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News Flash

Malcolm Stockhill regrets to inform you that as of the 30th April the *Hull Stamp Shop* will cease trading. He would like to thank all his customers for their support and wishes them well in their future collecting.

The YPA Handbook

Secretaries are reminded that it is expected that the YPA Handbook will be available for reference at all meetings. Please make the following alterations:

Barnsley - the *Secretary for Correspondence* is Mrs. M. Holmes, 3 Cranbrook Street, Barnsley, S70 6LT, Tel: 0790 5598533.

Beverley - this Society is to cease as of their AGM on 30th April.

Bridlington & District - the Honorary Secretary is now Mrs. M.J. Marlow, 5 Bempton Oval, Bridlington, YO16 7HW, Tel: 01262 602710.

Chesterfield – Currently no Secretary. All enquiries should be via the President: Mr. K. F. Clarke, 20 Windermere Road, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 9EP, Tel: 01246 865957

Halifax - Mr. David Brown has taken over as YPA Representative.

Morley - should read “96 pages per round” not 120.

Scunthorpe & District - the telephone for Mr. K. White should read “01724 338122”.

Wakefield - the Secretary is now Mr Roger Ramsden, 62 Markwood Road, Outwood,, Wakefield, WF1 2JX, Tel: 01924 823987.

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.

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.

Apologies

My sincerest apologies for the following two errors in the last edition. The first entry on Page 2 in the section entitled *Speakers List* should have read Janet Bygate and not Phillip Harriman. I have corrected this entry in this issue.

Also, on Page 18 of the last issue, the list of YPA Presidents should have been attributed to Alwyn Peel.

What's on

Local stamp fairs can be found in the advertisement on page 14.

2007

- June 5 Richard West (Editor of *Stamp Magazine*) visit to Scarborough PS.
- July 14 Barnsley PS Open Day (**please note new date**).
- Dec 8 Barnsley PS Open Day.
- Sept 19 - 23 Autumn STAMPEX, Business Design Centre, Islington, London.
- Nov 16 - 17 Leeds Stamp Fair, Pudsey (**see back cover**).
- Dec 8 Barnsley PS Open Day.

2008

- May 2 - 3 Harrogate 2008 (**see last issue**).

Obituary - Tony Lum

Mr. Tony Lum, who died on the 11th March 2007

Tony, a former deputy head teacher at Ryburn Valley High School, Sowerby, was a long standing member of the Halifax Philatelic Society. He had been President three times, 1982/83, 1993/94 and 2003/04 and a member of the committee for 9 years. His collecting interests were generally thematic with emphasis on the Weather, German Propaganda and the American Wild West, although he did have a very comprehensive collection of Greenland. His weather interest was due to his work as a Weatherman in the Royal Air Force, being stationed in Germany, Wiltshire and Lincolnshire before becoming a teacher.

He won the Thematic Class at the society's competitions on nine occasions, seven consecutively. He was also the society's representative at the YPA for 8 years from 1998 to 2006.

Tony enjoyed his stamps and gave many displays, usually as a member of a team on a society visit. He will be sadly missed by the members of the Halifax Society and fellow collectors in other societies.

Douglas Armitage



Free Table at the YPA Stamp Fair and Convention

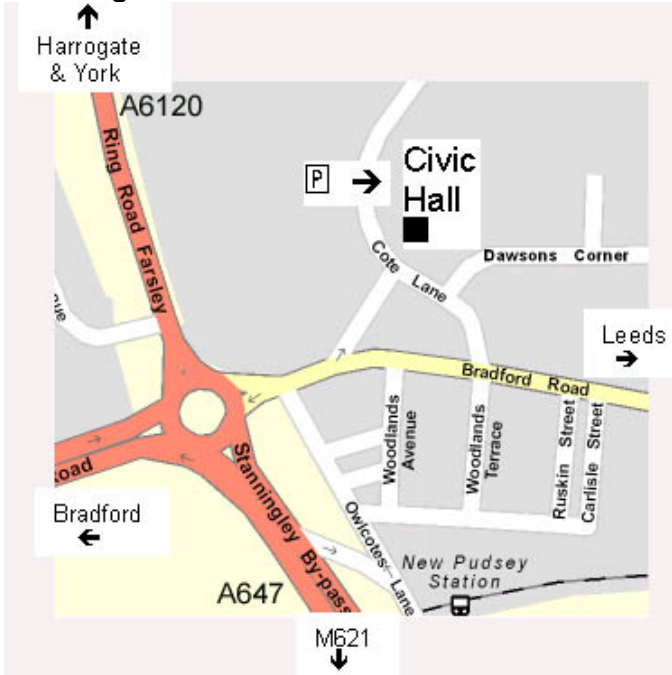
Have you ever considered becoming a stamp dealer but not wanted to risk the cost of a table at a stamp fair? Or have you got surplus material to sell and would like a free table at a popular event?

