

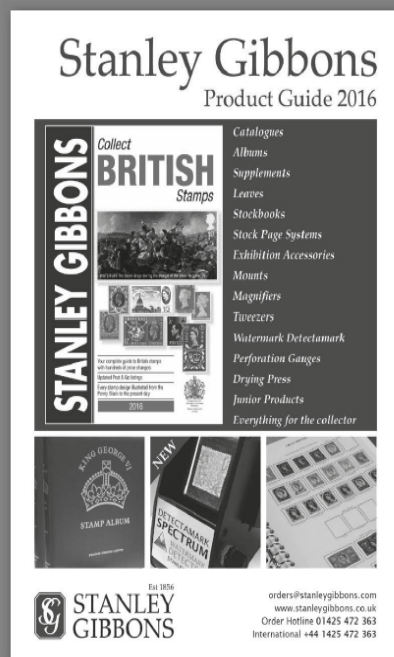
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‘All Change at Ringwood Philatelic Society’

Ringwood Philatelic Society’s President, Rowan Brockhurst, has completed 49 years in this post and it was with much personal regret that he decided to stand down at the summer AGM. Committee and Members warmly thanked him for his sterling service in greatly helping to promote locally this fascinating hobby, having been a founder member along with Gillian Habbin and the late Wally Crumb.



Photo shows President Rowan Brockhurst receiving his Honorary Lifetime Award at Ringwood Philatelic Society 2016 AGM. Alongside is Retiring Chairman Colin Mount.

In recognition, Rowan was presented with Honorary Life Membership. He greeted his successor Colin Mount, who as Chairman had completed no less than 29 years and had made a huge contribution to the development of this thriving society. Colin received an engraved glass vase for his much valued dedication. The founder members, together with key society colleagues paved the way for the development of a friendly membership, a high quality programme of speakers, topics and the presentation of extremely interesting philatelic material, often rare or unique. An annual June stamp fair - *RINGPEX* continues as the highlight. Paul Barry was appointed as the new Chairman while continuing as Publicity Officer. Gordon Masson continues as Secretary with Treasurer Terry Carter kindly remaining in post. The AGM also welcomed committee members – John Davis (continuing), John Stevens and David Etchells. The Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary next summer and is proud to state that meetings have been held continuously at Greyfriars Community Centre... since 1967!!

Paul Barry (Publicity Officer)...

Dickenson. The presentation contained postcards, covers, embossed envelopes, articles, photos and an aerogramme, together with antique paper sample books. Colin Mount made a strong technical contribution with his 50 year personal study of Australian 1d red KGV stamps.



Produced Embossed Stamp Cover...

‘E’ for Errors was his specialised consideration, covering perforations and flaws. ‘The Empire Strikes Back’ was Paul Barry’s topic. Here were presented mainly mint copies of the GB 1887 ‘Jubilee’ stamps, together with various covers having international destinations. This most colourful set was the Victorian Post Office’s response to the much criticised previous dull ‘green and lilac’ issue. Wearing his newly acquired ‘Chairman’s hat’, Paul commended Members for their participation in ‘a fascinating evening’ and commended the magnificent displays for close scrutiny.

Paul Barry (Publicity Officer)...

John Goodman...

Ferndown and West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club have announced the sad news of the death of John Goodman, a long standing and honorary member who spent nearly 30 years as Packet Secretary. At one time, John maintained both the Ferndown and the Bournemouth club packets and was instrumental in extending the packet circuit to various other clubs in the area. He was noted for his meticulous control and bookkeeping and will be sadly missed. October, 2016..

Paul Barry (Publicity Officer)...

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....

HAMPEX 2017 UPDATE...

Dear Hampshire Philatelic Society representatives,

I hope you all enjoyed HAMPEX last Autumn. There was a good turnout and the dealers seemed happy.

I'm writing now to tell you that there is a clash for the date we had planned for 2017. The date clash was discovered after I had received the HAMPEX programme from the printer.

In consultation with the dealers we can now confirm that the **NEW DATE is HAMPEX 2017 - Saturday, 30th September 2017.**

Please pass this on to your programme secretaries if it is their custom to put HAMPEX in their programme schedules.

This change means that the competition judging will take place at the beginning of September and that entry forms and entries will have to get to the competition secretary during late July/early August.

