

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 Philatelic Federation 2020 dates...

HPF Council meetings at Petersfield...

6th September. Zoom Meeting. 4pm.

Hampex: 26th September 2020 - Cancelled.

Dates for 2021.

Sunday 17th January; 1:30 to 3:30.

Sunday 9th May; 1:30 to 3:30.

Sunday 5th September; 1:30 To 3:30.

These may be subject to change as we do not know what 2021 will bring forth with regards to the Coronavirus. Hopefully 2021 will be Coronavirus free.

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HPF SHORT SURVEY...

I have received responses from all 17 federation affiliated Clubs & Societies which I thank you for.

	Yes	No
Are you meeting again in 2020	6	8
Are you issuing a Newsletter/Magazine	5	5
Are you Running A Packet	5	3
Are you Contacting Members by Phone	3	4
Are you Contacting Members by Email	2	7
Are you Contacting members via your WebSite	4	1
Are you using Zoom Virtual Internet Meetings	7	9
Are you organising Postal Auctions	3	2

Other points of interest:

Internet Lockdown Challenge: 1
Local Newspaper Stamp Corner Blog: 1
Would Like to Know how to set up a Zoom Meeting: 1
Contacting members by post: 2.
Zoom - Too Technical : 2.
Commencing meetings in 2021: 1
Regular letter from Chairman via email: 1

This shows that only a very few use a Magazine, Newsletter or News sheet to keep in contact with members as we rely on meetings to keep members up-to-date.

The other area that I feel that needs looking into is Zoom meetings and the use of the internet to hold meetings. This is a difficult area... you need someone to run the meeting and have knowledge of the internet and how to set Zoom up. Meetings on the Zoom platform are free for up to 40 minutes (If you want longer meetings then there are ways around this).

So, some very interesting information on how we keep in touch with our members and for me, the big underlying problem is that we rely more on passing information on to our members via meetings and not so via email, Magazines, Newsletters etc so maybe this has to change if COVID19 is going to be around for at least another 12 months or so.

It is hoped that the Federation may be able to help answer some of the questions raised with this questionnaire and point clubs in the right direction.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

shown were for local mail and Mike highlighted the fact that both Hitler's image and Reich propaganda messages had to be eradicated, sometimes not successfully as shown by the example alongside. Taken overall the display was a fascinating insight into the complexities of the aftermath of WWII for the Allied Forces.

Our latest offering has been **Brian Hague's** illuminating tour of the 'Lighthouses of the Faroe Islands'. It was not just the great selection of material shown but Brian's expert knowledge of the islands and the history of the lighthouse system that brought the talk alive. In the early 1900s, when many of the lighthouses were built, there were many problems with physically building the lighthouses and there were also instances of members of the same family serving at different locations.

By the time that you read this report we will have had the final two presentations of the Summer Series. Mike Vokes has shown a selection from his Malayan collection and then John Berridge has spoken on 'The Story of Bulawayo' incorporating 'The Postal History of Bulawayo'.

With all physical meetings cancelled until the end of the year, with a further review as necessary sometime in the next few months we are at present looking to continue having fortnightly video presentation on alternate Tuesday evenings starting at 19:30. Details of these will be available from the Society website when they are confirmed. At present we do have regular visitors from other societies joining us so if you would like to come please let me know and I will tell you what is needed to be invited. Of course our own members will always have priority but we can usual have a few spare slots.

The Grand Auction that is normally held in October will be now held as a POSTAL ONLY auction with limited viewing in the week preceding the closing date Saturday, 10th October. Please contact the Hon. Auctioneer, Kevin Chard, to book an appointment. For further information on the Society and its current activities please visit the website www.southamptondps.org.uk or email sec.sdps@gmail.com

Eddie Mays (Secretary)...

EDITORIAL

We are facing some really tough times with no signs of COVID19 going away anytime soon and societies struggling to carry on as normal. Clubs and Societies of all kinds are struggling with no meetings and no income (Apart from membership fees) and we are all tightening our belts but someone soon will say - 'What am I getting for my money?' - Having carried out my short survey some members may already asking themselves this question. It is very difficult and we must think of how we can keep our members informed about the clubs and particularly your own ones. The survey showed that the only way 95% of the clubs keep in touch through emails... Only one or two produce either a Publication or emailed bulletin for their members. As always very difficult for members to take on these roles and not many want to take up the pen (Or keyboard). The Federation is here to help and maybe the survey I did might be used to help clubs in some form. Time will tell over the coming month's if things can be put in place. I have covered the survey on page 27 showing how members replied (No clubs names used) and I think it shows that not having meetings is having an adverse effect on clubs as we are all cocooned in our own worlds and maybe, just maybe we will see some clubs closing IF this situation goes on into 2021 and sadly I think that we may not get any normality maybe until mid 2021 if not later... So we have to put our thinking caps on and try and think how we can support our members in any way we can.

