

Welcome back for a new season.

Society Competitions

Entering competitions is NOT the be all and end all of philately – far from it. However, it can be a way of enhancing one's own collections and displays as one sees how others approach similar subjects and classes.

One feature I notice going round societies federations and doing a bit of judging is how formats vary, and this I mean particularly in the number of sheets required for an entry ranging from 5, 8, 9 12, 15 and 16.

At Federation level competitions require 16 sheets although we still offer 9 sheets for 3 competitions to act as an entry level and to encourage really small subject areas, like this year's best in show – Hejaz – as Martin Lovegrove tells me there is NO MORE material!

At national level entries are of 16 sheets or multiples thereof, up to 8 frames or 128 sheets.

It would be the ideal set up if all societies standardised on 9 and 16 sheets, but obviously we cannot insist on this, merely hope that this might be considered.

At Sheringham, last year an evening was offered on 'getting more from your collection and producing competition entries'. An improved (hopefully) similar evening is being offered at the Isle of Ely P S this month and it will be interesting to see how it is received and what the outcomes may be. The corollary to this then would be judging offering not just marks but considered advice on how entries might be improved. After one can get a gold for an exhibit, but there's always is large gold too!!

Convention 2018

Another successful event was staged at St Ives alongside the Philanglia Stamp Fair. Many collectors came and viewed the displays of our competition entries and many appreciative comments were given.

The results of the competitions are given below with the judging having been carried out by senior members of the Essex Federation, to whom many thanks. One of the judges, Len Stanway, came all the way over to talk to some of the entrants and his remarks were well received, offered, as they were, by a very experienced judge.

Results

Traditional (9 sheets – inter society)

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| Hejaz | Martin Lovegrove | KL | 87 |
| Newfoundland, from boy to king | Adrian Boggust | Cam | 80 |
| Brunei, the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition, 1922 | Jon Higgins | KL | 77 |
| Falkland Islands Dependencies, thick maps issue | John Spencer | LB | 76 |
| Postal fiscal stamps of Jamaica | Bill Gibb | Hun | 67 |

Postal History (9 sheets – inter society)

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|---|----------------|-----|----|
| The straight line postal markings of the Isle of Man | David Belton | NH | 72 |
| Additional ½d on mail into Scotland from abroad | Mike Kentzer | KL | 70 |
| GB Jubilees sent and received from abroad | Phil Illsley | KL | 66 |
| Anglo-French convention mail between Chile and France | Bill Gibb | Hun | 63 |
| Postal markings of Newfoundland | Adrian Boggust | Cam | 62 |
| Finnish censor labels and marks, 1914-16 | Simon Hunt | LB | 61 |
| Delivering the mails by train | John Hossack | LB | 58 |
| Down TPOs – post marks | Simon Hunt | LB | 54 |

Thematic (9 sheets – inter society)

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| The man who was Figaro | Geoffrey Datson | Cam | 75 |
| The barn owl | Richard Page | LB | 73 |
| British philatelic exhibitions | Paul Peacock | LB | 67 |
| Sisters of Mercy , Red Cross and nursing | Dahlia Harrison | KL | 66 |
| A philatelic day out, German stamp day | Len Rowe | Hun | 65 |
| Caribbean scout jubilees | Donny Birdseye | KL | 61 |

16 sheet individual competitions**Thematic**

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| Welding – manufacturing’s key enabling technology | Graham Wylde | Cam | 81 |
| The WHO’s ‘The world against malaria’ stamp campaign | Colin Hepper | Pet | 72 |

Aerophilately

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|--|-----------------|-----|----|
| Australian National Airways | John Sims | Hun | 80 |
| St Lucia air mail in 1930 | Alistair Kinnon | Bed | 73 |
| USA contracted air mail routes, 1926-34, first flights | Colin Hepper | Pet | 70 |

Open

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----|----|
| Faith in Australia | John Sims | Hun | 79 |
| A French cook goes to war, 1914 – 18 | Colin Hepper | Hun | 79 |
| The 1971 postal strike | David Rice | KL | 68 |
| USA – the Liberty Bell | Terry Wagg | KL | 60 |

Best overall exhibit (Kay Goodman Trophy)**Martin Lovegrove****Inter society 9 sheet competition**

| | TR | PH | TH | TOTAL |
|------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| King’s Lynn | 87 | 70 | 66 | 223 |
| Cambridge | 80 | 62 | 75 | 217 |
| Leighton Buzzard | 76 | 61 | 73 | 210 |
| Huntingdonshire | 67 | 63 | 65 | 195 |
| North Herts | | 72 | | |

Photographic highlights



Martin Lovegrove, winner of the 9 sheet traditional class with **Hejaz**.



