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### *THE HANDBOOK OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ESSEX PHILATELIC SOCIETIES*

#### PREFACE TO THE EIGHTH EDITION, VOLUME 3

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 this year is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Association, it was felt that all three volumes should be brought up-to-date.

One advantage of the digital format is that we are now able to reproduce the Catalogue in full colour instead of monochrome.

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

We hope that readers will find this catalogue of interest and useful. New items continue to be found from past events, although few new issues have taken place in recent years. If you have any suggestions as to how it can be further improved, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Len Stanway.  
December 2018.

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#### CHANGES IN THIS EDITION

The catalogue has been updated with new entries, including 3.8b, 7.5a, 8.14a, 15.5b, 17.6a 17.18aa, 18.3a, 19.8b, 22.35a, 24.14a, 24.32a, 26.4a, 29.31, 31.7a, 56.2a. Ipswich society issues have been renumbered as a large number of previously-unrecorded issues have now been listed. This year has seen further new discoveries among the early issues. This suggests that there is still a lot of material out there waiting to be recorded. A few guide prices have been amended to reflect recent prices realised.

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Contact details are given in this handbook where the person concerned has given consent to do so. Members wishing any data to be included or omitted from the Handbook should contact the Editor.

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## AEPS CATALOGUE OF ESSEX PHILATELIC COLLECTIBLES

Throughout the history of the AEPS, a major function has been the holding of stamp days. At most Essex Stamp Days and Autumn Rallies, it has been the normal practice to publish a philatelic souvenir of the event, although a prohibitive rise in the cost of special postmarks, coupled with a reduction in collecting interest has led to a decline in the number of such issues. Over the years, a wide variety of souvenirs have been used, varying from a simple postcard to covers carried by mail coach, brought by ship from abroad or flown in specially for the occasion. Some non-philatelic ephemera has also been issued on occasion

This catalogue lists covers, cards, postmarks, etc., issued by the AEPS or member societies to mark philatelic events in which they were involved. It has been developed from both documentary sources and members' collections. Many early items (and some later items) are known to have existed according to documentary sources but no surviving copies have been found. These "lost" items are shown in **bold** text in section 3, the check list. If you have any of the items thus listed, please contact the Editor so that their status can be updated. Advice of new or missing entries is also welcome.

### 1. AEPS EVENT ISSUES

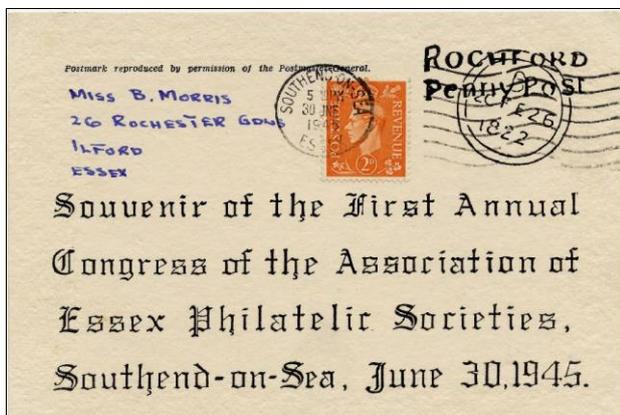
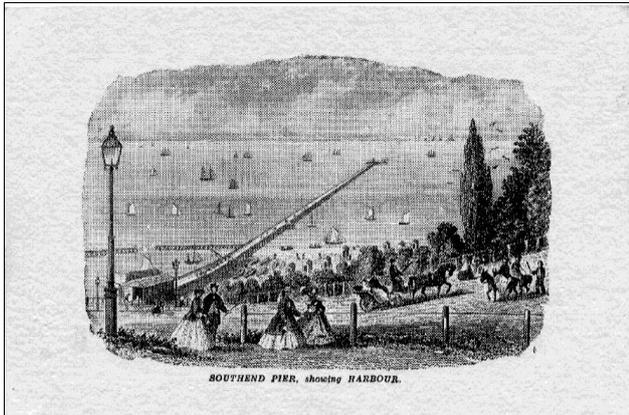
#### 3 June 1944. Inaugural Meeting.

For the inaugural meeting, held at Leytonstone Library under the auspices of the Leytonstone & District P.S., there is no known philatelic souvenir.

- 1.1 Mint card.
- 1.2 Unused card signed by G. Pearson.
- 1.3 Unused card signed by all participants at the Congress Luncheon.

A maximum of 18 are said to have passed through the post, receiving a "SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / 5.30PM / 30 JNE / 1945 / ESSEX" Unified machine cancellation with wavy lines.

#### 30 June 1945. 1<sup>st</sup> Congress.



Southend-on-Sea P.S. hosted this event at the Victoria Hotel. A souvenir card was designed by George Pearson showing Southend-on-Sea pier in 1845 on front and 1822 Rochford Penny Post marking with a descriptive text on rear. This sold out on the day.

- 1.4 Used with 2d. orange KGV1 stamp.

#### 15 June 1946. 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention.



Leytonstone P.S. hosted this event at Leytonstone Library. A cover was produced by hand-stamping in green (two shades exist) a plain envelope with a cachet, designed by R.D. Lee, showing Essex with the locations of member societies marked.

When the block was received from the block maker, three proofs were produced in black, numbered 01-03. 01, at least, had the cachet at the right-hand side, instead of the left.

Seven specimens were subsequently struck in red (numbered 01-07) and sent to member society Secretaries.

462 covers were produced, in green numbered from 000001, and sold at 2½d each.

Covers posted at the exhibition received a Unified machine postmark "LEYTONSTONE / 5.30PM / 15 JUN / 1946 / E.11" with slogan "DON'T / WASTE BREAD / OTHERS NEED IT".

- 2.1 Original artwork for cover cachet.
- 2.2 Proof cover in black.
- 2.3 Specimen cover in red.
- 2.4 Mint cover in green.

Covers posted at the exhibition:

- 2.5 With 2½d Victory stamp.

A cover exists bearing the Victory set of stamps "cancelled" by the cover cachet in green.

- 2.6 Cover 000562.

Remaindered cover used for correspondence.

- 2.7 Cover 000537 11 September 1946 with Victory set.

- 3.8b 1½d brown KGV1 definitives.

Cards:

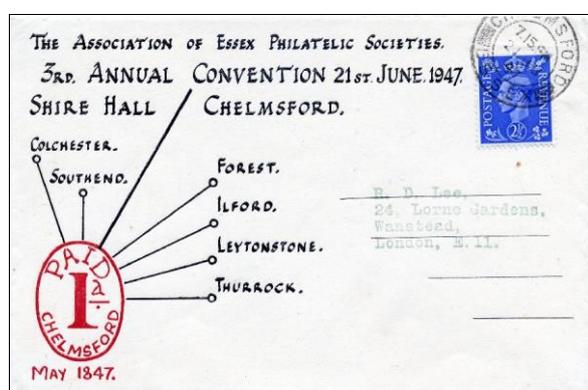
- 3.9 1d red KGV1 definitive.

Covers are also known with other postmarks:

- 3.10 Cover with a 2½d definitive stamp and "BLOOD DONORS ARE STILL URGENTLY NEEDED" slogan postmark.
- 3.11 Cover as 3.10, but "VOLUNTEER FOR A FORCES CAREER" slogan at 8.15PM.
- 3.12 Remainder cover used with E&P "lover's knot" Royal Wedding slogan postmark with cds "CHELMSFORD / 9.20AM / 20NOV / 1947 / ESSEX".

**21 June 1947.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Convention.**



Chelmsford & District P.S. hosted this event at Shire Hall, Chelmsford. Covers and postcards were produced showing the Chelmsford oval "PAID / 1d / CHELMSFORD / MAY 1847" mark in red with black rays pointing to member societies, designed by a Chelmsford member. Both were numbered on the reverse. Covers have been seen numbered between 002043 and 002045, but unnumbered covers have also been seen. Postcards have been seen numbered 002152.

- 3.1 Mint cover. Sold at 3d.
- 3.2 Mint postcard. Sold at 3d.
- 3.3 Postcard used as place card at Luncheon with typed name.

Various covers and cards were handstamped at the Post Office stand with "CHELMSFORD / 7.15PM / 21 JU / 47 / ESSEX" double-ring circular date stamp. The correct rates were 1d (printed paper) for the postcards and 2½d for the covers. One envelope has been seen used unsealed at the 1d rate and another at 1½d.

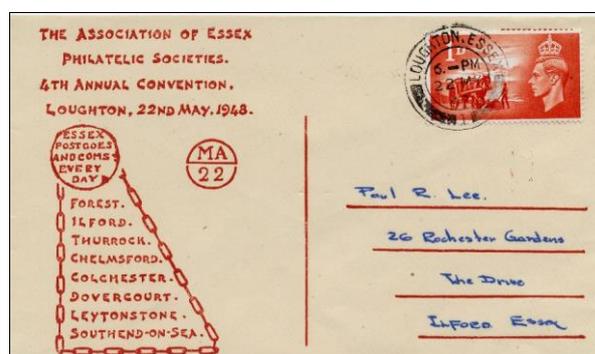
- 3.4 Proof strike of the cds on plain paper.

Covers:

- 3.5 2½d blue KGV1 definitive stamp.
- 3.6 3d Victory stamp.
- 3.7 2d orange KGV1 definitive.
- 3.8 1d red KGV1 definitive.
- 3.8a Two ½d green KGV1 definitives.

**22 May 1948.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Convention.**



Forest P.S. hosted this event at Loughton County High School for Girls. A cover was printed in red or blue and a postcard was printed in blue, each showing the "ESSEX POST GOES AND COMS EVERY DAY" mark.

- 4.1 Mint cover (red).
- 4.2 Mint cover (blue).
- 4.3 Postcard (blue).

Covers received the "LOUGHTON.ESSEX / 6.-PM" (or "6.30.PM") "/ 22 MY / 48 / -1-" double-ring cds on various stamps:

Red covers:

- 4.4 1d red + ½d green definitives.
- 4.5 1d Channel Is. + ½d definitive.
- 4.6 1d Channel Is.
- 4.6a 1d + 2½d Channel Is.

Blue covers:

- 4.7 1d Channel Is.
- 4.8 2½d Royal Silver Wedding.

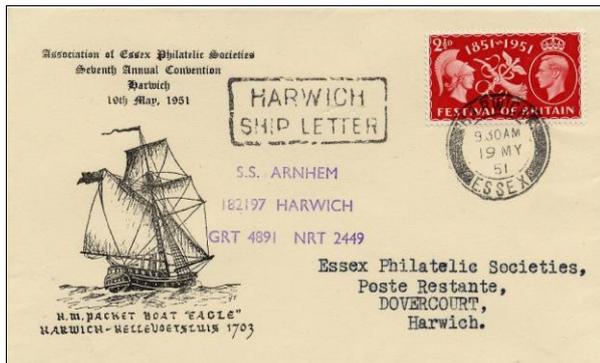
**14 May 1949.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Convention.**

Colchester society's first AEPS event was held at the Moot Hall. An advance publicity cachet was handstamped in green on mail with a map showing eight societies, reading "VISIT THE CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ESSEX PHILATELIC SOCIETIES / COLCHESTER / 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1949". A



ESSEX cds dated 4 30PM / 19 MY / 51". Unusually, export versions of the covers were offered for foreign destinations with a 4d stamp.



- 7.1 Mint cover A (blue and red).
- 7.2 Mint cover B (black).

Handstamped covers with various stamps:

- 7.3 A: 1d red KGVI definitive (Sold at 4d).
- 7.4 A: 1d Channel Islands.
- 7.5 B: 2½d Festival of Britain (Sold at 6d).<sup>1</sup>
- 7.5a B: 1½d KGVI definitive, cylinder 190., serviced with "CIS" printed paper triangular handstamp.

821 covers were posted on SS Arnhem inbound. They received a "HARWICH / 9 30AM / 19 MY / 51 / - ESSEX -" double-ring cds plus the boxed "HARWICH / SHIP LETTER" mark (Hosking Type 39) and the unboxed cachet of S.S. "Arnhem". They were sold at 9d to UK addresses or 1/- to foreign addresses.

- 7.6 A: 2½d Festival of Britain stamp.
- 7.7 A: 4d Festival of Britain.
- 7.8 B: 2½d Festival of Britain.
- 7.8a B: 4d Festival of Britain.

50 covers were posted on the outward voyage with 2½d GB stamp, receiving the Hoek Van Holland boxed Paquebot mark (Hosking Type 376).

- 7.9. Serviced cover.

Cover A was also serviced with the 4d Festival of Britain stamp with machine cancel "HARWICH / 11.30AM / 12 MAY / 1951 / ESSEX" and wavy lines, plus cds receiving mark "HELLEVOETSLUIS / 15.V.15 / 1 / 1951". These are the termini of the original packet boat service.

- 7.10 Cover.

**7 June 1952.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Convention.**

This was hosted by Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S. at Wanstead House. This Convention is notable for the variety of souvenirs offered and for the fact that the first AEPS emblem was designed for use at this event. As well as pre-cancelled covers, orders were taken for covers to be posted directly to visitors via the East Anglian TPO or from the Convention.

Not all cover combinations advertised are known to exist, and some may have been cancelled if there

was no demand. Reports of any surviving items marked "\*" in the following list would be welcome.

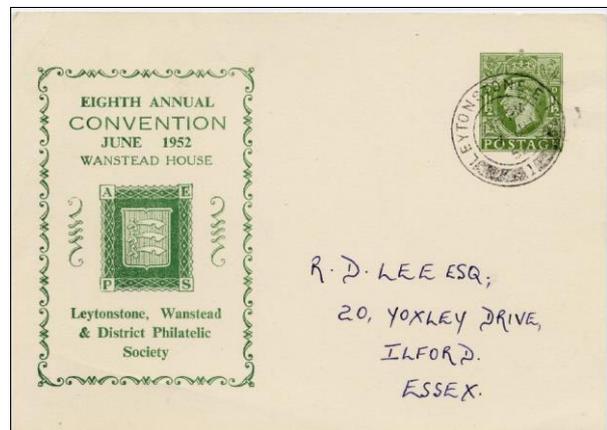


Gummed advance publicity labels were designed by Mr. Edgar Lewy and issued bearing the AEPS emblem in sheets of 6 (2 columns of 3, *tête-bêche*) in various colours, including:

- 8.1 Black
- 8.2 Brown.
- 8.3 Orange.
- 8.4 Green.

(Note: Various printing errors/flaws exist)

- 8.5 Brown on plain cover with cds "ILFORD AND BARKING / 9-PM / 13 MR / 52 / -ESSEX-".
- 8.6 Green on piece with "LEYTONSTONE / 1245PM / 19JAN / 1952 / E.11" and "ARE YOU ON THE / NEW VOTERS LISTS? / - CHECK NOW" slogan.



Covers and a postcard with the new AEPS "Stamp" emblem were also designed by Mr. Lewy. The covers were printed in three colour combinations. The postcard was printed in green only and stamped-to-order with the 1½d King George VI stamp printed in green. Mint covers were sold at 3d each, cards at 4d:

Mint items:

- 8.7 Cover A (brown with green border).
- 8.8 Cover B (green with red border).
- 8.9 Cover C (red with black border).
- 8.10 Postcard.

Covers and postcards posted at the Convention received the "LEYTONSTONE E.11 / 7.15PM / 7 JU / 52 / -1-" cds on various stamps:

- 8.11 Cover A with 2½d red stamp.



Godfrey Baring” and sold at 3d each. The production cover had a triangular flap. A prototype cover has been found in a darker blue with a multi-curved flap.

- 9.1 Prototype cover.
- 9.2 Mint cover.

Before the event, covers were used as a first day covers for the Coronation stamps on 3 June with an extra boxed cachet “CORONATION / FIRST DAY / COVER 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 1953” and cds “CLACTON-ON-SEA ESSEX / 2.30PM / 3 JU / 53 / 2”. An unspecified quantity was serviced in this form.

- 9.3 Cover with set of Coronation stamps
- 9.4 2½d stamp only.

Items posted at the exhibition received a “CLACTON-ON-SEA ESSEX / 2” double-ring cds dated 6.45PM / 6 JU / 53.

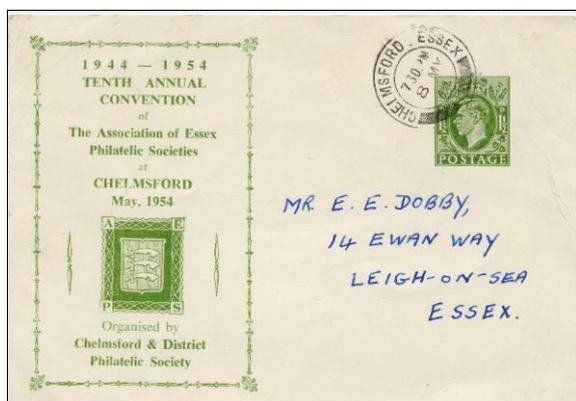
- 9.5 Cover posted at the exhibition with 2½d Coronation stamp.

Remaindered covers are known used for correspondence at various dates.

- 9.6. Cover with 1½d Wilding stamp with 7 June Clacton “LONG LIVE THE QUEEN” slogan.
- 9.7. Cover with two ½d and one 1½d KG6 definitives with 17 June same slogan.

**8 May 1954.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Convention.**



The 1954 Convention was hosted by Chelmsford and District P.S. at King Edward VI Grammar School. Postal stationery cards were produced with the AEPS “Stamp” emblem in green and stamped-to-order with the 1½d King George VI imprinted stamp. They were sold at 4d each. Cards posted at the event received the “CHELMSFORD.ESSEX / 7.30.PM / 8 MY / 54 / -1-“ cds. Serviced cards were sold at 5d.

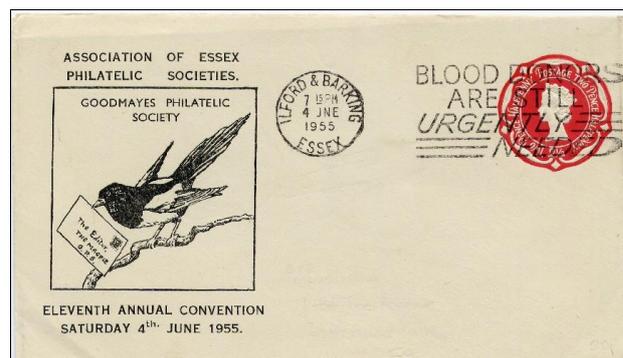
- 10.1 Mint card.
- 10.2 Serviced card.

**4 June 1955.**

**11<sup>th</sup> Convention.**

Goodmayes P.S. hosted the 1955 event at St Paul’s Church Hall. A postal stationery cover was produced

with the 2½d Queen Elizabeth II embossed rose imprinted stamp and the Goodmayes Society Magpie emblem in black.



- 11.1 Mint cover.

Covers posted at the Convention received the “ILFORD & BARKING / 7.15PM / 4 JUNE / 1955 / ESSEX” Unified machine cancellation with “BLOOD DONORS ARE STILL URGENTLY NEEDED” slogan.

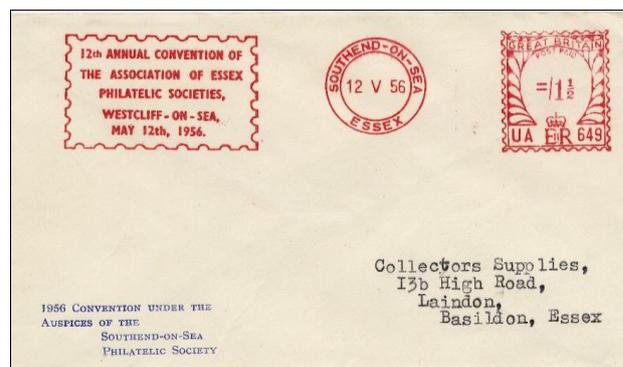
- 11.2 Cover posted at the Convention.
- 11.3 Cover, as above, with additional black AEPS “Penny Black” type emblem label (AEPS No.8.1) tied by postmark.

