

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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## Editorial:

Is it too much to hope that Royal Mail is beginning to listen to collectors? The recent reintroduction of second class special stamps and the promise to reduce the new issue rate next year are good signs, but the proof of the pudding will be in the eating.

We are delighted to note that the British Postal Museum and Archives now intends to stay in London, which will be welcome news for the majority of users.

The society's AGM was much more up-beat than in recent years. Full details of all these stories can be found below.

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## *International News*

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### **AUSTRALIA 2013 EXHIBITION**

The only UK way to qualify for international competitions is through ABPS national exhibitions. To be eligible for five frames at an FIP, FEPA or other continental federation competition, it is necessary to achieve 75 points and a vermeil medal at a national exhibition (Eurothema and Thematica do not qualify).

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

Mainz International Philatelic Literature Exhibition, IPhLA2012, Germany, 2-4 November.

Nordia (Scandinavian countries with other exhibitors): Roskilde, Denmark, 2-4 November.

World Philatelic Exhibition, Melbourne 10-15 May 2013. The UK Commissioner is Richard West: ([richjwest@btinternet.com](mailto:richjwest@btinternet.com)) (entry forms are available on ABPS website - the closing date is 31 July 2012).

Thailand 2013, Bangkok, 2-14 August 2013 ([www.thailand2013.com](http://www.thailand2013.com)). Commissioner: Chris King ([chris.king@postalhistory.net](mailto:chris.king@postalhistory.net)) (entry forms now on ABPS website).

World Stamp Exhibition, Brasilia 2013, Rio de Janeiro, 11-17 November 2013.

Joint meeting of RPSL and l'Académie de Philatélie de Belgique 11-14 July 2014, Ypres. This will incorporate a display and is the provisional venue for Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and thus the RDP ceremony.

**London 2015 FIP and FEPA Exhibition 13-16 May 2015.**

World Stamp Show - NY 2016, Javits Convention Center, New York City 28 May - 4 June 2016.

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## **GLOBAL PHILATELIC LIBRARY**

The new Global Philatelic Library website ([www.globalphilateliclibrary.org](http://www.globalphilateliclibrary.org)) provides a centralised information gateway to the world's philatelic research. Its founding partners include The Royal Philatelic Society London, the US National Postal Museum and Smithsonian Library and the American Philatelic Research Library. The website enables philatelists around the world to access from any computer philatelic research from partner libraries. Searchable listings of books and publications, as well as resource locations and access, provide invaluable resources for those undertaking philatelic research. It provides:

- a world-class collection of printed, electronic and other media;
- access and support for beginners, specialists, writers and postal historians;
- international collaboration and co-operation with world philatelic libraries and museums;
- an Anthology of fascinating, informative and sometimes even scandalous articles written throughout the past century about philately and some of the people involved in its history.

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## *National News*

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### **BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVE TO STAY IN LONDON**

On 13 April, BPMA announced that it had struck a government-backed deal to relocate the archives to Calthorpe House on another part of Mount Pleasant. Royal Mail will grant a 999 year lease on the property, which will be extended and redeveloped. The new building will have more space for exhibitions and displays. Agreements have been signed with Royal Mail and Post Office Ltd for a £6m long-term, low-interest loan to fund the conversion. In addition, Royal Mail and POL will provide other support, including a £500,000 grant. BPMA will launch a campaign shortly to raise the remaining funds to create a state-of-the-art museum and visitor facility with educational facilities for school visits.

## ROYAL MAIL TO CUT STAMP PROGRAMME?

In March 2012, Royal Mail initiated a web survey of collectors with regard to the forthcoming stamp programme. It is clear that this gave a substantial negative response, as they have since committed to a reduction in the number of new issues in 2013 and the greater use of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class special issues in place of one of the higher values. One of this year's planned issues, on Dinosaurs, has been postponed to 2013, to off-set the effect of Olympic Gold Medal Winners issues, similar to "Smilers" but without a separate label, to be issued from 500 offices on the day following the relevant medal ceremonies.

