

2019 Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

March 2019

Spring Stampex

The exhibition was down a little on the number of dealers but most seemed to have a successful show. There were some wonderful displays, not least among the entries included in the Royal Philatelic Society's 150th celebration with King George V, a past patron and president of the society. Those taking part in this section were awarded a superb medal as well as any award gained from the panel of judges. There were, of course, many superb entries in the public sections too.

Amongst all these entries were several from within our Federation:

Terry Harrison	St Vincent, 1861 – 1897	Gold
Jon Higgins	British Borneo airmails, 1926 – 1938	Large Vermeil
Joyce Boyer	Austrian airmails to 1938	Large Vermeil
James Podger	Cayman Islands, King George V, second series	Large Vermeil

Non-competitive displays were also given by:

David Alford	Fiji – the War Tax Period
Mike Kentzer	The travels of the George V Seahorses from the United Kingdom

Bedford P S

Congratulations to the Bedford Society on reaching their 75th anniversary. Hopefully the celebrations in early May will be most enjoyable.

Kettering P S

The society is again to host its own stamp fair on 27th April at the Ise Lodge Community Centre, St Vincent's Avenue, Kettering, NN15 5DR. The fair is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

MAPF Competitions and Convention 2019

A reminder that competition entries in the form of photocopies need to with me (1 Devon Crescent, North Wootton, King's Lynn PE30 3QZ **by the 30th April**, please).

A note also about **the extra classes** now available: postal stationery, revenues, picture post cards and Cinderellas; AND the **revised mark schemes** particularly to increasing marks for presentation and correspondingly reducing marks for rarity, which often equates to the deeper pockets of the very serious international level collector.

Finally we are minded to adopt the ABPS Federation level recommended awards, subject to the committees' agreement, with the following effects if accepted:

Award	MAPF (2018)	ABPS
Gold	85	80
Silver Gilt	80	--
Large Vermeil	--	75 -79
Vermeil	--	70 – 74

Large Silver	75	65 - 69
Silver	70	60 – 64
Silver Bronze	60	55 – 59
Bronze	50	50 - 54

If adopted, then large vermeil and vermeil would replace its equivalent of silver gilt. There would also be the award of a certificate/diploma for 40 – 49 marks.

London 2020

This major international show with full FIP status takes place at the British Design Centre, Islington in early May next year (2nd to 9th). The whole of the main building will be filled with around 130 dealers and auction houses from over 20 countries. Several major ‘rooms’ at the upper, gallery level will cater for over 2 500 frames of exhibits whose displays will be changed after 4 days to accommodate all the classes available. Further details may be found by visiting the website WWW.London2020.co .

Volunteers

There will be the need to rely on volunteers to assist with a number of activities/tasks before and during the show. These can vary from manning the information table, assisting on the Tuesday evening with the changeover of exhibits and many other areas. Volunteers will be ‘catered for’ and there will be some help towards travel costs.

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Mike J Roberts at: staff@london2020.co

Sponsorship of display frames

As at previous international shows societies have been offered the chance to sponsor one or more frames to promote their groups. This will again be available at the price of £10 per frame. Contact may be made to: marketing@london2020.co .

Machin Watch with Peter Morton

(a) Walsall sheet stamp printings (self adhesive)

Additional **self adhesive stamps** have now been added to the range as set out in August and November newsletters, as follows:

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
1p reddish maroon	Walsall	none	Sheet printing (22.08.18) with violet tinted fluor
£1.45 dove grey	Walsall	none	as above – markedly different shade to earlier 2018 print runs

(b) Conventionally gummed stamps

1p maroon	Cartor	P	ex RAF Harry Potter prestige booklet
5p ash pink	Cartor	P	ex Leonardo da Vinci prestige booklet ***
10p light tan	Cartor	P	ex Leonardo da Vinci prestige booklet
20p bright green	Cartor	P	ex RAF Harry Potter prestige booklet
50p slate grey	Cartor	P	as above
£1.25 holly green	Cartor	P	as above

*** This printing has a bright fluor additive to the to the phosphor bands, whereas the 5p printing from the RAF Centenary booklet had dull fluor additive.

