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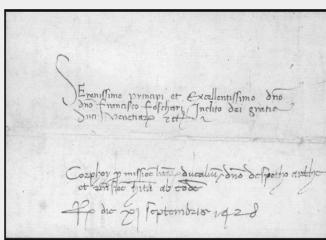
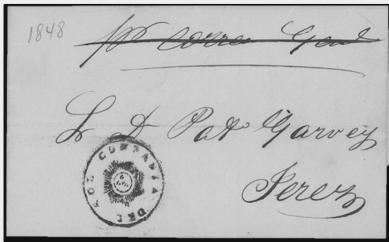


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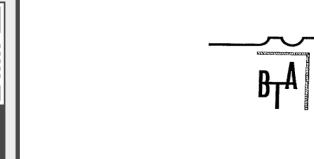
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NEW MEMBERS WANTED...

Petersfield Philatelic Society is seeking new members. Current members collect stamps, postal history and postcards. Meetings are held at Petersfield Community Centre on the first Monday each month.

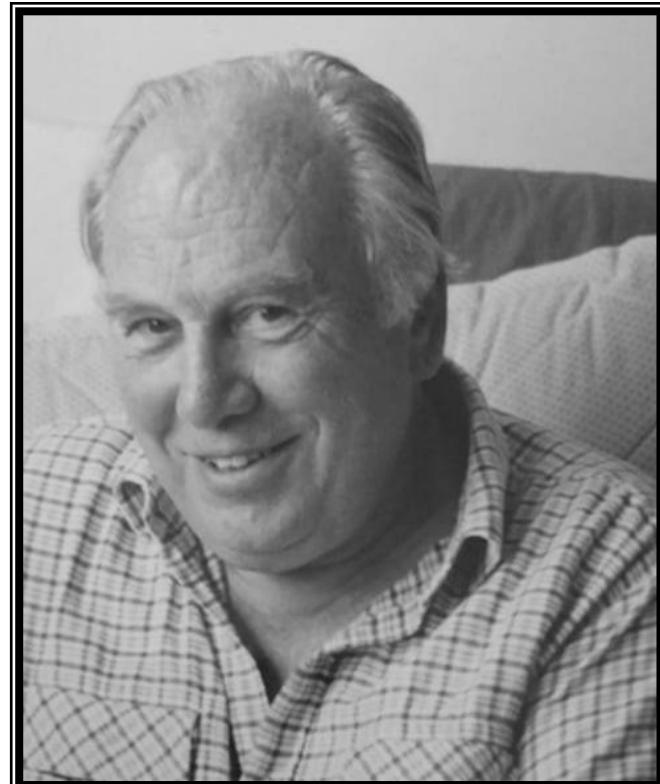
The evenings comprise invited talks and displays and the average attendance at meetings is about 25.

Anyone collecting stamps, postal history or postcards, whether beginners or experienced, is invited to join the society.

For further information contact the secretary, Tony Shaw, on 01730 264518.

Ferndown and West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club..

Have announced the sad news of the death of John Goodman, a long standing and honorary member who spent nearly 30 years as Packet Secretary, a hugely responsible and most complex task. At one time, John maintained both the Ferndown and the Bournemouth club packets and was instrumental in extending the packet circuit to various other clubs in the area. He was noted for his meticulous control and bookkeeping. John was very well respected also in his world of banking and indeed on the green...’a great man for bowls’!! Sadly missed... so very well remembered.
Winter 2016



**Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club...
Meeting 27th March, 2017...
Southampton & District Philatelic Society's Visit...**

A certain mystery always surrounds an evening when the club is to be entertained by philatelists from afar!! Keeping up this ‘exchange’ tradition always proves most worthwhile, as demonstrated by the response to this particular meeting. Three fascinating displays featured, the first being ‘Bishop’s Waltham’ by Mike Batty (his own village!!) who produced a highly detailed historical and social journey through the interplay of philatelic material. Included were pre-post documents dating from 1773 onwards... cancels- some first day, red and blue wax seals, covers, letters...much to/from solicitors, printed postal stationery, bills, maps, rates, transatlantic mail and so much more. This 90 sheet display was a gem and profoundly well presented via excellent write-up and exposition. Brian Hague followed after the customary break, with his superb ‘Jutlandia’ study. Launched in 1934, this Danish cargo ship clearly had an eventful history. After considerable cargo work, the ship was provided by the government to act as a hospital ship in the Korean War, manned by volunteers. Again a wonderful write-up, the display took in photos, covers, airmails, postcards, details of cargoes and routes. A menu card was of interest too, as were the letters to/from crew members. The final presentation came from John Berridge... ‘Hindenburg Air Ship’. ...mainly in the 1936/7 period. This visual feast included construction details, air-stamps, mini-sheets, covers, letters, photos, tickets, technical information and routes. The airship achieved 140 Atlantic crossings, 130k passengers, one million miles...a real business competitor. Its first trans-Atlantic flight in 1936 to South America was well documented, as were later navigations and of course the final disaster...the fire/crash in the USA, in May 1937. Some 300 covers exist from this very flight!! Here were displayed numerous philatelic gems, some being unique items. Bob Small warmly thanked the three speakers and showed much enthusiasm for the material shared, much of which would have been a considerable challenge to collect. Again, as Chairman, he was able to show much appreciation and the Club greatly endorsed the presentation of engraved whisky tumblers...only sorry they were not suitably filled since Bob had not travelled to his Scottish distillery in a while!!

