

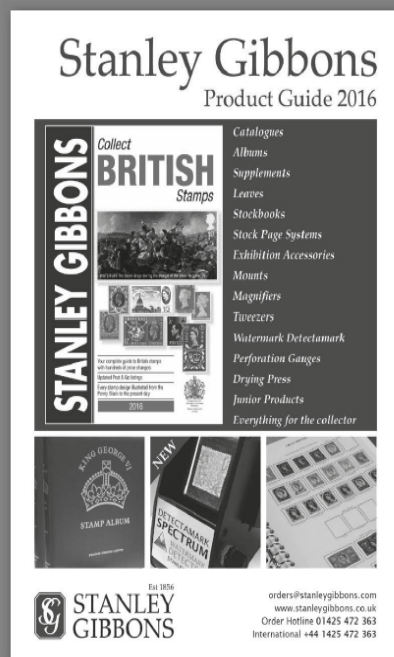
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BASINGSTOKE and DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER July 2016...



On June 20th our visiting speaker was Mr John Armstone and his subject was "These are a few of my favourite things" - no resemblance to the music from the "Sound Of Music". John had previously visited the Society in July 2015 when he spoke on "From Post Horse to Post Bus". He divided the evening on Cinderella's into two parts namely

A World Tour and the British Isles. In the World Tour John covered Australia (1850 Gold Rush), New Zealand (Trade Exhibitions), USA (Wells Fargo), Africa, New Hebrides, British Solomon Isles and Europe. The British Isles featured the Isle of Wight, Revenue Stamps, Local Authorities, Individual Carriers, Norwich Union and the 1981 Postal Strike. The point I raised with John was that there must have been a very fine line in the British Isles between the Government's official postage and the utilisation of Cinderella's. He agreed that the fine line was crossed and various establishments were frequently brought to order.

On July 4th our visiting speaker was Mr John Tingey and his subject was "The Englishman who posted himself". A fascinating evening which began with a projector / computer show on Mail Art - a subject in it's own right. It featured a variety of fascinating designs on envelopes - with strong resemblance to the Victorian Mulready Envelopes. We were then introduced to Mr W. Reginald Bray (1879 - 1939) an accountant living in the Forest Hill area of London. His passion was sending unusual items through the mail. In 1898 he purchased the Post Office Guide and studied their regulations. John traced the Bray Family Tree and utilised that information to identify items posted by relations on his behalf. He posted all manner of items (large and small) through the mail challenging the authorities as to whether the items were legal or otherwise. He always insured that the correct postage was affixed. There then followed a section on Bray's autograph fascination and the methodology in how he obtained them.

EDITORIAL

Issue 2 and all but a glaring error in the first issue as the new editor I hope this one will run smoothly... I have a big apology for the clubs and society's that did not receive issue 141 of the bulletin until mid/end of July as on the 5th of May, three days before the HPF meeting in Petersfield I was seriously injured, when as a lollipop man I was hit by a car as I stood in the middle of the road which shattered my collar bone in three places. So only having the use of one arm, my left, but I am right handed, I have been unable to do a lot of things including packing and stuffing envelopes with the Bulletin. Hopefully the September posting of issue 142 will be a lot quicker as I am due to go to hospital on the 27th July for decisions regarding operations or no operation. Following the hospital trip I am now out of the sling so have both hands available and awaiting Physiotherapy.

This issue hopefully fulfils everyone's expectations but please, submit just 1 image with articles due to space restrictions... Also remember that all images received I have to convert to B&W, so please check that the quality is clear and sharp and if you can convert them before sending just to see how they come out then that would be very useful. Also due to space issues I may not be able to put pictures in your submissions but I will if I can.

Steve Gerrard...
Editor.

Traditional Class Exhibit...

In December 2014 I gave a presentation to Southampton Society about how to put together a competition exhibit. Some of the items I used in the power-point presentation came from the **traditional class** exhibit of the US 5c and 10c stamps of 1847 by William Gross. The whole exhibition - 8 frames - is now available on-line at the website of the US Postal Classics Society. If you are interested in seeing this internationally acclaimed exhibit in detail I cannot rate it highly enough - and it is here:

<http://www.uspcs.org/resource-center/philatelic-exhibits/1847-period-exhibits/united-states-the-1847-issue/>

Julian H Jones....

