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From the Liechtenstein, Work in Progress display of 31 March.

Dear Member,

Herewith the first issue of 2016 on time for once. The first quarter of 2016 has been quiet for the Society but we have had some interesting displays. No new members have been elected so far but hopefully this will change later in the year. Stamp 2016 has a new venue away from the RDS and a special once off competition for the year that's in it (see News below). We are looking forward to the International Stamp Exhibition in New York this May and June. The Society will have participation at it and we will report on it later.

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Since the last issue no new members have been elected. In the same period no resignations or bereavements have been notified.

STAMPA 2016

Stamp 2016 the Irish National Stamp Exhibition will be held over the weekend of 14 to 16 October. This year's show will be held at a new venue - GRIFFITH COLLEGE, SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD, DUBLIN 8 formerly Griffith Military Barracks. This venue is located between Leonard's Corner and the National Stadium and is a large campus with ample parking. The Coin element, a feature of last year's show will NOT form part of this year's one and there will be plenty of room for ease of movement.

A special "Once Off" one frame (16 sheets) competition will feature this year dedicated to the 1916 Centenary for which a special trophy will be awarded to the winner. So now is the time to start putting together an entry for this competition.

Buses to the new venue from the City Centre are Nos 9, 16, 68, 122 49, 54. (Nos 68 and 122 stop outside) the others stop within 5 to 10 minutes walk. The No 150 can also be used which stops in Donore Avenue about 5 minutes from the venue.

DISPLAYS

MY FAVOURITE THINGS

7 JANUARY

This display was given by Brian Warren. Included was 1d, 2d, 3d LSD Coil stamps with leaders, 2d, 3d vertical coils, 10p Decimal multi value coils with colour shift, 10p Decimal multi value coils used at Cork May 1977 and Dublin 1978. Booklet panes with marginal markings, £1 Cahir Castle forgery and genuine block of 4, Cahir Castle forgery imperf and 2nd printing, 30p Blackbird definit value used on cover with malformed die-cut, self service machines used at The Square, Tallaght and Supervalu Middleton Shopping Centre, Cork. Also included was W.B. Yeats Birth Centenary 5d value (pair) with collar retouch, 1969 Evie Hone blocks of 4 with short '1' in 1894 and spot over the window, John Philip Holland Irish, British, Grenada and USA issues, George Best booklet, self adhesive and cover with slogan postmark, Turks and Caicos Islands 1985 Handel's Messiah min sheet and the Luisitania issue from the Isle of Man.

SOUTH AFRICA

21 JANUARY

This display was given by Brian O'Connell. Included in the display was 1925 Air mail set, 1929 Air mail set and cover usage, 1943 censored cover with 3d bantam pair, 1926 triangulars, 1935 Silver Jubilee set, 1936 JIPEX sheetlets, 1939 250th Anniv of Huguenot Landing in South Africa, 1933 Voortrekker Memorial Fund set and registered cover usage to India, 1938 Voortrekker Centenary Memorial Fund set, 1949 Inauguration of Voortrekker Monument issue and used on registered cover, 1900 Boer War cover, Central South Africa Railway perf on Edward VII Transvaal stamp.

LUXEMBOURG

4 FEBRUARY

This display was given by Caroline Barlow and was her first display to the Society. Included in the display was 1852 Grand Duke William III defins, 1859 defins, 1882/84 Agricultural and Trade defins values, 1891 10c stationery card, 1891/93 Grand Duke Adolf defins, 1906 Grand Duke William IV defins, 1907/26 GrandDuchess Adelaide defins values, 1921/35 Views defins values, 1925 Child Welfare set, 1927 Child Welfare set, 1933 Child Welfare set, 1931/33 Air mail issue, 1935 International Relief Fund for Intellectuals, 1937 Philatelic Exhibition min sheet, 1939 Centenary of Independence set and min sheet, 1940 German Occupation issues, 1945 Liberation, National War Victims Fund set and min sheet, 1946 Air set, National Stamp Exhibition min sheet, 1949 75th Anniv UPU set, 30th Year of Reign of Grand Duchess Charlotte sheet, 1952 Olympic Games, Helsinki set.



