

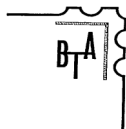
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EDITORIAL...

Well, back up and running so to speak as clubs/societies are getting up to speed, but attendances are down post COVID lockdown but this was to be expected. I have been asking about attendance figures and I used the figures I obtained from everyone and it appears attendances have been between 14% - 82% of the total membership from August to December 2021 (See table below). With darker nights and colder ones now on the doorstep, I expect numbers to possibly dip even more. Everyone are still finding their feet and there have been some good

Total Attendances Between Aug - Dec 2021 at meetings (Note: 3 examples of the 17 Federation members) – Lowest attendance, Middle attendance & Highest attendance)	Number of meetings between Aug - Dec 2021:	Total number of members in Society that could have attended meetings between Aug – Dec 2021	Percentage of members that actually attended meetings between Aug - Dec 2021
Club 1: 324	14	2254	14%
Club 2: 45	5	100	45%
Club 3: 82	5	100	82%

meetings and interesting speakers. We are not out of the woods by far, with falling membership in some clubs and some struggling to find people to take on committee roles and jobs within them. It is difficult as I juggle 4 roles in the Southampton & District Philatelic Society (PRO, Archivist, Curator & Photographer) BUT the danger of this is if I had to give these up due to illness, then 4 space to fill in 1 go would be very difficult to fill if not impossible. So, will we see clubs close due to either falling membership due to age, no younger members joining, people not willing to carry out positions with clubs/societies or the big elephant in the room COVID? Time will tell.

Steve Gerrard (Bulletin Editor).

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER - SPRING 2022...

I am optimistically looking forward to a 2022 that is much more normal than 2020 and 2021! We (in our age demographic) will nearly all have received booster vaccinations and are being careful about unnecessary social mixing.

The Federation have bookings in place for HAMPEX 2022 at our usual Wickham venue and we will be holding judged society competitions in September. Entry forms are available on our website and I will be reminding society representatives to let me know of their entries for the Howard White inter-society competition. We will also be holding the Jan Kaluski and Hampshire Single Frame competitions. So please encourage your members early on to start work on their entries.

Societies have been exchanging their programmes so that we all know what everyone else is doing and I hope this is providing programme secretaries with some ideas for future years – or even for completing their 2022 seasons. My thanks to HPF Secretary, Steve Gerrard for being the focal point for distributing emails containing these programmes as well as keeping you updated with ABPS news, another source of potential speakers and of ideas for keeping our hobby going.

The spring commences at national/international level with London 2022 which is the reincarnation of the abandoned London 2020. Do take note that the competitive exhibits are being shown in two halves, so if you wish to view exhibits in the class that matches your own interests then be sure to visit in the correct half of the 10 day programme – or simply visit twice, once in each half. (Yes, my tongue is in my cheek – but be sure to check if this matters to you).

As always, the HPF website is there to keep you informed. Make a habit of checking to see if anything has changed.

Competition Entry Forms <http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpxcentry.htm>

Society websites <http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfasocs.htm>

Philatelic events of note <http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfevents.htm>

Now that you have spent the last two years writing up your material it is time to show it off to the rest of us! I wish you all a happy and fruitful 2022.

**Julian H Jones (Chairman,
Competition Secretary & Webmaster)...**

FERNDOWN & WEST MOORS PHILATELIC AND POSTCARD CLUB.

Meeting 11th October, 2021.

Members Entertain.

Anniversaries & Jubilees.

Presenting '8 in 3' or '12 in 4' Sheets.

(Plus Auction)

The presentation subject of *'Anniversaries & Jubilees'* proved a good choice by Programme Secretary Hugh Jefferies, with five members taking part. Paul Lear commenced batting with a colourful display and fascinating commentary promoting philatelic *'Botswana'* over some 50 years. Of items, worthy of notice was a 1971 cover celebrating the country's 5th Anniversary of independence. This input was followed by Hugh Jefferies with his highly interesting KGV 1935 Jubilee *'Windsor Castle'* display, which was highly detailed, covering printers, printings, plates, perforations and numerous varieties, including on cover. Told in Hugh's unique, well informed and engaging style, this popular omnibus issue was certainly well covered and well received. Phil Olds contributed a display covering a less known philatelic area ...*'Travencore'*, where sheets, watermarks and 1921 surcharges were to the fore. Of note was the lovely set celebrating...*'The Investiture of the Maharaja'*. Spence Coaker, well known for his considerable knowledge and equally impressive collection of *Hong Kong*, again did not disappoint. Numerous anniversaries were covered, with the beautiful *'Victory'* issue being his favourite.

