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We are pleased to welcome the following new Members:-

2163 William Robert, Cornwall; 2164 Joseph Ritchie, Scotland.

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## EDITORIAL

Another new edition with a variety of topics of general interest.

Do note the opportunity to join a major C.I.S.S. display, details on page 20, to be held at Spring Stampex next year. If you wish to compete normal fees will apply, but if you just wish to take part in the displays and not compete this may be free of any fee – just contact our Secretary, Richard Flemming, as soon as possible please. **See page 20 of this Journal.**

## SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

Where did the summer go? Here we are with the September edition and autumn fast approaching. Thank you to those members who attended the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Philatelic Society London.

I am pleased to announce that Gerald Marriner has been elected as the new Society President, following the completion of Alan Moorcroft's five-year tenure in the position. Following the resignations of Dave and Moira Edwards, as Chairman and Membership Secretary respectively, I am pleased to inform you that David Winnie has been elected Chairman and Mark Bailey elected as Membership Secretary. I am sure members will support both David and Mark in their new positions on the Committee, although David has had a period as Chairman in the past. On behalf of all members I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to Alan, Dave and Moira for their sterling work for the Society.

Following the summer break we kick off again on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September with our Member's Meeting at the Royal Philatelic Society London. The theme for the day is "Transport".

Forthcoming meetings:

16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	"Transport" theme
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Members' Annual Competition
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018	Members' Weekend in Jersey
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	AGM and Members' Meeting

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 2018 ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, WATERLOO, LONDON, SE1 8UJ. Full details to follow in December.**

## News of Members

The last Journal reported briefly on the death of Brian Brookes FRPSL on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at the age of 79 years, a member since 1968. Brian was very well known to a number of us, a gentleman of the old school equipped with great probity and strong moral beliefs, quiet and unassuming, a lovely sense of humour and good company, kind, and understanding to all.



A top level philatelist Brian had many fine collections and these were all of the highest standard of international importance, a specialist in his chosen subjects and a seeker of items of rarity and beauty. These collections illustrate the breadth of his interest and scholarship and include different parts of the West Indies, the Channel Islands, Isle of Wight, the extraordinary collection of Nelson letters and the Robson Lowe collection of Napoleonic military and civil mail, each document signed by an important figure of the time.

Brian's first class Channel Islands collection has been displayed occasionally over the years from the first regional meeting in Manchester in the 1970s. We will truly miss his friendship and expertise.



Our new **President, Gerald Marriner FRPSL**, was elected at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Gerald's interests embrace many aspects of Channel Islands, Andorra (French and Spanish); Belgian Congo and Katanga, Falklands War 1982. Gerald is Fellow and Regional Representative of The Royal Philatelic Society, London, Chairman of A.B.P.S. Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, member of S.P.H, P.H.S, Andorra Philatelic Study Circle,

Belgian Congo Study Circle, Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, Great Britain Philatelic Society and the Polar Postal History Society.

Our new **Chairman, David Winnie**, was also elected at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 having first held this position 1999 - 2003. David's interests cover the Parish Posts of the Channel Islands, the Revenue stamps and Paid marks of the Channel Islands, Herm Island Local stamps and Wiltshire Postal History. Society memberships apart from the Channel Islands Specialists' Society include the Royal Philatelic Society London, the Great Britain Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society, the Revenue Society and Salisbury Philatelic Society.



## London Meeting, Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 by Richard Flemming

Eighteen members and one guest attended the July Member's Meeting at the Royal Philatelic Society London, with eight apologies received. This meeting, with its key theme of "Open Philately", was held in conjunction with the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Details of the AGM will be covered elsewhere within this Journal.

The meeting commenced with a 54-item room auction with Richard Flemming acting as auctioneer, ably assisted by Robert Porter and Mark Bailey. Bidding was brisk with many lots sold at their reserve or above. In all some £360 was raised from the lots sold.

Prior to lunch, **Jon Aitchison** provided a four-frame display that he titled "What is Open Philately?". Jon gave details of what constitutes "Open Philately", including what should be included in such a display and the marking criteria used by the Judges to judge an "Open Philately" class. Jon's four frames consisted of four displays that could be used as an "Open Philately" display, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of each.

This was followed by **David Winnie** with his extensive display titled "112 years of the Post Office in Samares". David explained some of the history behind the Sub-Post office, starting from when it opened in 1887 then opened his display with the first datestamp used at the Sub-Post office in Samares, a single circle datestamp with a C code letter. There were two examples of parcel post labels used at Samares, which David describes as very scarce. David also included several examples on German Occupation mail, including examples of registered mail and REM envelopes

**Robert Shaw** showed three frames of Channel Islands bus service ephemera that included pamphlets, timetables, tickets, as well as giving a detailed history of the omnibus service started by Richard Monk and continuing with other bus companies, including the Blue Coach service, Mascot Motors and the Jersey Bus Service.

