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LONDON

Coach Trip

Wednesday, 6th May 2020
PROVISIONAL DETAILS

Pick Up Points

Fareham / Southampton / Eastleigh

£20 per seat or £35 for two seats
(2nd person to be non-member)

Anyone interested in going please contact
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

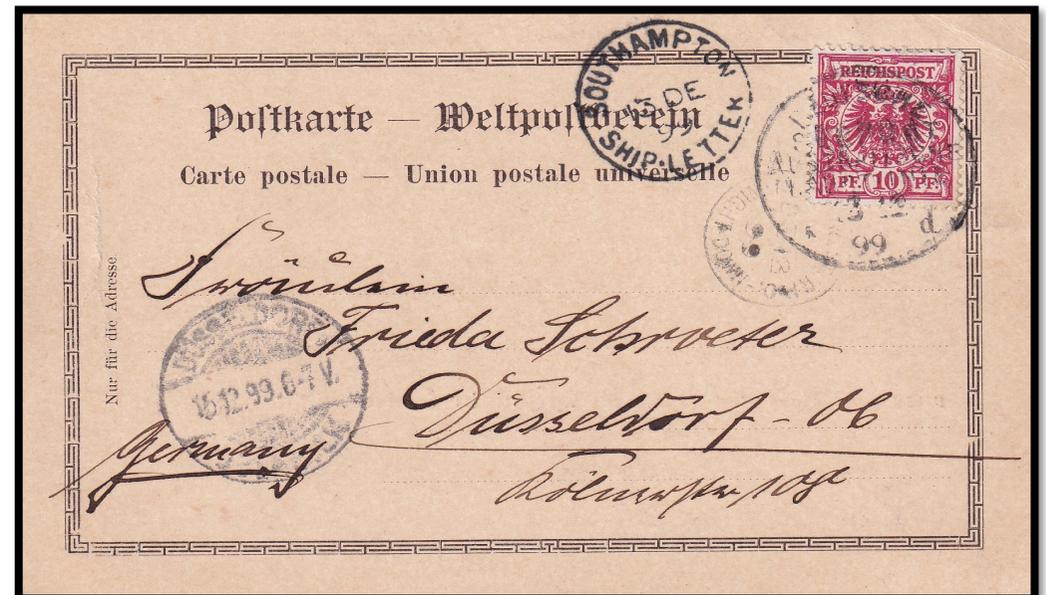
(the coach needs to be booked by end of January)

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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. The Chandler's Ford Thursday Afternoon Meetings in the Future will be held at 2 pm at St Boniface Church Hall, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2FT *afternoon meetings on the second Thursday, 1.45 for 2.00pm.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 2020:

January:

7th - Members letter 'V'.

9th - Afternoon meeting Chandler's Ford.

21st - Auction.

February:

4th - Victorian 2d Blues - Speaker: Tony Davis.

13th - Afternoon meeting Chandler's Ford.

18th - Members Competition Evening & Bourse.

March:

3rd - Visit from Ferndown P.S.

12th - Afternoon meeting Chandler's Ford.

17th - Auction.

Panda Fairs:

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

February 29th - Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley, SO15 5HE.

March 21st - Fareham Holy Trinity Church, West Street, PO16 0EL.

Southampton Postcard Club: The Friends Meeting House, Ordnance Road (Off London Road), Southampton, on the 4th Monday of each month at 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

27th January 2020 - Paul's Travels.

24th February 2020 - AGM.



AUTUMN STAMPEX...



Royal Mail launched a limited edition of 7,500 exclusive miniature sheets commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, "To honour those who helped secure peace in Europe".

The sheet comprises of 5 first class stamps and special "Operation Overlord" & "Stampex" overprints.

Lorraine Simms...

SOCIETY MEMBER GIVES LAST MINUTE TALK...

I have just received The Petersfield & District Philatelic Society publication 'Petersfield Philatelist' Number 212 October 2019 and one of our members stepped in at the last minute on the 2nd September to give a talk. It appeared that 'A visit from Alton Stamp Club' fell through at the last minute, Brian Hague was contacted and accepted the call for help. Brian gave 2 displays linking very different countries. The title of the talk was 'Korea and the Faroes'. The first part was about the 'Jutlandia' an 8,457-ton passenger/cargo ship of the East Asiatic Company built in Denmark in 1934. It ran a service from Denmark to Mediterranean and onwards. But the Korean war of 1951-1954 saw her being fitted out as a troop ship and flying the United Nations and Red Cross flags as well as the Danish. She was scrapped in 1964.

