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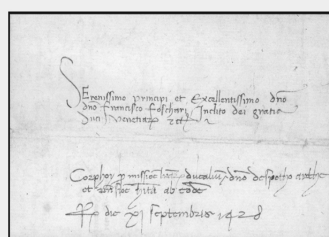
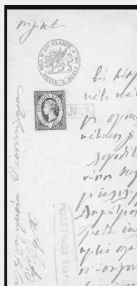
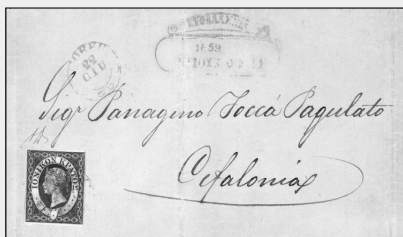
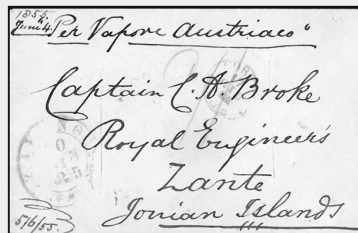
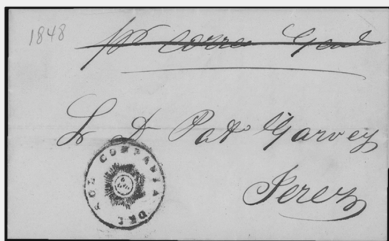
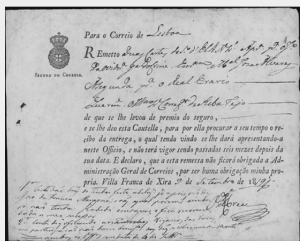
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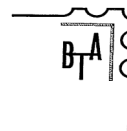


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The Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. For this occasion an international exhibition will be held in Stockholm. HM. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden has graciously agreed to be the Patron.



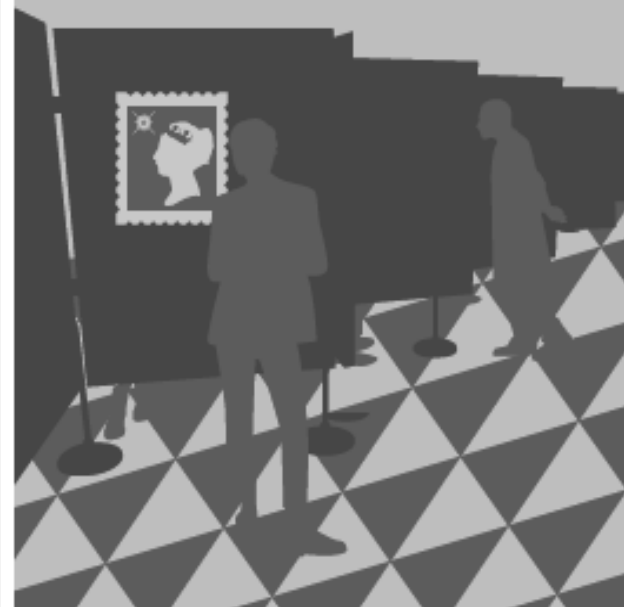
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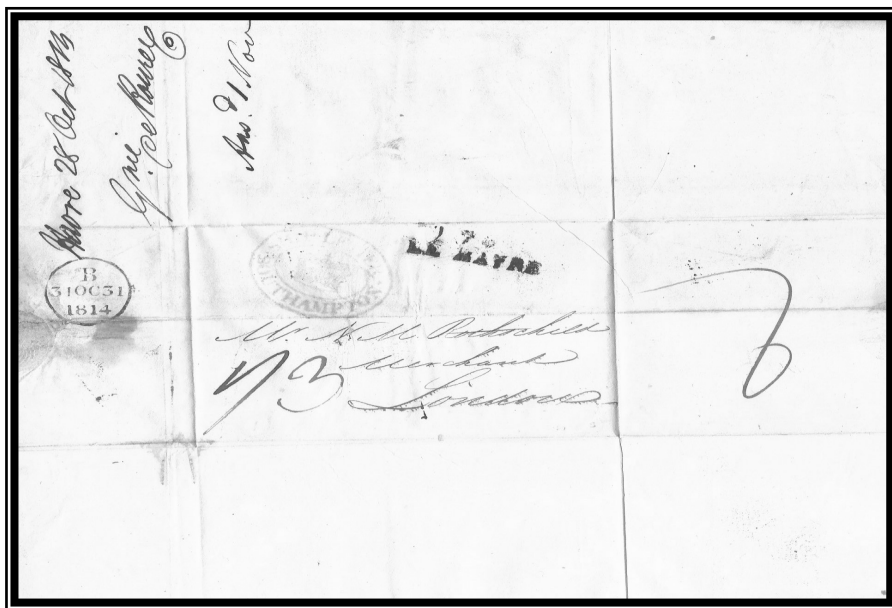
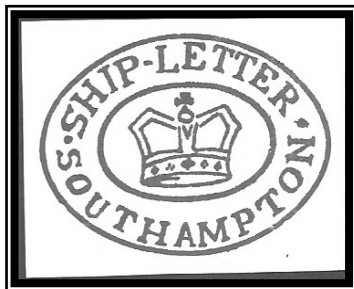


