

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Newsletter

March 2015

Welcome to our third newsletter.

As spring approaches we move into the competition and exhibition season. You should have all received notification of the Federation's competitions and its move to link in with the Philanglia Stamp Fair at the end of June. We shall have the use of the large L-shaped balcony for all the competition entries to be seen in all their glory.

Spring Stampex 2015

There were five members of Federation affiliated societies who exhibited at Stampex last week.

Mike Kentzer	Aerophilately	'By air from Britain to the Americas' (1928 – 1939)	Vermeil
David Leathart	Traditional	'Sample stamps of Queen Victoria 1840 – 1902	Gold
Rob & Lynn Lester	Traditional	'The first stamp of the Union of South Africa'	Large Vermeil
John Sims	Literature	'The refugee stamps of Cyprus 1974 – 2014	Vermeil
Terry Wagg	Thematic	'Universal Postal Union'	Silver bronze

Congratulations to all.

Newly accredited judges

There are 8 new, accredited judges within the Federation as a result of the second phase of training which was held on the Wednesday of Stampex. They are geographically spread from Leighton Buzzard, to Cambridge to King's Lynn. The details of judges within the Federation will shortly be updated on the website. (www.mapf.co.uk)

Convention 2015

The convention this year is based around Philanglia at the Burgess Hall, St. Ives on Saturday 27th June. The Federation will have a display table in the foyer.

As last year we welcome entries in the usual 9 and 16 sheet formats with certified photocopies being required. This year we are offering the opportunity for societies to submit two entries in each of the 9 sheet inter-society competitions, with one nominated as that society's official entry. Thus we hope to encourage greater participation. Judging will have taken place prior to the annual gathering, so that entries will be available for viewing all day and mark sheets and certificates will be ready. The time for the actual awarding of trophies is yet to be confirmed, but late morning is being proposed. Society secretaries already have all the relevant information needed for this event.

As last year there is a degree of financial support for the cost of photocopying; £5 per entry is available for both society and individual entries. This will be reviewed for 2016.

Notices

Fenland P S have 10 metal display frames (16 sheets - on each side) and they are available from the Wisbech area with the only expense being the transport required. If any society is interested please get in touch with **Bill Quirk** (details below).

Joyce Boyer has taken over as **Spalding's** secretary. Her address is 1 Catherine's Way, Pinchbeck, Spalding. PE11 3YF. (01775 762661) The society has also changed its meeting venue to:
The Fraiser Room, Gosberton Road, Surfleet.

Last September's '**Stamp Day**' at Tempsford, while not as well supported as had been hoped, was, none the less, sufficiently well received that we are arranging another event in the autumn. John Spencer has booked the village Hall at **Warmington, west of Peterborough**, which is about 3 miles towards Northampton and the A14 on the A605 (recently by-passed). **The date for your diary is Saturday 2th September.** Further details will follow.

Society Reports

Isle of Ely

The Isle of Ely Society meets on the first Thursday of the month from September to June. Meetings are held at the Isle of Ely College. Our members travel from Norfolk and Suffolk as well as various Cambridgeshire locations.

Our first get-together in September was an addition to the programme. We visited the British Postal Museum store in Debden, Essex where we found many interesting items from letter boxes to vehicles. Coincidentally, at our first club meeting on the following day, two members gave displays on '**Post Boxes**' and **GB King George V postal history**.

In October, Mr Swindells set up a static display on '**Barley to Bottle**' and '**Hops to Hand Pumps**' and gave a talk and display on the **Ijzer Pilgrimage** – following on from World War 1 actions. '**Railways**' by K Downing was the popular subject for November's meeting; the TPO material displayed tied in well with our visit to the BPMA store. In December, partners were invited and members presented short displays on a 'Christmas' theme. A seasonal buffet was then enjoyed by all.

A bourse, tied in with our annual competitions' evening saw plenty of sales and competitions won by Alan Hall (2), Terry Wagg and Mike Kentzer.

We are a small friendly club and welcome visitors. Our Hon. Secretary can supply further details: 01354 659358. (Valerie Roberts)

Fenland Stamp Club

There were 7 Thursday meetings from September to December.

Ifni and Puerto Rico – Spain had started issuing postage stamps for **Ifni** in 1941, initially overprinting Spanish issues. New designs followed in 1943 with further issues released at the rate of about 10 per year until November 1968. Most of these stamps are readily available, usually mint; first day covers are easy to find.

Puerto Rico: the first stamps produced were joint issues with Cuba but they were not generally used until 1856 stamps. The first stamps inscribed Puerto Rico were issued in 1873. The only stamps printed that did not include the King of Spain were the set commemorating the 400th anniversary of Columbus' landing in Puerto Rico.

