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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Philatelists,

Happy New Year to you all. We have an exciting year at the Society because we will be celebrating our 75th Birthday! Yes, way back in 1950 BPS was formed and we will be writing more about the history in future newsletters. To celebrate our 75th we have booked the Brighton Town Hall for Sunday August 24th where there will be displays, dealers and many fun activities - so put this date in your diary now so as not to miss it. I thank the sub-committee of Andrew Ballis, Deb Harms, Vanessa Henry and Ian Sadler for all the work that they are doing to make this a special event.

We also have a varied and interesting series of Display nights on the second Tuesday of every month starting with Deb Collett's 'Dahlias'. Deb especially requested to do her display in February because dahlias are in season and she will be adding to her display with some 'live' exhibits. This will be on Tuesday February 11th at 8.15pm and will be preceded at 7.15pm by a philatelic meeting on 'What Do I Collect'. Our usual Tuesday and Saturday auctions are all up and running along with the Daytime Meeting at 10am on the third Tuesday of every month. The Stamp and Cover Forum has moved back to the first Wednesday of every month at 2pm and there are more details in this newsletter on this increasingly popular activity.

A big thankyou again to Ray Price our recently retired librarian and the seamless transition to our new library team of Ian Sadler and Vanessa Henry. Ian and Vanessa are working hard to introduce some new activities in the library and to do the never-ending task of keeping up with the latest literature. More details are again in this bulletin.

The Bulletin/Newsletter has a new format and we hope that all our members appreciate the thought and effort that has gone into this. John McKay is our editor and on behalf of our members I thank him for this initiative. Any contributions are welcome so please think about topics that you have an interest in and could write a column about.

Another new initiative for this year is that for the first time we will be having a Coin Auction. This is because the success of our catalogued auctions has led to an overabundance of lots many of which are coins and banknotes. By having a separate auction for coins and banknotes the usual catalogued auctions will have a more 'philatelic' flavour. The first Coin and Banknote auction will be on Saturday May 31st at 1pm with viewing starting at 10am. This date is not in our calendar as it has only recently been decided so please make a note of it.

I have had so much positive feedback about our wonderful society and the events we hold. This is, of course, a great credit to all our members who conduct themselves in such a welcoming, friendly and affable manner. Long may this continue (another 75 years?) and let's have another magnificent year.

David Shutler (President 2024/25)

DISPLAY: TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY AT 8.15 PM

DAHLIAS BY DEB COLLETT

Dahlias are having a moment in the sun. The resurgence in growing these amazing blooms has been spectacular and interest continues to skyrocket. So what happens when an accomplished dahlia exhibitor is also a paid up philatelist?

A Dahlia on Stamps exhibit, of course!

Come along to find out what countries give dahlias a lot of colourful philatelic love and one that's close to home that doesn't. Learn to tell your pompons, from your cactus, from your collerettes and take home some freshly picked dahlias to hopefully inspire your own love affair with those dazzling damsels.

Deb Collett



2013 Sweden — Dahlior (Dahlia)



Deb Collett's Prize Winning Exhibit at the State Championship



1977 Russia Prepaid Envelope

DISPLAY: TUESDAY 11 MARCH AT 8.15 PM

IN TIME AND PLACE BY JON FLADEBY

The display reflects events as they unfolded to a family in time and place, illustrated through philatelic items and supported by archival material. Many people enjoy tracing their family tree and value items and souvenirs collected by relatives. Some families keep stamps torn from correspondence while a few are lucky enough to have the complete letter and a wealth of postcards charting holidays and illustrating the places they have made a home in. This exhibit takes those items from a "shoe box" stuffed with memorabilia to tell a story of a family, perhaps not dissimilar from your own, in the philatelic Open Class format.

Jon Fladeby

Photographs from the subsequent Generation.



Ole Johansen Daler (Dahl) (1851 - 1925)



Laura Gurine Oblander Aas (1855 - 1899)

An early letter from Laura with thanks for photo but regretting she could not find one to return. Also about being too young and inexperienced to marry and how foolish it is to wed too early in life.



