

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society 2021

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First Meeting of the Year in July 2021!

Nearly fifteen members were present for the very first meeting in seventeen months and since the COVID Pandemic began. President Martha Brown began the meeting with a respectful moment's silence to remember two members who have passed away: - Mr. George Nash and Mrs. N R Wright. Both were Life Members.

John Armstone kindly updated us with dates and venues for Fairs and Stamp markets. We always appreciate his research into these functions.

Much business was mentioned including the donated stamp collection of the late George Nash. George very kindly left us his collection. It was decided that members could donate/ go through what they wanted and the rest would go to the Packet Secretary to sell through the packet. This was agreed by all present members.

Frank Griffiths gave a most interesting display and talk about Private Ships Letters of the Caribbean. The entire collection was greatly enhanced by his use of the postcards depicting the same ships that were carrying the letters. Frank certainly knows Caribbean postal history and history of postal transport. We thank Frank for the first display at our society since Lockdown #1 in 2020.

Heather Lawn at HAMPEX

Heather Lawn will be displaying a single frame "Origins and Evolution of Parrots" at the HAMPEX 2021. It is non-competitive this year. She stated that her display "will be in competition as part of the British Thematic Association." We wish her good luck!

AUGUST: - "WHAT I DID IN LOCKDOWN "

A good show of 23 members turned out for the non-competitive display evening. Rules were lax given the nature of the evening. Ten sheets numbered as 33 or one! Topics were varied but it was



evident that numerous members decided Lockdown periods made for a good time to sort through the boxes, stock books, old albums, and envelopes were all probably have at home!

Thanks to Martha Brown, Christopher Podger, Chris Dudeney, Frank Griffiths, Howard Morgan, Bob Tebbitt, John Armstone, Michael Asteris, Neil Smith, John Parsons, Alan Green, Alan Bush, Fred Robinson, Rory Murphy, and Anthony Parker all displayed material and gave brief talks about their displays.

Topics ranged from cricket and sports on stamps/ covers, USA Tuberculosis stamps, numbered Maltese Crosses including a bit of detective work in that one letter was the very same handwriting as another example, high value British Revenues, Wembley Exhibition stamps, Unused stamps from various African countries, an old schoolboy collection sorted through lockdown, and an album found on a Berlin bomb site during World War 2. Alan Bush used Lockdowns to transcribe his grandfather's 1915 diary. He also showed some modern labels. John Parsons found a new interest in the British Raj period and Indian stamps. Interestingly, Howard Morgan also invested in Indian stamps, among his love of Newfoundland. Others bought new stamps from African nations,

British Empire period, a 1959 set from Kenya, and postcards featured in many displays showing cancellations and stamps. John Armstone never fails to teach us more about the Selsey Tram but revved up proceedings with items from the Falkland Islands, Australia and India. Chris Podger found stamps on E-Bay during Lockdown.

Our meeting began though with a moment's respectful silence for Mr. Bryan Kingswell whose death shocked us all. A card was signed by all members for his wife Kay, and his family. Through the meeting many members told Martha Brown, President, that Bryan's joy, warmth and huge smile at every meeting would be sorely missed.

We send our sympathy and love to Kay and family.

We also welcomed three soon-to-be members: - Mr. Anthony Parker, Mr. Colin Pogue and Mr. Brian Burns. Their memberships will be voted on by the society soon.

Finally, as shown in the photo Above, Martha Brown has donated a Society scrapbook. She worked on this through the Lockdowns. It was agreed that this could be placed with the county record office for safe-keeping.

DIARY 2021

September. 29. Non-Competitive Competition (George Nash Memorial) 10 sheets

October. 25. John Armstone
Australian Cinderellas

November 22. AGM & members
Latest Acquisitions (if time allows)

HAMPEX is 25th September
STAMPEX is 29 September until 2nd October
Stamp Fair at the hall is by Chris Rapley on 28 August and 3rd October

There is no meeting in December.





It's so GREAT to be back!

