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- ❖ Information about Special Publications No. 5 & 6
- ❖ Membership Card

If any are missing, please contact the Membership Secretary

SOCIETY NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

New Members

We welcome:

W. Sampson, Queensland

CORRECTION TO THE KIWI

The more observant amongst our readers may have noticed an error in the last issue of *The Kiwi*. The header at the top of each page reads: '*The Kiwi, Volume 60 No. 6, November 2012*'. It should, of course, read '*The Kiwi, Volume 61 No. 6, November 2012*'.

My apologies for any confusion caused.

A. Dove

NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDLAND GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be held on Saturday 2nd, March, 2013. Those attending are invited to bring along a display, mini-display or even single items that will be of interest to fellow members.

It will be held at the usual venue: St. Anne's Church Hall, Park Hill, Mosely, Birmingham B13 8EU, starting at 14.00.

For further information, contact Ian Samuel on 0121 449 0849.

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held at St. Luke's, Orrell on Saturday February 9th, 2013 at **12.30** (not the usual 12.00).

This is a members meeting. Please bring along any recent acquisitions and items of interest – as much as you want.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps.* (Out of Stock)

SP 2: *Index to The Kiwi Volumes 1 to 50.* Printed and CD Version (Withdrawn)

SP 3: *The Kiwi Volumes 1 - 50.* Full text on CD

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SP 6: £10 incl. P&P

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MINUTES OF THE 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON NOVEMBER 24th 2010.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 17 members present.

1. Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting had been published in the January 2012 issue of *The Kiwi* and were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2. Chairmans Report and Review of 2012

The Chairman presented a review of the Society's activities during 2012:

The last year has been a successful period for the Society.

The programme of meetings started in January with an afternoon led by John Stimson on the subject of postmarks. The presentation generated a lively discussion which probably posed more

questions than it answered. In March, the meeting enjoyed a comprehensive display from Beverley King on the carriage of mail across the Pacific between 1870 & 1938. The next meeting in May was a members meeting at which eight of those attending showed their favourite eight (or so) sheets. As always, those present greatly enjoyed the diverse range of material to view. In July, Derek Diamond spoke about the Social Aspects of Fiscal Usage and gave a real insight into the ingenuity of the revenue raising activities of the New Zealand Government over the years.

The highlight of the year was the four days of Autumn Stampex during which we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Society. We were joined in the celebrations by the British Society of Australian Philatelists (50th Anniversary) and the Pacific Islands Study Circle (40th Anniversary). At Stampex, eleven members entered competitive entries, many for the first time and our haul of medals included two Large Gold and four Golds. A very creditable performance. Additionally, six invited non-competitive displays showcased the range of New Zealand Philately.

Two special meetings were held during Stampex, one, jointly with the other Societies, was addressed by Alwyn Peel on Captain Cook and the other, for the NZ Society of Great Britain, heard a fascinating account of the history of Canterbury by John Watts. The finale was a celebratory dinner at the Union Jack Club which was attended by 50 members and was honoured by the presence of the Deputy High Commissioner for New Zealand and the President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. A fitting tribute to the standing of the New Zealand Society.

Three publications celebrated our anniversary. First, a joint book *Gems of Australasian Philately* which highlighted about 110 significant and interesting items for the three areas. Secondly, an updated version of the *Index to The Kiwi* included the first 60 volumes. This is only available on CD. Thirdly, a special all colour issue of *The Kiwi* appeared in July.

Sadly, this year, we have lost two good friends. In March, we reported the death of Stan Kundin. Stan attended two of the Society weekends and made a great impression with his displays and his sociability. He also, of course, wrote the definitive book on Coils. Later in the year, we learned of the death of Robin Startup, RDP. Robin was not known personally to many members as he rarely left Masterton, let alone New Zealand. Nevertheless, his willingness to help fellow philatelists and the extent of his correspondence meant that many considered him a friend.

On a happier note, it is a great pleasure to record that two members of the Society, Dr. Robin Gwynn and Patrick Mazelis, were invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists this year. Many members attended Patrick's display of early NZ Postal History at the Royal this year. Robin, of course, is known to many and is always a welcome visitor to our meetings.

As always, I would like to pay tribute to the Officers who perform sterling service on its behalf and, without whom, we would not have a Society. I would particularly like to thank Our Man in New Zealand, John Watts, for his part in the 60th Anniversary celebrations. He persuaded the New Zealand contingent to make a valuable contribution to the Stampex displays and, even more commendably, personally transported dozens of display sheets from to the New Zealand. Truly a sterling effort for which we are grateful.

Lastly, I would like to note the departure this year of three long serving Officers: first, John Smith, our current President, who has previously served as Chairman and President as well as auditing the Society's books. Secondly, Andrew Dove is retiring from the Editorship of *The Kiwi* after nearly 16 years. Thirdly, I shall also be retiring as Chairman after 10 years. We all wish our successors and the Society well.

3. Financial Report from the Hon. Treasurer (Derek Diamond)

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated.

The Hon. Treasurer said that this years accounts were a little difficult to interpret because the closing date was in the middle of the settlement period for the 60th Anniversary celebrations. This

meant that the Society was holding some funds that were already committed for payment. He anticipated that the final accounts for the celebrations would be available for the Committee meeting in January.

With that caveat, Derek reported that the year had shown a small deficit of £676. This was anticipated and would be found from the reserves. It was anticipated that there would be a somewhat larger deficit next year. Again, this would be funded from reserves.

Overall, there had been some variations from expectations for the year but these had been acceptable. The largest pressure was from increasing postage costs for *The Kiwi*. Whenever possible, stamps were being purchased at a discount to their face value but it was still uncertain what increases in postage next year would bring.