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## One from the Southampton & District Philatelic Society Collection...



1814 from Havre to London via Southampton.

Letter written Havre 28th October 1814 by private sailing ship to Southampton, received London 31st October 1814. Charged (1814) : Ship-letter 4d, Captains Gratuity 1d, inland Southampton to London 77m, 8d. Total 1/3 due.

## EDITORIAL

### August has arrived and so has summer?

Bulletin 145 is now here and it has been bit of a slog to get this one out as my wingman (Julian Jones) has been away celebrating 50 years of marriage in Amsterdam, but my wife has stepped in to proof read this copy. It is nice to see Federation members submitting articles but I would like to see some more of our members putting pen to paper and sending something in that could fill a gap or two. August is a very busy month with holidays taking up most of the 4 weeks in far off lands or even the Isle of Wight in my case (Still, a stretch of water separates us but who knows what Brexit will bring - Passports needed for entry onto the Isle of Wight!!!).

Only a few weeks after you receive this copy, Stampex on the 30th September at Wickham will be on top of us and I hope to be their wearing both my Federation & Southampton & District Philatelic Society hats and pushing both to the visitors on the day. Then in October is the Southampton & District Philatelic Society Grand Auction with well over 800 lots on the day. There is some great material, some rare and not so rare items, collections, individual lots and some 'Take a Punt' lots. So, by the time the next Bulletin comes out I think we will need a rest and then there is of course that day or two that some of us shudder over... CHRISTMAS...

On page 20 I have added an item from the Southampton & District Philatelic Societies Postal History collection, an 1814 Southampton Ship-Letter cover sent from Le Havre to London via Southampton. Catalogued in 2013 at £200.00. So the question is: Does your society or club have a postal history collection and a cover as unique as this one?

Being the Curator of the SDPS Postal History Collection, I have just finished cataloguing over 3,500 items and is available to members via the Society library. I am hoping that we can also upload it to our website to be available to everyone and not just members of the SDPS. It has taken me around 3 years to do this and I still have collections that have been donated to the society to catalogue, but this is far less and should take about 12 months to complete then the society will have a COMPLETE catalogue of the Postal History Collection.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER...

Well, it's July and it's raining. I've rebuilt my daughter's shed and cleared my backlog of t-do's! Now I can get down to some philately until the sun emerges once more. Since the Spring I've found a few new items for my collection and for some I can write a little article for societies to which I belong. Editors always need articles. Small ones help them fill a gap, larger ones allow them to provide a two (or even three) part article to sustain a thread through their magazine. If you have bought a stamp or cover to fill a gap and you've had to undertake some research to complete a write-up on the display page then you have probably also accumulated enough knowledge to write a prose article too. Other philatelists not familiar with your collecting area might like to know something about it. We all should broaden our horizons by reading about other areas, even if we will never collect those areas seriously. I bought two covers in one lot this summer which, combined with two I already had made up a short article about Irish postmarks used in Dublin from 1856 to 1859. See how easily that tripped off the pen once I had the covers? The article has been sent to an editor that has chased me since March for something for their Journal. I haven't even mounted the covers yet – but it is still raining! **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.....*

strongly represented in the display, so too were 'Victory' issues, being those of Brazil, and various European countries. Also featured were 'celebrations' and 'liberation' issues, together with a major section on 'Heroes', of which Russia, France, Israel and USA were particularly represented.

