

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

June 2017

A busy and hectic season is coming to a close for many and yet the highlight of the year – our annual Convention – is still to come. Because of administrative problems at Burgess Hall, the booking for the **Philanglia stamp fair** was wrongly replaced by another event.

However, before we go on a reminder, please:

May I have a copy of your **future programmes** as soon as they are available so the September newsletter will be complete and up to date.

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Thank you.

So the date for your diaries is now Saturday 15th July.

I am pleased to say that we have had an increased number of entries this year – 37 – in the six different classes as listed below. Judging will have been carried out by now, in Derby, with chief judge, John Jackson together with Greg and Sue Spring, of Cavendish, having spent a full day working for us. Prior to the judging, not only have lists of all the entries been submitted to the judges, but also scans of every introductory page, so they can research subjects with which they are not too familiar.

Nine sheet (inter-society) competitions

Traditional

Southern Rhodesia proofs from the Waterlow archives

Great Britain: 4d Jubilee of 1887

Characteristics of the Penny Black plates

The 1891 provisional issue of Labuan

Queen Victoria: the Jubilee issue

GB: the Victory issue, 1946

Ascension Island: the pictorial definitive stamps of King George VI

Australia: varieties of the King George V, 1 ½d, single watermark, Die 1

Postal History

King's Lynn Penny Post

Two hundred years of postal history for Oundle

Marazion post marks

Norfolk mileage marks

Apartheid in South African philately

The development of cancellations in the line engraved period – an overview

Early British mail arrangements in Mexico

The life and career of the Rt. Rev. W.L.S. Fleming, KCVO

The growth of air mail between the two World Wars

Thematic

The farthing stamp

Submarines – early designs, success, failures and madness

The Spitfire

The barn owl

Maritime events

The engraving skill of Czelaw Slania

The formation and development of the Universal Postal Union

Sixteen sheet (individual) competitions

Postal history

Pre-stamp postal history of King's Lynn

Scottish Additional ½d Wheel Tax on mail INTO Scotland

Oundle as a main Post Office (1733 – 1923)

Nepal – Negative postal seals

Austria: the change from the Schilling to the Euro

Aerophilately

The mail carrying flights of C.T.P. Ulm

By KLM from Sarawak and North Borneo, 1931 – 1941

Open Class

The sixth Australasian Philatelic Exhibition.

From Scarborough Station to Whitby town

British Army postal services in St Omer, 1914 – 1918

Mucha – his art on the stamps of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic

GB: Meter machines.

Our panel of judges at Cavendish in Derby was John Jackson (left) and Greg and Sue Spring. They worked for over 6 hours on our entries.



It was encouraging to receive entries from Bedford, Spalding and Sleaford U3A societies as well as our 'regulars'.

We also volunteered to take part in the **Dawes Cup**, an inter-federation competition, mainly because only two of the 5 original federations had were left as the others had withdrawn over the last few years, so we helped make up numbers. We submitted, at short notice, four entries from our previous Convention and even though we came third, we were only a few marks behind the winners, Essex.

Federation Stamp Day

For our 4th Stamp Day we are pleased to confirm the date as **Saturday 2nd September at Whittlesford Memorial Hall (CB22 4NE)**. The event will commence with tea and coffee on arrival with the day lasting from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. John Spencer will be sending out reminders.

Our **Vice President, Terry Wagg, FRSPL**, will open the displays with a superb selection of the work of the engraver, **Czelaw Slania**, probably the most skilful and productive practitioner of his art, with over 1000 stamps from around 80 countries, and more!

Before and after lunch **Simon Richards, FRSPL**, will show his magnificent collection of **Dominica**.

We have been able to reserve a room at the nearby pub – **The Red Lion, at Whittlesford Bridge** – which is 3 or 4 minutes' drive away. You are invited to reserve a place **for lunch**. Menus will be sent out nearer the time as they change seasonally. By booking your requirements in advance, our meals will be ready on arrival and so we will not impinge on the day's philatelic timetable.

Association of British Philatelic Societies

The ABPS is an organisation that does not receive the support from many societies as they feel they can receive the information and help they need nearer home, usually within their own federations. Some also feel that their members don't attend Stampex and other major events that ABPS organises and so aren't prepared to spend their members' money – 50p per member, per annum! (It should be remembered that most specialist societies pay 50p a head and so those of us who are members of several groups pay several times over). Equally they believe that they can find their own judges or perhaps allow members to 'judge' competition entries. (This is an argument for another time).

Another aspect of the work of the ABPS is that it is the voice of British philately on the world stage and so represents our interests on the world stage. This may be of little interest to Joe Bloggs of No-particular Stamp Club, but given that 'we'invented philately and have often led the world, this is something we should continue for the health of philately.

