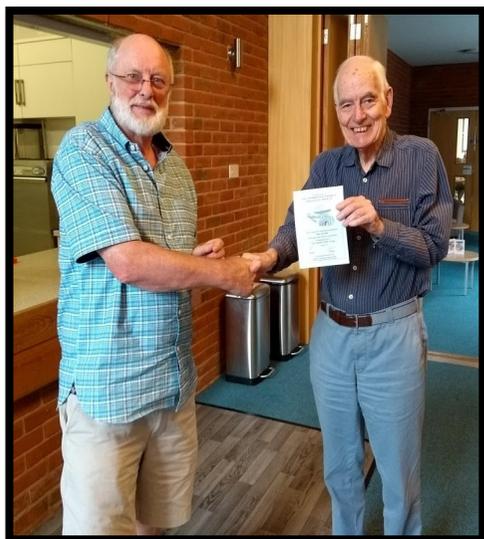


SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHS...



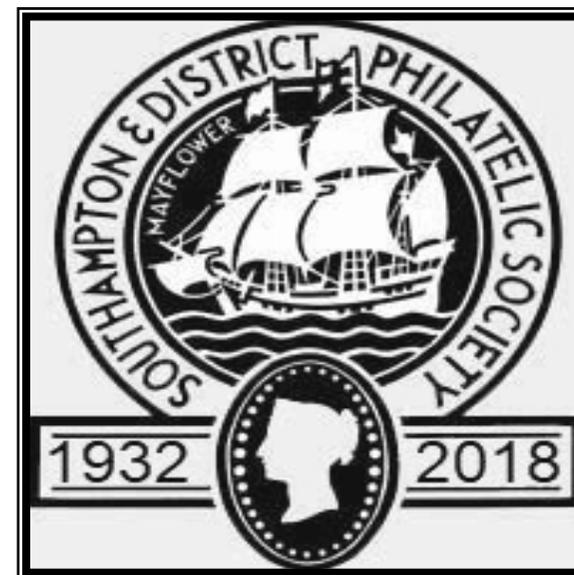
Len Yandell the winner the Single Sheet Competition at the Society Social evening on the 15th May.

5th JUNE 2018...
Chris Harman : GB Revenues from 1694 to Queen Victoria...



Presentation of Honorary Life Membership Certificate to retiring Society President, John Berridge, at the Chandlers Ford July 2018 tea party, by Society Chairman, Dr Mel Bradshaw.

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Here's one I made earlier....

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

1. St Joseph's Church Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH:
evening meetings on the first and third Tuesday, 7.00 for 7.15pm.

2. Hanover Housing Association Community Room, on the corner of Winchester Road and Hillside Close, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2GL:
afternoon meetings on the second Thursday, 1.45 for 2.00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SEPTEMBER :

13th - Afternoon Meeting - Chandlersford.

18th - Postcard Evening & Bourse - Guests are The Postcard Society.

PANDA FAIRS:

22nd - Bournemouth Annunciation Hall, Charminster Road, BH8 9RW.

OCTOBER:

2nd - The ups & downs of Parachutes - Speaker Barry Stagg.

7th - Grand Auction, Peartree Church Hall, Woolston.

12th - Afternoon Meeting - Chandlersford.

16th - Members 15 sheets in 5 minutes.

NOVEMBER:

6th - President's evening.

8th - Afternoon Meeting - Chandlersford,

20th - Members Letter 'S', Bourse & Silent Auction.

PANDA FAIRS:

3rd - Salisbury Methodist Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB

10th - Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley SO15 5HE

DECEMBER:

4th - Scotland - A Wry Look - Speaker Miller McGrath.

13th - Afternoon Meeting - Chandlersford.

PANDA FAIRS:

1st - Bournemouth Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Kinson BH10 7LH

FOUR ON THE FERRY VISIT VECTIS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT...

Four Southampton DPS members paid a return visit to the IoW Vectis society on 8th May.

