



15th BWISC
CARIBBEAN COLLECTOR'S
CONVENTION

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER
&
SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
2009

The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel
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INVITATIONS:

Invitations to attend the Convention are extended to all who are interested in the philately of the Caribbean Islands (Commonwealth and also non-Commonwealth), British Honduras, Belize, British Guiana, Guyana and Bermuda. Members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (UK) Chapter and The Leamington and Warwick Philatelic Societies are particularly welcome.

DATE:

The Convention will be held on Saturday 17 October & Sunday 18 October 2009. The Convention Day will be on the Sunday.

VENUE:

The Convention will be held in the Hampton Suite at the Charlecote Pheasant Hotel near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV35 9EW

www.foliohotels.com/charlecotepheasant Tel: 0844 855 9126.

By road: Exit M40 (J15) and take A429 signposted to Cirencester/Stow-on-the-Wold, drive through the village of Barford and, 2 miles out, take the right turn signposted Charlecote. The hotel is opposite the church in the village.

By rail: Stratford-upon-Avon 5 miles.

By Air: Birmingham International, 18 miles.

If there are problems, it may be possible to arrange lifts or pick-ups by Committee members.

CAR PARKING:

The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel has ample car parking facilities.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

It is hoped that this new venue will encourage partners to attend. The hotel is situated adjacent to the National Trust property of Charlecote Park and close to the many other attractions of Stratford and 'Shakespeare's county'.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

For the convenience of members who propose to attend the Convention, the programme is as follows:—

18.45 **Saturday 17th October.**

An invitation to a Wine and Cheese Party with the Honorary Officers and Committee of the Study Circle in the Hotel Lounge area. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

10.20 **Sunday 18th October September.**

The Convention Day opens in the Hampton Suite with a short speech of welcome by the Convention Chairman.

10.30 Bourse opens.

10.30 Informal Displays put up for inspection while the Bourse is in progress.

11.30 Refreshments in the coffee lounge (no charge)

11.45 Informal Displays will now be taken down.

11.50 Bourse closes.

11.55- A formal display by David Cordon:

12.50 "Bermuda - KGV and Others"

12,55 Time for liquid refreshment before Luncheon.

13.30 Luncheon - Buffet Style in the Restaurant.

14.55- A formal display by Chris Harman:

15.50. "The Story of Perkins Bacon – with a focus on the British West Indies"

15.55 Bourse opens.

16.00 Last Informal Displays are put up while Bourse is in progress.

17.05 Last Informal Displays will be taken down.

17.10- The Convention Day closes with a speech of farewell by the Convention Chairman.

17.15

After the Convention Day has closed it is hoped that you will take advantage of the opportunity to start or continue informal discussions for as long as you wish during the remainder of the Convention Day and into the following day if desired, Group leaders may hold meetings for their individual groups on the Sunday evening.

INFORMAL DISPLAYS

During the course of the Convention Day, informal displays, belonging to members of the Study Circle, of many of the Caribbean islands and countries will be mounted in racks or frames for inspection in the Hampton Suite. These Informal Displays will be changed from time to time but will not be on view during the Formal Displays.

Those wishing to participate in the Informal Displays should bring to the Convention not more than 30 pages. Subject to space and time being available, the pages will be put on display around the walls of the Hampton Suite during the Convention Day at the times mentioned in the Programme of Events.

Informal Displays should be collected as soon as possible after they have been taken-down, and in any event by the end of the Convention Day. Any Informal Display not collected at the end of the Convention Day will be returned to the owner by post and the appropriate postal charges incurred will have to be refunded to the Study Circle.

THE BOURSE

Will any member of the Study Circle who is a dealer and who would like to take a table on the Convention Day please apply to:

Chas Gee at 32 Blagreaves Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 1FH,

Telephone: 01332 271564, e-mail: secretary@bwisc.org

as soon as possible, requesting a reservation. Tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis within the limit of available accommodation. A table is approximately six feet long and the cost will be £35.00 for the day.

Dealers will not be confined to selling B.W.I. material only.

All reasonable security precautions will be taken by the Study Circle, but dealers must be personally responsible for the safety of their own stock and neither the Study Circle nor any of its Honorary Officers and/or members nor The Folio Hotel nor anyone else can accept any legal responsibility for loss of or damage to stock under any circumstances.

For reasons of security there will be only one entrance to and exit from the Hampton Suite which must be cleared by 17.30 pm.

MEMBERS' APPROVAL TABLE

It is very important that every vendor wishing to sell any stamps and other philatelic material at the Members' Approval Table submit a separate list from which the items to be sold can be clearly identified. The vendor should indicate on the list the price required for the stamps and other philatelic material.

