



MEETING PROGRAMME

Here is our programme for the month

- Thur 07 First Thursday zoom @ 7.30pm
Meeting ID 225 410 9851; Passcode 072596
50 U.S. states; George Henshilwood
- Wed 13 Members @ URC
“Not sure what it is”, or “I’m not sure many people know this”
- Wed 27 Rodney Knight @ URC – Bulgaria to 1946

SPS competition results 2022

CLASS	MEMBER	TITLE	MA RK	AWARD	TROPHY
OPEN	R Hindle	Wilkins-Ellsworth Trans-polar Submarine Expedition	72	L Silver	B Wilkinson
LITERATURE	N Ritchie	The Journal of the Spanish Study Circle	74	L Silver	
POST. STAT.	J Hartley	Br Guiana Newspaper Wrappers	73	L Silver	Silver cup
POST.HIST	J Penrose	Iceland - Civilian Censored Mail	78	Vermeil	
	J Hunter	Prov. Issues in Ukraine during post Soviet Hyper-inflation 1991-6	75	Vermeil	
	N Ritchie	Canadian Militia Camps & Postmarks 1909-19	82	L Vermeil	E. Buckley tankard &
PIC P'CARD	J Hartley	The Suez Canal	74	L Silver	
BEST OVERALL	N Ritchie	Canadian Militia Camps & Postmarks 1909-19	82	L Vermeil	A Gabbitas cup



the 2022 YPA Convention

will be held at Wakefield - Queen Elizabeth Grammar School
154 Northgate, Wakefield WF1 3Qx
on Saturday 9th July 2022 from 10am to 4.30pm.
20 dealers booked

Item of interest gleaned from a 1936 newspaper

NO NEW STAMPS FOR CORONATION

The issue of postage stamps of the reign of King George VI. is not likely to be ready for May 12, the date of the Coronation. No King Edward VIII. stamps of new denominations will be issued.

So many complicated processes have to be gone through before the approval of the design of a new issue that stamps of one reign are always current for several months during the reign following.

King George V. stamps did not appear until 13 months after his accession.

Before the King Edward stamps were issued experts were engaged for many weeks in preparing drawings, which were weeded out by a committee appointed by the Postmaster-General before a specimen set could be sent to King Edward for his approval.

ARTISTS OBJECTED

The halfpenny, three-halfpenny and twopence-halfpenny stamps of the King Edward issue were immediately popular. Over 30,000,000 stamps were sold on the first day—50 per cent. above the normal figure—and 130,000,000 were sold during the first five days.

But artists did not like them. They complained that a photograph, instead of a drawing, of the King's head was used.

An official of the Post Office said yesterday: "There will be no new issue for some time.

"In the meantime no King Edward stamps for other denominations will

be issued. King George the Fifth stamps will continue to be used for those denominations.

"A proposal for a special King Edward Coronation issue had been discussed, but was not very far advanced."

CHRISTMAS TRADE REVIVES

Christmas trade will not suffer as a result of the royal crisis. Delay of another week would have caused serious losses, but trade prospects are now bright.

A chief of a great departmental store told the "News Chronicle" yesterday: "There had been a definite slowing up in Christmas shopping, but already the situation has changed and an increase in business was noted before noon.

"We are looking forward to a really prosperous if slightly shortened season."

At another big store it was stated: "Our building is crammed with people today. There is little doubt that trade would have been affected if the King's decision had been delayed much longer.

"Now everything is going ahead."

Famous stage and screen stars will appear at the Bertram Mills Circus Ball, to be held at Olympia on Dec. 29, in aid of the Princess Beatrice Hospital. Tickets—10s. each, including dancing, cabaret and entrance to the Fun Fair—may be obtained from the Marquis of Carisbrooke (president), 20, Bruton Street, Mayfair, or from Mr. Bertram Mills, 1, Dorset Square, N.W.1.



NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SPS SYLLABUS

At the initiative of the syllabus secretary and in order to refresh, stimulate and invigorate the programme for future meetings, it has been agreed by the committee that a triumvirate of the president, secretary and current syllabus incumbent co-ordinate a new approach. This will be based on putting together a programme of meetings for the next year organised around suggestions from the membership as a whole.

As you are all aware there are some 11 months of meetings comprised of 11 Zoom meetings, 11 members' meetings and 11 display meetings (the latter involving presentations by existing SPS members or outside visiting speakers).

The 11 members' meetings already have an inbuilt number of pre-arranged slots comprised of the AGM, competition entry explanations and results, countries beginning with particular letters of the alphabet and the annual display of 8 sheets – no rules.

Already I have received the following suggestions for a future syllabus:

- High value postage stamps
- Postage stamps from countries that no longer exist
- A presentation by a competition judge
- Something different – displays of philatelic paraphernalia
- Recent acquisitions in previous 6 months
- Thematic topics such as democracy, remote locations, steam on stamps, electricity on stamps, independence etc
- Postcards
- Postal stationery

If you have any topics that you would like to be a subject for next year's syllabus, please submit these in the next few months to either myself, Neil Ritchie or Richard Hindle and these can become part of the overall scheme for consideration for next year's syllabus programme

We look forward to some innovative, eclectic and imaginative suggestions for potential topics.

ANDREW FULLEN
President



Four more less obvious items for you to comment on, or help me to identify.

Two are obviously Indian states, the brown one is Cyrillic, and the orange/pink head is in Kroner.

Feel free to send me images if you want other members to see them or help you with questions.



Quote by Keith Blazye (teapot collector) in The Guardian:-

“Teapots used to be in the top ten of things people collected.
Number one was stamps. How boring is that?”