

Chichester & District Philatelic Society Newsletter

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MARCH COMPETITION NIGHT PART ONE:-🏆

Plata Haiti with a 10-cent blue and yellow stamp tied to it. Splendid! This one among What a beautiful evening it was on 26th March for Competition Night Part One. It brought another fine turnout of members keen to participate, mark and assess, and enjoy the numerous displays in the three competitions: Viner, Simmonds and Symes.

VINER: Postage stamps, covers, pieces, not thematic: three entries this year:-

🏆 1st :Frank Griffiths :A superb display onHamburg-Amerika Paketfahrt Aktien Sesellschaft : HAPAS

Included in this display were postcards of numerous ships and ports, including one from 1901-14 period and one from 1873. The covers all bore markings pertaining to the ship mail industry, but one caught my eye. It was a cover dated 16 May 1879 Cape Hayti to Puerto several.

2nd: Martha Brown: Czechoslovakia 1919-1920

3rd: John Armstone : Israel: 6 Day War

John never fails to surprise us with his Cinderella material, but also with his knowledge of the same. His display included a handy map, a fine mint block with plate block numbers, Jewish Culture 1967 and even some Prisoner of War cards. There were many other fine examples in this display as well.

SIMMONDS: Thematics:- There were two entries this year:-

🏆 1st :John Armstone : Philately in Australasia

I was intrigued by Great Barrier Island Pigeonogram Agency stamp and souvenir sheets, and favourites of mine were the lovely square shaped and colourful beer duty stamps of 1979. Each was a large size , large enough to cover the beer caps!

2nd: Bob Tebbitt: 'Strange Places':

Bob never fails to bring a story out using his love of sporting events. Usually it is cricket, and this display showed several examples of cricket on stamps.He included other sports and among these was a USA Dodgers 1958 mint souvenir sheet with a baseball player. Countries included China, South Georgia, Antarctica,Grenada and others.

There were only two entries for the Simmonds.

SYMES: 8-10 pages from your collection:

🏆🏆 JOINT 1st: Martha Brown 3rd Reich National Stamp Day covers, and Frank Griffiths Swaziland.

Frank's included a cover with an 1899 coat of arms overprint in black ink and several registered covers, one from 1891 with a very clear 'R' denoting the registered status. There were many fine items in this display.

Martha 's was a. Ole tion of National Stamp Collecting Day and Philately Day commemoratives that were printed for the public to purchase during the 1938-1944 period. Many include lovely cachets and commemorative cancellations.

3rd was Bob Tebbitt: Malaya:

Malayan items were certainly present but I spied some Singapore also. There was a beautiful 16th Commonwealth Games mint miniature sheet, and a 1998 unused air letter sheet that struck the eye for the beautiful hues in it. It isn't often one sees unused airletters but this was a fine example That commemorated the 16th Commonwealth Games. A splendid display.

4th: John Armstone: Bus Parcel Services in New Zealand.

I've often wondered how John finds his Cinderella materials. These were found during a visit he made to New Zealand. There were bus parcel stamps clearly marked with registration numbers and tear off strips and denoting "Freight Paid" on them. Parcels stamps and Railways and other bus parcel stamps that took my eye. It was interesting learning how the parcel services worked using these labels. Imagine these surviving? How many parcel labels have we thrown away in the past?

Congratulations to all for their fine and excellent displays.

Once again, our great thanks to Alan Bush for all his hard work as Competitions Secretary. 👍

April Guest Speaker:- Mr. Hugh Bennett: Kiribati and Tuvalu

Guest speaker Mr Hugh Bennett is a member of the Pacific Islands Study Circle and a founder member of the Kiribati Tuvalu Philatelic Society. His excellent display was done on A3 card and included quite a range of design processes, from children's artwork examples that went on to become stamps (what a fine way to encourage youngsters in graphic design/Philatelic design), proofs, photographs, stamp proofs showing colours required and finally the end results: stamps, blocks, whole sheets, souvenir sheets and FDCs. Mr. Bennett is highly involved in the planning and preparation of the issues of Kiribati and Tuvalu. The description, in the second half, of how stamps were produced, designed and printed was extremely educational and, one hopes, enjoyed by all members. We also learned a little about rules that the International Olympic Committee requires stamp designers and producers to adhere to. This was a brilliant presentation and display and we thank you, Mr Bennett, for a wonderful evening.