The Spanish-American war saw the island taken over by the USA and from 1899 US stamps were in use.

POW camps and mail: covering German POW mail from WW1, many single letters were shown displaying censor marks and redactions. The mail was checked for invisible writing. Items, shown, emanated from England, Scotland and the Isle of Man. Material produced by the prisoners was also on view, including Christmas cards.

Club Night – show 'U,V & W': A good variety of material was displayed including Uganda, Victoria, Virgin Islands, Western Australia. The predominant area shown was Wisbech postal history.

Lighthouses/Seamarks: a display featuring material from several countries showing lighthouses and such seamarks as rock formations, church towers and hills.

Commonwealth Revenues and Fiscals: Another interesting display with many good examples on show; it is interesting to see how small values a hundred years ago can be very expensive now.

Gibraltar: a very well researched and entertaining display beginning with the accidental 'capture' of Gibraltar by the British in 1704 during the war with Spain. The first cover shown was from 1698. Early letters were mainly naval and military and prior to 1768 bore no dispatch markings. Overland mail was sent via the nearby Spanish town of San Roque. The British packet service commenced in 1807, with rates and marks shown. Gibraltar started to use GB QV stamps from 1857 and used its own stamps from 1886. The second half of the evening featured modern issues with errors, varieties, photographic essays and artwork.

Christmas Special: A comprehensive range of Telegrams from 1937 were displayed, including general, special, congratulatory or royal forms. Examples from overseas and ship to shore telegrams were also evident along with photographs of GPO staff in training and at work. (Colin Knight)

King's Lynn P S

The season started back in September with a burst of **Brazilian** sunshine laid on by Janet and Nick Nelson which included national costume and Brazilian drinks. Two weeks' later we were enthralled by Graham Mark's wide ranging display of material relating to the **British First World War's campaigns in the Western Desert and up into Palestine and Syria.**

In early October we were entertained by members from Spalding who showed **Chinese Air Posts** in the 1900s, followed by material from **Austria and its Olympics.** The first of our two competition evenings came next, with Judge Richard Husband (Cambridge) showing some of his excellent collection of **GB perfins.**

November 14th saw a superb display of Gibraltar, with stamps and postal history from the early 18th century to 1900, given by David Stirrups. He followed this with a selection of modern stamps including preliminary sketches, accepted and unaccepted essays, proofs, the issued stamps, varieties and colour errors.

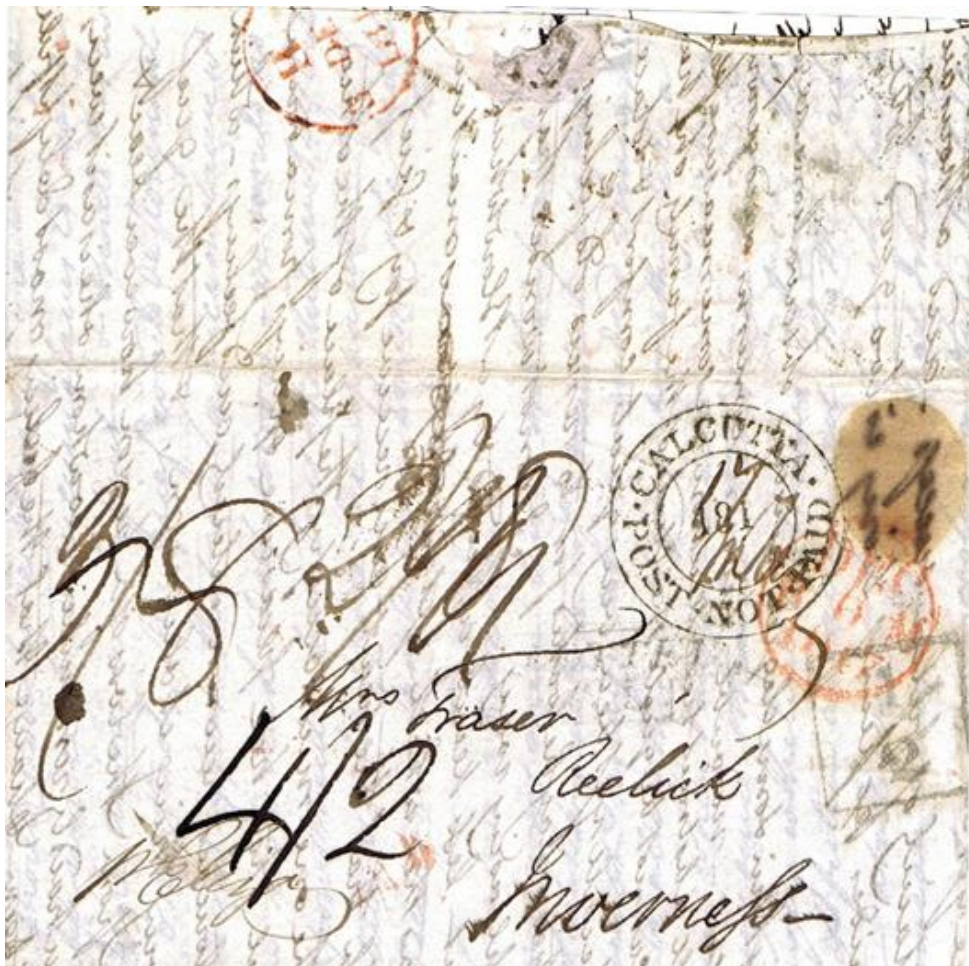
Two weeks later, a members' night, displaying letters 'O' and 'P' produced the best range of material seen on such an evening.

