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## NEXT MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY 1959 - 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.  
at Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury. W.C.1.

Once again this will be a members' meeting, by request: so will those who made this bold statement, please stand by their word, and be there in force, or it may be necessary to dial 999 and get the boys in.

Each and everyone is requested, or rather expected, to arm him/herself with a few sheets (say 6) for display and general discussion. Will members also make a list of all their queries, ON PAPER, so that on the night they will be able to bring them forward at the correct time, and not after the meeting, when they suddenly think of them.

## HOLIDAYS -- Etc. ..

Will all members please inform the Packet Secretary when they will be absent from their home address: this will enable me to keep track of the packets, also prevent the G.P.O. returning packets to me marked "GORN" etc: Whilst on the subject, will you all please make a note of my holiday date.

JULY 10th -- 28th JULY.

Ordinary mail, i.e., Advice Slips etc. may of course be sent as usual. But please hold all packets and booklets until after the 28th. Thank you.

## ADVANCE INFORMATION.

In November we will be holding our usual AUCTION and BID BOARD -- you now have 5 months to find, sort and arrange those Lots you intended to send the year before last -- No excuse in being late this year.

## COMPETITIONS.

Both Mrs. Margarete Erskine and myself were placed in a most embarrassing position, by the lack of interest and support in the 1958 Competitions. Give a thought to the committee who have the task of obtaining the judge, by hook or crook, "bull" or otherwise, and then ----.

So once again our President will do a little magic in getting the services of a judge, and I trust that the members will support us this year - Details of the Competitions are published in this issue for your guidance - at least 25 entries required.

### VISIT TO SIDCUP PHILATELIC SOCIETY

On 25th March 1959, the Society, under the leadership of our President, gave a display to a local P.S. Owing to time (and we had a whole evening), we were unable to show all the material we took with us. Our show was as follows:-

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| 1. Health Issues   | W.H. Young (for Noel Turner) |
| 2. Chalons         | J.D. Evans, of Sheen.        |
| 3. Pigeon Post     | F. Payne, of Bickley         |
| 4. Air Mail Covers | D.V. Givan                   |
| 5. N.Z. Various    | G.B. Erskine.                |

Apparently Sidcup expected only two members (as per other Societies) and was pleasantly surprised to find 10 Kiwi's dodging about. Many thanks to all who attended, whether they took an active part or not - your presence assisted in making the evening an enormous success.

W. Hasler Young - Hon. Sec.

### MY VISIT TO THE EDINBURGH PHILATELIC SOCIETY THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1959.

At a Committee Meeting of our Society a letter was read from the Secretary of the Edinburgh Philatelic Society asking if we would be willing to give them a display of New Zealand Stamps. April was a long way ahead and as I am fortunate in having relations in Edinburgh I offered to act as Courier if it was decided to agree to the request.

Eventually I was entrusted with a very fine selection of Chalon Heads belonging to Mr. Evans, Mr. Payne's sheets of Great Barrier Island Pigeon Posts, a very informative collection of 1d. Universals belonging to Mrs. Moore, Mr. Turner's superb blocks of the Health issues, a selection of some of the more interesting varieties of the 1946 Peace issue belonging to Mr. Williams and last, but by no means least, a representative display of Mr. Givan's Air Covers.

## MY VISIT TO THE EDINBURGH PHILATELIC SOCIETY (contd).

All were well written up and in addition I was provided with some very useful notes on some of the collections. In all including some odds and ends of my own, I had well over seventy sheets and in addition Dr. A. Clark of Clydebank, a Scottish member of our Society, had consented to show a selection of Ships' letters and cancellations. The Edinburgh Society had, through their Secretary, expressed a wish to see as many of the early classics as possible and it was quite a problem to decide what to show.

On Thursday evening, the 2nd April, I arrived at the Adelphi Hotel which is situated in Cockburn Street, feeling somewhat apprehensive, I was soon joined by Mr. Johnston, a member of our own Society and a stalwart of the Edinburgh Society, who introduced me to their President, Mr. J.A. Grant and several of his fellow members. We were soon joined by Dr. Clark and also by Dr. Sommerville, another member of the N.Z. Society.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. and after a short sketch on the early history of New Zealand, I showed the Chalon Heads belonging to Mr. Evans with what I hope was some well chosen observations. I followed with Mr. Payne's Pigeon Post stamps. I then said a few words before displaying Mrs. Moore's 1d. Universals. Dr. Clark then gave a most interesting display of Ships' Letters and Cancellations. He has some really fine material and I am hoping that I have persuaded him to make an entry in our Annual Competition and later to loan some of his material for a display at one of our meetings. Following a brief interval for tea, I then displayed our Treasurer's collection of the various Health Issues, including those blocks of the 1931 Smiling Boy.

