

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

July 2022

As this season winds down with several societies holding their annual general meetings it is, perhaps, time to reflect on the past two years and more, about where we go from here. I say this as there are signs that 'things' are changing.

Some societies returned to face-to-face meetings in September, mainly following covid protocols, while others have waited until the spring. This was also reflected in the attendance at London 2022 where the footfall was lower than hoped for, even though for many dealers, spending was good.

National societies are now back to normal with one day and weekend gatherings and stamp fairs are coming back – BUT – not all. For example, those previously held in Cambridge and King's Lynn are now gone.

This makes the forthcoming stamp fair of **Philanglia** – Saturday 2nd July at St. Ives gives us the chance to pick up the pieces, browse, buy and meet up with friends not seen for too long. Together with this, upstairs on the balcony **our Convention** returns with the competition entries and results on view together with a special display from the dealer, **Bill Barrell**.

Bill is one of those dealers who is close to his customers and is highly regarded in British philately, having recently been elected to the fellowship of the Royal Philatelic Society, London for his services to philately.

At London 2022 Bill's 5 frame display of: **GREAT BRITAIN – POSTAL REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PENNY VALUE, 1838 – 1858**, was awarded a gold medal.

We are very fortunate in that this superb history of the early days of the postal reform will be present for us to enjoy alongside the Convention at **Philanglia**.

We look forward to seeing you all at the show.

Zoom displays

Several societies have been keeping in touch and enjoying some splendid evenings, indeed three, Cambridge, King's Lynn and Spalding have shared displays for over a year. All members of MAPF societies may be invited to join in and merely need to contact the relevant society secretaries to be added to the list.

These displays won't replace face-to-face meetings but do have the advantage of our being able to see, close up and at home some superb material and hearing the stories behind them in real time.

Machin Update with Peter Morton

New barcoded Machins

1p	Sapphire blue	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
2p	Deep green	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
5p	Purple heather	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
10p	Aqua green	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
20p	Light green	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
50p	Plum purple	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£1	Wood brown	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£1.85	Wood brown	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£2.55	Sapphire blue	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£3.25	Purple	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£4.20	Light green	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets

Please note that the values 1p to £1 have a bright coloured head on a white background.

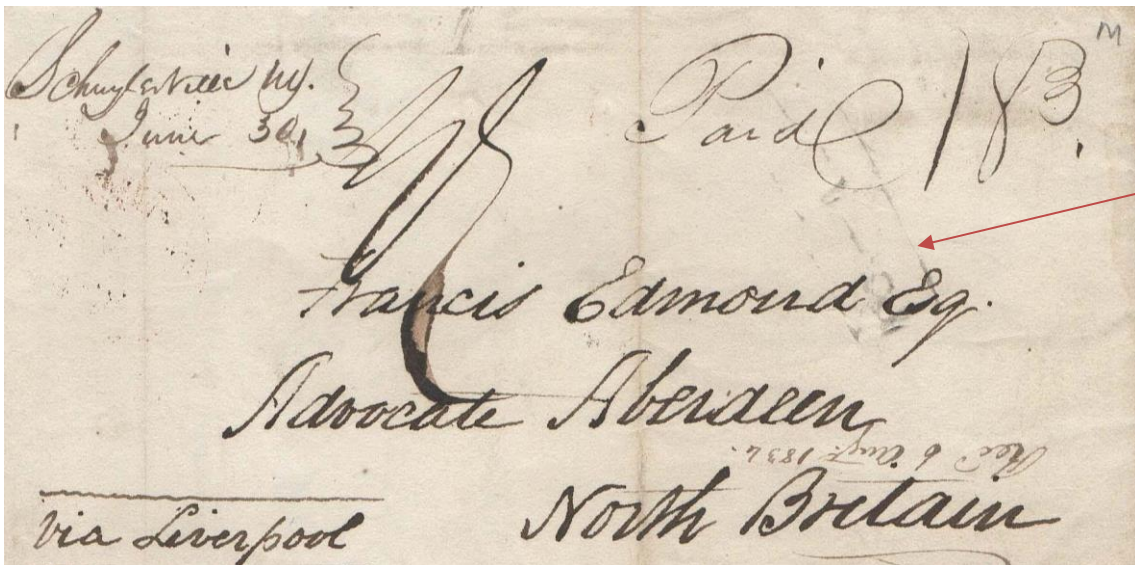
New barcoded Machins

£2	Bright blue	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£3	Purple	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets
£5	Spruce green	No code	self-adhesive	ex sheets

Please note that the high values of £2, £3 and £5 all have a coloured head on a white background.

Cover of the Quarter

Schuylerville to Aberdeen via Liverpool, 1834



Disappointment in the low exchange rates between the £ and the U \$ have caused Robert Watson to write to his attorney Francis Edmond to explain that he would not be writing again until he had moved elsewhere in the United States and found better business opportunities.



The entire was sent from Schuylerville in New York State, a town founded by Dutch settlers in 1691, including the influential Scuyler family. This was the site for the surrender of the British Army under General John Burgoyne following the nearby battles of Saratoga in 1777. This victory persuaded the French and Spanish to support the US in the War of Independence.

Postage of 18¾ cents was prepaid for carriage to New York; the UK charge was 1/9 made up of 8d ship letter fee and 1/1 for the trip from Liverpool to Aberdeen. The Additional ½ tax is registered with a strike of Liverpool's LL 259, while on the reverse is a boxed LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER hand stamp, S13, LL 627.

MAPF Convention 2022

This year we have received 27 entries for our competitions, including one from a junior collector.

