

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

September 2016

Welcome back to the new season, particularly for those societies which closed down over the summer.

Convention

This was held in St Ives on 25th June and turned out to be a most successful and enjoyable day as it was so well supported by both society members and the public alike. It was good to meet old friends, make new acquaintances and put faces to names I've come to know through the newsletter.

We received 23 x 9 sheet entries in the three inter-society competitions and three in each of those in the individual 16 sheet classes. Two entries earned a gold medal standard and several others were close. All together there were 41 frames of exhibits which were well viewed on the day.

The results were as follows:

Inter-society 9 sheet competitions

Traditional

			Federation Large Shield		
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn	N Borneo provisionals, 1895-7	87	Gold	1 st
Penny Taylor	King's Lynn	GB: the Q V Jubilee issue	82	Silver Gilt	2 nd
Richard Lewis	Fenland	GB: George V controls	81	Silver Gilt	3 rd
David Stirrups	Cambridge	The Niuafou'ou issue & o/p	77	Large Silver	
Peter Morton	Cambridge	GB: Q V 2d blues	75	Large Silver	
Terry Brooks	Leighton Buzzard	GB: Q V 2d blues	71	Silver	
R E Morrissey	Leighton Buzzard	1 st issues of Thailand	66	Silver Bronze	
John George	Huntingdon	Anglo-Egyptian Treaty issues	59	Bronze	
Gilbert Smith	Peterborough	Gabon – 1932 issues, die proofs	59	Bronze	

Postal History

			Stitt Dibden Cup		
David Stirrups	Cambridge	Spanish mail, via Gibraltar	84	Silver Gilt	1 st
Mike Kentzer	Isle of Ely	Additional ½ tax, into Scotland	83	Silver Gilt	2 nd
Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn	King's Lynn postal history	81	Silver Gilt	3 rd
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn	N Borneo – registration etiquettes	80	Silver Gilt	
R E Morrissey	Leighton Buzzard	Thai post in WW2	76	Large Silver	
Simon Kelly	Cambridge	Cooch Behar, date stamps	70	Silver	
Bill Gibb	Huntingdon	Gibraltar – South District	69	Silver Bronze	

Thematic

			Williams Rose Bowl		
Adrian Boggust	Cambridge	Caving – the easy way!	77	Large Silver	1 st
Terry Wagg	Isle of Ely	Queen Elizabeth 1	72	Silver	=2 nd
Graham Wilde	Cambridge	Welding Technology	72	Silver	=2 nd

R Page	Leighton Buzzard	Wildlife of Britain, near you	69	Silver	Bronze
Terry Wagg	King's Lynn	Royal Occasions	67	Silver	Bronze
Mr Lemmon	Huntingdon	The Royal British Legion	57	Bronze	
Gordon Hunter	King's Lynn	Birds of Prey	56	Bronze	

Individual 16 sheet competitions

Traditional

King's Lynn Jubilee Trophy

Jon Higgins	King's Lynn	Queen's head stamps of Labuan	86	Gold	1 st
Stuart Ross	King's Lynn	Malawi: 1988 from design – issue	79	Large Silver	2 nd
Stuart Ross	King's Lynn	Kenya: 1993 birds issue	77	Large Silver	3 rd

Aerophilately

Jack Simmonds Trophy

John Sims	Huntingdon	Australia/NZ air mails	82	Silver Gilt	1 st
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn	By KLM from British Borneo	80	Silver Gilt	2 nd
Gilbert Smith	Peterborough	Flown on the Graf Zeppelin,	64	Silver Bronze	3 rd

Open Class

Fenland Trophy

Pam Hiscock	Sleaford U3A	A gallant silken trade	73	Silver	1 st
Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn	Scarborough & postal history	71	Silver	2 nd
Jon Higgins	King's Lynn	Confrontation with Indonesia	70	Silver	3 rd

Best overall exhibit

Kay Goodman Trophy

Jon Higgins

Inter-society competition

Millennium Shield

Society	Traditional	Postal History	Thematic	Total	Place
Cambridge	77	84	77	238	1 st
King's Lynn	87	81	67	235	2 nd
Leighton Buzzard	71	76	69	216	3 rd
Huntingdon	59	69	57	185	
Isle of Ely	-	83	72	(155)	
Fenland	81			(81)	
Peterborough	59			(59)	

We were delighted to have three of our judges, from Essex, able to be at the Convention on the day. They spoke at length to several of the exhibitors and gave of their considerable experience and one of them even found a 'gem' for his collection that he had been seeking for a long time.

Next year's Convention will be held alongside Philanglia at St Ives on Saturday 24th June.

