

*Leytonstone, Wanstead
& District Philatelic
Society*

18th August 2014

Dear Member,

As we anticipated a week or two ago, David Pashby, our long-serving Secretary has already departed to join his family in New Zealand. We are sorry to have given you such short notice of his leaving, but because his health deteriorated so rapidly he was forced to make all his arrangements at almost breakneck speed. In the circumstances the Club found itself unable, especially during our 'close season', to give him the kind of send-off that we would have chosen and which he so richly deserved.

We are pleased to report that David arrived last week safe and sound in Papanui, Christchurch (where it was snowing!) and is now settling in with his nearest and dearest. I have his new address and shall be pleased to provide this to anyone who would like to send him their personal good wishes. He can in any case be contacted via his old email address at
davidpashby@waitrose.com

Could I remind you here that our new season gets under way on Saturday 13th September, when Gordon George and your Chairman will hopefully delight you all with a few gems from their collections. David was to have been your speaker, and may still be able to show a few items left over from his old French collection. He has expressed a wish to have a group photograph of current members. If any of you has knowledge of a photographer able to make a decent, professional job of it, please let me or our Secretary, Richard Wood know, so that maybe we can arrange something for an early meeting. Richard is now in place as Secretary and may still be learning the ropes. Be kind to him. He will soon be able to be contacted by email.

We hope to arrange a committee meeting very soon in order to sort out any new arrangements for the conduct of the club. Please be reminded too that our Autumn Fair will take place fairly soon, on Sat. 11th Oct. – our thanks as usual to Roy Bates and all his helpers for making this such a successful regular fixture.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Stuart
(Society Chairman)