Frank Griffiths called our attention to the new requirements for the Data Protection Act. All members will eventually be given/sent a membership form to update our details on you. This will include the new requirements about the DPA.

The Armistice Day idea for the Novium will not occur. Apparently they will only have a very small space for something. My thanks to those members who came forward with ideas.

Meanwhile a date will be set by the library for our 60th celebration display of stamps and covers at the Library, probably for end 2018 but more likely for 2019. Watch this space. I will inform members when they need to get their A4 frame handed -in.

Easy Ways to Enjoy Collecting Stamps:- just some ideas,

+get friends and neighbours to save the stamps from their envelopes for you

Maybe there are people at work who could save envelopes and stamps also

+when was the last time you went through those old trunks and boxes in the attic?

I recently found some old letters from my parents and grandparents in a folder. Not only was it interesting reading through letters that dated back to the 1960s but they all had the stamps from this period too! They might not be worth much but everything tells a story.

+have you any stamps with the same design on them, the same issue and same denomination? often these offer us hours of pleasure looking for colour anomalies, perforation differences, and sometimes, especially if they are from the pre-1930 or older periods they will have differences in the vignettes or border lines or special features in the line designs.

+bored with what you collect? It's never too late to order from a stamp company for one of those all-mix packets or one country packets and look for ideas for that next display. Perhaps a thematic idea, or a new country display? Or just to add to your worldwide collection? I've often found that a little packet like this affords hours of rainy day pleasure!

+Spring cleaning time is here! Is it time to weed out those ripped up or ragged stamps in your old albums and replace them with better quality stamps? Or is it time to weed out the unwanted stamps, put them in a see-through bag and donate them to the next raffle at club level? Maybe it's time to get out certain items and sell them or put them out to auction? Go on! They might pay for your next cruise! 🏖️☀️

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May Meeting :- The President Presents American Issues

Madame President chose to display and talk about her collection of United States Air Mails, First Flight covers, Early covers, including stampless covers and more. The early covers dated from the 1820s and had markings such as amounts needed to cover transit as well as different colours of markings. Several included letters that Martha said genealogy studies have been carried out using names within. In one she managed to locate a ship captain's current family in Maine, USA who still live there! Covers included some early American issues with mostly black cork or ink cancels.

Martha has been collecting First Flight covers with the aid of her now late uncle who used to work for Eastern Airlines. His keenness in learning about where flights flew from, why they flew, who flew these, and weights in the mails bags was something Martha caught! Similarly, her display of the certain mint blocks of USA Air Mail stamps added to postal history of air mail both within the USA and internationally. Many of the letters between uncle and niece flew air mail and many involved certain issues and their histories. If he sent a letter it always included the current air mail issues both mint, often in blocks and certainly emblazoned on the cover itself! Her collection included air mail covers from family collectors such as two uncles, father, mother and

grandfather. Quite a family affair! Thanks to members who participated in showing items on the agenda of "Royalty". And thanks to all who were in charge of beverages and biscuits!

JUNE MEETING

Written by Roving Reporter Fred Robinson ,edited by M. Brown

A welcome return by Mr Derek White with his display entitled "Big Boys' Toys". The first half was about Articulated Locomotives and was all about trains. We saw pictures of these from all over the world, some postcards and covers and a few stamps. Whereas in the second half entitled Hooks and Tracks more stamps were available that showed cranes (dockside, ships, and building sites). Then from bulldozers to snow-cats he changed over to all-wheel drive vehicles. What made the evening more the interesting was that the speaker accompanied the frames with anecdotes from when he worked in a quarry driving all manner of heavy machinery. One suspected that members present would have enjoyed playing with such toys!

The President, Mrs Brown apologises for not being present but she was feeling unwell that evening.

She also apologises for the one month lateness in this newsletter. She missed the deadline! Oh dear!

Next meetings and the coffee rota person:

27 August. Alan Bush

24 September. John Parson

22 October. Bryan Kingswell

26 November. Michael Asteris

Thanks to all volunteers who help our Beverage volunteers serve, wash and dry up!

You'll need to bring milk, coffee, tea and biscuits. Bring a receipt and you'll be reimbursed eventually by our treasurer. Any problems give Martha a call on 01243-779645 or Frank on 01243-527068

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