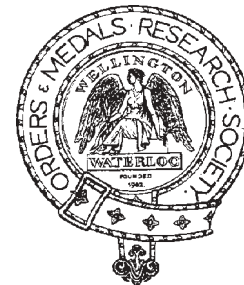


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## RIBBON COLLECTOR

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Ribbon Branch Auction. This is due to take place on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at the Old Sessions House Conference Centre. Can I please ask all members to give some serious consideration to putting something into this auction, which helps branch funds. The time line for this year's auction is as follows. Members are asked to following this very carefully.

30<sup>th</sup> September. Closing date for the 'descriptions of lots' to Alan McDonald. (5 Windsor Drive, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 8UE, England). Please use the format listed below to describe your lots, then post it to Alan so that it reaches him before the 30<sup>th</sup> September. (No lots are required at this time.) The next edition of the Ribbon Collector will give a comprehensive list of all the lots being auctioned.

8<sup>th</sup> November. This is the last date by which postal bids can be received by Alan McDonald.

16<sup>th</sup> November. All auction lots must reach Alan McDonald by this date, or delivered by hand to the auction room no later than 1300hrs on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Please remember.** UK members who purchase auction lots from overseas contributors and agree rather than to pay them, offer to settle their branch subscriptions only. They must have written proof that such an agreement is reached and that a copy of this agreement is to be passed to the Branch treasurer as soon as possible.

Example for listing your lots:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full and accurate description of lot's	Reserve	Donation
USSR - 39 chest ribbons	£ 12,00	No
France - 3 sashes, 2 commander & 27 chest ribbons with 3 emblems wound star, railway engine and red cross	No	Yes
Large assorted bag of ribbons (approx 5000 pieces)	No	Yes

The Branch Library. Sid Wood has bequeathed his personal library to the Ribbon Branch. The committee have vetted these books and the Branch Secretary will compile the Branch Library List. This list will be published in the Ribbon Collector. Members can borrow books as long as they agree to pay postage and package. The maximum loan period will be six months.

Ribbon Branch Annual Subscriptions. Please remember that your 2007-2008 branch subscriptions are due in July (date) Current charges are:

UK Members £8.00

European Members £10.00

Rest of the world members £14.00

OMRS subscription is different and extra



Please remember that subscriptions are only acceptable in Pounds Sterling. Cheques should be made payable to "OMRS The Ribbon Branch"

OMRS By-Laws. It has been brought to the attention of the Branch Committee by the Executive Committee of the OMRS that members of the branch are approaching foreign Ministries, Embassies and other official establishments claiming to represent the OMRS in their quest to acquire ribbon, emblems or information. This practice is in contravention of the Society by-laws and is strictly forbidden. Any member may enquire about such matters, but only in their own right.

Agenda items being discussed at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is due to take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007. To ensure that the membership are aware of the topics and agenda items being discussed and voted on the following items are tabled to date:

- a. **The production of the Ribbon Collector.** Due to the very high costs of producing the Ribbon Collector overseas, various ways have to be found to reduce this cost. (Secretary)
- b. **Increase to branch subscriptions.** If no means can be found to reducing the cost of the Ribbon Collector, then an increase to Branch subscriptions would have to be seriously considered. (Treasurer)
- c. **The Branch Medal.** The introduction of a Branch Medal will be discussed. It is proposed to introduce a miniature silver medal with two ribbons to each of the two branches (the Miniature and Ribbon Branch) Each ribbon will denote that the award is given for merit or long service and will be presented by the Presidents of each branch. Criterion for awards will be discussed by the respective branch honour committees. (Secretary)
- d. **The Guille Collection CD.** It is proposed that a CD showing the complete Guille collection be made. This CD would be available to the membership. Cost of the CD to be discussed at the meeting. (David Rucker)
- e. **The Election of the branch Committee.** The committee is up for election. Nominations for appointments to the committee must be with the Secretary by close of play Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Present committee is as follows:

**Acting President.** Mike Shepherd has been acting President since the death of Sid Wood. The membership are asked to lodge their votes with the Branch Secretary for or against the confirmation of his appointment.

**Secretary.** Bob French

**Treasurer.** Steve Duffy.

**Membership.** Rene Verkuylen

**The Editor.** Michael Schulcz.

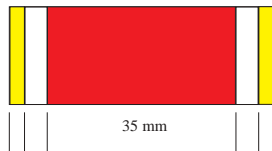
Membership Issues. If any branch member has an issue relating to the running of the branch or matters affecting the branch and they want the Branch Committee to discuss the matter or to raise it as an agenda item at the AGM, they are to inform the Branch Secretary (Bob French, 7 Durham Way, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9RY England) with a full description of what the issue is about as soon as possible.

