

# HAMPSHIRE PHILATELIC FEDERATION

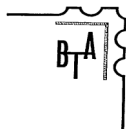


## Bulletin

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR...

Finally the January issue of the Federation Bulletin is completed. I must apologise for it being published a little later than expected. For the past 6 months I have been struggling with my mental health it came to a situation that put me in a dangerous position. But with help from my doctor and the NHS, things are getting back on the right track, but slowly. I apologise I was not at the last committee meeting but my Internet went down over the weekend so I could not join the ZOOM meeting.

Anyway enough about me and lets see where the Federation is at... Clubs & Society's seem to be growing and some are just bobbing along with meetings, competitions. The Southampton & District Philatelic Society have recently had to move and find a new meeting room. Well we have, but there were plenty of halls available BUT none with storage facilities for our Library, Auction Material, Archives & Our Southampton Postal History Collection.

With our AGM in May we are going to have to look at 2 things:

- Our Chairman will be standing down in 2025 and so we will need to find a replacement. But it is going to be hard as Julian Jones has done an excellent job as the current Chairman. We will have to consider what will happen to the Federation if we can not find a replacement. I do have a job description and I can email this out to any interested members.
- Also we have to look at what we do with HAMPEX 2025 as we start planning at HAMPEX 2024 when we approach dealers to ask if they want to attend next year (2025).

We will have start thinking about the above as already we are in February and to be honest, time just goes and we need to consider the fate of the Federation well ahead.

## THE CHICHESTER STAMP & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The second competition evening for The Chichester & District Philatelic Society was held on Monday evening, 25th September. A fine turnout of members and a great many entries were the order of the evening.

The Peal ( Novices Cup) was won by Neil Smith with his display about French engraver Albert Marius Hippolyte Descaris, a name that my spellcheck wishes to alter! Descaris was a gifted French engraver of stamps, with his definitive issues of Gallic cocks of 1962 being some of the most beautiful. Descaris began engraving in 1935 and continued until his death in 1985.

Second place in the Peal Cup was Frank Griffiths with his excellent layout and display design entitled ' Private Ship Letter Stamps of the Caribbean'.

Third was John Armstone with ' Sussex Cinderella's', fourth , Christopher Dudeney's 'Charles Augustus Lindbergh' with " all new material", and fifth, Russell Hill's display entitled ' Where's Chichester ', with a display of covers showing cancellations of Chichester .

The Allan Postal History Cup was a Joint First place between Martha Brown and Christopher Podger.

Martha Brown displayed the numerous cancellations on cover about 'Third Reich National Stamp Collecting Day' that was a regular feature in Germany in 1930s-1944.

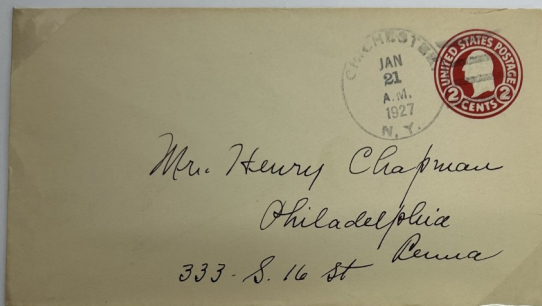
Christopher Podger 's display of ' Cyprus Incoming Postal Stationery', with its excellent design and numerous cancellation features was also another display of history Postmarks tell a story of how the mail moved from place to place, or about people in different countries at different historical times. Through cancellations and postal markings a story emerges about the transit of letters and postal cards. Any letters included in these add to the tale! This is the essence of Postal History.

Third place was Frank Griffiths ' Virgin Islands', fourth, Russell Hill 'Chichester to Selsey Tramway', fifth, John Armstone 'D-Day & the Post Office', and sixth place was Christopher Dudeney ' Ryde IOW Postmarks'. As one can see, there was quite a mixture of themes in the postal history displays for the Allan Postal History Cup.

