

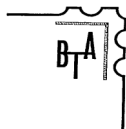
# **HAMPSHIRE PHILATELIC FEDERATION**



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## EDITORIAL...

Many thanks for your support again this issue but I have reduced the bulletin down to 18 pages just down to no meetings and no diary dates. Hopefully this will soon change and some kind of normality will return. HAMPEX is just around the corner with a number of dealers and Special Societies attending (Page 13).

Steve Gerrard...

## THE THINGS THAT YOU FIND...

Whilst I have had time on my hands and taking on again the role of the Society Postal History Curator, I went through my own Southampton collection and the club now has the following items from my much trimmed down collection. Whilst going through them I came across the following items that got me thinking...



It is not very often that you see bisected stamps on modern covers let alone one addressed to Southampton yet here we are. This cover as

states was affixed with a bisected 8d stamp as they had no 1d 2d 3d or 4d stamps. Looking at the handwriting it looks like the sender who wrote the letter ALSO wrote the line about the unavailability of combinations (Or were they too lazy to go to the post office to buy them?). Then the post office tried to charge 8d for the use of the bisected 8d instead of the 4d postage rate but a post officer employee that could count, realised that 'Eight' cut in half equals 'Four'.



The British government announced that the stamps on this cover had no legal basis so the recipient had 'More to pay' to a total of 1s 9d. And the three Postage Due British stamps covered the 'More to Pay'. An expensive letter at the end of the day but a bit of Rhodesian postal history and the letter appears to be dated 1970...



One thing that has always got me thinking is ‘What did the postman do when the only thing on the envelope is a name and the word ‘Southampton’? This certainly is one of those instances as I assume it is for a M.W. Walker Esq in Southampton... This is dated 1890 so hopefully there were not too many M.W. Walker’s living in Southampton at the time. In 1894 the population of Southampton stood at around 67,000 and so finding M.W. Walker living at an address in ‘Southampton’ surely was looking for a needle in a haystack? Or was it?



This postcard was addressed to Bullar Road in Southampton with a Highfield, Southampton CDS for 10th October 1949 x 3 with the Universal Postal Union part set issued in the same year. But the question is why on an Egypt Postcard with no Egyptian CDS to show where it was sent from? (The reverse is blank) So was this just a matter of the only card the sender had and they sent it to themselves with this issue on? Or were they just after the CDS on the card for their collection? We will never know.



This cover is one of those ‘Fancy’ covers that appear on sites like eBay and this particular cover was on sale for a staggering £35.00 when I saw it. Collecting material concerning the ‘British Police Force’, I looked at the address ‘Mr. Sherlock Holmes, 221b Baker Street, London W, England.

It has a nice mixture of Cancells from Singapore, Snark Settlements 1879, London Paid (Red) 1st December and the Dutch East Indies. Then there is the so called ‘Southampton connection’... A Circular Ship Letter Southampton CDS for the 30th November 1879.

This and other covers were produced by Gerald M King is an institution in the world of Cinderella Philately. Based in the UK, Gerald foremost an artist, has been designing and producing labels and other fantasy items for over 50 years.

Commencing in 1965, Gerald produced a set of 34 stamps to celebrate the wonderful creation of Wonderland after Great Britain did not issue a commemorative stamp to honour the 100th anniversary of Lewis Carroll’s most famous publication.

Since that time, more than 50 years ago, Gerald has released hundreds of fantasy stamps and other philatelic items that cover a range of topics and themes.

**(Steve Gerrard – SDPS Curator)...**

## **RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY. STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR - 2021.**

To be held on Saturday 4th September 2021.

At the Greyfriars Community Centre, Ringwood, BH24 1DW.

From 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Stamp & Postcard Dealers.

Refreshments All Day.

Public Car Park.

The Centre and Dealers are already All Booked.

Obviously we have to observe Government Guidelines.

For any last minute changes please telephone 01425 470710 or 01425 474310.



