

Who was REG PHILLIPS?

Pens Plus is a famous pen shop in Oxford currently owned and run by Nic and Fatemah Losito since 1999; formerly by John Allan and before him a fascinating eclectic calligrapher and pen man Reg Phillips. His pen biography would be well worth considering because he has left his mark on many aspects of pen collecting. His book on handwriting is a collectors classic but it is his photographs and his visual aids and shop handouts that will be most familiar to pen collectors. For example his summary of filling techniques, which many have reprinted and circulated; his visual aids which Laurence Oldfield owns and has used at past WES meetings and the photos of his Oxford repair workshop owned by Steve Hull. You may also find his heritage in Phillips gold nibs, which he had made when he assumed the Swan repair agency in 1956 after Swan UK closed.

SOME CAUSES OF MALFUNCTION

1 HOLE IN SAC.	VT	16 FEED SETTING	V
2 TWISTED SAC.	VT	17 TIGHT SLIT	V
3 TELESCOPED SAC.	VT	18 OPEN SLIT	V
4 BENT BAR	VT	19 SIPHONING	C
5 CLOGGED FEED	V	20 CRACKED NIB	V
6 INCORRECT FILLING	C	21 BENT NIB	V
7 OVERSIZED SAC		22 BLOCKED AIR-WAY	
8 CRACKED SECTION		23 DISCONNECTED BREATHER TUBE	
9 NIB LOOSE	V	24 DRIED INK FROM SECTION DISAGREEMENTS	
10 SPLIT INNER POCKET	V?	25 CLIP AND SCREW MISSING	V
11 CRACKED CAP	V	26 CONTROL UNIT BLOCKED	
12 BLOCKED CAP VENT	V	27 FLOW BAR MISSING	
13 BLOCKED BARREL VENT	V	28 CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION OF FEED	
14 UNDERSIZE FEED	V	29 CRACKED SHELL	V
15 STRAINED NIB	V	30 DIRT!	V

TELESCOPIC VACUMATIC CANADA.

Onoto

SHEAFFER PNEUMATIC SNORKEL FILLING

ENGRAVED BARRELS MUST BE EXCHANGED

PNEUMATIC "SNORKEL" & "TOUCH-DOWN"

ENGRAVED BARRELS REPLACED

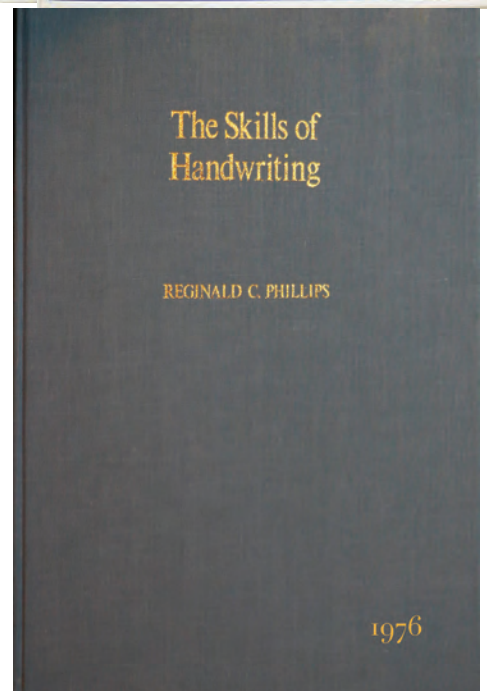
SURGE

SIPHONING

Visual 'flip-over' charts for local talks on pens



Pen repair bench at 70 High St Oxford -Pens 1970s



1976 hard back calligraphy teaching book