As ever we have the inter-society 9 sheet competition across the traditional, postal history and thematic classes, and as an extra, entries are invited – which can be handed in on the day – in the literature class. This will NOT be judged, but is a display class for this year, to see what books, papers and articles will be offered. They should have been produced within the last 10 years. **PRESENTATIONS OF AWARDS AT MIDDAY**

Inter-Society 9 sheet competition

Traditional

East Prussian Plebiscite	Wojciech Kierstan	Grantham
French occupancy of Cilicia	Terry Harrison	King's Lynn
Ascension Island	John Spencer	Leighton Buzzard
GB One Penny Black	Graham Wylde	Cambridge

Postal History

Australia, Flying Doctor Service	Mark Ellis	Grantham
Ship letters of St Vincent	Terry Harrison	King's Lynn
Basel Mission	John Powell	Leighton Buzzard
Maltese Cross cancellations	Graham Wylde	Cambridge

Thematic

Spain, Goya and controversy	Josephina Martinez-Perez	Grantham
Kingfishers	Dahlia Harrison	King's Lynn
Hydro-Electricity	Sidney Dunbar	Leighton Buzzard
Shakespeare and music	Geoffrey Datson	Cambridge

Junior (Youth Class)

GB: Evolution of the Wildings issues	Maria McLoughlin	Grantham
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Individual 16 sheet classes

Traditional

Sarawak: the 1932 Waterlow issue	Jon Higgins	King's Lynn
GB: Telegraph and Sample stamps	David Leathart	King's Lynn
GB: Postage Dues	David Leathart	King's Lynn
1935 Jubilee stamps, for Morocco Agencies	Tony Taylor	Sheringham

Postal History

St Helena; Boer War censor marks	Bernard Mabbett	EAPHS
GB: India Ship Letters & Additional ½d	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn
GB: King's Lynn Penny Post	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn

Thematic

Orchids	Paul Peacock	Leighton Buzzard
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Open Class

Praga 1968	Wojciech Kierstan	Grantham
Microscopes	James Dickinson	Kettering
GB: the life of the ½d stamp	Terry Wagg	King's Lynn

Aerophilately

First England/Australia air mails, 1934	John Sims	Huntingdon
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Picture Post Cards

Cyprus – castles	John Sims	Huntingdon
Royal Mail Post Buses	James Dickinson	Kettering

The entries are now in Bracknell where Pat Reid FRPSL and 3 colleagues will carry out the judging on 21st June.

New society secretary

After 20 years' service to Loughborough P S Rowland Tatton has handed over the baton to Christine Harris; welcome to the Federation. The officers of the Federation are always ready to help in any way.

Society Programmes

I have no details of any society meetings for the next three months.

May I please have details for next season as soon as they are arranged; the next newsletter will be released at the end of August, and it would be good to have the details of society programmes for September to November so they can be included. Thank you. Mike.kentzer@gmail.com 01553 631 446

Stamp Fairs

June

11	Swinpex	St Joseph's College, Swindon, SN3 3LR	
26	Amersham	Jubilee Hall, Rectory Hill, HP7 OBT	07503 228375
26	Luton	Village Hall, Slip End, LU1 4BU	07534 496845

July

2	Philanglia	Burgess Hall, St Ives, Westwood Road, PE27 6WU	01328 829318
2	Leicester	Holiday Inn, Leicester, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
3	Milton Keynes	Irish Centre, Manor Fields, Fenny Stratford, MK2 2HX	07534 496845
15, 16	York	The Grandstand, Racecourse, YO23 1EX	020 8946 4489
16	Northampton	The Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07957 158299
31	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood, PE3 6SG	01945 700594

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Federation Committee

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Webmaster	Martin Lovegrove	King's Lynn

Committee Members

Mike Kentzer (Past President)	
David Belton	North Herts.
Terry Wagg	King's Lynn
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn

REMEMBER

PHILANGLIA

2nd July Burgess Hall, St Ives, PE27 6WU

10:00 am – 4:00pm

As well as our Convention with all the competition entries
and the Awards Ceremony at Midday

Do come and see Bill Barrell's gold medal winning display of the birth and
early development of the Penny Stamp, 1838 to 1858.

There will also be a display of the 1953 GB Coronation issue to coincide with the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee courtesy of Richard Lewis



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LIST 165 GREAT BRITAIN.

1. 1840 1D GREY-BLACK PL.1A (SG3)(IB) CANCELLED
BLACK MALTESE CROSS (SPEC AS3f). Fine used 1840 1d
grey-black pl.1A (SG3) lettered IB with four close to fine margins
and cancelled very fine strike BLACK MALTESE CROSS (Spec
AS3f). (Ref 131987). £495.00



2. 1840 1D BLACK PLATE 1A WATERMARK INVERTED
(SG2Wi)(IA). Fine to very fine used 1840 1d black plate 1A
WATERMARK INVERTED (SG2Wi) lettered IA with four close to
large margins and cancelled light strike red Maltese cross.
Stamp clearly shows 5 and 10 o'clock ray flaws and dots in 'A'
square. Inverted watermark (Spec AS2g) on plate 1A is very
rare and cats £4000. (Ref 131985). £1500.00

3. 1848 10D EMBOSSED (SG57) CORNER MARGINAL
BLOCK OF FOUR WITH 'SPECIMEN' OVERPRINT
(SPEC H2s). An exceptional upper right corner marginal
block of four 1848 10d embossed issue (SG57) with
superb original gum, superb colour and margins, each
overprinted 'SPECIMEN' type 1. A very rare multiple of
exhibition quality. (Ref 132212). £6500.00



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