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Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the July edition of the Bulletin which as usual contains the minutes from the recent AGM. I am sorry that there was insufficient space for a couple of articles this time around.

The Society is sorry to record the passing of Jon Hill, Roy Wiggins, Martin John Willcock and Trevor Willes. We welcome a new Member to the Society, Jonjo Robb.
Margaret

What you missed at recent meetings.....

4th March 2019 President's Evening

Apologies were received from Mike Blackman, Mick Coad, Ron Oughton, Eddie Weeks and Mike Wilkinson.

For the first part of President's Evening, Bob asked Margaret to put on a talk and display and the topic chosen was the second half of Margaret's display on the British Royal Family, picking up where part one had ended on President's Evening in 2017. The display started with a number of cards depicting Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose when they were children with the King and Queen and a number of other cards for the Royal engagement. There was a commercial cover marking the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip cancelled with the special E and P cancellation within wedding bows and bells and rather aptly postmarked Bow in London on the wedding day. There was a press photograph of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip taken on their wedding day, 20th November 1947.

The next item was a miniature sheet from Alderney depicting an image of the then Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip returning to Heathrow from Kenya, where the Queen had heard of the passing of her father King George VI. A large selection of cards depicting scenes from the coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey of Queen Elizabeth II and processions in London were next. A number of souvenir cards were also included and the insert card from the pack for the Diamond Jubilee stamp issue with the official group wedding photograph. The next items were three New Zealand Coronation Day flight covers. These were philatelic and one had been produced by Qantas. Cards

of the now traditional balcony scene followed and a cover from Southern Rhodesia to Maidstone that travelled on the royal train with a special postmark and registered cachet dated 2nd July 1953. On the 30th June 1953 Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, flew to Southern Rhodesia by Comet airliner to participate at the Rhodes centenary celebrations. The party arrived on the 1st July in Bulawayo. National Postal Museum cards depicting unissued essays for the coronation stamps were next and then a selection of stamps, including those issued in Bahrain, a Coronation Day flight cover and a block of stamps from South Africa. A slogan cancellation 'Long live the Queen' was shown on the first day of issue for the 1/3 coronation stamp and also on a local Kent cover, which Margaret said was posted in Tonbridge to a road near where she lives. A portrait on a postcard of Princess Elizabeth, by Yousuf Karsh and then one of the famous portraits of the Queen from 1956 by Pietro Annigoni, were next. The following items were for the 25th Wedding Anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and a number of covers were shown including stamps from Great Britain, Jersey and Guernsey. Stamps were issued from all the Commonwealth countries and Margaret selected those from the Turks and Caicos Islands, which were part of the omnibus set and from Aitutaki and the Cook Islands, with sepia photographs on the issued stamps. The Silver Jubilee was marked with a set of four stamps in Great Britain and the presentation pack and a commemorative cover were shown. In 1977 the Queen went on a Silver Jubilee Tour and a cover for this was shown plus examples of the stamps on cover issued by Bermuda and Gibraltar, and the latter are Margaret's favourite for this event. A sheet of labels then followed which were issued in a booklet and Margaret said these had been overprinted for the Daily Mail balloon race in Exeter and an article about them was shown. A cover for the Queen's Silver Jubilee printed for Fettes College Edinburgh was displayed, sold in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee appeal to help young people to help others, was shown with the insert sheet. The next milestone was the 25th anniversary of the Coronation and a set of four stamps was issued in Great Britain and these were shown in blocks of four. A number of covers were displayed from the Commonwealth including one each from Saint Lucia, the Republic of Togolaise and Tuvalu, plus stamps from the latter and miniature sheets from the Grenadines of St Vincent and St Vincent. The next items were a selection of postally valid souvenir miniature sheets from Great Britain marking the 25th anniversary of the coronation, issued in a limited edition of 500. PHQ cards for the 60th Birthday set for Her Majesty were next and then items for the ruby wedding anniversary, which was also tied into the 150th Anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession. The miniature sheets from the Grenadines of St Vincent, St Vincent and Tuvalu were shown plus covers from Antigua and Barbados.

PHQ cards of the GB stamps issued for the 40th anniversary of the accession of her Majesty the Queen and also the stamp issue for the golden wedding anniversary in 1997 were shown, plus examples of the golden wedding stamps on cover from New Zealand, 12 November 1997, showing the wedding souvenir program, which Margaret also displayed. She commented that it cost 2/6, so quite an outlay at the time. The Golden Jubilee was marked by Alderney with a miniature sheet, which had been seen earlier in the evening but this time it was on cover with the insert card. Other items for the Golden

Wedding and then PHQ cards of the stamps issued for the 40th anniversary of the accession were displayed and also the stamps from Guernsey. Other items for the Golden Wedding year were shown including two philatelic covers, one of which had been signed by Countess Mountbatten of Burma. The black-and-white photographs to mark the Golden Jubilee Margaret thought were rather plain for the occasion, but Royal Mail did slightly better for the Diamond Jubilee, issuing a miniature sheet and definitive stamps. The Queens Diamond Wedding Anniversary was covered with PHQ cards, issued on 16th October 2007, depicting various scenes from the reign of Her Majesty, the issued stamps and a cover from New Zealand. Diamond Jubilee cards and stamps for Australia were next with the Dorothy Wilding photograph on one and on the second a photograph taken in 2008. A more colourful set was issued in Great Britain to mark the Diamond Jubilee with a mixture of colour and black and white photographs depicting scenes from the Queen's reign. A special amethyst Machin was issued to mark the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch in Great Britain and a booklet was shown. New Zealand issued holographic stamps depicting the Queen in 1926, in 1936 during childhood and the Royal Wedding of 1947. The two stamp Australian issue was shown and from the Pitcairn Islands, stamps depicting the Queen's hats. Stamps issued for the Queens 90th birthday on 21st April 2016 were next in the presentation pack. The platinum wedding anniversary was included as the issued PHQ cards and Margaret then moved on to the children of the Queen and Prince Phillip. She started with postcards showing Prince Charles and Princess Anne as children and went on to show stamps for milestone events in the lives of the Royal Family. This section started with covers for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales on 1st July 1969, something that Margaret remembers watching on the television and this stamp issue was one of her first sets of stamps.

