

Meeting Report Visit from Hullbridge P.S.

Several members of the Hullbridge Society visited us in March with a very varied programme. Brian Morriss opened the evening with a number of entire letters posted between 1801 and 1841 most had been sealed with wax with Bishop and mileage marks some included too late stamps and all were to and from various towns in England. The second part of the display was of early covers tied with penny red stamps and Maltese cross postmarks. Some also carried rubber stamps from the collecting area i.e. Milbank, Fenchurch Street and Cornhill. Some covers had the 1d red on blue paper and one letter to Tunbridge was posted with a 1/2d newspaper stamp.

Trains mainly of the Great Western Railway started Brian Dixon's display firstly with the story of the railway in postcards and photographs. Isambard Kingdom Brunel figured greatly in this section showing some of the bridges and engines he designed including the very first engine to run the Locomotion followed by the Firefly and the Iron Duke., he completed his part of the evening with the story of cricket between 1865 and 1965 told in stamps and old picture cards Brian said that the game has been played for over 250 years starting with only two stumps set apart so that if the ball passed through the gap it was not out. Many of the games greats were show including W G Grace, Hobbs and Sudcliff, Wally Hammond, Harold Larwood and Len Hutton the first professional captain of England.

A hotch potch of air mail covers was the title of Bill Trower evening a well known speaker of air mails he said that what he was showing was material from a box that he had not put into any of his displays. He opened with a Charles Lindbergh cover who apart from his crossing of the Atlantic was a full time airmail pilot,

And some covers were of survey's he had carried out for South America runs. A series of covers showing the pick up and drop system was next a cable was fixed between two poles with a mail bag suspended, a hook fitted to the plane that collected the bag and incoming mail was dropped off. Bill went on to describe with covers and photographs catapult mail from the USS Pennsylvania and how airships were able to hover over ships delivering and taking of mail in this section he also had a card flown on the Graf Zeppelin and a cover from the Hindenburg.

Malcolm Roberts started the second part of the evening with a display of ships mail called Ocean Post Offices starting off with material posted on the Union Line ships and the Castle line ships before they amalgamated, with the covers were photographs of the various ships. He followed on with material from the Canadian Pacific line and covers and photographs from the German, French and Japanese shipping lines. Lastly he showed the Cunard line with one particular cover being carried from New York to Liverpool and then by rail via London, Calais and Paris on to Spain. His wife Lynn completed the evening wither "The end of the Line" a very unusual display about the great Railway Hotels built near to railway stations using early postcards, pictures and posters she described some of these hotels such as the one at Liverpool Street in London, the Adelphi in Liverpool with others in Harwich and Glasgow and finally Southend on Sea with photographs of the pier and the area around the Station Hotel.

David Church gave the vote of thanks for a varied and entertaining evening.



Post office issue dates for the next quarter.

15 July **Scotland**
12 August **Pub Signs**
18 September **Transport toys**

Meeting report Presidents Night.

*Before starting Len wearing his other hat presented Maggie Thompson with the Cinderella trophy and certificate the first **Gold** marks ever won this gave Maggie the ladies trophy.*

He then started his display saying it was his autobiography, he was born in 1950 in a small village near Richmond in Yorkshire into an army family and he opened his evening with photographs of Richmond around the green and castle showing the growth of a tree from little more than a sapling to full maturity. His mother collected packets of stamps or him from an early age, he showed the first stamp album he received for his sixth birthday. One of the first stamps shown was the 1938 St. Stephen's issue of Hungary. Although his pocket money was restricted he was able to buy a packet of stamps one week and an Airfix model the next. From these packets he showed a collection of Persian stamps starting with the 1911 issue.

After a cancelled posting to Cyprus his family was moved to Malaya and for his eleventh birthday he was given a 22 ring album and he then started to mount his collection and on display were a number of sets of Hungarian stamps starting with the 1892 definitive issue. Including some attractive diamond shaped stamps.

The story then moved to Singapore with the ship issue of 1955, the 25 cent stamp was an aeroplane the Douglas Argonaut and a number of commemorative covers with this stamp were displayed including those from Pan Am, Qantas and BOAC.

These were followed by the fauna and flora issue of 1962 with a number of items of postal stationary.

Returning to England in 1963 at the start of the commemorative issuing of British stamps And Len displayed all the issues including varieties and booklets up to the decimal change. His story then moved to 1975 when his family moved to Billericay and he eventually joined that Society. In 1977 The Basildon Society displayed there and he met with Harry Smith, shortly after on moving to Basildon he joined our Society and he marked this with a showing of covers and postmarks designed for us that included post card of postmarks from Laindon and the Fobbing area.

As part of his employment by the Ford Motor Company he is a member of United Nations committees that deal with motor transport and as such he has started a new collection collecting stamps issued by that organisation. There are three issuing locations used New York, Geneva and Vienna each using its own currency and the evening was completed with materials from each of them including prestige booklets of World Heritage sites, stamps and items of postal stationary and envelopes.