Postage 4 østings (760/1000 Cost of Arms) on folded letter about to Frodo Baggins, cancelled SANDER 30.10.1870 and transit postmarked CHRISTIANIA 31.10.1870. Addressed to Under-Officer Student O. Dahl of 1st Company from Laura Aas, his future wife.

Halden's Shoe-factory, the major achievement of a generation and its future.



1985 Centenary of Norwegian Federation of Craftsmen Issue

1968 Norwegian Craftsmanship Issue



Embossed proof of the registered brand-name „Favorit“ on carton.



A/S HALDEN'S SHOEFACRY postal label-tag with „Favorit“™ and particulars.



HALDEN VIEW ENVELOPE 1930 issue (Special printing with company ©™) with Fredriksten Fortress seen from the harbour. Registered cover to Germany cancelled HALDEN 23 IV 37, addressed **Else Dahl**, Berlin. Arrival stamped BERLIN 25.4.37. Right of centre in picture HALDEN SHCEFACTORY's manufactory plant. Printed in sepia from a photographic plate.



Annual BPS Competition

The competition for the Brighton Philatelic Society (BPS) Cup will be held on April 8th, 2025. We encourage all members to take part.

Brighton Philatelic Society Cup rules:

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of BPS.
2. Entries will be accepted by the Secretary, or Convenor, from 7pm at the meeting. Alternatively, arrangements may be made for their prior delivery to the President or Secretary
3. Each entry will comprise 15 sheets, including a title page.
4. Each sheet shall be within the maximum measurements of 250mm x 290mm.
5. The exhibitor's name must not appear on the front of any sheet but must be endorsed on the back of each.
6. Each entry must be the property of the exhibitor. All mounting, arrangement and annotation must be the exhibitor's personal work.
7. If there is a dispute, the Competitions Sub-Committee of the Society is the sole arbiter of the rules.
8. The Society will take every care of entries while they are in its possession but will not accept responsibility for loss or damage.
9. The BPS Cup remains the property of the Society.
10. The winning exhibitor can keep the trophy until the first general meeting of February in the next year.
11. The winner will be given an inscribed certificate as a permanent record of their success.
12. All entries will be examined by the judges appointed by the Committee. In making their decisions, the judges will consider the following general points:
 - Presentation and display (including arrangement and mounting)
 - Annotation
 - Condition (making due allowance for the nature of the entry, the difficulty or otherwise of acquisition)
 - Philatelic knowledge
 - General interest

Members considering entering this competition, and particularly those who are new to exhibiting, are reminded that on March 11th Ross Newton will be giving some advice on the preparation of displays and exhibits at the Philatelic Meeting at 7.15 pm (see page below).

PHILATELIC MEETINGS: TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7.15

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY: WHAT DO I COLLECT - IAN SADLER

Ian will share his varied collecting interests with us. These include traditional class collections of Indian Feudatory States (Princely States) of Rajasthan as well as an Open Class exhibit covering the rise and fall of Japan conquests during World War 2.

TUESDAY 11 MARCH: CREATING A DISPLAY - ROSS NEWTON

Ross will share his years of preparing displays and its progression to exhibiting. Taking us on the exciting voyage from stock book to the excitement of preparing display pages for a club display.

TUESDAY 8 APRIL: MEMBERS' FAVOURITE ITEMS

Bring along some of your favourite things.

TUESDAY 13 MAY: PREPARING AUCTION LOTS: JOHN RENNIE

John has been Brighton's auction convenor for decades. He will demonstrate the best ways to prepare auction lots for our monthly auctions. John will discuss the differences between the Saturday daytime and Tuesday night uncatalogued auctions as well as the best ways to present your items for our catalogued one

STAMP & COVER COLLECTORS' FORUM & QUESTIONS

These special stamp meetings provide an informal meeting to hear new ideas and ask questions about their material. You are invited to join us in the Neufield Hall on these dates:

Stamp Forum, Wednesday February 5th at 2pm (Note the permanent change from 1st Tuesday to avoid clash with the Royal daytime)

Relaxed Agenda:

- Devin Trussell will, show us two of his Country collections.
- Other Members show items and chat about collecting experiences.
- Afternoon tea will be provided.