Paul Barry...

Traditional Class Exhibit...

In December 2014 I gave a presentation to Southampton Society about how to put together a competition exhibit. Some of the items I used in the power-point presentation came from the **traditional class** exhibit of the US 5c and 10c stamps of 1847 by William Gross. The whole exhibition - 8 frames - is now available on-line at the website of the US Postal Classics Society. If you are interested in seeing this internationally acclaimed exhibit in detail I cannot rate it highly enough - and it is here:

<http://www.uspcs.org/resource-center/philatelic-exhibits/1847-period-exhibits/united-states-the-1847-issue/>

Julian H Jones....

**Vectis Philatelic Society
Meeting Tuesday 10th January 2017 at Newport
Conservative Club....**

Mr. Neville Carr who was to complete his display of India – The Jewel in the Crown.

Mr Carr commenced his display by reminding members of the size and diversity of India. He explained how in his previous display he had shown the stamps of Queen Victoria and was now going to display those of the three Kings who succeeded her.

To begin with Mr. Carr showed a latest acquisition to compliment his collection of the 1852 issue. He had managed to purchase a copy of the official reprint of the 4 Anna stamp with an inverted head, made in 1891. This was still a rare item even in this condition.

Mr Carr then went on to display the stamps of King Edward VII. De la Rue had the contract to print the stamps of India. They replicated the last stamps of Queen Victoria for the new reign by changing the monarchs and increased the range of values up to 25 Rupees. Mint and used examples of all stamps were shown. A specially cancelled sheet for the Coronation Durbar was shown using the stamps of Queen Victoria as the Kings stamps had not been issued in time for the event.

A change in postal rates necessitated the overprinting of stamps with ¼ Anna. The plate used was that made for similar purposes during Queen Victoria’s reign and so the constant varieties are the same. Many of these varieties were shown including the inverted ¼ Anna which is only known. The last stamp for British India was another surcharge where the

postally used. Examples of lady Minto's Red Cross fete cancellation were shown as were examples of stamp booklets issued between 1906 and 11.

The accession of George V resulted in De la Rue issuing a completely new series of definitive up to the Value of 25 rupees. Varieties were shown including the 'R' flaw on the 3 Pies stamps and a double print of the ½ Anna. Examples of the special cancellation for the 1911 Durbar were shown followed by examples on Indian Field Post Office cancellation on 'On Active Service' cards.

A study of the 1921 9 pies overprint stamp was show. The surcharge was a result of increased postage rates and was produced locally. Mr. Carr explained that there were 2 setting, not mentioned by gibbons, and that a number of varieties exist, of which a number were shown, including a '9 9' and 'Pies Pies' in both settings. Inverted and double overprints were also shown.

The need for a ¼ Anna stamp resulted in further overprints again using the Victorian surcharge. Again constant varieties occur and many were shown.

Examples of the Prince of Wales' tour cancellations were show along with examples of the 1924 Everest expedition cards and labels.

The last De la Rues issue was a change of colours in the definitive stamps due to U.P.U. regulations. Essays of stamps proposed for printing in India were also displayed.

The second part of Mr Carr's display was the stamps printed by Nasik in India after 1926. Nasik reprinted the definitive stamps using De la Rue's plates, the only difference being a change of watermark from single to multiple star. Examples of tete beche pairs from booklet printings were show. In 1929 Nasik produce airmail stamps, all with the same scenes. A number of varieties were shown, including offsets, 1 instead of I in India and the 'missing tree top' variety. The inauguration of new Government Building in New Delhi was commemorated. Stamps with inverted watermarks and the variety 'F for P in Purana' and a double vignette.

In 1932 Nasik produced their first definitive followed in 1935 with the Silver Jubilee stamps. The 'Bird on parapet' flaw was shown. Various booklets were also shown.