The speakers were: Len Yandell - Budapest 1896, Dave Lewis – Leeward Islands, Brian Hague - Modern Faroe Islands concentrating on the 100 stamps engraved by Czeslaw Slania and Julian Jones – Modern (1893-1939) transatlantic mail. All enjoyed the Red Jet Ferry which took just 25 minutes to carry us from Southampton to Cowes where we were met by Stan Przysocki and taken to our meeting venue in Newport. At the half time break we were treated to a libation in the social club below the meeting room. At the end of the evening Mike Torreggani gave a vote of thanks and presented each of us with a pot of genuine Isle Of Wight honey before Stan whisked us back to Cowes for the 10:30pm hydrofoil back to Southampton.



Brian Hague, Dave Lewis and Len Yandell in the front row of the ferry to Southampton. You can see how crowded it was!



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The Golden Colour Error
3 Skilling Banco Yellow



H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden
Photographer: Anna-Lena Ahlström, royalcourt.se

WELCOME TO STOCKHOLMIA 2019

The International Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of The Royal Philatelic Society London

- The Royal Philatelic Society London, the oldest philatelic society in the world, was established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London. In 1896 HRH The Duke of York, son of King Edward VII, became President of the Society, an office he continued to hold until his accession to the throne as HM King George V in 1910. Permission to use the prefix Royal was granted by His Majesty King Edward VII in 1906. Following his accession King George V acted as its Patron, and in 1924 granted the Society permission to use the Royal Arms on its stationery and publications. The Royal philatelic tradition has been maintained and today the Society is honoured by the Patronage of Her Majesty The Queen. At STOCKHOLMIA 2019, a selection from The Royal Philatelic Collection, will be presented as part of Court of Honour.
- STOCKHOLMIA 2019 is an International Philatelic Exhibition with exhibits and displays from members of the Society from all over the world.

With capacity of 2,100 frames, the exhibition is the largest Society exhibition ever held. In addition, more than 50 Trade Stand Holders, from 13 different countries are participating.

- His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden has graciously agreed to be Patron of STOCKHOLMIA 2019 when it takes place at Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre, Nils Ericsons Plan 4, Stockholm.
- One of the world's most famous postage stamps, The Golden Colour Error, 3 Skilling Banco Yellow, will be presented as part of the exhibition's Court of Honour.
- Tickets and all other registrations and bookings, including accommodation offers, are here-with presented in this Destination Offer.
- The exhibition opens for Early Birds with the Vernissage on 28 May at 3.00 pm., followed by five public days from 29 May until 2 June.

Tuesday	28 May 2019	3.00 pm. – 7.00 pm.	Vernissage
Wednesday	29 May 2019	10.00 am. – 6.00 pm.	
Thursday	30 May 2019	10.00 am. – 6.00 pm.	
Friday	31 May 2019	10.00 am. – 6.00 pm.	
Saturday	1 June 2019	10.00 am. – 5.00 pm.	
Sunday	2 June 2019	10.00 am. – 3.00 pm.	

**The exhibition concepts,
programme and progress are
continuously presented online at
www.stockholmia2019.se.**

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

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CHARMAN'S NOTES SEPTEMBER 2018...

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of joining the Afternoon Social at Chandler's Ford. Over 40 members and guests attended another very successful event. My thanks to everyone involved, but I would like to mention in particular Debbie Hindson, who was very much instigator and organiser. At the meeting John Berridge was presented with his 'Honorary Life Membership Certificate'. It was hoped that Harry Vincombe would be able to attend to also receive his certificate. Unfortunately he was not able to come, but the certificate will have been delivered to him by the time you read this. The success of the Thursday afternoon meeting demonstrates the need for different styles of meetings, which attract a wider group of members.

The 2018 programme includes a Society Lunch on Sunday, October 14th. If you are not booked in, check with Jim Rankin as to availability. The 2019 programme is being finalised and will include a number of social events where guests are welcomed. It is important that our programme continues to meet the wide range of interests within the society. With this in mind, the committee is always open to receiving suggestions for new, innovative meetings and activities. Your committee is also looking to the future and discussing how we adapt to the impact of a contracting and largely elderly membership. This discussion is important and if you have a contribution, thought or idea please pass it on to one of your committee members.

