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Diary of Future Events

Tues. 4th Oct 7.30pm	AGM
Tues. 1st Nov 7.30pm	Annual Club Competitions
Tues. 6th Dec 7.30pm	Christmas Eats and Auction

President's Message October 2022

Our October meeting is our Annual General Meeting. Which means if you would like to hold a position in our club please put your hand up. Change can be a good thing as everybody has their own ideas.

It is also time to pay our dues : \$30.00 a single and \$45.00 for a couple. Margaret is always ready to take your money, cash or direct debit.

We have two stamp fair's coming up

September has been a very interesting month in the U.K. They have had a change in Prime Minister and the Death of a Monarch.

I must admit I have watched way too much Television ! We have seen History, that we will never see again.

If you believe in Monarchy or not Queen Elizabeth II was a remarkable woman. May she rest in peace. A job well done.

Birthdays for the month of September :

The Birthdays in our Philatelic Family for the month of September were Andrew on the 13th and Lindsay on the 20th. I do hope you both had a wonderful Birthday.

I will conclude with the very sad news of the passing of Bob McDonald. Bob died on the 27th of August 2022 he was a relatively new member and only attended several meetings. His funeral will be held on Thursday (October 6) at 1pm. at the Bendigo Baptist Church, 757 McIvor Hwy, Junortoun.

We all send our love and condolences to his wife Janice and family.

Let me finish with my little phrase to all members of our philatelic family.

TAKE CARE WE CARE and you are all important Libby.



The general monthly meetings of the BPS are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at

**Kangaroo Flat R.S.L.
Station St. Kangaroo Flat**

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings.

10 items per member are allowed for auctions

Christmas bonanza auction in **December** .

Exchange sheets will no longer be circulated at meetings. Please see Lyn to access sheets at home.

More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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Thank you Maree Edwards and staff for the printed copies of this newsletter.

God save our gracious Queen... A few personal reflections from the editor

Every Monday morning, sixty years ago, along with a thousand other pimply young students, I stood in the quadrangle at school, saluted the flag, swore the oath of allegiance and then sang what was then, the National Anthem without really thinking much about the words or what they meant. Was she gracious? None of us in that big country high school had ever met her so how would we know. It was eighteen years before I found out the truth.

I was still only four, still living in England, when King George VI died and it upset me greatly. It wasn't that I had joined the outpouring of grief that accompanied the death of the monarch who had inspired the nation all through the war years, choosing to



stay in London through the worst of the "blitz". No, at that age I was like most children, focussed on what I wanted to happen. Every day, for around half an hour on the radio, they broadcast a programme called "Listen with mother", aimed at pre-school children. It was a mix of nursery rhymes and stories and was a highlight of my day. On that day in February however, when we turned on the radio, all that came out was mournful music interspersed with a solemn voice saying, "The King is dead!" All programmes had been suspended for the day, including mine and I was furious.

There was some compensation a year later. I was at school by then and on June 1st 1953, we were all taken into the canteen which was the only building big enough to accommodate everyone so doubled as a school hall. We had a visitor and one by one, our names were called and we went up to receive a coronation mug from this stranger. Every school child in England received one of these that day as the coronation was the next day and was a holiday. When I went up to receive my mug, as the man bent to hand it to me, I blurted out, "It's my birthday today!" He stood up and said, very loudly, "Well, Happy Birthday, John!" to which the whole crowd cheered and sang, "Happy Birthday".

After Whitlam's dismissal, many of my friends became staunch republicans. I felt unable to join them as I had become a naturalised Australian and to gain citizenship, it was necessary to take an oath of allegiance to the Queen of Australia. I took that oath seriously so I was pleased to be asked if my band would perform for the Queen when she came to open Melbourne's city square.



Before we started, Tammy Fraser, the Prime Minister's wife, came out with a golden broom and gave the square a quick sweep. It was that sort of a day! Our first set was played facing the crowd with our backs towards the old Regent Theatre, then we turned round to face the balcony that had been set up on the theatre wall where the queen would make her speech and then we would play again to her. Everything went well and I didn't forget the words to the songs or hit too many bad notes.

