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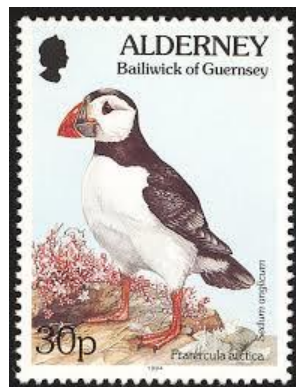
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IN SEARCH OF PUFFINS

It's been a while since our last newsletter, one of the reasons being the fact that the author has been away on holiday during September, exploring the "Britain's most beautiful road" being the 500-mile journey round Scotland's North Coast as illustrated below. The trip was also used as an excuse to find Puffins but, despite searching in many places, including on three sea trips and an excursion on Loch Ness, they could not be found! During the ten-day trip we managed to visit a few of Scotland's interesting distilleries. (Fortunately, we had a dedicated driver!)



It appears that Puffins migrate south during August as soon as the youngsters can fly so perhaps a trip further south next time might bring better luck! Searching for puffins was fun and the Scottish Coast is certainly most beautiful and worth visiting.



SPECIAL NOTICE

The MPS Christmas Meeting will be held at the Mendola Conference Centre in Hilton starting at 09h30 for 10h00 on Saturday 07 December 2024 when Ian Horrell will discuss and display 100 years of club history. Members are invited to participate and display any memorabilia which they might want to share at the meeting. A luncheon will follow the meeting and members and their partners are invited to attend, **free of charge**. Don't miss this special event!

CLUB NEWS

The FAMOUS PEOPLE theme was a great success with Kim Breytenbach showing Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts Movement; The Last White Rajah of Sarawak by Fred Handman; J F Kennedy by Tony Koch and Sir Donald Currie and the Currie Cup by Roger Porter. Fred Handman won the *mug of the month* for his fascinating talk and display. Dave Wyllie talked about the Niassa Company and the fact that some stamps were printed upside down to create revenue! Dick Schuurman talked about vending machine stamps. It was a very interesting meeting with a great tea provided by Val and Fred de Jager!



Fred Handman receiving the mug of the month from Club President John Handman. His talk about the "White Rajah's of Sarawak" was quite fascinating!

ATTENTION

Dave Wyllie is appealing to members to complete Circuit Books in order to keep the MPS Circuit viable. He needs all of us to support him! If you need empty books to fill, please contact him via our Club App or telephone. Act today!



SAD NEWS

We are sorry to report the passing of one of the stalwart members of the Club. Peter Dobein travelled from Wartburg to attend meetings even when we moved to Hilton, often bringing his wife, Cecily and family along. He was a keen member of the club always participating in our competitions and events. We will miss him and his enthusiasm for our hobby.