

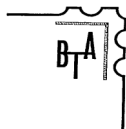
# **HAMPSHIRE PHILATELIC FEDERATION**



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## **EDITORIAL...**

As I am putting the bulletin together things are starting up again with clubs appearing to have meetings up and running, Packet circuits going around and Auctions keeping clubs solvent along with clubs/societies memberships appear to be levelling off. I do not think many clubs/societies are in a worse position than the start of COVID 2yrs ago and are starting to get back to some kind of normality (If there is such a word anymore). The thing I have noted is that clubs are having trouble filling committee vacancies and struggling to get a new committee members.

The problem is two fold... An aging membership who do not or are unable to use computers and its software and also members that have to hold 2 or 3 committee positions just to keep clubs/societies going but this has its drawbacks if that person decides to leave the club/society for what ever reason or illness, then you could have 3 vacancies to fill. So when a committee position comes available it is very difficulty to fill them without twisting arms (Not advisable as this can hurt!!!). How do we get round these issues? You have to think of reducing what you can offer your members BUT some posts you must have such as Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary & Editor. Magazines keep members informed as not all have access to the Internet and many members enjoy the noise when their magazine drops through onto the carpet and keeps them informed of their clubs activities. If you reduce what you can offer, then this will affect membership as this will drop away and you will not be able to attract new members.

This is a problem that ALL Federation and all stamp clubs around the world have to resolve and unfortunately we have in the past seen clubs/societies close because they could not fill committee positions.

The Federation has to say goodbye to another member - Hampshire Postal History Society (See Page 18) that as above has had to close. The Federation now consists of 16 clubs/societies but is still in a good place to promote Stamp collecting amongst its members.

**Steve Gerrard (Bulletin Editor).**

## **CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER**

The days are getting longer and people are getting out and about again, in many cases, cautiously which is probably still prudent given that we are supposed to be learning how to 'live with Covid'.

I ventured out to London 2022 and plan to visit SWINPEX and a meeting of Wessex Region at the Royal in June. Having attended various society and other philatelic meetings in February through April I can attest that members are meeting again and the pace is picking up. However, for convenience as much as anything, your HPF Committee and society representatives will be holding the AGM via Zoom in May. But we expect to meet in person in September at our old Petersfield venue where the Competition Secretary will be available to accept your society entries for the Howard White and Jan Kaluski competitions which will be displayed at HAMPEX later that month.

I know that some societies are already holding their internal and intersociety competitions in order to hone their entries for HAMPEX and elsewhere. Individual members have also been trying their hand in virtual competitions on a broader scale. So I hope that we will have a good showing by Hampshire societies in September. The Judges are lined up so let's give them something to chew on!

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

### **THATCHAM SUCCESS AT THE THAMES VALLEY FEDERATION 9-SHEET COMPETITIONS.**

It was good to see (The Thatcham Postmark Westbex Edition April 2022) Thatcham's success at a competition with winners in the Thematic Class (1st & 2nd), Traditions Class (4th) Aerophilately Class (1st) & Cinderella Class (2nd). Club/Societies competitions are the building blocks for such competitions and it shows that the hard work putting a collection together and entering them at local level can lead to Greater things.

**Steve Gerrard (Editor)...**


## HAMPSHIRE PHILATELIC FEDERATION CONVENTIONS OF THE PAST.

I was recently contacted by Neil Jones, no relation, who had the honour and challenge of organising the “11<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention” in April 1981. He loaned me a copy of the programme together with programmes for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Conventions. As a member of the Wheatsheaf Philatelic Society (open only to IBM employees) and working at IBM Cosham he was able to organise the Convention on the premises at the IBM Havant Plant.

The 1981 catalogue of exhibits ran to 76 frames including entries in the Howard White Trophy competition. In those days each entry was 9 sheets rather than the 16 sheets of current competitions. None the less, that is an impressive quantity of exhibits! Nineteen societies were on the Federation roster, but it is not clear if all submitted entries. The current roster of societies affiliated with the Hampshire Federation is seventeen – many the same as back in 1981. It is also clear that competition entries were judged on exhibition day with the room only open for viewing after judging was completed. (Portsmouth DPS was the winner)!