When these details have been hammered out I will let you know, but please also give your competition secretary the 'heads-up'.

**Regards
Julian Jones
HPF Chairman**

[Editor's note: detailed 2017 dates are shown elsewhere in this Bulletin]

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER...

Already I'm looking forward to 2017 and philatelic shows in or close to Hampshire. Check out our events page and be sure to enter the shows into your new diaries! We are well served by Spring Stampex in February, the Southern England Stamp Show at Farnborough in March, SWINPEX in June and MIDPEX in July. You will also notice that HAMPEX will be held at the end of September rather than mid-October.

Community halls are getting more and more heavily used, which is a good thing, but it has made it more difficult to get our bookings sorted out with the additional need not to hold a philatelic event at the same weekend as neighbouring philatelic events as well as competing for rooms against other local activities. Now that the WWII 'Baby Boomers' are well into their retirement the need for recreational space seems to be getting greater year on year. Your Federation Council will meet on a Saturday in September rather than the more usual Sunday. As that coincides with the day when competition entries are to be handed in I hope we'll see more society representatives stay to attend the meeting. Here's wishing you all a prosperous philatelic New Year.

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.

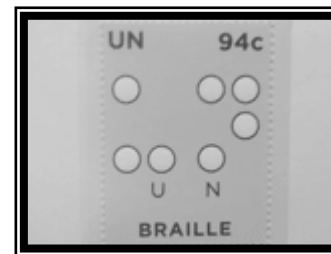
Once this list is put together and published, it is generally then that we find out that so and so does not do displays anymore because of ill health and so and so died six months ago which is also frustrating for the **Yearbook** editor.

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.....

Ringwood Philatelic Society Meeting... 13th September, 2016... Members' Evening with Displays using 'D, E and F'...

Eight Members displayed on a wide variety of topics in this, the first meeting of the Society's year. Presentations focussed on the letters 'D, E and F' in the title. Paul Dumsday had selected stamps from such countries as the Dominican Republic, Eire and the Falkland Islands, incorporating both old and new issues, mint, used and covers. Bert Burton's displays were well researched and written up topics under 'Gibraltar' –all having naval connections. HMS Dwarf (1898-1916) featured strongly, underpinned by stamps, postcards and photos. 'EUROPA' was Chris Wheeler's study and here Members learnt that numerous issues had been produced. Although not written up, the presentation was most informative and conveyed very colourful images with superb stamp design. Of particular attraction were issues from Cyprus, Latvia and Isle of Man.



David Etchells provided an excellent focus on 'D'...for 'Disability of Blindness' via a superb literary and verbal commentary, combined with a wonderful range of stamps which very successfully traced in brief, the story of deafness. They spanned the period 1921 to the modern era and depicted white sticks, guide dogs and German Shepherd dogs. The work of Louis Braille featured along with sections on eye diseases and diabetes. Famous ophthalmologists were examined along with the renowned local specialist Harold Ridley of Salisbury. 'The Federation of Australian States' (1901-1913) was a thoroughly researched subject by Gordon Masson. Using a digital microscope, he demonstrated clear images of early issue Victorian stamps together with insightful commentary. Postage rates and overprints were a particular focus. Wendy Buckle shared a high quality display tracing the development of handmade paper through to machine generated. A particular element dealt with the importance of Victorian paper maker John

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Ringwood Philatelic Society - Meeting 8th November, 2016

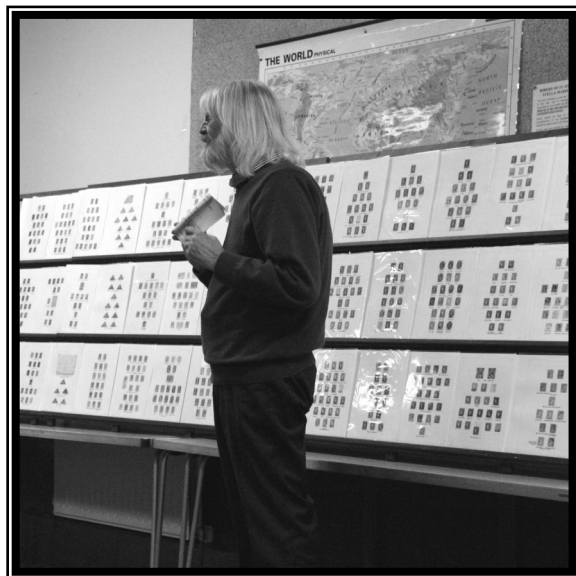
'Tin Can Mail' - John Davis FRPSL.