The recent Competitions Evening attracted an increased number of entries. It was satisfying that the work of Kevin and Julian in organising the 'Competitions Workshop' had a positive impact and encouraged a number of new exhibitors. The amount of research and time taken to produce such good quality is immense.

Changes will occur next year, when I step down from the role of auction manager/auctioneer. It is therefore worth a comment about some of the problems which have affected recent auctions. The Society's officers do help with lotting items from, for instance, the families of deceased collectors who wish to sell collections. We cannot, however, check carefully every item submitted by members - the workload would be far too great. It has to be the vendors' responsibility to ensure descriptions are accurate and fair. This is especially important when we have so many postal bidders. At the last auction, for instance, there were a number of lots described as 'Unmounted Mint' which were clearly not, being 'Mounted Mint' or in at least one case 'Mint with no gum'. There were also errors in descriptions, probable forgeries and repaired items which were not identified as such. Many descriptions were made in good faith—the forgeries for instance needed a specialist to identify them correctly. Please always take care in your descriptions and be as accurate as you can—the quality of an item and the cancellation of used items have a big effect on price.

With autumn around the corner, and then the dark evenings of winter, our collections will, hopefully, get the attention they deserve. To enhance your collections or produce booklets for our Packet Circuit you will need to invest and buy wisely: a good place to start will be the October Grand Auction.

Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)....

that as many other members as possible will make an extra effort to attend to support Geoffrey & Roger.



Thursday afternoon tea party 2018...

We are indebted to Debbie Hindson for again organising the catering for this well-supported event and to the other members who assisted her in preparation and clearing up.

The late David Rodda OBE...

David Rodda attended the Thursday meetings in Chandlers Ford on a regular basis. He will be remembered as a quiet, charming, gentleman, usually sitting in the comfort of the rear row of armchairs in the meeting room. David collected Hong Kong, Canada and East Africa stamps and participated fully in Society activities, buying and selling at our auctions and packet. As a graduate water engineer David was awarded the OBE for services to the industry. David and Marjorie moved to Chandlers Ford about 12 years ago from Walton on Thames in order to be nearer family in Southampton. They worshipped regularly at St Boniface Church, where David joined the choir as a tenor. David was also a member of the local Probus group. It is an indication of David's standing that well over 100 people attended the memorial service to commemorate his life and work. It took place in St Boniface church, Chandlers Ford and the Society was represented by Chairman Mel Bradshaw, Brian Docking, Mike Sleeman, Laurie Tuppen and myself. The society's sincere condolences are extended to Marjorie and the family.

Mike Vokes (Membership Secretary)...

MEMBERSHIP NEWS MAY – SEPTEMBER 2018...

Very sadly, we lost David Rodda on the morning of the Chandlers Ford April meeting and at the meeting Brian Tardif advised me that Ted Rixon had passed away last year. An obituary in respect David appears elsewhere. On a brighter note, we welcome to the Society, Jack Preuveneers, who is a student at Southampton University, collecting Sweden from 1855. Jack will certainly bring the average age of the members down and it is good to see that some young people are still interested in philately.

Thursday afternoons in Chandlers Ford...

Once again during the spring and summer we have held the scheduled meetings with a good number of members bringing along enough exhibits to fill up the afternoon. Once again, I am most grateful to all the other members for assisting me in the organisation of these meetings. Earlier in the year at the February meeting Peter Holmes presented John Dorrington with a shield representing the insignia of his one-time ship HMS London – see picture below.



Later in the year, the September meeting was designated as a ‘Ladies’ afternoon and the October meeting will include a presentation by Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye entitled ‘*Compound Plate Printing*’ followed in the second half of the meeting by Roger Harris, giving his talk ‘*The Postal History of the Test Valley*’ It is acknowledged that these talks represent a slight move away from the normal structure of our meetings, however both of these members have offered to give these talks and it is hoped

AUCTION NEWS SEPTEMBER 2018...

