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We are pleased to welcome the following new member:

2182 Bob Baltzell, USA

Re-joined: 1940 Colin Clark , Shropshire

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EDITORIAL

It is pleasing to note that your Committee's recent decision to alter the process of our Annual General Meeting to be held in the morning followed by the usual Member's meeting and room auction was generally well received leaving the afternoon free to enjoy a good range of displays as laid out in the Meeting Report in the following pages.

This Journal has full Reports of the July London meeting and the 69th Annual General Meeting held in the morning together with another range of diverse Channel Islands' subjects.

SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD

by Richard Flemming

By the time you read this it is probably less than one hundred days to Christmas with summer all but over and Boris is Prime Minister. For those of you who managed to get away, I hope you had an enjoyable break. Thank you to those of you who managed to attend the 69th AGM held at the Union Jack Club, and I hope that holding the AGM in the morning before the room auction and members displays was better. I certainly thought the day went well. As a result of the AGM I am pleased to say that all those standing members of the Executive and Full Committee have been re-elected to serve for a further twelve months. The Minutes of the AGM appear on page 30 in this edition of *Les Iles Normandes*.

The 1st October 2019 sees the 50th anniversary of the Channel Islands postal independence and we will be celebrating the event at our September meeting. Please bring any material along of the 1969 'Independence' issues for both Jersey and Guernsey to the meeting.

Forthcoming meetings:

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| 21 st September 2019 | Members' Meeting – Themes: Maritime Mail/50 th Anniversary of Channel Islands Postal Independence. |
| 14 th December 2019 | Members' Meeting – Theme: letters 'O' and 'P'. |
| 8 th February 2020 | Members' Annual Competitions and displays. |
| 24 th - 26 th April 2020 | Member's Weekend Meeting at the Peninsula Hotel, Guernsey. |
| 11 th July 2020 | Annual General Meeting followed by Member's Meeting. |

Members can bring any recent acquisitions of a Channel Islands nature to any of the Members' Meetings.

Meetings are held at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ (near Waterloo Station) with coffee at 10.30 and the meeting starting at 11am.

Do visit our website at ciss1950.org.uk for news of events.

London Meeting Report 13th July 2019 by Richard Flemming

Nineteen members and one guest attended the 69th Annual General Meeting held at the Union Jack Club, with eight apologies received. The new format of holding the AGM before the Member's Meeting was an attempt to attract more members to the AGM, as previously members tended to leave the meeting after lunch and prior to the AGM. Talking to members present it seemed to work and made the day more enjoyable.

Following the AGM, we held our traditional 50-lot room auction, with a few additional items too. Bidding started slowly, but the big item lots sold well and in all over £600 was realised.

After a pleasant lunch it was over to members to provide material for display. First off was Gerald Marriner FRPSL who displayed his recent acquisitions from the Occupation period beginning with an unusual cover sent surface mail from Bermuda addressed to Guernsey. This was posted on 18 June 1940 and was censored in Bermuda. By the time this cover arrived in England the mail service to the Channel Islands had been suspended. A 'NO SERVICE/ RETURN TO SENDER' handstamp was applied in London. Gerald then showed a batch of seven covers from Eire to Jersey and Guernsey - all censored en route. There were also messages forwarded via Irish Legations in Paris and Berlin. Gerald completed his display with two Liberation covers. The first was from parents in Guernsey to their son at Elizabeth College still situated in Buxton on 17 June 1945. A registered cover from Georgetown dated April 1946 completed this display, the Sub-Post Office having been closed during the Occupation. Robert Shaw showed a number of early ferry tickets with embossed landing tax marks, pamphlets and flyers of the small boat services to Herm Island. These included Herm Express and Inter-Island Ferries, Herm Super Launches, Herm Seaway and concluded with the first ferry tickets used by the Trident Charter Co. in 1969. Following on from this, Robert displayed a frame of ornately engraved Jersey and Guernsey letter and bill heads of stores and businesses from the early 1900's featuring James Le Poidevan, John W. Orviss, Leon Beghin, A. de Gruchy and the grocery and provision store of Richards of Charing Cross, St Helier who issued cash bonus tickets to save and use for future purchases of goods. Mark Bailey FRPSL provided some of his recent additions to his collection of postal history from international correspondence with Jersey stamp dealer George Campbell in the 1880s and 1890s. This included two registered envelopes from Grenada, one bearing a strike of a TOO LATE mark, and two items from British

Bechuanaland. There was a self-addressed envelope to J. V. Painter, in Cleveland, Ohio, who was much in the philatelic limelight in the 1890s as the discoverer of the 4c Columbian error of colour. Mark also showed registered items sent to Louis Gorgerat in Sierra Leone and Senegal and completed his display with several items from Campbell to Don Jose Marco del Pont in Buenos Aires, including an envelope bearing a strike of the rarely seen David Place datestamp with code C inserted. **Richard Flemming** showed a very interesting item of mail that he recently acquired at MIDPEX, a letter from Guernsey to Esquerirdreville, Manche [near Cherbourg] – see page 34. Unfortunately, the datestamp cancelling the 5pf and 20pf ‘Hitler’ stamps is not clear, but it seems as if the letter was carried as a favour by a German from Guernsey to France after D-Day (6th June 1944) and then posted in the German Feldpost system, bearing **BEI DER FELDPOST/ EINGELIEFERT**. The letter was censored by a German censor in Paris, by which time the letter could not be delivered due to the advancing Allied Forces and seems to have languished in Paris. Following the liberation of Paris it appears as if the letter was re-censored by a French censor and sent on its way to its destination, only to be returned as the address could not be found following the destruction of Cherbourg and returned to sender, although no datestamp for arrival back in Guernsey is present on the envelope.