Page 15 shows by kind permission of the Chairman how Petersfield are gearing up to be able to hold future meetings under COVID19 restrictions for information. The most important thing is to keep safe and help each other where we can if we live locally to members. So far we have heard only of 1 member losing their lives to this horrible virus and I suppose we must be thankful only one.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

HAMPSHIRE PHILATELIC FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING 6th SEPTEMBER...

The September 6th Council Meeting will be held via ZOOM at 4pm (so as not to disrupt Sunday quite as much as usual) and will be limited to 40 minutes. An agenda will be sent to representatives, and those who indicate they wish to attend will be sent a ZOOM invite link on September 5th.

Julian Jones (Chairman)...

CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Our society has been kept in touch through frequent newsletters. These have Philatelic articles written by members.

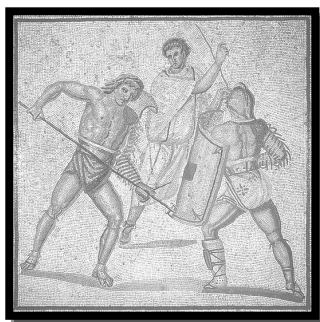
We are currently in the throes of counting up scores for our first competition. We called it the Lockdown Challenge, two pages, anything Philatelic, including thematic or Cinderella. Results are out in mid-August. We are considering a September one page competition. Anyone who wishes to view the entries can visit our website.

Other than that I can report healthy members. The stamp packet is up and running using government guidelines for healthy and Covid-Safety. This has made many members happier!

Many of us have used the 'time on our hands' to clean out collections of 'debris', insert stamps in albums, brush up on display skills and prepare for future competitions!

Martha Brown (President)...

ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS SEND A POSTCARD OR PROBLEMS SENDING A POSTCARD DURING THE HIGH INFLATION PERIOD.



On 16 October 1923 a visitor to Nennig decided to send a postcard to Brussels. No doubt he sat down at a riverside cafe and looked across the river Moselle into Luxembourg. What would he have written about? Possibly it had been a visit to see the wonderful mosaics of gladiators at Nennig's roman villa. There wasn't much else of interest in such a small village. The card he had chosen to send, showed the village and in

1920) of the Sudanese port of Suakin' was presented by **Malcolm Coe**. He started with a resume of the history of the port before introducing his first philatelic material, four Interpostal seals from the 1868-1882 era. The earliest Egyptian stamps had Italian inscriptions and cancellations whilst the 2nd generation of stamps were French produced by De La Rue (1885).

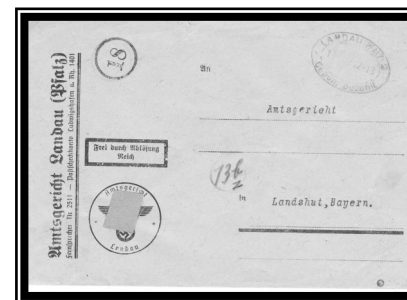


During the siege of March – July 1885 when the British Army occupied the port and had their own Post Office using QV 21/2d and their own cancellations. An Indian Brigade was stationed there in 1886 and Malcolm's next slide had defeated him so far. It was a postcard written in the Modi script in the Marathi (?) language. (Shown alongside) So far he had not found an expert who could translate the

writing. So if there is anyone reading this that thinks they may be able to help please contact me and I will pass your details on to Malcolm. He ended by summarising the rapid decline of the port in favour of Port Sudan.

Tom Anderson started his presentation on the 'Forces Mail during the Indonesian Conflict, 1963 – 66' by defining the various B. F. P. O. areas. He then illustrated the differences between Concessionary mail and regular mail, including examples sent to an American lady, Miss Betty Miller. She specialised in writing to British troops in order to get replies for her collection. Included in the 'slide show' were examples of Commonwealth troops' mail and Tom finished with covers of a dubious origin addressed to Mr Hare, who had a liking for bending the rules.