**Ron Brown** showed two sheets of Alderney Occupation mail. Although Alderney was evacuated before the German occupation of the Island, animals remained on the Island. The two items were from Mr. Roy Thoume of the Guernsey Working Party, Alderney with each item bearing 1x½d Guernsey 'Arms' stamp and 2x1d Guernsey 'Arms' stamps, each cancelled at Guernsey.

**Brian Sole's** display consisted of items that he described as "possibly fitting into an Open Philately class" but described as "strictly ephemera".

Included in the display was a “News from England” leaflet dropped by the RAF on the Channel Islands; a Notice regarding fishermen escaping from the Islands in their fishing boats and the consequences of such an action, a “potato form” where potato producers had to declare the size of their crop to the German authorities. There was an interesting “Road Signs” notice produced by the German authorities and to conclude Brian showed some examples of Sark Cycle tax discs

Finally, **Richard Flemming** showed some recent acquisitions acquired at Midpex including a 1902 pen and ink illustrated envelope from Yokohama to Guernsey, sent via New York, printed on a NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP Co. envelope supposedly depicting an image of the SS Duke of Fife. The reverse bears 4x5Sn stamps tied by an indistinct Yokohama datestamp and a GUERNSEY/8AM/JU 20/02 ‘thimble’ arrival datestamp.

## **GUERNSEY MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**CISS and RPSL members are welcome  
to attend monthly meetings in  
Guernsey, contact John Triggs on  
01481 725847 or [jtriggs@cwqsy.net](mailto:jtriggs@cwqsy.net) for  
further details of where and when.**

### **HELP WANTED**

**Can anyone provide John Goose, a member in New Zealand, with the following -**

**a) A First Day cover of the Guernsey Regional 4d Ultramarine on Chalky paper from England issued 16-4-68 or from Guernsey issued 22-4-68**

**b) Positional UHM blocks of any of the Guernsey Regional plate varieties**

**His email address is - [johngoose60@gmail.com](mailto:johngoose60@gmail.com)**



## The new modern 2003 Guernsey stamp error.

by Brian Sole FRPSL

Further to Ray Dixon's article on these stamps in the June Journal Volume 36 No.2, page 9, I show some further illustrations below from my own collection which are reduced in size for the purpose of this article.



Top left: Guernsey £5 stamp with date of issue 3 July 2003 in selvage

Top right: Same stamp no selvage missing silver



Above: Sheet of 4 X £5 stamps with date in selvage 25 March 2003 and missing silver.

Under "ERRORS" in the July 2017 issue of *Stamp & Coin Mart* there are images of the two different sheets of four stamps and a report from Tom Pierron as follows:

*"The trial sheetlets feature a 25 March imprint (compared to 3 July, 2003 of issued sheetlets) indicating release was delayed presumably to allow for various design alterations.*

*The trial sheetlets feature an illustrated background and lack silver from the stamps (Queen's head, £5 value and territory name). The trial sheetlet stamps have a 'Letters of all shapes and sizes' inscription - absent from the issued stamps - and a royal blue background and pale orange frame compared to deep blue background and white frame of issued stamps.*

***Note:** most of the trial sheetlets have been split and individual stamps offered as missing colour errors on eBay and other auction sites. Whilst clearly not errors, the essays are nonetheless extremely scarce and an extraordinary insight into the design decisions surrounding this issue."*

The Guernsey Post Philatelic News of July 2003 Vol. 7 No. 6 described this new LETTERS ON A STAMP ON A LETTER £5 definitive stamp issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2003 designed by Andrew Fothergill as proposed letters of the alphabet in random upper and lower case (representing the variety of envelopes and packets dealt with) on a stamp for use on a letter.

Joh. Enschede, the printers, added heat sensitive ink; when touched orange changes white; applied silver foil giving wave effect for the Queen's head, value and the name GUERNSEY.

Readers interested in further details of this issue may obtain a scan of the Guernsey Post Philatelic News of July 2003 Vol. 7 No. 6 from myself - [brian.sole@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.sole@btinternet.com).

### **LATE NOTICE**

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of our member 436 Brian Cropp who first joined the Society in 1970.

For very many years Brian was a most active member serving on several Committees and held the role of Membership Secretary from 1979 to 1994.

## More 36mm skeleton datestamps used at St. Peters, Jersey.

by David Winnie

In response to Steve Power's article in the last Journal, Volume 36 No.2, page 22, I attach scans of my two examples of the above which are not included in his recorded examples. Both are used as despatch cancellations



on the 22nd June and 30th June. I believe there are now eleven examples with that now reported by Henri Chartier on page 30 of this Journal



## Agricultural Working parties on Occupied Alderney

by Ron Brown FRPSL

Shortly before the German military occupation of the Channel Islands the entire population of Alderney, being approximately 1000 persons, was evacuated to Guernsey. Just a few Islanders remained to tend the livestock. So when the Germans arrived on the Island on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1940 they found Alderney virtually deserted.



