

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society Newsletter
September 2020

In Memoriam

GEORGE IVOR NASH

Sadly, I have to report that George Nash died on 28th July at St Richards Hospital, Chichester. He had an infection which led to renal failure. His goddaughter reported that he died peacefully in his sleep.

George was always gentleman and greatly respected member of our society. He will be greatly missed by us all. He was also a member of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society and wrote an article on his Philately in Journal 289(p7) with that society. In the article he mentions his interest “in collecting French stamps started in 1946 whilst at school when the pupils were invited to have a French pen pal. I was very lucky that my pen pal also collected stamps.” He also collected Red Cross, POW mail and Vichy Post.

He was an officer of our society, only having resigned from a long-standing position as Treasurer in the past two years. He also served on the committee. In the past year he found night driving difficult so wasn't able to attend meetings. He also wanted to spend more time with his wife Kath, who still lives in the West Wittering area. We celebrate with Kath as she turns 100 in September.



George is on Martha's right in this photo from the 60th Anniversary Evening.

Our condolences to her and his family members. Rest in Peace George ❤️

(Quote and photo of George in the 1950s courtesy of The Journal of the France & Colonies Philatelic Society, and Mr. Chris Hitchen Treasurer of the FCPS. Thank you.)



The Lockdown Challenge!

The society held the first-ever online Lockdown Challenge. This consisted of a two page per entrant, and voting by members both through postal means and online. Several members responded with entries, and special newsletters were posted to those not on technology, while others to read the Society website.

Alan Bush, Competition Secretary then tallied up the scores as votes came in. First Place: -Frank Griffiths Private Ship Letters HAPAG display and Highly Commended to Michael Asteris, King Edward VIII and Martha Brown, 3rd Reich Germany. Thanks to ALL members who responded, entered and voted.

As this was our first ever Online Competition we certainly entered a new learning curve. First was ensuring every entry had a name attached to it. Many voting forms were incorrectly filed. Scores had to be worked out using an Averages system. It was a nightmare for Alan Bush, Competition Secretary. So, you'll see, in the next article, that Alan has written some very clear instructions for the upcoming ONE PAGE WONDER Competition.

One Page Wonder Competition

Any topic or theme accepted

CALLING FOR ENTRIES NOW! Any topic or theme accepted

Closing date for entries: -30th September 2020

Closing date for voting forms: 26th October 2020

Members are now busy getting their one-page entries readied and sent to Alan Bush for the One Page Wonder (Virtual) Competition. (Many societies also do a one-page competition idea, and I've been told that Bognor PS have one every year regularly! What fun!)

Your ONE page, with your name attached to the email PLEASE, should be sent to Alan Bush at alanbush@aol.com or by post to his home address at 44 Pound Farm Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 7PU.

Any concerns please email him or telephone 01243-531730.

Name, entry title, and please, would everyone vote who ISNT in the competition.

Our rules still apply! But it would be lovely to see all members sending in their vote forms! 👍✓!

Once all entries are received they will be allocated a number and distributed to members via email, post and website. They will be covered by a marking form to make marking easy but use is not mandatory. Remember, if you are an entrant you cannot vote!

Results will be out in the next newsletter and up on the website.

The Committee Met Up!

Most of the committee managed to attend a meeting in Priory Park on Monday 24 August. The rain held off and we managed to run through the agenda quickly.

+At time of newsletter the hall was still considering reopening the hall but stringent government Covid methods have to be in place. The hall is still not open

+After much discussion based around Covid-19, it was suggested to allow meetings to begin again in the Autumn, to be announced, once word has come from Donnington Hall. If this occurs, then members may show up at their own risk. In other words, with Covid still in our society it's up to you if you wish to attend or not.

##We will telephone, email, put on website, to all members when we have a START DATE. ##. Watch this space every one!

Of course, there will be strict Covid protocols in place that we must observe (gels, hand washes, mask wearing indoors, and in/Out routes plus the usual social distancing). Toilets will be in use, but if you use it, then you'll have to clean it!

We Will Let You Know!

+The packet seems to be running well. Well done packet members & Alan!

+Howard requests Standing Order forms from members who haven't filed one with him yet. This makes subscriptions so much easier for the Treasurer. If there is one enclosed with this newsletter could you please consider it and send it back to Howard Morgan at 26 Kensington Rd, Chichester PO19 7XS.

Thank you.👍

+Until a 'proper' AGM can be held all officers have agreed to carry on with their duties until further notice. We thank everyone for their hard work, and thank Committee members also.

+The 2021 program is being worked out. It will probably look much like the one for 2020. Once things are decided we will be able to post up the new one on the website, and get a new one to members.

President's Voice: -

Personally, I feel it is too early to return to meetings. But I agreed that it would be up to personal choice to attend/ not to attend should the hall open its doors. Many clubs and societies are meeting, while others are not. I've had numerous conversations with members and every single one I spoke to over the telephone preferred waiting until 2021. They also didn't feel we would lose memberships, and felt that members would happily return once the dangers of Covid have passed. But others feel we should give it a go once we have the 'go ahead'.

We aren't truly certain when a whole group AGM can safely meet. It's all a lot of IFS at the moment. IF the hall opens, IF people follow safety rules, IF we have an adequate quorum of numbers for an AGM, and most important of all

IF we're not enduring a second wave/spike or second complete / regional Lockdown. There are many, many IFS.

We are certainly trying very hard to keep in touch with you all, Either through newsletters, special competitions, and the occasional telephone call.

I've even had numerous emails. Your communication is important and very appreciated. But more so, your words of encouragement are most welcome. Making decisions for society members is not an easy task at all!

So, my thanks for all the kind words I've heard and read!

We will be in touch once we know more.

Best wishes to you all

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