



## PANDA FAIRS 2020...

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 22 Feb Bournemouth Annunciation Hall, Charminster Rd, BH8 9RW  
 29 Feb Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE  
 21 Mar Fareham Holy Trinity Church, West Street PO16 0EL  
 19 Apr Upper Hale, Farnham, Village Hall, Wings Road GU9 0HN  
 28 June Portsmouth Cosham Community Centre, Wootton Street PO6 3AP  
 4 July Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH  
 25 July Petersfield Community Centre off Love Lane GU31 4BW  
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## Hampshire Philatelic Federation 2020 dates...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield...

19th January.

3rd May - AGM.

6th September.

Judging Day - Saturday 12th September.

Hampex: 26th September 2020.

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surely hard to experience a more significant collection than that presented by Rod Vousden FRPSL.

**Colin Mount...**

## RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019...

**‘Members’ Displays’ with ‘Bring & Buy’.**

A satisfying balance was achieved, whereby philatelic material was eagerly sought, interspersed with interesting Member displays. Gordon Masson provided 13 sheets on the topic of Canadian stamps and mini-sheets dealing with ‘*Chinese New Year*’. He explained that his Canadian friend provides him with most interesting material, and this was certainly in evidence. An in-depth study of ‘*GB 1841 Imperfs*’ was shared by David Etchells whose 12 sheets depicting covers of the period were both fascinating and in some cases rare. Superbly written-up on cream paper, this display considered cancels, seals, registered post, ‘*Late-Use*’ and ‘*TPO’s*’-Travelling Post Office cancellations, begun in 1838. Members enjoyed part of a huge study by Bert Burton on the subject ‘*Gibraltar –Mail for Force H*’. This was a naval force to re-place French in the Med by Churchill. Again a similar quality write-up, Bert included covers and rates, photos, military naval crests, and studies of ships, including a rare one of *HMS Hood and Renown*. Terry Carter’s collectable GB Elizabethan ‘*Fruit Stamps*’ were colourful indeed, providing an interesting and contrasting display. Early printing in Europe (Guttenberg/Caxton) was superbly studied by Wendy Buckle through her 12 exquisite, informative and beautiful sheets. Paul Dumsday considered some early Argentinian stamps and included were Zeppelin and naval ship designs. Following a lengthy break for refreshments, barter and study of the displays, there followed the final contribution, ‘*New Acquisitions*’ by Paul Barry. Here were shared GB Victorian covers and postcards and a superb King Edward VII 4d value with a quality ‘*Bosbury*’ circular cancellation, adding to a ‘*Herefordshire*’ themed emerging collection. This was a most successful evening, providing an excellent start to the Society’s busy philatelic calendar.

**Paul Barry, Publicity...**

## FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB...

Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019...

Speaker: Rod Vousden FRPSL...

**‘Royal Navy Censored Mail in WWII’...**



As expected of this esteemed philatelist, this meeting provided a true wealth of fascinating, scarce, rare and unique material, on a subject not previously examined in depth by Club. Very well written up and with great precision, the presentation was exceptional in content and provided Members with an opportunity to study at first hand an extensive range of

philatelic gems, covering censor marks and inks, seals, postcards, stamps and superb photographic naval shipping images. This resource was further enhanced by numerous covers and correspondence, some of great historical and political interest, linked to key players (Churchill) and events (River Plate). Rod gave a detailed account of naval security with regard to ships' mail and underlined the importance of official slogans, such as *'Idle Gossip Sinks Ships'*. Whilst many covers had been truly difficult to source, of great rarity were items of submarine mail. A particular feature of censor marks on display were those of *'home-spun'* variety, created by individual ships at the start of hostilities, in the absence of supplies of official equipment. Essential to total security was the strict requirement that no mark or clue should indicate correspondence origin. There were exceptions where 'good news' was imparted, having a tonic or propaganda value. Rod spoke of the main ports of Edinburgh, London and Portsmouth which processed censored mail. For the naval WWII historian and certainly those philatelists studying GB censor marks, it is



