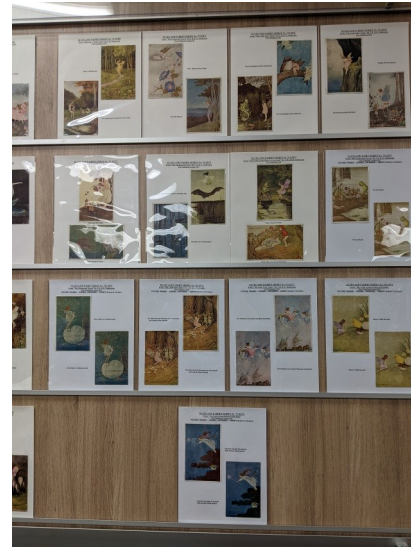
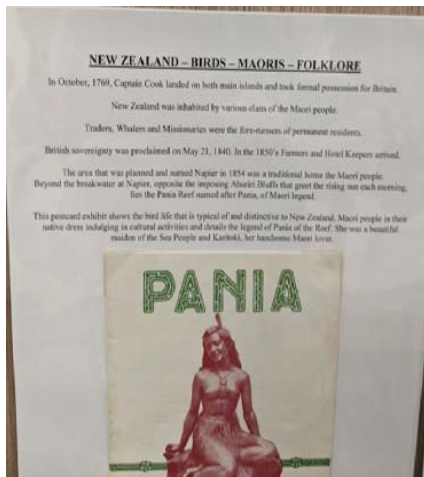


# Club Meeting Displays by John Bodnar



Fairies by Ida Outhwaite - a beautiful array of mystical fairies

Pania—an unusual topic



problems, London's education; the water board, or the next "little war," but we cannot afford to ignore the possibilities of the picture postcard. Why, the German husband, going on a little journey, say from Berlin to Hamburg, behaved in a fearful and wonderful manner when the craze was at its height in the Fatherland. he dashed out at each station, swooped down upon the bookstall. brought a postcard bearing a picture of that particular place (however ugly the place), scribbled it word or two (German scribble!) to his wife at home or to some one else, dropped the breathless message into the station post-box, and flung himself into the train just in the nick of time. So firmly established did this craze become that there was a pad, also a pencil, at the railway bookstall, and a convenient corner from which the pictorial postcard could be loaded and fired.

## A GERMAN ALLIANCE.

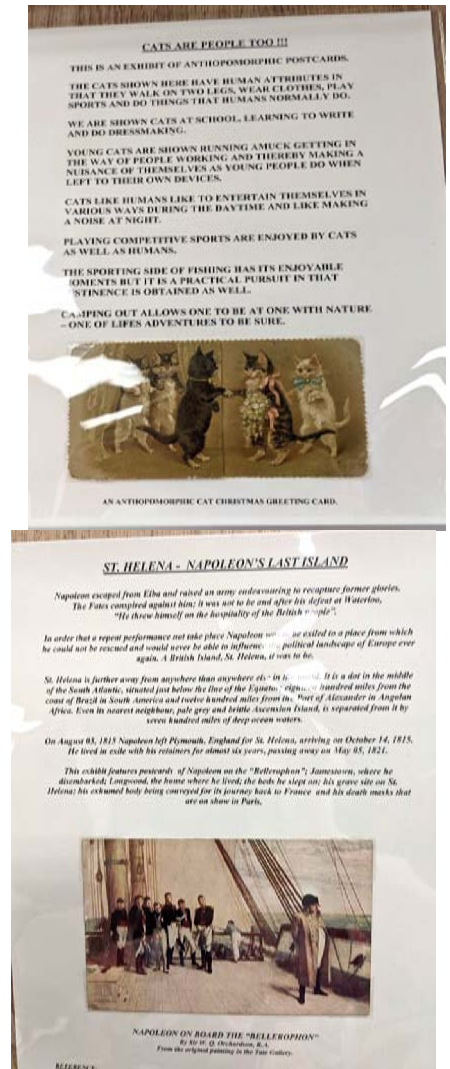
And so the pictorial postcards landed on the German breakfast tables (of Berlin, not of Kensington) by the million. I am told that the number of cards that passed through the German Post Office during 1890 was 602,000,000, and that in 1900 this colossal figure has been eclipsed by one far larger- 730,000,000. The story of the naturalisation of this fascinating alien is the old, old story, and is bound up, not slightly, with the great speech of the Prince of Wales waking up England. There was: first, the indifference of the British workman; second, the continued triumph of Germany; third, the arousing of the energy of the British workman; fourth, the downfall of Germany. So it has come about that millions of postcards

## Some historical facts on Aussie postcards

are being turned out in England beautifully finished, correctly printed, pleasingly produced. "It was a hard struggle at first, "I was told by a picture postcard expert as I wandered among mountains of cards at the warehouses of Wrench, Limited,. I must give the name because this is the only firm in England devoting itself to the picture postcard and to nothing else. Some of the well-known playing-card makers are doing "pictorials" as a branch. But Messrs. Wrench, Limited, make the picture postcard the matter of life or death. "When people went into Kensington Palace and other English Royal palaces and bought pictorial postcards there with pictures showing what they had just seen, they were naturally surprised to find in small type at the bottom of the English scene the words 'Printed in Germany' or 'Printed in Saxony.' They were the more surprised because the cards also bore the inscription 'The Wrench Series No.'" We got special privileges, took the photographs, designed the cards, and gave them to British workmen to do. The results were melancholy. The line in the front denoting the portion marked off for the address was often out of its place, a picture was askew on the card, an illustration was 'reproduced' with the best details left out or appearing blurred or smudged. So we had to go back to Germany. The German makers simply took our pictures and instructions, carried out the latter to perfection or nearly so, and delivered the finished article almost to the very day promised. "We kept in view, however, the fact that the real obstacle in the way of the Englishman was his indifference. We set to work to show him that the picture postcard was something worth taking pains over, and at last he took pains. The result was as you see.

