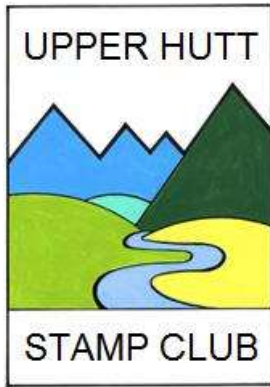


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APRIL 2019

The April Meeting of the Upper Hutt Stamp Club will be held in the Pioneer Room at the Wesley Centre, Corner Ferguson Drive and Benzie Avenue, Upper Hutt at 7.30pm on Monday 15 April.

Note: the adjourned AGM will kick off first, in order to receive the annual accounts, followed by the normal meeting. The annual accounts are not available to circulate with this newsletter, but will be included in the next newsletter for those members who are not at the April Meeting.

The meeting speaker is Jan Price from Hastings – with Trams on Postcards

The club one page competition subject is – a page of your choice.

Other local Meetings, 2019 Shows & Events

16 April – Kapiti Philatelic Society – Michelle Patterson – Garden Shows

22 April – Wellington Philatelic Society – AGM, Members Night

7 May - Hutt Valley Philatelic Society – Claude Poulsen - Postcards

8 May – Porirua Stamp Group – Titahi Bay Community Church Hall at 1.30pm – Cars

11 May – Royal Philatelic Society of NZ - Sue Vernall – Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika

Sat/ Sun 25&26 May – NZSDA Stamp Show Chilton St James School, 124 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt

Sat/Sun 28&29 Sept – Wgtn Phil Soc Display & Dealer Fair “The Hub” Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie (10am – 4pm)

2020 - 19 – 22 March 2020 – NZFIAP International Stamp Exhibition. The Events Centre, Ellerslie, Auckland

News from Other Societies & NZ Philatelic Businesses –

The following newsletters from other societies will be available for viewing at the April Meeting –

Christchurch Phil Soc – Mar

Howick Philatelic Soc – Feb

Tauranga Stamp Club – Feb

Manawatu Philatelic Society – Feb

Wellington Phil Soc – Mar

Note – Electronic copies are also available from the following clubs – Dunedin Stamp & Postcard Club, Hutt Valley Philatelic Society, Nelson Stamp Club, NZ Stamp Collector, Taranaki Philatelic Society, Tauranga & Districts Stamp Club, Timaru Philatelic Society & Whangarei Philatelic Society.

If you wish to view an electronic copy please ask Andrew and he will place you on the distribution list.

The following are available on line -

Campbell Paterson Newsletter – <https://campbellpaterson.co.nz/cp-newsletters/>

Auckland City Stamps 2019 Catalogue

The online version is available at - <http://www.nzstamps.com/catviewer2019.html>

There is a link on the page if you wish to purchase a copy - \$10 including Postage.

NZ Post Domestic Postage To Increase

As from 1 July 2019 domestic postage rates for letter mail are to increase from \$1.20 to \$1.30 for medium sized envelopes, \$2.40 to \$2.60 for Large sized envelopes (which are C5 or a sheet of A4 folded in half) and \$3.60 to \$3.90 for oversized envelopes – which are A4 and up to 260mm x 385mm.

Envelopes larger than this are classified as Parcels.

For further information go to - <https://www.nzpost.co.nz/about-us/media-centre/changes-to-our-rates-services-from-1-july-2019>

Charges for Parcels, Courier & International mail remain the same.

Annual General Meeting at Wesley Centre 18 March 2019 7:30 pm

Attendance: Members 10 Visitors 0 Apologies 2

Welcome: President, Terry Isaac chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Just a few days ago there was the terrible mass killing in Christchurch. Terry had a message from his friends in the Canadian club – they send their sympathy to us at this time. John also had an email from a friend in Christchurch UK who said that they are a twin city with Christchurch NZ and they also are very sad this happened.

Terry asked everyone to remember those who were killed and injured. We stood in silence to honour them.

Minutes: AGM held 19 Mar 2018 have been reviewed by the committee. It was moved by Andrew/ Colin – and agreed “that they be confirmed as a correct record”

Matters Arising –

The Acting Treasurer still an acting Treasurer and waiting for someone to take on this role

All the present Committee members are willing to stand again.