The second part of the display was devoted to the Faroe Islands and the period during World War II when Denmark was occupied by Germany & the islands under were under British control.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

Slogan Postmark - Whatever You Grow Will Save a BRO Sign Up Now
Movember.Com. Ref: A7A2/371.

Slogan Postmark - National Poetry Day - 3rd October 2019 - Ref:
A7A2/372.

Steve Gerrard (Archivist & Postal History Curator).

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS... (short and sweet – this time)...

I don't know if I am disappointed or not but only five members have responded to be included in an emailing list that notifies members when there is new "stuff" on the website. I will continue to drop them the occasional email but to make it easier for the other members to keep up to date with Society news the Minutes from each Tuesday evening meeting are sent in draft form to the Chairman for his approval immediately after each meeting and when they have been agreed they are then passed to Julian, as webmaster, and he uploads them on to the website. At present there are three sets of Minutes available and the plan is to have the latest four sets (two months) on-line and to maintain this routine. Please use the tag www.southamptondps.org.uk/postmark.html to visit them. As only approximately 20% of the members come to the Tuesday evenings it is an opportunity for the remainder of the membership to keep up to date with what is happening. The facility is there now, please use it. It will not be going away!

There is one other subject that is scurrying around at the back of my mind that I hope might be of interest to members. It does seem that whilst the collecting specialities of some members is well-known, e.g. Len and his lighthouses/Le Havre, we do have a number of new members (Hurray!) And they might benefit from knowing who else in the Society has the same collecting interests. What I envisage is some sort of informal register where subgroups might form within the membership. If anyone is interested I would be happy to discuss how it might be achieved. I can be contacted in several ways; by phone on 02380 402194, by email at sec.sdps@gmail.com or by "snail mail" to Eddie Mays, Sheridan, Rutland Gardens, Bursledon, Southampton SO31 8FZ **Eddie May (October 2019)...**

OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

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Websites: Southampton & District P S – www.southamptondps.org.uk/

Hampshire Philatelic Federation – www.hantsfederation.org.uk

THURSDAY MEETINGS - NEW VENUE:

**The Salisbury Room, St Boniface Church Centre, Hursley Road,
Chandler's Ford, SO53 2FT.**

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APRIL 2020 MEETING WILL BE ON THE
THIRD THURSDAY *****

MIKE VOKES...

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES DECEMBER 2019...

Welcome to this December issue of Postmark. As you will see elsewhere in Postmark, the Annual Grand Auction was a huge success and I hope you

were delighted with any purchases or sales made at the auction. The funds raised at auctions are an important strand to the Society's income, but a second is the 'Packet Circuit'. The Packet also helps to involve members who rarely come to meetings, but enjoy the exploration of what might be on offer in each booklet. The Packet is facing two problems. One is that Jack Hindson is stepping down as Packet Manager after many years of successfully managing the operation. The Committee will not allow the 'Packet Circuit' to die, as has happened with some other societies. We do need, however, someone to step in and take over from Jack as the key organiser of the process. Jack can let you know what is involved and what the rewards are for the manager. One clear benefit is first access to the booklets, so that you can purchase before anyone else sees the material - of course that could prove expensive! The second problem with the 'Packet Circuit' currently is the lack of material to make up sufficient boxes to ensure a regular supply of material. The distribution of the boxes has extended recently to include Andover and a circuit on the Isle of Wight. Those who have produced booklets in the past please try and produce more with interesting and varied material. If you have not put in booklets in the past but would like to start ask Jack for details. He can also supply empty booklets at a reasonable rate.

Although essentially a philatelic society, I know our members have other wide ranging interests and I thought notice of a current exhibition might prove useful. During the First World War and the ensuing economic crisis, many German towns issued *notgeld*, or emergency money, to combat cash shortages. These notes replaced small change, and their increasingly decorative designs quickly made them collectors' items. Small towns could earn a nice profit issuing *notgeld*. This sounds rather familiar in terms of modern day philately!! Johannes Hartmann is curator of an exhibition of the notes at the British Museum, London. The designs range from local fairy tales and legends to political messages. The nicer the note, the more it drew collectors, so towns tried to make them as ornate, funny or clever as possible. The exhibition began on October 3rd and runs until March 29th. (Thank you to The Observer for these details). Enclosed with Postmark is the catalogue for our January auction, which can only mean that I have to end by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and successful and healthy New Year.

Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)...

SOCIETY UPDATES FROM CURATOR & ARCHIVIST...

Archivist: New Additions: The Hampshire Post - The Journal of the Hampshire Postal History Society. Vol. 17/3 - September 2019. Steve Gerrard - Southampton Postal History. Archive Reference: 3,966.

Petersfield Philatelist - Number 210 - Easter 2019. Archive Reference 3967.

Petersfield Philatelist - Number 211 - July 2019. Archive Reference 3968.

Bidding form for 5th October 2019 Auction - Archive Reference 3969.

September 2019 Newsletter - Archive Reference 3970.

Grand Auction 5th October 2019 Auction Catalogue - Archive Reference 3971.

Programme - 2018 - Archive Reference 3972.

Programme - 2019 - Archive Reference 3973.

Programme - 2020 - Archive Reference 3974.

The Scene - Issue 65 - October to November - Page 12 Weekly Events Auction. Page 16 Article SDPS Autumn 2019. Submitted my Eddie Mays. Archive Reference 3975.

ABPS News - Vol 25 No. 4 - Winter 2018 - Archive Reference 3976.

ABPS News - Vol 26 No. 1 - Spring 2019 - Archive Reference 3977.

ABPS News - Vol 26 No. 2 - Summer 2019 - Archive Reference 3978.

ABPS News - Vol 26 No. 3 - Winter 2019 - Archive Reference 3979.

Hampshire Philatelic Federation Bulletin - No 150 - May 2019 - Archive Reference 3980.

Hampshire Philatelic Federation Bulletin - No 151 - September 2019 - Archive Reference 3981.

Petersfield Philatelist - Number 212 October 2019 - Brian Hague talk to Petersfield DPS 2nd September 2019 - Archive Reference 3982.

Review - Paul Barry, Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic & Postcard Club - 4 Members of SDPS Talk - 28th October - Archive Reference 3983

Society Postal History Curator: New Additions:

Meter Mark - GasCare.com FP6112123 - 2019. Archive Reference A7B/445.

Slogan Postmark - World Autism Awareness Day - 2nd April 2019. Ref: A7A2/370

SOCIETY COMPETITION WINNERS PRESENTATIONS...



**Beverley King...
Single Sheet Competition.**



John Dorrington... Aerophilately.



Julian Jones... Postal History. Malcolm Coe... Traditional...



The winners being presented with their trophies by Kevin Chard (Top left) and by John Berridge. Photographs taken by Eddie Mays (Secretary/PRO).

A MEMBER STRIKES SILVER-GILT...

Following on from my item in the last Postmark about entering society competitions and what can be achieved, Julian Jones received the following email from one of our newer members:

Hi Julian,

Sorry I haven't attended many meetings since last year, University and Summer have been very hectic. Just thought I'd email to let you know about my results at Stampex this year in the British Youth Stamp Championship, since I attended your talk last year in Southampton about Writing up for Display and Competition.

Last year I won a Large Silver Medal in the British Youth Stamp Championships Class A with my exhibit Sweden: From Oscar to Oscar which was best exhibit in Class A (19 - 21).

This year I one-upped that with a Small Silver-gilt Medal; Winning Best in class A again, and this year I also won best overall entry out of the youth displays, with 86/100 points, again with my exhibit Sweden: From Oscar to Oscar.

Thank you again for that talk as it was a good stepping stone into knowing what I should do to exhibit!

Many Thanks,
Preuveneers, Jack.

So it shows that at least 2 members who attended our 1 day Society Workshop - Creating A Philatelic Exhibit (see Postmark 138) myself & Jack have taken the bull by the horns and taken that first step into displaying and competitions. So the question is: when are we going to hold our next Society Workshop and what will be its topic? It is a shame if we do not hold one soon whilst we are getting results from our previous one, we might as well strike whilst the iron is hot. I certainly would be in favour of another Workshop as all we have to pay out for is the hire of the room. I think this is a very cheap option to get people more involved with stamp collecting and maybe we might do a small advert in the local press to publicise it and open it to Joe Public?

