

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

December 2016

Welcome to the first newsletter of our fourth year of existence.

Stamp Day

A wonderful display of Caribbean postal history and what must be (only part of) the finest collection of forgeries were on view for our third such day as we have moved the venues around the Federation.

Bill Gibb, our President, started off the day with 90 sheets of 'British Post Offices in Latin America'. From the early 1800s until the Universal Postal Union, there were many British postal agencies across the world operated by Consulates, government legations and often the local British 'resident'. In Latin America these offices were often to be found at most important sea ports and capitals from Mexico in the north and Argentina in the south, Peru in the west and Brazil to the east.

The display covered not only pre-stamp mail but also the use of British stamps, identifiable by coded cancels unique to each office. This was extended to ship letters and some packet mail from before the opening of these offices.

A particular aspect of the display was the inclusion of many Anglo-French marks on unpaid mail resulting from the 1843 and 1856 Postal Conventions. After 1875, when both France and Britain had joined the U.P.U., many Latin American countries had still not joined and this made alternative arrangements necessary. These arrangements were explained.

Chris Harman followed with just a fraction of his collection of forgeries. This was a magnificent array of forgeries and fake stamps from the most notorious characters in this field, We were treated to the work of engravers such as Jean de Sperati, Harold Treherme with his overprints and surcharges, Francois Fournier, who never claimed that his 'stamps' were genuine and the forged post marks of Madame Joseph. But there was much more and it was difficult to comprehend the sheer volume of such material and the efforts that go into this material. Of course forgery still goes on today with the Nigerian and Chinese well to the fore.



Yet another excellent day organised by John Spencer, to whom many thanks.

Next year's date is now arranged – **SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER** – at **WHITTLESFORD** Village Hall, south of Cambridge and just west of Sawston. There just happens to be a lovely Pub next door!

Convention 2017

Next year's Convention will again be held in association with Tony Hender's **PHILANGLIA** at St Ives on Saturday, 24th June. There will be a new trophy for the 9 sheet, inter-society traditional competition as the previous one is 'full'. The **16 sheet competition** which rotates on a three year circle will, next year, be for **postal history**.

Federation AGM

The AGM was held on Saturday 11th November at the Arbury Centre in Cambridge. Fourteen people were present including four patrons.

A positive meeting was informed that finances are healthy and that a re-alignment of the financial and calendar years will produce a subscription-free period of 9 months for societies, details will follow from the treasurer, Richard Husband. An independent examiner has been appointed and he has now passed the last three years' accounts; this replaces an audit, as our operations are too small to make this worthwhile.

The officers and committee members were re-elected en bloc.

Dawes Cup

This is an inter Federation competition which was held annually by Essex and three southern counties. Last year only two Federations remained and so MAPF has been invited to take part in 2017. This is being looked into with a view to taking part.

MAPF website (www.mapf.co.uk)

This is an ever improving site, well run by David Alford. Where it is incomplete is where David is still awaiting societies' details and programmes so do please keep him informed. Apart from useful local information there are some excellent links to other organisations which are well worth exploring.

Do please encourage use of the website.

Newsletter

I have to admit that putting this together is a bit of a chore, at times, as my computer skills are rather limited! It is meant to be a means of communication, not 'top down' but containing information for all FROM ALL. After all it is not my newsletter, but yours.

