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Dear Members

This edition of the magazine has quite a different feel to it. With the re-opening of society (small “s”) there is lots to tell you about the forthcoming meetings and what we are hoping to achieve up to the end of this year and that is before we start on our 90th year next year. It only seems a short while ago that I was starting to edit the 85th special edition of “Postmark”. I can tell you that next year the special edition will be published as the Winter edition of “Postmark” so we have all the reports for the special events in one place.

In this edition you will see that we have no profile, this is just a temporary measure to ensure that we gave sufficient space to advertise the Hampshire Philatelic Federation’s return to Wickham on Saturday, 25th September at “Hampex 2021”. Also with the “live” meetings at Bugle Street and the upcoming meeting at Chandler’s Ford in early September there is more to talk about.

So far I have been very lucky as Editor to have had a good supply of first rate articles to include in the magazine. My reserve stock is now fairly low and I would love it if you would send me some new articles for the next issue. I promise to treat them gently.

You will read later in this issue that there will be both a Committee Meeting and the AGM. (& Single Sheet Competition) held during September. If you have any subject that you would to have on the Agendas for either of these meetings please let me know before the 7th September. I know that we tend to bang on about this but one of the ways that the Committee can give you the Society that you want is by you, the Members, telling us what you want. Perish the thought but it is not rocket science, says me talking in clichés.

Apart from that I hope that you find the contents that follow of interest. As a society we have been very lucky that we have, at present, sufficient members to have been able to weather the COVID storm in reasonably good fashion. Please keep supporting us so we can support you.

My sincere thanks go to all the following who have contributed to this issue, in alphabetical order (by surname): Paul, Arnold, Patrick Austin, Harold Barstow, John Berridge, Mel Bradshaw, Keith Burton, Kevin Chard, Dave Edwards, Geoffrey Eibl-Kate, Steve Gerrard, Mike Gibson, Brian Hague, Julian Jones, Keith Lloyd, Robert McMillan, Malcolm Montgomery, John Robertson, Reg Sheppard, Colin Tabear, Mike Torreggiani, Mike Vokes, Mike Watts, & Alan Whittaker

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN:

by Dr Mel Bradshaw

August 2021

Welcome to the autumn 2021 edition of Postmark. At last we have managed to start face-to-face meetings again, with the auction on July 20th being the first. It is anticipated that the full range of meetings, both at Bugle Street and in Chandler's Ford will be in place from the beginning of September. Unfortunately the AGM had to be postponed from the July 6th planned date. It will now take place on Tuesday, September 21st at Bugle Street. As originally planned for July, the AGM will also include the 'Single Sheet Competition', so there is still time to prepare your entry.

The Society is grateful to all members for their support and understanding over what has been a difficult period. The 'Zoom' sessions that have taken place, usually on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays have been very successful with many members joining the sessions. Numbers involved have been close to our usual winter Tuesday evening attendance and we have attracted guests (and new members) from well beyond Southampton. It has been decided to continue with the 'Zoom' sessions as part of our planned meetings, usually with one meeting each month. Full details will be published in Postmark and date details for 2022 in the calendar which will be distributed in December.

In my last piece, I mentioned the sale of the unique 1856, British Guiana 1c black on magenta. The stamp was sold with a closing bid of \$8,307,000 (£6.2 million). This was below the previous winning bid of \$9.5 million when it was last up for sale, and considerably below the \$10-\$15 million that had been anticipated. The good news is that the stamp is returning to Britain permanently for the first time in 143 years. The stamp was bought by Stanley Gibbons, and there are plans to make the stamp 'available to collectors' in a shared-ownership scheme. As you might expect security is tight! The stamp is to be flown to Heathrow, met by armoured truck, before being driven to the showroom, where it will be stored in a vault before going on display in a specially commissioned, zero-oxygen frame. By the time you read this it may well have arrived.

On a rather more mundane note, but important for everyone to be aware of, I recently had to visit the delivery office in Shirley to pay a £2.00 fee to collect a letter. The stamp used appeared to be a conventional 1st class, self adhesive stamp. However it was a counterfeit example. The stamp looked very convincing with the U-slits and what appeared to be background security markings. However, the security markings were not correct. It appears that there are quite a few circulating in the Southampton area. The stamp came from a booklet purchased from a 'corner' shop rather than the Post Office. When he checked, the person who had sent the letter also thought that the booklets felt thinner than genuine ones.

A large supply of mint GB has just become available to sell for postage—this contains a very good supply of 1st class stamps, some 2nd class, a few large 2nd, 1st and European rate stamps and a very large number of definitive and commemorative stamps to make up 66p (for 2nd class) or 85p (for 1st class), as well as some higher value stamps. 100 x 2nd class (or equivalent) cost £43 + postage, 100 x 1st class cost £55 + postage, others at an appropriate 'pro rata' rate. Contact me with details of your requirements by either email or post.

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Hon. AUCTIONEER'S REPORTS:

by Kevin Chard

August 2021

There was a welcome to return to live meetings in July when the Auction was held at Bugle Street. Postal bidding was still very strong and we have acquired some loyal long-distance bidders over the lockdown period.

This was a record-breaking Auction! Total sales were close to £9k, easily a record and practically double what we have achieved before in an evening auction.

The stars of the evening were two Chinese lots which realised £3,700 and £650 – the former again being a Club record by some distance - and were a significant factor in the overall record. It would still have been a good result without these though and five other lots broke the £100 barrier.

It was not just about high value lots. around 50% of lots being sold. The remainder have been offered through the website in an unsold lots list that may still be running when you receive this edition of Postmark.

Also check out the website for a collection of Postal History (entires and covers but postcards will follow) – some items with a Southampton connection – and a few GB items available singly or in bulk.

By the time you read this, the Catalogue will have been largely compiled for the Grand Auction on Saturday 16th October. There is some excellent material and I look forward to seeing a good number of you in the room for what is always a good event. Postal bids are accepted up until Thursday 14th October to k.chard@ntlworld.com

Viewing can be arranged for those that can't attend on the day – this potentially will include at Hampex on Saturday 25th September. Anyone wanting to view items, should contact me to arrange a viewing time or so that I can bring lots to Hampex.

The first evening Auction of 2020 will be in January. An auction lot entry form is available from the website or me – the absolute deadline for receipt of lists will be the end of November, although the earlier the better as we seem to be receiving more material to sell these days and the catalogue may fill earlier. The material can be supplied at the same time but ideally not before the Grand Auction date.