In 1936 new definitive for King George VI were issued, pictorials were introduced for the first time. The designs and values were changed in 1942. Tete beche pairs, produced for booklets were shown along with the 'Missing Pearl' variety. Various censored covers were displayed as was the victory issue.

very laid-back and his longest report at committee was invariably "We are solvent". But when we needed to argue for support from the Philatelic Great and Good, Joe was on the train to London with me to give his support.

We usually met three or four times a year for committee meetings – but my greatest pleasure was the pre-meeting lunch gets together at a local hostelry. Over the years we realised that we had similar left of centre political views although we didn't vote for the same parties. I learned more about politics with an Irish perspective from Joe than I did about collecting stamps of Malaya, or even postage dues, even though we were also both members of the Postage Due Study Group.

When Joe went into hospital in 2009 he set up a Facebook account in order to communicate with friends while 'inside'. He encouraged me to set up an account too, and Joe was my first Facebook Friend. Like many of his friends, I have been regaled by images of Joe's lunches, his sense of humour and his political Facebook postings.

Joe set himself the task of writing up all of his stamp collection and gave his friends a progress report with each Christmas letter. Sadly that task is incomplete. Before his last cruise Joe promised to send me a postcard from the Caribbean. His postcard from St Lucia arrived the day after I learned of his death.

The Hampshire Federation will miss Joe greatly. And so will I.

Julian Jones (Chairman, HPF)...

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14th August - Ferndown & West Moors P.P.C - 9 in 4 anything GB - Members & Auction.

17th August - Thatcham & DPS - Show, Tell & Sell - Members to show, tell or share.

29th August - Fleet & North Hants PS - Mike Pittifor - "Aden Stamps and Postal History".

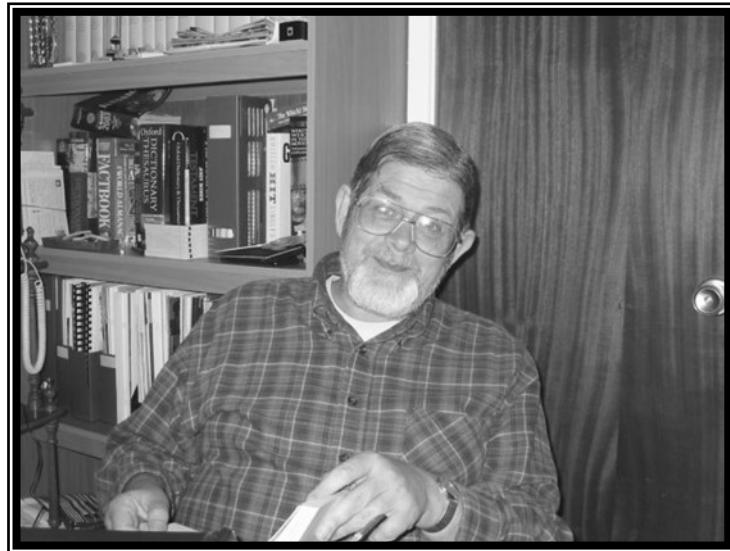
4th September - Basingstoke P.S. - Recent Acquisitions - Members.

4th September - Petersfield DPS - Visit from Ferndown & West Moors P.C.

Please remember to send me your new programs for 2017/18 and 2018/2019 once they have been published so that I have them ready for publication in the Bulletin.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

Joe Robertson 1947-2017...



Our Treasurer, Joe Robertson, was taken ill during his winter cruise in the Caribbean. He was flown back to the UK and sadly died in Winchester Hospital on the 25th January 2017. His funeral took place in Dublin and a remembrance of Joe's Life was held near Basingstoke at the end of March where Joe's friends from all walks of his life including philately and finance came together to remember the great times we had in his company.

Joe 'stepped up to the plate' as HPF Treasurer in June 2005. In fact he rarely missed a meeting after taking on the Treasurer's job. Joe was a member of many local stamp clubs as well as the Malay Study Circle and the Postage Due Mail Study Group. He was also still active in the world of pensions and pension management holding positions on several pension trusts. His talents will be greatly missed.

Joe Robertson Remembered...

I first met Joe Robertson at a Hampshire Philatelic Federation committee meeting in 2005. For me as Chairman, he was exactly the sort of Treasurer one needs. He kept a close eye on the finances, was

1¼ Anna stamp was overprinted 3 pies.

Mr Carr also showed Stamps produced but not issued for the Indian National Army and Azad Hind.

To conclude Mr Carr showed 3 covers showing Independence propaganda labels used on local mail.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER...