The first HPF convention was organised in 1970 and the winner of the Howard White Trophy was Vectris who went on to repeat that feat in 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1979! In 1973 thirteen societies are listed with 28 exhibits described and exhibited in Petersfield Town Hall with Petersfield DPS hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Convention. In 1976 the Convention was hosted by

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**SOUTHAMPTON  
AND DISTRICT  
PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

# **Exhibition**

## **Stamps and Postal History**

INCORPORATING THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
of the  
**HAMPSHIRE PHILATELIC FEDERATION**  
AND COMPETITION FOR THE “HOWARD-WHITE TROPHY”  
on  
**Saturday, 22nd May, 1976**  
at the  
**TOWN HALL, EASTLEIGH**  
HAMPSHIRE  
from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Admission . . . . .**  
By Programme or at door 20p (children under 16 — 10p)

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY** (Licence applied for)

**DEALERS STANDS** **SPECIAL INVITED DISPLAYS**

Southampton DPS in Eastleigh Town Hall with 34 exhibits and 14 affiliated societies listed. It was the turn of Winchester DPS in 1977 to host the event in the Winchester Guildhall with 39 exhibits and 15 affiliated societies listed. Petersfield DPS again did the honours in 1979 with 34 exhibits and 16 listed societies.

From the above programmes the number of dealers varies in the 11 to 15 range. Although I only became active with the Federation around 1985 I recognise most of the active officers and other philatelists mentioned, but I have to say that I am unfamiliar with many of the names of dealers from that period. Sadly, I fear most are no longer in business. We are thus lucky to have attracted some 20 dealers to recent HPF Conventions hosted by the Federation at Wickham.

For most of the period 1970-80 the HPF President was Frank B. Howard-White, FRPSL, so it is no wonder that the emphasis of the convention was the Howard White inter-society competition. This was strongly supported by judges who were also members of the Royal Philatelic Society London. Today's Hampshire Federation, while running a different style of Convention (HAMPEX), is still strongly supported by judges who are also members of RPSL and dedicated to making competitive philately a reality for local societies.

I hope that we can continue supporting competitive philately into the future with the active participation of our affiliated societies.

**Julian H Jones (HPF Chairman and Competition Secretary).**

PS For those who like statistics the past winners of the various HPF competitions may be found here:

**<http://www.hantsfederation.org.uk/hpfyearbook.htm>**

## RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

***‘Cause, Cure and History of the Plague Pandemics’.***

**Speaker: Chris Wheeler.**



This top quality competitive presentation was sourced and superbly written-up by Chris Wheeler within 10 months!! In Wendy Buckle's vote of thanks, she very accurately voiced the opinion of members present... *'a major achievement – immensely impressive'*.

This display ... ***‘Cause, Cure and History of the Plague Pandemics’*** (topical indeed!!) made significant reference to historical sources, and was well supported by quality early correspondence and excellent historical detail. Philatelic material included excellent examples of notable stamp issues from GB, France, Switzerland, Russia and

China. Superbly researched, it revealed much endeavour and insight. Commencing with a human biological analysis, the study moved on through bacterial invasion, detection and remedy. A major consideration was given to the study of the history of the Plague, and its huge and important changes...social, economic, climatic and cultural. Interesting research into *the Doomsday Book* and *the Feudal System* and its fall, provide just a flavour of content. *The Black Death*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global pandemic was also fully considered, as was the work of *The Pasteur Institute*. This presentation is a truly memorable contribution to Ringwood Philatelic Society's programme.

**Paul Barry (Publicity Officer)...**

# THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON...

## Foreign Bill and Telegraph Stamps.

Peter Cockburn FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, gave the presentation at the society's meeting held on 13 January. His subject was the 'Foreign Bill and Telegraph Stamps of Ceylon'. The presentation was complemented by a superb display of material, much of which is scarce unused because there was never a great demand from collectors, but equally rare to find used with often just a single example known.