## THE PASSING OF CHRISTINE EARLE FRPSL...



I like most of the philatelic world was both shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Christine Earle FRPSL following catching Caronavirus in January. Christine was a total enthusiast when it came to all things philatelic. She started by doing a competition exhibit entitled "Philatelic Toxology - The History of

Archery" at Thematica in London about thirty years ago and was disappointed with her marks so she set about rewriting the exhibit by changing the title to "The Grey Goose Wing" and this entry went on to become a remarkable gold medal winning entry both at National and International level that was to be known throughout the Thematic world. Christine was hooked, she qualified as a National philatelic judge and very shortly was promoted to International judge, a position that took her as far away as Australia where she judged at Mandurah in Western Australia. Throughout she very much kept her feet on the ground, helping fellow collectors develop their exhibits and she was a great promoter of "Open Class philately" encouraging collectors to look outside the box when developing their displays often using a series of workshops. Christine spent several years as secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society, was made a 'Fellow' for her service to the hobby and was very thrilled when she accompanied the President to Buckingham Palace to present Her Majesty the Queen with a Royal commemorative plaque. Our Hants Federation has been very fortunate to have had Christine as one of our lead judges for the "Hampex" competitions each year and she always came along on the day to offer advice and guidance to the exhibitors. Always looking for new idea's and subjects to study and research Chris had a wonderful display on the "Sydney Harbour Bridge" that she had developed over the past few years. I have lost a very good friend and my thoughts go to her daughter Sam and Patrick her partner, I know everyone says she will be sadly missed but I know that Chris will be very much sadly missed.

**Colin Mount FRPSL, FBSAP. (Hants Federation President).**



# **THATCHAM and DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...**

## **Welcome to our January News Sheet No 1**

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year under the circumstances in these difficult times.

At the time of writing we trust you are coping with this “National Lockdown” and are coming to terms with all the restrictions and perhaps looking forward to when you will be vaccinated. ( I’ve got mine arranged for the 31st Jan at the Racecourse) We await with interest for the next announcement from the government with any further restrictions on our life style. With all these restrictions and new rules which are everchanging it is increasingly difficult to know when we can start meeting up again. As we have previously advised, there have no meetings from March 20 to January 21, and it looks like there will be no meetings until well into the year, perhaps I am being very optimistic, at the earliest maybe April/May 2021 but who knows??

We prepare these news sheets keep members up to date on what is going on in the society and around the stamp world.

There is no change in the position of our meetings, the Town Council as I understand it now, we can use the Council Chambers under similar conditions imposed by the Memorial Hall and as we have previously said in our news sheets the Memorial Hall Trust had re-opened as from the middle of July and the they circulated a list of conditions and restrictions which are very onerous on the users of the hall particularly in relation to cleaning and sanitising (understandable in the current conditions) of the Tables, Chairs, Toilets, Door handles etc, etc and no refreshments will be allowed. We are also restricted by the number of people who can meet and social distancing requirements. At a recent committee meeting we previously decided to cancel all meeting until the end of December. The committee will review the situation as soon as we can meet when hopefully, we will

be aware of the latest restrictions imposed by the government probably towards the middle to the end of February.

## **CHAIRMAN’S CHATTER MAY 2021.**

At last there is some light at the end of a dreary tunnel. Accordingly your Federation committee is planning to hold HAMPEX in September this year if the auguries are still benevolent by mid-June. This is commented upon elsewhere in this edition of the Bulletin.

Of note has been the acceptance over the past 12 months by many societies of the virtues of the virtual online meeting by video conferencing – mostly on the ZOOM platform. A number of Hampshire societies have used it, and, particularly, Southampton DPS with great success with attendees from across Britain and some from overseas. Similarly, RPSL has been having ZOOM meetings of over 100 participants including overseas members who are delighted to ‘meet’ members ‘face to face’ that they have never seen before. Some specialist societies in UK are also taking up the challenge. The topics have been widespread and the material varied and interesting.

The Hampshire Federation will hold its AGM in May via ZOOM – and hope for better attendance by society representatives than we have had when the physical AGMs were held in Petersfield – which is quite geographically central in Hampshire.

**Julian 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 Philatelic Federation 2021 dates...**

Zoom Meeting AGM: Sunday 9th May; 2:00 to 4:00.

Council Meeting: Sunday 5th September; 2:00 To 4:00.

HAMPEX 2021: Saturday 25th September

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.

# **HAMPEX 2021**

## **Hampshire Philatelic Federation**

### **STAMP FAIR**

(Hotlines: 01329 845492 or 01794 514902)

**20+ DEALERS IN STAMPS, CINDERELLAS,  
THEMATICS**

**AND POSTAL HISTORY**

all in one large area

Specialist Stamp Society Meetings

Displays by Hampshire Societies

**PRIZE RAFFLE**

**Saturday 25th September 2021**

**10.00 am - 4.30 pm**

**Entrance by programme: £1  
accompanied children free**

The Wickham Centre,

Mill Lane, Wickham, nr. Fareham, PO17 5AL

Refreshments and Free on-site Parking.