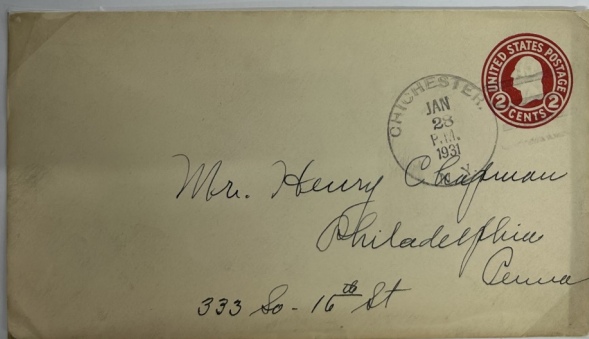
The Birkin Modern Trophy was won by Heather Lawn with a colourful and artistically designed display entitled ' Aitutaki in the Cook Islands'. This tiny island in the South Pacific measures only 18.3 square kilometres! Heather Lawn collects thematically, and her birds of Aitutaki , including White Tern,

## US POSTAL CARD'S USED IN CHICHESTER

There are several types of postal stationery with the most common being stamped envelopes and postal cards with an imprinted stamp or indicia (markings on a mail piece showing that postage has been prepaid by the sender). The first form of postal stationery was created by the United Kingdom around 1841. Other countries quickly followed including the United States of America. The postal cards below are both being sent to Mr Henry Chapman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. The Chichester postmark is from a town called Chichester in Merrimack County, New Hampshire, USA. This settlement in the US was established in 1727 by Thomas Pelham-Holles, Earl of Chichester, West Sussex, UK and was named after him, hence the town being called Chichester.



United States Postal Card dated the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1927  
US postage prepaid 2 cents with Chichester NY circular datestamp Jan 21, A.M, 1927



United States Postal Card dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 1931  
US postage prepaid 2 cents with Chichester NY circular datestamp Jan 28,P.M, 1931

Pacific Golden Plover, or Pomarine Jaeger were beautiful examples of bird life on this island. It was a Lovely display meriting the award of first place.

Christopher Dudeney showed ' Turkish Cyprus Posts' for second place. Quite a lot of history demonstrated through the numerous cancellations and markings.

Equal Third place in the Birkin Modern were Martha Brown , with colourful USA Federal Duck Stamps , and Russell Hill " A New Millennium" with a post year 2000 display.

Fifth and sixth places in the Birkin Modern

were Christopher Podger with his colourful display of 'Turkish Cyprus Revenue Stamps', and John Armstone's cheery ' Christmas Charity Posts'.

Well done to all members who displayed and competed, and to all members for such a great attendance on the night.

Anyone interested in the society can make contact through the website <https://chichesterps.wixsite.com/chichesterps> or call the secretary on 01243-527068.

New members are always welcome!

## **FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC AND POSTCARD CLUB.**

Meeting 11th September, 2023.

'8 in 3' GB and/or The Channel Islands - Members + Auction.

The Membership enjoyed 5 interesting displays, covering a variety of subjects. Hugh Jefferies was first in to bat with his well researched presentation entitled 'Stamped to Order – Postal Stationery'. Tracing its chronology, Hugh began with the well known 'Mulready'. This quickly proved unpopular within Victorian Britain, and was soon replaced by new envelopes having the embossed Queen's head. Organisations were able to have their own company address printed on these envelopes, a practice that was attractive in commercial terms. The display featured covers from Edward VII's reign. Various rates were available and these could be assisted by adhesives as needed.

Alan King presented his display - 'Surface Printed GB', 1851-1880'. This contained stamps and covers, a fascinating collection developed during Lockdown. Beginning with the 4d. Carmine, and then highlighting the 6d.value, Alan progressed to skilfully consider watermarks/errors, shades, papers and plates, and presented here, but a fraction of his collection. The 9d. Straw was well represented, with the 10d being included. The 1/- Green was also promoted, but scarce forgeries were not present, some being far more valuable than the legitimate! Concluding with the 2/- Blue value, he regretted not possessing the rare 2/-Brown!! (a crowd funding might assist!!)