(Julian Jones & Steve Gerrard (Editor))...

HAMPEX SEPTEMBER 2019...



Mel Bradshaw (Sitting) Mike Vokes (Standing) Photograph by Eddy Mays.

Hampex was held on Saturday, September 28th at Wickham Community Centre from 10.00am.-4.30pm. The £1 entrance fee was very good value for an event which included an exhibition of competition entries, presentation of trophies and meetings of various societies. As usual, there were about 20 dealers to take your money. Around 120 people, plus dealers, attended the event and dealers seemed to have

had a good day, with takings not very different from recent years. It was good that so many members from SDPS put in an appearance. Of more worry was the lack of young people at the event: a trend that continues with few youngsters starting the hobby. There should be a way of involving more children - I see them collecting cards linked to albums, such as the current 'Disney Heroes' range.

Our PRO, Eddie Mays, produced a range updated of display material to promote the Society. Many members helped at some time at the table - our sincere thanks to you all. The Society's table was in the main hall again. We talked to a number of interested individuals, added a few new names to our postal auction bidder list, distributed catalogues for our October auction and signed up a new member. Much of the smaller, folder items were available to view in the morning. Kevin had few visitors, but if the chance arises again it might well be worth developing this as a regular feature.

Competition exhibits again demonstrated a very high quality, covering a wide range of topics, but appeared to be down in number. Only two societies presented material for the Howard White Trophy, which was won by Ferndown. Southampton was the only other society

MEMBERS COMPETITION EVENING...

Since its launch in 2018 this has established itself as a regular event in our programme. As a reminder, this event is far less structured than the traditional competition evening and more of a fun event / opportunity to display your material. The 'rules' appear below - but to call them rules is probably something of an exaggeration - the principle is to encourage more people to have more fun in displaying material.

Entries can be 12 to 16 sheets.

Formal write-up encouraged including an introductory page. (The introductory page simply outlines the story of the display - what is being shown and why.)

Very brief spoken introduction as to the intended story of the entry permitted.

A trophy to be awarded based on the votes of all the members present on the evening.

Where welcomed, confidential feedback available from more experienced members.

Please speak with me if you would like any further information or guidance, you can also email me on brian.hague26@gmail.com

Brian Hague (Competitions Secretary)...

OBITUARY - MICHAEL CRANE...

The Committee was saddened to hear that Michael Crane had died recently. Michael first joined the Society in December 1991 and had several collecting interests mainly; GB Pre-decimal, Egypt Pre-1960, Holland and Greece both Pre-1970 but he also dabbled in other areas. The considerable amount of albums in his collection rather understates the previous sentence. He and his first wife Myrtle were active members attending both the Tuesday & Thursday meetings and Michael subscribed to the Packet regularly. Away from the Society he was a strong supporter of his local church and it was there he met his second wife Maggie. He became less active but is remembered by today's members as being a very pleasant but quiet gentleman. His funeral was held at St. Thomas's in Fair Oak in late October. Regrettably, due to the short notice, a Society representative was not able to attend but a minute's silence was observed by the members attending the President's Evening meeting in early November.

Eddie Mays (Secretary)...

OUR FIRST QUARTER PROGRAMME...

For reasons that will become obvious, I am starting this article with a thanks to 4 members who made a trip to Ferndown PS on 28th October and represented the Society splendidly with the quality of their material and presentations. Our representatives were:

Julian Jones – speeding up transatlantic mail

Len Yandell – aspects of Churches

Mike Batty – Bishops Waltham postal history

Mike Vokes - lighthouses

January...

7th January continues the pattern of having a members evening early in the New year rather than a visiting speaker – an opportunity then to present material from your collection with the theme of the letter V. The 21st January meeting is an Auction.

February...

4th February – Tony Davis – Victoria 2d Blues

This display starts with the 1840 Two Penny Blue, then takes a journey through all the variations of postage stamps and postal stationery of Victoria's reign concluding with the 2d Blues of the Commonwealth. The criteria of the display is: it has to be 2d in value, issued during Victoria's reign and must be blue in colour.

