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EDITORS COLUMN:

by Steve Gerrard.

May 2022

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Taking over from Eddie Mays is a tall order and that is why I am going to keep everything as it is and use Eddie's layout, not change anything that does not need changing. I am not sure how long I will be editor BUT going on past experience, I expect it will be for a little while yet. Please send in ANY articles you have and let's keep the ball rolling as it will be a shame for Eddie's hard work not to continue in the same vain. So please start sending me your articles for the September issue of Postmark, by August 15th. I have only had 1 article from a Society member for this issue and did think about reducing Postmark by 4 pages. So this issue, I am afraid is a bit of 'The Steven Gerrard Issue' but hopefully the next Postmark will see more articles from members, but if not, I **will be** reducing Postmark by 4 pages if not 8.

I know that there are members that may think that I have too many roles within the society and maybe yes, having 4 roles is a lot for 1 member to take on. But in my defence the Archives and Postal History collection are all recorded and up to date as of May 2022 and this just ticks over. As for Public Relations Officer this is just a matter of emailing out material when required and again takes up little time. As for Postmark, it is just a matter of copy and pasting articles into the already created format. Finally, I am the Hampshire Philatelic Federation secretary and convenor for the Germany South Central Group, But with Postmark if I had not taken on the role, then there would not be a Postmark and possibly just a Newsletter. No Postmark then maybe no Society? Food for thought.

My sincere thanks go to all the following who have contributed to this issue, in alphabetical order (by surname): Berridge, John / Bradshaw, Dr Mel (Packet Secretary/President) / Chard, Kevin (Auctioneer/Chairman) / Hindson, Debbie / Mays, Eddie / Thomas, Jeff / Vokes, Mike (Membership Secretary) & Whittaker, Alan. (Competition Secretary).

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN:

by Kevin Chard.

May 2022

This is my first article in my new role of Chairman – it has certainly been an interesting few weeks since the AGM in April!

Things though are starting to move forwards now and the first concrete evidence of that is probably this edition of Postmark, compiled by our returning Editor, Steve Gerrard. My thanks to Steve for taking on this role in our hour of need.

We are also moving forward with a new Secretary and potentially a new approach to cover off all of the work in this area. As I type this, things are still progressing and so all I want to do here is formally thank Cathy Bruce for her contribution to the role – I will ensure the new position is fully reported in the next edition of Postmark.

Malcolm Coe has similarly taken on new responsibilities by looking after our Zoom Meeting programme – again my thanks for this support.

This all means that the next Committee meeting in June will be more about tying up loose ends / moving forward rather than having to restrict what we attempt to do as a Society.

That said, the search for member contribution continues as we are expecting further changes within the committee in 2023. If anyone is interested in offering any form of assistance, please let me know. You do not need to be restricted by current roles or attendance at committee meetings – we are just looking for volunteers to keep the Society running smoothly and the more people that are involved the better.


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MIKE VOKES - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

Hon. AUCTIONEER'S REPORT:

by Kevin Chard.

May 2022

ur recent auction in April was a little disappointing in terms of overall sales – we fell somewhat short of £3k. We had an excellent result in January – so there is every expectation that the Auction will continue to provide good funds over the year.

The Auction though was well supported on the night in the room and we had a good number of postal bidders. The conclusion is that this was more about quality and variety of material offered rather than a reduction in participation. Looking at the July Catalogue, I do feel that we will see a return to better results then.

The July Catalogue accompanies Postmark. I am now accepting material for October – this is the Grand Auction and minimum reserve is £5. Electronic lists are still expected / appreciated but I can cope with a limited amount of typing if necessary.

Anyone who is interested in helping describing lots (for example, when we have an estate sale), please let me know. This can be good fun, plus you get better viewing opportunities than anyone else!


Looking forward to the rest of 2022 and beyond.

CHANDLER'S FORD 90th Social.

By Debbie Hindson.

May 2022

Chandler's Ford 90th Anniversary Afternoon Social

e look forward to seeing you at St Boniface Church Hall on Thursday 14th July for our 90th birthday celebration. We will be having Prosecco afternoon tea and there will be a 1932 quiz and a raffle with a star prize of a hamper. We would be very grateful for donations of additional raffle prizes. As always, members are very welcome to bring along a guest.

