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SPECIAL NZ2020 SHOW EDITION, WELCOME TO AUCKLAND!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eastamps Monthly Stamps, Postal History and Postcard Fair: David and Gaye are always happy to see you at their monthly fair. Next one is March 21st at Carey Baptist College Mess Hall, 473 Great South Road.

Browns Bay Stamp Fair: It is held at the Senior Citizens Rooms in Inverness Road, Browns Bay. Hours are 9.30am to 3.30pm and are held 1st Saturday of the month, the next one is Apr 4th and They deal in Stamps, Postal History, Covers and Postcards and are also buying in stock too. You can contact them on 09 478 7599 for details. Members of NZSDA (1985 -) and APTA (Australia).

RED DOT SALES 2020: May 9th, 2020 – doors open at 11am instead of 12pm with sale getting under way at 12:30 pm. Next ones June 27 and October 10th (not the 17th as advertised in the programme).

ANNUAL SHOW 2020 – June 6th Mt Albert War memorial hall – Changed venue due to decline in number of dealers. More details next issue.

NZ 2020 SHOW – GET INVOLVED!

NZ 2020 National Show: This huge show will be in 2 weeks and held at the Ellerslie Race Course events centre. This is a huge international show and they are looking for people to get involved! Contact - <https://www.nz2020.nz/the-exhibition/people/volunteer-helpers/> they are also looking for your support and patronage. This is our first International show since 1990 – let's make an occasion of it!

Thurs 19 March 10am-5pm

Fri 20 March 10am-5pm

Sat 21 March 10am-5pm

Sun 22 March 10am-4pm

Volunteer forms were redistributed in February due to a spam hack of the site and a clearance deleted all the volunteer information – so we need you to redo your form if you have not.

If you wish to advertise a Fair, Show or Sale – please email the editor at taneknz@yahoo.co.nz.

SUBS 2020/2021

Annual subscriptions are due soon. These are essential for the running of the club and ensure that we have interesting and entertaining speakers, a great venue and Red Dot sales. Please pay them promptly! The rates this year are unchanged from last year.

City Member - \$40 Single - \$45 Couple, **Country** - \$30 Single - \$35 Couple Junior - \$20
Add a \$5 discount for subs paid before April 30th. Country members are defined as outside of Orewa/Whangaparaoa and outside of Pukekohe and no further east than Clevedon. If you wish to pay by Direct Debit, use a reference of your first name initial plus the first 3 letters of your surname (eg TMCM) and bank in the Account No 010 102 0063264 00.

BOURSE

The second meeting last November was a Bourse and well attended. Sadly your editor was not one of the attendees. The past few months have been occupied by on and off colds and car issues for the editor and hence why only 3 of the 5 meetings have comprehensive notes. The editor will try and get more next time. It may be a good time to ask for assistant too, who can take notes, when the editor cannot appear at a meeting. Please email the editor at taneknz@yahoo.co.nz.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was another great one with Emile performing again. They were called back after their great appearance in 2018. This year's end of year meeting was well attended with over 30 members, partners and visitors.



Emile



The Audience

Emile again sang a dozen songs and gave us a great mix of late 20th century pop and rock mixed in with some Yuletide favourites. Their energy was amazing and it is obvious their talent has emerged even further since 2018. They also did well maintaining the audience's attention.

Next the prizegiving which showcased the efforts of Brian Carroll who won for both the best talk by a club member and the Armstrong Cup, these were deserved wins as his talks and exhibits were both of a superb quality and it's not often one person can get two trophies, the Armstrong cup was Brian's second consecutive win in as many years. The John Tommy Items of Interest award went to Mike Steel and the other trophy for the best newsletter article was not given out as there were no articles other than the Editor's.

The Suburban club gave their One Page trophy to Joan Roberts for 2019.



Brian Carroll and Chris Keery



The Prizes on offer for the Big Raffle (A selection of stamps as well)

After the formalities, we had our supper, which was a large combined meal mostly of Yuletide delights and a lot of candy, chippies, soft drinks, devilled eggs and club sandwiches. A raffle was run with some nice prizes which included Philatelic and non-philatelic. Members could buy up to 10 tickets and the size of this raffle (Some 300 tickets sold) and number of prizes saw winning on almost bizarre levels with the editor winning no less than 7 times, others also won numerous times. If you buy 10 tickets in a raffle with 40 prizes on offer, you will probably win something and then something else too!