(c) NVI stamps

Further stamps have now been added to the “18” dated stamps as follows:

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
2 nd dull bright blue	Walsall	none	ex 29.10.18 printing in a much duller shade
1 st Royal Mail red	Walsall	C	ex Harry Potter mixed booklet SAM63A ***
1 st Royal Mail red	Walsall	S	ex SAC32C booklet of 6 stamps ***

*** For the specialist collector the current norm for the printed backing paper on self adhesive stamps is Type 2 which has pairs of upright and inverted “Royal Mail” wavy lines. These two booklets’ stamps have reverted to Type 1 backing paper where all the lines are oriented in the same direction. Those stamps from the Harry Potter booklet seen so far, all have the backing paper inverted.

(d) Walsall fluor additives

Nothing new to report at present

(d) Special NVIs

Given that De La Rue lost the contract for printing GB stamps in March 2018 it is not surprising that new Walsall printed “18” dated stamps have now appeared.

Value	Printer	Comments
1 st Large, Royal Mail red with yellow sidebar	Walsall	Royal Mail ‘signed for’
1 st silver and ultramarine up to 100g	Walsall	Special Delivery
1 st ultramarine and silver up to 500g	Walsall	Special Delivery

(f) Country Issues

Cartor litho printed Scotland 1st and 2nd from the 27th August 2018 printing have appeared with much duller fluor. The 2nd class stamp is also in a notably different shade of steel blue.

Society Programmes

March

1	Luton	Display by Milton Keynes P S	
5	Hinckley	Annual competitions and auction	
5	N Herts (S)	Bring & buy, auction	
6	Spalding	Possibly New Zealand	Eddie Kirby
6	Cambridge	Society auction	
6	Grimsby	Mr D Sumpter entertains	
7	Peterborough	Bourse and competition afternoon	
7	Isle of Ely	Visit by Norfolk & Norwich P S	
7	N Herts (B)	Czechoslovakia and Egypt	Ken Burr
7	Northants	Postal history – letters D, E or F	
8	King’s Lynn	Competition evening; display of GB POs abroad	Bill Gibb
12	Huntingdon	France, Posta Restante	Mick Bister
12	Sheringham	Fishes on stamps	Garry Steptowe
13	Bedford	Edge of Empire	Peter Pugh
13	N Herts (R)	Members’ meeting	
14	Loughborough	Visit by Hinckley P S	

14	Fenland	GB favourites from early to later	Paul Lascelles
15	Cambridge	Visit by Huntingdon P S	
19	Leighton Buzzard	Visit to Hinckley P S	
20	Leighton Buzzard	Ships, trains & planes	David Belton
20	Grimsby	Auction No 52	
21	Peterborough	Arthur or Peter	
21	N Herts (H)	Cannon Trophy	
22	King's Lynn	Canada	Dave Armitage
26	Spalding	Marianne	Chris Howe
27	Leiston	GB slogan post marks, Part 2	John Harvey
28	Loughborough	Anglo Belgian families at war	Bryan & Minou Button
28	Huntingdon	Members' evening: displays of letters – E, F & G	
28	Fenland	GB miscellany	Graham Wylde
29	N Herts (L)	Early air mails of South Africa	R & L Lester

