

Welcome to the spring edition of the newsletter which heralds the return of some Stamp Fairs, Philanglia in July, and, of course, London 2022 from which I'm recovering after 12 days in the capital.

Rather more 'normal' life is beginning to return and several of our societies have re-opened, some as early as last September. Some societies are still using well-spaced seating and requiring the wearing of face masks when viewing displays. And of course, there is the use of Zoom displays which has provided many hours of enjoyment for those joining in.

London 2022

This international exhibition was held after the original 2020 show was postponed because of the pandemic.

The number of collectors attending was lower than would have been the case in healthier times, but most dealers reported strong sales from those coming to the BDC. Because of complications with the logistics with removing the display frames as far away as Scotland and Belgium the exhibition side of the show had to close a day early.

Despite dreadful weather during the build-up, during which one commissioner bringing entries from his country was unable to land at Luton and was taken to Newcastle, while another, unable to land at Heathrow ended up in Munich, the show opened on time on the 19th February.

Several members of our societies took part in the competitions and their achievements are listed below:

Joyce Boyer	Austrian air mail to 1938	80	Vermeil
Joyce Boyer	Austria, the change from the schilling to the Euro	70	Silver
Mick Bister	France: 1Fr75, the state visit of George VI and Queen Elizabeth July 1938 - the discovery of Types I and II	85	L vermeil
David Alford	Stamps of Fiji from 1870 to the sale of unwanted QV stamps in 1906	90	Gold
Terry Harrison	St Vincent, 1861 – 1897	88	L vermeil
Jon Higgins	Labuan, Queen's head design of stamps and postal stationery	90	Gold
Phil Waud	The 4d Jubilee of Queen Victoria	84	Vermeil
Phil Waud	The 2d Jubilee of Queen Victoria	87	L vermeil

Apologies to anyone I have missed out!

Convention 2022

Tony Hender has now booked the **Burgess Hall in St Ives for 2nd July** for Philanglia. Thus, we shall be able to hold our Convention with photocopied competition entries being on display and awards being handed out by our President, John Spencer, at noon on the day.

Competition details will accompany this newsletter.

Update on GB Machins and modern definitives, February 2022, with Peter Morton

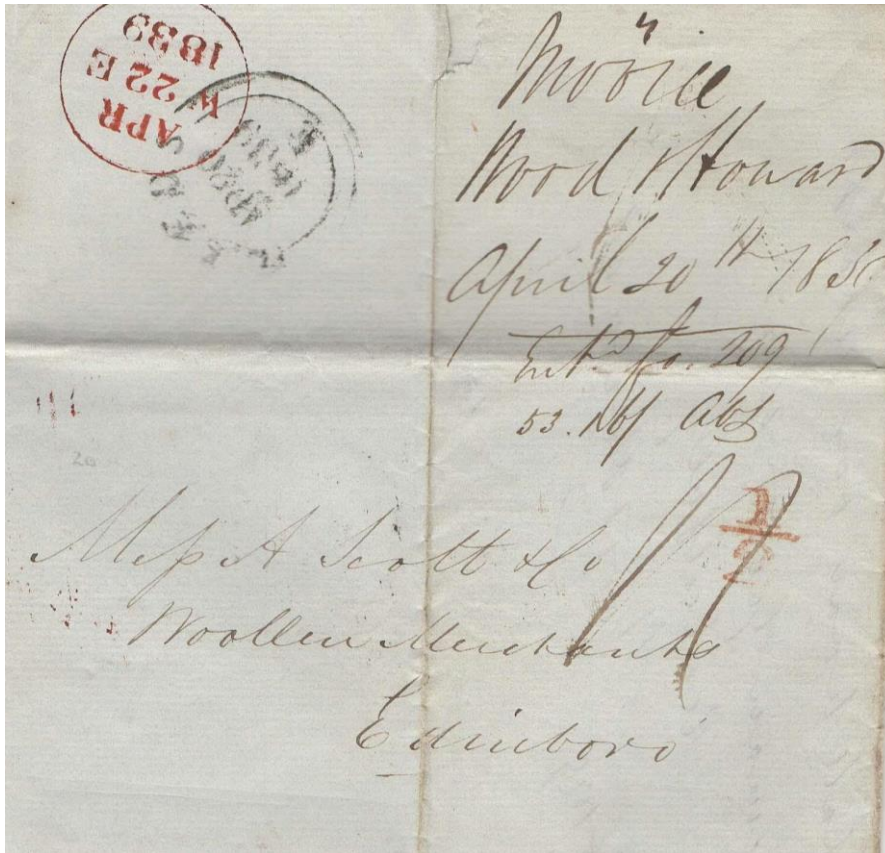
A new year with new beginnings and also a new look to these updates