The third auction of the year took place in June and, although the range of material was not quite as good as in the recent past, with a number of lots offered for the second or even third time, the result was very satisfactory. A little over 40% of lots were sold, with a hammer price exceeding £2350.

Enclosed with Postmark is the catalogue for the exciting GRAND AUCTION to be held on Saturday, October 6th. This will be a large auction with an excellent range of collections and individual stamps, sets and some very interesting GB covers. If you cannot get to the auction, but see lots you might like, put in a postal bid. Remember your bid will be used as though you were in the room, so if no one else bids you get the lot at the reserve price. The only extra cost is postage or delivery.

The venue for the auction is again Peartree Church Village Hall on Peartree Road. There is very good parking available around the hall. Owing to the number of lots to be sold, we will try and get the hall reading for viewing by 10.15a.m., and commence the auction close to 12.45p.m. For those who have submitted lists of lots, please remember that I require the material by mid-September. It takes quite a bit of time and space to sort and lot the material correctly and I will be away for a short period from September 19th to 24th.

The following auction will be on Tuesday, January 22nd 2019. If you have any items to include in this auction please let me have the details as early as possible and by November 4th if at all possible, as I will be away for the following fortnight until November 20th. I will be back for the Silent Auction on November 20th. For this auction please bring your lots to the club on the evening, with a clear listing. Each lot should show your reserve price so that bidders know where to start! This auction is generally limited to small lots—individual stamps, sets, covers or pages.

Whenever submitting or leaving lots, please make sure they are identified with **your name, reference number/letter** matching that on the list which you submit. Some difficulty arises when vendors leave material which is not adequately identified—there are so many tins of Quality Street kiloware!!

Details of vendors' lots should be given to me at society meetings, OR posted to:

Dr Mel Bradshaw, 85 Wilton Road, Upper Shirley, Southampton,
Hampshire, SO15 5HY

OR by e-mail to: melbradshaw44@gmail.com

If there are any queries please ring me on 023 8078 5785 or 07973 696291.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Editor,

I was told that stamp collectors are really very laid back, boring people with plenty of time to do everything.....Ha Ha.....

I am one of the many thousands of wives married to one of these nuts who takes everything literally, take the Federation Bulletin for instance, someone keeps harping on about 'get involved', so my nut of a husband does just that!

Every minute of the day available, he is in the study and when one enquires "What are you doing darling?", the answer comes back "I just have another few hundred sheets to write up for my display", often these same sheets were written up last month, but that was for a different display! The phone rings and another hour slips by talking to so and so from the Federation, and so it goes on.

The last few months have seen seven displays, several competitions, several meetings, several committee meetings, Federation Council meetings, endless letters and endless phone calls — and so it goes on!

I do have his company sometimes, but then, he sits exhausted in the armchair - oh and by the way, he also runs a business in order to keep us in food, (or stamps)? But seriously, I would not have him any other way, and, as he says 'I must have a hobby to relax'..... There's no answer to that!

oooOOOooo

I must take this opportunity of saying "Thank you" to these 'Stamp Widows'. Without them we wouldn't be able to get through what we do. There are always endless cups of coffee, either to keep us going or to revive us (even food on the extra long stints). I can speak with authority - I've got one. They are lovely to have around anyway, they are much prettier than stamps! So again, sincerely, 'Thank You, Ladies (Ed).

(HPF BulletinNo.68. May 1992)...

G KIMBER... CAN YOU HELP..

Mr. Watts, my name is Richard Baxter, I am a member of the RA Centre Stamp club in Ottawa. I am conducting some research on an envelope from Newfoundland to Highfield, Southampton mailed in 1919.

The attached letter is part of an exhibit on the Newfoundland "Trail of the Caribou" stamp series issued to commemorate the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. I had initially believed that the letter may have been sent to Sir Sydney Guy Kimber but have recently discovered that he shared a common middle initial G with his son Wilfred G. Kimber. The letter is addressed to G. Kimber Highfield, Southampton.