## ABPS FEDERATIONS OFFICER

The ABPS Secretary, John Dickenson, has been appointed by ABPS to act as its point-of-contact for the member federations and thus, via the federations with grass-roots societies. We wish John well in this task and you now know who to contact to address issues with ABPS as well as AEPS! John can be contacted at 9 Southbrook, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9NS, 01279-722297 or dickenson17@ntlworld.com.

## ABPS HANDBOOK

The new 2012 edition of the ABPS Directory was expected to go to the printer in June. A new Editor has been appointed to produce a 2015 edition. ABPS has reminded readers that its website is kept up-to-date with the latest available information.

The Speakers book was issued early in 2011 and updates are being published in *ABPS News*.

## ABPS AWARD OF MERIT

Each year, the ABPS honours up to 15 grass roots philatelists that have made an outstanding contribution to a local or specialised society. Nominations now can only be submitted by an ABPS member society and not by a federation. The closing date for entries is 1 March 2013. Nomination forms for the 2013 awards can be obtained from Susan Oliver, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman/Secretary, 46 Woodville Road, Ham, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 7QN, 020-8940 9833, [susan.m.oliver@virgin.net](mailto:susan.m.oliver@virgin.net).

## ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next annual meeting will be at 2pm on 21 July 2012 at RPSL. Please advise your Editor of anything you wish raised.

## AUTUMN STAMPEX 2012

26-29 September 2012. This will be a full national competition event and in addition will have an Australasian and Oceania theme with exhibits from the British Society of Australian Philately, the New Zealand Society of Great Britain and the Pacific Islands Study Circle with supporting Seminars. Closing date for entries is 19 August 2012 (application forms are available on the ABPS website).

Future Stampex events and themes will be as follows:

Spring 2013: Cinderella and Revenue - 200 Frames with Seminars: 20-23 February.

Autumn 2013: Full National Exhibition. France and Colonies Philatelic Society display. 18-21 September.

Spring 2014: Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open and Postcards 19-22 February.

Autumn 2014: Full National Exhibition. Germany & Colonies 50th Anniversary and Centenary of the outbreak of World War One. 17-20 September.

Spring 2015: Limited exhibition (200 frames). Diamond Jubilee of the Great Britain PS.

Autumn 2015: Full National Exhibition. GB Overprints Society 45 Years.

Spring 2016: Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open and Postcards.

Autumn 2016: Full National Exhibition. Theme as yet open to offers from specialist societies.

## WORLD POST DAY

How can we get the society and/or the hobby noticed on World Post Day 9 October 2012, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

## 2012 NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The 2012 ABPS National Exhibition will be held in Scotland on 19-20 October 2012 (note corrected dates) at Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth PH2 0TH. The exhibition will have a Scandinavian theme. The closing date for entries in this full National exhibition is 17 August

(application forms are available on the ABPS website).

## PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Congress is becoming increasingly important as the main opportunity each year to enter into discussions with ABPS officers and all readers are encouraged to consider attending to ensure that the grass roots views reach the "powers that be" in the hobby (and vice versa). It is always a wonderful chance to see outstanding displays and meet other collectors in all disciplines.

**Congress 2012** will be held at Queen's Hotel in Perth, Scotland, from 20-22 October, following on from the National exhibition. Details appeared in the Summer 2012 issue of *ABPS News* and booking forms are now available (contact Paul Gaywood [gaywood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gaywood@hotmail.co.uk) if you have not received one). Optional visits this year include a coach tour to a castle and distillery and/or to the Cullen collection of postal history in Edinburgh.

Details of **Congress 2013** have still to be announced, but **Congress 2014** may be held at Ypres in Belgium. Overseas congresses are rare but not unprecedented. The theme is likely to reflect the fact that this will be the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War.