The Centre is a short walk from Wickham Market

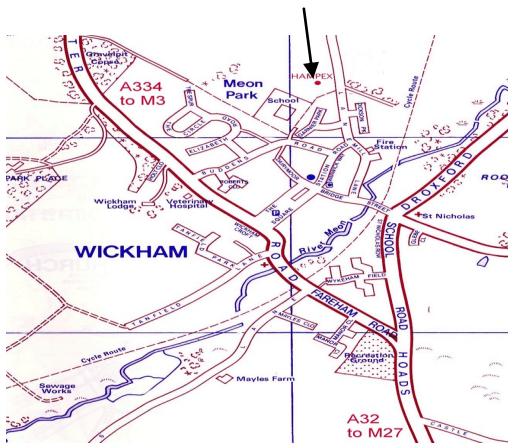
Square served by buses from Winchester and

Fareham. Wickham to Fareham is about three miles  
by road.

HPF Website [www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfpix.htm](http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfpix.htm)

# HAMPEX 2021

**25th September 10.00 am to 4.30 pm**



The Stagecoach 69 bus runs from Fareham Railway Station to Wickham Sq.

## Dealers

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Keith Attwood     | Solent Stamps  |
| Martin Appleton   | (Peter Jones)  |
| Anthony Baker     | Thematix       |
| Michael Gibbs     | (Paula Cant/   |
| Richard Griffiths | Bob Lee)       |
| Mark Grimsley     | Brian Trindall |
| Doug Hall         | Robert Uden    |
| Roy Holliss       | Malcolm Vigar  |
| Michael Hale      | Martin Wybrow  |
| John Kinnard      |                |
| Malcolm Lacey     |                |
| Paul Raggett      |                |
| Lester Mortimer   |                |
| Bill Pipe         |                |
| Neil Sargent      |                |
| Rayson & Moody    |                |

**From the North:** drive via the A31 and A272 onto the A32 southbound turning right into Wickham. Drive to the Square and into Station Road and then into Mill Lane. The Wickham Centre is on the left. **From the M3:** exit at J11 and follow the B3354 and A334 to the Square. **From the South West:** exit M27 at J7 and follow the A334 to Wickham Square. **From the South East:** exit M27 at J10 and follow the A32 northbound bearing left onto the A334 and turning right into the Square. **Proceed via Station Road to Mill Lane. The Wickham Centre is on the left.**

## Specialist Societies

British Society of Australian  
Philatelists meeting.  
Hampshire Postal History Society  
meeting.  
Perfins Society Table.  
TPO and Seapost Society Table.  
King George VI Collectors Society  
Table  
Southampton DPS table

# ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON. PRESS RELEASE.

## **Royal announces its awards for 2021.**

The Royal Philatelic Society London is pleased to announce the recipients of its medals for 2021. Each medal is awarded for an outstanding presentation given to the Society, or article published in its world-renowned magazine, *The London Philatelist*, during 2019 and 2020.

The Tapping Medal for the best article in *The London Philatelist* has been awarded to Keith R. Klugman FRPSL for 'Natal: Use of 1857 Embossed Stamps'.

The award for the best afternoon display, the Tilleard Medal, goes to Colin Hoffman RDPSA, FRPSL for 'Rhodesia 1890-1924'.

The Lee Medal for the best presentation has been awarded to Mark Schwartz FRPSL for 'Boston Postal History of the War of Independence'.

Throughout the period from March 2020 the Society has naturally been unable to hold its normal meetings. However, it has continued to provide its members with a full programme of presentations online. These have been so extremely popular that they will continue when normal meetings resume. With a worldwide membership, such presentations can be enjoyed by all members, especially those unable personally to visit the Society's premises at 15 Abchurch Lane in the City of London.

As a result a new award has been created for the best digital presentation, the first winner of which is Cheryl Ganz RDP, FRPSL for 'Zeppelin LZ-129 Hindenburg's On Board Post Office'.

Those who have provided exceptional services to the Society are recognised each year by the London Medal. The recipients in 2021 are: Gwynn Harries FRPSL for his work in the Society's library; Michael Pitt-Payne FRPSL who has been the main Society photographer for more than fifteen years; Nigel Gooch FRPSL for facilitating major donations to the 'Tomorrow's Royal' appeal, created to ensure the Society's position as the world's leading philatelic society.

***RPSL. (31 March 2021).***



## CLEANING DISCOLOURED STAMPS.

By John Tingey.