Members of the Ringwood Philatelic Society enjoyed an unusual topic at their November meeting – 'Tin Can Mail'. This proved to be a huge display of unique philatelic material, supported by related artefacts, which had been collected, written-up and presented by member John Davis. His focus of study centred on Tonga in the period 1882-1983 and the small northerly island of Niuafuou which had been 'discovered' in 1616 and first charted by Captain William Bligh of 'The Bounty' fame. Needing to communicate with the outside world, a system of watertight mail carrying metal canisters was established, promoted by one William Travers. These were taken by swimmers (in later years by outriggers) the 1.5 miles to passing ships in deeper water, with incoming mail being transferred to land by the same means. This remote coconut producing island, close to the international dateline, benefitted hugely from this basic service and it was not until as late as the early 1980s, with the building of an air-strip that this service ended. John's display included covers- many illustrated, letters, photos, maps, newspaper and magazine cuttings. A special study was made of cachets (postmarks) of which some were exceedingly rare, an example having the wording 'Damaged by salt water in Tonga'. A considerable range of fascinating covers formed the display's central development with 'destinations', 'wartime censored', 'cartoons', 'underpaid', 'volcanic evacuation', and the inevitable more recent 'cruise ship' mail. In addition, Niuafuou's proximity with the International Date Line had produced numerous 'meridian' illustrated covers, some 'entires' having revealing correspondence, as in the example – 'yesterday was also Tuesday'!! An interesting range of island commemorative stamps also featured in the superbly written up presentation. The final element in the presentation saw John in debating mode, considering the finer points of relevant material inclusion. In concluding the meeting, fellow Member Wendy Buckle, herself an international philatelic exhibitor, delivered an eloquent vote of thanks, paying tribute to John's speed of collecting (4 years!) ..'what a dedication, a very fine and lovely collection...very enjoyable'.

Paul Barry - Chairman/Publicity Officer...

Southampton & District Philatelic Society December 2016...

Since the last newsletter members have been treated to a variety of displays and talks, both from within the membership and from guest speakers. The visit by the Ferndown Society featured four excellent displays and we are already anticipating their next visit but, alas, that will not be next year. The year has ended with society member Len Yandell entertaining with his collection of Le Havre, including WW I.



**Hugh Jefferies - Image©
Eddie Mays**

The Society had a stand at the Hampex 2016 at Wickham in mid-October and this year we were in the main hall and this did give us a better profile with the attendant higher footfall onto the stand. (modern English sometimes leaves a great deal to be desired!) The other major success in the autumn programme was the annual 'Grand Auction'. It was hoped that with the quantity and quality of the lots being offered, over 900 this year, the auction would be successful. The results exceeded our expectations. There were more bidders, both in the room on the day but also from postal bids. The ratio of sold lots was slightly up but the biggest gain was the total volume of sales. For the first time hammer sales exceeded £10,000 and this will enable the Society to freeze subscription levels at £10 for 2017.

And that could be a real bonus to members as in 2017 the Society will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary. Kevin Chard, the Programme Manager, has managed to cajole a great set of guest speakers to visit, including Michael Sefi who will be talking about the Royal Collection at our anniversary meeting in May. Before that though, the year starts



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- 23rd April - Farnham - Upper Hale Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN.
- 27th May - Southampton - Methodist Hall St James Road Shirley SO15 5HE
- 17th June - Salisbury - United Reform Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB
- 8th July - Bournemouth - Pelham's Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH.
- 29th July - Petersfield - Community Centre (Off Love Lane) GU31 4BW.
- 26th August - Southampton - Methodist Hall St James Road Shirley SO15 5HE.
- 3rd September - Portsmouth - Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street, PO6 3AP.
- 23rd September - Bournemouth - Charminster, Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd BH8 9RW.
- 1st October - Farnham (Surrey) - Upper Hale Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN.
- 28th October - Wimbourne - Wimbourne Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, BH21 1AS.
- 4th November - Salisbury – United Reform Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB
- 5th November - Portsmouth - Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street, PO6 3AP.
- 11th November - Southampton - Methodist Hall St James Road Shirley SO15 5HE.
- 2nd December - Bournemouth - 8th July Bournemouth - Pelham's Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH.
- 29th December - Farnham (Surrey) - Upper Hale Village Hall, Wings Road, GU9 0HN.