As I write this the sun is shining brightly and at any moment my wife will wrest me away from the keyboard to do something! Not that I am short of a job – what with delivering political leaflets ahead of the May County elections I already have a suntan. I made time to sit in the sun and speed-read through a new book recently purchased by Southampton DPS. It is entitled *The Path to Gold*, by Steven Zwillinger, published in America by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. It is aimed at starters as well as more experienced collectors who want to dip their toe or leg into the world of exhibiting, either at their local society or in a competition. Its subtitle is *175 Proven Stamp Exhibiting Tips*. It is available from the AAPE website (www.aape.org) and they accept payment via PayPal. The cost of the soft bound book, shipping (in a sturdy box), and PayPal fee amounts to \$54.95 – or £46.57 on the day it was ordered! There are excellent examples on nearly every one of the 194 pages. I recommend it!

Our next meeting is the May AGM. I hope that we will find someone to become Treasurer. The federation cannot function without one, and the existing officers already have plenty to do. Plus, we cannot mix the Treasury job with the other functions just as a matter of principle. Indeed, we need a number of new faces to join the Federation committee and understand what we do so that they can take over the smooth running of the Federation in future. The current committee officers are getting very long in the tooth, myself included. If you care about philately in Hampshire, please step forward – for just three meetings a year.

Julian Jones (Chairman)...

COMPETITION CORNER...

Next National Exhibition...

ABPS York Fair National Exhibition: 21st - 22nd July 2017, York Race course, York YO23 1EX. A full national exhibition with all classes. See the Rules and Entry Forms at www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Exhibitions/index.xalter Deadline for receipt of application forms is **22nd May 2017...**

Later National Exhibitions in London...

Forms will not be available until the end of May 2017...

Autumn Stampex 2017 12th - 16th September 2017 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. A Full National Exhibition with the Sarawak Specialist Society as lead contributor, with 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive.

The Hungarian Society will take 20 frames in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Hungarian postage stamps.

At the time of writing I understand this to also include the ABPS Inter-Federation Competition in which Hampshire intends to compete.

Julian Jones, Competition secretary...

Southampton District & Philatelic Society... Celebrating 85 years...

The Society is celebrating 85 years with events including : 2nd May - Michael Sefi & The Royal Collection, 16th May and the 85yrs celebration a Social, and a joint Day with the Aero-Philatelic Society. We also have a year of great speakers covering subjects such as the 1936 Olympics, German Catapult Mail N Atlantic, British East Africa, Southampton as Centre of the World and 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...



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11th February - Salisbury - United Reform Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB
4th March - Bournemouth - Charminster, Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd BH8 9RW.
22nd April - Fareham - Holy Trinity Church, West Street, PO16 0EL.
23rd April - Farnham - Upper Hale Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN.
27th May - Southampton - Methodist Hall St James Road Shirley SO15 5HE
17th June - Salisbury - United Reform Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB
8th July - Bournemouth - Pelham's Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH.
29th July - Petersfield - Community Centre (Off Love Lane) GU31 4BW.
26th August - Southampton - Methodist Hall St James Road Shirley SO15 5HE.
3rd September - Portsmouth - Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street, PO6 3AP.
23rd September - Bournemouth - Charminster, Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd BH8 9RW.
1st October - Farnham (Surrey) - Upper Hale Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN.
28th October - Wimbourne - Wimbourne Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, BH21 1AS.
4th November - Salisbury - United Reform Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB
5th November - Portsmouth - Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street, PO6 3AP.
11th November - Southampton - Methodist Hall St James Road Shirley SO15 5HE.
2nd December - Bournemouth - 8th July Bournemouth - Pelham's Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH.
29th December - Farnham (Surrey) - Upper Hale Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN.

26th June - Ferndown & West Moors P&PC - War & Peace - Tony Hickey.

27th June - Camberley & District SC - Presidents Evening.

27th June - Fleet & North Hants PS - Graham Woodhouse "Sarawak" & Tony Fisher "1971 Postal Strike".

3rd July - Basingstoke P.S. - Here be Dragons - David Griffiths.

3rd July - Petersfield DPS - 'Persia' - Nigel Gooch.

4th July - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - 1936 Olympics - Tony Bosworth.

10th July - Ferndown & West Moors P&PC - 6 in 2 - "U", "V" and "W" are for..." Members & Auction.

11th July - Ringwood PS - 50th Annual General Meeting followed by a look at "A look at letter boxes - Rowan Brockhurst.

11th July - Camberley & District SC - Levant & Kuwait - Geoff Chivers.

13th July - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Afternoon Social.

14th July - Hayling Island SC - "Africa and Islands" - James Podger.

15th July - Basingstoke P.S. Stamp Fair - The Costello School.