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER...

The philatelic highlight for me this year (so far) was spending time at the New York 2016 Stamp Show in early June. The exhibition hall was HUGE! Half was dedicated to competitive displays while the other half to dealers and stamp society stalls. While downstairs there were 10 meeting rooms and a conference room given over to Auctions. So extensive were the displays that I needed to underline those I really wanted to view and ignore the rest. I met there other Hampshire philatelists while I was there – and there may have been more. Not all my time was taken up visiting the show. My wife and both daughters were also in New York so I attended the show in the mornings and visited the sights in the afternoons and evenings. However, I only brought home two new covers for my collection!

Awards gained by Hampshire philatelists are documented elsewhere. Congratulations to all of them. Speaking of competitions, I already have entry forms in hand for HAMPEX, and will be looking forward to receiving more between now and the end of August – by which time this Bulletin will be at the printer's.

Julian H Jones...

YOUR FEDERATION NEEDS YOUR HELP...

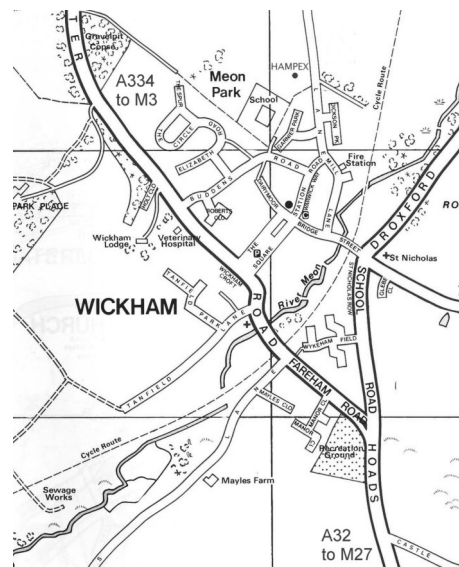
Your Federation badly needs your help because as many of you will know every two years a **Yearbook** is produced with a **Speakers List**, giving details of the many collectors who are prepared to give displays. It also gives a list of **Accredited Judges** who are prepared to help on society competition 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 also frustrating for the **Yearbook** editor.

The next **Yearbook** is overdue and we would be most grateful if you could let us know now rather than when the update 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 or the Chairman.

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

HAMPEX 2016 15th October 10.00 am to 4.30 pm



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Specialist Societies

British Society of Australian
Philatelists meeting
Hampshire Postal History Society
meeting
Southampton DPS table
TPO & Seapost Society table

Thatcham & District Philatelic Society...

On Saturday the 14th of May celebrating our 50th year, We held an anniversary lunch with history and talks to hear. Our members and their partners came in to join the meet, With a lovely buffet all laid out for all of us to eat. Lovely cakes baked by Viv and Ann were spread about to take, Fruit, coffee and creamy sponges and a tiered anniversary cake. Tony served up all the wine in glasses that were wide, To whet one's whistle so to speak with juices on the side. When everyone had had their fill with many back for more, Was time for talks and speeches and Graeme took the floor. He told the history of the Bluecoat School from its earliest inception, That quite recently had been renovated for events like our reception. Its history was shown behind on pictures and research data, And if you had not seen then you could come and view them later. Then chairman Barney Bardsley gave brief history of the Society, From its very first year in 1966 to its present notoriety. The full story was in the booklet and all of us should now have one, With a mug as well for a souvenir all designed by Tony – well done!