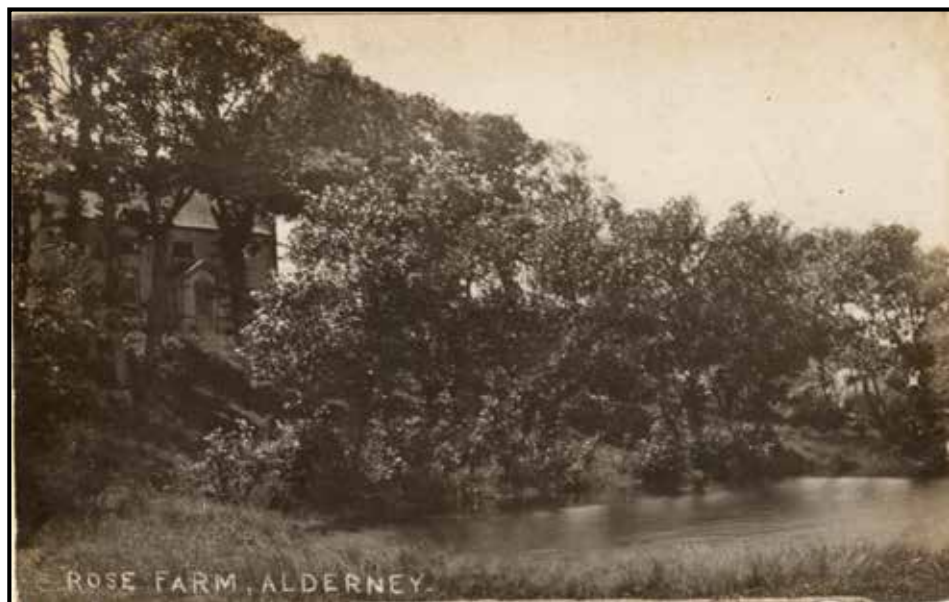
Early in 1942 the Germans decided to develop the agricultural potential of the Island and to grow food for consumption in Guernsey. The programme was assigned to Organisation Todt and their pioneering efforts developed into a lively industry in spite of mismanagement through incompetence. In fairness to Organisation Todt they had come to Alderney to construct fortifications and not to till the ground nor rear sheep. Four farms were utilized and occupied by the agricultural workers forming a part of the Guernsey Working Party these being Island Farm, Mignot Farm, Rose Farm and Mill Farm.



Organisation Todt employed civilian labour from Guernsey, forced labourers and prisoners from elsewhere to work these farms. A small rare 1940s correspondence has survived from the Thome family and two items of this very scarce mail from my own collection are shown above.

I have to refer readers to a series of comprehensive articles published by Leo Mayr in *Les Iles Normandes* Vol 13 Nos 1, 2 and 3 in 1994 which were first included in *Die Inselrundschau*, the Journal of the German FGCI, under the heading of ALDERNEY'S CIVILIAN MAIL 1940/45. Details of the Thome correspondence are given in those articles.

Rose Farm was situated in the north of Alderney where Roy Thoume stayed whilst he was seconded to the Alderney Working Party and he returned to Guernsey by November 1942.



My thanks to Gerald Marriner FRPSL for this and the image on the following page which Leo Mayr first included in his articles of 1994 in *Die Inselrundschau* and this Journal, *Les Iles Normandes*.



ATM/PLD.



The Controlling Committee of the States of Guernsey.

Your Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

HIRZEL HOUSE,

In your reply  
please quote Ref. 1/3/3

GUERNSEY.

21st November, 1942.

The Feldkommandantur 515,  
Nebenstelle,  
Guernsey.

Sir,

In the past all letters and parcels for civilians in Alderney have been sent to my office and sent by me to the Civil Commandant in Alderney for distribution.

The States' party in Alderney has now returned and the only civilians left there are employed by the German Authorities.

In view of the fact that the States now have no interest in Alderney and no knowledge of sailings, I would suggest that this mail be dealt with by the German Feldpost.

I shall be glad if you will inform me whether this is possible and, if it is, whether I may publish a notice to that effect in the newspapers.

I shall also be obliged if you will treat this matter as urgent, as in the meantime I shall be receiving mail which cannot be forwarded.


Yours faithfully,



R.O. Davis.

Agricultural Officer.

*From Reichel agent to Camp 515  
via F.O. Lundy to Lark. Camp full every  
4-5 weeks. 20.11.42, J.H.*

Guernsey Red Cross 'Fortress' Message Form December 1944  
by Olaf Beecken.