Most stamps were mint and many over-printed, with postcards, covers, photos and maps supporting the wonderful presentation. Perhaps the 'star' exhibit was a *peace leaflet* from an air-drop campaign. Bob Small thanked Tony for his 'very well researched presentation and the sheer quality of displays....brilliant!'



**Chairman Bob Small congratulating speaker Tony Hickey...**

Paul Barry

Social, Quiz, Charity Stamps.

**5th December - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - 1890**

Penny Postage Jubilee - John Davies.

**5th December - Winchester & District Stamp Society - Members: 10 Sheets - 10 Minutes.**

**5th December - Milford on Sea Stamp Club - Question Time, and if time members invited displays.**

**8th December - Hayling Island Stamp Club - Christmas Social.**

**11th December - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Three sheets from EVERYBODY - Auction.**

**12th December - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Christmas Party.**

**12th December - Alton & District Stamp Club - Christmas Meal.**

**12th December - Ringwood Philatelic Society - "Titanic Revisited" - Philip Cant plus sherry & Mince Pies.**

**12th December - Gosport Stamps & PC Society - Mini Auction - Christmas Draw and showing the Letter 'P'.**

**12th December - Vectis Philatelic Society - The President's Display & Christmas Party.**

**Ferndown an & West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club...**

**Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2017...**

**Speaker Tony Hickey...'WAR AND PEACE'...**

Beginning with the *Treaty of Versailles*, with all its imperfections, speaker Tony Hicks set the scene at the Club's June meeting as he began a profoundly detailed presentation on '*War & Peace*'. Clearly, as Chairman Bob Small pointed out in his later vote of thanks, this Treaty '*has much to answer for...*' Tony traced by frequent philatelic means, the main causes and events leading to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. He outlined the expansion of Germany, the rise of Hitler and the various alliances and invasions were covered. He supported his talk with numerous stamps of the period, including 'propaganda' issues. The main episodes of the war were covered, including Japan's involvement. A consideration of the main conferences were highlighted...*Quebec, Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam* and many more. The Japanese surrender was particularly focussed on.

The second half of the presentation considered the closing months of the war and the emerging peace. Allied occupation stamps were

## **Competition Secretary' Corner.**

Already the entry forms for the annual HAMPEX competition are coming in (and thanks to those folks who have been sending them earlier than the absolute deadline. As soon as I return from celebrating my Golden Wedding Anniversary in Amsterdam I shall have packaged the copies of the introductory pages and the entry form details into a judges' package and sent it off to them prior to judging day. By the time this edition of Bulletin goes out I (hopefully) will have received all the entries themselves and be preparing for Judgement Day just a week later. A number of collectors get great satisfaction from preparing an entry for competitive display. It helps them to focus on what they are collecting, why, how it fits into a sensible entity, and what they need to seek out to make it whole. If you apply this sort of discipline to your hobby – or just some aspects of it – then you may end up making better purchasing decisions and a winter project aimed at reorganising part of your collection into a prizewinning display. I find that now, when I am asked to give a society display, I can more easily pull out chunks of 16 sheets that make up a number of chapters in an evening's display. Most of those 16 sheet chunks have been exhibited at some time and have benefitted from the discipline applied to them. I hope you all will enjoy what's on display at this year's HAMPEX.

**Julian Jones (Competition Secretary).**

**Dear Mr. John Campbell.**

**9 July 2017.**

I found in Internet information about Hampshire Philatelic Federation with this e-mail, therefore I write for you my letter. My name is Vladimir Kachan. I have 59 years old and in continue of 40 years I collect philatelic materials of the world with butterflies and moths. I am serious thematic philatelist from Belarus, but I only amateur of Lepidoptera. In continue of 25 years I created Butterfly philatelic exhibit, which is unique in the world for Butterfly theme and awarded FIP Large Vermeil medal twice on the World Philatelic Exhibitions PORTUGAL-2010 and PHILANIPPON -2011. I looking for and study old philatelic materials of the world with butterflies and moths and write philatelic articles with my researches. More than 50 my articles about butterflies and moths in philately published in philatelic journals of the world. I write articles with the aim of popularizing the subject of lepidoptera on stamps, cancels and postal

stationeries. I attached article about me and my hobby which was published in journal of Federation of European Philatelic Associations FEPA NEWS in January 2014.

