



Meetings April to July 2018

September

- 5th** 1st Wed. Writing up sheets; James Grayson
13th Members; 15 sheets, "Locals, PC's, stamps"
27th Modern Postal History; John Sussex

October

- 3rd** 1st Wed. The letter 'A' (Australia+); James Hartley
4th Annual dinner - La Gondola. Book via James Grayson
11th Visit from York P S
25th "The E Cleveland Klondike"; Phil Harriman

November

- 7th** 1st Wed. How to identify stamps; James Grayson
8th WW2 Channel Is. Occupation; Gerald Marriner
22nd 1890 penny postage Jubilee; John Davies

December

- 5th** 1st Wed. Sub P.O.'s; Frank Walton
13th Members' night; 10 sheets or £1

Contact us:-

Meetings are held in the
Central United Reform Church
60 Norfolk Street
Sheffield

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each
month from 7.15 to 9.30
and on the 1st Wednesday of each
month from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

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YPA Website:

<http://www.y-p-a.org.uk>

Your Committee

President: James Hartley
Sen Vice president: John Colton
Jun Vice president: Steve Cook
Secretary: Richard Hindle
Treasurer: James Hartley
Exchange pkt: Barrie Knowles
Members & N'letter: Ken Rutter
Competitions: John Penrose
ABPS rep & Syllabus: Neil Ritchie
Publicity: Steve Cook
YPA: John Colton
Accounts examiner: John Hunter
Gen. C'tee: James Grayson,
Donald Radley

Competition Secretary

This post is now vacant. We urgently need someone to take on this important, but eminently manageable role. Anyone interested/willing please contact the Secretary (Richard Hindle) as soon as possible. Thank you. More information can be obtained from Richard, or John Penrose.



Society News

- * The SPS website has been renewed and linked to the ABPS site <http://www.abps.org.uk/>
Sheffield's website name is unchanged <http://sheffieldps.org.uk/>
- * Congratulations to James Hartley, who has been approved as a Distinguished Yorkshire Philatelist

Y P A News

The new Officers on the YPA Committee are

Secretary:	Daphne McMillan
Treasurer:	Peter Chadwick
Competition Sec:	Robert McMillan

What's happening in the region

monthly stamp fairs

Huddersfield 1st Saturday

St Thomas' Ch Hall, Manchester Rd (opp Wickes) HD1 3HU

Derby 2nd Saturday

Nunsfield Ho Comm Centre, 33 Boulton Lane, Alvaston, Derby DE24 0FD

Chesterfield 2nd Sunday

Chester St Club, Ashgate Road (?), Chesterfield.

Hull 3rd Saturday

New venue St James' Centre, 169 First Lane, Hessle, Hull, HU13 9EY

Dronfield 3rd Sunday

Coal Aston Village Hall, Coal Aston, S18 3AY

Morley last Saturday

St Mary's Hall, Commercial St, Morley, Leeds LS27 8HZ

Cedar Court Hotel Fair, last Sunday

Denby Dale Road, Calder Grove, Wakefield

Forthcoming events

The 2019 YPA Convention, which also encompasses the 125th Anniversary celebrations will be held at Sheffield United football ground, Bramall Lane on 15th June 2019. Volunteers will be needed nearer the time to prepare the venue and host the event.



COMPETITION NEWS



SPS 2018 Competition Results



Open Class & best overall: Neil Ritchie (silver gilt, 88 marks)
Postal History: John Penrose (Silver gilt, 83 marks)
Foreign: John Penrose (Silver bronze, 69 marks)
Commonwealth: Jams R Hartley: (Bronze, 56 marks)
Postal Stationery: John Colton, (Silver gilt, 84 marks)
Thematic: Richard Hindle (Silver, 79 marks)

The following also gained silver, and therefor qualify for the YPA Competition

Postal History: John Hunter, Neil Ritchie
Open: John Colton
Postal Stationery: James R Hartley

We need to update our records regarding members' collections. Many members have sold their old collections to start new ones since joining the Society. Could the members contact the secretary, preferably by e-mail, to confirm their current collecting interests.

I have been helpfully reminded of the need to protect members' e-mail addresses, and will in future be concealing these when I circulate each edition.

