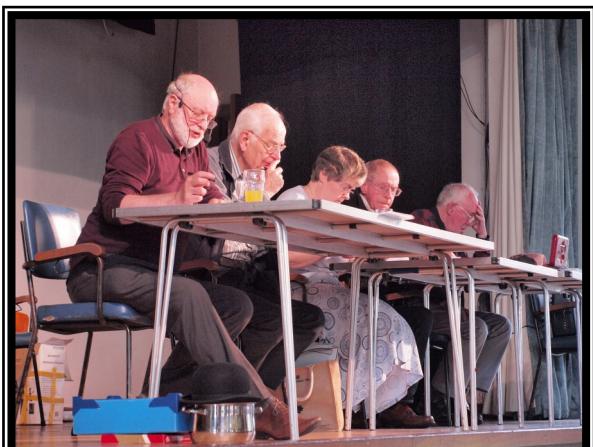


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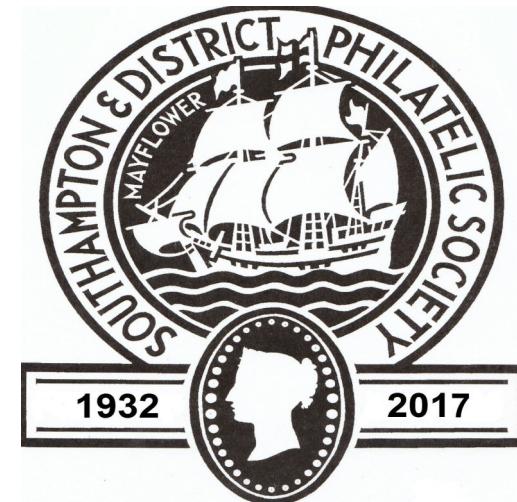
Julian Jones & Brian Hague at Hampex....

Society Lunch...  
(Photo: Jim Rankin)...



Society Grand Auction...

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Image courtesy of Mike Chipperfield's stand at Stampex...

## **Southampton & District Philatelic Society – Officers.**

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## **HAMPEX COMPETITION RESULTS 2017...**

### **Jan Kaluski Trophy.**

(Best 32 sheet exhibit of Show).

A. Jackson - Ferndown & West Moors PS

### **Howard White Society Trophy.**

Ferndown & West Moors Philatelic Society.

### **Howard White Individual Trophy.**

W. Buckle - Ferndown & West Moors PS.

### **Hampshire Sixteen Cup.**

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### **Postal History Salver.**

**Julian Jones - Southampton DPS.**

### **Presland Aerophilatelic Salver.**

A. Jackson - Ferndown & West Moors PS.

### **Hiscock Thematic Trophy.**

H. Morgan - Chichester DPS.

### **Open Philately Award.**

**Brian Hague - Southampton DPS.**

### **Hampshire Hog President's Trophy.**

N/A

### **Frank Pegley Thematic Trophy.**

N/A

Go to page 6 for more information concerning Hampex and an article will appear in the next issue of Bulletin 146 of the Hampshire Philatelic Federation due out in Mid January 2018 and available in January at the SDPS meeting...

**Steve Gerrard (Editor)...**

## SOUTHAMPTON and DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY...

### Membership News – November 2017...

I am delighted to report on this occasion that we are continuing to recruit new members, rather than lose them. Since my report in the last *Postmark* Mike Czuczman from Fleet, Peter Jones - Hedge End, Frank Crane - Verwood and Wilf Simcox - Kings Worthy have all sought and been granted membership. At the auction Peter Jones wished to point out to me that he was *a different* Peter Jones and not the other ‘well-known to members’ Peter Jones of Panda renown. To all of these new members is offered a very warm welcome !

### Thursday afternoons in Chandlers Ford

The meeting in September duly took place as a ‘Ladies’ afternoon. Despite Harold trying to get in on the act, there were easily enough presentations given by all of the ladies, Judy, Beverley, Sue, and Pauline to fill the afternoon, with Felicity bringing in her display in October. Also at the October meeting the convenor gave a detailed presentation on the postmarks of Malaya, greatly assisted by the vast knowledge of Robin Holley. Other displays were given by John Berridge, David Lewis and Keith Lloyd. In November apart from the tea party we had the best attendance of the year ( including a brief cameo appearance of the Society Chairman.....) John Cruttenden, Cathy Bruce, Jim Rankin, Alan Whittaker, Peter Parr, Harold Barstow and Keith Lloyd all gave most interesting presentations with several other members holding themselves in reserve.