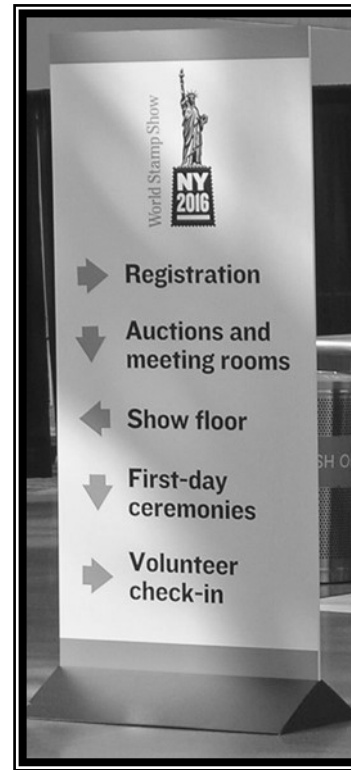
Then our President John Baron proposed a toast to the Society, So all of us raised our glasses and drank with some propriety. Our guest speaker was introduced to us who was seated at the rear, Thomas Plant from S.A.S. Greenham who spoke of his career. How he started in his early days as a junior auctioneer, Who banged his gavel, often hard, to make the bidders hear. And how he joined the business to deal in ceramics and silver, To now being the head of the company and the services they deliver. He said many of his early estimates were 30 to £50 price core, But got it wrong quite often when items sold for much more. One item was a Persian carpet with a reasonable reserve price to sell, With lots of Net. and phone bidders and some sealed bids as well. It sold for many thousands on the night much more than was expected, As there was an image within the design and hence the price selected. Thomas spoke of Bargain Hunt and Flog-It that brought him T.V. fame, And how the contestants were selected to produce a better game. So all in all a terrific speaker who entertained us all, And brought an air of jollity to the old Bluecoat School hall.

Thank you Thomas...

Hampshire Philatelists shine at New York 2016

Five philatelists associated with Hampshire societies exhibited at the New York 2016 World Stamp Show held for 8 days at the Javits Center in New York City in early June.

Wendy Buckle was awarded a vermeil for her 5 frame exhibit "Paper Past and Present". Robin Pizer gained a large vermeil for his 5 frames of "Belgian, British and American Restrictions on Civil Mail in the Rhineland 1918-1925". Derrick Pillage also gained a large vermeil for his 5 frames of "The French Influence on Airmail Development in South America". Peter Weir gained gold for his 8 frame showing of "Liquid of Life-Blood, from an Ancient Myth to a Modern Medicine". Lesley Marley was awarded a large gold for her 8 frame exhibit "A Whale's Tale". Congratulations to all for their medals and for their hard work in preparing and exhibiting material from their collections.



In all there were over 4000 frames of exhibits in a huge hall the size of a football field, not to mention the dealer and society stands in an equally large space, and meeting and auction rooms in a lower level. It was a great venue for a large, well organised and attended show.

During the event an outstanding example of the USA 24¢ "inverted Jenny" stamp sold for \$1,351,250 (including 15% commission) at an auction held by R A Siegel Auction Gallery. The auctioneer, Scott Trepel, had a replica Curtis Jenny bi-plane brought down from Rheinbeck aerodrome in upstate New York to the Javits Center, where it stood in pride of place in the entrance hall of this recently rebuilt gigantic, modern glass and steel structure.

This visitor to New York noted that his hotel bill included a \$3.30 Javits Center Fee for each day of his stay as a contribution to the rebuild cost!

However, he was pleased to have his picture taken alongside the famous aeroplane!



Julian Jones (Chairman)...
ABPS On Line....

From Keith Burton, ABPS News Editor:

The Summer 2016 ABPS News is now online. The printed copies are already in circulation.

Please will you pass on to your contacts that it is now available for reading on the ABPS website, and ask them to copy this email to their emailing contacts in individual societies.

The link is <http://www.abps.org.uk/Home/index.xalter> where a table of links to this and previous editions will be seen on the right hand side of the page.

ABPS News is a valuable resource including reports from other societies which will help your Programme Secretary find ideas for future speakers.

On page 48 is an article containing ideas for rejuvenating ailing societies - we all need to keep an eye on this. There is also four pages of updates to the 2016 Handbook.

Please make sure this information goes to the appropriate people in your society.

Best wishes

Julian Jones, HPF Chairman...

Members.

3rd - Milford on Sea Stamp Club - Members' Displays - Members to bring along up to 15 sheets on any subject.

4th - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Earth, Wind & Fire.

9th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - President's Evening - James Podger FRPSL.

10th - Vectis Philatelic Society - India - The jewel in the Crown Part 2 - 1901 To 1947 - Mr. N. J. Carr.

10th - Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society - Members Night - Postcards showing the Letter M.

10th - Ringwood Philatelic Society - Members evening with Mini Displays plus a bring & buy.

14th - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - New Acquisitions by members.

14th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Stamp Fair - Costello School.

16th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - 5 Minutes, 5 Sheets or 50p fine - Members..

