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We are pleased to welcome the following new Members:- 2151 Alan Booth, Lancashire; 2152 Eric Franks, Devon; 2153 Robert Guille, Guernsey; 2154 Aileen Davis, Fife; 2155 Bob Spencer, Oxfordshire.

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EDITORIAL

This edition includes the second of the 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 just scans or colour copies of unusual items.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

Summer holidays are coming to an end and autumn is now fast approaching. Thank you to those members who attended the 66th Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Philatelic Society London. Unfortunately our two auctioneers could not make the meeting so I acted as auctioneer. In all £369.50 was raised with, sadly, some of the lots unsold. Sticking with the smaller Channel Islands theme, Alderney was the theme of the members' displays and there is a write-up on page 4.

Following with the success of a previous Member's Regional meeting held at Wakefield, David Horner has kindly agreed to organise the 2016 members meeting, which again will be held at the **York House Hotel, Drury Lane, Wakefield, WF1 2TE** on the 10th September commencing at 10.00 until 17.00. The theme for any display is "Channel Islands material relating to the letters H, I and J" so bring your material along. There will also be a mini room auction of approximately 50 lots, so some bargains!

The December meeting is to be held at the Royal Philatelic Society London 41, Devonshire Place, Marylebone from 10.30 with coffee & biscuits when the theme for the day will be "The Number 6". Again, it will be good to see as many members as possible attending.

Preparations are in hand for the 2017 Members Weekend, which will be held in Cardiff. As they say "Watch this space".

Forthcoming meetings:

10 September 2016	Wakefield Regional meeting
10 December 2016	Members' Meeting: Theme "The Number 6"
11 February 2017	CISS Member's Annual Competition (details in the December Journal and on our website)
7-9 April 2017	Member's Weekend Meeting at a Cardiff hotel.

IMPORTANT OCCUPATION DISPLAY
Thursday 29th September 2016

**To be presented by our member, Ron Brown, to
THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY
41, Devonshire Place, London at 5.00pm.**

**This will be in the form of 12 display frames and
a screen presentation showing some exceptionally
rare and most interesting material.**

**Non-members of The Royal Philatelic Society
London wishing to attend this display
should first contact the Editor please.**

London Meeting, Saturday, 9th July 2016.

Fifteen members attended the Member's Meeting at the Royal Philatelic Society London with twelve apologies received. This meeting, with its theme of "Alderney", also included the 66th Annual General Meeting which will be covered elsewhere in the Journal.

Prior to lunch, **Jon Aitchison** provided a six frame display with what he described as, "back of the book stuff". However, as usual, Jon was able to provide a varied display of Alderney ephemera covering much of the Alderney Parcel Delivery Service that was started by Eileen Kelly and her husband. There was also material used by St. Anne's School Post, including labels applied to mail and cancelled at the school. Jon also showed some scarce ballons montés mail from Paris to Jersey during the Franco-Prussian War as part of his "recent acquisition" display. Even scarcer was an item of mail sent to Paris during this period that was floated down the River Seine to Paris in special spherical balls.

Ron Brown provided members with more material from his Alderney collection related to the German Occupation of the Island. Ron explained that initially there was only a small detachment of soldiers on the Island from the 216 Infantry Division (ID) and one should be wary of mail from Alderney at this time as it is difficult to connect the Feldpost number to the individual soldier. However, he was able to provide a genuine letter from the Sergeant commanding the detachment as it was written on Alderney Court headed paper. The 216 ID was replaced by the 319 ID and here Ron was able to show Feldpost mail from one of the Naval anti-aircraft batteries and a Luftwaffe anti-aircraft battery. Also shown were examples of mail from Latvia, Bulgaria and Hungary to Alderney and a rare letter from the Russian Front into Alderney. As well as the military detachments on Alderney, there was a civilian working party from Guernsey which was sent to Alderney to attend to the many farm animals left on the Island and here Ron was able to show an item of mail from one of the working party to Guernsey. Rare indeed!

Bob McDonald showed a front and reverse of a Red Cross Message Form 61 with the enquiry coming from Jersey and going to London. If this was the case it was a rare routing and it is thought that the message had been typed into the wrong box in Geneva and was really from London to Jersey. To round the morning session off, **David Gurney** showed one item, an attractive 1881 illustrated advertising cover from Guernsey.

Following the AGM, **Robert Shaw** showed 20 items relating to the Eileen and Peter Kelly Alderney Parcel Delivery Service (APDS) including examples of the labels applied to parcels for delivery within the Island. There were examples of labels used for the taxi service that was the forerunner of the APDS. Robert's display concluded with two examples of the £1 voucher, one in the proof colours and the other in the issued colours of red and black together with some Pigeon Post labels.

