



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 winter 2019 newsletter which is our 101st edition. We have now completed around one third of our new 2019-2020 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

Raymond Revell died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Tuesday 29th October. He had been ill for a number of weeks and had also been in hospital. He had been back home for a week but developed breathing difficulties and had to be re-admitted to Addenbrooke's where he died. Ray had been a member of the Society since the 1970's and served as President from mid 1996 to mid 1998. He was a very keen philatelist. A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St James' Church, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge on Thursday 14th November which was also attended by CPS members.

We wish **Richard Husband** all the very best following his move of house from Cambridge to Newark in November. Richard will remain a member of the Society but clearly we will not see him that often.

John George gave a display of George VI commonwealth stamps at Huntingdonshire P S on 10th September. He also gave a further display of Huntingdon Postal History to Fenland Stamp Club on 19th September.

Peter Morton visited Fenland Stamp Club on 17th October and gave a display of 180 sheets on GB Machins and the Decimal Definitives.

Graham Wylde gave a display of GB Line Engraved to Isle of Ely P S on 7th November.

Adrian Boggust visited Huntingdonshire P S on 12th November and gave a display on Newfoundland.

Simon Kelly gave a display of Bahamas up to 1900 to Leicester P S on 12th November.



Wednesday 4th September

MEMBERS' EVENING- SHOW WHAT YOU WANT

Stafford May opened proceedings with a detailed summary following the arrival of Sir Foley Newns in Foxton with the correspondence with the Post Office showing his efforts to get Foxton changed successfully from a Royston postal address to that of Cambridge. **Steve Hannah** displayed sheets of Simonstown SA with different postmarks on outgoing mail, as well as covers for incoming mail, one of which emanated from USA. **Michael Leveridge** showed photographs with brief details of 2 Victorian and 4 Elizabethan postboxes located between Great Shelford and central Cambridge. **Renichi Yamada** put up sheets showing perforated stamps of Hawaii covering the period 1864 through to 1899. **Mike Brindle** displayed many sheets on Luxemburg airmails of the 1930's, many of which were philatelic covers, as well as incoming airmail.

Graham Wylde showed modern GB errors and varieties which included doctor blade flaws, offset of castle issue stamp, missing colours on Nature Week stamps and missing gold on Christmas stamps. **Geoffrey Datson's** theme was Chopin with a display of stamps from many countries including Poland, and a cover from Scotland. **Philip Noble** showed various sheets from 1979 from the Society's United Nations collection. **Mike Bavin** entertained us with proof books of Lincolnshire postmarks with covers and cut outs from envelope. **John George** showed the basic and varieties for Ascension George VI Coronation definitives, including different printings and different perforations. The evening concluded with **Rufus Barnes** showing Burma postcards including the Yangkong Pagoda.

Wednesday 18th September

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

John George put up sheets covering the complete range of mint GB commemoratives for Queen Elizabeth II covering a period of almost twenty years in the pre decimal period. As well as the mint single stamps many examples were seen of control blocks, and also traffic light blocks. Positional blocks were also displayed of many of the listed varieties. Within the display examples were also seen of many postally used commemoratives on cover. The last frame also included some of the pre decimal Machin stamps.

Wednesday 2nd October

VISIT FROM THE FRANCE AND COLONIES PS – FRENCH SOMALI COAST

We welcomed **Mick Bister** from the France and Colonies Philatelic Society. His display covered the French Somali Coast. He commenced with a detailed history of the introduction of the post in Obock in late 1884 through to the increasing importance of Djibouti from 1893 with the used stamps of the period, including overprints. Photographs, postcards and covers were also displayed. New stamps were issued in 1896 available in each area which also included proofs from local printers. Subsequent bisects were also seen with some on cover, and examples of the second printings. Many pre WWI stamps were seen printed



by the French government printers. As WW2 developed more examples of mail both in and out were displayed. The post war era saw many rate changes and more use of local printers. By 1977 the country was disengaged from France and became the Republic of Djibouti.

Friday 18th October

KING GEORGE V

Our member **Renichi Yamada** presented a most impressive display of GB King George V stamps, especially as he only arrived in this country in January 2018, and decided he needed to collect some GB material. From the outset he showed Downey Head special ink colour trials from 1910 by way of the three types from the three printing companies. This was followed by the colour trials of 1911. The Downey Head main issues were very much in evidence with examples from the three design settings, the many watermark varieties with examples also of controls and perforation types.

