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EDITORIAL

This edition shows the commencement of a two part study of the major ship letters of the Channel Islands and a range of other articles on a variety of subjects. Do please let me have new articles which keeps our Journal alive and informative, even scans or colour copies of unusual items with just a few words are always welcome. Please don't forget the displays at the **Annual General Meeting in London on Saturday 9th July 2016.**

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

Welcome to the June edition of *Les Iles Normandes* and for those of you who were able to attend the Bournemouth Member's Weekend meeting I hope that you all had a jolly time and I apologise if I did not have a chance to talk with you all. The joint room and postal auction was probably the

biggest we have undertaken and I hope that you were able to find something to add to your collection. Once again thank you to all those who attended because without your presence there would be no Members Weekend. Already plans are in progress for the 2017 Members Weekend. Hope to see you there.

Our next member's meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at the Royal Philatelic Society London on Saturday, 9th July 2016 and all members are urged to attend. The AGM will be held after lunch at 14.00 and the morning will be taken up with a mini room auction of about 50 lots followed by member's displays. The theme for displays is Alderney (or any new material that you may wish to display). If you wish to raise a question at the AGM please let me have a copy of your question at least two weeks before the event. It helps to speed up the process.

I am pleased to confirm that David Horner has kindly agreed to host the Member's Autumn Meeting at the York House Hotel, Wakefield.

Forthcoming events:

- 9 July 2016** - Member's meeting (theme 'Alderney' followed by AGM at 2pm)
- 10 September 2016** - Regional Meeting at York House Hotel, Wakefield WF1 2TE. Theme for the day is "Letters H, I and/or J".
- 10 December 2016** - Member's meeting. Theme: "Dates ending in 6"

London Meeting Report Saturday 20th February 2016.

by Richard Flemming

Today saw frantic business at No. 41, Devonshire Place as it was the Society's Annual Competitions Day alongside the traditional room auction and members' non-competition displays. The room auction with some 50+ lots saw some energetic bidding and in the end nearly £600 was bid in all. Prior to the luncheon interval, members who had kindly supplied no-competition displays were Jon Aitchison, Gerry Cogger, Robert Corden, Richard Flemming, Robert Shaw, Ron Brown (presented by David Gurney in absentia) and Steve Wells. **Gerry Cogger** showed some lovely material including an 1841 entire from Guernsey to Lomdard Street, London with a QV 1d red imperf cancelled by a fine Guernsey Maltese Cross with a

superb Guernsey double arc datestamp and a 1d red imperf bearing a fine **965** numeral of Alderney. **Jon Aitchison** showed several sheets of local issues including Herm 1954 Crest issue bromide proofs and a full page of printer's artwork before the printing plates were made, Channel Islands revenue stamps and three complete imperf sheets of the 1963 Commodore 6d, 1/- and 3/- values. **Richard Flemming** showed some more of his mid to late QV mail from the Channel Islands, mainly Jersey to many destinations including China, Chile via the Panama canal, Canada, Nova Scotia and New Zealand acquired in 2014/15. **Steve Wells** provided an entertaining display entitled the '0 years' that featured covers and postcards sent between 1900 and 1980. Of particular interest was a photographic card of 1920 from Chausey showing an excursion group visiting the Island dated 4th September. Included in **Ron Brown's** material was a 1942 States of Jersey Department of Agriculture letter to Gorey and two first issue identity cards for Jersey. **Robert Shaw** showed two sheets related to the Alderney Stamp Shop opened by Eileen and Peter Kelley in the early 1970s whereby they overprinted remainder stock of their trade labels from a previous business they had in Wallasey which showed a picture of New Brighton Tower in black reading 'PARCELS' or 'P.O. BOX 18 ALDERNEY C.I.' or 'THE STAMP SHOP ALDERNEY'.

News of members

FEPA Medal for 2015 for Exceptional Service to Organised Philately has been awarded to **Francis E. Kiddle RDP Hon FRPSL** (Great Britain), in memoriam.