18th February – Members Competition & Bourse

The Members Competition is covered in a separate article in this magazine. It would be good to see more activity and contributions to the Bourse element – an opportunity to clear unwanted material and pick up a bargain or two.

March...

3rd March – Visit of Ferndown PS

Expect variety when members of the Ferndown PS pay us a return visit following our visit to them in October 2019. Always a good evening!

19th March – Auction, no further comment required!

Plenty to look forward to plus some activities for long winter nights getting ready for letter V, preparing your members competition entry and getting out items to sell at the Bourse and Auctions.

Kevin Chard (Programme Secretary)...

entering. The society thanks its members who entered competition displays: John Dorrington (New Zealand Airmail-1934 and The Pilots Founding New Zealand's airmail network 1930-37), Malcolm Coe (Sudan's First Stamps 1897-98), Brian Hague (Four Danish Kings' visits to the Faroe Islands: 1874-1969), Julian Jones (US sailing packets and GB sailing ships: transatlantic postal charges 1816 to 1840) and John Berridge (Mail to and from the Dutch Indies and the Netherlands 1939 to 41). Congratulations to Brian Hague, who was awarded the Jan Kaluski Trophy (best 32 sheet exhibit in the show) and to John Berridge, who was awarded the Presland Aerophilatelic Salver.

Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)...

OCTOBER AUCTION 2019...



Mel Bradshaw & Kevin Chard - Auctioneer (Right). Photo by Steve Gerrard.

After an exceptionally successful auction, it seems only right to thank many individuals and comment on the event. It is impossible to name everyone who helped, but our thanks go to Kevin Chard for organising and managing his first big auction. The event broke many records, with over 1150 lots and sales of over £13,500. However, the day did not start smoothly. The 'Man with Van' arrived 15 minutes late at Bugle Street for the transfer of items to Peartree. Having broken his phone, he had lost all details and, unlike 2018 where he had a second man to help, he arrived on his own. This presented problems as I was on my own at the hall. Thanks go, therefore, to those who sprinted down from Peartree to help with the movement of material from our upstairs room to the van. Without their help we would have been much later starting the viewing process. The transfer of material to the hall at Peartree was quick and efficient, and thanks go all those who helped setting out the hall and then attempting to organise the material to allow viewing to begin. It

was unfortunate that the start of viewing was later than published on the catalogue, but it appears that everyone had enough time to view items before the auction began. It was heartening that many members joined in the organisation at the hall, even though they had not expected to have to!!

There was an excellent range of prizes for the raffle, thank you to all those who donated prizes. The usual wide range of refreshments - rolls, cakes, pork pies, biscuits and drinks - were available, and a brisk trade took place throughout the day. Thank you to all who sold raffle tickets and managed to the organisation and sale of refreshments so efficiently.

As usual the distribution of bidding cards and finances were ably handled by Debbie Hindson, with John Berridge's assistance in collecting cash and cheques. Lots were distributed to successful bidders with considerable efficiency, especially when considering the volume of material to sift through. Finally the van arrived on time to return unsold items to Bugle Street. Thanks again to those who helped load the van, and then came back to Bugle Street to help unload unsold lots and return them our room. Somehow, we were even out of the hall at Peartree on time at 5 o'clock!

The success of the whole day was because so many members 'got stuck in' when something needed doing. As a Society we are very fortunate to have sufficient numbers of individuals who are prepared to help and get things done.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU...

Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)...

LONDON 2020 NOTES...

London 2020, the international stamp exhibition to be held at the Business Design Centre in London's Islington on 2-9 May next year, is showing the exhibits in two sections. The first half (2-5 May) will include Postal History, Revenue, Open, Picture Postcards, Postal Stationery, Modern and part of Youth. The second half (6-9 May) will have Championship, Traditional, Aerophilately, Thematic and the rest of Youth. One Frame exhibits will be shown alongside their parent class.

I am informed that the exhibition has been seriously oversubscribed so we can expect a marvellous selection of items on show.

Julian Jones...

collector and **Stephen Betteridge**, a GB collector from Hedge End.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS IN CHANDLER'S FORD.

During the autumn, the attendance at the meetings remained constant with an average of over 20 members attending. The October meeting was particularly well attended and Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye commenced the first half with a most interesting talk about the various printings of GB *Machin* stamps. A large number of other members had brought items to show, so much so that there was insufficient time for all to be displayed.

