

**Leytonstone, Wanstead  
& District Philatelic  
Society**

30<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Member,

By now many of you will be aware that sadly we are very soon to say goodbye to David Pashby, our outgoing Secretary for so very many years, for reasons of his declining health. He regrets that he may be compelled to depart for his home country, New Zealand, in the very near future. He tells me that should this come about it will be an awful wrench, because he will sorely miss his membership of our Club and all the many friends he has made over the years. I am sure each of you will join me in thanking him for all his unbelievably hard work on our behalf. His will be an extraordinarily difficult act to follow!

Though the date of his leaving is at the time of writing yet to be confirmed, the timescale for his departure is unfortunately likely to be brief, so that we may perhaps not see him in person at our next meeting when our new season starts in September. On account of his present circumstances it may be hard for us to offer David the usual material token of our gratitude and good will at such short notice, but we shall welcome any suggestions that you might like to make, and hope that you will feel able to offer him your own, personal thoughts. Meanwhile he has expressed a wish to take with him a portrait of the whole Society, and we shall do our best to arrange for such a present as soon as we next assemble.

David's role as Secretary has now passed to Richard Wood, whom we warmly thank, but while he is settling in we on the Committee will be sharing some of David's old duties. Please be patient if at first we are less well organised than till recently we used to be - we have grown so used to David's efficient management that it may take time for us to come back up to speed!

Meanwhile I hope you have had, or are having, a good summer and that you are looking forward to resuming our Club activities, commencing Saturday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Yours very sincerely,

*Colin Stuart*

(Society Chairman)