YPA are hosting the 2007 Stamp Fair and Convention at Pudsey Civic Hall, Leeds on Saturday 16th June 2007. We are offering one 6ft table **free** to any collector who belongs to a society that is affiliated to the YPA.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer all you have to do is apply to the address below stating which society you belong to. Your letter must be received by the end of May 2007. The first applicant drawn out of the hat will be allocated the table. Good Luck.

Mike Lewis
YPA Trade Liaison Officer
9b Newlands Road
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York, YO23 2RT

How to get there



By road:

Dawson's Corner is at the junction of Leeds Ring Road (A6120) and the Bradford Road (A647).

Rail:

5 minutes from New Pudsey Rail Station.

Bus:

Bus routes: 72 from Leeds and Bradford or 508 from Halifax.

Ring METROLINE for rail and bus information on 0113 245 7676.

Forty Five Years Showing Bits of Coloured Paper

By John A Edwards FRPSL



I'm not sure when I gave my first display; around about 1962 I think. It can be a daunting experience giving a display to an audience. Several things can go wrong.

I was invited to give a display to the London University Stamp Club some years ago. Unfortunately it was the week before finals. I was greeted on arrival by a very apologetic President of the Club.

"Sorry," he said, "We might not have many members attending tonight." He conducted me to the meeting room. There was one member there. It transpired he was the Secretary who had been delegated to find out if I had any expenses. When I said I had no expenses as I had a season ticket back to my destination he excused himself saying he had twelve hours of revision to cram into the next four hours.



The President and I retired to the bar and I showed him my stamps over a pint of beer. We spent the next two hours in an alcoholic haze. I claim to be one of the few speakers who has given a display to a stamp club with an audience of one.



Then there was the team visit to a stamp club at an American Air Force Base. They were very hospitable, and that was my introduction to Kentucky whisky. This concoction was about 110% proof. Fortunately our driver was teetotal as I'm not sure how I would have found my way home that night.

I used to belong to the Ministry of Defence Philatelic Society (I think I'm still a life member if the Society still exists). We used to meet in the basement of the Admiralty Building in Whitehall, London in the evening. The Ministry of Defence Wine Tasting Club used to meet in the room next door. We always knew when our meetings coincided. There would be a low murmur of voices from the next room at first. Slowly the voices became louder, interspersed with much laughter and clinking of glasses, until the sound from the next room rose in volume to compete with New Years' celebrations in Trafalgar Square. Our speakers often had to shout to be heard.



I hope I'm not giving the impression that my philatelic outings have all been drunken orgies. I once gave a display to the Ladies' Circle of the local church where I was treated to tea and biscuits, and visit from the vicar to bless the occasion. Most visits to societies have been sober and pleasurable experiences.

I really wanted to share with you my 'Rules for Speakers'. Over the years I have tried to conform to these Rules, though perhaps not always without difficulty. I commend these to all speakers and hope they will be a useful guide to giving displays for both the seasoned speaker and the novice:

- Rule 1.** Know your subject and don't bore your audience;
- Rule 2.** Speak clearly, and speak to your audience not to your sheets;
- Rule 3.** Don't tell your audience what is written on your sheets.

I wish all speakers many happy evenings of displaying – but be prepared for the unexpected. And if there are any collectors out there thinking of jumping into the uncertain waters of displaying – don't hesitate, send your details to the Editor and sit back and wait for the invitations to roll in. There is nothing as enjoyable as sharing our collection with other philatelists.



Dan Dare – Pilot of the Future

By Chris Phillips



Dan Dare was the leading story in *Eagle* in the 1950/60's. In the fictional story he would be 40 years old in 2007. I have produced 4 sets of 9 "stamps" to celebrate his 40th birthday. These are printed on gummed glossy paper with "printed" perforations.