April:

3rd - Petersfeild & D.P.S. - Competition Night - Years ending in "6".
 3rd - Basingstoke P.S. - Christine's Choice - Christine Earl.
 4th - Milford on Sea S.C. - Croatia - Tony Bosworth.
 4th - Southampton & D.P.S. - Finland at War - Michael Elliott.
 8th - Ringwood PS - Ferndown & West Moors Stamp & PC Fair.
 10th - Farnham & D.P.S. - My Three Favourite Stamps/PC/Covers.
 11th - Ringwood PS - Finland at War - Michael Elliott FRPSL.
 11th - Alton & D.P.C. - Treasurer's Evening.
 13th - Southampton & D.P.S. - Afternoon Meeting.
 14th - Hayling Island SC - Auction.
 18th - Southampton & D.P.S. - AGM & 'Queries & Acquisitions'.
 20th - Waterloooville & D.P.S. - AGM - One Sheets Competition Letter 'R' 'S' & 'T'.
 24th - Farnham & D.P.S. - Sudan - Colin Lee.
 25th - Fleet & North Hants PS - The Falklands Campaign through the eyes of a collector who took part - Mike Hill.

May:

2nd - Southampton & D.P.S. - The Royal Collection - Michael Sefi.
 2nd - Milford on Sea S.C. - AGM Followed by Bring, Buy & Swap.

HAMPEX – COMPETITIONS 2016 - AWARDS...**JAN KALUSKI TROPHY - (Best 32 sheet exhibit of Show)**

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HOWARD WHITE INDIVIDUAL TROPHY

JH Jones - Southampton DPS

with a joint presentation by Mike Batty & John Dorrington on the history of the Society. Which, leads nicely into a sales pitch. If any of you reading this article used to be members of the Southampton society and have memories or photographs from the days of your membership we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch using the email address, prsoton@gmail.com, or write to me at the address below. Any photographs sent will be returned but it is sometimes safer to scan them into a PC and send them electronically.

Full details of our 2017 programme will be on-line in the new year at www.southamptondps.org.uk

On behalf of all the members we wish you a happy 2017.

Eddie Mays (PRO)

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HAMPSHIRE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY...

An AGM was held at the HAMPEX Convention 15th October 2016. Only a few members attended with two new members who joined the Society on the day.

Mike Hill aired some good ideas on how to progress the way forward to help the Society succeed. The main one was that I should contact all Philatelic/Stamp Societies/Clubs Secretaries to select a Member to record & collate every known postmark & historical postal events of their Post Code area within the Hampshire Borders. Alternatively, perhaps recording every town & every village would ease the strain. You can e-mail, write or phone the organiser at any time.

We currently have 15 members in HPHS which is an inefficient number to cover the whole county. We would be very pleased if you give your cause serious consideration and join us to help record every known postmark of Hampshire. It is quite a challenge.

To publish a sensible journal, I will need your full co-operation as new material is always wanted and to organise meeting rooms, then a good attendance must be guaranteed.

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YOUR COMPETITION ENTRY'S TITLE PAGE...

After judging the HAMPEX 2016 competitions the judges commented that the standard of title page was falling from what had been seen in previous years. This article attempts to set out the principles that an exhibitor should follow in setting out their title page.

The title page is critical: it sets the direction and organization for the exhibit by stating its **purpose, scope** and **plan**. All exhibits must have a title page. As it is the only item the judges see ahead of judging day the key references should appear on the title page so that the judges arrive having done their homework and better able to give your hard work the consideration it deserves.

Your title page should introduce the subject, state the exhibit's objective, scope and plan (or outline) of the sections to be covered. The main body of the exhibit would include the range and diversity of material that supports the storyline and accomplishes the exhibit's purpose. The body of the exhibit may be thought of as chapters in a book, for which the title page sets out what the book is about. How well those chapters tell the story is the exhibit's **treatment** of the subject.