## EDITORIAL

In the last Bulletin I asked what can we do in the face of Clubs & Societies closing their doors. So I have decided to carry on with the role of editor of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society publication 'Postmark' and to take over as convener for the South Central Group of The Germany & Colonies Philatelic Society that meets in Chandler's Ford, Southampton. This is a small group of about 10-12 members meeting on a Saturday afternoon and as Germany is another area I am very interested in I thought why not offer my services. So for me, 2020 is going to be rather a hectic one with the German Society and at the moment I am scanning the complete Postal History Collection of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society which amounts to around 3,000 items. I have so far scanned 11 Albums with about 25 more to do. I have already created an MS Excel file with the material recorded for members to access and so the next step was to scan the whole collection. I am also scanning the back issues of the Society magazine 'Postmark' so all issues will be available as PDF files from the first publication of the Mid-Summer 1948 issue. My next job is to update the Society collection of Postal marks for Southampton from 1993 to Date... Another job for 2020!!! Oh, then there is of course continuing as Editor of this publication until such time as I literally run out of time... I hope everyone had a good Christmas and 2020 is a good one for all and that you will continue to support the Federation and the Bulletin.

**Steve Gerrard (Editor).**

**Please Note: Hampex Judging day - Saturday 12th September and not Sunday as previously stated...**

**SUBMISSION DATES FOR THE BULLETIN 2020...**

**MAY 2020 ISSUE – DEADLINE 22nd APRIL.**

**SEPTEMBER 2020 ISSUE - DEADLINE 26th AUGUST.**

**But do not panic as I will send out monthly reminders before the Deadline dates.**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER.

Welcome to the new decade! I hope that the London 2020 Exhibition in early May is a great success and that many of you will visit and find something new for your collections. (I also hope that the railway companies sort out their differences with their employees so that we can reliably plan to make the journey by train).

Communication is still vitally important and I recently remarked on how computers and the internet had made it so much easier. I was researching a cover for a magazine article and accessed a number of online archives to verify the ship and its sailing dates. I was then able to exchange the text and various images with the editor in the USA and iterate quickly to reach an agreed final proof for the magazine, all in a matter of a few days. While I cannot say that a computer, printer and scanner are essential for the postal history hobby, it would be a darned sight less rewarding without. It used to be really hard work to put together philatelic articles with hand drawn postmarks and really poor images of covers (just look at catalogues and society magazines from the 1970's, say). Now philatelists can enjoy well illustrated articles in their quarterly society journals.

### ***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.....*

ones issued by Gibraltar. He finished with many 'Operator Raleigh' sheets issued in Hull and all signed by well-known celebrities. A great display.

**Heather Lawn** was next and she showed sheets about Portuguese explorers, especially ones by Samuel de Champlain and various explorers that went to Antarctica and South America.

To finish part one **Bob Paterson** showed sheets of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first landing on the moon and then lovely sheets of those expeditions that actually did land on the moon – Apollo 11, 12, 13 was aborted, 14, 15 signed by two astronauts, 16, and the final Apollo 17. Three more expeditions were scheduled but they were cancelled. A very informative and nicely presented display.

**Martin Farr** started part 2 by showing a sheet all about the 1066 invasion of England by William the Conqueror with one large cover and several stamps about the invasion and the Doomsday of 1086 when all the English lands were confiscated and handed to the Normans.

**John Shambrook** was next and he showed a selection of covers – the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot, some about the N.Z. dependencies, Antarctic covers and stamps. Then Br. Antarctic territory covers and Howard Carter's discoveries in Egypt and finished with a cover of the 1969 first man to land on the moon.

**Neil Hatton** then showed covers about Ernest Shackleton, Captain Cook's travels and discoveries and exploration of Space covers. Then some nice ones all about the 2012 para-olympics giving the best times for the athletes that took part.

**Dave Tanner** then showed sheets about many explorers – Leif Ericson the Viking voyager, explorations of Canada and Antarctic expeditions. A 1983 set of stamps about Columbus landing. Then some lovely sheets about the early-day balloonists such as the Montgolfier brothers and he finished with covers of some Apollo and Soyuz missions.