John Hirst entertained us with his twelve sheet display of Alderney comic picture post cards and this was followed by **Mark Bailey** who continued with his collection of George Campbell Jersey material, both in-bound and out-bound, including mail from Bechuanaland from the postmaster there; an 1888 reply card from H. Hempel, Madeira to George Campbell, Jersey; an 1897 letter to his wife in France following the breakdown of their marriage and finally two examples of pre-printed letter rate envelopes, one bearing a ½d vermilion pre-printed envelope and the other a ½d green preprinted envelope, both used as "Printed Letter" rate for the dispatch of his price lists.

Alan Moorcroft showed picture post cards of Alderney, Sark and Herm harbours ex the Late John Simpson collection and finally, **Richard Flemming** displayed proofs of stamp sets, miniature sheets and booklet panes of recent Alderney issues that were sent to him by David Nash from the States of Alderney archives for members to view.

News of members

At the World Stamp Show, New York 2016 in June members' awards were:

Graham Booth a large gold for Cayman Islands 1829-1945.

Alan Holyoake a large gold for The First Day 6th of May 1840.

a large gold for Secure Delivery leading to Introduction of UK Registration.

Chris King a large gold for Lubeck before 1868.

Alan Holyoake a gold for Mulready Postal Stationery.

Jon Aitchison a large vermeil for Guernsey Adhesive Revenues.

Brian Sole a large vermeil for Go By Bicycle.

John Sussex a vermeil for British Recorded Delivery 1961-2010.

In addition special prizes were also awarded to **Alan Holyoake**.

Jon Aitchison and **Chris King** were invited to display in the Club de Monte Carlo exhibit of World Rarities in the Court of Honour at the event. Jon showed a 1930 **Herm Island** registered cover to Cape Province with the only known example of the first type of registered label. Chris showed an 1862 Schleswig-Holstein cover to New Zealand. **Jon Aitchison** also displayed the same **Herm** cover in the Court of Honour at the Russian national exhibition Rossica in May.

At the A.B.P.S. Northern Exhibition at York in July members' awards were: **Jon Aitchison** a gold for Identifying the Seventeen Printings of the first Herm Island issue, the 'Nautical Chart' stamps and **John Sussex** a vermeil for British Registered Mail to Overseas Destinations 1952 – 1971.

CISS OCTOBER POSTAL AUCTION

Another large postal auction with more rare LL, Allix and other scarcer postcards, some unusual Occupation items together with other stamps and postal history.

Do make sure that you look at the Auction List when received.

GUERNSEY MONTHLY MEETINGS

CISS and RPSL members are welcome to attend monthly meetings in Guernsey, contact John Triggs on 01481 725847 or jtriggs@cwgsy.net for further details of where and when.

1942 Jersey unsealed 1d letter rate

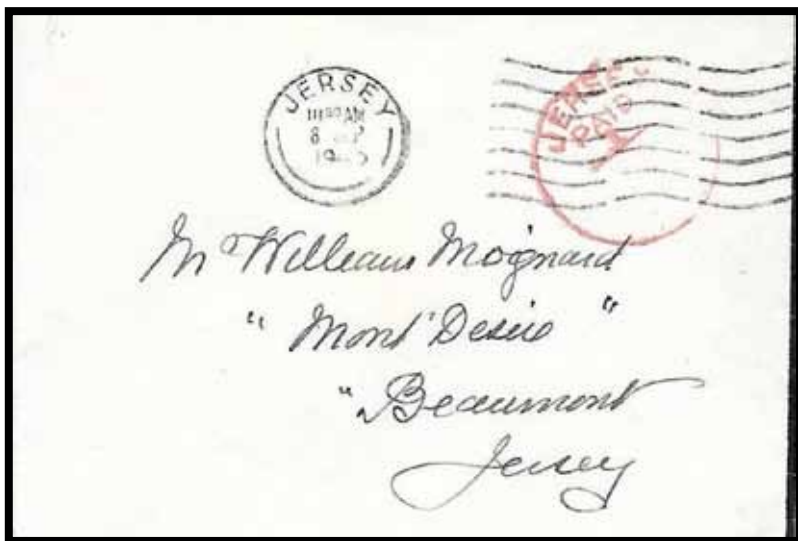
by David Winnie

In checking my PAID mark collection in response to Patrick Robbe's article on page 26 of the March 2016 Journal Vol 35 No.1, I can report that I have two examples in my collection of the 1d PAID handstamp, both on Mourning envelopes.

The envelope below is from John B Le Quesne & Sons, Undertakers at 15, David Place, St Helier enclosing a notice of death. The notice is dated October 5th 1942.



Interestingly, the second envelope on the next page is also from the same sender with the 1d PAID handstamp over-cancelled by a 7 bar machine cancellation. Unfortunately, the date is unclear.



I also have two unusual items which emanated from the Food Control Office in Halkett Place shown below and on the next page: thus a very nice commercial usage.



The lower cover on the previous page is possibly unique. This appears to be the very first sealed envelope to be dealt with at the Head Post Office counter on the 12th August 1943. It has been struck with the 2½d PAID handstamp with the date slug fixed on 11 AU 43. The clerk has immediately realised his mistake that the date had not been changed from the previous day so the strike has been cancelled by a pencilled cross and the correct datestamp has been struck alongside it.



