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Sometimes you just get lucky!. While playing golf with my friend Kevan we got on to the subject of stamps and he said he used to collect First Day Covers for his grand children and have them stamped in his local office, Little London. Little London sub office opened in 1935 and closed in 1991. As I collect Basingstoke area I said to Kevan that I really would like one of his covers. This discussion went on for a couple of years until Kevan was kind enough to give me a cover for my birthday in March. I will pass this information on to HPHS to add to the inventory.

Your Federation Needs YOUR Help......

New Acquisition

Your Federation badly needs your help because as many of you will know every two years a **Yearbook** is produced with a **Speakers List**, giving details of the many collectors who are prepared to give displays. It also gives a list of **Accredited Judges** who are prepared to help on society competition nights, but don't panic we only want your help to put this list together. Once this list is put together and published, it is generally then that we find out that so and so does not do displays anymore because of ill health and so and so died six months ago which is most frustrating to the **Yearbook** editor. The next **Yearbook** is due out in January 2015 and we would be most grateful if you could let us know now rather than when the booklet has been published. Come on, help put a little back into this great hobby of ours. If you can help please contact the Bulletin Editor.

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

EDITORIAL

Since the last Bulletin I have managed to get to a few fairs with mixed success. Stampex I reckon is getting better, there seems to be more life about it, but it could be that I was more successful than usual. My latest fair was Westbex run by Thatcham and District Stamp Club. It was a fine day weather wise but the fair was quite busy and the parking was fine. There is space at Thatcham to sit and browse and I was able to find a few bits and pieces.

This is always a difficult bulletin as a lot of societies are just having their AGMs and setting their new programmes. I apologise for the gaps in the diary.

The September Bulletin is perhaps the most difficult of the year to produce as a lot of societies have time off in the summer and people are less inclined to look out articles. Please try to send something to me before you 'hibernate' till September.

As we are all too aware local post offices are in decline and great areas are without the service (Old Basing being a case in point). Imagine my disgust to go to London Street office in Basingstoke to find it revamped almost like a pub with seats, new desks, fewer service windows and two staff managing the ticket queuing machine, progress maybe but at what cost.

Tom Fowler

Can all Society Secretaries or Programme Secretaries please let me have their programmes as soon as they are published please.

If I get a programme you will get a slot. Thanks

Editor-Tom Fowler-email thfowler49@gmail.com

Hampshire Philatelic Federation - 2014 dates

14 September 2014 - Petersfield - Hampex entry hand in 27 September 2014 - Peterfield - Hampex Judging 18 October 2014 - Hampex at Wickham

Inter Federation Competition at Stampex

Results

Hampshire was represented at the Inter Federation and came in third position with an overall score of 253. Yorkshire Federation were winners with a score of 261

Name	Exhibit Title	Class	Treatment	Knowledge	Condition and rarety	Presentation	Mark	Award
Eric Harris	Colombia - Gold Currency Issue of 1904	Trad	23	30	24	4	81	LV
Robin Pizer	Berlin Exchange Control - Return to Sender 1918-1925	PH	25	32	27	5	89	G
Alan Whittaker	Western Australian Airways	Aero	24	29	25	5	83	LV

St Mary Bourne Penny Post

21 September 1846. Letter to Mr Earl, High Street, Andover. Andover arrival on reverse.





"ST. MARY BOURNE, a parish in the hundred of Upper Evingar, Kingsclere division of the county of Southampton, 3 miles to the N.W. of Whitchurch railway station, and S N.E. from Andover, its post town. It includes the tythings of Binley. Bourne. Egburg, Stoke, and Week, and part of Swampton. The living is a perpetual curacy annexed to the vicarage of Hurstboume Priors, in the diocese of Winchester, of the joint annual value of £202, in the gift of the bishop. The tithes have been commuted for a rent-charge of £110. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, is an ancient Norman structure, with pointed arches, resting on massive pillars. It has a square embattled tower, and contains a curious font, hewn out of a block of black marble: of which there are said to be only three other examples In England

National Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland (1868)

Society Round Up (more details of meetings and contacts are available on HPF web site.)