Collectors of early postage stamps will be familiar with the curse of discolouration. This is where the colour of the ink has been adversely affected by atmospheric pollution, which, let's face it, has been with us ever since the printing of the penny black. Sulphuretted stamps, often incorrectly referred to as "oxidised", are often recognisable by portions of the design turning deep brown or black. The GB 2d blue, both imperf and perforated, line-engraved stamps issued during the reign of Queen Victoria are particularly prone to this effect.

There is one treatment for this condition that is recommended by both The Royal Philatelic Society and the Great Britain Philatelic Society and that is the use of Hydrogen Peroxide Solution. The process is both simple and safe:

- Soak the affected stamp in a solution of strength between 6% and 12% for an initial period of 10 minutes. You need to cover the dish because it won't work unless it is dark.
- Rinse the stamp thoroughly in clean water
- Repeat if stamp is still discoloured. Do not overdo this otherwise you might end up with a piece of white paper; I have managed a maximum of 40 minutes with no ill effects.
- Dry the stamp - I can thoroughly recommend the Desert Magic II Drying Book for this stage

Be aware that there are some items that cannot be saved by this method, including:

- Stamps on cover or piece – they will float off
- Mint stamps – you will soak off the gum
- Stamps printed using fugitive inks – the colours will run and fade

It is always worth experimenting with a few cheap unimportant stamps before tackling your prized possessions.

The only problem remains as to where you can buy a bottle. There are plenty of online sellers but you will end up paying a lot for postage. Large pharmacies such as Boots no longer stock h2o2 due to “lack of demand” but you may be able to get some from a supermarket or smaller independent. I bought mine from the pharmacy at Tesco for £1.31 for a 200ml bottle.

### **The Thacham Postmark - March 2021...**

## **SOCIETY DISPLAYS AT HAMPEX...**

...I am heartened that ten societies share our optimism that HAMPEX will be able to go ahead and have offered displays for exhibition at the show. Societies planning to show two frames each are: Bournemouth & Poole, Camberley, Fareham, Ferndown & West Moors, Hampshire Postal History Society, Petersfield, Portsmouth, Southampton, Ringwood and Vectis. There are no restrictions on exhibit class and no judging so I expect we shall see an interesting variety of material unconstrained by the usual rules of competition.

### **Societies signed up to attend HAMPEX.**

We have already had confirmation from the following societies: Hampshire Postal History Society and the British Society of Australian Philately will each hold meetings in the afternoon while the following societies will each have a table in the main hall: Southampton & District Philatelic Society, King George VI Collectors Society, Perfins Society and TPO & Seapost Society.

The organisers plan to make a go/no go decision in concert with the Wickham Community Centre towards the end of June by when I hope the view forward will be clearer than it is at present (written in early April).

### **HAMPEX Dealers.**

The list of dealers attending will be found here: <http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpx2021.htm>

**Julian H Jones (HPF Chairman)...**

## **MIDPEX 2021 GOING AHEAD.**



### **MIDPEX 2021 Warwickshire Event Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN 3rd July 2021 10:00am – 4:30pm**

Plans for MIDPEX, sponsored by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Ltd. have been confirmed and Dealers and Societies are now booking up for this popular and successful Show. Organiser, Steve Harrison, commented “We have been through some difficult times with the Covid 19 pandemic. As the vaccination programme continues, there is renewed confidence that the event can go ahead safely. Dealers are enthusiastic about the show and many of them, as well as the Specialist Societies, have confirmed they will take part”. All of this is subject to any future government restrictions, of course, but the outlook seems extremely promising”.

MIDPEX is the biennial exhibition first held in 1995 and attended by stamp collectors from across the UK. It brings together Specialist Societies with local, national and international dealers covering all aspects of Philately. The venue is the same, although there has been a slight change of name.

It provides an opportunity for Specialist Societies to show off their

sphere of interest to other collectors, to recruit members and identify common ground with members of other Societies. It also provides an opportunity for Societies to promote their publications and research projects and for members to meet informally, particularly those members who find it difficult to get to meetings in London. The event in 2021 will be further expanded with space for post card dealers as well as stamps, thematics and postal history. There is only space for 70 dealers and 40 Specialist Societies are expected to support the Show.

For more information and booking forms please contact Steven Harrison by email: [sharrison500@btinternet.com](mailto:sharrison500@btinternet.com)

Additional details of the venue with views of the hall and site location including parking, can be accessed on:

<https://www.warwickshireeventcentre.co.uk>

## **SOUTHAMPTON EARLY TOWN HANDSTAMPS.**

SOUTHAMPTON Mileage Marks.

Type 2 - 45mm.

September 1805 - Southampton to Worcester.



Steve Gerrard (Southampton & District Philatelic Curator).