Very sadly we have to record the death of our Jersey member, **John Le Maistre, 1938 – 2016**, on the 13th February. John specialised in the postcards of the Channel Islands, especially Jersey. In 2000 he was a founder member of the **Jersey Postcard Study Group** and was always willing to share his extensive knowledge of Jersey postcards. He also had a collection of rare items of Jersey wartime postal history.

Members' Wants

Mike Moody (mikemoody27@hotmail.co.uk) of 1, St Andrew's Road, Salisbury SP2 9NT) is interested in all material from the Liberation of the Channel Islands in May 1945 including the Royal visit in June. In

particular he would like to acquire any photographs and an example of FPO 302 in addition to any Liberation material.

Weekend Meeting Report, Bournemouth, 15th - 17th April, 2016.

by Richard Flemming

Sixty-two members and guests attended this year's Weekend Meeting in Bournemouth which began on Friday afternoon with a static postcard display kindly provided by Dave Edwards. Following the evening's dinner, members and guests were invited to take part in voting for the winner of the "Three Sheets to Tell a Story" competition. After all the votes were counted our President, Alan Moorcroft, was the clear winner with his story about two evacuees.

Saturday morning began with a Bourse where eight members and dealers had tables. This was followed with a 660 lot room and postal bid auction orchestrated by Nick Stuart and his support staff, which saw the final lot coming under the hammer some two hours later...phew! The final figure is not known at the moment but it will exceed £12,000.

Following lunch thirty-three members attended **Ron Brown's** 18 frame display of Occupation material. To make it easier for all, Ron kindly provided us with a 26 page illustrated monograph of the material on display which was based on six themes: Alderney, Organisation Todt, Civilian mail, the 'Fortress' period, S.S. Vega and German Prisoners of War. Of particular significance was a cover addressed to Alderney's second Commander, a certain Staff Sergeant Rudi Koch and what about the letter starting "Leiber Vater" on Judges Office, The Court House, Alderney headed writing paper? This section was completed with a 1942 Feldpost cover from the Russian Front to Alderney. There was the unique example of the 'Montmartin-sur-Mer date stamp on a 1940 envelope from Jersey to France and a letter from New Jersey, USA to Guernsey which was actually delivered to the Island, probably because it was addressed to Dr. and Mrs Wilson, Guernsey c/o Herr Hitler, Berlin. Ron also showed 'Fortress' mail from several flights, including the 1st flight of the 24th September 1944. Finally, Ron rounded off with examples of mail sent to POW Camp 801 (Guernsey) and POW Camp 802 (Jersey) post-liberation.

The evening saw members and guests attend the annual dinner followed by Society President, Alan Moorcroft, presenting Annual Competition

winner's certificates to Jon Aitchison, Ron Brown, Robert Corden, Dave Edwards and Richard Flemming.

Sunday dawned bright and clear and **Jon Aitchison** started the morning's members' displays with his nine frame show of Channel Islands printed material, including printed advertisements on envelopes and postcards, illustrated envelopes, rubber cachets, retailers' advertisements on tourist picture postcards, the Wesleyan Methodists in Jersey with its "GROVE PLACE/WESLEYAN CHURCH/BAZAAR/1919 and finally, ephemera for the Gardner's Royal Hotel (later Royal Hotel).

We were once again entertained by **Ron Brown** who later showed two frames, one of Biberach Internment Camp, including a Red Cross cachet on an item to Guernsey and a Biberach Camp censor cachet. His second frame consisted of items pertaining to the Jersey 1d 'Arms' stamp including plate proofs, original artwork, photographic essays, wide and narrow paper and a complete sheet of the chalky paper variety.

Leo Mayr entertained us to a fascinating display relating to the Red Cross Message Service within Guernsey, whereby he explained, in some detail, the history behind the message form, and the personnel involved in running the service within Guernsey. He also explained about the different types of forms and how forms were dealt with by the Red Cross Message Service.

