

Maltex 11th Philatelic Exhibition

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The eleventh edition of the Maltex Philatelic Exhibition has come and gone and is now history. The number of visitors to the Exhibition was one of the best ever and according to general consensus it was a success. It would be unethical to add any further comments by one who was involved both in the organisation and as an exhibitor.

The Exhibition was held at the ‘Green Lounge’ of the Hotel Phoenicia from 8th to 10th October. It was inaugurated on Thursday 7th October by the Chairman of the Malta Study Circle (U.K.) Dr. Rodger Evans B.Sc., Ph.D., Hon. F.A.P.S., and blessed by the Rev. Anthony Galea S.J. who has been a member of the Malta Philatelic Society since 1977.

The current year coincided with the 150th Anniversary of Malta’s first stamp the halfpenny Queen Victoria yellow. To commemorate the event members of the Malta Study Circle (U.K.), who had organized a visit to Malta, were invited to attend the official opening and to participate as exhibitors if they wished to do so.

The Society commemorated the special anniversary by commissioning a limited number of souvenirs to mark the unique event. The souvenirs consisted of a crystal paperweight and a metal keychain both of which were designed by Mr. John De

Battista a member of the Society. Both souvenirs were packed in attractive boxes and bore the image of the stamp and an inscription marking the occasion.

Listed hereunder are the exhibitors that participated in the non competitive exhibition. As could be noticed from the titles of the exhibits there was something of interest for everybody to see and enjoy:-

- Birkett Allan John “The Green Cross label scheme and patriotic labels”.
- Bonavia Carmel G. “Special covers commemorating Pope Benedict’s visit in 2010”.
- Bonello Carmel “G.B. Victorian postmarks on stamps”.
- Bonnici Alfred (Dr.) “Grandmasters’ letters to the Farnese Dynasty”.
- Camilleri Anthony “Malta Zeppelin mail / The Green Cross label scheme 1940-1943”.
- Cardona John A. “Halfpenny stamps of Malta”.
- Cutajar Lino (Profs.) “David Livingstone & Albert Schweitzer – two medical philanthropists in Africa”.
- De Battista John “1885-1902 Postage Stamp shades and Postal Stationery”.
- Howe Christopher “Death in Belgium”.
- Micallef John “Spanish provincial costumes”.
- Oberholzer Karl “Halfpenny yellows / Paquebots”.
- Parnis Samuel “Stamps, covers & other philatelic material depicting QV ½d yellows”.
- Sant Anthony “Great Britain used in Malta Stamps”.
- Wood Hadrian “Malta Revenue stamps and advertising labels”.
- Wroe Ken “Women on stamps / Articles of the United Nations / An old album”.

Junior Section

- Parnis Gerald “French mythical heroines on stamps”.

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