

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Newsletter

September 2014

Welcome to our first newsletter which we hope will be produced quarterly to keep you abreast of news and events throughout our area.

The success of this round-up largely depends on you and your societies and members in letting us know what is happening so that we can pass on items of interest.

President's Remarks

Welcome to the re-launch of the newsletter. It was one of the aims of the revamped Federation to improve communications between the Federation and the clubs and members. Firstly we re-instated the website and now there will be a newsletter albeit by electronic means, principally to save printing and mailing costs.

Other changes that we have made are to the Federation competitions which are now by certified photocopies. This is following the example of the Midland Federation and has several benefits to both the Federation and members. Photocopies allow pre-judging which enables a proper amount of time for the consideration of each entry and more time at the annual Convention for the entries to be viewed, without the need for security frames.

We have also decided to base the Conventions on a geographical central area, making them accessible to more members and avoids the need to find a host society which has proved rather difficult of late.

The money saved has enabled us to try a new idea which is the open day to be held in October at Tempsford, more details below. The Federation is also organising a judging seminar at Hitchin, details of which have already been circulated.

From the above I hope you can see that the new committee is working hard on your behalf and that you will be able to support their efforts. However, if there is something that you are not happy with then please tell us so that we can try to resolve the problem or at least explain why we cannot – communication must be a two-way process.

Regards

David Belton

Notes from the Editor

We are pleased to once again put together a Federation Newsletter and hope that this is the start of greater communication between societies. The range of items that can be covered is very much down to societies to keep us informed of such things as: special events/anniversaries, good speakers, meeting reports or summaries of a season, articles for publication. To this end we would ask that if you have any items for inclusion in December's issue, the final date for submission is 1st November. Mike Kentzer email: mike.kentzer@gmail.com

A short summary of Federation activities

The committee held a successful convention back in April which was well received by those who

viewed all the competition entries. Many needed convincing that what they were seeing were indeed photocopies and not the real thing! A fuller report appears below.

We had a table and an ever- changing display of competition entries in the foyer at the St Ives' Philanglia Stamp Fair at the end of June. This was to help promote the Federation.

Federation 'Stamp Day'

On Saturday, 18th October a 'Stamp Day' has been organised by the Federation. The event will be held at the **Stuart Memorial Hall in Tempsford**, just off the A1, between Cambridge and Bedford.

It's a 10:00 for 1:30 am start; the event revolves around **Michael Pitt-Payne**, from Aylesbury with his award winning **displays of GB postage due material, underpaid mail to and from Britain** and probably some **social philately**. He would make presentations in small bursts throughout the day. There will be opportunities for societies to set up bourses on the hall's stage after the afternoon display.

We hope that all affiliated societies will be able to send a few members to this event for which there is a **charge of £2** to cover teas and coffees with biscuits upon arrival, at lunch time and before departure. We would ask that secretaries or treasurers would collect and send the refreshment money in advance together with attendees names, so that badges can be prepared.

We are not able to offer lunch time catering so it those coming on the day would bring a packed lunch, or of course, they could go out for a meal; we envisage this break being between 1:00 and 2:00 pm.

AGM

The Federation's AGM will take place at the Arbury Centre, Cambridge on Saturday, 8th November starting at 11:00 am.

The Federation's next committee meeting will be on Saturday 13th September at the same venue.

New Patrons

Three new patrons have been created to mark their many years' work in support of the EA&EMFPS. They are Mrs Susan Cattermole (treasurer), Terry Wagg (secretary) and Bill Quirk (competitions secretary). They will be a tough act to follow.

It is also pleasing to report that Terry Wagg was recently elected to be a Fellow of The Royal Philatelic Society London .

Anniversaries

Bedford Society celebrates its 70th anniversary this year while North Herts marks its 75th. Congratulations to both societies; may they have a successful year. Quietly last year, Spalding notched up their first 50 years, hopefully the anniversary year went well.

Convention 2014

The convention was placed as an add-on to a regular Cambridge Stamp Fair in May at the Arbury Community Centre. As mentioned above all entries were submitted as full colour photocopies which was a new departure for the Federation. The six separate competitions were taken over to a village hall near Warwick to be judged by Colin Searle and John Smith from the Midlands Federation, which has seven years' experience of using photocopies.