Robert Corden showed us his competition entry and explained the significance of the comments made by the judges. **Ron Osborne** showed 24 items of mail to and from the Channel Islands, including a registered letter from Jersey to Buenos Aires dated 1893, an 1859 cover to Hong Kong, two 1¼d foreign rate postcards to France and a Cobo registered letter to Devizes dated 1951. **Bryan Elliston** showed a fascinating display of important Guernsey Ship letter handstamps including the unique concave **GUERNSEY/SHIP LETTER** and the boxed **INDIA LETTER/GUERNSEY** (I'm so jealous). **Brian Chilton** showed four pictures of the smallest railway in the Channel Islands which was constructed to transfer material to build the Les Casquets lighthouse off Alderney and **Mark Bailey** displayed recent acquisitions relating to George Patrick Campbell, including items of stamped to order mail with the DAVID PLACE cds. **Gerald Marriner** was back on the hotel trail showing an array of postcards and ephemera for the Pomme d'Or Hotel, Jersey and to round the morning off, **Richard Flemming** displayed two frames of postal history relating to mail to and from the Channel Islands to France 1776 – 1850.

Guernsey French Seaplane Base – August 1918 registered cover
by Geoff Cory



This attractive registered cover was recently purchased in France. It has a fine strike of the three line Guernsey Centre d'Aviation cachet and the Guernsey single circles are dated 9 AU 1918 and verso a Guernsey single circle, an oval registered Southampton cancel for 10 AU 18 and a wax seal with the senders initials GG. I am currently unable to find any record of the Petty Officer, G Gauzere (see endorsement at top) who originated this mail and I would very much like to hear from any member who may be aware of the Officer or of any method of tracking him down? I suspect that such registered covers originating from the Guernsey Centre are unusual.

If other members have similar registered covers, particularly if they were routed via Southampton (rather than the usual London passage) can you let the Editor or myself know please (geoff@corygallery.com)?

Bigwood Essays

by David Gurney FRPSL



This strip of five appeared in the December 2015 Public Auction catalogue of Provincial Philatelics described as*Lot 1314 Jersey WWII Occupation – One Penny scarlet “Stamps” in a strip of five from a Proof sheet of 30, Photocopy shows how sheet broken down into 7 lots, also includes purchase letter from CI Stamp Co June 1986 stating purchase price was £1790, a rare item (see photo)£900. Subsequently Provincial Philatelics confirmed that this lot sold for £1850.*

Members may also be interested to learn that the full sheet is referred to and illustrated on page 105 of *Stamps and Postal History of the Channel Islands* by William Newport (1972) and on page 84 of *KANALINSELN Postgeschichtliches Handbuch zur Deutschen Besetzung 1940 – 1945* by Leopold Mayr & Michael Wieneke (2000).

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Internment Camp Vittel - a new find

by Olaf Beecken

It is a rare occasion when one can report a new find in the field of the Occupation after all these years and research done by various experts.

This Red Cross Message form illustrated on the following two pages came up for auction at the beginning of 2015. It is an ordinary form written in Taunton (England) on 19 January 1942 to a Lilian Le Page in the Internment camp of Vittel in the Vosges area in France. In Lilian's answer is the crucial sentence "*Hear from Guernsey often*" which immediately struck me. I bought the item without really knowing what I was doing because I had not been able to trace Lilian Le Page in one of the sources available to me. What was her Guernsey connection really all about?

I asked David Gurney for advice and he recommended I contact the States of Guernsey Island Archives for further help. An excerpt from their answer that I received was really exciting to me:

"We have established that her name was Lilian Bertha May Russell, born 28 May 1918, to a Lily or Lilian Le Poidevin. She was adopted by a William Le Page. Her Occupation registration form shows that she lived at 4 Stanley Villas, Stanley Road, St Peter Port, for most of the war years.

