

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society Newsletter

January 2025

On January 27 the members of the society were greeted with a cornucopia of philatelic material. It was the members' opportunities to display items u see the heading of 'Anniversaries'.

Martha Brown showed various examples of first flight covers including an air mail cover from. 1939 flown in an Atlantic Clipper airplane. Hers showed four beautiful orange 6c stamps. Other covers were from Düsseldorf, New York and London.

Anthony Parker displayed items that were commemorative of the first adhesive stamps, covers from the PO Savings Bank (1961), a Shakespeare First Day cover from 1964, the Battle of Britain series from 1965, and the celebration of Robbie Burns stamps from 1966.

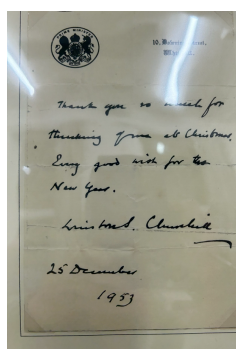
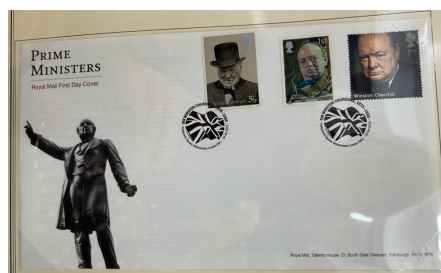
Frank Griffiths centered on the commemoration of Sir Winston Churchill. This display included a signed letter, covers, and first day covers.

Russell Hill provided a nice surprise by way of a photo of his school teacher who encouraged pupils to collect stamps. He displayed various first day covers of the SRN6 Hovercraft, Concorde, and the 50th Anniversary of Doctor Who.

Stepping up the crease, **Bob Tebbit**, our own cricketing expert, showed a set of St Kitts & Nevis stamps, and the Warner Park grounds in Basseterre. There was a most interesting stamp from Hanoi, ist Nam showing a military airfield. Also, he showed a poster for the 1988 bicentennial of Australian settlement in Welsh! Arddangosfeydd da!

Article written by Alan Green and edited by Martha Brown

Winston Churchill items.



American Clipper cover
Bob Tebbitt in
action, and members.



President's Night with Mr. Michael Asteris

February Meeting 2025

President Mr. Michael Asteris showed a comprehensive and well-illustrated display concerning history, geography and philately with a subject about Bute Docks.

The Docks, dating from 1839, were the brainwave of the 2nd Marquis of Bute, who discovered coal and iron on land just north of Cardiff. He thus built the docks at the mouth of the Taff River. Michael showed several maps alongside covers with Bute cancellations to locations such as Norway, St Petersburg and Spain.

He also displayed a chart from 1880 showing coke and coal exported from Cardiff and Newport. Other items included an illustrated postcard of the General Post Office (1897) and the Cory building (1889). Various postmarks for Bute Docks include numerals D57, 163 and 162 on early British stamps. Today's W.M. Cory & Son established in the mid 1800s and is still trading today.

It was a very entertaining evening with much detailed information. Perhaps we will see another display in the near future?

Article written by Alan Green

March Competition Night 2025

Thanks to all members for showing their excellent displays in this year's first competition. Results are as follows: -

VINER: 1st Russell Hill. The British Postmark 1661-1787, second: John Armstone. Classic British Postage Stamps, third: Christopher Podger. Cyprus Money Order Offices, fourth: Heather Lawn. Pre-decimal Machin Stamps

SYMES: 1st Neil Smith. Albert Decaris, second: Christopher Podger. Postage Stamps Used for Inter-Post Office Accounting, third: Michael Asteris. King Edward VIII Covers Stampex & Congress.

SIMMONDS: - 1st Russell Hill. The Secret Language of Stamps, Second: John Armstone, 1940: Celebrating the Penny Black :100 Years, third Heather Lawn Parrots, fourth Christopher Podger. Cypress Postal Orders.



March Luncheon at Croucher's Restaurant

Awards were presented for the 2024 competitions at the annual luncheon which around 18 members and their friends / spouses attended. The following awards were presented to: -

Allam: Christopher Podger: Cyprus Queen Victoria Payment & Accounting for Unpaid Post



Birkin Russell Hill: Donald McGill's Banned Comic Postcards

Simmonds: Frank Griffiths: Barclays Bank

Viner: Russell Hill: The Bishop Postmark 1661-1787

Syme's: Neil Smith: Albert Decaris



Peal: Heather Lawn: Morphology of Parrots

Again, a thousand thanks to Alan Green for the photos and for information, and to Alan Bush. It's a team effort to write a newsletter and the editor is very grateful for their help.

Anyone with something to sell or an article for inclusion please email me with a Philatelic Society header on my email or by phoning me.

Please include FULL name. Thanks.

Happy Easter everyone 🐰

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