The first of the royal weddings was between Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips in 1973 and the cover depicting the British stamps was shown, followed by a couple of covers depicting the wedding of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer on 29th July 1981. Margaret also showed a special British Post Office souvenir book which contained the wedding stamps in a blister pack on the cover. PHQ cards for the wedding of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson were shown plus a cover from Jersey. Prince Edward, the third son and youngest child of her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip, married Sophie Rhys Jones on 19th June 1998 and a set of stamps from Gibraltar was shown. In 2005 Prince Charles married Camilla Parker Bowles and a miniature sheet from Great Britain and its presentation pack were shown plus a cover from the Falkland Islands. Another cover showing the issue from Sierra Leone was also shown and then a cover marking the announcement of the engagement of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The latter included one of the memorial stamps for Diana, Princess of Wales. Stamps for the Queen Mother's 80th and 85th birthdays were displayed, and the special set issued in Great Britain for her 90th birthday in the presentation pack and on a cover. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother reached 100 years of age in the year 2000 and special covers in a limited edition were shown, which had stamp panes from the prestige booklet and the main stamp issue. The miniature sheet showing four generations of the Royal Family to mark the hundredth birthday was shown on cover, a mini sheet from Nauru and also on

cover, and a stamp from Canada. Philatelic covers issued to mark the passing of her Royal Highness Princess Margaret on 15th February 2002 were shown, a memorial cover for the passing of the Queen Mother in 2002 with the specially issued stamps and also for the passing of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997, although the cover and the stamps were actually issued on 3rd February 1998. Memorial stamps for the Princess of Wales were also shown on cover from the Isle of Man.

To end on a happier note, Margaret showed the wedding issues from GB for the two sons of the Prince of Wales. There was a miniature sheet to mark the weddings of Prince William and Kate Middleton and from Jersey the wedding issue on cover. For Prince Harry, the second son of the Prince of Wales, and his marriage to Megan Markle on 9th May 2018, the miniature sheet in a presentation pack was displayed.

Part 2

Bob van Goethem's subject for the second half of the evening was mail that had been carried by water and he started with items that had been carried by tide and wind across the North Sea to Norway. He moved on to Tin Can Mail and these items have a lot of cachets, including one called Bliiken Bus Post. There was seafloor mail from the Bahamas underseas post office at Nassau, from Jersey an amphibious vehicle on a causeway and a small boat on a Benham cover from Barrow in Furness.

The next section was mail carried by small sailing boat, for example the Giltspur Canada to Portugal, a schooner to the Galapagos Islands, the Golden Cashalot, a Polish training ship the Dar Mlodziezy and a cargo ship. There was an image of the Whitby lifeboat and a fishing boat between Lossiemouth and Peterhead.

Next came floating post offices, for example from the USA, the Uncle Sam and the Florida motorboat Santiva followed by the travelling post office in the Seychelles. Canal boats featured next with the canal bus service and the Tivertonian, a horse-drawn barge, and Bob displayed tickets and signatures on cover. Bob moved onto an ocean going tug, the John Ross. Then there was an item that had been on a police motor launch from 1973, one from a US ship and the cruise steamer, Talia, and the MV Shell Explorer, which operated from Teesport.

Items that travelled on the MV Huntington and a cable ship followed and then an item carried on the Waverley paddle steamer, a Lake Lucerne steamer, a small motorboat operating from the Virgin Islands as the post office packet and items from the Royal Yacht Britannia for the Silver Jubilee review of the fleet. Going back to steamers, there were items from the Mississippi Paddle Steamer. Larger ships came next, with mail items from the Cunard Queen Mary and the SS Canberra and a QSMV motor vessel from 1957 which carried 525 passengers. The SS France featured and then other ocean liners, the RMS Aquitania, the MU Britannic and the Mauritania. Bob then displayed items carried by hovercraft from four different companies. Next was an item which travelled on the Virgin Atlantic Challenger II, which set the record for the fastest crossing in 1986 from the USA to the UK.

The Hydrofoil between Guernsey and Jersey was next and the Isle of Wight catamaran, Our Lady Pamela, on a postcard with cachet. Different types of ship were displayed including survey ships, the Antarctica survey ship HMS Endurance and an Arctic supply vessel from 1972. Ferries were next, both

Sealink, P&O and trade ferries from Felixstowe and the British Channel Islands ferries. There was an item from the Goodwin lightship and a card and cover from HRMS Homeric. Bob finished off with other hovercraft items, including the Seahawk and official Hovermail from 1962.

1st April Classic Gibraltar

A Talk and Display by Bob Higgins

Apologies were received from Mike Blackman, Mick Coad, Ron Oughton and Mike Wilkinson.

Bob started by explaining that he had worked as an electrical fitter at Chatham Dockyard and went to Gibraltar to help out with work there and was made Honorary Petty Officer. He told us he is a member of the Maidstone and Mid-Kent PS, the Medway PS and the Gibraltar Study Circle. Gibraltar itself is 3 miles long by three quarters of a mile wide and has the only airport which has a road running through the middle of the runway. The road is closed whenever an aircraft is taking off or landing for obvious reasons. Gibraltar is also famous for the rock apes and also some of Admiral Nelson's crew are buried there.