I looking for friends-philatelists for exchange thematic and philatelic knowledge and trade of philatelic materials with butterflies and moths. I have in duplicates very many philatelic materials of the world with butterflies and other insects - postal stationeries, FDCs, special cancels, meter mark, also mint set stamps. I help in creation or improve of butterfly (insect) philatelic exhibit.

Perhaps in your philatelic society some philatelists collect philatelic materials with butterflies or insects? I will be very glad to contact with thematic philatelists.

Waiting for answer.

Yours sincerely, Vladimir Kachan, Belarus.

Email: vladimirkachan@mail.ru

### RINGPEX 2017

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of June proved to be another most successful day in the RPS calendar. RINGPEX continues as a highly popular stamp and postcard fair. As usual a significant amount of planning was involved together with very much effort on the day by a small dedicated team of Members. The event was well promoted particularly by an interesting window display of local estate agent Carr & Neave, which took as its main theme the main raffle prize of a fine quality *'Penny Black'*. This annual prize attraction is much appreciated by both committee and punters and is the most generous gift of GB specialist dealer and Honorary Member, Peter Mollett. This year the winner was a local philatelist. An excellent ambience pervaded throughout the day, helped along by the provision of refreshments, including the famous RINGPEX hotdogs and bacon rolls! A most pleasing profit was again achieved which assists in running costs, essential to a healthy society and bank balance! The organising team's only regret for the day was that due to a health issue, Hampshire thematic dealer Paula Cant and husband Philip had to cancel at short notice with insufficient time to replace. As a real measure of the fair's enduring popularity, all dealers are booked for next year, being ...

**2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018...an important date for your diary!!**

**Paul Barry...**



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11th February - Salisbury - United Reform Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB  
4th March - Bournemouth - Charminster, Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd BH8 9RW.  
22nd April - Fareham - Holy Trinity Church, West Street, PO16 0EL.  
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.  
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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.



**1st November - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Presidents Evening - 85 Theme.**

**1st November - Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club - 50 Years of Christmas Stamps.** Chris Wright.

**6th November - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Vegetation.**

**7th November - Winchester & District Stamp Society - A Postal History of Bishops Waltham - Michael Batty.**

**7th November - Milford on Sea Stamp Club - Tin Can Mail Niuafo'ou Tonga - John Davis.**

**9th November - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Afternoon Meeting at Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh.**

**10th November - Hayling Island Stamp Club - "Battleships, 1860 To 2010" - Philip Cant.**

**13th November - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - '6 in 2' Thematic Evening 'The sea' - Members Auction.**

**14th November - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Letters I & J - Members.**

**14th November - Alton & District Stamp Club - Croatia - Tony Bosworth.**

**14th November - Ringwood Philatelic Society - "Why write up your Collection" - Colin Mount.**

**14th November - Gosport Stamps & PC Society - 'Early US Contract Air Mail continued' - Steve Little.**

**14th November - Vectis Philatelic Society - Grand Auction.**

**15th November - Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club - Quiz.**

**16th November - Waterlooville and District Philatelic Society - Southampton P.S. Entertain our Society.**

**18th November - Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Stamp Fair - The Costello School.**

**21st November - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - 17 members x 5 sheets and Social Evening - 85 Theme.**

**25th November - Ringwood Philatelic Society - 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Greyfriars.**

**27th November - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - The 'Tin Can Mail' of Niuafo'ou Island - John Davis FRPSL.**

**28th November - Camberley & District Stamp Club - Australia & Pacific - Members.**

**28th November - Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - "Bring & Buy" and pre-Christmas Society Evening.**