PACKET MANAGER'S REPORT:

by Dr Mel Bradshaw.

May 2022

A full set of eighteen boxes continues to circulate, including two on the Isle of Wight. Fifteen packets have been audited and paid this year, with total sales exceeding £7700, and commission of £771 for the Society. Sales continue to be strong; sales in packets in circulation amount to about £3000. If you are interested in joining the packet circuit please let me know. The need for good quality booklets continues. It is interesting that sales are often good from lower value booklets, but there needs to be a balance of high quality material and lower value items, sometimes from more obscure countries. Although Commonwealth and GB material tends to sell best, there are very few countries that do not attract some interest. As always, I am keen to receive booklets for inclusion in future packets, but it is important to maintain the quality and range of material in each packet.

We are continuing to circulate two boxes together the majority of the time; this helps reduce travel time and contact for everyone, especially with packets going as far as Fareham, Basingstoke, Andover and New Milton. With two boxes circulating together great care needs to be taken to ensure boxes are checked and kept with their correct contents. Naturally, more time than the 3 days mentioned in packet rules and guidance is available when you receive 2 packets - please use up to six days.

Please check the club books in each box you receive so that any queries can be raised immediately with the preceding packet member. Some discrepancies have been noted, but not always linked to the previous packet member. The assumption has to be that, if a discrepancy is noted, it is probably due to the previous packet member, who may be liable for items unsigned for.

The following files are available from the Archivist...

Archives catalogue, Chronology of SDPS 1932 to 2022, Committee Positions held 1932 to 2022, Honorary Life members 1949 to 2022, Postal History Catalogue, Postmark Index 1948 - 2022, Society competition winners 1947 - 2022, Society Photograph Catalogue 1952 - 2022 & ZOOM Presentation Index 2022 to 2022.

SPRING MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS:

By Eddie Mays.

February 2022

Tuesday, 15th February

Recent Acquisitions & Queries, Bourse & Silent Auction.

Six Members had brought New Acquisitions or Queries.

Dave Lewis displayed four new covers and had a query regarding a stamp printed from a cracked plate

Mike Watts has started a new collection, extending his Queen Wilhemina (Nederlands) collection, to the .Dutch Colonies. He displayed his new Suriname stamps.

Julian Jones showed some recent acquisitions of Transatlantic mail concerning Cunard liners in the mid-19th century, mainly dealing with the addition of stops in Queenstown, Ireland. There was also an example of a stopover Eastbound in Halifax, Canada for British Forces mail.

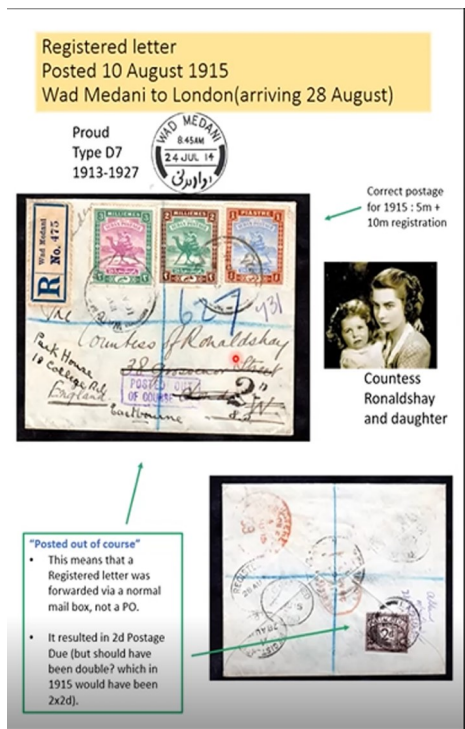
Kevin Chard had a query regarding a recent purchase of a Bahamas stamp, which had irregularities on the watermarking.

Mel Bradshaw showed two new acquisitions; one from Ireland and the other from New Zealand. He also posed two questions to the audience, when was a stamp not a stamp and when was a Minisheet not a minisheet. He gave examples of both for us to look at.