There was a story to be told about most of the items shown. Such as the fact that Foreign Bills, the means by which payment for goods or services was assured, were often sent in twos or threes despatched overseas by different mails and ships, on the basis that at least one would be delivered. Consequently the Foreign Bill stamps were produced in strips of three, inscribed respectively 'Third of Exchange', 'Second of Exchange' and 'First of Exchange'.

Giving the Vote of Thanks, George James explained that much of the study into these stamps had only taken place in recent times, with Stanley Gibbons first adding these items to the catalogue in 1912, and much of the material only being offered for sale in 1919. He added that much of the complexity of the subject was caused by the 'beautiful unbridled chaos of the Stamp Revenue Office of Ceylon', often ordering vast quantities, such as having sufficient of one value to last 750 years, and resorting to much surcharging as a way of meeting needs as they arose, simultaneously using some surplus stock.

Simon Richards FRPSL, Vice President of the Society, presented Peter with a certificate and plaquette in recognition of his absorbing presentation.



*Left to right: Simon Richards FRPSL with Peter Cockburn FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and George James.*

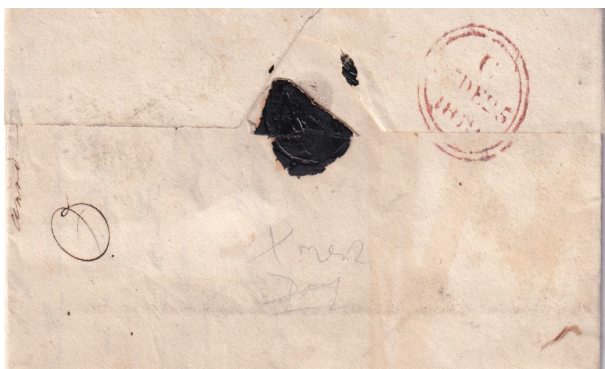
*(18 January 2022)...*



## SOUTHAMPTON MILEAGE MARKS.

1819.

\*\*\*\*\* **NEW FIND** \*\*\*\*\*



TYPE 6 (A)

This is an entire to London with a good to fine Southampton / 80 mileage mark 54 x 12mm HA1275 (Recorded used from 1820) but **THIS IS ONE YEAR EARLIER THAN RECORDED**. On the reverse is a Christmas day arrival CDS in Red. This is recorded as in use from 1820 in Bryan Hunt's (Southampton & District Philatelic Society past Member) publication of March 1986 - Postmarks of Southampton 1700 - 1914 Postal Markings (Page 8).

**Steve Gerrard (Curator of Postal History Collection S&DPS)...**

## **MILFORD ON SEA STAMP CLUB.**

### **20 February 2022 Meeting.**

At our monthly meeting on 20 February, Chris Wheeler visited us again, this time displaying his two Open Class exhibition submissions from Autumn Stampex 2021. The first was “*The History of The Salvation Army*” which started with coverage of the social conditions in East London in the mid-1800s as found by William Booth on his arrival there from Nottingham, and by several other social reformers and commentators of the time such as Elizabeth Fry, Charles Dickens, Kier Hardie and William Willberforce. He traced the work of the Army as it became structured, its overseas missionary and social work, its uniform and music, and the assistance given to those in need during many Wars and Natural Disasters right up to the present day. The second topic, also using philatelic and open material was entitled “*The Cause, Cure and History of the Plague Pandemics*”. Although prepared before the outbreak of the COVID epidemic, it still had a topical interest. Starting back in Bible times with Ten Plagues, the story covered the many devastating plagues and pandemics that afflicted the world. It covered the scientific detection, prevention and treatment of the Plague, and the effects it had on the development of medical research, the end of the feudal system, the mini ice age in Great Britain, which we are now bouncing back from, and the need for industrialisation in the wider farming industry.