Remaindered covers used for correspondence:

- 11.4 5 June 1955 from Clacton to Austria with additional 4d Festival of Britain stamp.
- 11.5 1 January 1956 from Chelmsford.

**12 May 1956.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Convention.**



Southend-on-Sea P.S. hosted the 1956 event at Queen’s Hotel, Westcliff-on-Sea. Plain covers were sold at 1d each printed with the cachet “1956 CONVENTION UNDER THE / AUSPICES OF THE / SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / PHILATELIC SOCIETY” in blue.

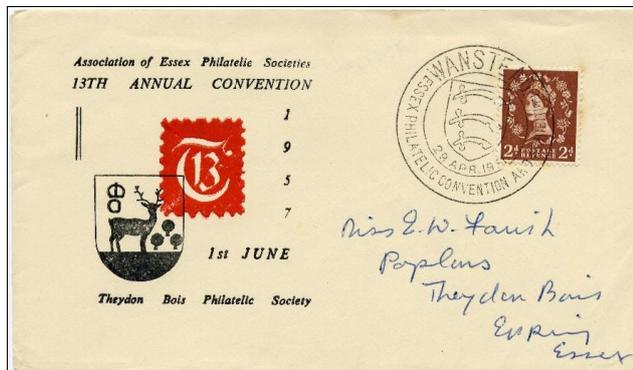
Covers posted at Convention received meter mark UA649 printed by a Multi-Value Postal Franking Machine loaned by Universal Postal Frankers Ltd. The slogan part of the mark read “12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF / THE ASSOCIATION OF ESSEX / PHILATELIC SOCIETIES, / WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA, / MAY 12<sup>th</sup>, 1956.” and “SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / 12 V 56 / ESSEX”. Serviced covers were sold at 4d each.

- 12.1 Mint cover.

- 12.2 Serviced cover.  
12.3 Private cover.

1 June 1957.

13<sup>th</sup> Convention.



One of Essex's smaller societies, Theydon Bois, hosted the 1957 Convention at The County High School for Girls in nearby Loughton. The cover showed the Epping Forest "arms" and "TB" in a stamp outline. Covers posted at the event received the Theydon Bois double-ring cds dated "9-PM / 1 JU / 57".

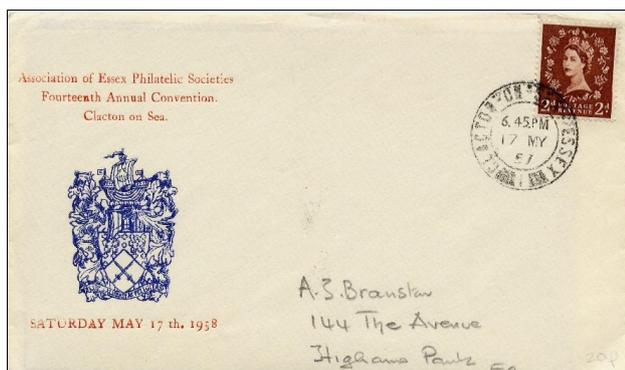
- 13.1 Mint cover.  
13.2 Used at event with cds on 2d Wilding.

Remaindered covers exist:

- 13.3 Cover used with 1961 Wanstead convention handstamp on 2d Wilding.

17 May 1958.

14<sup>th</sup> Convention.



The 1958 Convention was hosted by Clacton P.S. at the Town Hall. A cover was printed in red and blue bearing the coat of arms of Clacton-on-Sea and sold at 3d.

Covers posted at the Convention received in error a double-ring cds with the incorrect date "CLACTON-ON-SEA.ESSEX / 6.45PM / 17 MY / 57 / -1-". Some also received a "Posted at the / CONVENTION" cachet.

- 14.1 Mint cover.

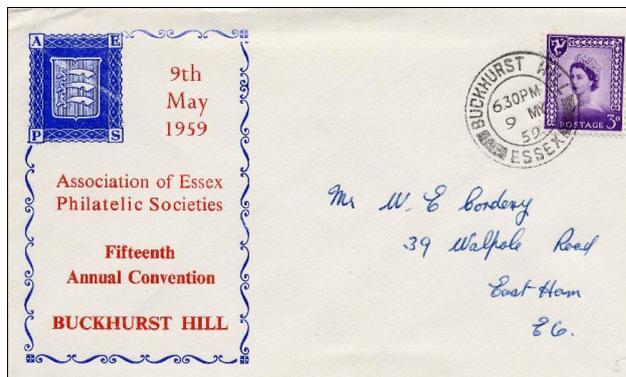
Covers posted at the Convention with various stamps:

- 14.2 ½d and 2½d Wildings.  
14.3 2d Wilding.

- 14.4 3d Wilding with additional "Posted at the / CONVENTION" cachet.  
14.5 One registered item is known to exist.

9 May 1959.

15<sup>th</sup> Convention.



Forest P.S. hosted the 1959 event at Buckhurst Hill Congregational Church Hall. A cover was produced with the AEPS square emblem in red with blue frame. Covers posted at the event received the "BUCKHURST HILL / 6.30PM / 9 MY / 59 / -ESSEX-" cds

- 15.1 Mint cover.

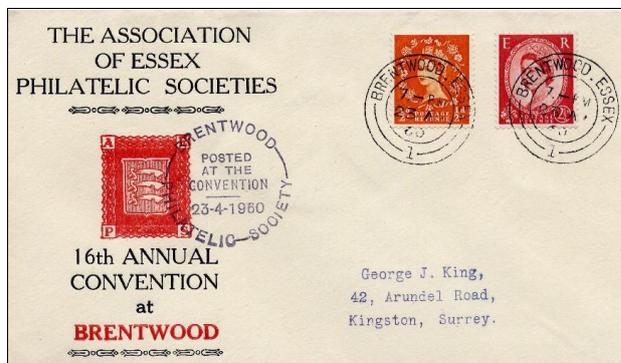
Covers posted at the event with various stamps:

- 15.2 3d Wilding.  
15.3 3d Scottish.  
15.4 3d Welsh + 3d Northern Ireland.  
15.5 3d Isle of Man.  
15.5a 3d Jersey.  
15.5b 3d Guernsey.

Remaindered covers exist:

- 15.6 Cover used with Woodford Green "CHEAP RATE TRUNK CALL: 6PM-8PM & SUNDAY AFTERNOON" slogan.

23 April 1960. 16<sup>th</sup> Convention.



The 1960 Convention came, for the first time, to Brentwood P.S., who used the Brentwood School Memorial Hall. A cover was produced printed in red and black and sold at 4d. Covers posted at the event received a circular cachet "BRENTWOOD / POSTED / AT THE / CONVENTION / - / 23-4-1960 / -PHILATELIC-SOCIETY-" and the double-ring cds "BRENTWOOD.ESSEX / 7-PM / 23 AP / 60 / -1-".

Serviced covers bore a 3d Wilding definitive stamp and were sold at 9d.

- 16.1 Mint cover.
- 16.2 Serviced cover with 3d Wilding definitive stamp.

Covers handstamped on alternative stamps:

- 16.3 ½d + 2½d Wildings.
- 16.4 Two ½d + 2d Wildings.
- 16.5 2d Wilding.
- 16.6 3d Isle of Man.
- 16.7 3d Welsh.
- 16.8 King Edward VIII 5 centimos on ½d Morocco Agencies and 25 centimos on 2½d Morocco Agencies.
- 16.9 Four ½d Wildings.

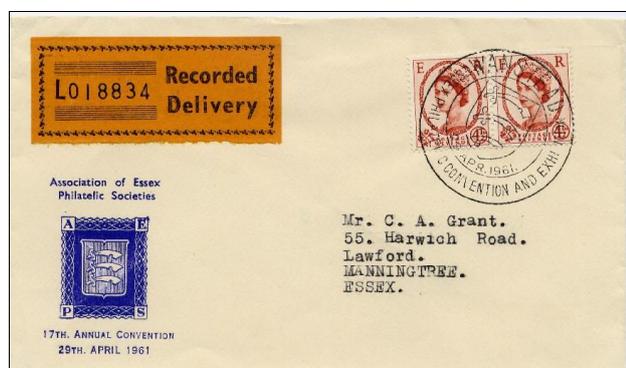
- 17.11 Serviced by Registered Post.<sup>4</sup>
- 17.12 Two 5d Wildings, 8d Wilding.
- 17.13 3d Jersey, 1/3 Scottish, Airmail etiquette.
- 17.14 3d Jersey, 1/3 Wilding, Airmail etiquette.
- 17.15 3d Scottish, 9d Wilding, 6d Europa, Airmail etiquette.
- 17.15a Two ½d, one 2d Wilding.
- 17.15b King George VI ½d, 1d pale red and 1d blue.

Cover B used with handstamp:

- 17.16 2d Wilding definitive.
- 17.17 3d Wilding definitive.
- 17.17a 3d Scottish Regional.
- 17.17b Two 1d Wilding definitive.

**29 April 1961.**

**17<sup>th</sup> Convention.**



Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S. hosted this event at Wanstead House. A cover was designed by Mr. R.D. Lee with the AEPS emblem and printed in either blue or red. Covers were sold for 4d. It has been stated that a postcard was issued to the same design, but no copies have been seen. A 38mm diameter, double-ring handstamp featured the Essex shield. The temporary post office at the event cancelled 3172 items (3034 ordinary, 67 Recorded Delivery, 70 Registered and one Express). The society arranged for covers to be serviced by ordinary post for 9d, by recorded delivery (1/6) or registered post (2/6).

Some Theydon Bois society meeting notice postcards received the handstamp at printed paper rate (2d).

- 17.1 Mint Cover A – blue.
- 17.2 Mint Cover B – red.
- [17.3 Reserved for postcard]

- 17.4 Proof strike of handstamp on GPO paper.

Cover A used with handstamp:

- 17.5 Four ½d Graphite Wilding definitives.
- 17.6 ½d graphite, 2½d Wilding.
- 17.6a Two 1d Wilding.
- 17.7 2d Wilding.
- 17.7a 2½d Wilding.
- 17.8 Two 2d Wilding definitives.
- 17.9 3d Wilding definitive.
- 17.10 Two 4½d Wilding definitives serviced by Recorded Delivery.



- 17.18 Advance publicity label featuring the AEPS emblem in orange.
- 17.18a As 17.18, but green.
- 17.18aa Label 17.18a used to create a souvenir cover with handstamp on 3d Wilding.
- 17.18b As 17.18, but red.
- 17.18c As 17.18, but blue.
- 17.18ca Label 17.18c used as 17.18aa with ½d and 1½d Wildings.

Plain covers also exist with various stamps:

- 17.19 1d KE8, three ½d KGV Typo.
- 17.20 Four ½d Wilding.
- 17.20a Handstamp on Recorded Delivery with three 3d GPO stamps.

Miscellaneous uses:

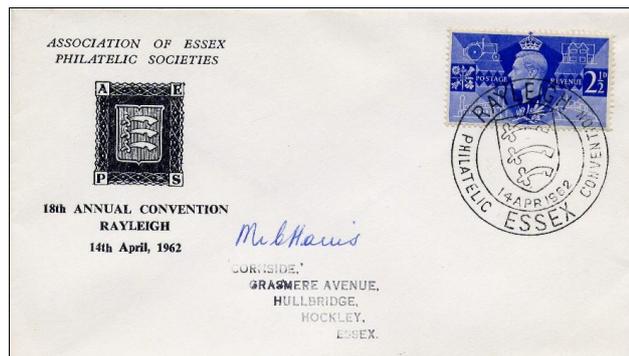
- 17.21 Handstamp on 2½d postal stationery postcard.
- 17.21a Handstamp on 2d Wilding on Theydon Bois meeting notice postcard.
- 17.21b Handstamp on 3d lettercard.
- 17.21c Handstamp on 3d postal stationery envelope.

**14 April 1962.**

**18<sup>th</sup> Convention.**

The 1962 Convention was hosted by Rayleigh & District Philatelic Society at the County Secondary School. A cover was designed by Mr. R.D. Lee with AEPS square crest and lettering in black, which was sold at 6d. A full temporary post office was provided. Covers posted at the event received a 35mm special handstamp "RAYLEIGH / 14APR1962 / PHILATELIC ESSEX CONVENTION" and Essex shield. Covers pre-serviced with a 1960 3d General Letter Office

stamp were sold at 1/3. A total of 3500 items were posted at the event.



- 18.1 Mint cover.
- 18.2 Pre-serviced cover with 1960 3d General Letter Office stamp.

Covers handstamped on alternative stamps:

- 18.3 2½d Victory.
- 18.3a 3d Victory.
- 18.4 2½d Royal Silver Wedding.
- 18.5 1949 2½d UPU.
- 18.6 1949 3d UPU.
- 18.7 Six ½d Wildings.
- 18.8 ½d + 2½d Wildings.
- 18.9 2½d Wilding.
- 18.10 3d Wilding.
- 18.10a 4½d Wilding.

Covers sent by Recorded Delivery:

- 18.11 Two 4½d Wildings.
- 18.12 Two 2d CEPT, 5d Wilding (Q395776 seen).

Covers sent by Registered Post:

- 18.12a 1/6 PO Savings Bank, 2½d + ½d Wilding (manuscript 530 + posted-out-of-course Southgate 2 No.0356 label).

Covers sent by Express Delivery:

- 18.13 3d & 1/- UPU.
- 18.14 6d UPU, 2d CEPT, 1d and 6d Wildings.

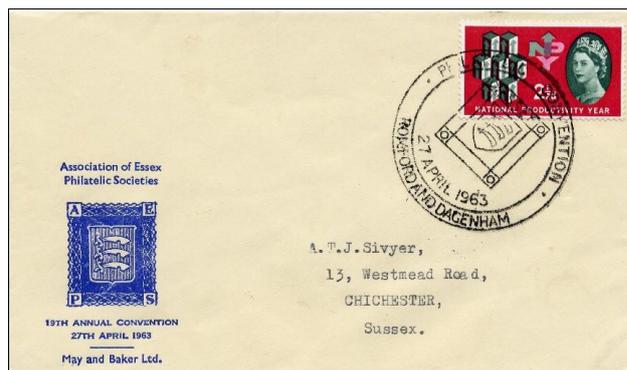
Plain covers with handstamp:

- 18.15 1d KE8, marginal ½d KGV letterpress and marginal E14 control pair.
- 18.16 Three 1d KE8.
- 18.17 Five ½d Wildings.
- 18.18 Three 1d Wildings addressed to serving RCAF officer. CFPO102 receiving mark on reverse.
- 18.19 ½d, 2d Wildings.
- 18.20 2½d Wilding.
- 18.21 3d Scottish.

- 18.22 Proof sheet with one strike of handstamp on GPO letterhead paper.

- 18.23 Remainder cover with phosphor vertical pairs of ½d and 1d Wildings with two strikes of "YORKSHIRE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION / HULL / 5 MAY 1962 / XVI CONVENTION" handstamp.

## 27 April 1963. 19th Convention.



This event was hosted by May & Baker Club Philatelic Section on the Dagenham premises of May & Baker Ltd. The 1961 cover design, with updated text, was printed in blue and sold at 6d. A 44mm double-ring special handstamp was produced containing the Essex emblem, usually found poorly struck. Serviced covers were sold at 1/-.

Some Theydon Bois society meeting notice postcards received the handstamp at printed paper rate (2½d).

- 19.1 Mint cover

Covers cancelled with various stamps:

- 19.2 ½d and 2½d Wildings.
- 19.3 3d Wilding.
- 19.4 2½d Freedom From Hunger.
- 19.5 2½d National Productivity Year (ord.).
- 19.6 3d National Productivity Year (ord.).

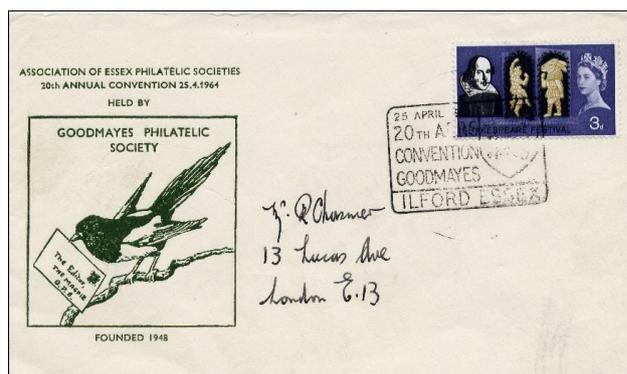
Plain covers with handstamp:

- 19.7 Five ½d Wildings.
- 19.8 ½d + 2d Wildings.
- 19.8a Four 4½d Wildings (air to New Zealand).
- 19.8b 3d Wilding.
- 19.9 2½d Freedom From Hunger (ordinary).
- 19.10 2½d Freedom From Hunger (phosphor).
- 19.11 2½d postal stationery card.
- 19.11a 6d aerogramme.

- 19.12 Handstamp on 2d Wilding on Theydon Bois meeting notice postcard.

## 25 April 1964.

## 20th Convention.



Goodmayes P.S. hosted an AEPS event for the second time in 1964, this time using the Methodist Church Hall in Seven Kings.

1950 Covers were printed to a design similar to that used in 1955. Mint covers were sold at 3d. Covers were pre-serviced with 3d Shakespeare and sold at 10d. 706 pre-serviced covers and 534 mint covers were sold (at June 1964, when there were still 160 in stock). 150 were given away or scrapped, and 150 sold en-bloc as remainders.

The temporary post office handled 2335 letters, 15 registered items and 18 express items using a special rectangular handstamp "25 APRIL 1964 / 20<sup>TH</sup> A.E.P.S / CONVENTION / GOODMAYES / ILFORD ESSEX", designed by Mr. Alan Griffiths incorporating the Essex shield. In addition, 835 pre-posted items were postmarked by the Head Postmaster at Clements Road, Ilford.

- 20.0 Original handstamp artwork.
- 20.0a Original handstamp reduced artwork.
- 20.0b Handstamp proof strike in purple.
- 20.0c Handstamp proof strike in black (sheet of 16 with date obliterated).

- 20.1 Cover A in dark green.
- 20.2 Cover B in blue.
- 20.3 Cover C in red.

Pre-serviced covers with 3d. Shakespeare (ordinary) stamp:

- 20.4 Cover A.
- 20.5 Cover B.
- 20.6 Cover C.

Cover A handstamped on other stamps:

- 20.7 2½d Wilding.

Cover B handstamped on other stamps:

- 20.8 Six ½d Wilding.

Cover C handstamped on other stamps:

- 20.9 Six ½d Wilding.
- 20.10 Two 1½d Wilding.
- 20.11 2½d Wilding.
- 20.12 3d Scottish.
- 20.13 2½d Lifeboat.
- 20.14 6d Shakespeare.

Covers sent by Recorded Delivery:

- 20.15 Cover C: Two 1½d Wildings, two 3d Wildings (G014536 seen).

Plain covers with handstamp on various combinations:

- 20.16 ½d + 2d Wilding.
- 20.17 1d + 8d Recorded Delivery.
- 20.18 2½d Wilding.
- 20.19 3d Wilding.
- 20.20 1/3 Wilding and EXPRESS etiquette.

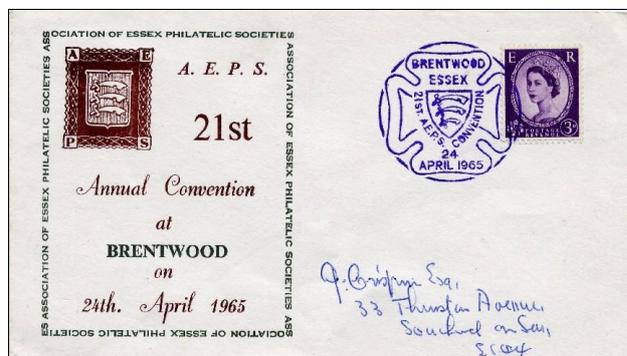
## 17 October 1964.

## Autumn Rally.

Goodmayes P.S. and Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S. jointly organised the first Autumn Rally at Wanstead House. No philatelic souvenir.

## 24 April 1965.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Convention.



Brentwood & District P.S. hosted the 21<sup>st</sup> Convention at Brentwood School.