The sheets of 9 sell for £1.50 each or £5 for a set of 4. They are also available as a complete single sheet (A4) size on the same paper for £5.

As with the 50th anniversary mini sheets produced in 2000, I will be giving a profit donation to the *Eagle Society*. (Keith Howard, Subscription Secretary, 25a Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 21E).

I have also produced 5 More Edward 8th miniature sheets - four different ones for the full Coronation Set (totaling 19) for May 1937, and a single one for the Wedding Set of (totaling 4) in June 1937.



The Coronation Set is produced from photographs of in my personal collection of Edward 8th souvenirs produced for the Coronation. The Wedding Set were produced using black and white photographs of the wedding that actually took place in France. Each miniature sheet costs £1.50, or ALL 5 for £6. There is also a A5 size sheet which has one of each of the 19 Coronation stamps on that is on sale for £5.

The profits for these will be going towards the fund raising to enable the *Scarborough Philatelic Society* to pay expenses of important speakers like Richard West, who is appearing on Tuesday 5th June 2007.

I hope to get a few "FDC" serviced as usual, (contact me for prices). All the latest "stamps" are printed on glossy paper with PVA gum, and printed "perforations".



On April 1st a friend in Australia made an announcement that the Machin stamp had had the head reversed so that it was facing right instead of left. Of course, that got me thinking. The Royal Mail have "reinvented" the Machin so many times for different things (airmail, gold, double heads, etc., etc.) that I thought why not one so that our Southern Hemisphere compatriots see our Queen the right way up!!

At the Tuesday 3rd April meeting all the members of the Scarborough PS got a free sheet of 9 of this item, included in the monthly newsletter.

I've had some printed on self adhesive paper, and a few on glossy gummed paper, both kinds in ink jet. They are selling on EBAY, starting price 49p for the single, and £2.49 as a sheet of 9 on self adhesive paper.

It will be appearing in *Stamp Magazine* soon, so watch out for it!

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

Chris Phillips
19 Alexandra Park
Scarborough
YO12 5JN
Email: chris@philatelic.org.uk
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Two Attractive Designs from *Down Under*

By Philip Robinson (previously published in the *YPA News*, November 2000)



In regard to stamp design, everyone has personal favourites. I have a stock book containing stamps from countries that I do not collect, but which are, quite simply, a pleasure to see. Pride of place goes to the stamp illustrated left, the 9d. value from the New Zealand "Peace" set of 1946. The design of the stamp is based on

the view of the Southern Alps from a church on the west coast of New Zealand's South Island. Behind the altar is a window, through which the Waiho Gorge can be seen, and (immediately behind the central cross) a part of the Franz Josef glacier. Since 1946 the ice forming the lower part of the glacier has melted, perhaps as a result of global warming, and the glacier can no longer be seen from the church. The trees in the foreground are also much bigger, but a fine view of the mountains can still be seen through the altar window. The church is often visited by tourists, and a small display inside the church explains the stamp issue.

Another nicely designed stamp is illustrated, right, this being the 1997 issue to commemorate the centenary of the "pigeon-gram" services. Pigeons were used to operate two commercial services between the mainland of New Zealand's North Island and Great Barrier Island. The birds provided a very important link until 1908, when the first telegraph line to the island was laid.



As they say, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" and personal preferences dictate what might or might not be a good stamp design. In regard to my own preference for what are, I suppose, the more "traditional" designs, these are two very good examples of the kind of art in miniature that is stamp design.



UPDATE
**8th National Philatelic Exhibition
in Harrogate
Friday 2nd to Saturday 3rd May 2008**

Get your diaries out and make sure you block out the above dates. The ABPS National Philatelic Exhibition is coming to the Harrogate International Centre. Unfortunately, due to administrative reasons, the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain will now be taking place at Stratford-Upon-Avon.

- 500+ Frame Exhibition,
- 80+ Dealer stands,
- Last opportunity for Exhibitors to qualify for the London 2010 International Exhibition.

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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 - Continued.

By Greg Spring

This year is the Diamond Jubilee of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association and in previous editions 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.

