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PREFACE TO THE NINTH EDITION, VOLUME 2

When Philately in Essex was first published in 1985, we sought to produce a single reference volume, but this subsequently became unwieldy as we found more about the Association's past. The move to a digital format allowed and encouraged us to be more flexible in our approach. We therefore extracted the historical information into separate volumes which can be updated less frequently, when sufficient new information is available to justify a new edition. As we have recently passed the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Association, it was felt that all three volumes should be brought up-to-date.

Please only print individual pages that you require. It is not necessary to print the whole document.

We hope that readers will find the new format of interest and useful. If you have any suggestions as to how it can be further improved, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Len Stanway.
December 2025.

CHANGES IN THIS EDITION

A number of societies have closed since the last edition.

Details of the 2019 RPSL display participants have been added.

The handbook is published in three volumes. Volume 1, republished annually, contains all current information regarding the Association and its members societies. Volume 2, republished when appropriate, contains historical reference data regarding the Association and its member societies. Volume 3 is the Catalogue of Philatelic Souvenirs.

All the chapters in this volume have been reviewed and updated where new information is available.

NOTICE

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Members are advised that the Association has the right to maintain lists of members' and delegates' names, addresses and telephone numbers for the purposes of AEPS communications only. Such lists are not divulged to third parties.

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Event details are published in the Combined Programme and used in AEPS publicity in good faith on the basis of information provided in the public domain by member societies. Speakers who wish no publicity must ask the societies not to include details in their published programmes.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE HISTORY OF PHILATELY IN ESSEX

1910

The second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in April was attended by Mr. D.B. Armstrong on behalf of the newly-formed South Essex Philatelic Society. This Walthamstow society also sometimes met at Broad Street in the City of London.

1912

The South Essex Philatelic Society was also represented, by Mr. C. Nissen, at the fourth Congress in May, after which this society faded from sight, possibly a victim of the Great War.

1913

The earliest known private company society was the Marconi Philatelic Society, founded in May. At 90 years old, it was the oldest surviving Essex society, albeit closed to the general public, when it closed its doors in 2003. Despite being a private society, on various occasions it has played a very active role in Essex philately, hosting public exhibitions and county events.

1916

During that was, a new society emerged in south Essex in the form of the Southend-on-Sea & District Philatelic Society, founded in September. This was the first town in Essex to have a society.

1919

In the county town, Chelmsford and District Philatelic Society was formed in November.

1927

The earliest recorded exchange visit between societies took place in 1927 when Southend-on-Sea gave a display at Chelmsford. Organising exchange visits between societies has always a popular part of philatelic life, and always fraught with problems for the society Secretary – “Will we get a team?”, “How will we get there?”, etc. A not-infrequent concern is “Have we both got the same date?”. Today, the AEPS Combined Programme sorts out such problems at an early stage, but it was not always so. The Philatelic Societies Year Book for 1935 records Chelmsford expecting a visit from Colchester on 12 November 1935 and Colchester planning to visit Chelmsford five days earlier!

1931

The Colchester Stamp Society was formed in March by six persons meeting in a private house.

1935

Many societies today rely on their exchange packet for a degree of financial security, but, before 1939, there were a number of large independent exchange circuits to which societies were affiliated. For example, in 1935, Colchester society used the South Western Exchange Club. A society was formed at Billericay.

1936

The Leytonstone society on the borders of East London was formed in October

1937

In October, a society was formed in Dovercourt.

1939

The outbreak of war led to the curtailment of any activity that was not considered essential to the war effort. Many philatelic societies closed down at the outset or subsequently succumbed, including that at Billericay.

1942

These dark wartime days saw the formation of the Ilford & District Philatelic Society.

1943

In May, Forest Philatelic Society came into being, based in Loughton, to incorporate and replace the pre-war Buckhurst Hill Philatelic Society. The latter society, of which the inauguration date is not known, had been formed in the 1930s with informal meetings and had been able to continue meeting through the war years.

1944

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The war was still in full swing, but post-war reconstruction was beginning to be addressed in official circles. The surviving philatelic societies in Essex were Chelmsford, Colchester, Dovercourt, Ilford, Leytonstone, Southend-on-Sea

Early in the year, the idea of a county association of philatelic societies was conceived by the Mr. J. B. Seymour, FRPSL, an Essex philatelist of world-wide renown. This idea was discussed at length at Leytonstone Library at a "Congress" hosted on 3 June by the Leytonstone society with the representatives of the Colchester, Forest, Ilford and Southend-on-Sea societies. Although the inaugural meeting under that name was not held until 1945, 3 June 1944 was the day the decision was taken to found the “Association of Essex Philatelic Societies” (AEPS), with these five founder member societies. Three days later, the war took a major turn towards its end, with the Allied “D-

Day" invasion of the European continent, starting in Normandy.

The AEPS claims to be the first single-county federation to be formed in Britain.

The meeting set the pattern for subsequent gatherings in the early years. There was a luncheon (despite rationing and wartime shortages), and an exhibition of members' collections, a talk and display by Mr. Frank Godden, a small amount of exploratory administrative business. The most important element of the day was the opportunity to meet members of other societies and to discuss matters of mutual interest. To quote the late Mr. R.D. Lee, who was present at the meeting, "No longer was any newly formed society on its own, struggling to make ends meet, to find a speaker, or to arrange a display. Enthusiasm was revived and, though times were difficult with communications interrupted by war activities, visits between neighbouring societies became a reality. Places with a "Morrison Shelter" were in demand for, when the siren sounded, meetings simply adjourned from round the table to underneath it!"

The first Secretary, Mr. J.R. Goodwin, served from 1944 to 1951 and was a busy man - He was recorded in 1946 as also being Secretary of both Ilford & District P.S and Leytonstone & District P.S.

The formation of the AEPS attracted attention and Stanley Gibbons Monthly printed details, the first time a purely local item had ever appeared in that journal.

The Council drew up a set of objectives, which have withstood the test of time and are very much the same today:

- To hold an annual convention,
- To promote the exchange of visits, and
- To create friendship and understanding.

1945

The inaugural meeting under the AEPS title was held on 3 February, at 8 Richmond Road, Ilford. An executive committee (today's Council) was formed from the representatives of the member societies and, despite the scarcity of private motor cars, many members still managed to travel from one end of Essex to the other to attend meetings, some still in uniform.

In these last days of war, it seemed doubtful that it would be possible hold a major event, but through the endeavours of Southend-on-Sea members Mr. Robert Kendal Wortley, FRPSL, and Mr. George Pearson, the first Congress was held at the Victoria Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, in June. It proved an outstanding success, with many of the leading members of British philately attending. Everyone who exhibited received a Diploma of Appreciation, which arrived on the back of a uniformed military officer in his rucksack. Eleven sat down to Luncheon. As it was after VE Day, the frames were made up from disused black out screens.

August saw a new society formed in Thurrock.

Following the AEPS Congress, the Reverend C. S. Morton made representations to the AEPS on behalf of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, a much older organisation but which had suspended its annual Congresses during the war years. It considered that

the term "Congress" should be reserved for PCGB use, to avoid confusion. The first Annual General Meeting of the Association on 17 November rejected the request to change the name of the annual event, but, faced with a threat of resignation by Mr. J.B. Seymour, this decision was reversed at a special meeting on 5 January 1946. The term "Convention", commonly used in the USA but, until then, rarely in the UK, was adopted.

AEPS petitioned the Postmaster-General for a set of Victory stamps and an issue followed shortly afterwards, despite initial apparent reluctance.

1946

The first post-war Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in 1946 had six Essex members compared with three in 1940. Chelmsford, Colchester and Southend-on-Sea were joined by AEPS, Ilford and Leytonstone.

Forest society was initially invited to hold the Convention, but declined. Leytonstone society stepped in and agreed to host this second Convention at Leytonstone Library, the site of the initial exploratory meeting. Initial publicity was launched in April. A body of experience in running events had now been built up and, with the return of peace, many collectors were returning to the hobby. Sir John Wilson was invited to be the guest of honour, but could not attend on the day due to illness. 150 sheets of displays were expected. However, it was still a period of austerity and the programme was just a single folded sheet of paper. Souvenir envelopes were produced for the first time and they sold out completely. The design was the subject of numerous suggestions, but the final decision was in favour of a cachet that could be used for a variety of purposes. Detailed design and production was delegated to a member of the host society, Mr. R.D. Lee. The original block maker lost the final artwork, but much earlier artwork and the final blocks remain in existence.

1947

Thurrock society joined the Association during the year.

The Convention at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, demonstrated growing professionalism, with a printed programme, souvenir covers and a temporary Post Office with mail hand stamped for the occasion. The day was very different from today's major stamp fair and exhibition. The day began with a formal lunch at 12.30pm, an official opening ceremony at 2.15pm, tea at 3pm, a film show at 4pm, a display by an invited speaker at 5.30pm and speeches to 6.15pm.

A gold medal, presented to the Association by the Essex Philatelic Society of New Jersey, USA via Chelmsford and District P.S was in turn presented to Mr. J.B. Seymour to mark his retirement from the Association.

An early scheme was the formation of study circles, with postal history, Czechoslovakia and New Zealand study circles being formed by the end of 1947. These had a chequered history, but some AEPS study circles went on to become independent specialist societies in their own right.

Clacton society was formed in November.

Under the editorship of Mr. Arthur Blair, well known in philatelic and literary circles, we entered the field of philatelic publishing in late 1947 with our own magazine, The Essex Philatelic Contact, the first issue being dated January-March 1948, and cost 3d. The name was revised to The Philatelic Contact from the April-June 1949 issue following a partnership with the Postal Stationery Society of Great Britain to produce the magazine. The July-September issue found another partner in the Hampstead and District Philatelic Society, whilst October-December was further shared with the Cachet Correspondence Club of the USA. Further partners were the Airletter Club (from April-June 1950 issue) and Middlesex and District Federation of Philatelic Societies (Autumn 1950). We learned the pitfalls of publishing the hard way! It was an excellent little magazine based on a personal approach to its readers. The first edition ran to 500 copies and production rose to 1500 by 1950, but, after two years of quarterly issues, it had to be abandoned (after Vol.3 No.3 dated Autumn 1950) due to mounting production costs and little support, even though the price had only risen once, to 6d from Vol.2 No.2 (dated April-June 1949).

1948

In 1948, Forest society organised the convention at Loughton High School for Girls. By sheer hard work, they built or borrowed frames, shipped them to Loughton and mounted a 700-sheet exhibition. This was no mean feat in those days with no private transport available. Rowland Hill's grandson, Col. W.H. Hill was the principal guest and the GPO Public Relations Officer, C. Clear, brought priceless exhibits down from St. Martins-le-Grand.

A society was formed at Goodmayes in June and joined the Association later in the year.

In late October, the Essex Stamp Club of Newark, New Jersey, USA held their "Stampex" exhibition and AEPS sent a 42-sheet display with contributions from Dovercourt, Ilford, Leytonstone and, Southend societies. On 20 November, Essex Stamp Club was elected the first (and so far only) Honorary Member Society of the AEPS.

1949

The neighbouring Havering and Ardleigh House (Hornchurch) societies both joined AEPS in February.

Six junior societies were admitted to AEPS Associate Membership during the 1950s to enable them to participate in AEPS display events, but were not considered to be full Members.

Our fifth Convention was held at Colchester's Moot Hall, by which time there were 12 member societies. At the time, it was said that Colchester was too far from London to attract visitors, but the attendance was as good as ever!

In later 1949 or early 1950, Ilford and Thurrock societies withdrew from the Association.

1950

The Convention in Southend-on-Sea was notable for the first of many attempts to organise a Junior competition.

Havering withdrew from the Association after only a year.

A new society was formed in October at Theydon Bois.

1951

Rising costs and paper shortages caused the cessation of publication of the Philatelic Contact. However, the AEPS Committee met with Mr. Arthur Blair in his other capacity, that of Editor of Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, and obtained agreement for that journal to publish a column under the "Philatelic Contact" title devoted to Essex news, etc. This incorporation was formally agreed by the Association on 21 April. However, the Contact remained in existence as a column in Stamp Collector's Fortnightly from c. April 1951 to after June 1956.

In April, the Chairman, Mr. E.W. Stokes, presented a silver cup for inter-society competition to foster friendly rivalry and greater interest in the membership. Leytonstone society was first to win this and the names of the winners can be seen on an illuminated scroll, the work of Mr. George Pearson and subsequent "extenders", which is displayed at each Stamp Day. The competition was originally open to displays by three or more members of each Society, each society displaying 24 sheets.

The King Edward VI Grammar School in Chelmsford approached the AEPS to affiliate its school stamp club to the Association and it was accepted.

Dovercourt society hosted the Convention on 19 May, organising motor boat trips around the estuaries and naval reserve fleet in the harbour for delegates' non-philatelic companions. Covers including some with Ship Letter marks from the Netherlands, thanks to the frequent ferry crossings from the port at that time before mass air travel. The event is reported to have brought the Editor of Stamp Collecting all the way from London to see what AEPS could do.

In November, Theydon Bois society joined the AEPS.

1952

Ford Motor Company had a major presence in Essex and it is not surprising that a Ford Philatelic Society was set up under the auspices of the firm's Sports and Social Club. It ran from 1952 until about 1984.

On 1 March, following approaches from more schools, it was agreed to admit properly-run junior societies to membership of the Association to enable their participation in AEPS displays and other events. From 5 July, these societies were given the status of Associate Members. First to join under the new arrangements were Hill Secondary Modern School in Dovercourt and Walthamstow Scouts.

The Convention at Wanstead House was the first to be opened by a lady, Miss Rose Titford. Excellent weather enabled the official opening to take place in

the grounds of Wanstead House and the programme included two film shows and a 1200 sheet display. For the first time, private postal stationery bearing the newly-produced AEPS emblem appeared.

In July 1952, another junior society, the League of Three club, based in Walthamstow, joined the AEPS.

In November, the Philatelic Section of the Shell company social club, based at Corringham, joined the Association.

1953

In January, Colchester Royal Grammar School became an associate member of the AEPS.

Brentwood's postal history goes back to the seventeenth century when it was on the mail coach route to East Anglia. Brentwood & District P.S. was formed in July and still meets.

A Frinton Philatelic Society was also established. It quickly added "and District" to its title in an attempt to broaden its potential membership base.

On 1 November, the Hill Secondary Modern School Stamp Club was wound-up.

1954

In July, the new Frinton & District Philatelic Society joined the AEPS, by which time there were eleven member societies.

A society was formed at Halstead in December. Apart from a brief period in the 1970s, this society has never participated in AEPS affairs.

The last contact with the Essex Stamp Club of Newark, USA, was made during the year.

1955

The early 1950's were notable for the number of affiliated junior societies and a Junior Societies Philatelic Display Competition was held at the Convention at Goodmayes. This was perpetuated for a number of years until lack of support led to its abandonment circa 1960. It was revived from time to time without success, but experience has shown that school societies are often dependent on just one enthusiastic teacher and are usually short-lived. End of term in June 1955 saw the demise of the King Edward VI Grammar School stamp club and Walthamstow Scouts stamp club was not heard from after this date.

To assist society programme organisers (usually the Secretary), the first Register of AEPS Displays and Judges was compiled.

In November, the May & Baker company society from Dagenham joined the AEPS.

1956

The Convention was held at Westcliff-on-Sea, and Southend-on-Sea society produced what we believe to have been the first ever philatelic meter mark, on machine UA 649. Certainly it should be classified as a special event postmark, but it is rarely seen in either meter mail or special event collections. A chance conversation at this meeting led to the formation of the Spanish Study Circle.

In June, the Frinton & District society changed its name to Walton & District Philatelic Society.

For the Convention, Southend-on-Sea had some display frames made specially. These were offered to the Association, and these our first display stands were purchased for the princely sum of £25 for 32 frames, which Southend-on-Sea allowed us to pay over five years! In the event, only two years were needed. More frames were acquired in 1960, 50 being donated by the organisers of the 1960 London international exhibition on a "yours if you can take them away" basis!

1957

On 30 March, the young Walton & District Philatelic Society threw in the towel and was wound-up. Up was to be seven years before the next attempt to found a society here. The contemporary Shell society was also wound-up on the same day.

Theydon Bois, the then smallest society, organised the Convention at Loughton.

Another event was the first Home Counties Inter-County competition for the Dawes Cup. This was the culmination of three years planning following an initiative by Essex on a proposal by Mr. W John Allen. Essex achieved its first victory in 1962. We have now won the Dawes Cup seventeen times in its fifty-eight years, the latest being in 2014.

In November, a new society came into being at Rayleigh.

In December, Mr. W John Allen suggested that we hold an Autumn Rally. Forest offered to host the first on a Tuesday evening in November 1958. At this stage, even the Convention was not a full day affair. There is no record of this event having taken place and it was not until 1964 that the first formal Autumn Rally took place, on a renewed suggestion by the same gentleman.

December also saw Waltham Abbey Primary School stamp club join the Association.

1958

Clacton organised the 14th Convention. It is remembered for producing an outstanding error of postmarking, "17 MY 57" in 1958! At that event, Mr. W.F. Dames of Clacton presented a model galleon for the best society exhibit with the intention that it should be used by the winner for subsequent competitions in that society. It is not known if it still exists.



(Previous page) The victorious Leytonstone & Wanstead team of John Simpson, John Allen and Bert Pritchard with the Stokes Cup.

Colchester Royal Grammar School left the AEPS in May.

In October, Rayleigh & District society joined the AEPS.

1959

The Convention at Buckhurst Hill (Forest society) was notable for an outstanding handbook with a colour cover featuring a forest scene. The AGM of that year included a garden party hosted by our then Secretary, Miss E W (Molly) Farish, at her home.

The Waltham Abbey Primary School stamp club is not mentioned after March.

1961

Leytonstone's Convention had special event postmarking as a highlight. Perhaps it is true to say that, although there were earlier isolated examples, it was in no small measure the AEPS that was responsible for this idea, which has been taken up widely since. Southend-on-Sea became the first society to achieve a hat trick in the Stokes Cup, making it four in 1962! It was not until 2009 that Southend-on-Sea's record was beaten, by Bishop's Stortford.

1962

The 1960s were a boom time for philately in Essex, possibly driven by the growth of Post Office marketing with an unprecedented variety of new stamp issued from 1963 onwards.

Bishop's Stortford society was founded in October.

Until 1961, the Stokes Cup was presented to the society giving the best presentation at the Convention. There were no consistent rules on the number of sheets, marking schedules, etc. This was a judge's nightmare and led to frequent complaints for a variety of reasons. The free-for-all could not continue, and, following a visit he had made to judge a competition for the Federation of Employee Societies Trophy, Mr. W. John Allen initiated a review leading to adoption, in principle of the present structure of the competition with effect from the 1962 competition.

1963

The growth in interest in postal history resulted in the formation of an East Anglia Postal History Study Circle in January.

East Herts College society was formed in February.

In April, the League of Three club left the AEPS.

A combined programme was first proposed in 1951, but not adopted. During 1963, a further attempt was made to compile a Combined Programme; to be published annually in booklet form on the pattern of the long-established one published by the North of England Philatelic Federation, replacing individual society programmes. Resistance from Southend-on-Sea society eventually led to abandonment of this proposal, but a quarterly Combined Programme, was

produced to supplement, rather than replace, society programmes arose from the ashes. With the introduction of this handbook, it became an annual production. Since March 2010, it has also been published monthly as an e-mail alert to known philatelists and local press in our area.

On 7 December, an exchange packet, dealing mainly in Essex postal history material, was started, initially in the care of the Packet Secretary of Leytonstone society. This packet ceased trading on 18 October 1969 due to lack of support.

1964

An inter-society quiz competition had been held informally since the early days of the Association, some, such as that held in 1952, having been undertaken by post! In 1964, having lapsed for many years, it was revived at the instigation of Mr. W John Allen. In 1968, the inter-society quiz was formalised with rules and a trophy presented by Shoeburyness society, bringing live entertainment to the afternoon of each Autumn Rally!

In November, postal history collectors gained an alternative study group when the Essex Postal History Society was formed, sponsored by the AEPS.

In December, a second attempt was made at establishing a society in Frinton, this time under the "Frinton & District Philatelic Society" banner. This was to prove successful.

1965

Braintree gained a philatelic society in March.

Havering joined the AEPS at the February Council meeting and Frinton at the next meeting in April. Ilford re-joined the Association in July after 15 years absence.

The calling of occasional meetings of an Inner Council consisting of AEPS officers was authorised on 2 October. The present 'permanent' Executive Committee was brought into being on 27 October 1973 and first met on 13 November 1973.

1966

In January a society was established at Shoeburyness.

In June, Thurrock society re-joined the Association after a sixteen-year absence.

On 20 September, a second Chelmsford society, the Moulsham Lodge Philatelic Society & Collectors' Club, was established.

1967

A post-war society for Billericay was formed in September.

Benfleet also gained a society.

The Association was presented with a trophy in the form of a silver inkstand for a Thematic Competition to be held annually. Forest society won it in both 1967 and 1968. Stamps and Postal History trophies were also obtained in 1967.

Shoeburyness society joined the Association in November.

The growth in the hobby did not prevent Theydon Bois society closing in November.

1968

Construction of a new style of AEPS display frame was commenced in January to replace the previous stock, which were worn out, and to provide additional frames for use at our 1969 Silver Jubilee celebrations.

The year saw rapid growth in the hobby, with a number of new societies being formed, including a company society at British Petroleum Harlow.

In July, the new town of Basildon joined the ranks of societies. In August, a company society was formed at Van den Berghs & Jurgens at Purfleet. A society was also formed at Hullbridge during the year.

East Herts College Philatelic Society was renamed Cheshunt & District Philatelic Society, recognising its wider catchment area.