Digging in, while the editor goes off to get another prize



Watching the show

And again, a massive thanks to all the committee members, and everyone else who works hard in the setting up of the meeting, organising, food, raffles entertainment and ensuring everyone has a good time at these meetings – they cannot be so great without you!

DAVID BEVAN: POSTCARDS

Our first talk for 2020 featured David Bevan who bought postcards showing some of his favourite English railway lines – London and Midland, Southern and others.

Sadly the editor was not there and no further notes can be given. The talk went well and was a casual start to 2020. We thank David for coming and doing the premiere talk of the year.

PHILATELY IN AUCKLAND: A NZ2020 SPECIAL ARTICLE

For the benefit of our all **SHOW VISITORS** and non-members of the clubs in Auckland. Auckland has a large and diverse club scene, with the most Philatelic clubs based in one city in New Zealand. The clubs cater to virtually every taste in Philately and all are welcoming new members! Here is a summary of them for you. Many of us belong to multiple clubs

1. Auckland Philatelic Society – our club has nearly 150 paid up members from Auckland and around the North and South Island, we meet twice monthly from February to November with a single December meeting. We have an active Circuit Book Branch with sales over \$18,800 and have 4 Red Dot Sales with sales over \$26,000, along with an Annual Exhibition. We welcome new members to purchase from and contribute to the Circuits and Auctions. President Chris Keery – meeting nights 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

2. Suburban Philatelic Society – They have about 25 members with 10 or so regularly attending meetings every 1st Wednesday of the month except December and January. Good speakers and a One Page competition along with an annual super auction in July. President Chris Clitherow. Both Suburban and Auckland meet at the Senior Citizens Centre in Wairere Road, Mt Albert.

3. North Shore Philatelic Society – A large club on the North Shore who meet in their own room at 141b Kitchener Road, Milford. They meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays every month except January and Late December. President - John R Kelsey. This club has an annual competitive show and dealers fair in the first Saturday in October and a not to be missed Interclub quiz at their Christmas meeting in December. They have a very extensive library.

4. Howick Philatelic Society – This club has 15 or so members and serves the Eastern suburbs of Auckland, but everyone is welcome. The club has great talks and a very well patronised One Page Competition. They also regularly enter the Ambury Shield competition and do well. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Andrews Church Hall in Vincent Street Howick. President – Tane McManus.

5. South Auckland Philatelic Society – This club also has around 20 – 30 members and meets the last Saturday (Daytime) of each month except December. It too features great talks, a lot of fun philately and an annual show and fair in April. They meet at the Guide Hall in Guide Place Papatoetoe. President is Denise Rosenfeldt.

6. Pukekohe Stamp Club – Serving South Auckland, Franklin and beyond, this club meets the first Sunday of each month except January at the Reid Anderson Hall in Pukekohe. They run several meetings with speakers and an active and dedicated Junior section, a combined meeting and a really creative and vibrant newsletter. President – John Mounce.

7. Postal History Society of New Zealand – This whole Auckland group is for those who collect Postal History and that includes covers, airmail, stationery and all other forms of posted communication. They publish the highly acclaimed journal – The Mail Coach and have many publications. They meet 1st Monday of the month except January at the Baptist Church Hall, 4 Inverary Avenue in Epsom. President – David Armishaw, they have chapters in other towns too.

8. City of Sails Youth Stamp club (Data from Facebook Page only) – This is the group for the youthful philatelist and specialises in fun philately aimed at attracting stamp collectors when they are young and they go out of their way to make stamps fun and educational. They meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month (Daytime). They meet in the Ranfurly Room at the Epsom Community Centre at 202 Gillies Avenue. President – Tim Beach

9. Whangarei Philatelic Society – President Vacky Noble, secretary Monica Comrie – meets Riverside Centre Whangarei every 2nd Wednesday afternoon of the month. They have good meetings and often bring in speakers from other parts of the country, they usually have a fair and/or interclub meetings at the Kamo Baptist Hall in May and August.

Other clubs (I don't have too many details, but they operate) – Omana Philatelic Society, West Auckland Philatelic Society, Hibiscus Bay Stamp club and Far North Society.

Why not join a club or more if you have not already? Apologies to any group I have missed out or made mistakes with.

Visitors, you will find – that far from being dead, stamp collecting is vibrant and very much alive in Auckland, in addition to the clubs we have **several dealers** that frequently have monthly fairs like Eastamps (David Bevan – Ellerslie 3rd Saturdays of every month), Browns Bay (John and Jan Fitzpatrick 1st Saturday of the month) and our own dealers including ACS, Nustamps and Franklin stamps.