This cover above shows strikes of the 1d and 1½d PAID handstamps used on the 25th August 1945 to make up the correct 2½d sealed letter rate. This, I believe, is a very scarce usage. Can any member report similar examples of unusual usage of PAID marks in Jersey?

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SHIP LETTER Mails and the Channel Islands (Part II)

by Richard Flemming

Prior to the 17th century, letters to and from the Channel Islands to the British mainland were carried by private arrangements with the masters of ships, by hand via a travelling friend or by personal carrier. By Ordinance of 1657 and Act of 1660, these letters became subject to postage upon arrival on the mainland of Great Britain. Mail that was sent to or from the Channel Islands was subject to these same conditions. This meant that letters, if carried by private ship, had to be stamped with the Ship Letter handstamp of the port of arrival so that the higher ship letter levy could be applied when compared to mail carried by Royal Mail Packet ships. Although Weymouth, and later Southampton, was the official port of entry for mail sent by Royal Mail Packet Ships, private ships also carried mail there, although other English ports were used by private ships.

Continuing on from Part I's Ship Letter mail that was either landed at Jersey or Guernsey for local delivery or for onward transfer to other ports, Part II now looks at mail that went from the Channel Islands to destinations within Great Britain, or beyond, which was landed at one of the mainland ports.



Figure 1: Wrapper dated March 20, 1800 from Guernsey to London carried by private ship and charged 8d being 1d ship letter rate and 7d inland rate from Weymouth to London per the 1797 Act. Struck with the two-line WEYMOUTH /SHIP LRE handstamp (S.1) and verso a London arrival datestamp G / APR 1 / 1800.

The 1d ship letter rate lasted until August 1st, 1815.



Figure 2: Entire letter dated July 15, 1802 from Guernsey to Ford, Somerset charged 6d being 1d ship letter rate and 5d Weymouth to Ford inland rate with a strike of the double crown oval Ship Lre / WEYMOUTH (S.2). This was the first type of oval Ship Lre handstamp used at Weymouth between 1802 and 1814.

Robertson states in his '*A History of the Ship Letters of the British Isles*', Volume 2, page E.305 that good impressions of this Figure 2 handstamp are rare.

The two-line **SOUTHAMPTON / SHIP LRE** handstamp (S.1) below struck on arrival and in use between 1771 and 1789.



Figure 3: Entire letter from Guernsey to London dated 18th October, 1775 with two line SOUTHAMPTON / SHIP LRE (S.1) charged 10d being 1d ship letter rate plus 9d (3d x 3 triple letter rate) Guernsey to Southampton with 3 / NO Bishop mark on reverse side.

The unusual letter on the next page, *Figure 4*, was written by the wife of the first Doctor on Sark, Dr Walter James, on June 23, 1843. This was not received in Guernsey until June 28, 1843, probably due to bad weather as it would have been carried by basket in a fishing boat being prior to the opening of the Sub-Post Office on the Island in July 1857.

