

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

March 2017

Welcome to the spring newsletter.

By the time this goes out Stampex will already be a fading memory –except maybe to the wallet! But I wonder if any of the displays there were submitted from within the Federation, perhaps you would let me know.

The Federation is taking part in two competitions: the **Dawes Cup and the ABPS Inter-Federation competition**.

The **Dawes Cup** did originally see at least five federations taking part, but this year they were down to two and so we were invited to take part with Essex and Kent. We shall be submitting 4 photocopied entries in this 16 sheet event which is to be judged at the Royal Philatelic Society early this month.

The **Inter-Fed competition** is to be held at the autumn Stampex and we have agreed to take part. This is also a **16 sheet competition** using genuine material. Our entries will be selected from the best that we have received for the last three conventions plus those that come in this year. Some previous excellent entries were of 9 sheets and we may be asking if these can be extended to the necessary 16 sheet format.

Whatever, we will need to take real and potentially valuable displays to Islington and we would do this the day before Stampex opens. Richard Husband, Terry Wagg and I will be going to Stampex on that day and would be pleased to ensure safe delivery and collection on the Saturday afternoon. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Entry forms and other information have been sent out to Society secretaries about our own **Convention which will take place at Burgess Hall, St Ives on Saturday 15th July**. We are hoping for another good turn out as in the last two years and we were delighted at the number of people who came to view the exhibits last time.

The format is the same as usual with **the rotating 16 sheet class this year being postal history**. Presentations will be made by our president, Bill Gibb, at midday. All entrants will receive a certificate and a mark sheet signed by the judges. It is hoped that the judges will be able to attend to discuss entries with the competitors.

The next **Stamp Day** is to be held at **Whittlesford Village Hall**, just south of Cambridge **on Saturday 2nd September**. As in the past two years it is hoped that lunches can be pre-booked at a nearby pub to help make the day even more sociable. Details will be circulated as soon as speakers are confirmed.

In the last edition I suggested that at least one use of this newsletter was that secretaries could look at the society programmes and see who has offered what as displays and whether any of these would be of interest to other societies. Just a 'phone call to the relevant club secretary will find out the scope and quality of a display, its cost and any other considerations. In the last week I have had two requests to find speakers!!

Do please use this list to help with putting together your programmes it could save a lot of time and

effort. **I do have ALL the previous newsletters** saved and can send them out to secretaries if that will help with this, sometimes, difficult process.

Cover of the quarter

This cover and letter are part of the earliest known mail from **North Borneo**. In the late 1870s the first permanent European settlement was established at Sandakan with William Prior as the Resident and quickly grew to an estimated population of 2 000 by the time the North Borneo Company was founded in 1881. The first North Borneo stamp was the 2 cents brown which was for local use only and was received in the colony in March 1883. The first postmaster at Sandakan was not appointed until 12th July 1883. Covers and cards have been recorded dating from January 1884.

Prior to the opening of the post office at Sandakan, the resident would have kept a stock of **Labuan stamps** to pre-pay postage to the UK. Franked but un-cancelled letters were then handed to the masters of ships calling at Sandakan en route to Labuan for forwarding to the UK. Labuan, a British colony since 1846, is a small island off the N.W. coast of North Borneo in Brunei Bay. It has a natural deep water harbour.

The letter was sent by **Barclay Pollock**, the son of Sir George David Pollock, Surgeon in ordinary to the Prince of Wales, was born in 1851, educated at Eton and Cambridge, entering the Indian Civil Service after graduating in 1876. He arrived in Singapore in 1880 and was the assistant to William Prior in 1881. Sadly he died in Singapore on 18th November 1882, aged 31.

The cover from the 'Pollock Correspondence' is one of 5 of this date from Barclay Pollock to his sister in London, 3 of which still contain their letters. **The 10 cents Crown CC watermarked Labuan stamp**, affixed to the envelope in Sandakan, was cancelled with the 9-bar strike (Proud K3) plus the Labuan c.d.s. of **25th May 1882** (Proud D4). **This is the earliest recorded date for mail from North Borneo by 13 months.**



Extract from the letter in the envelope overleaf:

Sandakan, 14th May 1882

The Royalist came in on the 12th but did not bring me any letters. I got two newspapers one had been to Sarawak by mistake. The Royalist will probably get back tomorrow night, and will leave for Sandakan on the 16th for Labuan. She is only making a short trip to Silam this time.....we shall not get another mail for a fortnight unless the Royalist is very quick and tries to get here before the Hong (Ann) arrives. There is nothing like a little competition.....You may go a long way in the forest without seeing anything. Some of the insects make (a) great noise very like a penny trumpet, we don't have many of them in the town but there are plenty of them in the side of the bay. We have only got the wild cat now, one of us had a monkey but as he had a tendency to hide in the roof of the house when he got a chance and to untie all the rattans within reach, his owner gave him away.

The Royalist was a 151 ton steamer, while Silam is another early North Borneo settlement. The Hong Ann was a Chinese owned steamer based in Singapore.