GERMANY CALLING

18 FEBRUARY

This display was given by Pat Carey. Included in the display was a stationery card showing Frederick the Great, and the Garrison Church, stationery card for 1st Anniv of Torchlight Procession, picture postcard showing Ernst Rohm and Hitler, postage free letter from Chancellery of Fuhrer of NSDAP to the Danube SA Group, stationery cards for the Hitler Youth, Bund Deutscher Medal, German Worker Front membership book, postcard and stamps for the Reich's Party Days, 1937 permit for an active participant at the Party Day, 1936 Olympic Games Berlin, 1935 cover with Pro Saar stamps cancelled on Plebiscite Day 13 Jan, Anti-semitic propaganda postcard, Field Postcard mocking Chamberlain, German propaganda flier to Soviet Troops, American and British Safe Conduct Pass.

LIECHTENSTEIN

31 MARCH

This display was given by Frank Mc Donald. Included in the display was 1917 defins set of 6, 1920 defins set, Prince John's 80th Birthday set, 1935 cover with 'Visit the Beautiful Principality of Liechtenstein machine slogan, 1938 Govt of Principality of Liechtenstein mourning cover with cancel for National Stamp Exhibition Aarau, 1957 Liechtenstein Trees and Bushes set as well as 1959 set, 1959 defins values, 1960 30th Anniv of 1st Liechtenstein air stamps, World Refugee Year issue, 1963 Minnesingers (3rd issue) set and fdc, 1966 Nature Protection set, 1967 Royal Wedding min sheet, "Patrons of the Church" defins set, 1969 250th Anniv of Liechtenstein set, Arms of Church Patrons, 1971 Winter Olympic Games Sapporo, Japan, 1975 Liechtenstein Princes set of 3, Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck set of 4, 1978 Buildings defins set, 1981 75th Birthday of Prince Francis Joseph II min sheet and fdc, 1920 postage dues, various official covers and 1968 official stamp values.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3 MARCH

The above meeting of the Society was held in Ely House on Thurs 3 March 2016. It was chaired by our President Mr Gerry Byrne and conducted by our Secretary Frank Mc Donald upon delegation by the President. A total of 19 attended. The Secretary's typed report was presented to those present along with the Audited Accounts for 2015. The Accounts showed an overall deficit of 201 euros for the year.

These reports were adopted by the meeting with no matters arising and are reproduced in this edition for your information.

The following officers and committee were elected for 2016 all others having 1 year more to serve :

Vice President	Mike Burrington	Hon. Secretary	Frank Mc Donald
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Committee Members	Tom Hassett and Tom Mc Carthy
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Mr Brian Warren was re-appointed Hon. Auditor

In relation to the Annual Subscription Rate for 2016 a rise of 5 euro to 20 euros was approved by the meeting with the country rate left at 7 euros.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2015 / 2016

A total of 20 meetings of the Society have taken place since the last Annual General Meeting. This is one less than the previous period. All of these meetings were held in Ely House. Average attendance at meetings since the last Annual General Meeting was 20.

Since the last Annual General Meeting two new Country members have been elected. During the same period there was no notified resignation or bereavement.

PROGRAMME

The annual programme was completed in a short period of time. Two new displayers volunteered a display for the present programme while, the rest was left to the usual displayer base and other non-display items. There was one overseas displayer.

We were treated to some interesting nights during the year to date. These included "American Revenues and Others", "Canada, Work in Progress", "British West Indies", "Belgium", "My Favourite Things", "Luxembourg", "Germany Calling".

SOCIETY SOCIAL EVENING

The annual Society Social Evening took place in Ely House on Thursday 26 November. It took the format of previous years and was reasonably well attended. All the trophies and medals won over the year were presented by the president following the dinner.

The Society, as in previous years provided the dinner drinks and an after dinner social drink, the cost being 165 euro down from 277 euro the previous year. However, from the 2016 Social Evening the after dinner social drink will NOT be provided.

