

It looks as if the season is drawing, yet again, to a close, with all the annual general meetings on the horizon. But that's not the end of the story we have **London 2020** in May and **Philanglia** and our Convention in early June.

Cambridge P S Centenary

It seems hard to believe that just two years after the end of the 'war to end all wars' that a philatelic society was set up in Cambridge, and yet here we are 100 years later looking forward to a series of events to celebrate the anniversary.

As part of the plans being formulated will be a major display that the current membership will be putting on at Philanglia in St Ives. Also being organised in November is a formal luncheon in the University town.

Luton & District P S 75th anniversary

Another of our societies reaches a significant anniversary this year. Luton hit the three quarter century mark in November and will hold a celebratory meeting of their members in November.

Before that they are going to hold a 6 week long exhibition at the Wardown Museum in Wardown Park which it is hoped will be opened by the town's mayor. It will feature: philatelic material, the history of the society, children's competitions and will be marked with a celebratory cover.

Federation competitions

Last month the invitations entry, forms and guidelines were sent out to societies and I have to admit that my computing skills are not good enough to be able to include several of our new classes, such as postal stationery and picture post cards, in the current entry form. So I would ask that those wishing to enter these classes are creative with the form!!

We are also including, for the first time, a **display of literature**. The idea is that members of our societies who have written articles, pamphlets or books **in the last three years** bring these to the Convention for display. If the support for this is sufficient then in 2021 we will formally introduce a literature class where material offered has, according to ABPS guidelines, to have been written in the past four years.

As ever judging will be carried out by non MAPF judges, this time up in North Yorkshire. The panel will be led by Graham Winters, national judge and chairman of the ABPS.

Closing date for entries is 21st April. I shall be down at the BDC from 29th April to 10th May and with the **Convention** having had to be brought forward to **6th June** there will be less time to fit in all the preparation and follow-up work that is needed.

Federation Stamp Day

John Spencer is putting together another philatelic day for us, on **October 18th**, at the village hall in Buckden, an excellent venue with a pub nearby that offers a fine lunch time break. I gather picture post cards might feature with invited displays and more from those attending. The main business of the day will be followed by the Federation's AGM. Further information in the next newsletter.

London 2020

Preparations are now well in hand for this mammoth event which takes place at the Business Design Centre in Islington from Saturday 2nd May to Saturday 9th. Entry is free, other than on the first day when the cost is £10. Exhibition guides will also be available for £2.

From the trade point of view there will be nearly 150 stands of philatelic dealers, auction houses and postal administrations. To find out details of those attending please look up the website: London2020.co and go to 'standholders'.

Of course the other main attraction are the exhibits; this time there will be 1,700 frames of 16 sheets, which will be changed, overnight, on the Tuesday, so that in total there will be some 3,400 frames all together. Again, a look at the website – exhibits – will show details of all those taking part from all round the world.

At least three collectors from our societies are exhibiting: Joyce Boyer (2) and one each from Terry Harrison and Jon Higgins. If there are any others taking part in this FIP international exhibition please let me know.

We will give their results in the September newsletter.

MAPF are well represented in the core team organising London 2020: David Alford is chief operating officer, Richard Husband is treasurer, David Belton is the floor manager for the exhibits and Mike Kentzer is trade liaison officer.

Finally, there is still the opportunity to offer to volunteer at the exhibition. This is probably best done through the website – go to volunteers.

We hope to see many of you at the BDC during its 8 days.

MAPF Webmaster

After 6 years of work running our website, David Alford has stepped aside for Martin Lovegrove to take over. Every AGM for the last few years David has asked for another volunteer to take over. His wish has now been granted, and we offer grateful thanks to David for all his efforts on our behalf.

Change will gradually take place, but as ever, Martin can only put on the website what he receives from societies, most especially with regard to **society programmes** – indeed I am short of several of these and the season is nearly over!!

Machin Watch with Peter Morton

Walsall sheet stamp printings (self adhesive)

No new "20" date code stamps have yet appeared; older "19" date code stamps@

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
£0.50	Walsall	no code	sheet printing (17.09.19)

Conventionally gummed stamps

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
£0.05 Deep Ash	Cartor	P	Ex Star Wars–making of the vehicles prestige book

£1.17 Sunrise red	Cartor	P	as above
2 nd bright blue	Cartor	P	as above

NVI stamps

New "20" date stamps have now appeared as follows:

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
1 st Royal Mail red	Walsall	C	ex Series SAM70 Video Games booklet

Cover of the Quarter



This entire is more than it seems at first glance. It was sent by Colonel Alexander Grant to his sister-in-law in the far north of Scotland in February 1819. Colonel Grant founded the colony of the Gambia on Banjul Island, later St Mary's Island, so creating the settlement of Bathurst. He was also acting Governor of Sierra Leone in 1820 -1821, for which he was later knighted.

The letter was carried to **Plymouth** (Ship Letter mark), **London**, Additional ½ (L (187) 1, **Edinburgh** - orange receiver and then on to Coxton near Elgin.

The final postal charge was 2/3, made up of 8d ship letter + 1/6 inland rate (800+ miles) and 1d to the Elgin postmaster for delivery to Coxton.

