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The editor will normally try to publish newsletters in mid-December and by the end of April and August, although during the present Covid-19 restrictions dates may well vary. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website, in section "5" on the web site.

INTRODUCTION

This is a somewhat delayed newsletter to update members on what has been happening as hopefully was come out of the Covid-19 pandemic. The secretary apologises for this delay.

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.

2020 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The special cover franked by a specially designed handstamp did come out in late October 2020. Should any member like to have one they are available at £3.00 each; two types were issued each bearing a different Machin 1st Class stamp. Please contact the secretary for information regarding purchase. It was illustrated at the end of the December 2020 Newsletter.

The centenary book is still in course of being prepared. Various delays have occurred, but hopefully we can look forward to seeing a complete draft in early 2022.

It is still expected that we will hold a somewhat delayed centenary lunch. The University Centre in Cambridge where the function was originally booked has still not opened for business at the time of writing these comments. In the circumstances we are now looking around for an alternative venue. It may be possible to plane a meal for say November this year, but more likely this will now be held in early 2022.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2021 Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 18th June 2021 via Zoom Conferencing, with 14 members in attendance.

The usual reports were received and adopted. Committee members were duly re-elected and also those holding official positions within the society.

Simon Kelly, our president, took over as president in mid 2020 and will continue through to the 2022 AGM when Graham Wylde will take over as president.



COMPETITION EVENING MEETINGS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021

The competitions were held earlier again this year in the expectation that the centenary lunch would be held in the late autumn when the various winners could be presented with their trophies.

We are grateful to Jon Higgins and Ross Stuart from King's Lynn PS who judged the eleven September competition entries and also to Geoffrey Datson who gave an informative and interesting display covering "Vienna-a Pot Pourri of Music and Musicians" during the judging of the competition entries.

We are also grateful to Mike Kentzer and Terry Wagg from King's Lynn PS who judged the eight October competition entries and also to John George who gave an informative and interesting display covering "Vienna-a Pot Pourri of Music and Musicians" during the judging of the competition entries.

Competition winners over the two months were;

Midland Bank Trophy (Postal History)	Graham Wylde
Bentley Wood Medal (Commonwealth)	Simon Kelly
Reginald Chater Blows Trophy (Thematics)	Geoffrey Datson
Cambridge Stamp Centre (Cinderella)	John George
35 Year Trophy	Not awarded
Gordon Bennett Trophy (Transportation Mail)	Simon Kelly
Presidents Trophy (Great Britain)	Graham Wylde
Montagu Medal (Foreign)	Simon Kelly
Gordon Bennett Cup (Transportation of Mail)	Simon Kelly
John Pearce Memorial Trophy (Open Class)	Simon Kelly
Rufus Barnes I6 Sheet Shield (I6 sheet competition)	Graham Wylde
First Timers	Not awarded
Derrick Ray Memorial Award (Federation competition)	Not awarded this year
Jack Simmonds Award of Merit	To be advised



EVENING ZOOM MEETINGS

Friday 17th September

DISPLAY BY MEMBERS FROM PRETORIA PS (SOUTH AFRICA)

The society was entertained via zoom by two members from Pretoria Philatelic Society, South Africa. Adél Bulpitt gave an interesting and informative display covering Antoni Gardi, the Spanish architect. Steve Marsh then gave a detailed illustrated display on the subject of "Gold".

Friday 15th October 2021

THE LIFE AND WORK OF CYNICUS [SCOTTISH ARTIST]

Zoom presentation by Richard Smith.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 3rd November 2021 [In Oddfellows Hall]

PRESIDENTS EVENING

Display by Simon Kelly on the 1879-80 Tender Issues.

Friday 19th November 2021 [Zoom display]

Details to be advised.

Wednesday 1st December 2021 [In Oddfellows Hall]

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

Friday 17th December 2021 [Zoom display]

Details to be advised.

Wednesday 5th January 2022 [In Oddfellows Hall]

MEMBERS DISPLAYS LETTERS T, U and V



OTHER MATTERS

MEMBERS; SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members subscriptions fell due on 1st September 2021 in the sum of £15.00. The secretary or treasurer will be in touch with those members who have not yet renewed their subscription. In the meantime would members please NOT send any electronic payment to HSBC as this account is about to be closed, as the society is about to change bankers. The timing of this is not ideal but this issue is beyond our control.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

A members' Display Day will be held commencing at 10.00 am on Sunday October 24th at Buckden Village Hall (just off the A1). To be followed at 4.00 pm by the Federation AGM. Members are invited to display up to two frames each of nine sheets.

Tea and coffee will be available. Due to Covid-19 it is suggested that members attending bring their own lunch with them.

Would any member intending to go to Buckden please advise the CPS secretary in advance, Thanks.

CPS GARDEN PARTY

The 25th July started at Belvoir Road with a disappointing drizzle, but soon started to clear. The morning was spent digging out enough plates and crockery; then the neighbour's gardens were ransacked for garden tables and chairs while the wine was chilling; the lawn had been cut and the gazebo erected the day before and had survived the night! A kind neighbour had prepared the Centenary cake and brought it round earlier.

By 3 o'clock the sun was shining and Simon and his wife Chris started to welcome the guests who arrived bearing bottles, bowls and plates of supplementary refreshments. John George dived into the kitchen and immediately started preparing scones with lashings of cream and strawberries. This was the first face-face meeting of the Society members and partners since the beginning of the Covid-19 epidemic had struck last year. Those able to make the event were Roger Carr, Tony & Sue Crowther, Geoffrey & Anne Datson, John George and Jenny, Richard Husband, Stafford & Pauline May, Peter & Jacquie Morton, Phillip Noble, Betty Pearce (brought some excellent photos from the 1990 events for our archive), Tony & Lizzi Puckridge, Lilian Swift & John, and Graham & Christine Wylde

The Prosecco was soon bubbling away and the tea poured. The Centenary cake ornamented with an edible photograph of the Centenary Postmark was cut by the President. The Centenary Postmark had been prepared for the actual Centenary on the 22 October 2020 – we were only seven months late for the party! Our cake was nearly outclassed by the superb cup-cakes which the Puckridges brought and which had been prepared by their grand-daughter. Small groups were lured away from the refreshments to view the new arrangements for the Postal History Collection (See previous Newsletter). Temporary access was achieved by walking the plank! (There really was



something evil below, but this temporary structure has now been replaced by a proper brick path!). Small displays had been prepared of items from larger 3D parts of the collection, while boards showed some sheets from the collection.

Thank you all for making this such a happy event, and a pleasant start to the return of normality after the isolation of the Covid pandemic.

Simon & Chris



Fig. 1. The CPS Centenary Cake



Fig. 2. Plate of philatelically inspired cup-cakes made by the Puckeridge's granddaughter



Fig 3. John George prepares the scones with cream and strawberries



Fig. 4. The President guards the cake from premature attack!



Fig. 5. Merry makers at the party (sorry our secretary has been semi-beheaded)

May I take this opportunity to say that the Society President and Committee trust that all members will stay free of the COVID-19 virus. We hope to get a shorter newsletter out in mid December this year.

PJM 18th October 2021

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