The vendor can deliver the stamps and other philatelic material to Simon Goldblatt before the Convention by special arrangement with him. (Office Telephone No, 020 7832 1132), or to Simon Goldblatt at the Convention. The Study Circle will charge a vendor 10% commission on any sale completed by private treaty. As the cost of running the Convention may exceed the proceeds realised, any stamps and other philatelic material donated to the Study Circle for sale by private treaty will be most gratefully received.

A purchaser of any stamps and other philatelic material who tenders a cheque in payment should produce an appropriate Banker's cheque card or credit card.

All vendors are requested to collect any unsold stamps or philatelic material at the end of the Convention Day. If unsold material is not collected, and has to be returned to the vendor by post later, the appropriate postal charges will have to be refunded to the Study Circle.

LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO FORMAL DISPLAYS, INFORMAL DISPLAYS AND ITEMS AT THE MEMBERS' APPROVAL TABLE:

All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Study Circle for the security of Formal Displays, the Informal Displays and the stamps and other philatelic material at the Members' Approval Table. Neither the Study Circle nor any of its Honorary Officers and/or members nor the Folio Hotel Group nor anyone else can accept legal responsibility for loss of, or damage to any Formal Display or stamps and other philatelic material at the Members Approval Table under any circumstances.

COSTS:

A Convention charge of £5 will be levied on each member and guest attending, whether or not the member or guest stays overnight at the hotel. No Convention charge will be made for partners. Rooms are available at The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel at special rates for those who wish to stay, overnight, as follows:

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| 1. Bed & Breakfast for two (or more) nights | £50.00 pppn |
| 2. Dinner, Bed & Breakfast for two (or more) nights | £60.00 pppn |
| 3. Bed & Breakfast for one night stay | £55.00 pppn |
| 4. Dinner, Bed & Breakfast for one night stay | £67.00 pppn |

The abbreviation pppn stands for 'per person, per night'

Superior Rooms available for a supplement of £30 per room per night

These hotel prices are inclusive of VAT. Every hotel room has its private bathroom or shower and other normal facilities, such as tea/coffee, telephone and colour television. Those who stay at the Hotel should settle their bills privately directly with the hotel. Gratuities to the Hotel staff are considered to be a voluntary matter and no gratuities or service charge will be included in the Hotel's bills.

All bookings should be made by completing the Convention Booking Form and returning it to Chas Gee at 32 Blagreaves Lane, Littleover, Derby DE23 1FH by 20th September 2007 at the latest.

In order to avoid disappointment please book early and send a stamped addressed envelope for confirmation of the booking to Chas Gee. It is requested that room bookings should not be made to the Hotel prior to the 20th September 2009. After this date any un-booked rooms from the BWISC allocation will be released back to the hotel, and it will be necessary to make your own arrangements directly with the hotel.

LUNCHEON:

A Buffet Style Luncheon will be served at 13.30 p.m. on Sunday 18th October in the restaurant. Liquid refreshment can be purchased at the Hotel bar. The cost of the Luncheon will be £14.50 per person.

You may book for yourself, and any guests you may wish to invite, by completing the booking form and returning it to Chas Gee enclosing payment.

BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

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I shall attend the Convention and include the Convention charge as stated below.

* Please delete as appropriate.

(Name)

(Address)

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E-mail:

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

* I shall / shall not attend the wine and cheese party

* I shall / shall not be bringing a guest to the wine and cheese party

ACCOMMODATION

* I do not wish to stay at the Charlecote Pheasant Hotel

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Please reserve for me the following accommodation; the full details of which are set out in the Convention Leaflet which I have read.

	Saturday 17 Oct.	Sunday 18 Oct.	Other dates	Smoking or non smoking
Single room				
Single room & dinner				
Double room				
Double room and dinner				
Twin bedded room				
Twin bedded room & dinner				

CONVENTION CHARGE

£ 5.00

LUNCHEON

* I do not wish to attend the Luncheon

* I would like to attend the Luncheon £14.50

* I will be bringing guests £.....

I enclose a cheque / postal order for the sum of: £.....

(made payable to the BWISC)

Return the form to:

Chas Gee at 32 Blagreaves Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 1FH

by 20th September 2009 at the latest

Please Note Although the return of this form will assist the Study Circle to estimate the number of persons likely to attend; the accommodation bookings at the Hotel are made on the strict understanding that the accounts are settled privately by the individual concerned. Book early since the accommodation at preferential rates is limited & can only be allocated on a first come, first served basis.