August 2014

Milford on Sea - no meeting

Southampton - 5 August 2014 - WWI - Civilian and POW Mail - Graham Mark

Farnborough - no meeting Portsmouth - tbc Basingstoke - no meeting

Petersfield - 4 August 2014 - Visit from Basingstoke and District Philatelic Society

Alton - tb

Camberley - no meeting

Gosport - 12 August 2014 - Bring and Buy plus Letter C - Members

Ringwood PS - tbc
Vectis - no meeting
Winchester - no meeting
New Forest - tbc
Fareham PS - tbc

Hayling Island - no meeting

Farnham and District - no meeting

Southampton - no meeting **Farnborough** - no meeting **Waterlooville** - no meeting

Thatcham and District - 21 August 2014 - Something interesting I have found - Members

Portsmouth - tbc Basingstoke - no meeting Camberley - no meeting

Farnham and District - no meeting

Chichester - 18 August 2014 - Explorers of East / West coasts of N America - Douglas Hallock

Fleet and N Hants - 26 August 2014 - Delivering the Mail - John Davis FRPSL

September 2014

Basingstoke - 1 September 2014 - Recent Acquisitions - Members

Portsmouth - tbc

Petersfield - 1 September 2014 - China - Keith Lloyd

Southampton - 02 September 2014 - They Also served - Women At War - Christine Earle FRPSL

Milford on Sea - tbc Farnborough - tbc

Gosport - 9 Sept 2014 - Postcards (Trains, Boats, Planes) - Members

Fareham - tbc Hayling Island - tbc Vectis - no meeting Farnham and District - tbc

Camberley - 9 September 2014 - Letters U.V.W - Members

Alton - tbc

Winchester - no meeting Ringwood PS - tbc New Forest - tbc

Southampton - 16 September 2014 - Visit from Postcard Society

Farnham and District - tbc

Thatcham and District - 18 September 2014 - AGM, Social, Mini Auction - Members

Basingstoke - 15 September 2014 - tbc

Portsmouth - tbc Farnborough - tbc

Waterlooville - 18 September 2014 - Visit from Chichester DPS

Chichester - 22 September 2014 - Competitions, Allam, Burkin, Peal - Members

Farnham and District - tbc

Camberlev - tbc

Fleet and North Hants - 30 September 2014 - Visit from Portsmouth DPS

Society Round Up (more details of meetings and contacts are available on HPF web site.)

June 2014

Basingstoke - 2 June 2014 - Chairman's Evening - Philip Cant

Petersfield - 2 June 2014 - British Postal Museum and Archive - Adrian Steel

Milford on Sea - no meeting

Gosport - 10 June 2014 - Mini Auction and letter B - Members

Southampton - 3 June 2014 - Channel Islands 19 Century Postal History - Mark Bailey

Farnborough - 4 June 2014 - Club Competitions - Wintermeyer and Chandler

Portsmouth - 2 June 2014 - The Man Who Posted himself - John Tingey

Farnham and District - 9 June 2014 - Tunisia - up to the Republic in 1957 - David Worrollo

Winchester - no meeting

Alton - tbc

Camberley - 10 June 2014 - President's Evening - Peter Cracknell Ringwood - 10 June 2014 - 'The Harold King Collection' - David Speer Vectis - 12 June 2014 - Australian side faced issues KGVI - Neville Carr

Fareham - tbc

New Forest - 11 June 2014 - Mini Auction - Members

Hayling Island - 13 June 2014 - Members workshop - Buying and selling

Basingstoke - 16 June 2014 - Post Boxes - Graeme Stewart

Southampton - 17 June 2014 - Auction Farnborough - 18 June 2014 - Informal

Waterloovile - 19 June 2014 - German States - John Campbell Thatcham and District - 19 June 2014 - Free Fronts - Sue Hopson

