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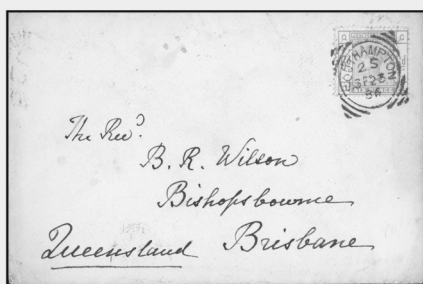
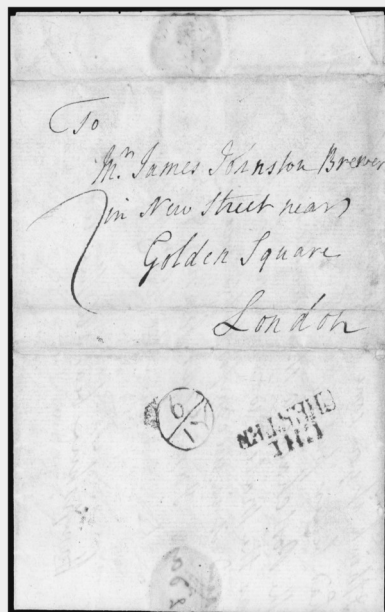
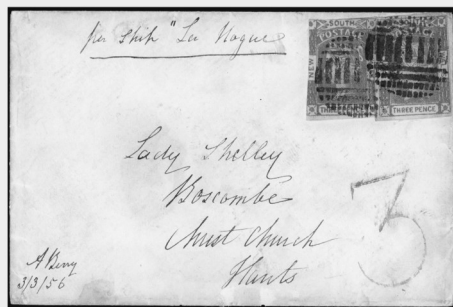
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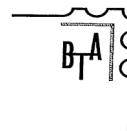


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discrete and are far less common.

The thirds section showed covers specifically from Scotland and London along with section of Railway hotels. Mr Danzig stated that in 1913 there were 93 hotels owned by railway companies in Britain. The Savoy hotel in London employed an artist to produce pictures of the hotel on envelopes and cards. Special envelopes were produced for use during conventions and special meetings. Hotels including the Ritz, Carlton and Coburg hotels had perfined stamps. Certain hotels had similar letterheads suggestion a concerted sales drive by printers using similar styles and pictures. The Strand Palace Hotel had a special airmail etiquette which included the hotel's name. There were a number of covers showing instructional cachets including, 'Unknown', Return to Sender' and 'Unclaimed'.

A final section of local IOW items were displayed including an 1801 Yelf's hotel receipt and a horses' tax receipt from the Star Inn Ryde. An 1830 receipt from Williams Shanklin Hotel was shown, along with letterheads from the Royal Sandrock Hotel, Niton and Plumley's hotel in Freshwater. Various items of stationery including court cards and postal stationery overprinted with hotels' names were shown.

Michael Torreggiani...

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY... CATALOGUE COLLECTION...

Are you a collector of Southampton Postal History and do you have any gaps in your collection? After 3 years of creating the catalogue of the Societies Philatelic Collection of over 3,400 items, that date back to the 1700's is now up to date and is available as a Micro Soft Excel Document that can be emailed. It is locked so that it can not be amended or changed in error or by accident. I am currently working on scanning the whole collection, so that in a future if you find something of interest, then a detailed scan of the item can also be provided. Many societies have some rare and interesting items that should be accessible to all philatelists not just here in the UK but abroad. I also hope that the catalogue can also be made available on our website for all to enjoy.

Steve Gerrard (SDPS Postal History Curator).

EDITORIAL

By the time you receive this, Christmas and New Year have passed us for yet another year and the Christmas Turkey and sprouts are a thing of the past and we look forward to 2018. We saw a very successful Hampex in 2017 and look forward to another successful event in 2018. It is the members, supporters and the collector that makes this event what it is. The Bulletin from my point of view has been supported by its members and we have had some very interesting items and reports and I hope that you will support me throughout 2018 with some more great material to tell all other members what great work you do as a society / club to support philately.

STAMP POLLS AND OTHER THINGS...

