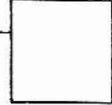


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Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society

the Bye-post

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ed David Pashby

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Hello, Everybody!

Sorry there was no Bye-post in January, with the last auction list. There just wasn't time to write one.

Firstly, our best wishes must go out to our two Tonys, A Tony Aked and Tony Bower, for speedy recoveries from devastating medical conditions which have prevented their attendance at meetings for months. I hope we will soon see them again. (But see below. Tony Aked managed to attend the A.G.M.)

The Society has kept me busy since then as well. For the last couple of years, I didn't have to produce a fixture programme; that was done for me by kind volunteers, but these are no longer available, so if you don't like the 2013-14 season's programme, it is me you can grumble at. I think there is a good range of speakers, but no visiting societies this season; I will make that a priority next season. Of course, if anyone would like to have a go at constructing a programme for 2014-15 season.....

I picked up one good idea from the programme of a neighbouring society. 'Members entertain the Committee' We are always looking for ways to encourage the general membership to take a more active part in the Society's affairs, and this might just help. I for one will NOT bring any pages to show at this Meeting, but will leave it entirely to the non-officers and non-committee members, so it will be entirely up to you! You don't need to have gold medal material (who of us has?), and you don't need to be an accomplished orator. You are just asked to put a few sheets up, and introduce them briefly. I am sure it will prove an interesting and enjoyable meeting.

One other point about the programme. The autumn auction is scheduled for Monday, November 25th, but I am taking this opportunity to send out vendor's forms. You don't need to wait until November to return these forms; it would be helpful to have them back much sooner, in September or even August. That gives me time to write them onto computer, print and distribute them. They are scheduled as 'Intersociety Auctions' (November and April), and that gives me time to send copies to our neighbouring societies. Of course the list will appear on our web site as well

Vendors note: we do all we can to publicise these auctions (as also our fairs).

Three Leytonstone members visited Sidcup PS, in Kent, recently; Colin and I to show philatelic material, Brian Clark, now resident in the far reaches of Essex to ferry us there. We owe him a very big 'thank you' for doing this. Colin and I had to find ninety pages each, to fill the boards twice, and that is quite a lot to find. The Sidcup team that visited us earlier in the season had some excellent material, and I felt we should try to match this, if possible. Well, Colin showed Finland and Danish West Indies, I showed cancellations of Terre Adélie, France 1849-76, and some Swiss Bundesfeier cards. There seemed to be plenty of interest, and a good attendance (about 15 present).

One curious incident; one of the ladies came up to me in the tea break and asked if I was from Australia or New Zealand. Well, I have lived in London since 1964 (and joined LWDPS a couple of years later) and still evidently have traces of my NZ origin. I can't hear them any more!

The A.G.M. took place recently. You will note the changes in personnel, there weren't many, on the programme card. Ron Owen was standing down from vice-chairmanship and committee, and I would like to thank him here for the years of work he has put into the Society since he joined. Steve Roberts replaces him on the Committee.

Rod Crump had a particular complaint to make in his report on the packet. (I have listened to Packet Superintendents complaining since my first A.G.M. I attended in 196-something.) But people are evidently being more careless than usual in signing spaces, totting up their purchases, filling in the return form and circulation list correctly.

Could I suggest purchasers learn to stick to a routine for every packet;

- a) Count the number of booklets in the packet; correct number?
- b) Sign (or use your rubber stamp) the space the moment you take an item from a page
DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL YOU HAVE FINISHED THE WHOLE PACKET, or even the booklet.
- c) On a separate piece of paper, note the price of the item you have just taken,
WHEN YOU TAKE IT. not some time later.

Of course you can double-check your figures by counting the number of items you have taken (you have them in a box or similar on the table next to the packet) against the number of spaces you have signed for, double-check your totals, and remember to write the results on the return slip and the circulation list.

Get into a routine. It will make the job of the packet superintendent so much easier when it comes to breaking up a packet. Rod reported that it recently took him one entire day to break up a packet. He was obliged to do all your cross-checking for you, to work out where you had made a mistake!

Now, another piece of house-keeping: E-Mail addresses.. If you have one, would you please let me know. In addition to house number and telephone, we are trying to construct a list of members' e-Mail addresses. Gordon can e-mail you auction lists and Bye-Posts and that sort of thing (unless, like me, you greatly prefer reading any long text on paper. You won't find me reading a novel on a Kindle.) At the moment my list is five addresses long, and one of them is mine. There must be more of you out there.

POSTCARDS: Our member, BRIAN PAGE. He has lists available of POSTCARDS with older views of the East London area. His number is 07889 834 833.



Finally, here is a picture of a mug my daughter presented me with on a recent visit from New Zealand. It was a nice gesture, and who cares if I don't collect GB? Cheerio! David.