Steve Gerrard introduced his selection by saying that he had spent the lockdown period updating his various collections. He then showed 17 written up sheets of world Police issues, two new Southampton related items, some new examples of Type 6a cancellations and a Southampton Marriage certificate (not his!)

Tuesday, 22nd February.

Video Presentation by Malcolm Coe – Early Postal Items of the Sudan.



Malcolm started his display by referencing back to a recent display by Bertha King at Bugle Street. Her approach to her display was of a more holistic nature and talking to her afterwards Malcolm was intrigued by the concept of putting philatelic material into the context of Open Philately, which is defined by the FIP Guidelines of Open Philately as "an opportunity to present the range of research undertaken by showing the philatelic material in its cultural, social, industrial, commercial or other context and to show a wider & deeper knowledge of the topic".

The starting date for Sudanese Postal History was the 1st March 1897 when the country produced its first stamps. One of the first slides showed the map of the postal system and then Malcolm got down to the main body of work. This consisted of a number of slides showing not only a cover and its postal journey but the history behind the characters who had sent and received the envelopes. (The slide alongside is typical of those shown).

The Countess Ronaldshay was a famous personality of the time and the cover shows not only the original destination but also the redirection to Eastbourne.

As has been the case along the talk was recorded and can be 'sent' to any members on request. Please contact the new host Malcolm Coe for details of all the talks available.

Tuesday, 1st March "1932 Danzig Airmail Exhibition"

Guest Speaker – Giles du Boulay.

Responding to the welcome Giles du Boulay said it was a pleasure to be in Southampton for his first display since 2019. This evening's talk would be about the Luposta 1932 Danzig Airmail Exhibition," the Greatest Air Mail Exhibition Ever !" and by the end of the evening he hoped he would have convinced everyone that that was not a false claim.



Luposta 1932 was held in Danzig, at that time a Free City, between the 23 July & 31 July 1932. The Exhibition covered a multitude of activities; special stamps, postmarks, a stamp auction, a great air show including on the last day the appearance of LZ127 (Graf Zeppelin), aerobatic displays, balloonists, parachutists, a children's day, special excursions including trips on the airship, a lottery and a car rally,



Giles then proceeded to show an incredible array of philatelic material showing how the organisers had used a holistic approach to marketing the event with all the advertising having a

co-ordinated theme. It was not only philatelic material on display but a whole range of other ephemera connected with the exhibition. There was a wealth of examples shown, some rare and a few almost unique. Against this display Giles had anecdotes on many of the items. The final item shown in the first half was a special car badge that Giles had coveted for a long time but eventually acquired almost by chance.

For the second half of the evening Giles concentrated on the final Sunday of the exhibition and the part that the “Graf Zeppelin” played. From its base in Germany LZ127 flew to Danzig. It had its own Post Office on board and many countries placed mail on board to be serviced on this trip. It also carried passengers from Germany to Danzig. It then undertook a cruise around the Baltic with new passengers and more mail before returning to Danzig. For the return trip in the day to Germany there were further passengers and more mail. Again Giles littered the display with anecdotes about alterations to the flight plans so certain villages and towns could be overflowed. There were examples of autographed covers by crew members. Interesting the Graf Zeppelin had a crew of 36 but could only carry 20 passengers. (Ed. Note – I sailed on a ship that took 107 first class passengers and we had a catering department of 250 stewards). The evening ended on another high note when Giles showed a very rare Zeppelin ticket.

Tuesday, 15th March.

“The WRITE STUFF”.

Guest Speaker – Wendy Buckle.

Unusually a fortnight later the Society was fortunate to have a second Speaker when Wendy Buckle returned to Southampton with her presentation on writing paper. Wendy started at the very beginning and showed how different parts of the developing world used different materials to start to record ‘stuff’, from the Chinese with their many hundreds of different characters, through the slow spread of writing in Europe and North Africa. Her display showed many examples of all these various methods and throughout she was able to demonstrate the time lines involved. It would appear that

Britain lagged behind Europe, in particular Germany then France, Italy and Spain were all in advance of the UK. As materials improved so did the ability to record words on paper but it wasn't until the Industrial Revolution started in England that the UK became world leaders. John Dickenson was the first commercially successful producer of paper for everyday use. As materials improved and as technology improved so the use of paper increased and not just for writing but wallpaper & wrapping paper were given as examples. Amongst her display was an almost unique example of the very poor Vietnamese paper (believed to be the worst ever) that was made from straw. She concluded by saying that even in this supposedly paperless society the demand for paper has not decreased.



