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The sponsor for our newsletter which we gained in August 2014 has very kindly agreed to renew the sponsorship for a further period of twelve months through to August 2016. Members are encouraged to contact our sponsor for advice as detailed above.

The editor will try to publish newsletters on a three monthly basis. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website. A new section "5" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the late winter/early spring 2016 newsletter. We have had an excellent start to the new programme year and hope to repeat the quality and mixture of speakers over the coming months of 2016. Our thanks are due to Richard Husband, our Programme Secretary, who has organised this for the Society.

From time to time we have to make changes to our published programme on the blue cards. However, the editor tries to keep the programme details on the Society's web site always up to date; this can be found at; - [www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk](http://www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk)

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at; [info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk) ; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

## MEMBERS' NEWS

On 28th January six of the Society members, Simon Kelly, Richard Husband, David Stirrups, John Baron, Lillian Swift and Peter Morton, were part of a fifteen member team from the East Midlands Section of the Royal Philatelic Society who put on a full house display of 588 sheets of material at the Royal Philatelic Society in Devonshire Place, London. This event had been instigated by Frank Walton, the president of the Royal as a result of which much of the groundwork for the event was organised by the late John Pearce, our former treasurer. A booklet giving an overview of the event was produced, which those members making the presentation agreed should be dedicated to John Pearce.

The opportunity is also taken to extend a very warm welcome to those new members who have joined the society in recent months; Paul Sutton-Adam; John Bald.



### Wednesday 6th January

#### MEMBERS' EVENING; POSTCARDS AND ILLUSTRATED COVERS

**Michael Leveridge** commenced proceedings with British postcards from Edward VII to George VI including stamps printed on the postcard, and a postcard bearing a postage due and another an official paid. **Geoffrey Datson** put up postcards with scenes from the 1892 Vienna International Music Exhibition, including pre-stamped cards with different shades for the stamps. **Peter Morton** showed a frame of scans from auction catalogues of mainly Victorian handpainted postcards, many depicting humour. **Mike Bavin** displayed a series of illustrated postcards of Mrs Marshall's visit to Llandudno, a couple of which included perfins. **Richard Husband** showed illustrated covers one of which was an 1878 Blackpool bust of Shakespeare. **Graham Wylde** put up illustrated covers covering different types of welding from the early forge welding, carbon arc welding to welding in space. **Tony Crowther** displayed various illustrated British postcards depicting trams, including London, Blackpool, Peterborough and Ramsgate. **Rufus Barnes** showed various illustrated covers for the Panama Canal 1907-1914, several with different postal marks, and one with postage dues attached. **Ian Paton** put up various illustrated USA advertising covers from the 1880's which included a presidential election and a mourning cover for Lincoln. **Ray Revell** commenced with an illustrated Mr Mulready cover, followed by covers depicting sketches of the new postage envelopes. The first half concluded with **Simon Kelly** displaying Bahamas official postcards of the Victorian era including postal stationery cards.

The second half continued with **Simon Kelly** and various Edwardian postcards from the Bahamas and some from the WW2 era with censor marks. **Ian Paton** displayed USA covers which included 1863-1865 Congress, 1876 Centennial Exhibition and 1982 Wells Fargo. **Alistair Kennedy** showed postcards associated with local post offices, Royal Courts of Justice, and further afield postcards from Goldcoast and Malta. **Tony Crofton** put up various NIAB illustrated headed letters and other letterheads on the theme of seeds. The evening concluded with **John George** with a Mulready envelope to Wisbech and then various postcards of St Ives and Huntingdon all depicting old views.

### Friday 15th January

#### 70 NOT OUT

**Richard Husband**, our secretary, entertained us with a wonderful display of GB perfins which included single stamps, blocks of stamps and stamps on postcards and covers including wrappers. He joined the Perfin Society in 1969 and has been a member ever since. We saw an illustration of the introductory page to Joseph Sloper's patent covering perfins, followed by two singles of the Oxford Union Society overprint on cover, a separate single OUS overprint with inverted watermark, five underprints from Perkins Bacon, and the Wm Dawbarn overprint on a 1d red on piece.