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

The annual Society Competitions attracted a total of 6 entries. In 2014 a total of 3 entries were received and in 2013 a total of 4 were received. The following awards were made :

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| Brian Harmon | : W.Kane Shield and Medal for "Stone Bridges". |
| Bob Cruickshank | : Fenlon Mc Donald Open Philately Trophy and Medal for "France". |
| Gerry Byrne | : Robert Towers Aerophilately Trophy and Medal for "Pan American Airways Pacific Operations 1935-1941". |
| Heloise Mitchell | : F.E. Dixon Cup and Medal, John Mackey Cup and Medal and Dobbs Memorial Trophy and Medal for "Straight Line Markings of France 1760-1831". |

The Open Class Competition was again held in 2015 in advance of the annual competitions. A total of 6 entries were received of 9 sheets each the same number as 2014 while 7 entries were received in 2013. The winner was Bob Cruickshank for "Around the World in Nine Pages". He was awarded the Open Class Trophy and plaque for 2015.

The award of the Charles Griffith Memorial Trophy and Medal for 2015 was made to John Lennon for his display "Postal History of Co. Limerick".

STAMPA

In 2015 members of the Society were successful at Stampa and the following awards were gained :

Gold Medal	: Brian Harmon along with the Charles O'Neill Memorial Trophy
Vermeil Medals	: Norman Finnie and Gerry Byrne
Silver Medal	: Des Norton
Bronze Medal	: Brian O'Connell

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN EXHIBITIONS

The Society had one representative at London 2015 in May and a vermeil medal was gained by Pat Casey. The Society will be represented at the International Exhibition in New York from 28 May to 4 June.

THEMATIC AND OPEN PHILATELY SEMINAR

The Society held the above seminar in the Mespil Hotel, Mespil Road on Saturday 9 May. This was well attended and was conducted by members of the International Team in both Thematic and Open Philately classes. It resulted in a new member been recruited to our membership. Other aspects of that day included a briefing on competition rules for both classes, aids to presentation and mounting a competitive entry, using the computer as an aid to writing up a collection.

FINANCE

Collected subscriptions in 2015 were up on 2014 due to two new members. The three catalogued bourse sales in 2015 produced commission of 366 euro to the Society from sales of 3,984.50 euros up 50 euro on the 2014 figure. The commission from the third sale was split between the Society and Dublin Stamp Society. Society bourse commission and bourse donations were up in 2015.

The main expenses in 2015 were in respect of Public Liability Insurance which, was at 381 euros down 8 euros on the 2014 figure. The rent bill over the year 2015 for 21 meetings was 1,365 euros up from the 2014 figure of 1,260 euros for the same number of meetings. This was due to a 15 euro increase in rent from 3 Sept which was notified to members at our meeting of 9 July.

The cost of printing the annual programme decreased by 12 euros. Bank charges increased by 11 euros due to a new fee billing system introduced by AIB in mid 2015 and also notified to members at our meeting of 9 July.

During 2015 the Society received sponsorship of 536 euros in respect of printing IPS News, Auction Lists and related postage and provision of Auction Refreshment. This sponsorship has now ended and in future items for the most part will be sent by E Mail where applicable.

A number of new books were purchased for the library in 2015.

These were some of the main financial matters during the year in terms of Income, Expenditure and Account movement.

I now wish to outline some of the main financial outlays for the year 2016. The renewal of the Public Liability Insurance should be more or less the same as 2015 at 381 euros. The annual rent bill will be 1,350 euros for 18 meetings rather than 21 due to no meeting on St Patrick's Day and summer closure at the end of June. The FPSI Levy in 2016 will be 49 euros .

SOCIETY BOURSE

The Society Bourse produced commission of 364 euros in 2015 up from 325 euros in 2014. Society bourse donations of 85 euros was substantially up on the 2014 figure. In addition commission was also received in respect of lots previously unsold in the bourse and subsequently sold. The latter commission receipts were for the most part lodged to the Insurance Reserve Fund Account and was a decision made in Committee on 8 January 2015.

LIBRARY

Some new books were purchased for the library in 2015. There were no borrowings from the library in 2015.

ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS OF IRELAND

No Society nomination was made in 2015 to sign the Roll. The last Society nomination to be made and accepted by the Federation of Philatelic Societies of Ireland was Mrs Heloise Mitchell in 2012 and before that in 2005 when the Late Mr William (Bill) Moore was accepted.