At the end of June **Mike Torreggiani** gave a presentation on the 'German Allied zones between 1945 - 1948'. He concentrated on the British and American zones this time but has promised to give another presentation about the Russian zone at a later date. It was essential that the postal system worked as it was in fact the lynch pin for many sectors of the economy. There were many obstacles to be overcome; very few stamps leading to locally printed stamps, incorrect postal stationery, even the vans had to be repainted. Most of the covers that were



SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Southampton & District Philatelic Society - Autumn 2020 Report...

The Lockdown in mid-March was a rude awakening. It was particularly disappointing to have to cancel all the meetings until September (initially) because not only was the A.G.M. lost but also the return visit of Michael Sefi in May, as well as the visits of both the Petersfield and Thatcham Societies.

By the middle of April the technophiles in our midst believed that to try and hold a video meeting using the Zoom package might be a feasible way of keeping in touch. **Alan Whittaker** bravely put his head above the parapet and said that he had a presentation that might work. We had a couple of trial meetings and the early indications were good. However our first attempt at a proper presentation went pear-shaped. Alan's microphone system sulked and wouldn't cooperate. As the old song goes 'We went away and had a cup of tea' and, with the microphone sorted out, a week later we were up and running.

Alan's presentation on 'The German Occupation of the Channel Islands' contained a very wide range of material. There was a good selection of philatelic material but it was the ancillary documentation; the identity cards, ration books, et al that brought the talk alive and gave the 12 members attending a real sense of life during the occupation.

In early May our second presentation was given by **Julian Jones** and we had attracted a slightly wider audience, two members from Vectis and a philatelist from Malta joined and they were very welcome. International already!

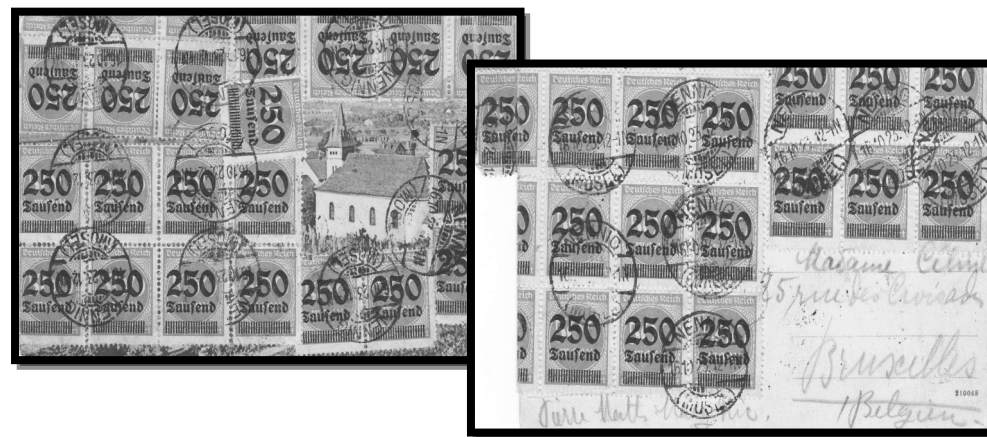
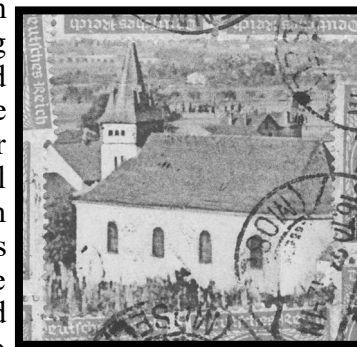
The evening's subject was 'Early Transatlantic Mail between the US & Europe' and starting with an example from the very first recorded flight on 9th Sept. 1911 from Windsor to London (shown below) he took us through all the stages of air mail development. How in July 1924 the USA was divided into three postal zones and had their different postal rates. Then onwards to the first German Graf Zeppelin flight with two original documents shown.

At the beginning of June 'The Early Postal history (1868 -



particular St Martin's church.

Once written the card had to be sent, which entailed a visit to the post office. On asking for the cost of sending the card he would have found out that it did not qualify for the concessionary rate of 2 million marks for cross-border areas. Instead, it was foreign mail and the cost of sending a postcard was 9 million marks. By the date of posting high-value stamps had been issued. The post office should have had available 400 thousand; 800 thousand and 2 million mark values (issued according to Michel between the end of September and early October) to cope with the higher rates of postage. However, our visitor was given 36 copies of the 250 thousand mark stamp (MiNr. 295), to place on his card. So, the stamps were pasted on the address side of the card, over the message, above the address and folded over leaving space for the sender's signature. The picture side was then similarly covered with stamps leaving a space where the church could be seen. There still wasn't enough room so two stamps were stuck back to back on the edge of the card and folded over. All the stamps were dutifully cancelled and the card sent on its way.