Michael Goodman provided a short display, a study extract from a recent competition entitled 'The Machin Head, the final years'. This considered 'Post and Go', which had its origins in 2008. This service enabled customers to print out their own labels! Those depicted are the basic set from a presentation pack and show the office identifier number. (different!) 'The 1d Black and the First 1d Red' display provided early interest. Here Julian White had made a close study and shared a number of covers. The '8 in 3' part of the evening, prior to the monthly auction, concluded with Rod Greer's examination of 'KRAC Machins in NI'. These were well demonstrated though a variety of covers, with one depicting an early (1941) Armagh cancel.

Paul Barry Publicity Officer.

## RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting 12th September, 2023,

Members' Displays Using the Letter 'A' + Bring & Buy'.

This very well attended meeting saw 9 worthy displays, which together with a huge 'Bring & Buy' session, certainly secured an excellent evening, the first in the autumn calendar. The subjects were far ranging. Gordon Masson's 'Locomotives' was the first presentation and comprised 15 sheets. This focussed on old railway engines which were promoted by mainly first day covers and postcards. Under the neat title 'Art in the Age of Steam-in Philately', the display depicted railway steam engines dating from 1830, right through to the present.

'Australian Antarctic Territory' was displayed by Keith Clements. Using album pages which covered both this territory and relevant GB issues, the subject provided a colourful emphasis on 'global warming' and 'wild life', 'scientific' and 'trading supply shipping'. A strong collecting interest was evident in Clarewyn Smitt's long term amassing of - 'Interesting Postmarks' (from numerous philatelic administrations). This was a fascinating study of medical themed cancels, many being of health-slogan or recruitment advertising intent, Michael Goodman considered 'A is for Advertised' through a series of covers. This display looked at the Post Office's practice of advertising, to find addressees. (Unclaimed Mail) RPS welcomed new member Rob Hibbitt's personal contribution of 'A New Zealand Conception'. This featured 'Operation Deep-freeze' - a code name for US missions to Antarctica with a superb airmail bearing a 1978 'Polar Star' cancel. 'Additional' was David Etchells' early study which revealed his finding of a cover with a half-penny 'Wheel Tax' handstamp...a tax levied in Scotland. (1813-1839) 'Anhingas -a snapshot of a colonial past' was a beautifully written-up display, compiled by Simon Casalis de Pury. This looked at French Equatorial Africa stamp issues - 1936 (first issue) and 1958 (final). The concluding presenter,

Paul Barry, shared his origins of collecting interest in Southern Rhodesian issues, whereby a large box containing an African drum, stuffed with numerous stamps had been posted to him when aged 12, from his godfather, a keen philatelist, based in its capital, Salisbury...magic!! Entitled 'Acquisitions', it well rounded off the 'A is for...' themed evening, to be followed by a major 'Bring & Buy' session, being made possible by a most generous local donor, via Gordon Masson, the RPS secretary.

Paul Barry Publicity Officer.

## **FARNBOROUGH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB.**

### **UPDATE.**

Just want to let you know that we have now revised and upgraded our website. This can be now found at [www.farnboroughstampclub.co.uk](http://www.farnboroughstampclub.co.uk),

We also now have a Facebook Page and a Group Page. This can be found by searching Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club.

## **COMPETITION ENTRIES FOR HAMPEX.**

A reminder that the competition is open to all affiliated societies. Entries may be submitted in pairs to compete for the Howard White Trophy or individually for the individual competition. Entry forms for 2024 are available from this web page: <http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpxcentry.htm> . Entry forms should be returned by 20th August 2024 at the latest to the Competition Secretary, details on the forms.

Julian Jones (Chairman).



# THE CHICHESTER STAMP & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

23rd October 2023.

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society were very privileged to host Mr Peter Davidson, Secretary of the Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society on Monday 23rd October. His presentation, entitled “ The Evolution of



Steam” was an education in rail gauges, curves, iron used in rail construction and locomotive history.

