

# The Royal Philatelic Society London

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Stamp dealers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century**

The focus of the displays shown to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London at the meeting on 17 December was 'The Stamp Dealers'. Shown were items relating to collecting in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as produced by a range of stamp dealers from around the world. Included were price lists, mail sent to and from (many using their own postal stationery), and ephemera such as poster stamps. It was notable how many of the dealers were involved in the publishing of philatelic literature.

The displays were the work of six collectors: Edward Caesley, Charles Kiddle, Francis Kiddle, Chris King, Wolfgang Maassen and Vincent Schouberechts.

Giving the vote of thanks, Jon Aitchison commented that the first record of dealing, as evidenced from the material on display, was in 1864, just 24 years after the introduction of the Penny Black.



The six collectors whose material recorded the activities of stamp dealers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.

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