

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

June 2016

Welcome to the summer edition of the newsletter.

While May and June seem to mark the end of the philatelic 'season', some societies carry on throughout the summer. And then at the end of June comes the largest Stamp Fair in our region, **Philanglia**. Details of the event can be found at the end of this newsletter, but suffice to say, Tony Hender, who organises the fair, tells me that he has a few new traders, and now has several of national as well as local standing.

Alongside this is our own **Convention**. This year we received 32 entries with them being judged by a very experienced quartet of judges from the Essex Federation; to whom our most grateful thanks. The actual judging took place earlier this month and took from 10:30 in the morning to 6:00 pm and included working through lunch!

The entries came in as follows:

Inter-society 9 sheet competitions:

Traditional 9; Postal History 7, Thematic 7.

Individual 16 sheet competitions:

Traditional 3; Aerophilately 3; Open Class 3.

Two gold medal winning entries were included in the above, and there were a couple of surprises, perhaps, among those who did really well.

All these exhibits will be on display, all day, at the Convention, so we look forward to seeing you in the gallery above the main hall.

There will be a trophy presentation by our President, Bill Gibb at midday to all the winners.

For those who entered, we offer our thanks; entries may be collected later in the afternoon and all will be accompanied by detailed mark sheets and certificates, signed by the judges.

Three of the judges hope to be able to attend and will be happy to discuss their thoughts on the exhibits.

Stamp Day 2016

After the success of the days we have offered in the last two years, John Spencer has arranged another event to take place on **Saturday, 8th October**. True to our promise to move around the Federation's area, after Tempsford (Huntingdon) and Warmington (Peterborough) this year's displays are being offered in **Denver Village Hall, near Downham Market**.

Our speakers will be Chris Harman, RDP, FRPSL who will show Perkins Bacon in the second half of the morning session and Forgeries after lunch. Bill Gibb, FRPSL, will start off the day with a look at British Post Offices in Latin America.

Refreshments will be available and **lunch can be arranged**, with requirements pre-ordered through Mike Kentzer, **at the Jenyns Arms**, a short drive from our venue. All details will be circulated shortly.

There will be a **display of many of the Convention's entries, a raffle** and societies are invited to bring material for a **bourse**. As before there will be **NO charge** for attendance at the Stamp Day; we merely hope to see as many of you as possible to what promises to be another excellent day.

New secretaries

After many years looking after the interests of the **Fenland P S**, Bill Quirk has 'retired' and **Richard Lewis** has taken on the task of picking up the reins. His contact details are given below.

The **Sleaford U3A society** has a new secretary, replacing Pam and David Hiscock who have given sterling service to this small and successful group. The new co-ordinator is

Federation website www.mapf.co.uk

David Alford has been at work on the website and its range of offerings has increased and contains more information and some interesting new articles. **DO HAVE A LOOK**, there are lots to see. Particularly interesting are David's feature on a British POW internee in Germany in World War 1 and his letter to Fiji, and a wonderful display of menu post cards from the Norddeutscher Lloyd Shipping Company , 1897 – 1910, by John Dahl.

Seminar in Hitchin

Following the success of the judging seminar organised under the aegis of the **ABPS** and organised by **David Alford**, there is to be another seminar **in Hitchin on 25th/26th November**. The focus this time will be broader, in that **it will combine judging preparation with advice for exhibitors**.

Spaces are limited so an early contact with David is recommended. seminar@mapf.co.uk

Federation Speakers' List

It is some time since this list, which is available for society secretaries to access via a password, was produced. It is now considered out of date and we would like to produce a new list.

We are therefore asking secretaries to check the existing list on the website and amend, please, and add any new speakers who can be included .

The following details would be a great help to fellow secretaries in compiling their programmes:

Name	Contact details	Topic	No. of sheets/frames	Location
Distance prepared to travel		Expenses required		

It is hoped that this new list will make programme planning easier and quicker, especially if combined with using the society programme listings in the newsletter – a chat with a society secretary about a display that might be of interest – to ensure the best experiences for your members.

Society programmes 2016/17

May I please have a copy of your society's new programme as soon as possible please, so that I can start to put together the September newsletter!

You can contact me via email: mike.kentzer@gmail.com ;

my address is: 1 Devon Crescent, North Wootton, King's Lynn. PE30 3QZ.

Thank you

Long To Reign Over Us

This item is based on an article produced by James Skinner of B Alan Limited, to whom our thanks.



On 9th September 2015, Royal Mail issued a miniature sheet entitled 'Long To Reign Over Us'. Its production had been secretive to the extent that printing was delayed to the last possible moment. This meant that the usual printers Walsall and De La Rue, as well as Cartor were unable to undertake the printing.

