

# Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

March 2025

Welcome to the spring newsletter with updates on this year's competitions with some major changes and implications for the future.

## Annual competitions

**The committee has decided that we should change the approach to the 9 sheet competitions.**

While it is generally accepted that this format is more difficult to do well than the larger format with 16 sheets, it has been decided to make the 9 sheet classes to be developmental and to encourage new collectors to competing.

To this end we have **changed the marking scheme** to match this approach, with, for instance, fewer marks for rarity and more for research, philatelic knowledge and presentation.

Also, we have introduced a requirement that these classes – still in the same 3 categories, traditional, postal history and thematic – **are only open to those who have NOT previously attained a large silver** (75 – 80), or above, in Federation competitions.

All photocopied entries, which should include **an extra copy** of the introductory page, should be sent to John Spencer by **14<sup>th</sup> May**, to enable the panel of judges time to make their deliberations and the production of certificates and individual mark sheets with judges' comments.

All entries will then be displayed at our Convention as part of Philanglia on 21<sup>st</sup> June at the Burgess Hall, St Ives, PE27 6WU. Presentations will be made at midday.

## Extraordinary General Meeting

Your committee have decided to change our constitution to make the dates for the AGM, more flexible, than just being held in the autumn, and also to allow the meeting to take place via Zoom, should conditions require it – such as the pandemic.

The meeting has been called for 11:30 am on 21<sup>st</sup> June at Philanglia, prior to the awards being presented. There will be just this one item on the agenda.

## Display Day and AGM, 2025

John Spencer has arranged this again, many thanks, for Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at Warmington Village Hall, which is on Church Street, PE8 6TE. More details will follow.

## Europhilex 2025

Every ten years when the date ends in a 5, Europhilex shows are staged. They are held under the aegis of FEPA, the Association for Europe, as opposed to the FIP, which oversees the exhibitions in the UK when the year date ends in '0'.

For the first time one of these major exhibitions is being held outside London. At the NEC, there is more space, dealers can drive to their stands, access from road and rail is easy and there is plenty of parking on site. A further advantage for the organisers is that it is less expensive than the British Design Centre in London.

There will be over 56 dealers present, though very few from Europe, as a result of increased border controls in the last few years. There will also be up to 2 000 frames of exhibits from 40 countries and over 30 philatelic society meetings during the 5 days of the show.

Further information may be obtained from the exhibition website: [europhilex2025.co.uk](http://europhilex2025.co.uk)

### **King Charles III new barcoded 'Machin' definitive issues, with Peter Morton**

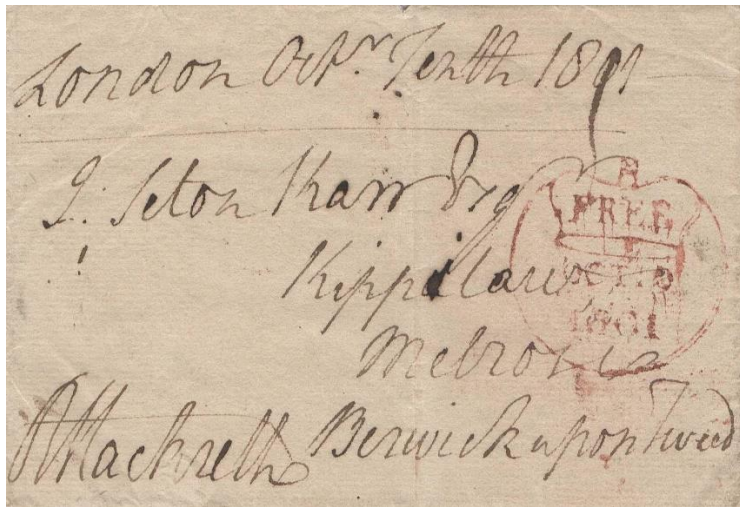
I summarise below those NVI values issued during 2024 with a '24' encoding in the iridescent security overprint:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Holly Green	M24L MAIL	sheet printing
1 <sup>st</sup> Plum Purple	M24L MAIL	sheet printing
2 <sup>nd</sup> Large, Dark Pine Green	M24L MAIL	sheet printing
1 <sup>st</sup> Large, Marine Turquoise	M24L MAIL	sheet printing
2 <sup>nd</sup> Holly Green	M24L MBIL	business printing sheet
2 <sup>nd</sup> Holly Green	M24L MEIL	booklet of 8 stamps
1 <sup>st</sup> Plum Purple	M24L MEIL	booklet of 8 stamps

A further prestige booklet was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for the Royal Armoury, printed in gravure by Cartor, but under a 2024 date: M24L MPIL, see the scan below.



## Cover of the Quarter



An 'Apple' free mark from London in 1801 permits Sir Robert Mackreth, former MP for Castle Rising (1774 – 84) to send this letter to Berwick.

He started out as an assistant at White's Club in London, married the wealthy daughter of the owner, and became an agent selling large country properties and money lender to asset rich land owners. He was found guilty of a £28 000 fraud and required to repay the money.

Despite this he was knighted in 1795 and retired from Parliament in 1802 to continue his financial dealings, including being a bookmaker, and buying a plantation in the West Indies. He died in 1819.