Article first published in Germania November 2017 (vol53 No4)...

Michael Torreggiani (Vectis)...

website: International Postage Meter Stamp Catalogue at:

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/International_Postage_Meter_Stamp_Catalog)

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For my interests the link to a US listing is pretty comprehensive. The GB section contains examples of Mailmark and Post Office counter labels and many others.

Julian Jones...

STAMP COLLECTING PARROT FASHION..

Like a number of postage stamp collectors (philatelists) these days, I started collecting when young, stopped when studies and work took over, then returned to the hobby after a long break. This return was brought on by finding my parents' collections and then looking back at my own stamps which I kept.

My collection consisted of two Great Britain albums from the first Penny Black stamp of 1840 up to about 1985 (with numerous gaps), a couple of international albums with stamps from around the world (with even more gaps) and thematic stamps featuring mostly horses, dogs and a few cats.

Since forming these collections I'd developed an interest in ornithology and when I went to my first stamp fair about five years ago and explored stamps online I was drawn to bird stamps. I quickly realised that to collect all bird stamps would be a huge undertaking. According to the collecting website www.colnect.co.uk, there are currently (March 2020) over 40,000 postage stamps worldwide that depict birds and this number is growing all the time.

I then noticed that some of the most attractive and colourful stamps featured parrots. These reminded me of Pedro, a yellow-crowned amazon parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*) that belonged to my parents a number of years ago. An example of this bird can be seen in the 2002 stamp from the Suriname series of Parrot stamps (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Yellow-crowned Amazon.

for a Hampshire based speakers list. Some were looking at newsletters to their members to keep information flowing. Packet circuits looked as if they would be suspended for the duration but societies were also looking at online auctions – or rather, circulating auction lists and taking postal bids.

Those societies looking to a sunlit future were contemplating more afternoon meetings and the need to attract new members by means of articles written for their local newspapers or community newsletters (editors always need well written copy and a good photograph/image).

Subsequently, at least one society has had some success with bi-monthly video conference meetings lasting 40 minutes with one speaker showing their material.

Hampshire Speakers list...

On the request for a list of speakers living in Hampshire the Federation has to adhere to GDPR rules which prevent the circulation of a person's contact details without their permission. Unfortunately this meant cutting a whole load of names from our previous list due to the inability to obtain such permission. However, Steve Gerrard and I both have a current list of names of speakers willing to have their contact details passed on.

Sadly, the list is short. If you would ask in your societies for the names of people willing to go on the list and speak to other Hampshire Federation societies then I will add them to the master list. The correct procedure would be for you to ask them to contact me themselves providing topics and contact details. My email address is jones2@f2s.com

And Finally ...

From our Treasurer, Brian Hague, given that so many Federation activities are necessarily in abeyance at the moment the Committee decided that we would not collect Society subscription fees this financial year. However a couple of Societies did pay early and their payments will be carried forward to 2021/22.

May the remainder of the year provide bounteous philatelic fruits and please keep safe.

Julian Jones (Chairman)...

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER...

Strengthening the HPF Committee...

As I noted in my AGM report, with John Campbell's passing we have a deep hole to fill. I am asking that your societies look for volunteers to join the committee and take on some of these jobs to get the show back on the road as soon as circumstances permit.

We certainly need a person to take on the role of Secretary which boils down to preparing an agenda in collaboration with the chairman for two Council meetings and an AGM, taking the minutes and sending them out by email soon afterwards. Allied to this is booking the meeting venue for these three meetings and a venue for holding the annual competition judging meeting.

There are some other roles which do not have to be done by the Secretary and are much more related to helping to organise HAMPEX annually. They are:

- liaising with Wickham and booking the rooms needed for HAMPEX.
- liaising with Wickham Handyman.
- liaising / booking caterers.

liaising with dealers, setting them up and collecting their money

Paul Davidson has already volunteered to put up HAMPEX road signs on Friday and take them down on Saturday [I have them in my loft]!

And we always need some helpers on Friday & Saturday to set up and take down the displays and assist on the door during the day.

The Competition Secretary (and Chairman) organises the competitions and setting up frames with the help of the Friday/Saturday helpers.

Please consider this request (again) as your meetings resume. If we cannot find a secretary and a HAMPEX liaison/coordinator then we will not be able to carry on in 2021.