FROM THE SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY COLLECTION...



being dated 28th June 1853. **Steve Gerrard (SDPS Collection Curator)...**

Seven Penny Reds, Imperf, Die I, Alphabet II On Mourning Cover, Shirley Common, Southampton to Bristol. On front a manuscript "Missent" with the District of Clifton "Struck Out", and Whiteladies inserted. Backstamps for Shirley Common (Blue), London (Red), Bristol Black, and Clifton (Orange), the last two

17th - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Auction.
 19th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Stamp Fair - Costello School.
 21st - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Australia George V 1d Red - Colin Mount.
 22nd - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Border Changes in Balkans WW2 - Rex Dixon.
 28th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - Clocks, watches & Time - Tom Ayres.
 28th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - A Bit of This & A Bit of That - John Duckworth.
 29th - Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - "Bring & Buy" and Pre-Christmas Social Evening.

DECEMBER 2016...

5th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Split Speaker Evening - Members.
 5th - Petersfield & District Philatelic Society - Chairman's Night.
 6th - New Milton On Sea Stamp Club - Mike Elliott, Finland Postal History.
 6th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Le Harve (Including WWI Items) - Len Yandell.
 8th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Afternoon Meeting.
 9th - Hayling Island Stamp Club - Christmas Social.
 12th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - Single Page Display for "The Garrett Trophy" -Members.
 12th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Christmas Quiz - Joe Robertson.
 13th - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Christmas Party.
 13th - Vectis Philatelic Society - The presidents display & Christmas Party.
 13th - Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society - Mini Auction, Christmas Draw & showing the Letter L.
 13th - Ringwood Philatelic Society - Christmas Meeting.
 14th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Three Sheets from Everybody - Auction.
 15th - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Christmas Social Evening & Competitions/Quizzes.
 15th - Waterlooville & District Philatelic Society - Chairman's Evening.
 19th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Christmas Events.
 31st - Alton & District Stamp Club - Christmas Meal.

JANUARY 2017...

2nd - Petersfield & District Philatelic Society - Displays by Society



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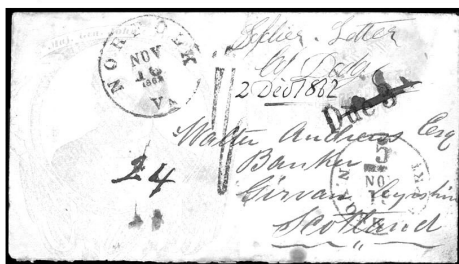
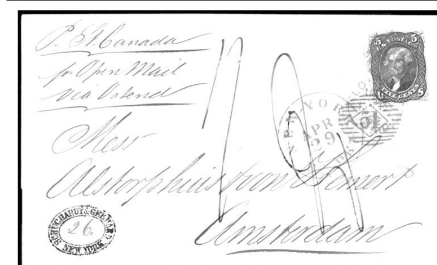
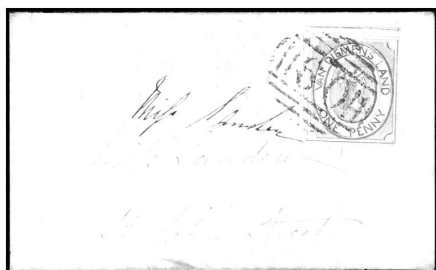
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- 12th - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Visit to Windsor & District.
- 13th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Afternoon Meeting.
- 14th - Hayling Island Stamp Club - Members' Meeting - Themed Presentations on "Sport".
- 17th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - My Favourite Things - Members.
- 18th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Members' 15 Sheets in 5 minutes.
- 20th - Waterlooville & District Philatelic Society - Books/Printing/Paper - Wendy Buckle.
- 20th - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Africa Part 2 - Mike Smith.
- 22nd - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Grand Auction.
- 24th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - Early Peru - David Rolls.
- 24th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Banknotes - David Muscott.
- 25th - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Club Visit of Windsor & District P.S.
- 25th - Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - Vice Presidents Evening.
- NOVEMBER 2016...**
- 1st - Milford On Sea Stamp Club - Fred Hoadley, Switzerland.
- 1st - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - President's Evening.
- 7th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Martin's Choice - Martin Appleton.
- 7th - Petersfield & District Philatelic Society - 'How Servicemen were treated at Christmas in World War II - Gavin Fryer.
- 8th - Vectis Philatelic Society - Grand Auction.
- 8th - Ringwood Philatelic Society - Guest Speaker - John Davis from Highcliffe - with Tin Can Mail.
- 8th - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Subject to be advised - Charles Jolliffe.
- 8th - Alton & District Stamp Club - Poland - Albert Jackson.
- 8th - Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society - 'Secretary's Surprise'.
- 10th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Afternoon Meeting.
- 14th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Six Sheet Competition & '9 in 4' Your Choice - Members Auction.
- 14th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - Visit from Camberley & District Stamp Club - Alan Matheson.
- 14th - Hayling Island Stamp Club - China - David Murray.
- 15th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Members' Letter 'O' & Bourse/Silent Auction.
- 17th - Waterlooville & District Philatelic Society - Fareham P.S. Entertain our Society.

