

Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation

Newsletter September 2025

Welcome to the new season with activity for most societies starting, though a few have continued as usual through the summer.

We can look forward to Stampex towards the end of October and other more local stamp fairs before that. In many ways the internet has killed the stamp trade, and yet there is no substitute to stamp fairs and the chance to rummage and find that elusive item and get to know the dealers.

Below are the results of our Convention held at St Ives in June. Standards were good, as ever, but the number of entries was very disappointing, particularly for our competition secretary, John Spencer.

I hope that more of our members are encouraged to enter next year. You will notice John's new 'grading' in the 9 sheet classes – this was because we altered the emphasis in the mark schemes to encourage collectors to enter this **introductory level** of competition.

Several societies have regular **zoom displays**: Cambridge, Leiston, King's Lynn included, and if you notice a display that would be of interest, please get in touch with their contacts (below).

Convention results

9 sheet inter society competitions

Traditional

Czech forces in Siberia	Wojciech Kierstan	88	Grade 1
Thailand Temple of Dawn issue	Rory Morrisey LB	79	Grade 2

Postal History

Censored mail of the Spanish Civil war	Josefina Martinez-Perez GR	82	Grade 2
Development of Registered mail GB/Ireland (transferred from Traditional to Postal History by the judges)	Mike Brindle C	82	Grade 2
Maidenhead – early mail	John Powell LB	80	Grade 2
King's Lynn's sub-post offices	Mike Kentzer KL	78	Grade 2
Edinburgh dotted circle post marks	Tony Crowther C	80	Grade 2

Thematic Philately

S.S. Great Britain	John Hossack LB	81	Grade 2
Winston Churchill	Mark Ellis GR	79	Grade 2
Kalavala – to Middle Earth	Geoffrey Datson C	77	Grade 2
Importance of church buildings	Dahlia Harrison KL	76	Grade 2

Inter-Society Result

	Traditional	Postal History	Thematic	Total
Grantham	88	82	79	249
Leighton Buzzard	79	80	81	240

Cambridge	--	80	77	---
King's Lynn	---	78	76	---



John Hossack, winner of the thematic class



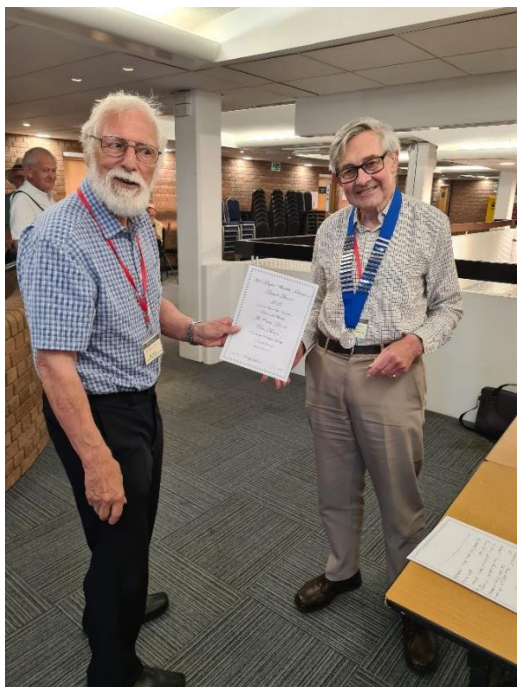
Josefina Martinez-Perez --postal history winner



Wojciech Kierstan -- traditonal class winner



Grantham winners of the inter-society shield



Peter Morton, winner of the 16 sheet traditional class with some fine Machins.

John Sims, serial winner of the aerophilatelic Class, with **President Richard Husband**.