Swapping hats now full details of the programme for the rest of 2021 can be found on Page 8 of this issue. It does include “Zoom” presentations on the last Tuesday of September, October and November. I hope you find something to enjoy over the coming months. It will be good to see you coming to the venues for meetings. It is an essential part of our hobby.

PACKET MANAGER'S REPORT:

by Dr Mel Bradshaw

August 2021

Following the further easing of Covid-19 restrictions the packet circuits are operating fully, although with continuing care being taken when transferring boxes. A full set of 17 boxes is now circulating. Payment for four packets has recently been made, and new boxes made up and sent out a short while ago. For the time being I am usually sending out two packets together, this helps reduce travel and contact for everyone, especially with packets going as far as Fareham, Basingstoke, Andover and New Milton. Once meetings resume fully in September, we can gradually slip back to the usual arrangement of one box at a time, although I may still combine boxes for dispatch to the furthest areas. With two boxes circulating together great care needs to be taken to ensure boxes are checked and kept with their correct contents. Please accept my apologies for some delay in moving boxes on recently following my broken shoulder. I am driving again so no delays expected now.

Sales from circulating packets have been strong, with a number of new recipients on the list. If you are interested in joining the packet circuit please let me know. As always, I am keen to receive booklets for inclusion in future packets. Packet sales from audited, paid boxes so far in 2021 are £4,420. Sales in boxes currently in circulation exceed £4,000.

Mel Bradshaw (Packet Manager)

SUMMARY of REPORT from the LIBRARIAN:

by Reg Sheppard

August 2021

Talking to Reg earlier today he said that he is pleased with the progress he has made in "sorting out" the books that the Society has. So far he has catalogued 137 books and these are now listed on the website so that the members can see what is available. Reg tends to be in working at Bugle Street on Tuesday and Friday mornings and he feels that he can now see some light at the end of the tunnel.

There are some items that appear to have disappeared from our stock and Reg would be very grateful if any members have knowledge of the whereabouts of the following items:

Cat. No.	Title	Description
102.31	GB Concise Stamp Catalogue	Stanley Gibbons 2012 Ed. Soft back, A5
109.02	Sir Edward Denny Bacon KCVO 1860—1978	R. Negus 1999, A short biographical sketch. Curator of the Royal Collection. 24 pp soft back
900.01	Signoscope	Supplement to the London Philatelist AC Adaptor, Instruction book, Allen key & cover

MEMBERSHIP & CHANDLER'S FORD:

by Mike Vokes May 2021
(Membership Sec. & Chandler's Ford Convener)

Membership News – Late Summer 2021

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death at the relatively early age of seventy two years of **David Boyes**, a very active collector, who lived in Chandler's Ford. David had a 'whole world' collecting interest and bought and sold regularly at all our auctions. David was brought up in the North East of England and after gaining a degree in construction, was employed finally as a senior project engineer for Laings, for whom he had served almost all of his life. He had a wide range of other interests, including playing bridge and was at one time a Parish Councillor in Chandlers Ford over a period of seven years. We extend sincere condolences to Avril, David's wife and their son, Adam.

We welcome two new members from the New Milton area, **John Dimond** and **Philip Proudley**.

Thursday afternoon Chandler's Ford meetings

We are hoping to get going again, all being well, on Thursday 9th September at 2 pm in St Boniface Church Hall, Hursley Road.

Another Tribute to Bill Moore

It is strange how our lives have many compartments and living in one compartment we don't always know how other people see us. The following has been passed to me regarding Bill Moore — Editor.

A long-term result: Jim Brown (Bitterne Local History Society)

A friend of mine, Bill Moore, living in Westfield Road, Shirley, passed away recently. I knew him because he was the son of my former Police Superintendent at Shirley, also Bill Moore. I also knew Bill Jr through my former school Old Boys' Association and although I knew little about his personal life when I was stationed at Shirley Police Station I would pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. I haven't seen him for many years but we kept in touch by email.

He knew I was deeply involved with Bitterne Local History Society and as he had a large collection of memorabilia I used to point out that BLHS would love to have some as and when he passed on.

As a result Ian was contacted when Bill passed away and subsequently collected eleven crates and nine bags of books plus various models of tanks and planes. He also collected a selection of bric-a-brac which should raise a good amount in our Charity Shop.

It just goes to show how if you publicise BLHS what good can come out of it - and what a decent chap Bill Moore was.

AUTUMN PROGRAMME:

Featuring Forthcoming Attractions August 2021

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND OCTOBER MEETING

The postponed 2021 AGM will take place at the Bugle Street club room on Tuesday, 21st September. This meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th but had to be postponed owing to the delay in lifting Covid-19 restrictions. The committee had agreed to include the Single Sheet Competition with the AGM in July. In view of the previous advertising, it has been decided that the original plan to include the AGM and Single Sheet Competition on the same evening will go ahead. So please bring your entries for the competition on September 21st. The meeting will commence at 7.30, this will allow time for members to reread the officers' reports and organise Single Sheet entries.

As a result, the plans for the meeting on Tuesday, 19th October have had to be amended, as it did not seem sensible to have two Single Sheet Competitions in consecutive months. Instead, we invite members to bring one sheet to display during the Social Evening. This sheet should be on the theme 'My Favourite Stamp', 'My Favourite Sheet of Stamps' or 'My Favourite Postal History Item(s)'. No prizes or shield, but hopefully a wide ranging display to illustrate members' interests.

CLUB MEETINGS START AGAIN — WE HAVE MISSED MANY OF YOU

Following on from the very successful Club Auction held at Bugle Street in July, when a record sales figure of £9,500 for an evening auction was achieved, the Society held its first "proper" meeting last Tuesday (3rd August).

Eight members showed displays around the theme of the "Letter W". The subjects ranged from Mike Watts splendid presentation of Queen Wilhelmina's long reign as Queen of the Netherlands, through John Berridge's display of the SS "Westfalen" in 1934 to finish with Mike Gibson showing West Germany in 1955. All those that come enjoyed the evening and are looking forward to **Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye's German Mail on Rail on Tuesday, 7th September** followed by the **A.G.M. on the 21st, with the Single Sheet Competition** included in the evening.