To finish the afternoon **Graeme Stewart** showed lovely sheets of covers and stamps about Antarctica and Ross Island and the major voyages to them by Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen. He then spoke about the ships involved in the explorations – some marooned and cracked in the ice. Then about the discoveries of 1901-1904 with many anniversary covers from 'down south' and covers that were delayed due to bad weather. A nice and interesting display.

**The Thatcham Postmark, Winter Edition, January 2020...**

**Tom Gillespie** showed Western Australia with an item that the P.O. decided they couldn't deliver and a book he ordered from WA and the seller asked him to drop by and pick it up! he is still awaiting the free ticket there! Ha ha!

**John Farmer** showed some 'Pacific' items that he couldn't show on the August meeting. **Heather Lawn** showed her thematic parrots on stamps, and described three coats of paper usage and differing perforation on margins.

**Alan Bush** never fails to interest in Gold Horizon Labels describing his study of microprint differences, security slits, British Forces packet labels, and oddities.

**John Armstone** showed a flyer from the P.O. 1935 where the "P.O. Comes Out Into the Open!". Why it was published and to whom the flyers were printed remains a mystery! **Bob Tebbit** continued to enlighten us with the world of cricket on stamps. His was also an entertaining story about a certain person who is in quite a high society position in Trinidad. His ten stamps were overprinted in order to use them up! He also showed some Australian Ashes Test Match Stamps.

**Christopher Podger** brought along four 1889 Cypriot Covers. One had about 8 reverse cancellations. There was a cover from a Sir Elliot Bovill who died of cholera, a QE2 Coronation cover and an Olympic Games imprint.

Our next meeting is on the fourth Monday in January 2020.

Written by President & News Editor Martha Brown, with material by Fred Robinson.

## **THATCHAM & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Explorations and Conquests and there were 17 members...**

**Nathan Gregory** started the afternoon with many sheets about the British Antarctic Territories. showing details of the various expeditions over the years. Lots of lovely FDC's and sets of stamps with many picturesque mini-sheets included. A nice display.

**Malcolm Hoskins** was next and he showed many sheets of 'Operator Raleigh' land based expeditions to help poverty all around the world. They were issued to mark the 75th anniversary of Scott's arrival at the South Pole and of crossing Antarctica. The covers were very decorative and signed and they were to give the poor something to do and to work for. He also showed some nice Antarctic covers and several colourful

Many stamp societies have excellent online access to research materials (such as Lloyd's List of Shipping). Paying members of heritage research organisations have access to online newspapers that provide much more information than that limited to genealogy. If you purchase your copies of the Sunday Times via their voucher system then digital access to The Times archive comes within the price. Computers and the internet have certainly increased the productivity of magazine editors and their contributors.

With that thought in mind, I hope you enjoy this issue of The Bulletin and may even provide a piece for inclusion in a later edition. Happy hunting in 2020!

**Julian Jones (Chairman)...**

## **POOLE & BOURNEMOUTH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB...**

**Thursday 19th September 2019 - Guest Graham Mark:**

**"Egypt and Palestine"...**

Graham Mark's display started with a frame of letters and photos of the first Commissioners of the Middle East who had taken over from Kitchener, starting with Sir Henry McMahon. He displayed some of the early cachets from the various units, and collecting these discovered that there were so many that he stopped after assembling about 100 of them. Until 1915 when the Turkish army joined the War, all mail had been chargeable, and consequently was of different interest to that of the freepost which followed. The routings and methods of carriage changed and some TPO material which had travelled along the coast of Egypt was shown, much of it emanating from Gallipoli. He gave examples of the many different troops and divisions deployed to the region, demonstrating excellent military historical knowledge as well as its associated philatelic examples. Some postcards were included to show for example the commandeered L&NWR's *SS Hibernia*, the armoured cruiser *Jeanne d'Arc* with its six funnels and the Lancashire Fusiliers Cycle Division. Many on-cover cancellation varieties were included, some of them very short-lived.