Forum, Wednesdays March 5th and April 2nd at 2pm

These meetings will have a similar Agenda to the February one, with an interesting topic plus Members' own concerns.

Questions about Stamp Collecting on Tuesday, April 29th at 2pm

Andrew Ballis will explain:

· 'How to Mount Stamps' and how to find out what is available.

Not sure how to arrange and affix your stamps? –Andrew and other Members will help you.

Also the chance to Show and Tell plus Afternoon Tea.

Convenors: Ian Sadler (0403 225 476),
Andrew Ballis (0418 530 937)

NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a friendly welcome to the following new members:

Adrian Persoglia – Seddon West

Chris Veld – Caulfield North

Paul Ratcliffe – Moorabbin

Peter Roll – Elwood

Tony Reyntjes – Mt Helen, Ballarat

Robert Hume – Croydon North

Ranveer Singh Sodhi – Berwick

ALBUMS CLOSED

James Parise – a member since 1975

Graham Hayward – a member since 1996

Ian Dennehy – a member since 1996

OBITUARY

Ian Dennehy was a member of our Committee for many years and served the club in a number of roles. He was elected as a Fellow of BPS in 2010. Ian's father served with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Forces) in Japan immediately after the end of WW2 and Ian, who was aged 8 at the time and stationed in Tokyo, began a unique collection of BCOF material.

STAMP NEWS

The Brighton Philatelic Society has a continuous run of issues of Stamp News and its forerunner the Australian Stamp Monthly which began in 1931.

For over 20 years one of our members has been supplying his copy for our library.

Due to the rising costs and the diminished value of the articles he has discontinued his subscription.

We would like to continue to have this magazine in our library so if any member is able to pass on their copies to our librarian it would be greatly appreciated.

DISPLAYS v EXHIBITIONS

You will see throughout BPS's program that we have Displays most months at BriPhil House. A Display is a collection following a theme, specific issue of a stamp, or a topic. Displays allow an opportunity for their owners to showcase part of their collection – what really interests them – while attendees are able to see fabulous collections and get ideas for how they may collect or present their items. Displays are normally A4-ish size, but can be larger and they are showcased in a "frame" that holds 15-16 A4 pages (at BriPhil House, our current frames can hold up to 15 A4 pages).

So what then is an Exhibition? Really, its just a Display but is at competition level – either State, National or International. As a formal competition it is subject to International rules which say what you can and cannot display, how to format it etc, and the rules also provide a breakdown of how your Display (exhibit) will be marked. There are also different "classes" you can enter in your exhibition, and the class' requirements and marking will differ. So its important if exhibiting that you understand which class you are entering into, and what the requirements for format and content are. Want more information? The APF (Australian Philatelic Federation, our governing National body) have, on their website, a discussion on Exhibiting, including an explanation of the requirements per class, as well as how items are marked (assessed). Link here : <https://apf.org.au/classes/>
The second event of the year is Displays of the Letter "X" (a different letter each year). In June 2025 we will hold a club competition and would love to see your items displayed for the Letter "C".



Two of our members entered into the recently held National Exhibition at Toowoomba. We'd like to congratulate Vanessa on winning Silver at her first exhibition and also Ross for winning Large Vermeil

75 YEARS OF STORIES .. AND SOME ARE TRUE!

ROSS NEWTON

For the first 25 years of our existence Brighton Philatelic Society met in several premises around Brighton. For several years it was the Brighton Town Hall and then we moved to several church halls and then back to the Town Hall. Long before emails were used to communicate we tried to reach our members by phone to say the meeting venue had changed. Over those years many members were seen driving around Brighton trying to find the latest meeting place!

In 1953 the Society's first exhibition, BRIPEX, was held at the Brighton Town Hall. A special cancellation was used for the event and the first two covers were sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Charles. Perhaps the now King could be invited to our 75th celebrations!

That same year a young lad named William G. Wells aged 15 attended a meeting and was duly welcomed as a new member. History records that Dr William Wells AM would go on to become our President on a record 5 occasions and would preside over many of the more momentous celebrations for BPS.