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ABPS AWARD OF MERIT PRESENTATION.



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Eddie Mays (Secretary) of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society receiving his Award of Merit from Graham Winters at Harrogate 2021. Nominations for an Award of Merit can be accepted from Federations, Affiliated Specialist Societies and Affiliated Local Societies and specifically in respect of service to those respected bodies and philately. The Award of Merit recognises an exceptional contribution to philately at any level. Multiple awards may be made in any one year. Eddie gave a display on Sunday the 26th September - Zooming into the 21st Century and showcased some of the presentations seen by the Southampton & District Philatelic Society shown at ZOOM meetings between March 2020 and July 2021. I must thank the ABPS for their permission and supplying the image for inclusion in the Hampshire Philatelic Federation Bulletin.

(If you have members that deserve a special mention if they have received a special award from outside of your club or society, then send me details along with a photo of them where possible).

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

HAMPEX 2021...

The Hampshire Philatelic Federation HAMPEX 2021 went ahead on the 25th September under a somewhat COVID cloud. BUT at 7.30 am the day was overcast grey and traffic heavy at the petrol stations but otherwise it had arrived. Yes, like every well planned event we did have a couple of issues – Motorway partial closure and local doctors carrying out FLU jabs which made parking during the day a bit precarious but all out of the organisers hands. Everything was set and at 10am the doors opened and with 21 eager dealers waiting, let the ocean of people fill the room. Well, people slowly appeared in the hall and in previous events, 150 people filled the hall. So, what was in stall for 2021 – we had in fact 100 people attending the free event, as the £1.00 entry fee had been dropped. Tables seemed to have people looking through the stock brought along by dealers and money (Which I have not had in my pockets for 18 months or so) was changing hands. Following the event one dealer contacted the organisers to say that they had taken the most money at this event than they had done before. Some dealers paid deposits on the day for HAMPEX 2022 in



advance. So HAMPEX 2021 was a success and so 2022 will be much better.

We had a good display from clubs and the best in show was - Napoleon... The Southampton & District Philatelic Society along with the GV, TPO & Perfin Society all attending the day was busy. Like everything in life we could not guarantee numbers attending but I think that 100 should be seen as a good result as we had to contend with the Motorway Partial closure, Local FLU Jabs and COVID we have to be merciful for small miracles.



**Southampton & District Philatelic Society Table.
Chairman Dr. Mel Bradshaw (Chairman) (Right) and Society
Member Jack Hindson (Left) deep in conversation.**

HAMPEX would not have gone ahead without Julian Jones (Chairman), Colin Mount (President) and Steve Gerrard (Secretary). So 2022 is ON the drawing board so lets just keep our fingers crossed.

Steve Gerrard (Editor).

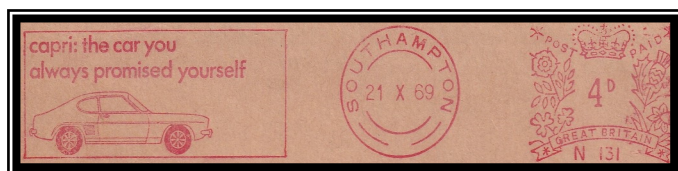
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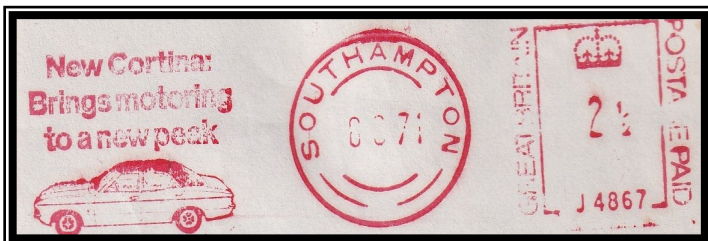
Being the Postal Historian and Archivist there is a mass of material that you the member will never see. This sparked my interest as my father had a connection with the Ford Transit factory at Swaythling as he worked in the paint shop spraying the vans (Long before robots!!!!).



