

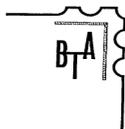
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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER - AUTUMN 2023.

As we head into September HAMPEX and competitions are at the top of my to-do list.

I'm pleased to tell you that we have a good selection of entries soon to be judged by national judges Pat Reid and Mike Smith: five 32 sheet two frame entries and nine single frame 16 sheet entries. Many thanks go to the members of Ferndown, Southampton, Portsmouth, and Ringwood Societies who have entered exhibits.

Preparations for HAMPEX are well under way but I would still welcome assistance on the Friday evening to set up, and with looking after the welcome table on the day. We have some new as well as previous dealers in attendance so do come to see what they have to offer. As many dealers are going online to sell their material the presence of actual dealer's fairs is getting less and less – so please support their efforts.

Julian Jones...

FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR...

Sorry the Bulletin is late as I have a number of personal issues that I am having to deal with that is impacting on me. So, HAMPEX 23 is knocking at the door and dealers are booked and so hopefully another successful one. We had our Committee meeting on the 3rd of September and minutes will follow soon. BUT one item was noted and that was Julian Jones (Chairman) is going to stand down at the 2025 AGM. So, we need a new chairman to fill Julian's boots. This will have two knock effects.

1. If we cannot find a new chairman before May 2025 then the Federation will have to be closed down.
2. If the above happens, then no HAMPEX and 2024 will be the last.

Steve Gerrard (HPF Secretary).

FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR.

Another issue of the Bulletin has been finished but a bit late and my apologies (refer to page 3) for this. We have 28 pages and now you are receiving this electronically we can add more articles BUT I need your help for this. This issue sees Ringwood, Ferndown, Chichester and Southampton supplying articles and material for this issue. We have 16 members in the Federation and it would be great to receive material from the other 12 clubs in some way or another. But I have managed to fill the Bulletin with material available to me and some interesting items as well (Well, I would say that as I am the editor) but I hope you all enjoy the contributions this year. Also in May 2024 see the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain is coming to Southampton (P27). So 2024 Congress looks good on paper BUT where it is going to take place then attendees will have to deal with cruise ships coming into the port (4 or 5 a day) and the bottom of Southampton gets very very busy.

THE CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Guest speaker John Robbins took us on a journey usually requiring lots of layers and thermal underwear! His was a display of Antarctica, where three oceans meet: Indian, Atlantic & Pacific. It is an area larger than Australia, Europe or the USA, containing 70% of the world's fresh water.

With a mixture of envelopes, stamps, photos and colourfully illustrated maps, we learned of the many bases there: Australia, GB, Norway, France, New Zealand, Chile, USA, and Argentina among others.

With a varied human population between 1,000-4,000, other inhabitants include Elephant Seals, Penguins, and Wandering Albatrosses (*Diomedea exulans*). There are NO Polar Bears in Antarctica.

Famous explorers such as Scott, Ross and Shackleton cross the icy continent to reach the South Pole. The first task when reaching the base was to plant the national flag and establish a depot of illustrated display.

Alan Green...

FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB.

Meeting 10th April, 2023

This proved to be an excellent meeting, with over 20 Members, very high quality displays and a concluding auction.



There were the following '8 in 3' Themes:

Hugh Jefferies commenced with *'Camel Postmen in the Sudan'*, which generated the camel and rider design and the theme on their stamps for the following 100 years!

Rick Wilmot showed *'Esperanto'*, noting how the World Esperanto Congress had run almost continuously from 1905 up to date, with stamps celebrating it from many different countries.

Phil Olds showed stamps of *'The Indian Sun God' and 'His Chariot'* from Jaipur, the capital of one of the largest Indian states, including sheets and covers.

Albert Jackson showed postcards bearing stamps that had been hand-engraved by

Polish officers in the German POW camp at 'Woldenberg' during WW2.

Wendy Buckle showed stamps with religious images from *'Western Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts'* made by monks and nuns; she explained that a feature was often a large initial letter denoting the start of a new paragraph.

Terry Kirkman showed 'Bonzo' (dog) postcards that he had recently started collecting. He said he had a cat himself, rather than a dog, so was showing cards that also had a cat somewhere in the picture!

Lastly, Rod Greer showed pre-stamp and early 1d red stamp covers from 'Coleraine' in Northern Ireland, close to where he grew up.

Alan King, Publicity...

