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PRESS RELEASE

The fascination of Fiji shown to the Royal

Two members of The Royal Philatelic Society London, David Alford and John Ray, presented the displays to the Society on 12 January 2017. Their subject was the stamps and postal history of the Pacific island of Fiji.

Giving the vote of thanks, Iain Stevenson remarked that the members had enjoyed fascinating displays of a fantastic country, spanning from pre-stamp material to the present day. Iain particularly referred to the Fiji Times express newspaper mail material, including a cover of 1871 with the 1/- Fiji Times and a 2d of New South Wales. He also complimented on the research undertaken of the various provisional issues that even today are still being used in Fiji.

A glimpse of life on the islands was afforded by the photographs John had taken of each of the post offices.

Responding, David said that while 'this is not the most obvious country to collect, it provides a wide range of material'. John added that they had 'enjoyed putting it all together'.

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The 1871 cover with the Fiji Times 1 Shilling and 2d of New South Wales

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