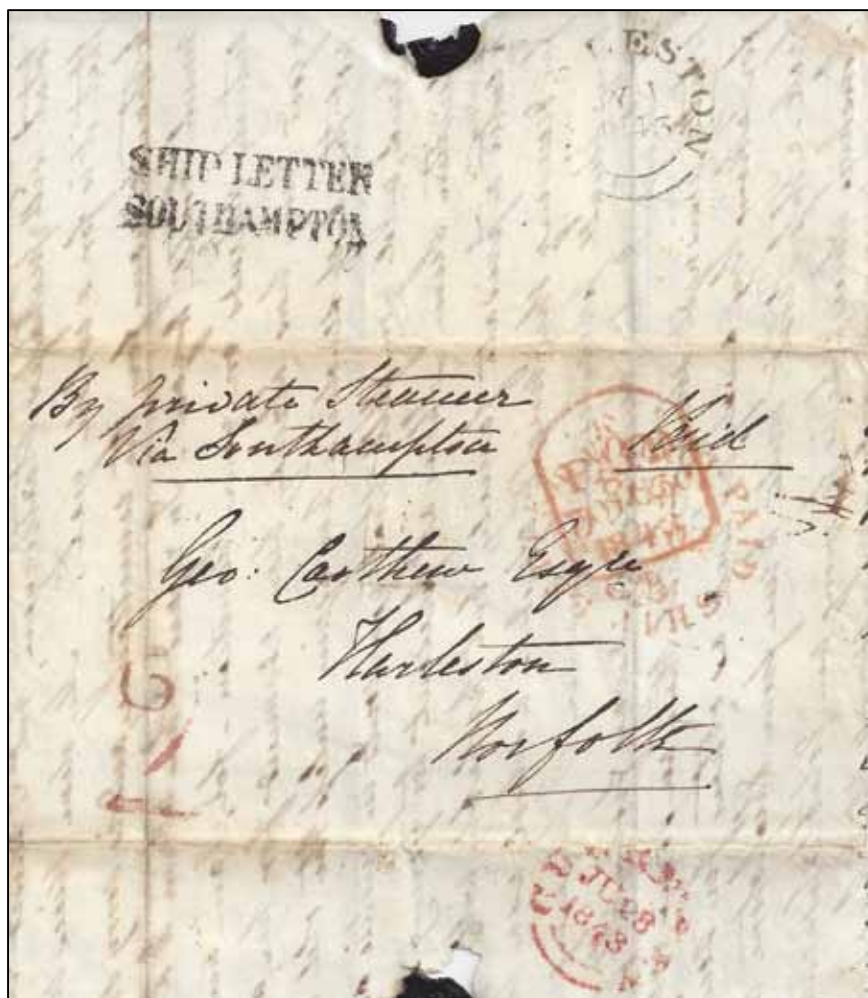


Figure 4: Entire letter from Sark to Harleston, Norfolk dated June 23 1843 charged at the 2d rate as it was in excess of a ½ ounce, marked in red on arrival in Guernsey together with the Guernsey datestamp, also in red ink. Crossing to Southampton per the manuscript endorsement the two-line SHIP LETTER / SOUTHAMPTON (S.11) was struck in black ink with a faint red PAID LONDON SHIP LETTER cds and finally a Harleston arrival datestamp for July 1, 1843.



Figure 5: Entire letter dated November 9th, 1786 from Guernsey to Lymington, Hants charged 5d originally being 1d ship letter rate plus 4d Portsmouth to Lymington and then uprated to 9d as it was deemed a double letter for inland postage. The letter was carried by private ship as the Packet service between the Channel Islands and Weymouth was not established until 1794 and then received the two line PORTSMOUTH / SHIP. LRE on landing.



Figure 6: Entire letter from Guernsey to Ludlow, Shropshire dated March 6, 1815 charged originally at 1/2d and then uprated to 1/5d being 6d ship letter rate plus 11d inland rate Portsmouth to Ludlow. Struck with the oval SHIP LETTER / crown / PORTSMOUTH usually only applied to naval letters with a London transit date stamp C / 10MR / 1815 verso.

The 6d ship letter rate is quite scarce as it was only in use for a short period from October 10, 1814 until August 1, 1815.

