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Front Cover: Hull 1951 YPA Convention - Reception at Jackson's Ball Room, Paragon Street. Taken from the Hull Daily Mail, supplied by Richard Beith. Can you name the faces?

The YPA Handbook

Secretaries are reminded that it is expected that the YPA Handbook will be available for reference at all meetings.

Please notify the Secretary and / or the Editor of any changes.

Speakers list:

Janet Bygate - Scottish Postal History, British Hong Kong, Great Britain "Pot Pourri", "This 'n That" choice.
Tel: 01423 358954.

Douglas Armitage - Paraguay to 1940, Iraq to 1958.
Tel: 01422 206412.

If you wish to be added to the speakers list please notify the Secretary and / or the Editor.

Competition Judging

No changes at this time.

What's on

Local stamp fairs can be found in the advertisement on page 10.

2006

Nov 24 – 25 Torquay 2006. 6th National Philatelic Exhibition.
Dec 9 Barnsley PS Open Day.
Dec 7 – 9 The "Royal" Centenary Exhibition. R.P.S.,L.
41 Devonshire Place, London, 5.30 to 7.30 pm.

2007

Feb 22 – 24 PHILATEX, London.
Feb 28 – Mar 4 Spring STAMPEX, Business Design Centre, Islington, London.
Mar 10 Barnsley PS Open Day.
July 7 Barnsley PS Open Day.
Sept 19 - 23 Autumn STAMPEX, Business Design Centre, Islington, London.
Nov 16 – 17 Leeds Stamp Fair, Pudsey (**see page 14**).
Dec 8 Barnsley PS Open Day.

2008

May 2– 3 Harrogate 2008 (**see page 15**).

Editorial

Welcome to the November YPA News. I'm sorry to say that I must begin this issue with the sad news that two of our colleagues, Ken Watson and Mick Steward, passed away earlier this year. Eloquent tributes appear on the opposite page showing that they will both be sorely missed. I never had the opportunity to meet either of these gentlemen but it sounds as if the world of philately has also suffered a loss.

Also in this issue, Chris Phillips rewrites history – what would Britain have been like if Edward VIII had stayed the course? I try to update history, scraping together 60 years of the YPA and friends. Two globe trotting members report on events from distant lands, and Steven Dunderdale brings you back to local life.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new glorious YPA leaders, Janet Bygate and David Brown, the new gang in Barnsley, Mrs. Melanie Holmes, Peter Bottrill, Mrs. Fearons (President, Syllabus Secretary, and Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary, respectively), and also Mrs. M. Marlow, the new Secretary for the Bridlington and District Philatelic Society. Hello to all of you.

Thanks also to some of you for the letters of support and encouragement - and some new ideas from William Wombell which I may try to squeeze in to the next issue.

Articles needed it won't surprise any of you to hear that I am short on articles for the next issue. If you don't want to see items recycled from many years ago, or twitterings on any of my strange philatelic interests then please get writing. It's only a small newsletter so a couple of paragraphs and a picture on your favourite cover will make you a *star in the Yorkshire firmament!*

Please also take note of the sort of information needed on page 2 of the newsletter and make sure you let me have any relevant updates which people may need to know about.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

Obituary - Ken Watson

William Kenneth Watson (Ken), passed away on 5th March 2006 at Cockermouth, Cumbria after a lengthy illness borne with fortitude. A devoted husband, he will be greatly missed by his wife Audrey, family and friends.

Ken was a very well-known and distinguished Philatelist and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. He served for many years on the Executive Committee of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association, and was possibly its longest serving Chairman, having held the chair from 1974 to 1985. The YPA presented him with a glass goblet appropriately inscribed. He was also a signatory of the Roll of Yorkshire Distinguished Philatelists.

Ken's main philatelic interests were in the Caribbean Area, and he formed major collections of Jamaica, St. Kitts and London Coffee Houses. Ken was one of the founder members of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, a member of the British West Indies Study Circle and British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, as well as a long standing member of a number of various Yorkshire Societies.

Ken was a credit to Yorkshire Philately and will be long remembered, especially by West Indian Collectors worldwide.

Malcolm D Watts

Obituary - Mick Steward

This was another old friend, who passed away on April 10th 2006.

It was doubly sad, for Mick had just celebrated his 48th wedding anniversary and was to have given a display to the Bradford P.S. on the 25th of that month. In the event the display went ahead posthumously, presented by Stephen Holder, with his widow Jean and two daughters in attendance. This was a cheerful evening with some memorable stories coming out, two of which are as follows.

Their honeymoon was a long weekend in London and on the Saturday morning he met Fred Myers in the hotel foyer and went off with him to a stamp fair, leaving new wife stranded! Some years later he would take the family on a holiday to the seaside for a week, packing the two young girls in the back seat of his car with their feet resting on his stamp albums in the foot well!!

