

OBITUARY – JOHN LANDER

Hadrian Wood

John Lander, Honorary President of the Malta Study Circle, sadly passed away on Friday 19th April. He was 87 years old. John will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. Soft spoken, kind and gentle, John was the epitome of a real gentleman, much liked and respected by all the Circle members.

John, a founder member of the Malta Study Circle, was made Hon. Secretary following the inauguration meeting held in December of 1955. John later served as the Circle's Newsletter Editor from 1959 to 1968. He was elected Honorary President in 1980 and later made Hon. Life President and Hon. Life Member in recognition of his long service to the Circle.



John served for a time in Malta with the Royal Navy in the late 1950s. His stay on the Island, no doubt, contributed further to his original interest in Malta's stamps and postal history. His last visit to our Islands, in the company of other UK Circle members, took place during the Maltex Exhibition of November 2006. This visit included a day's trip to Gozo during which John, together with other Circle members were welcomed by members of the Gozo Philatelic Society and invited to an exhibition held at the Gozo National Archives in John's honour.

John will long be remembered and appreciated for his research and contribution to the study of Maltese Postal History. May he rest in peace.