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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 2017. 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 2017 newsletter. We have had another excellent start to our new programme year and hope to repeat the quality and mixture of speakers over the months remaining in the 2016/2017 programme year. Our thanks are due to Richard Husband, our former Programme Secretary, who has organised this for the Society, although the day to day administration is now with Rufus Barnes.

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

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 ; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Graham Wylde and **Adrian Boggust** displayed sheets on behalf of the society at King's Lynn P.S. on 27th January 2017.

Simon Kelly was busy in February with two displays of his Bahamas collection, at Hitchin, part of North Herts Stamp Club on 16th February and also at Huntingdon P. S. on 28th February.

John Baron, the current chairman of the ABPS, has been awarded the ABPS Congress Medal for 2017. This will be presented to him when he stands down as Chairman of ABPS at the conclusion of the Philatelic Congress in Cardiff on 30th July 2017.



NEW PROGRAMME CARDS

The new programme card for 2016-2017 was printed in late summer and was distributed to all members. Should any member require additional cards to promote the society then would he or she please contact the editor.

Wednesday 4th January

MEMBERS' EVENING; LETTERS K, L AND M

Geoffrey Datson opened proceedings with music for the composer Franz Liszt which included stamps, covers and miniature sheets plus also private stamp issues from Germany. **Rufus Barnes** showed stamps covering modern Myanmar, including printing varieties and also a rare miniature sheet variety which he found. **John George** put up stamps mainly of King George VI from Kuwait, Malta, Japanese Occupation of Malaya, Mauritius and Montserrat. **Mike Bavin** covered Letchworth Garden City with covers, blocks of cancelled stamps, postcards and perfins, as well as a scarce circular mark ex WW2.

Michael Leveridge put up issues from the Middle East during WW2, including Egypt, Palestine and aerogrammes. **Richard Husband** displayed a variety of topics which included; Ley Bros-perfins from the Cardiff area, multi-head dies, Manchester Ship Canal perfins and Lundy Island covers and franked covers. **Graham Wylde** showed the numbers 1-12 in London Maltese Crosses on GB QV 1d reds and also Maltese Cross cancel on 1840 2d blue. **Peter Morton** gave a display of the development of decimal Machins from 1971 through to 2015, which included varieties and a few trials. **Alistair Kennedy** concluded the evening with a multitude of different items which included various covers and records from Kneesworth, Litlington and Melbourn, mail snatch covers from Falkland Islands, and covers from Lichtenstein, Malta, Montserrat and Morocco agencies.

Friday 20th January

FRANCE 1929-1979

We gave a warm welcome to **Mick Bister** who gave us a fascinating and detailed display of French stamps and covers for a 50 year period. This included the 500th anniversary issue of Joan of Arc including two rejected essays and proofs. The 1931 exhibition covering the Fachi stamps was covered in depth including posters, tickets, photos, postcards and proofs of the stamps as well as the later overprints.

The 1938 state visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to France included not only the issued stamps and various covers but also proofs and trials. The display also included covers from the Liberation of Paris in 1944.

Wednesday 1st February

MEMBERS' EVENING; COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

The evening commenced with **John George** showing a sheet containing the 1948 Olympic Games set which contained a large number of signatures from competitors taking part in the Games. Other KG VI issues were also shown. **Sean Brady** displayed a selection of



stamps from Malawi with varieties which included many colourful issues including butterflies, insects and fish. **Peter Morton** put up a variety of commonwealth King George VI stamps from the Windward Islands Group of Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent. This was followed by **Graham Wylde** showing GB 1966 bird stamps which included many printing varieties and colour shifts. **Adrian Boggust** intrigued us with various stamps which had the same picture but were described differently together with anomalies on stamp designs such as the sails and a flag on a sailing ship showing different wind directions.

Philip Noble fascinated us with royal heritage on stamps with stamp issues depicting showing the Tudors, House of Stewart, House of Stuart, followed by the Hanovers and Windsors. **Michael Leveridge** put up first day various covers from New Zealand covering the period 1963 to 1970. **Tony Crowther** displayed stamps and covers from the era of British Rule of Cyprus including first day covers. **Rufus Barnes** extracted various photographs and stamp covers from a presentation book depicting the 1977 Centenary Tests at both Melborne and Lords, which include team photographs. **Alistair Kennedy** concluded the evening with a variety of anniversary covers from Iraq, Sudan and Qatar, first day covers from Canada, Congo and UN Participation covers as well as GB Olympic Games covers.

Friday 17th 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 David Belton. They were extremely helpful and professional in the way in which they carried out the judging, and commenting afterwards on the various entries.

Overall ten entries were received for the six listed competitions, slightly down on the previous year. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

35 Year Trophy;	Not awarded	No entry
Transport of Mail;	Tony Crowther	Edinburgh & Carlisle TPO
Thematics;	Geoffrey Datson	Music is the food of love
Foreign;	Simon Kelly	Ethiopia Overprints
Commonwealth;	Simon Kelly	Bahamas I/= green issue
Open class;	John George	Meter Machines

During the judging **Steve Hannath** gave us a detailed display on Legible Dates on Cape Classic Stamps. These included the Cape triangles, crown and circle handstamps, dated town ovals, as well as an 1848 ship packet letter. A variety of covers were displayed which clearly showed the despatch cancel in black and receiving cancel in red. This was followed by many stamped covers during the period of the introduction of circular date stamps, then lading into the period of the provisionals and late overprints.

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



Wednesday 1st 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 **Graham Wylde** 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 higher, which included the sale of surplus society books, with a good contribution being made to Society funds.

Friday 17th March

FEDERATION PRESIDENT DISPLAYS

We gave a warm welcome to Bill Gibb, the federation president, whose topic for the evening was Commonwealth Fiscals and Revenues. Bill mentioned that in several cases he found the fiscal and revenue stamps to be better designed and more attractive than the basic issued stamps.

From a large selection of countries we were treated to fiscals which ranged from cheque duty, stamp duty on legal documents, burial certificate, unemployment stamps, weights and measures stamps, cigarette duty, electricity and gas inspection stamps, bill of lading and drinks licence; and also a large variety of revenues. The first half covered mainly Gibraltar, Malta, Canada, India, Africa and Australia, with the second half covering the Caribbean Islands

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2016-2017 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 5th April

ANOTHER BLOODY RAILWAY-PART 2; PETER PUGH

Friday 21st April

BORDER CHANGES IN THE BALTIC DURING WORLD WAR II; REX DIXON

Wednesday 3rd May

NORTH BORNEO: TRAINS, PLANES AND STAMPS; JON HIGGINS

[This is a change from the speaker advertised in the Programme Card.]



Friday 19th May

MEMBERS' EVENING; 1951-2000

OTHER MATTERS

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website; www.mapf.co.uk

The latest Federation newsletter [March 2017] was available as a hard copy at the 1st March 2017 auction meeting. For those members who would prefer an electronic pdf file for this please let me know.

Please note that the Philanglia philatelic event will now take place at Burgess Hall, St Ives on Saturday 15th July 2017.

SOCIETY DINNER

The Society Dinner will take place on Wednesday 5th July at 6.55 pm at the Arundel House Hotel, Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Members and their guests need to take their seats at 6.55 pm as we must all be seated by 7.00 pm in order to obtain a discounted price. Cost is £13.75 for two courses or £18.15 for three courses, including a 10% service charge; all drinks are extra and the responsibility of the member to order and pay for from the bar.

Places are still available. Should any member who has not yet booked with the society treasurer wish to attend then would he or she please contact either the treasurer or secretary as soon as possible.

PJM 29th MARCH 2017

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