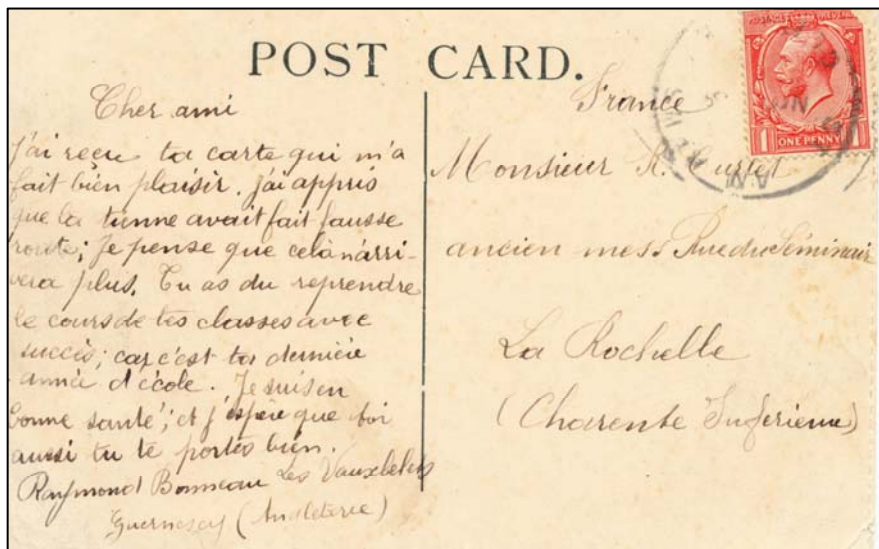
(To be continued in the December Journal)

Another St Andrews, Guernsey skeleton.

Our member, Guy Dandoy, in Belgium has recently bought and shows below a Guernsey – Les Vauxbelets Valley postcard from a French collector on which he found a third example of this skeleton datestamp on the back of the postcard.



Although it is very difficult to interpret the date it is certainly NO (November) and could be 1913 consistent with the two known examples dated in November 1913. See page 124 of *The*



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The other two examples known are also rather poor copies of this very scarce strike.

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63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 41, Devonshire Place, London on 8th June 2013

Present: Chair was taken by David Edwards with 20 members in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** B. Austin, B. Coles, R Flemming, R. Gibbons, Dr S. Hancock, D. Horner, Dr M. Jay, R. Macdonald, Dr J Marsden, B. Olsson, J.M.G. Payne, R. Shaw, T. Ward, S. Wells , G. Wood, L. Woolf, B. Young
2. **Minutes** of the 62nd AGM as published in Les Iles Normandes, Vol 31 No.3 were proposed for adoption by J. Hirst and seconded by J. Triggs and passed unanimously.
3. **Matters arising**
 - 3.1 Item 4.2 (2012 AGM) – The Chairman informed the meeting that the Secretary had produced a job description for the tasks involved for the position of Society Secretary.
 - 3.2 J. Aitchison enquired whether the Society should invest in Premium Bonds. The Treasurer replied that Premium Bonds could not be taken out in a Society's name, but only by individuals.
 - 3.3 Item 11.2 (2012 AGM) – J. Aitchison noted from the accounts that the costs of running Committee meetings had increased this year by £280. He noted that Committee meetings were still being held separately to Society meetings and requested the Committee look into their running expenses. The Chairman confirmed this would be an agenda item at the next Committee Meeting.
 - 3.4 Item 11.3 (2012 AGM) – Electronic Journals – now being progressed
 - 3.5 Item 11.4 (2012 AGM) - Swapping Membership adverts with other Philatelic Society publications – discussed at Committee and decided not to continue
 - 3.6 Item 11.5 (2012 AGM) –Advertising charges were discussed at Committee who decided not to pursue any increases at present. (See item 4.5 below)
 - 3.7 Item 11.6 (2012 AGM) Joint meetings with other Societies discussed. Not progressed. However to reduce Society meeting costs it was agreed to hold a one day meeting outside London in 2013 and 2014. The day meeting in 2013 will be in Bournemouth.

3.8 Item 11.7 (2012 AGM) Revised subscriptions – see later.

4. Officers' Reports

These had already been circulated in the preceding Journal.

4.2 Secretary's Report

Alan Moorcroft thanked the retiring Secretary (Gerald Marriner) for his 30 years of service to the Society. Gerald is retiring after being Society Secretary for 15 years.

4.3 Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts were circulated. There was an excess of income over expenditure of £81.57p. Income from auction sales had increased to £2,899. The bank interest of £843 had resulted from the maturity of one Society bond. A new investment bond had now been taken out. John Hirst proposed the adoption of the accounts. This was seconded by Jon Aitchison and they were passed unanimously.

4.4 Membership Secretary's Report –

Moirra Edwards reported that the current paid up membership of the Society was 298 as of June 2013.

4.5 Advertising & Press Secretary's Report –

In the absence of the Advertising Secretary, Jon Aitchison questioned the small income and whether the Society should abandon advertising in the Journal and so include more articles. Alan Moorcroft, David Gurney and Keith Raymond recommended that advertising continues, but rates should increase. Agreed to be an agenda item at the next Committee meeting

4.8 Packet Secretary

The Packet Secretary is looking at reducing the size of the circuit boxes because of the increase in UK postage rates.