## ABPS EXHIBITING SEMINARS

Are you interested in seeing these events but unable to go to London? Whilst you get much more out of being there, you can now view them in the comfort of your own home. The ABPS has posted the PowerPoint presentations in PDF form on its website at <http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Seminars/index.xalter> for you to view or download. The following titles are available and others are added from time to time (the last three are new):

- Introduction to Exhibiting;
- Postal History Class 2C;
- Presentation;
- Title or Introductory Page;
- Treatment in the Traditional Class;
- ABPS Judging Seminar Part One;
- ABPS Seminar Knowledge and Research;
- Invitation to Malmö Summit 2012;
- Official report of Malmö Summit 2009.

## BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA activities, contact Peter Denly, 9 Oaklands Park, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BY or [www.brit-thematic-assoc.com](http://www.brit-thematic-assoc.com).

## MIDPEX

Midpex 2013 is scheduled for 6 July 2013. Further information: [bobharper@btinternet.com](mailto:bobharper@btinternet.com)

## ABPS WEBSITE

The ABPS website contains a wealth of valuable information. Please visit it at <http://abps.org.uk/>. All ABPS societies are listed with their contact details. Please advise the ABPS of any necessary changes.

## Essex News

## NEW SOCIETY SECRETARIES

Three AEPS societies have new Secretaries. Sue Stacey has taken over from Trevor Mills at Benfleet. Meanwhile, at Ipswich, Fred Smith has replaced Trevor Naylor. Fred's telephone number is 01473-311210 (not 311200 as shown in "Philately in Essex 2012" and his e-mail is [fac-7pm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fac-7pm@hotmail.co.uk). At Braintree, Adrian Greenway has taken over from Cameron Evans, who has had to retire due to ill health.

## AEPS YOUTH OFFICER

The AEPS President, David Armitage, is also the Association's Youth Officer. He can, in conjunction with the Stamp Active Network, assist societies undertaking promotional work on youth philately. His e-mail address has recently changed to [davearmitage18@btinternet.com](mailto:davearmitage18@btinternet.com). He can also be contacted on 01279-503625.

## PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2012

If you want to find out about any society in the county, county competition rules or a catalogue of Essex event covers, speakers, judges, etc., please ask the Secretary to show you *Philately In Essex*, the AEPS Handbook.

The 2012 Supplement is available from the AEPS for £5 or the whole loose-leaf book can be purchased for £10. Contact Len Stanway if you would like to buy a copy.

If you want to be included as a speaker in the AEPS Register of Displays or have recently qualified as an ABPS judge, please contact Len Stanway.

### NEXT AEPS EVENTS

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on 7 July at Spring Lodge, Witham. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

**Autumn StampEssex 2012** will be held on 6 October at Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham, CM8 2HE, from 10am to 4pm, organised by Witham society. Admission free and refreshments available.

**Workshop 2013** will be held on 26 January at Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road. Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex. CM8 3HR. The theme and cost (which includes lunch and refreshments) are still to be announced. Contact Ray How for more detail.

**Spring StampEssex 2013** will be hosted by Basildon society on **27 April** at James Hornsby School from 10am to 4pm. It is vital that as many members and supporters as possible come to this event, so put it in your diary now!

### Basildon Society News

### ALBUMS CLOSED

We are sad to record the death on 30 May of Bob Thickbroom of Althorne, following a stroke at his home. Bob, who was a former journalist, was briefly attended at Basildon meetings before recent illness restricted his activities. The President represented the society at his well-attended funeral at North Fambridge.

### MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

#### 2 April - Auction.

This was a very successful auction for the society with a larger than usual percentage of lots sold. The highest price paid was £50 for a New Zealand collection. Realisations were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
0	£10.00	102	£4.00	231	£3.20
1	£2.00	109	£3.20	233	£2.20
2	£5.75	110	£5.00	234	£50.00
3	£4.00	111	£15.00	235	£4.00
4	£2.60	112	£20.00	236	£3.00

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
5	£3.40	113	£4.80	238	£9.00
6	£2.00	114	£6.00	239	£7.80
8	£8.00	116	£3.00	240	£2.00
9	£5.50	119	£2.50	242	£2.00
15	£6.00	122	£2.00	243	£14.80
17	£6.50	123	£6.00	244	£5.20
18	£7.50	124	£2.00	245	£3.00
19	£5.00	125	£7.50	246	£4.00
21	£5.00	126	£2.00	247	£2.00
23	£4.00	127	£3.00	251	£2.50
25	£2.00	128	£10.80	256	£3.50
26	£2.50	129	£4.20	268	£5.00
28	£10.00	131	£4.20	269	£15.00
29	£2.00	133	£5.00	270	£8.00
31	£11.00	134	£4.80	277	£20.00
32	£5.25	135	£5.00	279	£8.00
34	£7.50	136	£5.00	280	£6.00
35	£2.50	138	£2.50	281	£9.00
36	£8.00	140	£6.20	285	£7.00
39	£5.75	141	£3.00	286	£12.00
40	£6.00	142	£15.00	289	£6.00
41	£2.00	143	£2.00	290	£4.00
43	£2.00	146	£2.00	295	£8.00
45	£7.00	150	£6.00	307	£5.00
46	£4.50	151	£4.00	308	£10.00
47	£5.50	153	£8.00	309	£2.00
49	£7.00	155	£9.00	310	£3.00
51	£12.00	157	£3.00	320	£7.00
52	£2.00	158	£3.00	321	£15.00
53	£8.00	160	£7.00	322	£7.00
54	£2.00	161	£8.00	323	£22.00
55	£40.00	162	£6.00	344	£4.00
56	£3.75	164	£7.00	345	£3.00
57	£6.00	165	£5.00	346	£12.00
58	£5.00	166	£6.20	350	£10.00
64	£15.00	167	£5.20	352	£10.00
65	£14.00	175	£5.00	353	£20.00
66	£4.50	176	£3.50	354	£5.00
67	£2.50	178	£10.00	355	£12.00
68	£6.00	179	£10.00	356	£4.00
69	£15.00	180	£10.00	358	£5.00
72	£28.00	181	£2.00	361	£5.00
74	£4.50	190	£2.00	362	£2.50
75	£7.00	191	£2.00	363	£14.00
76	£8.00	192	£4.00	364	£6.00
77	£6.00	196	£2.00	365	£7.00
78	£4.00	206	£3.00	366	£5.50
79	£2.00	210	£25.00	367	£2.00
80	£3.00	217	£2.00	374	£4.00
82	£2.50	218	£5.00	375	£5.00
88	£4.50	219	£2.00	376	£3.50
89	£4.00	221	£2.00	377	£2.50
90	£7.00	222	£16.00	378	£2.00
91	£2.00	223	£2.00	379	£15.00
92	£10.00	225	£18.00	380	£4.20
93	£4.50	226	£2.00	381	£4.00
94	£8.00	227	£2.00	382	£5.00
100	£3.00	230	£6.20		

### 17 April - Competitions and Silent Quiz.

Our guest judges were Ray How and Jim Charlton of Rayleigh. Ray is the AEPS Competition Registrar and had the pleasant task

of announcing the AEPS had won the Home Counties Inter-Federation Dawes Cup competition for 2012. As Chris Cooksey was a member of the winning team, Ray presented the trophy to Chris for safe-keeping.

Charlie Mead had arranged a repetition of the successful "Silent Quiz" used last year with one new sheet of questions for members to mull over while the judges studied the entries. The winner was Chris Cooksey with 89 marks with Len Stanway as runner-up with 85 marks.

