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The Chairmans Report

We have had quite an interesting quarter yet again. Phillip Cant gave us a great evening all about World War II as shown on stamps of many countries that illustrated and explained what happened

A nice meeting with lots of maps on display shown by almost all the members present.

Correspondence and Postcards were well attended but no pictures as the data pen went iffy

There was a very good evening meeting when the Swindon Society were guest and gave two very interesting talks,

Then the 3-5 sheets from all resulted in some brilliant display material.

All in all a very interesting set of meetings and visitors.

Barney Bardsley - Chairman

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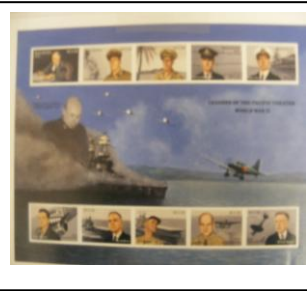
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Pictures from the Portrait Gallery

Photo Gallery



Pearl Harbour

War on all fronts

Bombing of Japan

Phillip Cant

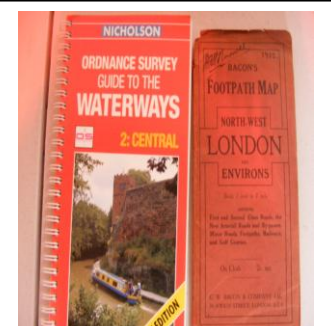
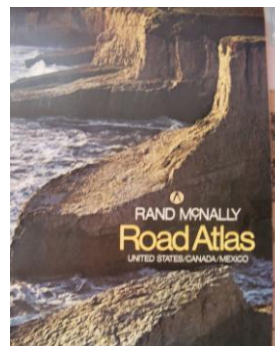


End of war in Europe

N African Campaign

Phillips first Board

V E Day

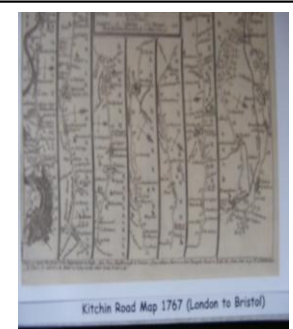
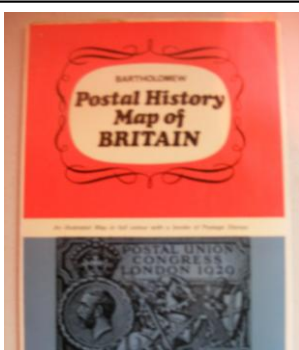


Greenwich Meridian

A lovely Road Atlas book

Isle of Man Ancient History

Maps of the London Waterways



Postal History As it says

Map of Ghana

Stamps of maps

London to Bristol Road Map

PAST EVENTS

Monday 8th April Maps There were 12 members present

Mike Smith started the afternoon by presenting a very large world map which was all about the size and styling of the continents and a very small map of Zambia as an M.S.

Malcolm Hoskins then showed a great collection of maps that he collected his stamps from and a lovely set of maps in a very large embossed cover and a nice old road map of India and to end, very early maps of the UK.

Martin Farr was next up and he displayed several sheets all about the Greenwich Meridian with a nice picture of the meridian down through Europe and Africa. The French wanted it in Paris but delegates assembled in Washington in 1884 and Greenwich won by 22 votes to 1. Fleming proposed a 24 hour clock for the whole world which was finally accepted due to maritime needs and now the Meridian passes through Greenwich.

Graeme Stewart was next and he showed very old maps of the area on 1767 and 1867 and some very old maps of the A4 and Thatcham from about 1936 including some of Bucklebury and surrounding areas. Very old and quite delicate.

Alan Cross was next and he showed a very large map of Suffolk and some nice framed maps including ones from Sheffield and Reading from about 100 years ago. Very nice.

Jim Andrew started the second half with quite a few sheets of stamps many of which showed maps of the world with lots of the Pacific rim and the zero time zone data.

John Smith then displayed two boards of stamps of the Gold Coast, now Ghana. Lots of stamps and covers about the country many with maps on them and of Africa as well. A nice well displayed collection.

Juliet Keel was next lots of different kinds of maps and booklets. A very old 1539 survey of the coast for defence purposes. details of major general Roy, using a triangle, made an accurate map of the UK which formed the foundation of the Ordnance Survey, and a nice map of Captain Cook's Polynesian travels that included the 24 islands. Then great old Ordnance Survey map of GB and several more 'fold-out' maps including one of GB from 1884. and finally a nice 1892 map on linen and a postal map of GB, What a collection!

Bob Patterson was last up and he showed a book which was quite old from the late 1890's - Phillip Handy Atlas of England which included lots of information about the early Railway Lines of the country. Worth a good look!