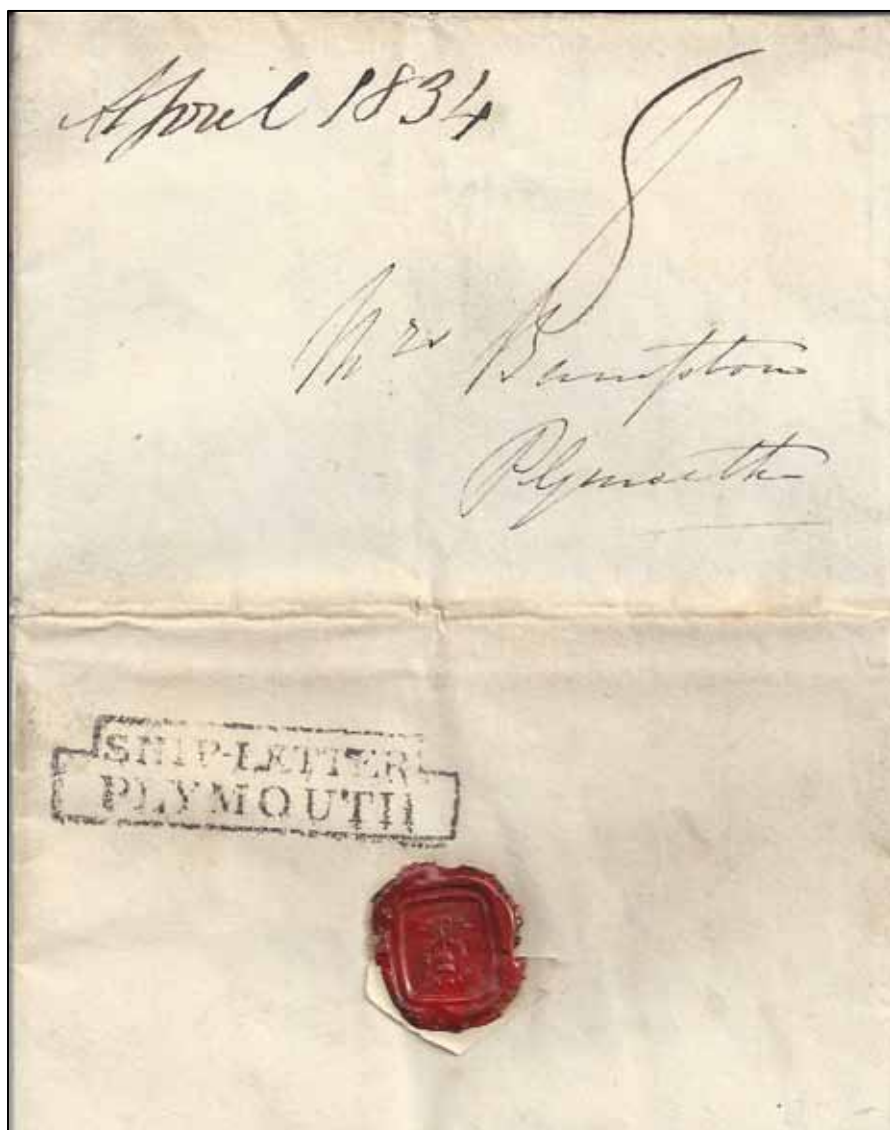


Figure 7: Entire letter from Jersey to Plymouth dated April 16, 1834 and charged 8d ship letter rate as a private ship letter with the stepped SHIP-LETTER / PLYMOUTH applied on landing.



Figure 8: Entire letter from Guernsey to Tain N.B. (North Britain Scotland) dated December 8, 1793 charged 6d originally and then uprated to 1/1d being 1d ship letter rate, 5d Lymington to London, 6d London to Tain plus 1d for inland delivery. The letter was landed at Lymington where a rare two-line LIMINGTON /SHIP LRE handstamp (S.1) was applied.

This letter was written by a Private Patrick Macleod, a soldier at Vale Castle, Guernsey and the following is an extract from its content –

“We sailed from Spithead.....we were surprised to find ourselves close to Cherbourg.....the National Flag was hoisted and some guns fired at us but no damage was done. A detachment from each regiment was landed (Guernsey). I was surprised to find the 78th Regiment in town. The Royalists have of late had great advantages over the Republicans near St. Malo and have taken Rennes. I am of the opinion we are intended to be merely a Channel army in case the Jacobins would put in execution those threat respecting invasion.....It is shocking to think how we shall have lost on that account.”



Figure 9: Entire letter from Guernsey to London dated January 6, 1811 and charged 3/3d being the triple letter rate. The letter was carried privately to Lyme Regis where it received the very rare double oval Ship Letter / crown / LYME handstamp and verso a London arrival datestamp E/11JA11 / 1811 in red ink.

To date there are only two recorded examples of this handstamp.

On the next page is an entire letter *Figure 10* to Lieutenant Adjutant de Sausmarez, 21st Regiment Madras Native Infantry (MNI) at Madras. George de Sausmarez (1814-90) served as Lieutenant Adjutant at Madras when unrest broke out in Malaya, called the Malay Boria, following a religious festival of Shiah Indians which became transplanted to Sunni Malaya and consequently a detachment of the 21st MNI departed for Singapore on April 4, 1846 to quell the troubles. Whilst in Malaya the 21st MNI served in Penang and Singapore until 1849.



Figure 10: Entire letter from Guernsey to Madras, India dated 27 March 1846 charged 1/- in accordance with the 1844 Post Office Directory for overseas mail to India via Southampton. Upon arrival at Bombay on the 11th May 1846 a BOMBAY / 1846 May 11 / Bearing [Postage Due] with manuscript 11 was applied and also a red Bombay boxed G.P.O. / 1846 handstamp. The letter then travelled across India to Madras where it was struck with a double oval OUT STATION SHIP LETTER / MADRAS / 18 MY18 / 1846 before re-direction to Singapore.

Finally an entire letter from Bahia in Brazil to Guernsey endorsed to be carried by the private ship “*Manly*”, but landed at Gravesend in Kent, a recent and somewhat unusual acquisition.