This arrangement also meant that there was no need to use the very heavy and complex security display frames belonging to the ABPS. Display frames were borrowed from several Societies – to whom many thanks – and with the support of committee members and staff at the Community Centre, all went well.

The first three places in each competition were:

Traditional/One country (9 sheets)

1 st	Bahamas QV 1/- green (1863 – 98)	silver gilt
2 nd	GB Geo V Royal Cypher controls	silver
3 rd	Bermuda Geo VI key plates	silver

Postal History (9 sheets)

1 st	Spanish mail ex Gibraltar 1850 -56	silver gilt
2 nd	Military mails from China & Hong Kong	silver
3 rd =	British Postal Agency in Portugal	silver
3 rd =	Scottish Additional ½d Wheel Tax	silver

Thematic (9 sheets)

1 st	The English Barn Owl	silver
2 nd	Leipzig	silver/bronze
3 rd	Motor cycling	silver bronze

Aerophilatelic (16 sheets)

1 st	GB trans-Atlantic air mails 1928 – 39	gold (best overall entry)
2 nd	Sarawak WW2 air mails	gold

Postal History (16 sheets)

1 st	Mail from Gibraltar to Portugal 1837 – 58	silver gilt
2 nd	Poland – 'Paid in cash' mail	silver
3 rd	Sarawak – post war temporary marks	silver

Open (16 Sheets)

1 st	External air posts of Sarawak	silver gilt
2 nd	6 th Australian Philatelic Exhibition	silver gilt
3 rd	Australia - 1937 Air Mail Exhibition	silver

Inter Society (9 sheets) competition**Millennium Shield**

Society	Traditional	Postal History	Thematic	Total	Place
Cambridge	83	83	66	232	1 st
Leighton Buzzard	71	78	76	225	2 nd
King's Lynn	70	65	62	197	3 rd
Huntingdon	55	76	55	186	4 th

Convention 2015

At this time we are considering holding next year's gathering at Philanglia 2015 which will take place at the Burgess Hall, St. Ives on Saturday, 28th June. We will have the run of the upstairs galleries for displaying all the entries and after the success of the photocopied entries we intend to do so again next year.

A revised set of rules for the competitions will be issued shortly to iron out one or two anomalies which crept into those used in 2014. Judging will be carried out by experienced judges from another Federation, as this year.

Judges' Training Seminar

We have arranged for a two day seminar for the training and re-training of judges to Federation level with ABPS accreditation. It will be held on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November at the Sun Hotel, Sun Street, Hitchin, Herts. SG5 1AF. The cost of the seminar is £50 for the two days which includes a light lunch on both days and teas/coffees.

The training will be run by the ABPS in the persons of

Francis Kiddle, Birthe King, Chris King and Brian Trotter

There are one or two spaces still available. For details contact David Alford (01462 648727) or email: seminar@mapf.co.uk

Stamp Collecting Group of Sleaford U3A

The group is run by David and Pamela Hiscock and is open to all members of the U3A and meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the group leaders' residence. Members buy, sell and exchange philatelic items, display, talk about their collections and provide assistance to fellow members. Tea and biscuits are provided.

The group will have displayed at the annual Stamp Lincs event held at Washingborough on 30th August. We wish them continuing success.

The Stitt Dibden Trophy

The trophy awarded each year at the convention to the winner of the 9 sheet Postal History competition is named after Stitt Dibden who was one of the most prolific authors of philately. If you Google his name, you will find many dealers offering his long out of print titles.

Here is a list of some of his books many of which were pioneers in their day:

A price catalogue of British stamp exhibitions	1840 – 1940	Stamford Postal History
Leicester and the Posts	400 years of Anglo-Dutch Mail	1674 – 1965
Squared Circle Postmarks	Wembley and Olympic Issues	1948 Olympics
Late Fee & Too Late stamps	Mail routes to the West Indies	
Hey Dolphin machines of Great Britain	London Date Stamps (with P Forrestier-Smith)	
Newspaper Branch cancellations	The Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax	1813 – 1839
The Post Office 1635 – 1720	Postage Rates of H M Forces	
Krag machine cancellations	Early stamp machines	
Wembley and the posts	Stamps and postmarks of the 1924 – 25 Empire Exhibitions	
The first three War Bond slogans (1917 – 18) of the United Kingdom		

It is fair to say that we could not have a finer man and philatelist as the name on a postal history trophy.

