

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

September 2024

Welcome to a new season of collecting.

We are pleased to record the success of Jon Higgins' entry to the North National Competitions at the York Show in July. Jon gained a large vermeil for his entry of: 'Japanese one-line overprints on the stamps of Brunei, narrowly missing out on a gold medal. Congratulations to Jon.

At the same event there was, unknown to us and several other federations, an inter-Fed competition. Only five federations entered and we would have entered had we known. We have taken part in this competition several times in the last 10 years. We are disappointed not to have had the opportunity to do so this time. Perhaps the communications from the ABPS will be better next time round!

Philanglia and our Convention

Organised for the first time this year, by John Spencer, our display of competition entries was as well received as ever and consisted of 26 entries. The standards were high, though for once there were no gold awards as the mark schemes had been 'tweaked' to bring them more in line with national standards rather than those at federation level.

Overall 'Best in Show' was shared between Graham Wylde (Cambridge) and Jon Higgins (King's Lynn)

Again, this year, we had a junior entry offered by MAC McLoughlin with a splendid display of 'the complex 4d Wilding, gaining 81 points for a Vermeil award. Congratulations to all who took part.

Competition Results - 9 sheet inter-society classes

Traditional

Switzerland - The landscape definitive stamps of 1934 and 1939	Susan Barlow (KL)	84	LV
Nationalist stamp to National stamp (Spain)	Josefina Martinez-Perez (GR)	78	LS
Edinburgh sorting tenders	John Hossack (LB)	78	LS
Stamps of Malta used during the reign of George V	Graham Wylde (C)	76	LS

Postal History

Mail from India to Scotland during the Additional half period (1813 -39)	Mike Kentzer (KL)	86	LV
Warsaw -postal services, 1915 – 1918	Wojciech Kierstan (GR)	83	V
The development of cancellations during the line engraved period	Graham Wylde (C)	80	V
Falkland Isles: Government Department caches to indicate exemption from postage	John Spencer (LB)	76	LS

Thematic

The Wren	Dahlia Harrison (KL)	85	LV
My first day (and more) of caving	Adrian Boggust (C)	74	S
RNLI – Lifeboats – saving lives at sea	Mark B Ellis (GR)	73	S
The life and career of Rt Rev W L S Fleming, KCVO	John Spencer (LB)	70	S

Junior Class

The complex 4d Wilding	MAC McLoughlin (GR)	81	V
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16 sheet individual entries

Traditional

Plate 1 of the One Penny Black	Graham Wylde (C)	88	LV
Japanese one-line overprints on the stamps of Brunei	Jon Higgins (KL)	88	LV
The proofs and trade samples of Newfoundland, 1857 = 1930	Adrian Boggust (C)	86	LV
Perfins of the Czechoslovak Territories	Wojciech Kierstan (GR)	83	V
QEII – the Machin definitives	Paul Peacock (LB)	70	S

Postal History

Aspects of Martinique's postal history	Terry Harrison (KL)	80	V
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Thematic

To smoke or not to smoke, that is the question	Dahlia Harrison (KL)	87	LV
Columbus, Isabel La Catholica and the New World	Josefina Martinez-Perez (GR)	72	S
Walter Georg Quensell's 'Tin Can Mail'	Mark B Ellis (GR)	72	S

Aerophilately

The Great Air Race	John Sims (Hunts)	85	LV
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Picture Post Cards

Royal Leamington Spa – a walk along the Parade	Dahlia Harrison (KL)	84	V
The language of stamps on post cards	James Dickinson (Kett)	75	LS

Postal Stationery

GB: Registered covers for foreign postage in the Jubilee period, 1887-1901	David Leathart (KL)	84	V
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Iner-Society competition

Society	Traditional	Postal History	Thematic	Total
King's Lynn	84	86	85	255
Grantham	78	83	73	234
Cambridge	76	80	74	230
Leighton Buzzard	78	76	70	224

The judging panel was: Gordon Jeffreys, FRPSL (chairman), Tony Stanford, FRPSL and Malcolm Gascoyne, FRPSL.