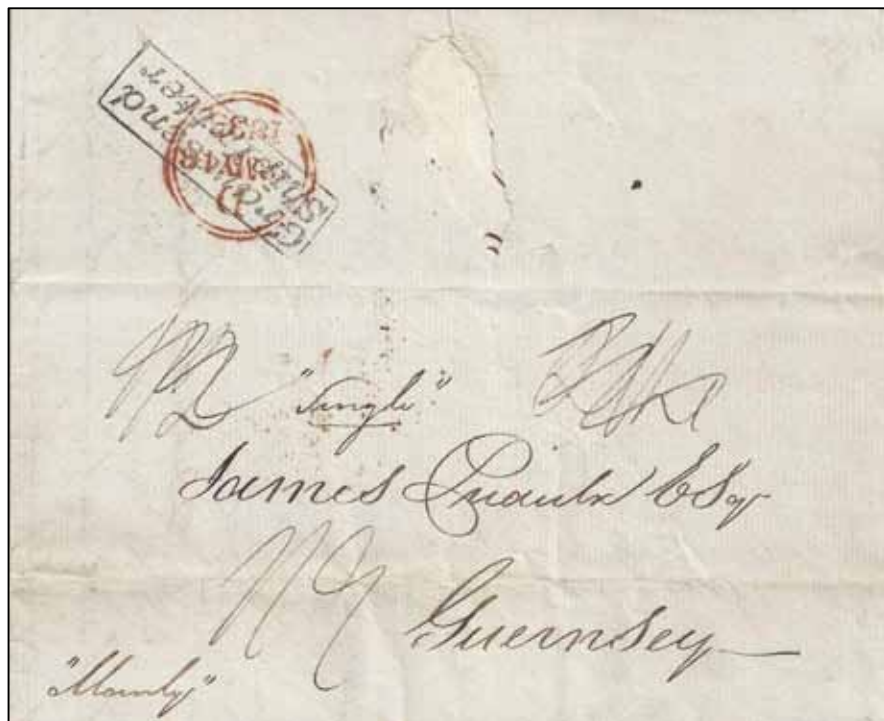


Figure 11: Entire letter from Bahia, Brazil to Guernsey dated March 23, 1835 charged 1/2d, but this was amended to 2/4d being the double letter rate and then again amended to 1/9d being 8d ship letter rate plus 10d inland rate Gravesend to Weymouth via London and 3d Packet fee Weymouth to Guernsey

Acknowledgements

I am indebted to Bryan Elliston for permitting the illustrations in Part 1 of his two very rare Guernsey ship letters, to John Sacher CBE FRPSL for the illustration of his very rare stepped Jersey ship letter on an 1840 entire and to David Gurney FRPSL for his advice in the setting out of this article.

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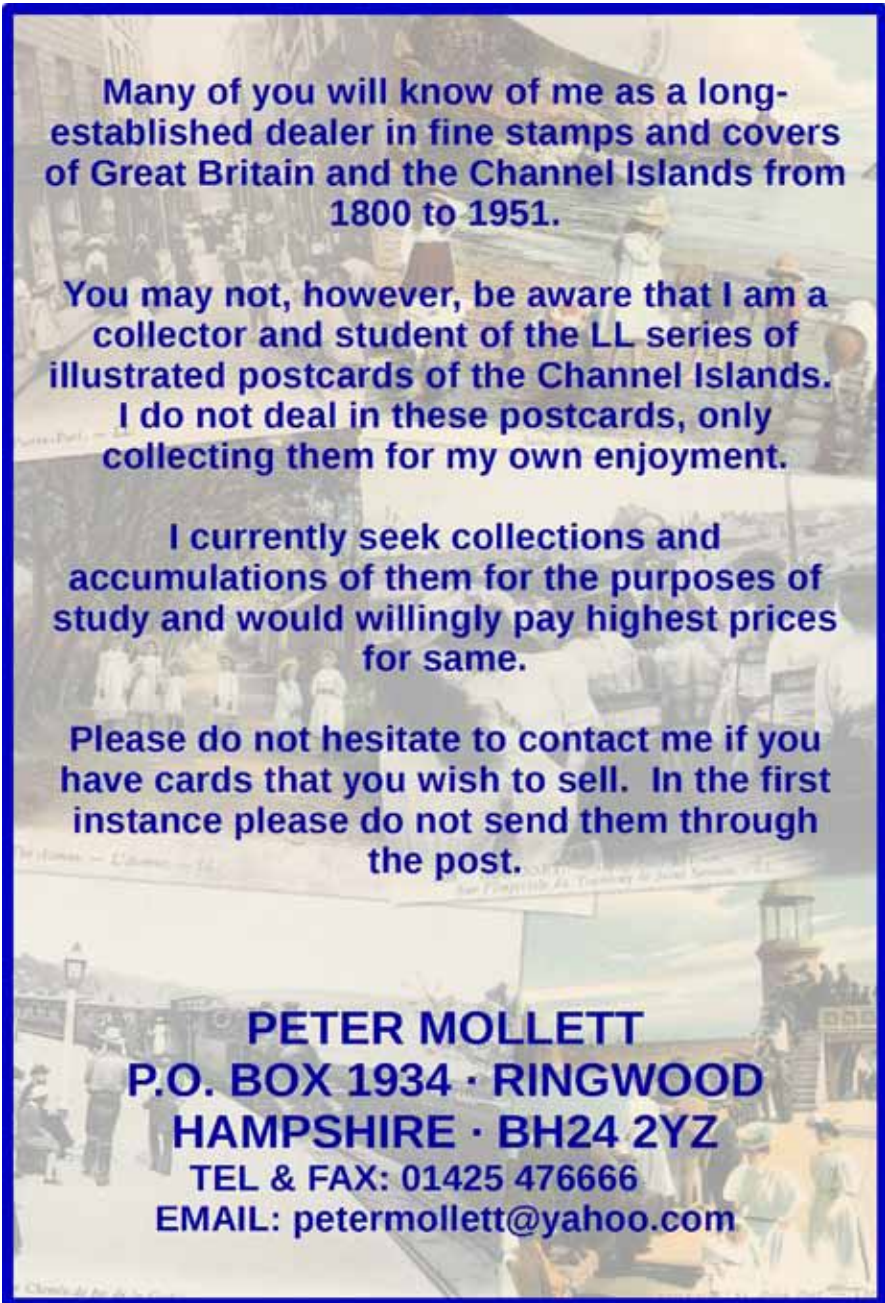
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Many of you will know of me as a long-established dealer in fine stamps and covers of Great Britain and the Channel Islands from 1800 to 1951.