As life starts to return towards normal it would be nice to see more faces returning to both Bugle Street and the Thursday afternoon meetings at Chandler's Ford, which start on Thursday, 9th September at 2 pm. The current calendar for the rest of 2021 can be found on the next page. Updates to the programme details can be found on the Society website www.southamptondps.org.uk.

HAMPEX, WICKHAM — SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER

After having to cancel last year's HAMPEX, we are looking forward to this year's event, to be held, as usual, at Wickham Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, near Fareham, PO17 5AL.

As in recent years, SDPS has a table at the event and, if you are planning to attend, your help would be greatly appreciated by being on hand to chat to other interested philatelists who come along to find out about the Society. We will also be distributing catalogues for our October auction during the day.

GRAND AUCTION - SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER

The Grand Auction will take place on October 16th at our usual recent venue of Peartree Church Hall, 80, Peartree Road, Southampton, SO19 7GZ. Viewing will start at 10:30.

Anyone contemplating entering material for the Grand Auction in October should contact Kevin as soon as possible. There will be a maximum of 1,000 lots this year and the catalogue is filling up fast. Lots should have a minimum reserve price of £5. Contact Kevin Chard a. s. a. p. by phone (01489 574834) or by email (k.chard@ntlworld.com)

As usual we would appreciate as much help as possible leading up to the day and on the day. In particular we need:

- ◆ **Assistance with refreshments**
- ◆ **Donations for the Bumper Raffle**
- ◆ **Assistance on the door, signing in visitors, distributing bidding cards and selling raffle tickets**
- ◆ **Help at Bugle Street loading up the van to transfer lots to the Peartree venue**
- ◆ **Help at Peartree unloading lots and setting up the items in the hall**
- ◆ **Help at the end of the day clearing up, loading unsold items into the van and their return to Bugle Street.**

2021 CALENDAR

September

Tuesday, 7th	Bugle Street	Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye	Mail on Rail in Germany
Thursday, 9th	Chandler's Ford	Afternoon Meeting	
Tuesday, 14th	Zoom Meeting	Committee Meeting	
Tuesday, 21st	Bugle Street	A.G.M. & Single Sheet Competition	
Tuesday, 28th	ZOOM Meeting	Malcolm Gascoyne	De La Rue Printing Processes

October

Tuesday, 5th	Bugle Street	Austin Mears	Norfolk Islands
Thursday, 14th	Chandler's Ford	Afternoon Meeting	
Saturday, 16th	WOOLSTON	Grand Auction	
Tuesday, 19th	Bugle Street	Social Evening & Members' Displays	
Tuesday, 26th	ZOOM Meeting	Rex Dix on	Dismemberment of Czech. Rep.

November

Tuesday, 2nd	Bugle Street	President's Evening	Guest Speaker: Graham Mark
Thursday, 11th	Chandler's Ford	Afternoon Meeting	
Tuesday, 16th	Bugle Street	Members' 15 shts in 5 mins / Bourse & Silent Auction	
Tuesday, 30th	ZOOM Meeting	Graham Winters	Some Yorks. Penny Blacks

December

Tuesday, 7th	Bugle Street	Jim Rankin	Strike Mail
Thursday, 9th	Chandler's Ford	Afternoon Meeting	

SUMMER 2021 PRESENTATIONS: by VARIOUS SPEAKERS

The last meeting that I reported on in the Summer issue was the visit in early May by four Speakers from the Harrogate Society. In an extra meeting towards the end of May we returned the compliment and four of our members gave short displays on a Friday evening (Harrogate's normal meeting evening).

In between these two meetings Geoffrey Eibl-Kaye gave a really splendid talk about GB Booklets. On the opposite page is a screen shot of the first booklet he talked about and is used as an example of each "slide" in his presentation. The booklets were produced to be sold from vending machines and as such they had to be produced for single coin usage. Therefore much of the interest was in the combination of stamps that could be printed and used for an initial 10p coin.

As always with Geoffrey's presentations the attention to detail, and the anecdotal asides, made the subject fascinating. In this evening we were shown the differences between the Junelle press and the Chambon printings. He also explained the introduction of Pictorial covers in August 1979 and then the addition of cylinder numbers in September 1984 together with the changes to the 50p & £1 booklets as the postal rates increased at an ever rapidly rate. The evening finished with a short explanation of the Walsall Security Lithographic printing of primary sheets.

As previously mentioned we had a return video meeting hosted by Harrogate P. S. when four of our members entertained their club members. On the last Friday evening in May Mike Torreggiani opened the evening was a short but fascinating talk on the Postal war between East and West Germany. This was followed by our Vice-President Brian Hague who admitted that his talk on the correspondence of a Danish Dentist in the Faroe Islands during WWII was a niche subject even by his standards. Mike Vokes was our third speaker and he brought along another selection from his extensive collection on "Lighthouses". The evening was finished by Alan Whittaker who showed new material from his Channel Islands collection, this time pertaining to the Red Cross Civilian Message Service during WWII. The evening was attended by as many Southampton members as those of our Northern cousins. Although a new date has not yet been confirmed the intention by both societies is for there to be another exchange sometime in early 2022.

In early June we welcomed back an old friend of the Society. This time appearing by video link rather than in person Colin Tabeart gave us a very different evening's entertainment from his usual erudite talks. This time he selected "Side-tracked, the miscellaneous collections of a butterfly mind" and in a strange but illogical way managed to guide us through subjects as diverse as Australian Goldfields, the Royal Navy in the Baltic (one of my most favourite geographical areas) to PANAM Clipper mail, pre Pearl Harbour.

Colin started with the formation of the Australasian Squadron, which was initially served by British warships detached from the Hong Kong. A more permanent arrangement, with Australia sharing some of the costs was made in the late 19th century and then the Royal Australian Navy was created in

10p Vending Machine Books

Printer: Harrison (Jumelle press)
 Printing: Photogravure
 Paper: Fluorescent Coated Paper
 Gum: Gum Arabic with Dextrin added
 Perforations: 14½ × 14

Tariff period:
 29 September 1975 to 12 June 1977
 First class up to 60g 8½p
 Second class up to 60g 6½p

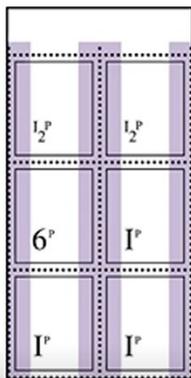
On sale: 10 March 1976



Perforated through the selvage



Wide selvage. Pane displaced vertically by one stamp



Single extension perforation in selvage

Phosphorescence:

The paper is fluorescent coated. Long wave UV give a moderate white fluorescence. Short wave UV gives much stronger fluorescence with the phosphor bars being a dull beige. When the light is turned off there is a pale blue phosphorescence for a few seconds. The phosphor was developed by Harrison and named *Letalite*.