Derek noted that the Society had only lost 4 members this year: this was the lowest number for some years and was a satisfactory position.

The Treasurer also wished to thank John Smith for his usual sterling work as Hon. Auditor.

In response to a question, the Treasurer said that he would explore the possibility of earning a higher rate of interest on the deposit account but there were few options in the present economic climate.

The Society Accounts were unanimously adopted: proposed by Lewis Giles, seconded by Derek Redshaw.

4. Report from the Strategic Review Group:

Paul Wreglesworth, Chair of the Review Group, reported that the group had been working since 2010 to identify ways in which the Society could take advantage of its current assets to allow itself to move confidently into the future.

Core benefits of membership had been identified including the Journal, Club Packet, Auction, Meetings, Library and the Web-site. The focus of the review had been to identify ways in which these benefits could be enhanced.

A number of weaknesses had also been identified. These included falling membership numbers, the fact that the responsibility for running the Society rests on too few people, inadequate succession planning and that *The Kiwi* is perceived as requiring a format change.

A number of changes had already occurred including a smooth transition of some of the senior positions in the Society, the launch of the series of special publications and better use of the web and electronic communications.

The web-site is seen as crucial to the success of the Society. More than 90% of new members are now recruited through the web. The aim is to become the number one destination for new or existing collectors interested in New Zealand stamps. Bob Clark is now a member of the group and is exploring ways in which this may be achieved.

Proposals for the future of *The Kiwi* will be made by the new Editor in due course.

Paul concluded by saying that the group felt that they were making progress and that there would be positive results to their work. If any members have comments or suggestions to make, the group would be delighted to hear them.

5. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary (John Hepworth):

John Hepworth had sent his apologies and forwarded a written report.

The handover from Bernard Atkinson to me on January 1st 2012 proceeded smoothly with remarkably few glitches. Transfer of the financial aspects was completed in April.

In the period February – September, thirteen packets have been sent out to members with each packet being seen by an average of 23 people, with an average of 6 not buying anything. Since

there are two separate circuits this means that most booklets are seen by approximately 50 members. The value of the packets has ranged between £400 and £1500, with the lower values associated with later packets for which a weight limit of 750g has been imposed to keep postal costs down. Sales average 30% of the packet value. This figure is disappointing but can be attributed partly to occasional over-pricing but more so to booklets which contain cheaper stamps from the 1980s and 1990s and those containing modern FDCs both of which sell poorly on their first circuit and not at all on the second. Perhaps a lower limit on the value of new booklets of £15 should be imposed and £10 for the second circuit.

Circuits have been completed generally in about 4 months which is pleasing but could be easily be reduced to 3 months if all members would comply with the 48 hour rule. There have been the usual instances of incompletely filled return slips and incorrect additions and omissions on both slips and booklets which makes finalising packet details harder than it should be. Worse still is the long-delayed return of the slips and cheques. Please pay more attention to detail and take more care to submit correct data on time.

The packet does give an opportunity for members to join in activities of the Society and to develop their collection. New members are always welcome. It also allows you to dispose of material which you no longer require, so why don't you join the nucleus of a dozen or so members who contribute to the packet. Both actions will add to the wellbeing of our Society.

He reported that more material is always needed for the packet but that he was pleased that a significant contribution to Society funds from the Packet was again present in the General Society accounts. The Packet Secretary also noted that there were occasions when material in the books has been swapped. This can be difficult to ascribe to any particular person but he asked that all recipients remained vigilant and report anything suspicious to him immediately.

When the accounts were being considered, a question was raised about the insurance premium shown. It was felt that this was probably not an accurate figure. It was agreed that clarification would be sought and the accounts further considered by the Committee at their next meeting.

5. Report from the Hon. Library Liaison Officer (Michael Wilkinson):

Michael circulated copies of his report to the meeting.

This year, the most significant event for the library was the eviction at short notice of the National Philatelic Society from Freeling House by the British Postal Museum and Archive.

The library has now been relocated to accommodation at Bill Hill Park but access is more difficult. Consequently, any member of the New Zealand Society who wishes to access material from the library should contact Mike Wilkinson and he will make the necessary arrangements. He may be contacted on MWilkin799@aol.com.

A reminder that a complete library list is available from Mike or through the Society website.

The Librarian said that he wished to thank the NPS Librarian, Mike Bramwell, for continuing advice and assistance particularly during this difficult year.

6. Election of Officers of the Society

The following office-holders were proposed by the Committee:

President	Andrew Dove
Vice President	Bernard Atkinson
Chairman (E)	John Stimson
Vice Chairman	Vacant
General Secretary (E)	Keith Collins
Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> / Publicity Officer(E)	Paul Wreglesworth (from a date to be agreed)

Packet Secretary
Treasurer / Membership Secretary(E)
Auctioneer
Honorary Library Liaison Officer
Auditor

John Hepworth
Derek Diamond
Brian Stonestreet
Michael Wilkinson
Bernard Atkinson

Additional members of the Committee were proposed as follows:

Northern Group Secretary – Jack Lindley
Scottish Group Organiser – Michael Kirwan

The proposed Committee was elected unanimously: proposed by Alan Baker and seconded by Lorraine Maguire.

7. Any Other Business:

1. The outgoing Chairman said that he wished to thank John Smith for his service to the Society. The record showed that he had been Chairman between 1984 and 1987, President between 1988 and 1998 and, again, between 2009 and 2012 and auditor since 1988. In all, this made a total of an extraordinary 40 years. Few could rival this.

In recognition of this commitment, the Committee had unanimously agreed that John should be awarded Life Membership and it was his pleasant duty to present a certificate commemorating this award.

