

The France & Colonies Philatelic Society presents

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The 50th Annual Philatelic Meeting

The highlight of the Society's year



The Society is delighted to invite members to attend an event devoted to the philately of France and its Colonies where you will enjoy good company and food in the pleasant surroundings of Stratford-upon-Avon.

The time: 5.45pm Thursday 5 March to 1.00pm Saturday 7 March 2026.

The place: The Clarion Hotel Charlecote Pheasant, Charlecote Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV35 9EW Tel. 01789 335960 email reservationsCP@charlecotepheasanthotel.co.uk

The price: Dinner, bed and breakfast for two nights single £258, two sharing £318. One night only is half the rate. Quote booking reference FCPS Event 2026. Please book before 7 December 2025 noting that payment is due in full at the time of booking and non-refundable.

The event will commence with a reception at 5.45pm in the function room followed at 7.00pm by a French bistro-style gala dinner in the restaurant. After dinner, in a variation on the usual "Anything Goes" session all attendees are asked to present up to three sheets comprising "My favourite French stamp or postal history item", "My least favourite French stamp" and "A gem from my collection", the latter item need not be a rare or valuable item but something of interest or simply unusual. The most interesting presentation, as judged by those present, will win a prize.

The success of the event is largely dependent on the provision of displays by the members. Whether a formal display during the day or something informal after dinner on Friday all attendees are encouraged to participate at whatever level. For guidance the display frames each accommodate 9 conventional leaves or 12 A4 size pages.

There will be facilities available for the display and sale of surplus philatelic material and literature. This bourse will be managed by Mick and Marian Bister and the society will deduct 10% commission from all sales towards society funds. A pro-forma will be circulated to all attendees for completion of details of material to be sold. It represents a great opportunity to acquire new material which may be financed from the disposal of unwanted items.

Refreshments are provided between the display sessions and a small charge of £10 per member is payable; this may be sent to the Treasurer with your subscription, or at any other time or paid in cash during the weekend. In addition the hotel bar provides light lunches which can be ordered in advance during the morning session for your own account.

Once attendees' details are complete and displays have been collated and scheduled a programme will be circulated. Day visitors are also welcome to attend.

Please complete the slip below and return by post or telephone or email the details to David Parmley.

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To David Parmley, 40 Kenyons Lane, Lydiate, Liverpool L31 0BR email dparmley@jhgl.co.uk tel 07464 926250

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I have booked accommodation for 1/2 nights or I shall attend as a day visitor Fri/Sat

I offer to display the following (please state number of frames and a brief description of the display(s):

Please return your details before January 12 2026 so that the programme can be collated and invitations, itinerary etc can be circulated in good time.