The results were announced as follows: Traditional, Postal History, Aerophilatelic and Cinderella were won by Chris Cooksey, Thematic and Modern Material by Len Stanway, Junior Thematic by Chloe Coltman, Harry Smith Novice Cup by John Cowlin. Ann Coltman won the Ladies Trophy. They were presented at the AGM.

### **15 May - Maritime Mail (Malcolm Roberts).**

Malcolm entertained us to an outstanding display of early steamship mail that graced the walls of this year's Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. This included mail carried on many of the world's main trade routes and carried by many famous and pioneering vessels from the earliest days of steam up to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **19 June - Annual General Meeting.**

Chaired by the President, the AGM was, for the first time in many years, held on a very positive note. The financial changes made last year have borne fruit with substantial improvement to society funds (although a small loss was still incurred on the main account). Membership numbers and attendances at meetings remained substantially stable, with some welcome new faces taking the places of those that have sadly fallen by the wayside. The packet was buoyant. Local members who currently do not take the packet are encouraged to join in - you never know what will turn up! Alan Taylor gave notice of his wish for a new Secretary to come forward in the near future. The society awards for the year were presented and Anne Stanway was awarded Member of the Year for her work in ensuring that refreshments were available at every meeting. The President thanked the Committee and everyone else who have contributed in any way to the running or finances of the society during the year.

### **APPEAL FOR INFORMATION!**

If you know the whereabouts of the Tomex Quiz Trophy, please advise Ann Coltman.

### **FORTHCOMING BASILDON MEETINGS:**

#### **2 July - Basildon v. Billericay Quiz.**

This year, the host will be Basildon and the guest question master will be Stuart Henderson of Leytonstone.

#### **17 July - China 1945-1951 (D W Sibley).**

#### **6 August - No Stamps (Members).**

#### **21 August - Norway (Mrs P Adams).**

#### **3 September - To be advised.**

#### **18 September - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.**

All meetings will be at George Hurd Centre (doors open 7.30pm):

### **WANTED - YOU!**

We require the help of all members. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in this journal, please let the Editor know. We also need volunteers to do a brief report of each meeting, to spread the workload.

### **ARE YOU E-CONNECTED?**

If you have an e-mail address, you could save the society money and keep yourself up to date with local philatelic news, programme changes and auction catalogues by sending your e-mail address to the Editor.

Non-members are also invited to join the e-mailing list to receive this newsletter and other society information.

### **Articles**

#### **The Philatelists Prayer**

by Anon

Stamp Collecting is my hobby, I shall not be bored.

It maketh me to do research on far places.

It causeth me to correspond with odd people.

It keepeth me alert.

It leadeth me into areas of understanding for curiosity's sake.

Yea, though I live through a winter of inclement weather, I will fear no boredom, for my stamps are with me.

They provideth me with a means of escaping  
from the tensions of my responsibilities.  
The filleth my house with books.  
My cash runneth lower.  
Surely interest and knowledge shall follow me all  
the days of my life and I will be listed in the  
ranks of the philatelists forever.

(Suggested by Alan Taylor and based loosely on  
Psalm 23, this dates back at least forty years.  
The original author is unknown. Minor variations  
exist between published versions, but the Editor  
believes that the above version is the original)

### The Whyte Arrangement (Part 8) by Len Stanway

#### Ten-coupled designs and bigger

(Part 7 was published in issue 16-4)

The eight-coupled locomotive marked the point  
at which it became difficult to use a rigid  
wheelbase on conventional track. Thus, as  
locomotives became heavier, much of the weight  
had to be carried by unpowered bogie axles.  
The ultimate example is probably the unique  
6-8-6 steam-turbine locomotive built for the  
Pennsylvania Rail Road in the USA.

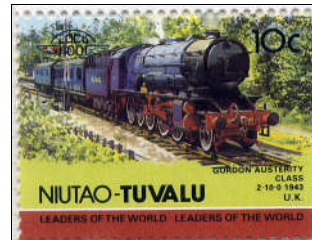
As will be seen in a later issue, many  
manufacturers came up with designs for  
articulated locomotives where power generated  
by the boiler could be transmitted through  
several separate smaller power units. These  
were the direct ancestors of today's diesel and  
electric locomotives.

