

produced scores of varieties. Perforating was first a business operation, subsequently followed by the Post Office. The study of this aspect alone is a minefield, waiting for the expert eye to examine. A fair section dealt with colours, gums and also overprints, the first of which were the 1920 Czech Red Cross issue, lasting a very short period. Details of the first airmail stamp were examined, together with early postcards depicting the first aviators. 1930 saw an issue of airmail stamps and this received a major focus, reflecting the considerable increase in aviation activities. There followed a substantial section devoted to 1939 German occupation stamps and associated charges. The post war sections of this fascinating philatelic treasure trove centred mainly on the diverse subjects represented, revealing Czech culture, industry and agriculture. An important contribution was the work of stamp engravers, which included work by K. Seizinger. Members were fascinated by a signed original pencil drawing for the 50h green value, which had additional remarks for the design, in the margin. The printed stamp's design, displayed alongside, accurately followed the designer's intentions. The final frame considered the 1993 establishment of the Czech and Slovak Republics. This was indeed a fine presentation not to be equalled in its subject's content, range and rarity.

Paul Barry (Secretary)...

Hampshire Philatelic Federation 2020 dates...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield...

19th January.

3rd May - AGM.

6th September.

Judging Day - Sunday 12th September.

Hampex: 26th September 2020.

Answer from page 21... Carrier Pidgeon...

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A QUOTE TO THINK ABOUT...

"Swifter are their movements that the eye can follow. they know not the difference between right and left, neither know what a letter is nor are its contents divulged to them; yet speedily they carry through the task entrusted to them. They have charged themselves to keep faith and therefore they have been granted the garland that festoons their necks"

Hohn-eddin-ban-Abdeldakar, an Egyptian said this praising the ?????????? some 800 years ago.

But what is Hohn-eddin-ban-Abdeldakar talking about? Answer on page 22.

FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB...

Meeting 22 July, 2019
‘CZECH MISCELLANY’
Speaker: Lindy Bosworth FRPSL



This was a highly specialised collection, eloquently presented and superbly written-up. In appreciative mode at the conclusion, Chairman Bob surely voiced the feelings of all, stating *‘this is a most interesting and special display of high quality’* and thanked Lindy for sharing it with Club. Drawing on a rich resource of maps, covers, airmails, postcards, letter cards, stamps of all periods –mint and blocks, with consideration of papers and perforations, the display covered much ground. Lindy began her presentation with a detailed historical assessment, beginning with the State when part of the Austrian-Hapsburg Empire. Detailed information was provided on early stamp issues, then to Prague where subsequent printings

annual quiz. There has been a regular exchange of club visits and speakers. All these activities have been beneficial to the Club and enabled a wider experience of collecting, themes and presentation.

As the Club is growing, at its AGM in mid-May 2019, it was unanimously decided to seek membership of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation which it is believed will enable further development and challenges for our Club members, particularly as Hampshire is more expansive and vibrant with good management. Additionally, several clubs are closer to Poole than those in Dorset, so greater opportunities for interaction are possible. We look forward with excitement as this transfer hoping to contribute as well as gain from membership.

Details of our Club, its programme, meeting reports, competition results, etc can be found at:-

<http://www.philatelyinbournemouth.co.uk/poole-club.html>

Chris Wheeler, Chairman...

was pleased to share her story and collection. Whilst reading magazines under the hairdryer, Jean was drawn to a soup advert by Heinz which promised '*New Stamps for Old*'. Here was an opportunity to collect brand stamp coupons and exchange them for official Christmas stamps. Her interest in such promotions grew in tandem with an increasing publicity drive involving over time numerous company names such as – Cadbury (*Chocolate Fingers*), Kellogg's with *Cornflakes*, Unilever, Sunday Express (*Rupert Bear*), Nescafe, ASDA, Boots, WHS, Woolworths, National Trust and others, and eventually The Royal Mail with its '*Jolly Postman*' offer. These varied consumer rewards of postage stamps, special stamp booklets and packs, postal orders, vouchers and publicity gifts stimulated Jean's collecting interests and she began to amass a large amount of related items, including associated advertising material. Her fascinating presentation provided Members with a unique opportunity to examine at first hand a wealth of '*free goodies*' acquired over many years, some of which were rare indeed and totally unknown or now forgotten!!

Society President Colin Mount voiced very sincere appreciation of '*Jean's amazing conserving contribution to philatelic study, 'a valuable collection' which has its roots in a quiet moment in a hairdresser's salon!!*'

Paul Barry, RPS (Publicity Officer)...