FEDERATION OF PHILATELIC SOCIETIES OF IRELAND SERVICE MEDAL

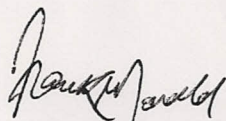
At the Annual General Meeting of the Federation at Stampa on Sunday 18 October three members of the Society Mrs Heloise Mitchell, Mr John Greer and Mr John Fitzsimons were awarded the Federation's Medal for service to philately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2 Committee Meetings have been held since the last Annual General Meeting. These dealt with the nomination papers in respect of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Ireland, Charles Griffith Investment, the issue of a letter of thanks to the former president, Robert Moore following his resignation and the Audited Accounts of the Society in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

CONCLUSION

In light of the financial outturns for 2015 which were somewhat better than expected and the Society's successes at both Stampa and London 2015 I commend this report and statement to the meeting.



Frank Mc Donald

Hon. Secretary / Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2015	2014
	€	€
INCOME		
Subscriptions - current year - see note 1 below	569	555
Subscriptions - arrears	-	54
Society bourse commissions	364	325
Society bourse donations	85	13
Sales of late Dr. R.P. Towers albums and Centenary Books	-	8
Auction commission	366	316
Interest on EBS Sure Growth share account – ordinary fund – see note 5 on page 3	111	159
Donations in kind – Printing of IPS News and Postal Auction lists and related Postage plus Provision of Auction Refreshments	536	565
Cash donations	9	5
	<u>2,040</u>	<u>2,000</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Rent – 21 (2014: 21) meetings - €75 per meeting since 1 October 2015 (€60 per meeting prior to that date)	1,365	1,260
Medals and engraving	54	603
I.P.S. News, Auction Lists and related postage and stationery costs	386	415
Printing of programme	15	27
Other printing, postage and secretarial	100	25
Public liability insurance	381	389
Christmas social (net of receipts)	165	277
Auction refreshments	150	150
Library purchases	63	-
F.P.S.I. levy	47	47
Bank charges	43	32
	<u>2,769</u>	<u>3,225</u>
DEFICIT FOR YEAR	(729)	(1,225)
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,298	7,523
	<u>5,569</u>	<u>6,298</u>
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND AT END OF YEAR		

1. The total paid membership excluding life members at 31 December 2015 was 45 (32 city and 13 country members). At 31 December 2014 there was a total paid membership of 43 (31 city, and 12 country/associate members). Subscription rates for both years: city - €15; country - €7.50). In addition, there are a total of 6 life members (including 2 honorary life members).
2. There were three auctions held in each year. The auction commission is net of €53 (2014: €39) paid to the Dublin Stamp Society in respect of the joint IPS/DSS bourse.

INSURANCE RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT

	2015	2014
	€	€
Balance at beginning of year	1,461	1,441
Society Bourse Commissions from off-sales	30	10
Interest earned on deposit account	-	-
Balance at end of year	<u>1,491</u>	<u>1,451</u>

CHARLES GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL FUND

	2015	2014
	€	€
Balance at beginning of year	37,060	36,519
Seminar costs of €472 less receipts of €280	(192)	-
Interest accrued on State Savings Certificates (20th Issue) – see note 4 on page 3	498	286
Interest accrued on EBS Sure Growth share account – see note 5 on page 3	-	255
Balance at end of year	<u>37,366</u>	<u>37,060</u>

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

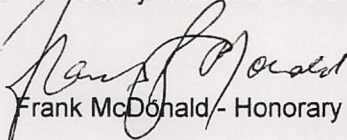
	2015	2014
	€	€
Income and Expenditure account		
- Deficit for the year	(729)	(1,225)
Insurance Reserve Fund		
- Society Bourse Commissions from off-sales	30	10
Charles Griffiths Memorial Fund		
- Interest earned during the year	498	541
	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(674)</u>

3. The statement of total recognised gains and losses summarises the surpluses in respect of all activities during the year as set in detail on pages 1 and 2.

