

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

December 2024

Welcome to the winter edition of the Federation's newsletter.

Federation Display Day and AGM

An enjoyable day was had for those attending the day at Warmington.

Amongst displays by John Hossack, Jon Higgins, Peter Morton, John Spencer and Richard Husband were much fine and varied material on Sierra Leone, Falklands, GB perfins of the AA, Gold Coast, GG & Barbados and items from the far east. **If you weren't there then you missed another fine day out**, with a pub lunch!

The AGM passed through smoothly, with all officers and committee being re-elected. One major discussion focussed on competitions and the NEW role (actually its original purpose) of the 9 sheet classes.

Federation 9 sheet competitions

It has become clear over the last few years that most entries in the group of classes were being offered by experienced exhibitors. We now intend to require entries to be submitted by newer collectors to help them develop their exhibits and collections.

John Spencer, our Competition Secretary, will be sending out details in the new year.

Northampton Philatelic Society

Good news, for once; I am delighted to pass on the news that **Paul Boniface, Northamptonshire's secretary** has informed me that the society is back up and running, having lost their previous venue.

They now meet at the Broadmead Community Church on Park Avenue North, NN3 2QY. They have returned to their monthly meeting programme. **We wish the society well.**

Peterborough Stamp Fair.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Richard Lewis' stamp fair was to be his last. However, it has been saved. The new organiser is **John Allen** whose contact details are: john.allen63@ntlworld.com, Tel: **07803 142 933**

The next Peterborough Stamp Fair will be on 19th January from 9:00 am to 2:0 pm at the Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG.

County Catalogue

As mentioned before, our member society the East Anglian Postal History Society is in the process of updating these classic books in the light of new research.

Much work excellent has been done on Sussex, Essex, Lincolnshire and Huntingdonshire. Norfolk is about to be reviewed, but Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Rutland remain to be studied.

If there are any collectors amongst your members who collect part or all of any of these particular counties, or indeed, those already worked on, would they please make themselves known – either to **John Copeland** (Secretary, details below) or me (mike.kentzer@gmail.com)

King Charles III new barcoded Machin Definitives with Peter Morton

This is a very brief update to my 10th August summary.

Since that time a further prestige booklet entitled 'The Who' was released on 17th October 2024. The definitive barcoded Machin pane contains 2 x £2.00 stamps. These were printed in gravure by Cartor in France and have the usual M24L and MPIL format. The gravure style of printing agrees with the information released by Royal Mail.

Some discrepancies have arisen with the methodology of printing for the Machin barcoded pane with several of the Charles III prestige booklets'

The first booklet, 'Shirley Bassey', has the definitive Machin printed in litho, which agrees with the information released by Royal Mail.

The second and third prestige booklets printed in 2023, namely 'Harry Potter' and also 'Spice Girls', had the definitive pane printed in litho, despite Royal Mail indicating it was printed in photogravure.

The fourth and fifth prestige booklets printed in 2024, namely 'Dungeons & Dragons' and 'Red Arrows', had the definitive Machin pane printed in photogravure, despite Royal Mail indicating they were printed in litho.

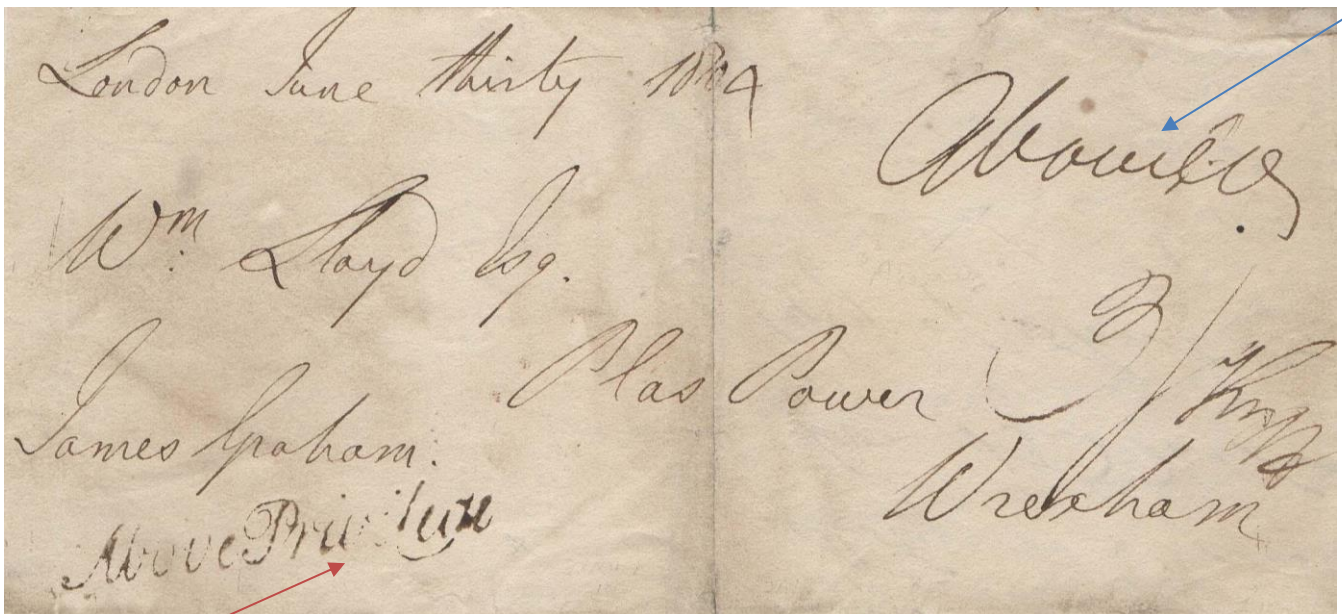
I trust the above now clarifies the position.

