

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

March 2016

Welcome to the spring edition of the newsletter.

Our President, **Bill Gibb**, has already received several invitations to visit member societies and it seems that **Leiston and Grimsby** were the first to reply! Bill is looking at road maps to these far outposts of the Federation and looking forward to fulfilling these engagements.

It was very saddening to hear of **Margaret Harris'** passing earlier this month. Margaret was a stalwart of Leighton Buzzard's society for over 30 years. A regular supporter of club and Federation competitions she was able to put on excellent displays of Hong Kong and Bermuda, her last being as part of a team displaying at Isle of Ely in October. Margaret had also recently become an accredited philatelic judge. Our thoughts are with Margaret's family and Leighton Buzzard P.S.

Convention and competitions

Just to confirm that the 2016 Convention will again be held in conjunction with Philanglia at St Ives on Saturday 25th June. Tony Hender, who organises the event, was very pleased with last year's 'show' and especially the addition of our exhibits. This year there will be some new additions to the list of traders. Details will be given in the next newsletter at the end of May.

It will soon be time to be thinking of putting together entries for your society for the 9-sheet inter-society competitions so that they may be judged externally in time for the Convention at St Ives. There are also the three 16-sheet competitions: traditional, aerophilately and open class which are open to individual members. Entries should either be received by me by 1st April, or at least notified, to then arrive by the end of the month. Judging will take place in May.

Federation 'Stamp Day'

After the success of the day at Warmington, near Peterborough last September, John Spencer has been busy finding a location for the gathering in the autumn. He is looking in the area between Ely and King's Lynn and a date of early October. This follows on from the committee's desire to move this special day around the Federation's area. If any secretaries have not received the details for this year's competitions please contact me on 01553 631446 Or mike.kentzer@gmail.com.

Federation Committee Meetings

The next committee meeting will take place at Arbury, Cambridge on Saturday 12th March, followed by another on Saturday 14th May, prior to the Convention.

Bill Barrell's new details

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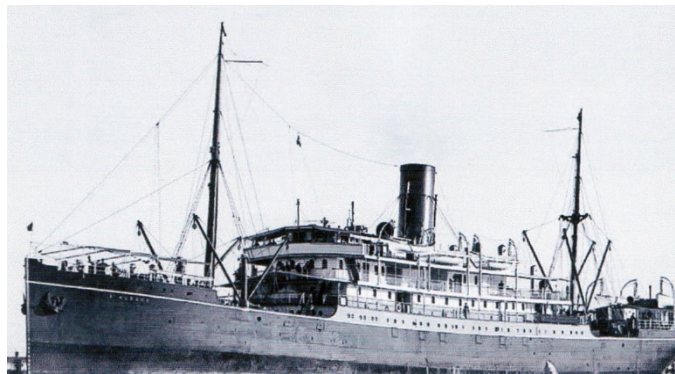
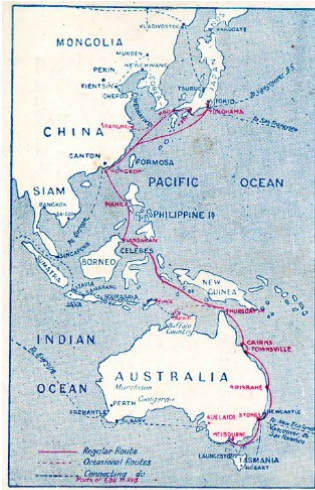
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This quarter's cover

Jon Higgins' 'cover' is actually a menu card from the S.S. St Albans posted in Sandakan (cds 30 August 1928) together with an archive photograph of the vessel, the menu and a newspaper cutting detailing the outcome of a collision it had had in Sydney Harbour and where the blame lay.



**HARBOUR COLLISION.
 IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.**

VERDICT AGAINST ST. ALBANS

SYDNEY, July 5.

Reserved judgment was delivered to-day in the action brought by the United States Shipping Board, as owners of the motor ship Crown City, 5426 tons, against the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, owners of the steamer St. Albans, 4119 tons, alleging negligence and claiming £17,000 recompense for damages suffered by the Crown City in a collision in Sydney Harbour on October 22 last. Both vessels were extensively damaged.