The display started with various postcards showing views of Gibraltar, including those connected with Trafalgar and also a number of ships, plus some depicting Neanderthal Man. Remains of what we now know as Neanderthal Man were in fact first discovered on Gibraltar, but as the remains were hidden away in a museum, this species of mankind is not known as Gibraltar Man.

Bob started the philatelic part of the display with a couple of pre-stamp covers in Spanish including one from 1820 South Roque, Andalusia and Baxa with an eight charge and the Gibraltar arc. Two covers two years apart, the second being 1882, had been sent by the same person, came next. The first stamps used were Great Britain issues, five of them, with either a small or a large G, from 1857 to 1859, and cancelled with the duplex mark A26 to 1885. Between 1859 and 1890 regular British stamps were used, but just 10 of the plates of the penny red were employed and there was also the 2d blue. Bob commented that the 2d blue plate 12 is difficult and he does not have a copy. For the 2½d value there is only one known plate 17, as it was not actually issued for use. There was only one 3d and Bob showed an example of an early 4d. The 6d was the postage rate Gibraltar to Great Britain.

Bermuda issues overprinted Gibraltar were employed in 1886 and 1887 with a blue-black overprint and Bob has one of these. The second sterling issue was used between 1886 and 1887 and the third issue with centimos overprints, was issued on 1st August 1889. The centimos was in use again 1889 to 1896 and the overprint has varieties. Bob also showed a selection of specimen stamps. The last issue was sterling, as the centimos was dropped and a block with a small I was shown. Bob said that his display had moved into blocks and plate numbers at this time and a number of plate numbers were displayed. There are two parts to the island of Gibraltar, above the dockyard which was covered by the Southern District Post Office and the second is Gibraltar City and the latter had a different cancellation. The display continued with postmarks on more recent stamps, for example the 1937 Coronation issue and the anniversary issue for Winston Churchill. Registered letters from 1899 featured and Bob explained that he still has work to do here and would

welcome advice on how to display these. He just shows the cover plus a photocopy of the reverse on the sheet and has been told to put the cover at the top of the sheet, but this then makes it top heavy. He then went on to show a number of postcards which have two ½ d stamps affixed for the rate and these are quite rare.

There were sub-post offices in Morocco which came under the Gibraltar post office and so used Gibraltar stamps. These were based in Casablanca, Rabat, Mogador, Saffi, Tangier and Tetuan. The currency had reverted back to sterling although the Spanish currency was still used in Morocco, so there are overprints and Bob also displayed a specimen set. The stamps were printed by the Gibraltar Chronicle newspaper but also in London, so there are varieties on the Morocco issues. Postal stationary, newspaper wrappers and a postal stationary card were displayed. On one of these wording reads Agency and not Agencies. It is thought that the consul had made his own cards and therefore used the different spelling.

Edward VII stamps were issued in 1903 and the first set was shown as a specimen issue. This 1903 set lasted for a year with Crown CA watermark. The overprints from 1903 to 1905 Morocco Agencies were shown. In 1904 the stamps were reissued with the multiple crown watermark. The green stamp is actually light blue as there was a colour tone on the re-issue. A postcard from 31st July 1890 had an error with the date slug in the cancel so it read 1806.

Part 2

The second half of the evening started with the 1912 George V issue and the green stamps were printed in Germany, but then WWI came and these stopped rather obviously. George V's first issue was shown and specimens including blocks. The second issue with shades was shown but why some stamps sheets have one line and others two in the margin is uncertain. Different plate numbers were shown and the green black stamp with alongside the green and brown, which is not listed in Gibbons but there are plenty around. The pictorial sets have two perfs, 13.5 and 14.

Next was an Italian military propaganda card showing Gibraltar and the Bay issued to the Italian forces. Bob does not know very much about this card but after the meeting, Margaret was able to find out some more information from one of our Members, John Davies, and this is included later in the bulletin. From George VI came the Coronation set and the pictorial set, with plates 1A, B and D. Again, there are things to look out for, different perforations, sideways watermark and upright watermark. The 2d has different perforations and sideways watermark and we were told the perf 13 is rarer because it was only used in machines. The 2d has the ape on the rock variety but Bob explained that for his collection he likes to be able to see the varieties clearly and easily. A variety with a mark above the rock is not listed. The 1947 issue had different colours for the 3d to 5d values and more varieties with rose and carmine colourings. An example of the bird on the memorial was shown and you can see the print is higher with a colour shift if you look at the rock. Commemoratives were displayed with blocks of the silver wedding and also the victory issue. The next items for Queen Elizabeth II included the first set, which is the same as the issue for George VI, hence the Edward crown watermark. A piece of a coil was shown with the join and corner blocks which included a doubling of LTA and a double sea wall. From 1954 was an overprint for the Royal Visit and from the 1964 Shakespeare set, there is a

scratch on the face and a retouch over 1964. Varieties on the first set including dots, an earring and on the 1d a crack in the wall caused by a retouch, and a break in the 3. Different colours on covers were displayed, here meaning the colour of the image of the Queen. The 6d has the variety with no full stop.