All bars are printed from 8mm

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Stamp Book for F1 Vending Machines (March 1976—January 1981)

1911. There were several interesting examples of covers sent via ship mail by a variety of routes. We moved ashore for the next section which covered the history of the Australian Goldfields. The picture below shows the lengths that the miners would go to to get to the pub as soon as possible after their shift. The Boulder Block Hotel was originally built around the minehead before the mine's conversion to a supermine threatened its existence. When this happened, like the Lone Barn in Bursledon, the pub



was dismantled stone by stone and transferred to a new site two miles away. As Colin demonstrated life was hard for the prospectors. They would land in Fremantle, walk to Perth where they would buy a licence. They would then need to purchase a wheelbarrow, a pick and shovel, lots of water and food before they pushed the barrow 350 miles to Kalgoorie where the biggest find of gold had been discovered. Kalgoorie is still one of the largest producers of gold in

Australia.

At this time there were no railways across the hinterland and so it was a natural progression for Colin to move into examples of mail serviced by the Australian Intercolonial Steamers and the mail service provided by Norddeutscher Lloyd and Messageries Maritimes. The frame alongside is a fine example of the cover and details shown. There was a short intermission whilst Colin refreshed his glass and answered some

1897 Sydney-Brussels “p *Australien*”

Australien left Sydney 15 Jul & arrived Marseilles 17 Aug.
The LIGNE T date 17 Jul suggests the mail was loaded at Adelaide – normal for NSW mails by this time



questions from the audience. For the second part of the evening Colin moved to the northern hemisphere and talked about the 200 years of history of the Royal Navy in the Baltic. The penultimate diversion was to show a number of covers with the “seahorse” stamps and finally we moved across the world and he discussed the service routes of the PANAM airlines across the Pacific. His final frame was the notice on an Electricity Sub-station fence, seen alongside.



The second meeting in June saw Society Member and Secretary of HPF Steve Gerrard show from his collection of the Summer Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. This was a particularly difficult Olympics for many political reasons. Hitler had been in power since 1933 and had been slowly ostracizing sections of society. Steve started his presentation by laying out the political background and the choices that other nations had to make on the decision whether to attend or not. The main absentees were Spain and the USSR. Amid the political chaos one unique feature that arrived, and is still with us, was the introduction of live TV. As you can see from the picture alongside the broadcasting equipment was on the rather chunky size and the colouring is almost “hand painted”.



Because of the nature of the philatelic material available most of the display was in the form of postcards and one of the most interesting that was shown was a postcard of the Hindenburg airship, LZ129. The front of the cover is a straightforward picture of the airship but the reverse is shown here and has the standard Olympics vignette in the bottom left hand corner as well as an airmail label. All the cancellations are clear, which was not often the case.



As previously mentioned much of the material shown was of postcards but there was also a variety of other philatelic items including quite a rare set of Olympic stamps with “Police” perfins, as is shown alongside. Berlin 1936 was perhaps one of the strangest Olympic Games of the modern era and is perhaps best summarised by an anecdote told early in the evening. Apparently Hitler was only shaking hands with the German winners. When told by the



Olympic Committee he had to shake all the winners' hands (remember Jesse Owens won four Gold Medals) Hitler "threw his toys out of his pram" and shook hands with no-one. (Ed. Note—my words not Steve's).

In early July we were very pleased to welcome Robert McMillan FRPSL from (Kingston Upon) Hull as our guest speaker on the Postal History of K-U-Hull. Hull had always been an active centre of trade since the medieval times, standing as it did on the east coast of England with easy access to the



Continent and Scandinavia. Starting at the beginning of the 19th century, before the introduction of standard postage, Robert showed many fine examples of the way that postage was indicated on mail. The example on the left was posted in Hull on 8th June 1803 and the postage paid was 7d for inland mail up to 120 miles. Robert traced the use of different types of cancellation methods; straight line, circular, horseshoe (semi-circular), manuscript & duplex. In the example below the cancellation is an upright

duplex, three oval bars, a round top "383" with a double ring sans serif "HULL". Hull was given the numerical designation "383" in 1844. The introduction of the standard rate postage in May 1841 co-incided with the introduction of the Mulready Letter Sheet. Sir Rowland Hill expected this to be very successful but in fact the opposite happened and it was ridiculed by cartoonists and examples of their work are more popular with modern day collectors than the originals.



There were several examples of correspondence with the Continent and also Scandinavia, probably one of the most interesting is this letter shown. It was posted in Hull on 6th Oct 1866 and the receiving mark in Finland on the reverse is for 3rd Oct 1866. The apparent discrepancy is because Finland at that time was under the Cyrillic / Julian calendar, which is 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar that was in use in Britain.

Travelling Post Offices (T.P.O.) or as they were known originally Sorting Tenders were introduced in the late 19th century. Postage Due stamps were not introduced until much later, the 1940s and Robert showed some very fine examples of both these sorts of covers.

The final section of the evening was devoted to “Ship’s Mail”. As already stated Hull was a major port and there were many examples shown. The one shown alongside is the earliest one of four known examples before 1808. It was written in New York, dated 28th June 1802 and shipped to Hull on the private sailing Brigg “Wemyss”. The postage of 4d was charged in Hull.



After such a splendid evening it would be nice to report that the final evening of the summer season of video presentations was also a roaring success. However due to a combination of administrative errors, technical hitches and an incompetent host I managed to get myself locked out of the Society’s Zoom account and the meeting had to be cancelled. The intended guest speaker, Harrogate’s President Peter Rix is still speaking to me and he has agreed to come back in the New Year and give his talk then. I am much obliged!

As the Society starts to return to clubhouse meetings the Committee has decided to renew the full licence for another year because the overall effect of the video presentations over the past 15 months has been successful. I offer my sincere thanks to both those that have given the talks and to the audience. The programme for the rest of this year can be found on Page 8 and I am just starting to put together the programme for the 2022 season.