Below are some photographs from this year's Convention.



Clockwise from top left, President Bill Gibb presents Peter Morton with the Inter Society trophy won by Cambridge P S; Jon Higgins is awarded the Federation Large Shield for his traditional entry; three of our panel of Essex Federation judges: **Iain Stevenson, Dave Armitage and Len Stanway**; John Sims receives the Aerophilatelic Shield for his Australia and New Zealand airmails.

Photographs by Terry Wagg

Producing a philatelic Quiz

Julie Barnard, the Bedford secretary, was faced with compiling last season's inter-society quiz, a new venture for her. Looking at previous quizzes she noticed that there were usually sections on GB, Commonwealth and the rest of the world, with 10 questions on each, and that recently a picture round had been introduced. Julie could not ask other members of her society for help as they might have been in the team!

So she resorted to her collection of issues of Stamp Magazine to find the 30 questions required. The **third round was a 'trivia'** one based around the rest of the world including such items as transport of mail. For the first time in several years Bedford did NOT win the quiz; the honour went Leighton Buzzard.

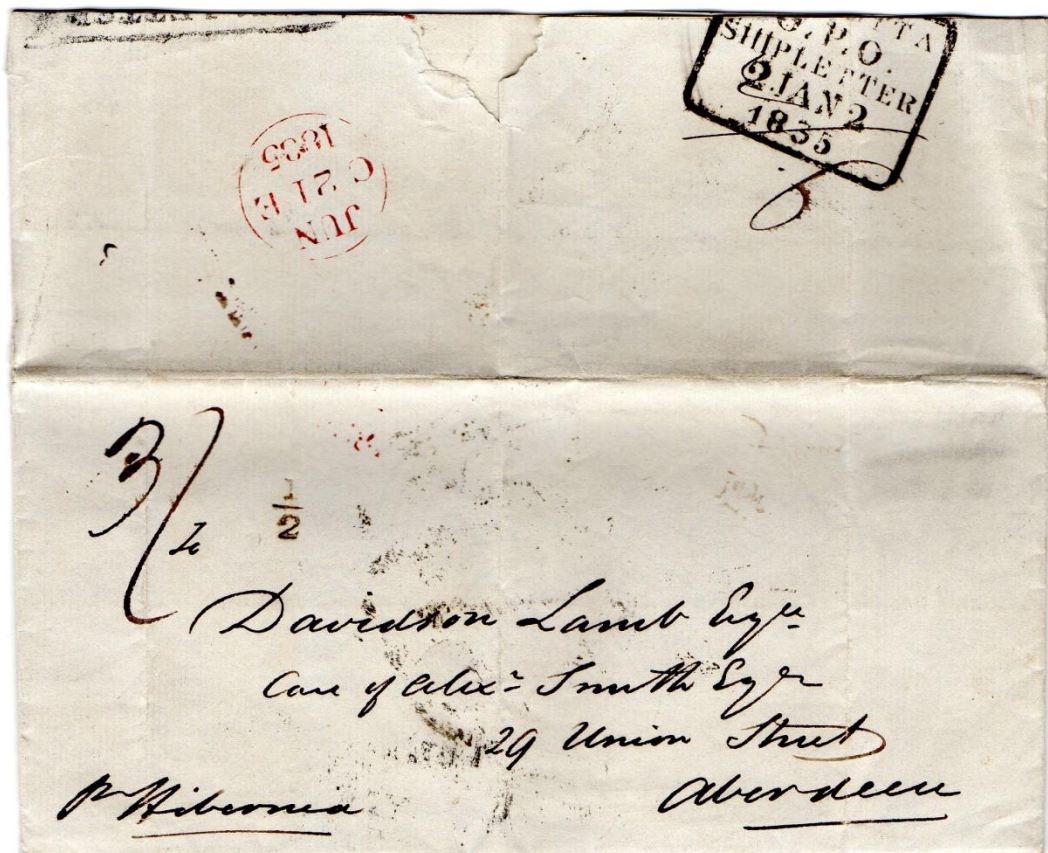
Hinckley and District P S is pleased to announce that it is holding its Annual Autumn Fair and Exhibition on Sunday 9th October from 10:00 – 15:00 at the Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland 6th Form College, Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE. Entry is free.

This quarter's cover

Calcutta in north eastern India was the starting point for this entire sent by the **Registrar, Supreme Court**, to a firm of solicitors in **Aberdeen**, relating to the estate, in India of a Dr George Lamb. **Posted on 31st December 1834**, it arrived in **Edinburgh (red receiver) on 21st June 1835** for onward transmission to Aberdeen.