1969

In March, the Essex Postal History Society merged with the East Anglia Postal History Study Circle under the latter's title. On the same day, Fullers Sports society joined the Association. This Walthamstow-based company society had been functioning since at least 1967.

The Association's Silver Jubilee celebrations included a major exhibition "PhilEssex69" at Chelmsford, and a mail coach run from the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood to the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford. At the same time, an airmail flight was organised carrying covers from Southend-on-Sea to Stansted and thence by road to Chelmsford. The "PhilEssex" brand was reserved for events organised by the Association itself and was only used twice, in 1969 and 1994.

The Autumn Rally was also in Chelmsford, to mark the Golden Jubilee of Chelmsford society, for which a Paquebot cover through Maldon was organised.

1970

In January, a society was formed at Witham and it joined the Association in November.

On 1 May, a company society was established at the Plessey Company in Ilford.

Van den Berghs & Jurgens company society joined the AEPS in June and Hullbridge society joined the Association in September.

1971

The 1971 Convention on 10 July was hosted jointly by Benfleet and Rayleigh & District societies at Runnymede Hall, Benfleet. In co-operation with the Eastern National Omnibus Company, a one-day parcels service was organised between Southend-on-Sea and Thundersley for the carriage of covers bearing a special se-tenant vertical strip of three Eastern National "bus parcel stamps". The stamps were also sold in a stamp booklet together containing the strip of parcel stamps plus six halfpenny Machin definitive stamps. Considerable consternation was

caused by persons seeking to use the stamps on buses after the event!

BP Harlow society joined the Association in October.

1972

In February, Halstead and Plessey societies joined the Association.

On 2 November, the AEPS was invited to present a display to the Royal Philatelic Society London, in which members of most societies participated, and the Association received an inscribed plaque in gratitude.

In December, one of Essex's oldest societies joined the AEPS. Marconi P.S. was a company society based in Chelmsford with restricted membership, founded in 1913.

1973

Replacement of the display frames had been completed in the autumn of 1971, but a programme was commenced in 1973 to provide melamine security covers and aluminium locking strips to avoid risk of thefts during exhibitions, a feature not hitherto considered necessary.

As its contribution to the national "Plant A Tree In 73" campaign, the AEPS planted 12 oak trees at Hatfield Broad Oak on 28 February, near the Doodle Oak Gate of Hatfield Forest.

In 1973 and 1978, the AEPS staged Autumn Rallies at Maldon in the hope of triggering interest in forming a society there, to no avail. Indeed, we had been trying to form such a society there since at least 1956!

From 1973, Council meetings alternated between the Old House, Brentwood and Spring Lodge, Witham.

1974

November saw a society formed in Harlow.

1975

In January, Ilford and Leytonstone jointly formed a Junior Society for younger collectors. It joined the AEPS in May 1976 but was short-lived and closed in December 1977.

An Aerophilatelic competition was started, but lack of support led to its amalgamation into the postal history class of the Stokes Cup competition in 1980. The cup is now again judged separately but merged with the postal history competition for calculation of Stokes Cup results.

1976

This was a period of contraction. Halstead society left the AEPS in February, then Fullers Sports society was wound-up in October in consequence of industrial contraction.

1977

In January, Shoburyness society left the Association, but returned to the fold in June 1979.

On 15 October, Plessey society left the AEPS and is believed to have closed soon afterwards.

1978

The boundaries of Essex were further extended in April, when Sudbury & District Philatelic Society joined the AEPS, the first Suffolk society to do so. This society was formed in 1965 during the 1960s boom in interest in stamp collecting and, except for a brief period in the 1980s, has remained a very active member of the AEPS.

A cup for Great Britain Postal History was donated by Mr. Ron Pegg of the East Anglia Postal History Study Circle.

The Autumn Rally was held at Plume School in Maldon in the vain hope of generating interest in creating a local society. Branded "StampEssex78", this is the first recorded use of the StampEssex brand, now used for most AEPS events. It was arranged for some postcards to be carried to Maldon by a commercial ship. Unfortunately, the ship was diverted to Sweden and arrived 6 weeks late, and then the Post Office could not handle them until after the Christmas rush! They eventually arrived in late January 1979.

1981

The late Mr. Alfred J Branston became the first Essex philatelist to be awarded the British Philatelic Federation Congress Medal for long and distinguished service to organised philately. This was in well-earned recognition of his service in Essex and nationally. He presented the Association with a Book of Honour in which is inscribed annually the awards at National level or higher gained by Essex philatelists. This is normally displayed on the AEPS table at Stamp Days, etc.

In September, Harlow society joined the AEPS.

1982

As a result of renewed requests for more opportunities for junior collectors to participate in AEPS events, a Junior Display was held at the 1982 Autumn Rally at Pitsea, but the response was too small to justify further displays at subsequent events.

A cup for the highest placed foreign entry was donated by Mrs. Pearson in memory of her late husband, George, a stalwart of the Association in its early years.

1983

AEPS Officers, led by Mr. Arthur F Hobbs, were instrumental in assisting local collectors to set up the South Woodham Ferrers Stamp Club in the new town of that name in October. This Society initially proved very successful, but was short-lived.

A cup for the highest placed novice was donated by Mrs. Janet Rauch in memory of her late husband, Christopher.

1984

BP Harlow society left the Association in March.

The AEPS 40th anniversary was marked by holding a stamp day at Romford, organised from afar by AEPS Officers, none of whom was locally based. Regrettably, the local Havering society was unable to support us on that occasion and chose to withdraw from the Association in May.

The new South Woodham Ferrers society formally joined the Association in September after its first annual general meeting.

In November 1984, the first Judging Seminar was held in Chelmsford.

1986

In January, the Moulsham Lodge society joined the AEPS.

The first edition of this AEPS handbook was published, bringing together, for the first time, the accumulated rules and records of the association into one volume to permit easy reference.

1987

A postal auction, operating on a commission basis, was established, but foundered after two years due to lack of support. It was generally acknowledged that there were too many other society and commercial outlets for material. An attempt to revive it in the early years of this century also failed.

1988

The closure of Van den Burgh & Jurgens's Purfleet plant left its stamp club homeless in June. Its members sought to make a go of the society independently as the Dell Oak Stamp Club from September, but it closed its doors a year later.

Marconi society presented a trophy for a Modern Material competition, and the first competition was held the following Autumn of 1989, with very strong support from members.

1990

After a false start in April, a County Youth Co-ordinator was appointed in September to assist the BPF in a promotional campaign to attract more young people into philately.

1991

Ilford society was wound-up in March.

South Woodham Ferrers society left the Association in April.

A junior stamp club, at Eton House School, a private school in Southend-on-Sea, joined the AEPS but never played an active role and was wound-up when the school closed some eight years later.

1992

Our first two-day convention was held at Rayleigh, as a dry-run for our Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1994. The Autumn Rally was hosted by Clacton, whose Chairman, Mr. T. Wordsworth, set a precedent by holding the first written Quiz competition. In the light of

that success, the Quiz Rules were supplemented by provisions for such new formats, which have been frequently used since.

1993

One of the founder members, Southend-on-Sea society, left the Association.

1994

AEPS's Golden Jubilee year was marked by an extensive series of events, starting with two visits to the Post Office Railway in London in January and February.

Next came a seminar on displaying a collection, hosted by Rayleigh & District society in conjunction with the ABPS in April. Seminars became an annual feature of the AEPS.

July witnessed PhilEssex'94, held over two days at Colchester, with many features including a Forces Post Office display, a Spitfire fly-by and the display of entries in a Schools Stamp Design Competition organised by the Association. 134 entries were received from ten schools.

In September, we hosted the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at Writtle, the first time Essex had done so, which was marred by the repercussions of the collapse of the British Philatelic Federation. We also held a visit to the Post Office Archives in London.

Finally, Witham society hosted the Autumn Rally in October, where the first Cinderella competition took place, reflecting the renewal of interest world-wide in this area of philately.

1995

The Association became a pioneer user of the Internet in philately in December when the Association's website was created by Mr. Charlie W Mead.

1999

After many years of consideration, it was finally agreed, in November, to experiment with 16 sheet entries in the Stokes Cup. The Postal History entries were consequently trialled in the Spring of 2000, as a result of which the rules were formally amended in June 2000, with 16-sheet entries adopted in all competitions.

2000

A key event of the year was the successful publication of the Association's first (and so far only) commercial book, "Mails Under London" by Mr. L C Stanway. It won a Small Silver Gilt medal at Stampex and Vermeil at ABPS Glasgow 2000, and repaid a loan from the British Philatelic Trust in under three months. Assistance was also obtained from the Stuart Rossiter Trust.

2002

After many years of discussion, Ipswich society joined the AEPS in April, extending "Essex" further into Suffolk.

AEPS founder member Southend-on-Sea was welcomed back to the fold in July.

2003

Sadly, the Marconi society foundered in its ninetieth year, the victim of declining interest and staff reductions which reduced the active membership to just three.

In October, the Forest Philatelic Society was renamed the Epping Forest & District Stamp Club in the hope of revitalising support for its activities

2004

A committee mostly consisting of AEPS Executive Committee members, chaired by Mr. Ray How, successfully organised the Basildon 2004 National Stamp Exhibition for the Association of British Philatelic Societies. Despite the lack of any substantial sponsorship and the withdrawal of both the British Philatelic Trust and the Royal Mail from supporting philatelic events, the event was able to return a healthy profit to support UK and Essex philately.

2005

Benfleet re-joined the Association at the June Council meeting.

2006

At the instigation of Mr. Simon A Moorcroft, the Annual Dinner was revived as an awards dinner attached to the Autumn Rally. A number of hard lessons were learned from this first event, which was held at Marks Tey, but it was sufficiently successful for it to be repeated in more modest form at various times and locations in the following years. However, falling support led to its suspension after the 2014 dinner.

2007

To raise funds for the Association, AEPS hosted the Autumn Rally and the Awards Dinner at Braintree.

The decision was taken to produce a new Third Edition of "Philately in Essex", in which, inter-alia, the Catalogue was fully revised and illustrated.

2008

The workshop was held at Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall End on 26 January. The speakers were Mr. Brian Asquith FRPSL (Postal history and aerophilately) and Mr. John Copeland (Researching postal history on the internet). Lunch was taken at the Fox Inn. Whilst excellent, lunch there was very time-consuming, so whilst similar seminars have been held annually to date at the same venue, we have subsequently used in-hall catering.

Mr. Len Stanway presented the AEPS with an engraved President's "jewel" at the Council Meeting on 15 March.

The last "company" society in Essex, M&B, was finally declared defunct in May, not having met since c.2000, due to lack of support from the new generations of employees.

2009

The workshop received talks from Christopher Harman and Alan Moorcroft on postal history, while John Copeland gave news of recent internet research opportunities.

On 3 March, Thurrock society was wound up when its Annual General Meeting was unable to find anyone to take on its administrative duties.

Work began on the organisation of an event at Colchester as part of the national ABPS Festival of Stamps London 2010.

2010

For the first time, the Festival of Stamps London 2010, was envisaged, not as a single international exhibition, but instead as a series of events throughout the year with the international at its heart. Mr. L.C. Stanway of AEPS was appointed ABPS Regional Liaison Officer, responsible for arranging the Regional Programme, a series of seventeen federation-level events throughout the country, to be marketed as part of the national event, which also included a wide variety of museum and themed exhibitions. Essex's contribution, "StampEssex Festival of Stamps 2010", was organised by a working group of AEPS Officers. Co-sponsor, the British Postal Museum & Archive supplied a glass trophy for the best display of the event, voted for by the public. Initially, plans centred on a first-floor venue at the new Colchester football stadium, but it quickly became apparent that it was both too costly and infeasible for a philatelic event because of poor access and inadequate transport links. It was also not to the dimensions specified in its literature. After a short search, a new venue was found. Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, was larger, more economic and more accessible, being ground floor and close to central Colchester. It took place in June and was a great success, both in terms of attendance and in our relations with ABPS and BPMA.

Bury St. Edmunds society joined AEPS, but we lost Southend-on-Sea, which closed due to a lack of new officers to keep the society going. Its assets passed to Benfleet society, which incorporated Southend-on-Sea in its name.

2011

The venue for Council meetings was moved back to Spring Lodge, Witham, with one meeting, by invitation, at Rayleigh Stamp Day which became a regular feature. Rules for a Picture Postcard competition was approved by Council in November, reflecting the rapprochement between the two hobbies over recent years.

2012

The year was otherwise uneventful until our long-serving Treasurer, Mr. Eric Day, died suddenly in November.

2013

The short-lived Social Philately competition was revised to "Open Philately", effective from 2014, to reflect changes at FIP level. A new trophy for Classic (pre-1901) material was presented to the Association by postal history dealer Bill Barrell.

2014

Spring StampEssex 2014 was hosted by the association at the new Marconi Club in Chelmsford, after which the last AEPS Annual Awards Dinner was held at the same venue. Autumn StampEssex was hosted by Colchester at their regular Stanway Village Hall venue. A new website was launched.

2015

Spring StampEssex was held by Sudbury at a new venue outside the town, whilst a return was made to Colchester for the Autumn event. Moulsham Lodge society ceased to function during the organiser's failing health.

2016

Spring StampEssex was held by Bury St. Edmunds at a new venue outside the town, whilst a return was made to the Marconi Club, Chelmsford for the Autumn event hosted by the AEPS. Brentwood society closed on 31 July as a result of falling membership.

2017

Rayleigh hosted Spring StampEssex at Sweyne Park School, while the autumn event was again held at the Marconi Club. A lack of entries in the Spring competitions and a lack of new competitors meant that, for the first time, no one qualified for the Presidents Trophy or the Chris Rauch Trophy.

2018

Due to lack of officers, Hullbridge society closed on 12 April. Basildon hosted StampEssex in April to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Halstead society also closed due to lack of support during the year.

2019

The Association's 75th Anniversary Year was successfully launched on 10 January with a display to the Royal Philatelic Society London. 27 members of 14 societies displayed 588 sheets of material from the 16th Century to the present day to 140 members and guests, covering all branches of philately and all the continents including Antarctica. Participants ranged from first time displayers to an RDP Signatory. After a very complimentary vote of thanks, the AEPS President received the first RPSL Sesquicentennial

Medal from the RPSL President, Patrick Marselis. Each participant received a certificate and a box of chocolates from the RPSL President, who then entertained members and guests to a "standing dinner" of exquisite hors d'oeuvres crafted around "Essex" dishes, served with fine wines, including Dedham Vale sparkling wine, detailed in a commemorative menu serviced with a Belgian RPSL stamp and a commemorative postmark incorporating the AEPS emblem, provided by Belgian Post.

The anniversary luncheon was held at the County Hotel Chelmsford on 3 June and StampEssex was again hosted by AEPS officers at Great Baddow.

2020

2020 was a bad year for philately. Shoeburyness society folded on 31 January as operation had ceased to be viable. No formal StampEssex was held in the Spring, but the competition displays and Council meeting were incorporated into Rayleigh Stamp Day. In March, the country was struck by the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in the government ordering everyone to stay at home unless it was necessary to buy food or obtain medicine. Anyone with a long-term illness was not even permitted that and had to stay isolated. All societies closed until further notice, often their premises were also closed, preventing an early return. Restrictions started to be eased towards the end of May, but public meetings were still banned. Further waves of the disease prevented any resumption for the rest of the year.

2021

It was not until the Spring of 2021, when vaccinations became a reality, that it became possible to contemplate society reopenings, most waiting until the new academic year before putting a toe in the water. Inevitably, there were casualties among the societies as well as members. Bury St. Edmunds was first to go, having failed to find new officers.

2022

The next casualty was Braintree society. A small society before Covid, it did not have the strength to reopen after Covid and its few remaining members joined Witham society.

2023

The year started on a high note, with the first AGM of the Association since Covid. The delegates backed moves to get the Association back on its feet after Covid, with a new Secretary.

A further casualty was Billericay society in March, defeated by falling attendances and old age. Similar pressures resulted in closure of Cheshunt society in or by July.

The Annual General Meeting saw changes to the Constitution to reduce the size of the Executive Committee to reflect the straightened circumstances we found ourselves in after Covid, and to allow faster decision making.

2024

Bishop's Stortford announced their withdrawal from the Association citing falling rolls and member immobility. Later in the year, the organiser advised the Association that it should no longer be considered a functioning society because of his failing health and the non-existence of replacement officers.

2024

After several years, we successfully relaunched the AEPS annual Seminar, with a well-attended event at our usual Rivenhall venue.

2025

After a five-year gap, we successfully relaunched the AEPS Competitions with an event ahead of the Annual General Meeting, where the entries were displayed.

CHAPTER TWO

HISTORIES OF THE ESSEX SOCIETIES

In this chapter, I seek to describe each known society and its activities, including those which never became members of AEPS. The information has been taken in good faith from a variety of published sources. Inevitably, some societies are better documented than others. The Editor would welcome submission of information to enable expanded histories to be incorporated in future editions.

In comparing past subscriptions with modern (2018) buying power, the following comparison chart may be useful.

Year	Value in 2018 of 5/- (25p) spent in that year
1910	£28.32
1920	£12.27
1930	£15.10
1940	£15.53
1950	£8.41
1960	£5.54
1970	£3.92
1980	£1.21
1990	£0.59
2000	£0.41
2010	£0.32

Ardleigh House Stamp Club

Location: Ardleigh Green, Hornchurch (now part of London Borough of Havering).

Founded: by January 1949.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 1950s?

Also recorded as Ardleigh Green Stamp Club, this society joined the AEPS on 12 February 1949. It met on alternative Thursdays at the Ardleigh Green Community Centre, Ardleigh House, Hornchurch, and its 10/- (50p) subscription included use of all the Centre's facilities as membership of the Centre was an entry qualification. Its membership of the Association was short, having left during the first half of 1950, not being recorded in a list dated July 1950. It is believed to have been wound up during the 1950s.

Barking Abbey Comprehensive School Stamp Club

Location: Barking.

Founded: Not recorded.

Society type: School.

Wound-up: 1990s?

This school society was recorded by the British Philatelic Federation handbook, but no details are known. It was never a member of the AEPS.

Basildon Philatelic Society

Location: Basildon.

Founded: 4 July 1968.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

An abortive attempt to form a society took place in 1965. The Basildon Recorder newspaper for 5 July 1968 reported that a stamp collectors club had been formed at an inaugural meeting held at Woodlands Boys School. This was at the instigation of a group of Basildon Urban District Council employees. On 1 March 1969, Basildon joined the AEPS. Meetings up to 1970 were held at the school, but, after access difficulties, some subsequent meetings were held in the Council Offices. Meetings moved to the Painting Studio of the Arts Centre (later the Towngate Centre) in 1970. This provided a good home for the Society near the town centre until its demolition without replacement in 1988. The fledgling Society held its first exhibition in 1971 as part of the Basildon 21st Anniversary celebrations, marked by a commemorative cover. Stamp Day exhibitions/fairs were originally held at St. Martin's Church Hall. 1978 saw the 25th anniversary of Basildon becoming a Head Post Office, and the Society co-operated with the Post Office in the production of a further commemorative cover for the event, marking the start of a close working relationship with the Post Office in Basildon. 1978 also saw BPS join the British Philatelic Federation. The Autumn Stamp Fair was first held at St. Martin's Church Hall in 1979. By 1981, the exchange packet was flourishing and, following an unfortunate experience, it was decided to join the BPF Exchange Packet Section, which gave new sources of external books for circulation and a means of avoiding "bad risks". The Pitsea 1982 AEPS Stamp Day succeeded in attracting additional members from the Pitsea, Stanford-le-Hope and Corringham areas, where membership had hitherto been very sparse, and subsequent autumn fairs were held at Pitsea. This autumn event was known from 1985 onwards as Pitsea Stamp Day and included a small exhibition. The Basildon Stamp Day was transferred to Laindon (St Teresa's Church Hall) in 1986, while the 1987 spring event was cancelled due to the planned venue not being ready in time. 1988 was a problem year for the Society, with the demolition of the Towngate Centre and thus an enforced change of venue, initially in March to the nearby Unemployed Workers Centre, which proved unsuitable, and then to Laindon Community Centre in July. This led to the pleasant problem of growing attendances outstripping available room capacity! All stamp days moved to the same venue in 1989, due to falling attendances at Pitsea and consequent dealer reluctance to participate in events there. Although attendances stabilised at Laindon, they never returned to the high attendances of the 1970s, probably due to the competition from a surfeit

of commercial fairs. BPS hosted "StampEssex" in 1993 to celebrate its Silver Jubilee and won the Stokes Cup. BPS became one of the first societies in the country to operate an Internet website. The society newsletter, "The Basildon Stamp Collector" was relaunched in January 1996. In 1998, StampEssex was combined with the inter-federation Dawes Cup competition, for which purpose the title "Home Counties Stamp Day" was coined. The event was also the first "BasPex International" incorporating a display from twin town philatelic society in France, Meaux. BPS displayed in Meaux's regional exhibition earlier in 1998. From the start of 2000, BPS moved from Laindon to the George Hurd Centre in Fauners, close to Basildon town centre. In May 2008, that Centre was relocated to a new building in Audley Way and the society moved with it. The 2008 StampEssex was held at James Hornsby School, which proved to be a very suitable venue. The newsletter was relaunched in July 2009 as "The Basildon Philatelist", using an e-News format (with a few hard copies for members without e-mail) to cut printing costs and reach a far wider audience. 2009's society fair was the last such purely society event as support from dealers and the public was insufficient and the society lost money. Following a financial crisis in 2011, the society resumed the early practice of charging an attendance fee at each meeting, which has been successful in restoring stability. Attendances also improved, enabling Basildon to host a successful 2013 Spring StampEssex and a repeat event in 2018 to mark its Golden Jubilee. Basildon closed from March 2020 to September 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic, during which time the George Hurd Centre was used as a vaccination centre, but kept its auctions running as postal-only and, when restrictions permitted, exchange packets continued to circulate.