1959 saw the most extraordinary end of year celebrations for a philatelic meeting. The Society entertained a mannequin parade featuring three charming ladies wearing a variety of beach wear. Not to be outdone the male members then conducted a Beauty Competition (Leg Show) ! Who said stamp collecting was boring!

By 1972 the membership had grown to over 600 and the decision was made to purchase our own premises. The Special Building Fund Account had a balance of \$188.96. Perhaps they were going to buy a garden shed!

And so we move to 1977 when we attempted to purchase an old Congregational Church in Gardenvale. We had made enquiries and knew there was great interest in the site by developers.

Dr William Wells who was a great strategist arranged for one of our members John McNabb who was a Staff Sergeant with the Australian Army to attend the auction in his army uniform and to bid on behalf of BPS.

We had reached our limit when one of our members Mr Roberto Zambelli whispered in John's ear .. keep bidding .. I have another \$20,000. At that point the developers were heard to say 'we can never outbid the Army' and they stopped bidding. The building was ours!

Years later the loan from Mr Zambelli was gifted to BPS.

As an aside the church was built in 1924 and so has just celebrated its centenary.

Now the building was ours much work needed to be done.

One of the jobs was to paint the interior of the main church and also the back hall. As we had no money we could not afford scaffolding to reach the very high walls and we called for volunteers who had no fear of heights or were just a bit crazy to carry out the painting. Len Buchanan who by then was in his 60s and Ross Newton who was considerably younger erected tables and then placed long ladders on the tables with trestles between the ladders.

They then tied ropes around their waists and threw the ropes over the timber beams so they could creep their way along the trestles!. No OH&S in those days!

It is hard to believe but for the first few years the toilet at BPS was still the backyard dunny down the back of the church hall. You had to fight your way through a large Japanese mirror plant and be careful not to disturb the assorted spiders or birds nesting in the toilet block!

Our former Secretary John Rennie was the Company Secretary at Pacific Dunlop. Around this time they were downsizing and so their magnificent boardroom table and chairs were acquired for our Committee Room.

In the early days we had no auctioneer's rostrum and so Len Buchanan who continued to act as our auctioneer until he was 99 would put a chair on top of a table and then clamber onto the chair to view his audience. Len was a very enthusiastic auctioneer and many had their hearts in their mouths as the legs of the chair moved closer to the edge!

This scary situation could not continue so our Sales Branch team were given the task of finding a rostrum of some kind. At the time the eminent philatelist Rod Perry was closing his auction rooms in Bourke Street Melbourne and everything including the furniture had to go. One of our team spotted the auctioneer's rostrum which Rod was reluctant to sell. Make me an offer he said. How about \$1500 ? The deal was done! Everyone who has joined BPS in recent years have assumed 'the pulpit' was part of the old church and it is amazing how well it has blended in!

Fred Neufeld was a very influential member in the early days and ran a shoe store in Flinders St, Melbourne. He was also the BPS Exchange Superintendent for many years. On a Friday members gathered in his store .. not to buy shoes but to work through the stamp exchange books! Many real shoppers came into the store thinking there must be a huge shoe sale as so many 'customers' were in the shop!

On a sadder night Fred who had served the club in many roles for many years was gravely ill and was in palliative care at Bethlehem Hospital which is in walking distance from BPS. At the end of one committee meeting the entire committee walked to the hospital to say one last goodbye to Fred. Fred was genuinely moved by this gesture which showed the great respect the club had for him. He passed away a few days later. And of course the rear hall which was built in 1914 is named the Fred Neufeld Hall in his honour.

Over the years we have had many eccentric characters join the club. It has often be said you have to be a little strange to collect stamps! And so for many years we had a Secretary named Anders Molander. Anders was born in Denmark and had a very impressive collection of Belgian Congo which had been exhibited around Australia. He was a single chap who kept to himself – one may have called him a recluse. He travelled on public transport from his home in St Kilda and always refused our offers to drive him home. Our friendship was obviously much appreciated by him as he died several years later and left BPS \$125,000 in his Will! Our Committee Room is named in his honour!

In 2007 the Scouting movement celebrated their centenary and BPS held a two day event to mark the occasion. On the Friday night we held a cocktail party attended by the local mayor and other dignitaries, including Lord Michael Baden Powell who was the grandson of Lord Robert Baden Powell who founded the Scout movement. Michael was a member of BPS for many years.