We have been unable to find any record of why Lilian was in the civilian internment camp in Vittel, Vosges, France, in early 1942. The camp is known for being of a higher standard than others – the internees lived in hotel rooms. We know that Lilian returned to the island; in December 1942 she was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment in Guernsey for consuming stolen foodstuffs. In December 1942 she was working as a waitress at G.E. Till's Café, Le Pollet, St Peter Port.

In 1943 she married Mario Angel Aragonés Dorado, a Spanish national brought to the island as a forced labourer by the Germans."

Front-Stalag 194 (see censor mark) was also located at Vittel at the beginning of 1942.

I would like to express my thanks to David Gurney and to Vikki Ellis from the Guernsey Archives for their tremendous help in researching this item.

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From:

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

To:

Comité International
de la Croix Rouge
Genève



Foreign Relations

Name MISS ADCOCK

Christian name

Vorname

Address

Geprüft

Front-Statag 194

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 Weiterbeförderung dieser Meldung.

GLAD HEAR YOU WELL HAPPY AND BUSY SO ALL WILLIAMS
MYSELF. HAVE YOU MET TAYLORS. FRANCE. LE QUERRE
WITH YOU? HEARD FROM JAMES. MUCH LOVE.

Beate L. Adcock

Date 19.1.42.

ADDRESSEE

Empfänger

Name MME LE PAGE

Christian name LILIAN

Vorname

Address ROOM 473, GRAND HOTEL

CAMP AT VITTEL,

VOSGES

FRANCE.

4 FEB 1942

The Addressee's reply to be written overleaf. (Not more than 25 words).
Empfänger schreibe Antwort auf Rückseite. (Höchstzahl 25 worte).

March 18th 1942

News of you & Williams most welcome. Not met
Taylors. Le Quéré's at Trémel. Hear from Guernsey
often. Long to see you all. Much Love

Lilian Le Page.



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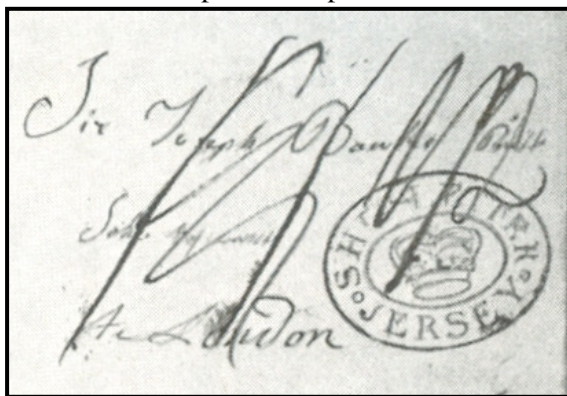
by Richard Flemming

Prior to the establishment of the Post Office in Jersey and Guernsey in 1794 mail was either handed to an agent or to someone who was travelling to or from the Channel Islands whom, upon arrival at the port of destination, would hand the letter into the nearest Post Office thus avoiding any shipping levy.

The establishment of the Post Office in the Channel Islands brought with it the same procedures which were uniform throughout the United Kingdom which meant that those letters carried by private ship became subject to the normal ship letter charges. However, the Act of Parliament that established the two Post Offices in the Channel Islands was never ratified by the States of Jersey and although the States of Guernsey did register the Act, in reality it was largely ignored. This resulted in very little ship letter mail being handed into the Jersey or Guernsey Post Offices, even at the risk of facing a hefty fine. Consequently, this reflects the rarity of many of the Channel Islands ship letter handstamps that were used from 1794 onwards. Of those ship letters that are known, most are transitory letters where ships had to land at the Channel Islands for reasons of weather etc, thus this may well confirm the understanding that the Islands mostly ignored the rules.

From 1793 British ports were issued with a concave 'SHIP-LRE' handstamp. To date there is no known example of this particular mark from Jersey.

With a re-organisation of the London Ship Letter Office in 1799 Jersey received a new double oval with crown ship letter handstamp worded SHIP-LETTER/JERSEY **Figure 1** in 1802 shown here. Only one example of this oval



handstamp is known on this 1808 entire letter to Dr. Joseph Banks which is held in his correspondence at the British Library.