The first meeting that was held at Bugle Street at the end of July was the Club Auction and the report on the outstanding success of the evening has been discussed elsewhere and so I won’t repeat the others’ words.

On the first Tuesday in August we held a Club evening with Members showing displays based around the Alphabetic letter “W”. Eight members displayed and the evening was split into two halves (Ed. Note — no three semi-finals here!).

Mike Watts started the evening with a very comprehensive display illustrating the life and times of “Queen Wilhemina of the Netherlands”. He was followed by Jim Rankin who talked briefly about the “Wirral and West Lancashire Postal Service”. It was great to see Paul Arnold back at Bugle Street after his operation earlier in the year. This time Paul showed a short display on “Warfare in South Africa”. The first half of the evening was closed by John Berridge’s fascinating story of the German ship

s.s. "Westfalen". Originally a general cargo ship built in 1906 the ship was converted by Lufthansa to



become a staging / refuelling post and launch ship for their Transatlantic route to South America in 1933. She stayed on station until August 1939. Planes would land on the sea astern of her. A large crane at the stern would lift the plane onto the launching ramp on the starboard side of the ship. Both the mast and the funnel could be lowered to allow the plane to pass them. The image above shows a Dornier WAL flying boat on the catapault ramp ready to launch. The ship finally sank after hitting a mine off Gothenberg in September 1944.

After a short intermission for (non-alcoholic) refreshments and a small raffle the second half of the evening was started by Eddie Mays who showed a series of postcards that followed the return of the Duke of Windsor, after his death, from Paris to Windsor for his funeral. This was followed by Mel Bradshaw who gave a longer display of material on the "War in the Channel Islands".

Julian Jones presented a variety of covers on the theme of "Wreck Mail". The one shown below is a double weight letter addressed to London bagged at New York ready for the return flight of the



Hindenburg scheduled for May 7th 1937. The first Zeppelin mail service of 1937 from Germany arrived at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, NJ, on the evening of May 6th 1937. While attempting to dock at the mooring mast fire broke out and entirely engulfed the airship with severe loss of life and destruction of incoming mail. Letters due to be carried on the return flight were forwarded by surface means. The evening closed with Mike Gibson's display of "West Germany in 1955", the year of his birth.

Hampshire Philatelic Federation Meeting: By Eddie Mays

August 2021

At a recent ABPS Committee meeting that I attended there was concern expressed on how well societies would recover from the pandemic when they start opening up and having meetings with the members present. The Membership Secretary gave some rather startling figures about membership levels in general and in particular the high percentage of clubs and societies that already had low membership numbers.

As a result of this meeting I had a chat with the Hampshire Philatelic Federation's Chairman, our own Julian Jones. The outcome of that conversation was that the Federation arranged a video meeting between many of the Hampshire Societies at the beginning of August. I attended the meeting wearing my ABPS hat, rather than as Secretary of our Society. There were about ten societies attending and although the "agenda" was very simple with only two real points; in essence "How many members did each club have and did they think that they were still viable".

Needless to say the conversations didn't keep to the straight and narrow but wandered down many side paths and each person had a different interpretation on their own club's position. My overall feeling is that the main points that were discussed were:

- ◆ There did need to be a greater co-operation between clubs; sharing programmes, sharing speakers & sharing newsletters / magazines. This would be co-ordinated through the HPF Secretary and is now in place.
- ◆ Creating a database of speakers would be a step forward but how to achieve this was not decided
- ◆ Several societies had tried running video presentations but had found it too difficult with not enough technical knowhow within their society and a reluctance of the members to participate. It would appear that only Southampton with a large membership base and an open house policy encouraging visitors to attend that had managed to augment and maintain a regular speaker schedule.

DESPERATELY SEEKING Nos. 23 & 24 From Steve Gerrard

August 2021

A cry from the heart from Steve Gerrard, as the Society Archivist. In completing his current programme of cataloguing the Society's records he finds that he is missing TWO issues of Postmark from 1953. Numbers 23 & 24 are not on file. Can anyone give / lend him their copy so that a copy can be made to go into the Society's history. If copies can not be found then the records will be incomplete and that would be a shame, especially with the 90th anniversary coming next year.

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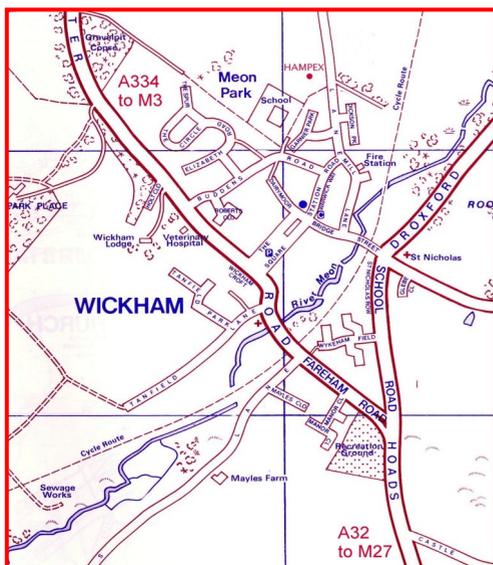
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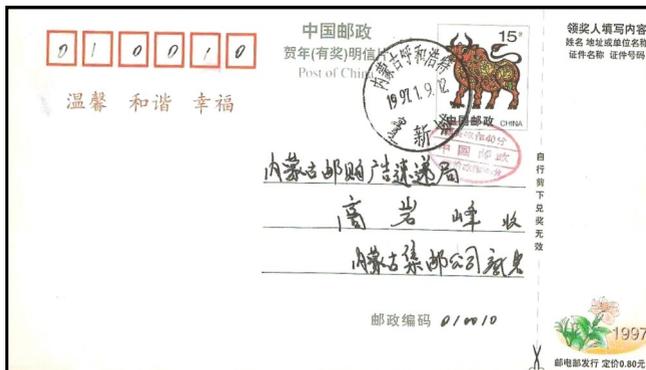
CHINESE NEW YEAR LOTTERY PSPCs:

By E. Keith Lloyd

August 2021

China issues a number of philatelic items in connection with the Chinese New Year. In particular, there are lottery cards each of which takes the form of a postal stationery postcard with a stub attached. The stub on the 1997 Year of the Ox card illustrated has the lottery number on the picture side of the card.