THE FINDING

Chief Justice Street found the St. Albans in fault, directed an inquiry before the Registrar to ascertain the amount of damage suffered by the Crown City, and ordered the St. Albans to pay the amount ascertained, with the costs of the action. He expressed surprise that such a collision could have occurred in broad daylight. A stay of proceedings was granted.

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Menu

-D I N N E R-

- Queen Olives
- Anchovy Egg on Toast
- S O U P
- Lead Consomme Royale
- Mulligatawny
- F I S H
- Boiled Red Salmon, Shrimp Sauce
- E N T R E E S
- Lead Asparagus & Vinaigrette Sauce
- Chicken Marengo
- J O I N T S
- Roast Saiton Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
- Boiled Neck of Mutton & Caper Sauce
- P O U L T R Y
- Roast Turkey & Frankfurt Sausage
- Vegetable Curry & Rice
- V E G E T A B L E S
- Brown & Boiled Potatoes
- Cauliflower
- Baked Onions
- (Cold) Fresh Brrawn & Beet-root
- S W E E T S
- Pump Pudding & Brandy Sauce
- Vanilla Cream, Jelly
- Victoria Sandwich
- S A V O U R Y
- Sardine Fritters
- Fruit in Season
- Salted Almonds
- Muscatois Camquats
- Chowchow
- Assorted-Nuts
- Cheeder & Stilton, Cheese
- Coffee
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- S. S. "ST ALBANS" Banda Sea

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Philatelic Society Programmes

March

1	N Herts (S)	Annual competitions/exchange & mart	
2	Cambridge	Society auction	
2	Spalding	M Caswell	
3	N Herts (B)	Railway hotels and steamers	Mrs L Roberts
3	Peterborough	Borneo: trains, planes & stamps	Jon Higgins
3	Isle of Ely	President's Choice	
4	Luton	Steam railways of New Zealand	Lorraine Maguire
8	Huntingdon	Island of Tokelau	Rufus Barnes
8	Hinckley	Mail between Salop & USA (1848 – 1940)	Brian Atkins
9	N Herts (R)	Stephenson Trophy and Newfoundland	Mr A Boggust
9	Bedford	Something on the topic of punctuation (!";^&,#*.)	
10	Fenland	Club competitions	
11	King's Lynn	Competitions: Philatelic Congress of GB	Colin Searle
15	Leighton Buzzard	Visit to Rushden P S	
16	Leighton Buzzard	Visit from Hitchin P S; bourse	
17	N Herts (H)	Cannon Trophy	
17	Peterborough	Society Auction	
18	Cambridge	Visit by King's Lyn P S	
22	Huntingdon	St Lucia	Allister Kinnon
22	Hinckley	Annual competitions & auction	
22	Spalding	Beryl's birds	Richard Moss
23	Bedford	St Lucia post cards	Allister Kinnon
23	Leiston	Tristan da Cunha	Tony Hoad
25	N Herts (L)	POW WW2 mail	Mr D Tait
25	King's Lynn	Peterborough P S to display	
31	Fenland	Potpourri of displays	Gordon Hunter

April

5	N Herts (S)	Members' evening	
6	Cambridge	Members' evening: show what you like	
6	Spalding	Flowers/plants on stamps; monthly competition	
7	Peterborough	Joyce Boyer entertains	
8	Luton	Another bloody railway Part 1, 1903 – 1917	Peter Pugh
8	King's Lynn	Great Bitter Lake	Peter Barall
12	Huntingdon	GB perfins & postal rates	Richard Husband
12	Hinckley	Bill Barrell or Members' night	
13	N Herts (R)	Danzig, trains and boats and planes	Mr G duBoulay
13	Bedford	A G M	
14	Isle of Ely	Bishop's Stortford Postal History	P Denley/D Armitage/I Stephenson
14	Fenland	Wisbech Postal History	Bill Quirk
15	Cambridge	Aspects of Finland	Eric Keefe
20	Leighton Buzzard	2 and 6 sheet Open competition; members' auction	
21	N Herts (H)	British Commonwealth	Mr G Atkinson