It was not until 1834 that a 60mm x 18mm boxed JERSEY/SHIP LETTER handstamp **Figure 2** below was introduced and this was used in black ink and remained in use until 1843.



Figure 2: Wrapper dated March 31, 1835 from Rio de Janeiro to London endorsed 'per Guernsey Lily/v Guernsey', but landed at Jersey, hence the boxed JERSEY/SHIP LETTER handstamp.

A similar ship letter handstamp to **Figure 2** is known in 1837 with the words transposed to read SHIP LETTER/JERSEY in red **Figure 3** overleaf. It is believed this handstamp was applied at London as Jersey was not using red ink at that time. This handstamp is described as rare with only two examples of use recorded so far.



Figure 3: Part entire dated March 4, 1837 from Rio de Janiero to London endorsed 'Larch' and arriving at London May 15, 1837. Charged 1/9 being 8d uniform ship letter rate, 3d Jersey to Weymouth packet fee and 10d Weymouth to London inland rate.

An extremely rare stepped type JERSEY/SHIP LETTER handstamp is known struck in red on a letter from Gambia to the Wesleyan Missionary Society in London **Figure 4** on the next page and is the only known example of use recorded to date.



Figure 4: Entire letter dated 'Mission House, St Mary, River Gambia, January 4th 1840' with the very rare stepped JERSEY/SHIP LETTER in red ink received in London on the 16th February 1840 and charged 8d being the half ounce inward Ship Letter rate.

This handstamp was followed in 1843 by an unframed sloping *JERSEY / SHIP LETTER* **Figure 5** illustrated on the following pages in its different ink usages of black, yellow and blue. This was despatched to Jersey by the General Post Office in London on October 23, 1843 and remained in use until approximately 1856. The rare example **Figure 5** struck in blue ink on the next page was once in the Late A.W.Robertson's collection and is illustrated on page E.36A of his book 'A History of the Ship Letters of the British Isles'.



Figure 5: The only known example of this sloping **JERSEY / SHIP LETTER** struck in blue ink on an 1851 envelope from Anchor Point, Newfoundland to Poole, Dorset and landed at Jersey. Charged 8d for the ship letter fee marked by an excellent example of the handstruck 8 in blue ink too.



Figure 6: The same sloping **JERSEY/SHIP LETTER** handstamp, but struck in yellow ink which was only in use in 1852 and only two examples are known.



Figure 7: An 1856 wrapper from British North America to Granville, France and landed at Jersey with the same sloping JERSEY/SHIP LETTER struck in black ink, the more usual colour ink recorded.

This interesting wrapper **Figure 7** above is well marked bearing in addition to a superb strike in black of the sloping JERSEY /SHIP-LETTER, a boxed COLONIES/ART-PAR 18 accountancy handstamp in red ink in accordance with the January 1, 1855 Anglo-French Convention–Additional Articles together with the handstruck ‘spectacle’ 8 denoting the uniform 8d ship letter rate charged. This is only one of two examples that are known to exist applied to Jersey mails. The manuscript 15 denotes the 15 decimes postage due within France. On the reverse side is a JERSEY dated arc code C for DE 18 1856 and the usual transit datestamps for London, Paris and Granville, arriving in Granville December 25, 1856.

Turning to Guernsey, a Post Office was established in 1794 and a standard concave GUERNSEY/SHIP – LRE handstamp **Figure 8** was issued by the General Post Office in London for use on mail from private ships.

This is a very rare handstamp and only one example **Figure 8** below is known to have survived on an entire letter of 9th March 1795 from Vice-Admiral William Cornwallis to Charles Hamilton at the apartments of His Grace the Duke of Hamilton in Holyrood House, Edinburgh. At that time Vice-Admiral Cornwallis was serving with the Channel Fleet aboard the 32-gun frigate HMS Pallas in Bouley Bay, Jersey.