Pre-stamp Isle of Man postal history was the best entry in the 9 sheet division for **David Belton**



Geoffrey Datson clinched the trophy for the best 9 sheet thematic entry with his '**Figaro**'.



King's Lynn were winners of the inter society competition, the trophy being collected by chairman **Paul Lascelles**.



Graham Wylde won the 16 sheet thematic class with a wide ranging exhibit on **welding**.



Again this year, **John Sims** was successful In aerophilately with some lovely material on **Australian National Airways**.



The **Kay Goodman Trophy** for the best overall is awarded to **Martin Lovegrove**.



MAPF President, Terry Wagg FRPSL thanks Essex judge, **Len Stanway**.

Federation Display Day

John Spencer has arranged our 5th Display Day to look at the two most difficult classes for competition: OPEN and THEMATIC. This is largely because of the requirement to use non-philatelic material (up to 50%) and as wide a variety of philatelic material – respectively – and this is not fully exploited.

So all those who collect thematically could and should widen their horizons while using non-philatelic material can really illuminate and expand the range and interest in an open class display/exhibit.

This exciting day is being held at **Buckden Village Hall**, near Huntingdon on **Sunday 7th October**. I have reserved 20 places for a carvery lunch at a nearby inn and I will take bookings on a first come first served basis.

Kettering P S

Gordon Tregidgo informs us that as of 4th October, Kettering will move to a new venue:

St Andrew's Art Centre, NN16 8RG

ALSO that the day of monthly meetings will change from Thursdays to **WEDNESDAYS**

Hinckley P S

Meetings are held at:

Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland 6th Form Centre, Butt Lane, Hinckley. LE10 1LEnb

MAPF competitions 2019

Just a reminder of the changes for next year, designed, hopefully to increase the number of exhibitors by increasing the range of competition classes. The following is a list of what's on offer:

9 sheet inter-society classes:

Traditional, postal history, thematic – as now.

16 sheet individual classes:

Traditional, postal history, thematic, aerophilately, open, revenues, picture post cards and postal stationery.

Rules, guidelines and marking regimes will be sent out in January, as usual, when the invitation to societies and individual collectors is sent out.

Federation Committee

We are always on the look out for more talent for the committee and with the competitions' secretary due to become President in 2019 and remain editor of our newsletter it is felt that we could do with another committee member in November who would be prepared to work alongside the running of the Convention for a year before taking on the role of competitions' secretary after next year's AGM.

Any offers?

Please.

Peter Morton's Machin Watch

Walsall sheet stamp printings (self adhesive)

The new tariff values for the March 2018 price increases, plus a reprint by Walsall of an existing value, were all printed in mid-January 2018, but a second print run in February 2018 shows all five values, namely: £1.25, £1.45, £1.55, £2.25 and £2.65 printed in much paler shades.

The above stamps have now been joined by Walsall printed £0.10 in light tan, £0.20 in light green and £1.00 in wood brown. (References to stamp colours are taken from colour shades printed on the sheet stamps in the left margin)

Country issues

Despite many comments in the philatelic press regarding new Walsall printed sheet country issues for March 2018 (2nd, 1st, £1.25 and £1.45 values) all of which have standard redesigned value tablets, those comments were not entirely accurate. Revised tariff country stamps for each of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales as to £1.17 and £1.40 values printed by Walsall, were issued in the spring of 2017, and each of these values showed the redesigned value tablet.

2018 year date

Walsall and Cartor printed stamps with 2018 year dates are slowly being found. To date the following are known to exist:

| Value | Printer | Code | Comments |
|-----------|---------|---------|---|
| 2nd | W | No code | sheet printing |
| 2nd | W | B | ex Type 15c business sheets |
| 2nd | W | T | ex series SAC33C booklets of 12 |
| 1st | W | No code | sheet printing |
| 1st | W | C | ex series SAM58 RAF Centenary, SAM59 Red Arrows |
| 1st | W | S | ex series SAC32B booklets of 6 |
| 2nd Large | W | F | ex series SAC34C booklet of 4 |
| 1st Large | W | No code | sheet printing |
| 1st Large | W | F | ex series SAC34C booklet of 4 |
| £0.10 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £0.20 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £1.00 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £1.25 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £1.45 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £1.55 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £2.25 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £2.65 | W | No code | sheet printing |
| £0.02 | C | P | ex RAF Centenary prestige booklet |
| £0.05 | C | P | ex RAF Centenary prestige booklet |
| £1.17 | C | P | ex RAF Centenary prestige booklet. |

Earlier this year I went to see Peter's display of Machins out of a sense of duty and loyalty. I was amazed at the range and quality of the display and Peter's handling of it. We were given a splendid evening. Don't be put off by 'Machins' and have a yawn – this is a fascinating and alarmingly broad subject.

