



Newsletter December 2015

Editorial

The latest edition of Bulletin was dated May 2015. This Newsletter is intended to keep societies informed in a similar way to the Bulletin but with a major difference; it will not be published in paper format, being only available online. It is sent by email to all affiliated society representatives and contacts for whom I have email addresses. If any are out of date or have changed please let me know by email. You are all at liberty to download and view it yourselves or print it for your own records and to circulate at society meetings for the benefit of your members without internet access. I encourage you to please forward the relevant link to all your members for whom you have an email address.

Much of the paper Bulletin contained repetitive boilerplate information that is also available on the Federation's website. The links to that information are included below as blue underlined links. If you view this newsletter on a device which is connected to the internet then clicking or tapping the link will take you to the relevant page.

Finally, I welcome your feedback (by email) on this approach. Shall I use a similar method for my *Chairman's January Letter*? There is also some late breaking good news: Steve Gerrard of Southampton and District Society has volunteered to edit a paper Bulletin which will be distributed in a similar way that to previously, once he gets up to speed. Please help Steve to make the Bulletin relevant to you.

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News items

Immediate news items are posted on the Society's [Home News](#) page and more follow here (some of it a bit 'old' due to the gap since the last Bulletin!)

London 2015 Europhilex was a great show and a couple of Hampshire philatelists displayed there:

Lesley Marley (Hayling Island DPS) was top in the Champion Class list with 94 points and Gold for her exhibit *A Whale's Tale*. (Lesley had also shown this exhibit and gained top honours at Essen earlier in the year.)

Brian Marshall won a Large Vermeil with his *Sarawak The Life and Times of Ha Buey Hon 1871-1947*.

At the ABPS National Competition held at York this summer Julian Jones was awarded a Gold medal for his single frame Postal History entitled *US-GB Discriminatory Retaliatory and Restored Rates 1847-1849*. This was little changed from the entry with which he helped Southampton DPS win the Howard White cup in HAMPEX 2014, which hopefully illustrates the pathway from club, to federation and national competitions.

At Autumn STAMPEX John Leathes of Petersfield DPS was awarded a Large Vermeil for his *The Naval Blockade of Germany in World War One*.

Chris Wheeler, Ferndown & West Moors Stamp Club, reports that Hugh Jefferies was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for his services to philately, especially the catalogues at Stanley Gibbons.



Hot on the closure of London 2015 it is announced that there will be a major stamp exhibition at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London from Saturday, 2 May 2020 until Saturday, 9 May 2020. This will be a full international exhibition with competitive classes in Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Revenue, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Open, Literature and Youth. Keep an eye on the London 2020 [website](#) and look out for their logo in your favourite stamp magazine.

The National ABPS rules for Postcard Competition have been posted on the [ABPS website](#). Click the Exhibiting tab and then the Downloads tab to see a list of these and the STAMPEX 2016 rules.

Society Reports

Contacts for societies affiliated to Hampshire Federation are listed in the website's [Society Page](#). Articles are welcomed and will be published in the Bulletin.

Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club

Monday 22nd June 2015 "Tasmania" - Pat Reid

The evening's meeting had been eagerly awaited with members from several local philatelic clubs attending and they were not to be disappointed. Here was amassed a truly large and unique collection, comprising mint/used stamps including Victorian embossed official envelopes, overprints, blocks and a sheet, revenues

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routes included the Holyhead link to Ireland, Liverpool through to New York and Boston, the Persia via Hong Kong, the Berlin – Bagdad and the Russia – Finland to Stockholm routes to name but a few.

Shown is a Postcard sent via Siberia to Bournemouth, 1910.

Paul Barry

Southampton DPS

Chandler's Ford 'Sociable', 9th July, 2015

The meetings in Chandler's Ford during the afternoons of the second Thursday of the month have become



President John Berridge (left) presents Alan with a certificate of Life Membership of the Society. Photo courtesy Debbie Hindson.

an increasingly popular event, particularly with those collectors who do not want to travel to down-town Southampton in the evenings (which can be rather daunting, especially in mid-winter). The format is deliberately kept informal, and there is invariably a wide range of 'bring-and-tell' displays, which are always interesting and quite often include something extraordinary. The informality results in these meetings being as much social occasions as philatelic events. The Committee was aware that a significant number of those attending did not participate in meetings, including social events, at the Bugle Street venue, and it was therefore decided to include in this year's Chandler's Ford programme a purely social occasion. This was the scheduled July meeting; the venue was the Dovetail Centre of the Methodist Church next door to our usual meeting place, the Community Room of the Hanover Housing Association. The event was organised by Debbie Hindson with the assistance of Janice Eastlake, and was chaired – in the usual informal fashion – by Alan Drysdall, who has recently been accorded the formal title of 'Convenor' and a place on the Committee in recognition of the important role. During the proceedings Alan Drysdall was accorded honorary life membership of the Society.

It had been decided when the annual programme was finalised that this would be an entirely social event and there would be no philatelic displays. There was, however, a display of humorous Christmas, birthday and other cards, which certainly caused comment among those viewing. (Philatelists, especially postal historians, are familiar with such items as letters and postcards that have been through the post, and valentine cards have a serious following, but there seems to be little interest in other types of cards.)