BALANCE SHEET

	2015	2014
	€	€
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets – Dehumidifier – Cost €275 less accumulated depreciation of €275	-	-
State Savings Certificates (20th Issue) - see note 4 below	28,195	28,195
EBS Sure Growth Share Accounts – see note 5 below	7,654	8,654
AIB plc – Current Account	5,994	6,064
AIB plc – Insurance Fund Deposit Account	1,482	1,452
Interest accrued on State Savings Certificates (20th Issue)	783	286
Interest accrued on EBS Sure Growth Share Accounts	17	378
Stock of competition medals	315	140
	44,440	45,169
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES		
Ordinary Reserve Fund	5,569	6,298
Insurance Reserve Fund	1,491	1,461
Charles Griffiths Memorial Fund	37,366	37,060
NET SOCIETY FUNDS	44,426	44,819
Creditor for medal costs	-	350
Subscriptions paid in advance	14	-
	44,440	45,169

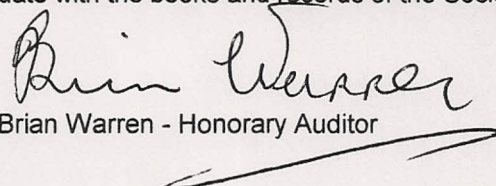
4. The principal amount of €28,195 held in State Savings Certificates (20th Issue) is earning a cumulative rate of 10% tax free (over five years and six months) which is the equivalent of a yield of 1.445% per annum. The certificates mature on 5 November 2019.
5. The principal amount of €7654 on the EBS Sure Growth Share Account is earning a cumulative rate of 1.85% (over two years) less Deposit Interest Retention Tax (currently 41%). This is the equivalent of a tax paid yield of 0.45% per annum.. The shares are redeemable on 7 August 2017.
6. In addition to the above assets, the Society owns a bookcase plus a library of books for use by members together with a stock of 54 (2014: 54) centenary books detailing the history of the Society. The cost of the latter stock of centenary books was €446 (2014: €446).


 Frank McDonald - Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

4 February 2016

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I have compared the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account, the Insurance Reserve Fund Account, the Charles Griffiths Memorial Fund Account and the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses of the Irish Philatelic Society for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the Balance Sheet at the said date with the books and records of the Society and find them to be in accordance therewith.


 Brian Warren - Honorary Auditor

4 February 2016

ROYAL DWELLINGS - PART 1

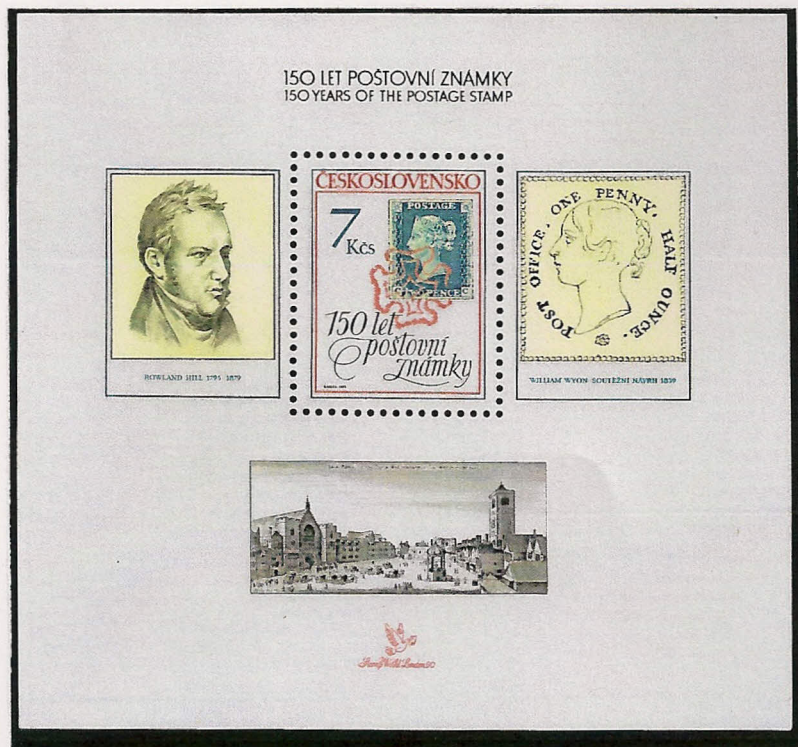
ROYAL PALACES

The old royal Palace of Westminster stood on the site of the present Houses of Parliament. This palace was the chief London residence of the sovereign from the reign of Edward the Confessor until Henry VIII seized Whitehall in 1529.