Each year someone carries out a poll to discover what the public thought about the last year's issue. In Britain this is conducted by the Post Office's own stamp collector's magazine – The Bulletin. In the USA it is carried out by Linn's Stamp News. I'm sure that if you are an avid stamp collector for these countries you will subscribe to the magazine that best meets your needs.

For the Bulletin my favourite is the latest version of the Poppy stamp. My granddaughter is named Poppy and I have sufficient of the first instance of Poppy stamp to keep her in birthday cards until she is 21! The 2017 version of the stamp is, I think, very clever and artistic. Above all, it is very simple and conveys a lot of meaning.



Being much more focussed on the USA I was charmed by one of their new issues for 2018.

"Love Forever" says it all. This should be used on every US lover's valentine envelope this year.

The US "FOREVER" stamps are all first class stamps for the domestic first weight step letters. It is a similar concept to our own NVI stamps, but much more subtle. All of them have the legend "USA FOREVER". That strikes me as an outstanding propaganda move. If only the Post Office could come out with "BRITAIN FOREVER" or even "BRITAIN FIRST" for our first class NVI stamps we all might feel a bit better about life! That would leave us with a problem for what to call 2nd class NVI stamps. Food for thought, "BRITAIN REMAINS" perhaps!



Julian Jones...

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER...

I hope you are all looking forward to 2018 and philatelic shows in or close to Hampshire. Check our events page and be sure to enter the shows into your new diaries! We are well served by Spring Stampex in February, WESTBEX at Thatcham in March, and the Southern England Stamp Show which has moved to Bracknell in April, the Salisbury Collectors Show in May and SWINPEX in June. HAMPEX will again be held at the end of September after Autumn STAMPEX.

We have been able to sort out our meeting locations and Your Federation Council will meet on Sundays in January, May (AGM) and September, when competition entries are to be handed in. I hope we'll see more society representatives attend the meetings in 2018.

Here's wishing you all a prosperous philatelic New Year.

HPF Events page: www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfevents.htm

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.....

VECTIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Tuesday 10th October 2017...

Bob Danzig - Hotel Advertising...

The President welcomed Mr. Bob Danzig who proceeded to display his collection of Hotel advertising covers with associated postmarks. Mr Danzig explained how his collection had grown to include hotels from England, Wales and Scotland and consisted of over 240 sheets. He explained, how, in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many hotels had fancy covers. Some even had post offices and telegraph offices on the premises, many cancellations were rare and some possibly unique. The display was a social history and could include postcards, brochures and labels but he would only display these where absolutely necessary. Sections included coaching inns, railway hotels, country house hotels and seaside hotels.

The first hotel was the Royal Clarence in Exeter which opened in 1782. Prior to this, hotels tended to be coaching inns and early receipts were shown usually undated but one of 1805 was displayed. The introduction of the railways saw the end of the coaching inns and they began to look for new trade. An advertising Mulready was displayed which advertised 5 hotels in Cheltenham. Many of the early hotels were run by foreigners – food being very important. Most of the mails from hotels in the mid-19th century were to foreign destinations, mainly U.S.A., Germany and Austria; this suggested that visitors were usually wealthy. Whilst many letter sheets had elaborate pictorial representations on them, envelopes sometimes had cachets on them or crests on the reverse. Examples of all these were displayed

By 1870 full pictures of the hotels started to appear on the reverse of envelopes; hotels such as the Westminster in London had its own postmark as did Langham Park and Langham hotels. Examples were shown. Haxell's hotel also had postmark and a unique example was displayed. Specific registration labels with the number 23 were also used in hotels. London SW23 was used at the Cecil Hotel. George King collected a large amount on First and Last day of hotel cancellations along with a huge quantity of ephemera which has helped to catalogue hotel mail. Pre WW 1 was the heyday of the hotel posts, as after the war, very few illustrated hotels covers seem to exist. Most just show the name of the hotel.

The second part of the display showed a number of Victorian and Edwardian advertising cards along with letterheads, envelopes, postcards crests and adhesive labels. During the 30s and 40s these became much more

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COMPETITION SECRETARY'S CORNER...