2. The Chairman then thanked Andrew Dove for his remarkable 16 years as Editor. Every issue had appeared on time and the role of Kiwi as the means of keeping all members of the Society in touch with New Zealand philately in the U.K. had been maintained and strengthened. His work on the special Anniversary issue meant he was handing over at a genuine high point in Kiwi's reputation. That he had agreed to become President meant that his massive contribution to the Society in recent years would continue. Gratitude was expressed by everyone present.

3. John Stimson, the incoming Chairman, then thanked Derek for the 10 years of his tenure as Chairman. He said that he had joined the Society whilst Derek was Chairman and remembered the warmth of the welcome that he had received. This was due to Derek. During his term of office, he had brought an academics approach to the Society which had given a clarity of view that had resulted in the strategic review which had reported today.

This year, in particular, had been an extraordinary one for the Society with the 60th Anniversary Celebrations including many memorable events. The success had been due to Derek's drive and commitment.

A notable feature of Committee meetings during the 10 years had been the support offered to Officers in fulfilling their responsibilities.

John also thanked Derek's wife, Esmé, for the support, especially on the IT front, that she consistently gave. Although she had worked behind the scenes, her involvement had been very much appreciated.

Keith Collins then reiterated the thanks of the Society to Esmé and made a presentation to her on behalf of the Society.

4. Sandy McCullough announced that, following a recent meeting, the Scottish Regional Group had agreed to host the 'outside London' in 2014. It will be held in Glasgow over the weekend of October 3rd – 5th, 2014.

The meeting closed at 11.55.

**New Zealand Society of Great Britain
Income / Expenditure for Year ended 30.9.2012**

	2010-2011		2011-2012	
Brought Forward				
Current Accounts	13,253.91		14,400.76	
Deposit Accounts	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>£38,253.91</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>39,400.76</u>
Income				
Interest on deposits		105.37		53.96
Received from packet a/c		1,250.00		2,000.00
Auction: sales	10,870.45		8,060.01	
Less vendor payments etc.	<u>-9,471.86</u>	1,398.59	<u>-7,087.37</u>	972.64
Subscriptions received	3,761.15			
Donation - bequest	<u>0.00</u>	3,761.15		4,768.70
Publications and other sales (a)	961.15		326.16	
Less costs	<u>-370.34</u>	<u>590.81</u>	<u>-264.00</u>	62.16
Anniversary (net to date)				43.63
Total Income		<u>£7,105.92</u>		<u>£7,901.09</u>
Expenditure				
Kiwi: printing	2,798.20		2,831.00	
Postage and distribution	1,949.36		2,876.97	
Less advertisements inc.	<u>-1,106.24</u>	3,641.32	<u>-548.00</u>	5,159.97
Meeting costs	1,806.80			
Less York late income	<u>-294.25</u>	1,512.55		2,354.60
Society costs: Officers expenses	487.20		740.78	
ABPS & NZ Fed.	<u>318.00</u>	<u>805.20</u>	282.10	1,022.88
Library				<u>40.00</u>
Total Expenditure		5,959.07		8,577.45
Surplus		<u>1,146.85</u>		
Deficit				-676.36
		<u>£7,105.92</u>		<u>£7,901.09</u>
		Carried forward to 30.9.2011		Carried forward 30.9.2012
Library Fund		2,227.09		2,187.09
Publications (b)		8,000.00		7,740.00
Current A/c		4,173.67		3,797.31
Deposit A/c		<u>25,000.00</u>		<u>25,000.00</u>
		<u>£39,400.76</u>		<u>£38,724.40</u>
Represented by:	1 yr. bond HSBC	25,000.00		25,000.00
	A/c with interest	11,123.00		11,130.83
	Current A/c	<u>3,277.76</u>		<u>2,593.57</u>
		<u>£39,400.76</u>		<u>£38,724.40</u>

Audited and found correct in accordance with the papers and statements produced to me.

J.A.W. Smith FCIB, ACIS, Hon. Auditor

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUP HELD ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2012

Eight members met at the home of Keith Walker near Dunfries. After a delicious lunch (cooked by Keith himself!) we decamped to the village hall for the displays.

Recent acquisitions included early covers and modern perforation errors.

Bill Black showed a selection of postal stationery ranging from 1898 Pictorials to modern.

Alistair McCulloch's display was in two parts: first, the 1954 QEII official stamps, comprising plate proofs and issued stamps in blocks; and, secondly, WWII PoW mail from Germany, many with family connections, including fine hand drawn Christmas cards from 1940 to 1945.

David Edwards showed us lots of Kiwis, especially the 1988 40c definitive in all its issued forms including self-adhesives, booklets and sheetlets.

Jim Breckenridge had an impressive display of the King George V surface printed definitives with all the CP shades and many watermark and perforation varieties.

Keith Walker showed flight covers from 1937 onwards including a number of First Flights and three of NZ Posts 'Best of' mini-sheets for each of 1999 and 2000.

John Studholme celebrated the centenary of 1912 Antarctic expeditions with correspondence and covers associated with Scott and other expeditions, together with the stamp issues of 50 and 25 years ago (1962 and 1987 respectively).

David Stalker demonstrated how NZ Post had milked the 2001 Fellowship of the Ring issue (the first of the Lord of the Ring trilogy) with the initial set followed by multiple mini-sheets, special covers etc.

Michael Kirwan displayed the bird values (4d, 6d and 1/-) of the 1898 pictorial definitives showing each of the seven printings, plus watermark varieties (including upright 'abnormals') and perforation errors.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD ON NOVEMBER 10TH, 2012

There were five members present with apologies from three more. This was a members meeting on the theme of 'War and Peace'. Those present showed as follows:

Paul Wreglesworth: a Boer War POW cover as illustrated in the recently published 'Philatelic Gems' and covers from the same War with Postage Due stamps. World War I censored covers, covers with Instructional Markings such as 'PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN'. World War II covers to Italy, Holland, France with 'NOT TRANSMISSIBLE'.

