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**Do Something with Those Stamps!**

During lockdown we have heard stories of readers de-cluttering and clearing out the loft, cupboards and all the other place where ‘things’ may have got put over the years. In the process each item may have rekindled fond memories of the past, but then comes the question ‘what shall we do with it?’ For some items the answer is get rid of it or better still recycle it. For other items it is ‘it may be worth something - let’s hang onto it and see what we can do with it’. Not more so than when one finds an old stamp collection.

There are many ways forward. One is to carry on collecting - unlike many pastimes you don’t need to keep up a regular input of time, many collectors have a break for many years and then come back to collecting.

For those who do not wish to keep a collection going, what are the options? On Saturday 23rd October you can bring your collection to the Solihull Stamp Fair at Lode Heath School and have it valued for free by a leading Philatelic Auctioneer, Tony Lester, with no obligation to sell.

If you would prefer your collection to go to a good cause, then you could donate it to the Solihull Philatelic Society Charity Auction in aid of the **Marie Curie West Midlands Hospice.** Already a number of donations have been made but we are keen to receive many more. This Charity Auction will be held next year with all proceeds going to the charity.

The Solihull Stamp Fair is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm with free parking and free admission. For further details contact our Secretary, Paul Woodness 01564 776 879