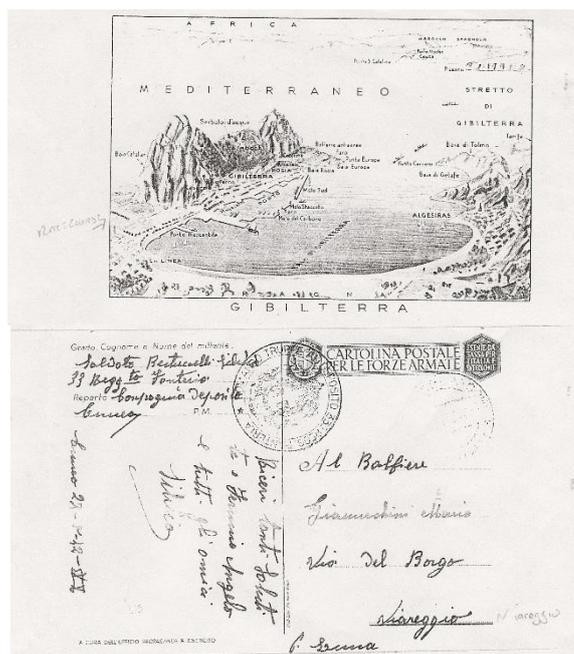
The International Cooperation year issue was next and the green and mauve are the opposite way round on half of the stamps compared to other issues. Bob asks, is this a printing error? The Churchill commemoratives were next and the first Christmas set from 1967, which has one variety. For the Armed Forces eight sets were issued for the regiments that served and Bob has just a few. The bibliography was written over the gum which means it is lost on using and mounting. Finally, Spain still claims the Rock for itself and the last sheet of the display was a Spanish issue from 1969 which consisted of a cover and the stamps making this every point.

The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Emerson for a very enjoyable evening and members showed their appreciation in the usual manner. There was a lot of discussion and keen viewing of the material after both halves. Bob had endured a horrendous journey by train to the meeting, due to issues on the railway line, so we were doubly grateful for his attendance.

The Italian Forces postcard of Gibraltar - Italian Propaganda postcard

I am indebted to John Davies for unravelling this mystery for our April speaker. The Italians produced many types of illustrated Forces postcards including maps. Some were for propaganda purposes and other for general information. The main inscription is Postcard for the Armed Forces and (postage) free for usage in Italy and the colonies. The small imprinted inscription indicates that it was produced by the office for overseas propaganda.

The soldier sending this item indicates his unit and the cachet applied confirms it. It is written from Cuneo on 22nd August 1942. The XX is the fascist year which begins in October. Viareggio is within the province of Lucca.



The subject of such postal stationery is a big one as it began way back in 1911 during the Italo-Turkish war. Different designs were used during the First World War, Ethiopia, Albania, Italian East Africa and in the Second World War. On top of the postal stationery cards, letters sheets were also available from 1941. Also, outside this field, postal stationery was issued for the Austrian occupation of Vieneto (1918) as well as Trento, Trieste and Dalmazia.

13th May 2019 Israel

A Talk and Display by John Corderoy

Apologies were received from Paul Harris, Ron Oughton and Mike Wilkinson. The Society was pleased to welcome John and Monica back to the Society. John explained to the Secretary before the display started that he has been collecting Israeli material for 68 years.

He started his display by explaining that Israel was formed in 1948. Great Britain had a mandate for Palestine and there were a number of Jewish terrorist groups. The make-up of the region meant that Jews were either side of Arab states. The Balfour Declaration stated that there would be a Jewish homeland and this was to be Palestine. An Arab War was fought in 1948 and 1949.

The first issues of Israel were issued before the state of Israel existed. John explained at this point, that it is important to collect all Israeli stamps with the tabs attached and in some cases the tabs are actually bigger than the stamps themselves. During the 1948 Arab War there was no actual name for the country, as the state of Israel as mentioned, did not actually exist and so the first issues state Hebrew Post on the stamps in Hebrew, Dora Irving. It is claimed, rather dubiously, that a lot of the people were illiterate and not good with numbers so tabs were put on the stamps, but another school of thought is that they did not wish to waste paper. John then went on to describe the calendar used in the state of Israel and the fact that the Jewish New Year can fall on a variety of dates in August or September, which was illustrated by the Jewish New Year issues which are produced. The calendar is based on lunar months and can vary in length from 353, 354, 355, 383, 384, or 385 days. Leap years have an extra month, amounting to 384 days for that year, and a leap month is added every 2 to 3 years, or 7 times in a 19-year cycle. The actual year date is also different from the Gregorian Calendar to add further confusion, for example year 5715 in the Hebrew world equates to 1954. The display continued with a selection of issues which John highlighted as he went through to illustrate points. The national flag was adopted in 1949 and there was a first anniversary issue. A registered censored cover to France dated 27th November to Tel Aviv, which became the capital having formally been Jaffa, was next. We were told that Jerusalem as a city is half Arab. There were issues of coin stamps and these have a smaller tab, issued in 1950 to 1954 and the third issue was shown as booklet panes. In common with many countries, there was a UPU issue, made in 1951, and in 1952 came John's favourite Israeli issue showing the Menorah dated 27th February 1952 and the display included the stamp on piece. A custom item to Prague followed and a national stamp. In 1952 a set was issued for the fourth anniversary of independence and another issue commemorated the death of

the first president. This was followed by a set marking the 70th anniversary of the immigration organisation. Jews were smuggled into Israel. An issue for mobilisation in World War II was shown, another new year issue depicting the Twelve Tribes of Israel which has a watermark. A few aerogrammes were shown and the Einstein commemorative issue of 1956. The Institute of Technology was depicted on another issue, the defence fund emblem issued 1st January 1957, stamps marking the first flight to Brazil and then a New Year issue falling on 4th September. Another set for the Twelve Tribes of Israel was shown but John commented that, rather oddly, the set only contains seven stamps. It has no watermark and is quite expensive. The first BEA flight in 1957 to London and a set for the first Israeli international stamp exhibition were next, and sets for the navy, the tenth anniversary of the declaration of human rights, winter and the 50th anniversary of Tel Aviv. The next issue was for the 75th anniversary of settlement, followed by World Refugee Year and the 12th anniversary of independence. There was an issue for the inauguration of the first Israeli atomic reactor, 6th July 1960 and John commented that we often forget that Israel has a nuclear capability. A miniature sheet for the national stamp exhibition depicts a copper etching with the stamp in the middle of a massive printing area. There was a cover from a mobile post office. The founder of the immigration movement was shown, zodiac signs, the 13th anniversary of Israel, an International Congress, and an issue for the 25th anniversary of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Forestation achievement was depicted, Eilat which was on land gained in the first Arab War and gave entry to the Red Sea, independence day, Heroes and Martyrs' day and the issue for the 80th anniversary in 1962 of Rosh Pinna. There are numerous issues which depict quotations from the Jewish Bible and items of Jewish history and the next New Year issue shown had quotations from the prophet Isaiah. El Al the Israeli airline was commemorated and an airmail item was shown. The next item was the for the 25th Anniversary of the stockade and tower settlements, followed by an independence anniversary issue and one for the centenary of the Hebrew Press, issued in 1963. Another Jewish New Year issue followed, then sets for national insurance, the Tokyo Olympics and the next Jewish New Year issue. A first day cover of the Year of Blockade Runners issue was shown and civic arms stamps, including uncut booklet sheets. These panes are printed tête-bêche and this means it is not possible to have tabs as well.