G.A.H.		R.C.B. GUERNSEY
<b>Deutsches Rotes Kreuz</b>		
Präsidium / Auslandsdienst Berlin SW 61, Blücherplatz 2		
B 21446		
<b>ANTRAG</b>		
an die <i>Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Genf</i> — Internationales Komitee vom Roten Kreuz — auf Nachrichtenvermittlung		
<b>REQUÊTE</b>		
de la <i>Croix-Rouge Allemande, Présidence, Service Étranger</i> à l' <i>Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Genève</i> — Comité International de la Croix-Rouge — concernant la correspondance		
1. Absender	Miss G. Tapp.	
Expéditeur	Douglas Place. Bonet. GUERNSEY, G.I.	
	bittet, an prie de bien vouloir faire parvenir à	
	Daughter.	
2. Empfänger	Mrs. H. Tapp.	
Destinataire	199. Berry's Lane.	
	St. Helen's. Lanes. ENGLAND.	
	folgendes zu übermitteln / ce qui suit :	
	(Höchstzahl 25 Worte !) (25 mots au plus !)	
	Dearest Mum, Derry, Bess, Children.	
	Hope you are all well. Just longing and	
	praying to see you all again. Fondest	
	love.	
	Bert, Ann, Art.	
(Datum / Date)	15.12.44.	
3. Empfänger antwortet umseitig	(Unterschrift / Signature)	
Destinataire répond au verso	J. Tapp	





Less than forty fortress messages flown out from Guernsey are known among collectors today. Towards the end of 1944 the Guernsey Red Cross Bureau restricted the number of messages by allocating certain family names to a special week. Thus, only families with names starting with the letters P - Z were allowed to hand in one message from Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1944 at the Red Cross Bureau.

The Tapp message illustrated on the previous page with the number B 21475 dates from December 15<sup>th</sup> and was among the 285 messages that were handed over to the Germans (Platzkommandantur I) on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This batch would then have been flown out soon afterwards in one of the supply flights in late December or early January 1945.

The reply side of the form from England is illustrated on the next page.

First comes a little surprise: There are **no** German censor marks on this form on either side!

The Geneva cachet unfortunately does not show a date, however, we know that the item reached Britain (see the censor mark P. 237 on this incoming mail).

In England the mother not only answered the message, but it actually left Britain again (see the censor mark P. 299 on this outgoing mail) and reached Geneva where it was processed on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1945.

What exactly happened next remains a mystery. It was certainly too late for the VEGA's 5<sup>th</sup> voyage (the vessel had left Lisbon for Guernsey on April 28<sup>th</sup>), but the form may have travelled on the 6<sup>th</sup> voyage, which left Lisbon after the end of the war on May 31<sup>st</sup> and arrived in Guernsey on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The only alternative I could imagine is that the form was held in Geneva till the end of the war and then it was forwarded on to Guernsey.

Unfortunately there is no transit mark or a pencil annotation or any other Guernsey arrival mark on the form.

This article will be concluded in the December Journal.

4. Antwort des Empfängers :  
Réponse du destinataire :

(Höchstzahl 25 Worte !)  
(25 mots au plus !)

Overjoyed at hearing from you after  
so long. hope all well. Marlene goes  
to school. hope it won't be long  
before we meet.  
Love Mum.

(Datum / Date)

(Unterschrift)  
(Signature)



20. AVR 1945

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**Another new find – 1859 ST MARYS, Jersey undated double arc in grey-black by David Winnie.**

Close on the heels of the Guy Dando recorded third ST MARYS undated double arc handstamp reported in CISS Journal Volume 35 No 1 page 31, I am pleased to attach scans of the fourth example to date.



On the back of this very nice Mourning cover (below) to Prince Edward Island, Canada rated at 6d and cancelled by quite a nice Jersey 409 duplex applied on the 21st April 1859 is the ST MARYS undated double arc partly overlaid with a London transit mark making this the latest known example.



It is difficult to decipher the impression of an undated arc handstamp on the front of this cover which could be an impression from the next letter in the bundle. It does not look like ST MARYS, but who knows?

The strike on the back of the cover seems to me to be in grey-black ink although through a magnifying glass, there is an odd trace of blue. It looks as though the cover arrived in Prince Edward Island, Canada on May 23rd 1859.

### **An unusual Sion, Jersey datestamp of 4 September 1964.**

by Guy Dandoy

This unusual modern cover posted at Sion, Jersey and addressed to St Helier in 1964 has been franked with the standard double circle, but without date which has been entered on the cancel itself in ink **4 SE 64** presumably by the Sub-Postmaster. Yet another oddity for why were the date slugs not entered into the datestamps at the start of the day?