You may not, however, be aware that I am a collector and student of the LL series of illustrated postcards of the Channel Islands.

I do not deal in these postcards, only collecting them for my own enjoyment.

I currently seek collections and accumulations of them for the purposes of study and would willingly pay highest prices for same.

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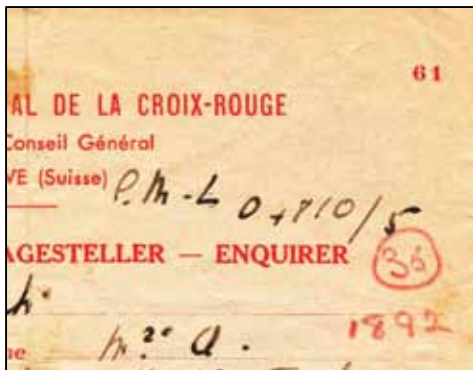
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Two questions on Red Cross Message Form markings.

by Leo Mayr

I would like to raise two questions regarding the Red Cross Message Scheme and hope that some members can help or comment on these:

Firstly, what do the manuscript initials *P.M.L.* stand for? Most forms in my collection have a 'CML' number shown in David Gurney's book as type M.1b. (page 314). Recently I acquired a form with a similar number, but with the prefix 'PML'. What does this stand for? I have no clue. It is just a form with a quite ordinary message between family members.



Secondly is this really a French Commission datestamp at the top of this form?

Another recent acquisition supports a theory that I have been thinking about for quite some time. The black cachets with a date followed by an

asterisk and number, Gurney type M.18a (page 330), do not seem to fit into the time-lines of some of my German forms. They are somehow too close to the Geneva dates on the forms, when we bear in mind that from France the forms went on to Berlin first and then to Geneva.

The new form that I acquired was written in Guernsey on 20 June 1941 and received an Eing.-Ausg.-cachet of the French Commission later in France (Gurney type M.13., page 328) which also shows dates inserted (normally it is empty). The abbreviations 'Eing.' and 'Ausg.' stand for 'Eingang/Ausgang' ('entry/exit'), a very common term used in German bureaucracy to refer to the dates when a document in transit passes an office.

According to this cachet and its dates, it seems obvious that the form arrived at the French Commission on 12 July (1941) and left on 15 July, about four weeks after having been written. The black date 23 July is therefore hardly another datestamp of the French Commission, as the form had already left their office eight days earlier, if we can trust the dates written into the Eing-Ausg cachet. To me it seems much more likely that M.18a is a Berlin datestamp. On 8 August, sixteen days later, the form was in Geneva.

What was the reason to allocate Gurney type M.13 to the French Commission? This statement is already found in the obsolete Don McKenzie book.

Does any member have any contradictions to my theory?

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Possible early mail from Force 135

by Mike Moody

I recently bought this postcard and was intrigued by the message. It was posted on May 9th 1945 from Jersey and the wording on the card suggests that it was from a member of Force 135. Members of Force 135 would have had to use the normal mail as the Field Post Office did not open until a couple of days later. A further indicator is the use of GB stamps, most mail sent by the Islanders in those early days of liberation used local stamps. The postcard is a local Jersey card, but not overprinted Liberation.



I would be very grateful if members could comment if they feel this analysis is correct and help with the possible identification of the author of the postcard message. The comment about a cruiser rather than the actual destroyer implies the author was not from the navy nor the marines. The date would also mean the author was in the advance party.

The initials are probably W.T. The only name with those initials I can find is Lt.Col. W. Taylor of the Queens Regiment who was a Civil Affairs Officer, but I do not know if he was stationed on Jersey or if he was in the advance party.

My email address is mikemoody27@hotmail.co.uk.

QV 1d red-brown plate 77.

Further to the article *1865 part cover from Guernsey to Brussels with three 1864 QV 1d rose-red stamps – a forensic study of faked plate 77 stamps* in the last December Journal Vol.34 No.4 page 7, members may be interested to learn that an example has recently been sold by Stanley Gibbons to a private collector for almost half a million pounds reported by the Daily Telegraph in March this year. (Ed... in fact the actual realisation was £395,000!). Considered to be a very genuine example with a good certificate.



JERSEY SHIP LETTER mails

by Steve Power

As an addendum to Richard's article on page 14 in the June *Les Iles Normandes* Vol. 35 No.2 , I am an avid 'student' of the ship letter marks (Jersey only); and also keep records of all examples I have come across, whether or not in my collection.

To that end I can advise:

Boxed JERSEY/SHIPLETTER (per fig. 2) known to me December 1834 to April 1843 - 32 recorded examples.

Boxed SHIPLETTER/JERSEY (per fig. 3) - I am aware of three examples dated 20th Oct. 1834, 27th Feb. 1837 and 15th May 1837.