A souvenir cover was designed and letterpress printed by Mr. G.P. Green featuring the AEPS emblem with border and text in various colours. Mint covers were sold for 3d.

A temporary post office was available, including registration and recorded delivery services. Circa 4500 items were postmarked with the Convention handstamp, which was designed by Mr. M.J. Southall. It incorporated the Essex shield in a Maltese Cross with text "BRENTWOOD / ESSEX / 21<sup>ST</sup>. A.E.P.S. CONVENTION / 24 / APRIL 1965". This was the first special handstamp to be struck in violet. Pre-ordered covers were serviced with the 2½d ordinary Wilding stamp.

Mint covers:

- 22.1 A: Purple border and blue text.
- 22.2 B: Yellow ochre border and orange text.
- 22.3 C: Black border and green text.
- 22.4 D: Dark green border and brown text.

Pre-serviced covers:

- 22.5 Cover A with 2½d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.6 Cover B with 2½d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.7 Cover C with 2½d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.8 Cover D with 2½d Wilding (ordinary).

Cover A with other stamps:

- 22.9 Booklet pane of four 1d Wildings (ordinary).
- 22.10 2½d Isle of Man (ordinary).
- 22.11 3d Scottish (ordinary).
- 22.12 2½d Geographical Congress (phosphor).
- 22.13 3d Botanical (ordinary).

Cover B with other stamps:

- 22.14 Five ½d Wildings (ordinary).
- 22.15 Six ½d Wildings (ordinary).
- 22.16 Three 1d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.17 1/6 Wilding (ordinary) (air mail).
- 22.18 2½d Geographical Congress (phosphor).
- 22.19 3d Botanical (ordinary).
- 22.20 3d Forth Bridge (ordinary).

## 22.20a 2½d Freedom from Hunger (ordinary).

Cover C with other stamps:

- 22.21 Three 1d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.22 3d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.23 2½d Guernsey (ordinary), ½d Wilding (ord.).
- 22.24 2½d Jersey (ord.), ½d Wilding (phosphor).
- 22.25 2½d Geographical Congress (phosphor).
- 22.25a 4d Geographical Congress (phosphor).
- 22.26 2½d Freedom From Hunger (ordinary).
- 22.27 3d Forth Bridge (ordinary).
- 22.27a 2½d Lifeboat (ordinary).

Cover D with other stamps:

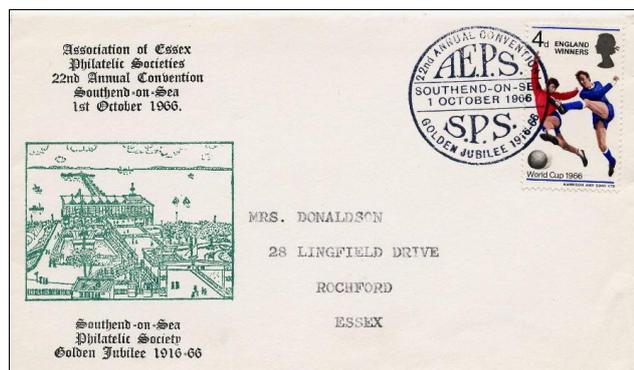
- 22.28 2½d Wilding (phosphor).
- 22.29 3d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.30 2½d Jersey, ½d Wilding (ordinary).
- 22.31 3d Scottish.
- 22.32 2½d Geographical Congress (phosphor).
- 22.33 3d Forth Bridge (ordinary).
- 22.34 2½d Wilding, 4½d Nat. Nature Week (air).
- 22.34a 3d National Nature Week (ordinary).

Plain cover with other stamps:

- 22.35 2½d Wilding (Die I, ordinary).
- 22.35a 2½d Wilding (Die II, ordinary).
- 22.36 2½d Wilding (Die II, phosphor).
- 22.37 Five ½d Wildings (ordinary).
- 22.37a Five ½d Wildings (phosphor).
- 22.38 Three 4d, one 6d Wilding (ordinary) (air).
- 22.39 4d + 8d Geographic / 6d Wales (air).
- 22.40 3d Botanical (phosphor).
- 22.41 3d Jersey (ordinary), 6d Forth Bridge (ordinary), 9d Wilding (ordinary) (air).
- 22.42 Recorded Delivery (A060727 seen with six ½d Wilding (ordinary) and se-tenant booklet pane (two ½d, two 2½d) (ordinary)).
- 22.43 Registered (Z 0631 seen with two se-tenant booklet panes (two ½d, two 2½d) (ordinary), 3d Forth Bridge (phosphor), 9d Botanical (phosphor)).
- 22.44 2½d postal stationery card.

**23 April 1966.****Spring Rally.**

The 1966 Rally was held in the Spring to allow Southend-on-Sea to host the Convention in the Autumn. Organised by Ford Philatelic Society at Dagenham, there is no known philatelic souvenir.

**1 October 1966.****22<sup>nd</sup> Convention.**

This event marked the Golden Jubilee of Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Society and was held at Westborough High School, Southend-on-Sea. A temporary post office at the Convention serviced 7381 items.

A commemorative cover was designed by Mr. G. Pearson showing Southend-on-Sea Pier and sold for 6d each, including stiffener, or 1/- serviced. It was produced in black with the picture in one of three colours. Covers were handstamped with 34mm diameter handstamp "22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION / A.E.P.S / SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / 1 OCTOBER 1966 / S.P.S. / GOLDEN JUBILEE 1916-66". It is believed that the bird stamps were used on pre-ordered covers, but this is not confirmed.

Mint covers:

- 24.1 Cover A printed in blue.
- 24.2 Cover B printed in green.
- 24.3 Cover C printed in red.

Cover A with various stamps:

- 24.4 ½d + 2½d Wildings.
- 24.5 3d Wales.
- 24.5a 3d Guernsey, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland, Jersey, Wales.
- 24.5b 4d Isle of Man (ordinary).
- 24.6 4d blackbird (ordinary).
- 24.7 4d robin (ordinary).
- 24.8 4d gull (phosphor).
- 24.9 4d blue tit (ordinary).
- 24.10 4d Jodrell Bank (ordinary).
- 24.11 4d Jodrell Bank (ordinary) with additional "Special Commemorative Cover" backstamp as used for the Autumn 1968 cover design.
- 24.12 4d Jodrell Bank (phosphor).

Cover B with various stamps:

- 24.13 3d Guernsey regional.
- 24.14 3d Jersey.
- 24.14a 3d Scotland.
- 24.15 3d Wales.
- 24.16 4d blackbird (ordinary).
- 24.17 4d robin (ordinary).
- 24.18 4d gull (ordinary).
- 24.19 4d blue tit (phosphor).
- 24.20 4d England Winners.

Cover C with various stamps:

- 24.21 Six ½d Wildings.
- 24.22 3d Wilding.
- 24.23 3d Jersey.
- 24.24 3d Northern Ireland.
- 24.25 3d Wales.
- 24.26 4d blackbird (phosphor).
- 24.27 4d robin (phosphor).
- 24.28 4d gull (ordinary).
- 24.29 4d blue tit (ordinary).
- 24.30 4d England Winners.
- 24.31 1/3 World Cup.

Plain covers with various stamps:

- 24.32 3d Wilding.
- 24.32a ½d phosphor and 2½d Die II chalky Wildings.

- 24.33 4d Wilding.
- 24.34 3d Guernsey regional.
- 24.35 3d Wales.
- 24.36 4d Jodrell Bank (ordinary).

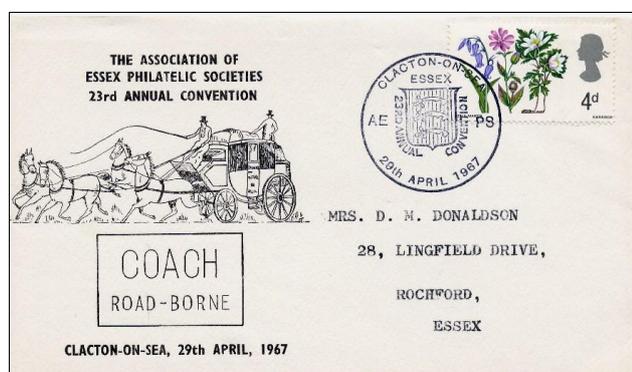
A number of remainder covers were used for correspondence:

- 24.37 Cover A: 29 April 1969 with National Postal Museum slogan.
- 24.38 Cover B: 23 June 1969 with "SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / MODERN CENTRE FOR / BUSINESS & INDUSTRY" slogan.<sup>5</sup>
- 24.39 Cover B: 2 February 1967 as above but signed by G. Pearson.
- 24.40 Cover B: 23 October 1970 with "REMEMBER / TO USE THE / POSTCODE" slogan.

- 25.12 4d Wilding (phosphor).
- 25.13 4½d Wilding.
- 25.14 4d Jersey.
- 25.15 4d Northern Ireland.
- 25.15a 3d postal stationery card.
- 25.15b 2½d Wilding (phosphor), ½d Wilding (phosphor), ½d Wilding (ordinary).
- 25.16 Handstamp on 1/9 Flower maximum card issued by Stamp Publicity (Worthing) Ltd.
- 25.17 Remainder cover used for correspondence on 14 June 1967.

**29 April 1967.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Convention.**



The 1967 event was held at the Atlanta Restaurant under the auspices of Clacton P.S.

2000 covers were printed, showing the London-Yarmouth mail coach and early Clacton parcel post "COACH ROAD-BORNE" mark, and sold at 6d.

The special postmark was a 34mm diameter handstamp "CLACTON-ON-SEA / ESSEX / AE / 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION / PS / 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1967" featuring the Essex arms. Covers serviced with a 4d Wilding definitive stamp were sold for 1/-.

The luncheon ticket cards also received the special handstamp.

- 25.1 Mint cover.
- 25.2 Serviced cover with 4d Wilding definitive.

Covers handstamped on alternative stamps:

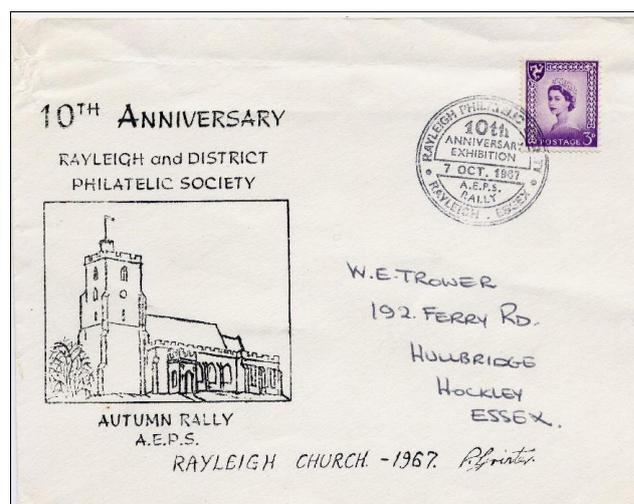
- 25.3 1d + 2d Wilding.
- 25.4 4d Scottish (phosphor).
- 25.5 4d Daisy pictorial (ordinary).
- 25.6 4d Daisy pictorial (phosphor).
- 25.7 4d Hawthorn pictorial (ordinary).
- 25.8 4d Bluebell, etc. pictorial (ordinary).
- 25.9 4d Bindweed pictorial (ordinary).
- 25.9a Block of four 4d Flower (phosphor).
- 25.9b 3d Wilding.

Plain covers or postcards handstamped on various stamps:

- 25.10 3d Wilding.
- 25.11 4d Wilding.

**7 October 1967.**

**Autumn Rally.**



The 1967 Autumn Rally was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S. at the Edward Francis School. 3051 items of mail were posted at the event.

A cover was designed by Mr. P. Grinter showing the Parish Church and commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the society.

A special 33mm diameter handstamp "RAYLEIGH PHILATELIC SOCIETY / 10<sup>th</sup> / ANNIVERSARY / EXHIBITION / 7 OCT 1967 / A.E.P.S. / RALLY / .RAYLEIGH.ESSEX" was used on mail posted at the event.

- 26.1 Mint cover.
- 26.2 Cover serviced with handstamp on 3d Isle of Man stamp.

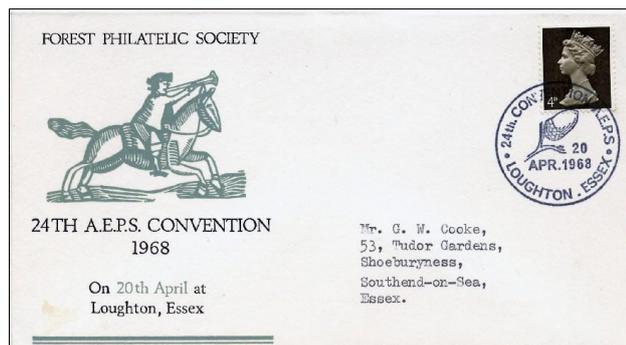
Covers handstamped on alternative stamps:

- 26.3 3d Machin.
- 26.4 4d Isle of Man stamp.
- 26.4a Two 3d Isle of Man stamps.
- 26.5 4d Radar commemorative.

Plain covers or postcards handstamped on various stamps:

- 26.6 ½d (phosphor) + 2½d Wilding.
- 26.7 3d Wilding.
- 26.8 4½d Wilding.

- 26.9 Remainder cover used for correspondence from Ilford & Barking on 22 March 1968.

**20 April 1968.****24<sup>th</sup> Convention.**

- 27.22 Two ½d ordinary + 2d Wilding.
- 27.23 Two ½d phosphor + 2d Wilding.
- 27.24 ½d phosphor + 2½d Wilding.
- 27.25 Two 2d Machins.
- 27.26 3d centre-band Machin.
- 27.27 4d 2-band drab Machin.

27.28 Covers are also known with Stampex postmark dated 30 March 1968 on 4d drab Machin.

Forest Philatelic Society hosted this event at Brook County Secondary School, Loughton.

The AEPS organised as national cover design competition. The winning cover, showing a wood-cut of an Essex post boy on a horse with post horn, was printed in grey-green and black and sold at 6d mint or 1/- serviced with a 3d centre-band Machin stamp and special handstamp.

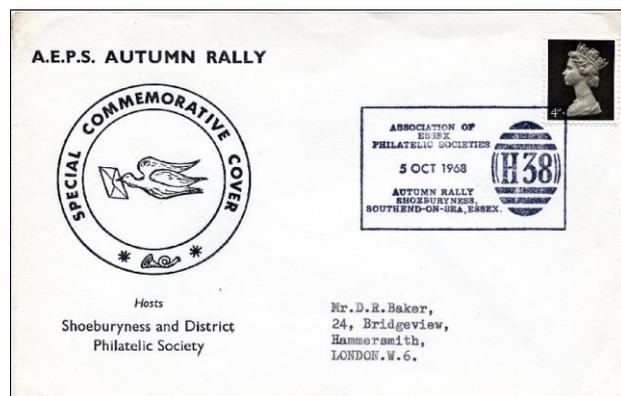
Covers posted at the event received a 33mm diameter special handstamp, designed by Mr. L.H. Belle, worded "24<sup>th</sup>.CONVENTION A.E.P.S / 20 / APR.1968 / .LOUGHTON.ESSEX." showing an acorn.

- 27.1 Essay in black on plain paper.
- 27.2 Cover overprinted "SPECIMEN" in black.
- 27.3 Proof of handstamp, certified and signed by Mr. A.J. Branston.
- 27.4 Unused cover.

Handstamped covers with various stamps:

- 27.5 1d Wilding plus three 1d Machin.
- 27.5a Three 1d Machin.
- 27.6 Two 1½d Wildings.
- 27.6a 7d phosphor Wilding.
- 27.7 4d 2-band Wilding booklet stamp.
- 27.8 Se-tenant booklet pane of two 1d and two 2-band 3d Wildings (1d at left).
- 27.9 Se-tenant booklet pane of two 1d and two 2-band 3d Wildings (1d at left). Misplaced phosphor band.
- 27.10 Selvedge (upper) pair from se-tenant booklet pane of two 1d and two 2-band 3d Wildings (1d at left).
- 27.11 Se-tenant booklet pane of two 1d and two 2-band 3d Wildings (1d at right).
- 27.12 Se-tenant booklet pane of two 1d and two 2-band 3d Wildings (1d at right). Misplaced phosphor band.
- 27.13 3d centre-band Machin stamp.
- 27.14 4d 2-band brown Machin.
- 27.15 3d 1-band Guernsey (phosphor).
- 27.16 4d 2-band Guernsey.
- 27.17 3d centre-band Jersey.
- 27.18 4d 2-band Isle of Man.
- 27.19 4d 2-band Northern Ireland.
- 27.20 4d 2-band Wales.
- 27.21 4d Madonna & Child.
- 27.21a Block of four 4d Wild Flowers phosphor.

Plain covers or postcards handstamped on various stamps:

**5 October 1968.****Autumn Rally.**

The 1968 Autumn Rally was hosted by Shoeburyness & District P.S. A cover was printed in black, showing a Dove of Peace carrying a letter. It was sold at 6p.

Covers posted at the event received a rectangular handstamp featuring the H38 obliterator, worded "ASSOCIATION OF / ESSEX / PHILATELIC SOCIETIES / 5 OCT 68 / AUTUMN RALLY / SHOEBURYNESS / SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX".

- 28.1 Mint Cover.
- 28.2 Cover with handstamp on 4d 2-band drab Machin.

Covers handstamped on alternative stamps:

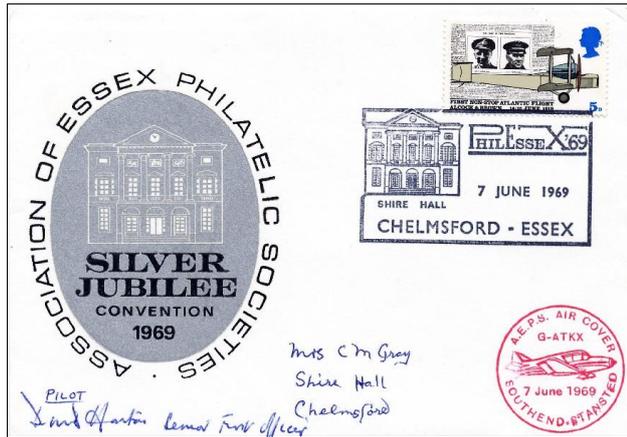
- 28.3 Block of four ½d Machin plus ½d and 1d letterpress and ½d photogravure McKennal George V.
- 28.4 Block of six ½d Machin.
- 28.5 Block of six ½d Machin plus ½d and 1½d McKennal George V letterpress.
- 28.6 Lower right corner marginal block of eight ½d phosphor Wildings.
- 28.7 Machin booklet pane with two 4d drab and two labels.
- 28.8 4d Madonna and Child Christmas stamp.
- 28.9 Jersey regional 3d phosphor.

Plain covers with handstamps on various combinations:

- 28.10 4d Wilding.
- 28.11 4d drab Machin
- 28.12 4d Isle of Man drab.
- 28.13 4d Queen Elizabeth I.
- 28.14 3d Isle of Man drab + two ½d Wildings.

7 June 1969.

25<sup>th</sup> Convention.



To mark the Silver Jubilee of the Association, a major event, branded "PhilEssex69", was held at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. It was organised by a special sub-committee of the AEPS Executive Committee.

On display was Pearson Hill's hand operated Parallel Duplex Obliterating Machine of c.1865, with the Manchester 498 Duplex postmark (undated), on a strict understanding that it was not to be used.

A National Cover Competition was organised by the AEPS to design an event cover. This was won by Mrs. Gill Verity of Camberley, Surrey. The cover sold at the event, based on her design, was printed in black and silver and featured the front of the Shire Hall. Covers posted at the event received a 57mm x 33mm rectangular handstamp featuring the Shire Hall with "PhilEsseX'69 / 7 JUNE 1969 / SHIRE HALL / CHELMSFORD-ESSEX". Pre-serviced covers received a 4d red Machin booklet stamp.

- 29.1 Mint cover.
- 29.2 Cover with handstamp and 4d red Machin booklet stamp.