EDITORIAL

As this issue comes hot off the press, we see the loss of 2 more Hampshire Federation members. Basingstoke & District Philatelic Society (See page 8) started in 1935 and sees its doors close after 84 years & Fleet & North Hants Philatelic Society (See page 9) and this is a sign of the times I am afraid. We are getting much older (Well I am 56 but no longer a spring chicken... I have lost my spring and waddle like a chicken...) and no matter what we do, we can not get our grandchildren interested in the subject because they are all training their thumbs in the art of texting and playing computer games. When you talk to other societies this is the same problem... Age... we have the start of the spectrum - Youngster - and the end of the spectrum - Old age. We see very few if any children attend stamp clubs, stamp fairs and places like Hampex or the big London events such as Stampex.

Many of us that belong to clubs have the problem of taking on too many roles just to keep the clubs running. In the Southampton & District Philatelic Society I have the jobs of Archivist, Curator of the Society collection and Editor of the clubs magazine 'Postmark' and helping out where I can. I am currently scanning all the Society 'Postmark' magazines and saving them as PDF files from the very first issue and I am scanning the Society Postal History collection of 3,000+ items and like all of us in my own time. I have created computerised databases for the Postal History Collection & for Postmark and If we did not do such things then clubs will not survive and their history would be lost (And many have been). I have also decided to try and keep our local postcard club and another Stamp club in my area going, but with consequences, but more of this in the next issue.

But we have some good news and I would like to welcome aboard THE POOLE & BOURNEMOUTH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB. (See Page 15). The club was founded in 1967 and appears to have had a good following to date and is actually growing. We have Ferndown & Ringwood in the Hampshire Federation and are on the Dorset boarder so hopefully there may be a far more greater co-operation with clubs that boarder Dorset. I wish the Club good fortune in the coming years and hopefully you will see articles from them about their varied and expert speakers over the coming issues.

Steve Gerrard (Editor).

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER.

When writing this piece last year I recorded the closure of a society but suggested that appealing to non-members just on the merits of your packet circulation might bring them in. Sadly a couple more societies in Hampshire have closed yet ex-members of two (at least) are continuing to circulate a packet and some have joined adjacent societies simply to keep on a packet circulation. In a related manner, Southampton DPS has attracted new members by way of their auctions. Thus proving the point that a packet or auction might be the only reason for some collectors to associate themselves with organised philately. As before, review your advertising to attract them! On a more positive note, another society has instituted afternoon meetings and these are going well, keeping more elderly members who don't wish to venture out on autumn and winter evenings.

Julian H Jones (Chairman)...

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....

HAMPSHIRE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY...

Journal available online.

The March and June 2019 editions of the HPHS *Journal* are available online here:

<http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hphshtml/publications.html>

Contributions to further editions are welcomed from members and non-members. The two current editions have significant articles about Otterbourne and Owslebury. There will be a meeting and show and tell at HAMPEX at 2pm on 28th September 2019. All are welcome.

ABOUT THE POOLE & BOURNEMOUTH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB.



Poole Club was founded in 1967. Since then it has become the Poole and Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017. Several events were organised during that year including a visit to Donald McGill Museum of "Saucy Postcards" on the Isle of Wight, and an evening tour of the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Poole.

In recent years it has taken an active part in the Somerset and Dorset Philatelic Federation annual competitions and on occasions the inter-club



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I have a table also supporting local society events – Ferndown , Ringpex, Swinpex, Poole, Warminster, Hampex and Ardingly.

PETERSFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Twenty three members attended the June meeting and enjoyed three excellent talks and displays. Chris Podger opened with a selection of covers sent to Larnaca (Cyprus) from all over the world. Anywhere from Aden to Zanzibar was included on covers, postcards and postal stationery. Mostly were from period between the two wars.

Andrew Bush followed with a display entitled 'Horizon'. This is the name for a computer system used by part of the U.K.'s postal service for accounting purposes. The labels are issued from the counter as proof of payment made on a selected range of items. The speaker explained that the system was introduced in 2002 to process benefit payments. White labels were introduced first for a range of uses and changed to buff labels after trials.

Cricket' was the theme of a display by Bob Debit. The first show depicted strange places where cricket has been played and these included Berlin, China, Cape Verde, the S.S. Great Britain. volcanoes (in New Zealand) and Korea . Each subject was depicted on covers and explained how the game came to be played in these odd places. The speaker then gave another display on cricket, but errors on stamps.