This extra large international event maybe 20 months away but the exhibition's organisation has been under way for a considerable time. It will be almost double the size of Stampex with the displays being in the 'side halls' but with improved lighting than hitherto.

We are looking for volunteers to get in touch to offer help at different times, but especially on in the run up to the event, the Tuesday evening when all displays will be changed and at closure time.

There are many areas which need volunteers, and there are jobs to suit everyone's energy levels:

Bin Room: Help is needed on Friday 1st May, Tuesday 5th May and Saturday 9th May. Volunteers in this role will check in/out exhibits from the commissioners and control the material being passed to the mounting teams.

Mounting team: Dates active: Friday 1st May, Tuesday 5th May, Saturday 9th May. The exhibits are passed out from the bin room and physically mounted and secured in the frames. On the afternoon/evening of Tuesday 5th May a huge effort is required to swap the first and second halves of the exhibition.

Admin team: This is a varied team that needs to help every day that the show is open. Volunteers will look after the enquiry desk, sell programmes, ensure that the hired meeting rooms are ready for use by societies to use, IT support, financial controls etc.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more please go to the **London2020 website**, find the **information** part along the top bar under the title, **click on that** and **scroll down to volunteers, click again** and off you go.

Society Programmes

September

| | | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| 4 Hinckley | Subs., general bourse | |
| 4 N Herts (S) | Gibraltar | Mr R Gibb FRPSL |
| 5 Cambridge | Members' evening – letters Q, R & S | |
| 5 Grimsby | Members' evening – letters: S & T | |
| 6 Kettering | Dealers' evening – 4 dealers attending | |
| 6 Northants | Postal history – letters A, B or C | |
| 6 Fenland | Letters K, L or M | |
| 6 Isle of Ely | Workshop – writing up collections/competitions | T. Wagg/M. Kentzer |
| 6 Spalding | Visit to Mablethorpe P S | |
| 6 Peterborough | Members' afternoon | |
| 7 Luton | Members stamp hunt and bring and buy | |
| 10 Sheringham | Members' evening, 4 x 40 sheets | |
| 11 Huntingdon | President's evening | |
| 12 N Herts (R) | Members' meeting | |
| 14 King's Lynn | Indian States | Allan Jeffries |
| 18 Hinckley | Edinburgh T.P.O.s | Steven Parkin |
| 19 Leighton Buzzard | Subs., bourse, display of stamp hunt raffle entries | |
| 19 Grimsby | Brigg postal history | Mr C Dodsworth |
| 20 N Herts (H) | Greece | Dr M Bavin |
| 20 Fenland | Indian Feudal States, Sudan | John George |

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| 20 Peterborough | Display by Alan Bannister | |
| 21 Cambridge | President's evening – John George | |
| 25 Spalding | Display | Michelle Burton |
| 27 Huntingdon | Members' evening – thematic | |
| 28 King's Lynn | Classic Cyprus and Smyrna | Mike Fullard |
| 28 N Herts (L) | Fiscal & revenue stamps of the Commonwealth | Mr R Gibb FRPSL |

October

7 MAPF Display Day at Buckden Village Hall

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| 2 Hinckley | Members' night – letter 'S' | |
| 2 N Herts (S) | Ethiopia part 2 | Mr S Kelly |
| 3 Spalding | Display | Bruce Townshend |
| 3 Cambridge | Aspects of Ceylon | Graham Winters |
| 3 Grimsby | Volcano & Atlantic Island | Richard Moss |
| 4 Kettering | Displays by members of Milton Keynes P S | |
| 4 Northants | Display | Alan D Godfrey |
| 4 Fenland | Collectors' 'pot pourri' | David Rice & Phil Illsley |
| 4 Isle of Ely | Aspects of Malaya | Len Stanway |
| 4 Peterborough | Members' afternoon – Cinderella material | |
| 5 Luton | Apartheid in philately | Robert Hill |
| 8 Sheringham | Modern postal history, Geo VI & QEII | Chris Harman RDP, Hon FRPSL |
| 9 Huntingdon | Japan | Renichi Yamasaki |
| 10 N Herts (R) | Members' meeting | |
| 12 King's Lynn | Sample stamps of Queen Victoria | David Leathart |
| 16 Kettering | Annual Dinner | |
| 16 Hinckley | U.S postal history | Terry Hughes |
| | Short display | Tony Martin |
| 17 Grimsby | Wain's rubbish | Mr P Wain |
| 17 Leighton Buzzard | Members' displays: a place of personal importance; bourse | |
| 18 N Herts (H) | Germany | Mr W Tierney |
| 18 Peterborough | Visit by Isle of Ely P S | |
| 19 Cambridge | Visit by Pacific Islands Study Circle | |
| 20 N Herts (S) | Seminar – Croatia | Mr A Bosworth |
| 23 Spalding | Society auction | |
| 25 Fenland | Display by King's Lynn PS | |
| 25 Huntingdon | Visit from Isle of Ely P S | |
| 26 King's Lynn | Competitions; display - 'Peace' | Grace Davies |
| 26 N Herts (L) | Falkland Islands | Mr D Swann |