## C.I.S.S. Major Display at Spring Stampex. Your Help is Needed!

At Spring Stampex, 14th to 18th February 2018, the main theme will be the Channel Islands and the Channel Islands Specialists' Society will be supplying the displays. We are appealing to members to participate by entering one or more frames which can be competitive or non-competitive and all entries will receive a certificate. Competitive entries will be judged and can also win a medal. The cost of entering is normally £25 per frame, but the Society has agreed to help in sponsoring 60 frames so **YOUR ENTRY MAY BE FREE**. This is a great opportunity to try exhibiting even if you have not done so before. Entries can be accepted from the U.K. or abroad and we will have a facility in place to receive and return entries to those members who cannot attend in person. Please contact Richard Flemming with expressions of interest and he will send you full details of how to proceed. Richard can be contacted by email at [rflemming@talktalk.net](mailto:rflemming@talktalk.net) or UK telephone: 01455 613826. Please take part; this will be an amazing advert for the CISS and our collecting fields.



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## St. Sampsons's, Guernsey 1916 registered letter to Postal 99 on the Western Front by Guy Dandoy

I recently acquired this interesting registered letter of 1916 from an on-line



website after some spirited bidding. The 4½d rate stamps are cancelled by two small single circle ST SAMPSONS datestamps with the 4 PM time of the collection inserted instead of the duty code letter and dated 22 JY 16. The Small Sheet Registration label is a Type "A" (R.1), quite scarce, with ST. SAMPSON'S measuring 2mm high and 20mm in length, the seriffed R 11mm high and the N of No. 4mm high, similar to two other examples known used between 1909 and 1920, but with variations in measurements.

Both the front and the back of the cover have a strike in violet of the circular **COMMISSION MILITAIRE DE CONTROLE BUREAU / FRONTIERE / A** and the back stamp of the small single circle ST SAMPSONS datestamp has been mostly covered by the adhesive **CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE** censor label. A most unusual letter!

Our Editor has referred this letter to Graham Mark, expert in censorship and World War 1 mails, who writes: *"The address is not well written. In our method of address it would be:*



*Soldat xxx,  
320th Infantry  
23rd Company  
Sector Postal 99*



*The censorship label is the standard for France in WWI. I expect there are some variations in size of the print but I have no reference to which I can turn to differentiate them. Such labels were used by both the censors of military mail and of civil mail.*

*For the circular handstamp front and back I can be more definite. Bureau Frontiere A was at Gray, on R Saone, NW of Besancon, so I expect Secteur Postal 99 at the time was somewhere in the Vosges. Of course the control point would be well back from the front line troops.*

*I am sorry I cannot say anything about the 320th Infantry. Secteur Postal 99 is listed by Deloste as serving the 52nd Division of Reserve, but his list is not dated and I do not know if the allocations changed at any time.*

*Also I am not familiar with the structure of the French Army, and have no books to tell me whether 320th Infantry was part 52nd Division of Reserve.*

*My references are: Deloste C; "Histoire Postale et Militaire de la Guerre de 1914-1918" (no publisher, no date) and*

*Bourguignat J: "Le Controle Postal et Telegraphique Francais pendant la Premiere Guerre Mondiale (1914-1921)", Academie de Philatelie, Paris 2010, ISBN 9782952811545".*



Our Editor also referred all this to our CISS WW1 experts and Don Somerville has responded with an example below from the same correspondence. *'The letters were sent to the Rev. Bourde De La Rogerie in Guernsey using pre-printed envelopes he must have supplied to soldiers before they left Guernsey. The sender, Artiste Philippe added his military*



*details to the envelope below and also endorsed the cover **Correspondance militaire** on the front above. He used a pre-printed cover supplied by the*



*Rev. Bourde De La Rogerie who was the French Roman Catholic priest attached to Notre Dame Church in Burnt Lane, St. Peter Port, Guernsey. The cover received a single circle **TRESSOR ET POSTES 99** datestamp on 31 July 1916. It was then forwarded to Bureau Frontiere A and the contents checked. It was re-sealed with a **CONTROLE POSTAL MILITAIRE** label tied by a strike of a violet oval handstamp **Correspondance Militaire / Bureau Frontiere A / Contrôle**. This office was either located at BESANCON of GRAY (see Bertrand SINAIS – CATALOGUE DES OBLITERATIONS MILITAIRES FRANCAISES 1914 - 1918). The 25c French stamp was added at this office and cancelled by the single circle datestamp **POSTE AUX ARMEES A** on 2 August 1916. The cover then passed through Paris on 3 August 1916, but unfortunately no arrival datestamp was applied in Guernsey.*

*I have several examples of items from this same correspondence, but they are only fronts regrettably. When the Rev. Bourde De La Rogerie received these replies he cut the covers open and attached them to copies of the Guernsey Evening Post. In my experience most examples of French Military handstamps are very weak and often unreadable.'*