After the break, Graham, again explaining the military activities that occurred at that time, provided a wide range of material from the visiting forces from Italy, France and the ANZACs, together with the associated Egyptian censorship of the mail of the time, supplemented with a British censor office which in effect controlled all outgoing mail, some of it being held in storage from 1914 to 1919. Examples of this mail was displayed and provided the audience with material not seen before.

## THATCHAM and DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August - 'Holiday Destinations'...

**Ian Keel** started the evening by showing an assortment of philatelic items that they had picked up in China and Russia and from many other holiday destinations. What a well travelled couple they are!

**Dave Tanner** showed many postcards from the club boxes and lots from the places that he had been. Early postcards from Bournemouth and Swanage and lots of places in the West Country he had visited when quite young. Then from places in Germany when he was in the Forces and also when caravanning to Venice and S. Europe. A great set of cards and very interesting well remembered visits.

**Juliet Keel** then showed us postcards, all over 100 years old, showing the places they had been to. They visited Switzerland to see her grandma then many places in Europe, Bermuda, Canada, Egypt and Berlin to name a few. Then a great train trip on the Orient Express from Moscow to Beijing and Canton and many more locations that we would all like to visit. Once again a well travelled couple.

**Martin Farr** then talked about their recent trip to Jordan where they visited Wadi Rum and rode on camels in the desert, then to Jerash to visit the Roman city remains (quite amazing) and then on to Petra which had been his great ambition to visit. The walk down through the ravine was just fantastic even in 37 degrees heat. It was too hot to walk all the way back up and so they got on donkeys to half way and then in a donkey cart. Absolutely fabulous – you must go.

**Nathan Gregory** showed Channel Islands destinations and Jersey and Sark as well. All with covers and tourist packs and travel posters. Then some thematic sequences of coins on stamps from Gibraltar and Guernsey that he collected and travel sheets from Singapore and Montserrat.

**Alan Cross** showed Commonwealth collections of the 1960's and International tourist year sheets of 1967. Then 1959 Cayman and Dominican issues of travel stamps.

**Graeme Stewart** showed sheets about travelling through Norway on a scouts walking holiday and covers sent to Newbury. Then covers and pictures of his daughters visit to the Scott Base in Antarctica. Then some colourful pictures of penguins, glaciers and ice sheets. A nice display.

**Martin Farr...**

## CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIST SOCIETY...

This is a brief collation of five months of what has truly been a busy year.

**Brian Doherty** visited with a superb display about Gothic cathedrals and churches. He was most enlightening about the historical perspective, but his post cards, commemorative packets, and stamps really put a shine on the entire display!

August was a Members' Evening using the topic 'Pacific'. **Chris Dudeney, Fred Robinson, John Armstone, Mike Berry, Heather Lawn, Michael Asteris, John Farmer, and John Parsons** showed a wealth of materials such as Australia, Papua New Guinea, League of Nations, United Nations, parrots on stamps, KE VIII flight covers, Pitcairn, Cayman and Falkland Islands, among others, and a non-specific Belgian paquebot. These were just some of the areas covered under the topic itself!

September was our second competition evening. The Peal Challenge First place went to **Mike Rogers** 1d Red Imperforate Q.V.

Second went to **John Armstone** WW2 fieldpost Offices of the Allied Forces in GB,

And Third place was **Martha Brown** Early German Postal Reply Cards.

The Birkin Modern Stamp Trophy was won by **John Armstone** with an interesting display entitled Stamps of the Courier Companies 1975/1985.

The Allan Postal History Plate was also won by **John Armstone** with a display entitled Railway Letter Services:- Uses & Abuses. Second place was **Ted Piper** with his display of Palestine Egypt Expeditionary Forces 1918. His were beautiful mint sets and several first issues. Third place was **Martha Brown** with a study about the 1923 German Hyperinflation Period, all on piece with differing cancellations and colour markings.

The October meeting was given by two members of the **Hayling Island Philatelic Society**. We would like to thank them for driving to Chichester to visit us. **Mr John Kinnard** gave a display of pre-Penny Black Stamps. He also showed Penny Blacks and Reds, many with the marvellous Maltese Crosses upon them, and with local varieties shown.