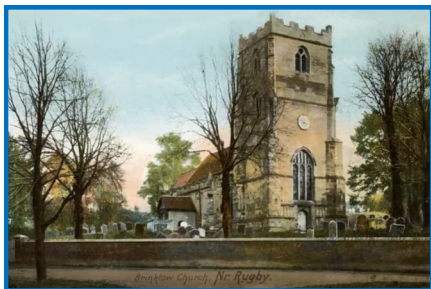
During the interval Wendy is pictured in conversation with the President Julian Jones and Len Yandell

For the second part of the evening Wendy explored the development of printing and book making. Again the European countries; Germany, Italy and France all made early progress ahead of the British and it wasn't until 1476 when William Paxton first printed "The Canterbury Tales" in Westminster that England caught up and then led the world. Through many fine examples Wendy traced the evolution of printing; hot metal, typesetting, line type and into the 1980s when the whole process became automatic. Strangely enough her conclusion took us back to the 1490s when the first book fairs were organised, obviously not a modern phenomenon.

Tuesday, 22nd February.

Video Presentation by Paul Brinklow – Introduction to Postcards.

Paul began his talk by explaining that his interest in postcards had started when he had helped clear the house next door and had found lots of postcards. He had later sold some of them at a postcard fair and had become hooked ever since. Before talking in detail about postcards he outlined the extent of the postcard market; fairs every week, two or three auctions are held every week, over 1400 designers and illustrators and 800 themes or topics. There are over 20,000 serious collectors, 500 dealers and 70 clubs or societies.



Church nr Rugby), Seaside (Porthcawl) & Military (Signallers). All of these themes are very popular but in particular the Military themed cards were the most popular. Most regiments seemed to have had at least one if not a series of postcards, as shown by the Signallers.



The golden age of postcards is considered to be in the early 20th century up to the First World War and Paul proceeded to show an excellent selection of postcards across a variety of subjects. The examples shown below are Topographical (Brinklow



Later on he also covered an area known as Novelty Cards. Here he demonstrated a whole range of postcards including illuminated

ones, jigsaws and cards made from a variety of other unusual materials.

It was a fascinating insight into a growing hobby where there are more and more postcard dealers at our local stamp fair.

Tuesday, 5th April ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

The 84th A. G. M. was held in Bugle Street at the beginning of April. It was encouraging to see that more members attended this year's event as it was in a way the end of an era. Dr Mel Bradshaw had completed the maximum term allowed as Chairman and was retiring. Also Eddie Mays, Secretary and Editor of "Postmark" for the past few years was stepping down. The full Minutes of the meeting will be available later. Both the retiring Chairman Dr Mel Bradshaw and the long-serving ex-Packet Manager Jack Hindson were recognised for their years of service to the Society by being awarded Hon. Life Memberships. The Society President Julian Jones FRPSL is shown below (on left) making the presentations.



Tuesday, 12th April.

Video Presentation to York P. S. by Alan Whittaker

Air Mail Down Under 1921 –1939

In what was a fascinating journey through the complexities of the early Air mail services "down under" Alan showed many examples of covers from this period. The one shown alongside is from the very first scheduled service from

Perth WA to Derby WA. It was posted on 3rd Dec. 21 and arrived in Derby on 4th Dec.

The other cover shown was one of only three sent. It had a very interesting life on its way from Derby to Sydney. The plane crashed and so the cover



was returned to Derby by sea. Then a mix up at the Post Office meant that instead of catching the next flight it in fact stayed in the sorting room until the second flight, which wasn't until 8th April 1922.



One of the most intriguing aspects of the evening was trying to follow the demise or amalgamation of the many internal airlines.