**4th December - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Christmas**

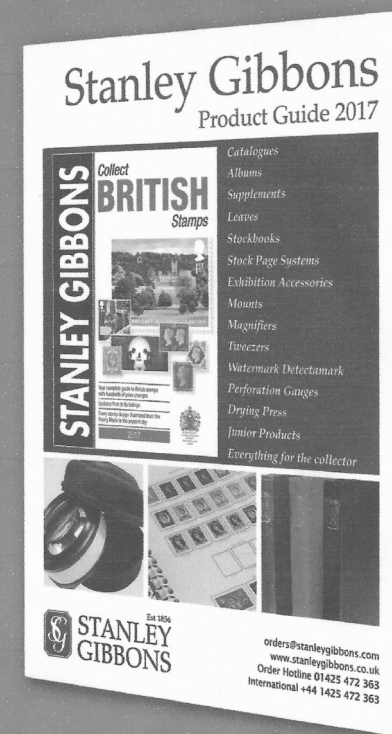
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## REPORT FROM PETERSFIELD AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Robin Pizer was elected as chairman of Petersfield at the AGM in April in succession to Tom Norgate who successfully navigated the club through its 50th anniversary celebrations last year.

'Years Ending in Six' was the subject at that meeting and winners after a paper vote were: 1, John Leathes (Cruiser Squadron 1916); 2, Robin Pizer (German Occupation of Belgium 1916); 3, Tony New (a selection of stamps issued in 1966)..

Ten members responded to 'New Acquisitions' at the May meeting and an interesting evening brought forth Hong Kong, Ascension, Trucial States, Sarawak, Jersey, New Zealand, Aland, G.B. high values and Memel gave variety in abundance.

The ill-fated Titanic was 'raised from its watery grave' when Philip Cant spoke to members at the June meeting. His talk 'From Cradle to Grave' gave every aspect of the liner's existence in an entertaining manner and included the building of the ship at Belfast, sea-going trials and pre-Atlantic visits to Southampton and Cherbourg. He detailed every necessary account including numbers of passengers, survivors, provisions, tonnage and many other aspects to mark the emergence (or disappearance) of one of the largest ships in the world in 1917.

Philatelic material relating to Titanic, as we know, is in very short supply but plans, pictures, cigarette cards and telegram forms were also displayed. A truly memorable evening.

In July we moved on to an impressive Persian carpet with an all-absorbing display of Persia by Nigel Gooch.

The early issues from 1868 onwards were displayed in abundance with detailed information. The designs were changed frequently often depicting the lion emblem of Persia and portraits of the Shah in occupation at the time.

The country's name changed in 1935 and pictorial issues became more frequent, but very few slogans were used.

We now look forward to a visit from Ferndown and West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**David Allen.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October - Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Forgeries, Scams, Misprints & Cinderella's.

**3rd October - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Southampton as Centre of the World - Malcolm Montgomery.

**3rd October - Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Railways and Perfin - Bill Pipe.

**4<sup>th</sup> October - Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club** - Hospital Ships. Peter High.

**7th October - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Grande Auction.

**9th October - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Postal Stationary, Cinderellas and 'Back of the book' - Members Auction.

**10th October - Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Postal Mechanisation - Alistair Nixon.

**10th October - Alton & District Stamp Club** - Polish Airfields WWII - Albert Jackson.

**10th October - Ringwood Philatelic Society** - "Methods of Stamp Production" - Geof Eibl Kaye FRPSL.

**10th October - Gosport Stamps & PC Society** - An evening with Clive James.

**10th October - Winchester & District Philatelic Society** - American Civil War of Independence - Paul Davidson.

**10<sup>th</sup> October - Vectis Philatelic Society** - GB Hotel advertising covers and postmarks including the Isle of Wight, presented by Bob Danzig.

**12th October - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting at Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh.

**13th October - Hayling Island Stamp Club** - "The Penny Red" - John Kinnard.

**17th October - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Members: 15 sheets in 5 minutes.

**18<sup>th</sup> October - Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club** - Auction. Avery Stamps.

**19th October - Waterlooville and District Philatelic Society** - Virgin Islands - Frank Griffiths.

**23rd October - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Napoleonic Prisoner or war mail - Richard Farman.

**24th October - Camberley & District Stamp Club** - New Zealand soldiers - WWII - Lorraine Maguire.

**31st October - Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society** - Presidents Evening.



## SOCIETY ROUND UP...

**4th September - Basingstoke Philatelic Society** - Recent Acquisitions - Members.

**5th September - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - East African Air Mail - Peter Wingent.

**5th September - Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Western Australia - Tom Gillespie.

**6th September - Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club** - Members Buy and Sell evening.

**8th September - Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Members Displays 'Buildings and Architecture'.

**11th September - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 6 in 2' Your Choice - Members Auction.

**12th September - Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Africa & adjacent islands - James Podger.

**12th September - Alton & District Stamp Club** - Informal Evening - Chat, Swap or Sell.

**12th September - Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Members evening with up to 15 sheets from members using the letters G, H and I plus members "Bring & Buy".