These included spelling mistakes, wrong images of people, and places, dropped catches and mixed stumpings. Overall, a most entertaining evening... Nick Glencross (deputy chairman) gave a vote of thanks.

Dave Allen (Petersfield)...

TO HPF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES...

Please pass on to your members: the download link is here -
<http://www.abps.org.uk/Home/index.xalter>

Scroll to the bottom right hand side of the ABPS page to see the link to The Summer ABPS News...

Julian Jones (HPF Chairman)...

HAMPSHIRE POSTAL HISTORIAN PUBLISHES ANOTHER BOOK...

Colin Tabcart's latest reference work, *British Long Distance Mail Packets 1793 to 1815*, is now available from the author. This book fills a gap not previously addressed by listing the schedules of British sailing packets during this period of the Napoleonic War. Entirely new are the schedules of the Lisbon, Mediterranean and North Sea packet sailings.

The purpose of the work, as stated in the preface is to confirm dates so allowing the route a letter travelled to be determined, how it was rated and in most cases what ships carried the mail. As a caution, it should be noted that the book only covers "packet sailings" – a vessel plying at regular intervals between two ports for the conveyance of mails. Mails carried by trading ships are not addressed.

In detail, for each of the 22 years, listings are given for: North Sea packets operating from Harwich or Yarmouth; Peninsula packets to Portugal and Spain from Falmouth; North American packets to New York or Halifax; Caribbean packets; Mediterranean packets from inception in 1806; and South American packets from 1808. Each year is given its own chapter which begins with an overview of the political scene and the status of the war in Europe in the author's particularly knowledgeable and witty style. Included are images of example covers from the collections of a number of well-known collectors as well as helpful maps and diagrams presented by the author.

If you collect maritime mail to and from Britain in this period then you may wish to acquire Colin's latest book. Ordering details are to be found at this link:

[http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk/tpo2/pdf/British Long Distance Mail Packets 1793-1815 by Colin Tabcart.pdf](http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk/tpo2/pdf/British_Long_Distance_Mail_Packets_1793-1815_by_Colin_Tabcart.pdf)

Julian H Jones, FRPSL...

Times of Ha Buey Hon.

He was Vice President 1989-1992 and again from 2005 -2008) and became President from 1992 to 1995 and again from 2012 until 2015.

Awarded the Hampshire Philatelic Federation Diploma of Award of Merit in 2004.

He became a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London from October 1990 and elected a fellow in 2003 for his contribution to philately.

He was an active member of the Wessex region of RPSL for very many years, but not in last ten years as journey to Bournemouth became too arduous

The Sarawak Specialist Society was formed in 1947, and Brian joined at the age of 18 in 1949 due to a friendship and wartime family links with the Rajah's Secretary. His membership number was 61 and this year he was a member for 70 years! He was President of the Society 1993-1996

In the 2003 **ABPS** handbook, he is shown as a Philatelic Lecturer and displayer of: 1. Sarawak 1869 – 1950. 2. The Life and Times of Mr. Ha Buey- Hon and his Associates.

2016 ABPS Handbook lists Brian in the Philatelic Lecturers Section. 1. Ha Buey Hon & Associates. 2. Sarawak in General. Awarded the ABPS Merit Award in 2005

Successes at **Stampex** were a vermeil for the Lithographed issues of the 2nd Rajah of Sarawak 1999 Sept.; large Vermeil Ha Buey Hon Life and Times September 2011, February 2012; his Ha Buey Hon received two Large Vermeils, the last in Autumn 2011

Brian Marshall's successes at **Hampex** with exhibits of Sarawak:

Federation Trophy and Howard-White Trophy 2009

Jan Kaluski Trophy (Best in Show) 1996, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2007

Hampshire Sixteen Award 2001, 2004, 2006, 2009 2015

Social and Open Class 2005 (The Life and Times of Ha Buey Hon)

2010 Hampshire Hog President's Trophy 1999, 2001, 2010 (Sarawak De La Rue issues)

Brian attended the sixth **ABPS National Philatelic Exhibition** at Torquay on 24 and 25 November in 2006 .

Among the Special Prizes awarded was the **Stanley Gibbons Cup** in the Traditional Class and this went to Brian Marshall for his exhibit of 'The Lithographed issues of Sarawak.