## Society Programmes

### March

4	Hinckley & District	Members' night – letter 'B'	
5	Cambridge	Society Auction	
5	Spalding & District	Members' displays – famous men and women	
5	Kettering	Indian States and fiscals	John George
5	Grantham	Annual General Meeting; members' displays – letter 'G'	
6	Northamptonshire	Trips on the river	Phil & Rae Linley
6	Peterborough	Display by Alan Bannister	
6	Isle of Ely	Members' display morning	
7	Luton & District	Switzerland, airmails, first flights and Soldier stamps	Richard Akers
7	King's Lynn	Zoom – Imperial Airways, Africa Service, Part 2	Charles Lloyd
11	Huntingdonshire	Tobacco	Dahlia Harrison
14	King's Lynn	Displays my members of Norwich PS	
18	Hinckley & District	Members' displays – 'People on stamps'	
20	Peterborough	Members' displays – Q and R is for ...	
21	Cambridge	Zoom – Nigerian forgeries	Paul Redhead
25	Spalding & District	Seagoing mail	Bruce Townshend
26	Leiston & District	Forgeries	Chris Harman
28	King's Lynn	The road to Wembley and more	Derek Connell

### April

1	Hinckley & District	Society auction	
2	Spalding & District	Competition A: 'T', 'U' or 'V' is for ...	
2	Kettering	Members' displays; bourse	
2	Cambridge	Competition evening – judges from KLPS	
3	Northamptonshire	Annual competitions -NW Trophy & Wilde Cup; letters J, K & L	
3	Isle of Ely	Agriculture	Bernard Lemmon
3	Peterborough	Members' afternoon – imprinted stationery etc.	

4	King's Lynn	Zoom - The life of the GR ½d stamp	Terry Wagg
4	Luton & District	Members' displays, <b>D or W</b> , remembering David Wilson	
<b>7</b>	<b>Kettering</b>	<b>STAMP FAIR</b> (Details below)	
8	Huntingdonshire	To be confirmed	
11	King's Lynn	Cook Islands	George Henshilwood
15	Hinckley & District	The Gallipoli Campaign	Chris Grimshaw17
	Peterborough	Joyce Boyer entertains	
22	Spalding & District	Members displays – 'Things I like'	
23	Leiston & District	St George's Day – members' displays of George VI material	
25	King's Lynn	Competitions – 16 sheets; any category	Judge Ken Burr
29	Hinckley & District	Visit from Solihull P S	

## May

1	Northamptonshire	Suffolk	Judith Bradshaw
1	Peterborough	Society auction	
1	Isle of Ely	Cambridge collection of United Nations	
2	Spalding & district	GB Perfins	Richard Husband
2	King's Lynn	Zoom – GB decimalisation and the Post Office	Maurice Buxton
2	Luton & District	British birds of prey	Richard Page
7	Cambridge	Baden Powell – an iconic man	Roger Carr
7	Kettering	Annual General Meeting; table sale; 4 sheet competition – letter 'I'	
9	King's Lynn	Annual General Meeting; members' one frame displays	
13	Huntingdonshire	Members' displays: letters: C, D, E & F	
13	Hinckley & District	Cyprus – its history and stamps	Ken Flint
15	Peterborough	Portugal	Paul Boswell
16	Cambridge	Zoom –Free franks, 1764 – 1807	
		Lynn to Hunstanton Railway	Mike Kentzer
27	Spalding & District	Annual General Meeting & Trophy Awards; Competition E.	
27	Hinckley & District	Annual General Meeting, followed by a bourse	
28	Leiston & District	Annual General Meeting followed by a one sheet competition	

## Stamp Fairs

### March

1	Leicester	Holiday Inn, St Nicholas Circle; LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
30	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	07803 142 933

### April

5	<b>KETTERING P S</b>	<b>Ise Lodge Centre, St Vincents Avenue, NN15 5DR</b>	<b>01536 746 800</b>
5	Leicester	Holiday Inn, St Nicholas Circle, LE1 5LX	0116 235 0441
6	Slip End, Luton	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
12	Norwich	Hewitt School, NR1 2PW	01328 829 318
12	Northampton	Abbey Circle, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ	07966 565 151
26	Weedon	Village Hall, Weedon Bec, NN7 4QL	07843 142 933
27	Sandy (Beds)	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446 004

## May

8/11	Europhilex	Hall 9, N.E.C., BN40 1NT	01279 870 488
16/17	Stafford	County Showground, ST18 0BD	01785 259 350
18	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG	07803 142 933
25	Knebworth	Village Hall, SG3 6PD	01494 466 004

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## Committee Members

David Belton	North Herts
Terry Wagg	King's Lynn
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn
Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn

Do remember to look at our excellent website: [mapf.co.uk](http://mapf.co.uk)

Did you know that the website includes information on the following:

Convention and competition results

The details for entering our competitions in 2025

9 members' displays – from King's Lynn, to North Borneo to Antigua

6 excellent articles to read

Lists of local qualified judges

7 occasional displays – from Scarborough & Whitby to the African Lakes Corporation

Excellent features on improving your exhibits (and displays)

The list of speakers from the ABPS

links to other philatelic sources



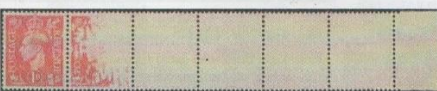
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