Portsmouth - 16 June 2014 - Annual General Meeting

Farnham and District - 23 June 2014 - Bring, Buy or Display - Members Chichester - 23 June 2014 - American Civil War -Paul Davidson

Fleet and N Hants - 24 June 2014 - The Write Stuff - Wendy Buckle

Camberley - 24 June 2014 - Mail, Czechoslovakia - Germany 1918/25 - Robin Pizer

July 2014

Basingstoke - 7 July 2014 - Scouting and Guiding - Bob Lee

Petersfield - 7 July 2014 - Visit from Woking and District Philatelic Society

Southampton - 1 July 2014 - TPOs of Central and South America - Barry Hobbs

Milford on Sea - no meeting

Farnborough - 2 July 2014 - Sarawak - FB Marshall FRPSL

Gosport - 8 July 2014 - 1to 10 sheets of European Countries - Members

Portsmouth - tbc

Farnham and District - 14 July 2014 - FDPS Cup - 5 sheets Letter P - Members

Winchester - no meeting

Alton - tbc

Camberley - 8 July 2014 - Thematics - Members

Ringwood - 8 July 2014 - AGM plus Thematics - Wendy Buckle

Vectis - no meeting **Fareham** - tbc

New Forest - tbc

Hayling Island - 11 July 2014 - British Stamps Used Overseas - Mike Slamo Basingstoke - 21 July 2014 - Peyton Shield, Thematic Competition - Members Southampton - 15 July 2014 - Social Evening and One Sheet Competition.

Farnborough - 16 July 2014 - Informal

Thatcham and District - 17 July 2014 - Philatelic Quarters - Members

Waterlooville - no meeting

Portsmouth - tbc

Chichester - 28 July 2014 - World War One - 10 sheets, five minutes - Members

Farnham and District - no meeting

Camberley - no meeting

Fleet and N Hants - 29 July 2014 - USA - Tim Usher

A Challenge from Bob Edwards.

Bob is a member of Farnham Society (among others) and his main interest is in the History of the Royal Mail, especially anything to do with post boxes. So he is following up my challenge for articles with his own for readers of the Bulletin to forward pictures of interesting post boxes they know of in Hampshire.



Bob will start us off with a photograph of what he believes to be the Oldest Pillar Box in Hampshire.

It is located in Milford on Sea and is a fluted Queen Victoria Box with a vertical aperture made in 1856 by Smith and Hawkes of Birminaham



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Fleet and North Hants Competitions

by Tom Fowler

At the recent FNHPS Competition Evening there were a healthy number of entries including a few never seen before. The evening was very well run by our secretary John Holmes and prizes were presented by our president Francis Kiddle

Whitfield Bowl - Tom Fowler - Port Aviation Czuczman Jug - David Maddock -Iceland Revenues, Stimplemerki Kiddle Cup - Tony Finlayson - Australian Postal Stationery for World War I Vickery Cup - Jan Hagara - Stamps on Stamps Society Trophy - Tom Fowler - Junkers Luftverkehr Persien