SOCIETY ROUND UP...

SEPTMEBER 2016...

13th - Ringwood Philatelic Society - Members evening with a maximum 15 sheets from members using the letters D, E & F plus members bring and buy.

13th - Vectis Philatelic Society - Members Night - Any one frame display of recent acquisitions & Auction.

13th - Alton & District Stamp Club - Czech Stamps - Garth Taylor.

19th - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Mexico Flag & Coat of Arms - David Walker.

20th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Bourse & Postcard Evening (Postcard Society our Guests).

26th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - Antarctica - David Walker.

26th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - The £5 Orange - John Horsey FRPSL.

27th - Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - Society 70th Anniversary Dinner.

27th - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Diamonds & Gold - Anne Stammers.

OCTOBER 2016...

3rd - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - The Colour is Green - Members.

4th - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Visit by Ferndown Philatelic Society.

4th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - We visit Southampton.

4th - Milford On Sea Stamp Club - Lindy Bosworth, Czechoslovakia.

8th - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - 33rd Annual Stamp Fair.

10th - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - '6 in 2' Anything on a theme - Members Auction.

10th - Farnham & District Philatelic Society - Something from 1910 - 1919. Members.

11th - Vectis Philatelic Society - Mr. John Davis FRPSL - Tin Can mail of Tonga etc.

11th - Ringwood Philatelic Society - Guest speaker - Christine Earle FRPSL from Surrey with 'Open Philately'.

11th - Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society - Autumn Auction (anything goes) and showing the Letter K.

11th - Alton & District Stamp Club - Alphabet Evening - Letter B.

11th - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Birds of Prey - David Walker.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Meeting: 10th May, 2016...

'One Page Competition -Members only'...

This completion saw just seven entries, but quality and interest were much in evidence. The event required members themselves to do the voting, but as in the rules, they were not allowed to self-vote!! Subjects ranged from general themes, as in the case of *'Bridges over the Grand Canal'*, featuring in particular the 'Ponte di Rialto', to highly technical - *'Various Positions of dots in the Maltese Cross Cancellation'*, a study of aspects of postmarks on GB Victorian penny-red stamps. An historically challenging subject *'Deplored Explorer -Capt. James Cook (1728-1779)'* gave rise to considerations of the damaging effects of European culture and health issues on native populations. A fascinating display looked at *'Postmen with Transport -Various Types of Boat'*. Here were included stamps depicting a Solomon Islands' cruise launch, Equatorial Guinea's canoes, a galley used by the Indonesian Republic and a Falkland Islands' schooner...and numerous others. Some stamps are rare/scarc because of printing inaccuracies resulting in official stock recall. An example was available



within the competition, that of 'The recalled UNESCO Dinosaur Provincial Park Stamp, Canada 2015. Such a stamp was exhibited alongside the re-printed, reinstated example. *'The 150th Penny Black Anniversary'* and a postal service where mail coaches, camel post and a Russian courier from the Middle Ages were presented.