This problem arose not just because of the secrecy but the fact that the Royal Mail wanted to produce a miniature sheet with four commemorative stamps -in intaglio, with a new 'amethyst' coloured gummed Machin definitive in gravure. In addition, there were to be sheets of self-adhesive definitives and booklets of six stamps printed by De La Rue and Walsall respectively. Nine days later, the new definitive appeared in a booklet commemorating the Rugby World Cup.

Eventually Spain's major security printer, Fabrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre, in Madrid carried out most of the process, which included an iridescent overprint 'Long To Reign Over Us' and the usual 'hidden' source codes. In this case the letter 'N' in reign was replaced by M or S or C just behind the bottom of the Queen's hair. A date code '15' was inserted in place of the letters V and E in the overprint 'over' in front of the Queen's throat. They were unable to perforate the stamps – presumably because of the elliptical perforations – and so this was performed by Cartor.



Date "15"



Code "M"



Code "S"



Code "C"

The sheet stamps do not show a source code.



In summary, at present the following varieties may be found:

De La Rue sheet stamps with NO code for both '15' and '16' dates
Walsall booklets with code C and S for both '15' and '16' dates
Cartor's Queen's Birthday booklet code 'P' for '16' date.

Cinderella Stamps

The world's first Cinderella Stamps Congress is being held at the Royal Philatelic Society and other London venues from 16th September to the 18th of the month.

On the first day a welcoming buffet with drinks will be held at the Royal, between 5 o'clock and 8:00 pm with displays from members of the Cinderella Stamp Club of Great Britain. The foolwing day there are two sessions at the Royal and on the 18th another varied programme is on offer.

For further details contact Jon Aitchison, FRPSL, at Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill, Bishop's Stortford, CM22 7TF, or 'phone 01279 870488.

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, 2016

This is to be held just outside Cambridge, at the Cambridge Belfry in Camborne from 21st July to the 24th. The main theme for displays and papers will be '**Islands**'. There will also be an entertaining look at '**Excellence in displaying to societies**'. There will also be opportunities to visit the historic and beautiful city of Cambridge, while St John's and Peterhouse Colleges will be used for the RDP ceremonies.

This is an excellent opportunity for those of us in this area, so make sure you look up details on the Congress website: chair@abps.org.uk.

Philatelic Society Programmes

June

1	Grantham	Bring & buy; interests, advice and social	
1	Cambridge	Egypt & Czechoslovakia – Changing Empires	Kenneth Burr
1	Spalding	Chris Howard and Peter Ball	
2	Peterborough	Members' evening: 'G' is for ...	
3	Luton	A.G.M. and Society Auction	
7	North Herts (S)	Mr L Lester entertains	
7	Hinckley	Informal meeting	
8	Bedford	End of season social and Tea Cup Competition	
9	Isle of Ely	AGM, letters 'Y' and 'Z'	
13	Sheringham	All round the world to St Helena French Postal History	Bernard Mabbatt
14	Huntingdon	POW mail, WW2, Burma & Thailand	David Tett
15	Leighton Buzzard	Visit from Ely; Bourse	
16	Peterborough	A.G.M.	
17	Cambridge	A.G.M.	

21	Hinckley	Informal meeting	
22	Leiston	80 years of GB postmark slogans	John Harvey
28	Huntingdon	A.G.M.	
28	Spalding	Visit from Peterborough & District PS	

July

5	Hinckley	Informal meeting	
6	Cambridge	A Wembley Story – 1922 to 2015	Don Knight
6	Grantham	Letter 'H' & club auction	
11	Sheringham	After the Soviet Union	Ian Billings
15	Cambridge	Sarawak Airmails	Simon Martin-Redman
20	Leighton Buzzard	A.G.M. with cheese & wine; static display and Bourse	

August

3	Grantham	Up to 9 sheets, any topic	
3	Cambridge	Members' evening; Carried by boat	
8	Sheringham	Club stamp auction	
19	Cambridge	The Victoria Cross	Ron Jones

Stamp Fairs

June

4	Redbourn	07710 683122	AL3 7LW
5	Bedford	01623 621143	MK41 7YU
5	Hopton (Norfolk)	01502 563759	NR31 9BE
11	King's Lynn	01603 419307	PE30 4DZ
19	Slip End (Luton)	07710 683122	LU1 4BU
25	PHILANGLIA (St Ives)	01328 829318	PE27 6WU
26	Hatfield	07710 683122	AL10 9RH

July

3	Milton Keynes	07710 683122	MK13 7RA
9	Cambridge	01223 355004	CB4 2LD
17	Norwich	01328 829318	NR8 5AH
23	Northampton	01283 820151	
30	Northampton	07957 158299	
31	Peterborough	01945 700594	PE3 6SG
31	Stevenage	07710 683122	SG1 2AX

August

7	Bedford	01623 621143	MK41 7YU
29	Loughborough	01785 259350	

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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
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Federation Committee

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Committee members

David Belton	North Herts
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