Having been invited to give a couple of talks in the past year at other societies, I am able see just how fortunate we are to have such a large participating membership meeting in Chandlers Ford. It is a privilege to be part of a team who help to make the Thursday afternoons so successful and at the end of another very successful year, my thanks are extended to the whole team.

Mike Vokes..

### MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

1. St Joseph’s Church Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH: evening meetings on the first and third Tuesday, 7.00 for 7.15pm.
2. Hanover Housing Association Community Room, on the corner of Winchester Road and Hillside Close, Chandler’s Ford, SO53 2GL: afternoon meetings on the second Thursday, 1.45 for 2.00pm.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### **December 2017:**

14th December - Afternoon Meeting, Chandlers Ford Meeting.

#### **January 2018:**

2nd January - Display from the Society Postal History Collection of Southampton 1945 To 2017 & Steve Gerrard’s Southampton Collection with a very Rare Southampton Item.

7th January - Panda Fairs: Portsmouth Community Centre, Wootton Street, Cosham PO6 3AP.

11th January - Afternoon Meeting Chandlers Ford.

16th January - Special Auction - John Dorrington’s Southampton Collection.

#### **February:**

3rd February - Panda Fairs - Salisbury Methodist Church, Fisherton Street, SP2 7RB.

6th February - Waterlooville Society Visit and display by members.

8th February - Afternoon Meeting Chandlers Ford.

10th February - Panda Fairs: Southampton Methodist Hall, St James Road, Shirley, SO15 5HE.

20th February - Member’s Competition Evening & Bourse.

#### **March:**

3rd March - Panda Fairs - Bournemouth Annunciation Hall, Charminster Road, BH8 9RW.

6th March - Buying & Selling Electronically - Wendy Buckle & Chris Wheeler.

8th March - Afternoon Meeting Chandler’s Ford.

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES DECEMBER 2017...

Welcome to this December issue of Postmark. During this year the committee looked at Postmark and its printing. Changes have been made to improve, especially, the quality of reproduction of photographs in the magazine. I hope that you will have noted the improvements. The Society gained a significant amount of money from the estate of our former president, Rod Baker. In addition to using this money to purchase a trophy for the new 'Members' Competition' that will take place in February, it was also decided to use a portion of the legacy to improve the printing of Postmark.

We now come to the end of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and I hope all of you have found something to interest you during the year, whether at the meetings or in the Postmark issues which have come your way. I would like to thank everyone, in whatever capacity, who has contributed to ensuring that everything that has been planned has been both successful and enjoyable. I cannot promise that 2018 will be quite as exciting, but I can guarantee that the range of meetings planned will contain something for everyone and the high quality Postmark will still arrive at your door.

One innovation next year is a new 'Members' Competition' to be held in March. This is an exciting way to start displaying your material in a different way, which both entertains members and, hopefully, helps you to improve your collection.

As we tumble towards winter, I hope that you are finding plenty of time to enhance your collection, whether by purchases or the quality of its presentation. In conclusion, the officers and committee members of the Society would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and successful, healthy new year.

**Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)...**

## AUCTION DECEMBER 2017 REPORT...

The society conducted 4 successful auctions during 2017 and a summary of the outcomes of the first three is shown below.

MONTH	LOTS	LOTS SOLD	% SOLD	TOTAL SALES
January	465	254	54.6	£3207.90
March	442	230	57.0	£3365.00
June	466	212	45.5	£3104.40

## SOUTHAMPTON 'HILL' CANCELLATION...

When sifting through box's at Stamp Fairs or trawling through Philatelic sites such as EBay or Delcampe (Other sites are available) one comes across an item that takes your breath away, especially when no one else appears to have seen it. Well, the following item is just one such thing. One talks of 'As rare as hens teeth', That 'Eureka Moment'... Well the following was one of those for me. What at first seems a scrap of paper and not even having a stamp attached (in this case physically removed) took my curators breath away. Although we have many cancels of post offices, 'Shirley Common', Woolston Portsmouth Road, Oxford Street, there is always that one item that eludes you... This is one such Post office stamp that the Society does not have a copy of and is a rarity of the Southampton Post Office cancels.