17th July - Basingstoke P.S. - Latvia 1918 To 1940 - Wendy Buckle.

18th July - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Society Competitions & Letter 'Q'.

20th July - Thatcham & DPS - Thematic Evening - Theme of your choice - Members to display.

24th July - Ferndown & West Moors PPC - "South West Africa" - Tony Howgrave-Graham FRPSL.

25th July - Fleet & North Hants PS - Bryan Jones "An Evening of King George VI".

1st August - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - German Catapult Mail N. Atlantic.

7th August - Petersfield DPS - 'Another Bloody Railway' Trans-Siberian Mail - Peter Pugh.

8th August - Gosport Stamps & PC - Bring & Buy.

10th August - Afternoon meeting of Southampton & District Philatelic Society - at Chandlers Ford, Southampton.

11th August - Hayling Island SC - "Illustrated Manuscripts & the History of Paper" - Wendy Buckle.

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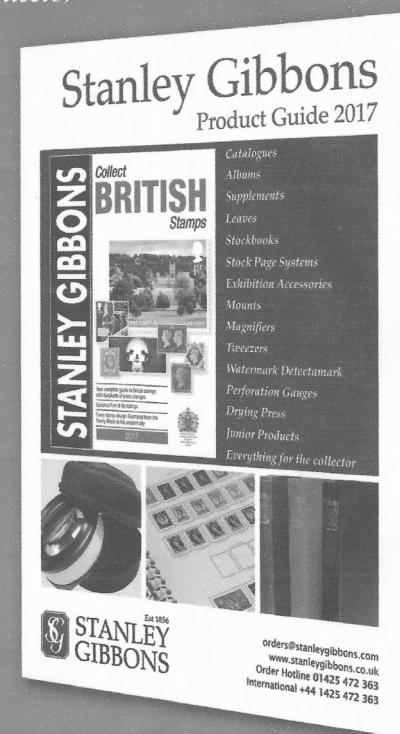
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Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society...

Our January meeting is traditionally Competition Evening and there was a good attendance by members. Before we started the competitions, a short silence was held in remembrance of Joe Robertson, who was one of our members for many years.

There are six different categories of competition in our society; single sheet on any subject, 9 sheets for each of the following: Thematic, Traditional and Postal History, 15 sheets on any subject with a five minutes talk and 16 sheets of Traditional, Thematic or Postal History.

The single sheet competition was won by Mike Pettifor with an entry on "Centurion at Perim" and runner up went to David Maddock with "Tierra Del Fuego". The winners for the 9 sheets competitions were: Thematic Pat Mackenzie with "Fleet's History", Traditional John

Holmes with "New Zealand Health Stamps, the first 50 years", and Postal History Mike Pettifor with "Aden King George VI Silver Jubilee". The 16 sheet competition was won by Graham Woodhouse with "Sarawak 1932 issue Production and Usage".

The engraved trophies for the competitions were presented to the winners at our February meeting by President, Bob Murrell.

(Members viewing & Judging entries)...

The February meeting was another successful meeting with a full turn-out by our active members for a Members' Evening. Topics for members' displays included "Laurence of Arabia", "American National Parks", "Channel Islands under German Occupation", "Queen Victoria penny blues and reds", "Perkins Bacon printing of Sarawak stamps", "Adson stamps with adverts on the back", "Early Aviation" and, "Trinidad and Tobago 1934 stamps".

The society has recently gained a couple of new members and we are looking forward to our Society Annual Auction on Saturday 3rd June.



SOCIETY ROUNDUP...

11th May - Afternoon meeting of Southampton & District Philatelic Society - at Chandlers Ford, Southampton.

15th May - Basingstoke P.S. - AGM & Club Competitions - Members.

16th May - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - 85yrs Celebration & Social.

18th May - Thatcham & DPS - Out of the waste paper basket - Sue Hopson.

20th May - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Joint Day with Aero-Philatelic Society.

22nd May - Ferndown & West Moors P&PC - "Perkins Bacon, The Company & their works" - Chris Harman RDP, Hon FRPSL.

23rd May - Camberley & District SC - Twickenham & District P.S. visit to Camberley.

3rd June - Ringpex - Ringwood PS - Stamp & Postcard Fair.

3rd June - Fleet & North Hants PS - Society Annual Auction.

5th June - Basingstoke P.S. - BDPS Auction (Non-Members welcome).

5th June - Petersfield DPS - 'Titanic - From cradle to grave and beyond' - Philip Cant.

6th June - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Pages from Peace (Pt 2) - Grace Davies.

6th June - Camberley & District SC - Camberley visit to Woking & District P.S.

8th June - Afternoon meeting of Southampton & District Philatelic Society - at Chandlers Ford, Southampton.

