

# Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

June 2024

Welcome to the latest newsletter which heralds the advent of our **Convention** with all its competition entries and awards, which runs in tandem with Tony Hender's **Philanglia** Stamp Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

John Spencer FRPSL is organising this event and has worked hard to keep updating our rules and their application. As ever, we will have all our entries judged by 'neutral' judges, this year, I understand, from the Thames Valley Federation.

## Inter-society 9 sheet competition:

### Traditional Class

Nationalist stamp to national stamp  
Stamps of Malta in the reign of George V  
Switzerland – the landscape definitive stamps of 1934 & 1936  
Development of cancellations in the line engraved period

### Postal History Class

Edinburgh sorting tenders  
Mail into Scotland from India in the Additional ½ period  
Falkland Islands – Government Department cachets used to indicate exemption from postage  
Warsaw – postal services, 1915 – 1918

### Thematic Class

RNLI lifeboats saving lives at sea  
The life and career of the Rt Rev William Lancelot Scott Fleming KCVO  
The wren  
My first day (and more) of caving

## 16 sheet individual entries

I understand the following have been submitted for judging, which will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June:

Traditional (5);            Thematic (3);            Postal History (1)            Aerophilately (1);            PPC (2);  
Postal Stationery (1).

## MAPF Convention & Philanglia

Will take place at Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives. PE27 6WU on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. As well as more than 25 regional and national dealers, all our competition entries will be on show, with presentations at midday.

We hope to see you all there!

It is with sadness that we note the demise of another philatelic society. **Fenland PS** based in Wisbech finally closed their doors at the end of April. This is in spite of the sterling efforts of Richard Lewis (secretary), Richard Moss FRPSL (treasurer) and Paul Lascelles (acting chairman) over last few years to keep meetings going with a fine group of invited speakers. They will be missed.

## Cover of the Quarter

During the 1790s several different FREE hand stamps were introduced as a way of fighting back against the widespread abuse of the privilege for MPs, members of the House of Lords, Bishops and named officers of the Government. Postage was so expensive that there are many letters where the signature et cetera are not in the same hand as the signature!

There was a restriction on the numbers of FREE letters that could be sent each day (10) and received (15). To enable this – as best they could – letters had to be endorsed with the signature of the sender, which was recorded and kept for reference at the relevant department at London's head post office. At the top of the letter the sender also had to write the name of the nearest post town and the date in full.

It should also be noted that only letters coming into, out of or through London were given hand stamps. Mail NOT travelling thus received NO FREE hand stamp at all. All of this made keeping control of FREE letters was rather difficult!

The letter, below, was sent by an unidentified member of the House of Lords from Sevenoaks to the College of Arms in London. On posting it received a strike of the curved Sevenoaks hand stamp, **KT 1028**, and on arrival in the capital a fine strike of the Free Frank mark, **L 786**.



## National Spring Exhibition

This was held at the Royal Philatelic Society, London's headquarters at 15 Abchurch Lane with 43 entries, two of which were from members of one of our societies:

Dr Jon Higgins FRPSL

North Borneo, 1888 – 1892, small shield issue and its surcharges and forgeries 86 marks Gold

David Leathart FRPSL

GB sample and specimen stamps, 1837 – 1861 81 Large vermeil

Congratulations to both collectors.

## Autumn Stampex

A real exhibition, this time, and not a virtual one, will be held at the British Design Centre from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October. This year it will be based in the Atrium Hall and the Gallery, up at the gallery level, above the usual main floor.

The list of dealers taking part is on the Stampex website, but I note there are no French stamp dealers and several new faces, including Ascension Island.

## Europillex 2025

Less than a year to the next big international philatelic exhibition at the NEC in May next year.

Up to date details can be seen on the website, which currently shows only 40 trade stand holders, but otherwise looks like being a much larger show than its predecessors in London.

## The British County catalogues

The East Anglia Postal History Society has embarked on updating the records for our local counties in this excellent set of books of which the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition was published in 1996.

Much material has come on the market since then and many new hand stamps and earliest and latest dates have come to light. Tom Slemons has written a superb book on Suffolk Postal History to 1844 (Stuart Rossiter Trust), and more recently an excellent update for Lincolnshire, written by Frank Wilson, has appeared in the Eastern Angle, the EAPHS' quarterly journal.

We are looking for members, particularly in our region, to let us have details of any items that they may have, that will extend the scope of the society's work. John Copeland is the secretary, details, below.

## Society programmes

### June

5	Cambridge	Annual General Meeting	
5	Spalding	Lincolnshire Postal History	Frank Wilson
6	Peterborough	Members' afternoon – covers from your collection	
6	Isle of Ely	Annual General Meeting	
11	Huntingdon	Captain Cook	Chris North
13	Spalding	Boats, trains & planes – displays by members	
13	Luton	Single sheet competition;	
20	Peterborough	Annual General Meeting	
21	Cambridge	Zoom presentation	
25	Huntingdon	Annual General Meeting	
26	Leiston	Stamps & postal history of British Forces in Egypt, 1932 – 1951	Mick Carter
27	Luton	Romania – stamps & postal history	Gordon Hardy

### July

3	Cambridge	'It's in the stars'	Scott Kibby
3	Spalding	Terry Wagg & Mike Kentzer entertain	
19	Cambridge	Zoom presentation	
23	Spalding	Pages from my albums	

## August

7	Cambridge	Members' evening – show what you like	
7	Spalding	Aspects of tobacco	Dahlia Harrison
11	Luton	Nobel prize winners & the Periodic Table	David & Garth
16	Cambridge	Zoom presentation	
25	Luton	President's evening	
27	Spalding	Ukraine	Bruce Townshend

## Stamp Fairs

### June

1	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
23	Sandy	Scout Hut, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446 004
29	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07957 158 299

**29 PHILANGLIA Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives. PE27 6WU 01328 829 318**

30	Leicester	Glen Parva Memorial Hall, LE2 9JD	07803 142 933
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### July

6	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
13	Northampton	Abbey centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07966 565 151
19/20	York	Grandstand, Racecourse, YO23 1EX	07947 631 835
28	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01945 700 594

## August

3	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
3	Norwich	Hewett School, NR1 2PL	01328 829 318
4	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
18	Sandy	Scout Hut, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QV	01494 446 004
31	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury NN4 2HN	07957 158 299

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Terry Wagg	King's Lynn
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn
Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn

#### **NEXT SEASON'S PROGRAMMES**

Please would society secretaries let me have copies of their 2024/25 programmes as soon as possible please, even if, in August, they are still in draft form. ([mike.kentzer@gmail.com](mailto:mike.kentzer@gmail.com)) Thank you.

## **PHILANGLIA 2024**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

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