We would welcome any short articles which could be incorporated into future issues of this newsletter.

Philatelic Society Programmes 2014 - 2015

September

3	N Herts (S)	Canadian Maritime Provinces	D Scoot
3	Cambridge	Members display letters E, F & G	
3	Spalding	Philatelic literature/literature on stamps	(2 pm)
3	Grimsby	Members display – letters K &/or L	
4	Ely	GB postal history/British post boxes	M. Kentzer/Bill Clarey
4	Northampton	Chess	C Oppenheim
4	Peterborough	Members' evening	
5	Mablethorpe	Guest speaker	
10	Bedford	President's Evening	
10	Huntingdon	President's evening	
11	Fenland	Welcome back; display	
11	Loughborough	Open evening – recent acquisitions	
11	N Herts R	Recent acquisitions, or other	(afternoon meeting)
12	Kings' Lynn.	Brazil Janet Nelson	
16	Spalding	Keith Farrow entertains	(7:30 pm)
17	L. Buzzard	Subs, bourse, static displays	
17	Grimsby	Thematic display (C. Whitbread) & Siam (C Dodsworth)	
18	Peterborough	classic India	Michael Casswell
19	N Herts H	"The beauty of South Africa"	Ron & Lyn Lester
19	Cambridge	The Ijzer Pilgrimage	Roger Swindells
19	Mablethorpe	Auction	

23	Cambridge/EAPHS	Cambridge Postal History; Arbury Centre, Cambridge, 2:00 pm	
24	Bedford	Mr Barnes – sheets from my collection	
24	L. Buzzard	Visit to Henley P S	
24	Huntingdon	New Zealand Health	David Northover
24	Leiston	War Tax stamps of the British Empire	
25	Loughborough	Cyprus & GB Abroad	Mike Fulford
25	Fenland	WW 1 POWs	Graham Mark
26	King's Lynn	Egypt & Palestine in WW 1	Graham Mark
27	N Herts L	Swiss Postcards	B Thurstance

October

1	N Herts S	K Allen entertains	
1	Cambridge	Gibraltar – old and new	Davis Stirrups
1	Spalding	Sadmas Trophy	(2 pm)
1	Grimsby	Middle East (R Johnson) & Greece	J Walling
2	Ely	The Ijzer Pilgrimage/Barley to bottle & hops to hand pumps	R Swindells
2	Northampton	Sarawak continued	W N Waterson
2	Peterborough	Members' evening	
3	Mablethorpe	Ephemera	
8	Bedford	Visit by Cambridge P S	
8	Huntingdon	2 Kings	Ian Shaw
9	N Herts R	NHSC 75 th Anniversary; Royston area postal history	
9	Loughborough	Coronation ephemera from Charles II onwards	John Cooper
9	Fenland	Members display letters U, V & W	
10	Spalding	Displays at King's Lynn	
10	King's Lynn	Visit by Spalding P S	
15	L. Buzzard	Sierra Leone	John Hossack
15	Grimsby	Engraver - Czeslaw Slania	Peter Rix
16	Peterborough	Light houses	Bill Quirk
17	N Herts H	Visit by Bury St Edmunds P S	
17	Cambridge	Birds of the Bible	David Evans
18	MAPF	Stamp Day at Tempsford	
19	N Herts S	SEMINAR - Club postal history collections	
21	Spalding	Trafalgar Day	Peter Ball (7:30 pm)
22	Bedford	Something beginning with 70; (Society's 70 th anniversary)	
22	Huntingdon	A tour of northern Europe	John Shaw
22	Leiston	No nonsense Hungary	
23	Loughborough	Yet another Elizabethan Age	Peter Marshall
		Hill, Von Stephen & the UPU	David Gabe
24	King's Lynn	Competitions' evening/ G.B. perfins	Richard Husband
24	Mablethorpe	Members' Night – Thematics	
25	N Herts L	Orchids on stamps	H Humphrey
30	Fenland	Lighthouses	Bill Quirk