Note: See picture from Gibbons Monthly, page 5, January 2007.

David Allen (Petersfield)...

"F BRIAN MARSHALL 18 Feb 1931 - 6 April 2019"



Brian Marshall receives his HAMPEX awards from HPF Chairman Julian Jones in 2015...

The death occurred on April 6th of Frank Brian Marshall, who was a long-time member of Petersfield and District Philatelic Society.

His main philatelic interest was Sarawak but latterly he extended his interest into other parts of Malaysia. He also had a specialised collection of the Uruguayan stamps printed contemporarily with his early Sarawak by the Glasgow firm of Maclure Macdonald.

He was born on 18 Feb 1931.

He did his National service in the Royal Pay Corps then worked for the Royal Insurance Company. He married his wife Elaine in 1955.

He was a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge of Friendship in Petersfield and rose to High Office.

He attended his first meeting as a visitor on 5 Jan 1976 and was accepted into membership at a committee meeting on 19 Jan 1976.

He was chairman 1985-1988, 2006-2009, vice -chairman 1983-1985, secretary 1977-1981, auditor 1990-1998, examiner of accounts 1998-2018, competitions secretary 1999-2006, 2011-2014, HPF Representative 2000-2011, 2013-2018.

He strongly supported the Hampshire Philatelic Federation (HAMPEX) competing from 1996 to 2017. He had various exhibits (and displays) of Sarawak and of the Life and Times of Ha Buey Hon.

Through Brian's extensive collection of Sarawak he was the winner at HAMPEX of the 32 sheet Jan Kaluski Cup in 1996, 1999, 2001, 2004 and 2007. Invariably this also resulted in him winning the Hampshire Hog Traditional trophy in 1999, 2001, 2010. Brian was even more successful with 16 sheets as highest Individual entry in the Howard White inter society trophy in 1997, 1998, 2009 and 2015 and winning the Hampshire Sixteen Cup in 2001, 2004 2006 2009 and 2015.

He won the HAMPEX Open Class award in 2005 with the Life and

POOLE & BOURNEMOUTH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB...

Thursday 18 July - Guest Claire Scott: "Death by Post"...

As an introduction Claire explained that the evening's display was just a part of her International Gold Medal Entry and that it was based on what she wanted and liked not on any pre-determined structural or catalogue guidelines, hence was personal and unique. The display was a collection of a wide range of material relating to the complete funeral process, starting with its history, steeped in Catholic tradition and symbolism, at every level from Royalty to peasant. A vast range of topics was covered, all with examples to illustrate the process from death to burial. Many international items were included.

Starting with the funeral business itself, the survivor choosing the coffin, the lining, the furniture, the type of funeral, the stationery, the advices and notifications, undertaker advertising, settling the bills, the types of service, wills, and many other forms of paperwork involved. Types of death from disease, murder, execution and terrorism were explored. The use of coffins for smuggling; death certificates, re-internments, memorial design, war deaths on land and sea were all illustrated. The use of the black borders and homemade stationery were all covered, as was the use of black seals and black wafers. Truly, a unique display and one all the audience thoroughly enjoyed and learned so much from.



Beautifully printed rear of envelope from T Rhys, funeral directors

Chris Wheeler...

THE POOLE & BOURNEMOUTH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB.

6th June 2019 - Guest James Hooper: "Pneumatic Post in Vienna"

Pneumatic mail was a way of transporting post using long tubes which transported cylinders by the use of compressed air. Mail had to be folded twice to fit into the cylinders, so used pneumatic mail will always have creases. The system was introduced in Vienna in 1875, initially operating from ten offices.

For some years special postal stationery was used. The first issue were letter sheets with 20 kr telegraph stamps, followed later by letter cards and then postal stationery cards which used current definitive stamps. The stationery was lightweight, with instructions on the back. The postal cards listed all the offices, which eventually numbered 31. The use of special stationery stopped after the hyper-inflation of the early 1920s.

Mail was posted in special pillar boxes, painted red rather than the yellow for ordinary mail. Letters were collected every ten minutes. At first the items only received a franking for the stamps, which showed the receipt time, but by the 1880s it was normal practice to add a second stamp indicating the delivery time.

In the early days the postal rate for pneumatic mail paid only the transit within Vienna, to go further required additional franking, but later on these rates paid for the whole journey. Pneumatic post was often used to send mail to the railway station for onward despatch by TPOs. Airmail to and from Vienna always went via pneumatic mail. The service finally closed in 1956.