For some years, China did not increase postal rates very often but, when it did, the increases were large. The internal postcard rate was 15 fen from 31 July 1990 to 30 November 1996; from 01 December 1996 the rate was increased to 40 fen.



Printing of the Year of the Ox lottery postcards evidently started before it was known that there would be an increase in December 1996. The cards were printed with the 15 fen postage rate on them and with the selling price of the card (in the bottom right-hand corner) as 80 fen. Most cards bear a three-line oval chop which in the top line uprates the postage to 40 fen and in the bottom line uprates the selling price to 100 fen (= 1 yuan). The middle line of the chop translates as China Post. On most of the cards, the oval chop is well printed but I do not know whether this was an overprint or done at the same time as the printing of the rest of the card. Some of the cards got into circulation without the chop and there are others with handstamped chops which occur in various colours and positions on the card. The example illustrated clearly has a handstamped chop. Also of interest is that it has a bilingual Chinese and Mongolian cancel which, as is usually the case for such cancels, is of a larger diameter than that for purely Chinese cancels. The first three Chinese characters at the top of the cancellation translate as Inner Mongolia and the remaining four as Hohhot (the capital of Inner Mongolia). The date and hour are shown Chinese style year. month. day. hour. At the bottom of the cancel Hohhot appears at the left in the Mongolian alphabet (written vertically top to bottom) followed by two Chinese characters reading Xingcheng which is a District in Hohhot. The postcode 010010 in the bottom right corner of the card is that of the sender's address and that in the top left corner, also 010010, is that of the addressee, so the card was sent locally within Hohhot.



As I do not have a scan of the picture side of the above card, I show instead the picture side of a 2008 card which has the lottery number on the address side of the card. (shown alongside) This depicts a Chinese postman and his

horse with a green mailbag on the horse's back. The characters under the horse translate roughly as "Issued by Henan Province, Luoyang City, Postal Advertising New Interest Company Limited". There is also a string of figures "2008-1603(BK)-0016". Here 2008 is the year and I believe that 16 denotes Henan Province with 03 denoting Luoyang City. BK are reference letters for this type of lottery card and 0016 the serial number of the individual picture on the card. I think, however, that the postman was working in a hilly area of South-West China and not in Henan Province which is in Central China. I understand that the postman has since retired.

UNIVERSAL PRIVATE TELEGRAPH CO. LTD

By Harold Barstow August 2021

In the last issue there was a small piece about a stamp I had found from the above company. I am indebted to Harold who contacted me with more information which I am including here.

From the 1906 / 07 Stanley Gibbons catalogue: *The stamp "T 13" (6d brown and blue) has printed date 1864 and control numbers 9911 & 9912.*



Another Stanley Gibbons catalogue (1914 / 15) mentions an error of "n" (see left) for "h" (see right) in the word "Telegraph" (as shown alongside). Both have NO Blue and so it must be another print or proof of which two colours are known. No used copies have been found of any.



FLY BY BRITISH AIR LINES:

By Malcolm Montgomery

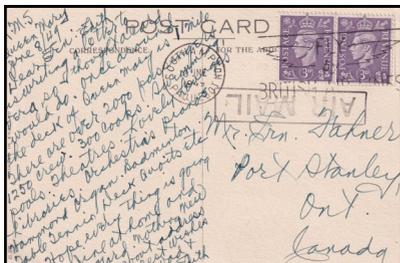
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The 'Fly by British Air Lines' slogan was issued to post offices on a large scale, 350 dies, and remained in use as far as can be judged for a full month, from 20th May until 20th June 1949. (C.R.H. Parsons, C.G. Peachey and G.R. Pearson, 'Collecting Slogan Postmarks', 1962-1986, p. 74, Type 89, #167). Yet it is rarely seen on mail in South Hampshire (I have seen only two copies on cover from Southampton, and one from Bournemouth). Surviving mail is generally scarcer in the 1940s than at other periods and it is always likely that Southampton would incorporate this slogan into a paquebot handstamp. Encouraging the post-war recovery of the British airlines was an important and urgent issue. However, there was a paucity of passenger liners calling at Southampton in this period and post-war 'paquebot slogans' are few-and-far-between and have not attracted much attention, but there is an interesting gap in the use of the 'regular' paquebot handstamp (Paq 10, Hosking 127) - I have noted a number through February and March 1949, none in April (where is 'Watch How You Go on the Road?'), just one in May and no others until 4th July 1949, so it seemed likely that something would turn up sooner or later.

That said I was surprised that the example used on a card from a passenger on the 'Queen Mary' is the first to appear. Have no others been recorded? And, given the present circumstances, perhaps the slogan should be re-turned to service ...

On a different note (and I have always been as much interested in the social aspects of postal history as I am in the postmarks) the message, to post-war Canada, is also interesting:



'R.M.S. Queen Mary June 8/49. Dear Erin, Edith is writing a letter to Vera so I thought a card would do. Once around the deck of Queen Mary is 1 mile. There are over 2,000 passengers. 1,250 crew. 300 cooks, Swimming pools. Theatres. Lovely lounges. Libraries. Orchestras. Pianos. Hammond Organ, Badminton. Table Tennis. Deck Quoits etc.'

And a somewhat tactless wish that may not have been much appreciated while rationing was still in place: 'Hope everything is going fine at home.'

The LAST FRENCH INVASION of BRITAIN:

By Patrick Austin August 2021

When, and where, was the last invasion of the British Isles by the French?

We are all aware that the Normans landed at Hastings in 1066 and this is deemed to be the last successful invasion of mainland Britain. However, many of you also will have been to Fishguard and noted the intriguing plaque over the door of the Royal Oak there that claims the inn to be the location of the signing of the peace treaty of the last invasion in Britain in 1797.



A French invasion force of some 1,400 troops set sail from Camaret on 18 February 1797 under the command of an Irish-American, Colonel William Tate. On Wednesday 22 February, the French warships sailed into Fishguard Bay to be greeted by canon fire from the local fort. The French did not appreciate that the cannon was being fired as an alarm to the local townsfolk, so the ships withdrew and sailed on until they reached a small sandy beach near the village of Llanwnda where men, arms and gunpowder were unloaded. The invasion did not last long, the French surrendered to a local militia force led by Lord Cawdor on 25 February, so this is the last, but unsuccessful, recorded invasion.

Or is it?