As announced in the autumn of 2017 to Society representatives, we are holding a seminar in March 2018 entitled "How to Tell a Story". This is aimed at helping everyone sort out how to display their material in a manner that follows the story they wish to tell with their display or competitive exhibit. We'll report on the success of this in a subsequent Bulletin. A number of Societies are also working similar events into their 2018 programme to encourage members to improve their displays and some to enter at least 16 sheet local society competitions.

A related area is that of judging seminars. ABPS hold these annually in the autumn, lately at Hitchin, Hertfordshire. It is a two day event which means an overnight stay for many. If there is sufficient interest we will attempt to hold such an event at a reasonable hotel in the Hampshire area. But, as we will have to make bookings and commitments, we need commitments to attend from potential attendees. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are at all interested, otherwise a rump of us will probably end up in Hitchin, where I am told the hotel is very hospitable!

Julian Jones...

Game of Thrones is an American fantasy drama television series created by David Benioff and D. B. Weiss. It is an adaptation of *A Song of Ice and Fire*, George R. R. Martin's series of fantasy novels, the first of which is *A Game of Thrones*. It is filmed in Belfast and elsewhere in the United Kingdom, Canada, Croatia, Iceland, Malta, Morocco, Spain, and the United States. The series premiered on HBO in the United States on April 17, 2011, and its seventh season ended on August 27, 2017. The series will conclude with its eighth season premiering in 2019.

I see that the 'Game of Thrones' characters of 15 x 1st Class stamps, will



appear on British Stamps on the 23rd January 2018. Why oh why has Royal Mail decided to feature a set of stamps of a TV program that to be honest I have never watched and I wonder how many GB collectors have actually seen or heard of this program.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

**FERNDOWN& WEST MOORS PHILATELIC
& POSTCARD CLUB...
25th September, 2017
'Border Changes in the Balkans' ... Rex Dixon FRPSL**

The subject of the Balkans may well be a grey area for most and certainly this lack of clarity and understanding is likely to persist among philatelists, despite the very best intentions of our eminent speaker for the evening, Rex Dixon FRPSL. *Or...* is this difficulty just a problem for the writer here?! Rex covered the historical/political 20th century period in this much troubled region with great ability and knowledge and underpinned his presentation by the sharing of superb scarce philatelic material. Particularly around the WW2 period, border



Rex Dixon FRPSL, Speaker, being thanked by Albert Jackson)

changes were as numerous as confetti!! These were occasioned by Germany's aggression and the many packs and alliances established at that time, making our dear Mr Trump to look like a mere sideshow! Such evenings for the Club usually begin with a damn good map, and tonight was no exception! The writer for one, he suspects, was soon lost in a mire of dates, military conquests, agreements, countries and 'carving-ups', but his attention was certainly kept alive by frequently exquisite displays of overprinted stamp issues—many in blocks of 4, correspondence, covers, postcards and photos. (Do study the photographic evidence) *Rumania* proved to be the central part of the story. Having gained much territory around 1918/20, huge land losses were experienced in 1940. Albania between the wars depended on Italy for infrastructure and economy, however with the Italian invasion, followed by German invasion of Greece, launched from Albania, the region's borders and influences saw much subsequent adjustment. The second half presentation included looking at personalities, particularly those of King Carol and his son Prince



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29 Dec	Sat	Upper Hale (Farnham) Village Hall, Wings Road GU9 0HN

10th April: Winchester & District Stamp Society - Easter Island - David Maddock.

10th April: Vectis Philatelic Society - AGM & Auction.

10th April: Ringwood Philatelic Society: The Story of Bulawayo - John Berridge.

10th April: Camberley & District Stamp Club - Epsom & Ewell P.S. - Club Visit.

12th April: Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Afternoon Meeting.

13th April: Hayling Island Stamp Club: Annual Auction.

14th April: Ferndown & West Moors Stamp & Postcard Fair - 42nd Annual Fair & Interclub competition & Auction.

16th April: Christine's Choice - Christine Earle.

17th April: Southampton & District Philatelic Society: AGM and "Queries & Acquisition".

19th April: Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Tristan Brittain and the Northamptoners.

19th April: Waterlooville & District Philatelic Society - AGM - One sheet competition letter (U) (V) (W). & Steam Locomotives America - Paul Davidson.