The quiz, set as always by Lorraine Simms, was a real stinker. There were 30 questions, but it was a certainty that no-one would score 30 and unlikely that anyone would score 20. Remarkably two people, Felicity Irons Smith and Brian Hague scored 17 (an incredible achievement). Felicity was the first to answer a tie-breaker question and consequently won the prize (another, in this case anonymous, bottle of wine).

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Federation Reports

HAMPEX 2015

As visitors to HAMPEX will know, Petersfield DPS won the Howard White Trophy.



Competition secretary Julian Jones (left) presents Brian Marshall with the Hampshire 16 Cup and Large Vermeil for his *Sarawak Provisional Issue 1899* entry. On the table at right are the Howard White trophies already presented to Brian on behalf of Petersfield DPS.



Paul Davidson (left) taking over as HPF President from outgoing President, Brian Marshall at the May AGM

The full list of competition results is available on the website [Bulletin page](#). The competition entries were on show and two of the judging team, Christine Earle and Pat Reid, were on hand in the morning to provide exhibitors with additional feedback on their exhibits.

The junior workshop had a successful day and was run again by Junior Club Coordinator, Paul Davidson, who also took on the role of Federation President from the May AGM.

Southampton DPS and the TPO & Seapost Society had tables at the fair and the British Society of Australian Philatelists held an afternoon meeting. HAMPEX provided a broad range of interest for visitors, not to mention some twenty dealers looking after a busy gathering of collectors.



Articles

Articles relevant to Hampshire philatelists are welcomed. Word documents and images in .jpg format (300 dpi or above) are required and remember that tasteful use of colour may enhance submissions and is now fully supported online. Prospective articles may be sent by email to [this address](#) for the next Bulletin.

Events

Local philatelic events are also posted on the website's [Events Page](#)

Society Programmes

Most Hampshire affiliated societies also have their own websites which are linked from the Federation's [website](#). Those with websites usually list their upcoming programme of meetings and events. For those societies without a website we will be pleased to scan and present their programme cards online. Remember that all societies would welcome visitors who are not members at a meeting. Encourage your members to see what is on elsewhere; they may come back with a great recommendation of a speaker and topic for your own society's future programme.

Obituary

Francis Kiddle RDP., FRPSL 1942-2015



Francis Kiddle, who passed away October 21st 2015, was Patron of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation and also a major influence on philately both in Britain and world-wide. I last spoke to him at MIDPEX in June 2015 and was surprised to receive his frank email in September announcing that he would stand down as Patron due to an incurable illness. Francis was always a valuable source of advice and counsel to present and past Federation chairmen as well as a willing speaker at Hampshire societies. Francis was a member of several specialist societies, reflecting his many and somewhat eclectic collecting interests. In spite of a busy philatelic schedule he remained very active in his own society of Fleet and North Hants.

Francis worked in the space industry, retiring in 1997, as Assistant Director of Space Technology Research, at the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency in the United Kingdom. The breadth of his influence on philately may be seen from the following list of positions held and honours gained:¹

1977 Council Member of the Royal Philatelic Society London

¹ Honours summary courtesy Chris King, RDP, FRPSL

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1979-1994 Honorary Librarian of the Royal Philatelic Society London
1994-1996 President of the Royal Philatelic Society London
1996-2005 Chairman of the British Philatelic Trust
2000-2008 Chairman of the FIP Philatelic Literature Commission
2001 Royal Mail Lifetime Achievement Award
2006 Signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists
2006 U.S.A. Smithsonian Museum Lifetime Achievement Award
2008-2015 Chairman of the FIP Revenue Commission
2009 Honorary Fellowship Royal Philatelic Society London
2012 The Lichtenstein Award



He was many times a philatelic judge at FIP Exhibitions and at exhibitions in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world, and was Curator of the Perkins Bacon Archive held by the Royal Philatelic Society London until his death.

Francis was a great friend to philately, and philatelists everywhere.

Fleet and North Hants Society and the Hampshire Federation have suffered a double blow this year with the passing of both Francis Kiddle and Tom Fowler. Tom was a staunch supporter and contributor to the Hampshire Philatelic Federation over many years and most active as editor of the Handbook, The Bulletin and the HAMPEX programme. Both will be sorely missed and long remembered.

Julian Jones

To finish the year on a positive note may I wish all of you a happy and fulfilling Festive Season and productive philatelic hunting for the New Year!



Cover courtesy Kirsten Gress, arslonga.dk/Danish_Christmas_Seals.htm#1908-09
adjacent 1908 cover shows the artist's impression of the sanatorium which opened in 1911.

The Christmas seal was a Danish invention. In 1903 postmaster Einar Holbøll expressed the idea that all packages could be supplied with Christmas seals, and the profit dedicated to giving sick children renewed hope. The world's first Christmas seal was published on December 13th, 1904 and have been issued annually since 1904 by "The Danish Christmas Seal Committee". The initial sales funded the construction of the Christmas Seal Sanatorium at Kolding, Denmark. The seal on the top left of the