The ABPS now has a new Chairman elect, and a Vice chairman, Rufus Barnes (Cambridge P S) who would like to get around the country to all the federations to find out what societies want and expect, what they don't like or want, so that the ABPS can evolve into a better organisation for the hobby.

Particularly pressing is the need to bring in younger collectors **to keep philately alive**, or our collections will decline in importance and value as they ageing population of collectors reaches its ultimate demise.

Loughborough P S

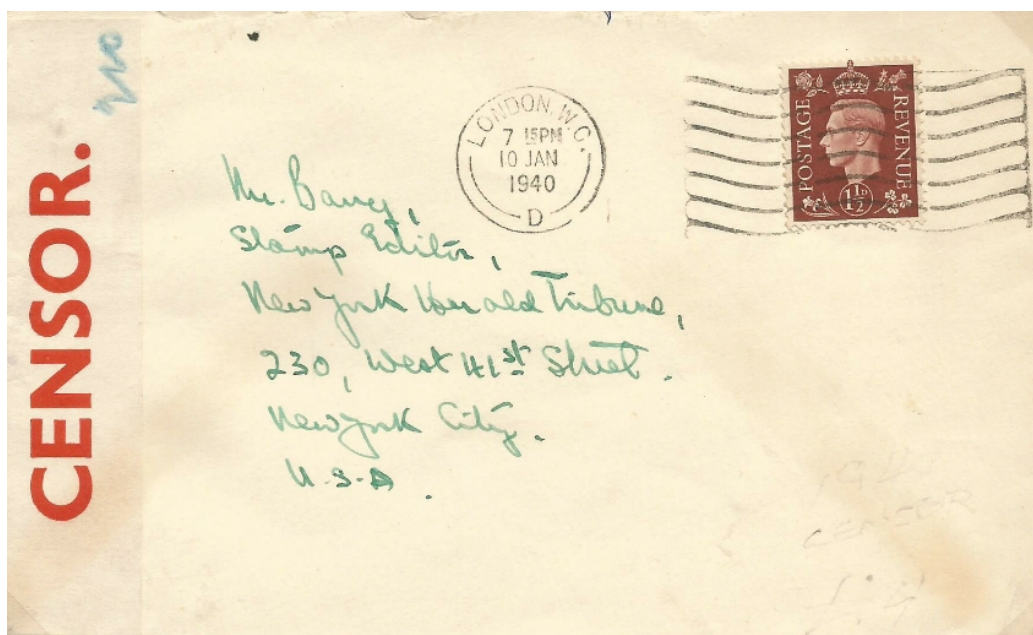
Congratulations to Loughborough P S on their 70th anniversary; I hope their commemorative dinner is a great success.

Cover of the Quarter

A simple George VI cover offers more on research:

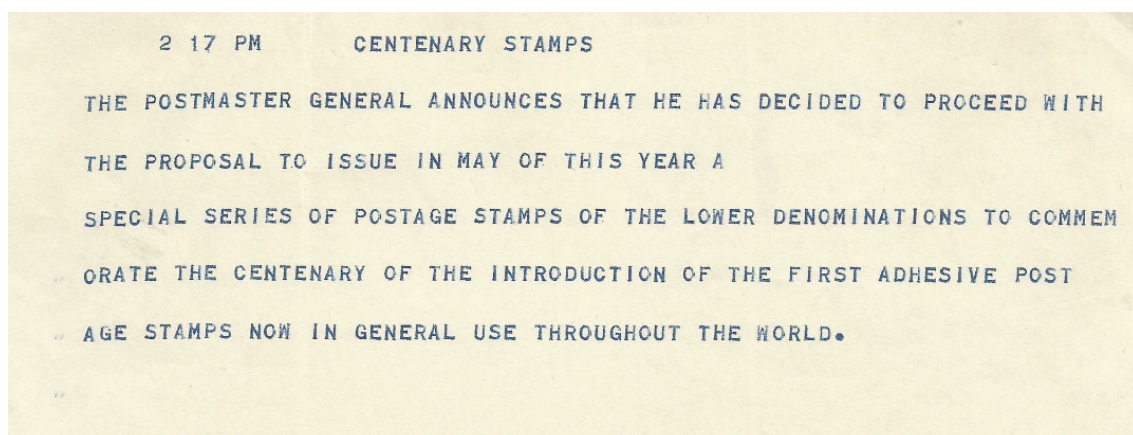
In World War II Britain was very concerned about journalists' copy and photographs that were mailed from Britain to foreign countries. Letters to or from publishers of all kind were dealt with by the Press Section, known as the Press and Censorship Bureau. Therefore press mail during the war was given a red censor seal PC22 "**OPENED BY CENSOR**" with no censorship number.

The cover, below, was posted in London on 10th January 1940 to New York, hand stamped on the reverse: "**FROM THE LONDON BUREAU OF THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE**"



Inside the envelope was a slip of paper which states:

The Postmaster General has announced the issue of stamps to commemorate the centenary of the introduction of the first postage stamps, now in general use throughout the world.