Who wouldn't be intrigued by the history of Richard Trevithick who in 1801 began construction of a stationary steam boiler. He continued with his inventions and in 1804 he invented the world first steam locomotive for the Merthyr Tramroad in South Wales. In 4 hours and five minutes it travelled 15,69 km ( 9.75mi) with a speed of 5 mph! In 1811 John Blenkinsopp patented a design for a locomotive for the Middleton Railway. Other inventors and engineers were mentioned, but the father and son team known to most schoolchildren were George and Robert Stephenson whom in 1813 built them 'Puffing Billy', followed in 1814 by the ' Blucher'. As Mr Davison is quoted, things were “getting bigger and better”. His presentation was backed up with numerous picture post cards, special commemorative covers with fancy cancellations and intricate cachets, and stamps from Great Britain, Nevis, Funafuti-Tuvalu, Guyana, Nevis and more. His second half included discussion about steam locomotion and engines through to the 1960s.

Martha Brown...

## RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting 14th November, 2023.

Speaker: Mike Smith FRPSL 'ORANGE FREE STATE'

This was truly an exploration into a little known area of philatelic study. Society Members had within their reach an introduction to, as the Chairman said: 'A huge, deep study of much complexity; rare, superb quality.. exceptional write up'.

Mike Smith, besides his 'Royal' status, has many crowning glories. He is an International Judge, an authority on Postal Stationery, Secretary of the Federation of International Philatelists' Philatelic Society Commission (with 4 Large Gold Medals) and recently returned from Essen in Germany, having presented at the Seminar: 'Current Trends in Postal Stationery'. (May, 2023) Setting the Orange Free State in context, Mike explained that the State principally benefited from its agricultural and mining activities. Mike skilfully traced its postal history in some depth. First administered by GB, this tiny country found itself at the centre of international affairs, being a major focus of the Boer War. (1899) It was inevitable that a chequered philatelic path was to evolve. A complex web of official stationery card printings, (De la Rue) with some locally produced, was to ensue, with many observed within the display. The presentation was far ranging, covering stamp and card production, including overprints (Bloefontaine), and rarities.



The accompanying photographs provide a flavour of the specialisation which this presentation revealed. Mike made good use of anecdotes which included insights into how his collection was formed. Amongst the fascinating points made was that on asking dealers to reveal their stock

of 'Orange Free State' items, frequently bargains could be obtained, since this was a largely unstudied area of philately, and their lack of knowledge could be to his advantage!! Perhaps with more recent publicity, it is harder to strike such bargains from dealer stock books!!

A wonderful presentation of philatelic material, being of clearly international status.

**Paul Barry RPS Publicity Officer.**

## **CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

The Chichester & District Philatelic Society held its November Annual General Meeting with a good show of members. Outgoing President Bob Tebbit spoke of his two years in office and said he "made decisions for the good of the society." He appreciates the work members do, from those who make beverages, serve biscuits, wash dishes, assemble the hall for meetings, and more. All members showed their appreciation for Bob's work in this role. Secretary Frank Griffiths said the website [chichesterps@yahoo.com](mailto:chichesterps@yahoo.com) is up-to-date and current.

We hope members of the public who are interested in stamp collecting will read the website and get in touch. Mr Griffiths's hard work across the years was mentioned by the Incoming President Michael Asteris. We all also thanked Frank profusely for this work. The new display boards are being used and are a Great Leap Forward in presenting philatelists' displays in a more polished manner. Indeed, they make it easier to read the material due to improved height. Mention of the sound system to aid hearing was mentioned. It was agreed it needed to be used more often. Packet Secretary Alan Price and Treasurer Heather Lawn were thanked for their hard work. Both members presented reports on their respective areas. More members are being asked to be on the packet please!

Bob Tebbit was elected as the Auditor. He will work with Treasurer Heather Lawn to ensure things are in order! Martha Brown continues as the

news editor, and helps run the coffee group. The latter is popular and social. So please look at the dates on the website for this social gathering and come along and grab a hot beverage. Alan Bush was thanked for his work on the competition side of things. Indeed, Mr Griffiths handed out the 2024 Diary cards where there will be two competition evenings and two members evenings too. Please note there will be a One Page Open Theme Competition at the Members Night on 22 July 2024! Thanks to member Russell Hill for this terrific idea!