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Many thanks to John Bodnar for putting up his one frame displays. The topics are many and varied. John researches his topics, not just the card but goes further into the artist, the history of the area. Not all of the topics that John collects are serious , some are to designed to light up your enjoyment of life, the fantastic, the funny and the mystical.



## Members Items from Harriet McCrae



Postcard display put up by Harriet McCrae of her Scottish terrier dogs.

They are a much loved pooch who has undergone many body transformations due to breeding over the years.

A very regal looking dog

### AMONG THE PIGEON-HOLES.

He waved his hand, over a sort of War Office of pigeon-holes with three million picture postcards, duly sorted, arranged, and classified, resting in them. Here you travelled, pigeon-hole by pigeon-hole, round the British coasts. There you made the acquaintance of sweet little backwaters on the Thames. Then you wandered among grand old cathedrals Salisbury, Winchester, Durham, and the rest. Then you fell among golf champions you saw how this famous player stood and how another set to work. You sped in a minute to Ireland, and in two contiguous stacks you saw the old Irish low-backed car on the one hand and Sackville-street, Dublin, with its up-to-date tramway-cars on the other, Rows of pretty children, knots of fluffy kittens, be vies of beautiful actresses (of whom a word soon), a collection of frowning castles, colleges enough to arouse memories in the midst of the flower of English youth – these and many other classes of subjects lurked in their own particular tiers of boxes. You pulled out “a chunk of Eastbourne.” or took “half a dozen Brightons.” You found picture postcards for every place you hail ever visited or dreamed of; picture postcards for all the emotions in all the wide gamut of human feeling. Do you long for the autograph of your favourite actress? Get a pictorial postcard bearing her beautiful portrait, send it, to her together with a postal order and she will gratify your wish. I don’t know the autograph prices of all our leading actresses, but I am informed that Miss Ellen Terry charges half-a-crown. Of course, the whole of the money thus derived goes to the theatrical charities.

# Members Items from Harriet McCrae

Well, Why not Scottish Terriers?

I had become bored with my modest collection of Aberdeen Post cards. In one of them a multi view is the head of a Scottish terrier. Inspiration I shall collect post cards with Scottish terriers on.

I am not interested in photochrome, linen, hand tinted etc. I leave that to clever people. My main interests are in the development of the breed, and well-known people who have been owned by one of this breed.

It was the canny Scot of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century who was responsible for starting off the beginning of the Scottish terrier. One had to be wealthy and also to take heed of the keepers and shepherds who worked their estates. What was required of these tough early dogs was to be ratters, fox hunters and badger hunters. Small tough beasts they were very different to the dogs we know today. They were grizzled, brindled, sandy in colour and weighed in at about 17 to 20 pounds. They had semi erect ears, big heads, large jaws and teeth. They had short sturdy legs and harsh coats.

We have to thank Captain Mackie for purchasing several dogs from different glens and start kennels for proper breeding.

The first dog show to include a class for Scottish Terriers was in 1860 in Birmingham, although I believe Aberdeen was closely connected with the early breed.

The first Scottish Terrier Club was formed in England in 1918 and in Scotland the following year. Today there are clubs in all states in Australia except in South Australia. There are many in USA and other parts of the world.

Some of the early registered names of the dogs were Nettle, Thistle, Tartan, Bonnacord and Callum Dhu. Most importantly they were developing from the scruffy to the handsome.

Many well-known people have owned a Scottie.

Our own May Gibbs had one. So did Beatrice Potter and Rudyard Kipling. Kipling wrote poems about them.

American President Roosevelt had Fala- a much loved dog -included, at his feet, in the Washington statue of him. George W Bush had Barney and his wife had Miss Beazley.

Scottish Terriers were photographed and painted; appeared on calendars and post cards. And depicted in silly hats for the tourist.

I have two which look identical until one notes the printing on one has Merry Christmas. Two others look the same; one has Barmera the other Largs. Oops our Barmera but Scottish Largs – discovered with the concertina photos to pull out. Another pair -Port Lincoln on one 'Brither Scots' on the companion one. And here is Victor Harbour (note incorrect spelling) and Perth Australia on the matching one.

I am fascinated with my few Russian ones. Karandash the famous Russian clown had 14 Scottish Terriers. Presumably not all at the same time. They appeared in the ring performing tricks.

Queen Victoria had a Scottish Terrier as had Eve Braun.

Jackie Kennedy owned one – so did Shirley Temple, Tatum O'Neal, Cary Grant, Joan Crawford, Bette Davis and Humphrey Bogart. Oh, I could go on and on.

My post cards inspired me to find out more about this lovely, loyal breed.

I own over 80 post cards of Scottish Terriers. And in turn I am owned by one – Harriet Macrae aged three.