However, some designers also persevered  
with designing ever larger rigid-wheelbase  
engines. The first 0-10-0T, known as the  
"Decapod" was built by Holden in 1902 as a high-  
power tank engine to haul Great Eastern Railway  
suburban trains out of Liverpool Street. The only  
other British 0-10-0, "Big Bertha" was built in  
1919 for the Midland Railway as a "banker" to  
assist heavy trains up the Lickey Incline by  
pushing from the rear. Neither design was  
perpetuated, but a number of foreign railways,  
notably Russia, extensively used 0-10-0 designs.

*This Russian broad  
gauge 0-10-0 was  
built for the  
mountainous route  
to Ulan Bator.*



The 0-10-0 suffered the guidance problems of  
all fixed-wheelbase locomotives, so the next  
logical step was the 2-10-0 with a leading pony  
truck to provide steering on bends. During World  
War Two, a large number of "Austerity" 2-10-0s  
were built to the design of Robert Riddles for the  
War Department to haul military freight trains,  
particularly once Europe was liberated. Pending  
this, many were used on British main lines and  
this experience led not only to purchase of many  
for use in Britain after the war, but also the  
construction of the "9F" 2-10-0 under British  
Railways, culminating in "Evening Star", the last  
new steam locomotive for British Railways, built  
in 1960.



*WD600 "Gordon" was  
a War Department  
2-10-0 that remained in  
military service until  
preserved at the  
Severn Valley Railway.*

Other ten-coupled layouts tried on overseas  
railways were 0-10-2, 2-10-2, 2-10-4, 4-10-0, 4-  
10-2.

*Large engines also  
appeared on narrow  
gauge systems. This  
750mm gauge 2-10-2T  
was used in Germany.*



*Canadian  
Pacific RR  
Class T1a  
was 2-10-4  
with a giant  
firebox.*

No larger designs were used in Britain, but  
0-12-0, 2-12-2, 2-12-4 and 4-12-2 designs were  
tried, many in the USA but few appearing on  
stamps. A 2-12-0 was built in 1936 by the great  
designer André Chapelon for express passenger  
services in France and a 4-14-4T was used in  
Russia. Neither design was put into production.



*A Bulgarian  
2-12-4T of 1943.*

## ARTICLES WANTED

Members are invited to write short articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Please submit them to the Editor.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Ann Coltman holds the Society's Library with many catalogues and reference books that members can borrow to research their collections and to find out how to get more from our hobby. The library also contains philatelic aids, such as the Signoscope watermark detector and ultra-violet lamps. Sample stamps and a catalogue is brought by Ann to most meetings. Members can ask her to bring particular items to the next meeting for them to borrow until the following meeting.

Ann also holds the Society's archives. If you find any old documents, programmes, etc., or see any reference to the society in the current press, Ann would welcome them in case they fill gaps in the collection.

Have **you** visited the British Postal Museum and Archives? Situated in Phoenix Place, Islington, London, behind the large Mount Pleasant sorting office complex, it is free to use (although it is necessary to register as a reader on your first visit). It contains a large philatelic library, plus the official records of the Royal Mail. As well as files of original documents and artefacts (of which a catalogue is available on the internet), it also has postmark registers, post office staff records and many other source documents of value to both the philatelist and the family historian.

## SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS JOURNAL

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interested collector outside the society. To request addition to the distribution list, please contact the Editor.

## SMALL ADS

Society members are entitled to insert one small advertisement free of charge in each issue. Please send your advert to the Editor.