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Report on

RINGPEX 2023



Without doubt, this year's Philatelic Fair - *RINGPEX*, was one of the best and most enjoyable in recent years, achieving an excellent attendance, busy and most friendly atmosphere, with a good variety of purchasing opportunities, a healthy *Penny Black* and assorted raffle prizes, a day long availability of the famous *RINGPEX Bacon Roll* and other cafe facilities!!

Bearing in mind that the majority of such fairs nationally are experiencing reduced interest and footfall, the *RPS* committee, with all its hard work, felt this had to be a major plus in its current programme. The event proved to be as strong on providing an opportunity to engage with regular dealers, as it was in providing the setting for collectors and philatelic trading friends to discuss the latest matters of interest.

Among the many visitors, an encouraging number took an interest in the Society's official table, and requested further information, with a desire to join in membership.

RINGPEX certainly still has that *magic* ingredient to set itself apart and be a firm diary favourite!

Paul Barry RPS Chairman and Publicity Officer...

THE SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY, THURSDAY AFTERNOON MEETING.

The three meetings in June, July and August have been entirely different from each other. Numbers attending remain good.

June was a normal “Show and Tell” type meeting, with displays of Ireland, USA and Trinidad and Tobago amongst others.



July was our summer Social event, and a number of people brought along non-stamp related items as examples of “What else I collect”. 14 displays made for a busy afternoon, with items varying from pottery to tea cards, toy trains to metal detected artefacts. A sumptuous cream

tea was provided courtesy of Debbie Hindson. The trophy for the Society Competition was awarded to Cathy Bruce for her entry on “Nurses” by Alan Whittaker.



August was a Member’s Auction, comprising some 280 items from the late Roger Lewis’s extensive collection. A substantial amount of material was sold, so I hope some of you got what you wanted. Our thanks must go to the auction team for their labours on the day, and also to Mike Vokes’s grandson Callum for acting as runner

throughout the auction.

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

6th June - A Jubilee Reminiscence: A Philatelic History of the 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee. John Davies.

The subject of the evening was a talk in two halves on the 1890 penny postage jubilee. John concluded the evening with a lot of extremely interesting and rare pieces of material all shown and presented in A3 format.

4th July - The USA from (almost) the beginning. Michael Goodman.

The evening talk started from 1845 New York Postmasters' stamp. The 1851 issues, and the perforated types up to the Civil War. There was then a miscellany of letter issues including the flag definitive to conclude the first half.

The second half looked at back of book items including postal stationary, revenues, newspaper stamps, postage dues, etc and then concluded with some postal history items.

1st August - Another bloody Railway - Part 2 (Far East British Mail by Trans-Siberian Railway 1909). Peter Pugh.

The first half of the evening was to cover the period from 1808 up to 1910. The second half concluded the talk covering the period 1910 to 1912.

5th September - "The Rise of the Flying Boats with particular reference to the route to Australia & Beyond" - The evening talk was in two halves about the rise of the flying boats and the setting up of the Empire air mail scheme with particular reference to the route to Australia and beyond.

After refreshments and the raffle, Sue concluded with the second half of her presentation covering the period from the start of the Second World War. Sue Burn.

Steve Gerrard (Southampton & District Philatelic Society Public Relations Officer).

HAMPEX 2023

Hampshire Philatelic Federation

STAMP FAIR

(Hotlines: 01489 582673 or 01794 514902)

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THEMATICS, POSTAL HISTORY
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10.00 am - 4.30 pm

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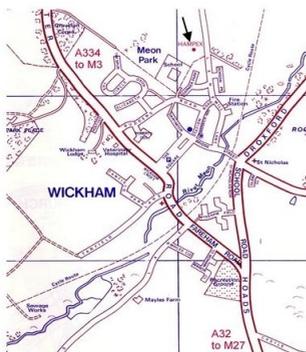
Refreshments and Free on-site Parking.

The Centre is a short walk from Wickham Market Square served by buses from Winchester and Fareham.

Wickham to Fareham is about three miles by road.

