

Chichester & District Philatelic Society Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

The January meeting kicked off splendidly with everyone enjoying the displays made by John Armstone, Fred Robinson, George Nash, Mike Asteris Bob Tebbit and Christopher Podger. The overall idea of "Europe" brought out Scandinavian Cinderella's, Norwegian local stamp issues, Swedish Red Cross and labels from the Denmark Aquarium and Tivoli Gardens from John, Fred showed how War can affect stamps from the Spanish Civil War through to the 1945 Russian Zone in Berlin. George had some nice early issues of the Swiss 1850 Post horn up to 1882 and more. Mike showed covers from Greece including reference to the battle of Navarino and Dr Fleming 9penicillin). Bob showed some mementoes of a rail trip made on Mail rail, London. Christopher displayed and spoke about postal stationery from ten different countries that arrived in Cyprus.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and a lot of history was gleaned from member display and talks. Thanks to Fred Robinson for writing up notes for this report in my absence.

NOVEMBER AGM 2107

The AGM in November 2017 went off smoothly and the agenda was covered remarkably quickly in a short space of time. There were many displays given my members as well after the AGM. Sadly, I have no notes on these. But once again thanks to all who participate in Society display evenings. I know that the displays are enjoyed as one is given so many comments on how much folk enjoy them and learn something from them. Thanks to all officers and committee members who participated in the AGM as well. Apologies for my absence as I was unwell at the time.

February Meeting 2018 Chris Dudeney Lundy

What a fabulous and enjoyable display was given by Chris Dudeney at the February meeting. We learned quite a lot about the stamp's of Lundy and the history of the island also. Lundy is an island that has changed hands many times. Today it is part of The National trust and is funded by The Landmark Trust to improve visitor facilities and aspects. Joking that someone may have lost a "car aerial Chris continued his display using a handy pointer. Stamps had the cost of the stamp on them but in "Puffin' currency. The Bank of England wasn't too keen on the money idea, so the islanders stopped charging in coinage., but continued using the "P" for puffin as the" currency" of each stamp. Then the GPO got upset and demanded the stamps were placed on the reverse of the cover, never the front. Of course, through time this changed and in 1962 Lundy issues were allowed on the front of postcards along with the British postal stamp, but well separated. In 1992 Lundy issues were finally allowed to be stuck to the LH corner of an envelope, again nowhere near the GB postage stamp.

We learned quite a lot about some of the franking's, post office, places to visit, cachets and special issues that concern these visitors sites, the Marine Nature Reserves just offshore and in

the surrounding waters of Lundy, and even how Erik Bloodaxe King of Norway (not well liked!) and the Viking too interest in this tiny British Island. Special favourites of mine were the beautiful mint sheets: 2008 fiftieth Birthday of the MS OLDENBURG (ferry to the Island) 1994 mint and used singles of Marisco Castle, 2002 USA Bicentennial 7 ½ puffin issues. The different cachets and a collection of cancellations were also of interest. There were numerous other interesting and fine examples of Lundy. All I have to do now is persuade my husband to go on holiday there. It sounds like a super place to explore, go hiking, go bird watching and collect cancellations, stamps and covers of Lundy. Our thanks to Chris for a splendid display.

Armistice Day Novium Display

Martha Brown (01243 779645 or mommybadger@aol.com) would like to know if any member has something from World War One that could be used in an Armistice Day display being held at the Novium Museum in Chichester? Thus far we have a few postcards of the period, a passport of 1918, and three Armistice day teacups. The items don't have to be philatelic, although any of those nifty hand embroidered post cards would be nice! One believes the items will be locked up tight at the museum, but if items are valuable both in terms of value and or sentimental value then perhaps photocopies of them could be used. Please give Martha a ring as soon as possible as the museum is working this up. This is a wonderful opportunity for the society to get their name in public.

Chichester Library Display

Secondly, we hope to get our society on the schedule for a one week display of Philatelic items displayed in A4 or larger frames up the steps of the library inside. For instance, I will try to fit a cover or two and some stamps into one frame and include a short write up of HOW I started collecting stamps. You could also write briefly about why you collect what you do. This kind of display is more about saying how we began and why we collect. Hopefully some special leaflets can be on hand for the general public who might be interested in collecting stamps. We could also print a poster or two all of this being discussed as I write. Members who would like to partake in this framed display please let me know. Use the same address or telephone number above. Thus far I have around three interested. If you want more information please let me know. I have some extra frames. The only real rule is that they are safe strong and have a good wire or strong cord at the back so they don't fall off the hanging peg and crash to the ground!

60th Anniversary Luncheon Idea

A good show of hands, including fingers shown for spouses was shown at the February meeting, although I was a little surprised by the four or five fingers that were raised. But once we got an estimate of those agreeing to the idea of a luncheon and attending numbers were around 26. We have not set a venue as yet but we are looking at the late spring of 2019 so there is plenty of time to make up your mind. The members also felt that paying their own meals was OK. Nobody seemed to mind that factor. But like I said, this is all in the planning stages. Any use of Society funds would have to be voted upon at a meeting. For instance, there would be a room charge if we went to the Harbour Hotel to eat. Several venues have been contacted and we are yet to decide where to go.

Anyone who is interested in attending a luncheon around April or May 2019 just let me know. I'm just getting numbers at this stage so we know what venue to use.

We plan on professionally printing some Society leaflets for the public, including some very small posters. These will be placed in various venues in the city centre.

Newspapers & Magazines

Finally, for the 2019 anniversary I'd love it if someone could donate a stamp magazine they use so I can glean the Editor and address thus I can write a blog about our anniversary for them. Good idea yes? I will also get our society into the free newspaper and Chichester Observer as well as Philatelic Magazines such as ABPS and more, if you have any other publications where you feel we could add a blog please let me know. This is a truly wonderful thing to be celebrating and we are all part of it. Therefore, at a meeting I would love to try and get a photograph of us all for use alongside and blogs and write ups for the anniversary.

Junior Stamp Club

Sadly, I have learned that the Junior Stamp Club has fizzled out. What a shame! Are any members aware of any other junior stamp clubs in the area, especially those who would like to get stamps. Let me know on the above e-mail OK?

Editor's note:

I don't know where our hobby will go in the future. Sadly, it seems that some youth aren't that interested in divesting energy and interest into a stamp or cover, or the actual study of these. Postal history, cancellation studies, colour hue studies of certain stamps, and so forth will disappear. Well I hope not. Once the GPO printed free materials for junior clubs to use. I used to run at the Central school for instance, and we used GPO materials. But with the advent on internet and messenger, blogs and twitter and other types of technological communications even the Art of Letter-writing seems to be disappearing. So, no I really don't know where philately is heading in the next twenty years

Watch this space

Next meetings; April 23rd Kiribati & Tuvalu, May 28th President Night, 25th June Big Boys Toys.