

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

September 2021

There are welcome signs of a return to a degree of normality and some societies are emerging into the light.

A few societies responded to my request for updates and possible programmes for the autumn and three have a full range of face-to-face meetings, two with Zoom displays intertwined. A couple are meeting early in September to decide the way forward.

It is understandable that progress seems to be slow with the delta variant causing a rise in Covid cases, but given the general age profile of memberships most will be fully vaccinated.

However, there have been several major stamp fairs held, and with due regard to safety, and a number of national societies have held 'normal' residential meetings without there being any problems.

Autumn Stampex

This is being held at the British Design Centre, Islington from 29th September to 2nd October with admission by **TICKET ONLY**.

Let me explain:

In order to attend you will need to acquire a ticket - go to the **Stampex International** website – go to **TICKETS** and follow the advice.

For entry on the first day there is a charge of £10, but this ticket also gives admission to ALL the other days.

There is **NO CHARGE** for tickets for any of the other days, but these **DO NEED TO BE BOOKED**.

Whichever tickets you apply for, you will receive a receipt by email and this will be your ticket.

If you book your tickets(s) before 13th September you will receive a reminder email; after this date you won't.

All current guidelines will be in force at the BDC, and they should know as they were a local vaccination centre for several months.

Federation Stamp Day/AGM

This is still arranged for Sunday 24th October at Buckden Village Hall (PE19 5UY), just off the A1 south of Huntingdon.

We are hoping that those attending will offer displays of 1 to 3 frames of 9 sheets of anything they'd like to display. The AGM will follow in the later afternoon.

We are looking into the possibility of arranging tables for those who would like a Sunday lunch at a local pub we've used before; details will follow.

Convention 2022

We are hoping that Philanglia will be able to go ahead again next summer at St Ives and we hope that with all the opportunities there have been for writing up collections during lockdown, that there will be a bumper crop of entries.

We will feature the 9 sheet inter-society competitions in traditional, postal history and thematic classes, as well as all classes for individual entries with 16 sheets being the order of the day.

Details will be sent out early in the new year.

Machin Watch with Peter Morton

Note: for the self-adhesive issued stamps no account is taken for the orientation of the printed backing paper, where differences can occur by way of Type 2 paper with Large over Small (L/S) or Small over Large (S/L) layout. Recent issues have also seen the stamps produced with a much thinner backing paper.

Walsall sheet stamp printings (self-adhesive)

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
1p crimson	Walsall	None	ex 15/03/21 printing
5p ash	Walsall	None	ex 16/03/21 printing
10p light tan	Walsall	None	ex 16/03/21 printing
20p light green	Walsall	None	ex 16/03/21 printing
£1 wood brown	Walsall	None	ex 22/03/21 printing
£2.55 garnet red	Walsall	None	ex 23/03/21 printing
£3.25 pale aqua green	Walsall	None	ex 23/03/21 printing

Conventionally gummed stamps; "21" date code

2p dark green	Cartor	P	ex Paul McCartney prestige
10p light tan	Cartor	P	ex Paul McCartney prestige
50p slate grey	Cartor	P	ex Paul McCartney prestige
1st Royal Mail red	Cartor	P	ex Paul McCartney prestige

NVI stamps; "21" date code (self-adhesive)

2 nd bright blue	Walsall	B	ex Type 15F Business sheets
2 nd bright blue	Walsall	T	ex series 33F booklets
2 nd Large bright blue	Walsall	None	ex sheet printing
1 st Royal Mail red	Walsall	T	ex series SAC33G booklets
1 st Royal Mail red	Walsall	C	ex SAM79 Dennis & Gnasher booklet
1 st Royal Mail red	Walsall	C	ex SAM78 Paul McCartney booklet (deep head)
1 st Large Royal Mail red	Walsall	None	ex sheet printing
1 st Large Royal Mail red	Walsall	B	ex Type 16E Business sheets

Post and Go Stamps

For those who collect either the Machin head or the pictorial strips, effective from 1st September 2020 three new values were introduced: (a) Europe 100g/World 20g, (b) World Zone 1 – 3, and (c) World Zone 2.

With the Post Office requesting that old P & G material be used up, the 2020 price change is causing a number of new items now being available.

If any collector who specialises in Machins wishes to know more details as to what is available, please contact Peter Morton, details later in this newsletter.

Cover of the quarter

The cover this time is an envelope – but sent in 1834 and from India, some time before envelopes were more commonplace following the introduction of postage stamps.



Sent from madras in October 1834 the letter, consisting of the envelope and two sheets of paper, took 5 months to reach Edinburgh on its way to Argyllshire.

It was landed at Portsmouth (INDIA LETTER/PORTSMOUTH, In3, HA 1670) and entered the postal service and travelled to London where it received an Additional ½ hand stamp, L 187(12), as shown by the blue arrow.