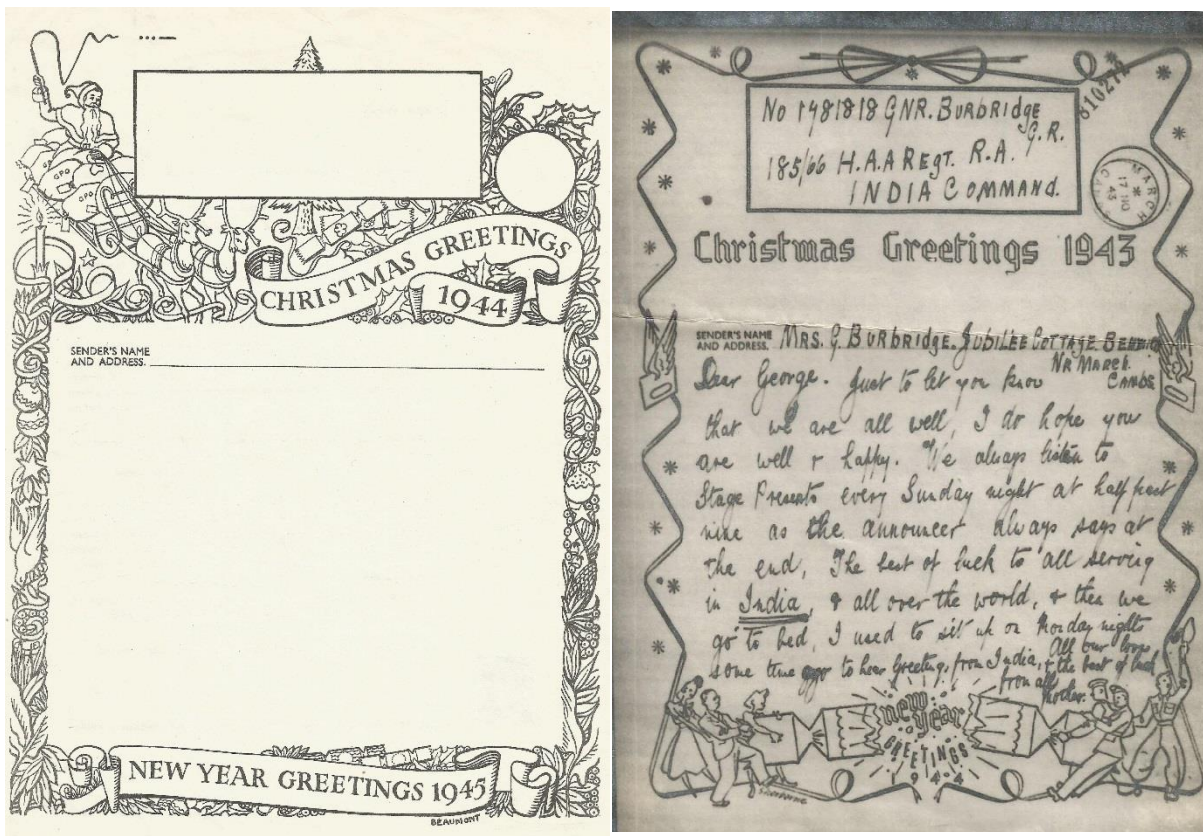
I wonder if secretaries and programme secretaries look at the society programmes with a view to planning their own. Over the last three years there have been several hundred displays given throughout the Federation..... surely some may have been of interest to other societies... so contact that secretary and find out how was it? Were there costs involved?

There must be events, personalities and society reports that will be of interest to others and it would be good to spread these things around....I'm ready!!

Finally, I hope that all societies who have members on email are forwarding the newsletters as there is also information on stamp fairs and auctions which may help them with their own collections.

Cover of the quarter

Airgraphs were invented in the 1930s by Eastman Kodak in conjunction with Imperial Airways and Pan American Airways as a means of reducing the weight and bulk of mail carried by aircraft. The letters were written on airgraph forms, photographed and then sent as negatives on rolls of microfilm. At their destination the negatives were printed on photographic paper and delivered by Armed Postal Services. It is claimed that 1600 letters on film weighed 5 ozs (0.34 kg) – 3/1000 oz each, and 1600 ordinary letters weighed 50 lbs (22.7 kg) – averaging ½ oz each.



Society programmes

December

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| 1 | Kettering | Christmas fun night | |
| 1 | Isle of Ely | Social evening, Christmas display | Terry Wagg |
| 1 | Peterborough | Members' afternoon | |

1	Northants	Warren Trophy – Christmas – 10 sheets	
2	Luton	Society auction	
6	North Herts (S)	Canadian Adventure	Mr D Scoot
7	Grantham	Kirk Hillard Cup; social & snacks	
7	Spalding	Egg Cup; Christmas social	
7	Cambridge	Christmas Party	
7	Grimsby	Grand Charity Auction	
8	Loughborough	Christmas social	
8	Fenland	Christmas display	Terry Wagg
9	King's Lynn	Christmas special	John Shaw
12	Sheringham	Annual competition and Christmas buffet	
13	Huntingdon	Members' displays to accompany mince pies	
14	Bedford	Christmas social & Egg Cup Competition	
14	Leiston	Chairman's evening with quiz	
14	North Herts (R)	'Anything' – members' evening	
15	Peterborough	Christmas social and members' afternoon	
15	North Herts (H)	Members' displays with mince pies and stolen	
16	North Herts (L)	Members recent acquisitions+ cake and mince pies	
21	Leighton Buzzard	Pre-Christmas social; Two sheets display; raffle	
21	Grimsby	Guernsey and Hong Kong	Dave Davenport

January

3	North Herts (S)	Stevenage P.O. Cup/exchange and mart	
4	Spalding	Members' display – 'new stuff'	
4	Cambridge	Members' evening: letters K, L and M	
4	Grimsby	Greece	Dr Roul Feld
5	Isle of Ely	Competitions; society auction	
5	Peterborough	President's choice	
5	Northants	President's Evening	
6	Luton	Australian 'Allsorts'	Fin O'Donoghue
9	Sheringham	Members' evening: "Missing stamp displays"	
10	Huntingdon	Visit from Rushden P S	
11	Bedford	Something beginning with 'N'	
11	North Herts (R)	Marsh Trophy + United Nations part 3	Cambridge P S
12	Loughborough	Bridges	David Gabe
12	Fenland	Philatelic Quiz	King's Lynn P S
13	King's Lynn	Quiz Night	Robin Peters/Terry Wagg
18	Leighton Buzzard	Visit from Rickmansworth P S; Bourse	
18	Grimsby	Mablethorpe P S entertains	
19	Peterborough	Polish air mails & related items	AlanBerrisford
19	North Herts (H)	Asia – members	
20	Cambridge	France 1929 -1979	MickBister
24	Huntingdon	Competition night	
24	Spalding	Auction	
25	Leiston	Members' display evening	