The December meeting was our usual social affair with our old friend, John Shaw, doing the honours with a display of **'Telegrams – home and abroad'** proving to be a most entertaining and of course relating to the year 1937. The display was followed by the usual social gathering. (Mike Kentzer).

Covers of the quarter

This quarter's covers feature the London use of the **Scottish Additional Halfpenny Wheel Tax** which was in force from 1813 until the advent of the Uniform Four Penny Post in December 1839. The levy was made to try to repay the Post Office for its grant to the Scottish turnpikes for loss of income arising from their inability – under law – to charge mail coaches to use their roads.

The first cover was sent **from India in 1817** and took 6 months to reach England. There is a clear cancellation for **Calcutta**, indicating that **no fee had been prepaid**. **It was carried on the ship 'Eliza'** (script name on bottom left). There is no London Ship Letter strike. The **black boxed ½ (Type III)** is a London mark and there are **red receivers for Edinburgh** for 6th December 1817. Several attempts have been made to establish the **final postal charge** – presumably in London – ending with **4/2**. This would have been made up of: a **ship letter rate of 8d** for the voyage to England, and a further **3/6**, which equates to the **triple rate for a letter being carried 500 miles** to beyond Inverness.



Philatelic Society Programmes 2015

March

3	N Herts (S)	Indian States	Mr R Revel
4	Grantham	Club auction & letter 'D' up to 3 sheets	
4	Grimsby	Visit by Lincoln P S	
4	Spalding	Stamps of Nepal	Colin Hepper
4	Cambridge	Society Auction	
5	Northants	½ d stamps	D A Wilson
5	N Herts (B)	Aspects of Malaya	Len Stanway
5	Isle of Ely	Cambridge Postal History	Dr S Kelly
5	Peterborough	Czechoslovakia and Imperial Airways	Reg Hounsell
10	Huntingdon	Easter Is. & Christmas Is.	Rufus Barnes
10	Hinckley	Mainly Black	Mike Brindle
11	Bedford	Cartophilately	Prof. D R Stirrups
11	Rutland	Austria	Joyce Boyer
11	N Herts (R)	Stephenson Trophy & New Zealand Health	D Northover
12	Fenland	Club night; buy & sell; show anything	
12	Loughborough	President's Cup and 1 sheet competition	
13	King's Lynn	Members' evening; 5 frames by 4 members	
17	Hinckley	Annual competitions and auction	
17	Spalding	Olympics	Joyce Boyer
18	Grimsby	Club Auction	
18	Leighton Buzzard	Another Bloody Railway Part 2	Peter Pugh
19	Peterborough	Auction	
20	Cambridge	Display by Peterborough P S	
24	Huntingdon	Windsor, Victoria & the Royal Household Austria	Philip Lindley Ray Lindley
25	Leiston	Boring machines	
25	Bedford	Something beginning with 'L'	
26	Fenland	Calf & Isle of Man	Rod Mountcastle
26	Loughborough	Eritrea/Somalia	Alan Woods
27	King's Lynn	Competitions; Sierra Leone	Mike Roberts

April

1	Cambridge	Island of Reunion – maritime postal history	Peter Kelly
1	Grantham	Czechoslovakian Airmails 1922 – 1939	Garth Taylor
1	Spalding	Visit from Mablethorpe	
1	Grimsby	Netherlands Part III	J Benjamin
2	Peterborough	Competitions; bring & buy	
3	Northants	Annual competitions; letter 'L'	
7	N Herts (S)	Members' evening	
8	N Herts (R)	Canada – back of the book	D Scoot
8	Rutland	French miscellany	Paul Watkins

