



Visitors from Malta Study Circle of London

By Hadrian Wood

A 13-STRONG GROUP from the Malta Study Circle of London who were on a short visit, attended the May monthly meeting of the Philatelic Society, held at the Osborne Hotel, Valletta.

Dr. J.H. Mercieca, President of the Society, welcomed Mr. Brian Hobbs, Chairman of the Circle., and his group, and expressed his satisfaction at the large attendance.

Dr. Mercieca then introduced Dr. Maurice Agius Vadalà, the first speaker, who gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Maps of the Great Siege", which was very well received.

A reception followed and this was an occasion for the local and overseas members to exchange views over drinks.

After the reception, Mr. Frank Gray, secretary of the Circle who is also a member of the local Society, gave a running commentary with slides on "items from the De la Rue Archives", which was also much appreciated by those present.

Closing the meeting, Dr. Mercieca thanked Dr. Agius Vadalà and Mr. Gray, and also the Chairman and members of the Malta Study Circle of London and congratulated them for holding, for the second time in two years, their meeting in Malta. He hoped this policy would be kept up in future so that local members of the Circle would have the opportunity to attend their meeting at home. He augured that a visit to London be organized for local members in the near future for one of the Malta Study Circle's meetings.

The Malta Study Circle of London, held a meeting at the Marsa Sports Club on May 15, at which local members, a member from San Francisco and his wife and a member from Naples, were also present.

Mr. Hobbs opened the meeting during which Mr. Arthur Moyles displayed a selection of old Malta Registered Covers, giving a running commentary. He was followed by Mr. John White with a display of Modern Registration Covers. Mr. Conyer Rutter displayed old Maltese envelopes with printed names of different firms, many of which no longer exist. Finally Mr. Hobbs displayed a number of Maritime Covers connected with Malta, on which he also commented.

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