26	Loughborough	Czech airmails, 1922-39	Garth Taylor
26	Fenland	World Wars 1 and 2	Bill Quirk
		Scarborough/Whitby; King's Lynn P H	Mike Kentzer
27	North Herts (L)	Queen Victoria	Mr R Hill

February

1	Spalding	'I' is for..... Monthly competition	
1	Cambridge	Members' evening: commemorative stamps	
1	Grimsby	Hospice Presentations & Bring and Buy	
2	Isle of Ely	Shipping issues	Mrs Val Roberts
2	Peterborough	Die sunken proofs & related stamps	Gilbert Smith/Colin Hepper
2	Northants	A dealer's night	
3	Luton	Members' formal displays – any topic	
7	North Herts (S)	Members' evening	
8	Bedford	Competition evening + Allsorts + Bourse	
8	North Herts (R)	World War 1 at sea	Mr A L Kennedy
9	Loughborough	Egypt	Chas Ford
		Double Trouble	Mags & Brian Phipps
9	Fenland	Norfolk Postal History	Paul Lascelles
10	King's Lynn	5 frames by 4 members	
13	Sheringham	AGM, followed by silent auction	
15	Leighton Buzzard	9 sheet competitions; society 'no-reserve' - auction	
15	Grimsby	Committee entertains	
16	North Herts (H)	Bahamas	Mr S Kelly
17	Cambridge	Competition evening; Display by:	Steve Hannath
21	Spalding	Annual & monthly competitions; bring and buy	
22	Leiston	Competition evening, letter 'K'	
23	Fenland	The joy of philatelic history	Andrew Butler
24	King's Lynn	Another Bloody Railway	Peter Pugh
24	North Herts (L)	New Zealand health	Mr D Northover
25	Huntingdon	St Ives Stamp Fair	
28	Huntingdon	Bahamas	Simon Kelly

Stamp Fairs

December

2	Diss (Norfolk)		01328 820151
3	Leicester	LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
4	Bedford	MK41 7UY	01623 621143
4	Hopton (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
8	Milton Keynes	MK13 7RA	07710 683122
10	King's Lynn	PE30 4DZ	01603 419307

10	Redbourn	AL3 7LW	07710 683122
10	Northampton	NN4 ORZ	01283 820151
18	Hatfield	AL10 9RH	07710 683122

January

7	Leicester	LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
11	Slip End (Luton)	LU1 4BU	07710 683122
14	Northampton	NN4 ORZ	01238 820151
14	Cambridge	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
15	Norwich	NR5 9JB	01328 829318
20-21	York	YO23 1EX	01793 513431
22	Peterborough	PE3 6SG	01945 700594
28	Northampton	NN4 ORZ	07957 158299
29	Stevenage	SG1 2AY	07710 683122

February

4	Leicester	LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
5	Bedford	MK41 7UY	01623 621143
5	Hopton (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
5	Potters Bar		01303 238807
11	King's Lynn	PE30 4DZ	01328 829318
15-18	Stampex	N1 0QH	
26	Hatfield	AL10 9RH	07710 683122

From next year the King's Lynn Stamp Fair will be run by Tony Hender (Arun Stamps) together with Terry Wagg and Mike Kentzer (King's Lynn P S). Ian Gill, who has been running this Fair is stepping aside to concentrate on his online business, I G Stamps.

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Grantham	Martin Lodge	01400 282855
Grimsby	David McMann	01472 887523
Hinckley	Bob Mason	01455 250745
Huntingdonshire	Mick Twinn	01480 383103
Isle of Ely	Chris North	01354 659358
Kettering	Gordon Tregidgo	01536 746800
King's Lynn	Terry Wagg	01485 544743
Leighton Buzzard	John Spencer	01525 370745
Leiston	Andy Soutar	01394 460901
Loughborough	Rowland Tatton	01509 268073
Luton	Fin O'Donoghue	01582 453244

Northamptonshire	Paul Boniface	01604 452128
North Herts	David Belton	01438 315040
Peterborough	Alan Berrisford	01733 567527
Rutland	Dave Lucas	01664 474596
Rushden	Malcolm Whitehead	01933 350646
Sheringham	Jim Farrell	01263 721043
Sleaford	Lew Patterson	01529 307220
Spalding	Frank Wilson	01775 766117

Federation Committee

President	Bill Gibb	Huntingdon
Vice President	Terry Wagg	King's Lynn
Secretary	Peter Morton	Cambridge
Treasurer	Richard Husband	Cambridge
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David Belton	North Herts
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