

SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

To all members, auction vendors, packet vendors and auction bidders:

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer, but with autumn approaching, and the darker evenings, philatelists will be turning to their collections. Opportunities to enhance your collections are available through our auctions and through our packet circuit. Two auctions are currently available.

Enclosed with this mailing is the catalogue for the Grand October Auction, which features some excellent material. The catalogue will be available on our website (see below).

In addition, our web site includes lots in a Postal History auction of mainly GB material from many areas, but with interest especially in material from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Devon and Hampshire. Although currently due to finish at the end of September, it is likely that a revised list will be placed on the web site in October and advertised nationally.

The auction manager places unsold items from our auctions on the Society web site. If any items are of interest you should contact Kevin Chard (k.chard@ntl.com) with full details. These items are normally sold at Reserve Price.

During this year we asked members and others associated with the Society to indicate whether they wished to receive a hard copy of our catalogues or would prefer to download from our website (with email reminder that the material has been uploaded) or to receive the listing directly by email. This change was designed to reduce our postage costs and environmental impact. If you have not yet responded and still wish to receive our catalogues, please let Kevin know. If you do not respond and have not bid on auctions during 2021 this will be the last catalogue you will automatically receive.

We have a large quantity of **QEII decimal unmounted mint stamps** for sale at lower than face value. Equivalent to 100 First Class stamps costs £55 (face £85) and 100 Second Class £43 (Face £66). Please request by emailing, telephoning or writing to me.

We will have our usual stand at Hampex, which takes place at Wickham Centre on September 25th. If you do not know its location, check the [Hampex website](#). Please make a visit to our stand. In the absence of Competition Displays (cancelled owing to Covid-19 restrictions during this year), local

Societies are entering displays which should be of interest. The SDPS displays feature items from the Society Collection and an outline review of the contents of our Zoom meetings which have regularly been held during lockdown.

Our Zoom meetings will continue although less frequently than previously now that our face-to-face meetings have recommenced. We welcome guests to join these Zoom sessions and indeed to display items on occasions. If you are interested please contact our secretary, Eddie Mays, for details (sec.sdps@gmail.com).

We run very effective packet circuits which cover an area from Fareham in the east, Basingstoke in the north and New Milton in the west. In addition some packets circulate on the Isle of Wight with the co-operation of the Vectis Society. We are always looking for good quality material to include. At present our packet sales exceed £10,000 a year. If you wish to submit booklets please contact me for further information.

If you make use of the Society we urge you to join us and become a member and benefit from the range of Society activities. We welcome members from all over the country (and even abroad), but if you live in the Hampshire area and use the Society, please consider joining. For those joining now the £10 subscription will cover membership until the end of 2022. Full details from the Membership Secretary, Mike Vokes, 21, Hocombe Drive, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 5QE, his email is mike@vokeshouse.co.uk Details of the Society are on our website www.southamptondps.org.uk which is updated regularly.

EMAIL DETAILS: many members, auction vendors and packet vendors have provided their email addresses over the past year. If you have an email address and not yet let us know, please send us your details. This will help us communicate information speedily as necessary. We do not intend to move to mass email communication (we will still produce and send out paper copies of Postmark and Auction Catalogues), but will use email sparingly and only when relevant. If you are willing for us to include your details on the 'register' please send your email address to our secretary, Eddie Mays, at sec.sdps@gmail.com please mark your email as 'member' or 'supporter'.

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