HPF Website www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfpfx.htm

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| 1 | Tom George | GB Postal History |
| 2 | John Kinnard | GB Line engraved stamps and postal history |
| 3 | Keith Attwood | World Stamps |
| 4 | Robert Uden | European Stamps & Postal History, Commonwealth |
| 5 | Graham Coles | Stamps and postcards |
| 7 | Anthony Baker | GB and British Commonwealth Stamps |
| 8 | Brian Trindall | GB, Australia & New Zealand |
| 9 | 'Solent Stamps' (Peter Jones) | World Stamps & Covers |
| 11 | Neil Sargent | Postal Stationery & Postal History |
| 12 | Trevor Pateman | Commonwealth |
| 13 | Paul Raggett | Commonwealth & GB |
| 14 | 'The Magpie' (Bill Pipe) | World Postal History & Maritime Mail |
| 15-16 | Malcolm Vigar | World stamps & covers |
| 17 | Michael Gibbs | World Stamps |
| 18 | Paula Cant | Thematic stamps & covers |
| 20 | Lester Mortimer | World Postal History |
| 21 | Peter Harvey | Postal History and Military Mail |
| 22 | Mike Samuels | Stamps & Postcards |
| 23 | Malcolm Lacey | World Postal History |
| 24 | Simon Burke | Worldwide Postal History |
| 25 | Graham Rice | GB & Commonwealth stamps |



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RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting 13th June, 2023

'A Look at Venice'

For any philatelist needing a trip to Venice, but unable to make the journey, this was the answer! Over the course of some two hours, members were transported to this magnificent ancient city through the speaker's amazing holiday experiences, knowledge of the historical time-line, his familiarity of its geography, culture, people architecture, traditions, art, sculpture, glass, music and cinema....AND a visit to the St Mark's Square Stamp Shop!!...the list is endless! Here fellow Member John Davis FRPSL, underpinned his presentation with rich resource material encompassing stamps, miniature sheets, covers, disinfected mail, documents, maps, photos...and more! The first half examined the time-line of Venice and its origins, up to 1796. Beautiful stamps celebrating famous painters featured, with *Letter Sheets* (philatelic?) that were issued to raise finances to assist the city's flooding problems. The fall of the Republic in 1797 was considered, then moved on to 1866 when Venice was united into the Kingdom of Italy. Within the display following the break, the study of rare and unique material, was possible, including that pertaining to the three Venices - 1918/1922. Stamps were examined which were issued following the defeat of the Austrians by Italy. With Dalmatia being a part of the original Republic of Venice, the German Occupation of Zadar stamps issued in 1943/1944 were interesting indeed. The time line moved on to the end of the 2nd World War, when the Yugoslavs attacked, and the resulting provisional stamps were displayed, that were issued for Trieste, Istra and Fiume/Rijeka. 1945-1947 stamps were covered, these being from those parts of the Istrian Peninsula that were separately occupied by the British and Yugoslav Military Governments. Italian overprinted stamps relating to the 1947 period were particularly interesting, as were the new stamps issued up to 1954, when territory was formally incorporated into either Italy or Yugoslavia, whose own stamps were then used. John continued the display with items illustrating some of the Islands in the Venetian Lagoon, followed by a trip down the Grand Canal....wow!!

This was a fast summary of the City's story, liberally sprinkled by numerous supporting philatelic and other items, perhaps the most memorable of which were two modern examples of superb turquoise



Morano glass, (decanter and tumbler) which John had *borrowed* from home, '*under pain of death*'...please do not touch!!

(someone did, and I had to look away!)

Another wonderful event in the RPS calendar.

Paul Barry, Publicity Officer...

THE CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The 26 June meeting of the Chichester & District Philatelic Society was a display and talk about Telegraph stamps and Ephemera of the British Isles given by John Armstone.

Telegraph stamps were intended as pre-payment fees that were attached to Telegraph forms to show payment had been made. They were first issued by the English and Irish Magnetic Telegraphy Company in the early 1850s.

Some issues were display at the 1851 Great Exhibition, were printed by Perkins Bacon and later by printers such as De La Rue and Waterlow.

Mr Armstrong showed examples of printers' proofs, control copies, colour varieties and of course, stamps. He displayed numerous envelopes displaying said stamps and fee markings. His display finished off with item concerning Post Office training stamps, issued in London from 1920. His examples were from the 1970s.

Mr Armstone 's display is always informative, varied and interesting to an audience.

Written by member Alan Green, edited by editor Martha Brown...

FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB.

Meeting 12th June, 2023
'12 in 5 -Stamps Only'



The Meeting was low on displays, but excellent interest and variety on show, between the four presentations. Rick Willmott opened the batting with his contribution on ***Narrow Gauged Railways in East Germany*** and ***1927 Estonia Charity Stamps***. His display was of complete sheets, which he enjoyed collecting; in the case of his Estonia items, he explained that there was a

single watermark in the middle of the sheet, so covering only a handful of the stamps. He was unable to see how this unusual practice had been properly addressed in the catalogue. Hugh Jefferies showed a worthy entry from ***Ascension GV & GVI Varieties***; he said there were 'bucket loads', unlike for example, British Honduras, where there had been very few, but he didn't know if this merely reflected the keenness of Ascension collectors badgering the SG Catalogue editor! Phill Olds showed ***Jaipur***, one of the Indian States and material he didn't think he had shown before, including complete sheets, blocks and individual stamps and including different shades. The concluding display was presented by Julian White who focussed on ***'Cinderellas'*** that he had come by over the years, although had never explicitly collected, including agricultural shows, exhibitions, royal events in particular, coronations and jubilees, NHS stamps, ***STAMPEX***, the Bournemouth 1910 Centenary and the Bournemouth Philatelic Congress.