Brian Sole FRPSL showed items relating to Royalty on Jersey stamps. Not only did Brian offer a description of the many miniature sheets relating to each of the monarchs in his display starting with Queen Victoria by showing six photos of stages within her reign. For Edward VII Brian showed six miniature sheets showing statues erected to the monarch, including Liverpool, Aberdeen and Liverpool. Again, six miniature sheets were shown to represent the reign of George V, as well as the portrait of the King painted by Jerseyman, John Lander, used for the £2 stamp. For George VI Brian showed six items relating to the King’s reign. For Queen Elizabeth II, Brian showed items relating to the Golden Wedding, Golden Jubilee, Diamond Jubilee and the 70th, 75th and 80th birthdays of Her Majesty. Finally, Brian showed items celebrating the life of Charles, Prince of Wales. To conclude the meeting, **Ron Brown** FRPSL produced a wonderful display of the Guernsey/Jersey ‘Arms’ stamps, including several complete sheets of the various printings of the ½d and 1d stamps, with the ½d and 1d bluish French bank-note paper issue. Often described as ‘forgeries’, Ron also showed complete reconstructed sheets of the ½d and

1d 'Arms' stamps, printed in blocks of 5 x 5 and to conclude his display he produced, as if out of a magician's hat, the Printer's engraved blocks used to print the various issues of the 'Arms' stamps.

GUERNSEY MONTHLY MEETINGS

**CISS and RPSL members are welcome
to attend monthly meetings in
Guernsey, contact John Triggs on
01481 725847 or packets@ciss1950.org.uk
Meetings held on Friday evenings, starting at 7pm
to 9pm in the St Sampson suite at the Peninsula
Hotel. Next dates are September 27th, November
1st, November 29th, December 20th.**

**Channel Islands Occupation and Sark postal history "St. Mewan"
collection sold by auction at Spink 24-26 April 2019 by David Gurney.**

This successful sale saw some strong bidding and realisations. Some surprises were the two GVI Swastika overprint essays estimated £300-400 which made £1400, Jersey 1d red imprint block of 12 from lower sheet unmounted mint estimated £500-600 made £850, a miscellaneous range of Sark items estimated £200-250 made £500, a 1659 entire letter to the Judge of Sark from Guernsey estimated £500-600 made £1500, an 1858 entire letter to Gibraltar with a superb SARK undated double arc handstamp estimated £4000-5000 made £4800, a similar item with the undated SARK handstamp in part on the rear envelope flaps estimated £200-300 made £700, an 1891 envelope to Jersey with the only known (to date) code 'C' small single circle SARK datestamp estimated £400-500 made £2300, a 1904 PARCEL POST label with stamps and SARK small c.d.s. estimated £120-150 made £500, a 1910 registered envelope with 'D' type label to Liverpool estimated £150-200 made £1300. There were many other lesser highlights showing the very strong interest in the smaller Channel Islands.

I am told by our member, David Parsons, that the remaining part of this collection will be offered in Spink Philatelic Collectors' Series of Auctions 22-24 October next and catalogues can be applied for from 1st October 2019 from Spinks' offices in Bloomsbury, London.

News of Members



Our President, **Gerald Marriner FRPSL** photographed at Stockholmia 2019 following the award of the ABPS prestigious Congress Medal (2019). Presented to just one person each year in recognition of dedication and voluntary service to British philately at national level.

Former holders of this award in the CISS are **Brian Sole FRPSL (2002)** and **Phil Kenton FRPSL (2012)**.

Our member, **Jon Aitchison FRPSL**, presently

Keeper of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, was invited to sign the **Maurice Williams Roll of Notable Cinderella Philatelists** at the STOCKHOLMIA 2019 2nd World Cinderella Stamp Congress. In addition to this honour, Jon was recently appointed as Honorary Secretary to the Royal Philatelic Society



London at their AGM in June 2019, the third such appointment from our members, others being David Gurney FRPSL and Christine Earle FRPSL! **Congratulations also to the following members for their achievements;**

ABPS Northern National April 2019

Vermeil – John Sussex - The surcharging by Royal Mail 1976 to 2015.

Stockholm 2019

Large Gold - Graham Booth - The rise and fall of the American merchant marine as a Trans-Atlantic mail carrier 1800-68.

Graham Booth - Anglo Australian mail 1840-60 The transition from sail to steam.

Gold – Jon Aitchison - Egyptian officially sealed mail.

Large Vermeil – Jon Aitchison - SS Ixex, a great survivor of philatelic importance

Vermeil – Jon Aitchison - British parcel carrier stamps

Obituary – The Late John Hirst.

by David Gurney FRPSL

John died on the 14th March 2019 in hospital following some weeks in Intensive Care with pneumonia.

He was a keen collector of the Jersey modern stamp issues and frequently gave us the latest news on New Issues. John also built a large collection of the LL postcards of Jersey which were noted for their high standards of photographic views of the Island of Jersey. A very regular attender of Channel Islands Specialists' Society meetings at home and abroad and active over the years in Committee roles, the more recent being Competitions Secretary. It was on his return to Exeter from one of the London meetings a few years ago now that his train was involved in a collision with a car stuck on a level crossing which he and a fellow member, Richard Arthurs, survived without serious injury.



Outside of his collecting interests John first joined the St John Ambulance Brigade and rose up in the ranks to the position of Divisional Superintendent. In 1971 he joined the Exeter City Ambulance Service later to become the West Country Ambulance Service where following 35 years service he was awarded the Queens Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. John received many personal letters of thanks from patients he had helped. He was very keen on rugby and football being a season ticket holder of the Exeter Chiefs Rugby club and a Liverpool FC supporter.

John was generous, caring and supportive of his friends and family, a keen collector whom will be missed and our thoughts and good wishes are extended to Lindsay in her nearly 48th year of their marriage.

50th Anniversary of the formation of the two Independent Channel Islands Postal Administrations by David Gurney FRPSL.

The Channel Islands' Specialists Society first learned of this suggested change in February 1968 when details became available of a memorandum forwarded by the Home Office to the States of Guernsey and Jersey in May 1967 proposing the setting up of a Post Office Corporation asking whether they would wish to assume any or all of the functions of the then General Post Office ie to run their own postal and telecommunications services.

Special Committees were set up in both Guernsey and Jersey and by the end of that year both Committees recommended to their respective States that they should take over these services.