Ringwood Philatelic Society

March 2014 Meeting

At the March meeting of the Ringwood Philatelic Society members of the Society then were entertained by colleagues' competition entries. Winner of the 'Postal History' section (and Best Overall) was Wendy Buckle's 'Postmarks of Riga as a Russian City'. Today Latvia is an independent country but before 1918 it existed as two provinces of the Russian Empire...Livland and Kurland, with Riga capital of Livland. Wendy's study illustrated the major postmarks used by the Russian Post Office on stamped mail. This was a superbly written up display which included maps, postcards and inland stationery cards, covers and transit marks. Geoff Hood's study (gaining 'Best in the General Class') was equally unusual with a detailed consideration of 'The Paris Pneumatic Post' ...here was examined the 1886 experimental pneumatic tube initially linking the Telegraph Office at the Bourse with the Grand Hotel in order to quickly deliver stock market messages. Later the network was opened to the general public and gradually extended to cover the whole city. The study included a variety of official cards, telegrams and envelopes, together with a look at postmarks and postal rates. The display...'150 Years of London Underground' gained member Chris Wheeler the trophy in the 'Novice - First Time Entry' class. Following his highly informative introduction, Chris proceeded to skilfully support his theme with the display of very colourful modern mint stamps, miniature sheets, and commemorative covers (eg.75th Anniversary of the Waterloo & City Railway, 11th July 1898). We learnt that the first underground railway opened on 10th January 1863 connecting 3.5 miles -Farringdon St. to Paddington via King's X and Baker St. using the GWR broad gauge. (Now that's early!!) Alan Whittaker scooped 2nd place in the General Class with his highly detailed study - 'Queensland & Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd (Qantas) 1926/34'. This riveting entry made great use of scarce material – covers, stamps, photos, airmail booklets, airline advertising items and maps - all superbly written up. The display stated that Oantas was formed on 16th November 1920. An emphasis was placed on its development 1926/34. In this period the Flying Boat Service was established, with WWII disrupting the service until 1943. Behind KLM, Qantas is the second oldest world airline. The competition was judged by Julian Jones, Chairman of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation, who gave members a most helpful outline of good display practice, strongly making the point that the skilful writing up of 'the first page is vital – it sets the scene for what follows...and write this up after all others are completed!' The evening concluded with a most popular 'Bring & Buv' session.

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With all the talk about the need to expand airport capacity in the south-east – should Heathrow have a third runway or Gatwick or Stansted be expanded and then there is Boris Island – what to do? Well whatever solution is finally chosen and all the protests are put to bed, the focus will no doubt be on keeping down spiralling costs. Perhaps the solution lies in wartime Aden as illustrated in this 7" X 5" Air Ministry Photograph Crown Copyright Reserved, which was made available to the press for release in October 1943.



The captions on the reverse read: -

BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO. CM. 5376 (XP)
CAMELS LEVEL LANDING GROUND AT ADEN.
Camels at work during levelling operations on an airfield at Aden, Southern Arabia.

The U.K. PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN Friday 25 July 2014 to Sunday 27 July 2014 THREE SWANS HOTEL, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LE16 7NJ

In addition to the function to be held at YPRES in Belgium this year, the ABPS Congress Committee are pleased to announce that they will also be organizing a short Congress in England this year.

This Congress will be held at the Three Swans Hotel in Market Harborough, a delightful town situated in the countryside of south Leicestershire

Obituary Cliff Wheatley

Cliff Wheatley was born on the 14th September, 1939, when his parents were living in the village of Burnham in Buckinghamshire. He spent some of the war years in Colwyn Bay in North Wales, before completing his schooling at Borlaise School, a old-established grammar school in Marlowe. He read electrical engineering at Bristol University, began his working career with the Plessey Company and spent the later years with Marconi and BAE.

He married Susan in 1970, and they had three children Michael, Catherine and Benjamin. He had been seriously ill for over a year before he died on the 17th February, 2014, informed at first that his cancer was inoperable, however, after several reversals the surgeons decided to operate, possibly extending Cliff's life for a few months but at the cost of a serious deterioration of its quality. Throughout this time he remained determined to pursue his principal interests, philately and cricket and managed even to attend the Rhodesia Study Circle's conference held in York in 2013, possibly regarding it as an opportunity to in effect say farewell to his many friends. No-one who saw him then could have been in any doubt as to the effort he had had to make to be there. He was disappointed that it was impossible for him to attend the international events in Melbourne in 2013, but it was typical of the support he always gave the Study Circle that he provided a standing exhibit for the occasion.