**Mr. Vice Stone** displayed Pan American Airways Covers, many having flown from South America, Central America and the Caribbean. A very interesting aviation display with lots of information.

November was our 61st Annual General Meeting. Officers were re-elected. Time went quickly and there was ample time for displays by members.

**Martha Brown** showed single stamps of USA 1928 Washington, **Fred Robinson** showed material relating to Stanley Gibbons.

censored and Atlantic mail and PoW items.

The final display which was a narrow but colourful topic concerned itself with *'Light Houses on Stamps'*. Here Mike Vokes was a true *Sea Salt*, full of fascinating facts concerning the locations, styles and characteristics of worldwide lighthouses. From Argentina to Ireland to Russia, with scores of other locations included, Mike was not short on philatelic material, being well supported by stamps, covers, maps and articles. Early exposure to light houses as a child had set the seeds of what was to be a passionate lifelong philatelic interest.

In conclusion, Chairman Bob Small was much appreciative of the quality of material, the pleasing presentations and, addressing this worthy *'Team of Four'*, showed much appreciation for beautifully plugging the hole in the Club's autumn calendar!

**Paul Barry...**

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Rick Wilmott drew examples from his extensive collection of Austrian artists, most unknown to members, but including Klimt and Schiele, all excellently written-up. David Wilkins concentrated on the heritage of Greek art on stamps, the earliest being 1942, but so many subsequently, both by Greece and other postal authorities. After the break, Wendy Buckle put up a one frame display of stamps portraying covers of famous books, starting with the founding work of Western literature written by Don Quixote in 1616. She then explained the operation of World Book Day, celebrated everywhere in the world except GB on 23 April. Alan King showed his favourite stamp 'The Great Wave of Kangawa', amongst several other famous artists such as Renoir, Monet and Manet. He then referred to a separate side-display of mainly French and Hungarian stamps all featuring the works of other famous artists. He closed with part of his new collection of the English and French schools of artists' works on the stamps of Canada. Chris Wheeler followed with a frame of stamps depicting characters from children's stories. Mark Mates also covered Belgium but looking at a range of diverse and largely unknown artists and their works, explaining their particular skills, finally Shirley Kemp displayed her presentation of well written-up 'Paintings Through the Ages' starting with the cave paintings, and ending with a frame of the work of Czechoslovakian artists depicted on stamp from the 1660s.

**Chris Wheeler...**

## **FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB.**

Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

### **'Postcards Only'**

This was a truly eventful evening with the launch of the Club's brand new display frames, the provision of which had been debated for some 25 years after the dawn of time! Bespoke to a high standard, the new acquisition will see Club well provided for and will certainly surpass in design/quality the best on the south coast! In up-to-date 4x4 format, Club can now compete on an even playing field, and be professionally friendly. It seemed right that the very first Member to present should be an old hand, in philatelic terms!!...Terry Kirkman. Delving into his considerable depository, a most interesting display ensued on the subject of local postcards. Chas Stanton, a Dorset builder had postcards printed by J. Tilley & Son and all benefit from the created range developed. Re-pros of WWII featured, including Churchill themed ones and slogan cards such as *'Keep Mum'*. Of particular enchantment were very early amusing Swiss cards by Alfred Meinzer Inc. (1897-1973) on the theme of *'Cats'*. Another regular presenter was Don Seaby with his all-Dorset sepia cards, 'A-H', of various post offices, including Corscombe, Corfe Mullen, Colehill and Bere Regis. Bill Laird displayed 14 sheets of previously unseen material 'Early Exhibitions', which considered the *'British Empire Exhibition'*, and further examples from both Crystal Palace and Earls Court. Again on the subject of the locality, Julian White provided some beautiful all-colour Bournemouth cards of yesteryear. Spence Coaker continued the local theme with an interesting 1914 *Boscombe Gardens* postcard, sent to Shanghai. Another to Java and a 1919 card from Kowloon to UK were featured. John Duckworth completed the evening's presentations with his early study of Christchurch Toll Bridge (1880), Bournemouth Air Show and West Moors in the period 1904 – 1943.