Howard Morgan and Alan Green arranged a display sheet quiz at the end of the AGM won by visitor James Podger who won a bottle of Prosecco! Second and third places were Bob Tebbit and Michael Asteris who won a box of mince pies each!

Anyone interested in visiting or join the society may ring the secretary on 01243-527068 or visit our website as mentioned above.



**Photo shows members of the clients at their AGM.**

**Photo by Martha Brown.**

# FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB.

Meeting 27th November, 2023.

Speaker Wendy Buckle FRPSL - '6000 Years of Writing Materials'.

Members were certainly well entertained to a highly specialised feast, underpinned by huge research and quality presentation and by philatelic study and inclusion. Speaker and Club Member, Wendy Buckle FRPSL described her amazing resource as 'a light hearted look at various cultures in their use of writing materials, of which 21 different materials are shown'. Under the title 'Animal, Vegetable and Mineral', the scope of this superb presentation was extensive. Touching first on the familiar, Wendy identified the Egyptian and Roman use of stone as a writing material, seen for example, in memorials and tombstones. Metal was considered, being a material used by rich rulers to impress. There was the example of metal (aluminium) postcards, not Post Office friendly, until receiving rounded edges and envelope covering! Moving on to wood, this material, widely used in Scandinavia and Russia, was followed by the use of cork, being a product of Portugal and Spain. Birch bark from Sweden was also featured within the display. The Chinese made much use of the mulberry tree to manufacture paper, as was their widespread use of bamboo, both as a writing material and for paper. From the Far East, there was the use of palm leaves, with, from Egypt, the widespread use of papyrus was seen, which will last for hundreds of years in the right conditions. The silver tree, from Table Mountain, was well used, particularly in Edwardian times, almost to extinction. Of great rarity was observed the Mutton Bird shrub's paper manufacture from New Zealand. Peat and flax from Ireland were featured. Cotton was used originally in paper manufacture, a product particularly appreciated by artists in search of quality. Wendy provided sheets devoted to the use of bone, leather, vellum, parchment and silk, where her embroidered cards were quite exquisite. Paper was highlighted as a front runner, emerging as a worldwide product attracting governmental taxation! Following much inspection and debate in the interval, Wendy then provided a most interesting study of John Dickenson's emerging 19th century paper empire. This section made good use of stamps, covers, cards, photos and

advertising examples, plus 3D items including lovely models of a railway wagon and commercial van. The development of Dickinson's company was well covered, looking at the early 1800's with the machine made paper manufacture. The development of the Mulready and 1d and 2d postal stationery items were highlighted, but his inability to secure the Penny Black/ Twopenny Blue contracts was noted. (monopoly issue) The emergence of Dickinson's security papers featured, being of particular importance during the two World War periods. Further company products were considered.

An interesting section focussed on Rowland Hill's huge postal innovations. Vice Chairman Terry Kirkman, praised the sheer quality of research and materials displayed and voiced the appreciation of all. He then presented Wendy with the Club's Certificate and Engraved Glass Tumbler.



Paul Barry Publicity Officer.

# THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON.

## PRESS RELEASE.

### **A great story from a great collector.**

'A great story from a great collector' was how Chris Harman RDP, Hon FRPSL, giving the Vote of Thanks, described the display and presentation by Howard Hughes FRPSL to the members of the Royal Philatelic Society London on 9 November 2023. Titled 'The Maltese Cross', the display provides the background to the Maltese Cross obliterator, introduced by the Post Office in May 1840 to prevent the fraudulent re-use of the newly introduced postage stamps and postal stationery.

The display won the Grand Prix National when shown at the London 2022 International Stamp Exhibition. It explains how the obliterator was used – including the need to change the ink composition and design of the obliterator – and why and when it was replaced, including examples of late usage. Introducing his presentation, Howard explained how studying the Maltese Cross has become 'a lifelong passion' as, when he began the collection, the information was not known, and he had to undertake the research. The result, as Chris Harman commented, is 'a watershed collection' full of extraordinary material. President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, Michael Roberts FRPSL, presented Howard with the Society's plaquette and certificate.



