



CHRISTMAS EDITION

*Britain produced its first
Christmas stamps in 1966*



*Jersey was the first
territory to follow in 1981*



but Guernsey waited till 1984

*with the Isle of Man close
on its heels in 1982*





MEETING PROGRAMME

January

- 06 First Thursday zoom @ 7.30pm Gerald Marriner
- 12 Members displays @ URC - Countries beginning with F,G,H
- 26 John Cranmer display @ URC - Canada WW2

February

- 03 First Thursday zoom @ 7.30pm - attendees displays – strange or not so strange routes, rates or dates (maybe up to five items per person)
- 09 Member displays @ URC - 8 sheet NO RULES competition Vote for the Best!
- 23 James Hartley display @ URC – British Guiana TPOs

March

- 03 First Thursday zoom @ 7.30pm Richard Hindle “Amundsen’s Maud Expedition 1918-25”
- 09 Members displays @ URC – A country I don't collect but seem to have acquired
- 23 Robert McMillan display @ URC – Falkland Islands
Competition entries to Geoff Blackwell

April

- 07 First Thursday zoom @ 7.30pm members - countries beginning with “Q or X but not Qatar?” A ramble through some oddly and not so oddly named countries.
- 13 Members displays @ URC – Philatelic items I may have bought within the last ten years that I am really pleased to own.



COMPETITION NEWS

SCANNED ENTRIES FOR THE 2022 COMPETITION SHOULD REACH OUR COMPETITION SECRETARY, GEOFF BLACKWELL, NOT LATER THAN 23RD MARCH 2022.

PLEASE SEND TO [GBLACKWELL@FASTMAIL.FM](mailto:gblackwell@fastmail.fm). LARGE FILES SHOULD BE SENT BY WETRANSFER. THE ORIGINAL ENTRIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION AT OUR MEETING ON 11TH MAY 2022 WHEN THE RESULTS AND JUDGE'S COMMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 2022 THE SOCIETY IS ADOPTING THE YPA CLASSES AND RULES IN FULL AND DETAILS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE YPA WEBSITE AT: [WWW.Y-P-A.ORG.UK/EXHIBITING](http://www.y-p-a.org.uk/exhibiting).

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE, THE AMENDED SOCIETY RULES, INCORPORATING THE CHANGES, WILL BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. THE EXISTING SUBDIVISION OF THE TRADITIONAL CLASS AND CLASSES FOR NOVICE AND JUNIOR, WILL BE RETAINED FOR SHEFFIELD AWARDS ONLY.



Members' night in December



Two members
puzzle over a stamp!



An excerpt from "Lost Countries"
by Stuart Laycock and Chris West.

(The nicer face of war)

ICARIA

In 1911, Turkey became embroiled in a war with Italy, and lost. Italy took the Dodecanese; Icaria had a revolution. Armed partisans seized the Turkish garrison of Evidlos, then marched on the other main garrison at Aghios Kyrikos. En route, there was a skirmish with Turkish troops, in which the only fatality of the campaign occurred: an Icarian fighter who had got up late and was riding out to join his colleagues was mistaken by one of them for a Turk and shot. When the rebels reached Aghios Kyrikos they briefly besieged the garrison, which surrendered when it had used up all its ammunition (which it managed to expend without hurting anyone). Some of the warfare in this book takes us to the depths of human cruelty and depravity; by contrast, the Icarian rebellion seems a delightfully civilised affair – one senses neither side wanted to hurt the other, but rather let an inevitable outcome be achieved with minimal loss of face, and life, all round.

The war's one casualty was given a hero's burial, and the Free State of Icaria was declared.

and Keith Branigan showed us
how a letter should be written