I have a letter (shown alongside) that was sent on 8 December 1794 from Temple, London by J Fraser (who was John Fraser MP on the Lovat side of the family) to “Col. Fraser of Belladrum Care of James Fraser Esq. C. S. Edinburgh” arriving in Edinburgh on 11 December, three days later as shown by a 19mm circle Edinburgh Bishop stamp of 1794. London ceased using the Bishop mark in May 1787 replacing it with the type of hand stamp shown on this letter, whilst Edinburgh continued its use until January 1806. The Handwritten 7 in black, the 7d rate for a single letter from London to Edinburgh under the Act of 1784.



1794 Letter — Front



1794 Letter — Backstamps

Col. James Fraser (1732-1808) served in the army and came out of retirement in

1794 to raise a *Fencible* Regiment to serve in Ireland. This letter refers to matters concerning the [Fraser's Lovat Fencibles](#). This was a militia regiment raised for internal defence in the absence of a regular army, the officers' commissions being signed by the King. Letters of Service were issued to James Fraser of Belladrum, who had served in Canada during the Seven Years' War. The orders were dated late 1794 and by the spring of 1795, Colonel Fraser, supported by Lovat and the principal gentlemen of the clan, had formed the regiment, embodiment being on 14 June 1795 at Inverness. Of the soldiers, 300 bore the name of Fraser, and were chiefly from the Fraser's clan districts of the Aird and Stratherrick. The others were from neighbouring districts, plus 30 lowlanders and 18 English and Irish, who were old soldiers enlisted by officers to fill up their complement. The regiment marched south in July and crossed over to Ireland arriving on 1 August 1795 where they were actively involved with policing the agitation present on the island at that time. In November 1797, Colonel Fraser of Belladrum resigned, and Simon Fraser, on the Lovat side of the family, was appointed colonel. Shortly afterwards, the disturbances which had so long agitated Ireland began to assume a more formidable appearance.

A year earlier, in 1796, the First French Republic, as part of their war against Britain, decided to assist the Society of United Irishmen, an Irish republican group that planned rebellion against British rule. The French plan was to land a large expeditionary force in Ireland to assist the Irish and a force of approximately 15,000 soldiers were gathered at Brest under General Lazare Hoche during late 1796, with the intention to land the troops at Bantry Bay in December. The operation was launched during one of the stormiest winters of the 18th century and, although challenged by the British Channel Fleet, it was mainly the weather conditions that led to the French losing 12 ships and thousands of soldiers and sailors being drowned, and a failure to land their force. Despite this loss, the French were encouraged to launch further attempts, including the 1797 landing in Wales noted above, and a further successful landing of 2,000 men at Killala, County Mayo, Ireland on 22 August 1798 led by General Jean Humbert. The French captured Killala, had victories at Ballina and Castlebar, there was a strategic withdrawal of British troops at Collooney, so a drawn match, but they eventually surrendered on 8 September to Lord Cornwallis at the Battle of Ballinamuck.

When the French landed at Killala, the British commander, General Hutchinson, placed a blocking force at the strategic River Moy crossing at Foxford, with the Fraser's Fencibles, along with nine other companies and battalions, in reserve at Castlebar. The six-hour long Battle of Castlebar was fought on 27 August 1798 and subsequently became mockingly known in Ireland, as The Castlebar Races in view of the location of the fight to the nearby racecourse. The British assumed a defensive position on Sion Hill, northeast of the town, in three lines. In the first line were the Prince of Wales Fencibles, the Warwickshires, the Kilkenny Militia, and most of the artillery. In the second line were the Fraser Fencibles, the Galway Volunteers, and two guns. The Longford Militia were in the third line. The cavalry was in reserve. The initial attack was repulsed by artillery fire and then the French and Irish redeployed in open order and made a general advance. British morale wavered and cracked, the first-line guns were overrun and turned against the British army which then dissolved. There was confused fighting for the next hour in the town as knots of the more stalwart British,

notably the Fraser Fencibles and Roden's Dragoons, took a stand. The bulk of the redcoat forces, abandoning all guns, standards, and baggage, took flight down the road to Tuam, The Irish and Scots accounts differ (as to be expected!). The Irish say that the British were routed; the Scots say that many French were killed, that the Fencibles were heroic, stout in their defense and were the last to retreat. However, it must be said that it was an ignominious defeat for the British Army. The Fencibles remained in Ireland to the conclusion of the uprising, returning to Glasgow in July 1802.

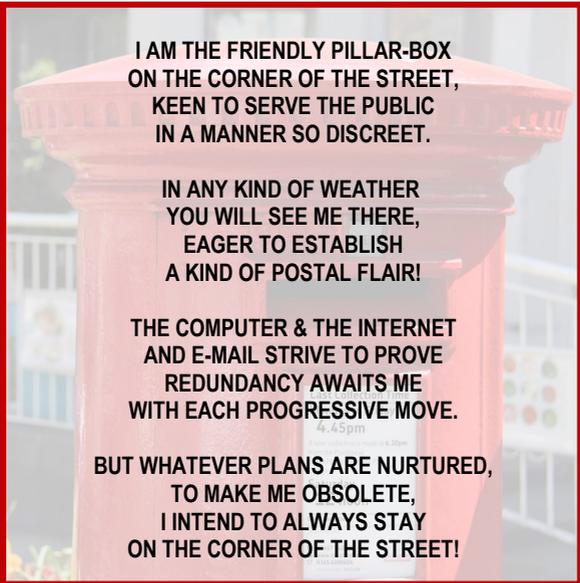
A subsequent invasion attempt on 12 October 1798 also ended in failure, when the French naval squadron was intercepted and defeated by Captain Sir James Saumarez at the Battle of Tory Island off the northwest coast of County Donegal.

Ireland was under British rule and part of the British Isles at this time. So, it is my proposition that the last invasion, albeit unsuccessful, of British soil was in 1798. Unless anyone else has a different view and better information?

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A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED: By John Robertson (New Zealand) 2006



I AM THE FRIENDLY PILLAR-BOX
ON THE CORNER OF THE STREET,
KEEN TO SERVE THE PUBLIC
IN A MANNER SO DISCREET.

IN ANY KIND OF WEATHER
YOU WILL SEE ME THERE,
EAGER TO ESTABLISH
A KIND OF POSTAL FLAIR!