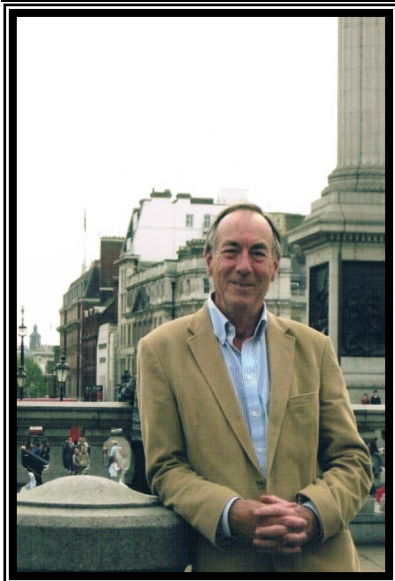
3rd May 2022 - Michael Sefi gave us an in-depth study of the George V penny including the Mackennal / Downey heads, both types as well as the later coinage head designs. Stamps were described and studied from design work, proofs, to the finished stamps with various printings, shades,

watermarks, perforations, and controls all detailed. The material was excellent and with great levels of completeness. Various related topics were included, transatlantic mail issues of the period were explained and supported by a detailed hand-out and related topics of coil and booklet stamps explained. (Michael Sefi notes taken from the minutes of the meeting).

PROFILE #37: Alan Whittaker.

by John Berridge.

May 2022



Alan, our recently elected Competitions Manager, is well known at the Thursday afternoon meetings at Chandlers Ford, where he is a regular attendee. Displays of his research into the Channel Islands during WWII have been much admired and prior to that members will recall his displays of Australian airmails. Born in 1942 close to De Havilland's Stag Lane factory in North London where his father worked, he was the only boy of four children. As a result of his father's work, he had an early interest in aviation and was a regular visitor to the Hendon Air shows held immediately after the end of the war. At the age of 10 he had his first flight in a Tiger

Moth doing circuits and bumps for a 1/-.

After attending Stag Lane junior school, he went to Willesden Technical College to study engineering. He gained an apprenticeship as a cartographer with Hunting Surveys Ltd, spending his first year as a 'pole and tape' boy on the base mapping of the new M1, before construction started. After completing his five-year apprenticeship, he went out to Jordan in 1964 as a cartographer attached to the UN geological survey. After a year there he returned home to marry his fiancée Win, in 1965.

Their first home was in South Cerney, in the Cotswolds where he worked for Cartographical Services Ltd producing a range of new school atlases for use in the UK and abroad. His daughter, Jane was born there. In 1969 he had his second experience of working overseas, this time for three years in Malawi (previously Nyasaland) as Chief Cartographer in the Government Survey Department.

This was a time when technology took over from old fashioned mapping and he moved to his present home in Romsey, to train as a lithographic planner and became a Reproduction Manager. By the 1980s this trade was

overtaken by new technology and in 1993 he decided to become a part-time handyman as he had always enjoyed woodwork and decorating. Although he retired at the age of 71, he still gets called upon regularly by Romsey Abbey for running repairs to chairs and tables.

Like many of us Alan collected stamps as a child and well remembers the 3d packets from Woolworths. He has continued collecting all his life but when he was 65, he decided to join a stamp club and this led to a meeting with Colin Mount, well known to many of our members, and membership of the Ringwood Society. Colin had a great influence on Alan and he soon started to specialise and then to display. At that time, he had a brother-in-law who owned a post office in Derby, Tasmania and he soon started collecting Australia.

Alan has always enjoyed collecting but has also seen his collections as investments, having sold his first collection, which was of Victorian GB. This raised enough for him to pay the deposit on his first house. More recently he sold his collection of Australian Airmails for 'a healthy profit'. He continues to collect Australian stamps and more recently has collected material relating to the Channel Islands during WWII, including early International Red Cross Society items some of which are extremely rare. He is currently trying to start a postal history collection of Romsey. Alan adds to his collections through various Society auctions, a few dealers he has known over the years look out material for him and eBay.

For some years Alan has attended and displayed at the afternoon meetings of the Southampton Society as these are easily accessible from Romsey. Besides this Society he is a member of the Channel Islands Specialist Society and the British Society of Australian Philately.