9th June - Hayling Island SC - "Terrorism and the post; Wreck Mail" - Peter Day.

11th June - Gosport Stamps & PC - Members Night - 'A bit of GB'.

12th June - Ferndown & West Moors P&PC - 6 in 2 - Postcards only - Members & Auction.

13th June - Ringwood PS - Australian Forces in Northern Territory during WW2 and their subsequent involvement with the BCOF in Japan - Malcolm Price.

13th June - Gosport Stamps & PC Society - 'Secretary's Surprise'.

13th June - Camberley & District SC - French Colonies & World War 1 - Paul Elliott.

13th June - Vectis Philatelic Society - Auction / Bourse / Discussion.

15th June - Thatcham & DPS - Mauritius - David Gibbon.

19th June - Basingstoke P.S.—Anything Goes! - Members.

20th June - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Auction.

to Australia and New Zealand. Competition from foreign ships increased; from 1886 French ships offered a service via the Mediterranean, transhipped at Suez, and south-east to Singapore, Malaya and on to Australia and New Zealand. In 1901 the German Nordeutsche/Lloyd Line commissioned a large steamship, which at full steam consumed 500 tons coal/day, for the run. A selection of covers from this period, including a 'Sailor's Rate' 1d, Postcard 1 ½ d and a cover with an additional 1d 'Ship's Bag' were on display. The turn of the century saw the opening of the Goldfields in Western Australia which increased the sailings between Sydney/Melbourne and South Australia (Adelaide) and Western Australia (Esperance). In 1905 a large pipeline (approx. 1.5 diam.) and a railway line were built between Esperance and the goldfields some 350 miles inland. (The pipeline is still going in 21st century!)

After WW1 returning some Australian airmen brought planes home with them, and started using them to carry supplies, including mail, between Australian cities and towns, which speeded-up the post once it had reached Australia. In 1929 Imperial Airways established a route between London and Karachi, and Australian postal services by which mail collected at Sydney was flown to Fremantle, transferred to ship to Karachi and then by air to London – a journey of 14 days, but still much quicker than by sea! In 1931 3 experimental flights were made between London and Sydney, and in December a regular air service was opened between UK and Australia. With regular flights from UK to USA established, trials were made, using a Boeing 314 seaplane, of a trans-Pacific route, and in 1937 San Francisco – Hong Kong-Australia and San Francisco-Hong Kong-Fiji-New Zealand air routes were established. By 1940 a regular trans-Pacific airmail service was well established with a letter rate of 5/10d per ½ oz., and postcard rate of 2/4d.

Rev. Paul Arnold (Secretary)...

Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society Annual Auction....

**Saturday 3rd June 2017 at Court Moor School, Fleet
GU52 7RY**

Please note **new start time:** viewing from 2:00 pm and auction commences at 4:30 pm.

For more information see the website www.fleetphilatelicsociety.com and for a catalogue contact Auction Manager, Mike Czuczman
email: mike.czuczman@talk21.com

The Farnham & District Philatelic Society...

Regrets to report the death of Tony Merson at the age of 66. He had been a member of the Society for over 30 years, as had his father before him. He attended most meetings and had been the Society treasurer.

His philatelic interests were the postal history of Farnham and district and the French Napolionic War period on which he had arguably the most comprehensive collection in the world. He had written articles on the subject and collaborated with other authors.

He also had a very comprehensive collection of Farnham postcards.

He was a very generous and kind person, always looking out for material for other members of the Society and had helped dispose of collections of deceased members without wanting any return for himself. In his retirement he could be found helping on stalls at fairs etc.

Not content with his philatelic interests he was also a very keen numismatist. Indeed, his interest in coins had preceded his philatelic interest. He collected early English and Chinese coins. He had been elected an Hon. Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in 1999, one of only 29 Fellows.

By profession he was a chartered accountant and had worked for the local Farnham accountants Milne Eldridge from leaving Farnham Grammar School.

At his funeral messages were read out from as far away as The USA and Hong Kong expressing their sadness at his passing. He had helped authors all over the world in their efforts to produce books.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends and his premature death has

meant that a lot of research work and publication will now not take place.

Peter Harrod...

FARNHAM & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

It is my sad Duty to inform you that at our AGM on Monday evening this week, the Members of the Farnham & District Philatelic Society voted to discontinue the Society. We will have a EGM on the 27th February 2017 when the Society will come to an end after 67 years. In reality it is my fault as I gave notice to our club Members three months ago that I would not be standing for re-election as Hon Sec for health and family reasons at the next AGM. None of our Membership has put themselves forward to take on the role and with our President away 50% of the time, as he a Ship's Captain, plus we have not had a Chairman for several years and the Vice Chairman was also standing down, there was nobody to run the club. But as they say, all good things come to an end!