How the Federation can help Societies...

In April, as the pandemic inflicted lockdown on us all and activities seemed to stop, I wrote to your society representatives, by email, to ask what we might do. Thank you for those who replied on behalf of their societies. In the main everyone was focussed on keeping members safe and expecting just to roll the 2020 programme over into 2021. Where gaps appeared then schedule in-house speakers. This brought a request

I decided to concentrate on parrot stamps (although I still fill in the gaps in my other albums). Would collecting all the parrot stamps be feasible? Well, it might be. There are over 350 species of parrots and at the moment there are over 2,000 parrot stamps, with new issues appearing all the time. I have nearly 600 stamps, so I have a way to go.

The next consideration was how to organise the stamps. At first, I decided to arrange the stamps in order of country and then issue date. In 1985, Afghanistan issued a miniature sheet with two Rose-ring Parakeets (*Psittacula krameri*) (Figure 2). These birds might be familiar to some as there are several feral populations in Northern Europe including the South East of England.



Figure 2: Rose-ringed Parakeets.

I then started to read the guidelines for exhibiting thematic stamps. One of these is that the theme should extend across a wide period of time. I had seen mostly modern parrot stamps. Were there any early issues? Indeed there were. The first postage stamp that featured parrots was the 1897 dark violet from Tonga. The image was of a Maroon Shining-parrot (*Prosopeia tabuensis*) (Figure 3). Tonga used this design again in 1923 (Figure 4) and in 1942 (Figure 5). The watermarks are the main way to distinguish the 1897 and 1942 issues. The parrot was introduced to Tonga in prehistoric times.



Figure 3: 1897 Maroon Shining-parrot (Turtles watermark).



Figure 4: 1923 Overprint Issue.

Heather Lawn...

Source: Thatcham Postmark (June 2020)...

“72 YEARS OF THE NHS IN ENGLAND” Chris Wheeler, Poole and Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club...

I am writing this on 5 July 2020, the 72nd anniversary of the Passing of the National Health Service Act. Strangely for such an important organisation and one that has such an impact on all our lives, there is relatively little philatelic material around.

Perhaps Google’s logo for today is a good starting point, it is cheerful and very apt in the current environment.



Google’s logo for 5 July 2020, the 72nd anniversary of the Founding of the NHS

This is a fascinating collection of reference material IF you are interested in Ship Letters of Southampton. I have shown this at meeting of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society along with my Southampton Postal History Collection. I have decided after some thought to sell off my Southampton Collection which I will be doing via an online auction house over the coming months. So the question is what do I do with this ‘Very Rare’ Southampton Postal History collection as there is not another one. If you are interested in purchasing this then drop me a line BUT the price is around £150.00 due to it being very rare, no other copies and something that I paid a lot more for. So please enjoy looking at these images and if I can not sell them then they may be destined for the paper shredder, hopefully not.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

VIRTUAL STAMP EXHIBITION...

Many of you will have read that there will be a virtual stamp competition as part of Virtual STAMPEX (<https://www.stampexinternational.co.uk/>).

If you would like to see how this was done by the South Africa Philatelic Federation in July this year then visit their site listing the exhibits here: <https://sapa.africa/publications/#exhibits>

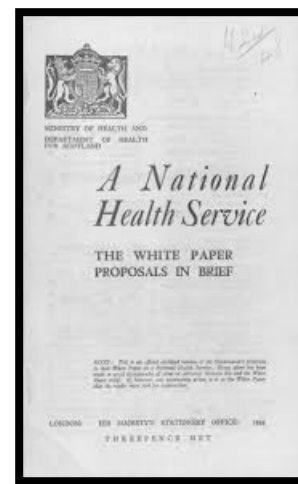
As with any exhibition, I particularly recommend looking at the exhibits in your favourite collecting area or class (eg Thematic or Postal History) and review those with the highest marks to see how they have treated their topic.

Julian H Jones, HPF Competition Secretary...