Cliff had been a member of the Rhodesia Study Circle since 1969 — and a Fellow since 1980 — but he was far more than just a member. He was Auctioneer from 1979 to 1982 and 1992 to 1995, Treasurer from 1986 to 1989, Packet Secretary from 2002 to 2013 and a member of Council from 1972 to 2013. He attended every London meeting and every conference, and was almost always a participant in the competitions. He won the Bernard Livermore Trophy no less than eight times, and was awarded the Gerald Simpson Salver for his services to the Study Circle in 1993.

Living as he did in Havant, Cliff was a near neighbour and we also saw one another at meetings of the Portsmouth and District Society and other venues in southern Hampshire, such as the Hampex federation event in which Cliff always competed, sometimes on behalf of Portsmouth but also on his own account. He provided serious competition for those of us competing on behalf of Southampton. He was a first class philatelist with a broad knowledge of both the traditional philately and postal history of central Africa. He had an excellent, equally wide-ranging collection, all of which was written up to a high standard and was used for displays to the Study Circle and other philatelic societies as well as for competitions.

Apart from Rhodesia he had serious collections of classic Greece and Canadian cross-border and transatlantic mail. His collection of Rhodesia will be sold by Spink on the 10th July; the other collections will be sold by Karamitsos Auctions in June, including Greece, the Ionian Islands, stamps and postal history, and some disinfected mail; Cavendish Auctions, also probably in June, with Canadian postal history, including trans-Atlantic, mail with Continental Europe, and cross-border mail, with British, Australian, French and assorted collections, Crete, which should have gone to Athens but was overlooked, and including an as-yet-unassimilated thematic collection of cricket.

Cliff's other interests, apart of course from his beloved cricket, which on occasions clashed with his philatelic commitments, were ancient history and classical music, especially opera. His favourite composers were Mozart and Wagner. He travelled extensively, partly to represent his employers but also as a tourist, visiting many countries — many more than once — including Australia, the USA, Egypt, Greece, France, Italy, South Africa and Zimbabwe (the RSC anniversary event in 2008).

Cliff was a good friend, a very knowledgeable collector and a meticulous researcher always pleased to assist with questions and support the research of others. I had cause to be grateful on many occasions, which I am only too happy to acknowledge. I shall certainly miss him, as fellow scientists we had much in common, as will his many other friends among the membership, and we will all miss the contributions he made to Study Circle events.

I extended condolences on behalf of the Study Circle to his wife Susan and his family, and offered to help in any way we could. Susan informed me that there would be no funeral service as such — Cliff had no religious convictions — but there would be a private ceremony when the family will scatter his ashes at the Rose Bowl (now the Aegeas Bowl), the home ground of the Hampshire County Cricket Club just outside Southampton. Those who knew Cliff will recognise that nothing could have been more appropriate.

Alan Drysdall (edited by Malcolm Montgomery)

HAMPEX competition marking schemes updated

by Julian Jones

In the January 2014 edition of the Bulletin I wrote that the HAMPEX marking schemas were under review to bring them closer to those used by ABPS for the Inter-Federation and National competitions. While the driver was to realign the HPF's Open marking scheme, which was significantly different from the final ABPS recommendations, there are minor tweaks to the Thematic and Traditional schemas to also bring them into line. These schemas match the ABPS Inter-Federation national marking schemas, **except** that 5 marks have been subtracted from the Rarity mark and added to the Presentation mark, and were agreed at the HPF Council meeting held on January 26th 2014.

The detailed marking elements are as shown in the table.