His non philatelic interests include U3A where he belongs to the Geology and Geographical groups. He is a keen but ageing golfer who has supported Manchester City since the age of 10 and his ambition is to see them play at their new ground.

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MEMBERSHIP:

by Mike Vokes (Membership Sec.).

MAY 2022

Membership News – Summer 2022.

I am very sorry to have to report the death in the middle of April of longstanding member **Hans Strehlau** from Hythe. **Jim Rankin** has told me that Hans had a most interesting and varied life. He came to England in May 1946 as a Prisoner of War and was billeted in Setley Prisoner of War Camp 65. Whilst he was there he worked on Exbury Farm and later at Lepe Farm where he was subsequently billeted. On discharge he was given an alien certificate which then enabled him to remain in the United Kingdom and get paid work. Subsequently, Hans married his wife Jean and worked at Esso where he also joined the Esso stamp club. It was there that he met his close friend SDPS member **Keith Pearce**, who ran the ESSO club for a time. Hans joined the Southampton Society over thirty years ago and continued his collecting interests, which were GB and Germany, both of which he had an extensive collection. Hans and Jean initially lived in Dibden and then a few years ago moved to a residential complex in Hythe. At the time of writing this article the funeral had not taken place, but it was anticipated that a number of Society members would attend. We extend sincere condolences to Jean and the family.

On a brighter note, we welcome two new members. **Steve Blundell** from Bursledon who collects pre-decimal UK stamps and **Paul Shuttleworth** from Lightwater, who is a collector of British Commonwealth pre 1970. Steve has already started attending meetings and Paul will be a familiar face, as he regularly has attended our October auctions.

Thursday afternoon Chandlers Ford meetings.

We have continued to meet in St Boniface Church Hall, Hursley Road, SO53 2FT. The attendance has been excellent, but we are always looking to

encourage more members to attend. **We commence business at 1.45 pm**, with setting up the room commencing at 1.30 pm. I am most grateful to Peter Bruce for looking after the business of the meeting on two occasions this year due to my absences. **For the future**, we are planning to hold a 90th anniversary tea party in July, when it is hoped that members will bring along their partners. Peter is organising a members-only auction of some of the late Roger Lewis' collection in August. Thank you once again to all who have been helping by setting up the frames, taking them down, making tea, donating prizes, selling raffle tickets etc.. Please continue to bring along some of your philatelic items to show other members.

REMEMBERING HANNS:

By Steve Gerrard (Archivist).

May 2022



Hanns Strehlau

Doris King

Mr. K. Pearce

Alan Leonard

This Photograph was taken in 2017 of the 4 oldest members in the society at the time, but sadly Hanns Strehlau, Doris King & Alan Leonard are no longer with us.

SOUTHAMPTON ADDITIONS:

By Steve Gerrard (Curator).

May 2022



I was approached by our president Julian Jones who asked if I had seen this in the collection. I had to say no and I purchased it from him for the Society collection (1 of 2 covers). The cover was posted at sea and carries Paquebot cancel for the 20th September 1991. The interesting part of the cover is the Southampton Post Paid in Red and 'Southampton 161' and this is not recorded in Brian Hunts publications held by the society. I have searched the Internet but I can not find any references to the '161'. Southampton was number '723' from Queen Victorian and has been used as a killer mark if postage was not properly cancelled up until Queen Elizabeth II. But what relevance the '161' has I do not know. So, I have recorded this in the records as a new find and will be added to the publication I intend to bring out later this year carrying on Bryan Hunt's work of Southampton Cancellations from 1994 to date.

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS:

By Alan Whittaker (Comp. Sec.)

MAY 2022

ANNUAL SOCIETY COMPETITION 21st June.

I trust everyone is busy preparing their entries for the competition. It would be nice, if in this our 90th Anniversary year, there was a large entry. Entry form and details can be found on the Society website. I would stress that I require completed entry forms and copies of the page one attached sent to me by 12th June, so I can forward them to our judge. Any questions, please call me.

If you prefer to email me your completed entry form and copy of page one, please send to alan.whittaker3@ntlworld.com.