Michael Roberts FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, presenting Howard Hughes FRPSL with the Society's plaquette and certificate.

(15 November 2023)

# THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON.

## PRESS RELEASE.

A chance buy of a bundle of covers at an auction led Julian Tweed to discover the fascination of Great Britain Express Mail. Julian shared his passion, the result of years of research and discovery, with members of the Royal Philatelic Society London at a display and presentation given on 26 January.

The express delivery service was introduced by the British Post Office on 25 March 1891 and over the years was effected in different ways, from the use of telegraph boys who carried the letter for its entire journey, messages sent initially by telephone before reaching the recipient by messenger, to the use of aircraft in wartime.

Items shown included the labels, markings, stamps and forms that were used, many proving scarce, especially the forms as these were usually destroyed. One striking item was a letter sent 'Express' from Balmoral Castle to Windsor Castle, hand written by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Alex Haimann FRPSL gave the Vote of Thanks to Julian, remarking that all had learned something new during the presentation, at the same time seeing items that told many a human story.



Michael Roberts FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London (left), thanking Julian Tweed for his presentation.

(30 January 2024).



# SOCIETY ROUNDUP.

(2024).

17th January - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - John Campbell - Connections.

18th January - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Barry Hobbs - Private Mail Carriers of South America.

25th January - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Member - Club Competition.

30th January - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - SDPS Jamboree.

February - **Alton Stamp Club** - No Meeting.

1st February - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Display's - Valentines.

5th February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Member's Other Hobbies & Collections.

5th February - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Bourse, 16 sheet competition and Member's New Acquisitions.

6th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Albert Jackson - Poland at War.

7th February - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - "Did you Know" Any Material.

8th February - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Visit by Woking & District PS.

8th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting at Chandler's Ford.

9th February - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - AGM.

12th February - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 12 in 5 Australasia & Pacific - Members - Auction.

13th February - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Post Office Labels - Speaker: Christopher Wheeler.

13th February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - Bring Anything (Max 24 sheets).

13th - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Channel Islands Occupation - Speaker: Alan Whittaker (S&DPS).

13th February - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Mini Auction &

Members Night - 1901 To 1937.

14th February - **Fareham Stamp Club** - C/M Postal Censorship.

15th February - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Gold Coast -  
Speaker: John Mills.

19th February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members 8  
Sheet Displays & Members "Displays J-K & L".

20th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Members  
Evening - Letter 'C'.

21st February - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Delia -  
Postcard Special.

22nd February - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Members - Postcards &  
Ephemera.

22nd February - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Spring  
Auction.

26th February - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Irish  
Postal History up to and Including Partition - Speaker: Stan Challis (FRPS).

26th February - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Presidents Night.

27th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting  
- Richard Stock - The Development of postal communications in Sudan.

4th March - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - AGM and single item  
Competition.

4th March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker "Janos Kass  
- Hungarian Stamp Designer" - Speaker: Brian Snape.

5th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Michael  
Smith - The Postal Stationary of the Orange Free State.

6th March - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - Back of  
Book/Cinderella/Ephemera.

7th March - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - First  
Competition Evening.

8th March - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Speaker: James Podger - Africa &  
Adjacent Islands.

11th March - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Annual  
Competitions (Including one Sheet Entry) & Auction.

12th March - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Annual Competition -  
Traditional, Thematic, Postal History, Open Philately & First Timers.