An essential part of treatment is the scope that you define and the limits of your exhibit. The starting point for this is the title you choose. You should exercise care to select a title that is neither too broad for the material shown, nor so limited that you have to go beyond it to fill the 16 (or 32) pages. With additional study and material, an overly broad exhibit can be refined into a narrower subject that better meets the goal of a complete story in 16 pages.

The plan defines the structure of the exhibit, i.e., how the subject will be developed. Its subdivisions cover all major aspects of the title to develop the subject comprehensively. The subdivisions in the plan have a logical and balanced flow. Remember that the plan is not just a simple listing of subjects. The plan chapter and sub-chapter headings are then carried to the pages in the exhibit as page headers/sub headers.

The most effective exhibits use running headers; information blocks at the top left/centre/ right of each page throughout the body of the exhibit which serve as consistent signposts for progress through the exhibit's plan. Running headers can incorporate some or all of the following: chapter titles that match your plan; sub-section identification; and page content identification

You will probably draft your plan page many times. Your first draft sets out what you think you are going to show and how you'll do it with

SOCIETY ROUNDUP...

February:

- 6th - Thatcham & D.P.S. - Butterflies/Insects.
- 6th - Petersfield & D.P.S. - Trophy Competition - Club Classes.
- 6th - Basingstoke P.S. - The Cayman Islands - Captain Podger.
- 7th - Milford on Sea SC - BWA Malaya - Peter Cockburn.
- 7th - Southampton & D.P.S. - Latvia 1785-1945 - Wendy Buckle
- 9th - Southampton & D.P.S. - Afternoon Meeting.
- 10th - Hayling Island SC - AGM.
- 13th - Farnham & D.P.S. - A Royal Evening.
- 14th - Alton & D.P.C - Members Display up to 30 Sheets.
- 14th - Ringwood PS - British East Africa, Its Postal History, Postal Stationary & Stamps up to its independence - Colin Baker.
- 14th - Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society - AGM, Mini Auction & Letter M
- 16th - Waterlooville & D.P.S. - Competition Night (8 Sheets)
- 20th - Basingstoke P.S. - Have you got it covered?
- 21st - Southampton & D.P.S. - Letter 'P' & Bourse / Silent Auction.
- 27th - Farnham & D.P.S. - The Salonica Campaign - Roger Morrell.
- 28th - Fleet & North Hants PS - Members Evening.

March:

- 6th - Thatcham & D.P.S. - Overprints.
- 6th - Petersfield D.P.S. - AGM & Single Item Competition.
- 6th - Basingstoke P.S. - Look to the Stars - Robert Patterson.
- 7th - Milford on Sea S.C. - Hong Kong & Treaty Ports - Spence Coaker.
- 7th - Southampton & D.P.S. - 19th Cent. Australia/NZ Mails - Colin Tabart.
- 9th - Southampton & D.P.S. - Afternoon Meeting.
- 10th - Hayling Island SC - Buying & Selling - Members Discussion.
- 13th - Farnham & D.P.S. - An Interesting Album.
- 14th - Alton & D.P.C. - AGM & Buy & Sell.
- 14th - Ringwood PS - Annual Competitions Night, Bring & Buy.
- 16th - Waterlooville & D.P.S. - Western Australia - Tom Gillespie.
- 18th - Petersfield & D.P.S. - Auction.
- 18th - Milford on Sea S.C. - Annual Auction.
- 20th - Basingstoke P.S. - Theme on the letter Q/R.
- 21st - Southampton & D.P.S. - AUCTION.
- 27th - Farnham & D.P.S. - An Evening in Brazil - Janet & Nick Nelson.
- 28th - Fleet & North Hants PS - Quiz Evening.
- 28th - Basingstoke P.S. - Visit to Camberley - Dr. J. Horsey.

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Paul Barry (Publicity Officer)...