SOUTHAMPTON, Miscellaneous.		SOUTHAMPTON.	
<p>SURINAME OVER SOUTHAMPTON</p> <p>On mail from Suriname via Southampton.</p> <p>Black. 1877-1900.</p>	<p>SHIP-LETTER SOUTHAMPTON</p>	<p>Size</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Earliest</p> <p>Latest</p> <p>Query</p> <p>* Colours: Black 1809-11-12</p> <p>Red 1810</p> <p>Blue</p> <p>Green</p>	
<p>VIASOUTHAMPTON</p> <p><i>To Port of Southampton</i></p> <p><i>1/10/20</i></p>	<p>SHIP-LETTER SOUTHAMPTON</p>	<p>Size</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Earliest</p> <p>Latest</p> <p>Query</p> <p>Black 1800</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Blue</p> <p>Green</p>	
<p>6d</p> <p>1/-</p>			

SOUTHAMPTON.	
<p>SOUTHAMPTON FRANCE MB 8.30AM 5 JU 01</p> <p>Type Diameter 25mm. Small letters.</p> <p>Time below M.B. - 1898-1910.</p> <p>No " " - 1923-24</p>	<p>Size Diam. 25mm.</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Earliest</p> <p>Latest</p> <p>Query</p> <p>Colours: Black</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Blue</p> <p>Green</p>
<p>SOUTHAMPTON FRANCE MB 3 JY 38</p> <p>Type Diameter 27mm. Larger Lettering.</p> <p>No time below "M.B.",</p>	<p>Size Diam. 27mm.</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Earliest</p> <p>Latest</p> <p>Query</p> <p>Black 1938-9</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Blue</p> <p>Green</p>

The public's calls for a "unified medical service" can be dated back to the Minority Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law in 1909. That is the law that was in force when many of our mothers gave birth to us before 1948! However it was following the 1942 Beveridge Report's recommendation to create "comprehensive health and rehabilitation



services for prevention and cure of disease" that cross-party consensus emerged on introducing a National Health Service of some description. When Clement Attlee's Labour Party won the 1945 election Attlee appointed Aneurin Bevan as Health Minister. Bevan's National Health Service White Paper was proposed in 1946. Following a number of Amendments the NHS was passed into Law on 5 July 1948, and has evolved ever since, having at its core three basic principles: that it meets the needs of everyone, that it be free at the point of delivery, and that it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay.

(Three years after the founding of the NHS, Bevan resigned from the Labour government in opposition to the introduction of charges for the provision of dentures and glasses. The following year, Winston Churchill's Conservative government introduced prescription charges. These charges were the first of many controversies over reforms to the NHS throughout its history.)



Aneurin Bevan

Various departments and achievements by the NHS itself have been commemorated in various forms since its inception.

HISTORY OF THE SHIP LETTERS OF THE BRITISH ISLES (AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MARITIME POSTAL HISTORY). BY ALAN WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

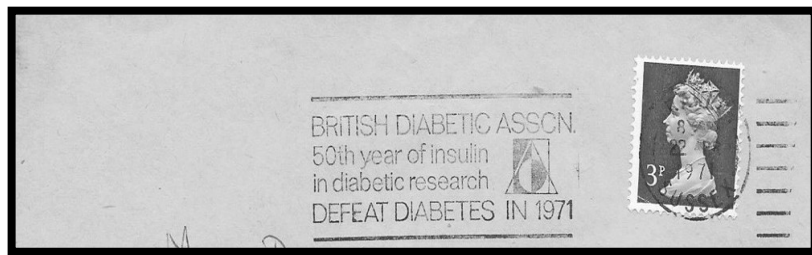


British Heart Foundation booklet, 2011

A number of meter marks are also available all being sample nil value examples, extracted from the full covers, as below.



A nil value cover with all four Great Britain stamps, issued in 1998, with the Social Services, Derby meter mark



Diabetic Association, Slogan, 1971

Stay Well This Winter, Slogan, 2018



When hunting for philatelic material is it a wonder what you can actually find that others miss. Whilst on an auction site I came across the following item that I thought would look good in my Southampton Postal History Collection. After forking out a three figure sum I ended up with this.

ROBERTSON, Alan William MBE 1909-1978. Philatelic Buyer at Selfridges pre-1939. Authority on British Maritime mail. President of the Postal History Society & Society of Postal Historians. His works included: 'The Ship Letter Stamps of London' (1951), 'The Ship Letter Stamps of Liverpool' (1953), 'The Ship Letter Stamps of Hampshire' (1955), 'The Ship Letter Ports of the Thames Estuary', 'The Maritime Postal History of London 1766-1960', 'Great Britain Post Roads, Post Towns, and Postal Rates 1635-1839' (1961), and 'A History of the Ship Letters of the British Isles' (1955-1964). Parts of his collection were exhibited, hors concours, at the London International Exhibitions 1950, 1960 and 1970, RDP 1961.