Roger Pascoe (Ex Hon Sec FDPS)...

The British Society of Australian Philately...

If you are a collector of Australian stamps or postal history then whatever your level of collecting we can offer you help and advice and a range of facilities together with friendship and social events that includes a wonderful Annual Convention to be held this year at the Abbey Hotel, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 9BE from 13 to 15 May. The Society runs a packet, has its own extensive library, runs two or three auctions a year one of which is always held at the annual Convention. A Bulletin is published six times a year and a range of specialist handbooks are available. At the Annual Convention competitions are held and cover Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery and Open Classes. Regular meetings are held at the Royal Philatelic Society offices in London generally on the second Wednesday of most months. The South West Section holds three meetings a year at Ringwood in Hampshire during November, February and April on a Saturday afternoon, many remarkable collections of Australian philately have been displayed at these meetings and guests and new members are made most welcome. If you would like further

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY 7th March 2017...

19th Century Australian and New Zealand Mail *Colin Tabbeart...*

There was no regular Australian Mail service prior to 1788, but by early 19th century routes to the east had been established via Atlantic, Mediterranean and overland to north India, and then south via Malaya, Singapore and on to Sydney. The first letter from Australia to Liverpool that is known was sent in 1823, but by the 1830s a mail service had been established between Liverpool and Sydney, with onward transmission from Sydney to Swan River, Western Australia in 1833, and to New Zealand (1840) and 1843 a missionary sent a letter to another missionary. (in Colin's display). In 1845 the first Steam Packet boats were in use via Mediterranean, then overland and on to other ships for the journey south-eastward. About this time duplicate letters were beginning to be written, with one letter being carried on a first ship and the duplicate on the next. Such duplicates are hard to come by, but a pair from 1846 was shown. The volume of mail increased, and although the Australian States remained separate entities, virtually all mail arrived at either Melbourne or Sydney, and onward transmission was by coastal packet steamers. With increasing quantity of mail, there was growing competition to carry letters, and more effort was made to speed the mail. Royal Mail opened contracts to carry the mail, and the Royal Navy, with ships in European and Australian waters obtained a contract, but its other duties sometimes interfered with the Royal Mail contract, and the contract was withdrawn and passed to commercial ships. The introduction of steamships resulted in faster mail over a few years the time taken for letters to reach Australia was reduced from 100+ to around 60 – 70. Steamships often carried sets of sails to us when winds were fair to reduce the consumption of coal. (Ships were reported as using up to 500 tons/day on occasions!).

By the 1860s shipping companies were looking for faster routes, and attention turned to the Pacific Ocean routes, with overland transhipment across the Americas. The first mail on this route was via Panama, but the health problems with yellow fever led to more northerly routes via San Francisco and New York. Later, with the introduction of the Empire Rate postage, much mail went via Canada, through Vancouver and Newfoundland. The closing decades of the 19th century saw the formation of many shipping lines, and in 1888 the Post Office introduced a weekly service

From the Editors Arm Chair...

I would like to thank everyone for their submissions for this copy and great to see groups having some excellent speakers. It is sad to see yet another society closing down “Farnham & District Philatelic Society (See page 8)” and the question is how do we stop others closing? The biggest problem is attracting new members and I wonder if we held an open day, where a central location in the county is booked and all affiliated societies to HPF have a table and they sell themselves to people attending. All societies would advertise the event locally in the press and radio and we invite the press and local radio to attend the event. We also have a children’s section for people bringing their children. Good or bad idea?

One thing I must ask everyone is that if you are submitting an item for the bulletin, please can you send in just 1 A4 page as anything over this takes up too much space. March saw our Chairman Julian Jones appearing on Radio Solent and gave an excellent interview. Sadly, the HPF lost its treasurer in January (Page 18) and Ferndown & West Moors lost one of their long term members John Goodman.

Steven Gerrard ...

Hampshire Philatelic Federation - 2017 dates...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield....

Sunday, 22nd January,
Sunday 7th May (AGM).

Saturday 2nd September (plus competition entry hand-in).

details about any aspect of our society please contact Colin Mount on 01425 474310 who will be pleased to help.

Colin Mount...

The Scottish Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax 1813-1839 & The Welsh Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax 1836-1839...

The new ‘Additional ½’ book, updating Hodgson & Sedgewick’s 2nd edition of 1984, was officially published in April at the SPHS AGM weekend in Edinburgh.