Early and 'Rare' Cancellation- May 1854 -UDC (& 31-3-1858). Rubber 1886. MO-SB 3 - 4.1888. Closed 1939/1941.

So the question is how much did it cost me... It was in a collection with 3 other Southampton covers and for all 4 items it cost me £15.00... So I have donated this item to the Postal History Collection as you would be hard pressed to find another one if you can that is.

**Steve Gerrard (Curator)...**

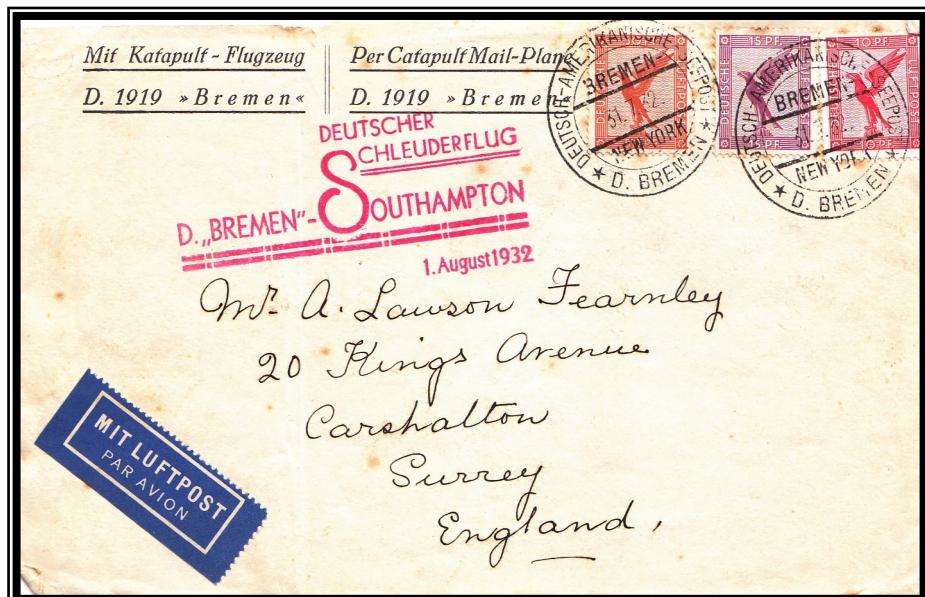
## THE CATAPULT SYSTEM...

Hello Steve,

Thank you for the excellent job you did on the recent publication of Postmark on its 85th anniversary; well done !!.

I was very interested in the article written by Julian Jones re the catapult postal service to Southampton. I have a cover which may be of interest..

The catapult system operated to the States and return .My cover was cancelled in Bremen on 31-07-32 and then cancelled with a Bremen cachet to Southampton and dated 01-08-32 . The aircraft dispatched from the Bremen was an Heinkel but before it could reach Southampton it had engine trouble and ditched into the sea. It was pucked up by the Bremen, repaired and sent off to England and this was reported in Lloyds Flugpost, German N Atlantic Catapult Flight. An interesting incident to report!!



David Williamson...

At the time of completion of this report, final figures for the Grand Auction are not available. It can be reported that the total sales at this auction were in excess of £8,400. This may not have been as high as the exceptional figure in 2016, but was still in line with the usual October figure of recent years.

The decision to move the auction to after Hampex helped raise the number of bidders, with many catalogues distributed on the day at Hampex. The society would like to thank all vendors and bidders for their continuing support. The venue for the Grand Auction was very successful once again, and it has been booked for 2018, again to follow Hampex. Particular thanks must go to all who helped on the day, there are too many to thank individually but the society owes you all a debt of gratitude. Special thanks, though, to Dave and Cora Edwards who stepped in again to manage the refreshment service very well indeed.