I had my camera with me at the foot of the microphone stand as I was hoping to get a souvenir photo but as we were finishing our last number, the Queen was beginning to be ushered away. I bent to pick up my camera anyway and aimed it up at the balcony and as I did it, she noticed, turned and stepped back to the front of the balcony. She looked directly at me, smiled and waved until I had taken the shot then she turned back to her ushers and was gone. It was then that I finally understood the words, "God save our *gracious* Queen".

H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II A Gallery



News from Paul Brownlie

Hello fellow Philatelists

How cool is this precise postmark ?

Just gotta love philately. Perhaps we could have a “show and tell” one day of postmarks that really hit the spot!



Summer isn't far away and one of the things that it brings is the noisy, incessant singing of cicadas. If you thought all cicadas were the same, think again! Australia has about a thousand different species of cicada - more than anywhere else in the world. In August, Australia Post issued these three stamps, showing just three of those species.



By the time you get this newsletter, Australia Post will have released its new stamps depicting rock art. No, we're not talking about record covers from the nineteen-sixties, this is ancient aboriginal art from the Kimberleys. Shown above is the miniature sheet bearing both stamps.

Yours in Philately

Paul

Bendigo Philatelic Society Library

by: David Robinson

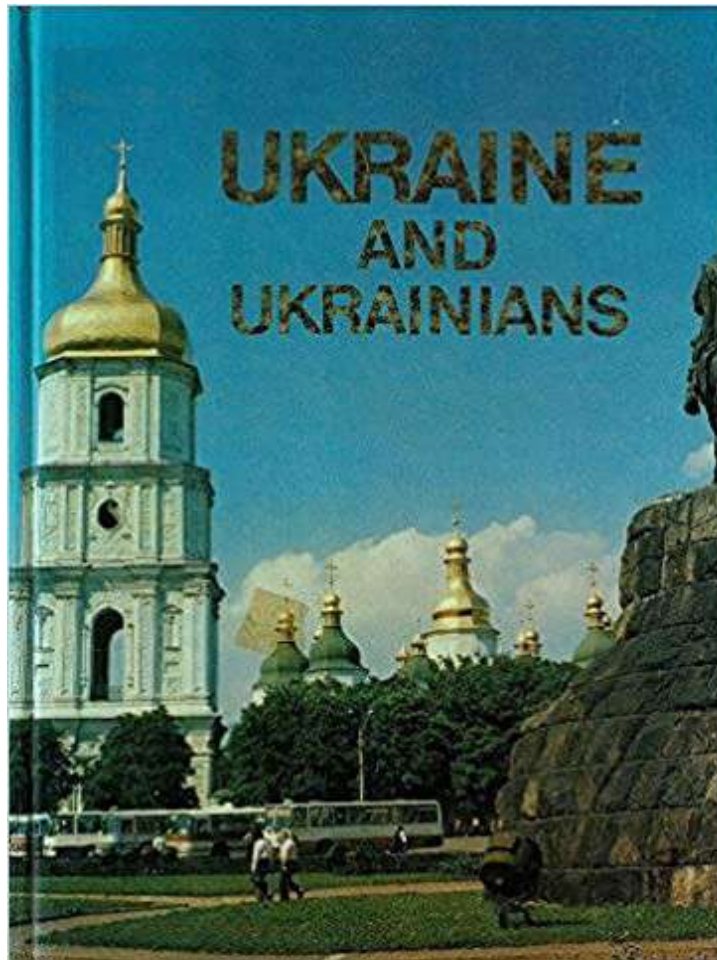
UKRAINE and UKRAINIANS

by: Peter Kardash.

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After watching the nightly news and the destruction of Ukraine by the Russian Forces, I was surprised to discover this book in our society's library. This interesting book is beautifully presented in full colour and gives the reader a comprehensive view of the country, its beliefs, and its people.

Preface is by Peter Kardash; "This book is an expression of the great love towards the people of one of the largest and most bounteous countries in Europe - that of Ukraine. Ukraine is a beautiful land, with green steppes, wide rivers and picturesque Carpathian landscapes. For one thousand years it has been a Christian nation, with its own religious rites and methods of worship. Ukrainians have always aspired to freedom and independence and this book can only tell you part of our story. I am hopeful that it will generate a greater interest in this nation and its people."



There are many interesting Postage stamps from Ukraine to collect.



