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SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2013 STARTING AT 11.00**

11.00: RECENT ACQUISITIONS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

14.00: THE BIENNIAL 12 SHEET COMPETITION

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A NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR OF *THE KIWI*

PAUL WREGLESWORTH

Taking over the editorship of '*The Kiwi*' is a daunting prospect, particularly following in the footsteps of Andrew Dove who has consistently delivered a quality journal since taking over in 1997. I have been a member of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain since 1969 and attended my first London meeting the following year (in my school holidays!). The Society has undergone many changes since then and must continue to evolve if we are to remain a viable group for the future.

The Kiwi is, and will remain, an important benefit of membership and a key vehicle for communication with our members. To those who have contacted me, both with support and comments, I have responded to say that I would like to make some changes - but expect evolution rather than revolution. Change will be difficult without input from members be those articles, questions, letters or just items of interest. I have cleared my in-tray and look forward to receiving a flood of contributions!

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR . OF *THE KIWI*:

Please note that all electronic correspondence for *The Kiwi* should be addressed to a new e-mail address: kiwieditor@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Union Jack Club on March 30th, 2013 starting at 11.00. The morning session is open for all those attending to show recent acquisitions, interesting material or puzzling items that need discussion.

The afternoon will be the Biennial 12 Sheet Competition. Those attending the meeting will judge the entries and award the prizes in each class.

As you will see from the full competition rules on page 27 of this edition of *The Kiwi*, there are lots of classes with many prizes to be won. The twelve sheet competition provides an ideal opportunity for the novice competitor. The success of the meeting depends on members entering and, following Stampex, 2012, we hope to see many more entries than in previous years.

CHANGES OF DATE

NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDLAND GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be held on Saturday 23rd February, 2013 (NOT MARCH 2ND AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED). 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.

THE JOINT NORTHERN AND SCOTTISH GROUPS MEETING IN CARLISLE

Members of the Northern and Scottish Groups area asked to note in their diaries that the date of joint meeting in Carlisle has been changed to October 12th, 2013. This is because the Scotex meeting in Perth has now been fixed for the 19th October.

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

SP 4: *New Zealand Stamps Overprinted "O.P.S.O."* (Out of Stock)

SP 5: *Index to the Kiwi Volumes 1-60*. Published on CD only

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SP 5: £5 incl. P&P

SP 6: £10 incl. P&P

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MEETINGS OF THE SCOTTISH GROUP IN 2013:

In 2013, the Scottish Group will meet on:

- April 20th at Congress at Perth: an informal meeting at lunchtime
- June 1st at St. John's Hall, Edinburgh: Display of King George V by Andrew Dove
- October 12th at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (Re-arranged from October 19th)

MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN GROUP IN 2013

In 2013, the Northern Regional Group will meet on February 9th, May 18th, September 7th and November 9th. There will be a joint meeting with the Scottish Group in Carlisle on October 19th.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON JANUARY 26TH 2013

The Chairman, John Stimson opened the meeting by welcoming those present to his first meeting in the chair. He informed members that only a few copies of 'Philatelic Gems' remained and if anyone was interested, they should contact the Hon. Treasurer as soon as possible. He also commented that the Index CD is still available.

He then handed over to **Paul Wreglesworth** who was to lead the afternoons meeting on the subject of Registered Mail pre 1908. He started by explaining that the cut off date of 1908 was chosen because on January 1st, 1908, Post Offices in New Zealand began using blue edged paper registration labels. Before that date, a wide range of markings were used and there was little pattern or consistency to be discerned.

Paul said that his display was divided into a number of sections: the early period followed by manuscripts, and then large and small oval marks. The sheets on show included a number of prints of items in Len Jury's collection and he was grateful for Len's assistance in preparing the display. The definitive work on the subject was written by the Rev. A. H. Voyce and published in 1971. Although there are a number of markings which have been recognised since publication, there is still no better text available.

The earliest reference to registration of mail in New Zealand was in 1840 when it is mentioned in a letter bill from Port Nicholson to Sydney. In the United Kingdom, although the formal Registration of Mail did not start until 1841, a system of recording mail had been in place since at least 1556 and a domestic registration system existed from 1680 when Robert Murray offered registration and compensation for 1d.

In New Zealand, the first handstamp possibly used was the Crown over curved 'Registered' marking. There is debate as to whether this mark was ever used in New Zealand. The question seems to have been solved by Ray Collins who, in 1965, found sheets of specimen markings from Dunedin in the 1860's which included this mark. Three examples are known but all are on letters to the United Kingdom so it is possible that they were applied on their arrival rather than despatch.

The earliest known registered letter from New Zealand to the United Kingdom is dated 1845, there was no additional charge for registration at this time. The next mark was a straight line cancel 'REGISTERED': two examples are known, one of which is in Len Jury's collection.

There was a lot of concern about the security of mail at this time. Registration was more concerned with ensuring delivery than compensating for loss. The New Zealand Post Office Act of 1858 recommended that senders of money orders should cut them in half and send the two halves separately.

In the early days, registered items was wrapped in green paper to distinguish it from the remainder of the mail and ensure that it was handled appropriately. In other countries, the next step was to wrap the letter in green tape. Len has one envelope with a remnant of tape beneath the

stamps. It carries no evidence of registration so, although it may be the sole survivor of this method of treatment, there is room for debate about its genuineness.

The sheets on show included a wide range of these markings. There were many unusual rates and routes although, as usual, the majority of the examples were to the United Kingdom. A spectacular Mulready entire was included: it was posted in 1867 in Rotorua and addressed to Palermo, Italy, and was franked 1/6½d representing an overpayment of 2½d on the rate of 8d postage and 8d registration fee. There were examples from all the groups and it was notable that there was little consistency as to the way that these letters were marked and treated.