The plant, on a 44-acre (180,000m²) site near Southampton Airport, was built as a shadow factory to assemble aircraft components for engineering firm Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft, and was opened by the Mayor of Southampton on 2nd February 1939. At the

outbreak of World War II, the factory and its supply chain were switched to produce parts for the Supermarine Spitfire. Recognised as an important part of the British war effort, it was bombed on a number of occasions by the German Luftwaffe, the first in September 1940. In the later years of the war, the site was used to assemble the Spitfire. It was the western European centre for production of the Ford Transit van.





In September 2011, Ford of Europe confirmed that Southampton would continue to make the short and medium wheelbase, and Tourneo minibus versions, of the Transit for two more years. Production of these was then to be consolidated to Turkey with the new model in 2014, while Southampton was to continue as the European centre for the chassis-cab variant of the new Transit, with production ramped up to 35,000 units a year.

On 26 October 2012, Ford announced that, as part of a larger cutback of their European production capacity, the Southampton factory would close altogether in July 2013, with production for Europe of all the new Transit models shifted to Turkey. The Dagenham Stamping Plant was also to be shut down; this plant had provided most of the sheet metal panels for the Southampton Assembly Plant. The last Transit went into production on 15 July 2013 and was completed on 26 July.

Sources: Ford Southampton plant - Wikipedia.

Southampton & District Philatelic Society Meter Marks File.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting 13th July, 2021.

'The Western Desert Campaign 1940-43'

Gavin Fryer FRPSL.

21 – 22 Jan 1941 Western Desert Campaign – Capture of Tobruk

Honour envelope inscribed 'Written in the Field' sent from FPO 245 on 21 January by airmail to Royal Army Pay Corps c/o War Office, London, franked by 40 millemes postage and forwarded to Leicester. Egyptian Army Post postage stamps were withdrawn shortly after 7 Div entered Libya. Tobruk was captured on 22 Jan 1941 and is one of the Battle Honours of the 7th Armoured Division.



Although Wavell knew he would soon have to withdraw some of his forces for service in Greece, he pressed home his advantage, taking Tobruk on 22 Jan and occupying Derna on 30 Jan.

Following a lengthy period of *lockdown*, Ringwood Philatelic Society was very pleased to re-convene with Gavin Fryer's engaging presentation - '*The Western Desert Campaign 1940-43*'. This was a rich historical philatelic journey into a major and pivotal part of the war. It was superbly supported by maps, newspaper cuttings, stamps, original covers and letters, telegrams, censored mail, Christmas cards, detailed information sheets and fine exposition. Over many years, Gavin had made an in-depth study of this subject and his knowledge was most impressive. His presentation followed a strict chronology, commencing with April 1940 when Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Commander of British troops in Egypt, formed the Western Desert Force. There began a period in which Allied and Axis forces were at war in huge numbers involving many nations. Gavin considered the conflict from both sides, covering key decisions, commanders and command and the essential focus on supply. Operations, offensives, sieges and retreats were all looked at. A closer examination of major personalities was engaged, such as Rommel and Montgomery. A major emphasis dealt with the concluding episodes of the conflict, which finally saw nearly 240,000 German and Italian soldiers captured, with Alexander's signal to Churchill stating '*The Tunisian Campaign is over...we are masters of the North African shores*'. The vital supply of oil to progress the European war had been achieved.

Underpinned by rich military and historical content, this quality of presentation was exceptional and much appreciated by RPS Members...an excellent start to the Society's emerging programme.

Paul Barry -Publicity Officer...

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY PRESS RELEASE.

Third time lucky

Richard Stock FRPSL has faced a most unusual period as President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, unlike that of any of his predecessors. Elected in June 2019 for a two-year term, he was able to chair only a handful of 'face-to-face' meetings, having quickly to adapt to the new world of Zoom and YouTube displays. Having assembled a fine selection of displays for the two years, sadly most

could not be enjoyed ‘in the flesh’.