Covers exist handstamped on alternative stamps:

- 29.3 5d York Minster stamp.
- 29.4 5d Durham Cathedral stamp.
- 29.5 4d red Isle of Man.

Plain covers were also serviced with the handstamp:

- 29.6 Two 2d Machins.
- 29.7 4d Machin.
- 29.8 4d Scottish.

Some Shire Hall covers were carried on a special Southend-on-Sea to Stansted flight in Joel D.140C Mousquetaire aircraft G-ATKX. These received a special cachet "A.E.P.S AIR COVER / G-ATKX / 7 June 1969 / SOUTHEND-ON-SEA-STANSTED" in red showing an aircraft. Each cover is numbered on the reverse with a violet aircraft symbol above the number. A total of 1597 were carried and sold at 3/6 each. With a few notable exceptions, the covers carried a 4d Concorde stamp.

The pilot, Mr. D.M. Hartas, Senior First Officer, British European Airways, signed three covers.

It has been stated that the air covers were also carried on the stagecoach (see below) and posted at

the exhibition, but none received additional stagecoach cachets.

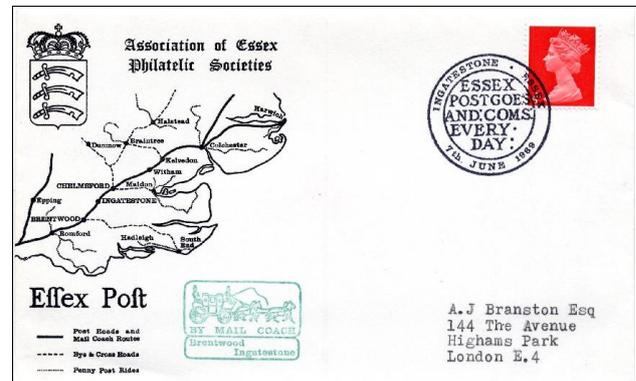
- 29.9 Unsigned cover with 4d Concorde stamp. Covers 0015, 0175, 0212-9/55, 0303/18, 0407/38, 0519, 1062/8, 1296/8 seen.
- 29.10 Cover without violet backstamp. Covers 0921, 1382, 1514 known.
- 29.11 Cover with number above aircraft symbol on reverse. Covers 0123, 1054 known.
- 29.12 Cover additionally struck on reverse with 498 duplex mark. Cover 1321 known (possibly unique).
- 29.13 Signed cover. Cover 0008 bears a 5d Alcock and Brown commemorative stamp. Identity of the other two covers unknown.

Some related aberrant covers exist:

- 29.14 Cover 0971: Reject, with incomplete red cachet and no purple cachet, used for correspondence from Chingford 21JU69.
- 29.15 Un-numbered reject cover used for correspondence from Chingford 7JNE1969.
- 29.16 The air cover cachet is known struck in black on an unstamped manila envelope.

The aircraft also carried the dinner menu cards in 183mm x 120mm plain white covers. These received the air cachet and handstamp on 5d Alcock and Brown commemorative stamps.

- 29.17 Dinner menu cover.
- 29.18 Cover as above signed by Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Lord Lieutenant of Essex. Struck on rear with 498 Duplex mark)



The "Mercury" mail coach was used to re-enact the Brentwood – Ingatestone – Chelmsford mail run, in two stages. 8700 folded letter sheets were printed in black, showing the Essex section of the Norwich Road, and closed with a red wafer seal.

For each stage, a different 33mm diameter handstamp was used based on known early postmarks. A cachet was also applied showing a mail coach and stating the stage on which it was carried. They were sold with a 4d red Machin stamp at 2/6 each or 4/6 the pair.

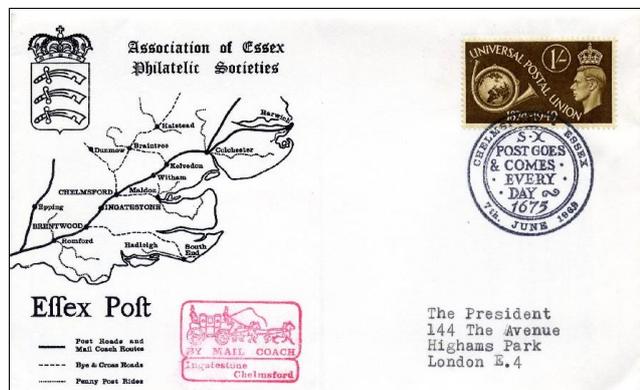
The first stage received "INGATESTONE.ESSEX / ESSEX / POSTGOES / AND:COMS: / EVERY. / DAY: / 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1969" postmark and "BY MAIL COACH / Brentwood / Ingatestone" cachet in green.

The second stage received "CHELMSFORD.ESSEX / S.X / POST GOES / &

COMES. / .EVERY. / .DAY / 1675 / 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1969”  
postmark and “BY MAIL COACH / Ingatestone / Chelmsford” cachet in red.

- 29.19 A: Brentwood – Ingatestone stage.  
29.20. B: Ingatestone – Chelmsford stage.

Exceptionally, the following special covers exist in matched pairs:



- 29.21 Cover A: 1949 1/- UPU stamp. (unique?)  
29.22 Cover B: 1949 1/- UPU stamp. (unique?)  
29.23 Cover A: 1d Machin and 3d General Letter Office stamp.  
29.24 Cover B: 1d Machin and 3d General Letter Office stamp.

The postmarks are also known applied to non-AEPS covers as follows:

- 29.25 Mark A: Used with one 4d red Machin on plain cover.  
29.26 Mark A: Used with 4d 2-band drab Machin on Anti-2<sup>nd</sup> Class Post propaganda envelope.  
29.27 Mark A: Overprinted with cachet “POSTED AT THE / Prince of Wales Inn / Mountnessing”.  
29.28 Mark B: Used with one 4d red Machin on plain cover.

Two specimen covers exist, the first clearly being an essay.

- 29.29 Letter sheet overprinted “SPECIMEN” in red. Brentwood cachet struck in black. 4d red Machin tied to cover by facsimile of Ingatestone handstamp but 36mm diameter and 7 crossed out.  
29.30 Letter sheet with Brentwood cachet in black. “SPECIMEN” typed in red. A 4d red Machin was subsequently attached and struck with two incomplete strikes of the 498 Duplex postmark.

The Superia Stamp Company of Hove produced 100 sets of three private covers showing a stagecoach and the two postmarks used on the stagecoach. Covers were serviced with the Shire Hall postmark on a Cathedrals stamp.

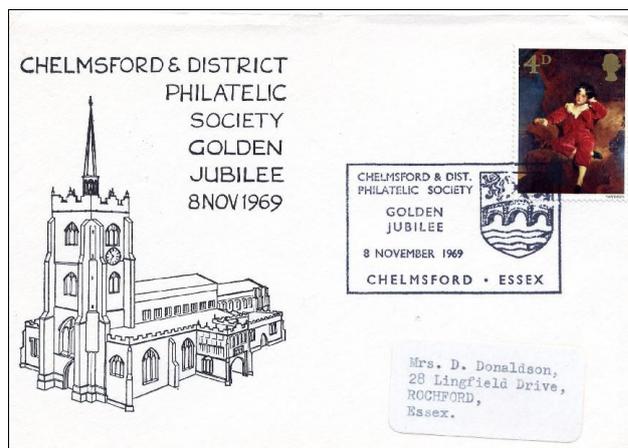
- 29.31 Illustration in green. Durham stamp (cover 88 known).

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8 November 1969.

Autumn Rally



This event was hosted by Chelmsford society at King Edward VI Grammar School. A cover showing Chelmsford Cathedral was printed and sold at 6d.

A rectangular handstamp “CHELMSFORD & DIST. / PHILATELIC SOCIETY / GOLDEN / JUBILEE / 8 NOVEMBER 1969 / CHELMSFORD.ESSEX” was produced. Covers were pre-serviced with one of the six Cathedral 5d stamps and sold at 1/6.

- 30.1 Mint cover.

Serviced cover with:

- 30.2 5d Durham Cathedral stamp  
30.3 5d York Minster.  
30.4 5d Edinburgh Cathedral.  
30.5 5d Canterbury Cathedral.  
30.6 5d St Paul's Cathedral.  
30.7 5d Liverpool Cathedral.

Handstamped covers with alternative stamps:

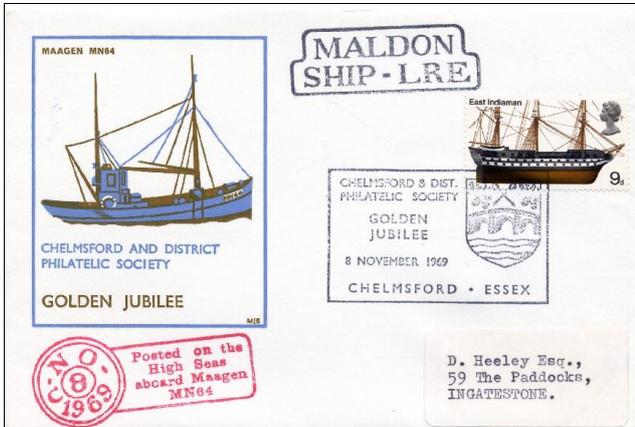
- 30.8 4d Red Boy.  
30.9 4d Concorde.

The handstamp is also known used on non-AEPS covers:

- 30.10 4d red Machin on plain cover.  
30.11 Postmark on unillustrated cover bearing boxed inscriptions “SPECIAL / HANDSTAMP 1969 / THIS COVER BEARS AN OFFICIAL / GPO SPECIAL HANDSTAMP / CANCELLATION” in blue above “Chelmsford & District / Philatelic Society Golden / Jubilee” / - / Rectangular with / Coat of Arms of Chelmsford / - / Used at / CHELMSFORD / on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1969 / 84 probably relates to a cover dealer's number series.

A second cover, designed by Mr. M.J. Southall, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Chelmsford & District P.S., showed the fishing boat M.V. “Maagen” owned by Mr. Dearlove of Maldon and registered “MN64”. The boat was hired and sailed from

Burnham on Crouch to international waters, where the covers were serviced. All received a reproduction of the 1807 "MALDON / SHIP-LRE" ship letter mark and cachet "Posted on the / High Seas / aboard Maagen MN64", mostly on 4d red Machin. Serviced covers were sold at 3/6. Covers with alternative stamps are very scarce.



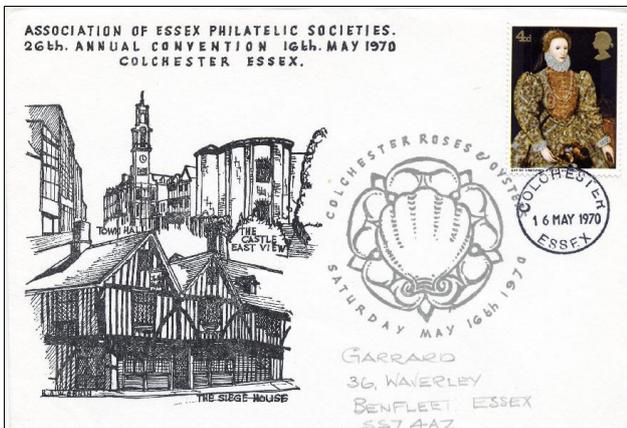
- 30.12 Mint cover.
- 30.13 Cover overprinted "SPECIMEN", with stamp and cachets, but without postmark.

Serviced covers:

- 30.14 4d red Machin.
- 30.15 9d Elizabethan Galleon stamp.
- 30.16 9d East Indiaman stamp.

**16 May 1970.**

**26<sup>th</sup> Convention.**



This was hosted by Colchester society at St. Helen's School. A cover was designed by Mr. R.A.W. Orrin and printed in black, showing the Town Hall, East View of the Castle and Siege House, plus a symbol featuring an oyster superimposed on a Tudor rose. Covers were serviced with a 24mm diameter single-ring handstamp "COLCHESTER / 16MAY1970 / ESSEX".

- 31.1 Mint cover.

Serviced covers with various stamps:

- 31.2 4d Machin.
- 31.3 5d Declaration of Arbroath.
- 31.4 Fife Harling.
- 31.5 National Giro.

- 31.6 4d Queen Elizabeth I.
- 31.7 Two 2d Machin.
- 31.7a 5d Durham Cathedral.

It was reported that the cover and handstamp were also used with other pre-May-1970 4d and 5d stamps.

The postmark also exists on plain cover.

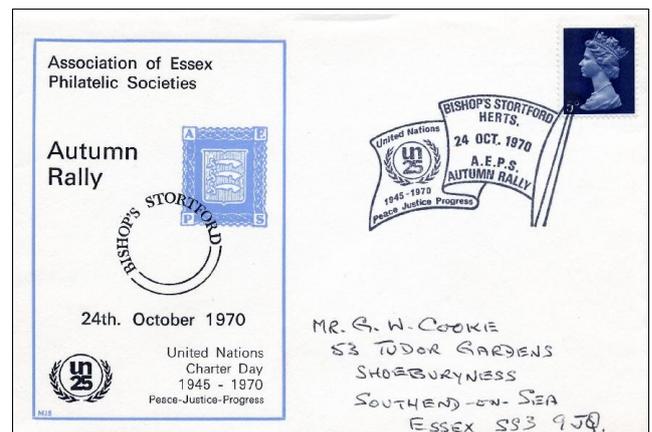
- 31.8 4d Machin on plain cover.

**24 October 1970.**

**Autumn Rally.**

This event, held on UN Charter Day, was hosted by Bishop's Stortford society and marked the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations. A cover was designed by Mr. M.J. Southall and printed in black and blue or yellow with AEPS and UN emblems.

Covers were handstamped with a special UN flag postmark inscribed "United Nations / UN / 25 / 1945-1970 / Peace Justice Progress / BISHOP'S STORTFORD / HERTS. / 24 OCT.1970 / A.E.P.S / AUTUMN RALLY" on various stamps:



- 32.1 Mint Cover A – blue emblem.
- 32.2 Mint Cover B – yellow emblem.

One essay exists:

- 32.3 Cover A with 4d red Machine. Printed "postmark" as issued design but with line through 24 in date. Overprinted "SPECIMEN" in black.

Serviced cover A:

- 32.4 4d red Machin.
- 32.5 5d Machin.
- 32.6 Two 3d UN 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 32.7 1d Machin + 3d UN Anniversary.
- 32.8 5d. Philympia.

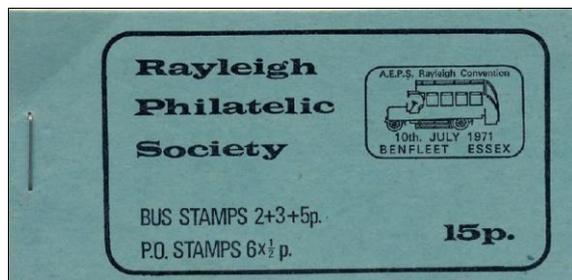
Serviced cover B:

- 32.9 4d red Machin.
- 32.10 5d Machin.
- 32.11 1d Machin + 3d UN Anniversary.
- 32.12 Two 3d UN 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 32.13 4d phosphor Bluebell.
- 32.14 5d Isle of Man.

Non-standard items:

- 32.15 Plain cover with 4d. red Machin and postmark.  
 32.16 Arlington Supplies Ltd. cover showing UN emblem with two 3d. UN stamps and postmark.  
 32.17 Cover B used at the National Postal Museum on 2MAR1972.

10 July 1971.

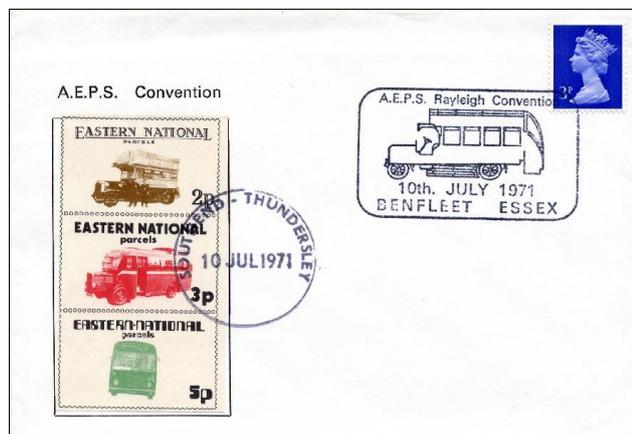
27<sup>th</sup> Convention.

This event was hosted jointly by Benfleet & District Philatelic Society and Rayleigh & District Philatelic Society at the former society's venue at Runnymede Hall, Benfleet, but the souvenirs were provided by the latter.

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" showing buses of c.1911 (2p, National OC double decker), 1931 (3p, Dennis Ace) and 1971 (5p, Bristol RELL6G with Eastern Coach Works body). Parcel stamps on covers carried on the bus were tied with a "SOUTHEND-ON-SEA – THUNDERSLEY 10JUL1971" cds.

The stamps were also sold in a stamp booklet together containing the strip of parcel stamps plus six halfpenny Machin definitive stamps. The booklet covers were printed in black on red or blue-green covers.

- 33.1 Booklet with green cover.  
 33.2 Booklet with red cover.  
 33.3 The ENOC stamps in mint imperf triplet.



The covers exist in two forms. Type A has a blank rectangle in which the bus stamps were to be affixed. Type B has the space occupied by "Rayleigh

/ Philatelic / Society" and a small replica of handstamp, intended for normal use at the exhibition only.

The event used a special boxed handstamp "A.E.P.S Rayleigh Convention / 10<sup>th</sup>.JULY 1971 / BENFLEET ESSEX" showing a pre-World War 1 bus.

Type A covers, carried by bus, bearing parcel stamps and cds. Various stamps tied by handstamp:

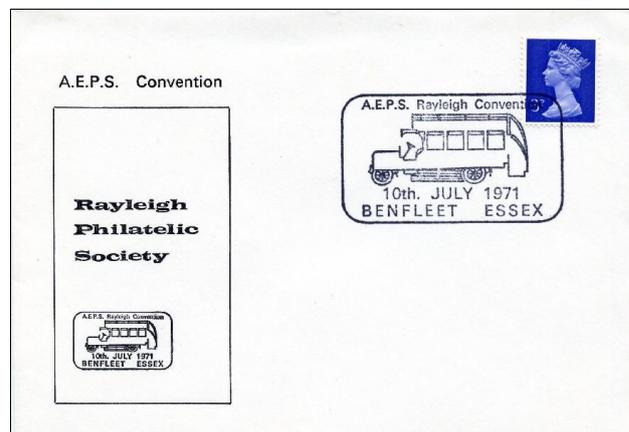
- 33.4 Mint cover.  
 33.5 3p 2-band Machin.  
 33.6 2½p Isle of Man Machin.  
 33.7 2½p Northern Ireland Machin.  
 33.8 2½p Welsh Machin.  
 33.9 3p Ulster.

Type A cover with bus stamps applied but not cancelled (not carried):

- 33.10 ½d 2-band and 2½d centre-band Machins.

Type A cover without bus stamps:

- 33.11 3d 2-band Machin.



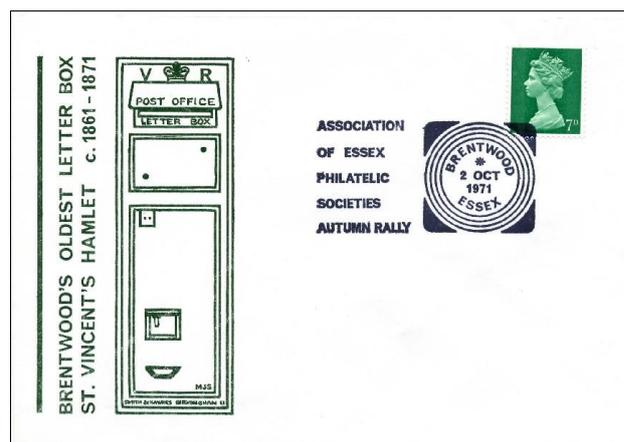
Type B covers:

- 33.12. Mint.  
 33.13 3p 2-band Machin.  
 33.14 3p 2-band Machin. Uncancelled bus stamps applied over box. Text shows through stamps.

- 33.15 Handstamp applied to 3p. 2-band letter card.