**12th September - Vectis Philatelic Society** - Members Night – Any one frame display of recent acquisitions & Auction.

**14th September - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting at Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh.

**19th September - Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Postcard Evening (Southampton Postcard Society our Guests) and Bourse.

**20th September - Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club** - Gibraltar. Stan Lawrence.

**21st September - Waterloo and District Philatelic Society** - Members Interest (Any Material).

**25th September - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Border changes in the Balkans - Rex Dixon FRPSL.

**12th September - Gosport Stamps & PC Society** - Autumn Auction (Anything Goes) and showing the letter 'O'.

**26th September - Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Christmas Message WWII - Gavin Fryer.

**26th September - Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society** - 'Definitives of New Zealand' - Brian Stonestreet FRPSL

## Passchendaele Commemorated.

The Battle of Passchendaele, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres was fought between Allied Forces and German troops in some of the worst conditions WWI ever saw. It was even referred to as the "Battle of Mud" due to the amount of mud and grime that was caused by heavy rain and destruction of the land by artillery bombardment. Losses on both sides were extremely high.

British Forces Philatelic Service has produced a commemorative cover to mark the Centenary of this grim Battle on the 31 July 2017.

On the cover a very apt image of the painting "Passchendaele" - Soldiers In Mud Near Ypres In Belgium During World War I" by artist William Hole shows the miserable conditions that the troops had to endure. The cover bears the Royal Mail special issue WW1 1st class stamp "Dead Man's Dump", Isaac Rosenberg" which will be cancelled by the unique British Forces Postal Service special handstamp No 3205. The centerpiece of this handstamp features a sketch by artist Merle Drury of the 'Cross of Sacrifice' from Tyne Cot cemetery in Belgium.

The covers may be ordered from the BFPS online shop [www.bfps.org.uk/shop](http://www.bfps.org.uk/shop) at a cost of just £6.

You can also order the covers by post by sending a cheque (payable to 'BFPS CIC') to BFPS The Old Post Office Links Place Elie Fife KY9 1AX.

## Chichester and District Philatelic Society.

The Society elected a new President about the same time frame as Mr. Trump became American President: Mrs. Martha Brown was elected and also stands as Newsletter editor for the society. A double role!

Competition Night I occurred in March with a wide variety of topics: GB Registered Mail, Cyprus Refugee Stamps, Waterlows and the Justices Act, Isle of Wight Light Railways, Poland Occupation Reich Issues, asking George VI, Siege of Paris stamps with Red Cancels and more! Congratulations are in order to all winners and to those who participated. April was President's Night with Martha Brown showing Third Reich Germany and some earlier German issues in the first half, and then USA Revenues issues in the second half. Howard Morgan shared the second half with his thematic silver bronze award winning display from STAMPEX 2017 on Viennese Composers.

Note that he also won accolades and certificates for displays with the NPS and at the ASPS at Ardingly this year. Since January 2017 we have had

T.Gillespie with Western Australia, D. White with some very interesting Canadian Revenue issues, M. Farrant with Zanzibar, and in July J. Etherington "The Year 1940". When one records like this all the speakers and evening activities for each month one realizes what a thriving and active society we are here in Chichester. Come and see us sometime! Enquiries to the Society secretary Mr. Frank Griffiths on 01243-527068.