Society Programmes

March

1	Grimsby	Wildlife thematic evening – members	
1	Spalding	Czechoslovakia	Wojciech Kierstan
1	Cambridge	Society auction	
1	Grantham	Club auction; letter 'J' – up to 3 sheets	
2	Peterborough	Latin America	Brian Moorhouse
2	Northants	Wei Hai Wei post cards	Nick Kerridge
2	Isle of Ely	President's evening	
2	Kettering	Confederate States of America	John Walker
3	Luton	Another Bloody Railway Part 2	Peter Pugh
2	N.Herts (B)	1890 Penny Post Jubilee	Mr J Davis
7	N. Herts (S)	Annual competitions; Exchange and Mart	
8	N. Herts (R)	Stephenson Trophy; members 1 frame displays	
8	Bedford	Big Business on the China Coast Part 2	Peter Pugh
9	Loughborough	Archipelago of the North Isles	Christine Harris
		GB miscellany	Derek Whitmore
9	Fenland	Society competitions	
10	King's Lynn	Competition evening; Flightpath Pacific	Bill Trower
14	Huntingdonshire	Visit from Isle of Ely P S	
15	Grimsby	Club auction	
15	Leighton Buzzard	Visit by Oxford P S	
16	Peterborough	Auction	
17	Cambridge	Federation President displays	Bill Gibb
16	N. Herts (H)	Cannon Trophy	
22	Leiston	Half a century of stamp design	Jennifer Toombs
23	Loughborough	Near and far	Brian Williams
24	King's Lynn	Members' evening: Recent acquisitions; bring & buy	

28	Huntingdonshire	Aspects of Italian philately & revenues	Peppe Marinelli
28	Spalding	Members' displays; monthly competition evening	
30	Isle of Ely	Visit by Huntingdon P S	
30	Fenland	Sierra Leone	Robin Peters
		GB: Edward VII shades; George V Seahorses	Ron Henning
31	N. Herts (L)	Thematic - members	
31	Luton	Display by Hemel Hempstead P S	

April

4	N.Herts (S)	Visit from Leighton Buzzard P S	
5	Grimsby	Brazil (Part 2)	John Benjamin
5	Cambridge	Another Bloody Railway – Part 2	Peter Pugh
5	Spalding	Auction in the afternoon	
5	Grantham	The work of Czelaw Slania	Terry Wagg
		GB Seahorses on cover	Mike Kentzer
6	Peterborough	Members' meeting: letters K and L	
6	Northants	Annual competitions; letters N, O & P	
6	Kettering	Members' evening – displays; bring & buy	
12	N. Herts (R)	Hertfordshire & South Africa	Mr R Lester
12	Bedford	Something beginning with 'O'	
13	Loughborough	Romania	Pat Jackson
13	Fenland	Another Bloody Railway	Peter Pugh
14	King's Lynn	Belgium	Nick Martin
19	Grimsby	Greater Syria	Dr R Unwin
19	Leighton Buzzard	Competitions; members' auction	
20	Peterborough	Visit by Spalding P S	
20	Isle of Ely	Birds of prey	Richard Page
20	N. Herts (H)	Visit from Barnet & District P S	
21	Cambridge	Border changes in the Baltic region in WW2	Rex Dixon
22	Isle of Ely	Society Dinner	
25	Huntingdonshire		Jon Higgins
25	Spalding	Worldwide registered mail	Chris Howe
26	Bedford	A G M	
26	Leiston	British Post Offices in Latin America	Bill Gibb
27	Loughborough	Members display 9 sheets or pay £1	
27	Fenland	A G M; display letters: I, J or K.	
28	King's Lynn	Display by Leighton Buzzard P S	
28	N. Herts (L)	R is for?; Ron Sax Trophy; Quiz	Mr B Thurstance

May

2	N. Herts	A G M (all sections)	
3	Cambridge	Mails under London	Len Stanway
3	Grimsby	Anything goes - members	
3	Spalding	Cyprus	Susan Cattermole

3	Grantham	Club speakers: Bill Tilbury, David Hiscock & Nick Martin	
4	Peterborough	Bourse and competitions	
4	Northants	Quiz Night	
4	Kettering	A G M; 4 sheet competition; bring & buy auction	
5	Luton	Inter-society Quiz night	
9	Huntingdonshire	French Colonies	Mike Bister
10	N. Herts (R)	Recent acquisitions	
11	Isle of Ely	GB: Jubilees to King George V	Phil Ilsley
11	Loughborough	Flying High	David Walker
		France Libre	Ray Tomkins
12	King's Lynn	AGM and annual auction	
17	Grimsby	Czelaw Slania	Terry Wagg
		Seahorses on cover	Mike Kentzer
17	Leighton Buzzard	Visit by Huntingdonshire; bourse	
18	Peterborough	Display by Pauline Avery	
18	N. Herts (H)	Airmails	Mr N Arrow
19	Cambridge	Members' evening: 1951 – 2000	
23	Huntingdonshire	Nepal – postal history	Colin Hepper
23	Spalding	A G M and bring & buy	
24	Leiston	A G M; mini-auction; members' evening	
25	King's Lynn	Society Dinner	
25	Loughborough	A cricket fix	Don Hoult
26	N. Herts (L)	Christmas & Easter Islands	Mr R Barnes

Stamp Fairs

March

5	Milton Keynes	MK2 2HQ	07710 683122
11	Cambridge	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
19	Norwich	NR5 9JB	01328 829318
25	Northampton		07957 158299
26	Peterborough	PE3 6SG	01945 700594
26	Stevenage	SG1 2AX	07710 683122

April

1	Redbourn	AL3 7LW	07710 683122
2	Bedford	MK41 7UY	01623 621143
2	Potters Bar		01303 238807
2	Hopton (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
8	King's Lynn	PE30 4DZ	01328 829318
16	Slip End (Luton)	LU1 4BU	07710 683122
17	Loughborough		07785 259350
22	Northampton		01283 820151
30	Hatfield	AL10 9RH	07710 683122

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21	Norwich	NR5 9JB	01328 829318
27	Northampton		07957 158299
28`	Stevenage	SG1 2AX	07710 683122

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Isle of Ely	Chris North	01354 659358
Kettering	Gordon Tregidgo	01536 746800
King's Lynn	Terry Wagg	01485 544743
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