Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome to the autumn edition which is being produced early so as to allow the promotion of our **fourth Stamp Day** as we move its venue around the region, as promised. This display event takes place on Saturday 2nd September at **Whittlesford**, south of Cambridge, just off the M11, by Duxford.

As well as two excellent speakers – Terry Wagg (Czelaw Slania) and Simon Richards (Dominica) there will be available a lunch time excursion to a nearby pub, the Red Lion, where we have a room reserved and a menu which will accompany this newsletter, so that ALL meals can be pre-ordered to save loss of time from the displays.

Also on display will be many of the entries from the Convention.

Many of our members belong to specialist societies such as the West Africa Study Circle, the Scottish Postal History Society and the Rhodesia Study Circle – so please may we hear of any successes to recognise achievement but particularly to show: what we can do to get more from our collections and the help and support available. An example from the British Air Mail Society is featured below.

Annual Convention

Our fourth such day was apparently the best so far, certainly the best supported with 37 entries. Judging had been carried out at Cavendish Auctions in Derby by international judge John Jackson, together with Greg and Sue Spring on the panel, and took all day.

The standards were higher than ever with ten entries gaining 85 marks or more – equivalent to a gold at Federation level. In the inter-society competition, where the best entries from each society in the three 9 sheet classes, Cambridge scored 249 marks which would have won every year until now, but this was topped by King's Lynn's 260.

This all serves to show how our members are getting better at competition entries. Well done to all who took part and thank you.

Competition Results

Inter-society 9 sheet competitions

Traditional

G.B. 4d Jubilee of 1887	Phil Waud (Bed)	90
Provisional issue of Labuan, 1891	Jon Higgins (KL)	86
Characteristics of the Penny Black	Graham Wylde (Cam)	84
Ascension Island – George VI issue	John Spencer (LB)	81
Queen Victoria Jubilee Issue	Phil Ilsley (KL)	79
The farthing stamp	Richard Capon	78
GB: the Victory issue	John George (Hunt)	72
Southern Rhodesia: Waterlow proofs	Gilbert Smith (P'boro)	70

Australia: George V 1½d varieties Mucha – stamp designer	Dennis Wilkins (LB) Wojciech Kierstan (Gran)	67 65
Postal History		
King's Lynn Penny Post Apartheid in S. African philately Development of line engraved period cancellations Early British mail arrangements in Mexico Norfolk mileage marks 200 years of Oundle postal history Marazion post marks Meter machine marks	Mike Kentzer (KL) Robert Hill (NH) Graham Wylde(Cam) Bill Gibb (Hunt) Paul Lascelles (KL) Richard Capon (P'boro) D J Hiscock (Sleaford) John George (Hunt)	88 87 81 80 77 65 63 59
Thematic		
The engraving skill of Czelaw Slania Universal Postal Union If music be the food of love, play on The barn owl The Spitfire Maritime Events	Terry Wagg (Ely) Terry Wagg (KL) Geoffrey Datson (Cam) Mr R Page (LB) David Belton (NH) Paul Peacock (LB)	87 86 84 78 73 68
16 sheet individual competitions		
Nepal: negative postal seals Pre-stamp postal history of King's Lynn Scottish Additional ½d Tax on mail into Scotland Austria: the change from the schilling to the Euro` Oundle as a main post office, 1733 – 1923	Postal History Colin Hepper (P'boro) Mike Kentzer (KL) Mike Kentzer (KL) Joyce Boyer (Spalding0 Richard Capon (P'boro)	89 87 77 76 66
Aerophilately		
The mail carrying flights of C.T.P. Ulm By KLM from Sarawak and North Borneo, 1931 - 1941 The growth of air mail between the two World Wars	John Sims (Hunt) Jon Higgins (KL) Mr R Morrisey (LB)	88 88 72
Open Class		
St Omer, 1914 -1918 Scarborough to Whitby Australasia Philatelic Exhibition Submarines – early designs, success, failure & madness	David Rice (KL) Mike Kentzer (KL) Alan Hall (Ely) Delphine Smith	79 78 69 55
Kay Goodman Trophy – for the best overall exhibit		