Chris demonstrated that one of the underlining themes of these displays was that without huge expense, though with a lot of study and effort, members of local clubs can assemble sufficient material to reach an acceptable standard to present at a National Exhibition.

**Marion Adams (Chairman)...**

# **RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

*Affiliated to The Hampshire Philatelic Federation  
& The Association of British Philatelic Societies*

## **RINGPEX 2022**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am to 4pm**

**Greyfriars Community Centre**

**Christchurch Road,**

**Ringwood**

**BH24 1DW**

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## 90 YEARS YOUNG AND GROWING.

On the 5th April 2022 the Southampton & District Philatelic Society held its Annual General Meeting in Bugle Street. The Society is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in a very healthy condition. Membership is increasing, the Society is fully functioning after COVID restrictions and has been nominated for a European Award.

At the meeting the Society President Julian Jones FRPSL presented the retiring Chairman, Dr Mel Bradshaw, with his Certificate of Hon. Life Membership for his many years of service to the Society. Dr Bradshaw was also awarded the Ron Emmett Trophy.

**Eddie Mays...**



Image – ©Eddie Mays(2022) – Julian Jones FRPSL (President) (left) presenting Award to Dr Mel Bradshaw (Retiring Chairman) (right).

## **SOCIETY ROUNDUP.**

**Please Note: The Diary Dates/Speakers etc are correct when the Bulletin is emailed to secretaries 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.**

9th May (Daytime) - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Birds.

9th May – **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - Annual General Meeting Plus Auction.

10th May - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker: Michael Miller - The Golden Age of Postcards.

10th May - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Secretary's Surprise.

10th May : **Alton Stamp Club** - An Informal Evening – bring your stamps to buy sell or swap.

10th May - **VECTIS** - Speaker: M. Torreggiani - The German Inflation of 1923.

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

11th May - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Thematics.

12th May - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.

13th May - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - Southampton & Harrogate joint meeting.

13th May - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Auction.

16th May - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Entertained by Petersfield Society.

17th May - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - 90 Years Celebrations / Social Evening / Single Sheet Competition.

18th May - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - AGM/Subs/Buy and Sell.

19th May - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - AGM

& Single sheet from all.

19th May - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Chairman's Evening & the future.

23rd May - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: John Armstone - A US Miscellany.

23rd May - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - The early Development of the Australian King George V 1d Red - Colin Mount FRPSL.

24th May - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Members - Thematic Evening.

31st May - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - Belgian Congo stamps & Postal History 1886 - 1925. Guest Speaker - Gerald - Marriner.

1st June - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - 5 Sheets 5 Minutes - Letter C.

2nd June - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Guest - TBC.

6th June - **Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society** - Presentations by Two Members.

6th June (Daytime) - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Underpaid Mail.

6th June - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Visit from Alton & District Stamp Club.

7th June - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Society Visit by VECTIS PS.

8th June - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Postcards.

9th June - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting.

10th June - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Members Evening - Covers, Postal Stationary & Envelopes.

13th June - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 8 in 3 "Postal History and Covers ONLY - Members.

14th June - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Mini Auction & Members Night - Showing Oceania.

14th June - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker: Peter Wood - It's an Irish World.

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

14th June - **VECTIS** - Speaker: Peter Clark - Hungary - followed by Auction.

15th June - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: Peter High - Italian Hospital Ships.

14th June : **Alton Stamp Club** - A Jubilee Evening – bring philatelic material pertaining to any Jubilee celebration

16th June - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members Displays - Designers.

16th June - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Philatelic Halves - Members to display.

21st June - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Society Competitions & Bourse / Silent Auction.

27th June - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Ron Burn - Tristan Da Cunha, World's Loneliest Island.

27th June - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - "The King George V Penny" - Michael Sefi LVO, RDP, FRPSL.

28th June - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - London Coffee Houses & and their Mail - Guest Speaker: Malcolm Gascoyne.

28th June - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Presidents Evening - John Hayward.

4th July (Daytime) - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Monday Cup - America (Independence Day) & Paintings.

4th July - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Julian Jones (Southampton DPS) - Transatlantic Mail.