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

12th March - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Titanic - Speaker: Phil Cant.  
12th March - **Alton Stamp Club** - AGM Followed by a Single Item Competition.  
12th March - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - AGM, Showing M, N & O & Secretary's Quiz.  
12th March - **Isle of Wight Stamp Club** - Member's New Acquisitions & Auction.  
13th March - **Fareham Stamp Club** - Thematic.  
14th March - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker - World War II 1989 – 1995 - Philip Cant.  
14th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting at Chandler's Ford.  
16th March - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Annual Auction.  
18th March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - "The Story of 1940 Through its Postal History".  
19th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Social Competitions to be judged by members, Bourse & Silent Auction.  
20th March - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - My most favourite postcard(s) & why.  
21st March - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - The Curious Case of the Common - Speaker: Andy Kempe & Greenham Common Ephemera.  
21st March - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Bill Pipe - WW1 Naval Censorship.  
23rd March - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - WESTBEX 2024.  
25th March - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - The 1957 Transatlantic Expedition - Speaker: Brian Clayton (FRPSL)  
25th March - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Competition Night Part 1, Viner, Symes & Symmonds.  
26th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - Janet & Nick Nelson - Puerto Rico.  
27th March - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Awards Lunch.  
28th March - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Visit by Petersfield & District PS.  
1st April - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Year ending in "9" competition and a Member's Postcard Displays.  
2nd April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - AGM, Queries & Recent Acquisitions.

3rd April - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - Phillip Cant - I don't do Thematics.

4th April - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Second Competition Evening & Awards.

8th April - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Spring Auction.

8th April - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 12 in 5 : The Choice is Yours - Members & Auction.

8th April - **Isle of Wight Stamp Club** - Speaker - Mike Torreggiani - Germany - The Soviet Zone 1945-1949.

9th April - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Visit from Alton Philatelic Society.

9th April - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Writing Paper - Speaker: John Scott.

9th April - **Alton Stamp Club** - We Travel to Ringwood Philatelic Society.

9th April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Visit by Woking & District PS.

10th April - **Fareham Stamp Club** - AGM / Everybody 1 Sheet or Item (Philatelic or Non-Philatelic) or 50p.

11th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting at Chandler's Ford.

11th April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Members - Definitives.

12th April - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Speaker: Grace Davies - Peace.

16th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.

16th April - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - Bring Anything (Max. 24 Sheets).

17th April - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - Club Competition (1) - General/Thematic/Postal History.

18th April - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - World War II 1989-1995 - Speaker: Philip Cant.

18th April - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: John Moody - Zeppelin, the man, the machines & the stamps.

20th April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Club Auction.

22nd April - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Cyprus - Speaker Chris Dudeney.

22nd April - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - "Accelerating the Trans Atlantic Mails 1890-2000" - Speaker: Julian Jones. (S&DPS).

22nd April - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - The Bailiwick of Guernsey - Speaker: David Winnie (FRPSL).

25th April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - (To be arranged).

30th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting -

Daphne McMillan - Illustrated Airgraphs of WW2.

1st May - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker - George Fergusson - 2nd Reich.

2nd May - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Rick Wilmot - Germany, the occupation zones & the DDR.

## **2024 SEMINAR.**

Another seminar is planned for Chandler's Ford on 27 July 2024. Designed for anyone interested in becoming a Federation judge, or for existing judges who want to brush up their skills, but it is also highly relevant to anyone who wants to learn more about exhibiting. The seminar will be only for one day and include presentations, discussions and some practical experience of judging. There are still a few spaces available so, if you would like to come, please contact Nick Martin at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk) to sign up. Note that Nick's name and contact details were omitted from the original ABPS newsletter.

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## **HAMPEX 2024 - HELP REQUIRED.**

HAMPEX 2024 planning is under way and we will need help on the Friday Night to help put up the Competition Frames and also on the day to man the entrance table. The committee needs your help and without your help the event will not be able to go ahead. So, if you can help on either day then please contact me or Julian Jones (Contact details on page 2) if you can offer help. The Friday night is from 4pm to around 5.30pm and on the day from 10 am to 4 pm. The future is in the members hands as we will need your help.

**FERNDOWN AND WEST MOORS SOCIETY.  
MEETING 22ND JANUARY.  
MIND YOUR P'S AND Q'S.  
BY BARRY HOBBS...**

The title of the display created some puzzlement among the assembled members and it came as something of a surprise when Barry explained that the letters stood for Pills, Potions and Quackery – a history of Quack Medicine in the USA as told through illustrated covers sent during the golden age of such advertising from the 1850s up to the end of the First World War.