DATA PROTECTION

Last time, I included this request:-

The data Protection Act changes in May 2018 and we have to inform our membership about the Society's Terms and Conditions regarding use of the data we hold. The easiest way and one that ensures we cover all members is for you to sign the Data handling agreement when you pay your subs. I have attached the form to the end of this Newsletter, and would be grateful if you could complete and return it to the Secretary. Thank you. Copies of the form will be also available at Society meetings.

The Secretary has now asked me to include this reminder in the new edition of the Newsletter. In order to comply with new legislation, we have to obtain approval from each member that they are willing to allow their details to be transmitted to other societies, federations, etc. For those members who have not completed the form, a form is available from the Secretary. Copies of the form will also be in the Exchange Packet for those members who do not attend the meetings to complete.

If you haven't yet done so, can you please contact Richard or complete the form below.



New Acquisition 16 June 2018

Article by Neil Ritchie



I fought an expensive (for me) battle for this item on eBay with the added complication of a finish time of 12.30am. Why the seller in Spain wanted it to finish at that time I can only suppose he thought he was going to sell it to the USA or somewhere equally in a different time zone - and no I didn't stay up I just placed my best bid and went to bed.

What is it?

Well it's a German WW1 Occupation cover posted on the 4 January 1919 from Libau (Liepaja) Latvia to Cranz, Germany.

What makes it so special?

There are a lot of questions and concerns raised by this cover:

- This is the most forged overprint of any of the WW1 German Occupation overprints.
- It has one of the most forged postmarks.
- It is believed that very few (if any) actual covers bearing this issue have genuinely gone through the post.

OK after saying all that it has a number of attributes that suggest it could be genuine or at least a good contemporary philatelic confection.

- It has the correct postage rate.
- It is posted on the last day the German Feldpost Office was open.
- Other covers expertized as genuine have the same round military cachet and some have the lower left sender's mark "Josef Pokorny"



- It has a Craz receiving mark on the rear dated 10.01.19.

The whole thing was concocted by the postal workers in the Feldpost, which by the way was housed in the Libau post office, to make money from the philatelic market. The canceller was used on civilian mail during the month of January⁽¹⁾. The number of stamps overprinted (a google search) appears to be around a combined total of 2000 stamps. The Germania values overprinted were 21/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 & 50pfg.

My personal take is that it is definitely philatelic but that's not a negative in this situation (quite a number of covers would not exist without the involvement of a stamp collector) and it's probably a confection at a later date (it was sold "as is").

I will be sending it off for an expert's certificate so I'll let you know what happens.

(1) "Ob. Ost" Civilian Post Offices and Their Cancellations: 1916-1918 Making sense of a misunderstood philatelic "stepchild", Andrew Kapochunas, Jersey City, New Jersey published Lithuania Philatelic Society 2013

I want to make the Newsletter as interesting and varied as possible, so I would welcome short articles or letters, or even adverts for future editions. To start things going, I have taken the liberty of using the spare space for an advert for my wife's books, which can be obtained from me as signed copies (£7.99), or bought as paperback or Kindle from Amazon, or ordered from Waterstones.

Who Your Friends Are



Susan Day

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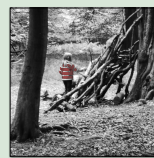
by Susan Day

Plain Pat and Lovely Rita – childhood best friends who shared lives and confidences through the 1950s and 60s. As the two friends follow different paths through the 70s, they grow apart, but Pat stays loyal to her friendship with Rita and her sisters.

Now, years later, Pat finds herself with time on her hands, and begins to look back on her relationship with Rita – at the same time as she has a crisis in her own life and problems in her grown up family.

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Hollin Clough



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Leaping Boy Publications

There are families that would fall apart if the truth came out.

Jen admires her father and Frank believes that his daughters are happy, but no-one in the family knows the whole story

This family has fractured before, and been patched up by secrets and evasions. Now things are about to change.

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Security of data - Sheffield Philatelic Society will handle the data in a secure form and will not distribute to third parties other than for the purpose outlined above.

Agreement - I understand that the personal data I have provided will be used for the outlined purpose.

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Signed _____

Print name _____