Thursday 18th April Phillip Cant Entertains World War II 1989 -1995

Phillip explained this actually meant that 50 years after WWI many countries of the world started to produce MS sheets and stamps stating all that happened during the war and Phillip had collected a fantastic range of these items and spoke about GB preparations prior to the war (1935-39) with the 3 services being renovated. The sequence of sheets started with the destruction of the French army and about our Spitfire being the best craft. Then about Churchill meeting Roosevelt and the German invasion of Russia. At each point Phillip put up several great sheets of stamps and data about those happenings.

Then Pearl Harbour, attacks on Japan and the North African campaign. The first battle of El Alamein, the Blitz, how GB and Co started to attack Germany by air and the allied invasion of Italy.

Phillip continued for pt 2 speaking about the Russian front and the battle of Kursk which was the largest battle that the world had ever seen, with huge German and Russian losses. (don't forget that all this data was illustrated with lots of wonderful sheets of stamps and pictures). Phillip went on to speak about the Normandy landings and the freeing of France. Then Arnhem, the sinking of the Tirpitz, and how the Allies crossed the Rhine, the taking of Berlin and Hitler's suicide. To finish off, with more sheets. he spoke about the nuclear bombing of Japan at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and Japans surrender. Lots of sheets about the Allies victory and Phillip finished up with data about the European Conferences and pictures of the military leaders and medals awarded. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful talk with superb associated sheets of philatelic material. Thank you Phillip.

Monday 16th May Unusual and interesting Correspondence

Mike Smith opened the afternoon showing multiple Bechuanaland stamps on covers from 1938 addressed to Philatelic dealers – an interesting set of data . This was followed by **John Mills** showing covers from the Gold Coast to London . Then **Dave Tanner** displayed letters to and from Solicitors in Ipswich asking for money !

For the second half **Graeme Stewart** showed various letters and correspondence sent to Thatcham in the 1890`s. **Bob Patterson** then followed with various letters from France, and Vienna. Then POW letters and some from WWII. The afternoon finished with **Juliet Keel** showing Red Cross Mourning covers and some family correspondence from various countries around the world.

Thursday 20th May “Postcards” There were 15 present

Malcolm Hoskins started the evening showing various postcards and cigarette cards especially tri-cards that formed a set to show an animal. Then some cards of trees of America with very large access ways cut through them.

Bob Paterson then showed Cats that had an association with the signs of the zodiac and local cards from Speen, Newbury and Cornwall.

Colin West then displayed Austrian postcards and artists, some related to Adolf Hitler.

Dave Tanner showed some Persian postcards dating from as early as 1879 and others related to Persian Postal Museums and Royal Palaces.

Graeme Stewart showed some novelty and advertising postcards from the early 1900`s relating tho Newbury.

The evening ended with **John Mills** showing an extensive collection of Cadburys Chocolate cards, the Bourneville village and surrounding area.

Quite a fine and interesting evening.

We are sorry to inform you that Glyn Slater passed away in early April. He was a member of the packet circuit, but, due to ongoing health problems and other commitments, only very occasionally did he attend the Society meetings. Unfortunately, a couple of days before Glyn`s funeral his wife also passed away. Our sincere condolences and sympathy to his sons and their families and to all Glyn`s friends and colleagues.

Monday 3rd June `3 to 5 sheets from all` There were 10 members present

John Mills started the session by showing four sheets of Army Telegraph stamps including several £5 stamps that had very few issues and were difficult to obtain. So where did he get them from as they are quite rare. Very nice though.

Graeme Stuart was next and he showed several `Honour` wartime envelopes that were sent by service personnel that were all about themselves and declared nothing else. Several Army communication letters and a nice naval letter as well as an airmail letter of the 8th January 1941 addressed to a Mrs Turness of Newbury that was cancelled "Received from HM Ships" with a censor stamp.

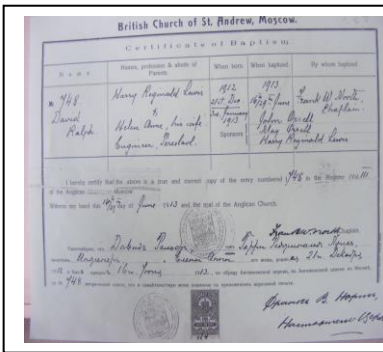
Juliet Keel was next and she showed us several sheets all about her family background that, in the past, went from UK-NZ-UK-NZ, together with their family occupations. They including two nice sheets all about her grandfather Fred who was born in New South Wales (Australia) and served in the war.