The Profile Head issues occupied many sheets with examples of all the values, colour shades, controls, perforation types, stamps printed by both Harrison and Somerset House; and a few Specimen and Cancelled overprints as well as couple of die proofs from the 1d and 2½d values. For the Block Cypher issues, again many examples were also seen of the different shades, perforation types and also a few of the experimental paper printings.

The 1930's photogravure issues were also evident with many of the three head settings, perforation types and a few examples of the colour trials. The evening concluded with a few examples of the sea horse issues.

Wednesday 6th 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 six entries were received for the five listed competitions, compared to eight entries in 2018. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

Postal History;	Simon Kelly	Express Delivery
Great Britain;	Peter Morton	1879-1880 Perkins Bacon Tender
Cinderella;	No entries	
First Timers;	No entries	
Open Class;	Simon Kelly	Harriet Martineau

During the judging **Richard Husband** gave us a very informative and interesting display of GB Perfins. This included a summary of the reasons why they were introduced. A large



range of the different perfins were displayed from when they were first introduced in the line engraved period of Queen Victoria to those issued in the four kings' era. The display also included underprints but also punched stamps and many covers bearing perfins.

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

Friday 15th November

THE VIEW FROM THE ROSTRUM

We gave a very warm welcome to **Joseph Cottrial** from Warwick & Warwick who gave a largely power point display of interesting items offered over a period of over 30 years. The latter included photocopies of stamps and covers lodged with the auction house and for many of them a brief history of the item. Included were 1/- early Cape of Good Hope, a pair of 5/- Oil River stamps on cover, and a block of the Inverted Jenny from the USA.

More unusual items included a collection of Valentine Cards, Notice to Postmasters for the 1d black and 2d blue line engraved issues, and a collection of London Christmas Cards. The firm also deals in cigarette cards, medals and coins.

Wednesday 4th December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very good social evening was had by 14 members and their partners/guests. Thanks are due to those who provided and organised the food and drinks, especially **Roger Carr**, and to all those who helped clear up. Thanks are also due to those members who put up stamp displays, in particular **John George** and **Geoffrey Datson**.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 1st January

NO MEETING

Friday 17th January

GB SURFACE PRINTED ISSUES; GRAHAM WYLDE

Wednesday 5th February

BELGIUM; MIKE BRINDLE

Friday 21st February

COMPETITION EVENING

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

(Display by **Ray Jones**: St Helens plus)



OTHER MATTERS

SOCIETY AUCTION

Would all members please make a special effort over the coming few weeks to get suitable material set aside for the next auction which takes place on Wednesday 4th March 2020. Full details should be given to our president **Rufus Barnes**, ideally during December, but no later than Friday 17th January 2020 by email to; roodle2@sky.com A summary sheet was sent to all members on email at the end of November.

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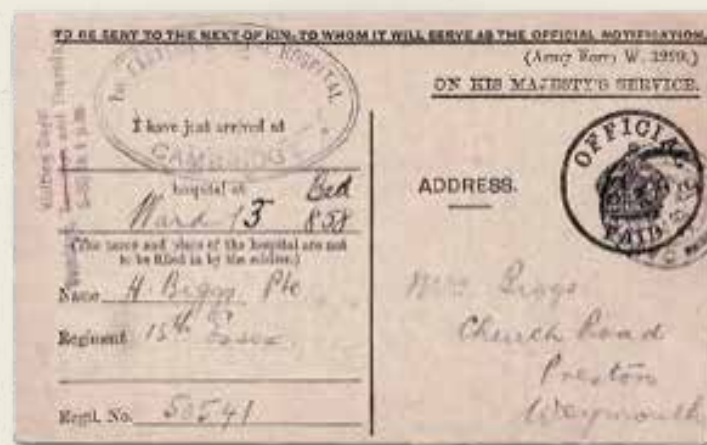
Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website: www.mapf.co.uk. The latest, November 2019 Newsletter, is on the website as a downloadable pdf file. The Philanglia philatelic event will take place at Burgess Hall, St Ives on Saturday 6th June 2020, when all Federation competition entries will be on display.

2020 CELEBRATIONS

For more than a year now a special sub committee of the Society has met on several 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, but one date for your diaries is a Society lunch which will take place on Friday 6th November 2020 at the University Centre, Granta Place, Cambridge at 1.00pm. More details of this latter event will be made available next year.

SOCIETY POSTAL HISTORY COLLECTION

The Society has acquired a very interesting postcard from World War I from the 1st Eastern General Hospital for the collection. It will definitely be coming into the proposed 2020 book! Thanks are due to **Stafford May** for locating this item and drawing it to our attention.



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

PJM 15th DECEMBER 2019

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