

## Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

March 2018

This issue sees the launch of the 2018 competitions which will culminate in the Annual Convention at St. Ives on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. There is one major change this year. We have introduced a revised mark scheme which seeks to remove an anomaly and also to incentivise better entries in the thematic and Open classes, which really do need to improve on the variety of material on offer to better the theme of the entry.

We feel that at this level 20 marks for rarity in a 9 sheet entry is too many, and as this is an introductory level of competition that more should be awarded for presentation. The same is felt to be true to a slightly lesser extent for the 16 sheet competitions as they are seen as a stepping stone to national (Stampex) level.

For instance most thematic entries offer stamps, miniature sheets and covers, but there are more types of PHILATELIC material available such as booklets, illustrated covers and post marks.

For Open class up to 50% of the material offered may be NON PHILATELIC, but are often restricted to picture post cards and photographs – I've been guilty of this! Why not try fabrics (if relevant), posters, timetables, newspaper cuttings and many more ... the only restriction is the THICKNESS of the material on offer – it must fit under security frames, so about 5 mm maximum, even if such display frames are not in use.

It would seem that in my haste to send out the competition details I forgot to mention where the photocopied entries should be sent (humble apologies).

The address is: 1 Devon Crescent, North Wootton, King's Lynn. PE30 3QZ

The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### Northampton PS

As of 1<sup>st</sup> March the venue for their meetings has changed.

It will be: 37 Billing Road, Northampton. NN1 5DQ

### Obituary

#### Bill Quirk

It is with sadness that we record Bill's passing recently. He was a stalwart of the Federation having been elected a patron in 2014 after many years as an officer, particularly as the competitions' secretary. He was a long standing member of both King's Lynn and Fenland and was the force behind the Wisbech society's existence for many years. His particular interests lay in the Isle of Man, where he was born and Lighthouses. He will be much missed.

#### John Towler

Another stalwart of the Federation has left us, John Towler had been a member of Cambridge P S for over 70 years, serving as a committee member and chairman and was awarded the Jack Simmonds Award of Merit in 1995. He also was a President of the East Anglian and East Midlands Federation and a former treasurer and a patron of the EA&EMPF. As a patron of MAPF his advice was much appreciated. He will be much missed.

## King's Lynn P S

On 10<sup>th</sup> February the society celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a lunch time gathering of members and representatives from other societies and the Federation's committee alongside the King's Lynn Stamp Fair.

After an introduction and welcome by President Mike Kentzer, the Borough Mayor, Councillor Mrs Carol Bower was escorted around a display of 150 sheets of King's Lynn's pre-stamp postal history and then presented with a copy of this material in two albums for the Borough by chairman Paul Lascelles. After this a buffet was provided by the local Girl Guides' Group and all present were given a copy of a 36 page colour brochure of the society covering its history and entries from members of the favourite items from their collections.



The Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Carol Bower, accepts the embossed albums of Lynn's postal history from chairman Paul Lascelles (right) with secretary and Federation President Terry Wagg, Mike Kentzer, society President and Simon Bower.

## Huntingdonshire P S Report (part 2)

The second half of the last season kicked off with two members from Rushden P S displaying. Malcolm Whitehead showed German perfin with both stamps and covers. He was followed by Terry Pope's GB railway stamps for letters, parcels and newspapers and also GWR air mail letter stamps from the 1930s giving a fascinating evening for the members.

Competitions were the theme of the next meeting with judges Adrian Boggust and Roger Carr from Cambridge. While judging was carried out two members displayed Huntingdon postal history and Royal Navy mail. Simon Kelly gave a fine display of 'Bahamas' at the end of February and the Isle of Ely P S graced the next meeting with New Zealand's iconic stamps (Andrew Williamson), GB QEII definitive developments and regionals (Barry Ross Bain) and Captain Cook's voyage (Chris North)

Aspects of Italian philately and revenues with much early material and revenues were shown by Peppe Marinelli at the end of March providing a very comprehensive display of most unusual material. After Easter members were entertained by Jon Higgins with his 'Planes and boats and trains' collection from North Borneo and Labuan followed by early stamps and postal history of the

islands. The French colonies of East Africa around 'the Horn' were offered by Mick Bister were the subject for the next meeting and gave a fascinating glimpse of the history and politics of the area.

Colin Hepper then took members to Nepal for their next evening to a remote country which had only joined the UPU in 1959 showing a wide variety of material which is well worth a wider viewing.

The final gathering of the year welcomed 4 members from Leighton Buzzard P S. On offer were stamps and postal history of the Falklands (John Spencer), George VI C/W stamps – particularly colour variations, perforations and flaws (Paul Peacock), Raptor birds (Paul Page) and stamps and post marks of Sierra Leone (John Hassocks).