The final entry and overall winner was member Paul Barry's *'New Acquisitions-GB Queen Victoria 1887 Jubilee Issue'*, who was awarded the 'President's Cup' by the Society's Chairman Colin Mount. This entry included 1/- green stamps, the 6d. purple/rose on a Wareham parcel-post label

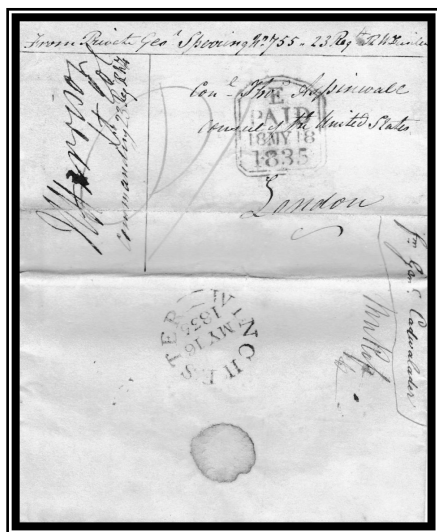
and a beautiful advertising envelope promoting the talents and services of a German art design company operating in the latter part of the 19th Century. The competition was much enhanced by a range of supporting material... stamps mint and used, mini-sheets, covers, photos, drawings, maps, good write-ups and quality presentation. The meeting concluded with an enjoyable 'Bring and Buy' session.

Meetings are at Greyfriars on most second Tuesdays in the month. An all-day Stamp Fair...'RINGPEX' is planned for Saturday, 3rd June 2017... free entry and all most welcome.

The Hampshire Postal History Society...

Although I have put myself forward to be Editor of the Hampshire Postal History Society no response came from the notification made in the Bulletin issue 141. I find this very disappointing but not really unexpected. Encouragement has come from Julian Jones and Malcom Lacey earlier this year. A more positive opinion was expected from John Button as he did say that he would give his positive view in due course. Julian has made an entry in HPF Website for the HPHS, perhaps you should visit this! Flyers have been printed and will be available at the HAMPEX Convention in October 2016 at the entrance table, I will be there until 12 o'clock.

My latest Postal History acquisition is displayed below. This is a Soldier's 1d Concessionary Rate letter, from Winchester. These are not easy to find nowadays.



The design for the Concessionary Rate address side is drawn up in accordance with the laws of the post office. Within the narrow space at the top for the sender's name, rank number and Regiment. The space at the left side is for the signature of the approving officer. The larger space at the right hand side is for the name and address as to where it is to be sent.

This letter is from Private Geo' Sperring No. 755 – 23 Reg't 4 Royal Welch Fusiliers countersigned by N Harrison, Lt Col Commanding 23 Reg't RWF and sent to Con'l. Tho' Aspinwall, Consol to the United States, London. *PI* in red for postage

with a red double rim tombstone E/PAID/18MY18/1835 on the back is a black cds for WINCHESTER/MY16/1835.

The letter reads: "Winchester May 14th 1835...

To Con'l Tho's Aspinwall,

Sir, I Received Your Letter of the 26 of April last and was happy to receive the acknowledgement of the Money Received by you for my Discharge, which will become due on the 23rd of May according to your

Ringwood Philatelic Society...

Meeting 14th June, 2016.

'Dorset Postal History' - Bill Pipe..

Although, as Chairman Colin Mount stated in his opening welcome, 'we all know Bill Pipe', his subject 'Dorset Postal History' proved to be somewhat obscure. Postal history emanating from such a rural county from the period 1606 through to the Victorian era (and beyond) was bound to be affected. Bill referred to 'a fairly illiterate county of sea farers and labourers'. Trade was centred mainly on Poole and Weymouth, with Bridport, Lyme, Blandford, Shaftesbury and Sherborne playing smaller roles. The earliest cover presented, was coach sent being dated 23rd June, 1606 -Winterbourne to Baynards Castle (Surrey). Early letters were in the display, one written 4 months after Cromwell's death. The earliest postmark presented was 1726. There was a predominance of naval and agricultural mail. The majority of postal gems were from 1840 onwards. A lovely orange Maltese cross cancel (Corfe Castle) on a penny black was enjoyed, together with a cover to London bearing a superb strip of 4 penny blacks –plate 4 AI to AL –the entire having 4 red Maltese cross obliterations, dated 16-10-40, Poole. Other penny blacks followed together with an abundance of two-penny blues and penny reds and numerous later issues, many with interesting cancels – registered, late-use, numeral, thimble, cds and inspector cancels. One cover catching the eye was bound for 'Marnhall', (Marnhull) being cancelled 'Blandford' –Ap. 4. 59 with code letter 'C'. The second half of Bill's presentation was equally rewarding. Here there were early ship mail, Mulreadys, railway cancels (a love of Bill's), Dorset Regiment, wreck and strike post mail. Of particular note was a superb unique Victorian Twynham (the dead village thanks to the Military) parcel post label, (find another one!!) The riveting evening drew to an end when Publicity Officer Paul Barry was called upon to provide the vote of thanks. He paid great tribute to this 'Aladdin's cave of treasure with all its rich variety and rarity'. In concluding, he highlighted a selection of the wonderful rural Dorset post office names which had featured, such as Blandford St Mary, Hinton Martell, Long Bredy, Marnhull, Nottingham and Punchnoll.