Phil Waud (Bedford)

Inter-society 9 sheet competition

	Traditional	Postal History	Thematic	Total
King's Lynn	86	88	86	260
Cambridge	84	81	84	249
North Herts		87	73	160
Leighton Buzzard	81		78	159
Huntingdonshire	72	80		152
Peterborough	78	65		143
Bedford	90			90
Isle of Ely			87	87
Grantham	65			65
Sleaford		63		63

Two major points arise from this year's event.

First, several exhibits were entered in classes which the judges changed as is their right. For instance an open class entry consisting ONLY of stamps can only be a traditional one. A postal history entry with non-philatelic material can only go in to open class.

Second, for two reasons I am looking at recommending that **we move to all entries consisting of 16 sheets**. This will avoid the problem of wrongly assigned entries of 16 sheets having to transfer to a 9 sheet class and vice versa. Also if our Convention is meant to be a springboard to national level, then only 16 sheet entries are permitted, or multiples thereof.

One of the problems with 9 sheet competitions is that exhibits need to have a narrow focus which is not often the case and, with my apologies to the collector concerned, 'the development of air mail between the two World Wars' is an example of a wonderful theme not served by the constraints of 9 sheets!

If it is decided at the AGM that the move to all competitions consisting of 16 sheets is adopted, then this could come in either 2018 or 2019, but I suspect the latter would be the better option.

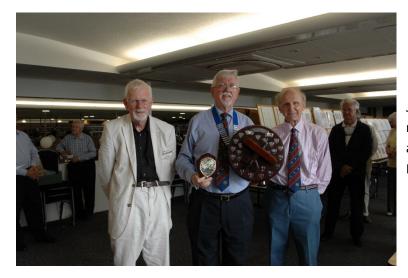
One further consideration would be with regard to the King's Lynn Jubilee Trophy which was donated for a competition where each of the inter-society 9 sheet classes morphed into 16 sheet formats on a rotating three year cycle, and entered by individuals in their own right.

The proposal here, subject to the agreement of King's Lynn P. S., would be to allow **the introduction** of other classes such as post cards, postal stationery and revenues.

On Sunday, 8th October all are invited to Hinckley's Annual Fair and Exhibition which is being held at Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre's Main Hall (LE10 1LE). Further details may be obtained from Mick Rose (email: brecon@talktalk.net) or secretary Bob Mason on 01455 250745.

My apologies to Isle of Ely P S; a report of their meetings over the last year has been received but lack of space means that this is held over to the next issue.

Photos from the convention



Jon Higgins and John Sims jointly receive the Jack Simmonds Trophy and the aerophilatelic shield from Bill Gibb.

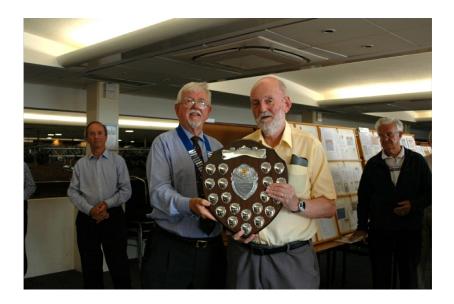
David Rice being awarded the Fenland Trophy for his WW 1 display of St Omer mail.

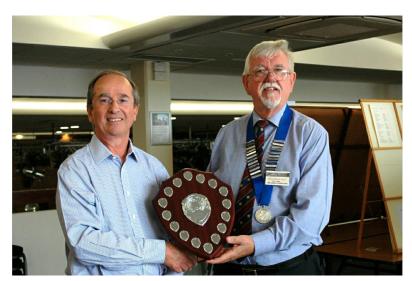




The Stitt Dibden Cup is presented to Mike Kentzer for his King's Lynn Penny Post.