2 October 1971.

Autumn Rally.



The 1971 Autumn Rally was hosted by Brentwood & District P.S. at the Teacher's Training College.

A cover was designed by Mr. M.J. Southall and printed in dark green, showing Brentwood's oldest letter box, in St Vincent's Hamlet. It was sold at 3p.

Covers were serviced with rectangular handstamp incorporating a Brentwood squared circle mark of 1894-1898, inscribed "ASSOCIATION / OF ESSEX / PHILATELIC / SOCIETIES / AUTUMN RALLY / BRENTWOOD / \* / 2 OCT / 1971 / ESSEX", used with 3p 2-band Machin. Pre-serviced covers were sold at 10p.

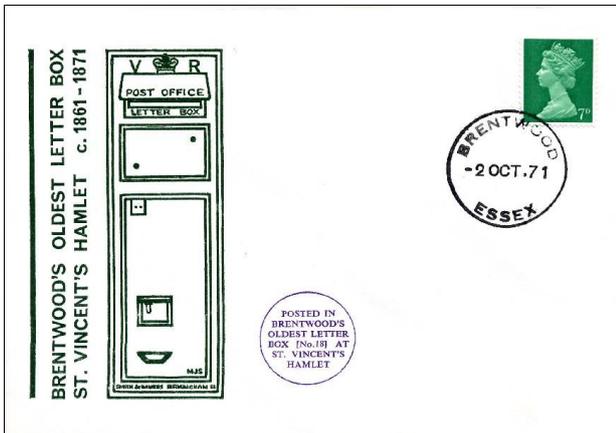
- 34.1 Mint cover.
- 34.2 Serviced cover with 3p 2-band Machin.

Covers as above with alternative stamps:

- 34.3 7p Machin.
- 34.4 ½p 2-band + 2½p centre.

Plain cover with handstamp:

- 34.5 3d 2-band Machin.

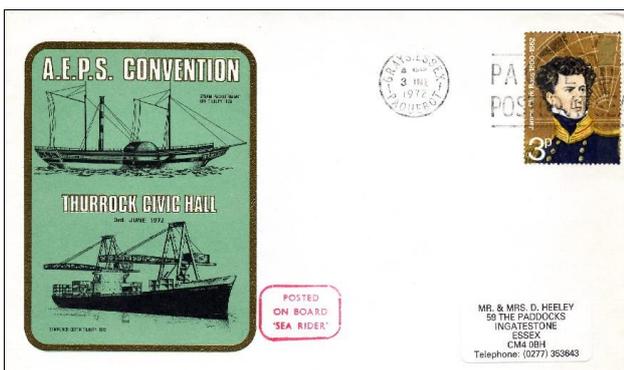


Some covers were posted in the featured post-box. These received cachet "POSTED IN / BRENTWOOD'S / OLDEST LETTER / BOX [No. 18] AT / ST VINCENT'S / HAMLET" in purple and single-ring cds "BRENTWOOD / -2 OCT.71 / ESSEX" on 7d Machin. Exhibition postmark was applied to the reverse.

- 34.6 Cover posted in oldest post box.

**3 June 1972.**

**28<sup>th</sup> Convention.**



The 28<sup>th</sup> Convention was jointly hosted by Thurrock Stamp Club and the Van den Berghs & Jurgens P.S. at the Thurrock Civic Hall in Grays. The event made a profit of £29.11, of which £10 was donated to the AEPS. Two covers were produced.

One was a tri-colour (green, black and gold) lithography-printed cover featuring steam packet "Hawk" and a container ship.

Pre-serviced covers were posted on board the cruiser "Sea Rider" with a 3p James Clarke (Discoverer) stamp with "POSTED / ON BOARD / "SEA RIDER"" cachet and machine postmark with cds "GRAYS.ESSEX / 4.45PM / 3 JNE / 1972 / - PAQUEBOT-" and slogan "PAQUEBOT / POSTED AT SEA". This was the first use of this mark, which had been commissioned for use on Tilbury P&O liner mail, which switched to Southampton before it could be used. They were sold at 20p.

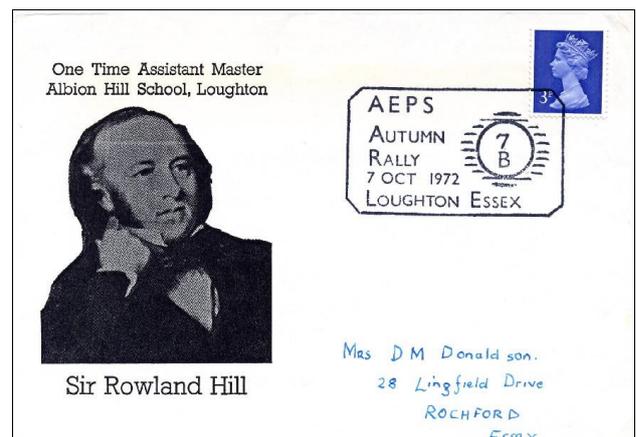
- 35.1 Mint cover.
- 35.2 Cover posted on "Sea Rider".
- 35.2a Plain cover posted on "Sea Rider".

A further cover, produced by Thames Covers Ltd., had an embossed gold design featuring a 3-masted sailing ship. This received the same postmark. These covers were carried on 1910 Dennis mail van LE304 from Tilbury landing stage to the Civic Hall and received a cachet showing a vintage mail van with the inscription "CARRIED FROM TILBURY BY / 1910 DENNIS MAIL VAN". They were sold at 20p.

- 35.3 Mint cover.
- [35.4 reserved number]
- 35.5 Cover with mail van cachet.
- 35.6 As 35.5 but black printing omitted.

**7 October 1972.**

**Autumn Rally.**



The 1972 Autumn Rally was hosted by Forest society at Loughton College of Further Education. A cover was produced, printed in black, showing the portrait of Sir Rowland Hill, who served for a time as an Assistant Master at the Albion Hill School in Loughton. Mint covers were sold at 5d.

Covers were serviced with an octagonal special handstamp "AEPS / AUTUMN / RALLY / 7 OCT 1972 / LOUGHTON ESSEX" incorporating the "7 / B" canceller and a 3p 2-band Machin stamp. Serviced covers were sold at 10p.

- 36.1 Mint cover.  
36.2 Cover with 3p 2-band Machin stamp.

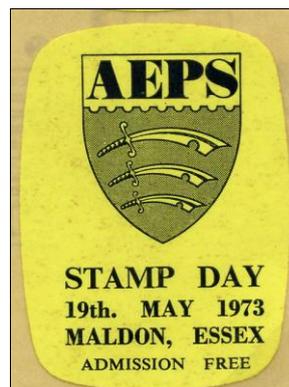
Covers with alternative stamps:

- 36.3 2½p centre-band and ½p 2-band Machin.  
36.4 3p BBC commemorative.

Plain covers with handstamp:

- 36.5 Two ½p and two 1p Machins from 5p se-tenant strip.  
36.6 2½p centre-band and ½p 2-band Machin.  
36.7 3d Machin 2-band.

- 38.4 Label used on correspondence.  
38.5 Sheetlet of four in green.  
38.6 Label used on correspondence.



## 28 February 1973. Tree Planting Ceremony.

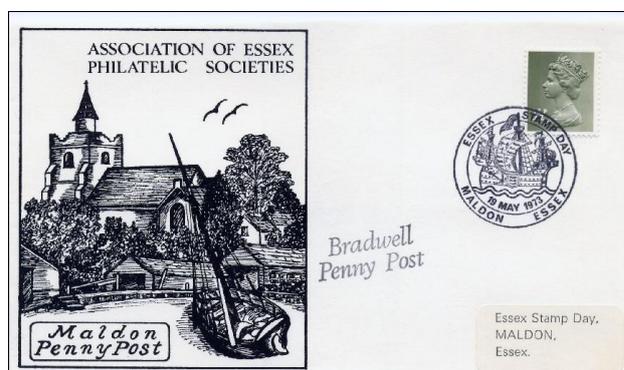


Folded letter sheets showing the harbour and church were sealed with a red wafer seal and carried on a reconstruction of the Maldon Penny Post by foot and mail cart. Nine special cachets for the constituent village penny posts were applied to separate covers and sold in sets of 9 covers, with 33mm handstamp "ESSEX STAMP DAY / 19 MAY 1973 / MALDON ESSEX" featuring the Galleon of Maldon on a 3½p 2-band Machin stamp. Eight covers were advertised, but a ninth Penny Post (Mundon) was discovered just before the event and included in pre-ordered sets. Sheets were sold singly at 20p each or the set at £1.25.

A "Plant A Tree in '73" campaign was organised by the government and marked by a special stamp. The AEPS joined in a tree planting ceremony at Hatfield Broad Oak and a special double-ring cds handstamp "HATFIELD BROAD OAK / 'PLANT A TREE' / EXHIBITION / 28 FEBRUARY 1973 / BISHOP'S STORTFORD. HERTS" was applied to covers and postcards at the event.

Covers, etc., with special handstamp:

- 37.1 First day cover produced for AEPS by Thames Covers Ltd. carrying 9p Oak stamp, "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE / leaf and acorn / HATFIELD BROAD OAK ESSEX" cachet. 2000 printed of which 1156 were sold.  
37.2 Post Office official first day cover used as above.  
37.3 Broad Oak Studios postcard C2 (St Mary's Church).  
37.4 Plain cover with 3d 2-band Machin stamp.



- 38.7 Proof sheet on laid paper, featuring the cover design, penny Post marks for Althorn, Tolleshurst and Mundon, the "Posted at Waterside" cachet and a further cachet POSTED AT / \* / 19 MAY 1973.

Issued sheets:

## 19 May 1973. 29th Stamp Day.

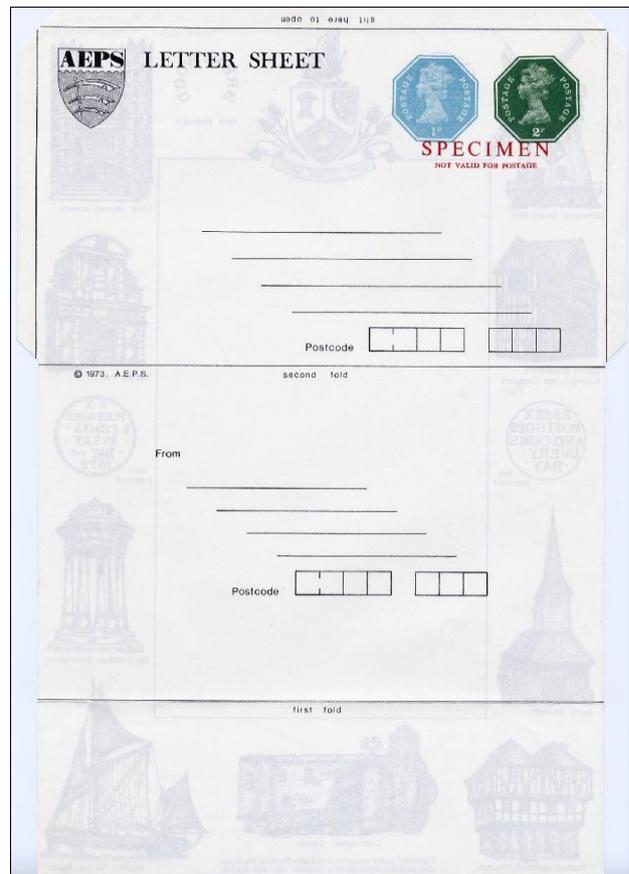
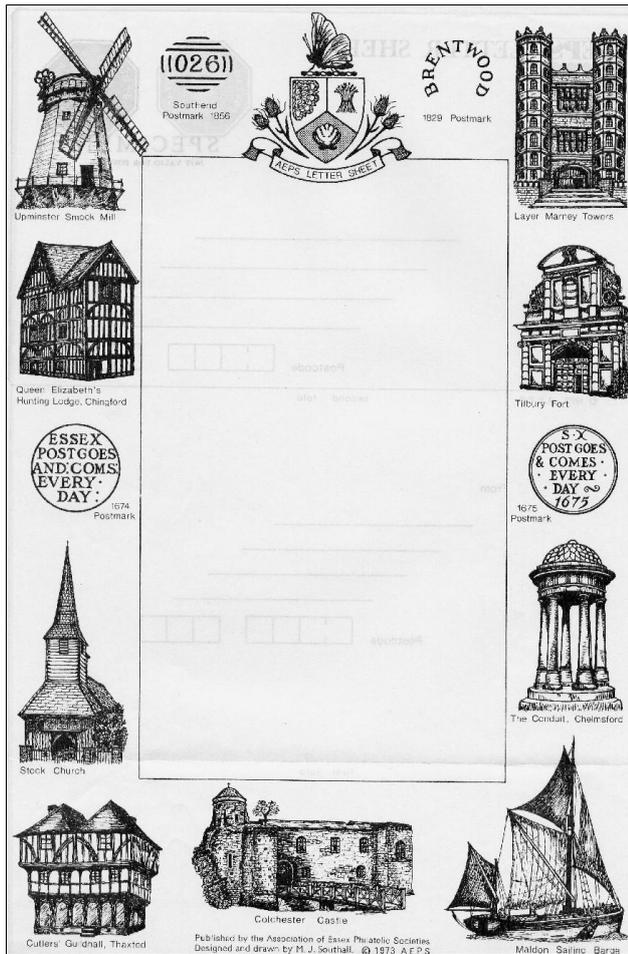
For the 1973 spring event, the AEPS itself organised an exhibition and fair at Plume School, Maldon, in an attempt to encourage the development of a society in this port town.

Pre-publicity labels were produced in sheets of four in several colours. A total of 1000 sheets were produced.

- 38.1. Sheetlet of four in orange.  
38.2 Label used on correspondence.  
38.3. Sheetlet of four in yellow.

- 38.8 Cachet "Althorn / Penny Post" in red.  
38.9 Cachet "Bradwell / Penny Post" in black with "POSTED AT WATERSIDE / 19 V (anchor) 1973 / BRADWELL on SEA" cachet.  
38.10 Cachet "Burnham / Penny Post" in red. Additional cachet in violet on back "Carried over Penny / Post route / Burnham - Maldon".  
38.11 Cachet "Goldhanger / Penny Post" in violet.  
38.12 Cachet "Latchingdon / Penny Post" in black.  
38.13 Cachet "Mundon / Penny Post" in black.  
38.14 Cachet "Southminster / Penny Post" in blue.  
38.15 Cachet "Tolleshurst D'Arcy / Penny Post" in black.

38.16 Cachet "Tillingham / Penny Post" in red.



This event was also marked by the appearance of a letter sheet, designed for the AEPS by Mr. M.J. Southall, showing inside important buildings throughout Essex and early postmarks. The outside bore the newly-adopted AEPS shield emblem and examples sold to the public were stamped-to-order with octagonal Machin stamps to pay the first or second class postage rate. 500 1<sup>st</sup> and 500 2<sup>nd</sup> class were produced in the first instance and sold at 7p or 6½p respectively. Sheets are known with the special cds described above.

- 38.17 Unstamped letter sheet.
- 38.18 Unstamped sheet overprinted SPECIMEN / NOT VALID FOR POSTAGE in red.

- First class sheets (1<sup>st</sup> Printing) (1p + 2p):
- 38.19 Mint letter sheet.
  - 38.20 Handstamped with the special postmark.
  - 38.21 Overprinted "SPECIMEN / NOT VALID FOR POSTAGE" in red.

- Second class sheets (1<sup>st</sup> Printing) (½p + 2p):
- 38.22 Mint letter sheet.
  - 38.23 Handstamped with the special postmark.
  - 38.24 Overprinted "SPECIMEN / NOT VALID FOR POSTAGE" in red.

A second print run of 500<sup>6</sup> sheets became necessary. To make up the second class rate, the 1½d stamp was chosen instead of the ½d, so all received a 1d stamp first instead of 2d, with the result that the first class sheets received the stamps in the reverse order.

- First class sheets (2<sup>nd</sup> Printing) (2p + 1p):
- 38.25 Mint letter sheet.
  - 38.26 Used with additional 1p Machin and cds "EAST ANGLIAN TPO DOWN / 11 JA / 74 / -2-".

- Second class sheets (2<sup>nd</sup> Printing) (1½p + 1p):
- 38.27 Mint sheet.

By the time of the Autumn Rally, postal rates had risen to 3½p first class, 3p second class. A number of the 1½p + 1p sheets were uprated by the stamping of an additional 1p to the left of the original stamps.

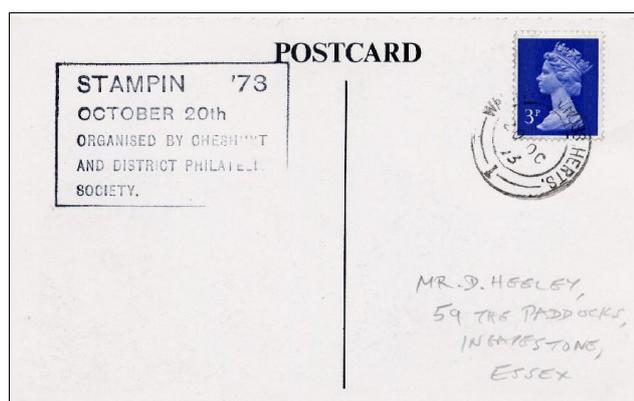
- First class sheets (Surcharge) (1p + 1½p + 1p):
- 38.28 Mint letter sheet.

- Plain covers with handstamp:
- 38.29 Plain CTO cover with 3½p 2-band Machin.
  - 38.30 Plain cover with 3p Cricket stamp.
  - 38.31 Plain cover with 3p Cricket stamp plus Goldhanger cachet.

Letter sheets are also known privately cancelled with the special postmark for the opening of the new Chelmsford branch post office on 25 June 1973.

20 October 1973.

Autumn Rally.



The 1973 Autumn Rally was hosted by Cheshunt & District P.S. at Cheshunt School under the brand "Stampin 73". Four postcards were produced showing old Cheshunt scene engravings in black on white card and sold at 3p each or 10p for the set of four.

Mint postcards:

- 39.1 A: Cheshunt Church c.1806.  
 39.2 B: Waltham Eleanor Cross and the old "Falcon" Inn.  
 39.3 C: Cheshunt Great House, Herts.  
 39.4 D: Temple Bar in Dr Johnson's Time.

Postcards with boxed cachet in purple "STAMPIN '73 / OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> / ORGANISED BY CHESHUNT / AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC / SOCIETY."

- 39.5 Card A.  
 39.6 Card B.  
 39.7 Card C.  
 39.8 Card D. 7

Postcard with cachet, cds "WALTHAM CROSS.HERTS. / 20 OC / 73 / -1-" and 3½p 2-band Machin definitive. Sold at 7p each or 25p for set of four.

- 39.9 Card A.  
 39.10 Card B.  
 39.11 Card C.  
 39.12 Card D.

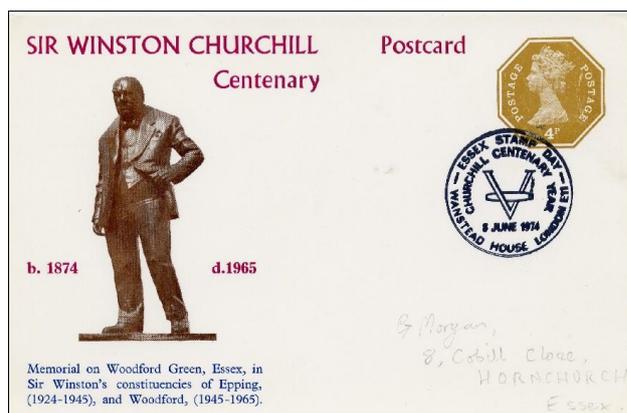
Postcard with cachet, same cds and 3p 2-band Machin definitive. Sold at 7p each or 25p for set of four.

- 39.13 Card A.  
 39.14 Card B.  
 39.15 Card C.  
 39.16 Card D.

Non-standard items:

- 39.17 Card D used with cds, cachet and 3p 2-band Machin booklet stamp with attached label (£4,315, etc. advert) and stitched margin.