### **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017**

#### ***'Perkins Bacon...the Company and Their Work'***

**Chris Harman RDP Hon FRPSL**

Following a fire at his home in the 1970's, with his insurance pay-out, Chris began a new collection. His interest in early postal history was keen and 'private posts', printer's samples of Perkins Bacon and the



unusual, including stamps in blocks, were all to the fore. He found that there were '*masses of stamps*' but few in '*nice condition*'. His main principle has been to '*select for quality – rather than rarity*'. Chris outlined in some detail the story of *Perkins Bacon*, which he stated is really '*the story of the Penny Black*'. Club members learnt much... the company was in fact American. Jacob Bacon was

essentially an inventor who came to England with a small group, including an engraver and an engineer. The date...1819 saw the company pitching for a Bank of England banknote contract. The company began here with a bank contract, not a philatelic brief. There was no doubt that their engraving work was superb, of the highest order. The presentation, much enjoyed by members, contained wonderful sample designs in line engraving. A report such as this can only just hint at the quality and breadth of the collection. A feast pummelled the eyes!! Following a section of coloured printing, 1d blacks and 2d blues were hugely represented...'*ivory heads*'!!! with 1841 1d reds and 2d

### **Southampton & District Philatelic Society...**

**1st August 2017**

#### **Eddie Spicer - "German Catapult Mail of the North Atlantic".**

The material shown covered the period 1929 to 1935 when NDL ships Bremen and Europa plying between Europe and New York carried aeroplane launch catapults operated by Lufthansa to fly mails to shore ahead of the ship, so gaining up to 36 hours advantage in delivery time – at a premium postal charge. The service operated in the "summer months" and carried German and US mails as well as letters from "Treaty States" aligned with the German Post Office. Also shown were covers from "concession" states such as a letter from Australia routed via the USA to a European address. Eastbound flights landed in Southampton Water and offloaded some mails to be carried to Croydon Airport to be flown on to Germany. Other mails continued to Europe on board the re-fuelled sea plane. On westbound voyages the ships picked up mails for the USA at Cherbourg including those carried by airmail feeder service from Cologne. Most of the display sheets featured two covers, one from a westbound voyage and the other from the corresponding return eastbound voyage. The quality of the cancels and cachets applied by the on-board sea post office drew favourable comments from those present. The display included a number of "difficult Treaty State" examples as well as a few "concession state" covers as well as covers flown by US Airship service and the catapult service. This display more than adequately explained an interesting era of transatlantic mail acceleration that was terminated in favour of airship service in 1936 by the "Hindenburg".

**Julian Jones...**

#### **Dates for your Diaries...**

**9th September** - Poole & Bournemouth stamp & Postcard Fair - Upton Community Fair, Poole.

**13th September To 16th September** – Autumn STAMPEX - Islington - London.

**30th September** - HAMPEX - Wickham Community Centre, Nr Fareham, Hants.

**7th October** - Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Grand Auction.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November the Society will be holding a special dinner at Greyfriars, its home for the past fifty years, to celebrate and look forward to the next fifty years. Both founder members Gillian Habbin and Rowan Brockhurst will be attending.



Picture from left to right Founder member and past President Rowan Brockhurst, Colin Mount FRPSL now President following 29 years as Chairman and Founder member Gillian Habbin MBE.,

## Hampshire Philatelic Federation 2017/2018 dates...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield...  
Sunday 22nd January.  
Sunday 7th May (AGM).  
Saturday 2nd September.  
Sunday 21st January 2018.

blues featuring, leading on to an impressive section on perforated stamps. Early handstamps on covers were studied, followed by a selection of the first colonial printings...*Trinidad and Mauritius*. As has been indicated PB were great engineers, but not great business people...and this Achilles' Heel was to be their downfall, soon losing the Crown Agents' contract. To give a taste...New Brunswick in impressive blocks were displayed first, followed by Chile (1853), then Cape of Good Hope triangulars, early issues of Australian States and Tasmania, including considerations of London v. local printings... yes... and so much more!! Die proofs, locally sourced papers and watermarks took their place also. A study was made of the differing philatelic requirements of individual Colonies. All in all much very scarce material was shared. Perkins Bacon really only thought in terms of imperforated work. Perforating was required, yet this proved to be a major problem for the company. Their printing plates were not built around such a consideration. Hand perforating was therefore required. Eventually PB acquired a line perforating machine and the display contained a fascinating study of the success in perforating and otherwise. Eventually the company's contract was given to De la Rue, who initially struggled with perforating, but saw more success by 1863. The presentation concluded with a fascinating section - 'odds & sods' in which revenue stamps were presented, including locally produced revenues....scarce!! Acting Club Chairman -Terry Kirkman awarded the task of 'vote of thanks' to none other than Hugh Jefferies, who could barely get to his feet, such was the effect of viewing so much overwhelming material. Hugh said it had always been a hope, in his capacity of Programme Secretary, to book Chris at some point, but for years he had failed the test. However finding himself in a bar in Chris' company he managed to bag his catch, exclaiming that - *'I've got to see some of this collection' !*

