

October – Monthly Meeting Dr. J.H. Mercieca

Mr Doug Ward's visit to the Society

•ON Wednesday, 20th October, Mr Doug Ward, the Treasurer of the Malta Study Circle of London, who was at the time on holiday in Malta, gave a very interesting and informative talk at a well-attended meeting of the Philatelic Society, at the Catholic Institute, Floriana, on Malta Airmails, and Postage Due Handstamps and also displayed some fine and out-of-the-way items hard to come by these days from his collection of these two philatelic specialities.

Mr Ward was introduced to the meeting by Dr. J.H. Mercieca, the Society's President, who said that though this was Mr. Ward's first visit to the Society, yet he had already been to Malta on previous occasions and had already quite a number of friends locally.

In his introduction Mr. Ward touched on periods of the history of Malta which had a connection with the subjects he was going to talk about, from which it was not at all difficult for the audience to assess his good knowledge of the subject.

During the course of the meeting Mr. Ward displayed a good number of interesting covers and pieces bearing a variety of postage due handstamps which were used from the year 1867 up to 1925, as well as many early flown covers sent from Malta to different European Countries and other parts of the world.

In bringing to its conclusion a very interesting and happy meeting Dr. Mercieca thanked Mr. Ward for his very interesting and instructive talk. He assured him that it was always a pleasure, both for him as well as for the Society, to welcome members of the Malta Study Circle of London, as, apart from the fact that it is always a treat for our members to be given the opportunity to view the fine material displayed by our friends from the Malta Study Circle, both Societies had quite a lot in common in that the

local Society, though broadly speaking, it catered for all branches of philately yet the accent was definitely on Malta Stamps and postal History.

Finally, Dr. Mercieca wished Mr. and Mrs Ward, a happy Sojourn on our island and looked forward with much pleasure to Mr. Ward's next visit to the Society.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Have you paid your 1982 membership dues! If Not, an immediate payment would be appreciated by the Treasurer.

VOTE-A-STAMP 1982 WINNERS:

1st prize: Rev. Father Patrick Abela, O.C., Malta.

2nd prize: William Tejjer, New Jersey, U.S.A.

3rd prize: Mr. Ciappara, St. Venera, Malta.

4th prize: Miss Josephine Cusine, Lyons, France.

A detailed report will appear in the next issue.