Benfleet & District Philatelic Society (incorporating Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Society)

Location: Hadleigh.

Founded: 1967.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

Originally formed as "Thundersley & Benfleet P.S.", the shorter title "Benfleet Philatelic Society" was adopted almost immediately. Benfleet joined AEPS on 25 November 1967. It left AEPS in September 1994 but re-joined on 9 July 2005. Following the closure of Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Society, an Extraordinary General Meeting on 2 November 2010 agreed to accept incorporation of Southend-on-Sea's asset and members and the present title was adopted. After spending many years at Runnymede Hall, Thundersley, it moved to its present venue at St. Barnabas Church, Hadleigh in 2018. Benfleet closed from March 2020 to September 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Billericay Philatelic Society

Location: Billericay.

Founded: by 1927.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: c.1939.

Billericay's first society was founded in 1935 and, by 1936 it had 14 members. In 1937, it met at the Committee Room of the Women's Institute Hall. It displayed to Chelmsford in February 1938 and was visited by Chelmsford in 1939. Membership fees in 1938 were 2/- (10p), or 1/- (5p) for people under 18 years of age. It is assumed to have been voluntarily wound-up at the outbreak of World War Two.

Billericay & District Philatelic Society

Location: Billericay.

Founded: 27 September 1967.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: March 2023.

It took almost thirty years for Billericay to regain a society. The inaugural meeting took place on 27 September 1967 at the Crown Hotel. The first regular venue was the Christ Church Hall, Perry Street, then, by 1970, Mayflower Secondary School in Stock Road. The new society joined the AEPS on 25 November 1967. Due to low membership, it operated jointly with Basildon P.S. from 1968 to 1970, since when both societies have again been able to stand on their own feet. From October 1970 to February 1974, it met at Billericay School, Laindon Road. From April 1974, the society met at the Reading Rooms in the High Street. After over 30 years, it moved to the new The Fold Community Centre in the former Quilters School in October 2005. On 10 May 2007, a 40th Anniversary Dinner was held at the White Hart in Margaretting Tye, at which the long and devoted service of Dennis Sales was marked with an illuminated address. The 50th Anniversary Dinner took place at the Magic Mushroom restaurant at Barleylands on 11 October 2017. Billericay closed from March 2020 to 2022 during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, a combination of ageing membership and falling attendances resulted in the decision to wind-up the society in March 2023.

Bishop's Stortford Stamp Club

Location: Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Founded: January 1935.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: Mid-1950s.

This society was one of a number which were formed in the 1930s boom in interest in the hobby. In 1936-1938, it met at The Close, Hayhill House, in Bishop's Stortford. In 1938, there were 23 members paying 5/- (25p). An unusual meeting, on 9 November 1937, was entitled "Criticism of Stanley Gibbon's Catalogue" led by the Vice Chairman, N.R.P. Bonsor. Meetings were

suspended during the war (by 1943) but had resumed by 1947. Leytonstone society gave a display on 9 October 1948. It contributed money to the London 1950 exhibition. By 1951, the society had 34 members and an annual fee of 2/6 (12½p). New members had to pay an entrance fee of 5/-. It met at the British Legion Club, Windhill. In 1953 the membership and fees were unchanged, but the society closed shortly afterwards.

Bishop's Stortford & District Philatelic Society

Location: Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Founded: 3 October 1962.

Society type: Public.

Resigned: 18 April 2024.

Wound-up: Ceased to function 2024.

In 1961, Mr. A.C. Brown called a meeting to establish a society in Bishop's Stortford. He was approached by Saffron Walden Stamp Club with regards to a joint operation between the two towns. It was launched in 1961 as "Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden & District Stamp Club", meeting separately in both towns with pooled funds. However, unwillingness of members to travel to Saffron Walden led to the decision to concentrate all meetings at Bishop's Stortford and closure of the Saffron Walden operation in 1962. The society name was shortened initially to "Bishop's Stortford & District Stamp Club" and, shortly afterwards (after 1963), to "Bishop's Stortford & District Philatelic Society". It met above a cafe in the High Street. BS&DSC Joined AEPS on 28 September 1963. As the society out-grew the cafe, it moved to a church hall, then a scout hut and finally the present Bishop's Stortford College venue. Bishop's Stortford was the first society in Essex to introduce a daytime meeting to cater, inter-alia, for retired persons and those who prefer not to travel at night, for which a separate venue at Bishop's Park Community Centre was necessary as the school was not available in daytime. Bishop's Stortford closed from March 2020 to (September?) 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic and resumed as an afternoons-only society at Bishop's Park. On 18 April 2024, they announced that they were withdrawing from the AEPS citing falling membership and member immobility. In November, the Chairman advised that, because his health was failing and there were no volunteers to take over the reins, it should no longer be listed as a functioning society.

Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden & District Stamp Club

See Bishop's Stortford & District P.S.

BP Harlow Philatelic Society

Location: Harlow.

Founded: 1968.

Society type: Company.

Wound-up: 1980s?

This society was established for Harlow-based employees of the British Petroleum oil company. It joined the AEPS on 16 October 1971 and left on 15 March 1984. Although not confirmed, it is believed that this society ceased to exist shortly afterwards.

Braintree & District Philatelic Society

Location: Braintree.

Founded: 9 March 1965.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Wound-up: 2022.

The society began with assistance from the AEPS and the inaugural meeting was held at the Community centre in Sandpit Lane. Braintree joined the AEPS on 3 July 1965. By the first AGM in September 1965, there were 31 members. An early action was to petition the Postmaster General for provision of a first day cover posting box in Fairfield Road Post Office, which was granted on 17 March 1966. Essex Stamp Day was hosted at Tabor school in 1975. A series of continuing exchange visits with the Amicale Philatélique de Pierrefitte, Braintree's French twin town, began in October 1978, and the two societies were "twinned". StampEssex returned to Braintree in 2001 and 2005. The town centre location at the Community Centre was lost to redevelopment in 2013, resulting in a move to the Braintree & Bocking Community Centre in Bocking End, followed by a move at short notice to Archer Community Centre in early 2016. Braintree closed in March 2020 at the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and did not resume meetings, its members joining Witham, with which it was already closely connected.

Brentwood & District Philatelic Society

Location: Brentwood.

Founded: 8 July 1953.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 27 April 2016.

A Brentwood society existed before World War Two, but nothing is known about it and it may have been the Brentwood & District section of Chelmsford society, which was in existence by April 1924 (q.v.).

The present society was formed at a meeting on 8 July 1953 between the AEPS President, Mr. E.W. Stokes, other AEPS Officers and local collectors. The first formal public meeting was held on 12 August at the Duchess Restaurant in Kings Road. It then moved in 1954 to Bromsgrove, the family home of member John White. Brentwood joined AEPS on 17 September 1955 and hosted the 1960 Convention at the Memorial Hall of Brentwood School after lunch at the White Hart Hotel.

The society was known as Brentwood Philatelic Society until 1962, when the Ongar Philatelic Society (founded in 1961) was wound up and "& District" was added to the title to welcome members transferring

from Ongar to Brentwood. "The Burntwood" newsletter began in 1964. The 1965 AEPS Convention was again held at Brentwood School. From 1965 to at least 1971, formal meetings were held in the canteen of Hensman's Garage, Brook Street, while informal meeting remained at Bromsgrove. The society's emblem was introduced in 1967. The third AEPS event was held at the College of Further Education in Sawyers Hall Lane. In 1972, informal meetings moved to St. Thomas's Church Hall in Eastfield Road. From 1974, meetings were held at the Old House Arts Centre in Shenfield Road. The society's Silver Jubilee was marked with an AEPS Convention at the Chelmer Institute in Sawyers Hall Lane.

In 1980, membership reached its peak of 110. In 1983, it stood at 100. In 1990, the membership fee, fixed at £1 for many years, was raised to £2, then in 1993 to £5. The 1993 AEPS event was held at the Courage Hall of Brentwood School, marred by the sudden death of the Secretary, Roy Osborne, just before the event. The society moved in 1995 to the Hedley Walter School, then to the Becket Keys Church of England School on the same Sawyers Hall Lane site. Falling membership resulted in its closure on 31 July 2016 (the last meeting taking place on 27 April), a proposed merger with Billericay having fallen through

Buckhurst Hill Philatelic Society

Location: Buckhurst Hill.

Founded: Early 1930s.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 1942.

This society held monthly informal meetings in members' houses from the early 1930s. A break of a year or so took place at the outbreak of war, but meetings resumed and continued until 1942, when the decision was taken to formalise the society's affairs. It was closed in 1942 and its members went on to found Forest P.S. (see Epping Forest S.C.) in May 1943.

Bury St Edmunds & District Philatelic Society

Location: Bury St. Edmunds.

Founded: 1966.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: September 2021.

Bury St. Edmunds society joined AEPS on 3 July 2010, having previously been active in the East Midlands and East Anglia Philatelic Federation. It meets outside Bury St. Edmunds at Great Barton Church Institute. Spring StampEssex 2016 was hosted at County Upper School. Bury St Edmunds closed from March 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic, during which its Secretary, Rod Finn, passed away of other causes. The lack of volunteers to take over officer roles resulted in the decision to close the society.

Chelmsford & District Philatelic Society

Location: Chelmsford.

Founded: 11 November 1919.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

The inaugural meeting of the Chelmsford & District P.S., attended by eleven people, was held at the behest of Mr. F.B. Wiseman in the Reference Library of Chelmsford Borough Museum on 11 November 1919, the day the first UK international air mail flight left for Paris and the first anniversary of the end of the Great War. The first Chairman was Captain J.A. Unett, the Chief Constable of Essex. Until 1922, meetings were held in members' homes or premises, not necessarily in central Chelmsford. For example, on one occasion, Ladies Night was hosted by Mrs. Nield at her home at Great Leighs, a taxi being hired to collect members on the way. The society first appeared as a member of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in the list for the ninth meeting in June 1922. The first regular venue was the Cedar Café, 23 Duke Street, used from 13 October 1922 to 1946, although occasionally meetings were held elsewhere. A large group of members lived in Brentwood and the first meeting there was held at Shenfield Paris Hall in April 1924. Until 1926, C&DPS was a winter-only society, operating monthly from November to March, but the year was extended to October to June from the 1926 AGM, with meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The first exchange visit with another society took place in 1927, when Southend-on-Sea visited Chelmsford, the favour being returned in October 1927. In 1930, the society had 35 members and 2/6 (12½p) subscription. A 1931 lantern slide lecture by Stanley Phillips of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. had to be held at Brentwood School as no suitable hall could be found in Chelmsford. Exchange visits with Colchester began in March 1932. By 1935, during which year Colchester paid a visit, there were 48 members and the subscription was still 2/6. Meetings continued through the war. A return visit was made to Colchester in 1937. In 1938, membership was 50 and the subscription unchanged. Members in the Brentwood area appear to have operated at this period as a sub-group as the meeting on 8 November 1938 was entitled "Displays provided by our Brentwood members". Displays were given in 1939 to Billericay and Colchester and received from Southend-on-Sea. In 1942-1943, meetings were arranged to fall just before full moon to assist members to get home in the blackout. From 1943, meetings became twice a month, retaining the summer break. The society library was also founded in that year. The silver jubilee of the society, which now had 80 members, was marked by a lecture and supper on 16 November 1944. Tickets cost the princely sum of 2/- (10p).

C&DPS joined the AEPS on 3 February 1945. On 21 June 1947, Chelmsford hosted the third AEPS Convention at the Shire Hall. Chelmsford left the PCGB in 1947. Regular meetings were held at the Blue Bird Cafe in Duke Street. The annual subscription from at least 1947-1969 was 5/- (25p) (2/6 for juniors). With a membership now grown to 135, 1947 saw the

need for larger premises and the County Hotel was used from 1947 to 1960. In 1952, there were 150 members. Chelmsford again hosted the AEPS Convention in 1954. 1960 saw a change of venue to St. Marks Hall. The society left the AEPS on 2 October 1962 but re-joined on 25 November 1967. By the time of the Golden Jubilee and AEPS Autumn Rally in 1969, membership stood at 242 and meetings were held at Chelmsford Grammar School. In March 1972, the society Secretary, Mr. Mark Fuller, organised the first of a series of successful residential philatelic weekends at Wansfell College for Adult Education, at Theydon Bois. These continued until 1986, only missing 1976. The Diamond Jubilee was marked in 1969 and the society hosted the AEPS Stamp Day in that year. Other venues used in the period up to 1997 included Hall Street Methodist Church Hall and the Sixth Form Clubhouse at the King Edward VI Grammar School. From 1997, the society moved to the present venue at Christ Church. Chelmsford closed from March 2020 to September 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cheshunt & District Philatelic Society

Location: Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

Founded: 28 February 1963.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: July 2023.

This society began as the East Herts College Philatelic Society. The present title was adopted in 1968. It joined the AEPS on 30 November 1968. For many years, meetings were held at the Wolsey Hall. When it closed the society moved to The Spanish Ambassador's Suite of Broxbourne Council Offices in Cheshunt from May 2017. Cheshunt closed from March 2020 to October 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic. When it reopened, it decided to have only daylight meetings. Lack of support and terminal illness of the Secretary led a suspension of meetings around the end of 2022 and it was declared closed in July 2023.

Clacton Philatelic Society

Location: Clacton-on-Sea.

Founded: 26 November 1947.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

A letter from a founder member of Chelmsford society, Mr. H.H. Gowers, in the local press led to a meeting on 26 November 1947 at which the society was formed with 12 members. Also sometimes recorded as "Clacton-on-Sea & District Philatelic Society" in the 1950s and 1960s, its current title is as shown. Clacton joined the AEPS on 12 February 1949, at which time the subscription was 5/-. By 1953, Clacton & District met at the Connaught Room in the Town Hall, had 35 members and charged 10/6 (52½p) a year. Membership fell to 30 in the following year.

The 1958 AEPS Convention was hosted on 17 May by Clacton at the Town Hall, with a formal Luncheon at Cordy's Restaurant.

In 1967, there were 50 members, still paying 10/6. Membership reached a peak in the 1970s and early 1980s at 120 members. Clacton briefly left the AEPS from 24 May 1975 to 16 September 1978.

On 23-25 June 1979, a major exhibition, Twinex'79, was held in the Town Hall jointly with the society from Clacton's Twin Town Valence Sur Rhône. A Balloon Post flight was organised as part of the event with specially printed stamps. At this time the society met at the Regent House Hotel.

A series of joint events with Colchester society were held in 1988-1990. It returned to The Brotherhood Hall, St. Osyth Road, Clacton-on-Sea in 2003, but 2004 saw another move, this time to the upstairs Function Room of The Tavern, Frinton Road, Holland-on-Sea. It moved to a ground floor room at the same venue circa 2013, before reverting to the upstairs room by 2018. Clacton closed from March 2020 to August 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Colchester & District Philatelic Society

Location: Colchester.

Founded: 19 March 1931.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

The "Colchester Stamp Society" was formed on 19 March 1931 when six gentlemen met at 10 The Avenue, Colchester, the home of the Rev. F.R.P. Carrick. Four formal meetings were held in the first year, the first being on 8 October 1931. Exchange meetings with Chelmsford began as early as March 1932. Meetings were covered well by the local newspaper, resulting in a rapid growth in membership, with 22 enrolled at the first Annual General Meeting on 28 April 1932. The first lady member joined on 9 February 1933. The society retained its original name only until its second AGM on 11 May 1933, when, in order to spread its net to include the surrounding villages, it became the "Colchester & District Stamp Society".

Rapid growth in membership resulted in the use of many different venues over the years, including 8 East Stockwell Street (1935), 9 East Stockwell Street (1936 -c.1937), and (post-war) the Red Lion Hotel, The Fleece Hotel and Colchester Public Library. In 1935, Colchester had an exchange packet by courtesy of the South Western Exchange Club. The subscription was 3/6 (17½p) in 1935-1937. Colchester & District S.C. joined the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in 1937. Membership in 1937 was 30, rising to 40 in 1938.

Meetings continued throughout the war. The present name was adopted between 1940 and 1946. CDPS was a founder member of AEPS, having joined at the inaugural meeting on 3 June 1944. Colchester left the PCGB in 1946, but may have re-joined after 1951. The 1947 meeting venue was Joscelyn's Cafe in the High Street. The annual subscription was 5/- (25p) (juniors 2/6 (12½p)). In May 1949, CDPS hosted the fifth AEPS Convention at which time the society met at

St. Paul's Parish Hall and members paid 7/6 (37½p) a year. During Autumn 1949, the venue changed to the Astor Restaurant, George Street. In 1952 and 1953, the society again met at St. Paul's Parish Hall, had 30 members and still charged 7/6. Other venues were the Red Lion Hotel, the Fleece Hotel, Colchester Public Library and, for social evening, Jacklin's Restaurant.

The venue from September 1969 to September 1979 was Colchester Central Health Clinic, after which the move was made to The Friends Meeting House. In May 1970, CDPS again hosted the AEPS Convention, followed by the AEPS Autumn Rally in 1979. A series of postmark postcards were issued between 1979 and 1991.

The society's Golden Jubilee was marked by an exhibition and fair at Holmwood House School (the 1979 Autumn Rally venue) and a dinner at the Kings Ford Park Hotel. A series of joint events with Clacton society were held in 1988-1990. The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by hosting the 1991 AEPS Autumn Rally. 1994 saw a change of venue to The Wilson Marriage Community Centre. At the time of the AEPS Autumn Rally marking the Society's 80th Anniversary in 1999, membership stood at 117, lower than in some earlier years but still high by Essex standards.

The society's 75th Anniversary in 2006 was the occasion for another AEPS Autumn Rally at the Society's regular annual fair venue, Stanway Village Hall. They also hosted the event there in 2014 and 2015. Colchester last met before the Covid-19 pandemic on 21 February 2020, when Alan Moorcroft displayed Colchester Postal History, made all the more exciting by a fire alarm in mid-display! During lockdown, members kept in touch by telephone and e-mail. Meetings resumed in September 2021. No members were lost to the pandemic.

Colchester Royal Grammar School Stamp Club

Location: Colchester.

Founded: by December 1952.

Society type: School.

Wound-up: Unknown.

This school society joined the AEPS on 17 January 1953. It was last mentioned in AEPS records in May 1958.

Dagenham Philatelic Society

The PCGB yearbook for 1954 mentions that a society had been set up at Dagenham, but that no further details were available. This may have been a reference to the private May and Baker society, which is known to have existed by 1955, but nothing more is heard of a public society in Dagenham.

Dell Oak Stamp Club

Location: Grays.

Founded: 12 September 1988.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 4 September 1989.

Van den Berghs & Jurgens Stamp Club was wound up in 1988 on sale of Company sports premises. The members of that society reconstituted it as the public Dell Oak Stamp Club from 12 September 1988, meeting at the public house of that name. It joined the AEPS on 19 November 1988. However, the transition to a public society was unsuccessful and it was wound up 4 September 1989, due to lack of support.

Dovercourt & District Philatelic Society

Location: Dovercourt.

Founded: 17 October 1937.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 7 December 1963.

Founded by Mr. A. L. Bunting, early meetings were held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Parkeston Quay, Harwich. By 1938, there were 23 members and the subscription was 3/- (15p). Meetings were suspended during the war years. Dovercourt joined AEPS during latter half of 1947, following a visit by a delegation to the 1947 Convention. Regular meetings were held in 1947 at the Gables Restaurant in Marine Parade. Annual subscription was 5/- (25p). The first local exhibition was held in the same year, at which time membership stood at 24.

Meetings were still held in the Gables Hotel until at least 1951 and the society attracted members from Denmark and the Netherlands, served by ferries from Harwich. Dovercourt society hosted the 1951 AEPS convention, notably remembered for motor boat cruises around the harbour, and ship letter covers were serviced on various ferries.

Although the society closed in 1963, it was retained on the AEPS list of members until 1967 in hope of resurrection. It is understood that a hard core of members continued to meet in private houses for some time after the society was formally dissolved. Various attempts to revive the society came to nought.

East Anglia Postal History Society

Location: Perambulatory, but latterly based in Stowmarket.

Founded: 1962.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

The EAPHS began in late 1962 as the Norfolk Postal History Study Circle, expanding on 26 January 1963 to include study of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire under the title of East Anglia Postal History Study Circle. Hertfordshire was added circa 1969. The Essex Postal History Society (q.v.) amalgamated with EAPHSC on 1 March 1969 and retained the latter name. The merged society joined the AEPS on 6 June 1970. It was renamed the East Anglia Postal History Society at its 2013 AGM. EAPHS has met at various locations across East Anglia, but most recent meetings have

been held in Stowmarket. From 2016, events have been held at the Red Gables Resource Centre. EAPHSC closed from March 2020 to 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

East Herts College Philatelic Society

See Cheshunt & District P.S.

Epping Forest & District Stamp Club

Location: Loughton.

Founded: April 1943.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant

Forest Philatelic Society was formed at a meeting in April 1943 with 16 members as the successor to Buckhurst Hill Philatelic Society that had closed in 1942, with its first formal meeting on 18 May 1943. In 1947, it met at the Bald Faced Stag Hotel, High Road, Buckhurst Hill, changing during the year to the Castle Hotel, Woodford Green. The annual subscription was 5/- (25p). It was a founding member of the AEPS in 1944. Forest joined the PCGB in 1947. In 1951, it still met at the Castle Hotel, with 54 members. By 1953, it was meeting at the Coffee Bean Cafe, Woodford Green, had 56 members and still charged 5/- a year. By 1972, the society met at the Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Loughton.

On 14 October 2003, the society was renamed Epping Forest and District Stamp Club. After a long period at the Wesley Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton, the society moved in 2005 to its present venue at the Roding Valley High School. The society hosted the Mayor for a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the society in November 2013. Epping Forest closed from March 2020 to September 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Essex Postal History Society

Location: Perambulatory.