DIARY DATES & UPDATES FOR 2017...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield

Sunday, 22nd January, Sunday 7th May (AGM),

Saturday 2nd September (plus competition entry hand-in)

Close of HPF competition entry forms will be 25th August 2017

Competition judging day will be Saturday 9th September at Petersfield

HAMPEX 2017 - Saturday, 30th September 2017 at Wickham

Spring STAMPEX: 15th to 18th February 2017

Southern England Stamp Show (Farnborough) Fri 10th & Sat 11th
March 2017

SWINPEX 10th June 2017

MIDPEX 8 July 2017

Autumn STAMPEX: 13th to 16th September 2017

the material you have to hand. But as you assemble that material you may realise that you have to tweak and change items around until you have them arranged in the right order to tell a coherent story (possibly now different from the one you first intended). When you have finally arranged your 15 or 31 sheets, then look back at your title page (the first sheet) and modify it to suit the final purpose, scope and plan for your story.

Julian H Jones (HPF Competition Secretary)...

THE CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY 58th AGM...

The Chichester and District Philatelic Society held its 58th Annual General Meeting with a fine show of members. The agenda ran smoothly, officers and committee members were all thanked for their hard work throughout 2016, and the title of the club was discussed along with other items on the agenda. Mrs Martha Brown was duly elected as the new President. There was ample time for members to show latest acquisitions at the close of the AGM. Items included Zimbabwe, a 1911 First Flight cover between Henley and Wembley, some cricket stamps and covers, Hyperinflationary German notgeld examples from the 1920 period including two covers, and Post Office Self Service Kiosk Horizon Labels and more! it's good to see the wide range of collecting interests of our members. Each and every display was interesting.

Which just goes to prove: one can always learn something new in the field of Philately!

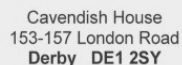
Happy Christmas and a Happy 2017 to all from the CDPS!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS...

A gentle reminder to all club treasurers and secretaries. The annual sub of £10 fell due on 1st April 2016 and I am still missing a few subscriptions from clubs. Cheques should be payable to the Hampshire Philatelic Federation and sent to the Federation Treasurer

Joe Robertson (Treasurer)...

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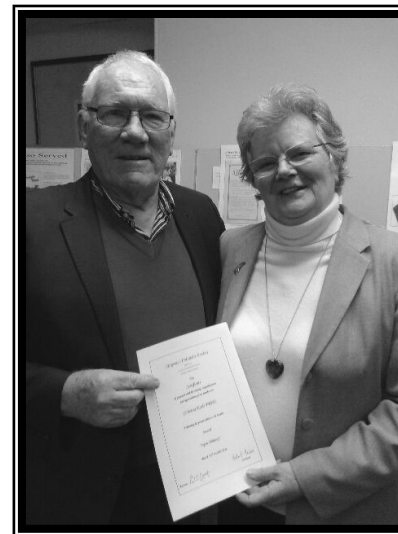
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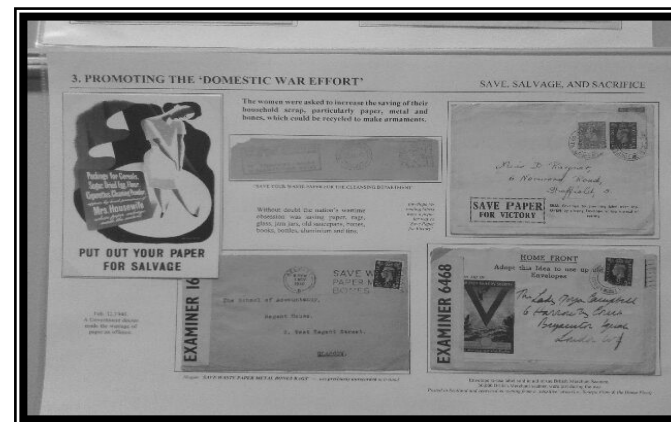
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some of considerable rarity, and all written-up and organised in an eye-catching way to tell a story. Collecting, selecting and mounting 'a rule friendly' exhibit appeared to members at first to be a most daunting undertaking, but through Christine's eloquent delivery, richly stimulating display of fine material and the first rate discussion following, a feeling of 'can do' was certainly achieved...all much reflected in President Colin Mount's concluding vote of thanks. Another excellent RPS evening!!



**Christine Earle FRPSL with President Colin Mount RPS
And an example from the 'Open Philately' display.**



Ringwood Philatelic Society
Meeting 11th October, 2016
'Open Philately' Christine Earle FRPSL...