Martin Farr was next and he showed several nice sheets all about timekeeping and the Gregorian Calendar that was adopted in 1582. Most of the non-catholic countries soon adopted it with its 10 day change but Britain and her colonies did not adopt until 1752 when 11 days correction was needed. He then showed a birth certificate from St Andrews church in Moscow for a David Lewis who was born 21.Dec.1912 or 3.Jan.1913 and baptised 16/29 June 1913. because Russia did not adopt the corrected calendar until 1921 when 13 days were needed.

Graeme started part 2 and showed nice WW1 field covers to Newbury with field postmarks on them from Rouen, St Omer, Pas-de-Calais and several more and finished with a sheet of Post Boxes (what else!)

To finish off, **Juliet** then showed us several sheets of very nice National Portrait Gallery pictures as issued by the Portrait Gallery.

THE POSTCARD PAGE (well sort of)



The Birth Certificate

Juliet's Grandfather

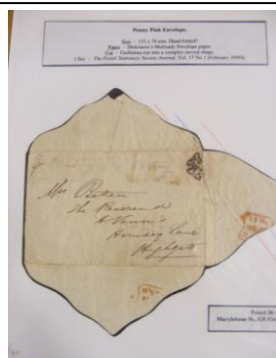
Clocks and Time



Pillar Boxes (what else)

Pictures from the National Portrait Gallery

A 1941 Air mail to a lady in Newbury



Simon King

A Penny Pink of 1841

Newspaper Wrapper stamps

Cemetery entrance



David Gibbon

Mauritius

Wrapper issues

2d dark blue

Thursday 20th June Visit from the Swindon Philatelic Society. 18 members present

Simon King started the evening and he spoke about the early days of postage, special postcards and wrappers starting in the 1840`s. He started collecting early issue of special editions of them and showed a great selection of letter styles in the 1d pink range and how they were unfolded to make a shown sheet. He spoke at length about how his collection expanded with lots of these items and letter cards of the 1840`s and how the post office of those days changed to the 2d blue with the same envelopes as before. At each stage of his talk Simon showed many examples of these items and how quite a few of them have now become very valuable indeed. He showed quite a variety of special type 10 overprinting and a great range of different types of early postcards and small letter types. What a collection and so well spoken of and sequentially displayed. Thank you Simon.

David Gibbon spoke in part two all about the history of Mauritius and how it first began to issue British stamps from about 1898 and 1925 up to 1928 issues of GV, when they then began to issue their own stamps. He spoke about the island Sugar plantations and its Railway (the sugar is now carried by lorries) He showed lots of pictures of the racecourse and the great cyclone of 1932. He showed and spoke about a quantity of postage due issues and letters, several sheets of perfins from various companies in the island. Then he spoke at length about the Jewish expulsion from Germany – those that were able to leave and journey to the Med and many of whom were able to travel to Mauritius and David showed a lovely sheet about the Jewish cemetery on the island for those who died in `so called prison`. Thank you David for a great display of stamps and ephemera from and all about Mauritius.

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“Club Stamps” corner

Club Stamps are well looked after by **Jim Andrew** who will be present at most of our club meetings. There will usually be a Club Table at all stamp fairs held at the Memorial Hall.

Accessories

Jim is also the contact for the purchase of all philatelic accessories – most of which are available to be ordered at a small discount.

Stamps of the World Catalogue set (normal price - £200) – TDPS price £155 + p&p

Collect British stamps (normal price - £12.95) – TDPS price £10 + p&p

GB Concise (normal price - £30) – TDPS price £23.50 + p&p

A small percentage always goes to club funds. Give Dave a ring on 01256 780467

USEFUL WEBSITES

New issues at www.tonybray.co.uk

Royal Mail for all past and new issues at www.royalmail.com

The society website with lots of data and links at www.tdps.co.uk

Avion Thematics – one of the best organised sites at www.avionstamps.com

The Avion website now incorporates the stock listings for Phoenix International

Portsmouth stamp shop for awkward items and covers at www.portsmouthstampshop.co.uk

A.B.P.S for all the latest philatelic news, events and links at www.abps.org.uk

New Issues

Dogs, Peppa Pig, GVI issues, Red Arrows 60 seasons

Future Programme and Events

Monday	1 st July	The Monday Cup competition, Quiz and bring 1 st Flight covers
Thursday	18 th July	`Pot Pourri` - Polar/Ceylon with Trevor Cornford
Monday		There is no Monday meeting in August
Thursday	15 th August	Medals – N Gregory and Post Boxes – P Wood
Monday	2nd Sept	Ships and Vessels
Thursday	19 th Sept	A.G.M. and Social Evening – Quiz and mini auction

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