



CAMBRIDGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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The editor will try to publish newsletters in future by mid-December and by the end of April and August. 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 summer 2018 newsletter. We have continued with a very varied and also very interesting 2017-2018 programme. Our thanks are due to **Rufus Barnes**, who has organised the programme 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 Tuesday 8th May **Richard Husband** showed 240 sheets of GB Perfins to the York Philatelic Society.

Both **Earl Toops** and **Lillian Swift** submitted entries for the 16 sheet competition at the Royal Philatelic Society in London on Thursday 12th July. The entries were "The Trucial States Palm Trees and Dhow Series of 1961" and "Railway Stamps of Funen and Langeland, Denmark", respectively. The total number of competitors was 55 and the standard of entries was very high. Competing against many gold medal winners at international level, it is unsurprising neither Earl nor Lillian won the Devonshire Bowl and congratulations are due to both of them for entering.

Earl has advised me that his entry to the Royal competition above on Trucial States won a gold medal and the American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence for the period 1940-1980 at Colopex 2018 in Columbus, Ohio (15-16 June 2018).

On Monday 6th August both **Rufus Barnes** and **Richard Husband** visited Basildon Philatelic Society to give displays. Rufus showed 72 sheets comprising Abu Dhabi and Burma TPOs and Richard showed 72 sheets of perfins.

### NEW PROGRAMME CARDS

The new programme card for 2018-2019 has been printed. For those members who were present at the 17th August meeting then the new programme card should have been handed out to each member present. Taking this into account then for those members who receive



the Newsletter by post then the new programme card will be enclosed, and for those members who receive the Newsletter by email and were not present at 17th August meeting nor will be present at the 5th September meeting then the programme card will also be posted out shortly after the latter date.

If any member has not received a new programme card by say 15th September then would he or she please let me know.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that the annual subscription in the sum of £15.00 falls due for renewal on 1st September 2018. The advice slip regarding this is enclosed. At the Annual General Meeting held in July this year those member present voted to increase the annual subscription from £10.00 to £15.00 to cover the additional costs which would be incurred in our Centenary Celebrations in 2020.

### Wednesday 2nd May

#### PAST PRESIDENTS DISPLAY

The evening session commenced with **Keith Weston** showing stamps and covers from the French Colonies where in all some sixty different areas issued stamps. The stamps were generally quite colourful and many of the issuing areas were covered. **Peter Morton** then covered the GB country issue stamps in the four main areas from the different printers involved, which also covered a few self adhesive issues. In the second half he also covered some recent machin and definitive issues of stamps. **Simon Kelly** wrapped up the evening with a very detailed display of Ethiopia covering Menelik II, which included colour trials, essays, miniature sheets, overprints, varieties and covers.

### Friday 18th May

**Stephen Harper-Scott** made a return visit to the society. He opened by showing Pitcairn Island covers, one of which was stamped "posted-no stamps available". This was followed by Tokelau covers showing different marks, and then miniature sheets from Tuvalu which also included the original artwork. The first half concluded with an early competition entry covering cricket. The second half opened with covers from Solihull and the Birmingham area with an "A to Z" of the area. Forces Mail with censor marks followed and then various elements of caches on covers such as "too late" marks and "mileage" marks.

### Wednesday 6th June

#### VISIT FROM ELY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**Alan Hall** opened the batting with covers and stamps, plus photographs covering Australian Philatelic Exhibitions.

Limited information is available about the 1895 exhibition, but exhibitions from 1905



through to 1938 were well represented with a range of material including miniature sheets, first covers and a range of meter marks.

**Chris North** continued in the second half with *Florilegium* which covers photographic plates and reproductions of the Joseph Banks documented plants and flowers found on Captain Cook's voyage around the world of 1768-1771. The original reference collection was etched onto over 700 copper plates. Several reproduction plates were shown covering flowers from around the world.

### Wednesday 4th July

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reports were received from the main areas of the Society on the events and work of the past year. Cups and trophies were presented to the various competition winners; please see the new 2018-2019 programme card for full details.

