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THE MEETINGS HELD IN DECEMBER

Mr. Ken Wroe was the speaker at the meeting held in early December. He chose "Stories on Stamps" as a subject and he thoroughly enjoyed himself recounting what the stamps he chose commemorated. The few members that turned up were reminded most vividly of the fact that stamps are historical monuments and although made out of a very simple material their artistic perfection makes them so attractive to collect. We were reminded that stamps often come from far away countries, sometimes travelling over the oceans, which stimulate our wish to research and learn more about the world we live in. To summarise, the value of stamp collecting is not only a material one, but it is also of an educational nature.

Making use of an overhead projector Mr. Wroe showed some very simple stamps with a most interesting background. He could not avoid mentioning King Henry VIII well known for having six wives and how he managed to get rid of them by execution and divorce. In the process he had to break England away from the Roman Catholic Church and proclaimed himself head of the Church of England. King Henry VIII invented divorce and was known as defender of the faith. Thereafter all English coins carried the letters "Fid. Def".

At the end of the meeting Mr. Wroe distributed a folder containing notes on his talk. To finish off this short write-up, I have extracted from the notes in question the following "Famous Quotations" taken from the Stamps of Wisdom issued by Gibraltar in 1998 and additionally, say thank you to Mr. Wroe for a very enjoyable evening.

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| • "Love comforts like sunshine after rain" | Shakespeare |
| • "Imagination is more important than knowledge" | Einstein |
| • "Hate the sin, love the sinner" | Gandhi |
| • "The price of greatness is responsibility" | Churchill |

The Christmas get-together was the other meeting held towards the end of last month. Despite family problems, Mr. Joe Buttigieg kept his appointment, and in his own inimitable style ensured that all those that turned up would not be disappointed. This he succeeded to do along with his helpers whom he roped in namely, Messrs John De Battista, Alfred Cauchi and Charles Galea a relative of his.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR 2010

We repeat (See December's Newsletter) the tentative dates earmarked to hold the monthly meetings. All occur on a Tuesday and the time of starting the meetings will be 18.00 hours at St. Publius Oratory, opposite the Primary School in St. Thomas Street, Floriana. The dates are 26th January, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, July to September (Summer recess), October (Philatelic Exhibition), 2nd November, 7th and 21st December.

The above dates indicate that the first meeting occurs on Tuesday 26th January for the Annual General Meeting. The Notice convening the Meeting is enclosed herewith on Page 2. Please make every effort to attend so that you will become aware of all that happened last year.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting for 2010 of the Society will be held at St. Publius Hall, 50 St. Publius Street, Floriana, or at St. Publius Oratory, St. Thomas Street (opposite the Primary School) Floriana on Tuesday 26th January, 2010 at 18.00 hours.

A G E N D A

1. Reading and adoption of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28th January, 2009.
2. Matters arising.
3. President's Address and presentation of Editor's Report.
4. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Hon. Secretary and the Society's Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December, 2009 together with the Hon. Auditors' Report.
- 5 Election of the following Officers of the Society. (The President is exempt since he would be in the second year of his three year term of office vide Clause 8(a) of the Statute as amended at the AGM of 2009)
 - 5.1 Vice President.
 - 5.2 Hon. Secretary. *
 - 5.3 Hon. Treasurer. *
6. Election of six additional Committee Members. *
7. Appointment of two Honorary Auditors.

John A. Cardona,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Date:- 6th January, 2010.

* **Note:** The Statute allows combining the duties of Secretary and Treasurer if required. If it is resolved to combine the foregoing duties for the year 2010, then seven additional Committee Members would be required to be elected in lieu of six as indicated in Item 6 of the above Agenda.