H.M.Government would retain some control over the stamp issuing of both Islands because of the international interest and the personal interest of the Sovereign. In Guernsey it was seen that a Post Office might be opened again on Herm or a letter box installed. Full services would be provided in Alderney and Sark and the former might have some limited stamp issues of its own with its direct mail services to England and its enjoyment of a certain measure of autonomy. A perceived disadvantage was that British stamps would no longer be available or valid in the Islands, neither would the stamps of one Bailiwick be valid in the other.

By the summer of 1968 agreement had been reached between the previous authorities and it was announced that the Crown Agents had been invited by both Guernsey and Jersey to handle their respective issues in so far as dealers were concerned. By the autumn of 1968 details were beginning to emerge of the various stamp issues that would herald the new arrangements of the Guernsey and Jersey Postal Administrations from the 1st October 1969.

The Stanley Gibbons '***Collect Channel Islands and Isle of Man Stamps***' catalogues detail all the issues since 1969 together with booklets etc mostly in colour.

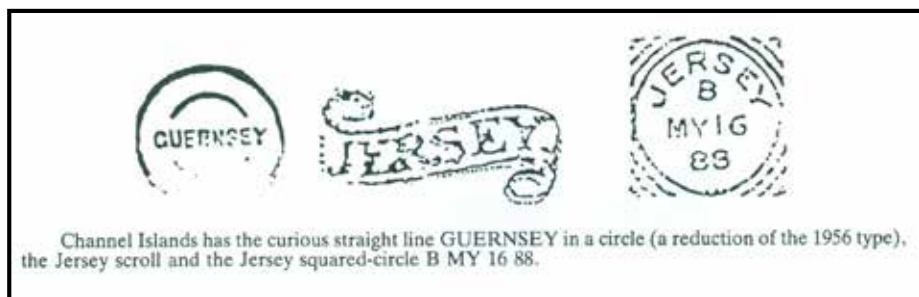
Finally both Island Postal Administrations are issuing special stamps to mark their 50th Anniversaries on the 1st October 2019 and details of such can be found in the New Issues on pages 35 and 36 at the end of this Journal.

House of Stamps Forgeries by David Gurney FRPSL

When recently looking back through early editions of THE PHILATELIST I found an article by the Late Robson Lowe on some GB forgeries which include the following Channel Island items abstracted below:

The Late Robson Lowe writes - *'We have available the records of most of the forged handstamps, datestamps, explanatory handstamps, and adhesive stamps produced by the House of Stamps.'*

Channel Islands examples include a 1d black used from Guernsey on a registered cover to Olten, Switzerland, the stamp being cancelled with a GUERNSEY type which we have not seen before.



Therefore we have decided to list and describe these imitations so that future generations are not misled.'

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1920 SARK uprated 1½d postal stationery cover sent registered to London listed on Ebay by Davud |Gurney FRPSL

This superb 1920 1½d postal stationery registered envelope from Sark to London, uprated with GV ½d and 1½d, tied by SARK cds dated 8 JA 1920 sold on Ebay for **£325.99** after several bids on the 17th June 2019. Interestingly the GV 1½d definitive stamp was described as folded under at the lower right corner, presumably not torn.



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The earliest German Red Cross Message form used out of Jersey?
by Olaf Beecken

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an die *Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Genf*
— *Internationales Komitee vom Roten Kreuz* —
auf Nachrichtenvermittlung

REQUÊTE

de la *Croix-Rouge Allemande, Présidence, Service Étranger*
à l'*Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre, Genève*
— *Comité International de la Croix-Rouge* —
concernant la correspondance


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ENGLAND.

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

Frances M. Vaudin and family are quite
well.


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(Datum / Date) 28.2.41. (Unterschrift / Signature)

3. Empfänger antwortet umseitig
Destinataire répond au verso

9 AVR 1941

This German Red Cross message form is possibly one of the earliest forms known to have left Jersey for Great Britain dated the 28th February 1941? Certainly the procedures to be adopted by the Bailiff of Jersey's Enquiry and News Service were approved by the German Field Commandant on the 26th February 1941 – see pages 22 and 23 of David Gurney's book *The Red Cross Civilian Postal Message Scheme with the Channel Islands during the Occupation 1940-45*. The enquirer on the form is Frances M. Vaudin of St. Helier. Does any member know of this name?

The form was received in Berlin on the 29th March 1941, reached Geneva on the 9th April and Great Britain by an unknown date. At the top of the form is the number **47611** in pencil. What does this number represent? A little lower under the datestamp is the typed number **1102**. I will be grateful if someone can confirm the relevance of this number, possibly a part of the Bailiff's Enquiry and News Service internal systems?

4. Antwort des Empfängers :
Réponse du destinataire :

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

(Datum : Date)

(Unterschrift)
(Signature)

The reverse of the form is unused with no reply! I will be grateful to receive any clarification from members please to Olaf_Beecken@web.de

Ted and James Birch and the Pigeon Post stamp by David Ackroyd

The origins of the Pigeon Post stamp issued on 26 May 1949.

Alfred Graham Jeffries, the Tenant of Herm from 1946 to 1949, requested the Post Office to re-open the Sub-Post Office on Herm Island. There had been such an office on the Island from 1925 to 1938 when it was closed because of a fall in population. The Post Office refused and also refused to establish a regular collection of mail from the old posting box. At the same time the new Tenant was keen to increase visitor numbers so he decided to establish his own postal service between Herm and Guernsey. To do this he needed to introduce a stamp (strictly speaking a carriage label) to be added to each item to cover the cost.

In 1948 Alfred Jeffries requested Charles H. Coker to design a set of stamps. After some dialogue about the design and colours to be used, and the insistence of the Post Office that the word “postage” should not appear, a set of four Map definitive stamps was produced.

However, Alfred Jeffries had another problem that he wanted to address. At this time there was no telephone link between Herm and Guernsey so that the only way to send urgent messages was by boat.