## Society Meetings

### March

1	Isle of Ely	Members' displays	
1	Peterborough	Members' afternoon ...O and P is for ...	
1	Northampton	Display by Alan D Godfrey	
1	N Herts (B)	Visit from Enfield P S (afternoon – Baldock)	
6	N Herts (S)	Annual competitions; exchange & mart	
6	Hinckley	Members' night – 1 to 18 sheets, or 50p	7
	Grimsby	Brazil, Part 3	John Benjamin
7	Cambridge	Society auction	
7	Spalding	South Africa	Derek Pollard
9	King's Lynn	Competition evening; Aspects of D.E.I.	John Jackson
13	Huntingdon	Northants postal history & thematics	John Bradshaw
		Southwold	Judith Bradshaw
14	N Herts (R)	Members' afternoon with Mr D Scoot	
14	Bedford	Something beginning with Q	
15	N Herts (H)	Cannon Trophy	
15	Peterborough	Society auction	
15	Fenland	Previously unseen material	Richard Moss
16	Cambridge	Gibraltar	Tony Puckridge
20	Hinckley	Auction and ½ night display	
21	L Buzzard	GB postal history with a difference; bourse	Don Davies
23	King's Lynn	Yarmouth postal history; misspent mail to St Helena	Brian Marbett
27	Spalding	Members' displays & monthly competitions	
27	Huntingdon	Newspapers	Simon Kelly
28	Leiston	KLM flights to and from the East Indies, 1924-39	Roger Swindells
29	Isle of Ely	Machins	Peter Morton
29	Fenland	Apartheid in South African philately	Robert Hill
		Cape triangular stamps	Steve Hannath
30	N HERTS (L)	Isle of Man	David Belton
31	Grimsby	Club auction	

### April

3	N Herts (S)	Queen Victoria	Mr R Hill
4	Cambridge	Members' evening – show what you want	
4	Grimsby	Committee entertains	
4	Spalding	Auction, in the afternoon	
5	Peterborough	Joyce Boyer entertains	

5	Northampton	Annual competitions; letters – Q,R or S	
10	Hinckley	Development of decorative writing paper, 1780 – 1900	John Scott
11	N Herts (R)	Members' afternoon with guest speaker	
11	Bedford	Visit by Milton Keynes P S	
12	Fenland	Another Bloody Railway Part2	Peter & Rosemary Pugh
13	King's Lynn	West Indies & Australian States	Simon Richards
18	Grimsby	Cuban birds	Mike Webb
		World Cup	Jay Loates
18	L Buzzard	Two sheet & 6 sheet competitions; club auction	
19	Isle of Ely	Trafalgar Day; Ducks & Geese	Peter Ball
19	N Herts (H)	Afghanistan	Mr I Shapiro
19	Peterborough	Visit by King's Lynn	
20	Cambridge	GB postal history with a difference	Don Davies
21	Isle of Ely	Annual Dinner	21
24	Hinckley	Visit by Kettering P S	
24	Spalding	Quiz	
24	Huntingdon	BMA Malaya	Peter Cockburn
25	Bedford	AGM	
27	King's Lynn	Autographed first day covers	Terry Blyth
		GB: King George V	David Saunders
27	N Herts (L)	Germany	Mr W Tierney
28	Leiston	Cyprus, 1878 – 2000	Richard Everett

## May

1	N Herts (S)	N.H.S.C. Annual General Meeting	
2	Grimsby	World War II	Arthur Long
2	Spalding	Peter or Arthur	
2	Cambridge	Stephen Harper-Scott entertains	
3	Peterborough	Bourse and competitions	
3	Northampton	Visit by Rugby P S	
8	Hinckley	Why I collect Belgium	Chris Howe
8	Huntingdon	TBC; members display letters J & M	
9	N Herts (R)	Recent acquisitions	
9	Bedford	Allsorts & bourse	
10	Isle of Ely	AGM & bourse	
11	King's Lynn	AGM & annual auction	
15	L Buzzard	Visit to Rushden P S	
16	L Buzzard	Hosting inter-society quiz	
16	Grimsby	Mr D Sumpter entertains	
17	Peterborough	John Anthony entertains	
17	N Herts (H)	Cancellations on Cape Classics	
18	Cambridge	Past Presidents' displays	
22	Hinckley	AGM and competition awards	
22	Spalding	AGM followed by bring & buy	25 N Herts (L)
	Liechtenstein		Mr F O'Donaghue
23	Leiston	AGM followed by a second half display	

## Stamp Fairs

### March

4	Milton Keynes, Novotel	MK13 7RA	01582 876651
10	Cambridge, Arbury Centre	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
18	Norwich, Brook Hotel	NR5 9JB	01328 829318
25	Peterborough, Holiday Inn	PE3 6SG	01945 700594
25	Hopton Village Hall (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
25	Stevenage, Novotel	SG1 2AX	01582 876651
31	Northampton, The Abbey Centre	NN4 0RZ	07957 158299

#### April

1	Bedford, St Marks Church Hall	MK41 7UY	01623 621143
2	Loughborough, Charnwood Bowls Club	LE11 3HE	01785 259350
14	King's Lynn, Gaywood Church Rooms	PE30 4DZ	01328 829318
15	Slip End, Village Hall, Luton	LU1 4BU	01582 876651
21	Redbourn, Village Hall	AL3 7LW	01582 876651
22	Potters Bar, Mount Grace School	EN6 1EZ	01303 238807
28	Northampton, The Abbey Centre	NN4 0RZ	01283 820151

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## MAPF Committee - officers

President	Terry Wagg	King's Lynn
Vice President	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn
Secretary	Peter Morton	Cambridge
Treasurer	Richard Husband	Cambridge
Competitions' Secretary	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn
Webmaster	David Alford	North Herts.

## Committee Members

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David Belton	North Herts
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn
John Spencer	Leighton Buzzard

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