Entitled “The Scottish Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax 1813-1839 & The Welsh Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax 1836-1839” it was compiled by Ian Baker, David Graham, Michael Sanig and Bill Shand. The A4 size book of 385 pages includes chapters with new information on the ‘Exempt Towns’ and the ‘Carlisle Red’ handstamp. The catalogue sections illustrate most of the handstamps on cover, in addition to including new marks and updating dates of use. The Appendix sections cover the mailcoach services from Edinburgh, Glasgow and some other routes and also include a wealth of information from major Scottish city directories for the mid-1830s. Copies are available to non-members of the SPHS for £28.00 plus £2.95 P & P from: Mrs Lyn Robinson, 25 Myreton Avenue, KILMACOLM, Renfrewshire PA13 4LL Please make cheques payable to: ‘Scottish Postal History Society’.”

Julian Jones...

Hi there,

Everyone needs a hobby — it's a great way to socialize, burn off stress, and feel accomplished. I've been working on a project to inspire seniors to embrace a new hobby, and that's how I came across your site.

In my endeavour, I've collected some really terrific resources on stamp collecting. I think they'd be perfect for your site. If you're interested, I've listed them below. I think they'd look great on this page: <http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpxlinks.htm>, but you might have a better idea in mind!

Since I still have so much information left over from my project, I could instead write a guest article (free of charge) if that's more to your liking. People of all ages can reap the benefits of a hobby, so I'd love to inspire your audience! Or, kindly send me an email with “REMOVE” in the body to end our correspondence here.

All the best,

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Colin Tabbeart signs Roll of Distinguished Philatelists...

Hampshire postal historian **Colin Tabbeart** has been elected as a signatory of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. An expert in postal rates and maritime subjects of 19th-century Great Britain, Colin Tabbeart's first published work was British and Overseas Letter Rates 1657 to 1900 in 1989. A revised, second edition was published in 2003.

Among his other major published works are Robertson Revisited, A Study of the Maritime Postal Markings of the British Isles Based on the Work of Alan W. Robertson; Robertson Revisited, A Supplement 2016; Admiralty Mediterranean Packets 1830 to 1857; British West African Mail Packets; and Australian New Zealand UK Mails to 1880 and a second volume covering the years 1881-1900.

Colin Tabbeart is a fellow and past president of the Society of Postal Historians and editor of the journal of the Forces Postal History Society. He also has written more than 90 articles for various publications.

Julian Jones...

YOUR FEDERATION NEEDS YOUR HELP...

Your Federation badly needs your help because as many of you will know every two years a **Yearbook** is produced with a **Speakers List**, giving details of the many collectors who are prepared to give displays. It also gives a list of **Accredited Judges** who are prepared to help on society competition nights, but don't panic we only want your help to put this list together.

Once this list is put together and published, it is generally then that we find out that so and so does not do displays anymore because of ill health and so and so died six months ago which is also frustrating for the **Yearbook** editor.

The next **Yearbook** is overdue and we would be most grateful if you could let us know now rather than when the update has been published. Come on, help put a little back into this great hobby of ours. If you can help please contact the Bulletin Editor or the Chairman.

And remember your Federation really does need your help.....

Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society...

Our January meeting is traditionally Competition Evening and there was a good attendance by members. Before we started the competitions, a short silence was held in remembrance of Joe Robertson, who was one of our members for many years.

There are six different categories of competition in our society; single sheet on any subject, 9 sheets for each of the following: Thematic, Traditional and Postal History, 15 sheets on any subject with a five minutes talk and 16 sheets of Traditional, Thematic or Postal History.

The single sheet competition was won by Mike Pettifor with an entry on "Centurion at Perim" and runner up went to David Maddock with "Tierra Del Fuego". The winners for the 9 sheets competitions were: Thematic Pat Mackenzie with "Fleet's History", Traditional John Holmes with "New Zealand Health Stamps, the first 50 years", and Postal History Mike Pettifor with "Aden King George V Silver Jubilee". The 16 sheet competition was won by Graham Woodhouse with "Sarawak 1932 issue Production and Usage".

The engraved trophies for the competitions were presented to the winners at our February meeting by President, Bob Murrell.

The February meeting was another successful meeting with a full turn-out by our active members for a Members' Evening. Topics for members' displays included "Laurence of Arabia", "American National Parks", "Channel Islands under German Occupation", "Queen Victoria penny blues and reds", "Perkins Bacon printing of Sarawak stamps", "Adson stamps with adverts on the back", "Early Aviation", "Trinidad and Tobago 1934 stamps" and "Gaudi Art".

The society has recently gained a couple of new members and we are looking forward to our Society Annual Auction on Saturday 3rd June.

John Holmes...