When compiling his 3 volume work "A History of Ship Letters of the British Isles", he created publisher's mock-ups of the planned publication using catalogue cards attached to large album pages. The catalogue cards contained reproductions of the original ship letter, paquebot and maritime mail hand stamps that would be used in the final publication of the magnum opus.

I have the original 20 cards for 'Southampton' and I have scanned 3 of them so you can see the format and how Mr. Robertson recorded the information for the 3 volumes.

BRITISH SEA P.O. SOUTHAMPTON...

This service began to operate in May 1907 when the White Star Line transferred its mail service with New York from Liverpool. The "B.S.P.O Southampton" mark was replaced by the "Transatlantic" Port Office mark in 1908, so that the dates of use of the former are 1907-08. Index numbers 3, 5 & 7 have been recorded.

ZOOM - GETTING OFF THE GROUND...

If nothing more, the questionnaire has made people think about the questions asked and look into areas such as internet hosting (Which is free!!!! - to a certain point!). One of the questions that the questionnaire raised was 'How do you set up ZOOM'? - Thanks to our Chairman Julian Jones, here is a short tutorial on how to kick-start ZOOM and holding your virtual meetings on line, as it may be the only way for our smaller clubs to survive in the interim... So here goes...

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

ZOOM is really easy to use, especially if you are going to be a meeting attendee rather than the host. The online tutorials provided by ZOOM are really good. I would suggest signing up for the free licence. It helps with security and downloads the ZOOM application to your computer of choice for meetings. Then, when you receive an invitation to a meeting it takes only about a minute to join as everything is already loaded. You can use a computer/laptop, tablet or smart phone. Ideally the machine you choose has a camera and a microphone, but in extremis you can just watch and interact via the Chat facility.

I recommend the following links to the ZOOM website -

Tutorials:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials?>

How to join a meeting:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>

Sign up for Free: <https://zoom.us/>

For most meetings the host will send an email which contains a link following the words Join Zoom Meeting. Just click that link about 2 minutes before the start time of the meeting, and follow the instructions. That way the meeting starts on time.

Julian Jones (Chairman)...



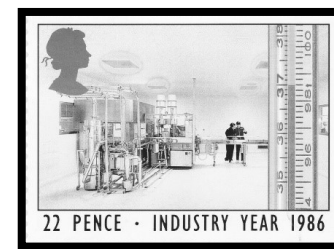
GB Health Issue, 1998, marking the 50th anniversary of the NHS



The Secret of Life – DNA and the Genome, 2003



Medical Discoveries, 2010



Breakthrough in Ulcer Therapy, 1986



Year of the Disabled, 1981



MRI Stamp, 2019



Millennium stamps "The Patients Tale, 1999

Members are required to wear a face mask inside the building. Members will be ticked off against a membership list with contact details on the list. There will be no raffle initially. There will be no bourse. Coats will be put of the back of one's chair.

There will be a table by the fire exit door used for welcome procedures and later by the chairman of the meeting and master of ceremonies.

There will be 5 tables equally spaced along the whole of the long wall (which we normally use). There will be one frame capable of taking 16 sheets on each table - so maximum 80 sheets. This gives just over 2 metres space between each frame.

There will be two rows of chairs with maximum of 7 chairs per row spaced about 1.5 metres apart and with about 1.5 metres between the two rows to allow about 1.5 metres between the front row of chairs and the display boards.

A talk using the 5 frames will take about 20 minutes ie 4 minutes per frame.

Each member will view a frame on their own, two minutes per frame and will then to asked to move to the next frame on the right, sitting down again when they have viewed all 5 frames. This process with 16 members would take about 40 minutes. Each member would only be viewing the frames for 10 minutes and would be required to sit down while others are viewing.

At the first meeting under these conditions only 5 frames of material will be on display. If things go well then we would hope future meetings will have 10 frames in two sessions.

There will be a master of ceremonies who will watch the timing and give the speaker 5 minutes warning and say when to stop and tell viewers when to move on.

This will be subject to change as we get experience.

Members can use the toilets in the PCC in the usual way. Tables and chairs will need cleaning at the end of the evening before they are put away.

End of Operating Procedures for P&DPS use of the Petersfield Community Centre.

I will copy below how we will have to operate given the conditions imposed by the Petersfield Community Centre in case you feel it would be of help to other societies in the Federation.

Robin Pizer (Chairman P&DPS)...

THE FIP POSTAL HISTORY COMMISSION...