The letter was carried on the **packet, Hibernia**, and was marked as having passed through the **Calcutta General Post Office on 2nd January**. It arrived in **Plymouth – India Letter/ Plymouth** – and passed on to **Exeter** where it received the **uniquely small un-framed ½**, a **type IV (DN 643)** before being carried to London an then up the Great North Road.

The **total postage paid** on arrival in Aberdeen was **3/- plus the ½d**, this being made up of **8d ship letter fee** and **2/4 the double weight rate** for the distance from Devon to the north east coast of Scotland.



Federation Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at The Arbury Centre, Cambridge at 11:00 am on Saturday 12th November. All are invited to attend.

Isle of Ely P S

During the year members have been transported to Antarctica and Gibraltar, learned about mail carried under London and Bishop's Stortford's postal history. Ely members have displayed at Bury St Edmunds, King's Lynn and Leighton Buzzard, receiving return visits from the last two societies.

A new item this year was the President's Challenge – sealed envelopes containing thematic subjects were chosen at random and over the following two months members had to put together a 9 sheet display. Everybody took part, under the threat of an undisclosed 'fine', and many displayed for the first time. Though initially unpopular the final results were enjoyable and entertaining.

King's Lynn

Tired of the perennial 'beginning with letters....' members were asked to put together a 9 sheet display on the theme of transport. There were so many offerings of a wide variety of interpretations that not all managed to display. Most encouraging were the displays of members who hadn't done so before.

Society Programmes

September

1	Kettering	Dealers' evening	
1	Peterborough	Members' afternoon	ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 2:00 pm
7	Cambridge	Nova Scotia & New Brunswick	Colin Fraser
7	Spalding	Peter or Arthur entertains	
7	Grantham	T B A	
8	Isle of Ely	Belgium – stamps & postal history	Mike Brindle
8	Loughborough	Presentations – recent acquisitions	
9	King's Lynn	Montserrat & St Vincent	Chris Southgate
9	Luton	Members' Bring and buy evening	
12	Sheringham	Allied Occupation of Germany	Joe Leighton
13	Huntingdon	President's evening	
14	Bedford	Members' evening	
15	Fenland	Welcome back; subscriptions; letters F or G; recent/latest purchases	
15	Peterborough	David and Pam Hiscock entertain	
16	Cambridge	President's evening	Rufus Barnes
17	Kettering	Coach trip to Stampex	
21	Leighton Buzzard	Subs, bourse, Stamp Hunt Raffle entries	
22	Loughborough	Thematic mix	Brian Buck
23	King's Lynn	Picture postcards	Simon Massen
27	Spalding	Society auction	
27	Huntingdon	Members' evening – letters F and B	

28	Leiston	College stamps	Chris Harman
29	Fenland	Fenland railways & transport matters 1d and 2d pre-stamp material	Alan & Rena Whittington John George

October

5	Cambridge	B M A Malaya	Peter Cockburn
5	Spalding	SADMAS competition (at Spalding)	
5	Grantham	Letter 'I'; club auction	
6	Isle of Ely	Pirates	Pam Hiscock
6	Peterborough	Hong Kong 111	George Birch
6	Kettering	Victoria Cross philately	Ron Jones
7	Luton	Ships linking Australia, NZ & UK	Lorraine Maguire
8	MAPF DISPLAY DAY Denver, near Downham Market		
10	Sheringham	Power point presentation; stamps & P H	Terry Wagg
11	Huntingdon	Australia to New Zealand	Lorraine Maguire
12	Bedford	Footsteps through the album	Paul Skinner FRPSL
13	Fenland	GB QV Line engraved issues	Graham Wylde
13	Loughborough	Displays – the letter "I"	
14	King's Lynn	Competitions' (3); Aspects of County postal history	Mike Roberts
17	Leighton Buzzard	Visit to Oxford P S	
19	Leighton Buzzard	Bourse; Antarctica	Dave Walker
19	Bedford	Society visit to Boys' Brigade, Bedford	
20	Peterborough	Members' afternoon	
21	Cambridge	Scottish postal history	Iain Stevenson
25	Spalding	The moving finger...	Pamela Hiscock
25	Huntingdon	Members' evening – letters M and V	
26	Leiston	St Helena – Boer War POW mail etc.	Bernard Mabbett
27	Fenland	Visit by King's Lynn P S	
27	Loughborough	X-rays	Brian Brandon
28	King's Lynn	Early Albania	Lynn Roberts