Founded: 21 November 1964.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 1 March 1969.

EPHS was formed in 1964 with the encouragement of the AEPS, which it joined on 28 November 1964. Essex Postal History Society amalgamated with East Anglia Postal History Study Circle (q.v.) on 1 March 1969.

Essex Stamp Club

Location: Newark, New Jersey, USA.

Founded: 13 February 1940.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: by 1985?

In an early attempt at "twinning", this American society was invited to become an Honorary Member of the AEPS, which it did on 20 November 1948. Contact was broken during the period June 1954 to June 1955. The society is believed to have been wound up by 1985.

Eton House School Stamp Club

Location: Southend-on-Sea.

Founded: 1969.

Society type: School.

Wound-up: by October 1999.

Society for pupils at a private school. It joined AEPS on 6 April 1991. The club was wound-up when the school closed.

Ford Philatelic Society

Location: Rush Green, Hornchurch.

Founded: 1952.

Society type: Company.

Wound-up: During the 1990s.

Society for employees of Ford Motor Company Limited in the South Essex area, under the auspices of the Ford Sports & Social Club, which had a sports ground and club house at Rush Green. It joined the AEPS on 28 November 1964. It left the AEPS on 15 March 1984 and was wound-up by the 1990s following the retirement from Ford of the leading members.

Forest Philatelic Society

See Epping Forest & District S.C.

Frinton Philatelic Society

Location: Frinton-on-Sea.

Founded: 1953.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 30 March 1957.

The original Frinton society joined the AEPS on 20 March 1954. It was renamed Frinton and District Philatelic Society by 1954, and then Walton and District Philatelic Society circa June 1956. It was wound up on 30 March 1957.

Frinton & District Philatelic Society

Location: Frinton-on-Sea.

Founded: 2 December 1964.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

Seven years after closure of the original Frinton society, a new society was formed on 2 December

1964. The first meeting was held on 12 January 1965 at the Red Cross Hall, with an annual subscription of 5/- (25p). Frinton joined the AEPS on 3 April 1965. It moved in 1967 to the Glencoe Hotel. The subscription was raised to 12/6 (62½p) in 1968. The first exhibition was held in August 1970. From 27 April 1972, the venue was the Cedars Hotel, moving shortly afterwards to the Blenheim Hotel in nearby Walton. Finally, in 1982, it moved to the present location, the Frinton Community Centre in the Triangle shopping centre. From 1989, the subscription was raised to £3, then £5 in 1991 and £7 in 2013, a sign of the way costs have escalated. In 1998, Frinton managed to win the Stokes Cup and President's Trophy in the same year. Frinton closed from March 2020 to May 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic, being the first society to reopen its doors.

Fullers Sports Philatelic Society

Location: Walthamstow.
Founded: by 1967.
Society type: Company.
Wound-up: 23 October 1976.

Part of Hawker Siddeley Power Transformers Social Club, this society for employees of that company took the name of the previous owner of the site but is sometimes referred to as the Hawker Siddeley P.S. It joined the AEPS on 1 March 1969. It was wound up in 1976 following contraction of the supporting business.

Goodmayes Philatelic Society

Location: Goodmayes.
Founded: 9 June 1948.
Society type: Public.
Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.
Extant.

The newly-formed Goodmayes society joined the AEPS on 20 November 1948. Early meetings were held in the home of a member and followed by a game of billiards. By 1949, it met at Seven Kings Library Hall and membership was 5/- (25p), with a 2/6 (12½p) attendance fee. It briefly left the AEPS by July 1950 but re-joined on 3 November 1951. By 1951, the society had 36 members paying unchanged fees, and met at the Cauliflower Hotel, High Road, Ilford. Visits in 1952 were to Leytonstone and to Romford. By 1955, the meetings were held at St. Paul's Church Hall in Barley Lane, Goodmayes and subscription had risen to 7/6 (37½p) per annum plus 2/6 attendance fee. By 1964, the subscription had risen to 10/- (50p) with 2/6 attendance fee and meetings were held at Goodmayes Methodist Church Hall. The venue was St Paul's again in 1970-1974, returning then to the Methodist Church Hall, where it still meets. Goodmayes closed from March 2020 to 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic, but kept its postal auctions operating.

Grays Philatelic Society

References to a society here are believed to be references to Thurrock S.C.

Halstead Philatelic Society

Location: Halstead.
Founded: 8 December 1954.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 2018.

Formed in 1954, Halstead joined the AEPS on 26 February 1972, but left on 7 February 1976. Halstead society continued its independent activities at Methodist Church Hall, New Street, Halstead, latterly meeting monthly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm until it collapsed due to lack of support in 2018.

Harlow Philatelic Society

Location: Harlow.
Founded: November 1974.
Society type: Public.
Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.
Extant.

Harlow joined the AEPS on 19 September 1981. During its period of residence at Moot House Community Centre, it merged with the longer-established Moot House Stamp Club and was known as "Harlow Philatelic Society (incorporating Moot House Stamp Club)". In the late 1980s, Moot House burned down and the suffix was dropped by 1989. It moved to the Latton Bush Centre. It subsequently became affiliated to the Harlow Active Retired Club, meeting at the Abercrombie Centre. With a membership of just four in 2007, the regular meetings had no set programme. In 2011, new officers were appointed and a break was made with the Active Retired Club, allowing a return to the Latton Bush Centre and the recruitment of new members from outside the HARC. Further recruitment has allowed the society to invite speakers and resume an active role in the AEPS. Harlow closed from March 2020 to 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Havering Stamp Club

Location: Romford/Hornchurch.
Founded: 1937.
Society type: Public.
Present Venue: Bretons Manor House, 411 Rainham Road, Rainham RM13 7LP.
Day and time: Second Wednesday, 7.45pm for 8pm to 10pm, September to June.
Extant.

By 1938, the Romford & District Philatelic Society had 36 members and met at St. Edward's School in Romford Market Place. Members paid 1/6 (7½p) (1/- (5p) if under 19), plus a 2/6 attendance fee. It was also

sometimes referred to as Romford Philatelic Society. Meetings were suspended during the war years. In 1949, meetings were held in the YMCA Lambourne Hall in Western Road, Romford with a subscription of 5/- (25p) and a 2/6 (12½p) entrance fee (1/- (5p) and free respectively for juniors. Romford joined the AEPS on 12 February 1949, but left by July 1950. In 1951, the society met at St. Edward's Church House, Wykeham Hall, Romford Market Place. The 76 members paid 5/- (25p) (Juniors 2/6 (12½p)) with an joining fee for new adult members of 1/-. An inter-society quiz was held with Ilford in 1951 and with Goodmayes in 1952, which was also visited with displays in the same year, in which membership rose to 74. In 1953, membership had fallen to 68. Adult fees were unchanged, but Juniors now paid just 1/- for the whole year. The popular radio programme Twenty Questions was mimicked in an inter-society event with Goodmayes in February 1953, while Ilford visited the following month.

The society was renamed Havering Stamp Club in 1965 and re-joined the AEPS on 3 April 1965. Havering left the AEPS again on 10 May 1984 and is one of the very few surviving Essex societies which are not members of the Association.

From 2006, it met at Bretons Manor House community centre in Rainham on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. This was later changed to the second Wednesday only.

Hawker Siddeley Philatelic Society

See Fullers Sports P.S.

Hill Secondary Modern School Stamp Club

Location: Dovercourt.
Founded: by 1952.
Society type: School.
Wound-up: Unknown.

This school society joined the AEPS on 1 March 1952. It was last mentioned in AEPS records on 1 November 1953, when its last subscription was paid.

Hullbridge Philatelic Society

Location: Hullbridge.
Founded: 1968.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 12 April 2018.

Hullbridge was formed in 1968 and joined AEPS on 12 September 1970. It has always been one of the Association's smaller societies but its members have made a disproportionate contribution to the successful running of the AEPS over the years. It was also active in supporting junior philately in the area, assisting school societies and/or operating a junior section. Following the retirement of its long-standing Chairman, Bill Trower, and Secretary, Brian Morriss, and the

failure to find replacements, the society reluctantly closed on 12 April 2018.

Hullbridge Junior Philatelic Society

Location: Hullbridge.
Founded: after 1968.
Society type: School.
Wound-up: October 2018.

Hullbridge was very active in supporting junior philately in the area, assisting school societies and/or operating a junior section on a semi-autonomous basis. Following the closure in 2018 of the main society, and attempt was made by Bill Trower and two other Hullbridge members to relaunch their junior society at the start of the Autumn term in September 2018, but support was insufficient.

Ilford & District Philatelic Society

Location: Ilford.
Founded: 1942.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: March 1991.

Since the early 1950s, the Ilford society has quoted its date of founding as February 1944, the year in which the society first appeared in the PCGB yearbook, but early sources quote 1942. The first President was Mr. J.B. Seymour, who is credited as being the founder of the AEPS. Ilford was a founder member society of AEPS, attending the first meeting at Leytonstone on 3 June 1944. Early meetings were held at Richmond Road, Ilford or at the Angel Hotel. In 1947-1949, the society met at the Wycliffe Church Hall Parlour, Cranbrook Road on Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings. The 1949 subscription was 5/- (25p) with a 2/6 (12½p) attendance fee.

I&DPS left AEPS during the first half of 1950, not being recorded in a list dated July 1950. In 1951, it still met in the Wycliffe Church Parlour and had 60 members, who paid 6/- (30p) with a 2/6 (12½p) attendance fee. Ilford was a pioneer of the daytime meeting, meeting at 2.45pm on Saturdays (as well as Monday evenings) by 1951. In 1952, the venue was unchanged, but the membership fee had been reduced to 5/- (25p) and membership had risen to 68. Juniors got in for 2/6 (12½p), but all new members had to pay a joining fee of 2/6. In 1953, the venue and fees were unchanged and membership had risen to 71. Membership fell back to 61 in 1954, during which year Ilford received visits from Grays and Chelmsford. It visited Leytonstone & Wanstead in 1955.

In 1962, the society moved to the Reading Room of Gants Hill Library and was still meeting there in 1980. Ilford re-joined the AEPS on 3 July 1965. By 1978, the subscription had risen to £2.

Ipswich & District Philatelic Society

Location: Ipswich, Suffolk.
Founded: 5 October 1945.
Society type: Public.
Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.
Extant.

The society was formed in 1945 by several doctors at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, together with local dealer George Dalton. An advertisement was placed in the Evening Star newspaper and an inaugural meeting attended by 9 persons was held at the Golden Lion Hotel on Friday 5 October 1945. Dr. K Pretty became the first president and George Dalton the first Secretary, a post he held until his death in 1964. The subscription was set at 10/6 (52½p). Regular meetings began at the Golden Lion in January 1946. The first auction was held in early 1946 and an eminent early visitor was Mr. Robson Lowe in March 1946, displaying the stamps of Great Britain. Annual dinners were held from 1946-1958. An exchange packet was established in 1947. A 28-frame exhibition by ten members was held at the Art Gallery on 25-27 September 1948. The 33rd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain was hosted by the society at Felixstowe in 1951. The society was still at the Golden Lion in 1953, at which time it had grown to 66 members, who paid the princely sum of 12/6 (62½p) a year. Other 1950s venues were Ipswich Museum and the Diocesan House, Tower Street. A second exhibition was held in February 1955 at the Art Gallery. In October 1965, it hosted the British Philatelic Association Annual Convention, followed in December 1966 by East Anglia Federation Philex. The Silver Jubilee meeting was held on 25 September at the Great White Horse Hotel. The low point in the Society's fortunes was the mid-1980s, when a decision had to be taken whether to close the Society or move out of central Ipswich. The decision to move proved to be correct and membership recovered. The society moved to Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, 12 Acre Approach, Bell Lane in Kesgrave in 1993. It joined the AEPS on 27 April 2002. It moved to the present school venue in September 2004 as the growing membership demanded a larger hall. Ipswich marked its Diamond Jubilee in 2005 by hosting Autumn StampEssex at the community centre in a highly successful manner. Benfleet closed from March 2020 to 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Junior Society

Location: Ilford and Leytonstone.
Founded: January 1975.
Society type: Public junior.
Wound-up: 1 December 1977.

A special society for junior philatelists was formed jointly by Ilford and Leytonstone in 1975, joining the AEPS on 1 May 1976. Sadly, it was short-lived, being wound-up in 1977.

King Edward VI Grammar School Stamp Club

Location: Chelmsford.
Founded: by May 1951.
Society type: School.
Wound-up: Unknown.

The 1949 Convention Handbook shows this as the King George V Grammar School. This school society joined the AEPS by May 1951. It was last mentioned in AEPS records in June 1955, when the organiser is given as Mr. E.B. Danvers, who was then the Chairman of the AEPS.

League of Three Club

Location: Walthamstow.
Founded: by July 1952.
Society type: School?
Wound-up: Unknown.

This society joined the AEPS on 5 July 1952. It was last mentioned in AEPS records on 24 April 1963, when its last subscription was paid.

Leytonstone & District Philatelic Society

See Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society.

Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society

Location: Leytonstone.
Founded: 20 October 1936.
Society type: Public.
Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.
Extant.

On 20 October 1936, nine collectors met at Mr. Chiswell's "Price & Co" chemist shop in High Road, Leytonstone and the Leytonstone & District Philatelic Society was born. Meetings later moved to Mr. Clompus next door, then to the Shrublands Liberal Club. The first long term venue for meetings was in the spring of 1938 over Burt's Cafe, High Street, Wanstead, which remained the regular venue until April 1946. The 33 members paid 2/6 (12½p), plus a 2/6 attendance fee. Meetings continued on Saturday afternoons throughout the war, although membership fell. L&DPS was a founder member society of AEPS, hosting the first meeting at Leytonstone on 3 June 1944. Leytonstone society joined the PCGB during the war, or shortly thereafter, being first recorded as a member in the 1946 handbook. It adopted its present title on 25 April 1947. In 1946, the society became briefly homeless, with meetings held at the British Legion Club in Wanstead High Street, Wanstead High School, and in Snaresbrook. From 1946, its venue became the then newly-opened Wanstead House community centre, which remains the venue in 2014. The annual subscription in 1946 was 5/- (25p) with a

2/6 joining fee for new members. The 1949 10/- (50p) subscription included copies of the "Essex Philatelic Contact" magazine. In 1951, L&W had 75 members and charged 10/- (50p) a year plus 2/6 joining fee, which remained unchanged until at least 1961. In 1952 and 1953, there were 90 members. Membership passed the 100 mark in the 1950s. By 1990, the subscription had risen to £2 (Juniors £1). L&W closed from March 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic, reopening on 9 October 2021.

Maldon Philatelic Society

It is believed that a philatelic society did briefly exist in this town, but no details are known. The AEPS tried to promote the formation of a society here in the 1960s-1970s but to no avail.

Marconi Philatelic Society

Location: Chelmsford.
Founded: 2 May 1913.
Society type: Company.
Wound-up: 31 December 2003.

One of Essex's longest-lived philatelic societies, but normally closed to the public and sadly no longer with us, the inaugural meeting of the Marconi Company's society took place on Friday 2 May 1913, being recorded in the June 1913 edition of "The Wireless World", the Company's journal. Its *raison d'être* was said to be "the promotion of informal and friendly discussion among the stamp collectors of Marconi House". An early objective was to distribute among employees the stamps received by the company on incoming mail. The first Chairman was Mr. Allen and the first Secretary Mr. Everett. The annual subscription was set at 1/- (5p). A key feature from the start was corresponding membership, allowing Marconi radio operators and engineers in remote locations worldwide to participate. MPS joined the AEPS on 2 December 1972. In 1985, the society served some 90 members on nine sites in the Chelmsford area. Each site had its local Secretary to look after local members and organise meetings, normally open to employees and ex-employees only. The company became part of the GEC group but the society retained its original name. Sadly, staff reductions at GEC took their toll and the society was wound-up at the end of 2003 as its membership had fallen to just 3.

May & Baker Club Philatelic Section

Location: Dagenham.
Founded: by July 1955.
Society type: Company.
Defunct: by 2008.

The origins of this society, part of the Company's social club, are unknown. It joined the AEPS on 26 November 1955 and hosted the 19th Convention in April 1963. When the company was absorbed by its

parent French multi-national company and renamed Rhone-Poulenc Ltd on 30 May 1988, the club's title was shortened from May and Baker to M&B. M&B was the last surviving "company" society in Essex but lack of support from a new generation of employees resulted in no meetings after circa 2000. It was kept alive in name only by its last Secretary, Mr. Barrie Cook, until 2008.

Ministry of Defence Shoeburyness Philatelic Society

Location: Shoeburyness.
Founded: Unknown.
Society type: Company.
Wound-up: 21 January 1966.

Shoeburyness has been a major military establishment for several centuries. The philatelic society established for employees is unusual in that it made the successful transition to a public society. It was originally established as the "Garrison P&EE Philatelic Club (Shoeburyness)", affiliated to the Civil Service Social Club, meeting at the Proving & Experimental Establishment. It was reconstituted as the Shoeburyness & District P.S. on 21 January 1966 ¹.

Moot House Stamp Club

Location: Harlow.
Founded: 1961.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: Merged with Harlow P.S. c.1974.

This club operated under the auspices of the Moot House Community Association. It merged with Harlow P.S. circa 1974.

Moulsham Lodge Philatelic Society and Collectors Club

Location: Chelmsford.
Founded: 20 September 1966.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 2015.

Moulsham Lodge society was an example of the informal societies in which a small number of collectors met in each other's homes. It joined the AEPS on 25 January 1986. Because of the organiser's ill health, the society ceased to function during 2015.

Ongar Philatelic Society

Location: Ongar.
Founded: 1961.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 1962.

After a very brief existence, this society merged with Brentwood P.S. society.

Plessey Philatelic Society

Location: Ilford.
Founded: 1 May 1970.
Society type: Company.
Wound-up: c.1977.

Another of Essex's work-related philatelic societies, normally closed to the public, the Plessey Company's society began in 1970. It joined the AEPS on 26 February 1972, but left on 15 October 1977 and closed shortly afterwards as a result of business contraction.

Rayleigh & District Philatelic Society

Location: Rayleigh.
Founded: 4 November 1957.
Society type: Public.
Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.
Extant.

Rayleigh society began on 4 November 1957 at a meeting of 8 people at the home of Mr. A. Tuck, under the name of "Rayleigh & District Stamp Club", but quickly changed its name to Philatelic Society. An exhibition in March 1958 brought more members. After meeting at members' homes, the first venue was Rayleigh Conservative Club on 22 September 1958 used at least into 1959. R&DPS joined the AEPS on 4 October 1958, at which time membership stood at about 20. An exhibition was held at Crown Hall, Rayleigh on 21 March 1959 and at the White Swan, Wickford on 26 March 1960. After other events in 1962, 1967 and 1971, annual exhibitions have been held since 1974. After Fitzwymar School and the Old People's Day Centre, the society settled by 1975 at the Mill Hall Community Centre, where both meetings and exhibitions were held for many years, with occasional exceptions. Rising prices and booking conflicts forced a move to the nearby church hall in Rectory Garth in October 1995 (after a brief period alternating between Mill Hall and the Civic Suite). Later, after 1997, stamp fairs moved to the Swayne Park School, which had also been the 1990 venue. This was the venue for Spring StampEssex 2017. Rayleigh closed from March 2020 to July 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Romford & District Stamp Club

See Havering Stamp Club.

Saffron Walden Philatelic Society

Location: Saffron Walden.
Founded: Before 1961.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 1962.

A philatelic society existed in this town, but few details are known. In 1961, it met in the Manager's flat above the National Westminster Bank. After his retirement, it met at the County Library. It briefly merged with the newly-created Bishop's Stortford society (q.v.) in 1961-1962 as the "Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden & District Stamp Club". However, unwillingness to travel between the towns resulted in the decision to hold all meetings in Bishop's Stortford and the closure of the Saffron Walden operation. The AEPS tried to promote the reformation of a society here in the late 1960s-1970s but without success.

Shell Social and Sports Club Philatelic Section

Location: Corringham.
Founded: 1951.
Society type: Company.
Wound-up: 30 March 1957.

Another Essex industrial society, the exact date in 1951 of formation of the Shell Oil Company's society is unknown, but it was in existence by March. It joined the AEPS on 15 November 1952. By 1953, it was meeting at The Shell Club in Corringham and had 19 members, dropping to 16 in 1954. It was wound-up on 30 March 1957

Shoeburyness & District Philatelic Society

Location: Shoeburyness.
Founded: 21 January 1966.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 31 January 2020.
Extant.

Originally formed as the private Ministry of Defence Shoeburyness P. S. (q.v.), it was reconstituted as a public society under the present title on 21 January 1966. The first Chairman was Mr. Birnie and the annual subscription was initially 2/6, plus 2/- attendance fee at each weekly meeting. Shoeburyness joined the AEPS on 25 November 1967. It briefly left the AEPS between 20 January 1977 and 16 June 1979, but returned as an active member of the Association. It closed on 31 January 2020 as operation had ceased to be viable.

The South Essex Philatelic Society

Location: Walthamstow (some meetings also held at Broad Street, London EC).
Founded: 11 January 1910.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: After 1913.