Members of Ringwood Philatelic Society were greatly entertained at their October meeting with a fascinating presentation by international judge, Christine Earle. Her subject 'Open Philately' described a collecting/display method in which stamps and associated philatelic material are incorporated into an exhibit together with other items such as maps, photos, posters, official notices, newspaper cuttings, plus 3-D items such as badges, ration books and coins. Christine brought her subject to life by sharing a section of one of her own exhibits which dealt with 'World War II Britain'. Here the rules of 'Open Philately' were in evidence with firstly the subject being developed in 'an imaginative and creative manner'. A points system was explained in which four essential areas need close attention. These include 'Treatment and Importance', including a title and clear plan of development, 'Knowledge and Research', 'Material' which celebrates condition and rarity and finally 'Presentation' where the exhibit must be appealing by sheet, by frame and in overall appearance. The allowance of a larger paper format, eg A3 provides much greater scope, say for the presentation of large covers or official documents such as in this example –wartime posters and maps. She explained that collectors are free to display their material in any format/content/quality, but if entering serious competitions, then these rules must be followed. The material members were able to study included a fascinating focus on 'Slogans' ... 'Dig for Victory', 'Careless Talk Costs Lives', wartime employment for women, and a number urging good recycling habits. Members were greatly impressed by the quality of items on display,

Hampshire Philatelic Federation - 2017 dates...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield....

Sunday, 22nd January,
 Sunday 7th May (AGM).

Saturday 2nd September (plus competition entry hand-in).

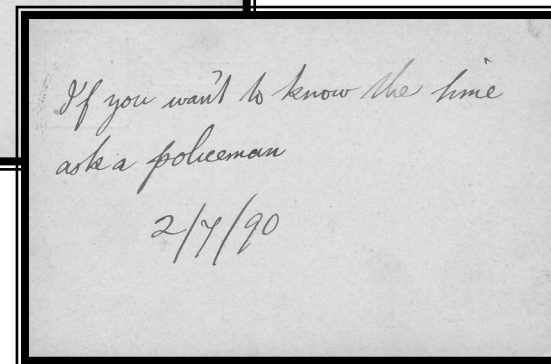
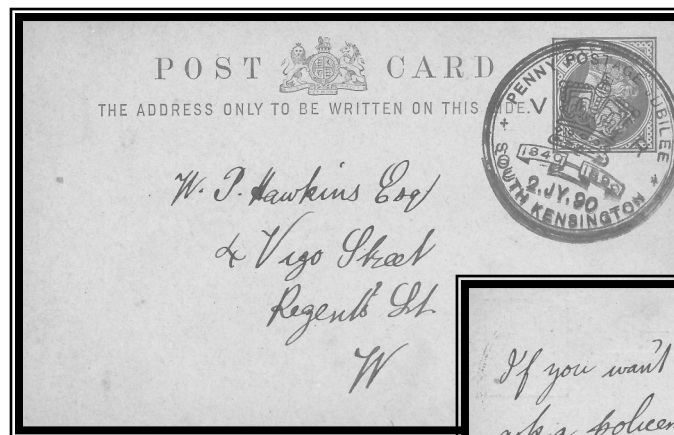
EDITORS THOUGHTS AND CHATTER...

Well my first 12 months as editor and things have been a bit bumpy to say the least, but I have survived. With so many things going on in my personal life, Julian our chairman has had to step in on the odd occasion to help out and many thanks. I thank everyone for your support and for sending in items for the bulletin which I appreciate and hopefully our members. Please continue this support in 2017 and in the future. I think I now have the bulletin moving in the right direction with the format and content.

I recently read that Stanley Gibbons lost over £20 Million pounds last year and is this a sign of philately in the future. They have restructured some of the company saving some £10 Million pounds so at least the share holders will be a bit happier. 2017 sees the 85th anniversary of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society of which I am the Magazine editor (Postmark) and the Curator of the Society Postal History Collection for my sins (See Page 4).

When I re-kindled my stamp collecting (No kids at home....Yeh!!!) I decided to collect Police related material as I had been working for Hampshire Police for 21 years and thought why not. But, it is interesting what you can pick up at stamp fairs. This item was one such thing, but why was it produced? Was it given out free? It has a nice strike of the Penny

Post Jubilee held at South Kensington on the 2nd July 1890... But on the reverse 'If you want to know the time ask a policeman'. 2nd July 1890. Why?



