

The 'Malaya Study Group'

50th. Anniversary, 1959 – 2009.

The 'Malaya Study Group' was formed by Howard Selzer in the United States in 1959, and this year is our 50th. anniversary. Since formation, the Study Group has gone from strength to strength, and now has hundreds of members worldwide.

The group is based in the United Kingdom and is administered by an annually elected committee.

Several meetings are held throughout the year at various locations in the U.K., with the majority being in London. Specialist displays are given by individual members or as a group where all are invited to contribute, however modest. Meetings also take place in Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.

Room/postal and postal only auctions are held two or three times during the year for all members and normally include high class specialist items as well as a wide range of other material. A 'Packet Circuit' is also in operation for U.K. members and is an excellent way to fill those awkward gaps.

The highly respected society journal, 'The Malayan Philatelist' and an informative 'News Letter' are distributed four times a year, by airmail where appropriate at no extra cost, containing a wealth of information and in depth articles on all aspects of Malayan, Malaysian and Singaporean philately, all members being encouraged to contribute.

Several specialist books have been produced by the study group, which can be purchased, subject to availability. New works are in progress.

A comprehensive cross referenced index has also recently been compiled in bound A4 format and is free to all new members upon joining. In addition to the index, the majority of the past issues of the journal have been digitised and issued on a two CD set which is available for purchase for a nominal cost.

A website at www.malayastudygroup.com has been established, in addition to a complementary forum accessed through the site. A visit would provide much more information than it is possible to give here.

All new collectors are welcome to join, from beginners to specialists, in what is a fascinating area to collect and study, being as simple or as complex as the individual wishes to make it. There are always other members on hand who will give friendly and helpful advice to those who require it, whatever the subject.

Full membership is £15.00 per annum or US \$25.00.

Any existing member paying before the 30th. June in any year will receive an early payment discount of £3.00 or US \$5.00. For new members joining after the 1st. October in any year, the subscription will be £18.00 or US \$30.00, being a half subscription for the current year and a full subscription for the following year, including early payment discounts.

Please see the website for membership details.

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