GUERNSEY
SHIP-LRE

Figure 8.



Figure 8: An entire letter dated March 9th 1795 written in Jersey and addressed to Edinburgh charged 1/3d being 1d ship letter rate, 2d packet rate from Channel Islands to Weymouth plus the inland rate of 5d Weymouth to London and 7d London to Edinburgh.

Similarly to Jersey the General Post Office in London issued a standard type crown in double oval handstamp in 1802 to Guernsey inscribed SHIP-LETTER / GUERNSEY **Figure 9** below.



Figure 9: An entire letter dated December 20, 1814 from Rotterdam to Guernsey with the crown in double oval SHIP-LETTER / GUERNSEY handstamp in use from 1802 to 1815 with only five examples known in this period of use. Charged at the short-lived 6d ship letter rate.

In 1834 a new ship letter handstamp was issued to Guernsey by the General Post Office in London in a boxed format reading GUERNSEY / SHIP LETTER **Figure 10** illustrated on the next page. It is known struck in black ink and is found on letters originating from Bahia or Rio de Janiero.



Figure 10: Cover dated April 28, 1841 from Rio de Janeiro to London with the boxed GUERNSEY / SHIP LETTER struck in black ink and endorsed '*per pilot/ via Jersey*'. However the letter was landed at Guernsey, charged 1/4d being double the ship letter rate.

From 1836 until 1840 a boxed handstamp with the wording transposed SHIP LETTER / GUERNSEY **Figure 11** illustrated on the next page was used struck in red ink. Like Jersey, Guernsey did not have red ink pads in use at that time and it is believed that this boxed handstamp was used at the Ship Letter Office in London on mail from Guernsey where the appropriate ship letter handstamp had not been applied before onward transmission. Thus relevant letters could be identified as ship letters and the correct fee applied. It is interesting to see that the London datestamp next to the boxed SHIP LETTER / GUERNSEY appears to be in the same shade of red ink. Only eight examples of use of this ship letter handstamp have so far been recorded.

In 1842 a step type GUERNSEY / SHIP LETTER **Figure 12** shown at the foot of the next page was issued to the Guernsey Post Office and only some seven examples of use have been recorded so far.



Figure 11: Entire letter from Rio de Janeiro to London dated July 28, 1838 with the boxed SHIP LETTER /GUERNSEY struck in red ink



Figure 12: A wrapper dated April 25, 1842 from Havana to London endorsed 'via Guernsey' bearing the step type GUERNSEY / SHIP LETTER, charged at the 8d uniform ship letter rate.

Another very rare ship letter handstamp used in Guernsey is the boxed INDIA LETTER / GUERNSEY, the only known example **Figure 13** illustrated below on an entire letter from Singapore to Glasgow dated 7th September 1835.



Figure 13: An entire letter dated 7th September 1835 from Singapore to Glasgow charged 1/10½d being 4d India Letter sea postage, 3d packet rate Guernsey to Weymouth, 1/3d inland rate Weymouth to Glasgow and finally ½d Scottish Turnpike Toll.

In 1844 the crown in double oval SHIP-LETTER / GUERNSEY **Figure 9** handstamp was re-introduced and used for a period of five years until 1849 with an 1844 example **Figure 14** shown below.



Figure 14: An entire letter dated April 17, 1844 from Havana to London charged 8d ship letter rate. This falls into the second period of use 1844-1849 and it is interesting to note from the Guernsey arrival datestamp that the overall journey took nearly two months in all.

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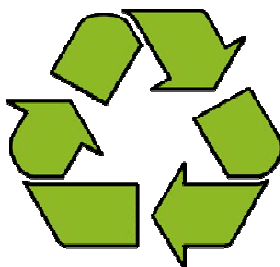
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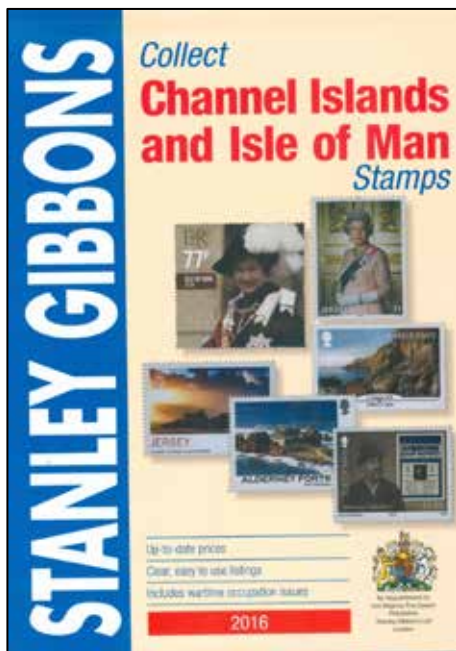
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Collect Channel Islands and Isle of Man Stamps

A Review of the 2016 edition by David Gurney FRPSL

After nearly two years the next 2016 edition of this handy catalogue has now been published by Stanley Gibbons. In the usual popular format another 38 pages have been added incorporating over 250 stamps, miniature sheets and booklets to bring this up to the end of 2015 and the price remains at £29.95.

The catalogue continues to provide a comprehensive priced listing of the stamps of the Islands including the wartime Occupation issues of Guernsey and Jersey, the regional issues of the 1950s and the stamps of the independent postal administrations of Guernsey (including Alderney), the Isle of Man and Jersey.



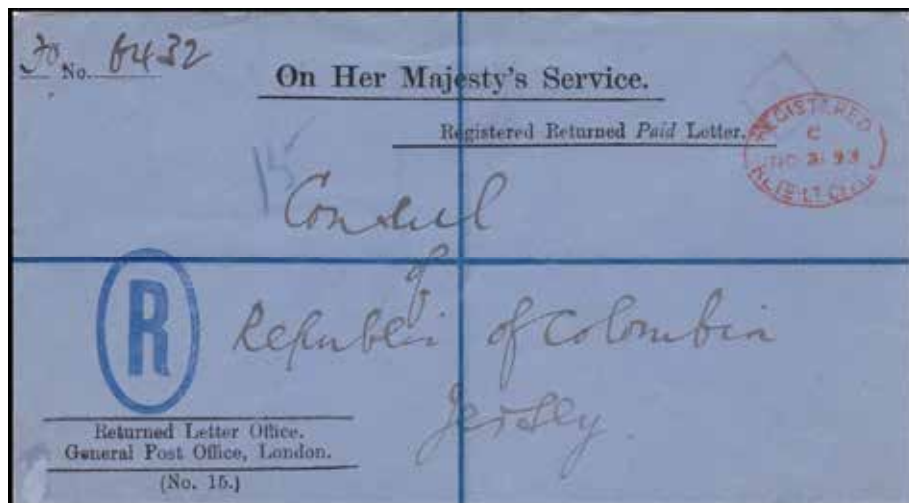
All prices have been carefully reviewed and updated for this edition in line with current market trends. Several price increases will be found in the German Occupation and subsequent regional issues with all stamp designs fully illustrated and in colour throughout. First day covers, presentation packs, year packs, postage dues and booklets are all listed and priced. Other information provided includes designers, printers, plate and cylinder numbers, sheet sizes and layouts together with withdrawal and invalidation dates. Printing errors and paper changes are also listed and priced and quantities sold are given where known. Another innovation this year has been the inclusion of the recently introduced Post & Go stamps for both Guernsey and Jersey.

With the increased size and new innovations this handy and popularly sized soft back catalogue remains extremely good value at the same price of £29.95 and is recommended to all those collectors of these stamps.