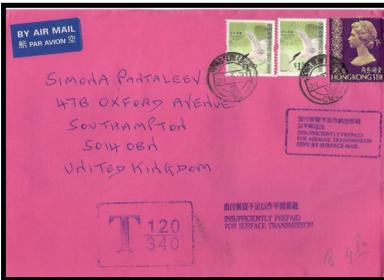
THE COMPUTER & THE INTERNET
AND E-MAIL STRIVE TO PROVE
REDUNDANCY AWAITS ME
WITH EACH PROGRESSIVE MOVE.

BUT WHATEVER PLANS ARE NURTURED,
TO MAKE ME OBSOLETE,
I INTEND TO ALWAYS STAY
ON THE CORNER OF THE STREET!

A LETTER FROM HONG KONG:

By Dave Edwards (Far East Correspondent) 8 / 21

Hong Kong's answer to the Covid pandemic has been to close the borders. Only permanent residents and those with work permits can get in. Even if you do manage to get in, you faced a 21 day quarantine period in a hotel (at your own expense) plus various tests. There are no tourists here. Consequently many flights have been cancelled and the international post has been in chaos. I wanted



to send a letter to the UK and posted it by airmail. It did arrive by surface mail around 3 months later with some interesting markings on the envelope. Firstly there was a hand-stamp stating that not enough postage for airmail had been paid. Then another hand-stamp stating there was not enough postage for surface mail. The answer was on the reverse with another hand-stamp stating that from July 1997, when Hong Kong was handed back to China, stamps bearing the Queen's Head would no longer be accepted as valid postage. I had some old mint stamps in stock and had used one showing Her Majesty. So now I

know!

Each month Hong Kong issues a new set of stamps and I have found that if you do not go to the Post Office on the first day of issue then you will find it difficult to get them again. On 1st July 2021 there was a special new issue to mark the centenary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party. On that morning I went to the Central Post Office, which is Hong Kong's main office, and was surprised to find an enormous queue. There were four dedicated positions open selling the new stamps, so I joined the queue. After an hour of slowly shuffling forward I was beginning to ask myself if I really wanted these stamps. An old Chinese lady behind me, with a walking stick, confirmed she was a collector as well. Later she was kind enough to save my place in the queue when I went in search of some water. At the two hour point, yes really, there were only around 20 people in front. Then we had some excitement to break the monotony. A Post Office official came along and erected a notice stating that blank First Day Covers had been sold out. A man who had just arrived at the front of the queue obviously wanted some of these. He was extremely angry. Banging his fist on the counter and shouting at the Post Office clerks. He was led away, looking completely deflated, by his wife and we could still hear him shouting in frustration as he left.



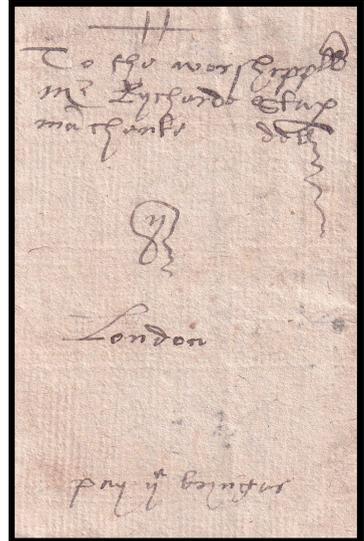
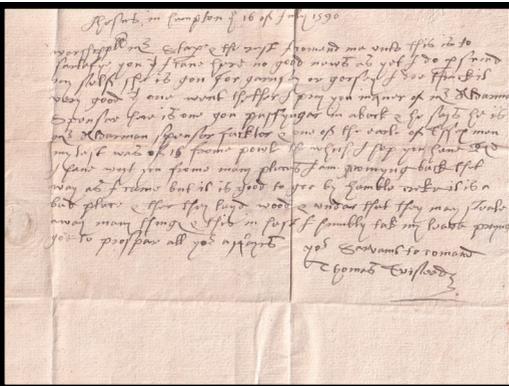
At last I reached the counter and was able to purchase the set of four stamps, the miniature sheet and a first day cover bearing a special cancellation. To be honest the design of the stamps is not terribly exciting but I will always remember the effort made in obtaining them. The next day as an experiment I went into a different Post Office and asked if I could buy this set. 'Sorry, sold out' was the reply.

THE GOOD SHIP “JHESUS”:

From Malcolm Montgomery

August 2021

I promised / threatened a small offering you might wish to use as a space-filler sometime. It's a little earlier than the last that I sent, and it may not be admissible as, in July 1590, the Hamble may not properly be described as having been in the 'Southampton & District' postal district ... that said, I would be grateful for any members' observations, particularly if anyone could hazard a guess as to what kind of vessel the 'Jhesus' may have been. I must, in the meantime, distance myself from the writer's observations on the inhabitants of the Hamble – I'm sure that the boat owners and locals today are perfectly honest and would never consider profiting from passing vessels! I can offer little to explain on how the letter travelled to London, presumably by favour of one of the many merchants in Southampton, except to draw attention to the comment 'pay ye brynger'.



The message, as near as I can make out, reads:

'Jhesus in Hampton, ye 16 of July 1590.

Worship^p m^r Stap & the rest I comende me unto this to sartifye you if I cane hear no good news as yet. I persuade myself she is gon for garnsey or gersey I doe thinck is very good ye one went thither. I pray you inquer of Mr Aldarman Spensar one gon passyngar in a bark & says he is factkoe & one of the earle of Essex men. My last was from powle the which I hop you have R'd. I have writ you frome many places I am comyng back that way as I came but it is not good to goe by Hamble creke it is a bad place & ther they layd wood & under that they may steale away many things & this in hast I humbly take my leave prayng god to Prosper all yo^r affayrs.

yo^r Sarvaint to command

Thomas Evistead^r

Addressed to Richard Stap (unusual, as most surviving correspondence from this time was to the Corsinni brothers) letter written on board a ship 'Jhesus' in Southampton and carried to London by private messenger with a notation to 'pay ye brynger'.

1965 TELEGRAM FROM SOUTHAMPTON to HARROGATE:

On loan from Keith Burton FRPSL August 2020

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POSTAGE 5/-	17.	friends	
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19 MR 65	77	5097	
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TO			
Greetings MRS. F. WALLACE, DOCHY HOUSE NURSING HOME			
QUEENS ROAD HARROGATE.			
GET WELL SOON GRAN. MUCH LOVE ROGER			

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