Stuart Potter: The Empire Air Mail Scheme, with postage initially 1½d, then, due to World War II, the changing and various rates and routes were illustrated with numerous covers, including one at the top rate of 6/3. Christmas cards from World War II designed by Peter McIntyre. Patriotic covers from World War II.

John Hepworth: World War I ephemera including a certificate of Enrolment, passes from camps such as Sling Camp, a railway warrant for a soldier on leave, transport ship mail, postcards and envelopes from Samoa.

Jack Lindley: a block of the King George V War Stamps with a range of overprint varieties, a study of the stamps of the 1946 Peace issue and the different illustrated covers of that issue. Patriotic covers from World War II.

Another good meeting with a wide range of material. Thanks to all who participated.

RESULTS OF THE 2012 ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The Society held a successful auction on November 24th. Total sales were £7,000+ compared to £8,000 in 2011. The Society thanks all vendors for their participation and:

Brian Stonestreet	: Auctioneer
Andrew Dove	: Compiling Auction catalogue
Brian Stonestreet and Esmé Diamond	: Display of lots
Keith Collins and Michael O'Keefe	: Handling of lots during auction
Esmé Diamond	: Recording
John Stimson	: Collecting payments and sending lots to postal bidders
Derek and Esmé Diamond	: Printing auction catalogues, recording auction, collecting payments and settling with vendors

Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£
A	9	II	20	1	39	91	44	162	11	293	85	341	4	385	6
B	10	JJ	7	2	8	98	125	163	12	294	25	342	4	386	5
C	10	KK	6	4	8	100	65	164	5	299	280	347	4	389	8
D	8	LL	2	6	90	105	18	165	30	300	35	349	3	392	12
E	9	PP	5	10	34	106	13	166	13	301	190	352	6	394	8
F	5	TT	11	12	14	119	240	167	13	302	29	354	3		
G	9	WW	12	14	27	120	450	174	185	303	8	355	13		
H	5	XX	8	17	32	132	70	177	170	304	13	357	5		
I	8	YY	5	20	92	133	30	180	200	308	27	359	10		
J	21	AAA	9	23	25	134	30	182	4	310	7	360	20		
K	1			24	105	137	22	184	25	311	9	361	14		
L	10			25	20	141	8	185	18	312	9	364	30		
M	8			27	34	143	3	189	18	313	9	365	28		
N	15			28	25	145	14	190	5	314	7	366	28		
O	3			30	22	146	10	190a	410	316	4	367	5		
P	1			31	35	147	19	191	585	317	9	368	7		
Q	7			33	20	148	15	201	110	320	9	369	25		
R	2			35	25	149	9	205	315	321	12	370	3		
S	10			37	35	150	10	206	120	323	12	371	7		
T	12			38	45	151	19	207	120	324	10	372	3		
U	1			41	105	153	9	217	8	330	15	373	11		
X	25			44	43	154	5	218	30	331	3	374	13		
CC	5			67	90	155	8	226	18	333	11	375	11		
DD	12			69	120	156	13	233	210	334	60	376	11		
EE	35			75	30	157	150	234	40	335	6	377	10		
GG	2			84	28	158	60	237	210	336	8	378	16		
HH	12			89	35	160	17	287	70	337	15	379	28		

Lots not shown were unsold.

NON NEW ZEALAND ENTRIES BY NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN SOCIETY MEMBERS AT STAMPEX 2012

In addition to the New Zealand entries at Stampex, a number of members entered the competition with entries which were not of New Zealand material. Our congratulations to them and thanks for helping to make Autumn Stampex such a success. These were:

Name	Title	Description	No. Frames	Award
Trevor Bevan	Association Football	The exhibit shows all aspects of the game from its origins to the World Cup Final	5	Large Vermeil
Francis Kiddle	Tasmanian Revenues	The display shows the development of Tasmanian revenue stamps from 1827	8	Large Gold
Francis Kiddle	The Ideal Stamp	The exhibit tells the story of the competition run by the Junior Philatelic Society to find a replacement for the maligned 'Mackennal' issue	4	Large Vermeil
Iain Stevenson	Book Tokens 1932-2012	On the 80 th birthday, this display shows the development of the stamps on the book token	1	Large Silver
Iain Stevenson	France – 1943 Parcel Post	A study of wartime parcel delivery in France	1	Large Silver

Superb material for the discerning



This cover was an example of the world's first airmail and is the only known Paris balloon post cover addressed to Australasia. In 2009 Mowbrays Australia sold this 1870 Siege of Paris ballon monté cover for NZ \$238,625 - a record Australasian price for a philatelic item.

The 3d H.M.S. Vanguard stamp, prepared for use but unissued owing to the King's deteriorating health that resulted in the cancellation of the 1949 Royal Tour. It is one of only 6 examples known and was sold in 2009 by John Mowbray International for NZ \$31,050.



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INFORMATION RECEIVED:

MEDIA RELEASES

Christmas Stamps Reflect on the Nativity Story

September 2012



New Zealand Post is celebrating Christmas 2012 with a special stamp issue portraying the traditional Christmas story.

The Christmas 2012 stamp issue consists of five intricately illustrated gummed stamps that highlight key moments in the Nativity. Each stamp has a unique New Zealand touch, with a pōhutukawa motif framing the illustration.

The 70c stamp shows Mary and Joseph with the newborn baby Jesus, and the \$1.40 stamp features the shepherds who were tending their flocks nearby. The angel of the Lord who shared the news of Jesus' birth is shown on the \$1.90 stamp, and the \$2.40 and \$2.90 stamps show the three wise men travelling to worship Jesus, and presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Christmas 2012 stamp range includes five gummed stamps, three self-adhesive stamps (70c, \$1.90 and \$2.40), two first day covers, three self-adhesive booklets and a self-adhesive dispenser box.