William Rufus (William II) added to the palace through the building of Westminster Hall between 1097 and 1099, which became the Great Hall of the palace. In 1224 this Hall became the Chief Law Court of England and remained so until 1882 when the Royal Courts of Justice were opened.

The Hall was the meeting place in medieval times of the Great Council, forerunner of parliament. Westminster Hall has witnessed many historic events and grave state-trials. Edward II abdicated there in 1327, Richard II, who rebuilt the Hall between 1397 and 1399 was deposed here by Henry Bolingbroke (later Henry IV in 1399).



The trials of William Wallace (1305), Sir Thomas More (1535), Charles I (1649) were held there. In 1512 the old royal Palace of Westminster was gravely damaged by a fire from which only Westminster Hall escaped and the palace was never entirely rebuilt.

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Par avion - Aerogramme

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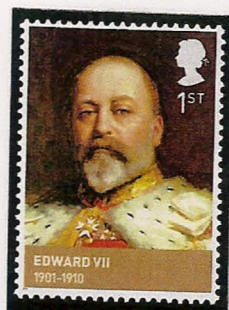


The Wallace Monument, Aberdeen

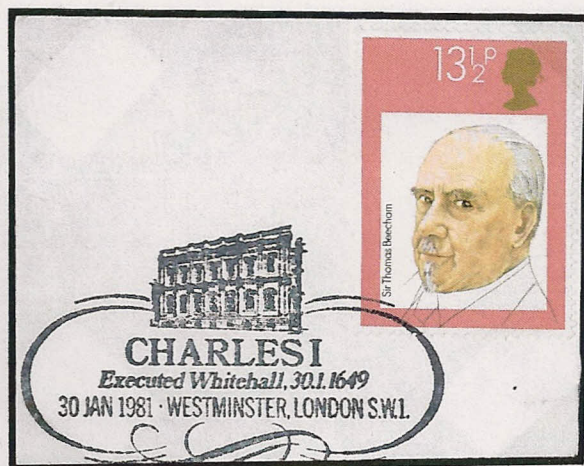


Since the 19th century Westminster Hall has been used for the lying-in-state of monarchs and eminent statesmen. This maintains its royal status today. Queen Victoria, Edward VII, George V and Queen Mary, George VI and the Queen Mother and Lord Mountbatten have all laid in state in the Hall. In 1965 Sir Winston Churchill was accorded this honour and is the only commoner so honoured. Edward VIII, Princess Margaret, Princess Diana were not accorded the honour.

I will return to the Palace of Westminster in a later article in this series.



Whitehall Palace originated in a mansion purchased by Walter de Grey, Archbishop of York in 1240, which for nearly 300 years became the London residence, known as York Place, of his successors. When Cardinal Wolsey succeeded to the archbishopric he embellished the palace with characteristic extravagance, and Henry VIII seized the desirable property in 1529. He renamed the palace "Whitehall" and became the chief residence of the court in London.



Henry VIII's marriages to Anne Boleyn (1533) and Jane Seymour (1536) occurred here and in 1547 Henry died in the palace. Charles I was executed in front of the Banqueting House, the only remaining part of the palace.

Charles II died there in 1685 and in 1688 James II fled into exile from the palace. The crown was offered by parliament to William III and Mary II (daughter of Catholic James II) in Whitehall Palace. In 1694 Mary II lay in state in the palace following her death. Elizabeth I was taken from the palace to imprisonment in the Tower of London in 1554.



In 1529 when Henry VIII seized Whitehall Palace he acquired more land towards St James's Park, on which he erected a tiltyard which in time would become Horseguards Parade. The present building dates to 1730 being constructed on a 1663 guard house of the palace. The War Office moved in in the 18th century and remained there until 1868 when it moved to the present location of the Automobile Club in Pall Mall.



Today a royal link to Whitehall Palace is maintained through the Ceremony of Trooping the Colour, which marks the sovereign's official birthday. In 1760 George III formalised it as the sovereign's birthday parade. In 1914 its present format was instituted by George V. In 1852 the Duke of Wellington's funeral cortage started from Horseguards Parade ground.



In the next article I will look at Kensington and Buckingham Palaces.