



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 page called "NEWSLETTERS" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the summer 2019 newsletter which is our 100th edition. We have now completed our 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

Stafford May visited Huntingdonshire P.S on 14th May 2019 and gave a talk and display on "Time to Label".

At the Federation annual competitions, where entries were on display at Philanglia on 22nd June 2019, congratulations are due in particular to the following who achieved "gold" standard;

Inter society traditional; Graham Wylde; The One Penny Plate I 1st

Inter society postal history; Graham Wylde; Distinctive Maltese Crosses 1st

Inter society thematic; Adrian Boggust; My First Day of Caving; 1st

16 sheet (thematic); Adrian Boggust; The Pence Issues of Newfoundland to 1929;

[The latter achieved 2nd in the overall 16 sheet competition and the highest mark of 92 from a Cambridge P S member.]



Wednesday 1st May

INDIAN STATES – WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

We gave a very warm welcome to **Alec Jeffreys**. In the first half our speaker concentrated on Jaipur, which started with the 1886 British Department of Works overprints. The local printings of the “Son God” issues in 1904 using different stones provided a fascinating study into the different settings and varieties, including his research which proved that SGI black existed in two states. Sheetlets of six and complete sheets of twenty four were displayed for later issues, including many examples of perforation and paper varieties.

The second half continued with many examples of printings from Bundi, Soruth, Navanagar, Bhopal and Orchha. In particular the “Sacred Cow” issues of Bundi provided the opportunity for an in depth study of the different settings.

This was an excellent display from a speaker who had been closely involved with his subject for over forty years.

Friday 17th May

VISIT FROM BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Charles Mead kicked the evening off with government printing franks for Fiji for newspaper wrappers which included subtle variations, followed by a variety of covers from the first Pam Am clipper air service to the island. His display concluded with paquebot covers from different ports in the island group. **Alan Taylor** then displayed GB royalty notable dates with photographs, stamp covers and stamps covering dates for Queen Elizabeth II and her family members.

Claude Crowder commenced the second half with early stamps from Spain with the beetle cancellation and then different cartwheel type cancels with different numbers within the wheel. His display continued with GB Machin se-tenant different values which included a variety of the Readers Digest coils strips and also booklet panes. **Len Stanway** then displayed parcel stamps, covers, parcel waybills, postcards and photographs all emanating from the Federated Metropolitan Railway Group in London.

Wednesday 5th June

MEMBERS' EVENING – SHOW WHAT YOU LIKE

Renichi Yamada opened proceedings with sheets of GB King George V photogravure cylinder blocks, showing the different values and types. **Tony Crowther** followed with postal history covers showing a variety of different cancellations including London geometric postmarks and double circle cancellations from Scotland. **Keith Weston** then displayed sheets from various French colonies including French Equatorial Africa and French Somali Coast. **Richard Husband** came up with a mixture of GB items such as 24p Machin forgery, postage dues on cover and a mixture of 2d postcards to Europe. **Mike Brindle** put up a range of covers depicting warfare in Italy including censorship mail, free mail and unstamped mail.



The second half continued with **Rufus Barnes** showing postage dues on cover, postage stamps used for collecting postage due, and wrong meter marks. **Stafford May** covered postal quality of service checks with examples of both USA and European inward mail, and also GB internal mail. **Michael Leveridge** showed various Falkland Island sets of stamps including military uniform set, and unified issues for the dependencies. **Simon Kelly** displayed various Cambridge related mail including 1912 postcards and Cambridge PDO and MLO mail, all ex the Cambridge PH collection. From his personal collection Simon Kelly displayed a range of items from the Kendal area with different office cancellations and also Postman Pat. **Peter Morton** rounded up the evening with varieties from KGV Downey Head issues including listed items such as inverted watermark, and missing cross on crown.

Friday 21st 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 2019-2020 programme card for full details.

The Officers and committee were duly re-elected. **Rufus Barnes** indicated again that he wanted to stand down as Programme Secretary, though in the absence of any volunteer for the role, he would continue but only until the 2020 AGM.

Wednesday 3rd July

REGULATIONS REGARDING THE POSTCARD

John Copeland gave a very informative history of the introduction of the postcard into the postal service with many examples of early postcards, different cancellations, including items which were deemed not to qualify as postcards at the reduced rate.

Friday 19th July

JAPAN DEFINITIVES 1883 - 1892

Our member **Renichi Yamada** put on a very impressive display of early Japanese definitives, with many of the sheets coming from his gold medal entry from an international competition held in the Far East. The design of the Koban Head issues was unique, with many examples displayed of the many different papers which were used and also the perforation types. Many specimen stamps and also UPU specimens were shown. Within certain dated issues different settings for the stamps were also evident.

As well as a range of mint stamps, some of which included blocks and also a full sheet, there were several examples of difficult cancellations from postal use, some of which were very scarce.

The new Koban Head issued from 1888 featured only two paper types, with many examples of the greater range of values in this period. Various examples of overseas mail were also displayed, some of which also incorporated postage due payments.



Wednesday 7th August

CLASSIC CHILE "COLON" HEADS AND STATE OF VICTORIA "EMBLEM" ISSUES

A warm welcome was given to **Don Davies**. In the first half we were shown many examples of the Colon Head issues from 1853 to 1867. The original stamps were printed by Perkins Bacon in London but as stocks became low different local printers were employed before a main government printer was appointed. Examples from the different printings were displayed together with varieties. During the time when postage stocks were low a bisected 10c stamp could be used for 5c local postage. A cover with what is believed to be the largest known bisected block was displayed.

The second half also included an impressive collection of the State of Victoria Emblem issues from 1857 to 1863. This included scarce essays, proofs on Perkins Bacon paper, varieties on wove blank paper and dated proofs. Many covers were also very much in evidence.

Friday 16th August

BOURSE AND SUMMER SOCIAL

Just fewer than twenty members enjoyed a relaxing evening chatting on a variety of subjects with the opportunity to browse through various philatelic items.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The new 2019-2020 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 4th September

MEMBERS' EVENING: SHOW WHAT YOU WANT

Wednesday 18th September [This date is correct]

PRESIDENT'S EVENING; JOHN GEORGE

Wednesday 2nd October

VISIT FROM FRANCE AND COLONIES PHILATELIC SOCIETY; FRENCH SOMALIA

Friday 18th October

KING GEORGE V; RENICHI YAMADA



OTHER MATTERS

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that the annual subscription in the sum of £15.00 falls due for renewal on 1st September 2019. The advice slip regarding this is enclosed.

SOCIETY DINNER

Around 20 members and partners enjoyed the Society Dinner which was held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at the Arundel House Hotel, Cambridge.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website: www.mapf.co.uk The latest, August 2019 Newsletter, should appear by the end of this month.

The Philanglia philatelic event took place at Burgess Hall, St Ives on Saturday 22nd June 2019, when all Federation competition entries were on display. Cambridge P S achieved a record in that it can first in all three areas of the Inter Society competition in winning the Millennium Shield. Thanks and congratulations are due to all those members from Cambridge who entered the various competitions.

Following the successful special Display Day on Sunday 7th October 2018 at Buckden Village Hall, this year's Display Day will be held at the same venue on Sunday 6th October 2019. The Annual General Meeting of the Federation will also commence at around 9.00 am ahead of the Display Day.

2020 CELEBRATIONS

Over the past twelve months a special sub committee of the Society has met on three occasions to consider what the Society should do to celebrate its formation on 22nd October 1920. As and when specific matters have been finalised the details will be published in future Newsletters. These are likely to include a special book publication about the Society and also a Society dinner.

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