I am trying to clarify who might have been the recipient of the letter in question. Does your Society have any records which might indicate if Sir Sydney Guy Kimber or his son Wilfred were in fact stamp collectors? Any assistance from the Southampton and District Philatelic Society would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention to this request. If you can help contact Mike Watts (Treasurer) at mikewatts632@btinternet.com.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Hampshire Postal History Society meeting at HAMPEX
at 2pm on September 29th.

ASPS 13th October Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies - Stamp Fair & Convention at South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TL.

Salisbury Stamp Show 19th-20th October at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Rd, Salisbury Wiltshire, SP1 3NR, from 10:00am

Spring Stampex 2019 13 - 16 Feb 2019 Business Design Centre, London N1 0QH.

Stockholmia 2019 29 May - 02 Jun 2019 Waterfront Congress Centre, Stockholm.

Autumn STAMPEX 2019 11 - 14 September 2019 Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1 0QH.

RINGWOOD PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

10th April, 2018...

‘THE STORY OF BULAWAYO’...

JOHN BERRIDGE...

(SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY)...

Here Members were treated to a rich study in social philately. This two-part presentation was highly informative, detailed both in terms of considerable historical/geographic scope and rich philatelic content. John Berridge, in tracing the region’s early days before Europeans, then various pioneers and the life and times of Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902), provided a fascinating backdrop. He produced a map of c. 1780 revealing the then virtually unknown South African region. A major focus looked at the arrival of Dr Moffatt (1795-83) who was the first missionary. His daughter married David Livingstone. 1859 saw Moffat’s missionary station become the basis for the foundation of Bulawayo. A Royal Charter of 1889 gave the British SA Company rights to administer and develop. Ox wagons, stage coaches and eventually the railway all played significant roles and were colourfully depicted in the philatelic items displayed. The development of telegraphic services was a major contributor, reaching Bulawayo in 1894, with a link to Cape-Town and Cairo. These aspects were well featured and the display benefitted from a section on aviation and its impact. An interesting further section covered postal services during WWII. Here covers were included, Censored mail being one aspect. The use of microfilm being sent (*Airgraph*) in 1944 and covers flown by SA Airways also featured. The speaker’s second-half presentation considered ‘*Early Bulawayo Date Stamps and Cancellers*’, *the Matebele Rebellion*, *the Boer War and Mafeking Relief*. Maps, railway time-tables and telegraph stamps were also considered. A fascinating section looked at ‘*Postal Stationery*’, followed by postcards depicting the early development of the city. Other presented areas featured farming and mining, tourism, KGV stamp issue, ‘*UDI Surcharged Mail*’ and concluded with ‘*Post Independence Bulawayo*’. Chairman Paul Barry voiced the appreciation of the Membership for ‘*a most fascinating and enjoyable philatelic presentation.*’

Paul Barry (Secretary)...

PRESS RELEASE...

Rare privilege for members of the Royal...

It was one of those ‘once in a lifetime’ occasions on 17 May when the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London had the distinct privilege of seeing part of the collections belonging to HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

The collection was started in 1917 when Prince Albert I purchased all the pieces from the Principality that had been assembled by Revd E. G. Barber. On display was an unbelievable array of magnificent covers dating from the 18th century, plus proofs and multiples of the early issues. The items shown had been chosen by the Keeper of the Collection, Michel Granero.

The Society was also honored to welcome the Ambassador of the Principality of Monaco, Evelyne Genta.

Vincent Schouberechts FRPSL, giving the Vote of Thanks, commented that this was ‘the first time much of the collection has been shown outside Monaco. It brought together many remarkable pieces.’

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact the Administrative Office (020 7486 1044).



Michel Granero with Patrick Maselis...

SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHTS – BALANCE OF 2018...

Tuesday 4th September – Brian Hague, Faroe Islands...

Brian will display a selection from his Faroe Islands collection. In the first half stamps, beginning with the provisional issues of 1919 when fresh supplies could not reach the islands from postal headquarters in Copenhagen in time to meet changed demands following a rise in postal rates, through to postal independence issues that began in 1975. This more modern material will concentrate on the 100 stamps produced for the Faroes by that master engraver Czeslaw Slania.