Hugh stated that it was well worth the wait...*'the great rarity and quality is amazing! 'His favourite was Australian Convict Mail....now one wonders why?!!!*

**Paul Barry...**

**Autumn Stampex 2017...**  
**13-16 September 2017 at the Business Design Centre,**  
**Islington, London N1.**

A Full National Exhibition and an excellent commercial show with more than 70 dealer stands and a wide range of interests in the exhibition. Highlights will be:

The Sarawak Specialist Society as lead contributor will show 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive. This marks the 70th anniversary of the Sarawak Society.

The Hungarian Philatelic Society will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first Hungarian postage stamps with a special display in 20 frames.

**The Inter-Federation Competition** will take place at the same time with eight competitors, each with three frames in different classes. The following have notified the organizers of their participation: The Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies and the Yorkshire, Sussex, Kent, Surrey, **Hampshire**, Mid-Anglia and Essex Philatelic Associations and Federations.

Nigel Gooch will lead a seminar at 11.00 on Saturday 17th in the Executive Centre on the topic of **‘Giving Club and Non-Competitive Displays’**. This will be free – all are welcome so why not come along?

Two of the three entries representing Hampshire are supplied by Southampton members Jones and Hague. The third is from Brian Marshall of Petersfield (and is also a Sarawak item).

**Julian Jones...**

**The British Society of Australian Philately in Hampshire.**

Anyone interested in any aspect of Australian philately should seriously consider a visit to a BSAP South West meeting at Ringwood. These meetings have now been running for over fifteen years and during that time some of the finest collections of Australian philately from many parts of the world have been displayed including collections from Australia. The South West branch hold three meetings at Ringwood each year in November, February and November on a Saturday afternoon. We have collectors from as far away as Devon

Somerset, Wiltshire, Berkshire and of course Hampshire and even from the Isle of Wight. Our meetings start at 2.30pm and finish around 5.00pm when we generally retire to the Fish Inn at Ringwood for supper at 6.00pm. This allows those that have come some distance to have a meal and set off in reasonable time. The guys over from the Isle of Wight are generally home by 10.00pm and they have had to catch a ferry. Anyway you are most welcome to join us, our next meeting is on November 11th 2017 when Steve Paice from Ashstead in Surrey will be entertaining us with some "Interesting Items" which will include some ever popular King George V. The BSAP meet every year at "Hampex" also, and should you be interested in coming along to a meeting at Ringwood or to Hampex at Wickham on the 30th September do please get in touch with Colin Mount on 01425 474310 or [cv.mount@gmail.com](mailto:cv.mount@gmail.com) who will be able to give you more information regarding venue and timing etc. Look forward to meeting you at an "Aussie" meeting before long.

Colin Mount...

**Ringwood Philatelic Society Celebrates 50 Years**

Having just finished delivering programs to publicize the Ringwood Carnival in September 1967, three members of the Ringwood Musical and Dramatic Society were chatting and refreshing themselves at the Crown Hotel and somehow the discussion got round to stamp collecting and they were amazed that they all had an interest in this wonderful hobby. The three were Gillian Habbin, Rowan Brockhurst and the late Walter (Wally) Crumb, they then decided to start a philatelic society at Greyfriars Community Centre at Ringwood..

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1967 an inaugural meeting was held at Greyfriars with Rowan Brockhurst in the chair and 16 excited potential members in attendance and so Ringwood Philatelic Society was formed and has continued to progress.

For the past 15 years the Society has held its own annual stamp and postcard fair "Ringpex" drawing collectors into Greyfriars from a wide geographical area. Two of its members have been honored with a Fellowship from the Royal Philatelic Society of London and several have competed in competitions at County, National and International level.

The Society meets on the second Tuesday of every month except in August and some of the finest collections have been displayed by some of the country's finest philatelists.