5th July - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Chris Wheeler - Plague Pandemics.

6th July - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Speaker: David Springett - 19th Century Postal History.

7th July - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Summer

Auction.

8th July - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Speaker: Miller McGrath - "Black Gold".

11th July - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - 12 in 5 "Stamps ONLY" - Members.

12th July - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Speaker: Tony Martin - Liberia 1936 Air Mails.

12th July - **Alton Stamp Club** - The Secretary's Evening – wait and see!

12th July - **Camberley & District Stamp Club** - Speaker: John Armstone - 1971 Postal Strike.

12th July - **VECTIS** - Mr. President will entertain.

13th July - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Transport.

14th July - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Afternoon Meeting - 90 Years Social Event.

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

20th July - **Farnborough Stamp & Postcard Club** - Members - Sale of Donated Material.

21st July - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** - Guest - TBC.

21st July - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Jim Andrews & Brian May members to display.

25th July - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club** - "It's and Irish World" - Peter Wood FRPSL.

25th July - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Members Night - Europe & Colonies.

26th July - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - ZOOM Meeting - A visit to Harrogate (Early 20th Cen) by Postcard - Keith Burton (Member).

1st August - **Petersfield & District Philatelic Society** - Visit from Thatcham Philatelic Society.

2nd August - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker: Tony Hickey.

4th August - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** -



Occupations.

8th August - **Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club**  
- 8 in 3 "An Asian Odyssey (stamps, covers/cards) - Members.

9th August - **Gosport Stamp & Postcard Society** - Members Night -  
Recent Acquisitions.

10th August - **Fareham & District Philatelic Society** - Auction/Dave  
Steward.

10th August - **VECTIS** - Members Evening & Competition - The  
Letter B - up to 1 frame.

11th August - **Southampton & District Philatelic Society** -  
Afternoon Meeting - Member's Auction.

12th August - **Hayling Island Stamp Club** - Speaker: Vic Stone -  
"US Airmails".

18th August - **Thatcham & District Philatelic Society** - Members -  
Recent Purchases.

18th August - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** -  
Guest - TBC.

22nd August - **Chichester & District Philatelic Society** - Speaker:  
Derek White - TB Thematics & Rhodesian Revenues.

1st September - **Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club** -  
Members Displays - Flight.

## **MILFORD ON SEA STAMP CLUB...**

We had 14 members yesterday (12th April) for Miller McGraths displays on France and South Africa. We might have been down on numbers, shame how often two things happen on the same day, but everyone was really enthusiastic, really most enjoyable.

It's our AGM next month, so I am busy booking speakers, to start our new year in September.

**Best wishes, Marion Adams (Secretary).**

## **THE HAMPSHIRE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY.**

To all Members of H.P.H.S. & others,

Because only ONE Member responded to my request to hold a Meeting at Sarisbury Green Community Centre early in April 2022, I have found it necessary to cancel the hiring of the room as paying £50.00 for only TWO Members to attend, is just not viable.

In view of this, I have decided to stand down as Secretary, Editor, and a Committee Member within the next few weeks after the final “Hampshire Post” has been issued. However, this will mean that the Hampshire Postal History Society will no longer be a Member of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation, and there will NOT be an Annual General Meeting for the near future.

It seems to me that you are no longer have any interest in the wellbeing of H.P.H.S. so, it is time to stop “flogging the dead horse.”

All paperwork etc, will be sent to our Chairman, Malcolm Lacey, after the “Hampshire Post” Journal which is almost completed. I tried my best for you but obviously it was not good enough.

