

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter

September 2018

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)

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)

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)

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

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

Aerophilately

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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4	Milton Keynes	Novotel, MK13 7RA`	07710 683122
10	Cambridge	Arbury Centre, CB4 2LD	01223 355004

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

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Competitions' Secretary	Mike Kentzer	King's Lynn
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