21	Peterborough	South Africa	Bob Hill
22	King's Lynn	Tonga	Professor Iain Stevenson
26	Huntingdon	Croatia – 1942 – 45	Tony Bosworth
26	Hinckley	Born & bred a Wiltshire Moonraker Part 4	Malcolm Watts
26	Spalding	Poland	Alan Berrisford
27	Leiston	Switzerland – an arboreal display	Fred Smith
27	Bedford	Big business on the China coast	Peter Pugh
28	Fenland	A G M; members show letters 'D' or 'E'	
29	N Herts (L)	'O' is for ?; Ron Sax Trophy & philatelic quiz	

May

3	N Herts (S)	N H S C Annual General Meeting (all sections)	
4	Cambridge	Modern Nepal	Colin Hepper
4	Spalding	Auction in the afternoon (2:00 pm)	
5	Leiston	A G M, followed by mini-auction & members' night	
5	Peterborough	Basutoland	George Birch
5	Isle of Ely	Mails under London	Len Stanway
6	Luton	Overseas for a halfpenny, 1879 – 1949	Peter Mellor
10	Huntingdon	Members' evening – display any new acquisitions	
10	Hinckley	Competition Awards' Presentation & social evening	
11	N Herts (R)	Canadian air fancy free	Mr D Scoot
11	Bedford	Allsorts	
13	King's Lynn	A G M and auction; presentation evening	
18	Leighton Buzzard	Visit from Rushton P S	
19	N Herts (H)	Visit from Leighton Buzzard P S	
19	Peterborough	Bourse & competitions	
20	Cambridge	Visit by Bishop's Stortford P S	
24	Leighton Buzzard	Inter-Society Quiz: Bedford P S	
24	Spalding	A G M followed by bring & buy	
25	Hinckley	Annual General Meeting	
25	Bedford	Hosting inter-society quiz	
25	King's Lynn	Annual dinner	
27	N Herts (L)	Devonport	Mr D Belton

Stamp Fairs

March

6	Milton Keynes	07710 683122
12	Cambridge	01223 355004
26	Northampton	07957 158299
27	Stevenage	07710 683122
27	Peterborough	01945 700594
28	Loughborough	01785 259350

April

3	Bedford	01623 621143
3	Hopton (Norfolk)	01502 563759
9	King's Lynn	01603 419307
9	Norwich	01603 623502
16	Kettering	01536 746800
17	Slip End (Luton)	07710 683122
23	Northampton	01283 820151
24	Hatfield	07710 683122
24	Potters Bar	01303 238807

May

1	Milton Keynes	07710 683122
14	Cambridge	01223 355004
15	Norwich	01328 829318
28	Northampton	07957 158299
29	Peterborough	01945 700594
29	Stevenage	07710 683122

Auctions

March

1	Alliance	01279 758854
5	Northampton (Postal)	01933 626239
19	Horner's (Acle, Norfolk)	0800 975 4416
20	Hemel Hempstead	01702 217582
29	Alliance	01279 758854
30	Rickmansworth	07597 158299
30	David James (Fakenham)	01328 855003

April

24	Essex	01376 585357
27	Rickmansworth	07597 158299
27	David James (Norwich)	01328 855003

May

3	Alliance	01279 758854
7/8	Cambridgeshire (Ely) (Prestige Sale)	01353 663919
25	David James (Fakenham)	01328 855003

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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	Andrew Soutar	01394 460901
Loughborough	Rowland Tatton	01509 268073
Luton	Fin O'Donoghue	01528 453244
Northamptonshire	Gwyn Hughes	01280 823937
North Herts	David Belton	01438 315040
Peterborough	Alan Berrisford	01733 567527
Rutland	Dave Lucas	01664 474596
Rushden	Malcolm Whitehead	01933 350646
Sheringham	Jim Farrell	01263 721043
Sleaford	David & Pam Hiscock	01529 303355
Spalding	Frank Wilson	01775 766177

Federation Committee

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