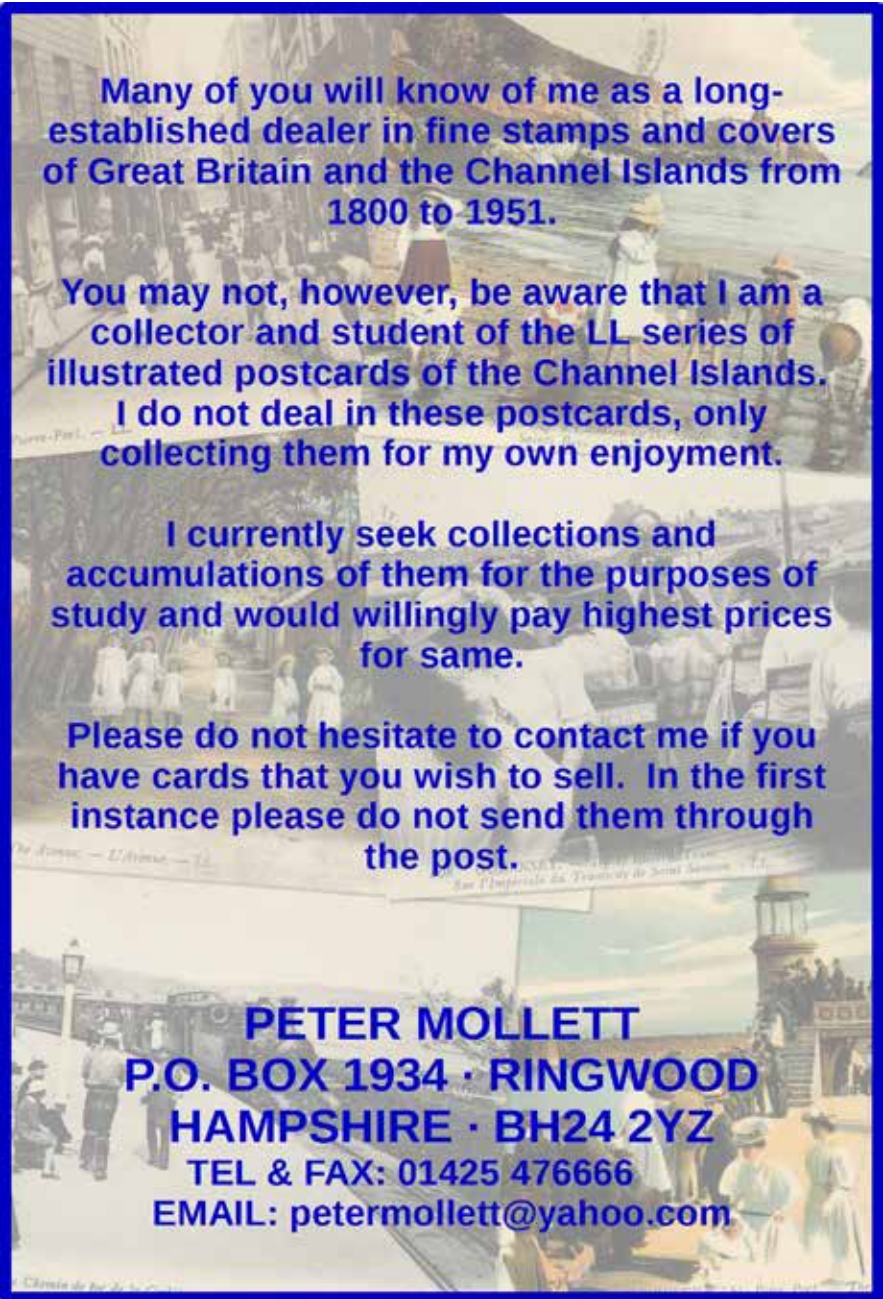
David Laurillard has also found a registered cover of July 1916 from the same correspondence in his collection and this is shown on the next page.

## ANY UNWANTED SOCIETY JOURNALS?



Please do **not** throw your Journals or old Bulletins away. Send to the Membership Secretary, Mark Bailey 36, Jerry Moor Hill, Finchampstead Wokingham RG40 4UG for recycling to other members.



The background of the entire page is a collage of various vintage postcards from the Channel Islands. The postcards depict different scenes: a busy street with many people, a lighthouse on a rocky shore, a group of people in period clothing, and a view of a town. The text is overlaid on this collage.

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.

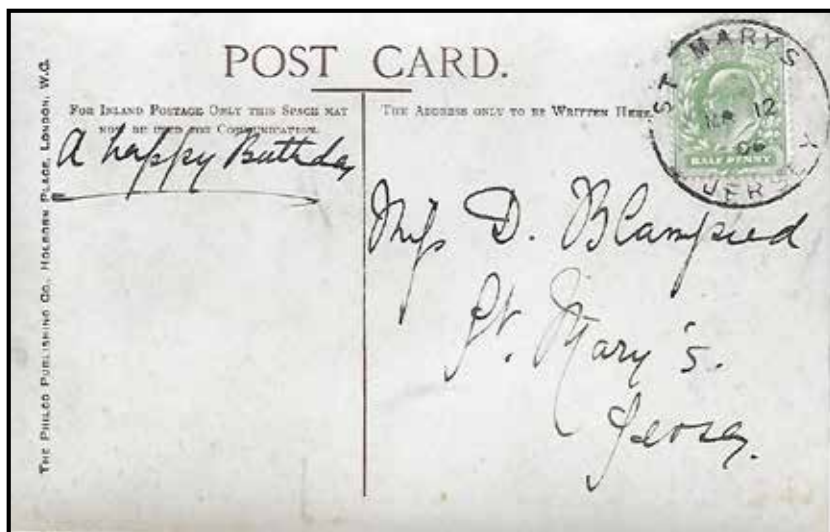
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## ST MARYS, Jersey 30mm skeleton cancellation of 1906