8 June 1974.

30<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day was hosted by Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S. at Wanstead House.

The key element of this year's souvenir was a postcard, designed by Mr. D.A. Pashby, featuring a statue of Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill (1874-1965) in bronze with lettering in magenta and blue to mark his birth centenary. 1000 were produced, of which 500 were among the last items stamped to private order. This service was withdrawn in 1974, after abuse by stamp dealers, but the postcards were stamped in advance with an ochre 4d Machin octagonal stamp and held in store for the event. The stamped version sold out on the day and most of the unstamped cards were also sold, orders coming as far afield as the USA.

Items serviced at the event received a 34mm diameter handstamp "ESSEX STAMP DAY- / CHURCHILL CENTENARY YEAR / 8 JUNE 1974 / WANSTEAD HOUSE LONDON E11" with a V and a cigar also designed by Mr. D.A. Pashby with artwork by Mr. M.J. Southall. The original design featured a profile of Sir Winston, but this was vetoed by the Post Office on the grounds that no person, alive or dead, could appear on a special postmark.

Proof material:

- 40.1. Proof sheet with two strikes of cds on plain paper.

Mint postcards:

- 40.2 Mint unstamped postcard.  
 40.3 Mint stamped-to-order postcard.

Unstamped cards used with handstamp:

- 40.4 3½p fire engine stamp.  
 40.5 3½p 2-band Machin.

Stamped-to-order postcard:

- 40.6 Used with handstamp.

Plain covers with event handstamp:

40.7 3½p 2-band Machin.

Both cards were also serviced with a handstamp "CHURCHILL CENTENARY 1874-1974 / WOODFORD GREEN / 9 OCT 1974 / ESSEX / 'Action this day' W.S.C."

40.8 Unstamped card with 4½p Churchill.

40.9 Stamped card.

Unstamped postcards were also serviced with other cancellations:

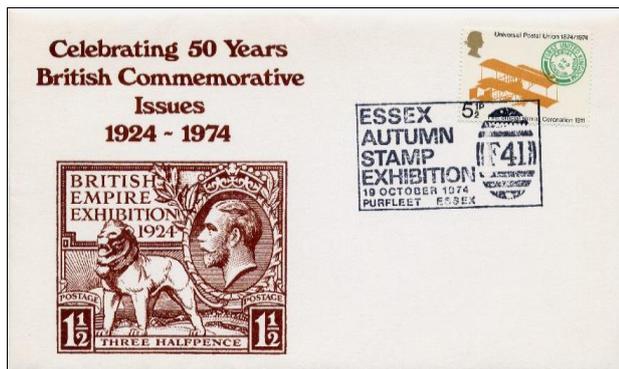
40.10 4½p Churchill Centenary stamp and House of Commons FDI handstamp on 9 October 1974.

40.11 4½p Churchill stamp used with oval handstamp "BIRTH CENTENARY EXHIBITION / SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL / 30 NOV 1974 / CAFE ROYAL LONDON, W.1."

40.12 Isle of Man Churchill Centenary set and "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE / 22NOV1974 / DOUGLAS / ISLE OF MAN" cds.

**19 October 1974.**

**Autumn Rally.**



The 1974 Autumn Rally was hosted by Van den Berghs & Jurgens P.S. at the company's Recreation Club at Purfleet.

A cover was prepared by Thames Covers Ltd., marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of British commemorative stamps, showing the 1½d 1924 British Empire Exhibition stamp in brown.

Covers were sold at 30p pre-serviced with a boxed handstamp, designed by Mr. G.M. Trigwell, reading "ESSEX / AUTUMN / STAMP / EXHIBITION / 19 OCTOBER 1974 / PURFLEET ESSEX" and incorporating the Purfleet F41 obliterator, on a 5½p UPU stamp.

41.1 Mint cover.

41.2 Serviced cover.

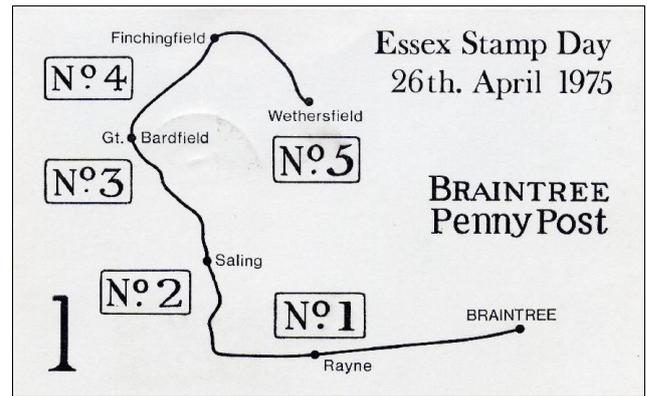
Plain cover with event handstamp on various stamps:

41.3 ½p, 1p, 2½p Machins.

41.4 4p Machin.

**26 April 1975.**

**31<sup>st</sup> Stamp Day.**



Braintree & District P.S. hosted this event at Tabor Hill School, with a luncheon at the White Hart Hotel. The official opening was by the Director of Eastern Postal Region, Mr. G. McMorran. The pale blue 4½p postal stationery postcard was overprinted in black by Mr. M.J. Southall with the Braintree Penny Post route and sold at 10p. Some cards were serviced with an additional 2½p 1 band Machin stamp and the "BRAINTREE / 1.PM / 26AP / 75 / -ESSEX-" cds. These were sold at 20p. Some cards thus serviced were carried on foot over the original route and received a cachet "Carried over Original / Braintree / Penny Post / walk from Wethersfield". These carried a 5p premium (25p).

42.1 Overprinted postcard mint.

42.2 Serviced card.

42.3. Serviced card with cachet.

**4 October 1975.**

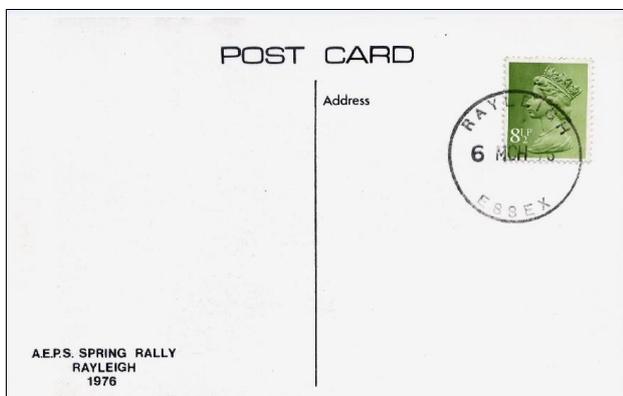
**Autumn Rally.**

This was hosted by Plessey P.S. at the Canon Palmer School, Lombard Avenue, Seven Kings. There was no known souvenir.

**6 March 1976.**

**Spring Rally.**

To enable Southend-on-Sea to hold a prestige event in the Autumn, the usual sequence of events was reversed and Rayleigh & District P.S. hosted a Spring Rally at Mill Hall.



A picture postcard was produced in black showing Rayleigh windmill with "A.E.P.S. SPRING RALLY / RAYLEIGH / 1976" at the bottom left of the front. Pre-serviced cards received cds "RAYLEIGH / 6MCH76 / ESSEX" on an 8½p 2-band Machin

- 44.1 Mint postcard.
- 44.2 Serviced card.

## 2 October 1976.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Day.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Day was unusually held in the autumn, as the hosts, Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Society, wanted a prestige event to mark its Diamond Jubilee and always held their events in the autumn. The event was held at Southend-on-Sea Civic Centre. Southend-on-Sea member Mr. Ian Tickell designed a diamond-shaped anniversary

emblem which was reproduced in black on sheets of sixteen 51mm x 38mm self-adhesive advance publicity labels and in red on 161mm x 114mm envelopes to mark the event.



Covers posted at the event received a 24mm diameter circular date stamp "SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / \* / 2 OC / 76 / ESSEX".

At least one cover received the full set of the Caxton commemorative set and was signed by the stamp designer, Mr. R. A. Gray, as was at least one single stamp cover.

45.1 Publicity label.

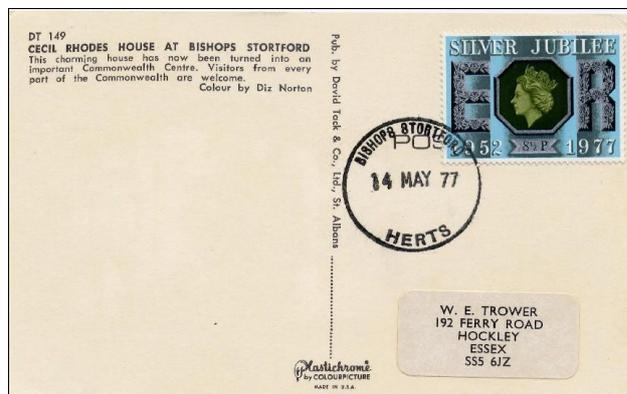
45.2 Mint cover.

Covers used at the event with various stamps:

- 45.3 8½p Caxton commemorative stamp.
- 45.3a 8½p Caxton commemorative stamp (signed cover).
- 45.4 10p Caxton commemorative stamp.
- 45.5 Caxton commemorative set (signed).
- 45.6 6½p centre-band Machin.

## 14 May 1977.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Stamp Day.



This was hosted by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S. at the Rhodes Memorial Centre under the title "Stortex 1977".

There was no official souvenir of the event, but a colour postcard of Cecil Rhodes House (Tuck DT149) is known used with 8½p Silver Jubilee stamp and cds "BISHOPS STORTFORD / 14MAY77 / HERTS".

46.1 Postcard used as above.

**1 October 1977.**

**Autumn Rally.**

This was hosted by Ilford & District P.S. at the Canon Palmer School, Seven Kings. There was no known souvenir.

**20 May 1978.**

**34<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**



This was hosted by Brentwood & District P.S. at the Chelmer Institute of Higher Education.

A special stamp booklet was issued, marking the Silver Jubilee of Brentwood society, containing a se-tenant strip of 5 wildlife stamps attached by the left selvedge. It was sold at 85p (or £1.50 for 2). As the stamps came from two-pane-and-gutter sheets, seven versions exist:

Strips from left hand pane:

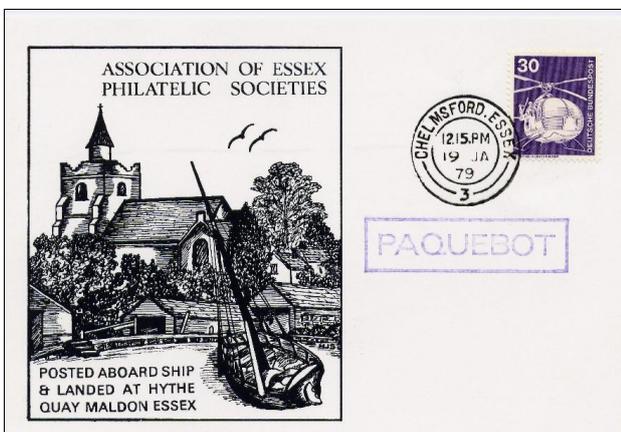
- 48.1 Strip attached by left hand side sheet margin.
- 48.2 Strip with "dot" cylinder number margin attached at top.
- 48.3 Strip with "no dot" cylinder number margin attached at top.
- 48.4 Strip with traffic light gutter margin attached at bottom.

Strips from right hand pane:

- 48.5 Strip attached by gutter margin.
- 48.6 Strip with traffic light.
- 48.7 Strip with right hand traffic light margin attached.

**4 November 1978.**

**Autumn Rally.**



AEPS returned to Plume School at Maldon for another Autumn Rally branded "StampEssex78". A postcard was produced with a postcard with a drawing of Hythe Quay, Maldon. It was arranged for

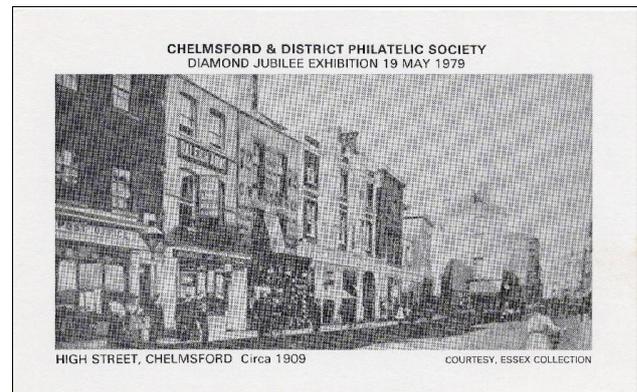
the cards to be carried to Maldon by a commercial ship. Unfortunately, the ship arrived 6 weeks late, having been diverted to Sweden, and the covers were further delayed because the Post Office could not handle them until after the Christmas rush.

Cards were sold at 50p bearing a German 30pf stamp with the "CHELMSFORD.ESSEX - 3 - double-ring cds dated 12.15.PM / 19 JA / 79" and a new Paquebot cachet struck in violet.

- 49.1 Mint postcard.
- 49.2 Serviced Paquebot card.
- 49.3 Paquebot handstamp omitted in error.

**19 May 1979.**

**35<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**



The 35<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day was hosted by Chelmsford & District P.S. at King Edward VI Grammar School and marked the society's Diamond Jubilee.

The 9p postal stationery card was overprinted with a photograph of Chelmsford High Street circa 1909, and sold at 22p.

Serviced cards received a 26mm single line cds "(blank) / 19 MAY 1979 / CHELMSFORD.ESSEX", adapted from a First Day of Issue cds.

- 50.1 Mint card.
- 50.2 Serviced card.

**3 November 1979.**

**Autumn Rally**



The third event hosted by Colchester society was held at Holmwood House School, Lexden.

For this event, Mr. M.J. Southall designed the first of a series of postmark postcards to be issued by the society. This showed Colchester postmarks 1840-

1894. Two versions were produced. The normal card was produced on white card and numbered up to at least "No 00774". A limited edition, unnumbered yellow card was produced for members and VIPs.

Pre-serviced cards received an 8p Machin and "LEXDEN HEATH / C / 3 NO / 79 / COLCHESTER ESSEX" cds.

- 51.1 Mint white postcard.
- 51.2 Serviced card.
- 51.3 Mint yellow card.

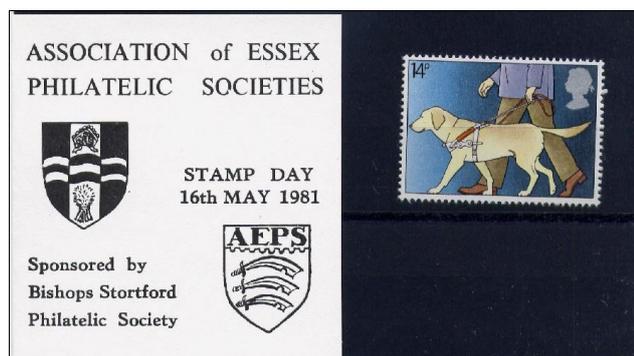
### 26 April 1980. 36<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

This was hosted by Ilford & District P.S. at the Valentine High School. There was no known souvenir.

### 8 November 1980. Autumn Rally.

This was hosted by Southend-on-Sea P.S. at the Prince Avenue Junior School. There was no known souvenir.

### 16 May 1981. 37<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.



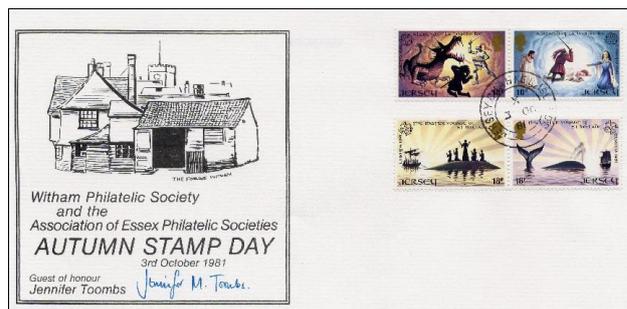
Bishop's Stortford & District P.S. hosted this event at the Boys High School. In an attempt to produce something different in a period of falling sales for conventional covers, the society produced a presentation pack containing the 14p Year of the Disabled stamp. They were sold at 75p with profits going to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, but very few were sold, leaving the society with a substantial loss. Numbered up at least 374.

- 54.1 Presentation Pack.

### 3 October 1981. Autumn Rally.

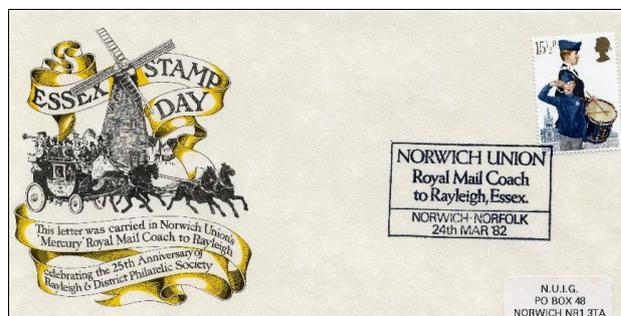
Witham society hosted the 1981 Autumn Rally at the Spring Lodge Community Centre. With the assistance of the Jersey Post Office Philatelic Bureau, Witham produced a cover showing Witham Forge serviced with the Jersey St. Brelade set of stamps postmarked "JERSEY.CHANNEL ISLANDS / X / 3 OC / 81".

Some covers were signed by Jennifer Toombs, the stamps' designer, and sold at a premium price of £1.50.



- 55.1 Unsigned cover
- 55.2 Signed cover.

### 27 March 1982. 38<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.



This was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S. at Mill Hall. A highlight of the event was a run from Norwich to Rayleigh by the "Mercury" mail coach, owned by the Norwich Union insurance group, carrying the event covers. These had received a special boxed handstamp "NORWICH UNION / Royal Mail Coach / to Rayleigh, Essex. / NORWICH-NORFOLK / 24<sup>th</sup> MAR '82" applied to 15½p Boys Brigade stamp. 100 covers were produced with the full set of stamps for Rayleigh members only.

A postcard showing the coach was sold with each cover and separately.

- 56.1 Serviced cover with 15½p Boys Brigade stamp.
- 56.2 Cover with full set of stamps.
- 56.2a Signed by Bernard Braine (Society President).
- 56.3 Coach postcard.

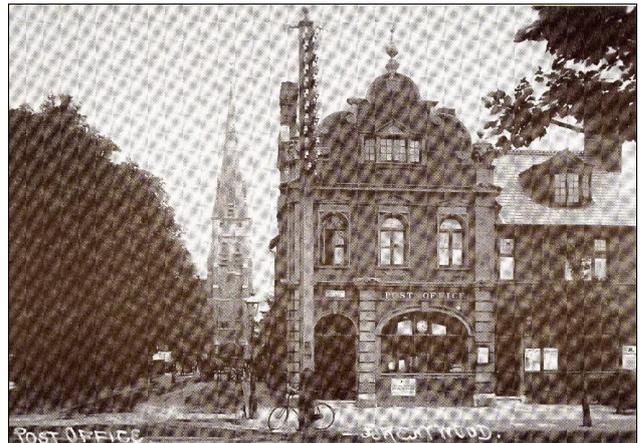
### 23 October 1982. Autumn Rally.

Basildon P.S. hosted an event for the first time in 1982, with "Pitsea82" at the newly-built Pitsea Leisure Centre.

An advance publicity cachet handstamp was applied to mail posted by the Secretary in the run up to the event.

A sepia postcard was designed by Mr. A.F. Hobbs, based on an old photograph of Pitsea Post Office in the 1920's. Mint cards were sold at 10p each. Mr. L.C. Stanway designed a cachet to be

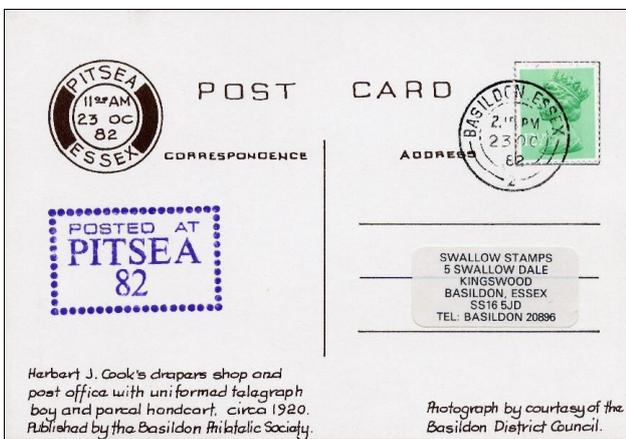
applied to mail posted in a replica decorated Victorian post box which was placed in the event. The cachet was struck in violet and was also applied to a few mint cards. Mail posted at the event received a "BASILDON.ESSEX / 2.15PM / 23 OC / 82 / -2-" cds.



