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## PRESS RELEASE

## Royal members enjoy privileged start to season

Members of The Royal Philatelic Society London enjoyed the traditional start to the new season by being given the privilege of seeing material from the Royal Philatelic Collection shown by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen.

The recently elected President of the 'Royal', Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL, thanked Michael Sefi LVO RDP FRPSL, Keeper of the Collection, and his two assistants, Ian Greig FRPSL and Rod Vousden FRPSL, for showing extracts from the albums of West Indies from 'the best collection in the UK'.

The formal vote of thanks was given by Steve Jarvis FRPSL, who highlighted three items from the display. A hand-painted stamp size essay for a new definitive value for the Bahamas showing the portrait of King George VI, in fact issued depicting Queen Elizabeth II. From Jamaica examples on cover of the authorised bisects of the first issue of 1860. The only known plate block of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d on 4d of 1908 of the Cayman Islands.

As is customary, the Hon. Secretary of the Society was authorised to send a letter of grateful thanks to Her Majesty for permitting the members to view this superb selection.

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).



Michael Sefi LVO RDP FRPSL (left) with Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL