

The Chichester and District Philatelic Society Awards Luncheon

The 2023 Awards Luncheon was held at the Chichester Park Hotel on Wednesday 15 March.

Over 25 members attended to enjoy a set menu in the function room at the hotel. Awards were handed out by Competition Secretary Alan Bush and the President of the Chichester and District Philatelic Society, Bob Tebbitt. The awards were for two competitions held in the 2022 season.

The **Dr Charles Viner Memorial** Trophy was won by Chris Podger with a history-based display about a certain Captain Arthur Young. It just proves how postal history contributes to past history itself.

The **HT Simmons's Thematic Cup** was won by Heather Lawn with a colorful and informative display entitled Evolution of Parrot Families. This display included family lines of certain parrots which greatly added to the interest.

The **Charles MC Symes Trophy** was won by Frank Griffith with a display entitled Penny Black/ Two penny Blue. Britain's first two stamps always attract philatelic viewers. The numerous anomalies in these add to the philatelic study.

The **P Allan Postal History Plate** was won by Chris Dudeney with a display about the school that used to be in West Street, Chichester. His display was entitled The Chichester School, with covers and letters from the headmaster who worked in that school; A fine display of local postal history.

The **ST Birkin Modern Trophy** was won by Chris Dudeney with a fine display of Cyprus Sheets from 1979-2002.

The **Peal Challenge** was won by Fred Parsons with A Philatelic History of Ceylon/Sri Lanka.

The **Top Competitor Shield, Victor Ludorum** was won by Chris Dudeney.

Congratulations were given by President Tebbitt, who also thanked all members who took part in competitions.

Martha Brown
17th March 2023

CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

COMPETITION NIGHT! – 27.03.23

Introductory remarks

Bob thanked Frank and Heather for their help in organizing the greatly enjoyed lunch. John announced the diary of events, in particular the Fair at Crowborough on 1st May (BH), and the Robert Udden Fair at Donnington Hall on 22nd April. Chris Podger said that there would be a Rotary display on hobbies in the Assembly Rooms on 15th April, and that he would be exhibiting 60 sheets of Cyprus material not previously seen.

The Viner Memorial Trophy

The senior trophy for the best display of 16 sheets excluding thematics. There were 4 entries and the results were:

1. Chris Podger – Cyprus, the Piendes Family
2. John Armstone – Revenue Stamps for Specific Duties
3. Martha Brown – U.S. Air Mail Covers

The Charles Symes Trophy

This is for 8 - 10 pages taken straight out of the member's own collection. There were no fewer than 10 entries – more entrants than those qualified to judge them! Subjects varied from the National Telephone Company, S.S. Great Britain, and Luxembourg. Results were:

Joint 1st Alan Bush – Horizon Labels – Unusual items

Joint 1st Howard Morgan – Court Fee Stamps of the Indian Princely States

3. Michael Asteris – Edward VIII Wedding Covers

The H T Simmonds Thematic Cup

There were 3 entries, with results as follows:

1. Chris Dudeney - Charles Augustus Lindbergh
2. John Armstone – Safety at Sea (RNLI)
3. Bob Tebbitt - How's that Prime Minister (PMs in Cricket)

Thank you, Alan, for organising a closely fought competition. The attendance, and in particular what must be a record number of entries for recent times for the Symes trophy, surely bode very well for the health of the club.

Howard Morgan