Mike Vokes...

FRONT COVER...

1899 SHIP LETTER PPC To DUSSELDORF via SOUTHAMPTON...

An uncommon item. Issued by Norddeutscher Lloyd Bremen Company. The message side is half taken up with a picture of the ship 'Konigin Luise'. As well as the German sea post cancel, the stamp is tied with a railway cancel 'RPO NIGHT DOWN', probably the mail train connecting with the ferry to the continent. From the Society Collection (A28/JD/035).

GERMANY & COLONIES PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

Holds 4 meetings per year on Saturday afternoons from 1.30 to 4.30pm and meet at: The Salisbury Room, St Boniface Church Centre, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2FT. The 2020 program is as follows:

8th February 2020 – Members Displays.

25th April 2020 – Robin Pizer – German Parcel Cards to Foreign Countries 1907 to 1925.

11th July 2020 – Rex Dixon - Definitives of the last 100 years.

10th October – Mike Dadds – Liberation Philately of Europe.

If you are a Germany collector and would like to give the Society a talk in 2021, then drop me a line. Or, if you just collect Germany then we would like to see you at one of our Saturday afternoon meetings.

Steve Gerrard (G&CPS Convenor)...

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

MEMBERSHIP NEWS – WINTER 2019/2020... SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For those who pay their annual subscription (still a bargain at £10) by cheque or cash at meetings, may I remind you respectfully to forward your dues to **myself** at 21 Hocombe Drive, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 5QE. Alternatively, they may be paid at meetings to the Treasurer, **Mike Watts**, if I am not present. **Please do not attempt to pay any other officer !**

THE MOVE TO ST BONIFACE CHURCH HALL OF CHANDLERS FORD MEETINGS...

Due to persistent parking problems at the current venue, it has been agreed that the Chandlers Ford meetings with effect from 9th January 2020 will take place from 1.45p.m to 3.30p.m at St Boniface church hall, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 2FT. Business commences at 2 pm. I am sure that members will find the parking arrangements much more satisfactory, as the church has a fairly large car park about 50 yards *beyond* the main buildings, on the left hand side, heading up Hursley Road towards Winchester. The venue is much closer to the railway station, fairly easy walking distance of the main Southampton to Winchester bus route and has several convenience stores in the vicinity. Please note that the April meeting will be held on **Thursday 16th April 2020**.

LAST POST.

I am very sorry to have to report the death of **Michael Crane**, a very long standing member of the Society. Our sincere condolences are offered to his family. According to my records, Michael joined the Society in 1992 and was very active for a number of years.

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome into the Society, **Patrick Stevenson**, a vendor from Highfield, **John Humphrey** from Fareham, who is a GB Postal history

AUCTION UPDATE...



Joe public having a good rummage...
Photo by Steve Gerrard.

The Grand Auction was a great success – sales are essentially at the £14k mark – which means a significant revenue to the Society of approaching £1400. This event alone subsidises the cost of membership by £7-8, and it disappoints me that some members do not seem to appreciate that fact and the sheer volume of work that is involved in running the event. Instead they choose to moan about viewing time, type of material on offer, auctioneer style, postal

bidding, etc. My thanks then to all those who helped me run the event, especially Mel for his guidance and the many volunteers who contributed to the day itself. I thought it was great fun, as it always has been.

Victim of our own success?

We had over 1150 lots at the Auction and I estimate personal preparation time alone amounted to 100 hours – both these figures are too high. In future lot numbers are to be capped at 400 for the evening and 1000 in October with individual vendors allowed up to 40 and 80 lots respectively. I also intend to refuse low quality and bulky material based on sales experience.

Lots will also only be accepted from vendors with a correctly formatted electronic list (available from the auctioneer or our website). This will reduce the time spent on catalogue collation and lotting material for vendors. Any other format or method must be agreed in advance with myself, and we may make charges for extra services provided by the Society.

As an example, we had one vendor who dropped off 4 boxes of quality material from an estate. If entered as delivered it would have been 4 glory boxes and we suspect would have made £400 as it was nice but not special

(no KGVI albums as an aside for those that attended the Auction). We broke this down into 50 lots which realised £1,050+ with only 9 lots unsold. Good for the vendor and good for the Society but this task took a full day. In future we would charge for this service – probably £1 per lot – creating some opportunities for members to earn from their hobby!