Paul Barry...

From the Competition Secretary's Desk...

As of 16th August the entry forms for the HAMPEX competitions are already arriving so I am looking forward to an exciting competition. A wide set of topics is being covered, including entries in the picture post card class. As well as hosting an exciting display of philatelic exhibits we will present the trophies and medals at HAMPEX as usual at 11:45 so I hope that you all will come to Wickham on Saturday 15th October.

Julian Jones Competition Secretary...

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.. GRAND AUCTION... 22nd October 2016...

Location:

Peartree Church Hall, 80 Peartree Road, Southampton, SO19 9EE.

Viewing: 10.30 am - 12.45 pm. Auction commences: 1.00 pm.

Refreshments: Available on the day.

Transport: By train to Woolston Station then a 10 minute walk.

Buses from Woolston Link Road (Itchen Bridge) Number 13.

By Car via the Itchen Bridge or from the city Centre Via Northam Bridge.

Catalogues will be available at HAMPEX and then on our website:

www.southamptondps.org.uk

Or contact Mel Bradshaw on 023 8078 5785 or melvyn.bradshaw1@tesco.net

Hampshire Philatelic Federation - 2016 dates...

24 January 2016 - Petersfield

8 May 2016 - Petersfield - AGM

26 August - competition entry forms due with Competition Secretary.

11 September 2016 - Petersfield - Meeting & Competition Entries

1 October 2016 - Petersfield - HAMPEX Judging

15 October 2016 - HAMPEX at Wickham

letter, I should be Greatly Obligated to you if you would be so kind as to Remit the aforesaid £28..18s..2d in the hands of Cox Greenwood & Co Agents in London for the 23 Reg't. Royal Welch Fusiliers and the will be so kind as to place the sum of 20£ in the hands of the proper Authorities for My Discharge and remit the remainder to my Paymaster Lieu't Dunn for my use in Conveying me to America.

I Remain Your Most Obedient Servant, Private George Sperring, No. 755, 23Reg-RWF.

This item will be re-produced in the next HPHS Journal. **Peter Mills...**

Robertson Revisited Second Supplement 2016 by Colin Tabcart...

In 2012 the first supplement was published by the TPO & Seapost Society, both on their website and as hard copy. As Colin Tabcart says in the introduction: "... Even now I am still receiving new bits of information from all over the world, including totally new markings, and the time now seems ripe to put these together in the form of a Second Supplement to the original book. This includes all the information in the First Supplement of 2011/2012".

The Second supplement is available from the TPO & Seapost Society either as a down load or in hard copy. Details are available from Keith Morris, TPO & Seapost Society, 1 St Marys Drive, Fairford GL7 4LQ, or from their website:

http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk/tpo2/robertson_revisited.html .

VECTIS P.S.

Would you kindly note a couple of changes as regards Vectis P.S. on the Isle of Wight. Firstly it's my sad duty to tell you that one of our long term members – Graeham Littledale – who was the Vectis Secretary for 25 years immediately before I took over in 2010, passed away suddenly on the 5th May, aged 75 years. His funeral was attended by quite a few of us from Vectis but it was all a bit of a shock as he had only just stood down as President in April. He will be missed by many. Secondly I'm standing down as Secretary from this month & my place is being taken by Mike Torreggiani whose email is mtwight@btinternet.com. He will be doing the 2016/17 programme which will start in September. I'm still in regular contact with Colin Mount if that's helpful as I know he's involved with the H.P.F.

Neville Carr, Hon. Sec. V.P.S...

Petersfield and District Philatelic Society...

The first six months of this year have been very significant for members of Petersfield Club.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary of the forming of the club in March, 1966, with a specially made cake which was cut at the annual meeting.

The Association of British Philatelic Societies confirmed that our application for an Award of Merit had been granted to our secretary of 20 years, Tony Shaw and a certificate was presented to him by the club president David Allen.

