

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society Newsletter

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🍁 September: George Nash Memorial Display
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For our meeting in September we had a good turnout of members for the George Nash Memorial Display. This was an opportunity for members to show their appreciation of George's contributions to the Society over the years. He will be greatly missed.

"A Philatelic History of Burma to 1950" was a display where we learned how Burma evolved in 1937. The country used India stamps overprinted 'Burma' before a proper set of definitive were issued in 1940. This included high value issues of Burma also. The Japanese invasion during World War II was reflected in stamps, as was the run-up to the end of British rule in 1948.

Another member remembered George Nash through his National Service in the RAF. A wide range of worldwide "aircraft on stamps" was displayed, including a full Guernsey collector strip of Post & Go that would still be valid today!

George worked for Barclays Bank and so another member showed items relative to that: 19th-century cheques embossed with "penny stamp duty" with Perkins (perforated initials) BBK and BB, including a five-shilling large format Machin.

"Going on A Journey" involved a display of interesting covers that had indeed, gone on journeys. One cover showed postmark from the Philippine Islands, SAN Francisco and finally New York! A long journey. There were covers of Forces mail to loved ones during World War I, and a Weimar cover to Leipzig.

A beautiful display of Cyprus Postal Orders with a wide range of values from sixpence to 21 shillings came next. The lower value stamps were in red. Higher value stamps were green. Lovely display.

And finally, a "History of West Berlin :1948-1953". We saw German stamps with overprinted of 'Berlin'. We also learned about the four Berlin occupation zones. There were some lovely 'Liberty Bell' stamps (3 versions). The bell clapper could be angled left, right or 'at rest'. This stamp issue was a gift from the USA in 1945. It says: - "This world under God shall have a new birth of Freedom!"

What a successful evening of displays. We thank everyone who showed something. Apologies for no names of members but our notes got in a dreadful muddle!

🍁 October Meeting: Mr. John Armstone "Australian Cinderellas"

John Armstone never fails to show us some very interesting stamps in his collection. Among these are the following that he displays at the October meeting.

A lovely Ross Smith stamp: - which celebrated the first flight from the UK to Australia in 1919 on cover. How long would that journey have taken?

Fifty years later there was a letter shown about the 1971 Postal Strike.

Private mail companies filled the gap created by numerous gold rushes (i.e. Kalgoorlie, Western Australia). Why? Because Australia Postmaster Generals suppressed the mail sent to such locations. The Private Mails were thus short-lived too, due to this monopoly over the national mail service.

Various World War I seals were shown. These were used to raise money for patriotic causes. Given their age they were very vibrant in their different colours.

Railways and Trams are a firm favourite of Mr. Armstone! There was a strong appearance of stamps including complete sheets, and even supporting paperwork outlining the story of an enterprising collector who tries to save material from destruction when a firm ceased trading. It was a wealth of extremely scarce and interesting philatelic items display. Mr. Armstone's manner of telling stories held us entranced to the end of the evening. Thank you for a fine evening!

The Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies

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Mrs. Martha Brown: President's Comment

Although this will hopefully be discussed at the upcoming AGM, the future of ASPS is in the balance. Societies and clubs all require the free time and expertise/ experience of volunteers to run them. The Offices of any society shouldn't fall onto the shoulders of one or three or more people for years on end. It should be a shared, and voted, Office. I can only begin to imagine the work and consideration of ASPS Officers. Their "JOB VACANCIES" list is vast: - Competition Officer, Ardingly Organiser, Accounts Examiner, and soon, President.

These vacancies demand filling otherwise "the continuation of ASPS is seriously at risk." (from letter 7/11/21). Anyone in any philatelic society/ club can volunteer. I enclose the letter so you can read it for yourself.

Outgoing Treasurer CDPS MR Howard Morgan

Mr. Howard Morgan, our Treasurer, has decided to step down. We'd like to extend a HUGE Thank You to Howard for his work done on our behalf. ☐

President Martha Brown's Outgoing Statement

This is my final half-month of Presidency, and what a Presidency it has been. Never have I felt so busy first, with the 60th Anniversary Celebrations, and then with the awful global Pandemic. I'm hoping the job will be less stressful for the new incumbent!

I've appreciated the support over these years from everyone. Some of you even wrote emails or real letters(!) to me during the lockdowns. Words of positive support were very welcomed.

Sadly, during my time in this office I've had to announce the deaths of several dear members. Most of these I knew from my days when I was only in my twenties and we met at the dining hall at Country Hall in West Street Chichester, or from the meetings at other locations.

Mine has been a multi-tasking job. I've had to take notes at meetings for the newsletter as your Editor, and am thankful to Alan Bush and Fred Robinson for helping me out when I was occupied or absent. I thank my Roving Reporters!



I'm happy to resume as Editor! It'll get my full attention again.

I'd also like to thank all members of committee for their help. Frank helped guide and advise, Alan kept the packet running during COVID, Alan B. devised some interesting lockdown ideas, and Howard ensured monies were kept in check. John gave numerous ideas and we had good discussions! There are others to mention, but the list is long. I just thank you all for your support and positivity.

To those and more my thank you. A Society is a Team. We certainly worked as one!

Thank you Everyone!

Martha Brown, Outgoing President CDPS November 2021.


 Dates for your Diary. 

January 24, 2022. Members Night Sky High

February 15, 2022. Awards Luncheon

February 28, 2022. Presidents Night

March 28, 2022. Competition night part I

 Finally, a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to you All!

See you in January 2022!

Martha Brown. Editor & President.

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