



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 winter 2018 newsletter. In September we commenced the new 2018-2019 season programme which has been not only very varied but also very interesting. 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

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

Our Honorary Life Member, **Burkhardt Beer**, who resides in Germany, contacted the secretary in September. He indicated that he had now sold off most of his stamp collection, and due to health issues would shortly cease being involved with stamps. As a result he wished to resign as a member of the Society. The Committee subsequently confirmed this, having regard to the circumstances and the fact that Burkhardt's only agreed means of communication being via post. The secretary then wrote to Burkhardt appropriately.

Rufus Barnes visited Chelmsford PS to show Tokelau and Christmas Island on 25th September. On 22nd October he also visited Ferndown PS to show Abu Dhabi, Burma, and Christmas Island.

John George showed 32 sheets of Indian Princely States on 1st December at the regional Royal Philatelic Society meeting in Chelmsford.

Graham Wylde had an article on Line Engraved Die 2 Plate 1 Pinning Marks in the September/October 2018 edition of the GB Journal. Graham also gave a display on GB line engraved at Colchester PS on 19th October.

Renichi Yamada visited Huntingdonshire P S on 9th October and gave a very impressive display on Japanese definitives.



Wednesday 5th September

MEMBERS' EVENING: LETTERS Q, R AND S

The new season opened with a Members' Evening showing the letters Q, R and S. As is usual on these evenings a very diverse and interesting range of material was shown. Various members displayed stamps and covers from afar away as St Helena, Switzerland, Simons Town in South Africa {**Steve Hannath**}, Stamboul – Salonica – Smyrna {**Tony Crowther**}, and Sierra Leone {**Ray Revell**}. Our new Japanese member {**Renichi Yamada**} put up stamps with many varieties of paper and perforation from an early Japanese definitive issue, whilst others on the theme of the evening showed railway parcel stamps from Denmark {**Lillian Swift**}, railway stamps and covers from Belgium {**Mike Brindle**}, flown RAF covers, QE II perfins {**Richard Husband**} and photographs and covers from various Lincolnshire towns beginning with "S" {**Mike Bavin**}.

Apologies to members for the brevity for this evening. I suspect my notes were destroyed after submitting the update for ABPS News.

Friday 23rd September

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

John George started the evening with the Coronation issue which included the many listed and unlisted flaws as well as a rayflaws variety on cover. The 1937 definitive issue was well in evidence with varieties, including cylinder blocks and different perforation types. Booklet panes were also displayed which included the 1941 colour changes, as well as coils.

Many covers for postcards were included reflecting different usage. The higher definitive values were also shown on cover, including an airmail cover to Sudan. The later commemorative issues were very prominent and also near the end many cinderella type issues including those from the Chalon exhibition.

Wednesday 3rd October

ASPECTS OF CEYLON

Graham Winters entertained us with a large variety of material from Ceylon. This included early postal stationery, proofs of wrappers and postal stationery envelopes and dies sent out to Ceylon. Stamps included post war issues and scarce provisionals, including the larger size provisional. Postcards and letter cards, including varieties were also shown. The evening concluded with many covers starting from a paquebot cover from 1874 and concluding with WW2 covers.



Friday 19th October

VISIT FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDY CIRCLE

First up was **Hugh Bennet** whose display was entitled Gilbert and Ellice Scenic Definitives 1977 onwards. The initial 1971 set was shown, then with the Tuvalu overprints in red or black, followed by commemorative covers. Colour variations for the issues were also seen as well as later reprints. Covers were also displayed for airmail letters, lettercards and FDC's.

Richard Moss in the second half covered New Hebrides 1977 Provisional Overprints. The different settings and printings were shown, as well as local printings for the stamps. First day covers were displayed which included part French printings and part local printings. The different settings for these issues were shown by way of stamps, blocks and covers. The evening concluded with the Aoba Islands overprints, again with Paris printings and local printings.

Wednesday 7th November

COMPETITION EVENING

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

We gave a warm welcome to **Terry Wagg** 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 five listed competitions, compared to eleven entries in 2017. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

Postal History; Graham Wylde Distinctive Maltese Cross Cancellations

Great Britain; Graham Wylde 1d Black Plate 1

Cinderella; No entries

First Timers; No entries

Open Class; Roger Carr Baden Powell [trophy not awarded due to mark achieved]

During the judging **Tony Crowther** gave us a very informative and interesting display of the postal history of Edinburgh. This included a large range of different postmarks, modified paid marks, paid circular marks and many examples of the duplex cancellations.

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



Friday 16th November

VISIT FROM LEIGHTON BUZZARD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

We gave a warm welcome to three members from the Leighton Buzzard Philatelic Society. **Paul Peacock** opened the evening with a display of stamps from the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies. These included all the pictorial and commemorative issues and also most of the early definitives which were issued over a period of several years.

John Spencer gave a display of postcards and ephemera covering the West Country and South Wales paddle steamers. Each vessel used was illustrated with a full description of the ship, its commercial use and also its wartime service.

Richard Page then enlightened us on owls with stamps, and covers detailing the main six British owls. This was then followed by stamps, covers, and miniature sheets covering owls from across the world, as well as an owl used within actual cancellations.

Wednesday 5th December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very good social evening was had by 18 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 **Graham Wylde** who provided the set of many quiz questions which kept our minds working overtime to try to solve.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2018-2019 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

NO MEETING

Friday 18th January

EASTER ISLAND: RUFUS BARNES

STRIKE POSTS OF CAMBRIDGE: SIMON KELLY

Wednesday 6th February

PERSIA AND ASPECTS OF IRAN: NIGEL GOOCH

Friday 15th February

COMPETITION EVENING

{35 YEAR TROPHY, TRANSPORT OF MAIL, THEMATIC, FOREIGN,
COMMONWEALTH AND NEW 16 SHEET COMPETITION}



SUBSCRIPTIONS

A few members have not yet renewed their subscription for the 2018-2019 year. Would those who have not yet renewed please remit the sum of £15.00 by cheque to our treasurer, Graham Wylde at 26 Cambridge Road, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3DG. Many thanks.

SOCIETY AUCTION

Members are reminded that the Society Auction is due to take place on Wednesday 6th March 2019 and that details of auction lots should be advised to Rufus Barnes on or before Friday 18th January 2019. [Telephone: 01799 523776]. The forthcoming holiday season may well give members the opportunity to dig out any surplus or unwanted philatelic items.

SOCIETY DINNER

As 24 members and partners enjoyed the Society Dinner which was held on Wednesday 11th July 2018 at the Arundel House Hotel, Cambridge we are trying to arrange a similar event for the summer of 2019. Details will be announced in the New Year.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website: www.mapf.co.uk The latest [November 2018] Newsletter also appears on the website.

Following the successful special Display Day on Sunday 7th October at Buckden Village Hall, a booking has been made to hold next year's Display Day at the same venue on Sunday 6th October 2019.

**May I take this opportunity to wish all members
a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.**

PJM 10th December 2018

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