He decided to establish a pigeon post service to the Home Office on Albert Pier in St Peter Port harbour. To facilitate this he asked Charles Coker to design a suitable stamp. The idea was that the stamp would be attached to a flimsy on which the message would be written. This was to be rolled and placed in a Bakelite tube which was fastened to the pigeon's leg. The design produced by Charles Coker (see right) did not find favour with Alfred Jeffries for reasons that are lost.



He then decided to invite Captain Walter Edward ‘Ted’ Birch (born 3 February 1890) to submit a design. Captain Birch lived in Eye in Suffolk and was not a stamp designer. However, James Birch, Captain Birch's son, was working for Alfred Jeffries on Herm as his Manager. This came about because James Birch and some of his RAF friends had made a bid for the Tenancy after the War. They had been unsuccessful, but it seems that

James Birch and Alfred Jefferies became friends and then worked together. Interestingly James Alfred Birch, Ted's brother was a Fellow of the Philatelic Society and, in 1960, was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

Ted Birch was a good amateur artist who, as a young man, had wanted to train as an architect. This did not meet with the approval of his father so he learned to fly and eventually became one of the founder members of the Royal Flying Corps. He was flying by 1911 and was one of the first people to obtain a flying licence. He flew extensively during the First World War

The stamp he designed (see right, magnified), again after the removal of the word 'postage', was accepted and then printed by Waterlow and Sons in sheets of 8 (see below). It was issued, with the Map stamps, on 26 May 1949, but was only used until a radio telephone link with Guernsey had been established.



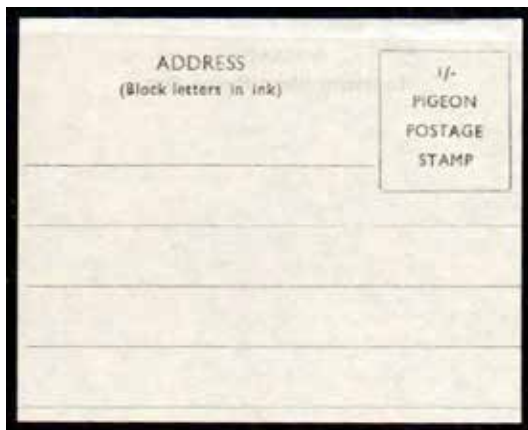
According to Backman and Forrester this was at the end of September 1949, but Jenny Wood in her book "Our Island Home" suggests that it may not have been until January 1950.



According to Backman and Forrester 10,000 stamps were printed in sheets of 8. It is not known how many times they were used for the purpose for which they were intended. The remaining stamps were used on parcels until the supply was exhausted in August 1953. An

example of an unused flimsy is shown below on the next page (there are two slightly different printings).

Alfred Jefferies was the Tenant from 1946 until sometime in 1949. It seems that his health was not good and he died in the Lansdown Nursing home in Bath in 1949. James Birch did not stay long after Alfred Jefferies left. He and his wife Irene sold the house they owned on Guernsey and James re-joined the RAF because of the Korean War.



He had two daughters, Clare and Carolyn and I am indebted to Clare (now Clare Amos) for information which has enabled this article to be written.

While on Herm, James Birch owned a boat the “Small Fry” in which he travelled to and from Guernsey. He either lived in Rosiere Cottage or Fisherman’s Cottage. He died in 2013 and, as far as Clare knows, only once returned to Herm Island, this time in the company of Clare, her husband and their son and nephew in 2005. He had a good memory for a lot of what had happened in the short time he was there. He also retained an archive of photographs of work undertaken at the time. He is shown in the photograph below left, with Irene below right.



Clare and Carolyn have also inherited the sets of stamps and related material put together by their father and grandfather.

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1. The Postage Stamps of the Smaller Channel Islands: Backman and Forrester 1981
2. Herm: Our Island Home: Jenny Wood 1972

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The dimensions and colours of the stamps shown in this article are approximate.

For more information about the stamp, and the flimsies to which they were attached, see John Simpson's article published in "Stamp Collecting" on 12 June 1980 and reproduced on the Hermstamps website at <http://www.hermstamps.co.uk/articles%203/flimsies.htm>

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Internment of the Barrett family in Biberach Camp by Alan Whittaker

Amongst the various Internment cards I hold is an interesting one sent to Mrs G. Robert in Guernsey in July 1944 from Biberach Camp.

		Interniertenpost! Postkarte			
<p>MRS. G. ROBERT</p>					
<p>Gebührenfrei!</p>					
<p>Absender:</p> <p>Vor- und Zuname: <u>J. J. BARRETT</u></p> <p>Interniertennummer: <u>887/136/3</u></p> <p>Lager-Bezeichnung: <u>Internierungslager Biberach / Hiss</u></p> <p>Deutschland (Allemagne)</p>			<p>Empfangsort: <u>'UNDERCUFF' LES AMOINES</u></p> <p>Straße: <u>ST. JOHN'S</u></p> <p>Land: <u>GUERNSEY G1</u></p> <p>Landesteil (Province usw.)</p>		

<p>Internierungslager</p>	<p>Datum. <u>24-7-44</u></p>
<p>Dear Joan & all, here's hoping this will get through to you & find you all well as we are quite well. Kath & Jim feeling very well, John has been on Coral duties & his eyes are so sore he's had some drops in them. I see by the papers that you've had some excitement, were you affected? I see that Mr. Kess has died? We are longing to be home again & have just heard about Repatriation, hope our turn will come soon. Just seen a lovely play produced by the Simelais College (just mentioned) which gave us all a jolly good laugh. The boys are very well & are just commencing their summer holidays. Hope Aunt Amy is keeping alright. Best love to all from us all.</p>	

In my research, the story of the family became very interesting and the result is as follows:

REGISTRATION FORM.

Two copies of this Form must be completed by every person. If you are in doubt as to how to complete this Form, the Constable or a Deaconess of your Parish will help you.

