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PRESS RELEASE

A masterful display

There can be no doubt that the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London were absolutely stunned by the magnificent display of 'The Embossed Stamps of Great Britain 1841-1973' presented by Alan Huggins RDP FRPSL on 23 November.

The material in the frames started with the William Wyon and Charles Whiting die of 1840, produced when it was thought a way of prepaying postage could be by stamping paper supplied by the public. While this idea was not pursued at that time, the design was carried forward to the 1d pink embossed envelopes issued on 10 February 1841.

The display continued with the stamped envelopes, including registered envelopes, from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II, plus the stamped-to-order envelopes for these reigns, and the stamped-to-order postcards and lettercards of QEII, many shown commercially used. Also shown were the three embossed stamps from the reign of Queen Victoria, the 1s, 10d and 6d. Official envelopes, Forces registration envelopes and telegraph forms, where issued, were also featured.

Giving the vote of thanks, Chris Harman RDP FRPSL remarked that he had seen Alan's collection evolve, and yet discoveries are still being made. It had been 'a masterful display', one that clearly demonstrates Alan's 'incredible knowledge and excellent taste, having an eye for exotic things'.

Replying Alan stated that it had been 'a pleasure and privilege to present his material, having always admired the aesthetic appeal of the embossed stamps'.

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Alan Huggins RDP FRPSL holding an essay for a 4½d embossed die for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, a value that was not issued.

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