The first evidence of uniformity came in 1891 when, following the country's joining the Universal Postal Union, every registered letter going overseas had to carry a large 'R' mark. It seems to have been left to local postmasters to obtain the canceller necessary to comply. The same mark is often seen used on internal mail and, on occasions, was used to cancel the stamps.

Derek Diamond gave the second part of the display. The collection that he showed represented the working collection that was being used to compile the section on Registration in his book on the First Pictorials.

He said that he, too, was struck by the inconsistency in treatment and markings applied to the registered letters. However, in the period from 1898 to 1908, every envelope that he had seen had the blue lined cross applied. This seemed to have been the internationally recognised symbol that the Post Offices ensured was visible. Unlike the present day when the registration system was partly about delivery but, more importantly, about compensation if the item goes astray, during this period the emphasis was on increasing the security of delivery. Indeed, compensation only started to be paid during the 1920's.

During the 1898 – 1908 period, the surviving envelopes show a wide range of rates and origins. For the most part, stamps valued at 5d and under were used, Derek said that he had never seen the 2/- and 5/- used on registered letters and the 8d, 9d and 1/- are very rare.

Included in the display were a range of the pre-printed registered envelopes produced in different sizes by New Zealand Post. He also showed a wide variety of locally made hand stamps. Even in one post office, there was little consistency: two envelopes from Opunake dated 1898 and 1907 had different handstamps. A number of the examples had additional numbers on the envelope. These were applied by the Chief Post Offices through which the letter passed in each country to allow local tracking.

Derek showed two photocopied sheets of early registered mail from the Hawkes Bay area that had been sent over by Mr. Geoghan. If any members have any items from this period from Hawkes Bay, he would appreciate a copy: these may be forwarded through Derek.

The afternoon finished with Paul showing two specific subjects: first, a number of items that had been compulsorily registered. This usually occurred when the envelope contained coin. The item had a penalty fee of 1/- until 1896 when the charge was reduced to 6d.

Secondly, he explained and illustrated the AR service by which, for the payment of a fee, a receipt was generated at the office of origin and accompany the item until it was delivered when it would be signed by the recipient and returned to the sender. The regulations varied over the years with the result that initially, a stamp paying the additional fee was stuck on the form but from 1892, the stamp was stuck on the envelope.

John concluded the afternoon by thanking Paul and Derek for a most comprehensive explanation and display which all present appreciated and enjoyed.

The meeting closed at 16.15.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF MIDLAND GROUP HELD ON OCTOBER 27TH, 2012

Possibly due to a clash with a local philatelic fair and the Midland Philatelic AGM, only four members attended this meeting.

Ian Samuel showed a selection of postcards from the 1960/1970 period. The collection had originally been accumulated by somebody who had made a prolonged tour of New Zealand, probably in a Campervan, in 1971. All the cards were unused but one had been marked up 'we were here – 16th Feb 1971'.

Starting with the North Island, the tour went from Cape Reinga at the extreme north, through forests and down the East coast to Auckland, the Coromandel, Rotorua, the Bay of Plenty, Napier and Gisborne to Wellington to Paraparumu and the Gold Coast.

Part two of the display moved to the South Island, starting at Picton, moving to Nelson, down through the Buller Gorge to the West Coast and over the Haast Pass to Wanaka, Queenstown and Fjiordland. From there, we went back across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch and up the East Coast Road through Blenheim returning to Picton.

Some of the cards were of obvious tourist attractions, such as the glaciers, but others were off the normal tourist routes and showed a rural New Zealand which pre-dated the current tourist boom. Of particular interest were the road conditions, some even being called 'highways'.

Although there were few members attending, those present were fascinated by this documentation of a lost era and thanked Ian for his display.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

A committee meeting was held on January 26th, 2012. Amongst matters discussed were:

- Two additional members were co-opted onto the Committee:

Robert Clark: Society Webmaster

John Watts: the Society Representative in New Zealand

- The Hon. Treasurer reported on the cost of the 2012 60th Anniversary Celebrations. The nett cost to the Society was £2,135: this was composed of:

Special issue of <i>The Kiwi</i> (only including the cost above an average issue	£800
Anniversary Dinner including guests (7) and members (43), menu and souvenir miniature sheet	£530
Competition costs, frame fees and prizes : gross £876 less £310 unclaimed entry fees and prize donation	£566
Guest Speaker (B&B x 3 nights) and room hire	£287
Miscellaneous costs – promotion, photocopying, administrative support, postage and travel costs over 3 years	£286
Total Expenditure:	£2,465
Australia 2012: Collaboration with BSAP and PISC. Surplus generated by sale of adverts in <u>Gems</u> Unsold stock of Gems at 1.1.13 – 40, if all sold there will be an extra estimated nett income of £300)	£330

Nett cost of Celebrations to Society

£2,135

He further reported that, following discussion with the Hon. Auditor, there were no problems with the Packet Accounts for the last financial year. He recommended that they be approved. The Committee agreed and approved them unanimously.

A significant number of members have not yet renewed their subscriptions. **Please remit promptly if you are amongst them.**

➤ The Society library, held in the NPS library, has now moved to Bill Hill Park. The Hon. Librarian is in touch with the NPS librarian to assist where possible. There is no long term solution for its permanent relocation agreed yet.

➤ Proposed Programme for 2014:

January 25 th	New Zealand's Third Pictorials (<i>The 1960 Definitive Issue</i>)
March 29 th	CALs and Advertising Covers
May 31 st	Stampex Displays re-visited (<i>those who entered Stampex 2012 will be invited to display and talk about their entries</i>)
July 27 th	Postal Treatment of Postcards (<i>aspects of postcards usage – rates, markings etc. – to concentrate on the other side from the picture</i>)
October 3 rd – 5 th	Glasgow Weekend to include the 16 Sheet Competition
November 29 th	Annual General Meeting and Auction

If any members have any comments, please contact the Hon. Secretary.

RULES FOR THE 12 SHEET COMPETITION

The biennial 12 Sheet Society Competition will be held at the Society meeting on March 30th, 2013. The rules are:

- [a] All classes are open to all members, no material is restricted, but see [e] below.
- [b] Members may submit one or more entries in each class. Each entry must comprise 12 sheets.
- [c] Sheets shall not exceed 295mm high x 245mm wide. Each sheet shall be contained in a protective sheet numbered on the reverse in the order in which they are to be displayed. A descriptive sheet containing not more than 80 words should be placed behind the first sheet.
- [d] Each entry must be the sole property of the member and all mounting and writing must be the work of the member except in the case of disability preventing this.
- [e] Any entry which has been awarded a prize (winner or runner up) in a previous competition may not be entered again in substantially the same form.

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	WINNER
Classic	Issues of QV & First Pictorial	Campbell Paterson Trophy
Modern 1	KEVII, KGV, 1d Universals, 1d Dominion & 2 nd Pictorials	David Forty Salver
Modern 2	KGVI to present day	Barton Bowl
Postal History	Inc. Aerophilately & Postal Stationery	Stacey Hooker Cup
Open Class	To include: Thematics, Ephemera, Cinderellas and any display with at least 50% philatelic content	Kiwi Shield

Judging: The members present at the competition meeting shall carry out the judging. Members will mark the entries according to the marks on the voting paper and will indicate who, in their opinion, they consider to be the first and second in each class. The winning

entry will be the one that achieves the greater number of 'firsts'. Members with an entry in the class will be ineligible to vote in that class.

Trophies: There shall be five Classes with a trophy awarded to each winner. The runner up in each class will receive a certificate.

Marks:

Classes: Classic, Moderns 1, Moderns 2 & Postal History

Philatelic Knowledge and Personal Study	30 pts
Treatment, Originality and Importance	25 pts
Relative Condition and rarity	25 pts
Presentation	20 pts
Total	100 pts

Open Class

Presentation	25 pts
Originality	20 pts
Development and Treatment	20 pts
Philatelic Knowledge	20 pts
Relative Condition	15 pts
Total	100 pts

Please Note:

All entries should be handed to the Hon. Secretary before 13.30 on the day of the competition. There are **NO** postal entries.

SOCIETY PROGRAMME FOR 2013

During 2013, the main meetings of the Society will be held as follows:

Please note this is the correct programme: the membership card has some incorrect information about the use of the morning period of the meetings.

January 26 th	11.00: Committee Meeting 14.00: <i>Registered Mail pre-1908</i> , led by Paul Wreglesworth
March 30 th	11.00: Items of Interest 14.00: 12 Sheet Competition
May 25 th	11.00: Items of Interest 14.00: <i>Booklets</i> , led by Michael Wilkinson
July 27 th	11.00: Committee Meeting 14.00: <i>Essays and Proofs</i> , led by Keith Collins
September 28 th	11.00: All Day Members Meeting at Warwick & Warwick, Warwick
November 30 th	11.00: Annual General Meeting 14.00: Annual Auction

THE ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The Annual Society Auction will be held following the AGM on November 30th, 2013. It seems a long way away but it is not too early to start looking out material for inclusion. **REMEMBER:** the success of the auction depends just as much on vendors as it does on buyers.

The catalogue will be compiled by Andrew Dove and, although the full notification will be published in the next issue of journal, he would be happy to receive descriptions and reserves by e-mail (dove697@btinternet.com) or post (address on page 22 of this issue of *The Kiwi*).

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
PACKET ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDING 30.9.2012

Account until change of Secretary

Income		Expenditure	
	£. p.		£. p.
Brought forward 1.10.11	1,513.90	Sales	6,539.13
Receipts from Packet sales	5,022.16	Expenses	99.88
Insurance from lost Packet	1,198.32	Club books	18.00
Ex gratia payment - Lloyds	50.00	Transfer to main account	500.00
		Funds to new Secretary	627.37
	<u>7,784.38</u>		<u>7,784.38</u>

Account after change of Secretary

Income		Expenditure	
	£. p.		£. p.
Balance forward at changeover	627.37	Payments to vendors	1,986.78
Packet sales after handover	4,063.75	Insurance Premium (part)	214.00
		Secretarial expenses	79.08
			<u>2,279.86</u>
		Cash at Bank (30.09.12)	2,411.26
	<u>4,691.12</u>		<u>4,691.12</u>

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

J. A. W. Smith ACIS Hon. Auditor

DISPLAYS BY MEMBERS

Brian Stonestreet is providing the static displays at the Royal Philatelic Society:

February 8th – 27th February, 2013: *King George VI*, February 29th – March 13th, 2013: *Queen Elizabeth II*, March 15th – April 3rd, 2013: *Definitives 1970 – 2000*.