Until the passing of the food and Drug Act in 1906, there was no restriction whatsoever on whom could set up as a drug manufacturer. Some people were genuine and wanted to improve the lot of their fellow men and women. However, many were often charlatans whose only interest was in making vast amounts of money. The claims made for the preparations were often inflated and dishonest and Barry illustrated this point by referring to medicines claiming permanent cures for cancer, consumption and Spanish flu. The contents of these medications could be nothing more than placebos. At the other end of the spectrum some were positively dangerous and addictive. They could do serious harm and in extreme cases prove fatal if taken in sufficient quantities. A common ingredient in many potions was alcohol – considerable quantities of it - that ensured that if nothing else, the patient felt some relief from the symptoms of the disease!

In the first half of the evening, Barry talked of the symbiotic relationship that existed between the medicine industry and the American Post Office, as many manufacturers conducted much of their business by mail order. A symbiotic relationship also existed between the medicine companies and the newspaper industry. Heavy advertising was essential for success and newspapers depended on the revenues generated for their survival. This mutual dependence did much to prevent editors and reporters from

campaigning for laws to regulate medicines.

In the second half, Barry displayed covers advertising bandages, supports and artificial limbs. Veterinary medicines also featured as people often used them for human complaints – two spoonful's for the horse and one for the human! Barry rounded off the evening by placing the illustrated envelopes in the wider context of advertising in general, displaying trade cards, revenue and encased stamps, testimonial booklets and songsters used in medicine shows.



## GERMANY ERRORS.

I was thinking how can I expand my Germany Collection and whilst going through a couple of collections, I found 1 or 2 errors and decided this was the way ahead to expand the collection. So here are a few examples that I hope you find interesting.

Steve Gerrard (Editor).



SG133a - 1920 - Five Flowers on spray in woman's hand.

SG Cat. Val. £250.00.



SG928 - 1947...

Perforated horizontally above the 2pf.



SG900 - 1946 To 1947.

Perforated Vertically



## FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB.

**11th December, 2023 Christmas Meeting.**

Club Members gathered in good numbers for this Christmas Meeting, encouraged no doubt, by free bar drinks, excellent Raffle and quizzes! Terry Kirkman provided his usual challenging general knowledge quiz, with Hugh Jefferies in support, providing a fully philatelic test, covering world issues. As



**Hugh Jefferies...**

Programme Secretary, he was pleased to share his hot off the press, 2024 programme of planned Meetings. It was clear that much effort had been expended, enabling a truly magnificent set of events for the membership, which incidentally, is still growing!

Thanks go to Hugh, Terry and indeed Alan King who made the arrangements for this, the final meeting of 2023.

**PAUL BARRY  
PUBLICITY OFFICER.**

## **SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

We had a number of excellent presentations from September to November and below is a short review...

**5th September** - Sue Burn - The rise of the Flying Boats with particular reference to the route to Australia & beyond.

The evening talk was in two halves , 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.

Sue concluded with the second half of her presentation covering the period from the start of the Second World War

**3rd October** - Paul Leonard - Forensic Philately and Expertising at the Royal Philatelic Society.

The first half of the evening was a talk and PowerPoint presentation on Forensic Philately and how the Royal Society go about expertising stamps and the equipment used. Followed by refreshments and the raffle.

Paul concluded the second half of the evening with an open floor, answering questions on the subject and inspecting any members material that had been brought in.

**7th November** - President's Evening - Richard Hobbs - GB 19th Century Propaganda Envelopes and Unuon Civil War Envelopes.

The evening talk was in two halves, starting with GB 19th century Propaganda envelopes.

The second half of Richards presentation concluded with an interesting insight into US union civil war envelopes.

THATCHAM AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

*(Founded in 1966)*

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tel. 01635 866942 Graeme Stewart, (secretary).

## GERMANY ERRORS (Continued).



SG1403 - 1965 - Perforated Vertically.



SG68b 1902 (DFUTSCHES for DEUTCHES).

### Hampshire Philatelic Federation 2024 dates...

14th January 2024 - ZOOM committee meeting.

5th May 2024 - ZOOM AGM.

1st September - Committee Meeting at Petersfield (2pm - 4pm)

21st September 2024 - HAMPEX (10am - 4pm)