Our grateful thanks to our judges for their time and consideration.



Graham Wylde receives his certificate from Richard Husband, President of MAPF



MAC McLoughlin wins the Junior trophy for the third consecutive year.



Dahlia Harrison collects one of her three awards from Richard Husband



John Sims wins the aerophilatelic trophy, and not for the first time



Dahlia Harrison and Mike Kentzer, two of the contributors to King's Lynn's success in the Inter-society competition.

The third member of the team was Susan Barlow – please note – her entry was hand written in pencil – you do NOT need a computer and printer – just legible hand writing.

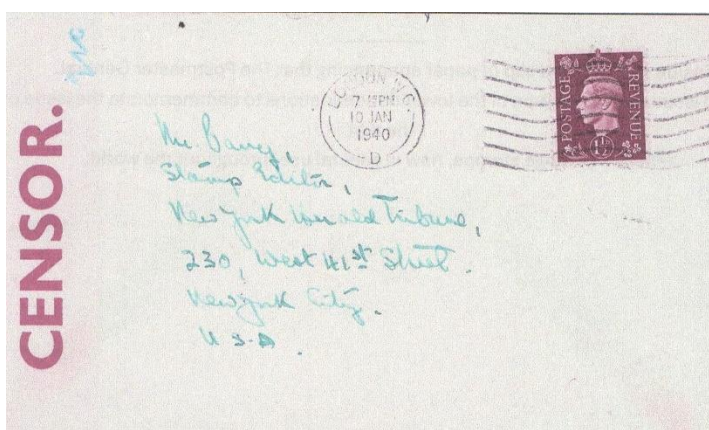
In the background is John Spencer who arranged the whole process leading to the Convention; to whom many thanks.

Philanglia 2025

Next year this stamp fair will be supported by the Federation in memory of Fenland Stamp Club using a small part of the funds donated to MAPF after it unfortunately had to close earlier this year.

Cover of the Quarter Terry Wagg FRPSL

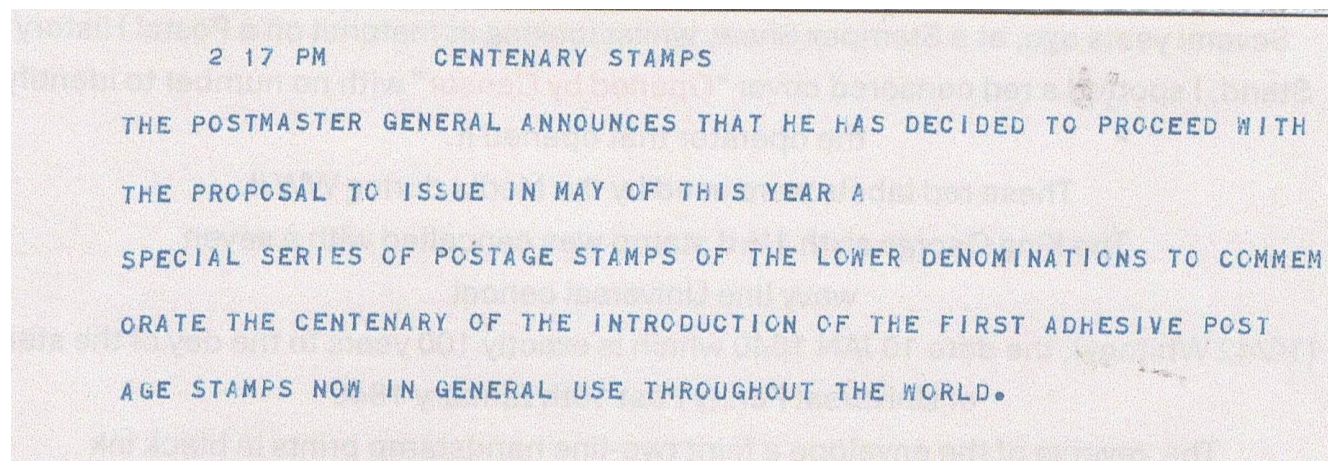
Several years ago, at a Stampex Show, whilst looking at material on a postal history stand, I spotted a red censored cover – 'Opened by Censor' with no number to identify the operator who opened it.