Although a brief series of presentations, Club Members were well entertained, causing Chairman Bob Small to comment very favourably and welcomed close scrutiny.

**Paul Barry, Publicity...**

## LONDON 2020 NOTES...

London 2020, the international stamp exhibition to be held at the Business Design Centre in London's Islington on 2–9 May next year, is showing the exhibits in two sections. The first half (2–5 May) will include Postal History, Revenue, Open, Picture Postcards, Postal Stationery, Modern and part of Youth. The second half (6–9 May) will have Championship, Traditional, Aerophilately, Thematic and the rest of Youth. One Frame exhibits will be shown alongside their parent class. I am informed that the exhibition has been seriously oversubscribed so we can expect a marvellous selection of items on show.

**Julian Jones...**

**What did the envelope say to the stamp - 'Stick with me and we will go far'**

**I think this is something that all members of clubs, societies, committee's and editors should always bear in mind.**

## NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN...

### THE STAMP BOX STUDY CIRCLE...



**Image supplied by Bill Linskey of the SBSC...**

## FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC & POSTCARD CLUB.

Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**'Southampton Philatelic Society Visit Us'**

Filling a last minute gap in the established Club Programme, four members of the Southampton PS came to the rescue, a month ahead of schedule and presented most interesting and diverse 48 sheet displays. Leading the team was Julian Jones who entertained with '*Speeding up Transatlantic Mail*'. This was indeed a highly detailed and complex study, building on preceding display, concentrating in the period from 1785, but mainly with a focus on the 1890's to early 20<sup>th</sup> century. '*Time is Money*'... the old saying, and from the Post Office perspective, the need to speed up the sea mail was essential. Principally '*White Star*' and '*Cunard*' were the shipping lines involved. Using Queenstown, in SE Ireland, then using rail/boat/rail to London had been the established route eastwards, with New York being the port going west. Various short cuts were experimented with. A major endeavour was to reduce mail on/off ship times, and some ingenious developments are noted, including planes scooping mail bags by hook, air-ships (up to Hindenburg) and on-board seaplanes having catapulting facilities (used into the Hudson & New York). Julian's study was well supported with various marks, hand and tax stamps, rates and surcharges, plus a sizeable and fascinating collection of covers/postcards, where consideration was given up to 1935.

'*Church Architecture*' presented by Len Yendell, was another 48 sheet display. Its sound write-up was supported by a considerable wealth of stamps, covers and postcards, miniature sheets, photos and postmarks. The emphasis was on European architecture, and focussed mainly on abbeys and cathedrals. Of particular interest was a sizeable section on '*Zagreb*'. The whole formed a colourful and interesting ranging display, dealing more in breadth than depth, with much scope for further development.

Following this presentation, there followed a major and unique collection drawn together by Mike Batty on his personal theme of '*Bishop's Waltham*', his Hampshire village, examined through an historical lens. Making its start in the early 1700's, this postal history display offered numerous pre-stamp mail items, both inward and outward, including much fascinating correspondence. Here there was much variety with plenty of evidence of covers, early postcards, maps, photos, cancels and rates. The final 8 sheets sought to examine '*Wartime Mail*' in some depth and considered both

THATCHAM AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
(Founded in 1966)

# WESTBEX 2020

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## PRESS RELEASE...

### The Queen opens new RPSL headquarters...



The Queen unveils the plaque to record the Official Opening of the new home for the Society at 15 Abchurch Lane.

On Tuesday, 26 November Her Majesty the Queen, graciously visited 15 Abchurch Lane to open officially the new headquarters of The Royal Philatelic Society London. Her Majesty was greeted by The Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell as Lord Lieutenant, who presented Mr Richard Stock FRPSL, President of the Society, to Her Majesty together with Peter Cockburn FRPSL and Mike Roberts, FRPSL, Vice-Presidents, and Patrick Maselis RDP FRPSL, the immediate Past President.

The Queen then met those closely involved with refurbishing the new premises and organizing the move that took place during the summer, notably Christopher King RDP FRPSL and Brian Trotter RDP FRPSL.

