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UP AND COMING

Every Saturday 4pm Auction
Seaside Book and Stamp

October 7 Moncton Stamp Fair
Park House Inn, Moncton, NB

October 10 Club Meeting
Karen Smith - Trivium Design,
Auction

October 13-15 Stampex 06
Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON

October 14 Brunpex
Crown Plaza Hotel, Moncton, NB

October 19 Friends of Philately
Bloomfield School, Halifax, NS

October 21 Stamp Fair & Auction
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth, NS

October 28 South Shore Stamp Club
Annual Show, Wandlyn Inn, Bridge-
water, NS

November 14 Club Meeting
Czeslaw Slania - Jane Soderro,
Circuit Books

November 16 Friends of Philately

November 18 Stamp Fair & Auction
Burnside Motel, Dartmouth, NS

November 18 Saint John Stamp Club
Show, Coastal Inn - Fort Howe Hotel,
Saint John, NB

Forty Years Ago – 1966 : A remarkable year in the life of British stamps

By Michael Peach

There were some very significant developments in British stamps in 1966.

It was, of course, the 900th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, the last invasion of the British Isles. This was duly marked with a series of commemorative stamps, 14 October, depicting scenes



from the Bayeux Tapestry. The first stamps of the year marked another 900th Anniversary, that of Westminster Abbey, 28 February. In the meantime England had won the World Cup Football Championship, marked by the reissue of the 4d stamp, 18 August, with



“ENGLAND WINNERS” added. The Westminster Abbey stamps were the last ones to have the Wilding three-quarter facing portrait of the Queen; all the subsequent ones had an effigy profile of the Queen, adapted by David Gentleman from the Mary Gillick coinage portrait. The smaller effigy size used on the 4d of the World Cup series appears to have become standard. The high value Abbey stamp, 2/6, had

the format of the high value Castle series, all the other special stamps being the size of two definitives stamps so that sheets of 120 stamps would fit into the books used by the Post Office counter staff.

That year stamps were also produced featuring British Birds, British Landscapes, British Technology as well as the first Christmas stamps. The Land-



scape set, 2 May, was the first issue that did not mark a special event or anniversary. The British Bird set, 8 August, had set-tenant blocks of four stamps, another first.

The next year, 1967, saw the introduction of the Machin definitives, as well as another format for special stamps that was first used on the British Paintings issue, 10 July. This format, known as the “Gentleman size” (David Gentleman), in the ratio $1:\sqrt{2}$, had been used once previously on the 1948 Silver Wedding £1 stamp. The Paintings and the 1967 Christmas stamps had deeper colours and were purely photographic reproductions.

What was the catalyst for all these developments? It was due to a new Government (elected in October, 1964) under the leader-



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40 years ago... Continued

ship of Harold Wilson, whose Postmaster General, Anthony Wedgwood Benn (now usually referred to as Tony Benn) wished to bring his department more in line with other postal administrations. Among his suggestions was one to remove the Queen's head from stamps, presumably replacing it with Great Britain, which according to tradition established in 1840, has always been omitted from British stamps. The Queen did not agree. The David Gentleman design for a set of Rulers of Great Britain, including Oliver Cromwell, has the Queen's head replaced by the Royal Coat of Arms. After the election in 1966 Wedgwood Benn became Minister of Technology in the second Wilson government; he had, however, a lasting impact on the Post Office, including the choice and design of British stamps. The issues for this year, 2006, show a balance of commemorative stamps and pictorial stamps, including a series to mark the winners of the World Cup.

Literature

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M. Robinson, *Treasures of the BPMA*, *British Philatelic Bulletin*, 43 [2006]

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Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

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Cover Story

During World War II, special cancellations, called blackouts, were used by the post office, omitting point of mailing because of danger from German subs off the Atlantic coast and Japanese off the Pacific. These blackout hubs in six types were used in the seaport cities of Halifax, St. John and Quebec on the East Coast, and Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert on the West Coast. The stampless cover depicted below shows the type 5 blackout cancel - 2 rings, center heavy, outside light - dated APR 2 1945 and was sent to National Steel Car Cig. Club, Hamilton, Ont., Canada. This is a club that used to pay and send cigarettes to soldiers.