Traditional, Postal History, Aerophilately, Postal Stationery, Revenue

Philatelic	Treatment [20] Importance [10]	Relative Condi-	Presentation	Grand
Knowledge [20]		tion [10]	[10]	Total
Personal Study [15]		Rarity [15]		100%

Thematic

Philatelic	Title & Plan [15]	Relative Condi-	Presentation	Grand
Knowledge [15]	Development [15]	tion [10]	[10]	Total
Thematic Study [15]	Innovation [5]	Rarity [15]	[]	100%

Open

Philatelic	Title & Plan [10]	Material	Presentation	Grand
Knowledge &	Philatelic Treatment [5]		[10]	Total
Research [20]	Non-Philatelic Treatment [5]	Condition [10]		100%
Non-Philatelic	Philatelic Importance [5]			
Knowledge &	Non-philatelic Importance	Rarity [15]		
Research [15]	[5]			

From this detail competitors may see the value of each element in contributing to a final score. Open philately provides a wide scope with quite fine graduation in marking, especially in the treatment and importance of both the philatelic and non-philatelic material included in the exhibit. In all disciplines, some two thirds of the marks are given for how you develop the story line and how well you have carried out or added to the research in your chosen area.

Julian H Jones, HPF Competition Secretary

Competition update

By popular request we have been asked to support the Cinderella class at HAMPEX 2014. This will be put to the Council at the AGM in May 2014. It will be marked using the same scheme as agreed for the traditional and postal history classes. This is in line with national marking schemes except for the marks for rarity and for presentation. Keep an eye on the competition rules page of our website for an update.

Censorship of Mail in British Colonies 1939 - 1945

Letter Codes were allocated to those Censor Stations established in the Colonies for the purpose of censoring mail originating or terminating in their territories.

Censor Station Letter Codes

A - Gibraltar	O - Northern Rhodesia	NN - Gambia
B - Antigua	Q - Nyasaland	OO - Gold Coast
C - Bermuda	R - Tanganyika	PP - Nigeria
D - Jamaica	U - Zanzibar	QQ - Sierra Leone
E - Trinidad	W - Falkland Islands	RR - Dominica
F - Aden	X - Fiji	SS - Grenada
G - Bahamas	Y - Gilbert and Ellice Islands	TT - St Lucia
H - Barbados	AA - Montserrat	UU - St Vincent
I - British Guiana	BB - St Kitts & Nevis	VV - St Helena
J - British Honduras	DD - Malta	WW - Tonga
K - British Solomon Islands	EE - Mauritius	XX - Ascension Island
L - Ceylon	KK - Palestine	YY - Somalia
M - Cyprus	LL - Seychelles	ZZ - Eritrea
N - Kenya & Uganda	MM - Sudan	

Letter codes P. S and T were allocated to the UK and only appeared on hand stamps.

Letter codes V and Z were allocated to Egypt and Hong Kong respectively but appear not to have been used.

Similarly, the following codes, though allocated, seem never to have been used:

CC	Virgin Islands	II	North Borneo	HH	Sarawak
GG	Penang	FF	Malaya/Singapore	IJ	New Hebrides

The system of letter codes included other series for Dominions and Self Governing Colonies (DA - DH) and for occupied territories (Z -ZD).

The prefix 'I' before the code indicates that the mail has been intercepted, usually in transit, for censorship. Typically, such mail was to/from South and Central American countries or between Europe and the Americas.

Courtesy of Petersfield and District Philatelic Society



Panda Fairs 2014

2014 All Fairs Booked

15 May

18 May Yeovil Westlands Leisure Complex. Westbourne Close BA20 2DD 24 May Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE 21 June Sat Salisbury United Reform Church, Fisherton Street SP2 7RG 12 July Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH Thurs Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way PL1 2ER 24 July Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Wooodbury Road EX3 ORE 25 July Fri 26 July Sat Petersfield Community Centre off Love Lane GU31 4BW Sat Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE 23 Aug 31 Aug Sun Yeovil Westlands Leisure Complex, Westbourne Close BA20 2DD Sun Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street PO6 3AP 7 Sept 21 Sept Sun Upper Hale, Farnham, Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 OHN 25 Sept Thurs Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way PL1 2ER 26 Sept Clust St George (Exeter) Parish Hall. Wooodbury Road EX3 ORE 27 Sept Bournemouth Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd, BH8 9RW Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre. Wootton Street. PO6 3AP 1 Nov Sat Salisbury United Reform Church, Fisherton Street SP2 7RG 8 Nov Sat Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE Thurs Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way PL1 2ER Fri Clyst St George (Exeter) Parish Hall, Wooodbury Road EX3 ORE 28 Nov Nov Trowbridge St James Church Hall Union Street BA14 8RU 6 Dec Sat Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH 28 Dec Sun Lechlade New Memorial Hall Oak Street GL7 3AY