It is clear that some members, who are vendors, do not appreciate the amount of work that follows at auction before payments can be made. It is upsetting when members (not always me!) have to take queries about payments within a very unrealistic time frame. After an auction, all postal purchases have to be packed and posted, delivered or collected. The accounts, and therefore the amounts due, cannot be finalised until all payments have been received. Postal bidders can return items if lots are not described correctly, for instance as unmounted mint (UMM) when in fact they are mounted mint (MM)—a too common error by vendors. For most auctions, the Society hopes to pay within 4 to 6 weeks of the auction date. However, the size of the October auction usually means a longer time scale of 6 to 8 weeks. This is due to more lots (950+), more vendors (60+) and large numbers of postal bidders. Please be assured the Society will always pay monies due as soon as possible, and there is no need to chase payments, unless beyond the timescales indicated.

The catalogue for the next auction, to be held on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018, is enclosed with this issue of Postmark. This is a special auction of GB Southampton Postal History material from the collection of John Dorrington. Three further auctions will be held during 2018, on March 6<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Silent Auction next year is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Owing to my planned holiday in February, vendors with material for the March auction should submit details of lots no later than Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The actual lots should be given to me no later than Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. If you wish, you may reserve spaces for lots in this, and subsequent, auctions by letting me know approximately how many lots you wish to

submit. This will help planning as we are limiting the number of lots to approximately 400 for evening auctions and 900 for the grand afternoon auction in October. At every auction, priority is given to members or material from deceased members' estates, but even then there can be too much material to include in the next planned auction.

Vendors' lists can be given to me at society meetings or sent by post to:

Mel Bradshaw  
185 Wilton Road  
Upper Shirley  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO15 5HY

OR by e-mail to: [melvyn.bradshaw1@tesco.net](mailto:melvyn.bradshaw1@tesco.net)

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

### **HAMPEX OCTOBER 2017...**

Hampex was held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Wickham Community Centre from 10.00am.-4.30pm. The £1 entrance fee was very good value for an event which included an exhibition of recent competition entries, presentation of trophies, Junior Hampex events, meetings of the British Society of Australian Philately and Hampshire Postal History Society. As usual, despite some empty tables, there were over 20 dealers to take your money. Despite what seemed a slow start, attendance was again very good, being similar to the previous year, and the dealers reported that they had had a good day! It was good that so many members from SDPS put in an appearance.

Our PRO, Eddie Mays, produced a range of display material to promote the Society. Many members helped at some time at the table - our sincere thanks to you all. The Society's table was in the main hall again. We talked to a number of interested individuals, added a few new names to our postal auction bidder list and distributed catalogues for our October auction.

Competition exhibits again demonstrated a very high quality,

### **Members Competition evening...**

We are introducing a new Members Competition into the 2018 programme – this will be far less structured than the traditional competition evening and more of a fun event / opportunity to display your material. The first date will be the second Tuesday meeting in February (20<sup>th</sup>) so everyone has plenty of time to prepare.

The 'rules' appear below – but to call them rules is probably something of an exaggeration – the principle is to encourage more people to have more fun in displaying material.

- ◆ Entries can be 12 to 16 sheets.
- ◆ Formal write-up encouraged including an introductory page. (The introductory page simply outlines the story of the display – what is being shown and why.)
- ◆ Very brief spoken introduction as to the intended story of the entry permitted.
- ◆ A trophy to be awarded based on the votes of all the members present on the evening.
- ◆ Where welcomed, confidential feedback available from more experienced members.
- ◆ Opportunity for entrants to participate in a future workshop to provide interactive discussion and advice in a small group setting.

The workshop dates will be in April, giving sufficient time to those participants that want to enter the formal competition event in July to amend and enhance their display based on the knowledge gained.

Please speak with me if you would like any further information or guidance, you can also email me on [k.chard@ntlworld.com](mailto:k.chard@ntlworld.com)

**Kevin Chard (Competition Secretary)...**

## READERS QUERIES ANSWERED...

Response to "Cover with Oxford St. B.O. cancel", pictured in the autumn '17 Postmark, from Roger Harris.

The coding used above the OC22 date is in fact a Time Code.