This was a very detailed display of stationery and frankings, based around the three-volume *The Pneumatic Post in Vienna* by Colin Tobitt and Andy Taylor.

James finished his display with two frames of Postablagen cancels from the Salzburg area. This was a system of rural mail, operating from very small places, perhaps just a hotel, and sometimes only operating for part of the year.

Wendy Buckle...

8th January - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Members Evening - GB in all its forms.

9th January - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandlers Ford.

9th January - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Afternoon Meeting - Alphabet Meeting - Members to give a five minute talk on the letter E. Any theme or topic. Maximum of 5 sheets.

10th January - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - Members Evening.

11th January - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Chris Wheeler - Salvation Army/Eurovision.

14th January - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.

14th January - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Members Displays plus "bring & Buy".

14th January - **Camberley & District Society** - Chairman's Evening.

14th January - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Speaker: Tony Martin - A New Year Offering.

14th January - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Bob Small - Napoleonic P.O.W & Life of Nelson.

16th January - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays; Islands.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Meeting 11th June, 2019.

'Supermarket Philately'. Speaker: Jean Alexander FRPSL.



Lightbulb moments or in this case *'hairdryer moments'* are fairly rare for most of us, but when they occur, the world can change! Ringwood Philatelic Society members warmly greeted Jean Alexander, guest speaker, to their June meeting...a big name for a small outfit! Jean, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and a past Member of the Royal Mail Stamp Advisory Committee,

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to be decided) 7pm for 7.30pm - Partners particularly welcome.
 9th December - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Three sheets from EVERYBODY.
 10th December - **Camberley & District Society** - Christmas Party.
 10th December - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Xmas Meeting with Paul Leonard FRPSL - Alice in Wonderland & Beyond - the World of Gerald King.
 10th December - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Mini Auction, Christmas Draw & Showing the letter 'V'.
 10th December - **Vectis Philatelic Society** - President's Evening & Christmas Party.
 10th December - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Club meeting - Members sheets.
 11th December - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Members Evening - Anything to do with Christmas.
 12th December - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandlers Ford.
 13th December - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - Christmas Social.
 16th December - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Single Sheet Competition & Christmas Quiz.
 16th December - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Christmas Events - quizzes, wine, mince pies, raffle etc.
 19th December - **Thatcham and District Philatelic Society** - Christmas Social Evening & Competitions/Quizzes.
 19th December - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Christmas event: Party Night; Members: Anything non-Philatelic.

2020...

1st January - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Members - Buy & Sell.
 2nd January - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays - Cinderella's, Back of book.
 6th January - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Displays by Society Members.
 6th January - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - President's Night.
 7th January - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Members Letter 'V'.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

RINGPEX Stamp & Postcard Fair

1st June, 2019



Ringwood Philatelic Society Members recently held their 2019 *RINGPEX Stamp & Postcard Fair* at *Greyfriars Community Centre*. Much planning and an early start enabled an efficient set up, on what proved to be a glorious 1st June. This was one of their most successful fairs, with an excellent attendance and much valued trade between punters and dealers, and generated a good income for *RPS* funds. The highlight of the day was the Society's raffle, where the star prize was a very fine *Penny Black*, kindly donated by Hon Member and local GB specialist dealer, Peter Mollett. There were 12 dealers present, providing a wide range of stock covering 'GB', 'Commonwealth', 'World' and 'Thematics', and postcard collectors were equally pleased. Another popular and appreciated feature was undertaken by the volunteer Kitchen Team with their all day refreshments, in particular, the now famous *RINGPEX* bacon/sausage rolls. The Society reports much interest shown in its activities and a small but steady rise in membership.

Paul Barry (Chairman/Publicity Officer)...

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S CORNER...

No one has requested the Federation run the judging workshop again, or that we put on a judges course (as noted in the Bulletin, No 147). However, a couple of Hampshire philatelists have signed up for the ABPS weekend judging seminar held in Hitchin. We'll report back in the spring of 2020. That said, entries for *HAMPEX* started appearing in my mail during June this year, so I hope that is a positive sign for 2019 *HAMPEX*. As this Bulletin deadline precedes the closing date for the competition I remain in a state of anxious suspense awaiting the last minute entries but already I have received entries from three new entrants to the competition. Don't forget to visit *HAMPEX*, in Wickham, on Saturday September 28th to view the results on display.