by David Winnie

David Gurney's book "*The Postal History of the Jersey Sub-Post Offices*" records on page 294 that two examples are known of the 30mm steel skeleton or travelling datestamp used at the St. Mary's country Sub-Post office on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1906. I believe that both of these cancellations were used as receiving marks on postcards.



I am now able to record this skeleton datestamp used as a cancelling despatch mark on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1906, the day before those previously recorded and this postmark is shown above.

In the light of this new information I would be pleased to learn if any other members have further examples of the use of this skeleton as a despatch datestamp.



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Several collections have been successfully sold in this way in recent years to the benefit of the owners. In the first instance please contact the Secretary at [rflemming@talktalk.net](mailto:rflemming@talktalk.net) or ring 01455 613826

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To enquire about past issues please contact, Mark Bailey at 36, Jerry Moor Hill, Finchampstead Wokingham RG40 4UG or email:

[membership@ciss1950.org.uk](mailto:membership@ciss1950.org.uk)

## Frank Le Villio - another Jersey survivor from the Nazi Concentration Camps.

Members may be interested to view this link on the Internet found by Steve Wells giving the full story of this recently discovered survivor -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-40387527>.



Photo from Frank Le Villio's Jersey Identity card.

The grave of a Nazi concentration camp survivor which was unmarked for decades has been discovered and had a cross with a plaque placed on it. Frank Le Villio was sent to World War II concentration camps at Neuengamme and Sandbostel aged 19 after stealing a German officer's motorbike in occupied Jersey. He survived and moved to Nottingham, but died aged 21 in 1946 from tuberculosis.

Members with correspondence relating to this family may be interested.

## **EXPRESS DELIVERY RATES ~ Occupation Period**

by Gerald Marriner FRPSL

I have recently discovered information relating to **EXPRESS DELIVERY postal rates** in the U.K. I presume that these rates would also be applicable to the Channel Islands. An additional Express delivery fee of 3d per mile was introduced in 1892. This was increased to 6d per mile in 1919 and this 6d fee existed throughout the 1940 – 45 period.

However, was there an Express Delivery Service operating in the Channel Islands during the Occupation period? I should be very interested to receive confirmation of such.

## Yet another 36mm datestamp used at St. Peters, Jersey.

by Henri Chartier.

Further to Steve Power's article in the June Journal Vol. 36 No. 2 page 22 and David Winnie's article earlier in this Journal I can show another example used on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1910 as a despatch cancellation below –





## 67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Held at No. 41 Devonshire Place, London on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 2.30pm.

Present: Chair was taken by Dave Edwards with 17 other members in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** P. Burger, S. Wells, T. Nichols, G. Marriner, D. Parsons, C. Earle, R. Osborne and N. Stuart
2. **Minutes** of the 66th AGM as published in *Les Iles Normandes* Vol 35, No. 3, pp 32-34 were proposed for adoption by John Hirst and seconded by Robert Porter. These were 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 Chairman's report:** At this point the Chairman, Dave Edwards, stated that he had nothing further to report. Jon Aitchison (JA) asked if it was appropriate for him to ask the Chairman a question regarding the Committee and Committee Member attendance at said Committee Meetings. At this point the Secretary, Richard Flemming (RF) answered JA's questions.

**Q1.** Does the Committee still hold full Committee Meetings or is business conducted via emails? Response: Yes, the Committee does hold full Committee meetings and RF provided the dates of the three Committee meetings held from the 66<sup>th</sup> AGM to the 67<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**Q2.** How many meetings were held last year? RF replied the dates were given as above.

**Q3.** How many meetings did each Committee member attend? RF gave details of all those members who attended meetings. JA agreed that those members who did not attend all Committee meetings still provided sterling work for the Society.

**Q4.** Which Committee member held which Committee position? RF replied that the Committee positions and the relevant member who currently held that position is supplied with the Nominations Paper presented at today's AGM.

RF reported that the new Committee will review the current Committee structure at it next Committee Meeting.

At this point Mark Bailey (MB) wished to make the point that those members who filled positions on the Committee did so voluntarily, giving their time freely.