John Moy's book, 'The Use of the 1894 Coded Time System in English Provincial Offices' explains how to decode the times, and using this the Oxford St. cancel time of BI\*P becomes 2.45 PM. In essence the letters A to M (excluding J) were used to indicate the hour followed by the letters A to L (excluding J) to indicate the 5 minute intervals from .05 to .55. The single or double letters were followed by a symbol and then by A for a.m. or P for p.m. The system may be decoded by reference to the following chart:

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Code Letter	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M
Minutes	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	-

For example EH x P represents 5.40 p.m. (This method is derived from the Telegraphic time codes which also used additional letters to indicate one to four minutes after the 5 minute interval to provide timing down to the nearest minute.)

Finally, I think that the Oxford Street office was used by foreign visitors to Southampton because although close to the docks, it was a 'genteel' area which supported a number of small hotels of good quality and character, plus a bookshop and stationers, a florist and a sweet shop around 1894.

Julian Jones...

covering a wide range of topics. The society thanks its members who entered competition displays: Brian Hague (Faroe Islands: The British Garrison in World War II and Jutlandia: The Story of a Danish Vessel serving as a Hospital Ship ) John Dorrington (Early Southampton Airmail 1929-37) and Julian Jones (Cunard Packets: the Early Years 1840-48). This year the Howard White Inter-Society Trophy was awarded to Ferndown & West Moors Society for displays of The Firm of John Dickinson (W Buckle) and The Halfpenny Post (G Hood). Congratulations to Julian Jones, who was awarded the Postal History Salver and to Brian Hague, who received the Open Philately Award.

**Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)...**

## SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS – FIRST QUARTER 2018...

I hope that you enjoyed our speaker notes for the 2017 year and will look to continue this in 2018. Our first quarter though is a little different as we have a series of non-standard first Tuesdays to start the year.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.** We kick off 2018 really early! It is so close to the start of the year that we have decided to make it a special event, with New Year drinks and something of a social feel. The formal content of the evening will be a display of the philatelic history of the Society from 1945 To 2017.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.** Our second meeting will not have one speaker either – instead there will be 3 or 4 when the Waterlooville Society pay us a visit and offer us a variety of topics and speakers. Details of this are yet to be confirmed, so watch for future announcements. What we can be sure about is that we will receive an insight into a variety of topics.

This evening is the second part of a joint project between our Societies – we visited Waterlooville in November 2017 for the first part.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** We have multiple speakers for our March talk as well – this time just the two - Wendy Buckle and Chris Wheeler will be giving us a talk on buying and selling electronically.

This is a topic we have requested having heard favourable reports and on request from members, who saw as a topic of interest. Buying electronically is relatively new and many people are put off by the pitfalls that can be associated with any electronic transaction. Selling electronically can take the risks and issues to a new level. Chris and Wendy will be giving up hot tips on how to buy and sell safely, some guidance and best practice to follow.

For those craving the tradition of a first Tuesday speaker on a defined topic, then you will only need to wait until April, when Tony Hickey will be returning to the Society. Rest assured that there will be a further 6 such events before the year is out!

Looking forward to the 2018 programme and to seeing as many of you as possible at all of the events contained.

**Kevin Chard (Programme Secretary)...**

### A PLEASANT REUNION PROVOKES MEMORIES OF THE PAST...

Hans Strehlau has been a member of the Society for many years and now aged 92 is not as active as he used to be although he and his wife Jean attended the annual lunch on 1 October last.

Hans has a very interesting past. He was a sergeant in the German army until his capture in 1945 and was transferred to Setley Plain POW Camp 65 in 1946. Here he worked on a farm which was part of the Exbury Estate. He met his wife Jean during this period and decided to stay in UK rather than return to his homeland (East Prussia). He remained working in agriculture until 1956 when he was employed at Fawley Refinery where he stayed until his retirement in 1990.