For those interested in family history some new Ukrainian collections have been added to the free web site (familysearch.org)*. As the country's archives and heritage are at risk of destruction from the Russian invasion. They have been digitized in partnership with the Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine. The collections are the Cherkasy Church Books, 1734-1930, consisting of 3,721,422 records and the Zaporizhzhia Church Books, 1774-1935 consisting of 2,823,590 records. The familysearch.org web site has also added new records to its collections from Dnipro, Kiev, Odessa and Western Ukraine.

Note: *FamilySearch is a non-profit organization and website offering genealogical records, education, and software. It is operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Family History Department was originally established in 1894 as the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) and is the largest genealogy organization in the world.

[Our library holds an extensive range of books, leaflets & magazines,](#)
[which are available to members.](#)

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Maryborough Stamp Fair

St Augustine's Hall

Saturday, 22nd October 2022

9.30 am to 3pm.

Melbourne & Local Dealers

(some coins/notes)

Refreshments available.

Free Entry & Free Street Parking



Why is this person on a stamp No.10

School history lessons in England tend to ignore Michiel de Ruyter and for good reason. De Ruyter was a Dutch admiral who dealt the English navy its worst ever defeat in a most embarrassing way. This was long ago, during the reign of Charles II but the humiliation of the event has never been lived down

Competition between the English and the Dutch, mainly over trade in Africa and the Indies, flared up into a series of wars but even when not at war, both sides used privateers to attack the other's trading posts.

One of the causes of all this was the importance of the spice trade. In the days before any effective refrigeration, spices were how food was kept edible or preserved and the spice trade was an extremely lucrative business.

For example, after a war over a small island in what is now Indonesia, that was a valuable source of nutmeg, the peace negotiations, mainly brokered by the French, saw England cede the island to the Dutch for which the Dutch gave New Amsterdam. The English changed the name to New York.

In 1667, during the second Anglo-Dutch war, peace was being negotiated but the Dutch were not pleased with the way negotiations were progressing and decided on a daring raid to strengthen their hand. De Ruyter had been unwell but recovered enough to take, at least nominal, control of the raid. The Dutch fleet under the overall control of Baron Van Ghent who had planned the raid, sailed into the Thames, catching the English unprepared and gaining advantage by the confused and conflicting orders being given by the English admirals and the dithering delays of their commander, Charles II.

Meanwhile, De Ruyter's ships sailed up the Medway, which meets the Thames at the sea and was where the real damage was to be done. The English ships that were berthed on the Medway, near Chatham, were protected by a heavy chain across the river. Unfortunately, to be strong enough to stop a ship, it also needed to be heavy and so at the central point, it was three metres below the surface at high tide. The English tried to stop the Dutch advance, fearing they were going to attack London, by sinking ships across the river and around the chain. Meanwhile, London was in panic with many rich people evacuating with whatever wealth they could carry.

De Ruyter's men were able to move the sunken ships and to sail over the chain, They pounded the onshore fortifications with cannon fire, after which they attacked the anchored fleet with fireships, burned or captured three out of the four largest English ships and ten more ships of the line, and captured and towed away the flagship of the English fleet, HMS Royal Charles.

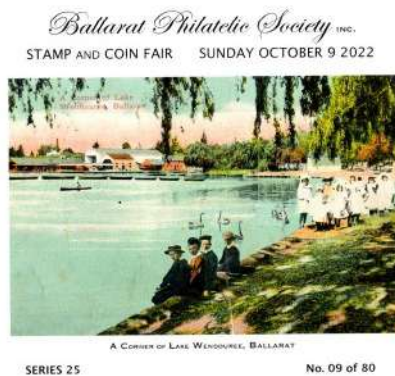
In the Netherlands, De Ruyter's story is known by every school child and he is a national hero. The English, however, would rather like to forget him.



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Ballarat Eureka Stamps & Coins Fair

**Sunday 9th
October 2022**
9.30am — 3.30pm
Eastwood Leisure Centre,
20 Eastwood Street,
Ballarat



For Sale:

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Note that 2021 items all sold out, so get in quick!

Ballarat Begonia Festival Stamps and Coins Fair Monday, March 13th 2023

Visit our NEW website: ballaratstampclub.com.au

New members most welcome!