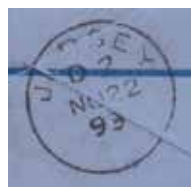
Returned Letter Office service to Jersey

by Mark Bailey FRPSL

Further to Tony Peters's article on the Returned Letter Branch service to London on pages 26/27 in Journal 34/4, I recently obtained the Registered Returned *Paid* Letter addressed to the Consul of the Republic of Colombia in Jersey sent On Her Majesty's Service from the Returned Letter Office in London to Jersey in November 1893 shown below.



The size of the envelope is 7¼ inches long by 4 inches high. The Returned Letter Office's registered oval datestamp, struck in red at top right, is dated NO 21 93. The manuscript numbering in the upper left corner of the envelope looks to be *TO* No. 6432 and in the upper right corner is a faint strike in violet of the letter B in a diamond whilst on the back is a black Jersey receiving single circle datestamp code D 2 dated NO 22 / 93.





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A new St. Malo handstamp found.

by Tony Peters.

Further to Richard Flemming's article in Les Iles Normandes Journal Vol 34/4 of December 2015 page 12 onwards I can add –



Fig. 1: The letter shows the complete postage of 6 sols for the French inland postage and the shipping charge from the agent.

Fig. 2: The letter shows only the paid French inland postage of 6 decimes



(changed in 1793) and the diagonal line as a paid mark. The letter was posted as a French Inland letter, which was not legal. That was the reason why the “Colonies par...” handstamp was not used.

For your information, I also have two different “34 St.Malo” and two different “P.34.P. St.Malo” marks.

Further in this article the author indicates that he would like to receive comments on his recent 'trouvaille'. Therefore I would like to make the following remarks in clarification:-

The standard type Figure 1 is correct and is known in the period between 1755 and 1790, but in my opinion, the 'new' type seems very similar to the known type of the 'departement cachet' **34/ ST MALO** (see image). Could this 'new' type just be a weak print of the handstamp on the envelope where the number 34 wasn't printed properly or did a postal clerk in 1814 cut off the number in the 'departement cachet'?



Entire letter sent on 10 June 1821 from Jersey to Bordeaux in France.

Postal rate: 'décime de mer' =	1 décime
distance St. Malo - Bordeaux = 439 km	
French fare 24.04.1806-09.04.1810 en 20.01.1811 - normal letter - 401 / 500 km =	7 décimes
Total.....	8 décimes

At the end of the article the author also states that the **COLONIES PAR/ ST. MALO** handstamp was used in the period between 1803 and 1826. Whilst I can fully agree with this, however, this remark has no great relevance with the linear handstamps of 'SMALO' and 'ST MALO' used in the period between 1755 and 1790. The latter handstamp was commonly used as a handstamp of departure/transit.

It could be helpful if other collectors can make a contribution to this article with any examples they may have in their collections in order that we may come to a correct conclusion.

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Annual Competition Report 20th February 2016 in London

by Richard Flemming

Once again Graham Winters acted as judge for the Annual Competition entries with the exception of the Ephemera Cup and Society Cup for Postcards which were judged by those members present on the day.

The following members were class winners:

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Tom Green Cup for Occupation Postal History:	Ron Brown
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Prices realised ranged from £3 to £375 and virtually all bidders obtained lots. The sale had many rare items such as the Red Cross messages with 'VON DER BAILIFF' cachet which fetched £375. A splendid Guernsey 1/6d definitive with missing black print sold for £160.

This sale had a great range of 91 Allix post cards which attracted much attention from postal and room bidders alike. For some of the rarer ones the bidding was fast and furious. Coloured card 38, La Collette with soldier on the road and ladies with prams, had a reserve of £6 and was sold for £80. An unnumbered coloured card of the H G Allix shop in Bond Street which had a reserve of £40 was knocked down for £95. In all 89 of the 91 cards were sold. A superb collection of Alderney Packet Delivery Service material which included several unrecorded items went for £100.

An interesting section of the auction was a range of hotel luggage labels and hotel ephemera. With several society members interested in social philately this resulted in much of the material being sold and, no doubt, we will see it incorporated in displays at future society meetings.

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