It was therefore with much pleasure – and probably relief – that he took the Chair once again on 9 September to introduce a truly remarkable display from Malcolm Ray-Smith FRPSL. It was the ‘third time of asking’ as two previous attempts at having the presentation had to be aborted. It was enjoyed not only by members but also by many guests from the City of London, representing the livery companies, museums and libraries.

Malcolm’s display focused on The Royal Mail 1516 to 1766. The two dates marked significant landmarks in the development of the postal service. It is thought 1516 is the year when Brian Tuke was first called by the title of Master of the Posts. It was in 1766 that Ralph Allen died: in 1713 he had become postmaster at Bath before being appointed Master of the Bye and Cross Posts in 1720. In that role he was responsible for improving the provincial posts all over England, effectively creating the public postal service we know today.

All were astounded by what they saw, remarkable letters tracing events over the 250 years, not least the role played by the English Civil Wars. Richard Stock described the presentation as ‘outstanding, magnificent and comprehensive’, views echoed by Simon Richards FRPSL, a Vice-President of the Society giving the Vote of Thanks, who spoke of an ‘extraordinary in-depth and amazing display, beautifully presented’.

Saturday, 4th June, 2022 10.00 – 4.00pm

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(Founded in 1966)

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SOCIETY ROUNDUP.

- 17th January - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Phil Cant - Messing about in Boats.
- 18th January - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.
- 19th January - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: David Maddock - From Easter Island to Ash Vale.
- 20th January - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Wendy Buckle - Latvia 1785-1945.
- 20th January - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Postcards - Members to Display.
- 24th January - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Speaker: John Davis FRPSL - Venice.
- 24th January - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Members Night - "Sky High" - 10 Sheets.
- 25th January - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Club Competition - Members.
- 1st February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Colin Tabeart - Submarine Mail of the 20th Century.
- 2nd February - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members: Club Comp (1) General/Thematic/PH.
- 3rd February - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Music & Musicians - Members Displays.
- 7th February - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - 16 Sheet competition, Bourse & Members New Acquisitions.
- 7th February (Afternoon) - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Extinct Countries.
- 7th February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members other hobbies and collections.
- 8th February - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker: Pat Reid - Australia.
- 8th February - **Milford-on-Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Christopher Wheeler - History of the Black Death.

8th February (Afternoon) - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Paul Leonard FRPSL - "Exploring Forgeries in your Collection" - Members are invited to bring along items for study.

8th February - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Members Night - India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & Mini Auction.

8th February - **Milford-On-Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Chris Wheeler - History of the Black Death.

8th February - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Secretary's talk and display.

10th February (Afternoon) - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Chandler's Ford Meeting.

11th February - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - AGM followed by Bring & Buy.

14th February - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - 8 in 3 "C is for" - Members.

15th February - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Awards Lunch.

15th February - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Member's Competition Evening & Bourse/Silent Auction.

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

16th February - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Chris Wright - History of the RAE and the Air Show.

17th February - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Food & Drink - Members Displays.

17th February - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Malcolm Hoskins - Bruce Bairnsfather WWI Cartoonist.

21st February - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Single frame competition (8 sheets) and members display V.W.Y.

22nd February - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - AGM & Airmails - Members.

28th February - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - "Coronation and Jubilee Ephemera from Charles II" - John Cooper

28th February - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Presidents Night.

March - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Auction - TBC.

1st March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Giles Du Boulay - Danzig.

2nd March - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members: Club Comp (2) Postcards/Single Sheet.

3rd March - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Competition Evening.

7th March - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & Single Item Competition.

7th March (Afternoon) - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Overprints.

7th March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Kevin Dillistone - Lighthouses around the British Isles.

8th March - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Annual Competition.

8th March - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Visit by Wokingham P.S.

8th March - **Milford-on-Sea Stamp Club** - Speaker: Dr. Robin Pizer - British, Belgian, & French Occupation of the Rhineland.

8th March - **VECTIS Philatelic Society** - Members recent acquisitions and Auction.

8th March - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - AGM, Mini Auction and Postcards Royalty & Royal Events.

8th March (Afternoon) - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - AGM followed by a single item competition, each member to display just 1 single sheet for the Czuczman Cup.