I am very grateful to the members who made the effort to send information about some of these societies. I still need to fill in some gaps and I will write to the various societies separately to see if I can get some information. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John Gravett for details of Wakefield's illustrious past and also the history of Wombwell High School Stamp Club via a very impressive copy of one of their newsletters. Also, some members have contributed copies of the history of the YPA itself, which I had omitted from my list, so thank you all for pointing out my oversight in such a gentlemanly and informative manner!

However, it's not over yet! The next stage of my search brings me to *YPA Convention Handbooks*. A couple of members have passed spare copies to me and I would like to add as many of these to the YPA Archive as I can. A list of all the conventions is on the next page. Ideally I would like to have original copies but good scans or photocopies will do. Also, photographs or advertisements of the conventions would be welcomed.

I should say at this point that I don't intend for these items to become my personal property. Rather I hope to create an archive for future members. furthermore this archive doesn't have to be a burden to the YPA, it could be lodged with a city archive central to the Yorkshire area, and I will bring this up at one of the future committee meetings.

I can copy any original material sent to me and return them, if required. Material can be passed to me using the contact details found on page 1.

Thank you for your continuing help.

1947	Leeds
1948	Sheffield & Rotherham
1949	Halifax
1950	Wakefield & Barnsley
1951	Hull & Kingston-upon-Hull
1952	York
1953	Harrogate
1954	Doncaster
1955	Huddersfield
1956	Bridlington
1957	Bradford
1958	Sheffield & Chesterfield
1959	Leeds
1960	Halifax
1961	Wakefield
1962	Hull & District
1963	Harrogate
1964	Bradford
1965	York
1966	Rotherham
1967	Bridlington
1968	Huddersfield
1969	Sheffield
1970	Leeds
1971	Wakefield
1972	Otley
1973	Hull & District
1974	Halifax
1975	Doncaster
1976	Harrogate
1977	Bradford

1978	York
1979	Yorkshire PH & Hope Valley
1980	Leeds
1981	Barnsley
1982	Huddersfield
1983	Wakefield
1984	Hull & District
1985	Bridlington
1986	Otley
1987	Sheffield & Chesterfield
1988	York
1989	Barnsley
1990	Harrogate
1991	YPA at Harrogate
1992	Huddersfield
1993	YPA at Pudsey
1994	Sheffield
1995	Rotherham
1996	Hull
1997	Bridlington
1998	York
1999	Huddersfield
2000	Leeds, Bradford & Harrogate
2001	YPA at Pudsey
2002	YPA at Pudsey
2003	Sheffield
2004	YPA at Pudsey
2005	YPA at Pudsey
2006	Hull
2007	YPA at Pudsey

Conventions highlighted in grey are those for which I a copy of the handbook.

YPA Presidents

By Alwyn Peel (reprinted due to an editorial error in the Nov 2006 issue)

This a list of all the YPA Presidents since the Association came into being in 1947. The Presidential term of office is two years but you will note from this list that there were two occasions when the President enjoyed three years in the office, 1961-63 and 1964-66. I do not know the reasons for this and can only assume that either a Vice President died or did not take on the office for some reason, such as leaving the area. If any reader can enlighten me I should be very grateful. Similarly, if you should see any error of spelling, initial, etc., please let me know before the list is placed in the YPA Handbook as an appendix.

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
2001-02	J. Colton	Rotherham
2003-04	S. Dunderdale	Scarborough
2005-06	R. Dearnley	Huddersfield

My thanks to Fred Stephens (Wakefield PS) for his invaluable help.

HUDDERSFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY



CENTENARY 1907-2007

An exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the Huddersfield Philatelic Society will be held at the Tolson Memorial Museum from 19th May to 31st August 2007. The museum is in Ravensknowle Park on Wakefield Road, Huddersfield, HD5 8DJ and open 11am to 5pm on weekdays and 12am to 5 pm on weekends, tel. 01484-223830.

From 26th May to 3rd June the museum are running half term holiday activities each day entitled "Pillar Box Challenge". On Thursdays 23rd and 30th August in "Lick it and Stick it" children can design their own stamps and postcards.

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Sheffield

3rd Sunday Every Month

Hull at:

St. Stephen's Church Hall
Freehold Street
Off Spring Bank

3rd Saturday Every Month

Morley at:

St. Mary's in the Wood
United Reform Church
Commercial Street

Last Saturday Every Month



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ANNUAL STAMP FAIR

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