OUR OTHER COLLECTIONS

Our second February meeting was a very exciting one with members bringing their other collections along. Not surprisingly it seemed Philately's near neighbour dominated, namely coins and banknotes and they were a sight to behold.

Mike Steel went on first with an old album full of English postcards, flicked through them quickly and told us to look at them! You have to love Mike's style – he has never been accused of boring anyone with long over the top talks!

Then was Roger Marshall with a very interesting exhibit of English and later British coins which showed a line of monarchs stretching from 1471 (Edward IV) right through to the Queen Elizabeth II. The exhibit was interesting and included every monarch except Henry VIII (1509 – 1547) and Oliver Cromwell (1649 – 1658) who was not a monarch anyway as he put it. What we did get were medieval groats, pennies, a half crown of William and Mary, a George V gold half sovereign and even some earlier coins, Roman, Edward the III and a modern replica Jorvik penny (10th century Viking coin). The coins were weaved together well into the story and it was easy to move from medieval to modern. Roger mentioned, they made up just 1/100th of his collection and an album stuffed full of coins showed this.



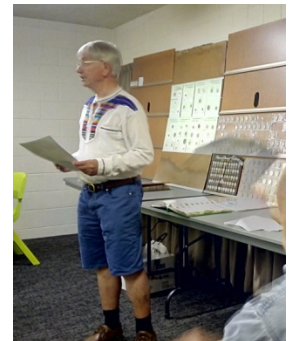
Roger and his coins



Tane's coins



Peter and his Tibetan notes



Next up was Tane McManus who also gave us an impressive coin collection which featured heavily on silver coins – namely Half-crowns from Britain and New Zealand, whilst not showing anything as old as Roger's coins, the collection was pretty amazing with a hammered half-crown of King Charles I (1630s) and many other classic coins from the 1600s to 1800s. He explained how the coin collecting bug caught him twice and the coins were lighting up the room.

Next was Peter Dorman who gave us a great collection of Tibetan banknotes, most as he explained, were smuggled out of Tibet into India by Tibetans in 1959 after the Chinese invaded. Most of his notes were of one series of the highest value and he dated them from 1930s to 1950s and told us how many were printed on wood blocks and people had to number them individually and like with his 17th century shillings last year he could date an undatable item precisely by using numbers on the note (As opposed to mintmarks on coins). The notes told an interesting story of panic and escape and Peter presented it very well.

Next was Nic Hendy with a hilarious list of licence plates to spot. It seems as they run through the 3 letter, 3 number series they are actively avoiding suffixes that may spell or sound like obscene or

derogatory words like GAY, etc and Nic has a list he uses trying to spot vehicles with those prefixes on them. Good luck we say, if they are forbidden – it's highly unlikely!

Finally, Miles Dillon showed us old books he loves buying from the annual book sales run by the Lions club and others. One of his best buys was an old religious book from the 1700s which happened to have etchings in it by George Augustus Selwyn, when he was a schoolboy at some English private school back in 1809! He also had books by Karl Wolfskehl (A Polish Jewish émigré poet who died in suspicious circumstances in 1944) and a Robert Louis Stevenson volume stamped by the German government at Vailima (The House Stevenson built in 1890) in Samoa.

It was a very interesting night with some amazing non philatelic collections.

ELIZABETH NAIRN – CHARLES UPHAM

Elizabeth is a regular Scottish visitor who spoke to us in our first March meeting about Charles Upham (1908 – 1994), New Zealand's most famous soldier of WW2 and one of the few winners of a Double Victoria Cross. Surprisingly she did not talk at length on the exhibit, as she mentioned most of what went up actually was compiled by someone else.



Upham's VC



Before and after Colditz



People loved this exhibit

A Scots Guard soldier called Jack Murray who did all the research and a nice job in understanding Upham and his struggles during and after his achievement. Murray also laid the wreath at the tomb of the Unknown soldier in London. Mr Murray was not here and Elizabeth did the presentation and now it seems the exhibit will be on display at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Liz decided to let the exhibits do the talking.