- 59.1 Mint postcard.
- 59.2 Served card.

2 June 1984.

40<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.



- 57.1 Correspondence cover with advance publicity cachet.
- 57.2 Mint card.
- 57.3 Card with cachet.
- 57.4 Card with cachet and "SPECIMEN" handstamp.
- 57.5 Card posted at event with 12½p Machin.

This event was held at the Dolphin Centre entertainment and water sport complex in Romford. It was hosted by the AEPS itself, as Havering P.S. felt unable to provide the necessary support. No formal souvenir was produced but Romford Post Office provided a sales counter and posting box.

Mail posted at the exhibition received the "ROMFORD PHILATELIC COUNTER / 2 JUN '84" postmark, showing the roof of the Dolphin Centre, then new, but since demolished.

- 60.1 Handstamp used on 1<sup>st</sup> Class Postal Stationery envelope.

9 April 1983.

39<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

Forest P.S. hosted the event at Bancroft's School, Woodford Green. There was no known souvenir.

13 October 1984.

Autumn Rally.

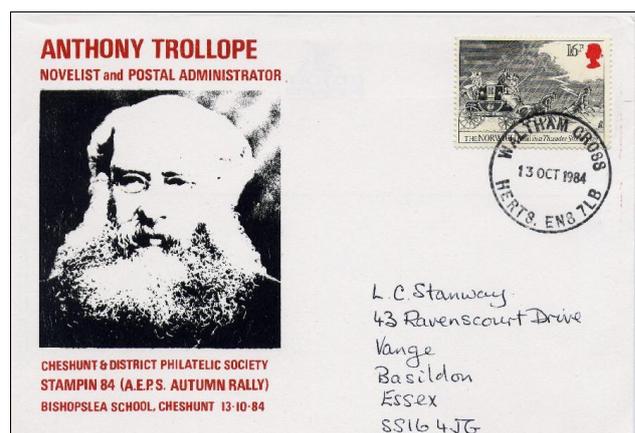
22 October 1983.

Autumn Rally.

Brentwood & District P.S. hosted this event at Chelmer Institute of Higher Education.

Following Basildon's example, Brentwood invited Mr. A.F. Hobbs to produce a sepia postcard (reproduced from a contemporary Bell's postcard) showing Brentwood Post Office c.1916. Mint cards were sold at 10p each.

Items posted at the exhibition received a "BRENTWOOD.ESSEX / 1.-PM / 22 OC / 83 / -1-" cds. Served cards bore a 16p Machin.



Cheshunt & District P.S. hosted this event under the "Stampin 84" brand at Bishopslea School. They produced a cover showing local writer Anthony Trollope.

Covers posted at the exhibition received "WALTHAM CROSS / 13OCT1984 / HERTS.EN8 7LB" cds.

- 61.1 Mint cover.
- 61.2 Covers with 16p Mail coach stamp.

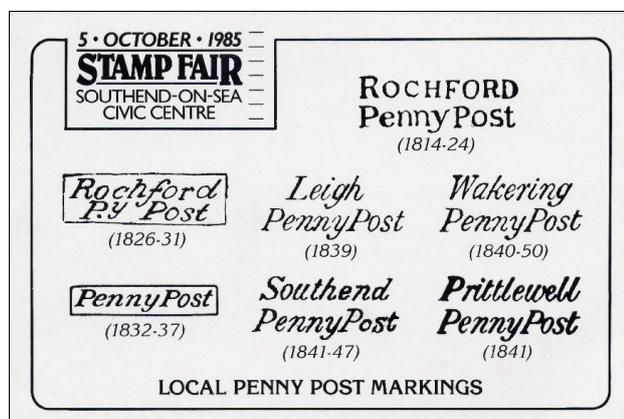
**27 April 1985.**

**41<sup>st</sup> Stamp Day.**

Chelmsford & District P.S. and Marconi P.S. co-hosted this event at the latter company's Marconi Research Centre at East Hanningfield. There is no known souvenir of the event.

**5 October 1985.**

**Autumn Rally.**



Southend-on-Sea P.S. hosted this event at Southend-on-Sea Civic Centre. In order to achieve advance publicity, a slogan postmark "5.OCTOBER.1985 / STAMP FAIR / SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / CIVIC CENTRE" was commissioned by the society from the Post Office showing the event emblem, to be used for at least the preceding week. Unfortunately, it was not used until the day of the event or shortly before, defeating the object of the exercise.

- 63.1. Slogan postmark used on normal mail.

A postcard was designed by Mr. I. Tickell showing Southend-on-Sea Penny Post markings and the commemorative slogan postmark.

Cards posted at the exhibition received the Unified machine postmark "SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / 5 OCT / - / 1985 / -L-" with the commemorative slogan.

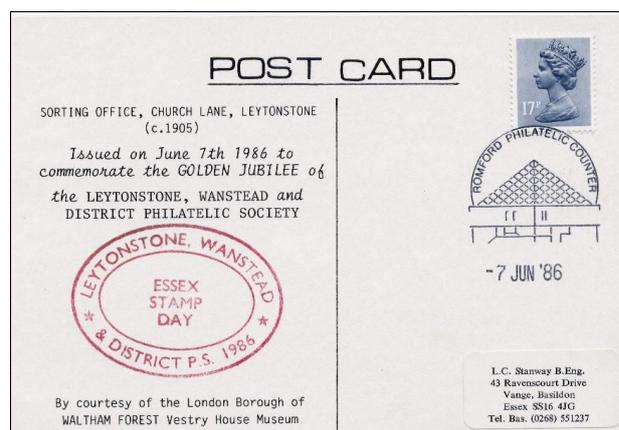
- 63.2 Mint postcard.

Cards posted at the exhibition:

- 63.3 17p Machin stamp.
- 63.4 17p Post Office 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**7 June 1986.**

**42<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Day.**



Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S. hosted this event at the United Reform Church Halls in Wanstead. They followed the "old post office" theme with a postcard showing the "Sorting Office, Church Lane, Leytonstone c.1905", which was later discovered to be actually in Fillebrook Road.

Postcards posted on the day received an oval cachet in red and the Romford Philatelic Bureau handstamp showing the Dolphin Centre. Some postcards received the cachet without being used.

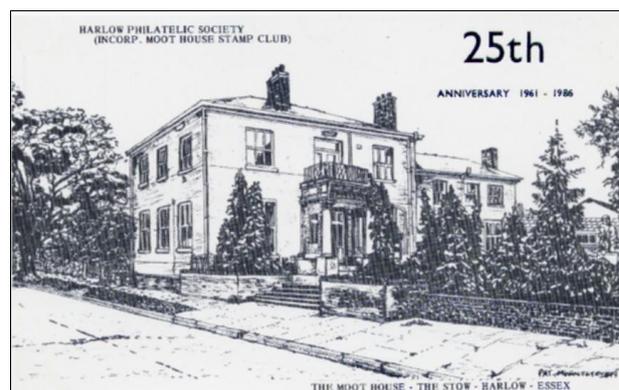
- 64.1 Mint postcard.
- 64.2 Unused card with cachet.

Cards with cachet and Romford postmark:

- 64.3 12p Machin.
- 64.4 17p Machin.

**11 October 1986.**

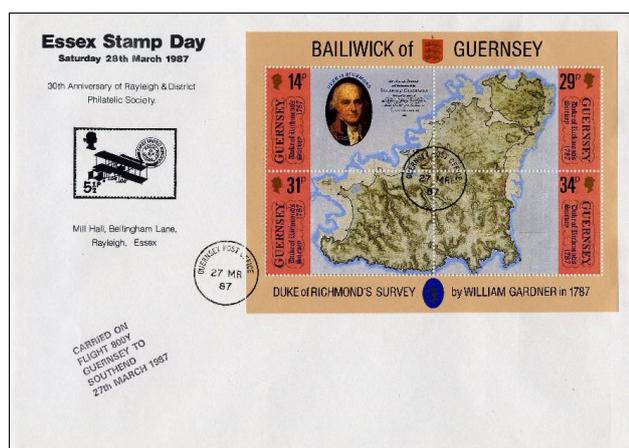
**Autumn Rally.**



Harlow P.S. hosted the 1986 Autumn Rally at Mark Hall Comprehensive School. They had a black and white postcard, produced for Moot Hall, their normal society meeting place, overprinted to mark the society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- 65.1 Mint card.
- 65.2 Used card.

**28 March 1987. 43<sup>rd</sup> Stamp Day.**



Rayleigh & District P.S. hosted this event at Mill Hall. They produced a cover, showing the GB 5½p UPU stamp and marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society, and arranged for it to receive the Guernsey Duke of Richmond Map miniature sheet. It was carried by air from Guernsey to Southend-on-Sea with a cachet "CARRIED ON / FLIGHT 800Y / GUERNSEY TO / SOUTHEND-ON-SEA / 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1987" in red or black and "GUERNSEY POST OFFICE / 27MR / 87" cds.

- 66.1 Cachet in red.
- 66.2 Cachet in black.

**3 October 1987. Autumn Rally.**

This event was hosted by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S at the Boys High School. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**2 July 1988. 44<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

This event was hosted by Goodmayes P.S at the Canon Palmer School. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**8 October 1988. Autumn Rally.**

This event was hosted by Marconi P.S at the company's Research Centre at Great Baddow. There was no philatelic souvenir.

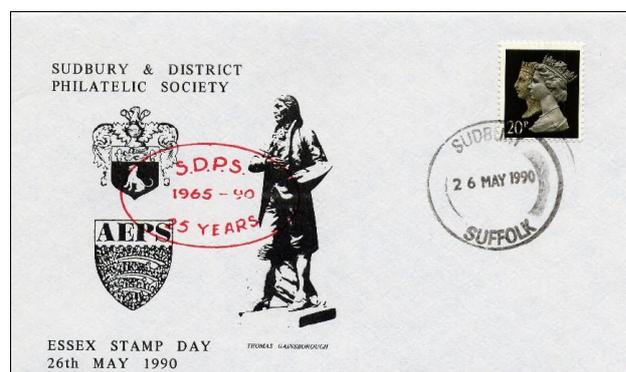
**6 May 1989. 45<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

This event was organised by the AEPS Executive and hosted by South Woodham Ferrers P.S at the William de Ferrers Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**30 September 1989. Autumn Rally.**

This event was hosted by Shoeburyness & District P.S at the Shoeburyness Comprehensive School. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**26 May 1990. 46<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**



The run of events without souvenirs was broken by Sudbury & District P.S., which hosted this event at Sudbury Town Hall. A cover was produced showing the coats of arms of Sudbury and AEPS and a statue of Thomas Gainsborough. The cover insert was a postcard depicting postmarks, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the society. It was sold mint at 50p. However, most covers received a red oval cachet "S.D.P.S. / 1965-90 / 25 YEARS" and were sold at £1.

Pre-serviced covers bore a 20p Penny Black Anniversary stamp and normally a 32mm cds "SUDBURY / 26 MAY 1990 / SUFFOLK" rubber cds. This was sold at £1.50. A limited number of covers received two strikes of a 24mm "SUDBURY B.O. / Y / 26 MY / 90 / SUFFOLK" steel cds. These were sold at £2.50.

Mint covers:

- 72.1 Without cachet.
- 72.2 With cachet.

Pre-serviced cover:

- 72.3 Serviced cover with 32mm cds.
- 72.4 Serviced cover with 24mm cds.

Non-standard items:

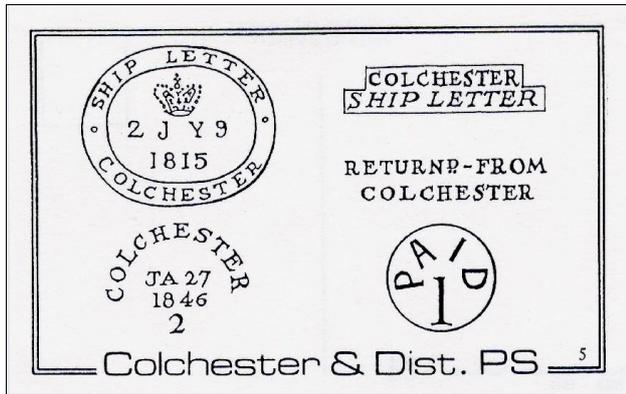
- 72.5 Cover (without cachet) with 20p Penny Black Anniversary stamp placed in a post-box during event and postmarked (faint) Sudbury slogan postmark for 29 May 1990 (next normal day of service).

**13 October 1990.****Autumn Rally.**

This event was hosted by Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S at the Methodist Church Hall in Leytonstone High Road. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**18 May 1991.****47<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

This event was hosted by Southend-on-Sea P.S at the Adult Education Centre in Ambleside Drive. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**26 October 1991.****Autumn Rally.**

Colchester & District P.S. returned to Holmwood House School in Lexden for the 1991 Autumn Rally. Mr. R.A.W. Orrin designed Postcard No.5 in the Colchester series, featuring Ship Letter and other Colchester marks from 1812 to 1846. It was printed on white card and numbered to at least 851. Mint cards were sold at 25p.

Cards were serviced with a 1<sup>st</sup> class red Machin Harrison booklet stamp and cancelled with a "LEXDEN HEATH / C / 26 OC / 91 / COLCHESTER ESSEX" cds.

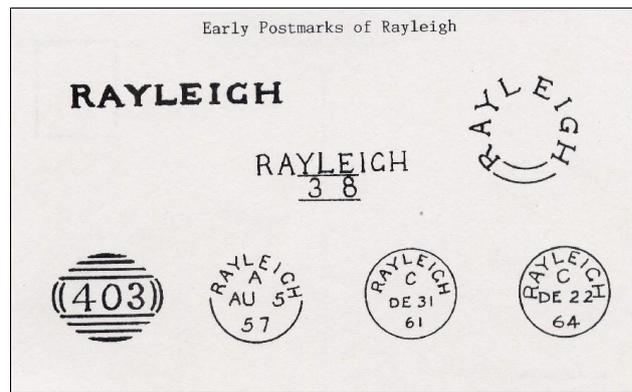
As in previous cases, a limited edition, unnumbered yellow card was produced for members of the society and VIPs.

- 75.1. Mint white postcard.
- 75.2 Pre-serviced white postcard.
- 75.3 Yellow postcard.

**28-29 March 1992.****48<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

As a trial run for 1994, the 48<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day was held over two days by Rayleigh & District P.S. at Mill Hall under the brand "StampEssex'92". Postcard No.2 in the Rayleigh series was produced showing early Rayleigh postmarks.

Mail posted at the event on 28 March only received Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Bureau illustrated handstamp for 28 March 1992 at Windsor Postmarking Centre. The same mark was applied to pre-serviced copies of the postcard on a wide variety of stamps including stamps from three different booklets of ten Greetings Stamps.



76.1 Mint postcard.

Pre-serviced postcards:

- 76.2 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Flowers. \*
- 76.3 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Locket. \*
- 76.4 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Key. \*
- 76.5 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Car. \*
- 76.6 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Compass.
- 76.7 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Watch. \*
- 76.8 1<sup>st</sup> Memories 1d Red.
- 76.9 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Necklace. \*
- 76.10 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Marbles. \*
- 76.11 1<sup>st</sup> Memories Seaside. \*
- 76.12 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Bear. \*
- 76.13 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Dennis.
- 76.14 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Punch.
- 76.15 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Cat. \*
- 76.16 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Moon.
- 76.17 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Policeman. \*
- 76.18 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Clown.
- 76.19 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Mona Lisa.
- 76.20 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Queen of Hearts.
- 76.21 1<sup>st</sup> Smiles Stan Laurel.
- 76.22 24p QE2 40<sup>th</sup> Coronation Robes.
- 76.23 24p QE2 40<sup>th</sup> Garter Robes.
- 76.24 24p QE2 40<sup>th</sup> Prince Andrew.
- 76.25 24p QE2 40<sup>th</sup> Trooping the Colour.
- 76.26 24p QE2 40<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth emblem.
- 76.27 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Nest.
- 76.28 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Star. \*
- 76.29 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Magpie.
- 76.30 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Cat. \*
- 76.31 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Kingfisher.
- 76.32 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Duck.
- 76.33 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Boot.
- 76.34 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Rainbow.
- 76.35 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Butterfly.
- 76.36 1<sup>st</sup> Good Luck Well.
- 76.37 24p Wintertime.
- 76.38 24p Tennyson.
- 76.39 24p Map.

(Note: Items marked \* are assumed to exist, but have not been seen by the Editor.)

**31 October 1992.****Autumn Rally.**

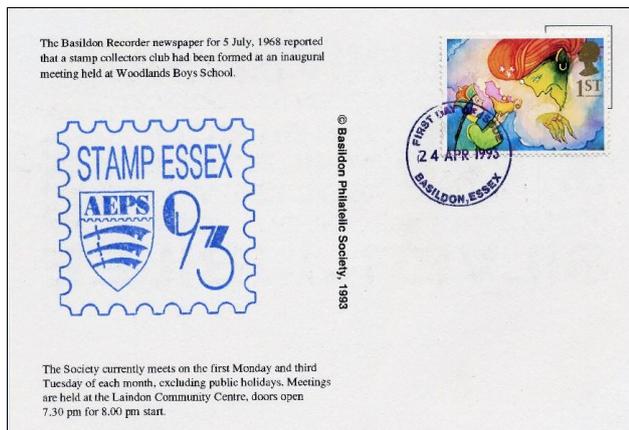
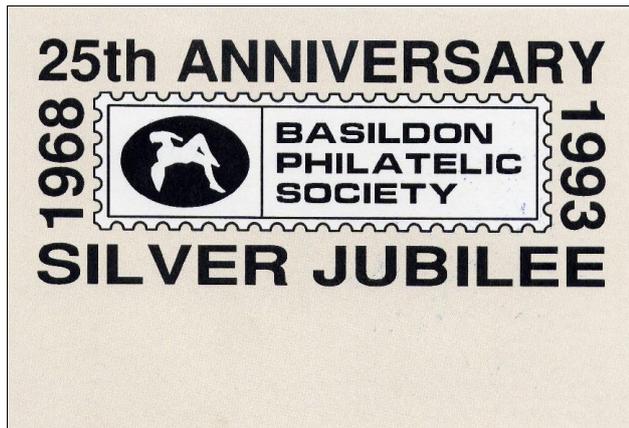
This event was hosted by Clacton P.S at the Town Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir.

24 April 1993.

49<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

30 October 1993.

Autumn Rally.



This event was hosted by Brentwood & District P.S at the Courage Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir.

11-12 June 1994.

50<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.



The "PhilEssex" brand, last used in 1969, was revived for "PhilEssex'94", hosted at the Colchester Institute over two days by a sub-committee of the AEPS Executive Committee. Despite extensive publicity, attendance over the two days was disappointingly small due to good weather and conflicting events.

The cover was designed by Mr. C.W. Mead and Mr. L.C. Stanway and shows a Supermarine Spitfire aircraft with D-Day markings flying over Colchester Castle. Mint covers were sold at 35p.

Covers were pre-serviced with a single or se-tenant strip of five D-Day commemorative stamps and a special postmark "11 JUNE 1994 / (AEPS shield) / GOLDEN JUBILEE / PHILESSEX'94 COLCHESTER", designed by Mr. Mead.

A variety of cachets were applied to pre-serviced covers as shown below. Numbers in parentheses are total numbers produced as recorded at the event.

Mail posted at the Exhibition received a cachet "POSTED AT / PHILESSEX'94" which was applied at the end of each day before handing the mail to the Post Office for cancelling with the event handstamp at Windsor. Those posted on 11 June 1994 received a red cachet. A green cachet was applied on the following day.