21st April: Camberley & District Stamp Club - Annual Club Auction - The Morgan Centre, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

21st April: Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Workshop: How to write up for competition. For details please email our Competition Secretary Kevin Chard.

24th April: Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - Tony Tinslay (Subject to be confirmed nearer the time).

All member secretary/program officers, please can you send me your 2018 programs when they are available as I do not wish to leave anyone off the Society Round up pages. Also, if you are planning any other events such as Stamp or Postcard Fairs, then please likewise send me the full details of dates, time and location so that I can make sure that it gets into the Bulletin.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

Michael and with his succession, the establishment of the Government of National Unity. With the fall of Mussolini, the Germans took control of much Italian territory. Despite all these upheavals there and throughout the Balkan region it is amazing that not only postal administrations operated, but that numerous commemorative issues were achieved, many suitably overprinted.

The evening's presentation was certainly an in-depth study of a most miserable slice of European history, greatly enhanced by superb delivery and philatelic quality. In thanking Rex on behalf of the Club, Committee Member Albert Jackson showed much admiration and appreciation and stated that it would have taken ages to gather such material together, adding: *'no one could cover so well via philately this complex period of history'*.

Paul Barry...

HAMPEX COMPETITION RESULTS 2017...

Jan Kaluski Trophy.

(Best 32 sheet exhibit of Show).

A. Jackson - Ferndown & West Moors PS

Howard White Society Trophy.

Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society.

Howard White Individual Trophy.

W. Buckle - Ferndown & West Moors PS.

Hampshire Sixteen Cup.

P. Mills - Winchester PS.

Postal History Salver.

JH Jones - Southampton DPS.

Presland Aerophilatelic Salver.

A. Jackson - Ferndown & West Moors PS.

Hiscock Thematic Trophy.

H. Morgan - Chichester DPS.

Open Philately Award.

B. Hague - Southampton DPS.

Hampshire Hog President's Trophy.

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Frank Pegley Thematic Trophy.

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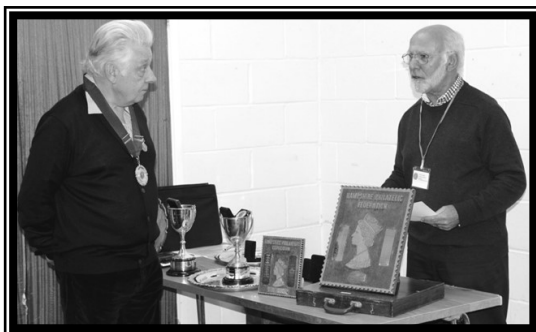
COMPETITION AREA – JULIAN H JONES, COMPETITION SECRETARY...

HAMPEX 2017 is now behind us and it proved to be a success with, I am told, pleased dealers and customers. On the competition front, Ferndown and West Moors took the main honours with the Howard White Trophy (Wendy Buckle and Geoff Hood) and the Jan Kaluski Cup (Albert Jackson). A full listing of trophy winners is found elsewhere in this Bulletin.



We were pleased to have a different team of excellent national judges working on Judging Day at Petersfield prior to the HAMPEX exhibition day. We show them here, hard at work! From left to right: Pat Reid, Chris King, Birthe King and Christine Earle (photo courtesy Brian Hague). In addition, Pat and Christine also attended HAMPEX to answer exhibitors' queries about their marks.

My thanks go to all the judges for giving their time to the Federation. I also wish to thank all those society members who helped to: erect frames on Friday 29th, insert and secure exhibits on Saturday morning, repackage exhibits Saturday afternoon and dismantle frames afterwards. Finally, thanks to the competitors themselves.



