

September 2023

Welcome to the new season of philately. Let's hope the ghosts of the pandemic have disappeared and we can get back to nearly 'normal'. Having said that, it is sad to have to report the closing down of that most friendly society, Rutland. It was too small to continue after a couple of unfortunate deaths among the membership.

Looking ahead, John Spencer has arranged this year's **STAMP DAY**, to be held in the village hall in Warmington, a meeting place we've been to before. It is situated 3 or 4 miles along the A 605, the Northampton road west of Peterborough, and so is easily reached from all directions and handy for the A1. This meeting will also include the AGM in the afternoon. We are looking at booking a number of tables at the excellent pub in the village, the Red Lion, which does excellent food; we've been there before, as well!

MAPF Convention

We all gathered at Philanglia on Saturday 24th June to view the 27 competition entries and the literature class offerings, which were judged on the day before being displayed.

Among the entries there were 11 gold medal awards given by our panel of judges in Leeds. The winner of the 'Best in Show' award was David Leathart of King's Lynn. The results are sent along with this newsletter.

There were problems for two of the entries entered by societies in the 9 sheet inter-society classes, when two exhibits were removed from thematic to open class – because they contained NON-PHILATELIC items -so future exhibitors of thematic material – please take note.

This resulted in two societies having only two classes counting, but then at the same time Leighton Buzzard P S were worthy winners with a fine score of 222 points.

We also had our first 'judged' competition in the literature class, with two sections, one for books and one for articles in journals and magazines. Martin Lovegrove led the proceedings, having driven down from Scotland and returned straight afterwards – many thanks, Martin, much appreciated.



Maria McLouglin receives the Junior trophy David Leathart is awarded the first of his two trophies

The York Show, National Exhibition North

Held back in July, the Stamp Fair at the racecourse, included 130 frames – so 260 faces, of 16 sheet displays. All classes were represented and the judging, it has to be said, was operating at full international level.

Six members of MAPF affiliated societies entered exhibits and the results are given below:

Bernard Mabbett	(3 frames) St Helena, Broad Bottom Camp censor marks during the Boer War.	Vermeil
Wojciech Kierstan	(1) East Prussian Plebiscite	Vermeil
Jon Higgins	(5) North Borneo, small shield issue, stamps, surcharges and Forgeries	Vermeil
Stuart Ross	(1) Malawi Birds issue, 1988, from design to issue and beyond	Large Vermeil
Mike Kentzer	(5) Mail from abroad into Scotland, 1813 to 1839	Vermeil

And in the literature class, John Sims' excellent book:

Lady Spencer covers flown in the Melbourne Centenary Air Race Silver

Stampex and Birmingham 2025

Now that Stampex is only held once a year, perhaps its date is of more importance to collectors. This autumn the stamp fair is being held from 27th to 30th September. I gather that the dealers will have tables rather than booths, as in the past, in an attempt to keep costs down. The venue, the British Design Centre, in Islington, is very expensive to hire. So much so that there will NOT be competition entries to view, instead there will be invited displays.

Plans are advancing for the European Exhibition in Birmingham in 2025, which has full FEPA patronage. It is to be held at the National Exhibition Centre from 7th to 11th May.

Details may be found on the **Europhilex 2025** website, which is gradually being developed at this time.

David Alford – awarded the ABPS Congress Medal

For many years David has been the man in the background who gets things done. A stalwart of the ABPS, he has organised many Stampex exhibitions arranging all the entries and the judging panels. David has also put together many training weekends for would-be judges, those seeking to be kept up to date and aspiring exhibitors. If that were not enough, he was a founder member of the MAPF in 2014 and its first webmaster. His main philatelic interest is Fiji and his collection is merely superb. This award is only given to mark exceptional work in British philately and is very well deserved. Congratulations!

