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PRESS RELEASE

Specialist interest brought to life

To non-aficionados it does not sound a very inspiring topic – Great Britain Line-engraved Plate Repairs 1840-1855 – but Scott Treacey FRPSL enthralled his audience with a clear and fascinating explanation of the subject. The occasion was a presentation given to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 11 May.

Scott's talk was illustrated by clear images showing stamps in their original state, after plate wear and then following repair. In a very few cases the repair was needed because of plate damage.

Many in the audience were surprised to learn that even after quantities of the Penny Red had been printed, Perkins Bacon was still required to print more of the Penny Black, a fact confirmed by the existence of Penny Blacks in a repaired state.

The vote of thanks was given by Robin Cassell who commented that 'what may not sound the most exciting of subjects had been brought to life by Scott. The work undertaken by Scott has benefitted every plater in the world.'

Earlier the President, Frank Walton RDP FRPSL, had shown members part of the Perkins Bacon archive held by the Society. Items on display included the first Warrant to print the Penny Black, and the diary of Edwin Hill, brother of Rowland Hill, in which he had tested the quality of the paper on which the Penny Black was being printed.

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 the Administrative Office (020 7486 1044).



Frank Walton RDP FRPSL, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, thanks Scott Treacey FRPSL for his presentation of early Great Britain line-engraved plate repairs.

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