The FIP Postal History Commission is organising a series of on-line seminars on aspects of exhibiting between August and October 2020:

16 August: 'Rarity and Condition' - Henrik Mouritsen... A

6 September: 'Presentation' - Chris King... A

20 September: 'Treatment' - Dan Walker... B

4 October: 'Importance' - Henrik Mouritsen... A

18 October: 'Knowledge and Research' - Andrew Cheung... A

Starting Times...

8.00pm Singapore time, equivalent to 8.00am New York time;
1.00pm London time; 2.00pm Berlin time; 9.00pm Hong Kong time.

B. 10.00pm Singapore time, equivalent to 10.00am New York time;
3.00pm London time; 4.00pm Berlin time; 11.00pm Hong Kong time.

To register for any of the seminars, please send an e-mail to Andrew Cheung (Secretary of the FIP Postal History Commission) at amtc911@yahoo.com.hk

Source: ABPS Exhibitions Newsletter - August 2020.

PETERSFIELD & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY COCVID19 OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Petersfield Community Centre (PCC) say we can start to use the Centre again subject to certain conditions. The effect of these conditions is outlined below.

Members are required by the PCC to enter the Exhibition Room by the fire exit to the left of the main entrance (as one approaches it from the outside).



Lister Centenary pair, Antiseptic Surgery.



Retouch to Lister Centenary 4d value.



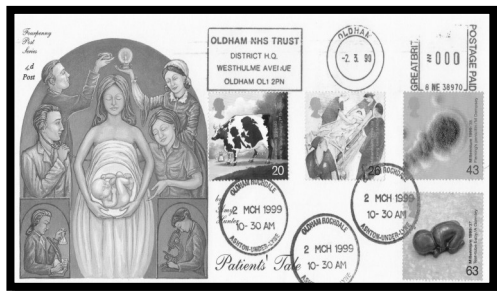
Women of Distinction, 2008 – Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Physician.

The NHS is supported by hundreds of specialist charities and organisations, some of whom have been recognised on stamps, covers, slogans or meter marks.

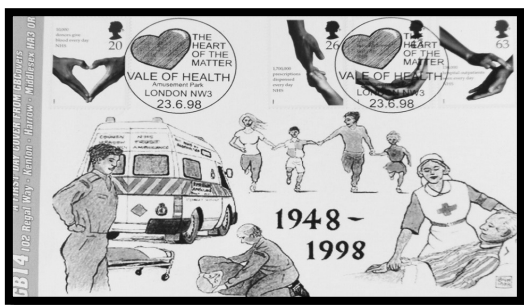


Surcharge stamp for NHS Supporting Charities, 1990

Body and Bone nil Meter Mark



Oldham nil Meter Mark with the Millenium “A Patient’s Tale” issue, 1999



The Heart of the Matter – Vale of Health, London, 1998

Finally, in order to control the contributions from employers and the self-employed, cards were introduced which had to have stamps affixed regularly. Very few have to do this today, but stamps were issued to go on the cards as receipt for, and evidence of payment.



National Insurance Card for and Employed Woman.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES START TO OPEN THEIR DOORS.

I have listed the following dates for clubs/societies that are holding meetings in 2020 that have notified me. Others a I write are still waiting to see if the lockdown procedures will be lowered further. But please bear in mind IF you are going to attend that social distancing will be in place. Also check with club secretaries before attending to confirm that the meeting is still going ahead. But most of all remember to stay safe.

8.9.2020 - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Members Displays Max 30 sheets plus bring & buy.

13.9.2020 - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Exploring Forgeries in your own collection - Speaker: Paul Leonard FRPSL.

10.11.2020 - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Afternoon meeting 2pm - 5pm. - Orange Free State Postal Stationary - Speaker: Mike Smith FRPSL.

Contact Secretary - Gordon Masson.

**** virus regulations will be in place for the above meetings ****

14.9.2020 - **Ferndown Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Decision to be made on the 7th September following directive from Centre Management.

6.10.2020 - **VECTIS** - A.G.M. followed by Belarus - Speaker: Michael Torreggiani.

10.11.2020 - **VECTIS** - Grand Auction.

8.12.2020 - **VECTIS** - President’s Evening.

Petersfield & District Philatelic Society have plans to re-start meetings in September and have Operating Procedures in place, but as of the 15th August, only 6 members want to restart out of a normal 20-25 attendees so the committee will be making the final decision in the next few days.

Southampton & District Philatelic Society have confirmed that their next meeting is not until their January 2021 meeting.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...