Alas, time had run out and being licensed premises the meeting had to close without my having the opportunity of showing the material loaned by Mr. Williams and Mr. Givan. Mr. Bruce Auckland proposed a formal Vote of Thanks which was seconded and carried.

From the comments made I feel certain that the evening was a success. For my part I thoroughly enjoyed the visit. The Edinburgh Society do not use frames for display and the sheets are passed round in a folder with a cellophane cover. A no smoking rule is enforced and during the tea interval all material is removed from the table - very sensible precautions which I personally appreciated.

I have been asked to express the thanks of the members of the Edinburgh Philatelic Society to our members who kindly loaned their material and hope that at some future date we may find it possible to give them another display.

Walter J. Farrow

THE 1959 COMPETITIONS FOR THE

"STACEY HOOKER CUP"

'MODERN' Section

'MODERN' - King George V - to date

'KIWI SHIELD'

'Classic' Section

'CLASSIC' - All Early Material up to and including Edward VII issues.

The following headings apply to both Competitions:-

Subject: Competitor's own choice (but restricted to the stamps, postal history, covers, etc., of NEW ZEALAND and Dependancies.

No. of Sheets - Any number - MAXIMUM Twelve (12)

Marking:

(a)	Philatelic Knowledge and Research	30%
(b)	Arrangement	30%
(c)	Condition	20%
(d)	Writing-up	20%

Judges: A judge (or panel of judges) will be appointed from outside the Society Membership.

Competition Date: WEDNESDAY, 29th JULY 1959  
at THE KINGSLEY HOTEL. W.C. 1.

Entries by post should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W. Hasler Young, 23, Angel Close, Edmonton. N.18, to arrive not later than Tuesday, 28th July 1959.

Please note: The name and/or address of the entrant should not appear on the entry but on a separate sheet of paper attached to it.

This year gives the 'Modern' members their chance of filling the 'CUP' with lemonade, or '-----', as the Stacey Hooker Cup will be awarded to the winner of the 'Modern' Section -- The KIWI Shield to the 'Classic' Section.

Will members please drop the Hon. Secretary a postcard stating what they intend entering.

## E D I T O R I A L.

There was a good attendance of members at the Kingsley Hotel for the meeting on 4th April 1959 with the President, Mrs. Margarete Erskine, in the Chair. After the business of the meeting had been disposed of, the Chairman remarked that a very successful display of New Zealand material belonging to members had been given before the members of the Sidcup (Kent) Philatelic Society. Many thanks to the members of our Society who attended as visits of this nature are very good propoganda for spreading the news of the activities of our Society with a view to increased membership. The Chairman also informed members that Mr. Chasmer, who won first prize for coming nearest to the judges' remarks and markings in our Competition last year, has won second prize at the Leytonstone, Wanstead and District Philatelic Society with a selection of New Zealand Postage Dues. She also welcomed the return of Mr. Walter J. Farrow from Edinburgh where he had taken a selection of members' material for a display before the members of the Edinburgh Philatelic Society and a report of his visit will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The President then called on Mr. H. la Coste Bartrop who had travelled from Swindon, to present his display to the members.

In his opening remarks Mr. Bartrop said that he had been collecting for 35 years, starting in a modest way, having a family to bring up. He was given some good advice by Mr. Harmer, the well-known philatelic auctioneer, to collect the "Classics" in good condition possessing desirable margins and this advice had paid good dividends.