29 Dec Mon Upper Hale, Farnham, Village Hall, Wings Road GU9 OHN

Thurs Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way PL1 2ER

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New President at Camberley and District Stamp Club.

Peter Cracknell has taken over as President of Camberley and District Stamp Club after the previous President, Eric Harris, sadly passed away just before Christmas. Peter is a long serving member of the club and has always been the man of action. He has opened the hall and set the room up for many years and has always been one of the first to volunteer to help. He has been Chairman and later took on the role of Packet Secretary which he managed for 10 years which is a long time for a job of great value to the Club and even more to the membership.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR 2014

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Southampton and District Philatelic Society

Postmark

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Chile C 1942 Cover from VALPARAISO to HAMBURG

This cover was marked for transmission via a Japanese steamer Nako Maru via SIBERIA. This vessel was impounded during the duration of the war. When it was released it had a British censorship label and an explanatory label in German affixed.



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1928 First Flight Cover from PAITA(Peru) via Guayaquil(Ecuador) to Barranquila Addressed to Dr. Peter Paul von Bauer, Director General of SCADTA 1924 Peru IOc Stamp showing Bolivar plus 2c Compulsory Tax Stamp 1923 SCADTA Consular stamps 10c+20c plus 20c Registration stamp Sent October 22 1928 and backstamp of 25.x.1928 at Barranguila

The envelope has aroused great interest since it was the oldest postmark I had seen from my former local village.



Two - one Penny Reds. The cost of postage in 1850 was one-penny for up to ½ oz. therefore the contents of the envelope maybe included literature from The Llwynenion Brick Works. Although the small envelope indicates that any literature would not have been anything substantial to justify the extra penny postage.

The Numeral Obliterator 924 is that of Wrexham.

Rhosllanerchrugog double arc name stamp. Wrexham double circle date stamp, code A, transit mark.

London arrival mark.

Embossed address of sender on envelope Llwynenion Wrexham Fire Brick and Clay Works.



Westbex 2014

Westbex 2014, organised by Thatcham and District Philatelic Society, took place at the Kennet School in Thatcham on 29 March 2014. The event is fortunate to have an excellent venue with good facilities and parking. There were around twenty dealers in two halls providing a decent cross section and type of material. In addition the Thames Valley Philatelic Federation Competition entries were on show. Westbex also host a regional meeting of the National Philatelic Society. Always worth mentioning is that the catering is excellent. Overall a very good local event which I try to attend every year and have yet to come away empty handed.

For information on Thatcham and District Philatelic Society see their website www.tdps.org.uk

The cover was sent from New Zealand, using the Aotearoa Maori legends stamps, along with a nice image of the Maori Waka Taua "Tameta afiki nui o te waka takitimu," and is addressed to Putolitoki, a house which overlooks the slopes of Rano Raku, and is one of the very few houses outside Hanga Roa. No piped water or electricity! It has a Isla de Pascua receiving mark added when it arrived on 17 October 2005.





The cover was then reposted, and sent back to New Zealand with several attractive Easter Island related stamps added to pay the postage and registration fee. It has several Easter Island cancellations and a couple of the Easter Island themed cachets the Postmaster keeps in the office and applies if you ask nicely. It arrived safely back in New Zealand on 31 October 2005. It is a gorgeous item connecting two points of the Polynesian triangle, done only once to see if it was possible.