**John George** was installed as the new president with **Simon Kelly** nominated as president elect. Though most of the officers of the society were duly re-elected, we welcomed **Richard Klimek** as the new Librarian. Thanks were given to **Adrian Boggust** who was standing down as a committee member. We welcomed **Tony Crowther** and **Lilian Swift** onto the committee. Though **Rufus Barnes** had indicated he wanted to stand down as Programme Secretary, in the absence of any volunteer for the role, he did indicate that he would continue but only until the 2019 AGM.

### Friday 20th July

#### U.S.A. POSTAL LOCALS AND FORGEREIS; MISCELLANY

We welcomed **Ed Hitchins** who started with USA postal locals and forgeries, with covers and stamps from different carrier services which also included bogus and fantasy issues. Under miscellany we were shown stamps from Tanna Tuva, covers and photographs from Royal Hospital in Chelsea and German Kinder post stamps and covers.

### Wednesday 1st August

#### DISMEMBERMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**Rex Dixon** gave us a very detailed history lesson of the political changes in the country covering the 1938-1939 years both from the German perspective and also from the Polish viewpoint, evidenced by many different covers, stamps, liberation caches arising from frequent border changes; the display also included censored mail, provisional stamps and cancellations and fieldpost mail, and German military mail.





### Friday 17th August

#### MEMBERS' EVENING AND BOURSE

**Steve Hannath** commenced proceedings by displaying an 1820 cover Across the Orange River, one of the oldest known, GB covers and GB mail into South Africa. **Keith Weston** then showed a variety of stamp issues from Hungary from the immediate post WWI period to immediately after WW2. Many complete sets were evident from 1919 to 1945, the latter reflecting the influence of the communist regime. **Rufus Barnes** put up two very interesting covers he had acquired; and also a Palestinian 1925 naturalisation certificate. The covers were Christmas Day from Jerusalem in 1899 and an OHMS cover from Haifa to a detention camp in Cyprus. **Adrian Boggust** had just one item which was an envelope front containing what he believed was a record 144 Egyptian stamps. **Richard Husband** then showed stamps from early GB QEII by way of used blocks of the multiple cypher early definitives and also the early castle issues. **Michael Leveridge** completed the first half with GB postal stationery covers from Edward VII, then progressing through both George V and George VI.

**Tony Crowther** kicked off the second half with many interesting covers from the Austrian post offices in Levant and the Ottoman Empire from the 1890's to the 1910 period, including Crete, Beirut, and both Samson and Constantinople in Turkey. **Mike Bavin** showed old photographs and documents covering interesting estates from Lincolnshire in Brigg, Someresby and Caistor. **Mike Brindle** then displayed covers and stamps from Luxembourg from just before the German invasion in 1939 to late 1944. These included stamps of the country, stamps with different German overprints progressing to German stamps with overprints for "Luxemburg".

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

The NEW 2018-2019 programme continues with the following meetings.

#### Wednesday 5th September

MEMBERS' EVENING: LETTERS Q, R AND S

#### Friday 21st September

PRESIDENT'S DISPLAY: JOHN GEORGE

#### Wednesday 3rd October

ASPECTS OF CEYLON: GRAHAM WINTERS

#### Friday 19th October

VISIT FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDY CIRCLE

#### OTHER MATTERS

#### GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The society has tried to comply with the terms of the new Data Protection Act which came into force on 25th May 2018. It is encouraging that over 90% of the membership has complied with our request and returned the signed contact forms.



### **SOCIETY DINNER**

24 members and partners had booked for the Society Dinner which was held on Wednesday 11th July at the Arundel House Hotel, Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Apart from only one member of staff being available on the bar it was a very good evening with an excellent meal.

### **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 latest [August 2018] Newsletter also appears on the website.

A special Display Day will take place on **Sunday 7th October** at Buckden Village Hall, which is just off the A1 to the south of the A14/A1 intersection. Full details will go out to members shortly.

### **PJM 28th August 2018**

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