All the circuits have the Club’s bank account clearly available to enable payment.

Reports (*Ed – Other than the Financial Report - these were circulated with the meeting agenda in the last newsletter*).

President’s Report. Terry’s report for the year has been circulated, and he proposed it be accepted. It was moved by Richard/ Colin that the report be received

Circuit Manager’s report. This report was also circulated with the notice for this meeting.

Annual Accounts The main point is that the accounts have been drafted. The reviewer was not well but has now recovered. But not yet completed the review; so Colin asked that this part be completed at the next ordinary meeting of the stamp club.

Last AGM there were 36 members and now there are 38.

There will be a small loss – partly due to the lower amount of subs coming in. Now more are receiving the newsletter by email. And there is less interest from the reduced term deposit at the bank.

Subscriptions

The motion from 2018 AGM was now effective - “that subscriptions remain at \$25 reduced to \$21 if paid by 30 April” with the subs also reduced \$5.00 for those receiving the newsletter by email.

For several years it had been agreed “that there be **no fee charged for new members joining from Wellington Regional Stamp Show until the end of the year**” As that event had been a promotion for us in previous years. Ron asked if members accepted today would have to pay a subscription. Andrew proposed an amendment, “That all those who join our club will have no fee charged during the year in which they join. “ It was agreed Colin/ Ron.

Notice of Motion. None.

Election of Officers

The chairman moved through the nominations of those willing to continue for each position. He asked for other nominations. There were none. The following were duly elected on block

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Nominations for someone to take over the accounts was still open. In the meantime Colin is doing two jobs.

General business.

Reviewer’s honorarium to again be \$50 Ron / Colin

We have received a membership application, which was accepted at the last Committee Meeting. So we welcome Russell Edwards who lives in Waterloo Lower Hutt as a member of the Upper Hutt Stamp Club.

As no other matters were arising – the AGM was adjourned until the next ordinary meeting (April 15), to complete the financial records

Close. The meeting closed at 8.00pm and the monthly meeting began.

Monthly Meeting at Wesley Centre 18 March 2019 8:00 pm (after AGM)

Attendance: Members 10, Visitors 0, Apologies 2

Welcome - Terry welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

Coming events

The Stamp and Postcard Convention is Sat 13 April at Palmerston North

For this our Club will have a sales table there – to be run by Ron. **If you have any material to sell please let Ron have it by Wed 10 April.** Our club will also have 4 frames to display. 2 from Val and one each from John and David. John to co-ordinate to get them there and return them.

At our **April meeting** we have Jan Price coming from Hastings – with Trams on Postcards

In May Andrew will present Taranaki Postal History

Also **25+26 May is the Wellington Stamp Show** Our club would like to enter the Neville Harris Trophy. 5 x 1 frames required with 1 person allowed to enter 2. These have to be received by 18 May for judging prior to the event. John to ask members during April. Richard asked for names of those that can help on the door. Our Club has helped on Sunday mornings in recent years. Other helpers needed for putting frames up early Friday – and taking down again at the end of the day

In September there will be a stamp event at Kilbirnie (**28+29 Sep**). This is where the 2019 inter club one page will be. We will arrange our clubs entry at a later date.

Items of Interest



Andrew brought envelopes and catalogues philatelic magazines to be taken away by any one present

He also told us that NZ Post still had aerogrammes for sale. There was Post Paid and Non Post Paid, but on enquiring at the Post Shops there were none to be found!



He also had a copy of The Postmarks of Ross Dependency – 3rd Edition by Mark Jurisich which is available from Classic Stamps website -

<https://www.classicstamps.co.nz/rhome1d.asp>

He also had two publications if members were interested in borrowing them (Ray had already read them – New Zealand Railways Road Services by A. C Bellamy and Wellington's First Railway By Doug Wilkinson.

Ray displayed Narrow Gauge Railway from Alice Springs 1980; Registered Cover Quinns Post Upper Hutt to Lower Hutt; A Lower Hutt Counter stamp and a NZ Govt Life 1c cover from 1 April 1987, being the First day of NZ Post.