The stamps and first day covers were designed by Donna McKenna of Wellington. The gummed stamps and dispenser box were printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print Ltd. of Dunedin and the booklets by Australia Post, Sprintpak, Australia. The full range will be available from the usual outlets from 3 October 2012.



Fish of Tokelau feature on stamps

September 2012

Tokelau's releasing its latest stamp issue which celebrated some of the fascinating found in its tropical waters.

The fish illustrated in this colourful stamp issue are the kakahi (yellowfin tuna), the palu malau (ruby snapper), the paala (wahoo) and the mahimai (common dolphinfish).

The 40c stamp features the kakahi (*Thunnus albacores*) – a torpedo-shaped fish with a dark metallic-blue back, yellow sides and a silver belly. The kakahi is a favourite catch of Tokelauans and is found at depths of 100 to 120 metres.

The palu malua (*Etelis carbunculus*) is shown on the 45c stamp. It is a fairly long fish with a forked tail and is found at depths of 90 to 400 metres. While it can measure up to 120 centimetres in length, it is often smaller.

One of the fastest moving fish in the world is depicted on the \$1.40 stamp. The wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*) is streamlined with an elongated body and is covered in tiny scales. It is usually found on its own, or in groups of two or three.

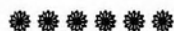
The common dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*) is found in warm waters such as those of Tokelau and is shown on the \$2.00 stamp. It has a long, compressed body and the mature males of the species are known for having prominent bony crests on the front of their heads.

The Fish of Tokelau stamp collection includes four stamps, two first day covers and a miniature sheet.



The stamps and first day covers have been designed by New Zealand Post Ltd., Wellington and printed by the Collectables and Solutions Centre, New Zealand Post, Whanganui.

The stamp issue is available through the Whanganui Collectables and Solutions Centre from 3 October 2012.



Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

1 November 2012



New Zealand Post is issuing official commemorative stamps and coins celebrating the first of three films based on *The Hobbit*, entitled *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.

Directed by our very own Sir Peter Jackson, this epic film promises to take the world by storm. The story follows the journey of title character Bilbo Baggins, who is swept into an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor from the fearsome dragon Smaug.

The range of stamps and coins not only portray the characters and themes of Peter Jackson's *The Hobbit: An unexpected Journey*, but also reflect New Zealand as the home of Middle-earth, and are destined to become collectables for years to come.

Each of the six stamps features a key character from *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. Use them to send your mail from Middle-earth, or keep them as a magical memento of the film.

70c stamp – Bilbo Baggins

Like all Hobbits, Bilbo Baggins is fond of his comfortable existence, but his life changes forever when he is unexpectedly swept away from his home in the Shire to embark on an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor.

\$1.40 stamp – Gollum

Once a hobbit-like creature himself named Sméagol, his body and soul have been poisoned by a small, plain, gold ring that he has kept hidden deep in a dark cavern within the misty mountains.

\$1.90 stamp – Gandalf

One of the most powerful Wizards in all Middle-earth, Gandalf the Grey joins the quest to reclaim the Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor and the great treasure that lies within its stone halls from a fire-breathing dragon, Smaug the Terrible.

\$2.10 stamp – Thorin Oakenshield

A strong fearless fighter and respected leader of the Company of Dwarves, Thorin is determined to reclaim his homeland and destroy the beast that brought such desolation on his people.

\$2.40 stamp – Radagast

Forgetful, easily distracted and quite eccentric, Radagast is more comfortable talking to animals rather than people. A fellow wizard and friend of Gandalf the Grey, Radagast is one of the guardians of the great forests of Middle-earth.

\$2.90 stamp – Elrond

One of the wisest and most ancient of the Elves remaining in Middle-earth, Elrond is Master of Rivendell, the Last Homely House East of the Sea. During the Company of Thorin Oakenshield's short stay, Elrond provides shelter and supplies to Bilbo and the Dwarves.

The stamp issue includes six gummed stamps, six self-adhesive stamps on a strip and a self adhesive booklet, six miniature sheets, first day covers for the gummed and self-adhesive stamps

and miniature sheets, maximum cards and a presentation pack. The complete set of stamp products is available in 'The Ultimate Collection' which is contained in a specially designed folder.

The issue has been designed by Stamps and Collectibles Business, New Zealand Post. The gummed stamps have been printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin and the self-adhesive products by Australia Post Sprintpak.

The range will be available from the usual outlets from 1 November 2012.



Further Notifications from New Zealand Post

New Zealand Post has also announced that it has issued special commemorative sheets from two Stamp Exhibitions:

Blenpex 2012 took place in Blenheim between 12th and 14th October 2012. A miniature sheet and exhibition cover were issued. The miniature sheet showed Mt. Tapuae-o-Uenuku in the background and featured three stamps from New Zealand's 'Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee' stamp issue.

Beijing International Stamp and Coin Expo 2012 was held between 2nd and 4th November 2012 in the Exhibition Hall of the China World Trade Centre in Beijing. A miniature sheet and souvenir cover were available. The miniature sheet featured three stamps from the '2012 Year of the Dragon' stamp issue set against an image of Dunedin Railway Station which served as the port of entry for many early Chinese immigrants.