Trophies and medals were presented just before lunch time at HAMPEX. Here, photo courtesy Eddie Mays of Southampton Society, our President, Paul Davidson is preparing to hand out the goodies while Competition Secretary, Julian Jones at right, checks his script. In the

- 6th March:** Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Buying & Selling Electronically: Wendy Buckle.
- 8th March:** Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Afternoon Meeting.
- 9th March:** Hayling Island Stamp Club: Grand Trunk Railway of Canada - Brian Stalker.
- 10th March:** Milford on Sea Stamp Club: Annual Auction.
- 12th March:** Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Annual Competitions including one sheet competition - Members & Auction.
- 13th March:** Camberley & District Stamp Club - Kenya Since independence & named tree species on stamps - Colin Hobitt.
- 13th March:** Winchester & District Stamp Society - All Members Acquisitions of 2017 - Impromptu Displays.
- 13th March:** Vectis Philatelic Society - Australia - The commemorative stamps of King George V - Neville Carr & Nigeria - Peter Clark.
- 13th March:** Ringwood Philatelic Society: Annual Competition Night Plus Bring & Buy.
- 15th March:** Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - New Acquisitions - Members to Display.
- 15th March:** Waterlooville & District Philatelic Society - 200 years to lift off - Bob Paterson.
- 17th March:** Milford on Sea Stamp Club - Annual Auction.
- 19th March:** Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Theme on the letter 'S' - Members.
- 20th March:** Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Auction.
- 24th March:** Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - WESTBEX2018 (Stamp Fair) - Kennet School, Thatcham.
- 26th March:** Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Transatlantic Mail 1775 - 1875 - Julian Jones FRPSL.
- 27th March:** Camberley & District Stamps Club - An evening in Brazil - Janet & Nick Nelson.
- 27th March:** Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - Quiz Evening.
- 3rd April:** Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Australia & Anschluss (Part 2): Tony Hickey.
- 3rd April:** Milford on Sea Stamp Club: Exploration of Africa. Paul Davidson,
- 7th April:** Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Stamp Fair - The Costello School.
- 9th April:** Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - 9 in 4 - Great Britain & the Channel Islands - Members & Auction.

SOCIETY ROUND UP...

5th February: Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Africa & it's Associated Islands - Captain Podger.

5th February: Thatcham & District Philatelic Society - Black & Blue.

6th February: Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Visit of Waterlooville PS.

6th February: Milford on Sea Stamp Club: Julian Jones, Transatlantic Postal History.

6th February: Hayling Island Stamp Club: Annual General Meeting.

8th February: Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Afternoon Meeting.

12th February: Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - 6 in 2 - 20th Century Postal History - Members & Auction.

13th February: Camberley & District Stamp Club - AGM & Club Competition - Members.

13th February: Gosport Stamps & Postcard Society - AGM - Mini Auction & Postcards of your choice.

13th February: Vectis Philatelic Society - Grand Auction.

13th February: Winchester & District Stamp Society - AGM & Annual Competition.

13th February: Ringwood Philatelic Society: Poland During WWII - Albert Jackson.

15th February: Thatcham & District Philatelic Society: Barbados - Richard Stupples.

15th February: Waterlooville & District Philatelic Society: Competition Night - 8 Sheets & Edward VII - David Bolton.

19th February: Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Have you got it covered? - Members.

20th February: Southampton & District Philatelic Society: Member's Competition Evening & Bourse / Display To Sell

26th February: Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - Netherlands Pot-pourri - Peter Hardie.

27th February: Camberley & District Stamp Club - Letters K & L - Members.

27th February: Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society - Members Evening.

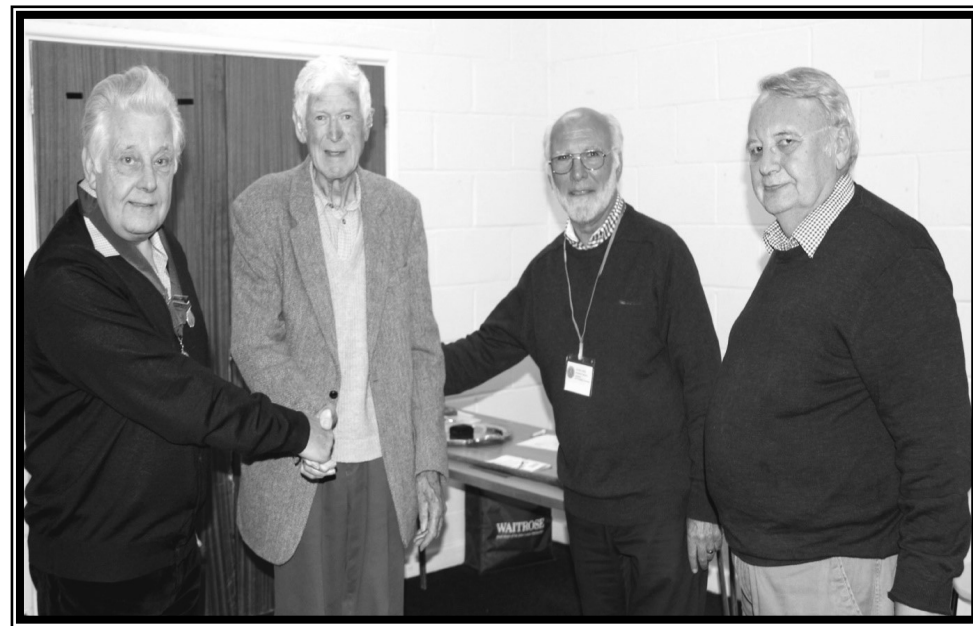
5th March: Basingstoke Philatelic Society - Exhibiting – Mike Smith.