Ron reported that Mowbray's auction in Wellington last week end (16 March) was a very quiet affair. Not many in attendance and many lots were unsold (*Ed – The catalogue - <https://www.mowbrays.co.nz/mowbray-international/catalogue-stamps/default.html> and results are at - <https://www.mowbrays.co.nz/mowbray-international/catalogue-stamps/realised.html>*)

David showed an envelope he received covered with many stamps on it from France. The postage was approx. NZ\$40. The content had one stamp that David had bought for about NZ\$300

David then showed more of his developing Russia collection A few pages with stamps from the 1919 Omsk area. This was an independent Russian Republic based in the Siberian city of Omsk. During the 1924-1918 War Czech and Slovak soldiers in the Austro-Hungarian armies were formed into an army in Siberia and fought against the Communists. Postage stamps were issued along various points of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

(*Ed – Linn's Stamps published an interesting article in April 2002 – titled Overprinted Soviet stamps: quest or quagmire? – If you are interested take a read - <https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/stamp-collecting-basics/2002/august/overprinted-soviet-stamps--quest-or-quagmire-.html>*)

Terry had a group of Canadian “first flight” covers acquired while he was in Canada last year.

- Toronto-New York 1 Oct 1928. Officially this went from Montreal and it has backstamps for Montreal Oct 1, Albany, NY Oct 2 and 2 x Chicago Oct 3 Plus an Oval barred 'D' under 1 of the Chicago CDS's. Was this applied with the Toronto CDS?

Fairbanks Alaska – White Horse, Yukon May 8 1938; **3.6.3** Prince George, BC 7 Aug 1938 – Vancouver 8 Aug London, Ont. – Chicago Jul 1 1946; Toronto – Cleveland, Ohio – Toronto, Ont Aug 1 1946 and St John, New Brunswick Ap 14 1947 – Boston, Mass Ap 15 (This CDS includes 'AIR MAIL FIELD').

John displayed some covers with Guernsey regionals stamps. One was a FDC sent to Tangier, depicted over page which was underpaid and marked postage due. It received local postage due stamps on it. (*Ed – A very nice item*).



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One Page Voting by those present was very close

A John (Fish) 36/10 = 3.60 B Ray (Aus Rail Route) 36/10 = 3.60 C David (Russia Prov Gov.) 42/10 = 4.20

We then had Terry who spoke on

ASCENSION ISLAND

The island lies 7 55°S - 14 22°W, just south of the equator – refer 1956 QE 2d (right) for position and 1934 King Geo 2/6 (left) for map of island.

It is a rocky 35 square mile peak of volcanic origin with 44 distinct craters. The last eruption was some 600 years ago.

The 1978 Volcanic Rock Formations strip of five stamps (below) depict a few of them. Ascension was discovered by the Portuguese seafarer Joao da Nova Castella in 1501, although this visit apparently went unrecorded – and was “found” again two years later on Ascension Day by Alphonse d’Albuquerque who gave the island its name. (A stamp featuring him is shown on the next page). Being dry and barren it was of little use to the East Indies fleets.



In 1701 the ship “Roebuck” (right), captained by William Dampier (left) was wrecked on Ascension.

The crew scoured the island for fresh water. They finally located a mere seepage subsequently known as “Dampier’s Drip, and lived there in a cave (left) in the coral until rescued. Military Occupation occurred from 1815 -1922.



With Napoleon Bonaparte imprisoned on St Helena it was feared that the French would undertake a rescue mission, so on 22 October 1815 the British took possession of the island, and as shown on the stamp far left the HMS Peruvian & HMS Zenobia are depicted, with the stamp left showing the Union Jack being raised in Clarence Bay.



A ‘Ricochet’ battery was quickly established, and settlement ‘The Garrison’ begun. Early Fortifications (**right**) and Fort Thornton (**below**).



Following the death of Napoleon in 1821 it was suggested that Ascension be abandoned. However the decision was made for it to become a victualling station and sanatorium for ships engaged in the suppression of the slave trade

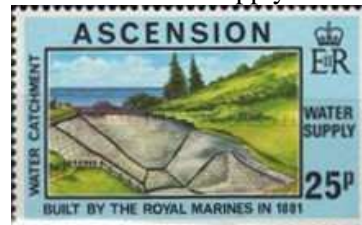
around the West African coast. A more permanent garrison was required, and the island taken over by the Royal Marines.