The red censor labels were used during World War II for media mail. The George VI 1 ½ d stamp was cancelled with a 7 wavy-line Universal machine mark on 10th January 1940 – the centenary of the introduction of the Universal Penny Post.

The reverse of the cover bears a faint receiving mark: London Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune.

Inside was a folded strip of paper as shown below:



Machin watch with Peter Morton

Of course, the Machin stamps have been replaced by the new Charles III definitive issues but their format follows that of the stamps of Queen Elizabeth II.

Peter Morton has produced a lengthy and comprehensive update for those who have started collecting the new king's stamps. It is attached as a separate item to this newsletter.

Fenland P S

We are sorry to report that the Fenland P S has closed, ending a long history of philatelic meetings, going back to the days of the March and Wisbech society. This is the second society to have ceased to exist after the demise of Rutland PS a year or so ago.

It is to be hoped that this is end of such closures, and NOT part of a trend.

Stampex, 2024 (23rd – 26th October)

Still based at the British Design Centre in Islington, one major change this year is that it is **being held upstairs**, at the gallery level in the auditorium and adjacent areas. The most straightforward way in is up the elevator to the first level.

There is no need for pre-registration nor for the purchase of tickets for the first day. Over 50 dealers, members of the PTS will be in attendance.

Europhilex 2025 ((8th – 11th May)

This full international exhibition should be an excellent new departure, with its not being based in London, but at the NEC, Birmingham. With everything on one level, it will be easy to move around and see all the competition

entries and displays. At this time only 39 dealers have signed up, so hopefully more will join in as we head towards next May.

Federation Display Day and AGM

This has been arranged for Sunday 17th November at Warmington, west of Peterborough and 3 or 4 miles from the A1. Further details will follow.

Society programmes

September

3	Hinckley & District	The letter 'A' or anything related to 'Numbers'	
4	Spalding & District	Members - something NOT SHOWN before	
4	Cambridge	T B A	
4	Kettering	Dealers' evening	
5	Isle of Ely	President's morning – 'A Royal Occasion'	
5	Peterborough & District	Members' afternoon – any subject	
6	King's Lynn	Zoom – Business in Abchurch Lane (PH)	Mark Bailey
6	Luton & District	T B A	
10	Huntingdonshire	President's display	
13	King's Lynn	Photography and the postage stamp	Geoff Blackwell
17	Hinckley & District	What is postal history (letters)	Richard Farman
19	Peterborough & District	Czechoslovakia	Alan Berrisford
20	Cambridge	Zoom meeting, shared with Harrogate P S	
24	Huntingdonshire	Lynn & Lynn to Hunstanton Railway	Mike Kentzer
		The story of the GB ½ stamp	Terry Wagg
24	Spalding & District	Competition E, and bring and buy	
25	Leiston & District	Social and bourse evening	
27	King's Lynn	Newfoundland	Adrian Boggust

October

1	Hinckley & District	Stockport, Cheshire, 1740 – 1845 and 1952 – 1990	
		QEII 2 ½ d Wildings	Tony Mottram
2	Spalding & District	Australia	Angela Cooper
2	Cambridge	President's display	Rufus Barnes
2	Kettering	Speaker's evening	T B A
3	Isle of Ely	St Vincent	Terry Harrison
3	Peterborough & District	One of Gordon Stirman's collections	
4	King's Lynn	Zoom – Seaside piers	Barry Feltham
4	Luton & District	Russian Roulette	Fin O'Donoghue
7	Isle of Ely	Huntingdonshire Society entertains	
8	Huntingdonshire	Members' evening – letters U, V W & X	
11	King's Lynn	Members evening – picture post cards, 1 frame or more	
	13	Hinckley & District	ANNUAL STAMP FAIR (Sunday)
15	Hinckley & District	Members – auction night	
17	Peterborough & District	German World War II occupation issues	Derrick Pollard
18	Cambridge	zoom meeting – Victorian Life	Graham Wylde
19	East Anglia PHS	members' meeting at Stowmarket	