A meeting was convened on 11 January 1910 at Walthamstow "for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Philatelic Society for Walthamstow and Districts", chaired by Mr. A.H. Clark at which it was resolved "that a Philatelic Society be formed, having its head-quarters at Walthamstow,

such Society to be known as The South Essex Philatelic Society." The first officers were: President: Mr. A.H. Clark; Vice-Presidents: Dr. S. Jackson and Mr. D.B. Armstrong; Secretary and Librarian: Mr. R.H. Clarke (290 Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow); Treasurer: Mr. J. North; Exchange Superintendent: Mr. M.J. Elsbury; Counterfeit Detector: Mr. A. Bahn. The entrance fee was 2/6, annual subscription 2/6; life membership £1 1s. Ladies and juniors did not pay the entrance fee. Initially, meetings were held at the Chairman's house, 27 Rectory Road, Walthamstow. Its second meeting included a debate "Old Issues v. New". The Society's delegate to the second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in April 1910 was Mr. D.B. Armstrong. The Society held a major stamp exhibition in Walthamstow Public Library from 4 to 11 February 1911. It was opened by the Solicitor-General. Among the first-time exhibitors was H.R.H. King George V. This society was also represented, by Mr. C. Nissen, at the fourth Congress in May 1912, after which this society faded from sight, possibly a victim of the Great War.

South Woodham Ferrers Stamp Club

Location: South Woodham Ferrers.

Founded: 11 October 1983.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: Early 1990s.

South Woodham Ferrers was a New Town created in the early 1980s. The AEPS thought that, as a major and growing centre of population, it deserved to have a society. Advertisements were placed in the local press and interested collectors brought together at an inaugural meeting chaired by the AEPS, at which Mr. A.F. Hobbs and Mr. L.C. Stanway gave the first presentations. Agreement was reached to form a society and a committee elected, at which point AEPS withdrew from the scene. The club took off very successfully, at first, and joined the AEPS on 8 September 1984. Misunderstandings over the running of Stamp Day in 1989 resulted in SWFSC leaving the AEPS on 1 April 1991. However, the club was not to be a long-term success and it closed shortly afterwards.

Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Society

Location: Southend-on-Sea.

Founded: Early 1916.

Society type: Public.

Wound-up: 19 September 2010.

Southend-on-Sea claims to have been the first town in Essex to have its own philatelic society. The present society was founded by a group of four local businessmen meeting in early 1916 at the house of jeweller Mr. W.H.J. Wixley, where it was agreed to establish the Provisional Committee of the society. Following an advertisement in the Southend-on-Sea and Westcliff Graphic newspaper, 12 persons attended, and 10 apologies were received, at a

meeting at Boots Cafe, Southend-on-Sea Broadway on 30 September 1916, at which nine agreed to join the new "Southend-on-Sea & District Philatelic Society". This longer title was in use until at least 1937 and probably until the outbreak of war. The first competition was held on 3 March 1917, won by Mr. F.P. Sanford, another founder. The society was suspended because of war conditions from 5 May 1917 to 22 October 1919. The restored society started with a membership of 35. The society first appears as a member of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in the list for the seventh meeting in May 1920. The first exhibition was held at the Museum Room of the Central Public Library on 9-16 July 1921. This venue became the venue for subsequent society meetings. The first inter-society meeting took place in 1927 when the society visited and subsequently regularly exchanged meetings with Chelmsford. In September 1935, the society had outgrown the Library and moved to the Victoria Hotel in Broadway, which remained the venue until at least 1951. Subscription in 1935-1937 was 5/- (25p) a year for town members and 2/6 (12½p) a year for country members. Membership in 1935 was 114, 117 in 1936, rising to 144 in 1937 and peaking at 148 in April 1938. Chelmsford visited in 1937 and Southend-on-Sea returned the favour in 1939. Meanwhile, The society visited in 1938 the Herts Philatelic Society, which met at Piccadilly Circus in London! Meetings continued throughout the war, after a short break at the outbreak of war. Honorary membership "for the duration" was awarded to members serving in His Majesty's forces. The society was a founder member of the AEPS, having attended the inaugural meeting at Leytonstone on 3 June 1944. It joined the British Philatelic Association on 30 October 1946. The subscription for 1947 to 1949 had risen to 10/6 (52½p) local, 5/- country. In 1951 to 1953, 130 members paid a membership fee of 10/6 and 5/3 (26¼p) respectively. Membership fell to 114 in 1954. Leytonstone & Wanstead visited in 1953. During 1954, The society received a visit from Theydon Bois, followed by Thurrock in 1955. The venue changed in September 1956 to the Queen's Hotel in Hamlet Court Road, then by 1962 to the White Hall, Clatterfield Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea. In 1962, the subscription returned to 1947 levels. Life membership could be bought for £5 5s. By 1976, membership had reached 140 and the subscription at £1 (25p for juniors). In 1980, membership stood at 180 and the subscription was unchanged, but a reduced fee of 50p was paid by "country members". From 1985 to 1991 at least, the society met at the Balmoral Community Centre, Westcliff. Southend-on-Sea left the AEPS on 3 January 1993, but was welcomed back on 6 July 2002. The society met through this period at Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Unfortunately, a lack of new volunteers able and willing to fill the key society posts led to the decisions at the AGM on 19 September 2010 to wind-up the society. The assets and members passed to Benfleet society, which amended its title accordingly.

Stork Stamp Club

See Van den Berghs & Jurgens Stamp Club.

Sudbury & District Philatelic Society

Location: Sudbury, Suffolk.
Founded: August 1965.
Society type: Public.
Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.
Extant.

The inaugural meeting, attended by six people, was held in August 1965 at the private house of Mr. D.L. Senior in Great Cornard following a letter in the local newspaper. Sudbury joined the AEPS 15 April 1978, the first Suffolk society to do so. It briefly left the association on 31 August 1984, but re-joined on 6 September 1986. After meeting at the Northcroft Social Club since at least 1990, the society moved on 2 September 2003 to the present venue. Membership in 2005 was 40. From c.2010 to 2017, some meetings in winter were held in the afternoon at the Five Bells public house. The society hosted Spring StampEssex 2015 at Thomas Gainsborough School. Sudbury closed from March 2020 to 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Theydon Philatelic Society

See Theydon Bois Philatelic Society.

Theydon Bois Philatelic Society

Location: Theydon Bois.
Founded: October 1950.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 25 November 1967.

Initially, there were fourteen members. Until 1952, this society was known as the Theydon P.S. This society joined the AEPS on 3 November 1951. By 1953, it had 31 members and a membership fee of 5/- (25p). Members displayed at Southend-on-Sea in 1954. It closed on 25 November 1967.

Thundersley & Benfleet Philatelic Society

See Benfleet & District P.S.

Thurrock & District Stamp Club

Location: Grays.
Founded: 15 August 1945.
Society type: Public.
Wound-up: 3 March 2009.

The society was founded in the last days of World War Two, at a meeting on 15 August 1945 at Mrs. Baird's cafe in Orsett Road, Grays, attended by 15 people. This became the regular meeting venue until at least 1947. The subscription for 1947 to 1949 was 5/- (25p) (juniors 2/6 (12½p)). Thurrock joined the AEPS in

1947, but it left during the first half of 1950, not being recorded in a list dated July 1950. In 1952, meetings were held at the Socketts Heath Baptist Church Hall, Piggs Corner, Little Thurrock. Ilford visited in 1952. In that year and 1953, Thurrock had 25 members paying 7/6 (37½p). Reconciliation with the AEPS was long delayed, Thurrock not re-joining until 4 June 1966. By 1968, an exchange packet was operating, but a relaunch appears to have been necessary in October 1970. On 2 July 1969, Thurrock joined the British Philatelic Association. From January 1971, the subscription rose to 8/- (4/- for juniors and OAPs). By 1970 until at least 1973, Thurrock had a strong junior section, but this gradually faded away as they grew up, as found in most societies. By 1969, meetings were normally held at the Old People's Hall, Dell Road, Grays, with occasional meetings at 23 William Street. From February 1972, meetings were held at the Park Centre, Bridge Road, Grays. From April 1973, the society met at Grays Central Library. The exchange packet was restarted on 18 September 1977 and operated until December 1987. The subscription rose to £1 (20p juniors, 50p OAPs) from January 1978, then to £1.50 (for all) in January 1983, £2 in 1987, £3 in 1988 and £4 in 1989. Unusually, it was cut to £2 in 1991. The taking of minutes of each meeting ended in November 1994. Thurrock was possibly the last Essex society to abandon this practice. In 1998, the subscription returned to £4, at which level it remained. Sadly, Thurrock society itself faded away on 3 March 2009, when its Annual General Meeting failed to find anyone prepared to take its reins.

Van den Berghs & Jurgens Stamp Club

Location: Purfleet.
Founded: 26 August 1968.
Society type: Company.
Wound-up: 29 June 1988.

The Stork Stamp Club was founded, at a meeting of eight persons on 26 August 1968, to serve the employees of this major margarine, soap and cosmetics manufacturer. It joined the AEPS on 6 June 1970 and the British Philatelic Association in 1971. It was renamed the Van den Berghs & Jurgens Stamp Club in October 1971. However, the manufacturer closed its Essex operations in 1988 and the society was wound up on the sale of Company sports premises. It attempted to make the transition to a public society as the Dell Oak Stamp Club (q.v.)

Waltham Abbey Primary School Stamp Club

Location: Waltham Abbey.
Founded: 1957.
Society type: School.
Wound-up: Unknown.

This school society joined the AEPS in December 1957. It was last mentioned in AEPS records on 7 March 1959, when its last subscription was paid.

Walthamstow Scout Stamp Club

Location: Walthamstow.

Founded: by 1952.

Society type: Scout Group.

Wound-up: Unknown.

This junior society joined the AEPS on 1 March 1952.
It was last mentioned in AEPS records in June 1955.

Walton & District Philatelic Society

See Frinton P.S.

Witham Philatelic Society

Location: Witham.

Founded: 8 January 1970.

Society type: Public.

Venue/Date/Time: See Volume 1.

Extant.

Witham society was founded in 1970 and joined the AEPS on 28 November 1970. In 1972, it was meeting at the Community Centre in Maldon Road. It later met at the Spring Lodge Community Centre, which has also hosted AEPS Council meetings, Stamp Days and Autumn Rallies. A church hall was used briefly during 2005 while repairs were carried out. Witham closed from March 2020 to S? during the Covid-19 pandemic.

CHAPTER THREE

ROLL OF AEPS OFFICERS AND DELEGATES**1. Positions currently used.****(HONORARY) PRESIDENTS**

1944-50	J.B. Seymour*	1975-77	O.J. Simpson*	1998-01	D.A. Pashby*
1950-53	R.K. Wortley*	1977-80	Mrs. D.M. Donaldson*	2001-04	W.W. Sorrell
1953-63	E.W. Stokes*	1980-84	M.B.C. Preston*	2004-07	L.C. Stanway
1963-66	W.J. Allen*	1984-87	L.H. Belle*	2007-10	D.W. Sibley*
1966-67	C.L. Tunstill*	1987-90	R.E. How	2010-13	D.A. Armitage*
1967-69	A.J. Branston*	1990-93	G.P. Green	2013-16	W.E. Trower*.
1969-71	J.H. Clarke*	1993-96	Mrs. J. Rauch	2016-19	L.C. Stanway
1971-74	G.W. Smith*	1996-98	O.J. Simpson*	2019-24	M. Burt
1974-75	D.F.R. Venman*			2024-26	J.W.J. Copeland

(HONORARY) CHAIRMAN

1944-47	R.C.S. Jagger*	1967-70	P.L. White*	1994-97	D.W. Sibley*
1947-50	R.K. Wortley*	1970-72	G.P. Green	1997-00	R.E. How
1950-52	E.W. Stokes*	1972-76	C. Rauch*	2000-03	E.F. Day*
1952-55	T.S. Telfer*	1976-79	M.J. Southall	2003-06	J.W.J. Copeland
1955-57	E.B. Danvers*	1979-82	A.F. Hobbs*	2006-09	R.E. How
1957-59	C.L. Tunstill*	1982-86	H.B. Smith*	2009-12	P. Denly*
1959-62	D.V. Parker*	1986-89	G.V.R. Osborn*	2012-15	R.E. How
1962-65	R.D. Lee*	1989-92	A.H. Boyce*	2015-18	J.W.J. Copeland
1965-67	D.W. Aldred*	1992-94	D.J. Sales*	2018-26	R.E. How

(HONORARY) SECRETARY

1944-51	J.R. Goodwin*	1974-80	G.P. Green	1996-10	Mrs. L. Roberts ²
1951-54	D.F. Harrison*	1980-91	D.A. Pashby*	2010-23	J. Dickenson
1954-66	Miss E.W. Farish*	1991-96	L.C. Stanway	2023-26	L.C. Stanway
1966-74	D.F.R. Venman*				

(HONORARY) TREASURER

1944-56	G. Pearson*	1979-91	J. Limmer	2014-17	G.P. Green
1956-63	E.E. Dobby*	1991-05	J. Rawlins ³	2017-23	J. Dickenson
1963-69	J.H. Clarke*	2005-12	E.F. Day* ⁴	2023-26	M. Carter
1969-79	D. Heeley*	2012-14	C. Wood		

HONORARY COMPETITION REGISTRAR

1944-51	None	1965-68	D.W. Aldred*	1977-87	O.J. Simpson*
1951-52	A.L. Bunting	1968-71	A.V. Endersbee* ⁵	1987-90	P.W. Harris ⁶
1952-65	None	1971-77	A.J. Branston*	1990-26	R.E. How

HONORARY EDITOR of AEPS Newsletter, Bulletin and Essex Philatelic Contact

The Newsletter has appeared at various times in the history of the AEPS. The present series commenced in April 1977. It was retitled "AEPS Bulletin" in 1994. After a period on non-publication, it was replaced by the relaunched "Essex Philatelic Contact" in 2024.

1970-72	D.F.R. Venman*	1980-88	A.F. Hobbs*	1994-2016	D.W. Sibley*
1972-76	None.	1988-91	P.H. Attrill	2016-19	None.
1976-78	A.J. Branston*	1991-94	D.J. Norris*	2019-23	E. Hutton.
1978-80	None.			2024-26	L.C. Stanway

HONORARY EDITOR of Philately in Essex (AEPS Handbook)

The "AEPS Handbook" was first published in 1986 and reissued in loose-leaf form in 1992, then in digital form in 2014. The present title "Philately in Essex" was adopted in 1994.

1985-2026 L.C. Stanway

HONORARY PUBLICITY OFFICER

In general, publicity has been a matter for member societies or the Hon. Secretary, but, originally, a Publicity Officer was appointed. The post was recreated in 1988, but has been vacant for some years. Volunteers to fill this post are actively sought.

1944-46	R.D. Lee*	1955-88	None	1994-2009	None.
1946-52	Unknown	1988-91	P.H. Attrill	2009-26	L C Stanway ⁷
1952-54	Miss E.W. Farish*	1991-94	D.J. Norris*		

HONORARY FRAMES SECRETARY

1969-74	M.J. Southall	1991-94	R.E. How	2012-15	None ⁸
1974-91	J. Newman*	1994-12	E.F. Day*	2015-26	R.E. How

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

2023-2026 C. Evans

2. Positions no longer used.**HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS**

There was no Vice President in 1944-1945, then each society was able to nominate a Vice President until 1953. These were:

1945-46	Unknown (including H.G. Kaye*)
1946-47	Unknown (including H.G. Kaye*?)
1947-48	H.G. Kaye*, H. Muston and W.W. White*.
1948-49	F.R.P. Carrick*, F.G. Cropper*, A.M. Dowdy, H.G. Kaye*, G.G. Smith*, H. Tallboys, W.W. White*.
1949-50	Unknown (including H.G. Kaye*?)
1950-52	F.G. Cropper*, E.B. Danvers*, H.G. Kaye*, W.W. White*.

From 1953, only one Vice President was elected by the whole Association.

1952-53	None	1971-75	O.J. Simpson*	1996-98	D.A. Pashby*
1953-55	G. Pearson*	1975-77	Mrs. D.M. Donaldson*	1998-01	W.W. Sorrell
1955-58	T.S. Telfer*	1977-80	M.B.C. Preston*	2001-04	L.C. Stanway
1958-63	W.J. Allen*	1980-82	C. Rauch*	2004-07	D.W. Sibley*
1963-66	C.L. Tunstill*	1982-84	L.H. Belle*	2007-10	D.A. Armitage*
1966-67	A.J. Branston*	1984-87	R.E. How	2010-13	W.E. Trower*
1967-68	T.S. Telfer*	1987-90	G.P. Green	2013-16	L.C. Stanway
1968-69	J.H. Clarke*	1990-93	Mrs. J. Rauch	2016-19	M. Burt
1969-71	G.W. Smith*	1993-96	O.J. Simpson*	2019-24	J.W.J. Copeland

HONORARY VICE CHAIRMAN

1944-47	R.K. Wortley*	1972-76	M.J. Southall	1994-97	R.E. How
1947-52	T.S. Telfer*	1976-77	J. Newman*	1997-00	E.F. Day*
1952-55	E.B. Danvers*	1977-79	A.F. Hobbs*	2000-03	J.W.J. Copeland
1955-57	C.L. Tunstill*	1979-82	H.B. Smith*	2003-06	R.E. How
1957-59	D.V. Parker*	1982-85	J. Greenfield*	2006-09	P. Denly*
1959-62	R.D. Lee*	1985-86	G.V.R. Osborn*	2009-12	R.E. How
1962-65	D.W. Aldred*	1986-89	A.H. Boyce*	2012-15	J.W.J. Copeland
1965-67	P.L. White*	1989-92	D.J. Sales*	2015-18	R.E. How
1967-70	G.P. Green	1992-94	D.W. Sibley*	2018-23	C. Evans
1970-72	C. Rauch*				

HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

1944-48	None	1966-67	Miss E.W. Farish*	1978-80	D.A. Pashby*
1948-50	R.D. Lee*	1967-69	D. Heeley*	1980-91	L.C. Stanway
1950-51	J.R. Goodwin*	1969-72	M.J. Southall	1991-93	G.V.R. Osborn*

1951-53	None	1972-73	M.K. Roberts*	1993-95	R. Seaman*
1953-54	Miss E.W. Farish*	1973-74	G.P. Green	1995-06	None
1953-58	R. Richards*	1974-76	J. Newman*	2006-10	J. Dickenson
1958-66	W.H. Butcher*	1976-78	W.E. Trower*	2010-23	None

100 CLUB ORGANISER

2014-18 J. Dickenson 2018-20 R.E. How

HONORARY AUDITOR / EXAMINER

From 2005, the post of Honorary Auditor was renamed "Honorary Examiner" in line with current business practice.

1945-69	E.H. Bridges*	1984-05	D.A. Davies*	2014-18	J. Rawlins
1969-82	P.J. Mapplebeck* ⁹	2005-12	D. Osborn		
1982-84	I. Stewart	2012-14	J.H. Spencer		

HONORARY SECURITY OFFICER

1944-74	None	1975-82	H.B. Smith*	1996-05	E.F. Day*
1974-75	J.H. Clarke*	1982-96	J.A. Church*	2005-19	D.A. Armitage*

HONORARY ARCHIVIST

The Association's Archives were commenced in 1954 by Mr. R.D. Lee* as a private collection. He was appointed official AEPS Archivist in 1968. The archives were catalogued by D.A. Pashby and were stored by D.A. Armitage.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1973-74	G.P. Green.
1978-79	A.J. Branston*, C. Rauch*.
1979-80	A.J. Branston*, C. Rauch*, M.J. Southall.
1980-82	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, M.J. Southall.
1982-83	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, A.F. Hobbs*, R.E. How, M.J. Southall.
1983-84	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, A.F. Hobbs*, M.J. Southall.
1984-85	G.P. Green, A.F. Hobbs*, G.V.R. Osborn*, M.B.C. Preston*.
1985-86	A.H. Boyce*, G.P. Green, A.F. Hobbs*, M.B.C. Preston*.
1986-87	A.H. Boyce*, G.P. Green, A.F. Hobbs*, M.B.C. Preston*, Mrs. J. Rauch, H.B. Smith*.
1987-88	L.H. Belle*, A.F. Hobbs*, M.B.C. Preston*, Mrs. J. Rauch, O.J. Simpson*, H.B. Smith*.
1988-89	Mrs. J. Rauch, O.J. Simpson*, H.B. Smith*.
1989-90	G.V.R. Osborn*, Mrs. J. Rauch, O.J. Simpson*, H.B. Smith*.
1990-91	G.V.R. Osborn*, O.J. Simpson*, H.B. Smith*.
1991-92	J. Limmer, D.A. Pashby*, O.J. Simpson*, H.B. Smith*.
1992-93	A.H. Boyce*, D.A. Pashby*, O.J. Simpson*.
1993-94	A.H. Boyce*, G.P. Green, D.A. Pashby*.
1994-96	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, J. Newman*, D.A. Pashby*.
1996-97	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, J. Newman*, Mrs. J. Rauch, L.C. Stanway.
1997-98	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, J. Newman*, Mrs. J. Rauch, D.W. Sibley*, L.C. Stanway.
1998-01	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, Mrs. J. Rauch, D.W. Sibley*, O.J. Simpson*, L.C. Stanway.
2001-02	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, D.A. Pashby*, Mrs. J. Rauch, D.W. Sibley*, O.J. Simpson*.
2002-04	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, E. Hitchings, D.A. Pashby*, Mrs. J. Rauch, D.W. Sibley*.
2004-05	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, Mrs. J. Rauch.
2005-06	G.P. Green, Mrs. J. Rauch, S.A. Moorcroft.
2006-07	J.W.J. Copeland, G.P. Green, S.A. Moorcroft.
2007-10	J.W.J. Copeland, G.P. Green, S.A. Moorcroft, L.C. Stanway.
2010-13	J.W.J. Copeland, G.P. Green, S.A. Moorcroft, Mrs. L. Roberts, D.W. Sibley*, L.C. Stanway.
2013-14	J.W.J. Copeland, G.P. Green, Mrs. L. Roberts, D.W. Sibley*.
2014-15	J.W.J. Copeland, I.D. McElwain, Mrs. L. Roberts, D.W. Sibley*.
2015-16	I.D. McElwain, Mrs. L. Roberts.
2015-17	I.D. McElwain.
2017-18	I.D. McElwain, A.J. Taylor.
2018-19	J.W.J. Copeland, I.D. McElwain, A.J. Taylor.
2019-23	I.D. McElwain, L.C. Stanway, A.J. Taylor.

