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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 autumn/early winter 2016 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

It is with deep sadness that we have to report the death of Ian Paton FRPSL on 26th September 2016. He had been a keen philatelist since 1970, and upon his retirement in 1988 he moved to Cambridge and joined the society; he specialised in USA postal history. He had also been a member of the British Thematic Association since 1984 and was elected to the BTA committee in 1990. He will be sadly missed.

Members will be pleased to learn that Rufus Barnes has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of ABPS.



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 7th September

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK

We gave a warm welcome to Colin Fraser, a former member of the society. He started the evening with New Brunswick which only had three stamps in the first issue, but by the use of bisects many intermediary values could be achieved, although a second series a few years later had a wider coverage of values. Most of the mail was domestic mail, and examples were displayed of local rate letters, registered covers, many covers with bisected stamps on them as well as green registration envelopes.

Nova Scotia was in many respects was similar but more shades were available and in some cases quadrisectioned stamps for the different postal rates. Many covers were displayed including reduced rate military mail.

Friday 16th September

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

Rufus Barnes gave a fascinating display of covers and stamps from the Tokelau Islands which comprised Nukunonu, Fakaofu, Atafu and Swains Island. The islands were initially under the control of the Gilbert and Ellis Islands until August 1925, after which the islands were under New Zealand jurisdiction. Different postmarks on covers were highlighted in the early days and also the commonality of similar covers from the three main islands. Examples of unusual covers were shown, such as Swains Island free to Samoa then USA stamps placed on for transmission to the USA. Examples were seen of first day covers, die proofs, photographic essays, and covers emanating from the trial airdrop of mail in 1947.

The second half continued with many covers with varieties such as inverted date within the date stamp and an unusual purple date stamp on cover from Atafu. Stamps denoting different sports appeared to be favoured with examples of many covers. Unusual covers were also in evidence such as one from East Germany to Samoa which came via Reykjavik in Iceland, and a first day cover dated 10th November 1975 followed without explanation a few days later with the same stamps on cover correctly dated in 1981.

Wednesday 5th October

B M A MALAYA

Peter Cockburn gave us a detailed history of the formation of the British Military Administration in Malaya which was formed in 1945 after four years of Japanese occupation. He showed his very impressive International Exhibit comprising the different stamp printings arising initially from Kuala Lumpur, London and Sydney, covers, and items from the DLR archives. Examples of the double overprint were displayed as well as ink trials, perforated specimen set and revenue stamps. In the second half he showed dozens of examples of postal history, especially the many different AR marks on covers, as well as postal stationery items.



Friday 21st October

SCOTTISH POSTAL HISTORY

Professor Iain Stevenson gave us a very entertaining evening with an excellent display of covers reflecting postal reform changes from around 1680 to around 1850. Examples of bishops' marks, free marks, town markings were shown as well as the additional wheel tax ½d increase of 1813, and an example of the rare 1799 Glasgow circular cancellation.

Wednesday 2nd November

COMPETITION EVENING

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

We gave a warm welcome to Ed Hitchins and David Gottesmann from Sudbury and District 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 eleven entries were received for the four listed competitions, up from nine entries the previous year. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

Postal History;	Graham Wylde	Line Engraved Cancellations
Great Britain;	Graham Wylde	Characteristics of the 1d Black
Cinderella;	Stafford May	British Document Exchange
First Timers;	Roger Carr	Lord Baden Powell

During the judging Adrian Boggust gave us a very varied display of different cigarette cards, essentially something for everyone. The display included musical celebrities, tartans, arms of colleges, moths, famous crosses, inventors, winter sports and several dozen other subjects.

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

Friday 18th November

VISIT BY BURY ST. EDMUNDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Rod Finn opened the batting with a display of Rhodesia from 1924 to the mid 1950's, which included mainly stamps but also proofs and vignettes, with a few items of postal history.

Christine Finn followed with GB during WWII, the difficulties arising from paper shortages and the ability to get suitable quality ink for printing.

Kenneth Burr concluded with GB postal history from around 1660 to 1901 with a variety of covers showing the main rate changes during the period. The display featured many exceptional covers including superb examples of the embossed series and a wonderful strip of 6 from the 1841 2d on cover to America.

Wednesday 7th December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was a social evening. A very good evening was had by 23 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 Ray Revell and Rufus Barnes who provided the many quiz questions which kept many of us bemused.



FUTURE MEETINGS

The new 2016-2017 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 4th January

MEMBERS' EVENING; LETTERS K, L AND M

Friday 20th January

FRANCE 1929-1979; MICK BISTER

Wednesday 1st February

MEMBERS' EVENING; COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Friday 17th February

COMPETITION EVENING

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

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 was emailed out to those members on email at the end of November. For those not on email a copy will be available to read at our next meeting on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

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

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Included within this newsletter is a reminder to the few members who have not yet renewed their subscription which was due on 1st September 2016. The subscription is being held at £10.00.

SOCIETY AUCTION

As the number of auction lots at the March 2016 auction were down on the previous years, would all members please make a special effort over the coming weeks to get suitable material set aside for the next auction which takes place on Wednesday 1st March 2017. Full details should be given to our president Rufus Barnes, ideally during December by email to; roodle2@sky.com A summary sheet is enclosed with this newsletter to enable members to submit details of auction lots.

PJM 12th December 2016

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