DECIMAL POSTAGE STAMPS FOR SALE:

Dr. Mel Bradshaw.

MAY 2022

QEII DECIMAL MINT POSTAGE STAMPS FOR SALE.

A further supply of QEII decimal unmounted mint stamps has become available. There is a good supply of first class stamps. These are sold in batches of 100 (current face £95) for £64 (cheaper than 100 x 2nd class stamp). In addition there is a small supply of value stamps made up to the second class rate of 68p. These consist of either 2 or 3 value stamps. Only 150 are available, at a cost of £22 for 50 (face value is £34). Postage costs will be added if necessary. Please request by emailing, telephoning or writing to me.

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HAMPSHIRE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY:

By Steve Gerrard (HPF Secretary)

MAY 2022

THE HAMPSHIRE POST

The Journal of the
Hampshire Postal History Society



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At the recent AGM of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation, Peter Mills of the HPHS said that the Society was struggling to survive. The HPHS covers articles that are from the Hampshire area only and I myself have contributed in the past and will do in the future. Peter is asking the following:

If there is anyone who could help/support the society by taking up a committee role as he is the secretary and as like many people has to do multi roles and is struggling. So, if you can offer Peter any help in what ever form then please drop him a line.

He is also looking for articles for the Society

Journal and again just covering the Postal History of Hampshire. I don't think size matters but like all editors he struggles to get enough material for the Journal.

So if you can help Peter either by supplying an article or to for the journal and offer any help with regards the committee side of things or offering any help you can, it will hopefully save another Society from going under. Peter has wished to stay affiliated with the Federation for another 12 months but after then the Journal and Society will disappear for ever.

You can contact him via: petermills@yahoo.co.uk

THURSDAY MEETING 12th May 2022.

by Mike Vokes.

MAY 2022



John Dorrington, a very longstanding and honorary life member of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society, is a regular presenter and speaker at the Chandlers Ford meetings. New Zealand airmail carried by flying boats pre WW2 was his topic at the meeting held on 12th May 2022.

TWO VERY DIFFERENT MEETINGS.

by Steve Gerrard.

MAY 2022

We have two very different types of meetings a month and both have a different appeal (My thoughts). We have the Tuesday (Philatelic) meeting which amongst other things have respected philatelists giving lectures and displays on some specialist areas of collecting and material that the average collector will never have in their collection as you need somewhat deep pockets. But the more informal Thursday (Collectors) afternoon meetings are a more relaxed event with very few announcements and we are away. I class these meetings as collectors meetings (you may disagree no doubt) as there is no physical structure other than members are asked to bring along something to display. So this meeting had police forces of the world, flying boat mail from Southampton to Australia/New Zealand and stops in-between and much more. The displays are on anything and everything and material we don't see at the Tuesday meeting & visa versa. Both meetings have their parts to play in the society and it all depends on your take of stamp collecting.

1.010 BILLION IN POSTAGE:

by Jeff Thomas.

MAY 2022



I thought I would share an item that I have recently purchased from an auction in Belfast.

It is a 1923 cover (5th November) stamped Hannover with stamps totalling an eye watering 1.010 Billion marks.

Yes 1.010 Billion !!! This was of course Germany's inflation period. From 1921 -1923 Germany had a serious cash crisis that was

caused in large by the Weimar government of the time printing money to pay a striking workforce in the occupied Ruhr. The German government had defaulted on its scheduled reparations payment. France believed that the government was able to pay but had chosen not to .

Despite the German government arguing that they could not. The treaty of Versailles signed in 1919 after the first world war had a 'war guilt clause' which identified Germany as the sole responsible party for the war so hence had to pay compensation.

France and Belgium their for sent in troops to Germany's main industrial areas. Their aim was to confiscate industrial goods in lieu of the reparation payment. The troops occupied railways, coalmines, steel works and factories. The German government ordered all workers to follow a policy of



passive resistance refusing to co-operate with the invading troops and in return the government would continue to pay their wages. Result. Financial disaster.

To quote from the archives " At the beginning of 1922 a loaf of bread cost 163 marks. By September of 1923 during the hyperinflation, the price crawled up to 1.500.000 marks and at the peak of it all in November 1923, a loaf of bread cost 200.000.000.000 marks.

