

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

December 2020

Well, what a non-event 2020 has turned out to be. No London 2020, no autumn Stampex, no local society meetings or stamp fairs.

And yet something philatelic stirs.

Cambridge and King's Lynn societies now have regular Zoom displays combined and with other local society members taking part as well as guests from afar as the USA, Australia and New Zealand, as many as 24 collectors have joined these meetings.

I wonder what are other societies doing during the pandemic? **Please let me know** so that we can share ideas amongst our members. The last thing the hobby needs is for societies to go into hibernation and never recover.

If you want to know more, about how straight forward it is to set up Zoom presentations please contact either Peter Morton or myself via the MAPF website or by 'phone. My 'phone number is: 01553 631 446.

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Virtual Stampex – October 2020

Several dealers I've spoken to say that they had an excellent 3 days during this online show, so it's good to know that collectors are still busy.

At the same time the ABPS ran individual competitions single frame – 16 sheet - in all classes as well as an inter Federation competition. The format was for there to be 3 entries in different classes totalling 5 frames, and it was also hoped that there would entrants who had never exhibited at national level – which gained 5 extra marks each – and that thematic and open entries were much encouraged.

All entries had to be 'fresh to the market' as regards national level.

Eight Federations took part and Mid Anglia missed out on third place by one mark!

Our entrants were:

Traditional:	The pence issues of Newfoundland, 1857 – 1929;	85	Gold
Adrian Boggust	Cambridge		
Aerophilately:	Airmails within and from North Borneo, 1926 – 1939	80	Gold
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn		
Picture Postcard:	Scarborough & Whitby and the railway in between	78	Large Vermeil
Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn		

The ABPS are looking at repeating online competitions for next February's virtual Stampex and so keep an eye out for details and have a go; it's much easier than you might think – I managed it!!

It is probable that the Inter Federation competition will take place again in 2022 in which case there will be more time to put together the required entries and so will not be the last minute rush that it was this time around.

Machin Update with Peter Morton

Note: for the self-adhesive issued stamps no account is taken for the orientation of the printed backing paper, where differences can occur by way of Type 2 backing paper with Large over Small(L/S) or Small over Large (S/L) layout. Recent issues have also seen the stamps produced with a much thinner backing paper.

Walsall sheet stamp printings (self-adhesive)

“20” date code stamps

Value	Printer	Code	Comments
1p	Walsall	No code	Sheet printing (13.05.20)
5p	Walsall	No code	Sheet printing (13.05.20)

Note that sheet printings of the £2.42 in a deep purple heather with a deep Queen’s head have been found with a much brighter fluor, ex 19.08.20 sheet printing

Conventionally gummed stamps

None found

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1 st Royal mail red	Walsall	S	Ex series 32D booklets
1 st Large, Royal Mail red	Walsall	B	Ex type 16D business sheets

High Values

Special delivery 500g (pale Queen’s head and bright fluor)	Walsall	None	ex 15.05.20 printing
Special delivery 100g	Walsall	None	wx 15.05.20 printing

Country Issues

No new Cartor printed stamps have been found

Post and Go Stamps

For those who collect either the Machin head or pictorial strips effective from 1st September 2020 three new values were introduced:(a) Europe 100g/World 20g; (b) World Zone 1 – 3 and (c) World Zone 2.

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Jon Higgins		King's Lynn

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Bill Barrell Ltd

My apologies to Bill, Samuel and his team – I have had updated software on my computer and all my photographs had disappeared! But at the eleventh hour normal service has been returned.

Bill's latest list **No 159 Great Britain** is due out any day and has some unbelievable items as well as many well priced examples of pre-stamp and stamped covers, together with stamps, mint & used, essays, trials, paper trials, die proofs, blocks, re-entries as well as propaganda forgeries, interesting cancellations and much more.

The material on offer in tis next edition of the catalogue has examples from 1574 to 1996.

These catalogues are a work of reference in themselves; I collect mine and am building up a library!!