16 sheet competitions

Traditional

QE II Machin stamps of 2021	Peter Morton	C	83	Vermeil
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Postal History

London FREE franks, 1764 – 1807	Mike Kentzer	KL	86	Large Vermeil
Canadian squared circle post marks, Quebec	Colin Banfield	EAPHS	85	Large Vermeil

Thematic

Red Cross and the nursing profession	Dahlia Harrison	KL	83	Vermeil
Valclav Hollar, engraver	Wojciech Keirstan	GR	79	Large Silver
Orchids around the world	Paul Peacock	LB	76	Large Silver

Aerophilately

1931 Christmas mail between Australia and England	John Sims	Hunt	85	Large Vermeil
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Picture Post Card Class

Guardians of a Gothic masterpiece	Dahlia Harrison	KL	84	Vermeil
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Mike Kentzer with the Kay Goodman Trophy for the 'best in show' entry.

Best in show (16 sheets)

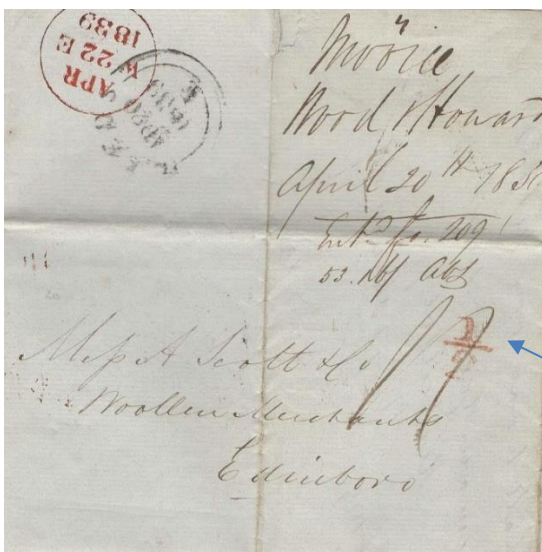
Kay Goodman Trophy

Mike Kentzer KL

Cover of the quarter

In the first part of the 19th century mail from **Leeds** generally travelled to Scotland via the Great North Road. By late 1838 the **London to Birmingham Railway** route had reached Warrington and had been extended by the **North Union Railway** as far as Preston.

As a result, some letters from Leeds were sent west over the Pennines by **mail coach** with a scheduled time of 5½ hours. On reaching **Manchester** they were transferred to the **Grand Junction Railway** for carriage to Warrington. Having reached there, they were carried north to **Preston** and thence on to mail coaches to their Scottish destinations.



This letter was posted on 20th April 1839 and arrived in Edinburgh two days later, as shown by the receiving marks.

Postage was 11d, the rate for 170 – 230 miles under the 1812 rate changes.

As the letter was carried by 4-wheeled mail coach into and through Scotland, the Additional ½ d 'Wheel Tax' was due, and it marked by Manchester's third (of 4) hand stamp, **M 155a**.

King Charles III new Barcoded Machin Definitives with Peter Morton

I summarise below a few more stamps issued by Royal Mail on 27th March 2025, all with a '25' date encoding in the iridescent security overprint:

£3.20 Spruce green	M25L MAIL	Sheet printing
£3.50 Wood brown	M25L MAIL	Sheet printing
£4.30 Bright blue	M25L MAIL	Sheet printing

A further prestige booklet was issued on 12th June 2025 for the Royal Observatory, printed in gravure by Cartor, and under a 2025 date: M25L MPIL. Though four stamps were in the definitive pane, these comprised of 2 x 2nd class in holly green and 2 x 50p in slate grey. A scan is shown below



Society Programmes

September

2	Hinckley	Bring & buy and club dealers	
3	Cambridge	Pounds, shillings and pence on GB & world stamps	Mike Brindle
4	Isle of Ely	President's display	
4	Peterborough	Members' afternoon, any subject	
5	King's Lynn	ZOOM Victoria mail through Dundee, 1840 – 1901	David Millar
9	Huntingdonshire	President's Day	
10	Leiston	ZOOM evening	
12	King's Lynn	Huntingdonshire postal history	John George
16	Hinckley	Visit by Kettering P S	
18	Peterborough	Poland et cetera	Alan Berrisford
19	Cambridge	ZOOM: Seahorses across the Atlantic	