The second half will be postal history, looking particularly at the WWII period when the islands were occupied by British forces whilst Denmark was under German control. Despite this the Faroese postal authorities continued to operate as part of the Danish postal service although the irregular supply of stamp supplies gave rise to a number of problems and we will see how these were circumvented.

Tuesday 2nd October – Barry Stagg, the Ups and Downs of Parachutes...

We welcome Barry Stagg to give something a little different in October, he comments:

‘As a keen stamp collector and a ‘failed’ parachutist the next move, 40 years ago, was to collect parachuting stamps! Over time this developed into a thematic and postcard collection covering the history and development of parachuting. The exhibits contain some unusual and rare philatelic and postcard items and I’m sure you will enjoy seeing the material and learning about the story of parachuting and the bravery and beauty, sadness and stupidity of many of its participants!’

Tuesday 6th November – Presidents Evening.

This one will be a surprise for me, although no doubt some aspects will ‘leak’ nearer the time!

Tuesday 4th December – Miller McGrath, Scotland – a Wry Look.

Miller will be known to most regulars – he has been an active member of the Society since 2004 when he first moved to this area. His main collecting interests are Glasgow Postal History, Black Gold (a thematic on the oil industry) and “Scotland - a wry look” plus many more side-line collections. Miller’s display takes a philatelic look at Scotland, the country, its history and its people. It is wide ranging and embraces castles, exhibitions, sport, maritime matters and royalty. At times it is a bit tongue in cheek but mainly it tries to show that Scotland punches above its weight!

Kevin Chard (Programme Secretary)...

pressure to raise more money and increasingly the use of stamp revenues was widened. The 1740’s saw the introduction of “sin” taxes on playing cards, etc. This together with other areas such as wallpaper (printed paper) and hat linings were added to the list of taxable items over the years until a road tax on vehicles was added in 1784. During this period of the 18th century stamp duty had to be paid on every Indenture of an Apprentice and included in the material being presented was a very rare example of this item.

The second part of the evening started when William Pitt the Younger was Prime minister at the end of the 18th century and in his efforts to raise more money for the war chest he introduced a hair powder certificate that had to be presented in order to buy the powder. Exempted from this tax were the Royalty, Clergy and Soldiers. Hawkers formed an important part of the network for disseminating information to the working classes but this didn’t stop the authorities from requiring them to be licensed. Patented medicine was also included and bore a special “criss cross” seal to indicate that the tax had been paid.

In 1783 the financial world was included in the revenue stream and with this came an enormous increase in the workload of the Stamp Offices and also an increase in the level of forgery that occurred. In an effort to counter the latter William Congreve invented the compound printing machine for the production of banknotes. Later on, in 1824, Congreve combined two colour printing with embossing to further increase the level of security. The great drawback was the slowness of producing the banknotes. So much so that in 1853 there was a radical simplification of the whole system. Many, if not most, of the documents that had needed to go to the Stamp Office to have the tax paid now only needed to pay 1d (one penny) in the form of an adhesive stamp, initially produced by the Perkins Bacon printing company. These stamps bore the legend “Postage and Inland Revenue”.

Eddie Mays....

SPEAKERS CORNER...

5th JUNE 2018...

Chris Harman : GB Revenues from 1694 to Queen Victoria...

Chris started his presentation by explaining that his collection of Revenue Stamps began because they were cheaper than the earlier postal stamps. As his knowledge grew he realised that Revenue stamps had been used since 1694, mainly as a method of raising monies for the government. This was a direct result of the War Debts incurred by William III and led to the establishment of the Bank of England. The rate was set at ½ penny but as time passed this was increased in ½ penny increments until by the end of the 18th century it had reached 3 & ½ pennies.