November

2	Grantham	AGM; one sheet display	
2	Spalding	Monthly competition; 'something topical'; Bring & buy	
2	Cambridge	Competition evening; Display	Adrian Boggust
3	Isle of Ely	An evening with newspapers	Simon Kelly
3	Peterborough	British Post Offices in Latin America	Bill Gibb
4	Luton	Members' displays – letters R or L	
8	Huntingdon	To be arranged	
9	Bedford	Visit by Leighton Buzzard P S	
9	Leighton Buzzard	Visit to Bedford P S	
10	Fenland	GB: Jubilees to Georges Malawi, Nyasaland & Kenya	Phil Illisley Stuart Ross
10	Loughborough	American/Canadian duck stamps	Peter Marshall

11	King's Lynn	Members' one frame displays: picture postcards	
12		Federation A G M Arbury Centre, Cambridge	
14	Sheringham	Quiz night with Andrew McCandlish	
16	Leighton Buzzard	Liechtenstein; bourse	Fin O'Donoghue
17	Peterborough	Society Collection	
18	Cambridge	Visit by Bury St Edmunds P S	
22	Huntingdon	Another bloody railway	Peter Pugh
23	Leiston	Society auction	
24	Fenland	Successes and failures	Richard Lewis
		T B A	Graham Smith
24	Loughborough	An evening with Miles Newey	
25	King's Lynn	Postal history with a difference	Don Davies
29	Spalding	'Christmas'	Joyce Boyer

Stamp Fairs

September

4	Milton Keynes	MK13 7RA	07710 683122
10	Cambridge	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
10	Ipswich	IP5 1JF	01473 723863
10	Northampton		01283 820151
18	Norwich	NR8 5AH	01328 829318
24	Northampton		07597 158299
25	Peterborough	PE3 6SG	01945 700594
25	Potter's Bar		01892 832897
25	Stevenage	SG1 2AX	07710 683122

October

1	Redbourn (Herts)	AL3 7LW	07710 683122
2	Bedford	MK41 7UY	01623 621143
2	Hopton (Norfolk)	NR31 9BE	01502 563759
6	Milton Keynes	MK13 7RA	07710 683122
8	King's Lynn	PE30 4DZ	01603 419307
9	Hinckley & District P S Stamp Fair	LE10 1LE	01455 613826
9	Slip End (Luton)	LU1 4BU	07710 683122
22	St Ives		01480 383103
30	Hatfield	AL10 9RH	07710 683122

November

12	Cambridge	CB4 2LD	01223 355004
20	Norwich	NR8 5AH	01328 829318
26	Northampton		07957 158 299
27	Peterborough	PE3 6SG	01945 700594

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Hinckley	Bob Mason	01455 250745
Huntingdonshire	Mick Twinn	01480 383103
Isle of Ely	Chris North	01354 659358
Kettering	Gordon Tregidgo	01536 746800
King's Lynn	Terry Wagg	01485 544743
Leighton Buzzard	John Spencer	01525 370745
Leiston	Andy Soutar	01394 460901
Loughborough	Rowland Tatton	01509 268073
Luton	Fin O'Donoghue	01582 453244
Northamptonshire	Paul Boniface	01604 452128
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Peterborough	Alan Berrisford	01733 567527
Rutland	Dave Lucas	01664 474596
Rushden	Malcolm Whitehead	01933 350646
Sheringham	Jim Farrell	01263 721043
Sleaford	Lew Patterson	01529 307220
Spalding	Frank Wilson	01775 766117

Professor David Stirrups FRPSL

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of David Stirrups on 14th August a great loss to his family and the philatelic world. A professor of Orthodontics since his appointment at Dundee University in 1992, he was a passionate collector of Gibraltar and its associated countries of Spain, Portugal and Morocco, indeed he was recognised as one of the world's experts on this area of philately.

A prolific winner of competitions at Dundee P S and latterly in Cambridge, David was successful at Federation, national and indeed international levels, gaining a Gold at Melbourne in 2013 and two Large Golds in London two years later.

Having joined the Gibraltar Study Circle in 1994, David became its chairman and auctioneer and was its Hon. Secretary until the time of his death. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society in 2006 and was invited to sign the Book of the Society of Scottish Philatelists the following year.

Last year he was one of our presenters at the Warmington Stamp Display Day, together with Jane Moubray, where we were bowled over by his display of cartophilately and particularly his thorough and structured approach to this thematic exhibit.

David had been a natural choice to be the chairman of the 2016 Philatelic Congress in Cambridge last month, but declining health meant that he was unable to continue by the final pre-Congress committee meeting. The Congress was a great success and that was due in no small part to David's diligence and hard work.

Federation Committee

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