In addition to the blackout, the cover has a slogan cancellation (H-525 in Coutts' *Slogan Postmarks of Canada*, 2002 ed.) that reads: HELP THE RED CROSS with 2 filled crosses. Furthermore, this is a ship cover. Under the slogan cancel is a dark blue stamp that reads: FROM H.M.C. SHIP / EXAMINED BY DB/N79?, the end of the second line may contain another character but is indiscernible.

A Type 4 blackout cancel, shown below, has a double light ring with center ring broken in one to five places. This Vancouver cut square is canceled DEC 20 1943 on a KGVI war issue 1c with slogan B-716 (Coutts) - BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS and two Lorraine Crosses.



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Novapex 2006 a Success

by Michael Peach

Novapex 2006, the first regional/national show, was a great success, and I fully anticipate that we will be able to host further Novapexes at the national/regional level. This was a team effort, due to the participation of many members of the club. A big **Thank You** is extended to them all, without them it would not have been possible.

There was a very good selection of high quality exhibits in the show, reflecting a wide cross section of interests. In addition to our "regular" Stamp Fair dealers, we were pleased to have several dealers not often seen in Nova Scotia. The Club Table also had a variety of material and did good business. The youth table was very active on Saturday. The small display on the stage attracted interest in postal memorabilia.

Saturday concluded with the Awards Banquet at MacAskill's Waterfront Restaurant. The weather was ideal, the excellent setting was complimented by good food.

Within one hour of the show closing, all the frames had been dismantled and packed away. A very good Novapex was over.

Thanks again to everyone who made this possible.

Michael Peach.

Novapex Youth Table

by Elizabeth Sodero

The Youth Table at Novapex 2006 could be deemed a success. Most of the visitors came on Saturday and they were an enthusiastic group. We had children from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island as well as those from Halifax/Dartmouth area and our regular family of three from Shelburne. Both Youth exhibitors, Alex Faulkner (Sports on Stamps) and Liam Parks (Birds of the World), won silver medals and other awards for their excellent exhibits. Both helped and participated at the Youth Table.

Maddy and Earla Smith were eager participants in a 'Sunday Daily News' interview and helped demonstrate to the interviewer why stamp collecting is fun.

A grant from BNAPS provided a dozen stamp kits with stockbook, tongs, perf gauge, hinges, magnifying glass, stamp mix, pencil and paper all in a zippered case. These were greeted with delight.

Canada Post provided prizes and many club members donated stamps and accessories. Not a few adults coveted material at the Youth Table! Thanks to the volunteers who helped at the table and to the children who came and enjoyed. Maybe there is life in the hobby after all.

NOVA PEX News

Novapex Door Prizes

by Marilyn Melanson

Three door prizes were given away at Novapex 2006. The drawings were done by the security guard present. On Friday Sept. 15th, the book *The Edward VII issue of Canada*, by George Marler, and a selection of matching stamps (generously donated by Dave Cooper) was won by **Donald Church**, Halifax. The framed print of the 51c Champlain stamp (donated by Canada Post) was won by **Jane Rathbun**, Waverley on Saturday, Sept. 16th. On the last day of the show, Sunday, Sept. 17th, the framed Year of the Dog souvenir press sheet (also donated by Canada Post) was won by **Marilyn Melanson**, Halifax. The Nova Scotia Stamp Club gratefully offers its thanks to the donors of the door prizes and congratulations to the winners.

Club Table Report

by Hugh Rathbun

Fourteen NSSC members submitted material to sell at NOVAPEX. The two tables were stuffed to overflowing. Initially, not everything could be displayed on the available space, and material was rotated so that all items could be viewed.

Total sales reached \$898.50. The club retained \$89.85 (10%). An additional \$61.50 was realized by the club from sales of covers donated by Cliff Abrams. Many who attended the show enjoyed the variety of material offered by the members, and the sales reflect the success of this venture.

Sales of Dr. J.J. MacDonald's book *One Hundred Years Over the Waters* were handled at the club desk at the entrance to the show. All fifteen colour copies on hand sold, and orders were taken for three additional copies.