HONORARY WEBMASTER

The AEPS was one of the first philatelic federations to have its own website.

1995-2014 C.W. Mead 2014-23 I.D. McElwain

COUNTY YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

This post was created in April 1990 to assist the BPF (and later ABPS/BPT) in youth promotions.

1989-92 H.A. White* 1992-01 M.S. Wheeler* 2001-19 D.A. Armitage*

ABPS COUNCIL DELEGATES

The Association is entitled to one delegate, but may appoint additional reserves.

1993-94	Secretary ex-officio, plus O.J. Simpson*, R.E. How.
1994-96	Secretary ex-officio, plus R.E. How, Mrs. J. Rauch.
1996-97	Secretary ex-officio, plus R.E. How, Mrs. J. Rauch, L.C. Stanway.
1997-98	Secretary ex-officio, plus R.E. How, D.W. Sibley*.
1998-2017	R.E. How, plus L.C. Stanway, D.W. Sibley*, Secretary.
2016-23	R.E. How, plus L.C. Stanway, Secretary.
2024-26	R.E. How, plus Secretary.

1968-2014 R.D. Lee ¹⁰ 2014-19 D.A. Armitage*

HONORARY PACKET AUDITOR

1963-65 E.H. Bridges* 1965-69 P.J. Mapplebeck*

HONORARY PACKET SUPERINTENDENT

The exchange packet was only operated between 1963 and 1969, being wound up on 18 October 1989.

1963-67 R. Chasmer* 1967-69 W.E. Cordery*

HONORARY AUCTION SECRETARY

The auction was established in 1987 on a trial basis, but was abandoned in January 1989 due to lack of support. A further trial was held in 2005-06 with the same result.

1987-89 A.J.R. Aked*. 2004-07 D.W. Sibley*

HONORARY EDITOR of The Philatelic Contact

1948-54 A. Blair*

PHILATELIC CONGRESS DELEGATES

From 1944 to 1993, the AEPS appointed a delegate to attend the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, later the BPF Congress, to represent the Association. With the demise of BPF in 1992, the role of Congress changed and, in 1993, following the formation of ABPS, it was agreed to instead appoint a delegate to attend ABPS Council meetings, with reserves.

1944-45	No Congress held.
1945-46	AEPS not represented.
1946-47	A.A. Hard*.
1947-48	A.A. Hard*, G. Pearson*, J.B. Seymour*, R.C. Jagger*
1948-49	A.A. Hard*, R.K. Wortley*, E.W. Stokes*, T.S. Telfer*.
1949-51	A.A. Hard*, W.J. Hilbert.
1951-53	A.A. Hard*, D.F. Harrison*.
1953-54	Miss E.W. Farish*.
1954-55	Miss E.W. Farish*, D.V. Parker*.
1955-56	A.J. Woolner*, Miss E.W. Farish*.
1956-57	A.J. Woolner*, C.L. Tunstill*.
1957-58	A.J. Woolner*, C.L. Tunstill*, Miss E.W. Farish*.

1958-59	A.J. Woolner*, C.L. Tunstill*, W.J. Allen*.
1959-61	A.J. Woolner*, C.L. Tunstill*.
1961-62	C.L. Tunstill*.
1962-63	C.L. Tunstill*, J.W. Wild.
1963-68	E.W. Stokes*, C.L. Tunstill*.
1968-69	A.J. Branston*, C.L. Tunstill*, P.L. White*.
1969-71	A.J.R. Aked*, M L Gonville*.
1971-72	A.J. Branston*.
1972-75	A.J. Branston*, G.J. Page.
1975-77	A.J. Branston*.
1977-84	A.J. Branston*, (a).
1984-93	O.J. Simpson*, (a).

(a) Plus Hon. President, Hon. Vice-President and Hon. Chairman ex-officio.

INTER-COUNTY CUP COMPETITION COMMITTEE (DAWES CUP DELEGATE)

The following members have represented the Association on the governing body for the Dawes Cup Competition:

1954-55	W.J. Allen*, L.E. Britnor*.
1955-57	W.J. Allen*, L.E. Britnor*, E.W. Stokes*.
1957-61	W.J. Allen*, D.V. Parker*, E.W. Stokes*.
1961-62	W.J. Allen*, R.D. Lee*, E.W. Stokes*.
1962-63	W.J. Allen*, D.V. Parker*, E.W. Stokes*.
1963-65	W.J. Allen*, R.D. Lee*, D.V. Parker*.
1965-66	W.J. Allen*, R.D. Lee*, D.V. Parker*, P.L. White*.
1966-67	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, R.D. Lee*, P.L. White*.
1967-68	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, T.S. Telfer*, P.L. White*.
1968-69	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, D.F.R. Venman*, P.L. White*.
1969-72	G.P. Green, O.J. Simpson*, D.F.R. Venman*, P.L. White*.
1972-75	A.J. Branston*, J.H. Clarke*, G.P. Green, C. Rauch*.
1975-76	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, J. Newman*.
1976-77	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, O.J. Simpson*.
1977-82	A.J. Branston*, (a).
1982-87	O.J. Simpson*, (a).
1987-88	(a, b)
1988-97	O.J. Simpson*, (a, b).
1997-98	L.C. Stanway, (b).
1998-99	O.J. Simpson*, L.C. Stanway, (b)
1999-02	D.W. Sibley*, O.J. Simpson*, (b)
2002-07	G.P. Green, D.A. Pashby*, D.W. Sibley*, L.C. Stanway, (b)
2007-08	R.E. How, L.C. Stanway.
2008-19	R.E. How, L.C. Stanway, D.A. Armitage*.
2019-22	R.E. How, L.C. Stanway,

(a) Plus Hon. Secretary ex-officio.

(b) Hon. Competition Registrar ex-officio.

INTER-COUNTY CUP COMPETITION SELECTION COMMITTEE

This Committee, formed officially on 28 November 1964, selects the Essex entries for the Dawes Cup:

1956-57	W.J. Allen*, E.W. Stokes*, T.S. Telfer*.
1957-58	Entries selected by Council.
1958-61	W.J. Allen*, D.V. Parker*, E.W. Stokes*.
1961-62	W.J. Allen*, R.D. Lee*, E.W. Stokes*.
1962-63	W.J. Allen*, D.V. Parker*, E.W. Stokes*.
1963-64	W.J. Allen*, D.V. Parker*.
1964-65	G.P. Green, C.A. Mann*, G. Pearson*.
1965-66	J.H. Clarke*, D.V. Parker*, G. Pearson*, P.L. White*.
1966-67	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, R.D. Lee*, P.L. White*.
1967-68	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, T.S. Telfer*, P.L. White*.
1968-69	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, D.F.R. Venman*, P.L. White*.
1969-72	G.P. Green, O.J. Simpson*, D.F.R. Venman*, P.L. White*.
1972-75	A.J. Branston*, J.H. Clarke*, G.P. Green, C. Rauch*.
1975-76	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, J. Newman*.
1976-77	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, O.J. Simpson*.

1977-82	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, C. Rauch*. (b)
1982-84	A.J. Branston*, G.P. Green, D.J. Sales*. (b)
1984-87	G.P. Green, D.J. Sales*, L.C. Stanway. (b)
1987-89	G.P. Green, D.J. Sales*, L.C. Stanway, O.J. Simpson*, (b+)
1989-90	G.P. Green, R.E. How, L.C. Stanway, O.J. Simpson*, (b+)
1990-91	G.P. Green, L.C. Stanway, O.J. Simpson*, (b)
1991-99	G.P. Green, D.A. Pashby*, O.J. Simpson*, (b)
1999-02	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, D.A. Pashby*, D.W. Sibley*, O.J. Simpson*, (b)
2002-08	D.A. Armitage*, G.P. Green, D.A. Pashby*, D.W. Sibley*, (b)
2008-10	D.A. Armitage*, D.A. Pashby*†, D.W. Sibley*, L.C. Stanway †, (b)
2010-11	D.A. Armitage*, D.A. Pashby*†, D.W. Sibley*, (b)
2011-16	D.A. Armitage*, D.W. Sibley*, L.C. Stanway †, W.E. Trower †, (b)
2016-19	D.A. Armitage*, L.C. Stanway †, (b)
2019-23	L.C. Stanway †, (b)

+ Co-opted. † Reserve.

(a) Plus Hon. Secretary ex-officio. (b) Hon. Competition Registrar ex-officio.

3. Membership of defunct temporary committees.

COMBINED PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE

1962-63 R.D. Lee*, D.V. Parker*, G.C. Scrivener*.

DECEASED PHILATELISTS ESTATES SUB-COMMITTEE

1957-60 W.J. Allen*, G. Pearson*, E.W. Stokes*.

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

1954-56 R. Richards*, L.E. Britnor*, G. Pearson*.

MOBILE EXHIBITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

1973 J. Hammond*, D. Heeley*, R. Mead*, G. Page, B. Smith.

PHILATELIC CONTACT SUB-COMMITTEE

1948-50 J.R. Goodwin*, R.D. Lee*, G. Pearson*, R.K. Wortley*, (a).

1950-51 D.F. Harrison*, G. Pearson*, E.W. Stokes*, R.K. Wortley*, (a).

(a) Plus Hon. Editor ex-officio.

PHILESSEX '69 SUB-COMMITTEE

1964-66 W.J. Allen*, W.E. Cordery*, A.J. Griffiths, L. Keeley, P.L. White*.

1966-67 D. Heeley*, D.V. Parker*, R.D. Lee*, plus co-opted: A.J. Branston*, J.H. Clarke*, Mrs. D.M. Donaldson*, G.P. Green, G. Pearson*, D.F.R. Venman*, P.L. White*.

1967-69 D. Heeley*, D.V. Parker*, R.D. Lee*, plus co-opted: A.J. Branston*, J.H. Clarke*, Mrs. D.M. Donaldson*, G.P. Green, G. Pearson*, C. Rauch*, D.F.R. Venman*, P.L. White*.

POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

1954-55 W.J. Allen*, D.V. Parker*.

1955-56 W.J. Allen*, L.G. Clarke*, D.V. Parker*.

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE

1970 W.J. Allen*, A.V. Endersbee*, L. Keeley, O.J. Simpson*, D.F.R. Venman*.

1994 SUB-COMMITTEES

1991-92 A.H. Boyce*, G.P. Green, R.E. How, J. Limmer, D.J. Sales*

1992-93 A.H. Boyce*, G.P. Green, R.E. How, J. Rawlins, D.J. Sales*, L.C. Stanway.

1993-94 PhilEssex: A.H. Boyce*, G.P. Green, R.E. How, A.N. Moorcroft, D.J. Norris*, L.C. Stanway.

Congress: A.H. Boyce*, D.A. Pashby*, Mrs. J. Rauch, J. Rawlins, O.J. Simpson*.

ABPS BASILDON 2004 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 2002-03 D.A. Armitage*, A.J. Bosworth (ABPS), J.D. Charlton, D.J. Church, E.F. Day*, P. Denly*, R.E. How, F.G. Jones*, Mrs. L. Roberts, M.K. Roberts*, D.W. Sibley*, A. Skilling, W.W. Sorrell, L.C. Stanway.
- 2003-04 D.A. Armitage*, A.J. Bosworth (ABPS), J.D. Charlton, E.F. Day*, P. Denly*, R.E. How, Mrs. L. Roberts, M.K. Roberts", D.W. Sibley*, W.W. Sorrell, L.C. Stanway.

HONORARY BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION DELEGATE

This non-executive post (known to BTA as the "Thematic Co-ordinator") was created at the request of BTA in 1986. The post was abolished in 2018.

1986-04	E.C. Waldock*	2004-13	S.A. Moorcroft	2013-17	P. Denly*
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CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL SERVICE**1. ROLL OF HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERS**

Honorary Life Membership of the Association was first instituted in 1956 to honour the 12 years service given to the Association by George Pearson as Hon. Treasurer. Initially, Honorary Life Membership included voting rights at Council meetings, but, at the 1966 AGM, it was decided to divide the honours into Honorary (non-voting) and Life (voting).

Honorary Life Members:

1956	G. Pearson*	1963	E.W. Stokes*
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Honorary Members:

1967	L.E. Britnor*	1996	F.G. Jones*
1967	R.K. Wortley*		

Life Members:

1966	Miss E.W. Farish*	1988	O.J. Simpson*
1966	W.J. Allen*	1988	H.B. Smith*
1968	C.L. Tunstill*	1989	D.A. Pashby*
1969	A.J. Branston*	1990	L.C. Stanway
1969	R.D. Lee*	1994	S.E.H. Duggan*
1972	J.H. Clarke*	1994	L.H. Belle*
1976	D.F.R. Venman*	1994	A.H. Boyce*
1980	M.J. Southall	2005	R.E. How
1981	G.P. Green	2010	Mrs. L. Roberts
1982	Mrs. J. Rauch	2010	M.K. Roberts*
1986	D. Heeley*	2016	D.W. Sibley*
1986	A.F. Hobbs*	2018	W.E. Trower*
1986	J. Newman*		

2. NATIONAL AWARDS TO AEPS MEMBERS**Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.** (Established 1921)

For outstanding work in the fields of collecting or philatelic organisation.

1931	J.B. Seymour*	2003	C.G. Harman (Ipswich)
1966	R.K. Wortley*		

Congress Medal. (Established 1959)

For outstanding service to the national philately.

1981	A.J. Branston* (Chelmsford)
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BPF Award of Merit. (1978 - 1994)**ABPS Certificate of Appreciation/Award of Merit.** (Established 1995)

Awards granted by BPF, and subsequently ABPS, on nomination of Essex societies for distinguished service to organised philately (sponsor in parentheses).

1978	A.J. Branston* (Chelmsford)	1992	R.E. How (Rayleigh)
1983	Mrs. D.M. Donaldson* (Southend-on-Sea)	1992	I.F. Trinder (Clacton)
1984	O.J. Simpson* (L&W)	1994	R.A.W. Orrin* (Colchester)
1985	H.B. Smith* (Basildon)	1996	J.H. Clarke* (Bishop's Stortford)
1986	G.L. Parkes* (Clacton)	1996	S. Henderson* (Forest)
1989	R.D. Lee* (L&W)	2010	E. Hitchings (Sudbury)
1990	M.B.C. Preston* (Bishops Stortford)	2018	B.H.W. Morriss (Hullbridge/Rayleigh)
1991	J.A. Church* (Basildon)	2025	G.P. Green (EAPHS)

Awards granted on nomination of bodies other than by AEPS societies to former, current or later members of AEPS Societies.

1978 C. Paget* (Sudbury)(East Midlands)

2006 Mrs. L. Roberts (Hullbridge)(Enfield)

3. PARTICIPANTS IN DISPLAYS GIVEN TO THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON

The Association has twice been given the honour of displaying material to the Royal Philatelic Society London. The following members took part. The society under whose name they displayed is shown in brackets:

3.1: 2 November 1972

A.J. Aked*	(L&W)	E. Lienhard	(Chelmsford)
W.J. Allen*	(AEPS)	C.A. Mann*	(Southend-on-Sea)
C.G. Banfield	(Forest)	P.J. Mapplebeck*	(L&W)
H. Bardell	(Braintree)	R.D. Mead*	(Benfleet)
A.J. Branston*	(AEPS)	R.M. Millbank	(Benfleet)
L.E. Britnor*	(Southend-on-Sea)	W.G. Moseley*	(Bishop's Stortford)
G.C. Bromberger	(Cheshunt)	E. Painter	(VdB&J)
A.J. Buckey	(Ilford)	R.E. Pegg*	(Ford)
D. Chasmer	(Plessey)	M.B.C. Preston*	(Bishop's Stortford)
A.H.T. Clayton	(Bishop's Stortford)	C. Rauch*	(AEPS)
D. Clayton*	(Chelmsford)	Mrs. E.J. Rawnsley	(Ilford)
Miss B.J. Collinson	(Bishop's Stortford)	B.G. Randall	(Basildon)
W.E. Cordery*	(L&W)	M.K. Roberts*	(Rayleigh)
A.C. Crew*	(Southend-on-Sea)	P.E. Rooke	(Cheshunt)
W.A. Dawson	(Goodmayes)	J.A. Sanders	(Braintree)
Miss E.W. Farish*	(AEPS)	O.J. Simpson*	(L&W)
R. Goodey*	(Chelmsford)	G.W. Smith*	(Chelmsford)
E W Goss*	(Thurrock)	M.J. Southall	(Brentwood)
G.P. Green	(Brentwood)	J.R. Stroud	(Chelmsford)
J.W. Haley	(Ilford)	K. Tranmer	(Goodmayes)
K.P. Hermon	(Frinton)	W.E. Trower*	(Hullbridge)
K.W. Hickson	(Forest)	D.F.R. Venman*	(AEPS)
A.F. Hobbs*	(Basildon)	J.C. Walton*	(Southend-on-Sea)
L.P. King	(Ford)	W.R. Wellsted*	(Cheshunt)
R.D. Lee*	(AEPS)	P.L. White*	(Rayleigh)

3.2: 10 January 2019

R. Alexander	(Billericay)	G.P. Green	(East Anglia P.H.S)
D.A. Armitage*	(Bishop's Stortford)	C.G. Harman	(Ipswich)
C.G. Banfield	(Epping Forest)	S. Henderson*	(Epping Forest)
A.H. Boyce*	(Chelmsford)	R.E. How	(Rayleigh)
D. Bremner	(Billericay)	D. Jefcoate	(Bishop's Stortford)
K. Burr	(Bury St. Edmunds)	C.W. Mead	(Basildon)
J.D. Charlton	(Rayleigh)	G.E. Miller	(Frinton)
C.J. Cooksey	(Basildon)	A.N. Moorcroft	(Colchester)
J.W.J. Copeland	(East Anglia P.H.S.)	A. Skilling	(Frinton)
C.H. Crowder	(Basildon)	L.C. Stanway	(AEPS, Basildon)
D.G. Davies	(Witham)	T. Stenning	(Billericay)
P. Drake	(Frinton)	A.J. Taylor	(Basildon)
C. Evans	(Benfleet)	W.E. Trower*	(Rayleigh)

4. LONG SERVICE ROLL

This roll lists the duration for which individuals have served the Association in a named office. Honorary, Life and Honorary Life Members are indicated by underlining.

Years	Name & Years in Association Office.	
	Present Officers.	Past Officers.
58		<u>R.D. Lee</u> * 1944-46/48-50/59-67/68-2014
52		<u>G.P. Green</u> 1964-65/66-2017
46	<u>L.C. Stanway</u> 1980-2026	
44	<u>R.E. How</u> 1982-2026	
33		<u>O.J. Simpson</u> * 1969-2002
26	J.W.J. Copeland 2000-26	<u>D.A. Pashby</u> * 1978-2004
25		D.A. Armitage* 1994-2019
24		E.H. Bridges* 1945-69 <u>D.W. Sibley</u> * 1992-2016
21		D.A. Davies* 1984-2005 <u>J. Newman</u> * 1974-91/94-98
20		<u>Mrs. J. Rauch</u> 1986-2006
19		<u>E.W. Stokes</u> * 1948-49/50-68
18		E.F. Day* 1994-2012 <u>G. Pearson</u> * 1944-56/57-60/64-67 E.C. Waldock* 1986-2004
17		<u>H.B. Smith</u> * 1975-92 J. Dickenson 2006-22
16		<u>A.J. Branston</u> * 1966-69/71-84 P.J. Mapplebeck* 1966-82
15		<u>Miss E.W. Farish</u> * 1952-67 <u>M.J. Southall</u> 1969-84
14		J.A. Church* 1982-96 J. Limmer 1979-93 J. Rawlins 1991-2005 <u>Mrs. L. Roberts</u> 1996-2010 <u>C.L. Tunstall</u> * 1955-69
13		<u>D. Heeley</u> * 1966-79
12		<u>W.J. Allen</u> * 1954-66 D.V. Parker* 1954-56/57-67 D.J. Sales* 1982-94 T.S. Telfer* 1947-58/67-68
11		<u>J.H. Clarke</u> * 1963-71/72-75 P. Denly* 2006-17 <u>A.F. Hobbs</u> * 1977-88 M.B.C. Preston* 1977-88
10		C. Rauch* 1970-76/77-81
9		<u>A.H. Boyce</u> * 1985-94

Years	Name & Years in Association Office.	
	Present Officers.	Past Officers.
		I.D. McElwain 2014-23 S.A. Moorcroft 2004-13 G.V.R. Osborn* 1984-93 <u>D.F.R. Venman*</u> 1966-75 M.S. Wheeler* 1992-2001
8	C. Evans 2018-26	W.H. Butcher* 1958-66 W.E. Trower* 1976-78, 2010-16 P.L. White* 1964-72 <u>R.K. Wortley*</u> 1944-52
7		M. Burt 2016-23 E.E. Dobby* 1956-63 J.R. Goodwin* 1944-51 D. Osborn 2005-12 A.J. Taylor 2016-23
6		D.W. Aldred* 1972-78 E.B. Danvers* 1949-50/52-57 Mrs. D.M. Donaldson* 1966-67/75-80 A.A. Hard* 1946-51/52-53 J.B. Seymour* 1944-50 W.W. Sorrell 1998-2004 A.J. Woolner* 1955-61
5		<u>L.H. Belle*</u> 1983-88 W.E. Cordery* 1964-69 G.W. Smith* 1969-74
4	M. Carter 2022-26	A.J.R. Aked* 1969-71/87-89 R. Chasmer* 1963-67 D.F. Harrison* 1950-54 E. Hutton 2019-23 R.C.S. Jagger* 1944-48 R. Richards* 1954-58
3		P.H. Attrill * 1988-91 A. Blair* 1948-51 <u>L.E. Britnor*</u> 1954-57 A.V. Endersbee* 1968-71 J. Greenfield* 1982-85 P.W. Harris 1987-90 H.G. Kaye* 1947-50 D.J. Norris* 1991-94 G.J. Page 1972-75 H.A. White* 1989-92 W.W. White* 1947-50 C. Wood 2011-2014
2		F.G. Cropper* 1948-50 L. Gonville* 1969-71 A.J. Griffiths 1964-66 W.J. Hilbert 1949-51 E. Hitchings 2002-04 L. Keeley 1964-66 R. Seaman* 1993-95 J.H. Spencer 2012-14 I. Stewart 1982-84
1		A.L. Bunting 1951-52 L.G. Clarke* 1955-56 A.M. Dowby 1948-49 F R P Garrick* 1948-49

Years	Name & Years in Association Office.
Present Officers.	Past Officers.
	J. Hammond* 1973
	C.A. Mann* 1964-65
	H. Muston 1947-48
	M.K. Roberts* 1972-73
	G.C. Scrivener* 1962-63
	G.G. Smith* 1948-49
	H. Tallboys 1948-49
	J.W. Wild 1962-63

CHAPTER FIVE

THE AEPS COMPETITIONS ROLL OF HONOUR

In this and subsequent chapters, an asterisk against a name denotes a deceased member.