It was fitting that The Queen's visit took place during the Society's 150th anniversary as Her Majesty had previously visited the Society on 14 April 1969 to mark its Centenary.

The Queen toured the new premises and Nicola Davies, the Head of Collections, showed Her Majesty some of the important artefacts held by the Society, including the letter from the future King George V to Lord

Crawford regarding the use of the Royal prefix in the Society's name.

In the Meeting Room on the first floor The Queen viewed a special display of material from the Society's Philatelic Collections, and a selection of the Society's extensive publications. Representatives from some of the eighty countries where members reside were presented to Her Majesty and she showed great interest in the work undertaken by the Expert Committee. Her Majesty heard how the Society is encouraging collecting among young people.

The Queen visited the Society's Philatelic Library, amongst the finest in the world, where Her Majesty was presented with a copy of the recent publication *A History of the Royal Philatelic Society London 1869-2019*.

Throughout her visit The Queen met members of the staff, Officers of the Society and many of the volunteers who ensure its position as the premier philatelic society in the world.

The President thanked Her Majesty before she signed the Attendance Book and unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening of the new premises.

**(26 November 2019)...**

## **POOLE & BOURNEMOUTH STAMP & POSTCARD CLUB...**

**Thursday 17 October 2019 ... Members Displays - Art and the Arts.**

This title allowed a broad range of interpretations to the theme, which was readily adopted by many of the members in their displays.

Started by Mike Trickett, with a picture of the painting by Louis-Oscar Roy (1846-1911) entitled 'La Sameuse' and based on his model Charlotte Magot, this wonderful painting was the basis of many France issues of 'The Sowers', examples of which he used to introduce his display. He continued by showing members one of the earliest postcards of the Eiffel Tower and reminded members the quotation "*Art is a revolt against fate*". Michael Mawdsley followed with a range of GB stamps on a wide range of art-related topics. Ken Parrott showed examples of the eminent Maltese stamp designer Emvin Cremona, Flemish tapestries and works of Matisse. Mike Houchen drew stamps from his collection of some 2000 art images; then he showed examples of highly artistic lighthouse designs, especially from USA and Japan.

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2nd April - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays: Travel.

6th April - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Overprints.

6th April - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - 'Years ending in 7' & Member's Postcard competition.

7th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Norfolk Islands - Speaker: Austin Mears.

9th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandler's Ford.

9th April - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Society Auction.

10th April - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & Members "Africa".

13th April - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - 8 in 3 Asian Odyssey - Members & Auction.

13th April - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members Evening - Anything Goes!

14th April - **Vectis Philatelic Society** - AGM & Auction.

14th April - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - Postcards & Ephemera.

14th April - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Evening Meeting - IT & Philately - Speaker: Anthony Smout.

14th April - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Member's Displays plus "Bring & Buy".

14th April - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Postcards & Ephemera - Members.

14th April - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - German Occupation of the Channel Islands - Speaker: Alan Whittaker.

15th April - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - 5 sheets 5 Minutes - The Letter 'B'.

6th April - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - 'The Post Office went to War' - Speaker: Christine Earle.

16th April - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Competition entries displayed & awards. Your Committee Entertains.

25th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & Queries & recent acquisitions.

27th April - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Private Ship Letter Stamps - Speaker: Frank Griffiths.

27th April - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Kiribati & Tuvalu - Speaker: Hugh Bennet.

10th March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.

10th March - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - Letters R & S.

10th March - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Afternoon Meeting - AGM followed by an informal session, buy, sell or swap.

10th March - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Annual Competitions Night - Traditional, Thematic, Postal History, Open Philately & First Timers & "Bring & Buy".

10th March - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Belgium - Speaker: Miller McGrath.

11th March - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Letters O, P or Q - Members.

12th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandler's Ford.

13th March - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Le Harve - Speaker: Len Yandell.

14th March - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Auction 10am - 1.30pm Viewing & 2pm Auction.

16th March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Austro-Hungarian Navy Main WWI - Speaker: Lindy Bosworth.

17th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.