6th March: Milford on Sea Stamp Club: Berlin Local Posts - John Campbell.

forefront are the Howard White Trophy, the Howard White individual Trophy and the Jan Kaluski Cup standing on the Aerophilately Salver. To the left of that is the Hampshire Sixteen Cup won by Peter Mills of Winchester Society.

Success at the ABPS Inter-Federation Competition /STAMPEX 2017...

Hampshire Federation society members Brian Marshall, Brian Hague and Julian Jones were selected to enter a single frame entry each to represent Hampshire in the Inter-Federation Competition contested in 2017 by eight federations. Hampshire won by a single point over Yorkshire Federation.



Hampshire Federation President Paul Davidson congratulates Brian Marshall (Petersfield Society), Julian Jones and Brian Hague (both of Southampton Society). Their entries had been the best of three different classes at HAMPEX 2016 and they were on show again in the HAMPEX 2017 exhibition area.

Julian Jones...

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

3rd October 2017...

Malcom Montgomery – Southampton as Centre of the World !

President introduced Malcolm Montgomery, who had come for this evening from N. Wales. Originally from North London, he became a regular soldier and after Sandhurst was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment. He was awarded an MBE when he retired in 1988. In 1992 he was awarded a degree in History at Southampton University, as a result of which his interest in stamps was reawakened, with a special interest in Postal History, and particularly Postal History of the Solent.

Malcolm thanked the Society for inviting him to be a part of the 85th Celebration. It was his 3rd visit to the Society – the 1st was when he was asked to present somebody else's material, when she was unable to be present herself; the 2nd was when he was asked to 'fill-in' when another speaker was unable to come – now it was 'good to be here of his own right'!

It was while studying documents for his History degree that realised how much mail went "*via Southampton*" and this aroused his interest in Southampton, and particularly Solent Postal History. His earliest document predates the formation of the General Post Office in 1660. Merchant Venturers were already sending ships to distant lands to trade, and correspondence between traders and their agents and customers were channelled through Southampton. A regiment of soldiers were stationed in Calshot Castle – another source of mail between the regiment and senior officers. Oliver Cromwell sent his son Richard to administer the south of the country and, to Portsmouth's displeasure, he was based in Southampton, so there was a great increase of mail between Southampton and London. A selection of mail from this period was displayed. With the establishment of the General Post Office in 1660 the importance of Southampton as a mail centre increased. In various areas of Southampton and in the surrounding villages Receiving Offices were established, and together with mail received from ships in the Solent, a busy postal service grew. The GPO introduced standard, graded charges for post based on weight and distance, and examples of their application were shown, including the carrying and distribution of

FLEET & NORTH HANTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

The stamp club year of Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society started with our Annual Auction on 3rd June which was well supported by our regular attendees from the Hampshire area. It is very well organised by Mike Czuczman and our club members and Mike's family provide enthusiastic and diligent help at the auction.

At the end of June, two of our members gave very interesting talks: Graham Woodhouse displayed stamps from "Sarawak" and Tony Fisher showed covers from "the 1971 Postal strike".