Another excellent *home-grown* evening!

Alan King, with Paul Barry, Editor...

To All Philatelists.

There seems to be a bit of confusion in some philatelic quarters about the RM “Swap-out” (or should it be “exchange scheme”?) for non-data-coded Machin stamps. (They are not barcoded – no bars and they do not look like barcodes as seen elsewhere!)

There are some points which people need to appreciate.

Firstly. The non-data coded stamps **DO NOT HAVE TO BE “SWAPPED-IN” BY THE END OF JULY!** They only should not be used after that date.

There is **no set date** for the end of the Swap-out Scheme and RM informs me that currently there are no plans to end the scheme. Therefore, collectors of Machins and other stamps affected (see the second point) need not decide now whether to keep their collection or swap it in before it becomes impossible to swap the stamps for usable stamps if it cannot be sold as a collection when they no longer want it.

Note that RM might decide to end the “Swap-out” scheme in the future (see the third point) so collectors retaining affected collections should “keep their ear to the ground”. Hopefully, if an end date is set, it will be well publicised.

Secondly. The RM website is not absolutely clear on what needs to be “swapped in”. It begins by stating, “Regular stamps (?) without a barcode will no longer be valid” and it pictures Machins. It then goes through lots of info. on how to exchange stamps and it shows examples of what should be swapped – 4 x Machins, and examples of what need not be swapped – commems and Christmas. To find out more one has to scroll down quite some way and click on questions and open a PDF file and one can find details of further stamps which need to be swapped. All very difficult to follow! **So here is a list as far as I can work it out.**

The list of stamps which will no longer be accepted on mail is: Machins of all types from 1p to £5, including those with 1st, 2nd (will be swapped for current values) or with E on them, stamps marked for large letters, on **them**, the double-headed issues, Regionals, Country stamps, the £10 Britannia stamp, decimal Castles, the small Olympic worldwide stamp, Machins with special use such as International tariffs, worldwide including postcards, special and recorded signed for and similar. Note that some of these stamps are found (or also found) in booklets and miniature sheets.

Note that all KC3 definitives are coded so do not need to be swapped and

all Christmas issues have been removed from the need to be swapped.

It is not clear what is happening with stamps having a ½p in their value. Hopefully the ½p's can be added together and swapped!

There are other stamps which RM has **not** mentioned as needing to be swapped. These include small sized stamps with various designs such as flags, heraldic symbols, messages, views, patterns, etc., repeats of the first QE2 definitives (Wildings) but with decimal values on them, repeats of Queen Victoria stamps (on anniversaries of the stamps) and various other miscellaneous designs. Some of these come from stamp booklets, some from miniature sheets, some from Smiler and similar sheets and some from exhibition sheets!! It is suggested these should be swapped if not needed but can be kept and swapped later. A few might be worth a bit so best to keep.

Remember that you do not have to swap stamps being invalidated that you have in your collection – just not use them and hopefully swap them when you give up collecting if you cannot sell them for a reasonable sum.

Thirdly. RM should be made to understand that there are very many collections of Machins and other affected stamps, both in the UK and around the world. If these collections are to remain intact, RM **MUST** clearly state that the “Swap in” scheme will be never ending so such collectors will not feel forced to swap in their collections to avoid being landed with them if they become worthless as a collection.

It is suggested that all collectors of Machins and other stamps affected should write to RM and ask (or demand) that the “Swap-in” scheme be extended indefinitely. RM may only do this if they realise that they will upset many possible customers if they do not.

The address is: Mr. Nick Read, CEO of Royal Mail, RM Headquarters, 185 Farringdon Road, London, EC1A 1AA

Finally. It is my personal opinion that when one buys a stamp from RM one enters into an unwritten contract with RM. One buys a stamp which can be used as payment for posting an envelope or package and RM agrees to accept it as payment for the delivery of the said envelope or package. If RM declares some stamps as invalid and declines to accept them, they have broken that contract. And that the “swap-in” scheme does not change the broken contract as it has not been agreed by both parties.