Conventionally gummed	£1.00	wood brown	Code P	ex Rolling Stones Prestige
High Value gummed	£1.50	terracotta	No code	ex Queen's Platinum Jubilee prestige
New barcoded Machins	2 nd	holly green	No code	ex self-adhesive sheets
	1 st	plum purple	No code	ex self-adhesive sheets

2 nd Large	dark pine green	No code	ex self-adhesive sheets
1 st Large	marine turquoise	No code	ex self-adhesive sheets
2 nd	holly green	Code E	self-adhesive ex booklets
1 st	plum purple	Code E	self-adhesive ex booklets
1 st	plum purple	Code F	self-adhesive ex booklets
1 st Large	marine turquoise	Code F	self-adhesive ex booklets

Cover of the quarter

Manchester Additional ½ letter, 1839



Crossing the Pennines when it was possible to pick up the London to Edinburgh mail coach in York, seems an unlikely move.

However, this letter **from Leeds** has travelled on one of the twice daily mail coaches to **Manchester**, taking 5 ½ hours for the 47mile trip, where the Additional ½ mark, **M 155a** was applied.

From there the letter was taken to **Warrington** on the **Grand Junction Railway** and then on to **Preston**, via an extension of the **North Union Railway**, which had opened on 7th November 1838. Transfer to a mail coach then completed the journey.

Postage was 1/1 because of the added mileage having travelled to Manchester.

Society Programmes

March

2	Spalding	Lincoln Wain's Rubbish	Peter & Eddie
3	Isle of Ely	GB – social George VI The Additional ½d tax on mail from abroad	Terry Wagg Mike Kentzer
3	Northamptonshire	Judith Bradshaw entertains	
3	Fenland	T B A	
4	King's Lynn	Zoom – display by Julian Bagwell	
4	Luton & District	Concorde	Brian Denton
11`	King's Lynn	Queensland	Andrew Mortlock
17	Fenland	T B A	
22	Spalding	Falkland Islands	Derek Pollard
25	King's Lynn	Annual competitions, judged by John Jackson	
31	Isle of Ely	Wildings – a time warp collection	Richard Husband

April

1	Luton & District	An A to Z of South Africa, including the Cape of Good Hope Robert Hill	
1	King's Lynn	Zoom – Cyprus 1878 – 1960	James Wigmore
6	Spalding	Nauru overprints	Tony Smith
7	Northamptonshire	Annual competitions	
7	Fenland	T B A	
8	King's Lynn	Five frames by 4 members	
21	Fenland	T B A	
22	King's Lynn	Christmas Island & Easter Island	Rufus Barnes
26	Spalding	Quiz Night	
29	Luton & District	Members' displays; end of the society's 75 th anniversary	

May

5	Northamptonshire	Tristan Brittain entertains	
5	Isle of Ely	President's challenge	
6	King's Lynn	T B A	
13	King's Lynn	AGM; additional ½d mail	Mike Kentzer

Stamp Fairs (at last!)

March

5	Leicester	Holiday Inn, St Nicholas Circle. LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
6	Sandy	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road. SG19 1QY	01494 446 004
16	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury. NN4 0RZ	01238 820151
20	Norwich	Brook Hotel, Bowthorpe. NR5 9JB	01328 829 318
20	Stevenage	Novotel, Knebworth Park. SG1 2AX	01494 446 004
26	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury. NN4 0RZ	07957 158 299
27	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood. PE3 6SG	01945 700594
30	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre. WD3 8HD	07957 158 299

April

9	Leicester	Holiday Inn, St Nicholas Circle. LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
17	Slip End	Village Hall, Markyate Road. LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
18	Milton Keynes	The Irish Centre, Manor Fields. MK2 2HX	01494 446 004

23	Kettering	Ise Lodge Community Centre. NN15 5DR	01536 746800/511900
27	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre. WD3 8HD	07597 158 299

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28	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury. NN4 0RZ	07597 158 299
29	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood. PE3 6SG	01945 700 594

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