Mick was a Commonwealth collector and carried out fine studies, particularly into the King George V and VI issues of Mauritius and Leeward Islands. He had been President of Leeds P.S. in the 1970-71 session and of Bradford P.S. for their 1993-94 session.

Richard Wheatley

Below is another photograph from the 1951 YPA Convention in Hull (see front cover). The Beith family are in the centre but who is winning the prize? And who are the others in the photograph?



IT PAYS TO TALK

By Stephen Dunderdale

I was speaking to the new Editor after the last YPA Delegates meeting in April. The conversation included not only the newsletter and the need for articles but Greg's attempt to find the address of post boxes in the Sheffield area. Although not Sheffield I had found reference in the 1890 edition of *Bulmer's Scarborough Directory* to 'Postal Information' that gives a very brief location of the town's post boxes. Not only that, but box collection and delivery times, dispatches of mail from the town, Receiving Office addresses, sub-postmasters, a comprehensive listing when compared to today's dearth of information.

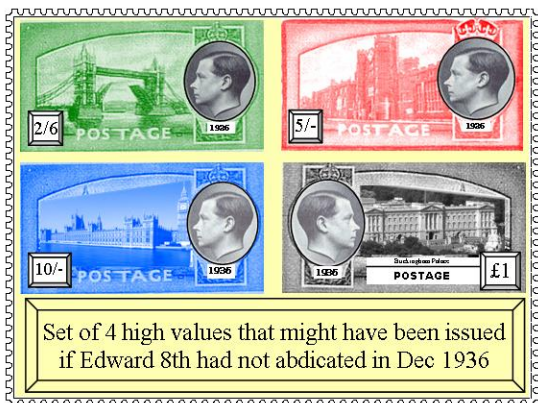
Below are details of the street post boxes. If anyone would like a complete extract of the *Postal Information* , including boxes at the receiving offices, please contact me:

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		Week-days.						Sun.
		a.m.	a.m.	noon	p.m	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
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Bow Street	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 15	7 00	5 15
Castle Road, Aberdeen Walk	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 25	7 00	5 25
Cemetery Road	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	5 00
Esplanade, Belmont Road	"	5 30	9 25	12 00	3 00	5 25	7 00	5 25
Esplanade Gardens	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	5 00
Filey Road	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	5 00
Highfield	"	5 30	8 30	12 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	5 00
Londesborough Terrace	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 20	7 00	5 20
Longwestgate	"	5 30	9 25	12 00	3 00	5 30	7 00	5 30
Royal Crescent	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	5 00
Seamer Road	"	5 30	8 30	12 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	5 00
St. Nicholas Cliff	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 15	7 00	5 15
The Crescent	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 15	7 00	5 15
Town Hall, Castle Road	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 30	7 00	5 30
Valley Road	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 20	7 00	5 20
Westborough	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3.00	5 20	7 00	5 20
" with extra ½d. stamp	"						6 50	6 35
West Grove Terrace	"	5 30	9 00	12 00	3 00	5 10	7 00	5 10

70th Anniversary King Edward VIII's reign, 1936 - 2006

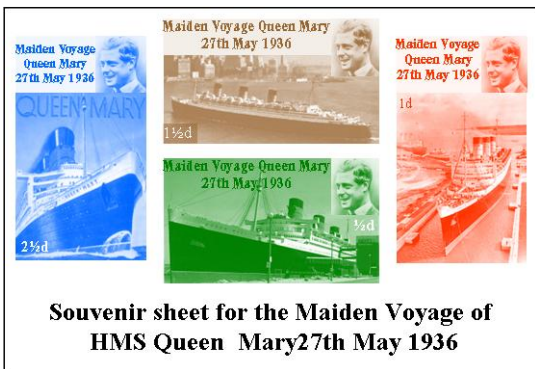
By Chris Phillips



Only 4 GB stamps were ever issued for King Edward VIII as King. The Post Office had EXTENSIVE plans for lots of new stamps and it is speculation as to how many would have been issued had he stayed King until his death. As an enthusiastic collector of King Edward VIII material (stamps, Postal History, books, photos, postcards, medallions, coronation

souvenirs, in fact almost anything collectable to do with him) I thought I would create a whole series of "Cinderella" stamps, that could have been issued had he remained on the throne. The idea came to me after collecting the wonderful "Alice" stamps that Gerald King produced. What he did for "Alice Through The Looking Glass" I would like to do for Edward VIII.

So far I have produced material only for 1936. This includes the Queen Mary Maiden Voyage, and the rest of the definitives, both low and High values. In addition I have produced 70th Anniversary overprinted definitives and 70th Anniversary of the Queen Mary's maiden Voyage!