Paul Wreglesworth is booked to give three displays entitled '*New Zealand's Third Pictorials*'. These will be at: March 5th, Morecombe & District Philatelic Society; March 26th, South Manchester Philatelic Society; July 4th, Lostock and District Philatelic Society. Further details are available from the North West Federation of Philatelic Societies web site: <http://nwfedps.org>. He is also participating in a display at the Royal Philatelic Society of London by members from the North West of England on February 28th. He will show '*The Second Sideface 2½d and 5d values, 1890-1891*'.

HONOUR FOR A MEMBER

Congratulations to Paul Wreglesworth who was one of three signatories of the Roll of the North Western Federation of Philatelic Societies. The award was made in October in recognition of his major contribution to philately in the North – West.

BACK ISSUES OF *THE KIWI* AVAILABLE

Since I became Hon. Editor of *The Kiwi*, it has been my practice to retain some copies of each issue lest they be required for future competition entries etc.

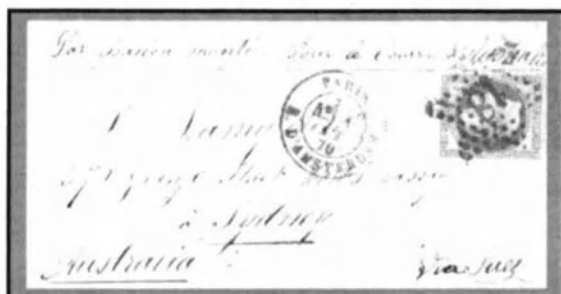
I shall be disposing of these at the end of May this year. If any member requires any particular issues to complete their run, I would be delighted to forward copies on payment of postage.

Some copies have already been used so there are limited numbers of these particular issues. I suggest, therefore, that if anybody is interested, they forward me a list of their requirements so that I can confirm availability and also calculate postage before they are despatched.

The copies that I have start at Vol. 46 No. 2, March 1997 (whole number 261) and continue to the current issue.

Please forward requests to: Dr. A. F. Dove: e-mail dove697@btinternet.com.

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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MEDIA RELEASES

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with New Zealand Post 2013 Year of the Snake stamp issue December 11 2012

The Chinese New Year will soon be upon us and, according to the Chinese calendar, 2013 is the Year of the Snake. The Chinese believe that those born in the Year of the Snake are elegant, insightful, motivated and highly intellectual.

The *2013 Year of the Snake* stamp issue reflects different aspects of Chinese tradition and culture. The four stamps also celebrate New Zealand's growing multicultural society.

The 70c stamp features the striking Chinese 'snake' character in calligraphy and was created by Zhao Meng-fu, from the Yuan Dynasty (1254-1322 AD). Zhao was a scholar, painter and calligrapher who rejected the gently brushwork of his era in favour of the cruder style of the 8th century.

The art of Chinese paper-cutting (jianzhi) can be traced back to the period known as the Northern and Southern Dynasties (386-581 AD). The \$1.40 stamp shows a paper-cut greeting snake that is decorated with images of the silver fern (*Cyathea dealbata*) and the pomegranate – a Chinese symbol of luck, fertility, wealth and long life.

New Zealand's links with China are celebrated in the lantern design on the \$1.90 stamp, which features a koru-shaped snake. The unfurling fern represents new life, growth and strength, while the round lantern symbolises wholeness and harmony. The snake is decorated with a peony, which is widely regarded as China's national flower.

The koru-lantern is taken to new heights in the \$2.40 stamp, soaring on the Skyline Gondola above Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu. This area is also home to the Winter Festival, and in 2012 the Festival included a lantern parade, with an array of colourful lanterns and a Chinese dragon lighting up the streets.

The highlight of the *2013 Year of the Snake* stamp issue is the presentation pack. Inside this beautifully presented pack is a range of stamp products, information on the Year of the Snake and a free paper-cut snake.

The stamps, miniature sheet, first day covers and presentation packs have been designed by Bananaworks of Auckland. The stamps were printed in offset lithography by Cartor Security Printing, France. The products are available from the usual outlets from 9 January 2013.



New Zealand Post celebrates native ferns of Aotearoa

January 15 2013



New Zealand Post is celebrating New Zealand's native ferns with its latest stamp issue New Zealand Native Ferns. New Zealand is home to an abundance of ferns, of which around 45% occur nowhere else in the world.

Five distinctive ferns are intricately illustrated on the five gummed stamps and reflect New Zealand's remarkable diversity. Each stamp includes both the common and scientific names of the fern.

The 70c stamp features the hen and chickens fern (*Asplenium bulbiferum*). This fern is a common forest species found in wet habitats throughout most of New Zealand. It is a fairly large fern that grows on the ground, especially along stream banks. It is easily recognised by the

numerous small plantlets (or 'chickens') that arise on the upper side of the fern frond. Young uncurling fronds, known as pikopiko, were eaten by the Māori as a delicacy.

Kidney fern (*Cardiomanes reniforme*) is one of New Zealand's most distinctive ferns and is depicted on the \$1.40 stamp. The kidney-shaped frond, the projecting clusters of reproductive structures around the margin and the green translucence of the fronds when seen against the sun make this an enticing and unforgettable fern. It grows best in wet forest, forming colonies on banks and low trunks, and in the dry weather the fronds curl up to prevent water loss, recovering as soon as the rain returns.

Colenso's hard fern (*Blechnum colensoi*) was named in honour of William Colenso, an early missionary and botanist who collected the species near Lake Waikaremoana in 1841. The plants grow in wet forest, usually hanging from steep banks or streamsides in dark places, often near waterfalls. Colenso's hard fern is illustrated on the \$1.90 stamp.