In the early days documents were written on vellum, paper was rare and carried with it paper duties. With the aid of the examples on display, some of them extremely rare, we were taken through the development of Impressing, Embossing, Escutcheons and the methods of fixing them to the vellum documents by staples. A particularly rare example shown was of an Apprentice's Indenture from 1712. During this period all paper had duty attached to it. The blank paper had to be brought to a Stamp Office to be embossed, showing that the duty had been paid, before it could be printed.

In 1752 the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, whilst it didn't have a direct effect on stamp revenues, did cause a lot of civil unrest due to the "loss" of eleven days in September. This led nicely into the presentation then moving on to the subject of Almanacs. These had been around for many years but Chris had been able to acquire both the almanac collections of Harry Dagnall and Dr Robert Champion and the display featured many examples from these collections. Almanacs came in two main types; books that attracted the normal duty and sheets that attracted a lower rate of duty. With a population in Britain of approximately 3,000,000 almanac sales were in the order of 300,000 each year. Besides the ordinary annual almanac there had been multiyear almanacs for mariners. Voyages to the Antipodes and back were thought to have taken more than a year to complete.

With the country engaged in war with both the French and then the American War of Independence the government was under increasing

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No 23: Dr. E. KEITH LLOYD...

Keith Lloyd was born in South Worcestershire and spent most of his childhood there, variously living in the countryside near Upton-on-Severn and later in Malvern Link. His father had joined the Royal Navy about 1930 and in those days if you joined the Navy you saw the world. He married a few years later and Keith's recollection is that mother kept the stamps on the letters which she received from father and then, when Keith was about 7 years old, she shared them out amongst her three sons. Keith has been collecting (accumulating?) stamps, and more recently postal history, ever since.



In the 1950s there was an outbreak of poliomyelitis most summers - Keith contracted it in Coronation year and since then he has had to use at least one walking stick.

Keith was educated at Worcester Royal Grammar School, where one of the masters was F.C. Holland, FRPSL, the author (with R.C. Alcock) of "The Postmarks of Great Britain and Ireland"; this is still a standard reference on the subject. The

headmaster was A.G.K. (Godfrey) Brown, who was an athlete who won both a gold and a silver medal in the 1936 Olympic Games (a topic on

which Tony Bosworth gave us a good display last year) and who, in 2017, was inducted into the England Athletics Hall of Fame. A master who taught music part-time was Henry Sandon who later became an authority on antiques, in particular on Royal Worcester porcelain.

In 1961, Keith proceeded to the University of Birmingham where he obtained a B.Sc. in Mathematics; he remained there for a Ph.D. In his final year Ph.D. , Keith's supervisor was invited to spend the year at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena and Keith had the good fortune to accompany him.

In 1967, Keith returned to the U.K. to take up a lectureship at the University of Southampton. He retired as a senior lecturer in 2001.

To date Keith has collected stamps from most countries in the world and at one time took particular interest in India and in GB Overprints. After his first of several visits to China (in 1986) Keith decided to concentrate his philatelic interests on that country. As a result members will recall seeing Keith displays of various aspects of China, which is a huge subject. Over the years these displays have been seen both at evening meetings but more frequently at the afternoon meetings at Chandlers Ford.

Keith is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London and has often displayed at their Regional meetings in Bournemouth and more recently in Salisbury. A member of several other philatelic societies he has attended meetings of the British Air Mail Society Wessex region displaying Air Mails of China. At one time he was treasurer of the China Philatelic Society of London. He has published articles in various philatelic magazines notably in the "Journal of Chinese Philately".

Transport and Industrial Archaeology are amongst Keith's other interests and he has written a great many reports in the "Omnibus Magazine" since the mid-1960s. He has accumulated a large collection of magazines and books relating to his various interests.

A keen supporter of this Society Keith has been a member for over 30 years and has been a regular attendee of meetings. Over the years he joined several of our overseas trips to International Philatelic Exhibitions in Brno (2005), Vienna & Salzburg (2006), Prague (2008) and Antwerp (2010) as well as trips to Sheffield (2011) and York (2012).

We hope to see Keith at future meetings.

John Berridge...