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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 summer 2015 newsletter. We have had an excellent programme for the year and hope to repeat the quality and mixture of speakers over the new programme year. 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

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

David Stirrups submitted a 128 sheet competition entry for Europhilex 2015 in London under the heading of "Mail from the UK to Portugal carried by British Packet Services 1810 to 1859". Congratulations are due to him as this entry achieved a large gold medal and a mark of 96.

Brian Downham continues to make slow progress and though he has not attended recent society meetings he was present at the Arbury stamp fair on Saturday 11th July.

The opportunity is also taken to extend a very warm welcome to those new members who have joined the society in recent months; **Ray Jones**.



NEW PROGRAMME CARDS

The new programme cards for 2015-2016 have been printed. For those members who were present at either of the August meetings then the new programme card should have been picked up. Taking into account this latter sentence 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 either August meeting then the programme card will also be posted.

If any member has not received a new programme card by say 10 September then would he or she please let me know.

Wednesday 6th May

MEMBERS' EVENING: PENNY BLACK – ITS ANNIVERSARIES AND QV POSTAL HISTORY

Stafford May kicked off the evening with various recent covers for Mail Mart-Meter Mail. **Tony Crowther** continued with stamps from British Levant which included some perfins. **Geoffrey Etherington** showed early issues for the Perak Federation which included used overprinted issues, overprinted values and reprints to cover the short supply of stamps. **Geoffrey Datson** put up various covers and stamps all connected with a Benjamin Britten theme including related stamps for the music of Night Mail. **Keith Weston** displayed stamps and sheetlets from Eastern Europe including those with a Karl Marx theme. **Adrian Boggust** showed the first sterling issues of Newfoundland and the Canadian dollar plate proofs and stamps. **Roger Carr** was into scouting and the Mafeking Siege stamp issues, covers and reproductions. **Michael Leveridge** displayed the basic stamp issues of Cyprus from 1938 to 1960. **Ray Revell** showed South West Africa 1918 to 1935 railway cancellations on covers in particular those of Ariamsulei which was linked into the German railway. **Richard Husband** closed the first half with information on and examples of stamps from the different perfin perforator machines from 1919 to 1970's.

Mike Bavin commenced the second half with a selection of stamps and covers depicting modern Greece especially Epirus Ikaria. **Alistair Kennedy** then displayed a series of covers depicting British and Empire Forces on the western front in WWI. **John George** brought us more up to date with stamps and booklets from the 1967 Machin issues. **David Stirrups** then displayed packet mail from Gibraltar to Portugal with examples of covers from missing and damaged ships, plus modern proofs for Gibraltar. **Peter Morton** put up sheets for GB Army and Admiralty Officials and also seahorses. **Simon Kelly** finished the evening off with a series of cuttings and covers from the Penryn area of Cornwall from 1767 to the 1840's.

Friday 15th May

QE II WILDINGS

A warm welcome was given to our member **John Pearce** who gave an excellent display of GB QE2 Wildings. The display had recently been completely re-written and depicted the three main watermark types of paper, Tudor, St Edward and Multiple crown as well as the three types of paper, cream, whiter and chalk surfaced, with the three phosphor band types available, namely green, blue and violet phosphor. The display also included the different graphite line



issues, coil stamps, examples of poorly printed items, pre-printed paper folds, booklet panes, errors as well, and many listed and unlisted varieties especially on the lower values.

Of special interest were the ½d values with "School Specimen", 2d value on double thickness paper, the different 2½d values with types I and II, and also an example of this value with a phantom "R" on the corner of the sheet. A very pale 7d value among other values was included where the plate had not been cleaned properly. Quite a few varieties of the 9d value were shown including frame flaws. Booklet pane errors were plentiful with the different displaced phosphor bands as well as ink smudges and ink splurges on many different printings across a range of values.

Wednesday 3rd June

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 2015-2016 programme card for full details.

The officers were duly re-elected with no changes.

Friday 19th June

MEMBERS' EVENING: SHOW WHAT YOU LIKE

Tony Crowther started the evening with Edinburgh social history which included an 1841 entire, unused mortgage cards and late Victorian covers. **John Towler** continued with Fiji and stamps with the head of Queen Victoria, including revenue stamps. **Steve Hannath** showed various South African postmarks in particular Cape of Good Hope and the many varieties. **Michael Leveridge** displayed various covers and information for special events including South Bank Exhibition and Gibbons Centenary Exhibition. **Keith Weston** then displayed stamps relating to the Ottoman Empire including Albania, various overprints and Austrian fiscal stamps.

Richard Husband showed various GB perfin covers including covers to France, Gothenburg and Germany. **Adrian Boggust** put up an interesting collection of cardboard milk bottle tops until around 1953 when they were phased out. **Alistair Kennedy** concluded with a display a series of soldier's letters carried by East India Co commencing in 1836 and other military related items.

Wednesday 1st July

DUTCH WEST INDIES PH & FAMOUS COLLECTORS AND THEIR COLLECTIONS

We welcomed **John Jackson** for his display which covered the different islands commencing with covers from Suriname to Holland in 1696 and 1697. He showed several late eighteenth century covers, early Dutch Packet service covers, those carried by Royal Mail Steam package service and many other ship cachets.



The second half comprised a series of old auction catalogues depicting sales of stamps by famous collectors including Avery, Ferrari, Col Green and Caspari.

Friday 17th July

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

A warm welcome was given to **David Gottesmann**. We were given an excellent history of the region and how the postal service developed from the early days of the German occupation with only one post office, with mail ex Walvis Bay, and the use of the "wandering" postmark. Covers, stamps, postal stationery from the early days up to WW2 were included, with early air mail covers and also revenue stamps.

Wednesday 5th August

ASPECTS OF INFLATION – GERMANY 1923

We welcomed back **Maggie Thompson** who gave us a fascinating history and display of the effects of inflation during 1923. All aspects of postal history were covered which included foreign letters, insured letters, inland printed cards, overprinted stamps with the new rates, parcel cards, air mail covers and local issues.

Friday 21st August

YOUR VERY LOVING MADELINE

We welcomed **Dane Garrod**, who gave a very detailed powerpoint display and talk covering the Clifton and Drummond families and in particular Madeline Drummond who was at the highest level of British society. It covered her life and as a 41 year old widow with seven children marrying a man for love. Many of the covers, letters and photographs were also on display.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2015-2016 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 2nd September

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

Friday 18th September

MEMBERS' EVENING LETTERS H, I AND J

Wednesday 7th October

DAVID STOTTER; A POSTCARD FROM TANGIER

Friday 16th October

SIMON CATLING AND CHRIS HARMAN; A CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE REVELATION



OTHER MATTERS

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Included with this newsletter is the renewal notice for members' subscriptions which are due on 1st September 2015. The subscription is being held at £10.00 for the year. Would members please note that due to increased postal costs the treasurer will not be issuing a receipt by post, but would be happy to confirm renewal by way of email; please therefore include your email address accordingly.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

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

A special Federation Display day will take place at Warmington Village Hall, near Peterborough on Saturday 26th September when Jane Moubray RDP, Hon FRPSL will show 180 sheets covering the GB Queen Victoria 2d Blues and David Stirrups FRPSL (our member) will show 90 sheets on Cartophilately. Would any member wishing to go who has not already indicated as such please contact either the editor or the secretary for full details.

PJM 31st August 2015

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