Peter Morton, Cambridge Philatelic Society

Cover of the Quarter

This letter was sent by James Graham who was the MP for Ripon at this time in June 1804.

However, there is a problem with the correspondence; it is too heavy for being able to be carried free of charge.



As it **weighed more than 1 ounce**, a restriction imposed in 1795, it was struck with London's '**Above Privilege**' hand stamp, **LP 7**, and **charged 3/- postage**, quadruple rate for the distance of 215 miles from London to Wrexham.

Society Programmes

December

4	Cambridge	Casual evening with a Christmas flavour	
4	Grantham	Annual competition – 9 sheets – Kirk Hilliard Cup	
4	Spalding & District	Egg Cup Competition & Christmas social	
5	Isle of Ely	Christmas get together with displays and buffet	
5	Northamptonshire	Warren Trophy – 10 sheets 'Airmail All sorts'	
6	King's Lynn	Zoom – Irish postal history & Lynn Penny Post	Mike Kentzer
6	Luton & District	Society winter auction	
10	Huntingdonshire	members display anything to accompany mince pies	
11	Leiston & District	Quiz & social with Christmas 'nibbles'	
13	King's Lynn	Christmas seals followed by refreshments	Lillian Swift

January

2	Isle of Ely	Another Bloody railway, Part 2	Rosemary Pugh
2	Northamptonshire	'This and That'	Richard Akers
2	Peterborough & District	President's afternoon	
7	King's Lynn	Zoom – Disc World miniature sheets	David Leathart
10	King's Lynn	The life of the GB ½d stamp A postal history pot pourri	Terry Wagg Mike Kentzer
10	Luton & District	Display by Fin O'Donoghue	
14	Huntingdonshire	Members' displays; letters Y, Z, A & B	
15	Grantham	Zoom meeting	
20	Peterborough & district	Colin on themes	Colin Thorpe
22	Leiston & District	Members' displays	
24	King's Lynn	Members' evening- 5 frames by 4 members	
28	Spalding & District	Joyce entertains	Joyce Boyer
28	Huntingdonshire	To be arranged	

February

5	Grantham	Your latest acquisition	
5	Spalding & District	Communications: 200 years of progress	Derek Pollard
6	Isle of Ely	Bourse; social morning	
6	Peterborough & District	Miniature sheets etc. – members' afternoon	
6	Northamptonshire	St Helena	Cliff Masters
7	King's Lynn	Zoom – French & British Cameroons	Tony Plumbe
7	Luton & District	Displays by Amersham P S	
14	King's Lynn	Members' evening – display 1 frame or more	
15	Huntingdonshire	Stamp & Post Card Fair, St Ives Corn Exchange, PE27 5AG	
19	Grantham	Zoom – Nigeria & Cameroons, WW2 censorship	Tony Plumbe
20	Peterborough & District	Bourse	
25	Huntingdonshire	Australian States	David Gottesmann
25	Spalding & District	Competitions – all categories; bring & buy	
26	Leiston & District	Competition – up to 10 sheets, any subject	
28	King's Lynn	Aspects of France	Dahlia Harrison

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Stamp Fairs

December

1	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
4	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
15	Sandy	Scout Hut, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446 004
21	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07957 158 299

January

4	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
4	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07966 565 151
19	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01803 142 933
26	Knebworth	Village Hall, Park Lane, SG3 6PD	01494 446 004

February

1	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
2	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
15	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07803 142 933
15	St Ives	Corn Exchange, The Pavement, PE27 5AG	01480 468 037
23	Sandy	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446 004

Federation Officers and Committee

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LIST 174 GREAT BRITAIN.

1. 1844 1D PINK ENVELOPE KILMARNOCK TO LONDON WITH EXCEPTIONAL STRIKE DISTINCTIVE MALTESE CROSS OF KILMARNOCK. Fine 1d pink envelope from Kilmarnock to 'Mrs Macleod of Macleod, 19 Gt. Cumberland Street, Hyde Park, London' cancelled EXCEPTIONAL STRIKE OF THE DISTINCTIVE MALTESE CROSS OF KILMARNOCK, on reverse 'KILMARNOCK' date stamp FE 28 1844. A very rare and beautiful usage with this cross seldom seen struck so fine. Mike Jackson lists two such usages on the penny pink, both to Dublin in May and June 1844 but does not record this usage. Exhibition quality. (Ref 138283). £3750.00

2. 1941 1D PALE SCARLET (SG486) SUPERB DRY PRINT STRIP OF SIX. A very fine o.g. right marginal horizontal strip of six 1941 1d pale scarlet (SG486) with MAJOR DRY PRINT AFFECTING ALL STAMPS

WITH THREE STAMPS TOTALLY BLANK, one with 95% stamp missing and others less so. Five stamps unmounted o.g., one fine o.g. although one with small mark on front. A superb error. (Ref 138244). £575.00

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We hope all our societies and their members have an enjoyable and memorable Christmas