This year's winning society was King's Lynn and Paul Lascelles, their chairman, receives the Millennium Shield.





Phil Waud scored 90 points for his study of the QV 4d Jubilee stamp and so was presented with the new Federation Shield.

The engraver Czelaw Slania enabled Terry Wagg to win the Williams Rose Bowl in the thematic class.



Colin Hepper accepts the King's Lynn Jubilee Trophy for his winning entry of Nepal: negative postal seals.





Finally, Phil Waud won the prestigious Kay Goodman Trophy as his Jubilees gained him the highest mark in any of our competitions.

Our members are often members of specialist societies. John Sims and I belong to the **British Air Mail Society**. At their recent AGM I was fortunate to win the 'junior' competition' while John won the senior trophy for his entry of mail carried by the Australian pilot C T P Ulm.





Autumn Stampex 2017

As a Federation we are entering the inter-Fed competition at this bi-annual event. Our three 16 sheet entries are: John Sims – The mail carrying flights of CTP Ulm (aerophilately)

Stuart Ross – provisional revenue issued of Nyasaland (revenues) and

Colin Hepper – negative postal seals of Nepal (postal history)

I know of three members who are exhibiting in their own right:

Terry Wagg – Czelaw Slania (3 frames – 48 sheets) open class

Phil Waud – Great Britain – the 4d Queen Victoria Jubilee (1 frame) traditional

Mike Kentzer – Pre-stamp postal history of King's Lynn, 1732 -1840 (1 frame)

Terry's exhibit looks at all aspects of the work of this brilliant and most profile engraver.

Phil's entry is an extended one from his 9 sheet entry (see above) and shows what can be done moving up from 9 to 16 sheets.

The Sarawak Society has a large number of frames, but 30 of them (480 sheets) are being entered by Jon Higgins covering a wide range of 'areas' from Labuan, North Borneo and Sarawak.

Best wishes to all these representatives of MAPF.

If there are any others I would appreciate being informed.

Now from all of the above it would seem that our be all and end all is competitions and that is only PART of what we hope to offer.

Richard Husband, our treasurer, is able to make small grants available for a society's projects; he can be contacted via the Federation's website: www.mapf.org.uk

One of the toughest jobs in stamp clubs seems to be that of finding speakers.

This DOES NOT have to be so. In the newsletter, which I hope is emailed out to as many of your members as possible, there are the details, annually, of 200+ exhibitors and their subjects, and while it is programme secretaries who make bookings, surely members can look at these lists and ask if a particular subject might be chosen. A 'phone call to the host secretary will find out the quality of the display and any costs involved.