**Peter Mills. Hon. Sec. H.P.H.S...**

## **VECTIS SOCIETY...**

Vectis Society opened its 2022 season in March. Fourteen members attended the meeting which included three new members. The meeting, which included a small auction, asked members to show recent acquisitions. Items included were a display on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of World War Two, Unusual First Day Cancellations, Austrian stamps issued between 1930 and 1950, Malta ½ d buffs, POW mail originating in Malta, speciality Australian OS punches, unadopted designs for Q Victoria’s jubilee and postal war items between East and West Germany. The April meeting included the AGM. The officers were re-elected, the only change being a new packet secretary who would be taking on the position in the next few weeks. The members decided to rename the society to The Isle of Wight Stamp Club as it was felt that we were not reaching a number of collectors who probably did not search for Vectis or philatelic. Hopefully more frequent advertising online might attract some more new members. The change of name was passed with one vote against. Ideas for the 2023 program were discussed. The meeting ended with a small auction.

**Michael Torreggiani...**



## 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 LATER THIS YEAR:

26th June - Portsmouth (Cosham) - Cosham Community Centre - Wootton Street, PO6 3AP.

2nd July - Bournemouth - Pelhams Park, Milhams Road, Kinson, BH10 7LH.

16th July - Southampton - Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley, SO15 5HE.

23rd July - Petersfield - Community Centre off Love Lane, GU31 4BW.

6th August - Bournemouth - Edmund Campion Church, Castle Lane West, BH8 9TN.

### PRESS RELEASE.

The Royal Philatelic Society London.

#### The complex question of colour

It started as an article for *The London Philatelist*, the journal of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and ended as a book *The Inks of De La Rue & Co. and their introduction of synthetic and aniline ingredients c.1850-1910*, also published by the Society.

The author of both was Peter Young FRPSL, a member of the Society for over 50 years, who on 7 April presented its Sir Daniel Cooper Lecture. Initiated in 2014, this series of lectures is in memory of the first President of the Society, Sir Daniel Cooper, holding the office from 1869 to 1878. The title of the 2020 lecture was 'De La

Rue and Colour c.1850-1910: an Introduction to Chromatic Philately’.

De La Rue had more than two hundred ‘Copper Plate’ inks in its *Recipe Book* for intaglio work that embraced banknotes, insignia on bonds, share certificates and stamps. During the lecture Peter paid tribute to the many who had helped during his research, not least Steve Jarvis FRPSL, who presented the Vote of Thanks. Steve explained that he had been scanning the indexes of De La Rue, held by the Society, when he received Peter’s initial article. He believed the work needed to be not only encouraged but also expanded, for here was a ‘very complex but important subject’.

Peter Cockburn FRPSL, expressing his own gratitude, presented Peter with a certificate and the Society’s plaque in recognition of the occasion.

*Left to right: Peter Cockburn FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, with Peter Young FRPSL, who presented the Sir Daniel Cooper Lecture, and Steve Jarvis FRPSL.*



*(12 April 2022)*

**Ringwood Philatelic Society.  
Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.**

***‘Exploring Forgeries in your Collection’.***

**Speaker Paul Leonard FRPSL.**

Members of *Ringwood Philatelic Society* were greatly rewarded for stepping out on a cold February afternoon to hear Paul Leonard FRPSL not only address the fascinating subject of the exploration of forgeries in collections, but to also study at close hand a major associated exhibit. This was a display for the London 2022 International Stamp Exhibition entitled *‘Forensic Philately’* being the work of *the Expert Committee of the RPSL*.

Paul traced a little of the history of *‘The Royal’* and then concentrated on details such as how Members of this Committee are employed and details of forensic philately, highlights and challenges and submitting established material. As Paul presented each Display sheet, he made a summary of its content, prior to audience examination. Reference was made to Sperati and other notable Victorian fraudsters. It became clear that the major thrust was to apply forensic principles to a world of mischief, misleading information and hard evidence to support or dismiss authenticity. Over time many stamps have been examined by the RPSL in great detail, including supposed rarities, including the *1 Cent Magenta!!* A major input for consideration comes from *‘the Trade’* - dealers and auctioneers, but private collectors feature too, in pursuit of establishing truth...or otherwise!! Of course disappointments abound, especially when owners are convinced, with their cry of *‘I have the only one!!’*

Apart from Committee expertise, opinions and information come from numerous directions. These are often underpinned by the support of the latest technology such as perforation gauges, magnifiers, ultraviolet lamps, watermark detectors, indeed all things digital.