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RECENT AUCTION REALISATIONS

Lot No.	Description	Realised (Estimate)
Ashford Stamps Postal Auction No. 68: 13th September 2012		
811	1937 A.S.U.N. Ltd. ship S.S. Orungal postcard illustrated with ship and map of route Cairns-Melbourne with dinner menu printed inside	NZ\$150 (200)
881	5 Imperf and 3 perf. Chalons with pre-printing paper creases: mixed condition	NZ\$2,800 (1250)
1039	SSF Adsons: 1d second setting reconstruction of 4 panes. U. colours mauve to red-brown	NZ\$490 (300)
1151	1915 Promisory Note with 1/- KEVII definitive stamp	NZ\$30 (30)
1863	Honey Seal 1938-52. 2d on ¼ red UHM. Kiwi R127a	NZ\$82 (75)
1870	Life Insurance: 1891 set mint. Some short perfs. and heavy hinges	NZ\$500 (500)
2007	1873: Maori wars cover with 2d Chalon cancelled by complete strike of Otahuhu, dated APL-26-73	NZ\$1800 (2000)
2060	1901 Boer War cover with Newtown Park, Sixth Contingent, free cachet	NZ\$1000 (1250)

Auckland City Stamps: Auction 195: October 2, 2012

2361	1931 Airmail set postmarked 9NO, one day before official date of issue	NZ\$660 (750)
2615	1906 Postcard with printed 'Mangawai Mission Postcard' franked with triangular 1d Newton Congregational Sunday School Red on Pink label (Heslop G2). Not surcharged	NZ\$1250 (1250)
2652	1938 Heath FDC: Jones H38. 1H	NZ\$100 (100)
2655	1939 Health FDC: Jones H39. 1CA(b) with violet handstamp correcting incorrectly printed date	NZ\$120 (150)
2692	1953 Health FDC: Jones H53. 1GEA	NZ\$385 (250)
2829	Fine Paid overprint on 2/- Admiral. Kiwi R67a also perfined	NZ\$150 (150)
2853	1921 (31 JA) Airmail cover with 6d KGV posted at High St. PO form Christchurch – Timaru flight. Cat #27b	NZ\$600 (600)
2862	1911 Leaf mail with 1d Dominion tied Eltham - Wellington	NZ\$130 (100)
2864	1895 Long OPSO cover franked SSF 8d, 4d & 1d. W'ton to USA	NZ\$600 (750)

John Mowbray International Public Auction: November 3rd, 2012

362	Fielding R.M.P.O. J-type cds. Experimental rural mail delivery by motor bike (?unique)	NZ\$390 (500)
401	SG1, FU, three margins	NZ\$13000 (12500)
404	SG2, FU, four margins	NZ\$400 (450)
407	SG3, FU, four margins	NZ\$1250 (1500)
570	KGV 5d Imperforate horizontal pair with right selvedge	NZ\$680 (500)
576	1932 1d Field Marshal overprinted 'HALFPENNY' used on cover at Nelson Creek (near Greymouth)	NZ\$1600 (2250)
679	1899 Great Barrier Pigeongram Service receipt (18/9/99) for 1 message from Great Barrier Island. Signed by Charles Cooper	NZ\$525 (750)
693	Christchurch Exhibition 1d Claret. Fine mint.	NZ\$18100 (18000)
731	2006 Kapa Haka mint set of 5	NZ\$8750 (12500)
962	1902 2/6 counterpart fiscal postally used on NZ Parcel Post label	NZ\$700 (1000)
973	Passport Fee overprint – 1/- KGV mint no gum and 2/-	NZ\$810 (750)
974	Passport Fee overprint – 1926 5/- & 10/-	NZ\$2000 (800)

Auckland City Stamps: Auction 196: November 13, 2012

1903	First Pictorials ½d Mt. Cook Corner blk. 4 with plate number 1. CPF5c	NZ\$800 (1000)
2120	1958 2d Stars error used on cover SG763b	NZ\$1000 (750)
2434	1914/8 Cinderella: NZ Santa Claus/Kempthorne Prosser 1d share label	NZ\$88 (100)
2443	1990 Framma Plane set of 6 (40c, 80c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.80 and \$2.40)	NZ\$34 (30)
2467	1952 Health FDC (Jones H52.1AA) signed by Secretary of Auckland Central Council New Zealand Federation of Health Camps	NZ\$72 (50)
2474	1957 Health FDC. Jones H57.1AB	NZ\$132 (100)

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| 2604 | 1920 Photo of Captain Evan Dickson and certificate signed by Dickson | NZ\$111 (50) |
| 2610 | 1931 First Flight cover carried on Experimental flight Australia/England – addressed to India. Signed by Kingsford Smith | NZ\$300 (250) |

LIBRARY ACQUISITION

A generous gift from Campbell Paterson Ltd., provides the Society's library with an unusual and important item. The spiral bound volume of 235 pages, all in colour, is entitled '*The R.D. Gwynn Collection of the New Zealand 'First Sideface' Issue, 1874-1882*'.

This is a picture – there is only minimal text – of undoubtedly the finest ever collection of this issue and one most unlikely to be re-assembled in the same depth in the future. This record is wonderfully comprehensive: it includes hand-drawn essays, proofs, mint and used stamps of every value up to and including the five shillings as well as covers. The topics illustrated cover the perforation varieties in detail, shades with many examples of 'blueing', examples of presentation and specimen overprints, marginal markings, postal stationery and great detail on rates and types of cancellations. There are several highly annotated pages showing on-going research including one from the collection of the great Ken McNaught. The pages are not (yet?) numbered, it has no index, and there is no detailed table of contents.

This unique archive will be available for borrowing by our members once our library liaison officer has completed the accession procedures including any action necessary to protect this precious donation.

Derek Diamond

UPPER HUTT 2013 STAMP SHOW

The New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition will be held between September 13th and 15th, 2013 at Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre, 386 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. It will be a celebration of Upper Hutt's Golden Jubilee and will be the first National Exhibition to be held in the City. The exhibition will be held one week after the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand's 125th Anniversary Celebrations.