Part two

This started with eight blocks from the definitive agriculture set and John commented that it pays to know your subject and you can get good deals at stamp fairs, as he managed to obtain all the blocks for a very reasonable price. The next issues displayed depicted the capture of the fortress by the Romans and two sets of arms stamps. The Jewish New Year issue marking the creation was dated the 7th September. There was a registered cover to Hounslow and a stamp day issue and museum exhibits. The next items were for the Jewish New Year, an issue for road safety and one for the 18th anniversary of independence. A set of butterflies and moths followed, Israeli ports and the military aircraft used in the six Arab Wars. Victory in the Arab-Israeli War in 1967 was featured on a stamp issue and then the next set

showed scrolls of the Torah. The 50th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration was marked by another set.

Israeli nature reserves and a set showing exports from the country such as eggs, art, craft, fruit and textiles followed. An item between Haifa and Germany, which was undeliverable was kept for 6 days as per regulations and this was denoted by a 6 in the triangular cachet. The next issue was for the stamp exhibition and then the Jewish New Year. Israeli ports were shown including Eilat, a set of arms and a stamp issue for the eighth Maccabiah Games, which are held in Israel every four years as the Olympics, but all the competitors are Jewish. Great Britain won the 4 x 400 m relay. The next issue shown depicted the Great Flood, which John commented we all remember with Noah's Ark, then nature preservation and a cover with a quotation by the Prime Minister. The new year was marked by synagogues and was followed by an issue of paintings in the Tel Aviv Museum. Nature reserves, the games again and the independence day issue with the Gates of Jerusalem were next and then an issue marking the Feast of Weeks and then another for the Feast of Tabernacles. Then came an issue for Jewish rights and one for the Passover, again something John said we would all be familiar with. This showed Jethro's tomb and for the first time, there was Arabic script on the tab. Then the Holy Ark, the Festival of Life, children's drawings and Chagall Hadassah windows were shown. John said these are stunning and he has seen a few. Independence Day was again marked, this time by a set depicting the signing of the declaration and there was a cover from the Jerusalem International Stamp Show, Jerusalem 1979. It has a red cachet and an international stamp, but was postponed due to the war. Jewish art, environmental issues, pioneers of construction, matriarchs in the Bible, Red Sea shells, historical items and fallen soldiers also featured on stamp issues. Protected wildflowers and technical achievements including the use of desalination, were also shown as stamp issues. In 1979 a Nazi death anniversary set was issued, one for the Jewish Brigade and another for signatories of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, depicting the Wailing Wall. Another new year issue, a further childrens' issue and a heroes set were displayed. The next new year issue depicted Moses, there was then a set of roses and two sets of trees of the Holy Land, with an Israeli Art issue bringing the display to a close.

The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Emerson and members showed their appreciation in the usual manner. Margaret commented that all the sheets were hand written album pages, selected to make a very informative talk and display.

Postal History and Postmarks

Recent Postmarks

Firstly, some inkjet marks and it may seem strange that as Royal Mail issues religious and secular stamps at Christmas in alternating years, that they issue a slogan reading Happy Easter. I must say though, that I have no qualms with it all. The two examples below are from Medway Mail Centre on the left and South Midlands to the right. The latter clearly had a printing issue.



The Inkjet below is from the Jubilee Mail Centre and dated 8th April and reads Royal Mail supporting youth mental health with ACTION FOR CHILDREN.



Also from April, this time 5th and applied at Nottingham Mail Centre, is a slogan marking World Health Day on 7th April. The next example is the same slogan from Chester and North Wales, dated 4th April, but as it was on the reverse of the envelope, the stamp received a heavy biro cancellation, as shown.



GB stamp programme for the rest of 2019

- 9th July:** Curious Customs
- 13th August:** Forests
- 19th September:** Royal Navy Ships
- October:** To be announced
- 5th November:** Christmas

Guernsey Post

In February at the time of Stampex, Guernsey Post issued a new set of Post and Go stamps marking the 50th Anniversary of The Guernsey Old Car Club. The cars featured are: 1898 Delahaye Type 2 Limousine, 1911 Delage Type X Coupe de l'Auto, 1936 Riley Kestrel, 1952 Bentley Mk.VI, 1956 Triumph TR3 and the 1966 Morris Minor 1000 Estate. The GB series of special issues appears to have come to an end.

Jersey Post stamp programme July 2019

Four stamps and a miniature sheet commemorating 50 years since the investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales were due to be issued by Jersey Post

on 1 July 2019. Designed by Andrew Robinson, the stamps feature photographs taken during the investiture ceremony. HRH Prince Charles was created Prince of Wales on July 26th 1958, however HM Queen Elizabeth II, decided Prince Charles should not be invested until he truly understood the weight of the responsibility. On 1st July 1969, aged 20, and after learning the Welsh language and studying Welsh culture, Prince Charles was invested at Caernarfon Castle, with over 4,000 guests in attendance. *Information courtesy of Jersey Post.*

This means Margaret will have another Royal issue to add to her collection.