**4.2 Treasurer's report:** Robert Porter (RP) presented the Society's accounts to those members present which showed an excess of income over expenditure of £3442.30 giving a balance of £27,922.86 for the year ending 2016 compared to the year ending 2015 (£24,480.56). David Winnie proposed that the accounts be accepted and this was seconded by David Laurillard. Although the final balance figure was correct, one of the sub-totals was incorrect. RP will amend this figure. Also, the final figure should read "Excess of income over expenditure" rather than as stated on the accounts. RP will amend this. It was then agreed by all present to accept the Societys' accounts.

**4.3 Membership Secretary:** Outgoing Membership Secretary, Moira Edwards, stated that membership had fallen by 30 members over the last 10 years, with a current membership of approximately 280 persons worldwide.

**4.4 Advertising Secretary:** Although the Advertising Secretary was not present, John Hirst wished it minuted that he regarded the write-up of meetings that appear in the philatelic and postcard press as excellent.

It was noted by MB that the Advertising Secretary's Report stated that no advertisements had been placed in the philatelic and postcard press. RF replied that, as membership details were provided in all the meeting write-ups that go to the press, it was deemed unnecessary to incur additional costs by placing specific advertisements to publicise the Society.

**4.5 Archivist:** MB gave an overview of the current state of the Societys' archives. MB also reported that it had been suggested that the Society's archive could be deposited with

the Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) and stated that this would be inappropriate given the current situation with the RPSL seeking new premises within the next two years.

JA asked whether the Society could create a Library with the stock of books and other material held in the Archives. This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be an Agenda item at the next Committee Meeting.

**4.6 Books:** RF reported that book sales were slow for the year. The stock of the Jersey Sub-Post Office book was very low, as is the Post Offices of the Smaller Channel Islands. He has sufficient stocks of the other books as listed on the Society's website and in the Journal. A "fire sale" of those books that are proving very difficult to move will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

## 5. Election of Officers for 2017/18

At this point RF, Secretary, expressed his sincerest thanks to Alan Moorcroft, retiring President, Dave Edwards, retiring Chairman and Moira Edwards, retiring Membership Secretary for their contributions to the successful running of the Society. This was endorsed by all members present. At this point, retiring President, Alan Moorcroft, presented Dave and Moira Edwards with a small gift as a token of the member's appreciation for their sterling work. Dave Edwards as the retiring Chairman, stood down and RF took over the meeting to consider the Election of the new Chairman.

There was one nominee, David Winnie, who was proposed by David Gurney and seconded by RF. David Winnie (DW) was duly elected as Chairman. At this point DW took over the chair and the following nominations for the forthcoming Committee were proposed and seconded. All were duly elected by the members present.

		<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Secretary.	Richard Flemming	G. Marriner	J. Flemming
Treasurer	Robert Porter	R. Flemming	D. Edwards
Membership Sec.	Mark Bailey	J. Aitchison	R McDonald
Journal Editor	David Gurney	D. Winnie	N. Stuart
Packet Sec.	John Triggs	A. Moorcroft	R. Flemming
Auction Sec.	Nick Stuart	R. Flemming	G. Marriner

Publicity/Ad Sec.	Steve Wells	R. Flemming	D. Edwards
Competition Sec.	Alan Moorcroft	R. Flemming	D. Edwards
Members' Rep 1	Christine Earle	Year 2 of 2	Year 2 of 2
Members' Rep 2	Robert Shaw	J. Aitchison	R. Flemming

Gerald Marriner was elected as the new Society President for the next five years.

At this point David Laurillard wished to thank the Committee members for all their efforts in running the Society.

**Joan Flood Salver** This was presented to Ron Brown for his brochure produced to support his presentation to the RPSL earlier this year.

**Any other business:**

John Triggs suggested that we have a CISS enamel badge produced for members. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

It was suggested by DW that, in a similar vein, name badges should be produced for the Member's Weekend. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

JA, as one of the organisers for Spring Stampex 2018, suggested that the CISS might wish to play an important role at the Show and increase their profile at the same time by providing, say, a 60-frame display of CI material. The costs involved would be £25 per frame, therefore £1,500 in total. It was agreed that this would be given urgent consideration by the Committee through the Chairman, DW, and a response given to JA.

There being no further business the AGM was closed at 15.55hrs.

Richard Flemming  
Secretary

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Presentation Pack	£4.96
Sheets of 10	£40.60

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Miniature Sheet	£2.00
First Day Cover	£3.15
Presentation Pack	£3.15

**3rd October 2017 - 100 Years of the Jersey Beekeepers Association**

Set of 6 stamps	£4.61
First Day Cover	£5.76
Presentation Pack	£5.76
Miniature Sheet	£2.00
First Day Cover	£3.15
Presentation Pack	£3.15

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First Day Cover	£5.76
Presentation Pack	£5.76
Miniature Sheet	£2.00
First Day Cover	£3.15
Presentation Pack	£3.15
Souvenir Sheetlet	£4.61
First Day Cover	£5.76
Presentation Pack	£5.76

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**December 2017**

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