Julian H Jones (Competition's Secretary)...

OBITUARY...

BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY 1935-2019...

With great regret we announce that, after 84 years, the Basingstoke and District Philatelic Society will close after its final meeting on July 15th 2019. The Society was formed in 1935 when a group of collectors met in rooms above Careys, a local hairdressers. As it grew, the Society met at various venues in Basingstoke: the Carnival Hall, Chute House, the Moose Centre, and finally the United Reformed Church. Membership at the Society has dwindled over the years and attendances at meetings have fallen sharply. It's a far cry from the days of over 70 members, when there used to be a flourishing Junior section. In later years in spite of the efforts of both the committee and club members, it has proved virtually impossible to attract a significant number of new members to replace its aging membership. Fierce competition from other activities such as computers, has played its part, especially in the recruitment of younger members. We have had many memorable speakers visiting the Society over the years with special mention of Michael Sefi (Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection), Dr Jean Alexander who enlightened us on Supermarket Philately, and Hugh Jefferies who outlined the fascinating history of Stanley Gibbons. It has become increasingly difficult to engage speakers especially in the winter months. This has necessitated more member evenings which in turn has led to a downturn in attendance at meetings. The Society has been well represented over many years at HAMPEX and is closing on a 'high'. In 2018 it accomplished its first success in the Howard White Trophy. In addition, there were individual winners with the Howard White Individual Trophy (Roddy Owen) and the Hiscock Thematic Trophy (Heather Lawn). The Society also had success at Autumn Stampex in 2013 when Dr John Horsey won a Large Gold Medal for his £5 Orange exhibit and a second Large Gold for his widely acclaimed book, The £5 Orange. We note that since 2015 nine Societies in the Hampshire Philatelic Federation have closed. We wish the remaining HPF Societies the best of luck for the future.

John Horsey...

FRPSL - Footsteps through the Album.

12th November - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Secretary's Surprise.

12th November - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Afternoon Meeting - Up to 10 sheets for the Czuczman Cup, No talk necessary.

12th November - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Brian Hague - A Danish Smorgasbord.

12th November - **Vectis Philatelic Society** - Grand Auction.

13th November - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Members Evening - Postal History Anywhere.

14th November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandlers Ford.

18th November - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Transatlantic Miscellany - Speaker: Julian Jones.

19th November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Member's Letter 'U', Bourse & Silent Auction.

20th November - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Jan Hagara - Club Quiz.

21st November - **Thatcham and District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: John Horsey - \$5 Orange.

21st November - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Winter Auction + Raffle.

25th November - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Southampton PS visit us.

25th November - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - AGM and Members' Latest Acquisitions.

26th November - **Camberley & District Society** - Fun with Philately / Beyond the Horizon - Speaker: Nigel Chandler.

2nd December - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Chairman's Night.

2nd December - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Naval Mail 1790 To 1990 - Speaker: Colin Tabcart.

3rd December - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Dr. Marin Robinson - Pakistan Provisional Overprints.

4th December - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Christmas Party - Members/Guests.

5th December - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays - Literature, History.

9th December - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Stamp Club Dinner (Venue

Sheet Competition.

14th October - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - '6 in 2' - Thematic Evening - Members.

15th October - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.

15th October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Social Evening & Members Single Sheet competition.

16th October - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Tom Norgate - UK Postal Mechanisation.

17th October - **Thatcham and District Philatelic Society** - The Society Auction.

17th October - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Albert Jackson - 'Anschluss. The German Annexation of Austria 1938'.

21st October - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - New Zealand - Speaker: Brian Stonestreet.

22nd October - **Camberley & District Society** - Speaker: Brian Hammans - Subject To Be Advised.

28th October - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Greg Todd AIER, FRPSL - Egypt, The First Issue.

28th October - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Visit from Hayling Island Philatelic Society: - Viv Stone, Delivering US Mail and John Kinnard, 1d. Black Maltese Cross.

4th November - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Autumn Auction.

4th November - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Tom Norgate - Methodist Postcards.

5th November - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - President's Evening.

6th November - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Richard Hewitt - Aviation in Scotland.

8th November - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - Members Theme, The Colour Green.

11th November - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - '6 in 2' - Postal History - Members.

12th November - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.

12th November - **Camberley & District Society** - 1890 1d Postal Jubilee - Speaker: John Davies.

12th November - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Paul Skinner

STOCKHOLMIA PALMARES...