Souvenir sheet for the Maiden Voyage of HMS Queen Mary 27th May 1936

Future plans include the full coronation set, his wedding, and the definitives that were planned after the accession stamps. Then all the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth issues with Edward VIII's portrait (not their coronation sets of course!), plus other issues that might, and possibly should have been issued! It is intended to produce a simple catalogue of all such issues, when complete!

All initial sales will benefit the Scarborough Philatelic Society. None of these are real stamps, and NONE are valid for postage and should not be used as such.

I have also started a Yahoo discussion group. Any one interested in Edward VIII may join at:

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/KingEdward8th/>

Note: If you would like to purchase any of the items produced by Chris please contact him at:

Email: chris@philatelic.org.uk

Or, alternatively, at:



Singapore Philatelic Museum

By Keith Branigan



In these days of, relatively, cheap and easy long-distance travel it's possible that some society members may be passing through Singapore in the next few years and have a few days stop-over there. If so, then I would strongly recommend a visit to the Philatelic Museum on Coleman Street.

The museum is on two floors, the ground floor being devoted mostly to a series of interactive displays on the design and printing of stamps, on post codes and sorting, and on fakes and forgeries. There is one room given over to temporary displays (this summer on 'Horses on Stamps') and pull-out panels with small displays of stamps from most countries of the world. Spread through the ground floor there are also a series of wall-mounted multi-panelled displays on Singapore at War, the themes of these being 'Before the Occupation', 'The Fall of Singapore', 'The Japanese Occupation', 'Prisoners of War', and 'Propaganda'. I found these displays particularly interesting, mixing panels of stamps and covers with others showing contemporary newspapers, photos, and memorabilia.

Upstairs the rooms are devoted mainly to the history of the postal service in Singapore with displays covering the different routes by which Singapore mail reached the western world, military mail, air mail services and hotel cachets and postmarks. One room is given over to a display of Singapore culture as shown on its postage stamps.

Back downstairs there is a good shop with plenty of stamps for sale (Singapore and commoner packets and sets from the rest of the world - but no bargain prices), and perhaps more usefully a good selection of specialist catalogues and books covering South-East and East Asia. They also sell sets of reprints of early postcards which could be attractive illustrative items for a collection of Singapore.

I learnt a lot in my hour's visit, including all sorts of little snippets of interesting information. For example, when the war ended there were no supplies of stamps in Singapore and so for one month (17th Sept to 19th Oct 1945) letters were posted free and, of course, stampless. Those covers must be quite scarce! Another surprising discovery concerned those Azad Hind stamps that we have all probably had pass through our hands at some time. I knew they were intended for use by the pro-

Japanese Indian forces led by Bose, but had often wondered why they were so very different in appearance and particularly quality of printing, to either contemporary Indian stamps or Japanese issues. Now I know they were actually designed and printed in the Third Reich - with whose war time issues they have much in common. The Singapore connection? The Germans were going to ship them to the Japanese in Singapore by U-boat but by the time they were printed the Germans couldn't spare a submarine to do the job, which is why they were never issued.

Footnote: I found that the Singapore postal service runs a superb service for collectors. You can find out more at www.spm.org.sg

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Commercial Street
Last Saturday Every Month

Washington 2006

By Richard Wheatley



This World Philatelic Exhibition was held from May 27th to June 3rd in the Convention Center, Washington D.C. It was a large exhibition, in fact it justifies that overworked word, awesome. I have never seen before such a huge exhibition complex, with its own Metro station and big luxury hotels nearby. It was

of such a size that other events were taking place at the same time in some of the other halls.

All the exhibition frames, dealer booths (stands to us), postal administrations, activity areas, U.S. Post Office, cafes and creature comforts were all on one floor, - one massive area - well lit, air conditioned, and business was brisk.

Every day there was a special postmark and on one particular day a long snaking queue had formed for the latest Duck stamp issue! On the floor above there were a score or so meeting rooms which seemed to be fully booked by specialist philatelic societies having meetings and displays.

There were 558 entries in the normal competitive classes, 59 Youth, 233 Literature and no less than 23 in the FIP Championship Class. At the end of the week there was the Palmares at which 2000 people sat down to enjoy a meal and endure the never ending presentation of Large Gold medals and the 3 Grand Prix awards.

There was a strong contingent from the U.K. of exhibitors, dealers and visitors, all of whom returned home happy, the result of a well organised event. There were a few awards to Yorkshire folk:

Gold

Large Vermeil

Large Vermeil

Richard Wheatley, Netherlands East Indies Postal Stationery.

Frank Walton, Sierra Leone De La Rue stamps.

Douglas Armitage, book on Ecuador Seebeck stamps.

Yorkshire Philatelic Association Convention

Held on Saturday, 17th June 2006 in Hull

A great day out? Everything's been planned, everything's in the right place, heads down and get on with it ...