Deming Letter No. 100-100

For Official use
No. 12024
23270

Barrett

(a) Surname in block letters followed by Christian name. **BARRETT JOHN JOSEPH**

(b) Ordinary Postal Address, including Post Office. **ST HELENE, ST ANDREWS.**

(c) Date of Birth. **NOV. 13 - 1904**

(d) Place of Birth. **BURNLEY**

(e) Nationality*. **ENGLISH**

(f) Occupation. **CARETAKER**

(g) Single, married, widow or widower. **MARRIED**

(h) Colour of hair. **WIGHT BROWN**

(i) Colour of eyes. **HAZEL**

(j) Any physical peculiarities, such as a scar, limp, etc.

(k) Have you served in any of His Britannic Majesty's Armed Forces? If so, write R.N., R.N.R., Army, R.A.F., Royal Overseas Militia, or as is appropriate and give your rank on retirement and the date of retirement.

(l) Are you in a Reserve of Officers of His Britannic Majesty's Armed Forces? If so, state which Reserve.

(m) Are you, not being on a Reserve of Officers, on the Reserve of any of His Britannic Majesty's Armed Forces? If so, state which Reserve.

(n) **NO**

(o) **NO**

**As regards question (e), if you are a person possessing dual nationality, give both nationalities.*

RELATIONSHIP	NAME	RANK	BRANCH OF SERVICE
(a) Have you a husband, son, grandson, brother, father, nephew, uncle, or first cousin actually serving in any of His Britannic Majesty's Armed Forces? If so, give his relationship to you and his full name and rank and state which branch (such as R.N., Army, R.A.F., or as the case may require) of the Forces he belongs to. Do not give his Unit or any particulars of his last known whereabouts.	NO		

If this space for your answer is insufficient, complete your answer on the reverse of this Form.

RELATIONSHIP	NAME	ADDRESS
(a) Have you a husband, son, grandson, brother, father, nephew, uncle or first cousin who is, to your knowledge, in a Reserve of Officers of His Britannic Majesty's Armed Forces? If so, give his relationship to you and his full name and address.	NO	

(g) Having completed the answers to the above questions (and where the answer to any of them is in the negative, the word "No" must be written) take this Form to a Constable or Deaconess of your Parish (in the case of a clerk, you must take it to the Benchman) and write your usual signature in his presence and add the date.

(Signature) **H. Barrett**

Witnessed by **A. E. Robert** (Date) **Oct 25 - 1940**

Deaconess (Signature)

St. Andrew's (Title)

Identity Card issued by **J. E.** (Official issuing Identity Card to insert his initials)

Front of Registration form 25th October 1940.

For use, if necessary, in continuation of answer to Question (c).

Received Identity Card No. 23440-K

Signature J. Barrett

Date Sept 26/42

Issued by J. R. Ruffin Officer

Registrar of Identifications Chermsley

NAME of CHILD

Michael Barrett

PLACE & DATE of BIRTH

Shelton, Lake. m. Kent.
6-3-1936

FATHER'S NAME

John Barrett

Terence Barrett

Thornbury, M. Bristol
10-1-1937

do

ADDRESS of CHILD

La Maisonnette, St. Andrews

Reverse side of Registration form.

John Joseph Barrett, together with his wife Iris Dulcie and two sons Michael and Terence (see reverse of Registration form), were interned in Biberach internment camp along with many others.

According to correspondence held in the States of Guernsey Archives Department, the family had not returned to the Island by December 1948, but there is a mention of their delay due to the health of a baby.

After further research with the aid of the Guernsey Deportees Association, who found that the baby, a girl, was alive and they passed my queries onto her. The following copy of an Email she sent to me answers all my questions.

Dear Alan

I understand from a telephone call I have received from Mr Tom Remfry, who is the Chairperson of the Guernsey Deportees Association that you are trying to trace the 'Barrett' family. This came via Mr Chris Bentley who is from the British German Vice Council in Guernsey.

Biberach Camp was liberated on 23rd April 1945. I did not arrive until 16th April in the Convent in Ochsenhausen (which was the next town to Biberach and which was being used as a hospital as the hospital in Biberach was full of wounded German soldiers). We were eventually all flown back to England I believe on 6th June, where we stayed with my father's parents in Burnley, Lancashire, until my father could find work.

My parents did have a house in Guernsey but when my father rang up about it he was told that there was no point coming back as it had been destroyed. We were later to find out otherwise!