April

2	Leighton Buzzard	Visit to Pinner P S	
2	Hinckley	Members' night – letter 'T'	
2	N Herts (S)	South African Cinderellas	R Lester
3	Spalding	Auction in the afternoon	
3	Kettering	Members' evening	
3	Cambridge	Specimen stamps of Queen Victoria, 1840 – 1902	David Leathart
3	Grimsby	Cobblers!	Mr R Fletcher
4	Peterborough	Society auction	
4	Isle of Ely	Apartheid as reflected in philately	Robert Hill
4	Northants	Annual competitions – NW Trophy & Whilde Cup; letters T, U or V	
5	Luton	KGV Seahorses; The engraver Czeslaw Slania	Mike Kentzer & Terry Wagg
9	Huntingdon	Apartheid South Africa	Robert Hill
9	Sheringham	Recently acquired postage dues	Peter watts
10	Bedford	Annual General Meeting	
10	N Herts (R)	Members meeting	
11	Loughborough	Andorra	Gerald Marriner
11	Fenland	Big business on the China coast	Peter & Rosemary Pugh
12	King's Lynn	Sarawak revenues and the 'Confrontation'	Bernard Lardner
16	Hinckley	Chairman's Choice	
17	Leighton Buzzard	Two sheet and six sheet competitions; members' auction	
17	Grimsby	Mini-sheets and sheetlets, members' displays, 2 frames each	
18	N Herts (H)	An evening with Lyn and Rob Lester	
18	Peterborough	Members' afternoon, U and V are for	
23	Spalding	Quiz	
24	Leiston	Seahorses on cover & parcel label	Mike Kentzer
		The engravings of Czelaw Slania	Terry Wagg
25	Loughborough	5 sheets or pay £1	
26	King's Lynn	History of Cyprus	Ken Flint
26	N Herts (L)	Czechoslovakia	Mr R Hounsell
27	Kettering	Society-run Stamp Fair	
30	Hinckley	Fungi	Les Pearce

May

1	Kettering	Annual General Meeting, Bring & Buy, 4 sheet competition: letter 'C'	
1	Cambridge	Indian States – weird and wonderful	Alec Jeffries
1	Grimsby	King George VI	Mr B Needs
2	Peterborough	Peter or Arthur	
2	Isle of Ely	President's Evening	
2	Northants	Batty for Sweden	Malcolm Batty
3	Luton	Members' displays – any topic beginning with D or R	
8	Bedford	75 th anniversary celebrations	
9	Loughborough	Three Ts	Tony Clayton
10	King's Lynn	Annual General Meeting; society auction	
14	Huntingdon	Time to label	Stafford May
14	Sheringham	Visit by Great Yarmouth P S	
15	Leighton Buzzard	Visit by Pinner P S	
15	Grimsby	The City that Died	Mr J Edwards
16	Peterborough	Bourse	
17	Cambridge	Visit by Basildon P S	
18	Kettering	Members trip to the Salisbury Show	
22	Leiston	Annual General Meeting; 2 nd half display/members' bourse	
23	Loughborough	Eritrea & Ethiopia	Alan Wood
28	Spalding	A G M followed by bring & buy	
29	Inter society	Quiz, hosted by Milton Keynes P S	
30	Huntingdon	Czechoslovakia	Kenneth Burr

Stamp Fairs

March

2	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
3	Milton Keynes	Irish Centre, Fenny Stratford, MK2 2HX	01494 446004
9	Cambridge	Arbury Community Centre, CB4 2LD	01223 355004
17	Norwich	Brook Hotel, NR5 9JB	01328 829318
23	Acle,	Horners Auction Gallery, NR13 3BY	0800 975 4416
30	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, NN4 0RZ	07957 158299
31	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01945 700594
31	Stevenage	Novotel, SG1 2AX	01494 446004

April

6	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
7	Bedford	St Marks Church Hall, MK41 7UY	01623 621143
7	Hopton (Norfolk)	Village Hall, NR31 9BE	01502 563759
13	King's Lynn	Gaywood Church Rooms, PE30 4DZ	01328 829318
14	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446004
22	Loughborough	Charnwood Bowls Club, behind Leisure Centre, Browns Lane	01785 259650
27	Kettering	Ise Lodge Community Centre, NN15 5DR	01536 746800
28	Sandy	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446004

May

4	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
4	Lavenham	Village Hall, CO10 9QT	01787 249860

5	Milton Keynes	The Irish Centre, Fenny Stratford, MK2 2HX	01494 446004
11	Cambridge	Arbury Community Centre, CB4 2LD	01223 355004
25	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, NN4 0RZ	07957 158299
26	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01945 700 594
26	Stevenage	Novotel, SG1 2AX	01494 446004

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