**Malaysia** - First day covers for sale. Many issues available. Wants lists to Len Stanway.



## Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies July - September 2012

### July 2012:

- 2 Basildon/Billericay - Basildon v. Billericay Quiz (at Basildon).
- 3 Benfleet - 8 pages from my collection.
- 4 Bishop's Stortford - Russian Civil War & Revolution (M. Sherwood-Jenkins)
- 4 Goodmayes - The Olympic Games (Members).
- 5 Billericay - Up to 10 pages from my album.
- 5 Witham - Choose a Number (Members).
- 7 AEPS - Council Meeting, Witham.
- 9 Cheshunt - Tonga (W I Stevenson).
- 9 Rayleigh - 1936 Olympic Games (A J Bosworth).
- 10 Epping Forest - AGM & New Acquisitions.
- 11 Brentwood - The Trial of the Portuguese Nyassa Company (J Dahl).
- 12 Hullbridge - Philatelic Paraphernalia (M Nunn).
- 17 Basildon - China 1945-1951 (D W Sibley).
- 17 Sudbury - Display by Leiston P.S.
- 18 Bishop's Stortford - 8 Sheets - Any Theme.
- 19 Billericay - Great Britain Postal History - King George V and King George VI (J Rawlins).
- 19 Witham - Egypt & Czech - Changing Empires (K Burr).
- 20 Colchester - AGM & Chairman's Cup.
- 23 Rayleigh - Acquired in 2011 (Members).
- 25 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 26 Shoeburyness - Display by Benfleet & District P.S.

### August 2012:

- 1 Bishop's Stortford - A Grand Night Out (members only).
- 2 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 6 Basildon - No Stamps (Members).
- 7 Benfleet - Aspects of the Third Reich (I Nutley).

- 9 Hullbridge - Bourse.
- 13 Cheshunt - Members Entertain & Bourse.
- 13 Rayleigh - Annual General Meeting.
- 14 Sudbury - Members' displays.
- 15 Bishop's Stortford - Letter G (Members).
- 16 Witham - The Committee Entertains.
- 21 Basildon - Norway (Mrs P Adams).
- 30 Witham - Jamaica (G P Green).

### September 2012:

- 1 AEPS - Council Meeting, Witham. Final entries for Autumn Competitions.
- 3 Basildon - To be advised.
- 4 Benfleet - Auction.
- 4 Sudbury - To be advised.
- 5 Bishop's Stortford - Flight Path Atlantic (W E Trower).
- 5 Goodmayes - To be advised.
- 5 Clacton - To be advised.
- 6 Billericay - Display by Chelmsford & Dist. P.S.
- 8 EAPHSC - Pegg Cup and New Acquisitions.
- 8 Leytonstone & Wanstead - New acquisitions.
- 10 Cheshunt - GB Modern Postal History KGVI to Decimalisation (C G Harman).
- 10 Rayleigh - Something Unusual (Members).
- 11 Braintree - To be advised.
- 11 Bury St Edmunds - To be advised.
- 11 Chelmsford - New Acquisitions.
- 11 Epping Forest - Triangles Part II (Mrs M Thompson).
- 12 Brentwood - Jamaica (G P Green).
- 13 Hullbridge - 1 Page and 5 Minutes (Members).
- 13 Witham - Chairman's Evening.
- 17 Frinton - To be advised.
- 18 Basildon - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.
- 18 Sudbury - To be advised.
- 19 Bishop's Stortford - Special Event Stamps and Mail (Members).
- 19 Goodmayes - To be advised.
- 20 Billericay - Orchids (Mrs M Morris).
- 21 Colchester - To be advised.
- 24 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Visit by Sidcup P.S.
- 24 Rayleigh - Chairman's Night.
- 25 Braintree - To be advised.
- 25 Bury St Edmunds - To be advised.
- 25 Chelmsford - Philatelic Tour of London (D Cornell).
- 26 Brentwood - Open Evening.

- 26 Ipswich - To be advised.
- 27 Shoeburyness - Norway & Spitzbergen (Mrs P Adams).
- 27 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.

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