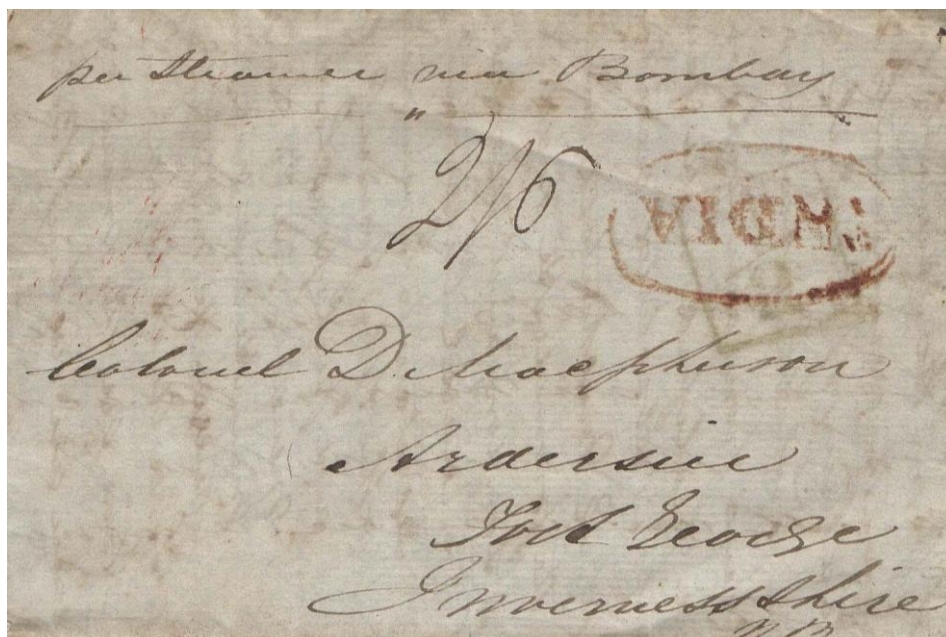
Cover of the Quarter

This letter offers a good example of the detective work often involved in finding the full story of the journey involved in its delivery.

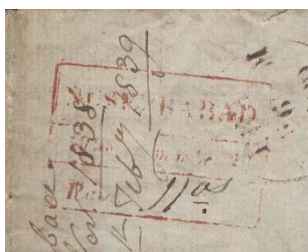
Here we have an entire sent from Nasseerabad, near Karachi to Fort George near Inverness.

The Fort was built following the battle at Culloden on 23rd April 1746, when the English army under the Duke of Cumberland decisively beat that of Charles Edward Stuart. It was constructed to ensure that there would be no more uprisings in the Highlands.

At this time, 1839, most mail was sent by sailing ship from India with a charge of 4d, as an India Ship Letter, with appropriate hand stamps being applied at the port of entry to the UK. These voyages, often took up to 6 months, as the ships were designed for maximum cargo carrying rather than speed.



The manuscript '*per steamer via Bombay*', tells of the voyage by sea of some 560 nautical miles to Bombay, rather than the 1865 miles overland through the narrow mountainous valleys and passes. The hand stamp on the reverse shows a **Nasseerabad** receiving mark with 11as added, this being the postal charge, 11 annas, to Bombay. In Bombay the **oval INDIA** hand stamp was added before the letter was entrusted to the captain of a paddle steamer.



The ship then sailed north to Aden to re-coal before sailing up the Red Sea to the port of Suez. The mail was transferred on to camels for the desert crossing to Shoubra, a few miles north of Cairo, thus avoiding the crowded city and after being ferried across the Nile it was transferred to a donkey caravan for the trip to Alexandria. This route had been pioneered by Thomas Fletcher Waghorn on behalf the British government and the East India Company. Overall, the trip is over 200 miles and takes 4 days.

By 1838 a secondary postal route had been set up by the Post Office with a charge of 1/-, three times the India Letter rate using this overland route with paddle steamers laid on to take the mail to Falmouth.

Thus, we have the route with Nasseerabad, Bombay and Falmouth – faint green Type III Additional ½ mark **CO 422**, and also on the reverse, an Edinburgh receiver marking its travel north towards Fort George.

We come then to the **postal charge**. The fee from India to Falmouth was 1/-, added to that is the 1/5 for carriage from there to Inverness, and a further 1d for the 12 miles to Fort George, giving a total of 2/6.

The letter took 4 months for the journey, but cost 8d more than by the slower, sailing vessel route via Cape Colony.