Various perfins followed including a re-joined block of 24 1d reds for T.B. and Co, postal stationery items for R.F. & Co showing different dies, postcards for the Taff Vale Railway (TVR), a Salford Corporation (SC) postcard of 1900, R & Co Basingstoke 1d on envelope and a Jubilee cover with 5 stamps perforated M & F from a machine by Frank Braham. A block of 12 x ½d vermilion was shown which was folded before being perforated. A 2½d Jubilee pair on cover clearly showed the mirror image and how it was perforated. The first half concluded with a perfin on 1911 parcel label and 1905 postcard from mother to son.

The second half covered post 1901 perfins across the various reigns. Many Edward VII covers and postcards were shown, some including advertising. A Downey Head perfin for book post 1913 from Anglo Austrian Bank was displayed and a 1912 cover from Banco Espanol Del Rio de la Plata. Two frames then depicted the different types of perforators in use, that for Joseph Sloper and also Frank Braham. Also shown were Waterlow & Sons perfins. City of Sheffield perfins were displayed including one on piece which had initial perforating using a Sauven perforating machine; as well as HMSO perfins on covers from a machine made by Hurlins, and City of London perfins. Many George VI covers were shown as well as early QEII covers, especially London County Council.

Richard did bring along an initial perforating machine.

Last known use of a perfin was on 14th May 2014.

### **Wednesday 3rd February**

#### **IMPERIAL AIRWAYS**

A warm welcome was extended to Reg Hounsell whose display covered the formation of Imperial Airways in 1924, the development of the routes, and its demise in the early 1930's when British Airways and BOAC came into being. A detailed history of the aircraft types involved, first flight covers, crash covers were displayed for what started out as a mainly freight and mail carrier for routes into Europe, then to Cairo and Baghdad, before later routes were established to South Africa and Australia.

### **Friday 19th February**

#### **COMPETITION EVENING**

**{35 YEAR TROPHY, TRANSPORT OF MAIL, THEMATIC, FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND OPEN CLASS}**

We gave a warm welcome to our two judges from Hitchin, Bob Hill and Rob Lester. They were extremely helpful and professional in the way in which they carried out the judging, and commenting afterwards on the various entries.





Overall twelve entries were received for the six listed competitions, the same as the previous year. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

35 Year Trophy;	David Stirrups	The Niufo'ou 1st issue and overprints 1983
Transport of Mail;	David Stirrups	Non-contracted maritime mail to and from Cadiz 1836-1838
Thematics;	Graham Wylde	History and development of welding technology
Foreign;	Simon Kelly	Menelik II and Throne of Solomon
Commonwealth;	Simon Kelly	Bahamas QE2 overprints
Open class;	Simon Kelly	Army and Navy Cooperative Society

During the judging **Tony Crowther** gave us a detailed display of British Levant. He commenced with late GB Victorian stamps, and those of Edward VII and George V with the different overprints, on both mint and used stamps. This was followed by an impressive collection of covers from the different post offices including parcel post, censored mail, and registered mail, from when the first post office opened in Levant in 1857 until the end of September 1914 when most offices were closed. The Smyrna office remained open until the mid 1930's.

Our thanks are due to Tony and for all those members who entered the various competitions.

### **Wednesday 2nd March**

#### **SOCIETY AUCTION**

The Society Auction was held on this evening. Our thanks are due to **Rufus Barnes**, who not only collated all the auction lots and produced a printed sheetlet, but also acted as auctioneer. Thanks are due to **Richard Husband** and **Peter Morton** for keeping detailed records, and to those members who helped in finding the lots and sorting them. We are grateful for all those members who submitted lots and also bid in the auction. Compared to the previous year's auction the value of lots sold was lower, but nevertheless a modest contribution was made to Society funds.



## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The 2015-2016 programme continues with the following meetings.

**Friday 18th March**

**VISIT BY KING'S LYNN SOCIETY**

**Wednesday 6th April**

**MEMBERS' EVENING; SHOW WHAT YOU LIKE**

**Friday 15th April**

**ASPECTS OF FINLAND; ERIC KEEFE**

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION**

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website; [www.mapf.co.uk](http://www.mapf.co.uk)

The new March 2016 newsletter gives details of all member society meetings through until the end of May as well as details of the PhilAnglia Stamp Fair in June in St Ives. It is also hoped to hold another Federation Display Day in the autumn; full details to be confirmed.

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