Jersey post has only one issue date in the next quarter

5 August Royal links and Offshore



Meeting Reports Something beginning with T or U PART 1 (I was not at this meeting so if I have got it wrong I am sorry)

Ann Colman started with "Teddy Bears" in stamps from around the world that jointly for her husband and her self displayed stream Trains for Isambard Kingdom Brunel the first to run a steam locomotive to the Rocket and on to the start of other means of power. Maggie Thompson called her display (the Terrible Tuva Triangles) formally North Mongolia but between 1924 and 38 it issued various shape stamps including both the usual and upside down examples all of which had animals as the centre piece.

Dave Perry displayed a number of sheets of Uganda from his commonwealth collection. Geoff Miller gave an unusual show called "Tutors" educationist from around the world. Charlie Mead completed the first evening with what he called "Trash" that included Test cricketers, Tuvalu and Tenders for post office stamps of 1879 and 1880.

T and U part2.

Dennis Sales started the second evening with the story of the "Universal Postal Union" with stamps and covers covering the various anniversary in its 125 year history, Ann Stanway followed on with Towns a selection of covers from various UK locations.

Maggie Thompson displayed more triangles this time starting with Liberia with stamps from the 1894 issue that were imperf or roulette the official stamps were as the issued set with changes of colour there was also a complete sheet on show. Hand painted stamps came next with enlargements that showed up the brush marks. Maggie told the story of dealers that selling the 1921 inverted overprints as specials when she showed that half the stamps in any sheet had to be

Inverted she went on to show a number of first flight covers spanning 1926 to 1941. These were followed by the Malaria eradication issue of Haiti and sets of triangles from Nicaragua in 1947.

Chris Cooksey then told the story of Tristan Da Cunha it is a volcanic island in the Atlantic 1,000 miles from any large land mass, it was first inhabited in 1506. Some of the islands garrison were sent to St. Helena to guard Napoleon during his exile and death on that island, they did not issue their own stamps until 1952 and Chris had a number of cover prior to that date that were to be paid for on delivery these included some from the war time when there was a naval base was on the island. On show were the 1952 and 53 issues of St. Helena stamps overprinted Tristan Da Cunha. Followed by the 1954 issue.

In 1961 the island had to be evacuated to England due to the volcano erupting, he said that he contacted the leader of the people to enquire about getting some covers from the island this led to a long correspondence with a lady from the island and him receiving covers after the return there in 1963.

Len Stanway completed the evening with the history in stamps of Trengganu a state within Malaysia ruled by a Sultan and stamps from 1910 started his display with the Red Cross overprint of 1917 next. The 1922 overprints for the Malaya-Borneo exhibition followed. In 1949 a new set of definitives with a new Sultan were displayed.

Len said that all the issues were available through out Malaysia and he was able to show covers of Trengganu with Singapore cancels.



It is with sorrow that I announce the death of Fred Melville, he was a member for many years until he had a stroke some time ago, he will be missed by all those who know him.

Meeting report Trieste by Brian Asquith Chairman of the ABPS.

This city at the northern end of the Adriatic has had a very chequered history being claimed at various times by France, Italy, Germany Serbia and for a short time after WW1 by New Zealand

Among the first items displayed were envelopes from 1782, a letter to Guernsey that had to go to London then Weymouth and on to Guernsey. There was correspondence from the British Consul about an army private that had fought at Waterloo who needed to collect his pension once a year instead of quarterly as had to spend most of his pension just travelling to get it. Also in this first section were covers of ships mail including one from Hong Kong to Hamburg via Trieste, one that had travelled by boat to Trieste and onwards to Vienna by rail with a cover from 1861 tied with stamps of Sardinia. After the first world war the Serbs took over from the Germans and started ethnic cleansing the New Zealand army who occupied the city though the Serbs out.

In the second part of the evening Brian started off with a number of printed letter cards with Austrian stamps and covers between Trieste and Great Britain one cover Brian called "has anyone seen my battleship" it was posted in Paola to the German sailors headquarters on a ship called Mieggice it went to Trieste and back

Four times from 20/12/1895 to 24/12/1895 until it was readdressed and delivered on Christmas day.

Prisoner of war cards to Russia via the Red Cross together with a cover that had used triangle newspaper express stamps it was spotted and surcharged as these stamps were not valid for letters. Next came a first flight cover to America dated April 1926 then came a series of Cinderella, Paquebot and revenue items and finally a letter to New York posted in 1941 that was held up due to the service being suspended and was delivered in 1946.



Part two of the RNLI with thanks to John Pettit.

A 25 FT hovercraft is under going trials as part of a lifeboat pilot scheme in Southend because of a number of incidents that could be dealt with by this type of craft.