Society Programmes

September

1	King's Lynn	Zoom – Cook Islands	George Henshilwood
1	Peterborough	AGM and members displays	
5	Hinckley	Subs., Bourse and the subject letter “Y”	
6	Cambridge	Simonstown & the British presence, 1795 – 1975	Steve Hannath
6	Kettering	Dealers' evening	
6	Spalding	Some odds and ends	
7	Northamptonshire	U.S.A.	Terry Hughes
7	Isle of Ely	A look at how stamps developed, 1692 – 1902	David Leathart
8	King's Lynn	Germany & Hungary inflation mail	Andy Soutar
11	Sheringham	Stamp Auction	
12	Huntingdon	GB specimens and specimens stamps 1694 - 1902	David Leathart
14	Loughborough	AGM; new acquisitions	
15	Peterborough	Members' afternoon – G and F - are for	
19	Hinckley	Members' night – my other hobby	
22	King's Lynn	International Stamp Exhibitions	Derek Connell
26	Spalding	Competition E & bring and buy	
26	Huntingdon	Dawn comes up like thunder	Peter Pugh
27	Leiston	Social & Bourse evening	
27 – 30		STAMPEX	
28	Loughborough	History of VCs	Brian Buck

October

3	Hinckley	Cacti	Les Percy
4	Spalding	Greece	Angela Cooper
4	Kettering	Speaker's evening – details to follow	
5	Northamptonshire	Canada	Ken Flint
5	Isle of Ely	George VI, Colonial, Aden to Zanzibar	John Spencer
6	King's Lynn	Zoom – 19 th century illustrated post cards	Adrian Pearson
6	Peterborough	Airmails	Alan Berrisford
8	Hinckley	Annual Stamp Fair & Auction	
9	Sheringham	Hong Kong	Peter Boyce
10	Huntingdon	Members' evening, letters N, O & P.	
12	Loughborough	Philatelic Congress of Great Britain	Steven Harrison
13	King's Lynn	Machins in the 1990s and 2000s	Richard Moss
20	Peterborough	Turkish speaking countries	Colin Thorpe
21	EAPHS	Stowmarket – all day meeting	
24	Spalding	A trip to	Members displays
25	Leiston	St Helena – where is that?	Andy Soutar
26	Loughborough	George V 1935 Jubilee omnibus	
31	Hinckley	Members' night – display 1 – 18 sheets	

November

1	Spalding	Competition A – thematic: Air, wind and water	
1	Kettering	Members' evening – bring stamps, buy, sell and swap material	
2	Northamptonshire	Social evening; fish and chips supper	

2	Isle of Ely	George VI – Africa	John George
3	King’s Lynn	Zoom – Paris pneumatic post	Andy Soutar
3	Peterborough	Members’ afternoon	
9	Loughborough	Mwembers’ displays of one main colour, red, green and blue	
10	King’s Lynn	9 sheet competitions and bring and buy	
13	Sheringham	Quiz Night	Andrew MacCandlish
14	Hinckley	House of Windsor	Ian Varey
14	Huntingdon	Dominica	Simon Richards
17	Peterborough	Malta	Alan Bannister
21	Spalding	A Christmas theme	Joyce Boyer
22	Leiston	Society auction	
23	Loughborough	Indis States, weird and wonderful	Sir Alec Jeffries
24	King’s Lynn	Slania engravings	Terry Wagg
		Something local	Mike Kentzer
28	Hinckley	Military Mail and an ‘Edward’ display	Andrew Dove
28	Huntingdon	Humanitarian Aid	Dahlia Harrison

Stamp fairs

September

2	Leicester	Holiday Inn, St Nicholas Circle, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
16	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury NN4 0RZ	01283 820 151
24	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood, PE3 6SG	01945 700 594
27	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre, WD3 8HD	07957 158 299
30	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07597 158 299

October

8	Hinckley P S Stamp Fair	Hinckley Parks Primary School, Leicester Road, LE10 1LP	
8	Slip End	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
15	Sandy	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446 004
21	Warmington	MAPF Display Day & AGM	
21	St Ives,	Bi-annual Stamp Fair	
25	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre, WD3 8HD	07957 158 299
28	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07597 158 299

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18	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	01283 820 151
25	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07597 158 299
26	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood, PE3 5SG	01945 700 594
29	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre, WD3 8HD	07957 158 299

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KETTERING
Stamp and Philatelic Society
STAMP FAIR
Saturday 7th October 2023
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
ISE LODGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
St. Vincent's Avenue
KETTERING NN15 5DR
Stamps / Collections / Covers
Postal History / Accessories.
Free Entry, Free Car Parking.
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Avenue.



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SAVE THE DAY

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation
Display Day

Saturday 21st October 2023

Warmington Village Hall
Nr. Peterborough
PE8 6TE
10am until 4pm

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