Society Programmes

September

5 Hinckley Subscriptions, bourse and ½ night – general tips on stamp displays, etc.

6 Cambridge Irish Stew Peter Wood

Spalding Boston's of the worldPeterborough Members' afternoon

7	Northants	Wei Hai Wei Post cards	Nick Kerridge
7	Isle of Ely	Queen Victoria at Windsor	Philip Lindley FRPSL
		Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria	Mrs Ray Lindley
7	Fenland	Welcome; letters H, I or J	
11	Sheringham	Members' evening: collecting interests	
12	Huntingdon	President's evening	
13	Bedford	President's evening	
15	Cambridge	President's Evening:	Rufus Barnes
19	Hinckley	Cacti on stamps	Les Pearcy
21	Peterborough	World Postal History	Alan Bannister
21	Bedford	Society visit TO Hitchin	
21	Fenland	Centenary of the Penny Black	Christine Finn
26	Huntingdon	Visit by King's Lynn P S	
26	Spalding	Auction	
27	Leiston	British Borneo: planes, trains and stamps	Jon Higgins
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Octobe		Mambars' night latter (D'	
3	Hinckley	Members' night – letter 'R'	Adrian Daggust
4	Cambridge	Newfoundland –Britain's oldest colony	Adrian Boggust
4	Spalding	SADMAS afternoon	
5	Peterborough Northants	Members' afternoon M and N are for	Niels Leviene
5		Rocket Mail	Nick Levinge
5	Fenland	France – Day of the stamp	Len Rowe
0	Chaninahana	Cyprus – more recent postal history	John Sims
9	Sheringham	Japan	Alex Pelling
10	Huntingdon Bedford	Members display letters J & M	ong 1940 1941, Dotor Dugh
11		And the dawn comes up like thunder – Hong Ko	
12 17	Isle of Ely	1964 & 1976 Winter Olympics	Joyce Boyer
	Hinckley	Auction night, plus ½ night display	Wojciech Kierstan
19	Peterborough	Czechoslovakia	•
20	Cambridge	Denmark Mambare' avaning	Chris& Birthe King
24	Huntingdon	Members' evening Richard Moss and Michelle Burton entertain	
24	Spalding Leiston		Chris Harman
25	Fenland	College stamps Guides and Scouts	
26			Donny Birdseye
31	Hinckley	Danzig – the propaganda war	Giles de Boulay
Novem	nber		
1	Cambridge	Competition evening; display by John George	
1	Spalding	Monthly competition 'Something exotic';	Bring & buy
2	Peterborough	Bourse	
2	Northants	Social evening with fish and chips supper	
2	Isle of Ely	Montserrat and St Vincent	Chris Southgate
7	Hinckley	Falkland Islands	Gerald Marriner
8	Bedford	Something beginning with 'P'	

9	Fenland	China		Frank Wilson
13	Sheringham Quiz Night			Andrew McCandlish
14	Huntingdon	Liechtenstein		Fin O'Donoghue
16	Peterborough	A 'mixture'		Mike Kentzer
		GB: King George VI pos	tal history	Terry Wagg
17	Cambridge	Post marks of the Unio	n of South Africa	
		Cape Town Docks, 1652	2 - 2000	Robert Hill
21	Hinckley	Chairman's choice		
22	Leiston	Society auction		
23	Fenland	Yugoslavia – pot pourri		Pat Jackson
28	Huntingdon	Another Bloody Railwa	y Part II	Peter Pugh
Stamp	Fairs			
Septen	nber			
3	Milton Keynes(Novotel)	MK13 7RA	07710 683122
9	Cambridge (Arl	•	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
9	Northampton (•	NN4 ORZ	01283 820151
17	Norwich (Brook		NR5 9JB	01328 829318
24		ount Grace School)	EN6 1EZ	01303 238807
24	Peterborough ((Holiday Inn)	PE3 6SG	01945 700594
24	Stevenage (No	votel)	SG1 2AX	07710 683122
30			NN4 ORZ	07957 158299
Octobe	er			
1	1 Bedford (St Marks Church Hall)		MK41 7UY	01623 621143
1	· ·	Hall) (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
7		age Hall) (Herts)	AL3 7LW	07710 683122
8	Hinckley (see a	bove)	LE10 1LE	01455 250745
14		ywood Church Rooms)	PE03 4DZ	01328 829318
15	Slip End(Village Hall) (nr Luton)		LU1 4BU	07710683122
22	Horncastle (The Stanhope Hall)		LN9 6NF	01283 820151
November				
5	Milton Keynes	(Novotel)	MK13 7RA	07710 683122
11	Cambridge (Arl	•	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
17	Norwich (Brook Hotel)		NR5 9JB	01328 829318
25	Northampton (Abbey Centre)		NN4 ORZ	07957 158299
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The next Federation Committee meeting is at the Arbury Centre, Cambridge at 11am on Saturday, 9^{th} September.



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Stamp Day

Arrangements for lunch at the Red Lion, Whittlesford Bridge

Menu 02/09/17

Starters

Smoked haddock fish cakes
Soup of the day
Corned beef hash
Mains
Haddock and chips
Prime 8oz steak burger and hand cut chips
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