Is anyone reading this message legally qualified to express a legal opinion on the above point or know of anyone who would be willing to express such a legal opinion? If so, would you or they do so without charge and let me know?

My contact details are as follows. Do feel free to contact me (preferably by email) to let me know your views on this subject or the result of any correspondence with RM or anyone else on the subject. You may pass on my contact details for this purpose.

Please pass on this message to any collectors you know who do not use email and would not otherwise receive it.

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**POOLE AND BOURNEMOUTH
STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB
ANNUAL FAIR**

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2023

at

The Community Centre

Poole Road, Upton, Poole, BH16 5JA

10am - 4pm

Free Admission - Free Parking
Refreshments

SOCIETY ROUNDUP.

4th September - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Presentations by 2 members - Mike Jacobs with Flying Navy III: Post 1945 & Colin Goblin with the Wilding Line.

4th September - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Grace Davies - Nobel Prize.

5th September - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Sue Burn - The rise of the flying boats with particular reference to the route to Australia and beyond.

6th September - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Buy & sell.

7th September - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Agriculture & Horticulture - Members' Displays.

8th September - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Speaker - Rufus Barnes - Christmas Island.

12th September - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker - Bill Pipe - Victorian Railway Letters (Stamps on Cover).

12th September - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - Bring Anything (Max 24 sheets).

12th September - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Speaker - Derek White - Revenues & Big Cats.

12th September - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - An evening with Clive James.

12th September - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Members' Displays Letter A & Members Bring & Buy.

12th September - **Isle of Wight Stamp Club** - Speaker - Andrew King - Exhibition Mail Part 1 - Followed by an Auction.

12th September - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 8 in 3 Postcards evening (Postcards Only) & Auction.

13th September - **Fareham Stamp Club** - Postcards.

14th September - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Letters D, E & F.

14th September - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Thursday afternoon meeting at Chandler's Ford.

18th September - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Chris Wheeler - Stamps on People of Dorset, Hampshire & Wiltshire.

19th September - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Social Evening - Single sheet competition.

20th September - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Chris Clothier - Thematic Display.

21st September - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Autumn Auction.

21st September - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - A.G.M & Social Evening, Quiz & Mini Auction.

25th September - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Competition Night Part 2 - Allam, Burkin & Peal.,

26th September - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Sue Burn - Smithy & his Bus.

26th September - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - Speaker - Richard Moss - Tristan Da Cunha period 1961-63 & Gough Island.

28th September - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Visit by Henley PS.

2nd October - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Patrick Reid - Australia.

2nd October - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members Display G, H & I.

3rd October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Paul Leonard - Forensic Philately & Expertising at the Royal Philatelic Society.

4th October - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Latest Acquisitions - any material.

5th October - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Postal Services - Member's Displays.

9th October - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Julian Jones - Transatlantic Mail between USA & GB.

10th October - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker - Barry Hobbs - Mind your P's & Q's, positions & Quackery of North America.

10th October - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Tony Hickey - Munich 1938 - The road to War.

10th October - **Isle of Wight Stamp Club** - Speaker - Neville Carr - India

Revisited.

10th October - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - Bring anything (Max 24 sheets).

10th October - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Autumn Auction & Members Night J - K or L.

10th October - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 8 in 3 What's your theme? Members.

11th October - **Fareham Stamp Club** - Invited Speaker (TBC).

12th October - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Members - 19th Century Material.

12th October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon meeting at Chandler's Ford.

13th October - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Annual Competition - 1, 4 and 8 sheets.

16th October - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Sue Burn - Smithy and his Bus.

17th October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.

18th October - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Sherry Pinton - Portugal.

19th October - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Paul Watkins.

23rd October - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Paul Davidson - Evolution of Steam.

24th October - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Bill Barrell - Line-Engraved GB.

26th October - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - An evening with Alan Matheson & John Hayward.

28th October - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.

31st October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - Various Speakers - Harrogate PS.

1st November - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - My first Postcard/s.

2nd November - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members' Displays - Crests, Flags & Banners.

6th November - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Autumn Auction.

6th November - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Bourse & New Acquisitions.

7th November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker -

Richard Hobbs - GB 19th Century Propaganda Envelopes and US Union Civil war envelopes.

8th November - **Fareham Stamp Club** - C/M Around the Edges.

9th November - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Members - Worldwide Registered Mail.

9th November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon meeting at Chandler's Ford.

10th November - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** -Members Meeting - The colour Green.

14th November - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker - Claire Scott - Death by Post.