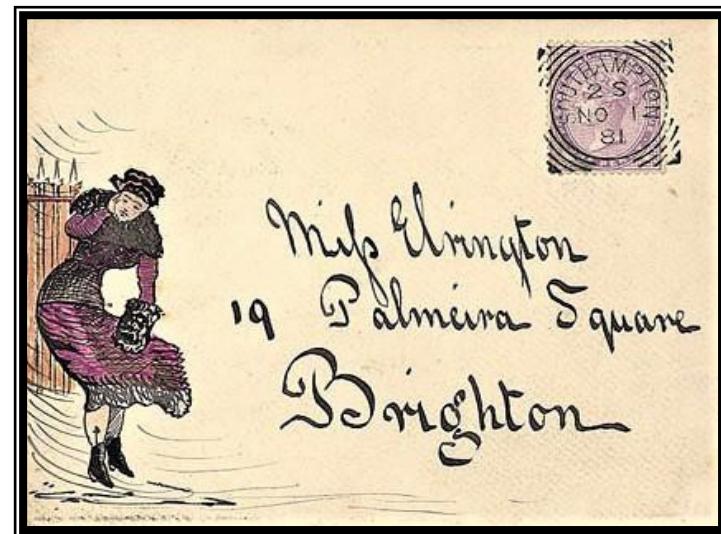
In October last year he was invited to attend a reunion at the Filly Inn, Brokenhurst where he met Gordon Forsey who had been stationed at Camp 65 as a Motor Transport/Prison Officer. From the Filly Inn they were taken to the area where the camp had been and examined photos of the campsite from which they tried to identify where the original buildings had been. They managed to locate a strip of brickwork and a concrete path which may have been part of the hospital.

Hans has pleasant memories of his time at the camp – the war was over and people were starting to live normal lives again.

**Jim Rankin...**



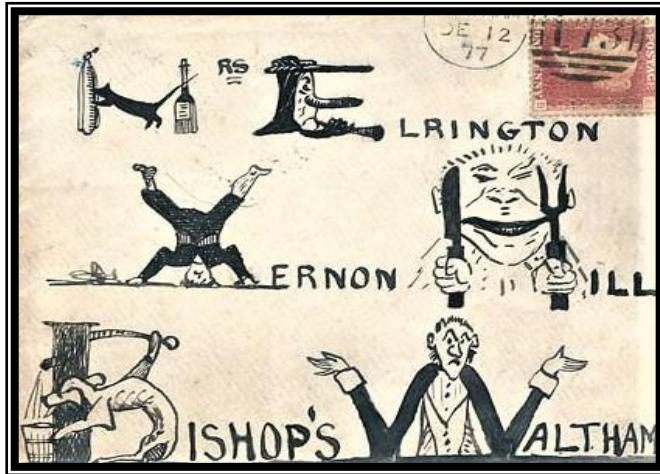
24 November 1880 letter from London to Miss Elrington at Vernon Hill, Bishop's Waltham. Illustration depicted a a young lady blowing away the 'Elrington' name.



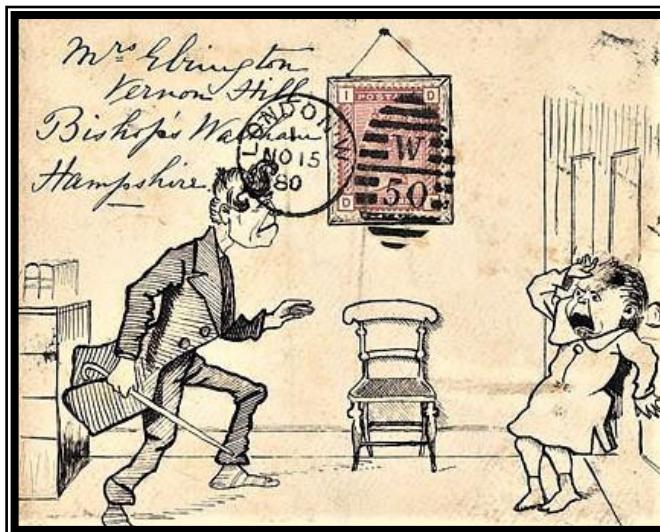
1 November 1881 letter from Southampton to Miss Elrington at Brighton. Pen and watercolour design of a young lady on a windy day.

**Mike Batty.**

## A Bishop's Waltham family Correspondence (Part 2)...



12 December 1877 letter from Chatham to Mrs Elrington at Vernon Hill, Bishop's Waltham. Addressed in an elaborate style using figures to represent letters.



15 November 1880 a letter from London to Mrs Elrington at Vernon Hill, Bishop's Waltham. Ink drawing showing a teacher scaring a young girl, with a picture frame for 1d stamp.