Here it was charged 1/1 for inland carriage which was crossed out, probably in Edinburgh, where again it was wrongly rated as a double letter and charged 2/10 to which was added 1d for the Lochgilphead Penny Post charge (AR 282a) and the Add ½ tax.

However, this was a triple rate letter and should have been charged:

4d India Letter fee (up to 3 oz.) PLUS 3 x 1/3 for the 559 miles inland = 4/2 plus of course the 1d and ½d.

The confusion will have arisen because of the presence of an envelope which was quite unusual at this time.

Society Programmes

September

1	Cambridge	Competitions (5); Vienna – music and musicians	Geoffrey Datson
2	Northamptonshire	Catch Up meeting; plus 5 – 10 sheets	Wild Card
2	Fenland	TBA	
3	Luton & District	AGM; Indian Feudal States	John George
9	Isle of Ely	AGM & members' 9 sheet displays	
10	King's Lynn	German Occupation of the Channel Islands	Alan Moorcroft
15	Leighton Buzzard	Members' evening; AGM; cheese & wine	
17	Cambridge	Zoom display	
24	King's Lynn	Finland at war	Mike Elliott

October

1	Luton & District	Display by Harpenden & St Albans P S	
1	King's Lynn	Zoom meeting; 1936 Olympics	Tony Bosworth
6	Cambridge	Competitions (6); display – TBA	
7	Northamptonshire	Postcards	David Leeder
7	Fenland	TBA	
8	King's Lynn	Chilean classics; comic post cards	Don Davies
14	Isle of Ely	Sudan, 1897 – 1977	John George
15	Cambridge	Zoom display	
21	Fenland	TBA	
22	King's Lynn	Literature	Dahlia Harrison
		St Vincent	Terry Harrison

November

3	Cambridge	President's display	
4	Fenland	TBA	
4	Isle of Ely	NZ lighthouse issues; NZ iconic stamps	Andrew Williamson
5	King's Lynn	Zoom meeting: Czech air mails	Lindy Bosworth
5	Luton & District	75 th Anniversary night – details to follow	
9	Northamptonshire	Richard Akers + Fish & Chip Supper	
12	King's Lynn	Waterlows, the printers	Carol Turner
18	Fenland	TBA	
19	Cambridge	Zoom display	
26	King's Lynn	Members – one frame displays, any subject	

December

1	Cambridge	Christmas Social Evening	
2	Fenland	TBA	
2	Northamptonshire	What I bought in lockdown	
2	Isle of Ely	Social Evening, and I also collect	
3	Luton & District	Society Auction	
3	King's Lynn	Zoom meeting: Oxendales remembered	Richard Moss
10	King's Lynn	The history of Christmas cards	Terry Wagg
17	Cambridge	Zoom display	

KETTERING Stamp and Philatelic Society

STAMP FAIR

Saturday 16th October 2021 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Federation Committee

President	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn
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Webmaster	Martin Lovegrove	King's Lynn

Committee members

Terry Wagg (Past president)	King's Lynn
David Alford	North Herts
David Belton	North Herts
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn

Zoom displays


During this awful lockdown period several societies have taken the plunge and through using Power Point software have successfully produced some wonderful displays for others.

The benefits have been in being able to see, close up and in great detail, all the fine material on view. In this way it has revolutionised the way displayed material can be viewed.


The one disadvantage is for direct feedback for the collector who is displaying, but this is overcome by either posting questions during the talk or posing them afterwards, with the ability to go back to the item being referred to in a follow-up request.

If you haven't tried joining in a Zoom display, but would like to try please contact either Peter Morton or me and arrangements will be made, so that you receive the link to a Zoom display in an email.

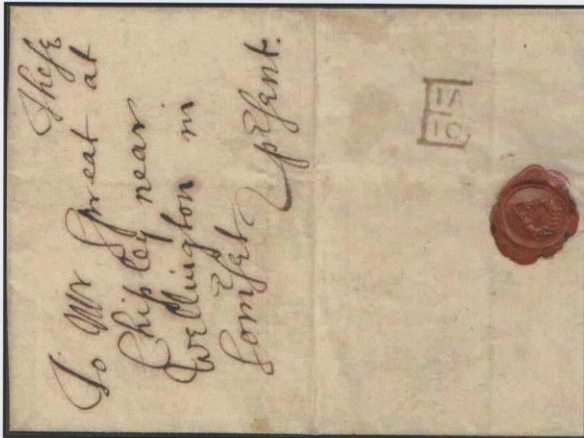
DO PLEASE GIVE ZOOM DISPLAYS A LOOK – THEY'RE WORTH IT, AND ARE PART OF THE FUTURE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF STAMP COLLECTING.




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Finally, Stamp Fairs – I understand that Richard Lewis has arranged for his **Peterborough Stamp Fairs** for 26th September and 28th November to go ahead at the Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG – 01945 700594

Norwich and King's Lynn's Fairs are hopeful of starting up again in the new year.