First Transatlantic flight marked by An Post new issue

The centenary of the first non-stop transatlantic flight made by British airmen Alcock and Brown was marked by a stamp issued by An Post, the Postal service in Ireland, on 13th June. The stamp is an NVI with a W printed and it costs €1.70, the W standing for the world rate from Ireland. They flew in a modified First World War Vickers Vimy bomber from St John's Newfoundland to Clifden, Connemara, County Galway, which is depicted on the stamp.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BUSH HOUSE MONDAY 3rd June 2019

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Kathleen Byford, Mick Coad, Ron Oughton, Rob Robson and Mike Wilkinson.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

Acceptance proposed by Mike Thatcher, seconded by Steve Daniels and agreed nem con.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018/2019

Welcome to the 2019 AGM.

Without the Council, now consisting of only four members, we would not be a viable society. I'm delighted and very thankful for the considerable time and effort they have expended on behalf of the Society and their continued support of me as president. Our Secretary, when not editing and producing the Bulletin finds time to arrange the programme for the year, meeting and greeting visiting speakers and arranging their passes for Bush House.

The Bulletin is our contact with you the membership. Each issue carries in-depth reports of the displays and talks by visiting speakers and also what goes on during the Members' evenings, when members are encouraged to bring along something mostly connected with philately, but on the occasional evening, maybe any non-stamp related subject. Remember also that subject to editorial agreement and space, the editor will accept small advertisements of members wants, or contact with other members sharing a common interest.

The Treasurer has the task of balancing the books. Unlike the Chancellor he is unable to add or increase a tax to help with the expenses of the Society. Our bank balance in the distant past used to give us a measure of support from interest on the account. As this disappeared many years ago, never to reappear, the Society relies

on the commission received from the Exchange Branch. The residue after paying the postage charges is passed to the Treasurer.

Our fourth member is rarely seen or heard but continues to carry out a very important and popular function, that of postal auctioneer and a much appreciated service to members. This also contributes to the total income of the Society. Thank you to all those members who support the auction by submitting lots and to the members who bid on those lots.

All of us on the council wish you a happy collecting new year.

I am willing to stand for re-election as president for another year.

Robert (Bob) van Goethem, President

4. CHIEF EXCHANGE BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2018/2019

Eight packets, each close to the £600 insurance limit, were put out over the year. Two contained foreign books only. This was the first time since the closure of the separate foreign / spacefiller section. Normally I do not have enough books for a complete packet, and I have resorted to putting a small number in to the GB /CW packets. Because we are now a totally postal service, vendors are already enjoying a long wait before getting a return on their time and expenditure. I reasoned that I could not justify holding foreign books until I had enough for a separate packet. Payments so far received from packets in circuit show a slightly higher level of sales. This means an increase in commission from which all the incurred postages are paid. Up to now this in some cases has not been possible. This coming year may be better.

In order to encourage higher sales, the packet total value is increased to £700. Some packets have been started at this new limit. This may reduce the number of packets, but at the same time will reduce the overall burden (for the year) of posting the packet. The second class SP (small parcel) has a weight limit of 2 kg, but we're unlikely to reach that limit even with extra books. Hopefully the increased number of books will add interest and help to reduce the inevitable nil returns without unduly lengthening circulation times. Reducing the number of circulating packets will hopefully also reduce 'bunching' where a member receives more than one packet at a time. To give as many as possible a chance to be at the earliest part of the circulation I start each packet with a different member. Where there is an easy hand on, I will keep this arrangement in being. At this time I'm holding a very few books, too few for a complete £700 packet.

To the vendors, who have with their time and effort supported the Exchange Branch with books, I give my sincere thanks. Also to the members for taking the packets in the expectation of finding something of interest therein. I understand how disappointing it can be having to send in a nil return. I hope that does not often happen. Thanks also for passing the packets around, with all the problems that this entails. At least with fewer, larger packets this will be slightly reduced.

I will continue to provide a service to all Exchange Branch members.

I wish you all a better collecting year. I am willing to stand again for CEBS.

Robert (Bob) van Goethem

Acceptance proposed by Paul Harris, seconded by Mike Thatcher and agreed nem con.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018/2019

Only one new member (welcome Kathleen Byford) this year, so the overall decline in membership continues.

Ian Briant

Acceptance proposed by Steve Daniels, seconded by Mike Thatcher and agreed nem con.

There was a question from the floor concerning the number of Members left in the Society. The estimate is about 270. We have no annual subscription, which means we rely on being notified of changes usually after a Bulletin is received.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018/2019

The past year has been somewhat difficult for me in terms of my work and frequent visits to the Met Office headquarters in Exeter. However, as some members will know, I took redundancy and retirement at the end of February and so should have more time to devote to my hobbies including work for the CSPS. A number of people have said to me I will wonder how I ever had time to go to work and I do seem to have been very busy since I retired.

That aside, it should give me more time to keep on top of Society matters. I hope you have enjoyed the programme of meetings with our guest speakers and the displays put on by Members. I am in the process of finalising our programme for calendar year 2020.

Attendance at some of our meetings has been low and in March just five Members arrived and two of us were giving the talk and display. I know this is for various very good reasons and as there are currently no issues with using Bush House, Council has decided that there is no need to reduce meetings, if Members are still happy with 10 per year. However, low attendance has already put one speaker off returning to us, but another mentioned, at a later date, what a friendly Society we are and made the offer to return.