From the Competition Secretary's view...

In HAMPEX 2016 we had 27 entries across all competitions with a total of 33 frames of material to view (six 32 sheet entries and 21 single sheet entries). Four entrants and one society were new to the competition and a wide range of classes were exhibited: seven traditional, eight postal history, four aerophilatelic, three thematic, two open and one each of postal stationery, cinderella and picture postcard.

Seven societies contested the Howard White Trophy: Petersfield, Southampton, Waterlooville, Ferndown & West Moors, Ringwood, Basingstoke and Gosport. Southampton & District PS won the Howard White Trophy with Petersfield & District PS as runners-up. The Jan Kaluski Trophy was won by Waterlooville & District PS member Fred Horsted.

The judging was held on 1st October 2016 at Petersfield, assisted by Petersfield and Southampton Society members. The judges were: Chris Harman, Pat Reid, Ken Burr and Christine Earle. Pat Reid and Christine Earle also attended HAMPEX to answer questions from entrants between 11 am and noon and a number of exhibitors sought them out. I record my sincere thanks to the Judges who gave up their time: a day of judging and then a half day to answer questions.

Chris Harman led the judging team and made the following remarks at the end of a busy day. "We have come to expect a very high standard at HAMPEX and were not disappointed. It is also good to see several new exhibitors showing. The only area of concern was that too many exhibitors so not produce proper title pages / plans to delineate the subject matter and scope of the exhibit".

My sincere thanks go to those members who took the time and effort to enter the competitions and show us some of their excellent and varied material. But finally, I must thank all those people who helped to build frames on the Friday before HAMPEX, load up entries on the Saturday morning and then unload and dismantle the frames at the end of the day: Terry, Peter J, Paul B and Paul D, John, David, Peter M, Colin, Bob, Geoff, Brian H, Charles and Gillian. Without their help the exhibition just could not be staged. Thank you!

Julian H Jones HPF Competition Secretary...

Ringwood Philatelic Society Meeting 12th July, 2016 'The Life and Times of Stanley Gibbons' Hugh Jefferies, FRPSL, MBE

No one could be better placed to entertain on this subject than Member Hugh Jefferies. Until recently Hugh has been Editor of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly* and has overseen the collection of numerous artefacts connected to the life and times of this most prominent international stamp dealer. Hugh gave a highly detailed and entertaining presentation relating to the professional and more private life of this fascinating character. This illuminating account threw light, not so much on the Company, but on the Man. Stanley was born in 1840, the 'Penny Black' year, the 5th child of a Portsmouth dispensing chemist. At 15 he went to work as a junior clerk in 'the Naval Bank'. Being responsible for mail, he developed an interest in postage stamps from around the world and as his expertise grew, in 1853 his father provided a small counter space at the back of the shop to trade in stamps, the collection of which was becoming a major Victorian hobby. Soon Stanley had a brisk business running with a good source of material being via the city's naval connections. The legendary story of the 'Cape Triangulars' was retold, whereby in 1863 two seamen emptied a couple of sacks of these now iconic stamps onto the shop floor which Stanley promptly purchased for a small figure! Advertising and mail order developed, cheap packets being popular. A move to London was well timed, however the (saucy?) mix of office girls arriving for work at the suburban Clapham address, followed soon afterwards by wealthy men to see Mr Gibbons did not suit the neighbours too well! A move to Gower Street was then to be overtaken by the establishment at the famous address -391 *The Strand*. At age 50, he sold his business and led the rich life, having it is believed, numerous ladies in tow!! Another part of Stanley's 'secret life' was his marriages, 5 in all, with number 6 being lined up just before his death! Visits in 'company' to the Savoy, opposite 391 were apparent, his final visit (1913) resulted in a heart attack, whereupon the managers of this top hotel and of Stanley Gibbons together arranged for his body to be rolled up in a carpet and quietly removed to a modest address to avoid unwelcome publicity!! Chairman Colin Mount and Members were most appreciative of Hugh's rich presentation, which included much 'insider' knowledge and unique archive 'scrapbook' material...brilliant!!

Paul Barry...