4th November - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - Bring Anything (Max 24 Sheets).

14th November - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Speaker - Bob Higgins - Gibraltar (Up To 1960).

14th November - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Mike Smith FRPSL - Orange Free State.

14th November - **Isle of Wight Stamp Club** - Grand Auction.

14th November - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Four sheets from everybody - No Excuses! Members & Auction.

14th November - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Speaker - Steve Little - Pre & Post 1840.

15th November - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - 5 sheets in 5 minutes (or so) Letters F or G.

16th November - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.

16th November - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Autumn Auction.

20th November - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Mike Batty - Bishops Waltham Postal History.

21st November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Member's Evening & Letter 'B'.

23rd November - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker - Brian Hammans - Art & Spain.

27th November - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - AGM.

28th November - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Salisbury Philatelic Society Visit.

28th November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM

Meeting - Speaker - Julian Bagwell - British Levant Postal History.
4th December - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Chairman's Night.
4th December - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members Display - Christmas.
5th December - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker - Alan Whittaker - The German Occupation of the Channel Islands 1940 to 1945.
6th December - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Christmas Party - Member/Guests.
7th December - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Member's Displays - Christmas.
9th December - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Christmas Lunch & Social.
12th December - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Christmas Get Together.
12th December - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - Bring Anything (Max. 24 sheets).
12th December - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Christmas events - quizzes, wine, beer, mince pies, raffle etc.
12th December - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Club Meeting / Members Display & Sale.
12th December - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Xmas Draw, Mini Auction & Postcards of your Choice.
12th December - **Isle of Wight Stamp Club** - The President entertains.
13th December - **Fareham Stamp Club** - Anything Goes.
14th December - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Christmas Evening - Members & Partners.
14th December - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting at Chandler's Ford.
18th December - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Single sheet display with Prize & Christmas Quiz.
21st December - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Social Evening & Competitions/Quizzes.
21st December - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Christmas Social - Member's Display on anything non-philatelic.

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1st January - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Displays by Society Members.
3rd January - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members buy & sell.

8th January - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - President's Evening.

9th January - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - A New Year offering from Tony Martin.

9th January - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Members' Displays any subject & Auction.

9th January - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Visit from Ringwood Philatelic Society.

10th January - **Fareham Stamp Club** - Speaker - Clive James (Subject to be announced later).

11th January - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Chairman's Evening.

FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB MEETING

10th July, 2023

Supermarket Philately' - 'Speaker: Jean Alexander FRPSL.



'Lightbulb moments' or in this case 'hairdryer moments' are fairly rare for most of us, but when they occur, the world can change! Hugh Jefferies, the Club's Programme Secretary had again secured an excellent guest speaker. Jean Alexander was warmly greeted by the Membership.... 'a big name' on the philatelic circuit. Jean, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and a past Member of the Royal Mail Stamp Advisory Committee, was pleased to

share her story and collection, which began whilst reading magazines under a salon's hairdryer. Jean was drawn to a soup advert by Heinz which promised 'New Stamps for Old'. Here was an opportunity to collect brand stamp coupons and exchange them for official Christmas stamps. Her interest in such promotions grew in tandem with an increasing publicity drive involving over time numerous company names such as – Cadbury (Chocolate Fingers), Kellogg's with Cornflakes, Unilever, Sunday Express (Rupert Bear), Nescafe, ASDA, Boots, WHS, Woolworths, National Trust and others, and eventually The Royal Mail with its 'Jolly Postman' offer. These varied consumer rewards

Supermarket Philately

Introduction

This display looks at the changes in advertising between 1971 and 2001 relating to the Royal Mail and its products in the U.K. whether it is stamps or other philatelic products.

Stamps combined with commercial advertising go back as far as the 19th century but with the introduction of large scale manufacture and distribution the influence of advertising and sales promotions on the production of specialist philatelic items for the general public can be seen to have increased in recent years.

Stamps are not the only product produced but the presentation of stamps has become a large part of the promotion and consequently of philatelic interest.

Initially presentation packs were used and then specially designed folders or booklets together with, in some cases the standard first day cover, which has often been favoured by Kellogg's. Each company normally found the presentation most to its liking and sympathetic to its product.