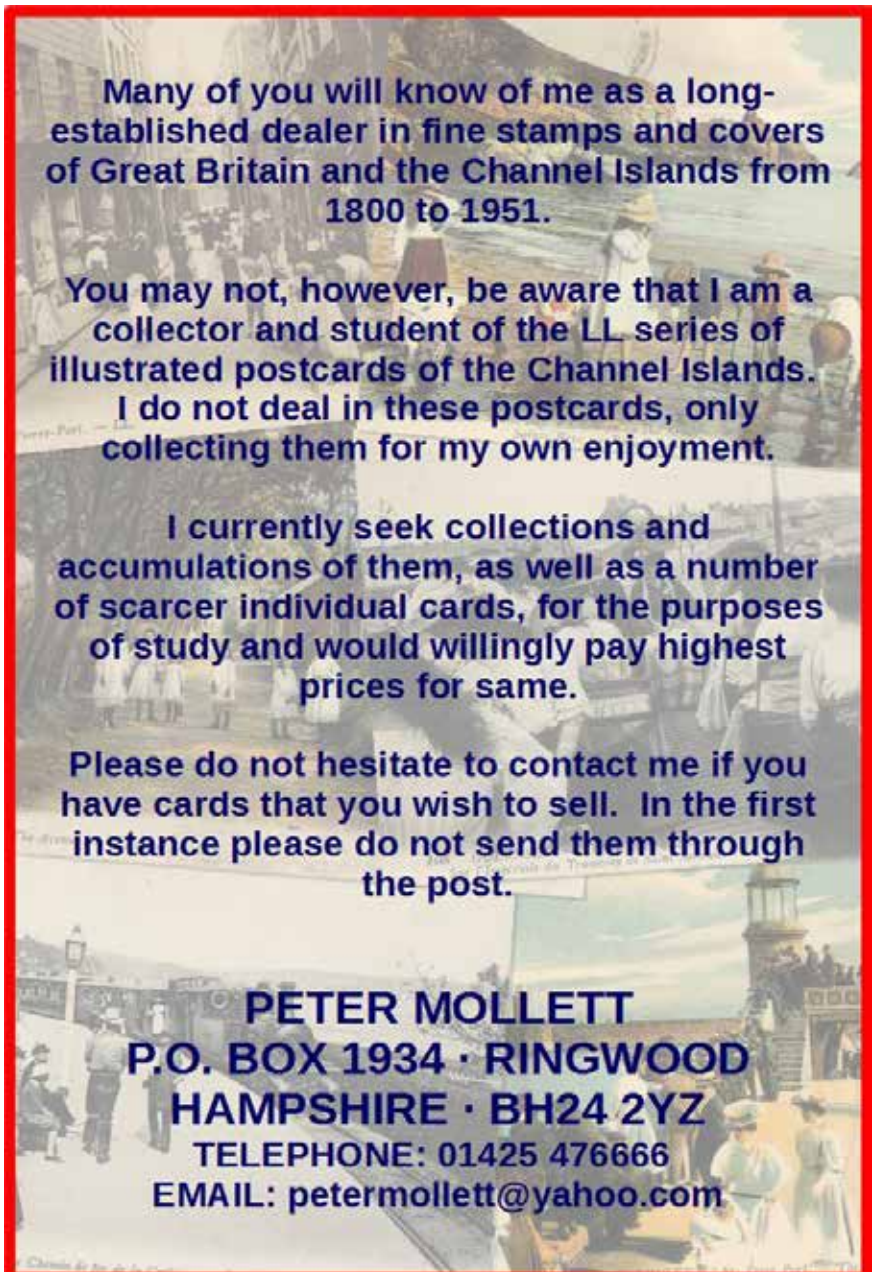
Unfortunately, I am the only survivor of the Barrett family as both my parents died several years ago, my brothers Michael in 2012 and Terence in 2013. Myself, I married Stan Shorrocks from Chorley who passed away in 2000 with lung cancer.

Now I was intrigued by Mr Remfry's news that you had a postcard from my father which named all the members of my family. I do hope you can either let me have a copy of the same or let me know your news about Biberach.

Kind regards

Irene Shorrocks (Mrs)

She went on at some length and enquired about the information I held on her family from before her birth. I was pleased to send her a full copy of the information I held some of which I understood was unknown to her.



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, as well as a number of scarcer individual cards, for the purposes of study and would willingly pay highest prices for same.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have cards that you wish to sell. In the first instance please do not send them through the post.

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CISS Salisbury April 2019 Auction Report

The Spring CISS Auction, was a combined Postal and Room auction held at the members meeting in Salisbury. It generated sales of just under £10,000 from a wide range of material supplied by 23 members.

There were 70 postal bidders and 24 bidders in the room which ensured a lot of interest in the lots. As usual some lots attracted a great deal of interest especially the 1911 special illustrated card for the First UK Aerial Post flight which was addressed to Jersey. The stamp was cancelled with 'FIRST UNITED KINGDOM / AERIALPOST / LONDON' datestamp. The reserve was £15. After some fierce bidding it was sold for £120.



There was a good range of early postal history with a fine Guernsey scroll selling for £40, an 1811 letter to Guernsey from Majorca with a good Gibraltar Forwarding Agent endorsement which went for £120, an 1859 entire from Jersey to Beziers in France with a QV 4d stamp cancelled by a superb small figure 1441 lozenge and ANGL. B.M. GRANVILLE datestamp which sold for £325. There were several early first flight covers and ephemera attracting a lot of attention and sold above their estimates



There was a large selection of Occupation material especially imprint blocks of the Guernsey and Jersey Arms as well as proofs and Epreuves de Luxe of the Jersey Views. A 1d and 2½d Jersey Views marginal imperforated stamps each sold for £180. There was a wide range of Occupation covers with Sub-Post Office datestamps and instruction marks,

most selling at or just above their reserve. A wide range of Red Cross, Feldpost and Internee Mail items attracted many bids resulting in virtually all being sold. Interestingly, a Guernsey Identity card which had a reserve of £6 attracted many bidders and was eventually sold to a room bidder for £32.

This auction had over 50 lots covering the smaller Channel Islands including Chausey and Mont St. Michel which attracted a lot of interest with many lots selling well above their reserves.

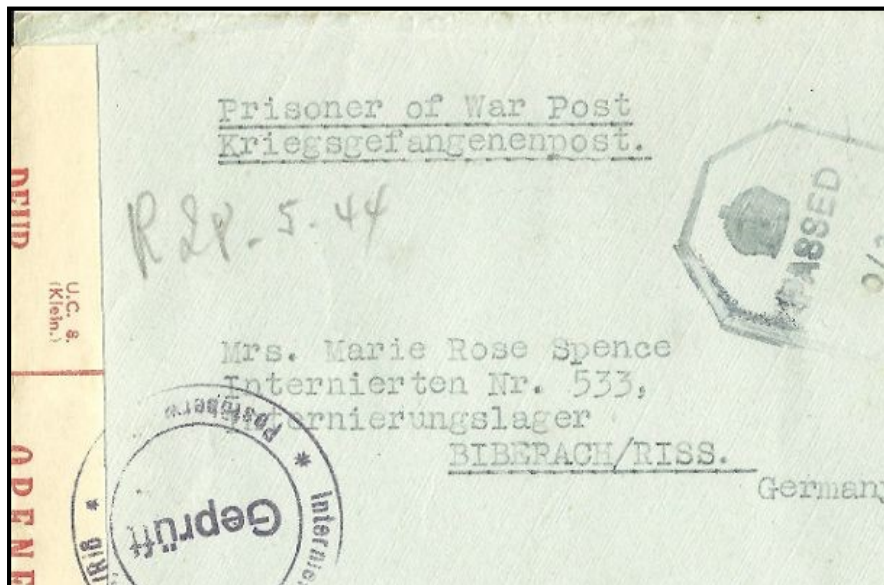
Again, there was a wide range of interesting postcards from across the Channel Islands including LLs and Allix's. A range of unusual ship and aircraft cards provided much competition. A 1910 postcard of the wreck of the SS Felix de Abasolo at Longy Bay, Alderney went for £48, the wreck of the SS Lin O'Dee off Burhou sold for £25 as did a card of the wreck of the SS Hilda. A scarce photo card of a plane at Guernsey airport in the 1930s fetched £26. Disappointingly, although there was a good range of early postcards, demand was low. However, a Jersey LL No. 69 of the Railway Station at Corbiere sold for £40; a Jersey LL 192 of the Interior of the Chalet Hotel, Pontac sold for £80 and a Jersey card of the Rutland Cycle and Motor Works of 1905 went for £36.