For further information, the organising committee may be contacted by e-mail at upperhutt2013@gmail.com or by post at: Upper Hutt 2013, P.O. Box 40 480, Upper Hutt 5140, New Zealand.

A copy of the prospectus and forthcoming newsletters will be posted on the NZPF website at: www.nzpf.org.nz/societies/sentral/upperhutt/index.html.

FOLLOW UP TO A PREVIOUS ARTICLE:

PRINTED TO PRIVATE ORDER POSTAL STATIONERY ENVELOPES

ALLIED FINANCE LTD - 1938 TO 1940 – NEW VARIETIES

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Introduction:

A recent study of Printed to Private Order Envelopes for the Allied Finance Ltd. appearing in the 60th Anniversary issue of the *Kiwi* revealed heretofore unreported varieties of these envelopes including three distinct type settings for the return address printed in the lower left hand corner, envelope paper and back flap variations (1).

Shortly after this study paper was accepted for publication, the authors became aware of three further examples of these AFL envelopes through the kind auspices of Mr. Paul Wales of Classic Stamps Ltd. All three envelopes had been previously held in the late Mr. John Wilson's George VI collection and two are new varieties relative to those discussed in the recent study. The characteristics of the three envelopes are summarized below.

Type II Setting Inscription Envelopes (c. 1938-9)				
Date	Die (Stamp colour)	Paper	Flap Design	Flap Embossed
24 FEB 1939	1938 KGVI ½d. (Green)	White	Ellipse	No
25 OCT 1939	1938 KGVI 1d. (Red)	White	Ellipse	No
Type III Setting Inscription Envelope (c. 1939-40)				
3 OCT 1939	1938 KGVI ½d. Uprated with ½d. meter stamp	Buff	Rounded	No

Newly Identified Varieties of AFL Envelopes

Figure 1 illustrates the 1938 KGVI 1d. (Red) AFL envelope and is the first example of this denomination seen by the authors to feature the Type II Setting return address inscription. Further, this would appear to be is the first recorded example of a 1d. AFL envelope on white paper with an ellipse back flap as Volume IX of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand states that "*only envelopes recorded are buff coloured window envelopes*" (2). The usage date, 25 OCT 1939, is the latest date of use identified so far for envelopes featuring the Type II Setting return address inscription.

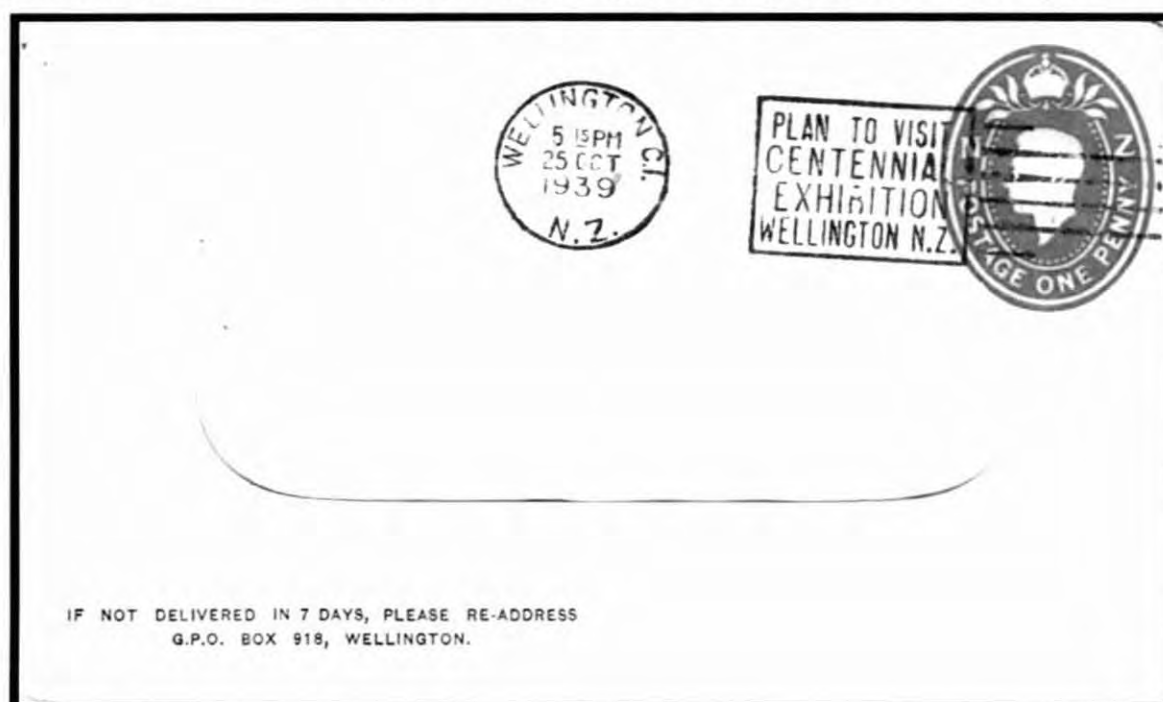


Figure 1. 1938 George VI 1d. Printed to Private Order AFL Type II Envelope on White paper dated 25 OCT 1939
(Envelope courtesy of the John Wilson collection)

Figure 2 illustrates an example of the previously described 1938 KGVI ½d. (Green) AFL envelope with Type III Setting, buff paper and rounded flap but, in this case, uprated with a ½d. meter stamp to meet the 1d. rate for Commercial Letters that came into effect (Sunday) October 1, 1939. This is the **first recorded example** of an uprated ½d. AFL envelope seen by the authors. The envelope illustrated in Figure 2 is dated (Tuesday) 3 OCT 1939, the second business day after the October 1939 rate increases.