Charles Hazlitt Upham was born in Christchurch and went to Christ's College, and became a farmer, then manager and wool valuer. He was also in the Territorial forces for 5 years before WW2. He enlisted and was originally a sergeant being promoted to 2nd Lieutenant after Officer Training School. He gained his first VC in Crete in May 1941 in which he led his men 3000 yards into enemy territory and fought the enemy at close combat and went beyond enemy lines to rescue wounded soldiers and showed bravery and disregard for personal safety to achieve breakthroughs. The second VC came when he did the same thing in Egypt in June 1942, hand to hand combat with Nazis and destroying a truck full of them with hand grenades! Not content to rest on his laurels, Upham was promoted to Captain and kept fighting. In October 1941 his first VC was recommended and accepted, the war of course meant it could not be presented until 1945 as only the King could present a Victoria Cross medal.

In 1943 in the Allied campaign in Italy he was captured and treated in an Italian hospital after he was wounded. After the Italian surrender he became a prisoner of the Germans, and was known for his multiple escape attempts and some were so daring such as jumping out of a speeding train and his respect was so well known, that Germans did not shoot him as he was walking out of a POW camp. Despite this, he ended up in Colditz castle and was there until Liberation. On 11 May 1945 he was back in England after VE day and presented with the VC by King George VI. He also

got married and used his £10,000 award on a scholarship fund. In September he was recommended and given the 2nd VC for his actions in Egypt. Only 2 medics had received such an award before and both received them posthumous, Upham was the only living soldier to receive 2 VC's. His second one was a bar as it was presented by Montgomery and not the King.

Upham became a farmer and served on the board of Christs College and kept a low profile, only showing up at occasional celebrations for VC winners and the Queen's Coronation. He was known to have a lifelong hatred of Germans and one story from the 1980s, he once shot at a farmer who drove a Volkswagen onto his farm! Upham died in 1994 and is buried at Papanui cemetery in Christchurch. He was one of the greatest New Zealanders, brave, stubborn and very low key – a man of principle, unfettering courage and persistence.

Elizabeth also gave us her own additional display which had photos of Upham's grave, some pages on Jack Murray and even some photos and details of WW1 New Zealand soldiers who won the Victoria Cross, including Cyril Barfield. She made the connection many of these brave men were either born in the British Isles or were the sons of parents born in Britain.



Elizabeth speaking



Presentation



Upham and the site of his first VC

Elizabeth always gives us a good talk, the material was first rate, we may not have met Jack Murray, but we should all thank him for this great *taonga* (gift) he has given us for this man of great *mana* (prestige). Elizabeth also mentioned she did the arranging and this was an educational night. We cannot thank her or Mr Murray enough.

NEW STAMP ISSUES

All opinions expressed in this part of the newsletter are solely those of the EDITOR and DO NOT represent the views of the society or the members at large.

More of the same from New Zealand post over Summer 2019/2020. The main difference being the Chinese new year set has been moved back to December from January.



Year of the Rat



12 Year wheel thing



New Zealand moths

December – Year of the Rat, Rushing it out early for more of the same dated 2000s era graphics. The fad of Chinese new year is so 1990s and wearing thin. This set is pretty weak and really is not worth getting at all. Usual mini sheets and gold foil things for the Chinese community – **D-**

Chinese circular horoscope sheet – a 12 stamp circular sheet, each showing a horoscope year animal, awful and looks like it's from some 1970s/80s Caribbean wallpaper – **G** (F is too high)

February – Moths of New Zealand, this is much better and shows the wings of some of our beautiful moths, intricately designed and each stamp shows one wing of a species with colourful backgrounds. Does well for having 3 x \$1.30 stamps – so they will appear in the mail. Sheetlet also available – **B+**

March – New Zealand Parakeets – A colourful set of 5 with attractive graphics, does rely on photography though, but this is quality and a good set as well, usual sheetlet too – **B**

March – NZ2020 Stamp Show – One sheet would have been enough, but NZ Post go full pickle with 4 of them. All I can say is one of them has 3 stamps from a set that has not been issued separately and these show a large nautical ring that obscures the design, the Harbour bridge theme reminds one a lot of the 1990 sheetlets issued – except these were 80 cents each, not \$5.20! The other 3 are the 2019 Lighthouses, 2019 Kupe and 2020 Year of the Rat adapted. The only great thing about them is no surcharges – still 4 sheets is really overkill – **C** (well designed)



Parakeets



NZ2020 – Kupe



NZ2020 - Year of Rat



NZ 2020 – Welcome to Auckland



NZ2020 – Lighthouses

THANKS TO NZPOST STAMPS WEBSITE FOR USE OF STAMP IMAGES – SOME SLIGHTY ADJUSTED

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE #202 in May 2020

SEE YOU ALL AT NZ2020!

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