The next auction will be in the Autumn of 2019 and it will be a Postal Auction only. The smaller room auctions will continue at meetings.

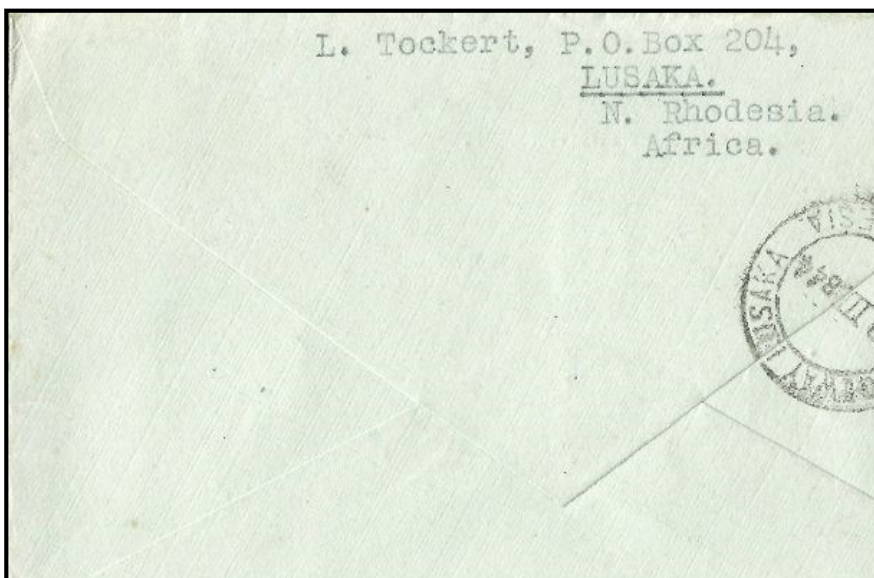
Note: Members wishing to supply lots for the next postal auction in the Autumn should ensure that these are sent to Gerald Marriner, 3 Barfoot Close, Fleckney, Leicester LE8 8TD **immediately**.

Unusual 1944 cover from Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia to Biberach Internee camp by Geoff Cory

I have acquired a nice small tied collection of Biberach Internment letters and the March 1944 example shown below is from this collection.

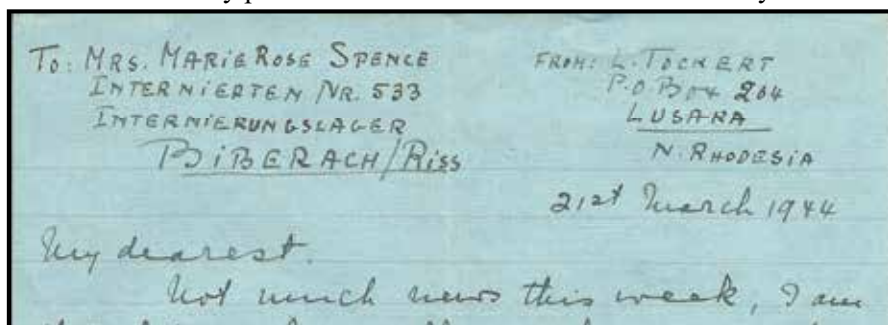


This small collection includes what I believe to be a most unusual 1944 cover from Northern Rhodesia (Lusaka) to the Biberach Camp. It was clearly routed through South Africa because it was opened and resealed with South African Censor tape and tied with a South African handstamp. It also has a Northern Rhodesia postmark, "Crown over Passed 0/3" octagonal censor and a fine Biberach double circle. I would like to try and determine just how unusual this cover is? I am aware of and have in my collection a Red Cross Message form and a mailed letter from Southern Rhodesia, but cannot see any record in the usual books for items originating in Northern Rhodesia. Reference to Gerald Marriner FRPSL leads me to believe this is a very rare letter. The addressee Mrs Marie Rose Spence and her husband William Spence, were deported from Jersey in December 1942 and were joined by their son, Nicol Spence (534), later in January 1943.



Harris records in Part 1 of his book *Islanders Deported* that William (husband) and Marie Spence (wife) are shown on the "list of Channel Islanders repatriated on 16.09.44"

The top of the enclosed letter illustrated below confirms the origin and the contents are entirely personal with life in Lusaka little affected by the War.



Can any member report any Internee correspondence from Northern Rhodesia concerning Channel Islanders in any of the Internee Camps in German Occupied territories during World War II?

I will be most interest to learn of any other examples please.

69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ on Saturday, 13th July 2019 at 11.00am

Present: The Chair was taken by David Winnie, Chairman, CISS with 18 other members and one guest in attendance.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Brian Austin, Mike Moody, Tom Norgate, John Payne, Nick Stuart, John Triggs, Alan Whittaker and Gavin Wood.

2. **To confirm the Minutes of the 68th AGM held 14th July 2018 at the UJC**

It was proposed by Robert Porter that the Minutes of the 68th AGM, as published in *Les Iles Normandes*, Vol. 37, pp 27-30 (September 2018), be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Gerald Marriner. The Minutes were passed unanimously.

3. **Matters arising from these Minutes**

There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

4. **Presidents report**

Gerald Marriner presented his annual report to those members present at the AGM.