November

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| 1 N Herts (B) | Display by Enfield P S | (afternoon meeting) |
| 1 Northants | Social and fish and chips | |
| 1 Isle of Ely | Display by Hitchin P S | |
| 1 Grimsby | Gibraltar | Mike Webb |
| 1 Peterborough | Miscellany | Graham Homer-Woolf |
| 2 Luton | Hong Kong, 1840 – 1997 | Peter & Rosemary Pugh |
| 6 N Herts (S) | Queen Victoria Part 2 | Mr R Hill |

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| 7 | Spalding | Monthly competition 'Tropical' & bring and buy | |
| 7 | Cambridge | Competitions; Postal history of Edinburgh | Tony Crowther |
| 7 | Grimsby | Committee entertains | |
| 8 | Fenland | Tristan da Cunha volcano, New Hebrides | Richard Moss |
| 9 | King's Lynn | Czechoslovakia | Wojciech Kierstan |
| 12 | Sheringham | Quiz Night | Andrew McCandlish |
| 13 | Hinckley | Auction and ½ night display | |
| 13 | Huntingdon | Visit from Kettering P S | |
| 14 | N Herts (R) | Members' evening | |
| 15 | N Herts | Display by Isle of Ely P S | |
| 15 | Peterborough | Members' afternoon – S and T is for | |
| 16 | Cambridge | Visit from Leighton Buzzard P S | |
| 21 | Leighton Buzzard | Gold Coast, followed by bourse | John Powell |
| 21 | Grimsby | Isle of man | Mr R Mountcastle |
| 22 | Fenland | Aspects of British Borneo | Jon Higgins |
| 23 | King's Lynn | Channel Islands' postal history | Richard Flemming |
| 23 | N Herts (L) | Isle of Man | Mr D Belton |
| 27 | Hinckley | Diamonds | Theo Schilderman |
| 29 | Huntingdon | World War 1 hospital ships | Peter High |

Stamp Fairs

September

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|----|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Leicester | Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX | 0116 235 0441 |
| 2 | Milton Keynes | Novotel, MK13 7RA | 07710 683122 |
| 8 | Cambridge | Arbury Centre, CB4 2LD | 01223 355004 |
| 16 | Norwich | Brook Hotel, NR5 9JB | 01328 829318 |
| 22 | Northampton | Abbey Centre, NN4 0RZ | 07966 565151 |
| 29 | Northampton | Abbey Centre, NN4 0RZ | 07957 158299 |
| 30 | Peterborough | Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG | 01945 700594 |
| 30 | Potters Bar | Mount Grace School, EN6 1EZ | 01428 717848 |
| 30 | Stevenage | Novotel, SG1 2AX | 07710 683122 |

October

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| 6 | Leicester | Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX | 0116 235 0441 |
| 7 | Bedford | St Mark's Hall, MK41 7UY | 01623 621143 |
| 7 | Hopton (Norfolk) | Village Hall, NR31 9BE | 01502 563759 |
| 13 | King's Lynn | Gaywood Church Rooms, PE30 4DZ | 01328 829318 |
| 14 | Slip End (Luton) | Village Hall, LU1 4BU | 07710 683122 |
| 20 | Kettering P S | Ise Lodge Community Centre, NN15 5DR | 01536 746800 |
| 21 | Horncastle | Stanhope Hall, | 07966 565151 |
| 27 | St Ives | contact Mick Twinn (see below) | |

November

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| 3 | Leicester | Holiday Inn, LE1 5LX | 0116 235 0441 |
| 4 | Milton Keynes | Novotel, MK13 7RA` | 07710 683122 |
| 10 | Cambridge | Arbury Centre, CB4 2LD | 01223 355004 |

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| 18 | Norwich | Brook Hotel, NR5 9JB | 01328 829318 |
| 27 | Peterborough | Holiday Inn, PE3 6SG | 01945 700594 |

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