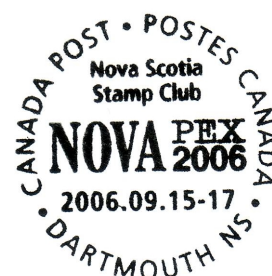
Novapex Palmares

The Palmares has not been included with this newsletter. It has been posted on the web and is downloadable in Adobe PDF format. If you wish to have a copy and do not have web access, let me know and I will include it in your next newsletter.

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NSSC Program 2006 - 2007

The program is starting to shape up for this year, however there are still openings available. If you have something that you would like to present or have an idea for a presentation please contact the executive.

October:

Atlas of Canada Stamp - Karen Smith, Trivium Design; Auction

November:

Czeslaw Slania, Engraver - Jane Sodero
Circuit books

December:

Christmas Quiz - Heather MacKenzie;
Charity Auction and Social

January:

40 Years of the NSSC Newsletter - Jeff Parks; Circuit Books

February: TBA, Auction

March: Birds on Stamps - Marty Zelenietz, Circuit Books

April: TBA, Auction

May:

Admiral Rate Covers - Elizabeth Sodero; Circuit books

June: Closing Social; Swap Meet

New Members

Two new members have recently joined the club. **John Dawn** is a former member who has come back to the fold. He collects "just about anything going" but more specifically Canada, USA, GB, deltiology and postal history. **Robert Damberg**s collects Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, German States, and Germany. Both members are from the greater Halifax area. Welcome.

Newsletter Articles

If you have an item (article, cover, show & tell) for the newsletter please contact Jeff for details at:

webnews@nsstampclub.ca

Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. **The deadline for the November issue is Oct. 31, 2006.**

Notes from the September Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 12 at the appointed hour. The meeting entailed discussion of the ensuing Novapex weekend, reports from the President and Membership Chair and the election of Officers. The Financial report was tabled until next meeting pending the Treasurer's return from a business trip. The presentation of the evening was the RPSC slide show "Waterfalls on Stamps" narrated by the President, which, by his own admission, was amusing for his pronunciation (and a good attempt at that) of the names of some falls. No auction was held, however the cover box was available for review and the draw netted \$39 for the club.

An executive meeting was held on August 29 and dealt with several issues including, Novapex, club finances, and space requirements for the Junior Club.

October's meeting, to be held on the 10th, will feature Karen Smith of Trivium Design, Halifax, designer of the Atlas of Canada stamp. An auction will follow.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **John D. Hurst (NSSC #418)** in Halifax on September 23, 2006, aged 74. Born in Halifax in 1932, he joined the Merchant Navy at age 16, quickly obtaining his Master's Papers. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School (1979), practiced Marine and Admiralty Law, and became a Chartered Arbitrator in 1995. He had worked on a number of different projects right up until time of his death. John was actively involved with Master Mariners, and the Navy League of Canada, for which he was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

John had been a member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club since 1972, as well as a member of Friends of Philately, and frequently exhibited on Newfoundland's stamps and covers. In recent years he is remembered for involvement in club activities, especially for organizing security for many exhibitions and interpretation of club insurance requirements. Our condolences to his family.

NOVAPEX 2007 September 15-16, 2007 Dartmouth Sportsplex

Novapex 2006 is just finished and now we are looking forward to Novapex 2007 which will be held next September. This will be a Regional show only. Planning is in the works and more details will be provided as they become available. Note this is a different date than has been previously advertised. At the September Executive meeting it was decided that the date should remain in September for consistency. We are still looking for someone to chair the show. If you wish to flex those talents talk to President, John Eldridge. Also if you wish to help out in some other way we would like to hear from you as well.

Annual Member Dues

Membership fees were due as of July 1. Second invoices have been included in this mailing for those of you that have not yet submitted. Membership cards are enclosed for those who have. Please be prompt, members not paid up by Dec 22/06 will be dropped from the roll.

Cover Box

Covers are available at the monthly meetings. In our "Worldwide Covers" box - a bargain can be found at 50 cents each, or 5 for \$2. The Canada and the USA covers are a real deal at 3 for a loonie (\$1)!! All proceeds from cover sales go directly to the club.

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