		Scarborough to Whitby Railway	Mike Kentzer
23	Huntingdonshire	Constantinople'Edinburgh postal history	Tony Crowther
24	Leiston	Members' social evening & Bourse	
26	King's Lynn	Alfred Nobel and the Peace Laureates	Grace Davies
28	MAPF	Display Day and AGM, Warmington	
30	Hinckley	Auction night	
October			
1	Cambridge	President's display	Rufus Barnes
2	Isle of Ely	Constantinople'Edinburgh postal history	Tony Crowther
2	Peterborough	Members' afternoon – S and T are for	
3	King's Lynn	ZOOM Paris Balloon mail.	
		Postal history of the Franco-Prussian War	Bill Lusty
8	Leiston	ZOOM evening	
10	King's Lynn	Greece and the Balkan Wars	Adrian Rotoridis
14	Hinckley	A Dutch evening	John Jackson
14	Huntingdonshire	T B C	
16	Peterborough	Communications: 200 years of progress	Derrick Pollard
17	Cambridge	ZOOM – TBA	
20	ST IVES	STAMP & POST CARD FAIR	
22	Leiston	London 1980 Stamp Exhibition	Colin Evans
22 – 24 London		Stampex International, BDC, Islington	
24	King's Lynn	Mails under London	Len Stanway
28	Hinckley	France – 'Sowers' – a celebration	Hugh Freeman
November			
6	Isle of Ely	Cambridge Collection of the United Nations, Part 2	
6	Peterborough	Czechoslovakia & Czech Republic	C Thorpe
7	King's Lynn	ZOOM Nigerian forgeries and more	Paul Redhead
11	Hinckley	1890 Penny Post Jubilee	John Davies
11	Huntingdonshire	Switzerland: 1 st flights, soldiers' stamps	Richard Akers
12	Leiston	ZOOM evening	
14	King's Lynn	9 sheet competitions; Judge Ken Burr; Bring & buy	
14	Cambridge	TBA	
20	Peterborough	Ian & Mary Stirman entertain	
22	Hinckley	ANNUAL STAMP FAIR (see flier, below for details)	
25	Huntingdonshire	T B C	
26	Leiston	Society Auction	
28	King's Lynn	Belgium	Peter Watts

Stamp Fairs

September

13	Northampton	Abbey Centre, NN4 2HN	07966 565 151
24	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre, WD3 8HD	07957 158 299
28	Knebworth	Village Hall, SG3 6PD	01494 446 004
28	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood, PE3 6SG	07803 142 933

October

5	Slip End	Village Hall, LU1 4BU	01494 446 004
19	Sandy	Scout HQ, Sunderland Road, SG19 1QY	01494 446 004
20	St Ives	Corn Exchange, PE27 5AG	01480 383 103
22 – 24	Stampex International	Islington, London	(see website)
29	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre, WD3 8HD	07597 158 299

November

15	Northampton	Abbey Centre, NN4 2HN	07966 565 151
22	Hinckley	The Meeting Centre, Marchant Road, LE10 0LQ	(see society website)
23	Slip End	Village Hall, SG19 4BU	01494 446 004
26	Rickmansworth	Mill End Community Centre, WD 3 8HD	07597 158 299
30	Knebworth	Village Hall, SG3 6PD	01494 446 004
30	Peterborough	Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood, PE3 6SG	)7803 142 933

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HINCKLEY & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

STAMP FAIR

SATURDAY

22nd NOVEMBER, 2025

10.00 – 15.00

THE MEETING CENTRE

MARCHANT ROAD, HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE10 0LQ

Stamps, Postal History & Postcards

Philatelic Accessories

Light Refreshments

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WITH EXCEPTIONAL STRIKE
DISTINCTIVE MALTESE CROSS
OF KILMARNOCK. Fine 1d pink
envelope from Kilmarnock to 'Mrs
Macloed of Macloed, 19 Gt.
Cumberland Street, Hyde Park,
London' cancelled EXCEPTIONAL
STRIKE OF THE DISTINCTIVE
MALTESE CROSS OF
KILMARNOCK, on reverse
KILMARNOCK date stamp FE 28
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