The connections between advertising and philately can be divided into sections:

1. The promotion on a non-Royal Mail product gave offers which had philatelic interest i.e. presentation packs, booklets (either stamps booklets or specially designed booklets or packs), postnotes, postal orders, postcards and stamps.
2. The promotion on a Royal Mail product such as a stamp booklet or leaflet required proof of purchase of stamp booklets or other philatelic purchase. This gave a non-philatelic item as the offer, such as postcards, a recipe or garden booklet, chocolates or even cakes.
3. Specialised philatelic items produced or approved by Royal Mail for individual company promotions or longer term sale i.e. W.H. Smith's stamp booklets, Boots birthday cards and Woolworth's gift cards with additional stamp included. Marks & Spencer's birthday cards with a printed stamp impression on the envelope and Sainsbury's Christmas padded CD prepaid envelopes.
4. In 2000 Royal Mail intended to sell stamps self-service style and for this a trial at took place at Wembley in 1998. Products were pre-packed and sold in packs containing cylinder blocks, gutter blocks, quarter sheets and first day covers all available from hanging sales racks. The packs were picked up and priced at a check-out and Supermarket Philately had arrived.

1. The promotion gave offers with philatelic interest.

1971 Heinz Soup Offer

In 1971 for the first time, the British Post Office Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh ran the Heinz Soup promotion. The offer consisted of exchanging the labels from eight different Heinz Soups for six 1971 Christmas 2½d stamps sent in a Presentation Pack format.

PLEASE DO NOT BEND

HEINZ SOUPS
1971 CHRISTMAS STAMPS

FIRST DAY COVER
13 OCT 1971
EDINBURGH

Applications were sent out on the First Day of Issue, 13th October if they arrived before 6 October 1971.

of postage stamps, special stamp booklets and packs, postal orders, vouchers and publicity gifts stimulated Jean's collecting interests and she began to amass a large amount of related items, including associated advertising material. Her fascinating presentation provided Members with a unique opportunity to examine at first hand a wealth of 'free goodies' acquired over many years, some of which were rare indeed and totally unknown or now forgotten!!

At the conclusion, Hugh Jefferies voiced very sincere appreciation of Jean's amazing contribution to philatelic study. This collection proved to be both valuable and fascinating. It has its roots in a quiet moment in a hairdresser's salon!! 'Get your hair done!! You never know what philatelic journeys await!!

Paul Barry, Publicity Officer...

REPORT ON THE RECENT MEETING OF THE BSAP AT RINGWOOD.

On Saturday 13th May 2023 Ringwood Philatelic Society were proud to host a meeting of the British Society of Australian Philately at the Greyfriars Centre at Ringwood, when Michael Drury Was over from Sydney in Australia to present his remarkable study of "The Australian KGV 1d. Red Side-Face issue". Michael Drury is recognised as one of the top Australian philatelists.

Following his remarkable Eric Ash Memorial lecture at the BSAP convention at Redditch in May members and guests were privileged to see an outstanding presentation given by leading Australian philatelist Michael Drury with his wonderful display of the Australian King George V 1d red stamp that was issued between 1914 to 1922 and is generally recognised as being the most studied stamp ever. Michael's display included many of the very rare examples of this remarkable stamp starting with the very first De La Rue Die Proof, the item is unique and was only discovered in 1976 when a number of stamp-size proofs were sold from the De La Rue archives. Prior to 1976 it was thought that all die proofs were created by Perkins Bacon but we now know that Perkins Bacon sub-contracted the engraving of the master die to De La Rue and these die proofs were pulls sent to Perkins Bacon for their inspection. Michael continued by displaying of the four states of the Perkins Bacon Die proofs followed by a number of imperforate plate proofs. This wonderful presentation continued with examples of many of the major plate verities, mostly mint such as the Thin G, Die I & II joined and the CNE Flaw plus a fine example of the 1d Carmine with No Watermark Mint and some wonderful mint Rusted Cliches that were discovered when the plates were taken out of store and they found that rats had eaten the protective grease from the plates and urinated on them and so the two offending rusted clichés were cut out from the master plate and replaced with two new Cliches of a softer metal, most likely copper. These Substituted Cliches were displayed mint.

Michael is well known for the work he has done on establishing a standard for te many different shades of red as he has an excellent eye for variations in shades and is the authority in Australia that everyone turns to authenticate various shades of red, and many known shade groups were on display together with some sub-shades, among the rare known smooth paper shades were Orange-Red, Terra Cotta, Maroon and Pink and these were on show

together with a range of rough papers which included Damson, Lilac-Rose and very scarce Plum Shade. This was followed with a wonderful display of the very rare Eosin shade with some sixty examples on show with a study of the various areas that the stamp had been postally used, mostly in Victoria and New South Wales.