19	Huntingdon	STAMP & POST CARD FAIR	
22	Huntingdonshire		
22	Spalding & District	GB Royalty – members' displays	
23	Leiston & District	Island hopping	Robert Mason

23 – 26 **STAMPEX** **BDC, Islington, London**

25	King's Lynn	Norfolk postal history, from 1579 Hurtigruten, the coastal express	David Leathart Richard Moss
29	Hinckley & District	To the ends of the earth – Polar Exploration	Alan Godfrey

November

1	King's Lynn	Zoom – Imperial Airways Africa service	Charles Lloyd
6	Cambridge	Postal history of British Levant	Tony Crowther
6	Spalding & District	Competition A – thematic: Anniversaries	
6	Kettering	Members' evening – bring & buy	
7	Peterborough & District	Members' afternoon – O and P are for	
8	King's Lynn	9 sheet competitions; bring and buy	
8	Luton & District	Members displays – letters D & W, to commemorate David Wilson	
12	Huntingdonshire	Austria – stamps and postal history	Joyce Boyer
12	Hinckley & District	Members' night – something 'unusual'	
15	Cambridge	zoom meeting – TBA	

17 **MAPF** **Display Day and SGM at Warmington, near Peterborough**

21	Peterborough & District	Seasonal Christmas theme – led by a display from Ian and Mary Stirman	
22	King's Lynn	A to Z of postage dues around the world	Peter Watts
26	Hinckley & District	A philatelic history of China	David Hutchins
26	Huntingdonshire	T B A	
26	Spalding & District	Alan entertains	Alan Berrisford
27	Leiston & District	Society auction; viewing from 6:30, commences 7:30	

Stamp Fairs

September

7	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
8	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07966 565 151
14	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07957 158 299
22	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
29	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01945 700 594

October

5	Kettering P S	Ise Lodge Community Centre, NN15 5DR	01536 746 800
5	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
6	Slip End (Luton)	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
19	Huntingdonshire P S	Corn Exchange, The Pavement, St Ives. PE27 5AG	01480 468 037
20	Sandy	Scout Hut, Sunderland Road, SG91 1QY	01494 446 004
26	Northampton	Abbey Centre, East Hunsbury, NN4 2HN	07957 158 299

November

2	Leicester	Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
24	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	01945 700 594

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WITH EXCEPTIONAL STRIKE
DISTINCTIVE MALTESE CROSS
OF KILMARNOCK. Fine 1d pink
envelope from Kilmarnock to 'Mrs
Macleod of Macleod, 19 Gt.
Cumberland Street, Hyde Park,
London' cancelled EXCEPTIONAL
STRIKE OF THE DISTINCTIVE
MALTESE CROSS OF
KILMARNOCK, on reverse
'KILMARNOCK' date stamp FE 28
1844. A very rare and beautiful usage
with this cross seldom seen struck so
fine. Mike Jackson lists two such usages on the penny pink, both to Dublin in May and June 1844 but does
not record this usage. Exhibition quality. (Ref 138283). £3750.00





2. 1941 1D PALE SCARLET (SG486)
SUPERB DRY PRINT STRIP OF SIX.
A very fine o.g. right marginal
horizontal strip of six 1941 1d pale
scarlet (SG486) with MAJOR DRY
PRINT AFFECTING ALL STAMPS

WITH THREE STAMPS TOTALLY BLANK, one with 95% stamp missing and others less so. Five stamps
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