Thirty members and guests attended a 50th year anniversary dinner on Thursday, May 19, at the modern hall of the United Reformed Church in College Street, Petersfield.

In May our newsletter editor, Tony New, gave us a review of stamps of the world issued in 1966, the year of our formation.

The next month we had a return visit from Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye with a display of postal history and stamps from Memel.

On July 4 we have a visit from members of Camberley and District Philatelic Society.

Meetings are held on the first Monday every month at Petersfield Community Centre, at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

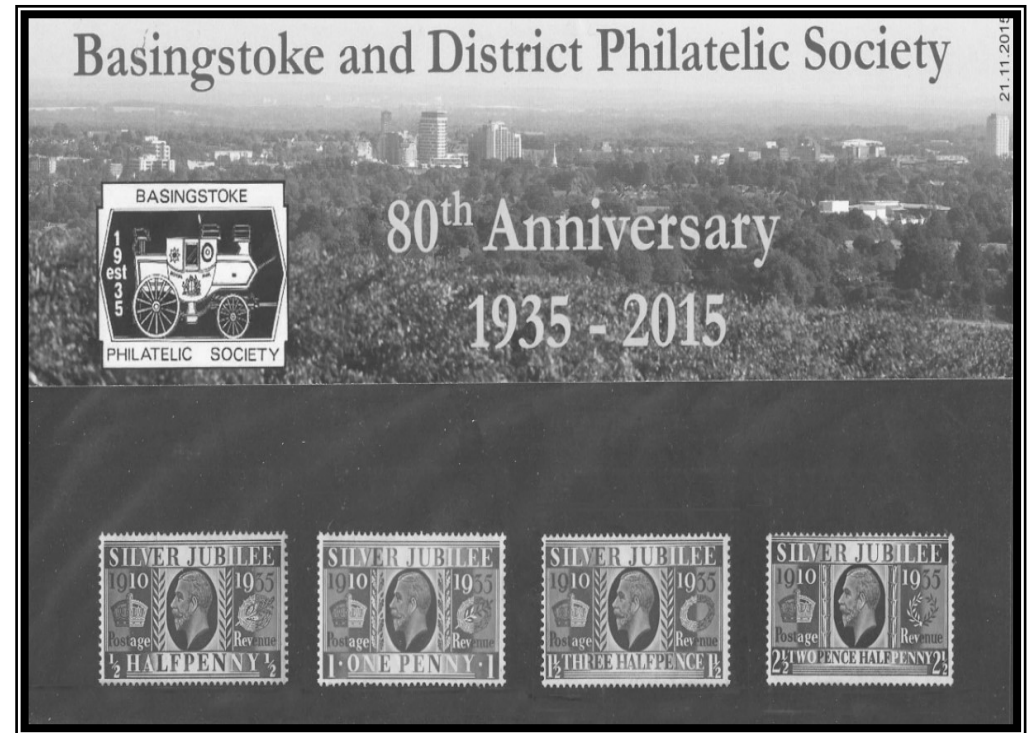
David Allen...

New Forest Stamp and Postcard...

After over 55 years of existence it is regretted that the New Forest Stamp and Postcard Club had to shut its doors on the 30th June 2016. Falling membership and despite a number of initiatives failure to attract new members resulted in the hard to take decision to wind up the Club and to advise members of membership opportunities with other local Clubs.

John Morgan....

Basingstoke Society 80th Anniversary Presentation Pack...



The Basingstoke and District Philatelic Society was founded in 1935 and, in 2015, to mark its 80th Anniversary, a special presentation pack was produced. This contains an unmounted mint set of the Great Britain 1935 Silver Jubilee issue as a limited edition of 300. This set was chosen as, along with the various Commonwealth issues, it is believed to have been the catalyst that led to the formation of the Society.

The pack is in the standard Royal Mail format with its folded card outlining the Society as well as a brief history of the ancient market town of Basingstoke. The banner on the pack is a pleasing view of the Basingstoke skyline taken from a hill to the south of the town. The few remaining packs are available priced £11.50 including UK postage, from the Society Secretary, c/o County Philatelic Auctions, Oakley Lane, Oakley, Basingstoke, RG23 7JZ. Email: county@stampauctions.co.uk.