

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

June 2023

Welcome to the summer issue of the newsletter, marking for many societies the end of the season, but also looking ahead to our Convention and the new season starting in September.

DO WE HAVE A FUTURE?

While 'things' are back to near normal, many societies have found that numbers attending face to face meetings are down on pre-pandemic levels. Indeed, a few, sadly, are struggling to keep going, mainly because too few members are willing to take on the work associated with being an officer or committee member. We are all getting older and finding new, younger members is not easy, but it does not mean that potential new collectors aren't out there.

Perhaps we should use items in local newspapers, social media – maybe run by a younger member of a collector's family or even local radio.

If we do not grasp this issue and make it work for us, then what future for philately?

It is so noticeable that huge numbers of 'standard' GB collections are not selling well as these are disposed of when collectors 'retire' one way or another, and while this means low values for such accumulations, what happens to them? What a loss to future generations of would-be collectors.

One way of encouraging lone collectors to join societies is to bring them to stamp fairs, like PHILANGLIA, where as well as dealers wanting to sell, share information and advise, there is our CONVENTION, at which 27 displays of a wide range of topics in over 330 sheets are there to encourage collectors to become philatelists – someone who not just collects but does something with their material, and so gets much more out of their activities.

Which brings us to our annual Federation 'bash' at the Leisure Centre in St Ives on Saturday 24th June.

Here then are our entries for all our competitions which have been sent to be judged by a panel of judges in Leeds. We always use neutral judges and so using photocopied entries make this easier, and allows for open frames to display the entries, so they can be handled and viewed more closely by the public.

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Competition Entries

2023

9 sheet inter-society competitions

Traditional

Terry Harrison	The St Vincent 5/- stamp, 1888 - 1896	KLPS
Wojciech Kierstan	Polish WWII P.O.W. posts	Grantham
Graham Wylde	Black and red printings from Penny Plate 5	Camb.
Tony Johnson	South Africa – the printings of the small War Effort issue	LB

Postal History

Mike Kentzer	Why the Manchester Additional half?	KLPS
Mark Ellis	New Zealand 1957 Health issues, (FDC)	Grantham
Stephen Teuma	Experimental Hoster machine cancellations of GB	EAPHS
Tony Crowther	Edinburgh, posted since (time), last night cancellations	Camb.
John Hossack	Great Western Steamship Company	LB
(Maria McLoughlin	The various uses of logan post marks	Grantham)

Thematic

Dahlia Harrison	Robins	KLPS
Josefina Martinez-Perez	Goya	Grantham
Simon Kelly	Henry Fawcett	Camb.
Jim Dunbar	Hydroelectricity	LB

16 sheet individual competitions

Traditional

Wojciech Kierstan	East Prussian Plebiscite	Grantham
Simon Kelly	Charles, Skipper & East	Camb.
Stuart Ross	Birds stamps of Malawi – 1988, from design to issue and beyond.	KLPS
Josefina Martinez-Perez	Mexican export stamps	Grantham

Postal History

Bernard Mabbett	Great Yarmouth Postal History	EAPHS
Mike Kentzer	English Additional Half marks	KLPS
Jon Higgins	British North Borneo, Tax marks	KLPS

Thematic

Open Class

James Dickinson	Quinine quotes in books, films and radio	Kett.
Stephen Teuma	The Jubilee Exhibitions of 1890	EAPHS

Aerophilately

John Sims	Pioneering flights from UK to Australia	Hunt
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Picture Post Cards

Dahlia Harrison	Military cemeteries	KLPS
James Dickinson	Post marks on post cards	Kett.

Revenue Stamps

David Leathart	GB, Specimen Revenue Stamps from 1694 – 1902	KLPS
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Junior

Maria McLoughlin	The various uses of slogan post marks	Grantham
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Literature Class

Articles

John Hossack	Mail from Mabanta to Sierra Leone, 1901	LB
Ray Morrisey	R W H (Harold) Row & his contemporaries	LB
Mike Kentzer	Letter of the month, London Philatelist	KLPS
Dahlia Harrison	Emile Dupuis – war artist	KLPS
Frank J Wilson	New discoveries from the North Yorkshire Moors	Spalding

Book

Martin Lovegrove	Collecting Hejaz Railway	KLPS
Frank J Wilson	Great Britain & Ireland railway letter stamps, 1957 - 2021	Spalding
John Sims	The Lady Spencer covers flown in the Melbourne centenary air race between England and Australia in 1934	Huntingdonshire

There may be more literature entries presented on the day, when they, too, will be judged.

Cover of the quarter



This letter from British North America is a victim of the war against the USA and France, encouraged by Napoleon Bonaparte, in that when it was presented to the Post Office in Quebec, a ship letter hand stamp was applied, and then it was realised that there were no commercial ships available to carry it to the UK because of the conflict.

The letter was handed back to the would-be sender who several weeks later, having added to the correspondence, gave it to naval headquarters on 9th August 1814 to await a warship returning to the UK.

It was carried aboard HMS Ajax, a recent addition to the Fleet, landing at Plymouth Dock, later called Devonport, as shown by **Crown Ship Lre** hand stamp, S2, DN 1662. The letter was carried via London, Additional ½ h/s L 185(3) arriving in Glasgow on 26th September.

Postage was 3/2, made up of 8d ship letter fee and double the inland rate of 1/3, for the 500 – 600 miles, north to Scotland.

Society Programmes

June

1	Isle of Ely	AGM and raffle	
1	Peterborough	I and J are for	
2	Northants	AGM; 5 – 10 page displays; ‘my favourites’	
7	Cambridge	AGM	
7	Spalding	‘Overprints’	Peter Creigh
9	Luton	AGM and society auction	
15	Peterborough	A G M	
27	Spalding	Terry Wagg & Mike Kentzer entertain	
28	Leiston	Penny Black Anniversary issues	Andy Soutar

July

5	Cambridge	T B A	
5	Spalding	Wojciech Kierstan entertains	

August

2	Spalding	TBA	
22	Spalding	TBA	

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2023

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Dr Simon Kelly

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Simon Keely lost his fight with cancer and passed peacefully way on Friday 19th May 2023. He will be sadly missed.

Simon was a long standing member of the Cambridge Philatelic Society, with many years on the committee. He served as president in 2014 – 2016 and also 2020 – 2022.

He was also curator of the Cambridge Postal History collection and as such spent many hours detailing what was held, with in excess of 800 sheets of material written up.

He was also willing to submit entries into the society's competitions, and a high proportion of these were winning entries. Over many year's Simon's competition entries were also submitted to the Federation for the inter-society nine sheet competition.

He was a member of other societies including the Royal Philatelic Society, London and the Great Britain Philatelic Society. He was also an associate member of the Society of Postal Historians. May he rest in peace.