Next Auction...

Tuesday 21st January – evening meeting – catalogue enclosed.

March Auction...

Lists need to be submitted by the end of January; material is not wanted before February so that we can clear the January auction.

Kevin Chard (Auction Manager)...

ANNUAL SUNDAY LUNCH MAY 17th 2020...

Following the success of the last two years it was agreed that this will again be held at the Dibden Golf Club. With this in mind a list will be available early next year, those wishing to attend this event must ensure that their names are entered at the earliest opportunity or contact Jim Rankin on 02380 841301.

Jim Rankin...

FOUR MEMBERS TO THE RESUE...

Four of the society members, Julian Jones, Len Yandell, Mike Batty & Mike Vokes went on a merry trip to talk to the Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic and Postcard Club on the 28th October, 2019. I received a write up for this talk from Paul Barry the Club Secretary and at the end of the meeting, the Chairman Bob Small was much appreciative of the quality of material, the pleasing presentations and, addressing this worthy ‘*Team of Four*’, showed much appreciation for beautifully plugging the hole in the Club’s autumn calendar! The full review will appear in the next copy of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation Bulletin issue 152, January 2020. I will also place a copy of the review in the clubs archives.

Steve Gerrard (Editor/Archivist)...



SOCIETY MEMBERS TALKS AT OTHER CLUBS/ SOCIETIES IN 2020...

20th January - Len Yandell - Budapest 1896 - Portsmouth & District Philatelic Society.

12th February - Julian Jones - Transatlantic Mail - Fareham & District Philatelic Society.

20th February - Len Yandell - Le Harve - Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club.

10th March - Miller McGrath - Belgium - Milford On Sea Stamp Club.

4th June - Miller McGrath - Black Gold - Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club.

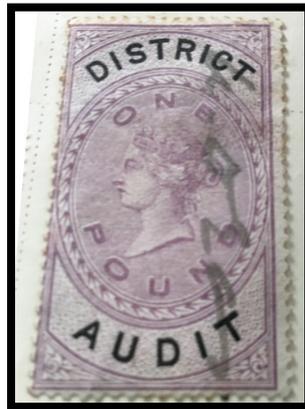
16th July - Brian Hague - The Faroe Islands & the Kingdom of Denmark - Poole & Bournemouth Stamp & Postcard Club.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)...

COVER CORNER...

For the last few months, apart from buying some nice FDCs with royal cancellations, my collection has rather stalled. I realised that I seem to have gathered together a collection of nearly 300 signed FDCs. Some of these are integrated into my main collection and some were in separate albums. As new material was in very scarce supply at the time I decided that I would make a secondary collection containing all the signed covers. A great idea until later I realised that now I had gaping holes in the main collection. The phrase "I used to be indecisive but now I can't make up my mind" springs to the forefront. In essence I am now in the middle of going back to square one. Wonderful!

However in the midst of all this chaos I visited a friend in Salcombe. (It seemed like a nice idea to go there for lunch). She showed me a stamp album that had been left with her and there seemed to be some quite nice early GB stamps. The one alongside is one that I had never seen before. When I got home I looked in both my Stanley Gibbons catalogues, without success. So I rang SG, the lady said that it might be a fiscal stamp and they didn't deal in fiscals and suggested I tried John Barefoot. The person I spoke to there said that John wasn't really that expert in fiscals and that the person I really wanted was William Barrell. By this time it was like trying to sort out British Gas BUT I persevered. In the end I received a very nice email from Bill and he sent the information opposite from John Barefoot's catalogue. I didn't realise, and still don't fully understand, that some stamps (fiscals) are in fact stamps specially designed for their purpose and not "standard" stamps that are just overprinted. I am happy to accept enlightenment. (See image on page 15).



Eddie Mays (Secretary/PRO)...

"But, remember, I wish to have the best collection, not just one of the best collections in England"

- King George V to JA Tilleard, Honorary Secretary, Philatelic Society, on appointing him as Philatelist to the King.

CHANDLERSFORD MEETING 14th NOVEMBER...