The 19th Century Uniforms of the Royal Marines are shown in the issue above 21 Nov 1988.



With water being critical - in 1832 the marines sunk a well in Breakneck Valley, and built a pipeline – tunnelling right through a mountain, with break tanks at strategic points to take the pressure off the pipes and a wind pump to push the water along. A set issued in 1977 commemorated the ‘Water Supply’



Green Mountain farm was one part of the island that had a cultivable area, shown **left** in 1881, and ‘Two Boats’ **right** from the same period. A photograph taken in 2006 (**below**) shows the two boats rising out of the ground.



In 1899 Ascension became a vital link in International Telecommunications with the arrival of the Eastern Telegraph Company which made the island a principal relay point of the coaxial submarine cable system laid between the UK, Portugal and South Africa, with links to South America and West Africa.

The 12p stamp (from 1979) on the previous page shows the map of the routes of the cables, as does the one **right**.



History of Mail Transport



THE BOTTLE POST
The Ascension 'bottle post' became an established practice in the 17th century. The procedure was recorded in 1673 by a visiting missionary, Friar Domingo Navarrete, and was still in use when Louis de Bougainville, captain of *La Boudeuse*, called in 1769.



CHANCE CALLING SHIPS
Until 1857 communication with Ascension was through chance calling ships such as the 19th century English 36-gun frigate shown. The scene is at Clarence Bay (then called Sandy Bay) with Fort Cockburn in the background.



REGULAR MAIL SERVICE
A regular mail service started in 1857 when the Union Steam Ship Co Ltd contracted to collect UK destined mail. In 1900 the Company amalgamated with the Castle Mail Packets Co Ltd to form the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Co Ltd, whose ship *Garth Castle* is shown beyond the old Canteen store where the mail bell until recently hung.



MAIL SERVICES TODAY
Surface mail is now carried by the *RMS St Helena*, shown here against the coastline of Ascension. Airmail is carried in this scene by a Lockheed C141 aircraft of the Military Airlift Command of the USAF, completing the picture of the current Ascension mail services.

ASCENSION ISLAND

The history of the Mail Transport

began with "Bottle Post", first recorded in 1673. (**8p stamp left**). From the establishment of the garrison in 1815 communication depended on supply ships and other chance callers. (**12p stamp left**)

Regular mail service, by the new Zealand founded Union Steam Ship Co Ltd, began in 1857 (**15p stamp left**)

Below is a cancellation dated 1855.



1966 saw the opening of the Apollo Communication Satellite Earth Station on the island and also the BBC Relay Station – both commemorated by sets of stamps.



As shown on the 50p stamp at left, air services now form an important part of the mail, passenger and freight service with

the island. The Wideawake Airfield also known as RAF Ascension is a military airfield operated jointly by the British Royal Airforce and the United States of America Airforce. The earth station referred to earlier supports the tracking of rocket launches from Cape Canaveral in Florida USA. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RAF_Ascension_Island



Much bird, aquatic, flora and fauna life has featured on Ascension stamps as shown by the small sample at left

If you wish to learn more about Ascension

- <https://www.ascension-island.gov.ac/>

We then had Ray show some pages with relation to early rail travel and special events.



Shown at **left** are return “Privilege Ticket” from Upper Hutt to Wellington both First Class & Second Class. These tickets were issued to staff and their families at concession prices. These examples are from the 1880’s.



The two tickets at **left** were issued for a return Wellington to Upper Hutt excursion on Jan 23 1882. (*Ed - A search on Papers Past shows that this was for The Druids’ Fete where between two and three thousand were assembled.*

They marched to the railway station with a procession on foot and horseback. They left by the 10.10 train with every following train crowded to excess. The railway means were quite

inadequate, though all available trucks were bought into requisition, those as well as the carriages were dangerously crowded. Not only was there attractions of the fete but picnic parties of all kinds chooses places on the line for their pleasure, and the sports at the Upper Hutt drew a great many visitors to that locality)



<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/EP18820124.2.21>



The two tickets **left** were issued for the Government Printing Office Picnic on 28 February 1885 – with the adult ticket priced at 2s and the child (between 6 and 12 yrs) priced at 6d. .