The Stockholmia 2019 Exhibition attracted much attention around the world. Our congratulations go to the following Hampshire Philatelists who won awards in the competition which attracted some 289 entries in philatelic (non-literature) classes:

John Davis (Ringwood Philatelic Society) The story of Niuafo'ou and its Tin Can Mail LS Open Class.

Robin Pizer (Petersfield & District Philatelic Society) Delayed /Returned to Sender Mail WWI Germany G Postal History.

Lesley Marley (Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society) A Whale's Tale. LG Thematic

LS – large silver; LG – Large Gold; G – Gold

Congratulations to all three. The details are contained in the Palmares which are available on line: http://www.stockholmia2019.se/img/home/2019-06-02_1/stockholmia2019_palmares_handout_8_web.pdf

and contain a history of such exhibitions from their inception to the present year.

FLEET & NORTH HANTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Email dated 26th June 2019.

I regret to inform you that at a Special General Meeting of Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society, which took place last night, it was decided unanimously by members' vote that the society would dissolve. The final date of dissolution of the society shall be set when all the accounts are finalized.

Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society have enjoyed close links with the Hampshire Philatelic Federation over many years and some members of our society have been officers of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation.

I would like to thank officers of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation for your support more recently while I have been Secretary, in particular Steve Gerrard for publishing our articles in the bulletin and to Julian H Jones and Brian Hague for giving excellent displays at our meetings.

It is very sad that another society in Hampshire is closing but I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best in your 50th Anniversary year.

Best wishes,

John Holmes (Acting Secretary)

Fleet and North Hants Philatelic Society

SOCIETY ROUND UP...

7th September - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Annual Stamp Fair: Upton - 10am to 4pm.
 9th September - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members Display - Letters "M-N-O".
 9th September - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - '6 in 2' Postcards Only - Members.
 10th September - **Camberley & District Society** - Members Letters "O, P & Q".
 10th September - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Evening Meeting - Bring along & Display non-English language stamps, maximum of 10 sheets.
 10th September - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Members Displays - Maximum 30 sheets plus "Bring & Buy".
 10th September - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Mike Hill - Falklands, Life in a blue suit, Falklands Campaign.
 10th September - **Vectis Philatelic Society** - Auction & display to be announced.
 10th September - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Clive James Presents.
 11th September - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Members evening - Favourite Sheets.
 12th September - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandlers Ford.
 13th September - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Peter Weir - Medical Philately.
 17th September - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.
 17th September - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Postcard Evening - Members Display.
 18th September - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Jo Gosney - World War 1 in Farnborough.
 19th September - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Graham Mark - Egypt & Palestine.
 19th September - **Thatcham and District Philatelic Society** - A.G.M., Social Evening and Quiz. Charity Auction.
 23rd September - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Rod Vousden FRPSL - Royal Navy Censored Mail in

World War II.

23rd September - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Anti-Communism in Europe 1919 to 1945 - Speaker: Tony Bosworth.
 23rd September - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Competition Night II, Allam, Burlington, and Peal.
 24th September - **Camberley & District Society** - Abraham Lincoln - Speaker: Angus Lincoln.
 1st October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Malcolm Montgomery - Solent Maritime Postal History.
 2nd October - **Farnborough & District Philatelic Society** - Members - Sale of Donated Material.
 3rd October - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays: Events, Celebrations & Exhibitions.
 5th October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Grand Auction.
 5th October - **Thatcham and District Philatelic Society** - 37th Annual Stamp fair at the Memorial Hall, Thatcham from 10am - 4pm. Auction lots on view.
 7th October - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Ascension Island - Speaker: Capt. James Podger.
 7th October - **Thatcham and District Philatelic Society** - Autumn Leaves - Fall.
 7th October - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Paul Davidson - Exploration of Africa.
 8th October - **Camberley & District Society** - Antarctic Postal History - Speaker: Bill Tilbury.
 8th October - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Speaker: John Moody from Romsey - The Weimar Republic 1919 to 1932.
 8th October - **Vectis Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Neville Carr - Great Britain Queen Victoria to George V presented in memory of Len Chessel.
 8th October - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Afternoon Meeting - Speaker: British Levant.
 8th October - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Tom Gillespie - WA Part II Revenues.
 8th October - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Autumn Auction (anything goes) and showing the letter 'U'.
 9th October - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Members Evening - Postcards Subject Transport.
 10th October - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandlers Ford.
 11th October - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - 1, 4 & 8