In 2008 our Property Manager had been watching a corner of the ceiling in the Neufeld Hall which had torn away and was dangling. Once again money was tight and the committee adopted a 'watch and wait' approach!

Until one day one of our tenant groups rang to say they had arrived for a meeting and found the whole ceiling had collapsed and was lying on the floor, along with 80 years of dirt and dead rats, pigeons etc. Fortunately no-one was injured but the 'watch and wait' approach is not recommended!

In 2012 the Olympic Games were held in London. We decided to hold a special celebration weekend and some very expensive Olympic collections were assembled on the Friday night ready for the weekend viewing. We engaged a security firm to keep guard during the night. At 12 midnight our property manager received a call from a neighbor to say a very dodgy individual had been seen wandering around the property. It was explained that this person was a security guard but the neighbour explained he was 'more dodgy than a security guard and I certainly was not going to speak to him'. So at 12.30am our property manager drove to BPS to ascertain it was the security guard and all was well! And in the dark he certainly did look dodgy!

Our Sales Branch have travelled far and wide to take delivery of collections to auction. Several years ago the Sales Branch were approached by a farmer who lived in outback South Australia. He had a very large collection which he wanted to dispose of, but due to his remoteness no dealers were able to visit him. In a rash moment we agreed to sell it for him. A week later a semi-trailer arrived at the home of one of our Sales Branch team carrying 4 pallets stacked three metres high! Fortunately the driver had a fork lift and then proceeded to dump the pallets in the front yard!

One of our elderly members had to go into aged care and his executor gave us the job of clearing the house. Every room was stacked two metres high from wall to wall with 40 years of accumulated newspapers, magazines, books etc. And amongst it all was a valuable collection of stamp albums, coins, etc. It took a team of several people over 2 months to sort the 'wheat from the chaff'.

One of our most recent anecdotes involved our current Secretary who during a committee meeting heard a noise in the toilet block and found a young fellow snorting cocaine in the mens toilet. This chap very casually said he saw the light on and thought he would come in for a quick starter! Life is never dull at BPS!

And so with a membership of 350 we are the largest philatelic society in Australia. Our meetings are well attended and our auctions are producing excellent results for sellers and buyers. Social media has transformed the way in which we communicate with members and others and has been a magnet in attracting the younger generation.

In the words of that famous entertainer Bob Hope 'Thanks for the memories!'

BRIGHTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY PROGRAM 2025

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| Feb | 1 | Auction 1.00 pm | |
| | 5 | Stamp& Cover Forum 2.00pm | |
| | 11 | Phil: What Do I Collect 7.15 pm | |
| | 11 | Display: Dahlias 8.15 pm | E |
| | 18 | Daytime meeting 10.00 am | D,E |
| | 25 | Auction 7.00pm | |
| March | 1 | Catalogued Auction 1.00 pm | |
| | 5 | Stamp& Cover Forum 2.00pm | |
| | 11 | Phil: Creating a Display 7.15pm | |
| | 11 | Display: In Time & Place 8.15pm | E |
| | 15 | Daytime meeting 10.00 am | D,E |
| | 25 | Auction 7.00pm | |
| April | 2 | Stamp& Cover Forum 2.00pm | |
| | 5 | Auction 1.00pm | |
| | 8 | Phil: Members' Favourite Items 7.15pm | |
| | 8 | One-Frame Competition 8.00 pm | E |
| | 15 | Daytime meeting 10.00 am | D,E |
| | 22 | Auction 7.00pm | |
| | 29 | Questions About Stamp Collecting 2.00p | |
| May | 3 | Auction 1.00pm | |
| | 7 | Stamp & Cover Forum 2.00pm | |
| | 13 | Phil: 7.15 Preparing Auction Lots | |
| | 13 | Display: Postal History 8.15pm | E |
| | 20 | Daytime meeting 10.00 am | D,E |
| | 27 | Auction 7.00 pm | |

All meetings are held at BRI-PHIL HOUSE, 80 Gardenvale Rd. GARDEN VALE
(Corner of Magnolia Rd)