In July, Bryan Jones of the "Pacific Islands Study Circle" travelled from Solihull to show "An Evening of King George VI" which is a display of King George VI all on cover, starting with Aden and going through to Zanzibar. Many thanks to members of Basingstoke and District Philatelic Society, Camberley and District Stamp Club and Farnborough Stamp and Postcard Club who came to this event.

August saw one of our members Tony Tinslay displaying on "The History and Development of Haiti". Tony had worked in international banking and had spent some time in Haiti, so was knowledgeable about this subject. During the second half of this meeting, Brian Sole FRPSL presented "An Introduction to the background and showing of Thematic Collecting".

Brian Stonestreet FRPSL came to our September meeting to display on "Definitives of New Zealand" which showed definitive stamps from the George VI period to the 1980's birds' definitive issues and included many blocks of stamps with more printing varieties than listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogues.

President's Evening took place in October when Bob Murrell arranged for guest speaker, Mike Vokes from Southampton to give a talk on depiction of lighthouses on stamps.

Finally, at the meeting in November, we held a "Bring and buy and pre- Christmas Social" which gave us chance to buy some stamps whilst enjoying a glass of wine and mince pies and take part in our Christmas Quiz.

In the New Year we look forward to our competition evening in January, a members' evening in February and a presentation by John Horsey from Basingstoke on the "£5 Orange" in March.

The Annual Auction will take place again on Saturday 2nd June 2018 so I hope to see many of you there to snap up some bargains.

John Holmes...

To conclude a number of revenues on documents were displayed.

Michael Torreggiani...

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Meeting 12th December, 2017...

Christmas Celebration...

'Titanic Revisited' - Speaker Philip Cant...

Ringwood PS enjoyed a really worthwhile 2017 programme, culminating with the Christmas Meeting, where speaker Philip Cant presented *'Titanic Revisited'*, having previously shared his iconic '... from Cradle to Grave'. Forming the riveting display (no pun intended!) were stamps, postal items, postcards, photos, press reports, and references to Cunard documents and other research findings. Philip traced the inception, building, Board of Trade involvement, staff recruitment, provisioning, passenger and cargo lists and departure for New York. Also covered were aspects of the voyage, two ice warnings, collision, reference to Marconi and the miracle ship 'Carpathia', partial rescue and the role of the American press. A particular emphasis was placed on 'the Enquiry', subsequent vital maritime law changes, and recent deep water wreck site exploration. Artefacts are expensive, but Philip did have ownership of a rare, limited edition Cunard Steiff black bear...the evening's highlight! Members and guests further celebrated the festive season with sumptuous refreshments. Here was another notable event in the busy Society's programme.

Paul Barry...

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8 Sep 2018 Judging at Petersfield

HAMPEX Saturday 29th September 2018

newspapers. Some individuals were skilled in decorating their covers, and several examples of the art were on show. As the inland mail service grew so did the overseas mail. Increasing international trade led to growth of overseas mail, so mail from Europe, Middle East and Far East, Pacific Islands and eventually Australia and New Zealand began arriving in Southampton, frequently for onward transmission to America and Northern Europe.

As maritime activity increased in the 15th and 16th centuries, so did the rivalry between Portsmouth and Southampton grow. The relatively quieter waters of the Solent gave Southampton an advantage over its rival, and in 1590 a Ship Mail Service was established between Hamble and Poole, with its own 'Ship Mail' handstamp. It was not only trade that increased overseas mail. By the late 18th century Prison Ships were transferring criminals to Australia and carrying the inevitable Government and personal mail each way. The introduction of the Penny Post in 1840 brought a further increase in mail, and it wasn't long before letters were arriving from Hong Kong and India with "Via SOUTHAMPTON" or "Via SO'TON" pre-printed on them. Later the USA and other countries followed suit. It was not long before mail from America to Europe, Middle East and Batavia; from Europe to Australia and New Zealand, to South Africa and Mauritius; from West to East and from North to South, were going Via SO'TON. Truly Southampton was the centre of the world!

Malcolm briefly commented on the first airmail between Paris and Southampton, the first between Southampton and Isle of Wight, and of the Flight Sergeant who wanted to send a letter on the first flight between Canada and the UK who took so long writing it that he missed the first flight!