I hope that with all the rises we are having to endure at present, that we don't reach such dizzy heights for a loaf from Tesco's.

90 Years Celebrations & Single Sheet.

by Steve Gerrard.

May 2022

On the 17th May the Society held its Social evening celebrating its 90th birthday celebrations and a single sheet competition. The room was



busy with 30 members & 4 guests and Debbie Hindson had set out the buffet for members to enjoy. The first orders of the day was to tuck into the food and wine (Soft drinks were available) and the deserts. After the room had been fed and watered ,it was time for the draw to be made. Debbie had purchased a hamper for this special occasion and the room was on a knife edge until the first ticket was drawn and the lucky winner was Reg Sheppard, so enjoy Reg.

As with all club celebrations and socials, it was time for the quiz as ever prepared by Lorraine Simms. Some of the questions were taxing and some even had clues in the room so with a score of 15 out of 20, the overall winner was Mike Gibson and he received a bottle of wine. The room was still buzzing

when we came to the main event of the evening , the single sheet competition. We had 18 entries, which was a good number. Some of these were entries from the Thursday afternoon meeting members. There was one clear winner



on the night and that was Kathy Bruce from Thursday meetings, so well done (I came second so I was a happy chappie on the night). The evening ended around 8.45pm, everyone seemed to have had a good night. So with stomachs full, raffle prizes under arms everyone made their way home. If it was not for Debbie Hindson (Catering

organiser) and Alan Whittaker (Competition Secretary), the evening would not of happened. So the next event regarding competitions is on the 21st June with the Society Competition evening and hopefully another strong turn out.



OBITUARY:

by John Berridge.

May 2022

Frank Walton RDP FRPS (1955-2022).

Frank Walton's sudden death on 1 April 2022 came as a great shock to many people in the philatelic world – he will be greatly missed.

He was the chairman of the organising committee of London 2022 and the success of this event, following the cancellation of London 2020, was very much down to his determination to overcome the many problems he faced, including covid crisis.

Frank displayed at this Society only once when he showed his fabulous Chinese International Airmails, which won a Large Vermeil in Brazil. His display was part of a special event to celebrate our 80th birthday and was an all-day joint event with the China Philatelic Society of London and the British Air Mail Society held at St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday 11 September 2012.

Frank's activities within the Philatelic world are too numerous to mention in full but besides being President of the Royal Philatelic Society London (2015-2017), he was a prolific author and Editor of *The London Philatelist* (2001-2014). He formed a Gold Medal specialist collection of Sierra Leone and had many other philatelic interests.

ARCHIVE NEWS:

by Steve Gerrard.

May 2022

The archives has 3442 items that records the history of the Society and is available to all members. In Postmark, I will include a list of new material that members may wish to read. ALL Archives are scanned as a PDF so can be emailed to members on request. All that is required is the File Number:

File No. 3440 - Ordinary Meeting Minutes 17th May 2022. (1 Page)

File No. 3441 - The Hampshire Post - June 2022 - A New Southampton Find - Steve Gerrard. (2 Pages)

File No. 3442 - The Hampshire Post - June 2022 - Postal matters at Romsey Camp, WW1 - Roger Harris. (10 Pages).

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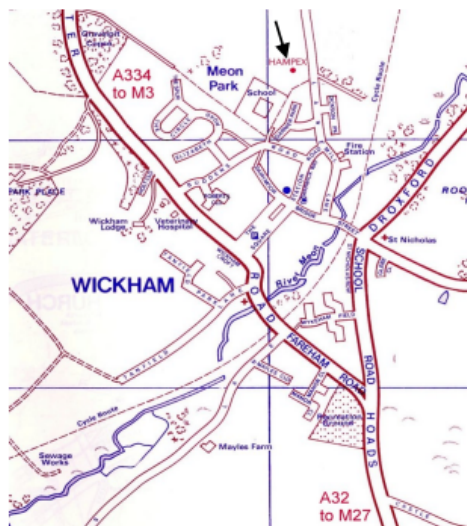
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