JERSEY / SHIPLETTER (per fig 5 and 6) - I concur with Richard on the number of examples and the black inked version I am aware of between March 1844 and October 1862 - some 14 examples in black ink.

I always appreciate other members sharing their examples with me and I'm more than happy to pass on my information to others.

by Gerald Marriner FRPSL

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Returned Letter Branch service to Jersey

by Tony Peters

In Journal Vol. 34 No. 4 I published an article about the “Returned Letter Branch service”. Today I show a modern envelope from the Jersey Postal Administration which shows a similar system is still in use today.



The envelope is a postal stationery item with the No. 447 J, the imprints **ON POSTAL SERVICE** and **Returned Postal Packet** with the postage due note *41p TO PAY* in manuscript and the postage due stamps 2 x 20p, 1 x 1p, cancelled Jersey 04.03.1986.

66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Held at No. 41 Devonshire Place, London on 9th July 2016 at 2.00pm

Present: Chair was taken by Mr. Dave Edwards with 13 other members in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** D. Ackroyd, R. Brown, A. Chappell, C. Earle, G. Marriner, R. Osborne, J. Payne, N. Sansom, P. Saunders, N. Stuart, J. Triggs and D. Winnie.
2. **Minutes** of the 65th AGM as published in the *Les Iles Normandes* Vol. 33, No.3. pp 33-35 were proposed for adoption by J. Hirst and seconded by R. Flemming, passed unanimously.
3. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising
4. **Officers' Reports:** These had been circulated to members prior to the AGM. Updates following receipt of the Officers' Reports are given below:

4.1 Membership Secretary: Mrs Moira Edwards reported that membership now stood at 274 with four new members; two from the UK and two from the Channel Islands.

4.2 Treasurer's Report: This was presented to the members present and it showed that there had been an excess of income over expenditure of £1628 giving a balance of £24,480.56 for end 2015 compared to £22,852.49 for end 2014. John Hirst proposed that the Society's accounts be adopted and this was seconded by Bob McDonald.

4.3 Archivist: Mark Bailey was able to provide members with a breakdown of the current archives. Jon Aitchison asked if it was possible for the former German Channel Islands Society's archive could be transferred to the CISS archive. Richard Flemming will email members to see if the German Society has an archive and if so, would it be possible to transfer said archive to the CISS archive. Jon Aitchison also asked whether there is a list of material contained within the CISS archive. Mark Bailey confirmed that there was a list, which was to be found on the Members' website. David Gurney asked if the list could be compressed into a smaller file and be sent as an insert in *Les Iles*

Normandes as not all members access the website. It was accepted that the Committee would review this request.

4.3 Books: Richard Flemming gave a brief overview of book and sundries sales indicating that sales in both sectors had been somewhat slow over the past twelve months, including the Members' Weekend at Bournemouth.

5. Election of Officers:

		Proposer	Second
Chairman	Dave Edwards	B. Bartlett	G. Cory
Secretary	Richard Flemming	D. Edwards	J. Flemming
Treasurer	Robert Porter	R. Osborne	J. Hirst
Journal Editor	David Gurney	A. Moorcroft	D. Winnie
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Competition Sec.	Alan Moorcroft	G. Marriner	R. Flemming
Member's Rep.	David Winnie	Year 2 of 2	Year 2 of 2
Member's Rep	Christine Earle	A. Moorcroft	R. Flemming

As there were no other nominees it was proposed by Dave Edwards and seconded by Mark Bailey that committee members be elected *en bloc*.

This was accepted by all members present

Dave Edwards thanked Gavin Wood, who was standing down from the Committee, for the six years he put into the Committee as Auction Secretary and latterly as Competition Secretary.

Dave Edwards also welcomed Alan Moorcroft, who will be taking over as Competitions Secretary, and new to the Committee, Christine Earle, who will take up her position as the second Member's Representative.

6. Joan Flood Salver: There were no nominees this year so the salver will remain with Bob Mallet in Jersey.

7. Location of Member's Weekend Meeting 2017: Richard Flemming was able to inform those members present that the Members Weekend Meeting 2017 will be held at the Jury Inn Hotel, Cardiff from the 7th – 9th April 2017.

8. Any other business:

8.1 Jon Aitchison (JA) thought that there had been great advances with the Member's Competition Day and was now as per national standard, although there were the two competitions judged by members in the room on the day. JA also asked if the competition rules, especially the postcard competition, could be reviewed. It was agreed that this would be looked at by the new Competitions Secretary, Alan Moorcroft, and the Committee.

8.2 JA asked Mark Bailey (MB) if it was possible to establish a lending library for CISS members. David Gurney stated that he would support the principle of a library as a service for members of the Society. It was agreed that the Committee would look into the matter.

8.3 There being no other business the meeting was closed at 2.40pm.

The Chairman, Dave Edwards thanked members for attending the AGM

8.4 Date of next AGM: 2pm on 8th July 2017 at the Royal Philatelic Society London.

Richard Flemming
Secretary

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