KEY: EAPHSC East Anglia Postal History Study Circle.

L&W Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S.

Competitions were not held in the Autumn of 2020 because of the Covid Epidemic and were not restarted until 2025.

A. CURRENT AEPS COMPETITIONS – TEAM TROPHIES**STOKES CUP**

Presented in 1951 by E.W. Stokes, Esq.* (Forest P.S.)

Awarded to the society obtaining the lowest aggregate based on the positions of their entries in the Traditional Competition and in the combined table of Postal History and Postmarks and Aerophilatelic Competition results, and not on the actual points as awarded by the judges. No qualifying entry was received in 2017 and 2025.

1951 L&W	1969 Forest	1986 Rayleigh	2003 Bishop's Stortford
1952 L&W	1970 EAPHSC	1987 Rayleigh	2004 Basildon
1953 Southend-on-Sea	1971 L&W	1988 L&W	2005 Colchester
1954 L&W	1972 Rayleigh	1989 Southend-on-Sea	2006 Bishop's Stortford
1955 Southend-on-Sea	1973 EAPHSC	1990 Goodmayes	2007 Bishop's Stortford
1956 Chelmsford	1974 Southend-on-Sea	1991 Colchester	2008 Bishop's Stortford
1957 Goodmayes	1975 Forest	1992 Rayleigh	2009 Bishop's Stortford
1958 L&W	1976 Brentwood	1993 Basildon	2010 Bishop's Stortford
1959 Southend-on-Sea	1977 Chelmsford	1994 Rayleigh	2011 Bishop's Stortford
1960 Southend-on-Sea	1978 Forest	1995 Bishop's Stortford	2012 Rayleigh
1961 Southend-on-Sea	1979 Clacton	1996 Chelmsford	2013 Witham
1962 Southend-on-Sea	1980 Forest	1997 Rayleigh	2014 Bishop's Stortford
1963 Goodmayes	1981 Chelmsford	1998 Frinton	2015 Bury St. Edmunds
1964 Goodmayes	1982 Chelmsford	1999 Bishop's Stortford	2016 Rayleigh
1965 L&W	1983 EAPHSC	2000 Bishop's Stortford	2018 Basildon
1966 Brentwood	1984 L&W	2001 Sudbury	2019 Ipswich
1967 Brentwood	1985 Basildon	2002 B Stortford / Rayleigh	2020 Ipswich
1968 Southend-on-Sea			

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Originally a salver presented in 1993 by Mrs. J. Rauch. Circa 2003, Bishop's Stortford society provided a replacement trophy, having been deemed to have won the original outright.

Awarded to the Society placed highest in the President's Award Competition. There was no qualifying society in the 2017 competitions.

1994 Witham	2001 Bishop's Stortford	2008 Bishop's Stortford	2014 Bishop's Stortford
1995 Billericay	2002 Bishop's Stortford	2009 Bishop's Stortford	2015 Bishop's Stortford
1996 L&W/Frinton	2003 Bishop's Stortford	2010 Bishop's Stortford	2016 Bishop's Stortford
1997 Rayleigh	2004 Ipswich	2011 Bishop's Stortford	2018 Basildon
1998 Frinton	2005 B Stfd/Colchester	2012 Basildon	2019 Basildon
1999 Bishop's Stortford	2006 Bishop's Stortford	2013 Basildon	2025 Frinton
2000 Bishop's Stortford	2007 Bishop's Stortford		

B. CURRENT AEPS COMPETITIONS – INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES**STAMP TROPHY**

Purchased by subscription in 1966 by AEPS.

Awarded to the entry in the Traditional Individual Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. No entry was received in 2017.

1966 G.G. Smith*	1980 W.G. Moseley*	1994 D.A. Armitage*	2007 A.N. Moorcroft
1967 O.J. Simpson*	1981 D.G. Davies	1995 M.R. Thompson*	2008 C.J. Cooksey
1968 J.J. Challis	1982 R.C.A. Haynes*	1996 G.W. Banfield* /	2009 D.A. Armitage*
1969 O.J. Simpson*	1983 S. Ellerton	L.C. Stanway	2010 R. Rabetts
1970 A.J. Branston*	1984 D.G. Davies	1997 D. Jefcoate	2011 E.F. Day*

1971 Miss Collinson	1985 C.W. Mead	1998 A. Skilling	2012 C.J. Cooksey
1972 W.G. Moseley*	1986 R. Burman	1999 D. Jefcoate	2013 D.G. Davies
1973 A.J. Aked*	1987 T.R.W. Hawkins	2000 M. Hogg	2014 D.A. Armitage*
1974 D.G. Davies	1988 J.F. Ince	2001 D.A. Armitage*	2015 J. Riches
1975 S.A. Baker	1989 C.W. Mead	2002 W.I. Stevenson*	2016 D.A. Armitage*
1976 Miss Musselwhite*	1990 G.V.R. Osborn*	2003 D.G. Davies	2018 C.J. Cooksey
1977 L.A.W. Francis*	1991 H.A. White*	2004 C.J. Cooksey	2019 D.A. Armitage*
1978 D.G. Davies	1992 H.J. Russell	2005 A.N. Moorcroft	2020 S. Teuma
1979 J.R.G. Dahl	1993 C.W. Mead	2006 D.G. Davies	2025 M. Carter

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

POSTAL HISTORY TROPHY

Purchased by subscription in 1966 by AEPS.

Awarded to the entry in the Postal History and Postmarks Individual Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. No entry was received in 2017.

1966 W.J. Allen*	1980 H.G. Jessop*	1994 D.J. Norris*	2008 R.E. How
1967 W.C. Nield	1981 C.G. Banfield	1995 M. Fuller*	2009 P. Denly*
1968 A.C. Crew*	1982 W.G. Moseley*	1996 D.A. Armitage*	2010 C.J. Cooksey
1969 C.A. Mann*	1983 Mrs. V.J. Sussex*	1997 M.K. Roberts*	2011 P. Denly*
1970 G.P. Green	1984 H.G. Jessop*	1998 T.R.W. Hawkins	2012 C.J. Cooksey
1971 O.J. Simpson*	1985 Mrs. S. Marsh	1999 A.D. Lovelock	2013 R. Calvert*
1972 A.C. Crew*	1986 P.J. Forrestier-Smith	2000 T.R.W. Hawkins	2014 P. Denly*
1973 G.P. Green	1987 H.G. Jessop*	2001 Mrs. J. Ruskin	2015 L.C. Stanway
1974 C. Leonard	1988 O.J. Simpson*	2002 D.J. Norris*	2016 K. Burr
1975 C. Rauch*	1989 A.N. Moorcroft	2003 T.R.W. Hawkins	2018 R.E. How
1976 M. Fuller*	1990 W.A. Dawson	2004 Mrs. J. Ruskin	2019 J. Aitchison
1977 O.J. Simpson*	1991 D.J. Norris*	2005 F. Dunn	2020 A. Soutar
1978 K.W. Hickson*	1992 D.W. Sibley*	2006 R.C.A. Payne*	2025 R.E. How
1979 Mrs. V.J. Sussex*	1993 M. Fuller*	2007 C.J. Cooksey	

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

GREAT BRITAIN POSTAL HISTORY TROPHY

Presented in 1978 by R.E.F. Pegg, Esq. (East Anglian Postal History Study Circle)

Awarded to the entry in the Postal History and Postmarks Individual Competition that is awarded the highest number of points by the judges concerned which consists entirely of GB and/or GB-related material including that relating to postally independent islands up to the date of independence. The award is discretionary and in the event of a tie, the Judges will decide the winner. Any entry winning the award shall not be eligible for it again. No entry was received in 2017.

1978 R.E.F. Pegg*	1989 A.N. Moorcroft	2000 A.D. Lovelock	2011 P. Denly*
1979 Mrs. V.J. Sussex*	1990 G.P. Green	2001 Mrs. J. Ruskin	2012 R.C.A. Payne*
1980 H.G. Jessop*	1991 A.N. Moorcroft	2002 P. Denly*	2013 P. Denly*
1981 M. Fuller*	1992 G.V.R. Osborn*	2003 F.G. Jones*	2014 P. Denly*
1982 G.P. Green / J.W. Sullivan*	1993 G.P. Green	2004 Mrs. J. Ruskin	2015 L.C. Stanway
1983 Mrs. V.J. Sussex*	1994 K.W. Lillywhite	2005 A.F. Skilling	2016 K. Burr
1984 H.G. Jessop*	1995 C.W. Mead	2006 W.I. Stevenson*	2018 R.E. How
1985 Mrs. V.J. Sussex*	1996 T. Mills	2007 P. Denly*	2019 K. Burr
1986 P.J. Forrestier-Smith	1997 M.K. Roberts*	2008 R.E. How	2020 R.E. How
1987 H.G. Jessop*	1998 H.G. Jessop*	2009 P. Denly*	2021-24 Not held
1988 O.J. Simpson*	1999 P. Denly*	2010 R.E. How	2025 R.E. How

GEORGE PEARSON TROPHY

Presented in 1982 by Mrs. F. Pearson.

Awarded to the highest placed (by position) Traditional or Postal History entry containing only foreign material. In the case of a tie, the entry gaining the higher number of marks shall be the winner. Any material listed in Stanley Gibbons Part 1 catalogue shall not be eligible for the award and, in the case of disputes, the judges' ruling shall be binding. No qualifying entry was received in 2017-18.

1982 R.C.A. Haynes*	1992 D.W. Sibley*	2002 P.J.C. Ellis*	2011 Mrs. L. Roberts
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1983 S. Ellerton	1993 M. Fuller*	2003 T.R.W. Hawkins	2012 Mrs. L. Roberts
1984 O.J. Simpson*	1994 M.K. Roberts*	2004 D.W. Sibley*	2013 R. Calvert*
1985 W.G. Moseley*	1995 M. Fuller*	2005 F. Dunn	2014 W.I. Stevenson*
1986 M. Fuller*	1996 M.R. Thompson*	2006 P.J.C. Ellis*	2015 J. Riches
1987 T.R.W. Hawkins	1997 Mrs. L. Roberts	2007 D. Jefcoate	2016 Mrs. L. Roberts
1988 Z.R. Bojakowski*	1998 T.R.W. Hawkins	2008 R. Swindells	2019 J. Aitchison
1989 D.A. Pashby*	1999 D.W. Sibley*	2009 T.R.W. Hawkins	2020 A. Soutar
1990 W.A. Dawson	2000 T.R.W. Hawkins	2010 M.K. Roberts*	2025 M. Carter
1991 D.A. Pashby*	2001 P. Baker		

CLASSIC TROPHY

Presented in 2014 by W Barrell.

Awarded to that entry, amongst those entered in the Traditional and Postal History & Postmarks competitions, that consists exclusively of material issued or used prior to 1 January 1901 and gains the highest mark among qualifying entries. In the event of a tie, the Judges decide the winner. No entry was received in 2017.

2014 P. Denly*	2016 K. Burr	2019 J. Aitchison	2025 R.E. How
2015 L.C. Stanway	2018 R.E. How	2020 A. Soutar	

AEROPHILATELIC TROPHY

Presented in 1975 by F J Field, Esq.*

Awarded to the entry in the Aerophilatelic Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. There was no competition in 1980, due to the change of venue from Autumn Fair to Spring Stamp Day. There was no entrant in 1991.

1975 W.E. Trower*	1988 G.P. Green	2000 H.G. Jessop*	2011 C.J. Cooksey
1976 M.K. Roberts*	1989 R.E. How	2001 W.E. Trower*	2012 L.C. Stanway
1977 A.J. Branston*	1990 Miss J.A. Lester	2002 F.G. Jones*	2013 C.J. Cooksey
1978 W.E. Trower*	1992 M.R. Thompson*	2003 G.P. Green	2014 W.E. Trower*
1979 R.E.F. Pegg*	1993 R.E. How	2004 R.E. How	2015 L.C. Stanway
1981 W.E. Trower*	1994 W.E. Trower*	2005 D.W. Sibley*	2016 C.J. Cooksey
1982 A. Benham	1995 D.W. Sibley*	2006 E.F. Day*	2017 W.E. Trower*
1983 O.J. Simpson*	1996 I.F. Trinder	2007 C.J. Cooksey	2018 C.J. Cooksey
1984 M. Fuller*	1997 W.E. Trower*	2008 R. Swindells	2019 L.C. Stanway
1985 Z.R. Bojakowski*	1998 A.F. Hobbs*	2009 L.C. Stanway	2020 R. Swindells
1986 Mrs. E. Burch	1999 J.H.B. Pettit*	2010 E.F. Day*	2025 L.C. Stanway
1987 A.N. Moorcroft			

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

THEMATIC TROPHY

Presented in 1966 by W.J. Allen, Esq.* (Leytonstone, Wanstead & Dist. P.S.)

Awarded to the entry in the Thematic Competition that is awarded the highest number of points.

1967 T.S. Telfer*	1981 T.R.W. Hawkins	1995 L.C. Stanway	2009 D. Page
1968 C.G. Banfield	1982 O.J. Simpson*	1996 S. Henderson*	2010 S.A. Moorcroft
1969 C.G. Banfield	1983 L.A. Bottomley	1997 G. Howard	2011 P. Denly*
1970 P.B. Cropper*	1984 D.A. Pashby*	1998 Mrs. M.A. Thompson	2012 R. Swindells
1971 Miss M.W. Musselwhite*	1985 B.J. Marsh	1999 L.A. Bottomley	2013 M. Edwards
1972 K. Herman	1986 R.W. Bryant	2000 P. Denly*	2014 D.J. Armitage
1973 O.J. Simpson*	1987 R.A. Kensit	2001 L.A. Bottomley	2015 M. Edwards
1974 E.L.G. Thomas	1988 A.R. Cowley*	2002 P. Denly*	2016 P. Denly*
1975 G.M. Trigwell	1989 O.J. Simpson*	2003 F.G. Jones*	2017 Mrs. C. Finn
1976 I. Tickell*	1990 G.V.R. Osborn*	2004 R. Swindells	2018 D.J. Armitage
1977 W.E. Trower*	1991 M.R. Thompson*	2005 P. Denly*	2019 L.C. Stanway
1978 B.W. Wiltshire*	1992 Mrs. S. Foster	2006 R. Swindells	2025 C. Evans/ M. Carter
1979 P.E. Rooke*	1993 P.W. Harris	2007 P. Denly*	
1980 E.C. Waldock*	1994 M.R. Thompson*	2008 R. Swindells	

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

CHRIS RAUCH TROPHY

Presented in 1983 by Mrs. J. Rauch.

Awarded to the highest marked entrant in the Individual Competitions (except Philatelic Literature) who has not previously won an award at or above county level. In the event of a tie based on marking, the trophy shall be awarded to the entrant having the higher placing.¹¹ There was no qualifying entries in 2017-18.

1983 L.A. Bottomley	1993 W. Mole	2002 P.J.C. Ellis*	2011 Mrs. S. Stacey
1984 D.A. Pashby*	1994 K.W. Lillywhite /	2003 T.R.W. Hawkins	2012 D.J. Armitage
1985 C.W. Mead	M.K. Roberts*	2004 R. Swindells	2013 R. Calvert*
1986 R. Burman	1995 L.C. Stanway	2005 F. Dunn	2014 Mrs. C. Finn
1987 R.A. Kensit	1996 C.G. Salt*	2006 R.C.A. Payne*	2015 J. Riches
1988 L.E. Stiles*	1997 G. Howard	2007 S.A. Moorcroft	2016 R. Finn*
1989 G.V.R. Osborn*	1998 Mrs. M.A. Thompson	2008 D. Phillips	2018 M. Carter
1990 A.F. Hobbs*	1999 A.D. Lovelock	2009 D. Page	2019 J. Aitchison
1991 H.A. White*	2000 J. Newman*	2010 E. Finch	2025 C. Evans
1992 H.J. Russell	2001 Mrs. J. Ruskin		

The following persons are ineligible to receive this award in 2026: Mrs. P. Adams, J. Aitchison, D.J. Armitage, C.G. Banfield, S.A. Baker, A. Benham, L.A. Bottomley, R.W. Bryant, E. Burch, R. Burman, K. Burr, M. Carter, J.J. Challis, Miss Collinson, C.J. Cooksey, J.R.G. Dahl, D.G. Davies, W.A. Dawson, F. Dunn, M. Edwards, S. Ellerton, C. Evans, E. Finch, Mrs. C. Finn, P.J. Forrester-Smith, Mrs. S. Foster, G.P. Green, C.G. Harman, P.W. Harris, T.R.W. Hawkins, K. Hermon, M. Hogg, R.E. How, G. Howard, J.F. Ince, D. Jefcoate, R.A. Kensit, C. Leonard, Miss J.A. Lester, K.W. Lillywhite, A.D. Lovelock, B.J. Marsh, S. Marsh, C.W. Mead, T. Mills, W. Mole, A.N. Moorcroft, S.A. Moorcroft, W.C. Nield, B.E. Newland, D. Page, A. Pearman, D. Phillips, R. Rabbetts, J. Riches, Mrs. L. Roberts, K. Rowland, Mrs. J. Ruskin, H.J. Russell, D. Scoot, A. Skilling, A. Soutar, Mrs. S. Stacey, L.C. Stanway, R. Swindells, S. Teuma, E.L.G. Thomas, Mrs. M.A. Thompson, G.M. Trigwell, I.F. Trinder, B. Watson, plus winners above Federation level.

MODERN MATERIAL (TRADITIONAL) COMPETITION TROPHY

Presented in 2000 by Essex Chronicle.

Awarded to the traditional entry in the Modern Material Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. This competition went uncontested in 2018-19 and 2025.

2000 D.A. Armitage*	2005 B. Watson	2010 D. Phillips	2014 D. Phillips
2001 B. Watson	2006 E.F. Day*	2011 B. Watson	2015 D.A. Armitage*
2002 D.A. Armitage*	2007 D.A. Armitage*	2012 D.A. Armitage*	2016 D. Scoot
2003 A. Pearman	2008 D. Phillips	2013 D.A. Armitage*	2017 D.A. Armitage*
2004 K. Burr	2009 G. Peck*		

The 2019 winner will not be eligible for the 2020 competition.

MODERN MATERIAL (POSTAL HISTORY) COMPETITION TROPHY

Presented in 2000 by R.E. How and L.C. Stanway.

Awarded to the postal history entry in the Modern Material Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. This competition went uncontested in 2000, 2013-2014, 2016-19.

2001 W.I. Stevenson*	2005 B.E. Newland	2008 B.E. Newland	2011 R. Rabbetts
2002 K. Rowland	2006 D.A. Armitage*	2009 R. Rabbetts	2012 B.E. Newland
2003 B.E. Newland	2007 K. Rowland	2010 B.E. Newland	2015 B.E. Newland
2004 D.A. Armitage*			

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

MODERN MATERIAL (AEROPHILATELIC) COMPETITION TROPHY

Presented in 2001 by R.E. How.

Awarded to the aerophilatelic entry in the Modern Material Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. This competition went uncontested in 2000, 2002-19, 2025.

2001 J.A. Church*

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE TROPHY

Presented in 1976 by C. Rauch, Esq. (Chelmsford & District P.S.)*

Awarded to the entry in the Philatelic Literature Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. This competition went uncontested in 1986, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2006, 2012-2013 and 2016-19.

1976 R.E.F. Pegg*	1985 O.J. Simpson*	1995 W.E. Trower*	2007 L.C. Stanway
1977 R. Goodey*	1987 O.J. Simpson*	1997 H.J. Russell	2008 C.J. Cooksey
1978 L.E. Britnor*	1988 W.G. Moseley*	1998 O.J. Simpson*	2009 W.E. Trower*
1979 C. Rauch*	1989 D. Olding*	1999 L.C. Stanway	2010 L.C. Stanway
1980 J.T. Whitney*	1991 I.L. Griggs/ O.J. Simpson*	2000 I.F. Trinder	2011 Rev. J. Walden
1981 O.J. Simpson*	1992 O.J. Simpson*	2001 L.C. Stanway	2014 L.C. Stanway
1982 Mrs. V.J. Sussex*	1993 L.C. Stanway	2003 W.I. Stevenson*	2015 L.C. Stanway
1983 O.J. Simpson*	1994 R. Doubleday	2004 M.H. Wade*	2025 M. Carter
1984 O.J. Simpson*		2005 H.J. Russell	

OPEN PHILATELY TROPHY

Presented in 2004 by Marconi Philatelic Society (formerly "Social Philately Trophy").