Umbrella fern (*Sticherus cunninghamii*) derives its common name from the parasol-shaped frond, shown on the \$2.40 stamp. The Māori name, *tapuwae kōtuku* means 'the footprint of the white heron'. Ferns in this family characteristically produce a bud at the top of the frond stalk. In this species the buds often grow out to produce a second or third tier of umbrella-shaped fronds.

Silver fern (*Cyathea dealbata*) with its distinctive white underside to the frond, is probably New Zealand's most widely recognised fern and is illustrated on the \$2.90 stamp. Along with the kiwi, the silver fern has become an emblem of New Zealand's national identity. The silver fern has a woody trunk that produces a crown of fronds, and grows to about 10 metres tall in dry forest.

The stamps, miniature sheet and first day covers have been designed by 2Di4 Design, Wellington. The stamps have been printed in offset lithography by Cartor Security Printing, France. The products are available from the usual outlets from 7 February 2013.



The 2013 Game Bird Habitat Collection

January 15 2013



2 February 2013 is World Wetlands Day which means it's time for New Zealand Post to issue its annual Game Bird Habitat Collection. This year's collection features the Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*). Also known as *matuku*, this unique bird is listed as nationally endangered and there estimated to be fewer than 1,000 individuals living here.

Products from the Collection are not valid for postage.

Stamp, miniature sheet and first day cover illustrations are by Paul Coney of Pukekohe. A Limited Edition Artist Print is also available. The products have been printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. The products are available from New Zealand Post Ltd., Collectables and Solutions Centre, Freepost 1, Private Bag 3001, Whanganui 4540, New Zealand.



PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Auckland Post Office 1840 – 1875

Author: G. I. Robertson. Pub. The Postal History Society of New Zealand, P. O. Box 99-673, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand 1149. Study No. 15. Pp. 58; illustrated in b&w with one double page colour illustration. ISBN 978-0-908588-87-9. Price NZ\$22 + P&P.

The latest publication from the PHSNZ tells the linked stories of the development of the Post Office in Auckland and of Auckland itself. The front cover shows a sketch of the first government

settlement on the Waitemata River in 1840. A row of tents is visible, one of which served as the Post Office. How things have changed!

The development really started in February 1841 when Auckland became the seat of Government although, at this time, New Zealand was still part of New South Wales. The narrative follows the changes in both the locations of the Post Office, the buildings and details those employed to provide the service. It is interesting to read of the early postmasters such as Grimstone, Paton and Connell who had chequered careers and, in some cases, seem to have viewed the position as an adjunct to their other activities and money making opportunity.

There is evidence of a prodigious amount of research in the book and, considering that the record is incomplete, the story makes a compelling read. The illustrations are well chosen and well reproduced: the colour illustration (Fig. 22) of the sketch by Temple of the Post Office in 1864 has a real sense of immediacy. It conveys the importance of the posts to the settlers and even gives an idea of the distinction between the natives and the Pakehas.

Most enjoyable and recommended.

AD

New Zealand Overseas Airmail Postage Rates 1930 - 2011

Author: Robin M. Startup. Pub. Jointly The Airmail Society of New Zealand and Mowbray Collectables. Pp. 155 fully illustrated in colour. ISBN 978-0-9597787-9-3. Available to members of the Airmail Society of New Zealand from P.O. Box 29144, Fendalton, Christchurch 8540, New Zealand (Price NZ\$48 + P&P) and from Mowbray Collectables, Private Bag 6300, Wellington 6140, New Zealand (Price NZ\$60 +P&P).

This book is a fitting testament to Robin Startup's literary output. It is the culmination of what must have been years of research and the information is presented clearly and concisely, covering in detail a difficult area of philatelic research. It was left unfinished at the time of Robin's death in February 2012 and has been ably completed by Alan Tunnicliffe. He has also overseen the editing and production of the publication which was printed in Levin. Alan has also expanded the original scope by making the end date 2011 rather than Robin's original cut off point of 2006.

The information contained in the book expands on the three previous excellent publications from the Airmail Society of New Zealand and the Airmail Catalogue. It expands on the previous books and also fills in a lot of smaller detail. It also draws on the official publications of the time that were part of Robin's philatelic literature collection.

The first period covered is between 1930 and 1934 when the Airmail fee was treated as a surcharge. This is followed by a section on 1934- 1939 when the airmail fees were a part of the postage and the routes were opening up. The next five sections cover the disruption caused by the Second World War, NZ troops overseas and the recovery from the conflict. The remaining five sections cover the post war development of the services and show how the postage charged was refined over the routes.

Each section contains an explanation of the way that the services developed with most of the detail derived from contemporary GPO notices. Throughout, selected examples of envelopes carried on the service are illustrated with high quality reproductions. Each section finishes with a consolidated table of all the routes and rates covered in the text. The consolidated table for the services between 1939 and 1941 also includes the superscription required to specify the route by which the item was to travel.

I am sure that all collectors of stamps and postal history has some covers with frankings that they struggle to explain. The chances are that the answer is contained in this book as the rates changed frequently and mail to some obscure destinations are surprising. For example, in 1934, New Zealand to Abyssinia via Australia to Egypt and then overland was charged at 1/8 per ½oz.

The obscurity of some of the rates makes the work valuable for collectors who attempt to find examples of their issue on cover used at the correct rate.

Overall this is a classic work that should find a place on the bookshelves of every collector of New Zealand stamps and postal history. AD

Len Jury Catalogue of New Zealand Stamps 2012

42nd Edition. Pub. Len Jury Ltd. P.O. Box 4400, Auckland 1140. Price NZ\$15.00 (Posted by Air c. £8).