My apologies to readers, I do not know the names of everyone in these photographs. Hopefully you can spot yourself or friends.

James Grist of Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions certainly found out where Bradford is, and Yvonne Wheatley did a fine job of representing that society! (5 other photographs of Yvonne accepting prizes on behalf of her colleagues have been omitted to save space!)



Photographs by Chris Phillips

But just to prove that Bradford doesn't win **EVERYTHING** (well, not always) ...



Photographs by Chris Phillips except this one ↑
as he is the subject.

The grand finalé of the day ... Janet Bygate is welcomed as the new President of the YPA, and is looking forward to taking a very active role ...



Yes, a good day out, thanks to the YPA and to the hard work of the Hull Philatelic Society.



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More information in the next *YPA News* and at the official web site:

www.harrogate2008.org.uk

The YPA Diamond Jubilee: 60 Years of Association in the Three Ridings.

By Greg Spring

Next year is the Diamond Jubilee of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association and in the previous edition of the *YPA News* I sent out a plea for members to help me put together an account of the history of the Association, and of the various societies that created it and which have kept it going over the last 60 years.

A number of members have made the effort to send information about some of these societies. On the next page is a summary of where I've got to but I still need help with:

- Dates of formation;
- Who formed them;
- Any information on the membership (particularly appreciations and photographs of personalities and Distinguished Yorkshire Philatelists);
- Any background information and photographs of exhibitions, competitions, and prizes (local, national and international);
- Any newsletters they may have produced; and
- When they changed names or became extinct, if they did.

Thank you to Jack Kavanagh, John Colton, Norman Booth, Clifford Hopes, John Edwards, and John Holmes for providing histories and background to some of the societies. A very special thank you to Richard Beith, who supplied a series of YPA Convention handbooks and photographs of the 1951 event in Hull (see front cover and page 5), and to Alwyn Peel, who has been good enough to compile a list of all the past Presidents of the YPA (see page 18).

Material can be passed to me using the contact details found on page 1.

Year Formed	Current Affiliated Societies
1944	Barnsley
?	Beverley & District
?	Bradford
1946	Bridlington
1947	Chesterfield
?	Grimsby & District
?	Halifax
1940	Harrogate
?	Helvetia (Northern Group)
1907	Huddersfield
1896	Hull
1880	Leeds
?	Middlesbrough
1970	Morley
1969	Redcar (& Cleveland)
1945	Rotherham
?	Rotherham Stamp & Post Card
?	Scarborough
?	Scunthorpe & District
1894	Sheffield
?	Stockton
1938	Wakefield
?	York

Year Formed	Former Affiliated Societies
?	Australian Specialist Society
?	British Society of Australian Philately (Northern Section)
?	Denby Dale
?	Doncaster
1968	Hope Valley
?	Ilkley
?	Keighley
?	Leeds Junior
?	Midland Bank (Sheffield)
1954/55	Morley Junior
?	Northallerton
?	Norton, Malton & District
1946	Otley & District
?	Polish P.S. of Bradford
1941/2?	Pontefract Juniors
?	Pudsey
?	Rockware Philatelic & Post Card (Doncaster)
?	Roses Caribbean
1958?	Scandinavian Society Of Hull
?	Wombwell High School Stamp Club
1948	Yorkshire Postal History Study Circle
1957	Yorkshire Postal History Society

Societies highlighted in grey are those for which I now have some form of history.

The following list of former YPA Presidents has been supplied by Alwyn Peel. Does anyone have any photographs or further information on their philatelic exploits?

Y.P.A. PRESIDENTS		
1947-48	T.E.Field	Huddersfield
1949-50	F.R.Fordham	Wakefield
1951-52	E.Buckley	Sheffield
1953-54	R.C.Tice	Hull
1955-56	G.Mellor	Huddersfield
1957-58	W.B.Marriott	Leeds
1959-60	G.W.Dyson	Bradford
1961-63	C.G.Heaps	Bradford
1964-66	G.H.Baker	Halifax
1967-68	R.Ward	Sheffield
1969-70	D.C.Walton	Barnsley
1971-72	F.Stephens	Wakefield
1973-74	G.G.Ritchie	Harrogate
1975-76	R.A.Hoyle	Halifax
1977-78	R.D.W.Carter	Huddersfield
1979-80	M.Steward	Bradford
1981-82	W.Sedgewick	Sheffield
1983-84	R.Wright	Leeds
1985-86	E.Parker	Sheffield
1987-88	F.F.Foster	Hull
1989-90	D.Arthur	Harrogate
1991-92	A.Peel	Wakefield
1993-94	J. Pratt	York
1995-96	B.Wilkinson	Sheffield
1997-98	M.Oxley	Middlesbrough
1999-2000	Mrs R. McHugh	Harrogate
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