10th March (Afternoon) - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Chandlers Ford Meeting.

12th March - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Len Yandell - Budapest 1896 Postal Stationary.

14th March - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Annual competition including one sheet competition.

15th March - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker

Wendy Buckle - The Write Stuff.

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

16th March - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: David Cleeve - Cove & Farnborough Part 2.

17th March - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Thematics - Your Choice - Members to display.

17th March - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Spring Auction.

19th March - **Milford-on-Sea Stamp Club** - Annual Auction 1pm viewing 2.30pm Start.

21st March - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Mike Salmo - St Pierre et Miquelon 1850-1900's.

22nd March - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Postcards & Ephemera - Members.

28th March - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Speaker: John Cooper - "Coronation & Jubilee Ephemera from Charles II".

28th March - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Competition Night - Part 1 - Viner, Symes & Symmonds.

4th April - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Members up to 5 sheets for years ending in '7' and Members postcard competition.

4th April (Afternoon) - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Transport.

4th April - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Spring Auction.

5th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - AGM & Queries & Recent Acquisitions.

6th April - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members: My collection in Lockdown.

7th April - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Competition Displays & Awards.

8th April - **Hayling Island & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Robin Pizer - German Postal Service Suspended, 1914-1918.

11th April - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - 8 in 3

“GB & The Channel Islands” - Members.

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

12th April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Visit by Maidenhead P.S.

12th April - **VECTIS Philatelic Society** - AGM & Auction.

12th April - **Alton & District Stamp Club** - Speaker: Nick Twining - 2d Blues & Speaker: David Alan TBC.

12th April - **Ringwood Philatelic Society** - Speaker: President Colin Mount FRPSL - The Australian KGV 1d Red - The Early Story.

12th April - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Speaker: Miller McGrath - South Africa & France.

14th April (Afternoon) - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Chandlers Ford Meeting.

18th April - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: David Maddock - Easter Island.

19th April - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Auction.

20th April - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Chris Clothier - Chris's Selection.

21st April - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Brian Snape - Sandor Legrady.

21st April - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Chairman's Evening.

23rd April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Annual Club Auction.

25th April - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society** - Speaker: “Kiribati and Tuvalu” - Hugh Bennet.

25th April - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Tom Gillespie - Western Australia.

26th April - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker: Alan Matheson & Richard Ryan - Nova Scotia & South African Pre-Union.

2nd May - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Members Displays - Anything Goes.

3rd May - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Michael Sefi - The GB George V definitive penny.

4th May - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Norman Kelsey - Secretary's Special.

Please Note: The Diary Dates/Speakers etc are correct when the Bulletin is emailed to Secretary's and sent to the printers and may be subject to change without prior notice. I appreciate with COVID and other illnesses Speakers & Dates in Programs can change at the last minute and without warning.

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The presentation benefited from variety, colour and content. The 1935 Bradbury *Jubilee* printing was featured in mint and used, with an associated cover being celebrated. For those with postcard interests, Julian White's display revealed seldom seen Bournemouth material. These focussed on various centenaries and other town celebrations, including the *1910 Aviation Show* and civic fetes...a wonderful local flavour indeed.

Paul Barry - Club Publicity.

CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Our first meeting after Lockdowns was huge success. The George Nash Memorial Display Evening was non-competitive. Burma to 1959, RAF/ aircraft on stamps, Guernsey Post & Go, 19th century Penny stamp duty, Covers whose cancellations showed the lengthy journeys taken, Cypriot Postal Orders, and West Berlin 1948-1953 overprints and standard issues.

George Nash was a much valued and respected member who died this year.

We must mention the sad loss of two other members:- Mrs Kathleen Nash (George's dear wife), and Bryan Kingswell. We remember them all with prayers and. Condolences to their families.

Guest speaker and member, John Armstone, gave a most interesting display and talk about Australian Cinderellas. Items shown included a Ross Smith stamp (1919) on cover, a 1971 Postal Strike cover and WW1 seals. His Private mail company display was also of great interest. Railways and Trans are one of John's favourites and his talk finished with many stories about these.

Alan Bush wrote the notes about the above.