November

5	N Herts S	Crete	M Bavin	
5	Spalding	Silver Jubilee	Bruce Townshend	(2 pm)
5	Grimsby	Back of the book !!	members	
6	Ely	Railways	K Downing	
6	Northampton	T Britain entertains		
6	Peterborough	Cyprus	Michael Fulford	
7	N Herts B	Anglo – French postal history	D Allen	(2 pm meeting in Baldock)
12	Bedford	Allsorts		
12	Huntingdon	More of Rowe’s Rubbish	Len Rowe	
13	N Herts R	Tristan da Cunha	J Hawkes	
13	Fenland	Commonwealth revenues and fiscals	Bill Gibb	
13	Loughborough	Around the world in 80 frames	Dr John Gledhill	
13	Mablethorpe	Novelty Cup – war related		
14	King’s Lynn	Gibraltar	Dave Stirrups	
18	Spalding	Egg Cup & monthly competition		(7:30 pm)
19	L. Buzzard	The Metropolitan Railway	John Powell	
19	Grimsby	Lombardy	Brian Madeley	
20	Peterborough	Members’ evening		
21	N Herts H	An evening with T Humphrey		
21	Cambridge	Competitions & display		
26	Huntingdon	Members’ display – letter ‘D’		
26	Leiston	Society Auction		
27	Fenland	Gibraltar	David Stirrups	
27	Loughborough	Members display – letter ‘G’		
27	Mablethorpe	Guest speaker		
28	King’s Lynn	Members’ display – letters with ‘O’ or ‘P’.		
29	N Herts L	Indian States	R Revell	

North Herts is a four venue society where: S = Stevenage, R = Royston, L = Letchworth and H = Hitchin

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King’s Lynn	Terry Wagg	01485 544743
Leighton Buzzard	John Spencer	01525 370745

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Loughborough	Rowland Tatton	01509 268073
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North Herts	David Belton	01438 315040
Peterborough	Alan Berrisford	01733 567527
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Sleaford	David & Pam Hiscock	01529 303355
Spalding	Michelle Burton	01775 767464

Stamp Fairs & Auctions

STAMPEX returns to London from 17 – 20 September at the Business Design Centre in Islington

September

7	Milton Keynes	07710 683122
7	<u>Cambridgeshire Philatelic Auctions (Ely)</u>	01353 663919
13	Cambridge	01223 355004
21	Norwich	01328 829318
21	Slip End (Luton)	07710 683122
28	Hopton (Norfolk)	01502 563759
28	Stevenage	07710 683122
28	Potters Bar	01303 238807

October

5	Bedford	01159 474747
7	<u>Alliance Auctions (Great Dunmow)</u>	01279 758854
11	King's Lynn	01603 419307
25	Redbourne, Herts	07710 683122
26	Hatfield	07710 683122

November

2	Milton Keynes	07710 68312
8	Cambridge	01223 355004
15	<u>Horners, Acle (Norfolk)</u>	01493 750225
16	Norwich	01328 829318
30	Hopton, Norfolk	01502 563759
30	Stevenage	07710 683122

ABPS News

The Association is in the process of updating both its **Directory** and its **Speakers Lists**, with publication due in 2015. Any contributions, updates and additions should be sent to Rev. John Walden. Any copies of society speakers lists should be sent to handbook@abps.org.uk.

The British Philatelic Trust has been wound up and their funds have been distributed to BPMA (£850k) and a new PHILATELIC FUND has been established (£1.7m) under the chairmanship of Brian Trotter. All these funds must be used in a way consistent with the objectives of the original Trust.

Applications for funding should now be sent to **THE PHILATELIC FUND c/o RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY**

The ABPS also produces a range of very informative leaflets on such subjects as: 'What is social philately?' and 'What is open philately? Details can be found on ABPS website or contact Chris Oliver: communications@abps.org.uk.

Federation Committee

The following are your committee for 2013 – 14:

President	David Belton	North Herts.
Vice President	vacant	
Secretary	Peter Morton	Cambridge
Treasurer	Richard Husband	Cambridge
Competitions' secretary	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn
Webmaster	David Alford	North Herts.
Committee members	Bill Cleary	King's Lynn
	Jon Higgins	King's Lynn
	John Spencer	Leighton Buzzard