## GEOFF EIBL-KAYE CELEBRATES 80 YEARS IN STYLE.



Merely 5 years younger than our own society, Geoff Eibl-Kaye celebrated his birthday in style with a lunch attended by a host of friends including philatelists, IBMers, fellow academics from Liverpool University, family from UK and Germany and the church goers with whom he shares a pew every Sunday morning. surprisingly, some people fell into more than one set and there were lively conversations across all the lunch tables as invitees caught up with each other.

Naturally, as host, Geoff made a speech or two, each greeted with loud clapping and toasting with wine! An excellent afternoon was rounded off with coffee and birthday cake (as in Kaffee und Kuchen).

**Happy Birthday Geoff from the Southampton & District Philatelic Society...**

## BOOK REVIEW...

**The Stamps and Postal History of Malaya**  
by Rob Holley... self published.

As many of you know Rob Holley was a regular contributor to *Stamp Collecting* and *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* over the last forty years or so, writing articles on the stamps and postal history of Malaya.

Last year he decided to publish these articles in a single volume and the result is forty three very readable articles of a lighter nature, written in Rob's own inimitable style.

You don't need to be a collector of Malaya to enjoy this book – the stories resulting from Rob's research and knowledge of his subject make fascinating reading. This is the sort of book you will love to read; it contains many historical insights of a general as well as of a philatelic nature.

Rob has recently donated a copy of this book to our library and I thoroughly recommend it to all.

**John Berridge...**

## **Postmark Profiles - No 20: Kevin Chard...**

In this *Profile* we meet our Vice Chairman, Kevin Chard, who is our Programme Secretary. Kevin is a dynamic self employed business man



in his late 50s. When he becomes chairman he will be, by today's standards, a relatively young chairman in comparison with most other Philatelic Societies.

Kevin was born in Chester but was brought up in Derby, which he considers to be his home town. As a result he is still a supporter of Derby County – the Rams – and was a season ticket holder when they won the League and beat Real Madrid 4-1.

(Photo : Eddie May)

However, on the return leg they lost 5-1 after extra time. Those were the days!

His main team now is the Saints and for some years he and his son were season ticket holders at St Mary's.

With his qualifications Kevin could have gone to Oxford University but had an offer to join a commercial management training scheme with Marks and Spencer. After postings to Coventry, Wrexham, Reading, Belfast and Luton his last posting was Portsmouth where he was involved in the development of the extension of the store into the then new Cascades Shopping Centre.

While working for Marks and Spencer he met Alison; they married in 1987 and eventually settled at Sarisbury Green near Fareham. Alison is now a public-sector accountant and holds a senior position in

Winchester. They have three children, all of whom are studying; Christine who plans to be a clinical psychologist, Andrew to be an architect and Bryony who is at Barton Peveril College.

Later in his career Kevin joined solicitors Blake Lapthorn to manage their learning and development function and look after their graduate intakes. Following that, he worked for himself and is now a freelance training consultant which gives him more time for his hobbies and interests as he approaches retirement.

He is a keen gardener and has an allotment and loves to prepare, cook and eat the food he grows.

On holiday Kevin enjoys favourite destinations such as Florida and the Canary Islands where he and the family can chill out in all-inclusive hotels.

As far as stamp collecting is concerned it is the usual story of returning to the hobby later in life when he has more time and money. His main interests are Commonwealth countries – Bermuda and New Zealand in particular.

After attending one of the Society's Grand Auctions he was encouraged by Harry Vinecombe to join the Society and attend meetings. Initially the main attraction was the opportunity to purchase stamps for his collection through the Packet and at auctions. He also sells surplus material in his spare time.

Attending meetings was difficult due to work commitments but, since working for himself he has been able to get to the Tuesday meetings. He enjoys the encouragement from members and the friendly atmosphere at meetings and has become more involved in the running of the Society.

He took on the role of Programme Secretary and has been responsible for a very successful celebration of our 85<sup>th</sup> year with a variety of excellent speakers and events. More recently he has been involved with Competitions and actually enjoys being on the committee and committee meetings.

Once Kevin retires he looks forward to more time for walking and travel as well as sport, movies, and socialising.

We look forward to Kevin's continued and extended involvement with the Society for many years to come.

**John Berridge...**