A major area of consideration surrounds the subject of *‘shade’*. A vast fortune may be within grasp if a rare or unique shade is ascribed. This exciting RPSL display provided much insight into the workings of the Committee, its methods and reporting, together with interesting stories of success and intrigue!

Another great philatelic event in the RPS Programme.

**P Barry (Publicity Officer)...**

## **THE CHICHESTER & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

A very good turnout of members gave everyone an opportunity to view a vast array of collecting interests for three competition awards.

John Armstone's Revenue Stamps for Specific Duties, and a second place winner in the Symes Trophy called Post Office Telegraphs.

Martha Brown took second place in the Viner competition with a collection of covers showing long journeys. Chris Podger took first place with a collection of interesting items mentioning Captain Arthur Young.

Also in the Viner we're Christopher Dudeney: Cyprus Republic Definitives, Mike Berry's album leaves of France, Howard Morgan's Newfoundland Air Mails, and Frank Griffiths' Specimen Stamps.

Winner of the Symes was Frank Griffith with a lovely display of Penny Black & Tuppenny Blue : Stamps from the Victorian reign. These always attract interest!

John Parsons ' Sky High Above the Nile ( air mails), Howard Morgan's India States Court Fee Stamps, a new collecting interest for Howard! John Armstone entered Post Office Army Telegraphs and picked up second place. Christopher Podger had Cyprus Numerical cancels, Martha Brown showed new acquisitions in her Third Reich collection, and Heather Lawn display some album leaves about Birds.

The Symmonds Competition entries were Frank Griffiths' Barclays Bank Histories, John Armstone Safety At Sea, Heather Lawn's Evolution of Parrot Families, and Christopher Dudeney's Bicentenary of Trafalgar.

Winner was Heather Lawn and second place Frank Griffiths .

Martha Brown, meanwhile, has been valiantly trying to get a coffee morning philatelic-chat gathering at a local coffee shop on various Mondays. A diary has been set up and it is hoped that members will partake. It has met twice already and items such as how stamps are lithographed, engraved and so forth are made. Or how Heather manages to work out all the scientific data on her thematic birds and parrots! The mind is even equally amazed at Howard's new found

ability to read Hindi and Sanskrit! So yes! A coffee enhances the philatelic mind !

Tom Gillespie is due to give his display of Western Australian in March. His collection is always interesting and well designed. Favourites of this author's will always be the beautiful and early Black Swans!

**Martha Brown (Editor)...**

## **THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON.**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Members enthralled by 'New Deal'.**

'Entertaining and informative ... all have learnt something' was how Hugh Feldman FRPSL, giving the Vote of Thanks, described the presentation by Charles Epting to the members of the Royal Philatelic Society London on 21 April. The presentation titled 'Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal 1933-1942: A Philatelic Perspective' proved fascinating and enthralling as Charles unveiled the details of the 'New Deal', a series of relief agencies and public works programmes.

Established by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt between his inauguration in 1933 and America's entry into the Second World War in 1941, the 'New Deal' provided the necessary boost during the Great Depression, with many of the programmes still in effect today. Charles, who at 28 is President and CEO of stamp auctioneer H. R. Harmer, developed his interest in the initiative when, as a child, he visited national parks in America, where many of the facilities were constructed in the 1930s.

He embellished his presentation with a display of fine philatelic material, including the design and usage of the United States 3c stamp issued on 15 August 1933 to herald the National Recovery Administration, essentially a price-fixing scheme to set 'codes of fair competition'. Despite over one billion being printed, it remains one of America's most contentious stamps.

Presenting Charles with the Society's plaque and certificate, Peter Cockburn FRPSL, President, added that he had been 'deeply impressed' by the presentation.

*Illustration:*

*Peter Cockburn FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London (left), presents Charles Epting with the Society's plaque.*



*(26 April 2022).*

## **Hampshire Philatelic Federation 2022 dates...**

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.