With extensive mud flats in the area a hovercraft could reach a casualty very quickly without adding danger to the RNLI rescue crews. A project team is training local lifeboat volunteers to fly the craft and carry out a number of trials. A report is to be submitted later in the year after all the tests are complete a decision will then be made whether to introduce the hovercraft to the fleet. With the extensive mud flats in the Thames coastline it would appear to be necessary.

Isle of Man issues next quarter

***July 5 Queens visit and coin cover
Dam Busters O/P and cover limited
issue.***

Also in July Manx bookshelf.

September The Tudors.

Our meetings for the next Quarter

***Mon 7 July Ian Tickell will display
stamps of Sudan***

***Tuesday 22 July (4th Tuesday) the
Committee Entertains***

***Monday 4 August I will be displaying
stamps Etc of Jersey.***

***Tuesday 19 Aug Members competition 8
pages from my collection.***

***Monday 1 September informal evening
with invited Dealers.***

***Tuesday 16 September an evening with Vic
Short.***

***A reminder that lotting sheets for the Au-
tumn Auction must be in by the 4th of Au-
gust with lots by 1st September.***

At The A G M.

*The meeting opened with a short silence in trib-
ute to Fred Melville a long time member who
died on 10 June. Fred was one of the first mem-
bers that I spoke to when I joined the Society 20
years ago and we remained friends until he was
unable to remember me due to his severe stroke.*

*The meeting itself proved to be a lively one with
many questions asked.*

*The Chairman handed the meeting over to
the President who then called the Chairman
for his report, he said that the Society had
had a good year and that as the programme
format had changed there would not be a
new one issued until the end of the year. He
then thanked every one that had helped in
some way with a special thanks to Alan for a
balanced programme.*

*The Secretary in his report said that he en-
joyed being Secretary and hoped to continue
in post.*

*The Treasurer said that the Society was run-
ning at a loss a the balance sheet was then
discussed, a member asked what books had
been bought for the library and was told that
they books about the Revenue stamps of
Great Britain and the commonwealth and he
said that he had just taken out the part 1
2000 some 4 years old and asked if a more
up to date copy could be made available, a
discussion about the new catalogue issuing
of **Gibbons** made it unable to obtain up to
date information except through the very ex-
pensive Stamps of the World that only listed
the stamps and nothing else and was not
value for money, as a compromise any mem-
ber wanting items bought for the library
should apply in writing through the Secretary
an it would be discussed in committee.*

*Along discussion then took place about the
cost of the Photocopier the Secretary was in-
structed to keep a log of all copies made and
we would discuss it further at the next AGM.
A member then asked about the new rules
about paying members for their Auction
sales the Treasurer said that he did not want
to carry large sums of money about or keep it
in his house after discussion he agreed that
he would pay out in cash to those members
who had made prior arrangements with him.*

*The Packet Secretary then gave his report
saying that income was down due partly to
the material being sent and member not*

Passing the boxes in the three days required and said that he had four boxes ready to go out but he could not send them out because he was waiting for some to come back he also said that if member had problems with moving them on to telephone he and he would get them moved.

The President then gave his report saying that the Society was gaining a very good reputation outside the county and this was thanks to all those members that work so hard to make this so. The then said that he was disappointed that we were unable to enter the county competitions.

After a short break we came to the elections. On the committee with Steve Alpe and Dennis Livermore expecting to move soon there are vacancies for Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary and one committee member all other members in post were re-elected.

Most of the other appointments remain the same except that Ann Colman will work with Michael Musgrave on the next Auction with a view to taking over from then. Pat Harris has agreed to be stand by Quiz Master. Len Stanway has asked for someone to take over as Competition Registrar as he is unable to devote the required time it. If any member would like to fill any of these vacancies please contact Alan to let him know.

The question of subscriptions was then discussed and after some debate it will remain as

Under 16 £2 00

16 to 60 £8 00

Over 60 £5 00

They have now become due and can be paid at meetings, with your packet returns or by post to

Paul Hayden

24 Summerset Gardens

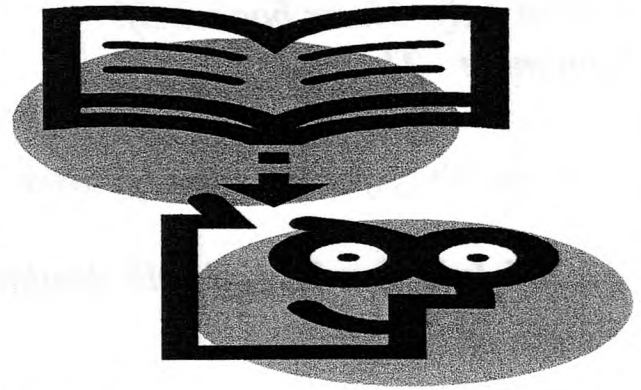
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On to any other business Pat Harris asked if the committee could keep members informed of matters of interest through the Newsletter it was agreed that this

Could be looked into.

The meeting closed with thanks at 10 10pm.



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