Awarded to the entry in the Open Philately Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. This competition went uncontested in 2018-19.

2014 B.E. Newland	2015 Mrs C. Finn	2016 W.I. Stevenson*	2017 Mrs C. Finn
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The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

CINDERELLA TROPHY

Presented 1994 by R.E. How.

Awarded to the entry in the Cinderella Competition that is awarded the highest number of points.

1994 O.J. Simpson*	2000 L.A. Bottomley	2008 M.R. Thompson*	2014 L.C. Stanway
1995 W.I. Stevenson*	2002 G. Howard	2009 W.I. Stevenson*	2015 W.I. Stevenson*
1996 M.R. Thompson*	2003 W.I. Stevenson*	2010 D.A. Armitage*	2016 D.A. Armitage*
1997 W.I. Stevenson*	2004 C.G. Harman	2011 W.I. Stevenson*	2017 C.J. Cooksey
1998 O.J. Simpson*	2005 W.I. Stevenson*	2013 C.J. Cooksey	2018 D. Scoot
1999 W.I. Stevenson*	2007 W.I. Stevenson*	2012 Mrs. M.A. Thompson	2025 L.C. Stanway
2001 W.I. Stevenson*	2006 D.A. Armitage*		

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

PICTURE POSTCARD TROPHY

Presented in 2011 by W.E. Trower*.

Awarded to the entry in the Picture Postcard Competition that is awarded the highest number of points. There were no entries in 2016.

2012 B.E. Newland	2015 J.F. Cowlin	2018 L.C. Stanway	2020 M. Nunn
2013 Mrs. P. Adams	2017 W.E. Trower*	2019 R. Swindells	2025 L.C. Stanway
2014 Mrs. A. Coltman			

The 2025 winner is not eligible for the 2026 competition.

C. AEPS COMPETITIONS NO LONGER HELD

MODERN MATERIAL COMPETITION TROPHY

Presented in 1988 by Marconi Philatelic Society.

Awarded to the entry in the Modern Material Competition that was awarded the highest number of points. The trophy became life-expired in 2000 and the decision was taken to split the competition into three classes with new trophies.

1989 G.V.R. Osborn*	1992 G.V.R. Osborn*	1995 M.R. Thompson*	1998 R. Rabbetts
1990 A.F. Hobbs*	1993 W. Mole	1996 D.A. Armitage*	1999 A.D. Lovelock
1991 R. Seaman*	1994 D.A. Armitage*	1997 C.G. Salt*	

SOCIAL PHILATELY TROPHY
Presented in 2004 by Marconi Philatelic Society.

Awarded to the entry in the Social Philately Competition that is awarded the highest number of points.

2005 Z. Ruskin*	2008 W.I. Stevenson*	2010 W.I. Stevenson*	2012 W.I. Stevenson*
2006 W.I. Stevenson*	2009 B.E. Newland	2011 B.E. Newland	2013 W.E. Trower*
2007 M.R. Thompson*			

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Many attempts have been made over the years to involve junior collectors in AEPS displays. The only surviving records of winners of display competitions are shown below.

1954 King Edward VI Grammar School.	1956 G. Langdon, C. French.
1955 Colchester Royal Grammar School.	

INTER-SOCIETY QUIZ TROPHY
Presented in 1968 by Shoeburyness & District P.S.

Awarded to the society participating in the Quiz Competition that is awarded the highest number of points by the Question Master.

The competition dates back to 1947, early winners recorded being 1948 L&W, 1949 Romford, 1952 Leytonstone. It appears to have lapsed at some time during the 1950s (after 1952), being resurrected in 1964 (winner not recorded) and 1967 (Rayleigh). It was not held in 2005, 2007. Due to lack of support, no competitions were held after 2008.

1968 Havering	1978 Colchester	1988 Basildon	1998 Basildon
1969 L&W	1979 Witham	1989 Goodmayes	1999 L&W
1970 Southend-on-Sea	1980 Colchester	1990 Moulsham Lodge	2000 Brentwood
1971 Rayleigh	1981 Colchester	1991 L&W	2001 Basildon
1972 Chelmsford	1982 L&W	1992 Brentwood	2002 L&W
1973 L&W	1983 Colchester	1993 L&W	2003 Brentwood
1974 Marconi	1984 Basildon	1994 Colchester	2004 Ipswich
1975 Rayleigh	1985 Colchester	1995 Brentwood	2006 Brentwood
1976 L&W	1986 L&W	1996 Forest	2008 Basildon
1977 Chelmsford	1987 Brentwood	1997 L&W	

D. OTHER COMPETITIONS

AEPS RESULTS IN DAWES CUP INTER-COUNTY COMPETITION

The "County Federations & Associations of Philatelic Societies Dawes Inter County Perpetual Challenge Cup", to give it its full name, was presented in 1957 by J F Dawes, Esq. of the Middlesex Philatelic Federation. The format of the competition has changed several times in its history. It is currently an inter-federation competition of 64 sheets submitted by four members representing at least three societies in each of the home counties federations (Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex plus a guest federation). The 2018 competition was cancelled following the untimely death of Maurice Flack, the Kent organiser.

Year	Winner	Essex	Essex Team
1957	Kent	2 nd	Forest, Goodmayes, Leytonstone (2), Southend-on-Sea.
1958	Kent	2 nd	Participants not recorded.
1959	Kent	?	Participants not recorded.
1960	Middlesex	?	Participants not recorded.
1961	Sussex	2 nd	Participants not recorded.
1962	Essex	First	Participants not recorded.
1963	Surrey	-	Essex did not enter.
1964	Surrey	?	Participants not recorded.
1965	Surrey	?	Bishop's Stortford, Goodmayes (2), Leytonstone, Southend-on-Sea.
1966	Sussex	?	Participants not recorded.
1967	Essex	First	Participants not recorded.
1968	Middlesex	?	C.G. Banfield, J.J. Challis, A.C. Crew*, E.W. Goss*, Mr. Rickard.
1969	Essex	First	Participants not recorded.
1970	Middlesex	?	Participants not recorded.
1971	Middlesex	3 rd	Participants not recorded.

Year	Winner	Essex	Essex Team
1972	Essex	First	L.E. Britnor*, Mr. Dawson, G.P. Green, W.G. Moseley*, Mr. Stroud.
1973	Surrey	3 rd	Participants not recorded.
1974	Surrey	?	Participants not recorded.
1975	Kent	2 nd	W.J. Allen*, C.G. Banfield, D. Clayton*, D.G. Davies, C. Leonard.
1976	Essex	First	S. Baker, C.G. Banfield, D.G. Davies, C. Leonard, C. Rauch*.
1977	Essex	First	A.C. Crew*, M. Fuller*, K. Hickson*, W.G. Moseley*, O.J. Simpson*.
1978	Surrey	3 rd	A.J. Aked*, W.J. Allen*, J. Barson, G.P. Green, R.E.F. Pegg*.
1979	Middlesex	4 th	Participants not recorded.
1980	Kent	2 nd	J. Barson, J.R.G. Dahl, D.G. Davies, A. Mayo, R.E.F. Pegg*.
1981	Surrey	5 th	Participants not recorded.
1982	Essex	First	D.G. Davies, M. Fuller*, G.P. Green, W.G. Moseley*, J.W. Sullivan*.
1983	Essex	First	Participants not recorded.
1984	Sussex	2 nd	Participants not recorded.
1985	Essex	First	Participants not recorded.
1986	Surrey	2 nd	Participants not recorded.
1987	Essex	First	M. Fuller*, B.J. Marsh, W.G. Moseley*, O.J. Simpson*, Mrs. V.J. Sussex*.
1988	Essex	First	C.G. Banfield, D. Clayton*, H.G. Jessop*, Mrs. S. Marsh, I. Tickell*.
1989	Essex	First	G.P. Green, P.W. Harris, J.F. Ince, C.W. Mead, A.N. Moorcroft.
1990	Surrey	3 rd	D. Clayton*, A.F. Hobbs*, D.J. Norris*, W.E. Trower*, T. Wordsworth*.
1991	Surrey	4 th	Participants not recorded.
1992	Sussex	3 rd	Z.R. Bojakowski*, D.G. Davies, A.N. Moorcroft, D.J. Norris*, K.A. Seymour*.
1993	Essex	First	D.G. Davies, M. Fuller*, C.W. Mead, A.N. Moorcroft, M.R. Thompson*.
1994	Surrey	6 th	P.W. Harris, W. Mole, A.N. Moorcroft, D.J. Norris*, W.E. Trower*.
1995	Essex	First	D.G. Davies, M. Fuller*, D.J. Norris*, K. Saunders, M.R. Thompson*
1996	Hampshire	6 th	D.A. Armitage*, S. Henderson*, A.N. Moorcroft, D.W. Sibley*, E.C. Waldock*
1997	Surrey	4 th	D.A. Armitage*, G.W. Banfield*, R.E. How, Mrs. L. Roberts, D.W. Sibley*.
1998	Surrey	5 th	P. Baker, M. Baldwin, G. Howard, D.W. Sibley*, W.E. Trower*.
1999	Kent	4 th	D.A. Armitage*, P. Baker, D.G. Davies, A. Skilling, W.I. Stevenson*
2000	Sussex	3 rd	P. Baker, D.G. Davies, M. Hogg, A. Skilling, T.R.W. Hawkins.
2001	Sussex	2 nd	D.A. Armitage*, P. Denly*, E. Hitchins, Mrs. J. Ruskin, W.E. Trower*
2002	Sussex	2 nd	D.A. Armitage*, P. Baker, E. Hitchins, F.G. Jones*, W.E. Trower*
2003	Surrey	2 nd	D.A. Armitage*, P. Denly*, F.G. Jones*, D.J. Norris*, A. Skilling
2004	Surrey	3 rd	D.A. Armitage*, R.E. How, D.J. Norris*, Z. Ruskin*, R. Swindells.
2005	Middlesex	5 th	D.A. Armitage*, D.J. Norris*, Mrs. J. Ruskin, D.W. Sibley*, R. Swindells.
2006	Kent	2 nd	C.G. Banfield, A.N. Moorcroft, R.C.A. Payne*, D.W. Sibley*, M.R. Thompson*.
2007	Surrey	2 nd	D.G. Davies, P. Denly*, G.P. Green, A.N. Moorcroft, W.I. Stevenson*.
2008	Surrey	4 th	D.A. Armitage*, C.G. Banfield, C.J. Cooksey, P. Denly*, C G Harman.
2009	Essex	First	D.A. Armitage*, C.G. Banfield, D.G. Davies, P. Denly*, D.W. Sibley*.
2010	Surrey	2 nd	C.J. Cooksey, E.F. Day*, C.G. Harman, W.I. Stevenson*, R. Swindells.
2011	Surrey	3 rd	D.A. Armitage*, P. Denly*, R.E. How, W.I. Stevenson*, W.E. Trower*.
2012	Essex	First	D.A. Armitage*, C.G. Banfield, C.J. Cooksey, P. Denly*, W.I. Stevenson*.
2013	Sussex	3 rd	C.J. Cooksey, G.P. Green, R.E. How, S.A. Moorcroft, R. Swindells.
2014	Essex	First	D.A. Armitage*, C.J. Cooksey, P. Denly*, W.E. Trower*.
2015	Kent	2 nd	D.A. Armitage*, R. Calvert*, B. Marsh, J. Riches.
2016	Kent	2 nd	D.A. Armitage*, P. Denly*, L.C. Stanway, W.E. Trower*.
2017	Essex	First	J. Aitchison, D.A. Armitage, P. Denly*, W.E. Trower*.
2018-19	Not held		

The members of the 2018 winning team would not be eligible to represent the same federations in the 2019 competition in their winning discipline.

AEPS RESULTS IN HOME COUNTIES INTER-FEDERATION QUIZ

This inter-federation competition was initiated by AEPS in 1994.

Year	Winner	Essex	Essex Team
1994	Surrey	2 nd	G.P. Green?, O.J. Simpson*?, L.C. Stanway.
1998	Essex	First	G.P. Green, D.W. Sibley*, L.C. Stanway.

AEPS RESULTS IN ABPS INTER-FEDERATION COMPETITION

The Inter-Federation Competition was revived by the ABPS in 1996.

Year	Winner	Essex	Essex Team
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1996	Surrey	3 rd	D.G. Davies, D.J. Norris*, M.R. Thompson*.
1998	Surrey	5 th	D.G. Davies, A.N. Moorcroft, W.E. Trower*.
2000	?	?	Result unknown.
2002	?	4 th	Participants unknown.
2004	Surrey	10 th	D.G. Davies, P. Denly*, A.N. Moorcroft.
2006		-	No entry.
2011	Sussex	5 th	P. Denly*, W.I. Stevenson*, W.E. Trower*.
2012	Scotland	3 rd	C.J. Cooksey, P. Denly*, W.E. Trower*.
2017	Hampshire	5 th	J. Aitchison, C.J. Cooksey, D Armitage*

AEPS RESULTS IN BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION INTER-FEDERATION COMPETITION

Year	Winner	Essex	Essex Team
2010	Surrey	2 nd	P. Denly*, S.A. Moorcroft, R. Swindells.

FESTIVAL OF STAMPS 2010 BPMA AWARD

Donated by the British Postal Museum and Archive for a public vote as “Best in Show” at AEPS StampEssex Festival of Stamps 2010, as part of the nationwide ABPS Festival of Stamps London 2010.

2010 E.F. Day*

THE “AEPS ROLL OF HONOUR” BOOK

In addition to the above, the AEPS maintains in perpetuity a leather-bound “Roll of Honour” book, in which is inscribed a record of all those known members of Essex societies who have won national- or international-level medals or other awards related to philately. This is normally displayed on the AEPS table at all StampEssex events. Society Secretaries and others who become aware of such awards, and award winners themselves, are invited to send the following details to the AEPS Secretary:

Name:

Society:

Event and Location:

Date:

Title of entry or other achievement:

Award/medal granted:

A volunteer to take charge of updating and maintaining this book would be very welcome!

CHAPTER SIX

ROLL OF STAMPESSEX HOST SOCIETIES

Throughout the history of the AEPS, a major function has been the holding of stamp days. In the early period, this was normally a luncheon with displays in the afternoon and took place annually. Later, the

displays became competitive, dealers were admitted and the change was made to holding two events per annum.

AEPS Congresses:

Inaugural:	Leytonstone	3 Jun 1944
1.	Southend-on-Sea	30 Jun 1945

AEPS Conventions:

2.	Leytonstone & Wanstead	15 Jun 1946
3.	Chelmsford	21 Jun 1947
4.	Forest	22 May 1948
5.	Colchester	14 May 1949
6.	Southend-on-Sea	16 Sep 1950
7.	Dovercourt	19 May 1951
8.	Leytonstone & Wanstead	7 Jun 1952
9.	Clacton	6 Jun 1953
10.	Chelmsford	8 May 1954
11.	Goodmayes	4 Jun 1955
12.	Southend-on-Sea	12 May 1956
13.	Theydon Bois	1 Jun 1957
14.	Clacton	17 May 1958
15.	Forest	9 May 1959
16.	Brentwood	23 Apr 1960
17.	Leytonstone & Wanstead	29 Apr 1961
18.	Rayleigh	14 Apr 1962
19.	May & Baker	27 Apr 1963

From 1964, two events were held each year. Normally, the spring event was designated "AEPS Convention" until 1973, when the term "Essex Stamp Day" was used. The autumn event was normally designated "Autumn Rally". Today, the terms "Spring StampEssex" and "Autumn StampEssex" are used.

20.	Goodmayes	5 Apr 1964
	Leytonstone & Wanstead /	17 Oct 1964
	Goodmayes	
21.	Brentwood	24 Apr 1965
	No autumn event.	
22.	Southend-on-Sea	1 Oct 1966
	Ford	23 Apr 1966
23.	Clacton	29 Apr 1967
	Rayleigh	7 Oct 1967
24.	Forest	20 Apr 1968
	Shoeburyness	5 Oct 1968
25.	AEPS (Chelmsford)	7 Jun 1969
	Chelmsford	8 Nov 1969
26.	Colchester	6 May 1970
	Bishop's Stortford	24 Oct 1970
27.	Rayleigh & Benfleet	10 Jul 1971
	Brentwood	2 Oct 1971
28.	Thurrock & VdB&J	3 Jun 1972
	Forest	7 Oct 1972
29.	AEPS (Maldon)	19 May 1973
	Cheshunt	20 Oct 1973
30.	Leytonstone & Wanstead	8 Jun 1974
	Van den Berghs & Jurgens	19 Oct 1974

31.	Braintree	26 Apr 1975
	Plessey	4 Oct 1975
32.	Southend-on-Sea	2 Oct 1976
	Rayleigh	6 Mar 1976
33.	Bishop's Stortford	14 May 1977
	Ilford	1 Oct 1977
34.	Brentwood	20 May 1978
	AEPS (Maldon)	4 Nov 1978
35.	Chelmsford	19 May 1979
	Colchester	3 Nov 1979
36.	Ilford	26 Apr 1980
	Southend-on-Sea	8 Nov 1980
37.	Bishop's Stortford	16 May 1981
	Witham	3 Oct 1981
38.	Rayleigh	27 Mar 1982
	Basildon	23 Oct 1982
39.	Forest	9 Apr 1983
	Brentwood	22 Oct 1983
40.	AEPS (Romford)	2 Jun 1984
	Cheshunt	13 Oct 1984
41.	Chelmsford & Marconi	27 Apr 1985
	Southend-on-Sea	5 Oct 1985
42.	Leytonstone & Wanstead	7 Jun 1986
	Harlow	11 Oct 1986
43.	Rayleigh	28 Mar 1987
	Bishop's Stortford	3 Oct 1987
44.	Goodmayes	2 Jul 1988
	Marconi	8 Oct 1988
45.	South Woodham Ferrers	6 May 1989
	Shoeburyness	30 Sep 1989
46.	Sudbury	26 May 1990
	Leytonstone & Wanstead	13 Oct 1990
47.	Southend-on-Sea	18 May 1991
	Colchester	26 Oct 1991
48.	Rayleigh	28-29 Mar 1992
	Clacton	31 Oct 1992
49.	Basildon	24 Apr 1993
	Brentwood	30 Oct 1993
50.	AEPS (Colchester)	11-12 Jun 1994
	Witham	29 Oct 1994
51.	Bishop's Stortford	20 May 1995
	Witham	28 Oct 1995
52.	Sudbury	25 May 1996
	Leytonstone & Wanstead	5 Oct 1996
53.	Rayleigh	22 Mar 1997
	Clacton	25 Oct 1997
54.	Basildon	18 Apr 1998
	Colchester	24 Oct 1998
55.	Bishop's Stortford	8 May 1999
	Chelmsford	16 Oct 1999
56.	Witham	29 Apr 2000
	Colchester	21 Oct 2000
57.	Sudbury	26 May 2001
	AEPS (Braintree)	27 Oct 2001
58.	Rayleigh	23 Mar 2002
	Colchester	19 Oct 2002

59.	Brentwood	26 Apr 2003	Benfleet	15 Oct 2011
	Cheshunt	25 Oct 2003	68 Bishop's Stortford	19 May 2012
60.	AEPS (Danbury)	5 Jun 2004	Witham	6 Oct 2012
	Witham	2 Oct 2004	69. Basildon	27 Apr 2013
61.	Sudbury	28 May 2005	Cheshunt	28 Sep 2013
	Ipswich	15 Oct 2005	70. AEPS (Chelmsford)	10 May 2014
62.	Bishop's Stortford	20 May 2006	Colchester	25 Oct 2014
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63.	Rayleigh	31 Mar 2007	Colchester	24 Oct 2015
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64.	Basildon	26 Apr 2008	AEPS (Chelmsford)	29 Oct 2016
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CHAPTER SEVEN

AEPS POSTAL AUCTION RULES

Note: No postal auction is currently operated by the Association. These 2004 rules are retained in reserve in case a future decision is taken to reinstate an auction.

A periodic postal auction may be organised on behalf of the Association for fund-raising purposes by a member appointed by the Executive Committee.

The minimum reserve value of individual lots submitted for auction must be at least £5.

The conditions of sale are as follows:

1. Lots for inclusion in Postal Auctions can be forwarded to the Hon. Auction Secretary or the Hon. Secretary, or handed personally to those persons.
2. Lots will be held under lock and key once received by the Hon. Auction Secretary.
3. The owners will be expected to arrange any insurance cover of material included in the auction.
4. The highest bidder for each lot shall be the purchaser. In the event of two or more bids being identical, the first bid received will be accepted.
5. The cost of posting lots to the successful bidder will be added to the amount due for the lots.
6. Payment is to be made immediately upon receipt of the lots. Cheques and Postal Orders are to be made payable to the "Association of Essex Philatelic Societies".
7. A commission of 12% will be charged on all lots sold. Unsold lots will be charged a handling fee at 50p per lot. The owners will be expected to pay postage for the return of such lots.
8. Payment to vendors will be made one month after the end of the auction or as soon as possible thereafter.

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- 1 This date has also been quoted for establishment of the P&EE club.
2 Co-opted April 1997, Mrs. J. Rauch acted as Minutes Secretary pending appointment.
3 Joint Acting Treasurer 2004-05 with Mr. D.W. Sibley.
4 Deceased 19 January 2012. Mr. C. Wood acting from 13 March 2012.
5 Mr. A.J. Branston Acting Registrar from 15 May 1971.
6 Mr. R.E. How Acting Registrar from 8 February 1990.
7 From 2009-17, Mr. L.C. Stanway undertook limited PRO duties on an "acting" basis.
8 Mr. D.W. Sibley acting.
9 Deceased in office and I. Stewart appointed.
10 Assisted by Mr. D.A. Armitage responsible for storage of Archives 1996-2010.
11 New criteria effective 1Jan2015.