The thanks of the Society are due as always to those who help erect and dismantle the display boards, help with the chairs and tables etc without being asked, and to those who support the auctions and sales table, bring items in on Members' evenings and not least attend our meetings

I offer myself for re-election as your Secretary for another year.

Margaret Emerson

Acceptance proposed by Fin O'Donoghue, seconded by Paul Harris and agreed nem con.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT 2018/2019 Year ending 31st January 2019

I am pleased, as your Treasurer, to present the attached accounts with this report for last year.

Although our overall finances show losses in both the General & Exchange Branch accounts, the bulk of this arises from the additional 70th Anniversary edition of the Bulletin. However, the underlying decline in funds, as illustrated by the increased loss on the Exchange Branch, is masked in the General Account by final payment from Derek Rock's estate. With this and the likely end of any further Legacy sales, I expect next year's accounts to give a more realistic picture of the future direction of our finances. The one bright spot in this is the increased income from the Postal Auction - which early indications suggest may be repeated this year.

As reported last year, the resulting maintenance of our Reserves, at just under £4,000, means we continue to have sufficient funds for the foreseeable future.

Ian Briant

The accounts are on page 14 of this Bulletin.

8. EXCHANGE BRANCH INSURANCE COMMITTEE`S REPORT 2018/2019

Again, I am pleased to report there have been no losses this year, and although there were fewer premiums paid, I am not recommending any change to the Insurance Fund balance this year but your Council will keep the matter under review.

Ian Briant

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Exchange Branch Insurance Committee Report proposed by Mike Thatcher, seconded by Steve Daniels and agreed nem con.

9. POSTAL AUCTIONEER`S REPORT 2018/2019

The postal auction for 2018 went off without a hitch with 9 vendors submitting 286 lots. Almost 50% of the lots sold with members spending just under £900. This left the Society with a good profit of just over £70. Thank you to all the buyers and vendors for supporting the postal auction. I would like to put a call out for more members to submit lots into next year's auction as at the moment we are relying on the same people each year.

I am prepared to run the auction for another year, if selected.

Steve Daniels

Acceptance proposed by Margaret Emerson, seconded by Ian Briant and agreed nem con.

10. BULLETIN EDITOR`S REPORT 2018/2019

During the past year three Bulletins have been issued as you know, a regular edition in July last year, the special 70th Anniversary edition and the routine February edition earlier this year. I'm grateful to those who have submitted articles for the three editions and especially those who wrote pieces for our anniversary special. Articles are always welcome.

I would like to thank those members who have passed on appreciation for the Bulletin during the past year and it would be very nice if we could have some colour as routine, but the cost is too prohibitive. My thanks are also due to the posting team last July for helping to mail out the Bulletin, but the last two editions have been mailed by me from home, due to the availability of the printed copies not tying in with our meeting dates, due to slowness on my part.

The production of the Bulletin is pretty routine and now that I have retired, at least for the time being, I should have more time to devote to it and not have to rush at the last minute. Catford Print Centre still give us very good service, although there has been a slight increase in price during the past year, but it was the first for many years. They turn the Bulletin around very quickly and I hope Members will agree that the printing quality is good.

As usual, thanks are due to Michael Whiffin who posts the Bulletin onto our website, which seems to be the main way we are recruiting new members and he maintains the other pages.

I am willing to stand for re-election as your Bulletin Editor for another year.

Margaret Emerson

Acceptance proposed by Bob van Goethem, seconded by Fin O'Donoghue and agreed nem con.

There was some discussion concerning the use of colour in the Bulletin if it is printed on ordinary and not special paper and Margaret will investigate this matter. The 70th anniversary edition cost twice the normal rate for the same number of pages.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Secretary had a nomination for the current Officers to be re-elected. Nominations proposed by Paul Harris and seconded by Fin O'Donoghue. The Council is:

President: ROBERT VAN GOETHEM

Vice-President: Vacant

Secretary: MARGARET A EMERSON

Treasurer : IAN BRIANT

Membership Secretary: IAN BRIANT

Chief Exchange Branch Superintendent: ROBERT VAN GOETHEM

Meetings Organiser: MARGARET A EMERSON

Ex-officio Members of Council:

E B Superintendents:- Vacant

Bulletin Editor: MARGARET A EMERSON

Postal Auctioneer: STEVE DANIELS

Speaker's Secretary: MARGARET A EMERSON

Recommendation of acceptance of the nominations was put to Members and the motion was agreed nem con.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 The meeting closed at 1907 hrs.

12.2 There were 7 Members present.

BOB Van GOETHEM

President

MARGARET EMERSON

Secretary

A New ABC of Terminology (Continued)

Name tablet: Key plate stamps contain a place for the territory name to be added and this space is referred to as the name tablet.

Nightrider: This relates to a special parcel delivery service operated by the British Post Office overnight. It only operated in the London Postal Region and special labels were attached.

Not for use: This is a strange term and refers to an overprint on penny stamps of Natal around 1910. A booklet of 30 penny stamps retailed at half a crown, or 30 pre-decimal pennies, but one penny was charged for the booklet, so one stamp in the 30 was overprinted making it invalid for usage.

Optically variable ink: This type of ink appears to change colour, even when tilted in ordinary daylight. It was used on the high value 1992 Castles series of Great Britain as a security feature.

Ordinary paper: A term used to describe plain wove paper and it therefore sets it apart from tinted, chalk-surfaced or watermarked papers.

Overall multiple watermark: This type of watermark is so called as it covers all stamps in a sheet and is formed of a network pattern.

A Glossary of Postcard Terms (Continued)

Undivided back: This describes a postcard published before 1907 as to this time only the address was allowed on the back of the card.

View cards: These cards show realistic images of locations such as cities of buildings or places within towns and cities. This category therefore excludes cartoon cards, images of people or animals or cards issued for sending greetings such as at Christmas.

