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WETS NEWS by email – If you are not yet a recipient give your name and email address to the Editor. Increases in postal charges, mean it is important to circulate as much information as possible by this means. Look at our website www.wessexpf.org.uk for examples of the quality. Download time is very fast. **DON'T FORGET TO SAVE WHAT YOU GET.** It is suggested you create a file called WETS News to put them in.

Dates for your Diary – A ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 13th July the speaker will be Sue Burn showing the evolution of airmail using Flying Boats. The link for all ZOOM meetings is on our website, Our next face to face meeting is on Saturday October 30th at Buckfastleigh Town Hall, see the Booking Form attached for meeting details

ZOOM meetings – Our ZOOM meetings are a great success with more and more attendees at each meeting, if you have not yet attended one you have missed some really interesting speakers and displays. Wessex Federation have taken out a ZOOM licence and now hosts meetings for any of its clubs who wish to hold meetings in this manner. This means we are not time limited and details of displays to date are as follows.

11th May 2021 – The first display was British Owls given by Jim Wigmore based upon an extended original 8 sheet display on the same subject it was extended with some addition material as a PowerPoint display, with the Eagle Owl as the Star of the show.

This was followed by a display from our Chairman about Philatelic Fairs at National and International level over several years and the Philatelic Material issued.

A review of our Memory Stick followed with Jim Wigmore showing how it worked and the extension of its material by the addition of the Wessex Newsletters which have been indexed in a similar manner to the WETS Newsletters. This provoked a great deal of discussion that resulted in a motion to add ZOOM displays to the Memory Stick.

8th June 2021 – The first display was “Viaducts” given by



Keith Burton the editor of ABPS News. It contained Viaducts in both the UK and Europe that had been issued on Post Cards and were familiar to Keith as the result of his travels.



This was followed by “The Pilgrim Fathers” given by Jim Wigmore who had been able to extend a subject



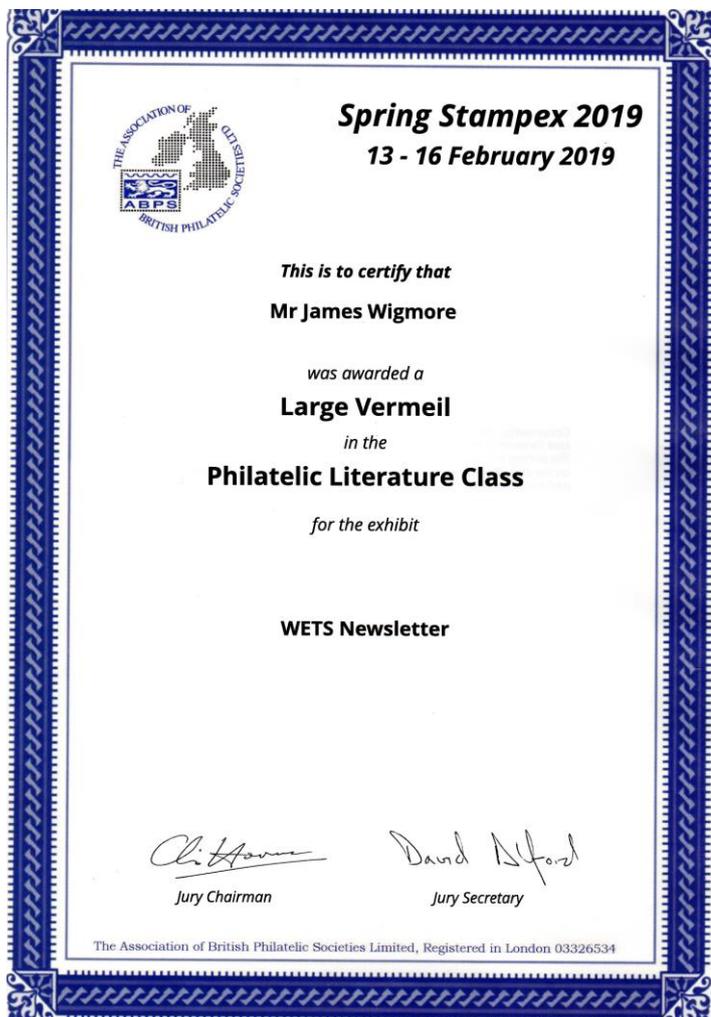
previously started by Terry Cowlard. The story covered the period from the Puritans leaving England to go to Holland, their leaving Holland to start a new life in



America and the hardships endured by all in this process. A great deal of research was shown gathered from many sources.

This included Postal History from New England showing many districts and place names we would all be familiar with, in some cases the spellings were slightly different e.g. Barnstable as opposed to Barnstaple. This was followed by a demonstration of our “**Memory Stick**” that provoked quite a lot of discussion as the content was seen as very philatelically useful. One of the outcomes of this discussion was a request to add copies of the many ZOOM presentations and the Wessex Newsletters.

Do try and make the effort to join in our ZOOM meetings, even if you do not have a camera on your computer, you can still join in and see the presentations if you would like to have a practice contact Jim Wigmore to arrange a date and time so we can help you to get connected and start enjoying the presentations.



OUR MEMORY STICK – Contains every News Letter we have produced and has a complete index that can be searched by Article, Subject or Author. In this form it was entered into STAMPEX 2019 and won a Large Vermeil.

As a result of the most recent discussion, we have now added the Wessex News Letters and the ZOOM Presentations as requested.

The Wessex Newsletters have been indexed in a similar manner as the WETS Newsletters and an index page has been created for the ZOOM meeting presentations by subject matter.

Some additional work has been done at the entry level of the Memory Stick to make it more idiot proof. It will be re-named now as the WESSEX Memory Stick.

To obtain a FREE copy or have your existing Memory Stick updated, send a Memory Stick or your existing Memory Stick to Jim Wigmore address above ensure you package it securely and provide a suitable return addressed envelope and a Large Letter stamp for the return postage.

You may also order a new Memory Stick fully loaded with all the above at a price of £10.00, orders to Jim Wigmore. Please make cheques payable to Mr. J. Wigmore

WETS WEBSITE – Our website is now up and working the web address is www.westofenglandthemsoc.co.uk (A web search using West of England Thematic Society, will also find the site) you will find lots of useful information about the society including all our meetings and there is direct links to ABPS, BTA and other societies, plus some useful Dealer and Auction Houses. On the Meetings page you will find the link for all our ZOOM meetings including who are the presenters for each meeting and the dates (*nominally every 2nd Tuesday of each month except August*).

Ideas from members about anything they consider to be usefully added to our website would be welcome.