

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	Dennis Wilkins (LB)	67
Mucha – stamp designer	Wojciech Kierstan (Gran)	65

Postal History

King's Lynn Penny Post	Mike Kentzer (KL)	88
Apartheid in S. African philately	Robert Hill (NH)	87
Development of line engraved period cancellations	Graham Wylde(Cam)	81
Early British mail arrangements in Mexico	Bill Gibb (Hunt)	80
Norfolk mileage marks	Paul Lascelles (KL)	77
200 years of Oundle postal history	Richard Capon (P'boro)	65
Marazion post marks	D J Hiscock (Sleaford)	63
Meter machine marks	John George (Hunt)	59

Thematic

The engraving skill of Czelaw Slania	Terry Wagg (Ely)	87
Universal Postal Union	Terry Wagg (KL)	86
If music be the food of love, play on ...	Geoffrey Datson (Cam)	84
The barn owl	Mr R Page (LB)	78
The Spitfire	David Belton (NH)	73
Maritime Events	Paul Peacock (LB)	68

16 sheet individual competitions

King's Lynn Jubilee Trophy

Nepal: negative postal seals	Colin Hepper (P'boro)	89
Pre-stamp postal history of King's Lynn	Mike Kentzer (KL)	87
Scottish Additional ½d Tax on mail into Scotland	Mike Kentzer (KL)	77
Austria: the change from the schilling to the Euro`	Joyce Boyer (Spalding0	76
Oundle as a main post office, 1733 – 1923	Richard Capon (P'boro)	66

Postal History

Aerophilately

The mail carrying flights of C.T.P. Ulm	John Sims (Hunt)	88
By KLM from Sarawak and North Borneo, 1931 - 1941	Jon Higgins (KL)	88
The growth of air mail between the two World Wars	Mr R Morrisey (LB)	72

Open Class

St Omer, 1914 -1918	David Rice (KL)	79
Scarborough to Whitby	Mike Kentzer (KL)	78
Australasia Philatelic Exhibition	Alan Hall (Ely)	69
Submarines – early designs, success, failure & madness	Delphine Smith	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 C T P 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
6	Spalding	Boston’s of the world	
7	Peterborough	Members’ afternoon	

7	Northants	Wei Hai Wei Post cards	Nick Kerridge
7	Isle of Ely	Queen Victoria at Windsor Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria	Philip Lindley FRPSL 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 Percy
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

October

3	Hinckley	Members' night – letter 'R'	
4	Cambridge	Newfoundland – Britain's oldest colony	Adrian Boggust
4	Spalding	SADMAS afternoon	
5	Peterborough	Members' afternoon ... M and N are for ...	
5	Northants	Rocket Mail	Nick Levinge
5	Fenland	France – Day of the stamp Cyprus – more recent postal history	Len Rowe John Sims
9	Sheringham	Japan	Alex Pelling
10	Huntingdon	Members display letters .. J & M	
11	Bedford	And the dawn comes up like thunder – Hong Kong 1840 – 1941; Peter Pugh	
12	Isle of Ely	1964 & 1976 Winter Olympics	Joyce Boyer
17	Hinckley	Auction night, plus ½ night display	
19	Peterborough	Czechoslovakia	Wojciech Kierstan
20	Cambridge	Denmark	Chris & Birthe King
24	Huntingdon	Members' evening	
24	Spalding	Richard Moss and Michelle Burton entertain	
25	Leiston	College stamps	Chris Harman
26	Fenland	Guides and Scouts	Donny Birdseye
31	Hinckley	Danzig – the propaganda war	Giles de Boulay

November

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' GB: King George VI postal history	Mike Kentzer Terry Wagg
17	Cambridge	Post marks of the Union of South Africa Cape Town Docks, 1652 - 2000	Robert Hill
21	Hinckley	Chairman's choice	
22	Leiston	Society auction	
23	Fenland	Yugoslavia – pot pourri	Pat Jackson
28	Huntingdon	Another Bloody Railway Part II	Peter Pugh

Stamp Fairs

September

3	Milton Keynes(Novotel)	MK13 7RA	07710 683122
9	Cambridge (Arbury Centre)	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
9	Northampton (Abbey Centre)	NN4 0RZ	01283 820151
17	Norwich (Brook Hotel)	NR5 9JB	01328 829318
24	Potters Bar (Mount Grace School)	EN6 1EZ	01303 238807
24	Peterborough (Holiday Inn)	PE3 6SG	01945 700594
24	Stevenage (Novotel)	SG1 2AX	07710 683122
30	Northampton (Abbey Centre)	NN4 0RZ	07957 158299

October

1	Bedford (St Marks Church Hall)	MK41 7UY	01623 621143
1	Hopton (Village Hall) (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
7	Redbourn (Village Hall) (Herts)	AL3 7LW	07710 683122
8	Hinckley (see above)	LE10 1LE	01455 250745
14	King's Lynn (Gaywood 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

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17	Norwich (Brook Hotel)	NR5 9JB	01328 829318
25	Northampton (Abbey Centre)	NN4 0RZ	07957 158299
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The Convention photographs are courtesy of **Terry Wagg**, to whom many thanks.

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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

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Many thanks.