He went on to show a number of booklet panes which included a pane of 30 stamps from the £1 booklet together with examples of booklet panes with a number of min DIE II's. Other varieties included "Tin Shed Flaws" and examples of the scarce DIE III both mint and used. The display concluded with a small display of 1917 postcards, these reply-paid postcards were running short so they were returned to the authorities for splitting and overprinting for use as single cards, as suitable card was not available to re-print the reply-paid type. Used cards are very rare but several were on show. I consider this a great honour to have had Michael Drury come to the BSAP meeting at Ringwood and I look forward very much to his return in a couple of years. This was a wonderful display and I can only say that I been collecting this KGV 1d Red for over fifty years and during his display I thought I had died and gone to heaven!



Colin Mount FRPSL, FBSAP thanking Michael Drury for his remarkable display.



Colin Mount...

PRESS RELEASE.

South Atlantic Islands start new season.

The 2023/2024 season of the Royal Philatelic Society London began in traditional style on 14 September with a display from the Royal Philatelic Collection presented by gracious permission of His Majesty King Charles III. The material, selected by Rod Vousden FRPSL, Acting Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection, featured material from the South Atlantic islands of Ascension Island, Falkland Islands (and Dependencies), St Helena and Tristan da Cunha.

This was the first time since the 2019/2020 season that circumstances had permitted members having the privilege of viewing material from the Royal Philatelic Collection at the opening meeting. That was also the season during which the Society first met at its new home at 15 Abchurch Lane in the City of London (close to Bank Underground Station). The new building was officially opened by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 26 November 2019.

It was therefore poignant that, within the material from St Helena, was a first day cover of the set to mark the Coronation of King George VI in May 1937. The cover was addressed to HRH Princess Elizabeth of York, and was formerly in the personal first day cover collection of Her Majesty.

Following the Vote of Thanks, given by Kim Stuckey FRPSL, the President of the Society, Michael J. Y. Roberts FRPSL, presented Rod Vousden with a certificate of appreciation for providing the members with a display of outstanding material, much, such as original designers' artwork, probably never previously seen.



Illustration:

President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, Michael J. Y. Roberts FRPSL (left), presents a certificate of appreciation to Rod Vousden FRPSL.

(19 September 2023)

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The next Congress will be in Southampton from 11th to 14th July 2024. It will be based at the Leonardo Grand Harbour Hotel, close to the harbour and city centre. Free parking is available for visitors. Local attractions include the Sea City Exhibition featuring Titanic and a Spitfire Museum.

The programme will feature discussion on **new directions in philately** including "Context Philately". We can share latest developments and best practices in philately. This is an event for everyone with displays by local collectors as well as leading overseas collectors.

It is expected that the presentation ceremony for the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists will take place during Congress 2024.

For more information contact Steven Harrison, Chairman of ABPS, by emailing him at sharrison500@btinternet.com or calling him on 0121 313 0671.

This is a date for your diaries and this is not the first time it has been held in Southampton. The 34th Congress from the 20th May to the 23rd May 1952.



THE WEST INDIES PHILATELIC STUDY GROUP CONVENTION

15th OCTOBER 2023.

Some of you kindly advertised the WIPSG Convention a few months ago.

Here is an update on the event which looks like being a great success. Already, presentations are booked relating to the Virgin Islands, Barbados, Montserrat, the Cayman Islands, Trinidad and Anguilla. Those are all in addition to Andrew Fowles's eagerly anticipated keynote presentation on Jamaica.

The now merged West Indies Philatelic Study Group is an active international philatelic society with 400 members.

The Society's 2023 Convention will take place at Weybourne House, Hitherbury Close, Guildford GU2 4PR on Sunday 15 October. Doors open at 8.30 am. There is free parking and it's close to Guildford Station. Non-members are warmly invited to join us on Sunday 15th October, at an inclusive rate of £20 (soup and baguette lunch and coffee). Please arrange to attend by contacting Susan Taylor on sec@wipsg.org

Attendees can book accommodation at the Mandolay or another Guildford hotel or B&B, if required.

We are hoping that a number of our philatelic colleagues will join us to make this an event that reverses the trend of decline in many philatelic organisations, and celebrates the fun of philately. So please again advertise the event to your members.

With grateful thanks, Susan Taylor, WIPSG Sec.

Hampshire Philatelic Federation

2023 / 2024 dates...

3rd September - Petersfield Community Centre.

9th September - Judging for HAMPEX Petersfield.

22nd September - Setting up at Wickham for HAMPEX.

23rd September - HAMPEX.

14th January 2024 - ZOOM committee meeting.

5th May 2024 - ZOOM AGM