

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Newsletter

June 2015

Welcome to the last newsletter of the 'year'

Now that Europhilex , London 2015 is behind us it is just about time to be looking ahead to 2015/16. Before we do we should note that at least two of the displays at Islington were from members from this region and there were surely more. **Joyce Boyer's** lovely exhibit of **Austrian air mails 1918 -1938** was awarded a large Vermeil medal; **Professor David Stirrups** attained a large gold for his 128 sheet exhibit of **'To Portugal from UK: Rates on the British packet service 1810-1859**. Congratulations to both.

Between now and the autumn there will be our first collaboration with **Philanglia** at which we shall be staging our convention at St Ives on Saturday 27th June. For this year only the competition exhibits will make up this event, but consideration is being given to offering more in 2016.

In September we shall be hosting our second **'stamp day'**, this time at **Warmington**, just to the west of Peterborough, details below. In this village is an excellent pub, the Red Lion. I have provisionally booked a table for 12 with the proviso that meals have been pre-booked from their lunchtime menu (see their website). This would enable some of us attending to add a very good pub lunch to an already excellent day.

There will **NO charge** for coming to this day; teas and coffee will be available with an honesty box. There will also be a raffle, and clubs and societies are welcome to bring material to sell at a bourse.

Just a note to show that we are trying to support the whole of our region,; we are already considering next year's autumn event and are looking at the Ely area to try to a good geographical spread to these affairs.

Convention 2015

As mentioned above the convention for this year consists of the 35 entries to our 6 competitions. All these photocopied entries have been judged by a panel of four, three of whom were accredited after attending the training seminars organised by David Alford for the Federation and the fourth being the experienced international judge, Christine Earle. They are all from outside of the Federation area.

There will be a Federation table in the foyer of Burgess Hall so do come and make yourselves known and pop upstairs to see all the entries.

Please note: the presentation of awards by the president, David Belton, will take place at midday.

The entries received are:

Traditional (9 sheet)

The first stamps of North Borneo

Falkland Island classics

Cyprus – refugee stamps, 1974-2014

Somali coast, Djibouti

Zealand – Dominion 1d red, flaws

GB – 100 years of the ½ stamp

GB – King George V control varieties

Gibraltar – Spanish currency issue, 1889-98

GB – the demonetarised stamps of Queen Victoria New

GB – the £10 Britannia high value definitive

Postal History (9 sheet)

Instructional marking on mail & Penny Reds Hong Kong , 1939 – 1945	King's Lynn Penny Post Isle of Man postal history
Huntingdon counter hand stamps, 1942 – 1997	Scottish Additional ½ Wheel Tax
Third Reich Post Code System, 1941 - 1945	Lombard Street Branch Office
Nepal manuscript postmarks, pre 1900	

Thematic (9 sheet)

Flowers and plants	The world's largest eagle?
Orienteering	Vignette varieties for King Geo V colonial issues
Reims Cathedral	Australia – Melbourne 1928
Sixth Australian Philatelic Exhibition	

Thematic (16 sheet) (KLT)

Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder	Australian Philatelic Exhibitions
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Sarawak – World War 2 air mails	Early air mail of Brazil
Air Mails between Australia and New Zealand, 1928 – 1938	
Air mail development in Newfoundland, 1919 – 1937	Australian Philatelic Exhibitions

Open Class

Oboe 6: Liberation of North Borneo & Brunei Ships of Lake Malawi – from art work to the post

The judging took place at the Royal Philatelic Society, London, to whom many thanks for their generosity in hosting these deliberations.

All the winning entries will be on display at the Federation Day at Warmington, in September.

Federation A G M

The annual general meeting of the Federation will be held at the Arbury Centre, Cambridge on Saturday 14th November at 11:00 am. Among the items to be considered are minor changes to the constitution.

Philatelic Research

If your society or a member has a research project in hand then the Federation may be able to offer some financial support. Please contact Peter Morton in the first instance.