Finally our AGM will be held at the end of November. Mrs Martha Brown will be stepping down after 3years as President. Did I say three? I recently came across a 2017 diary of mine stating I was President! I have enjoyed my time as President and must state for the record that the COVID cancellations period was the hardest thing I've ever had to do. During this time I called & wrote members, wrote newsletters (I double task as Editor too!), and sent hundreds of Emails.

Prior to COVID we'd had our 60th Anniversary and it was a privilege to be President then too.

My thanks to all members for their support over these years.

Martha Brown...

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

PRESS RELEASE

A whale of a display.

Thematics is a hard discipline to execute because there are no textbooks and no similar displays to consult. This was the observation made by Wendy Buckle FRPSL, giving the vote of thanks to Lesley Marley FRPSL for her display 'A Whale's Tale'. Lesley's presentation was given to the members of the Royal Philatelic Society London at its meeting on 4 November 2021.

The display included eight frames that have been awarded a Large Gold medal at no fewer than four international stamp exhibitions. It was extended by a further 34 frames that mainly looked at more depth at the subject of whaling, fortunately largely now replaced by endeavours to protect the whale. The material on display embraced stamps, covers and postcards, plus outstanding artwork for stamp designs by Nick Shewring.

Wendy added that this is a 'wonderful exhibit, the result of many

years of work', a sentiment echoed by Peter Cockburn FRPSL,

Peter Cockburn FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, thanks Lesley Marley FRPSL for her fabulous display 'A Whale's Tale'.



(9 November 2021)

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS 90th BIRTHDAY IN 2022.

The Society has a packed 2022 program celebrating the Societies 90th birthday and the number '90'. Please visit our website at www.southamptondps.org.uk for the **FULL** program but may be subject to change at the last minute due to any new COVID restrictions put in place.

(Steve Gerrard S&DPS PRO Officer).



Panda Fairs 2022

With cases of COVID persisting, would dealers and customers please wear masks whilst in close contact indoors, and limit numbers sat at tables, to allow a safe space for all.

Your help is sought for everyone's protection, especially as most of us are in the elderly range, with significant pre-existing health conditions. Thank you.

LOCAL FAIRS EARLY NEXT YEAR:

5 Mar - Saturday - FAREHAM: Holy Trinity Church
West Street, PO16 0EL.

26 Mar - Saturday - WIMBORNE: Allendale Centre
Hanhams Road, BH21 1AS

2 Apr - Saturday - SOUTHAMPTON: Methodist Hall St
James Road Shirley SO15 5HE.

24 Apr - Sunday - PORTSMOUTH: Cosham CC,
Wootton Street, PO6 3AP.

New Venue:

30 Apr - Saturday - BOURNEMOUTH: St. Edmund
Campion Church, 481 Castle Lane West, BH8 9TN.

These are provisional dates so please check nearer the time.

www.pandafairs.co.uk or 01489 – 582673

Peter Jones (Solent Stamps).

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

PORTSMOUTH & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Our numbers continue to be good but of course may decline when the weather gets worse. Since last year we have lost 3 members (2 died and one left to live in France) however we have recruited 5 new members, 4 from Gosport P.S. (I assume by word of mouth.) We have a full programme for 2021/2022 i.e. 10 speakers, 10 members evenings and 10 afternoon meetings and this may have attracted the new members.

Paul Davidson...

MILFORD ON SEA STAMP CLUB...

We had 16 attendees at our meeting yesterday, quite a decent number in our opinion, and an excellent talk from Alan Whittaker on the Chanel Islands occupation, having spent a lot of time there, especially in the early 1950s, it was more than up my street!

Best wishes,
Marion.

Hampshire Philatelic Federation 2022 dates...

Zoom Meeting: Sunday 16th January 2022; 2:00 to 4:00.

Zoom Meeting (AGM) 8th May 2022; 2:00 to 4:00

Council Meeting: Sunday 4th September 2022; 2:00 To 4:00.

(To be held at Petersfield community Centre)

10th September 2022 - Petersfield - Judging for HAMPEX.

September 24th 2022 - Wickham - HAMPEX.

These may be subject to change as we do not know what 2022 will bring forth with regards to the Coronavirus.