8	Bedford	Another Bloody Railway Part 2	Peter & Rosemary Pugh
9	Loughborough	1936 Olympics	Tony Bosworth
10	King's Lynn	Balkans	Rex Dixon
14	Hinckley	Chairman's Choice	
14	Huntingdon	1fr 50 Marshall Petain	Mick Bister
15	Grimsby	Displays by T Beesley, T Quinn & I Lainchbury	
15	Leighton Buzzard	Competitions and members' auction	
16	Isle of Ely	Ipswich P S to entertain	
16	Peterborough	G B Perfins and postal rates	Richard Husband
16	N Herts (H)	An evening with John Sharp	
16	Fenland	G B Postal History	Paul Lascelles/Mike Kentzer
16	Isle of Ely	Ipswich to entertain	
17	Cambridge	3 Kings Part 3	John Shaw
21	Spalding	Visit from King's Lynn	
22	Bedford	AGM	
22	Leiston	Stamping through North America	
23	Loughborough	Tete-beche around the world	Roger B West
24	N Herts L)	'W' is for? – The Ron Sax Trophy	
24	King's Lynn	Belgian Congo	John Bruhn
28	Huntingdon	Members' evening: display any new acquisitions	
28	Hinckley	Garibaldi and the making of Italy	Bob Tungate
30	Fenland	AGM; members display letters 'X,Y & Z'	

May

5	N Herts (S)	N H S C AGM – all sections	
6	Grantham	Club speakers (3)	
6	Grimsby	Tom's travels – Pam Hiscock; Victorian Internet – Dave Hiscock	
6	Rutland	AGM and social evening	
6	Spalding	Zanzibar	Arthur Long
6	Cambridge	Members' evening; Penny Black – its anniversaries & Q V postal history	
7	Leighton Buzzard	Visit to Amersham	
7	Peterborough	Displays by committee members	
7	Northants	Visit by Coventry P S	
7	Isle of Ely	Monaco	B A Downham
8	King's Lynn	AGM & auction	
12	Hinckley	Annual competitions & auction	
12	Huntingdon	Germany & the Nuremburg Rally	John Shaw
13	Bedford	King George V Silver Jubilee	Nick Levinge
14	Loughborough	5 sheets or pay a pound	
19	Spalding	Auction	
19	Hinckley	AGM	
20	N Herts (R)	Members' recent acquisitions	
20	Leighton Buzzard	Lighthouses	Colin Sharp
20	Grimsby	S. America (J Lacey); Antarctic (M Webb); Russia (A Goodall) & B Hall	
21	N Herts (H)	Visit from Huntingdon P S	

21	Peterborough	Gibraltar	Prof. D Stirrups
27	Leighton Buzzard	Inter Society Quiz	
27	Bedford	Inter Society Quiz	
27	Leiston	AGM & mini-auction	
28	Loughborough	Indian States	Sir Alec Jeffreys
29	N Herts (L)	French Somali Coast	Mr M L Bister

(N Herts. S = Stevenage, R = Royston, H = Hitchin, L = Letchworth)

Stamp Fairs

March

1	Milton Keynes	07710 683122
14	Cambridge	01223 355004
15	Norwich	01328 829318
25	Rickmansworth	07957 158299
26	Newbold Verdon (Hinckley)	
28	Northampton	0115 961 4528
28	Norwich	01603 623502
29	Hopton (Norfolk)	01502 563759
29	Stevenage	07710 683122
29	Peterborough	01945 700594

April

4	Redbourne	07710 683122
5	Bedford	01159 474747
11	King's Lynn	01693 419307
18	Kettering	01536 746800
19	Luton	07710 683122
25	Northampton	01283 820151
26	Hatfield	07710 683122
29	Rickmansworth	07957 158299

May

3	Milton Keynes	07710 68312
9	Cambridge	01223 355004
13 – 16	Europhilex, Islington	www.london2015.net
17	Norwich	01328 829318
30	Northampton	0115 961 4528
31	Peterborough	01945 700594
31	Stevenage	07710 683122

Auctions

March

3	Alliance	01279 758854
7	Horners (Norfolk)	01493 750225
14	Cambridgeshire	01353 663919
25	Norwich (James)	01328 855003
29	Hemel Hempstead	01702 217582

April

7	Alliance	01279 758854
11	Bedford	01327 876438
29	Fakenham (James)	01328 855003
29	Rickmansworth	07957 158299

May

5	Alliance	01279 758854
23 & 24	Cambridgeshire (Prestige)	01353 663919

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