Every year, Len Jury's catalogue arrives to brighten up the winter in the UK. This year sees its 43rd edition, a creditable record. As always, the size is A5 and the colour reproduction is good. It has a useful list of Year Packs and Special Editions.

Although the listings are simplified, considering the number of issues, it is useful to have an up to date list of items issued. CALs to 2007 are also included. The values given also enable the general collector to gain a feel for changes and to identify scarce and unusual items.

As always, the illustrations are of high quality and, at a modest price, it is to be recommended.

NEW ZEALAND POST STAMP PROGRAMME FOR 2013

Date	Subject of Issue
January 9 th	2013 Year of the Snake
February 2 nd	2013 Game Bird
February 7 th	New Zealand Native Ferns
March 6 th	An Exciting Mystery Issue
April 3 rd	ANZAC
May 1 st	Queen Elizabeth II – 60 th Anniversary of Coronation
May 10 th	Australia 2013 World Stamp Exhibition
June 5 th	Matariki 2013
July 3 rd	2013 Children's Health
August 7 th	Kiwiana
September 4 th	Honey Bees and Annual Collector Packs
September 13 th	Upper Hutt New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition
October 2 nd	The Hobbit – The Desolation of Smaug
October 13 th	Ross Dependency
October 13 th	Annual Pack

NEW EDITION OF AUSTRALASIAN WRECK MAIL

A new edition of this classic is in preparation: further detail in the next *Kiwi*. A pre-publication price is available until March 31st 2103. For further information contact brpeace@ntlworld.com.

NEW ZEALAND POST NEWS

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

- The Hobbit stamp sheets issued on 1 November 2012 have unusual 'traffic light' colour marginal imprints. These take the form of the initials of the film character depicted on each stamp. For example, the 70c value has 'BB' for Bilbo Baggins. The barcode on the 70c stamp is 9 415599 10638 4.
- This year and last in the Kapiti and Blenheim areas, NZ Post has been trialling new style Post Shops as part of their Retail Transformation Project. The trials involved different layouts including separate queues for postal and banking business as well as a range of pre-paid parcel plastic envelopes and boxes.

From June 2013, a further trial will take place on Auckland's North Shore. The PostShops that will be involved in this trial are: Birkenhead, Brown's Bay, Albany, North Harbour, Beachhaven, Glenfield, Takapuna, Sunnynook, Devonport, Milford, Mairangi Bay, Northcote, Whangaparoa and Orewa in addition to a new outlet at Silverdale.

- New Zealand Post has started a 6 month trial in early December of what are called Parcel Pods. These are automated lockers offering a secure, convenient place for customers to collect their parcels. The trial is being held at three locations: Wellington Railway Station, Victoria Street West in Auckland and Botany Town Centre.
- New Zealand Post, in partnership with Singapore Post, has set up an internet shopping delivery service to avoid restrictions that some online retailers in USA impose which mean that they will not deliver to overseas addresses. The new service is called YouShop. It utilises a warehouse in Delaware where NZ customers parcels are sent before being forwarded to New Zealand from the warehouse by Singapore Post. NZ Post has been promoting the service to KiwiBank customers since October ahead of a wide promotion to the general public next year.
- A commemoration ceremony was held on October 15th, 2012, in Wellington to honour the memory of seventeen World War Two Coastwatchers who were executed (by beheading) by the Japanese on Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands 70 years ago, on October 15th, 1942. At the same time, five civilians were executed. Among the seventeen Coastwatchers were seven Radio Operators who had been Post and Telegraph Department employees before they volunteered for war service.

In 2013, it is planned to construct a war memorial outside NZ Post House in Wellington. The USA constructed a memorial for the Coastwatchers at Betio, Tarawa in 1944.

RECENT AUCTION REALISATIONS

Lot No.	Description	Realised (Est.)
Prestige Philatelic Auctions: Pacific Islands: October 12th, 2012		
565	2d Chalon, SG 9, horizontal strip 3 with good to large margins. VFU. (<i>ex Hackmey</i>)	A\$2500 (2500)
567	1862-3 1/- Chalon rouletted 7 at Auckland, SG 57, 3 huge margins and sl. creasing (<i>ex Kaye and Hackmey</i>)	A\$675 (800)
573	1864-7 Chalon 2d blue Pl. II. Block 4 with large part OG. SG 115 (<i>ex Du Bois</i>)	A\$4200 (5000)
599	1931 AE Cousins essays for Second Pictorials in pencil and watercolours. Fifteen values. (<i>ex Midas and Baillie</i>)	A\$3800 (5000)
603	1936-40 Airmail design: 3d photographic stamp size reduction with several amendments and black security corner	A\$150 (200)
627	1931-40 £3 Arms on Wiggins Teape paper unmounted mint marginal copy. SG F183	A\$900 (1,200)
647	SSF Adsons 2d Perf. 10 block of 6: SG 219e	A\$150 (200)
679	1875 FSF cover NZ to England franked with 1d, 2d and 6d. Postmarked Arrow River (goldmining)	A\$650 (650)

Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions: Australasia: October 4th, 2012		
650	Die proof of KGVI definitive with sl. different portrait from issued stamp and blank value tablets	£3200 (3750)
653	Die proof of KGVI portrait similar to high value portrait	£450 (600)
654	Die Proof of 2d KGVI definitive printed in black	£2300 (2750)
655	KGVI definitive 6d; perforated colour trial in blue on gummed wmk. paper	£170 (175)
667	1960 definitive 2d vert. pair with upper stamp missing yellow	£450 (425)
670	1962 Telegraph Centenary 3d vertical strip of 6 with lower pair showing sepia gradually disappearing	£110 (110)
J & J Fitzpatrick: Postal Auction November 23rd, 2012		
250	1898 QV 3d 'G' size Registration envelope uprated with London First Pictorial 6d and 9d	NZ\$1350 (850)
254	1901 Registered envelope to USA franked with First Pictorial 8d	NZ\$ 700 (450)
258	1904: KEVII 3d Registered envelope uprated with First Pictorial 2½d and 5d with blue manuscript 'AR'	NZ\$1100 (300)
274	1911: Registered envelope franked KEVII ½d, 4d orange and 5d (+ 2½d Lake Wakatipu)	NZ\$275 (250)
280	1916: registered envelope franked KGV 2d Violet, ½d and 1d Dominion	NZ\$150 (150)
299	1921: First flight of Walsh Bros. regular weekly service: envelope with h/s 'Per Aerial Post', franked 6d Victory	NZ\$850 (975)
339	1943: envelope with fine strike of 'Pahautanui M.C.' relief datestamp	NZ\$200 (200)
Ashford Stamps Postal Auction: December 13th, 2012		
1615	1933 Pathway Health stamp with 'VOCO' perfin used 1933	NZ\$75 (75)
1671	1935: Airmail 3d chocolate Perf. 14x15. UHM	NZ\$225 (225)
1672	1935: Airmail 3d chocolate Perf. 14x15 fine used on East Coast Airways envelope	NZ\$2000 (2500)
1791	1897: envelope to Bank of NZ with 4d green & black die 1 Long Type imperf. fiscal tied by Taylorville datestamps	NZ\$650 (800)
1792	1897: envelope to Bank of NZ with die 1 1d Lilac and red, 1d Blue and red and 1/- Purple and red Long Type imperf. fiscal tied by Taylorville datestamps	NZ\$550 (650)
Cavendish Philatelic Auctions: December 6th, 2012		
1224	1844: Letter from William Wakefield to his daughter endorsed 'By Overland Special Mail'. Sent from New Plymouth to Wellington	£360 (200)
1225	1864: Pair of letters from William West at the Woolshed Goldfield in Otago. Also two gold nuggets attached to stick pins mounted on card stating 'alluvial gold from Otago 1864'.	£360 (150)

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

A LABEL FROM THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

ANDREW DOVE and BRIAN PHIPPS

In previous issues of *The Kiwi* (1, 2, 3) we carried reports of labels that New Zealand Post applied to letters which were delayed because they were in box lobbies which were inaccessible for safety reasons following the earthquake in 2011. Interestingly, in his article on the effects of the earthquake, Robin Startup (1) notes the difficulties of delivering mail but does not mention delays to the collection.

During a recent visit to a neighbouring philatelic society, Brian Phipps showed me a postcard that he had received from a friend who was touring New Zealand (Figure 1).

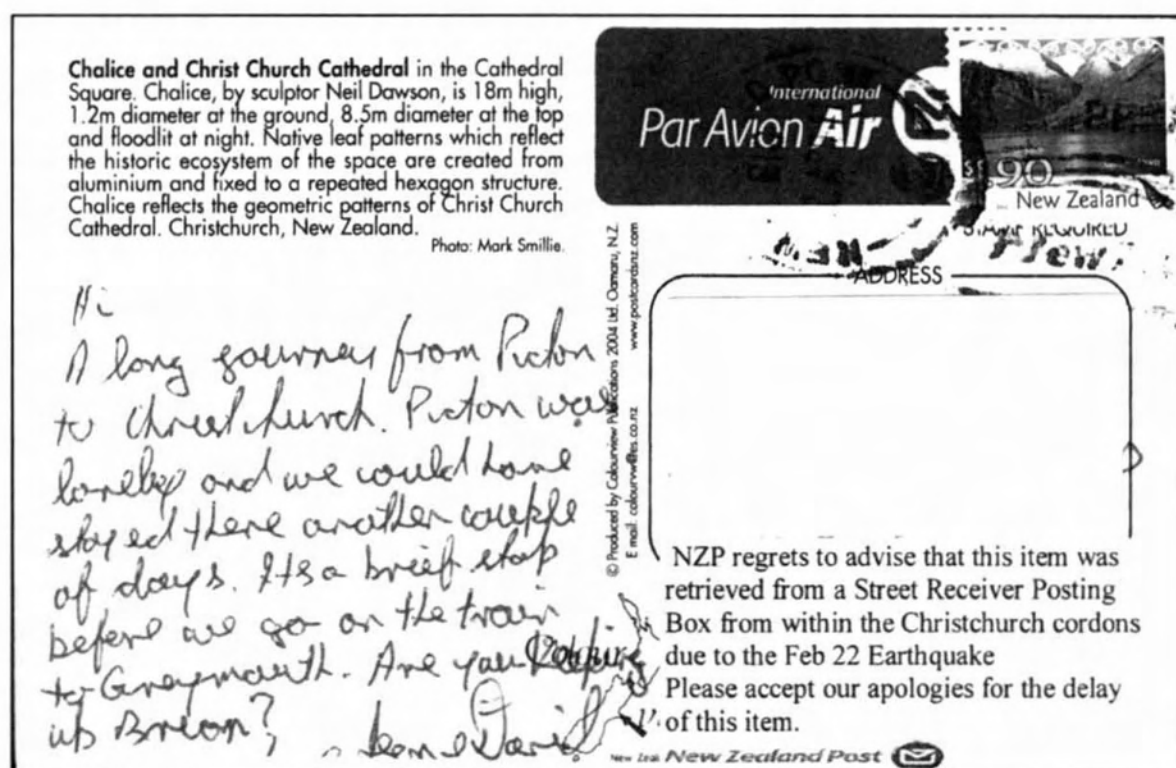


Figure 1: A postcard delayed after the Christchurch Earthquake

The earthquake occurred on February 22nd. Unfortunately, the date of the postmark is indistinct although it appears to be 22 AP 11.

