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Tony Lyon

One from my humorous military post-card collection. Nos Soldats Delivrance Paquetages. Rough translation, French soldiers receiving their kit. Produced by Librairie, 7 Rue Chevalier-Paul — Toulon. Military humour seems to be universal.



Editorial

Tony Lyon

It is always a good feeling when the final page is completed on an issue. Hopefully everything comes together and you the reader find something of interest.

Another of our long time members passed away 5 May 2016. Harold J. C. Sheath (1927-2016), was a much valued member who continued to contribute to this society until shortly before his death. As a lasting legacy his help in compiling a complete index of the journal from issue No 1 will benefit all who are looking for past information. Harold went through each issue and wrote out in long hand the index which enabled your editor to type it up into a PDF. It is indexed by article and by author. It will be available soon on-line at our website. Well done Harold.

Please read the article that Michael Barden has written concerning the future publishing of the journal. A decision then needs to be made as to how you wish to receive future issues.

It is pleasing to have additional contributors for the journal and we are always looking for contributions. Even hand written articles can be accepted from those who don't have or use computers. Don't let that stand in your way. Many of you must have some interesting covers that would be appreciated by a wider readership.

While on the subject of computers I came across this little pearl of wisdom. 'To my children—Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff. I taught you how to use a spoon.' On that note I will say:

Ciao for now.

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Michael Barden with your Committee

Some 70% of your Society's expenditure goes on printing and mailing the journal (AJP). The 30% balance covers overheads, such as meeting room rental, free journals to kindred societies, PO box, four life members etc. Authors and the Editor get paid in thanks. Committee members pay their own expenses at committee meetings!

Like other societies, this Society has a falling membership. Overheads must be covered by fewer people. Add to this the recent postal increases for mailing journals and we have a cost-price squeeze. There's not much in our bank account to subsidize operations further and keep subscriptions from rising – we have done this for several years now.

We publish a good and varied journal, with the help of a diligent honorary editor and contributing members, always on time and full of variety. This is a big plus and a good reason for wishing to continue as a Philatelic Society. We think we are reasonably good at what we do. Cast an eye over some other journals to compare their quality, quantity and cost. **If members wish to see different content from what is now offered, may we suggest they become contributors and submit an article.** Your editor and I are both willing to help with computer skills to paginate articles by inserting illustrations or effecting layout, so don't let that put off first time authors or those with limited computer skills. We offer this service already and it is used. You sign off before we print.

The unit cost of printing and binding a 32 page AJP is nearly \$4 a copy. P & P are extra. Costs including overheads versus subs are currently as shown below:-

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A/P 4x	\$47.20	Sub now	\$35		Sub now \$41

Overseas postage is horrendous! Subscriptions are around journal cost, so we are not covering any of the 30% overheads. **How can we maintain the service, yet strip costs?**

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about the Society's new on-line index for all 136 issues of AJP. Tony Lyon is scanning all back copies of AJP and putting them on the web. Members with back copies will be able to go straight to relevant articles. So it has never been a better time to be a member. Not only will you have the index but also now access to exchanged journals (hard copy only to date – they too will go electronic). Hard copy exchange journals will cease to exist.

On-line communications show us the way forward. From July 2016, members with email addresses can receive journals as soon as they are produced and 100% in colour. The **annual membership costs for four electronic journals**, wherever you live in the world, with **access to the website** will be **\$A25**. Journals will be sent out as a PDF attached to an email (~ 6 Mb).

Some of you will prefer to receive hard copies by mail for one or other reason. AJP will be all B & W as an A4 sheet stapled in the top left corner, not an A3 booklet as now. Bold type gives best options.

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