Society Programmes

March

3	Hinckley	Annual competitions and auction	
4	Spalding	Mermaids	Chris Howe
4	Grimsby	Fire Service	Mr B Weeds
4	Cambridge	Society Auction	
5	Isle of Ely	Poland	Alan Berrisford

5	Peterborough	Bourse and competition afternoon	
5	Northamptonshire	Postal History of Suffolk	Judith Bradshaw
5	Fenland	Quiz afternoon	Derek Pollard
10	Huntingdonshire	The QV Jubilee years	Phil Waud
13	King's Lynn	Competition evening	Judge Gordon Hardy displaying: 1853-81 GB Revenues
16	Peterborough	China	Frank Wilson
17	Hinckley	Kingdom of Italy	Tony Clayton
18	Leighton Buzzard	The history of Aylesbury; bourse	Terry Brooks
18	Grimsby	Charity auction 55	
19	Fenland	An afternoon with Mike and Terry	Mike Kentzer/Terry Wagg
20	Cambridge	Modern GB definitive, unusual Machins	Peter Morton
		British Levant postal history	Tony Crowther
23	Spalding	Visit by Grantham P S	
26	Huntingdonshire	Indian States, something completely different	Alec Jeffries
27	King's Lynn	Apartheid	Bob Hill
		Cape Triangulars and their forgeries	Steve Hannath
31	Hinckley	Members' night – favourite parts of my collection	

April

1	Spalding	Straits Settlements	Bill Shand
1	Grimsby	Six sheet challenge	
1	Cambridge	Visit by Colchester P S	
2	Isle of Ely	Sudan, 1897 – 1970; Agencies Issues	John George
2	Peterborough	Society auction	
2	Northamptonshire	Annual competitions; letters W, X, Y & Z	
2	Fenland	Postal history of Simontown	Steve Hannath
		Aspects of South Africa	Bob Hill
10	King's Lynn	Falkland Island Air Mails	Dave Montfort
10	Hinckley	10 millenia of Copper	Andrew Millington
15	Leighton Buzzard	Two & six sheet competitions; auction	
15	Grimsby	Leeds P S entertain	
16	Peterborough	Falkland Islands	Derek Pollard
16	Fenland	A.G.M.	
17	Cambridge	Members evening – the letters T, U and V	
23	Huntingdonshire	GB Postal History, 16 th C to 1900	Kenneth Burr
24	King's Lynn	G B Registered Mail	Steven Harrison
28	Spalding	Society Quiz	

May

2 -9 BDC, London London 2020 International Philatelic Exhibition

5	Hinckley	Members' night – any subject or 50p – 1 to 18 sheets	
6	Spalding	Thematic: "75 th anniversary of the end of WWII	
6	Grimsby	Committee entertains	
6	Cambridge	Visit from the India Study Circle	
7	Isle of Ely	Guiding lights – New Zealand's lighthouse issues	
7	Peterborough	Scouts and Guides	Donny Birdseye

7	Northamptonshire	Postal History of Wales	Gwyn Hughes
12	Huntingdonshire	George V Jubilee issue	Nick Levinge
15	King's Lynn	A.G.M.; Slania	Terry Wagg
15	Cambridge	Visit from the Postal Stationery Society	
19	Hinckley	A.G.M.; awards, presentation and bourse	
20	Leighton Buzzard	Members' displays: Africa – two or more sheets; bourse	
20	Grimsby	Everything Spanish	Mrs Edith Knight
21	King's Lynn	Annual Dinner	
21	Peterborough	Members' afternoon: C and D is for	
26	Spalding	A.G.M. Food & drink	
28	Huntingdonshire	Members' evening display: letters – N, O & P	

Apology

I owe an apology to Andy Soutar of Leiston P S. I have somehow missed out his details in the last few newsletters for which I apologise. Having displayed at this very sociable and welcoming society I cannot explain how this happened but I would be happy to travel to the eastern edge of our Federation for the chance to make amends.

Stamp Fairs

March

1	Milton Keynes	The Irish Centre, Manor Fields, MK2 2HX	01494 446004
7	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
14	Cambridge	Arbury Centre, CB4 2LD	01223 355004
15	Norwich	Brook Hotel, NR5 9JB	01328 829318
28	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07957 158299
29	Stevenage	Novotel, Knebworth Park, SG1 2 AX	01494 446004
29	Hopton (Norfolk)	Village Hall, NR31 9BE	01502 563759
29	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01945 700594

April

4	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
5	Bedford	St Mark's Church Hall, MK41 7UY	01623 621143
5	Sandy	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446004
11	King's Lynn	Gaywood Church Rooms, PE30 4DZ	01328 829318
13	Loughborough	Charnwood Bowls Club, LE11 3HE	01785 259350
19	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 445004
26	Potters Bar	Wyllyotts Theatre, Darkes Lane, EN6 2HN	01428 717848

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30	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07957 158299
31	Stevenage	Novotel, Knebworth Park, SG1 2AX	01494 446004

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Huntingdonshire	Mick Twinn	01480 383103
Isle of Ely	Chris North	01354 659358
Kettering	Gordon Tregidgo	01536 746800
King's Lynn	Terry Wagg	01553 617291
Leighton Buzzard	John Spencer	01525 370745
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2. 1884 3D LILAC ERROR IMPERFORATE (SG191a). A fine lower
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Remember please:

Competition entries to be received by 21st April