

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society Newsletter

**Special Roundup Edition**

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**A New KING! Charles III**

**GOD Save the King & Queen**



May meant a Coronation! We celebrate the coronation of His Majesty Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla. Many new stamp issues, miniature sheets, and special covers were created for an exciting event such as this. One actually looks forward to seeing what members collected from different countries, not just the United Kingdom.

Perhaps we could ask the committee for a special “Royalty Night”? Just an idea. (photo from BBC TV coverage)

**ROUND-UP OF MEETINGS IN BRIEF!**

**January - made the GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY**

The theme was Anniversaries and numerous members showed stamps and more concerning this. Everyone had their own definition of Anniversaries, so it made things quite interesting.

**Anthony Parker** showed the Penny Black in many forms, George VI Silver Wedding issues, and the 1953 QEII Coronation issues.

**Fred Robinson** brought along souvenir medals from 1924 from The British Empire Exhibition.

**Martha Brown** displayed USA air mail covers from Panama. Several had been flown there from New York City and back to Balboa.

**Chris Podger** shared Registered covers from GB. Among these was the Paris Postal Conference Centenary issue and an embossed QEII envelope with a grey profile 1s6d. One wishes postage today was still 1s6d.

**Bob Tebbitt** brought along interesting items on cricket anniversaries including the Diamond Jubilee of West Indian tours from 1988.

**February - It was President's Night with Bob Tebbitt.**

Part of this article features in the CHICHESTER OBSERVER a on 9 March.

Bob split up his display with many humorous stories concerning sports. He was able to show items about the ICC, MCG and SCG. For those of you not cricket savvy, that's International Cricket Conference, Melbourne Cricket, and Sydney's.

New Zealand rugby featured, as did stamps from India and Pakistan. Bob mentioned that the latter is his “collecting-in-progress” area. Don't we all have these areas?

Here's another list of items shown: Sri Lanka, Netherlands, Fiji, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Malaysia, and amazingly Antarctica. In the white snow and ice, I'm sure a cricket ball would've been seen! Good thing it wasn't golf then!

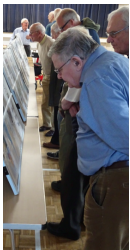
**March** - was our society's luncheon at the Chichester Park Hotel which over twenty-five members attended. Awards for the year 2022 were also handed out. C.Podger (Viner), H. lawn (Simmons's Thematic), F. Griffiths (Symes), C. Dudeney (Allan, Birkin, & F. Parsons (Peal). The Top Competitor Shield was won by C. Dudeney.

**April** welcomed guest speaker Chris Wheeler with a wonderful display about The Salvation Army. Founded in 1865 by William Booth, with a major part played by his wife Catherine, The Salvation Army developed as a spiritual dimension much akin to Methodism with a focus on poverty, society evils and the needs of the people. Mr. Wheeler pointed out other leading Victorian Social reformers along with Mr. and Mrs. Booth's efforts.

During numerous wars the Army was to prove beneficial in helping write letters home for illiterate soldiers. Disaster support is a crucial role for the Salvation Army. Many of these activities have been commemorated on stamps all around the world. Many issues show surcharges in order to raise funds too.

"Chris mentioned a South African 40c issue of 1987 commemorating the work of the Bible Society. This was withdrawn from sale generally only two days before the day of issue, due to a religious dispute." Copies that survived can be worth as much as £700 now.

This article was written by Howard Morgan and edited by Martha Brown  
Thank you very much Howard for helping write the original article.



### **May- Article** &Photo by Alan Green

Guest speak John Robbins took us on a journey usually requiring lots of layers and thermal underwear! His was a display of Antarctica, where three oceans meet: Indian, Atlantic and Pacific. It is an area larger than Australia, Europe or the USA, containing 70% of the worlds fresh water.

With a mixture of envelopes, stamps, photos and colorfully illustrated maps, we learned of the many bases there: Australia, GB, Norway, France, New Zealand, Chile, USA, and Argentina among others. With a varied human population of between 1,000-4,000, other inhabitants include Elephant seals, Penguins, and Wandering Albatrosses (Diomedes exultant). There are NO Polar Bears on Antarctica.

Famous explorers such as Scott, Ross and Shackleton cross the icy continent to reach the South Pole. The first task when reaching a base was to fly their national flag and establish a post office!  
Many thanks to John for a well-researched and illustrated display.  
(article edited by editor)

### **Stamp Coffee Group**

Mondays, 1030 am. Chichester Festival Theatre Cafe in The Park  
Parking: - Northgate Car Park, Chichester  
June 5 & 19  
July 3 & 17  
August 7 and 21  
September 4 & 18

Come join us for a coffee/tea. There are pastries, cakes and biscuits for sale also.

The group is growing, and we've been enjoying discussion on items such as special markings on Penny Blacks and Penny Reds, early air mail issues (CAMs and some FAMs), exchanging stamps and covers that are of interest to another collector, or just bringing along things weeded out of our own collections. It's very much a social occasion, so if you want to talk about other things join us!  
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### **PRESS RELEASES**

The Society has featured several times in the Gibbons Stamp Monthly. Hampshire Philatelic Bulletin, ABPS news, and the Chichester Observer.  
Some articles have been written by other members or by editor Martha Brown.

### **Personal Thanks from Editor: -**

There will be times when even the editor can't attend meetings. Of late either I've been unwell or someone else in my family has been, so apologies that I haven't attended some meetings. However, saying this, I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to members Alan Bush, Alan Green, Heather Lawn, and Howard Morgan for their notes, articles, and photographs about meetings from January to the present day. I really appreciate it. Behind the scenes I work to edit and submit these fine bits of writing to the above-mentioned press. Photos are often appreciated by some of those publications too. Thank you for stepping in.

### **For Sale/ Giveaways Section**

Okay, it's not philatelic but here goes: -

Kitten/cat tunnel that zips together to form a circle. My cat enjoyed it as a kitten but has outgrown it now! Martha 07553-543701. Offers around £8 please.

Anyone has a child/ grandchild/ yourself playing the piano. I have a selection of piano books from pre-grade up to Grade one or two that are in excellent condition or unused.

If you'd like to look them over I could bring them to the Coffee Group on Mondays stated above. Or give me a call on 07553-543701. They range in price according to status. The reason for selling them? I've Retired! 🏆

These are teaching materials that are in Excellent condition.

### **Society Meeting Dates Chat & Swaps 7 pm. Meetings begin at 7:30.**

June 26 Telegraph Stamps & Ephemera of the British Isles. John Armstone

July 24 Members Night. British Islands

August 28. German Inflation. Robin Pizer

September 25. Competition Night 2: - Allan, Birkin & Peal

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**Just a few photo 2023**







