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We have been fortunate in obtaining a sponsor for our newsletter for twelve months from August 2014. Members are encouraged to contact our sponsor for advice as detailed above.

The editor will try to publish newsletters on a four monthly basis, which from the August 2014 edition will also be 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 winter newsletter as we near the end of 2014. We have had an excellent start to the new programme year and hope to repeat the quality and mixture of speakers over the remainder of the 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

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Robin {Bob} Martin** on 18th September following several months of illness and in him being in and out of hospital. He had been a member for many decades, perhaps since around the early 1960's and was a very active and supportive member of the society. He was president from 1977-1979, and also served as secretary in addition to which he was the curator of the society's postal history collection from 1973 to 1997. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his widow and family.

Alistair Kennedy had various frames of philatelic material covering British Empire Forces on the Western Front (32 sheets) and also the Defence of Antwerp, 1914 (16 sheets) on display at the WWI Philatelic Exhibition in Ypres, Belgium in July of this year. These were part of a UK exhibit on the subject.

Congratulations are due to **Rufus Barnes** for getting an article entitled "Abu Dhabi; Creating the



Falconry Issue of 1965" published in the November 2014 edition of Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

Three of our members, **Adrian Boggust**, **Simon Kelly** and **Richard Husband**, attended the Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation Judging Seminar in Hitchin in November and have successfully completed part 1 of the course. They will attend Stampex in London in February 2015 to complete part 2 and thus be signed off as federation level philatelic judges.

John Pearce gave a display of QEII Wildings to the Great Britain P S on 29th November 2014 at the RPSL in Devonshire Place, London.

Wednesday 3rd September

MEMBERS' EVENING LETTERS E, F AND G

Keith Weston kicked proceedings off with a display of stamps from Greece, which included the Hermes head issue and various Olympic Games' stamps. **David Stirrups** showed the "G" cancellations of Gibraltar on early Queen Victoria stamps and covers, including a cover with the earliest known use of this cancellation. **Richard Husband** showed perfins from Ellerman's Wilson Line, and various covers including English Brothers, Fortnum & Mason and Gregory Rowcliffe. **Geoffrey Datson** showed a mixture of stamps and covers all from France depicting a musical connection. These covered the period before the revolution, during the revolution and post revolution in the Napoleonic era. **Ray Revell** put up a colourful display of stamps all issued by the Ffestiniog railway. **Rufus Barnes** put up various booklet stamps of Easter Island from 1988 and explained that the right margined booklet pane for two values was in fact a new find.

Peter Morton commenced the second half with Edward VII Army Officials shades and varieties; this was followed by a large range of Union Flag Post and Go printings. **Richard Klimek** showed a variety of stamps depicting ecclesiastical art, farmyard scenes, fungi and Olympic Games. **Alistair Kennedy** closed the evening off with covers which included embargo, Esperanto, Felixstowe, a German Hanover airport cover and a large selection of French Civil post office mail.

Friday 19th September

THE IJZER PILGRIMAGE

We welcomed **Roger Swindells** for his display which covered the original monument built in 1920 as a memorial to the Flemish soldiers who perished in the Great War and to the second monument and museum built in 1948 after the original monument was blown up during WW2. The evening included many photographs, postcards, original tickets and badges for many of the annual pilgrimages as well as copies of fund raising material including postal covers. He also showed recast medals which were awarded.

Tuesday 23rd September

JOINT MEETING WITH EAST ANGLIA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY [EAPHS]

We welcomed members from EAPHS for the afternoon meeting at the Arbury Centre, Cambridge. **Stafford May** kicked off with 80 odd sheets on postal mechanisation. **John Copeland** (EAPHS) put up one frame covering copy correspondence regarding the appointment of some early Cambridge postmasters. **Henry Ruse** (EAPHS) followed with 4 frames of Newmarket postal history combined with a few sheets covering Mildenhall. **Peter Morton** then put up progressively 15 frames from the Cambridge Postal History collection which had been provided by **Simon Kelly**.