I, Michael Schulcz, have produced the Ribbon Collector in a way which I have missed over the years. There had been some Supplements in the past, which gave just a rough information. There was no colour at all. National different widths were not shown or not taken in account. With my first letter I asked for informations on a special ribbon 27 mm wide and marked it as 2.3. Answers had been different but without any knowledge of width's. The writers of these letters probably had no idea to the used widths in different countries. The possibility to use the internet for research is really poor. Who shows the ribbons in real colour and not as rough drawings and in actually width's? Even the wonderful pages of Lukasz Gaszewski [www.medals.lava.pl](http://www.medals.lava.pl) don't show the differences.



Germany Lippe-Detmold OEK 275, Commemorative Medal for the 1866 Campaign, yellow-white-red-white-yellow, but this ribbon had been at no time 27 mm wide!

Norway, 1906  
Coronation of King  
Haakon VII  
but Danish width !



San Marino: Order of St. Agatha, yellow-white-red-white-yellow but the drawing in Scandaluzzi is 35 mm wide as Italian ribbons are as wide.



Yellow-white-red-white-yellow

And here a spare of the ribbon



## Ribbon width's in different countries in mm

An Email letter sent by Fread Beavis from Thailand

Dear Michael ,

I can see that you have voluntary taken over a very difficult job . I have actualy sent scores of lengths of ribbons to Mike Shepherd and Bob French and others over the last few years . No doubt they have been sent out to RSS members already .The Singapore ribbons of which i obtained at a much difficult project, one had to have permission from the Federal Minister and the MOD. Very expeenceive and Bob French told me to hang fire as it was emptying the Branch funds. ELM House in Singapore that manufactures most of the medals for South East Asia countries, obtains the ribbons from Toye , Kenning and Spencer in the UK. Again a costly project .

I think now that you should re-think and perhaps send out a printed news sheet of The Ribbons held by you in The RSS Ribbon Bank.Members can then pick what ribbons they require from your list .An example of the present method of you sending out a package of ribbons only duplicates what some members such as myself already have.

I have attempted to get PNG ribbons but come up against the narrow tunnel minded breuacracy the government takes . One is treated with suspicion . Please do think of my suggestion and put it forward

Once again Michael , thank you and kindest regards

Fred.

COUNTRY	Size 1	Size 2	Size 3	Size 4	Size 5	Size 6
Austria						
Angola					25	
Albania	100					
Bahrain				37		
Belgium				35		
Brazil			42	36		
National China				35		
Chile			40	30		
Costa Rica				37		
Cuba				24	23	
Czech				38		
DDR					25	
Danmark*	100	55	37	27	22	16
England			44	30	32	
Egypt				38	37	
France				37		
Germany**	100	45	40	35	30	25
Greece				35		
Iceland				37		
India					32	
Republic of Iran				38		
Ireland				35	32	
Iraq				35		
Italy		40	37	35	30	25
Japan			38	35		
Jemen			38	32		
Jordan		40	38	37		
Jugoslavia			36			
Nato			37	35	27*	24**
Nederland				30		
Norway		58		37	35	
Poland			38	37	27	
Romania, Kingdom			38			
Saudi Arabia				35		
Serbia				40		
Sudan		45		32		
Spain				30		
Sweden			55	36		
Turkey old			38	33		
Turkey new			35	33		
ONU UNO UN			35			
USA				35		
Ukraine			38	37	30	20
Vatican	100	55	52	37	32	24

All countries which are or had been in any connection with the British Empire have mostly the same widths



This issue comes out without any colour.

I would like to ask, who is interested that the Ribbon Collector continues, as I have started, and who would pay more for it. Please tell me your meaning. I add a label with my address to be used on a post card or letter.

- The ribbon Collector should be done without any colour
- The Ribbon Collector should have more colour
- I will pay more for it
- I have computer or use the internet for research
- I am interested to get a CD-ROM showing national layouts once a year
- My email Adress is .....

## RSS

### Donations by Bob McPherson



Malaysia, Order of the Crown, 2<sup>nd</sup> cl

Donation by Michael Schulcz



Danmark, UNEF I  
27 mm wide



Malaysia, Persabuan Beckas Parajarat



Malaysia, Selangor, Order of Sultan Slanuddin Abdul Aziz Shah

Donations by Mike Sepherd



UK, Iraq Reconstruction Service Medal



Malaysia, Johore, The Most Honourable Order of the Crown



Malaysia, pahang, Order of the crown, 2<sup>nd</sup> cl

U.S. Coast Guard Presidential Unit  
Citation



Malaysia, Kelantan, The Most Estimable Family Order

Donation by Steve Haskin, USA



Malaysia, Selangor, Order of the Crown, ??? cl



USA, US Merchant Marine Outstanding  
Achievement Medal



Malaysia, Sarawak, Order of the Star