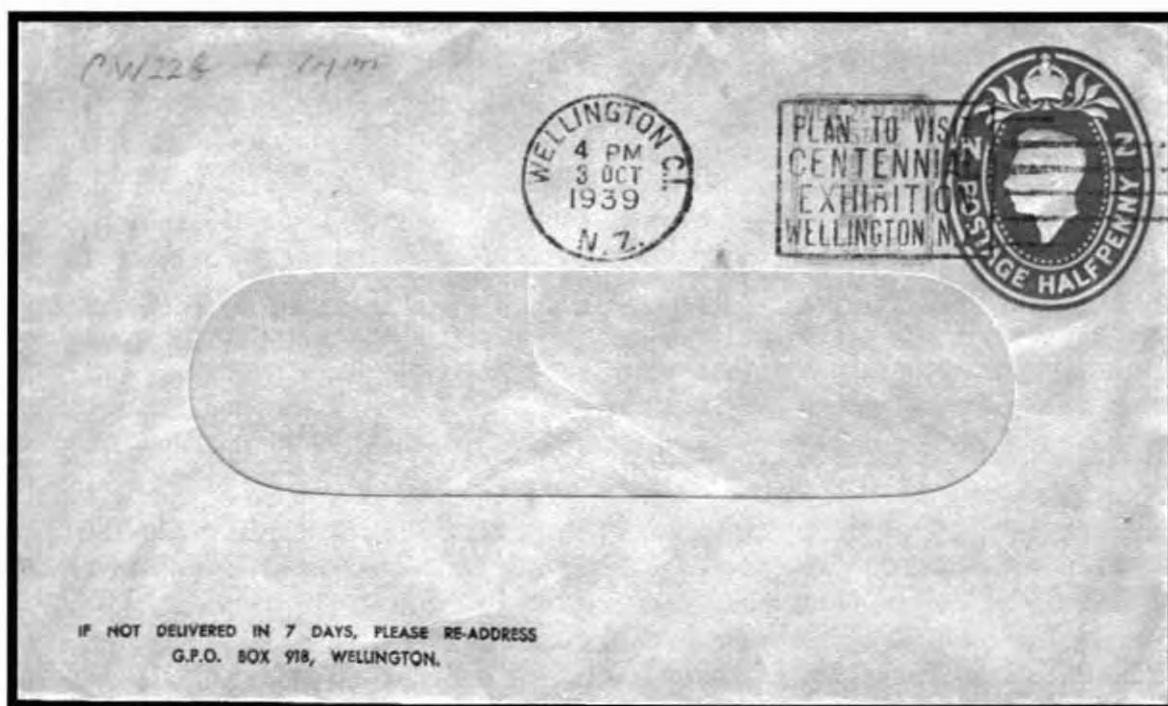


Figure 2. 1938 George VI ½d. Printed to Private Order AFL Type III Envelope on Buff paper dated 3 OCT 1939
Uprated with a ½d. meter stamp (No. 1546)
(Envelope courtesy of the John Wilson collection)

Lastly, the 1938 KGVI ½d. (Green) recorded above and postmarked 24 FEB 1939 is the first example of this class of this envelope which does not appear to show any evidence of the back flap having been embossed. All other examples examined to date (some 7 in total) show some evidence of faint embossing of the back flap.

Acknowledgement: Mr. Paul Wales of Classic Stamps Ltd. graciously provided access to and permission to use images of the three Allied Finance Ltd envelopes formerly held in the John Wilson Collection and sold in Classic Stamps Auction No. 61, April 2012. Paul's assistance in providing access to these Allied Finance envelopes is gratefully acknowledged.

Relative Scarcity - The League Table

With the kind assistance of other New Zealand postal history philatelists and dealers, the authors have now examined or been made aware of 26 examples of Allied Finance Ltd Printed to Private Order envelopes. Taking into account the differentiating characteristics of the printed stamp denomination, Type Setting of the return address inscription, paper, flap design and back flap embossing, some 10 different categories or varieties of these envelopes have been identified.

To date, one example has been recorded for five of the ten different categories identified in this

study while at least two or more examples have been recorded of the other five categories. The ten different categories are shown below in the form of a "League Table" which provides readers an overview of implied scarcity in terms of numbers of examples that have been surveyed to date for each class.

Allied Finance Ltd. Envelopes - Scarcity Ranking as of October 2012

AFL Envelopes of which only one example has been identified to date				
Setting	Die (Stamp colour)	Paper	Flap Design	Flap Embossed
Type I	1936 KGV 1d. (Red)	Buff	Rounded	No
Type I	1938 KGV ½d. (Deep Green)	White	Ellipse	No
Type II	1938 KGV 1d. (Red)	White	Ellipse	No
Type II	1938 KGV ½d. (Green)	White	Ellipse	No
Type III	1938 KGV ½d. Uprated with ½d. meter stamp	Buff	Rounded	No
AFL Envelopes of which two or more have been identified to date (numbers in parenthesis)				
Type I	1935 Pictorials ½d. Fantail (Green) - (2)	White	Ellipse	Surface Printed
Type II	1938 KGV ½d. (Green) - (3)	Buff	Ellipse	No
Type III	1938 KGV ½d. (Green) - (3)	Buff	Rounded	No
Type III	1938 KGV 1d. (Orange Red) - (6)	Buff	Rounded	No
Type II	1938 KGV ½d. (Green) - (7)	White	Ellipse	Yes (faint)

The authors anticipate that further examples of AFL envelopes reside in other philatelists' collections and dealer stocks and would welcome receiving information about these over time so that they may be incorporated into the survey of this class of New Zealand postal history. The authors can be contacted via email at stephen.prest@gmail.com, by regular mail at their contact address listed on the King George VI New Zealand website at www.kgvi.co.nz or through the kind auspices of our Editor of the *Kiwi*.

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