The two tickets to the **right** were issued for a return excursion on March 6 1885 Upper Hutt – Wellington – with the 1st Class ticket priced at 3s and the 2nd Class ticket at 2s. (*Ed – A search on Papers Past shows that the RMSS Rimutaka was lying at berth at Queens Wharf and was thrown open to the public, and country visitors, had the opportunity of inspecting this triumph of naval architecture.*) <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/WAIST18850304.2.16.2>



Shown at **left** is a Suburban 2nd Class 6 Trip Bearer Ticket, (Not Available on the Limited Express) similar to today’s 10 trip zonal ticket. However this one covers both the Upper Hutt & Paekakariki lines with an expire Day/Month on the ticket. The price of the 6 trip ticket from Wellington to Upper Hutt was 7/3d with one trip remaining on the ticket.

SUBURBAN 6-TRIP BEARER TICKET			
SECOND CLASS TRANSFERABLE			
Expires	Between	FARE	
1	WELLINGTON and	2/-	
2	KAIWHARAWHARA	2/6	
3	MAIRANGA	4/3	
4	PETONE & YA	4/6	
5	WATERLOO or MILLING	4/9	
6	EPUNI	5/6	
7	MAENAK or TAKAPUHO	5/9	
8	TAWA FLAT or WINGATE	5/9	
9	6563 CHILD		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	YAITA or LINDEN	6/-	
11	PONASE or PORIRUA	6/3	
12	PAREMATA or HAYWARDS	7/-	
13	UPPER HUTT or FEATHERSTON	7/3	
14	MUNI	8/9	
15	PAEKAKARIKI	10/6	



The ticket at **left** was issued in October 1955 being valid from Silverstream – Upper Hutt to Featherston return for the last excursions over the Rimutaka Incline prior to the opening of the Rimutaka railway tunnel on 3 Nov 1955.

Ray has an extensive collection of railway tickets and displayed a range - such as for the opening of the Johnsonville Line (4 July 1938), Souvenir 40th Ann of the Rimutaka Tunnel (3 Nov 1995) with a picture at the Featherston Railway Station, 50 Yrs of Electrification of the Hutt Valley Line (12 Oct 2003). Numerous other promotions such as Wings over Wairarapa, Guy Fawkes, Cuba Street Carnival and World Environment \$1 Day featured. The latest are the Super Gold tickets and tickets printed for under 5 year old children. Some trains were painted for these special events. Ron then gave a vote of thanks to Terry and Ray for what they had shown. **The meeting closed by 9.15pm.**

Celebrating the oldest Flag

Flags are always a popular choice for stamp collectors, as many flags have a long history, and have been featured on a number of stamps over the years.

On 2 January 2019, the 800th Anniversary of the Danish Flag, *Dannebrog* was celebrated. Legend has it that the flag fell from the skies during the battle of Lindanise in 1219, and resulted in Denmark winning the war for the conquest of Estonia.

Although the legend is probably not telling the truth entirely, Dannebrog is the oldest, continuously used flag in the world. The flag is characterized by the white horizontal Scandinavian cross on the red background.

In celebration of the anniversary, the Danish postal service has issued this set of five stamps, depicting the flag and its many uses in the everyday life in Denmark



The beautiful stamps are simplistic in their design, which only leads the focus to the flags, holding a prominent place in all the stamps.

All five stamps are denominated at 10.00 KR

Celebrating 50 years of CEPT and EUROPA.

In 1959, 19 European countries entered into a cooperation around Telecommunication and Postal administration. This was the start of CEPT - the European Conference of Telecommunications and Postal Administrations. The organization quickly grew to include 26 member countries, and primarily consisted of the nationalized monopolizing postal and telecommunications administrations. CEPT ensures cooperation on topics such as commercial, operational, regulatory and technical standardisation issues.

The organization has been around for more than 50 years now, and it currently has 48 members.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the CEPT, and the 50th anniversary of the first EUROPA stamps, 50 countries issued celebratory stamps, totalling 54 complete mint sets, 101 mint souvenir sheets, and 52 mint sheetlets as seen above.

See all of the issues at - <http://hesehus.ipapercms.dk/Nordfrim/Nordfrim/Euomrker/?page=1>

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