We again had 27 attenders including 3 newcomers viz Steve Betteridge, Mike Robinson & Reg Sheppard.... Cannot be all bad ??



John Cruttenden setting out his display



This afternoon at the Chandlers Ford meeting I presented the 'National Westminster Bank Cup for Thematic's to Alan Whittaker. I have no idea what it was for, as he said that it was not for thematic's. Anyway, it had his name on it, so there you are !!

The award was for the 'The Open Class' from the main Society competition evening.... (Steve G).

POSTMARK PROFILE No. 28 - EDDIE MAYS...

It was a lucky day for the Society when Eddie and his wife Jo went to a general auction looking for a canteen of cutlery and came away with a box of British FDCs and an interest in philately (Eddie not Jo) but no cutlery. With encouragement from Jo, Eddie joined the Southampton Philatelic Society and five years later he is the Society's new Secretary with an improved collection of GB FDCs.

His father was killed in a freak railway accident during WWII, two months before Eddie was born in Charmouth, Dorset. He and his mother then lived in the family home in Essex until they moved back to Lyme Regis, his mother's home town, in 1949. His primary schooling was two years at the local R.C. Convent followed by two years at another boarding Convent in Bridport. Having passed his 11+ exam without difficulty he relaxed at the local Grammar School for four years before attaining four 'O' level passes in his final year.

The move to Lyme Regis ignited a love of the sea that has stayed with him all through his life. He was very disappointed to have failed his final interview for Dartmouth and then to fail his eyesight test to join the Merchant Navy as a Deck Apprentice. He was granted a scholarship with Marconi International Marine to train as a Radio Officer and he arrived at the old Air Service Training College in Hamble in 1958. Summer leisure time was spent at Hamble River Sailing Club sailing against some of the best dinghy sailors in the country.

After graduating as a Radio Officer in October 1960 he spent the next 10 years with Marconi serving on a variety of ships from colliers and coasters to passenger liners and super-tankers. Talking of that time, he said "It was 99% routine with the occasional incident to liven things up. There was an incident that does stick in my mind. I joined a Caltex tanker in Singapore that was taking a cargo of aviation fuel to the refinery at Saigon. The Vietnam war was waging at this time. We



arrived without incident but at 22:00 on the first night the American Field Battery surrounding the refinery opened fire. My father served in the Royal Field Artillery during WWI and I don't know how he can have survived. The noise that night was as if a volcano had erupted".

Eddie left Marconi in 1970 and joined Honeywell Computer Systems as a Customer Service Engineer. He married Josephine in 1972 and by the time he moved to Plessey Calibration Services in Titchfield they had two sons, Stephen and Andrew. In 1979 he moved to a Data Acquisition Computer company in Chandler's Ford where he was promoted to Customer Service Manager looking after a team of engineers and 400 systems throughout the UK. The introduction of the PC instead of mainframes increased hardware reliability and with less work needed he was made redundant in 1991.

A period on the dole was followed by two years back in Further Education. First a year at Eastleigh College as a mature student followed by a year on a full-time post-graduate Diploma in Management Studies course at Portsmouth University. By the time he graduated he already had two part-time jobs and the rest of his working life, until he retired in 2013, was spent in self-employment within the sailing world. His sailing experience led to various opportunities; 21 years as a photojournalist mainly in the Solent; 13 years as Editor and Designer of the UK Laser Associations magazine "GYBE" coupled with 10 years as their Webmaster. He also spent six years as the Secretary of Hamble River Sailing Club - another highlight.

Since his retirement, and particularly since the loss of his wife two years ago, he has slowly become more involved with the activities of the Society. His previous editorial experience was responsible for the special 85th Anniversary Edition of "Postmark." This professionally-produced A4 sized edition was very well received by members and the philatelic community. Time away from the Society is spent on his collection, trying to and failing to keep the garden under control. He enjoys the company of his youngest son Andrew and his wife Rachel together with their three young sons in nearby Hamble. His eldest son Stephen lives in Bicester and is a post-production technician working on the electric Mini at Oxford. Eddie regrets that circumstances and distance mean that he does not have the same involvement with his granddaughter and eldest grandson.

We thank Eddie for taking on the role of Secretary at a time when volunteers are in short supply and wish him many happy and fruitful years with the Southampton Philatelic Society.

John Berridge....