

The Hampshire Postal History Society was established in 1989 by Malcolm Lacey, John Button, Mike Hill, Colin Mount and Frank Pegley. There were probably more Historians involved but their names escape me.

The Postal History Society was born and was soon followed by the first Journal called "The Hampshire Post" in September 1989. Members were and are very willing to participate in supplying material to be included in the Journal and by doing so they are giving a tremendous amount of valuable information that helps us all with our own collections.

Most collections are built up by Members with old entire letters, some predate 1700, and envelopes etc. of the village, town or city where they live or associated with in some way. Many different post marks have been uncovered since 1989 and have been noted to be included in the Hampshire Postal History Book that John Button is compiling and hoping to be published in the future. Writing a book on a subject such as this will take many years and will never be totally finished as new material is always turning up.

If you have any unusual post marks or instruction marks, or even a general collection of postal history of Hampshire, why not join us and share your knowledge, then perhaps you can learn more about your own collection. Your collection is important to you but it is also important to The Hampshire Postal History Society.

Membership year runs from
1st September to 31st August
Annual subscription
£10.00 per Member

Subscriptions are used mainly for the hire of the meeting room and Secretarial expenses.

Visitors are welcome and a contribution of £2.00 is appreciated

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The Hampshire Postal History Society



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THE HAMPSHIRE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Journal of the Society is published quarterly. The purpose of the Society is to research all aspects of postal history, albeit from pre-adhesives through to the present day. The parameters are unlimited should one wish to incorporate ship-letters and airmails to various ports throughout the world. Whether you are collecting your own local area or a specific subject, the Journal will be invaluable. It is the intention of the Society to hold regular meetings throughout the County, allowing Members to discuss their interests and research

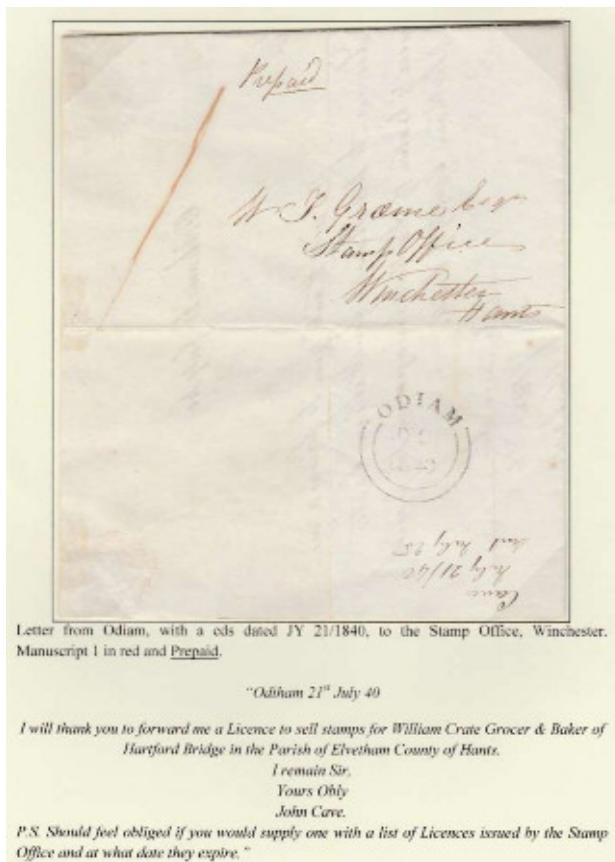
As with other Journals, contributions are important from all rather than relying upon the few. It is equally important to maintain a high standard.

If you are interested in joining our Society we will be pleased to welcome you as a Member and would ask you to apply for an Application Form from the Secretary.

The above transcript is in the most part the original preliminary of the Application Form.



Example of a "Traveller" cds.



Letter from Odiham, with a cds dated JY 21/1840, to the Stamp Office, Winchester. Manuscript 1 in red and Prepaid.

"Odiham 21st July 40

I will thank you to forward me a Licence to sell stamps for William Crate Grocer & Baker of Hartford Bridge in the Parish of Elvetham County of Hants.

I remain Sir,

Yours Obedtly

John Cave.

P.S. Should feel obliged if you would supply one with a list of Licences issued by the Stamp Office and at what date they expire."

Entire letter from the Post Master at Odiham to the Stamp Office at Winchester. Manuscript *Prepaid* and the figure **1** in red indicating that postage has been paid. A circular date stamp of ODIAM/JY 21/1840 in black. The residents of Odiham always used an "H" in Odi(h)am when writing letters but the manufacturers of the date stamps did not at any time between 1740 and 1846 and probably well beyond this date.

MEETINGS

In the past we have had meetings at convenient places around Hampshire. Winchester, Petersfield, Wickham and Sarisbury Green come to mind. We hope to hold four meetings each year in the future. Sarisbury Green Community Centre has been most favourable but parking is limited. Petersfield is very good with ample parking as is Winchester. Wickham is the venue for the HAMPEX Convention and a room has been set aside for our Annual Meeting at 2.00pm 15th October 2016.

This meeting will be for all who are interested in Hampshire Postal History and where to collect your Application Form to join our Society.

At each of these meetings you are invited to bring along some sheets to exhibit and give a short talk about and/or discuss what you have shown. We do like to see your efforts properly mounted and written up at these occasions. There are no prizes, it is not in any way, a competition.

We hope you will consider joining our Society as we would like to see any new or mysterious material of Hampshire and record your findings.