18th March - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Latest Acquisitions.

19th March - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - 'Stamp Chat / Five favourite sheets...

19th March - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Competition Evening.

21st March - **Milford on Sea Stamp Club** - Annual Auction - 2.30pm Start - Viewing 1pm.

23rd March - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Coronation & Jubilee Ephemera from Charles II - Speaker: John Cooper.

23rd March - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Competition Night Part 1 - Viner, Symes & Simmonds.

24th March - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - The Bechuanalands - Speaker: Tony Stanford.

30th March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Spring Auction.

1st April - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - From Iceland to Ash Vale - Speaker: David Maddock.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY... February to April 2020.**

**28th March** - WESTBEX at the Kennet School, Thatcham...

**11th April** - Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society 44th Annual Fair and Inter-Club Competition & Auction - Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, Canford Magna, Wimborne, BH21 3LP.

## **GERMAN & COLONIES PHILATELIC SOCIETY...**

**South Central Group - (New Meeting Venue);** Salisbury Room, St. Boniface Church Centre, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford. SO53 2FT from 1.30 till 4.30pm.

**8th February:** Members Displays.

**25<sup>th</sup> April:** Robin Pizer – German Parcel Cards to Foreign Countries 1907 to 1925.

**11th July:** Rex Dixon - Definitives of the last 100 years.

**10<sup>th</sup> October:** Mike Dadds – Liberation Philately of Europe.

## **STAMP QUOTE...**

"Next time ask my barber to approve them before you issue stamps with my portrait"

- King Christian X of Denmark. In 1924 he was shown commemoratives of 300th anniversary of Danish Posts. The stamps showed his portrait facing the left and the right and his hair parted once to the left and next to the right.

## SOCIETY ROUND UP...



20th January - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Budapest 1896 - Speaker: Len Yandell.  
 21st January - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.  
 27th January - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Members Night - "Anything British".  
 27th January - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Alwar to Travancore - with a few stops between - Speaker: Phillip Olds.  
 28th January - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - Airmails - Members.  
 3rd February - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - 16 sheet competition, bourse & member's new acquisitions.  
 3rd February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - The Battle of the River Plate - Speaker: Graham Booth.  
 3rd February - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Officials and Fiscals.  
 4th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Victorian 2d Blues - Speaker: Tony Davis.  
 5th February - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Club Competition.  
 6th February - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays - Space.  
 10th February - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - 8 in 3 What's your theme - Members & Auction.  
 11th February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.  
 11th February - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & Club Competitions.  
 11th February - **Milford On Sea Stamp Club** - Salvation Army/Eurovision - Speaker: Chris Wheeler.  
 11th February - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Afternoon Meeting - A

talk & Display from the Chairman.

11th February - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & Club Competition.  
 11th February - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - AGM, Mini Auction & Postcards of British Towns & Cities.  
 11th February - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - "Britain at War" & "The history of the Royal Air Force" - Speaker: Bob Small.  
 12th February - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Transatlantic Mail - Speaker: Julian Jones.  
 13th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting, Chandler's Ford.  
 14th February - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - AGM.  
 17th February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Single Frame Competition & Members Display - Letters P, Q & R.  
 18th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Member's Competition Evening & Bourse.  
 19th February - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - George V Pictorial Issues - Speaker: Paul Shuttleworth.  
 20th February - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Transatlantic Postal History - Speaker: Julian Jones.  
 20th February - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Le Harve - Speaker: Len Yandell.  
 24th February - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Presidents Night.  
 25th February - **Camberley & District Philatelic Society** - Visit by Wokingham P.S.  
 2nd March - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Spring/Yellow.  
 2nd March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - From Post-horse to Post-bus - Speaker: John Armstrong.  
 2nd March - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & single item competition.  
 4th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Visit of Ferndown Philatelic Society.  
 4th March - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Club Competition - Postcard/Single Sheet.  
 5th March - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Spring Auction & Raffle.  
 9th March - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Annual Competitions - Including One-Sheet Competition & Auction.  
 10th March - **Vectis Philatelic Society** - Members Evening & Auction.