Strabane is located in the west of Co. Tyrone, N. Ireland next to the border with Co. Donegal in Eire. A Post Office was established here by 1659. Its Philatelic claim to fame is that it has the first recorded Town Name Stamp in all of Great Britain and Ireland. It is recorded used in March 1698. It came up for auction at Harmers in October 1976 and realised £480 from a £250 estimate, (Fig 1). Variations of the straight line name stamp continued into the early 1800s.

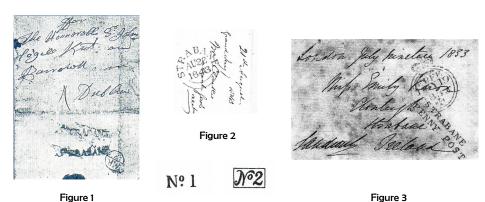
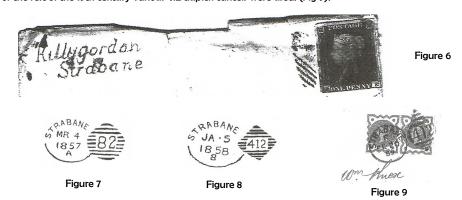


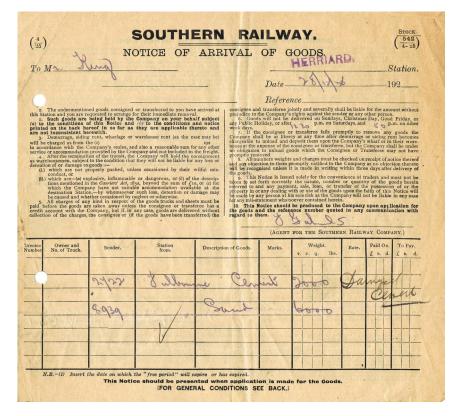
Figure 4 Figure 5

There was a two line STRABANE 100 mileage mark in-use c1810-1826 that showed the miles from Dublin. The journey time being about 29 hours by coach. From about 1831 to the late 1850s a double arc date stamp was struck on the reverse of mail as a transit mark, (Fig2). A two line STRABANE PENNY POST hand stamp was in use during the 1830s. (Fig3). During this period Receiving House numbers can found on covers. They are Not for Lifford (Fig4) and No2 for Killygordon. (Fig 5). Between 1846 and 1851 the Receiving Houses had increased to four. The hand stamps were in two lines in italics. They were CLADY TYRONE / STRABANE, KILLYGORDON / STRABANE, LIFFORD / STRABANE and MANORCUNNINGHAM / STRABANE. The last three being in Co Donegal. (Fig 6).

With the introduction of postage stamps a Maltese Cross cancel was used at first followed by a diamond shaped obliterator with 412 in the centre. In 1856 Strabane had its first Spoon type cancellation which was of the English design with the number 82 in the diamond portion. It is very scarce and only recorded used four times between 4 March 1856 and 4 March 1857, (Fig7). From the 3 April 1857 to 11 April 1859 an Irish type Spoon was used. It is quite scarce only being recorded used nine times in that period (Fig 8). For the rest of the 19th century various 412 duplex cancels were used. (Fig 9).



Southern Railway, Herriard Station straight line mark in violet.



28 December 1925. Notice of Arrival of Goods at Herriard station. Notice sent to Mr P. King, Builder, Pewsey, Wiltshire.

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The Basingstoke and Alton Light Railway was opened on 1 June 1901. It was the first railway to be enabled by an Order of the Light Railway Commission under the Light Railways Act of 1896. The line ran from Basingstoke, via stations at Cliddesden, Herriard and Lasham to Butts Junction near Alton. Despite its closure in January 1917 the line was re-opened in August 1924, because of pressure from local users. Passenger services ended in 1932. A goods service from Basingstoke as far as Lasham continued until 1936.