Vignette: The term vignette describes a postcard where the picture fades into the white background of the card. This was an advantage on early cards as it left space to write on the picture side.

CIVIL SERVICE PHILATELIC SOCIETY
31-Jan-2019

2017/18	<u>Liabilities</u>	2018/19	2017/18	<u>Assets</u>	2018/19
£		£	£		£
3,932	Balance as at 1st February b/f	3954.46	9,181	Bank of Scotland	8,655.18
22	Surplus from General Account	(184.16)	366	Treasurer	229.23
	Balance as at 31 January c/f	3770.30	(50)	Uncashed cheques	(50.00)
			705	Unbanked cheques	1,501.13
	<u>Creditors</u>				10335.54
6,789	EB Insurance Fund	6832.89		<u>Debtors</u>	
(550)	EB Deposits	(550.00)	Nil	Postal auction startup	0.00
110	Accruals - Printing & Postage	327.33			
0	Council Expenses etc	0.00	Nil	Exchange Branch	Nil
(449)	Exchange Branch	(393.42)	0	Insurance Fund	Nil
348	Insurance Fund	348.44			
0	Donations	0.00			
		6565.24			
10,202	<u>Totals</u>	10335.54	10,202	<u>Totals</u>	10335.54

GENERAL ACCOUNT

2017/18	<u>Expenditure</u>	2018/19	2017/18	<u>Income</u>	2018/19
£		£	£		£
355	Bulletin inc. postage	692.64	Nil	Bank Interest	0.00
Nil	Council expenses	0.00	Nil	Subscriptions	10.00
Nil	Library	Nil	17	Meeting Auction Commission	12.50
Nil	Postage, telephone & stationery	16.11	428	Donations	586.66
Nil	Affiliation fees	Nil	0	Miscellaneous - Gains/(Losses)	0.00
Nil	Corporation Tax	Nil	5	Library Sales	0.00
59	Miscellaneous	47.84			
			(14)	Balance from Exchange Branch	(36.73)
22	Surplus (Loss) of Income over Expenditure	(184.16)			
436	<u>Totals</u>	572.43	436	<u>Totals</u>	572.43

EXCHANGE BRANCH ACCOUNT

2017/18	<u>Expenditure</u>	2018/19	2017/18	<u>Income</u>	2018/19
£		£	£		£
Nil	Printing & Stationery	0.00	109	Commission on Sales	49.59
34	Postage & Telephone	17.60	Nil	Sale of approval books & hinges	0.00
140	Postal Auction Printing, Postage & Stationery	140.27	Nil	Bank Interest	0.00
			51	Postal Auction	71.55
(14)	Balance to General Account	(36.73)			
160	<u>Totals</u>	121.14	160	<u>Totals</u>	121.14

EXCHANGE BRANCH INSURANCE FUND

2017/18	<u>Expenditure</u>	2018/19	2017/18	<u>Income</u>	2018/19
£		£	£		£
2	Exchange Branch Sundry Losses	2.20	6,696	Balance as at 1 February b/f	6788.60
Nil	Transfer to General Account	0.00	95	Exchange Branch premiums	45.49
0	Insurance Fund claims paid	0.00			
6,789	Balance of Fund as at 31 January c/f	6832.89	0	Exchange Branch sundry gains	1.00
6,791	<u>Totals</u>	6835.09	6,791	<u>Totals</u>	6835.09

Your Council has verified the figures in the financial statements for the period 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2019 and is satisfied that the statements accurately reflect the state of the finances of the Civil Service Philatelic Society for the period

The accounts were duly signed by Robert van Goethem, President and Margaret Emerson, Honorary Secretary, at the AGM as being a true record of the state of the CSPS finances for the period to 31st January 2019.

Snippets of news

Extra parcel deliveries

Royal Mail is planning to introduce a second daily delivery of parcels. This is part of its latest 5 year plan announced in May. The second delivery will be Next Day parcels which could be items purchased online the previous evening, so may well be delivered less than 24 hours from order. Royal Mail also plans to collect returns from its customers at their homes. This new service is expected to be fully up and running by 2023. The five-year strategic plan also looks to Royal Mail to invest £1.8 billion in the UK postal service and this investment will help to fund the universal postal service.

Courtesy of an article in Linn's Stamp News 6th June 2019

USA stamp from 1920 to keep an eye on

When collectors learned that imperforate sheets of regular USA stamps were being sold to private companies, they demanded that they be sold to the public. One of these is the 2¢ carmine George Washington type V printed by offset lithography. The earliest recorded cancellation is 22nd July 1920 on a pair of stamps and on a cover dated 12th April 1923. Linn's caution that when purchasing, make sure the margins are large enough and you are not taking a stamp with trimmed off perforations. Pairs or sheet margin examples will confirm authenticity.

Courtesy of an article in Linn's Stamp News 4th June 2019

Linn's in another article in May, caution collectors when purchasing stamps as being errors on white paper, the originals having been on coloured paper. A common example is the 24¢ Old North Church stamp issued in 1975. The process of removing the colour also removes the gum, so no mint examples exist which would not be the case with a genuine issue.

USA memorial stamp for President George H W Bush

Staying with the USA, a United States memorial stamp for President George H.W. Bush was due to be issued on 12th June.

Courtesy of an article in Linn's Stamp News 23rd May 2019

Louisiana stolen stamps

A post office manager in Louisiana was sentenced on 30th May after confessing to stealing stamps worth hundreds of thousands of dollars from the post office and selling them on eBay. The defendant was manager of customer service operations at the North Kenner post office in Louisiana and he stole more than \$630,000 in United States stamps.

Courtesy of an article in Linn's Stamp News 11th June 2019