If I can read some of the hurried scribbled notes made of the choice items exhibited it will whet some of your philatelic appetites. An original essay from the Chalon portrait; Die proof of essay with engine turned design all over the frame-work with NEW ZEALAND and POSTAGE superimposed upon it; the 1d, 2d and 1/- of the first issue "Full Faces"; the Jefferies forgery of the 1/- green with a hand holding a crook in the margin above the stamp, also a used copy with a forged postmark; the 1d, 3d, 6d and 1/- imperf. and perf. 13 on pelure paper; the 1858-59 issue of the 6d pin-roulette, about 10 used at Nelson with "Royal" Certificate, the 1864 2d and 1/- values rouletted 7 with "Royal" Certificate, 1863 the 1d and 6d. values with Maori "Headquarters" cancellation; a selection of re-entries on the "Full Faces" 6d row 16 number 3; and row 17 number 10, 1d row 11 number 3 and row 14 number 12; a selection of "Chalon Heads" on covers.

Also on display were die proofs of the 1915 issue with the head of King George V of which John Easton in his book "Postage Stamps in the Making" states - I quote - "but it is questionable whether any of them exceeds in beauty and balance Lindley Richardson's design for the 1915 issue of King George V, which

went right back to the first principles of stamp design as hammered out in Perkins Bacon's office, and the plates for which were, appropriately enough, manufactured by that firm" unquote.

Mr. Bartrop displayed some New Zealand stamps which, in his opinion may be "Classics" in say 100 years' time; the 1d Universal printed from the reserve plate; the 1915 issue of King George V described above; the 1d. value of the 1938-44 issues of King George VI head type; the 9d. value of the 1946 Peace issue showing the Southern Alps and Franz Josef Glacier as seen through the Chapel window at Waiho Gorge; some of the Queen Elizabeth II issues especially the high values depicting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II upon that famous police horse Winston. Which do you select?

The President next introduced Mrs. I.J. Willis of Tunbridge Wells to present her Thematic Display which by way of introduction showed the 1945 issue of the Health Stamps in "Peter Pan" design accompanied with photographs of the Statue of Peter Pane taken in Kensington Gardens. The main display consisted of a Thematic Collection on Botany comprising flowers on Austrian, Swiss and Belgian stamps, fungi on Czechoslovakia, also agriculture on stamps covering ancient and modern ploughs, sowing and reaping, corn and cereal crops followed by anthropods, beetles etc. The most interesting exhibit was New Zealand stamps which had in their designs specimens of New Zealand native ferns and alongside the stamps were dried examples of the actual ferns sent from New Zealand. The Tree Fern - *Dicksonia squarrosa* - is included in the design of a number of New Zealand stamps including the 1920 Victory issue 1½d. value, the 1938 Health 1d. Children at play, the 1/- and 2/- Captain Cook 1935 etc. issues. Also noted was the Silver Tree Fern-*Dicksonia Antarctica* - on the 2d. Maori Whare Hut and the 1/- value of the 1940 Centennial issue.

The *Asplenium Bulbiferum*, commonly known as the Hen and Chicken Fern because of the little bulbils which form on the leaves, is in the design of the second type fiscal "stamp duty" long stamp.

The *Aspidium*, botanically known as *Polystichum* - variety *Angulare plumosum densum* - common name Shield Fern, is included in the design of the 1900 1½d. Boer War issue.

The Ladder Fern - *Nephrolepis exaltata* - is in the design of the Peace issue of 1946, 4d. value showing tank and plough.

Finally the Oak Fern usually known as *Polypodium Dryopteris*, Botanically incorrect, should be *Dryopteris Linneana* is included in the frame work of the first type fiscal 2/- stamp

stamp duty of 1882.

After viewing the displays and discussing some of the items exhibited, Mrs. E.C.M. Moore rose to propose a Vote of Thanks to the two speakers - with ladies first - she thanked Mrs. Willis for presenting in an interesting manner a thematic display of such a subject that, although not entirely of New Zealand, was a welcome change from the usual displays. The members present whole-heartedly concurred in these sentiments.

Of Mr. Bartrop's display, Mrs. Moore thanked him for allowing the members to see some outstanding items of the "Classic" issues and especially the very fine die proofs and colour trials of the King George V head type. Also the very fine photographs of forged stamps taken by the police. It would seem according to Mr. Bartrop that, the forensic department of the police are interested in recording and photographing known forgeries which, should have possibilities for members wanting a photographic record but please make sure they do not want your finger prints as well before accepting the offer.

The proposed Vote of Thanks was ably seconded by Mr. Erskine in his usual breezy manner and received with acclamation by the members for a delightful evening.

Albert A. Hard,

Hon. Editor of KIWI.