Society Reports

Leighton Buzzard

As ever a full programme has been followed by the society this year with the following being some of the highlights. Following their visit to display at Henley on Thames on October 15th John Hossack gave a wonderful display of Sierra Leone, focussing on the inland railway with covers and cancellations from stops along the line.

Another railway themed evening followed in November when John Powell offered a wide ranging display based on the Metropolitan Railway. It contained railway stamps, covers, cancellations including the practice of 'franking' railway company stamps with a manuscript cross, a truly enthralling gathering. The society hosted the joint pre-Christmas joint meeting with Milton Keynes P S in an evening that had

everything from quizzes, raffles, pass the parcel and of course good food an excellent company. In March Peter and Rosemary Pugh showed Far Eastern British mail carried via the Trans-Siberian Railway They showed material relating to many towns and ports en route, plus changes in track gauge and the different forms of transport used in the early days to provide links for parts of the journey. After visiting Amersham P S in April, May's meeting was illuminated by a display based on lighthouses by Colin Sharp. It included stamps, covers, photographs, maps, books, models and more. **John Spencer**

Covers of the quarter

Mr Smith, who lived in Folkestone just after the Second World War, was obviously a collector and creator of postal history. For here we have two self-addressed covers posted two months apart the first of which did not get past the eagle eyes of the Post Office. This October posting was not accepted with a bisected 5d stamp and so a 5d postage due stamp was affixed and cancelled in Folkestone.



The second envelope did get through the system, partly because it was posted in Folkestone – and not South Kensington, as above – and was also sent on Christmas Eve!



Philatelic Society Programmes 2015

June

3	Cambridge	A G M	
3	Spalding	Penny Red/black	Gerald Carver
3	Grimsby	Lincoln & Nottingham postal history	Jennifer Bennett
4	Isle of Ely	A G M & letters W & X	
4	Peterborough	Members' evening 'D' is for.....	
5	Northants	A G M & members' 10 page display	
9	Huntingdon	Something Italian	Peppe Marinelli
9	Hinckley	Informal evening	
10	Bedford	Zeppelin mail	Mr L F Rowe
11	Loughborough	A G M & Tips for competitions	
16	Spalding	A G M & bring and buy	
16	Leiston	Leiston to visit Sudbury P S	
17	Grimsby	QV stamps (D Davenport) & Nauru (M Webb)	
17	Leighton Buzzard	Visit from Amersham P S Bourse	
18	Peterborough	A G M	
19	Cambridge	Scottish Postal History	Iain Stevenson
23	Huntingdon	A G M	
24	Leiston	Inflation in the Weimar Republic President's evening by request	25 Loughborough

July

1	Cambridge	Dutch W I & famous collectors	John Jackson
1	Spalding	A tour of northern Europe	John Shaw
1	Grimsby	A G M; President entertains	
9	Loughborough	Dinner	
14	Spalding	Non-philatelic items	
15	Leighton Buzzard	A G M; cheese & wine. Static displays;	Bourse
16	Grimsby	Auction	
17	Cambridge	South West Africa	David Gottesmann

August

5	Cambridge	Aspects of inflation, Germany, 1923	Maggie Thompson
21	Cambridge	Your very loving Madeline	Diane Garrod

As you can see some societies have already concluded their seasons.

Please may I have each society's programmes for 2015 -2016 as soon as is practicable for the next newsletter which is due out at the end of August

Stamp Fairs

June

7	Bedford	01623 621143
7	Hopton (Norfolk)	01502 563759
13	King's Lynn	01603 419307

21	Luton	07710	683122
28	Potter's Bar	01303	238807

July

5	Milton Keynes	07710	683122
11	Cambridge	01223	355004
11	Northampton	01283	820151
25	Northampton	0115	9614528
26	Peterborough	01945	700594
26	Stevenage	07710	683122

August

2	Bedford	01623	621143
2	Hopton (Norfolk)	01502	563759
8	King's Lynn	01603	419307
16	Luton	07710	683122

Auctions

July

4	Horner's (Acle)	0800	975 4416
29	James' (Norwich)	01328	855003

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