5. **Officers' reports**

5.1 Chairman's report: David Winnie presented his annual statement to those members present at the AGM.

5.2 Other CISS Committee members' reports: The written reports of the Secretary, Journal Editor, Auction Secretary, Membership Secretary, Competition Secretary and Packet Secretary were circulated at the AGM, together with a verbal presentation of the Press and Advertising Officer's report.

5.2.1 Members present were asked if there were any matters arising from the Committee members' Reports. There was one question forthcoming as detailed under:

5.2.2 Although the Auction Secretary was not present, Moira Edwards asked if it was possible to provide "Prices Realised" on the website following the two main auctions

held each year. It was agreed that the Secretary would raise this with the Auction Secretary to establish whether this would be possible as from the October auction.

5.3 Treasurer's report: Robert Porter presented formal audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018.

5.3.1 Paula Burger asked the Treasurer why a 'Stationery' column is shown on the Committee Members' Expenses statement presented as part of the accounts. The Treasurer replied that this was introduced so that committee members can be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in purchasing stationery for CISS purposes.

5.3.2 David Laurillard asked if it was appropriate to increase the membership subscriptions by a small increment each year. Mark Bailey, Membership Secretary, replied that membership subscriptions are reviewed annually in conjunction with the financial position of the Society and that subscriptions would rise if the financial situation warranted an increase.

5.3.3 Gerald Marriner then proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true record and this was seconded by Mark Bailey. Members unanimously agreed to accept the accounts as presented and these were signed-off by the Chairman and Secretary.

6. Ex-officio Officers' Reports

6.1 Archivist: Mark Bailey reported that there had been little activity in respect of requests from members for archive material.

6.2 Book Sales: Richard Flemming provided members present with a break-down of the current book and sundries stock he currently holds. Although general book sales were slow, he reported that the two recently published monographs were selling well and that the sales of both had now exceeded printing costs. It was noted that there was excessive stock of some of the books held. Several options were put forward regarding the disposal of some of

the current book stock and these options will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting in October.

7. Adoption of amended CISS Membership Rules as published on the CISS website

David Laurillard proposed that the amended Membership Rules be adopted as published, and the proposal was seconded by Mark Bailey. A vote was taken, with seventeen members voting for adopting the new Membership Rules with two abstentions. Therefore, the proposal was carried by majority vote.

8. Election of Officers for 2019/2020

A list of those members willing to stand for Full and Executive Committee positions of the CISS, along with their proposers and seconders, was presented to all members present, at which point the Chairman, David Winnie, stood down as Chairman and CISS President, Gerald Marriner, acting as temporary Chairman, took the chair. As there were no further nominees for the position of Chairman, David Winnie was duly re-elected to serve as Chairman for a further twelve months and retook the chair. David Winnie then asked if there were any further nominees for Committee positions. None were forthcoming. It was then proposed by Paula Burger and seconded by Gerald Marriner that the remaining CISS Committee positions be elected *en bloc* as per the list presented. The proposal was accepted by all members present and all the previous Committee Members were duly re-elected to serve for a further twelve months.

9. Joan Flood Salver

Richard Flemming, Secretary, explained the rationale for awarding the Joan Flood salver, and that the Full Committee had agreed to award the salver to Leo Mayr for his excellent monograph "*waists getting waspish*". The Secretary will contact Leo regarding the presentation of the salver.

10. Member's Weekend 2020 in Guernsey

Gerald Marriner stated that he had nothing further to report as this was covered in his President's report, but did mention that the booking form should appear with the December *Les Iles Normandes*.

11. Any other business

11.1 Moira Edwards asked if the Society was planning to celebrate the Society's 70th anniversary during 2020. The Secretary reported that this was something that the Executive Committee was looking into.

11.2 Alan Moorcroft said that he wished to thank the Society for publishing his book sale list.

11.3 Christine Earle said that on behalf of the Society's membership she wishes to thank the Committee for its sterling work on behalf of members of the Society. David Winnie, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Christine for her kind remarks.

11.4 There being no further business the AGM was closed at 11.55

12. Date of the 2020 Annual General Meeting: 11th July 2020

Richard Flemming

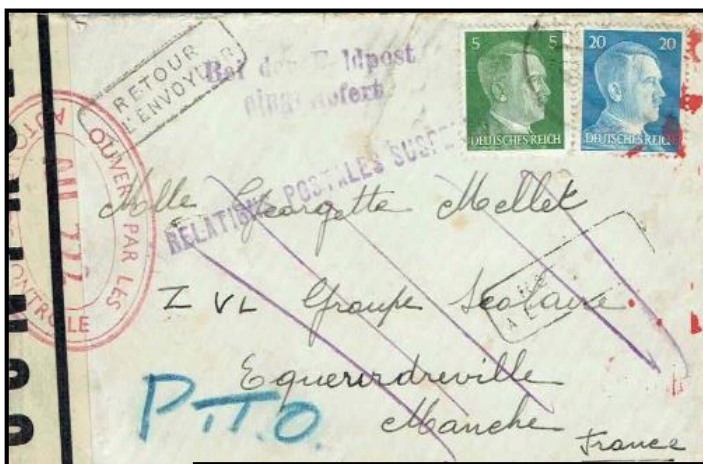
Secretary



Iles Chausey Postcard by Steve Wells

The Chausey postcard shown on the previous page was sold on the 26th July for EUR 59.50 on the Delcampe website after vigorous bidding. Titled **Le Sund à sec, en grande marée**, it was initially offered by vendor 'mariec76' as item number #802654055 at EUR 7.00.

Feldpost cover described on page 5 – London Meeting Report by Richard Flemming



Front

Back



(Both reduced in size).

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Sheets of 10	£44.70

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Presentation Pack	£5.37
Sheets of 10	£44.70
Souvenir Sheet	£4.47
First Day Cover	£5.37
Souvenir Sheet; pack insert	£4.67

30th October 2019 Guernsey Christmas: The Christmas Story

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(Please note prices for the Christmas issue are to be confirmed)

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Miniature Sheet	£2.00
First Day Cover	£3.20
Presentation Pack	£2.90

1st December 2019 Guernsey and Alderney 2019 Yearbook

2019 Yearbook –	£88.19
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