Society Programmes

June

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| 1 | Peterborough | Allied occupation of Germany, 1921 Plebiscites & Germany 1945-49 | Stephen Johnston |
| 1 | Kettering | Dealers' evening | |
| 1 | Northamptonshire | AGM; members' displays – something different | |
| 2 | Luton | AGM and society auction | |
| 6 | N. Herts (S) | The Cambridge forgery collection | Peter Morton |
| 7 | Cambridge | Mainly Black | Mike Brindle |
| 7 | Grimsby | Poland | Mr M Stockhill |
| 7 | Spalding | 'Work in progress' | |
| 7 | Grantham | Annual club 'Bring & Buy' | |
| 8 | Isle of Ely | AGM and bourse | |
| 8 | Loughborough | President's evening | |
| 13 | Huntingdonshire | Visit by Leighton Buzzard | |
| 14 | Bedford | Summer social and Tea Cup competition | |
| 15 | Peterborough | Annual General Meeting | |
| 16 | Cambridge | Annual General Meeting | |
| 20 | Leighton Buzzard | Visit to Rushden P S | |
| 21 | Grimsby | New South Wales | Mr John Lacey |
| 21 | Leighton Buzzard | The WW2 NZ soldier; Bourse | Lorraine Maguire |
| 22 | Loughborough | Annual General Meeting | |
| 27 | Huntingdonshire | A G M | |
| 27 | Spalding | Beryl's birds and other things | |
| 28 | Leighton Buzzard | Society Lunch | |
| 30 | Loughborough | 70 th anniversary dinner | |

July

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| 5 | Grimsby | AGM; President entertains | |
| 5 | Spalding | Whatever members like | |
| 5 | Cambridge | Society Dinner | |
| 5 | Grantham | Club auction and letter 'K' | |
| 6 | Kettering | Philatelic auction | |
| 19 | Grimsby | Club auction | |
| 19 | Leighton Buzzard | AGM with cheese & wine; static display and bourse | |
| 21 | Cambridge | Members' evening – show what you like | |
| 25 | Spalding | Another Bloody Railway, Part 1 | Peter Pugh |

August

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| 2 | Cambridge | Finland – Fieldpost, maritime & railways | Eric Keefe |
| 2 | Grantham | Any topic – up to 9 sheets | |
| 3 | Kettering | Members evening | |
| 18 | Cambridge | Australian States | David Gottesmann |

Stamp Fairs

June

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|---|----------|---------|--------------|
| 3 | Redbourn | AL3 7LW | 07710 693122 |
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| 4 | Bedford | MK41 7UY | 01623 621143 |
| 4 | Peterborough | PE3 6SG | 01945 700594 |
| 4 | Hopton (Norfolk) | NR31 9BE | 01502 563759 |
| 10 | King's Lynn | PE30 m4DZ | 01328 829318 |
| 18 | Slip End (Luton) | LU1 4BU | 07710 683122 |
| 24 | Bishops Stortford | CM23 2JZ | 01279 305100 |
| 25 | Potters Bar | EN6 1EZ | 01303 238807 |

July

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| 2 | Milton Keynes | MK13 7RA | 07710 683122 |
| 8 | Cambridge | CB4 2LD | 01223 355004 |
| 15 | PHILANGLIA | PE27 6WU | 01328 829318 |
| 16 | Norwich | NR5 9JB | 01328 829318 |
| 22 | Northampton | NN4 0RZ | 01283 820151 |
| 29 | Northampton | NN4 0RZ | 07957 158299 |
| 30 | Stevenage | SG1 2AX | 01604 406371 |
| 30 | Peterborough | PE3 6SG | 01945 700594 |

August

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| 6 | Bedford | MK41 7UY | 01623 621143 |
| 12 | King's Lynn | PE30 4DZ | 01328 829318 |
| 28 | Loughborough | LE11 3HE | 01785 259350 |

Auctions

June

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| 3 – 4 | Ely (Prestige Auction) | CB7 4BB | 01353 663919 |
| 3 | Bedford | MK41 8EB | 01952 825941 |
| 3 | Northampton | NN9 6RZ | 01933 626239 |
| 4 | Essex | EN9 3LX | 01376 585357 |
| 6 | Alliance | CM16 1 DG | 01279 758854 |
| 11 | Hemel Hempstead | HP1 1TX | 01702 217582 |
| 28 | Rickmansworth | WD3 8HD | 07957 158299 |

July

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| 1 | Acle (Horners) | NR13 3BY | 0800 975 4416 |
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| Webmaster | David Alford | North Herts |

Committee Members

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| David Belton | North Herts |
| Jon Higgins | King's Lynn |
| John Spencer | Leighton Buzzard |

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