4.10 Acting Competition Secretary

The Chairman thanked Bob Macdonald for his contribution to the Committee and for organising the Competitions in 2013.

J. Aitchison recommended that there should be adverts for the Competitions in two editions of the Journal to encourage members to exhibit and the Competition Secretary should email members directly to encourage participation.

4.11 Book Sales

The meeting was informed that the Society had 38 copies of B. Chilton's "Ferries" book still left. The Chairman stated that the Committee continually reviews the prices of our publications.

- 5. Future Subscriptions** – The Committee agreed to a package of increased subscriptions from 2014 as follows –

U.K. & C.I. ordinary members	£20.00
U.K. Senior citizens & disabled	£10.00
Life members	£10.00
European members	£25.00
Rest of World Members	£30.00

These revised subscriptions would only be for members receiving hard copies of the Journal through the Post.

Jon Aitchison proposed this package of increased subscriptions.

This was seconded by Alan Moorcroft. There were 17 votes in favour of this proposal and one against. The proposal was carried.

The committee also agreed to a second package of subscriptions for members receiving email copies of the Journal. These were -

U.K. & C.I. ordinary members	£15.00
U.K. Senior citizens & disabled	£7.50
Life members	£6.00
All overseas members	£15.00

The acceptance of this second package was proposed by J. Aitchison, seconded by David Laurillard and approved.

- 6. Society Archivist** – Mark Bailey reported that fresh material had been received from members during the year including issues of both Islands' Philatelic Bulletins, documents from the late Anne and Harold Gough and early C.I. Catalogues by O.W. Newport given by Malcolm Le Boutillier. In addition in 2012, the Archivist produced a CD ROM of the Late Andy Hink's collection of black and white LL cards of Jersey. 18 copies have been ordered to date.
- 7. Society Website** – The Chairman updated the meeting on current website issues. Our website pages needed simplifying. During the year, we changed Consultants, - accepting the quote from Nick Martin of Jade Business Resources Ltd. This was more competitive on price and offered us a re-design of the existing site and the development of a Content Management System so that Committee members can maintain the site in future.

The redesigned site has been available since April. The change in layout makes our site more attractive and easier to use. The publications page has been expanded to include scans of book fronts. The five topic pages have been retained. Several pages from the old site have been omitted including the Forum and the meetings Reviews. In the future we will be able to identify changes / additions that need to be made.

The User Guide for the Content Management system has had a trial run and seems easy to use. We are currently waiting for additional copies of the manual and then will be deciding responsibilities. We hope members will be able to access e-journals via the website. Details of the costs so far cannot be given as the invoice is awaited. We shall be retaining Nick Martin in a telephone and email support capacity at an estimated annual cost of £150-200. John Triggs believed that meeting Reviews should remain on the website and this will be discussed at Committee.

8. Proposed amendments to Society Rules

1. Rule 8a – to read – ‘**Up to** two ordinary Committee Members’.
For the amendment – 11; Against – 2; Amendment carried.
2. New section 8c – to read – ‘The Chairman to chair all meetings and be responsible for the working of the management committee.’
Current rules (8c -8k) then become rules 8d – 8l.
Carried unanimously.
3. Rule 11 – to read – No alteration of these Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or *in exceptional circumstances* at an Extraordinary General Meeting specifically called for that purpose. The proposed alterations shall be clearly set out in the notice convening the meeting.
In favour of amendment - 2; Against amendment - 16.
Proposal NOT carried

9. Election of Officers

		Proposer	Second
Chairman	David Edwards	A. Moorcroft	R. Bartlett
Secretary	Richard Flemming	D. Edwards	J. Triggs
Treasurer	Robert Porter	J. Hirst	R. Osborne
Editor	David Gurney	G. Marriner	G. Wood
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Membership Sec	Moira Edwards	D. Somerville	R. Harris
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Advertising Sec	Steve Wells	D. Winnie	A. Moorcroft
Member	Alan Moorcroft	D. Edwards	G. Marriner
Member	David Winnie	J. Aitchison	M. Bailey

10. Joan Flood Salver

This was not awarded this year

11. A.O.B.

11.1 The Secretary confirmed that the 2014 Society weekend would be at the Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester. It was proposed the Cheltenham and Gloucester Philatelic Societies might like to join us and the Secretary to progress. It was agreed to hold the 2015 weekend in April at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey.

11.2 D.Winnie asked the Chairman what action the Society is taking in regard to the increasing number of Occupation forgeries now appearing on EBay. J Aitchison raised a supplementary question whether members who deal in these forgeries should be removed from the Society. The Chairman stated that this subject had already been discussed at Committee and the issue is now closed.

11.3 J Aitchison requested that the email addresses of committee members be listed in the journal.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

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Presentation Pack	£5.11
Souvenir Sheetlet (SS)	£3.96
SS First Day Cover	£5.11
SS Presentation Pack	£5.11

14th November	HRH The Prince of Wales 65th Birthday	
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First Day Cover		£5.15
Presentation Pack		£5.15
Souvenir Miniature Sheet		£4.00
First Day Cover		£5.15
Presentation Pack		£5.15

14th November	The Royal Mace of the Bailiff of Jersey ~ 350 years	
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Presentation Pack		£2.15

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