John Dorrington proposed the Vote of Thanks, saying that the Society had had a most remarkable, fascinating and unique evening. It was Postal HISTORY at its best. Malcolm had drawn his boundaries and told the story of the place. He was thanked for his presentation, and for sharing his extraordinary collection with the Society. He was presented with the Society's Certificate of Appreciation and a gift.

Paul Arnold (Secretary)...

FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB...

27th November, 2017...

'The Tin Can Mail of Niuafo'ou Island'

John Davis FRPSL,,,

Club was extremely honoured to welcome member John Davis FRPSL at the November meeting. Hotfoot from Autumn Stampex, John arrived with his superb exhibit- *'The Tin Can Mail of Niuafo'ou Island'* a 128 A4/A3 sheet presentation with which he had won a *Large Gold Award*. John provided background information, beginning with an understanding of Tonga/Fiji and Niuafo'ou in particular, with its international date-line status. This tiny island, one in a volcanic chain, with a previous population of 1300 had a coconut only industry, but with no airstrip or harbour facilities, communications were difficult. Mail services in/out were achieved for some years in the early part of the last century by swimmers with sealed canisters, later via canoes, reaching out to occasional passing deep-water ships; Arthur Tindall being the inspiration of this unique postal service. Volcanic action has seen various population evacuations, the latest returning in 1958. The tin-can service continued until the construction of an airstrip and shipping facility in 1983. The evening's display consisted of 142 sheets and made use of varied material...maps, stamps, postmarks, censor marks, covers, letters, postcards, photos and air-graphs, supported by an excellent section on the introduction of cruise ships, their covers and publicity. This indicated an on-going world-wide fascination with *tin-can mail*. A particular emphasis was placed on destination mail, both in/out of the island, with a number being unusual, unique or rare. This was a brilliantly researched study in its entirety, with a detailed plan, development and full bibliography, as seen in the hand-sheet provided, not to mention the high quality sheet construction and write-up.

Bob Small, wearing both a philatelic and Chairman's hat stated in his great appreciations, doubtless shared by all-
'some wonderful material...not surprised with the Large Gold Award, brilliant!!'

Paul Barry....

FRENCH CANCELLATIONS...

I have found the most complete website of French postal markings I've ever seen. I thought it might be helpful to researchers whose items arrived or transited France. If it's French, it's here – <http://marcophilie.org/index.html>

Julian Jones...

VECTIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Tuesday 12th December 2017 at Newport Conservative Club

The President, Mr. Roger Crew, gave a presentation of two aspects of Maltese postal history. The first half of his presentation was entitled 'Disinfected Mail'. Mr. Crew explained how the fear of disease had led the Knights of Malta to build a Lazaretto in Marsamxett harbour, where incoming ships and crews were quarantined. When the British arrived in 1800 they continued the practice of quarantine, including the disinfection of mail. This disinfection was by fumigation and took place at the Lazaretto. Mail was opened and fumigated, and then resealed with wax; an example being shown. After 1830, various cachets were utilised to show that mail had been disinfected. Mail was slit diagonally and a cachet was applied. Many items with circular cachets inscribed 'Puriffe au lazarette Malte' were shown. In the late 1800s the cachets were inscribed in English stating 'Disinfected Lazaretto Malta'; again a number of examples were shown.

The second part of Mr Crew display focussed on maritime mail in and out of Malta. He showed some examples of early mail from the 17th and 18th century which had come into Malta; being conveyed by ships' captains. After 1800, in the pre stamp era a curved cachet 'Paid Malta' in cursive script was utilised. This was superseded in 1830 by a straight line Malta Post Office. GB stamps were introduced in 1857 and to begin with were cancelled by an M cancellation. By 1859 a duplex cancel A25 and ring dated Malta was introduced. Many examples were displayed. Mr Crew then displayed a number of paquebot cancellations, originally straight lined and then circular date stamps. He explained how different cancellations showed whether the mail had been landed in Malta for onward transmission or whether the mail had been cancelled at sea. He showed a number of items posted on Hungarian vessels which had the cancellation Adria/Ungarese and an anchor. He also showed a number of items cancelled with paquebot Knight of Malta.