Wednesday 1st October

GIBRALTAR – OLD AND NEW

Our member **David Stirrups** gave an excellent display of Gibraltar material. He commenced with the account of how the British invaded and took Gibraltar in 1704 quite



by accident. The first cover shown was that of 1698 thus before the capture. Early letters were mostly military. Examples of mail both to and from Gibraltar were displayed, those prior to 1768 being without despatch markings. On overland mail San Roque postmarks were in evidence this being the nearest Spanish town. The British packet service commenced in 1807 and examples of rates and marks were displayed. 1857 saw the introduction of GB stamps used in Gibraltar. A wide range of GB stamps cancelled in Gibraltar were shown which spanned several decades for their issue. The first half concluded with the five issues of Queen Victoria stamps of Gibraltar.

The second half showed that QEII issues can be fun to collect. It commenced with the 1967 Ships issues which gave rise to many errors in their printing. These and subsequent issues shown had been designed by A G Ryman. The display included examples of photographic essays, original artwork, issued stamps and their varieties of some commemorative stamps and the "Guns" definitive series.

Friday 17th October

BIRDS OF THE BIBLE

We welcomed **David Evans**, a former Anglican Bishop of Peru, for a display on "Birds of the Bible". Throughout the display he gave both specific and general texts from the bible to illustrate the theme of his display. In the first half he showed a very large range of different birds on stamps across many countries which included eagles, vultures, owls and kingfishers. He also included the 19 species of birds which Jews cannot eat.

The second half was devoted more to conservation type issues. Three frames were devoted to extinct birds, another on birds' eggs on stamps and other frames devoted to areas where birds are threatened such as the main migration routes and the impact of climate change. The display concluded with birds in a natural habitat such as the Falkland Islands and Lundy Island.

Wednesday 5th November

NO MEETING

No meeting was held as it clashed with the City Fireworks display on Midsummer Common.

Friday 21st November

COMPETITION EVENING

{POSTAL HISTORY, GREAT BRITAIN, CINDERELLA AND FIRST TIMERS}

Though we were due to have two judges from Fenland Stamp Club, we did give a warm welcome to Jon Higgins and Mike Kentzer from King's Lynn Philatelic Society who were extremely helpful and professional in the way in which they carried out the judging, and commenting afterwards on the various entries.

Overall eight entries were received for the four listed competitions, down from eleven entries the previous year. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

Postal History;	Simon Kelly	Lombard Street BO Registered Mail
Great Britain;	John Pearce	1929 Postal Union Congress
Cinderella;	Simon Kelly	Post Office Schools Training Stamps 1952-1967
First Timers;	No entry	

During the judging **John Pearce** gave us a detailed display of GB Victorian registered mail, registered letters, covers with different late fees applied, various labels and also insured mail covers. This was followed by Edward VII registered mail, covers showing the registered label which was introduced in 1907, and various other covers including a mourning card.

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

**Wednesday 3rd December****CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This was a social evening. A very good evening was had by 25 members and their partners/guests. Thanks are due to those who provided and organised the food and drinks, especially **Roger Carr**, and to the ladies in particular who helped clear up. Thanks are also due to those members who put up short stamp displays, and to **Adrian Boggust, Ray Revell** and **Simon Kelly** who provided the many quiz questions which kept many of us bemused.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2014-2015 programme continues with the following meetings;

Wednesday 7th January

MEMBERS' EVENING; PHILATELIC MATERIAL WRITTEN UP IN 2014

Friday 16th January

VISIT BY HITCHIN STAMP CLUB

Wednesday 4th February

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

Friday 20th February

COMPETITION EVENING

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

Guidance notes for the Open Class competition have been made available at recent society meetings. If any member who wishes to enter this competition has not seen these guidance notes then would he or she please contact the editor.

OTHER MATTERS**SOCIETY AUCTION**

The 2015 Society auction will take place on the 4th of March 2015 and once again will be run by Rufus Barnes. Copies of blank lot forms have been made available at recent meetings. Please complete these clearly and hand them to Rufus at the Society meeting on Wednesday 7th January, or email details of your auction lots to Rufus on roodle2@sky.com by the 7th January. The forthcoming Christmas break is sure to provide you time to find unwanted and surplus items for inclusion in the auction.

Rufus will be typing up an auction list, which will be circulated well in advance of the auction and, as in previous years, members of other local societies will be invited to attend to ensure that bidding is brisk!!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Included within this newsletter is a reminder to the few members who have not yet renewed their subscription which was due on 1st September 2014. The subscription is being held at £10.00.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Feedback from committee members and society members attending the AGM in November indicated that the federation had improved its communications to the membership and were perceived in a much better light. Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website; www.mapf.co.uk