Considering the extent of the disruption to the mail service in the aftermath of the earthquake, it is no surprise that collections from street boxes were also affected. I am not aware, however of any previous reports of the label illustrated here. It may be that most of the mail would, of course, have been for addresses outside Christchurch and its significance has not yet been realised.

We would be interested to hear of any further examples through the Hon. Editor.

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ADDENDUM TO THE TEDDY BEAR STORY

JOHN WATTS

In the special issue of *The Kiwi*, I gave an account of the story of the famous Teddy Bear Health stamp (1). There are two points that I wish to clarify and one extra piece of information.



Figure 1: The letter from the Plunket Society to the Designer

First, Figure 1 shows the letter that was sent by the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society to the designer, Helen Casey. The letter clearly blames the error on New Zealand Post and the checking process and exonerates Helen of any blame as the design went through the agreed process.

Secondly, the new information: Brian Rumsey of Ashford Stamps informs me that he was contacted by a client living at Lake Okareka, approximately 18 miles east of Rotorua, whose wife purchased a full sheet and block of 22 Teddy Bear stamps from their local post office at Te Ngai. She used one of the stamps and the remaining examples (a total of 121 stamps) were purchased by Ashford Stamps who subsequently supplied a number of dealers throughout New Zealand. This accounts for about half of the stamps reported sold by the Te Ngai office.

Thirdly, the clarification. The reprinted Teddy Bear stamp miniature sheets were printed by Australia Post- Sprintpak and not Southern Colour Print as stated.

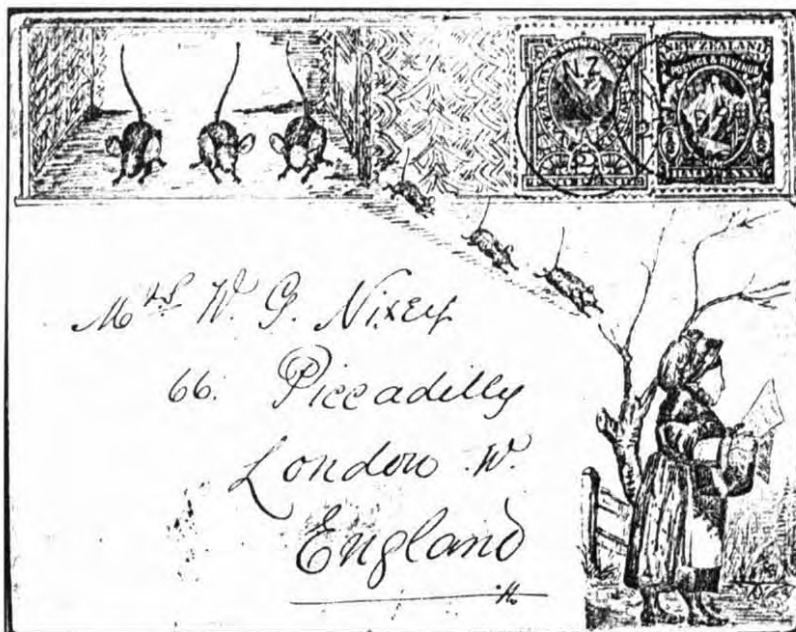
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ANOTHER HAND ILLUSTRATED ENVELOPE

ERIC LEWIS

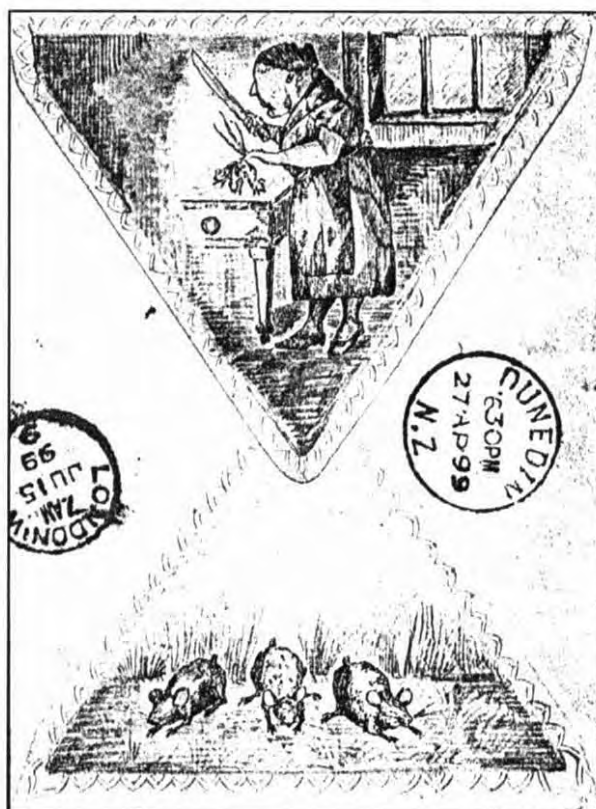
In a previous issue, I showed a hand illustrated envelope (1): below is a further example illustrating the nursery rhyme, Three Blind Mice. Again, the letter was posted in 1899 from Kyeburn, a gold mining settlement in Otago.



The Three Blind Mice

See how they run

They all ran after the farmer's wife



Who cut off their tails with a carving knife

Did you ever see such a thing in your life as three blind mice?

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