This event was hosted by Basildon P.S. to mark its Silver Jubilee. It was held at Laindon Community Centre under the title "StampEssex '93".

A postcard was designed by Mr. C.W. Mead, featuring the BPS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary emblem. This was later used for other purposes (see under Basildon P.S. in the society souvenirs section).

The first printing of the postcard was found, before guillotining, to have been misprinted with the back of the card inverted. The batch was destroyed and reprinted with corrections. Some uncut sheets from the first printing exist.

Cards were pre-serviced with a StampEssex 93 cachet (also designed by Mr. Mead) in blue and received a postmark "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE / 24 APR 1993 / BASILDON, ESSEX" on stamps from the 1993 Children's Literature Greetings Stamps Booklet. Only 10 of each version was produced.

- 78.1 First Printing: Uncut sheet with error.
- 78.2 Mint postcard.

Pre-serviced postcards:

- 78.3 1<sup>st</sup> Long John Silver.
- 78.4 1<sup>st</sup> Tweedledum & Tweedledee.
- 78.5 1<sup>st</sup> Just William.
- 78.6 1<sup>st</sup> The Mole & Mr. Toad.
- 78.7 1<sup>st</sup> Teacher & Bash St. Kid.
- 78.8 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Rabbit & friend.
- 78.9 1<sup>st</sup> The Snowman & Father Christmas.
- 78.10 1<sup>st</sup> The Big Friendly Giant.
- 78.11 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Badger & Rupert Bear.
- 78.12 1<sup>st</sup> Aladdin & the Genie.

- 80.1 Prototype cover printed on dot matrix printer on plain, non-standard envelope (unique).
- 80.2 Mint cover.

No cachet:

- 80.3 Se-tenant strip (2).
  - 80.4 Ground crew. (2)
  - 80.5 HMS Warspite. (2)
  - 80.6 Commandos. (2)
  - 80.7 Tank advance. (2)
- (The fifth variety does not exist.)

One cover with a damaged, uncanceled strip of stamps was used for testing all the cachet handstamps. It was struck with the PhilEssex cachet in red, the Postbus cachet in red and green and the Spitfire cachet in green

80.8 Cachet proof cover (unique).

Cachet "CARRIED ON / PRESERVED / POST BUS", struck in black (proofs):

80.9 Se-tenant strip (2).

80.10 Tank advance (2)

Cachet "CARRIED ON / PRESERVED / POST BUS", struck in red and sold at £2.50 with se-tenant strip and £1.50 with a single stamp:

80.11 Se-tenant strip (96).

80.12 Ground crew (98).

80.13 HMS Warspite (98).

80.14 Commandos (98).

80.15 Infantry (100).

80.16 Tank advance (96).

Cachet "FLOWN IN SPITFIRE / MK XVI TD248 G-OXVI / PILOT E COVENTRY" struck in black (proof).

80.17 HMS Warspite. (2)

Cachet "FLOWN IN SPITFIRE / MK XVI TD248 G-OXVI / PILOT E COVENTRY" struck in green and signed by pilot. Sold at £5.

80.18 Ground crew. (10)

80.19 HMS Warspite. (8)

80.20 Commandos. (10)

80.21 Infantry. (10)

80.22 Tank advance. (10)

Event covers posted at the Exhibition on 11 June 1994 with red cachet.

80.23 D-Day Set. (4)

80.24 Ground crew. (6)

80.25 HMS Warspite. (5)

80.26 Commandos. (5)

80.27 Infantry. (5)

80.28 Tank advance. (5)

80.29 St Kilda (National Trust) (1)

80.30 Duke of Edinburgh's Award. (1)

Plain covers posted at the Exhibition on 11 June 1994 with red cachet:

80.31 1<sup>st</sup> Machin (2)

80.32 25p Machin on postcard (1).

80.33. 1<sup>st</sup> Postal Stationery envelope (3).

Event covers posted at the Exhibition on 12 June 1994 with green cachet.

80.34 D-Day Set. (1)

80.35 Ground crew. (5)

80.36 HMS Warspite. (6)

80.37 Commandos. (5)

80.38 Infantry. (6)

80.39 Tank advance. (6)

80.40 St Kilda (National Trust) (1)

80.41 Duke of Edinburgh's Award. (1)

80.42 Butterfly (1)

Plain covers posted at the Exhibition on 12 June 1994 with green cachet.

80.43 19p Machin (1)

80.44 25p Machin on various postcards (3).

80.45 Three 10p, one 6p and one 5p Machin (1).

[80.46 Reserved for plain or other non-AEPS cover serviced by Windsor Postmarking centre with special postmark but no cachet. (None yet reported)]

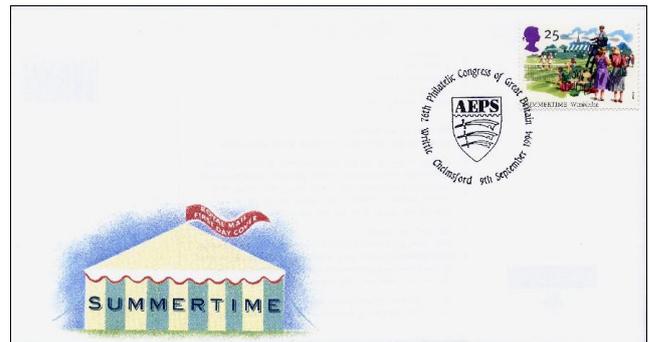
Ten covers were used as first day covers for the D-Day stamps and received a strip of D-Day stamps and single-ring cds "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE – BASILDON / 6 JUN 1994".

80.47 Normal strip. (9).

80.48 Traffic lights in bottom margin. (unique)

### 9-11 September 1994.

#### Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.



A different sub-committee of the AEPS Executive Committee hosted the PCGB at Writtle Agricultural College. This was held in the interregnum between the collapse of the British Philatelic Federation and the creation of the Association of British Philatelic Societies.

The Post Office provided a special cover using one Summertime stamp and its related first day cover, cancelled with a special handstamp "76<sup>th</sup> Philatelic Congress of Great Britain / (AEPS shield) / Chelmsford 9<sup>th</sup> September 1994".

As part of promotion of their newly-introduced dot-matrix postmark printers, the Post Office also produced National Postal Museum Addressing Postcodes covers with dot matrix mark "SOUVENIR FOR CONGRESS / 9 SEPTEMBER 1994".



Examples exist of this cover reposted in the College's private posting box receiving machine mark "CHELMSFORD ESSEX / 715PM / 12SEP / 1994 / A.2" and slogan "Royal Mail / FAMOUS TRAINS / ON CHINA PLATES / by Wedgwood / Tel:031-550-8989" on various stamps.

240 prize draw envelopes were produced by auctioneer Phillips, featuring a Penny Black stamp

design and lettered AA to TL. Each contained a card, carrying mint 1d lilac Q.V. and 25p Machin stamps. Some of the cards had a code entitling the buyer to a special prize, such as a Victorian embossed stamp on cover!

81.1 Post Office Summertime cover.

81.2 Postcode souvenir cover.

Postcode souvenir covers posted at Congress:

- 81.3 D Day Infantry
- 81.4 D Day Commandos
- 81.5 D Day Advancing.
- 81.6 D Day Coastal
- 81.7 D Day Ground crew.

81.8 Phillips envelope and card.

**29 October 1994. Autumn Rally.**

Witham P.S. hosted the 1994 Autumn Rally at the Spring Lodge Community Centre. Event covers were rapidly declining in popularity by the 1990s, so Witham tried to find a different kind of souvenir.

Instead of a cover or card, a postal history calendar for 1995 was issued. Sales were disappointing.

82.1 Calendar.

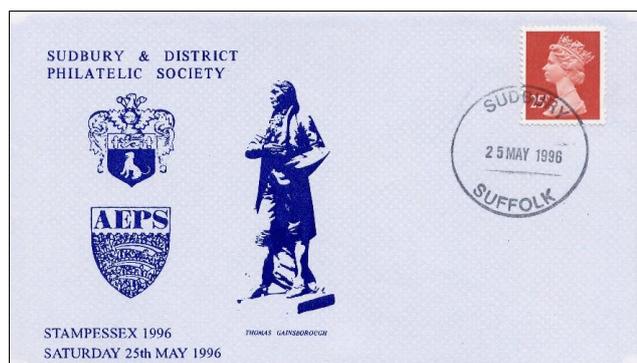
**20 May 1995. 51<sup>st</sup> Stamp Day.**

"StampEssex'95" was hosted by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S at the High School. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**28 October 1995. Autumn Rally.**

This was hosted by Witham P.S at the Spring Lodge Community Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**25 May 1996. 52<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Day.**



"StampEssex'96" was hosted by Sudbury & District P.S. at St. Peter's, a redundant church in the Market Place that had been converted into a community centre.

The cover was based on that used in 1990, but printed in blue and including postmark card No.2 as a stiffener.

Pre-serviced covers received a 25p 2-band Machin stamp and 33mm cds "SUDBURY / 25MAY 1996 / SUFFOLK".

85.1 Mint cover.

85.2 Pre-serviced cover.

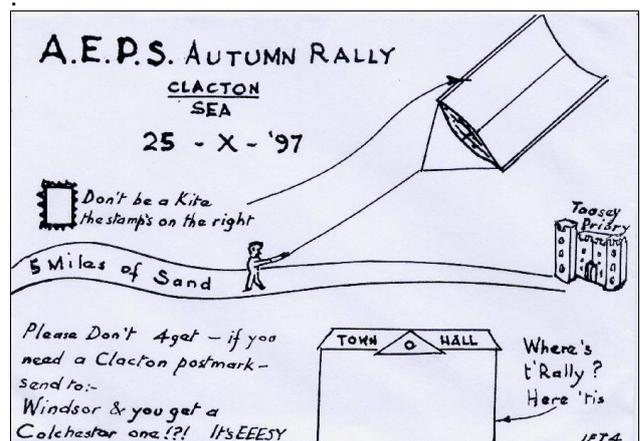
**5 October 1996. Autumn Rally.**

This event was hosted by Leytonstone, Wanstead & District P.S at the Caterham High School. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**22 March 1997. 53<sup>rd</sup> Stamp Day.**

"StampEssex'97" was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S at the Mill Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**25 October 1997. Autumn Rally.**



One of the more eccentric souvenirs was produced by Clacton P.S. for this event, held at the Town Hall. An illustrated cartoon envelope was designed by Mr. I.F. Trinder and printed in black. It was sold at 50p.

Covers posted in Clacton on the day of the event received 26 October 1997 slogan postmark advertising Suffolk Police (largely indecipherable on copies seen).

88.1 Mint envelope.

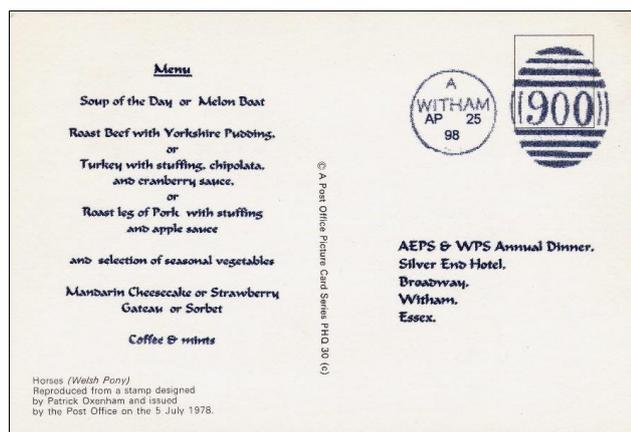
88.2 Covers posted on the day.

**18 April 1998. 54<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

Basildon P.S hosted "StampEssex98" at the Laindon Community Centre, Basildon. As it included the Dawes Cup inter-federation competition, it was styled the "Home Counties Stamp Day". There was no philatelic souvenir.

25 April 1998.

Annual Dinner.



Witham P.S. hosted an "AEPS Annual Dinner" at the Silver End Hotel, Witham. Forty assorted PHQ Cards of about twelve designs were overprinted with menu, venue address and a reproduction of a 900 duplex postmark. The overprint was designed and printed in black by Mr. D.W. Sibley. Known cards are:

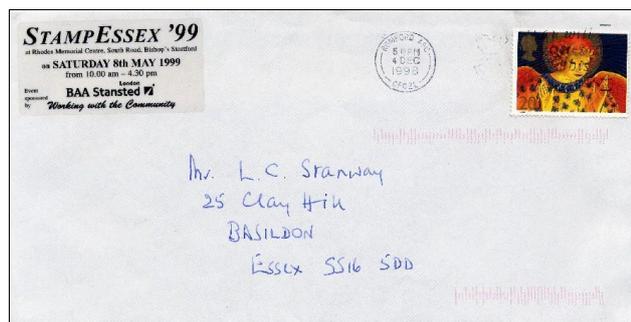
- 90.1 1978 Horses 11p. (PHQ30c)
- 90.2 1978 Buildings 9p.
- 90.3 1982 Cars 29p.
- 90.4 1984 Cattle 16p.
- 90.5 1984 Cattle 20½p.

24 October 1998.

Autumn Rally.

Colchester & District P.S hosted this event at the Stanway Village Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir.

8 May 1999.

55<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

This event was hosted as "StampEssex'99" by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S. at the Rhodes Memorial Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir, but advance publicity labels were used.

- 92.1 Transparent pre-publicity labels were used on Society correspondence.

16 October 1999.

Autumn Rally.

Chelmsford & District P.S hosted this event at the County High School for Girls. There was no philatelic souvenir.

29 April 2000.

56<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

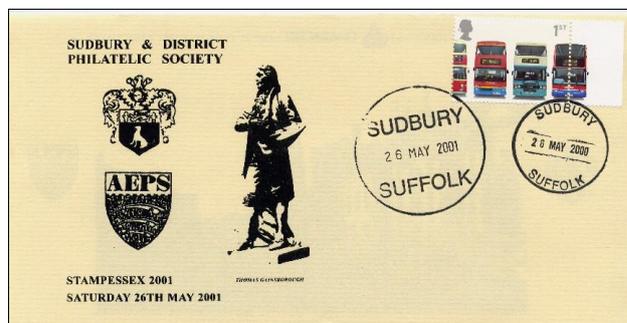
"StampEssex 2000" was hosted by Witham P.S at the Spring Lodge Community Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir.

21 October 2000.

Autumn Rally.

Colchester & District P.S again hosted this event at the Stanway Village Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir.

26 May 2001.

57<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

"StampEssex 2001" was hosted at St. Peter's by Sudbury & District P.S.

The cover was similar to that used in 1996, but 218mm x 110mm, with an insert card showing The Market Hill and St Peter's Church in 1850. 150 covers and cards were printed and sold at 50p each. The inserts are numbered on the back.

- 96.1 Mint cover (00129/39-40 known to survive)

100 of the above covers were serviced with one of the Buses special stamps at the event for sale at the exhibition. Two different type of circular date stamp were used, one of which was found, part-way through the cancelling, to bear the wrong date. Most erroneous covers were corrected by application of a further cancellation. Four combinations thus exist, which were sold at £1.50 (correct – D below) or £2 (errors – A, B, C).

- A. Serviced in error with 34mm cds "SUDBURY 26 MAY 2000 SUFFOLK" only.
- 96.2 1900-1930 stamp.
- 96.3 1930-1950 stamp. (00022)
- 96.4 1950-1960 stamp. (00046/51)
- 96.5 1960-1970 stamp. (00012)
- 96.6 1980-2000 stamp. (00044)

- B. Serviced as above and corrected by addition of 34mm cds "SUDBURY 26 MAY 2001 SUFFOLK".
- 96.7 1900-1930 stamp.

- 96.8 1930-1950 stamp. (00049)
- 96.9 1950-1960 stamp.
- 96.10 1960-1970 stamp. (00057)
- 96.11 1980-2000 stamp.

C. Serviced as above and corrected by addition of 45mm cds "SUDBURY 26 MAY 2001 SUFFOLK".

- 96.12 1900-1930 stamp. (00015)
- 96.13 1930-1950 stamp.
- 96.14 1950-1960 stamp.
- 96.15 1960-1970 stamp.
- 96.16 1980-2000 stamp. (00062)

D. Serviced with 45mm cds "SUDBURY 26 MAY 2001 SUFFOLK" only.

- 96.17 1900-1930 stamp.
- 96.18 1930-1950 stamp. (00047)
- 96.19 1950-1960 stamp. (00028)
- 96.20 1960-1970 stamp. (00072/82)
- 96.21 1980-2000 stamp. (00007)

**27 October 2001. Autumn Rally.**

AEPS itself hosted this event at the Braintree Community Centre in conjunction with Braintree & District P.S. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**23 March 2002. 58<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

"StampEssex 2002" was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S. at the Mill Hall, Rayleigh.

Two colour picture postcards were produced and put on advance sale at 50p each on 17 November 2001. Printed by the London Postcard Company, the designs are taken from paintings by Mr. Timothy O'Brien, who signed 85 copies of each design.



Card A shows Rayleigh Station, London & North Eastern Railway, with a steam locomotive in the background and, in the foreground, Westcliff-on-Sea & District Omnibus Co. open-top double-deck bus HJ2712 departing for Rayleigh town centre on Route 1 (commenced 1923).

Card B shows the prototype British United Air Ferries ATL98 Carvair (incorrectly spelt Carviar) aircraft G-ANYB "Golden Gate Bridge" (converted 1961 from a Douglas C-54B Skymaster) at Southend-on-Sea Airport during a properties move to Geneva for the James Bond film "Goldfinger" which

was partly shot at the airport in 1964. It is shown loading a 1937 Rolls Royce Phantom III Sedance De Ville (star of the films "The Yellow Rolls Royce" and "Goldfinger"), built originally for Rt. Hon. Lord Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire. In the foreground, waiting to load, is Aston Martin DB5 BMT216A (star of "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball").



Cards were serviced with a 1<sup>ST</sup> Machin stamp and postmarked "RAYLEIGH ESSEX / \* / 23 MR / 7" without a year slug. These were carried to the event in a preserved bus and carry an unboxed green cachet "CARRIED ON / JERSEY MOTOR TRANSPORT / 1954 ALBION VICTOR OMNIBUS / J15213 / DRIVER: Mr. Richard PAYNE". This bus then provided free tours of Rayleigh and the surrounding countryside for invited passengers throughout the day.

10 cards of each type serviced with Kenya 5/- and 30/- definitives were posted by Mr. J. Rawlins on 23 March on board M.S. "Saga Rose". They received two purple ship's cachets and double-ring cds "MOMBASA 54 / 05.APR02-10 / KENYA".

Card A:

- 98.1. Mint card.
- 98.2 Signed by the artist.
- 98.3 Serviced and carried on bus.
- 98.4 Posted on M.S. "Saga Rose".

Card B:

- 98.5 Mint card.
- 98.6 Signed by the artist.
- 98.7 Serviced and carried on bus.
- 98.8 Posted on M.S. "Saga Rose".

**19 October 2002. Autumn Rally.**

This was hosted by Colchester & District P.S. at Stanway Village Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**26 April 2003. 59<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

"StampEssex 2003" was hosted by Brentwood & District P.S. at Shenfield High School. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**25 October 2003. Autumn Rally.**

Cheshunt & District P.S. hosted the Autumn Rally at the Cheshunt Club, Albany Ride. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**5 June 2004. 60<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

The Diamond Jubilee of AEPS was marked by "StampEssex 2004", which was hosted by AEPS itself at Danbury Community Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**2 October 2004. Autumn Rally.**

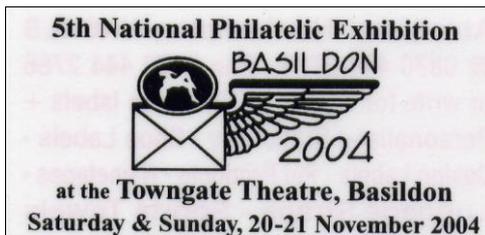
The Autumn Rally was hosted by Witham P.S. at Spring Lodge Community Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir.

**20-21 November 2004. ABPS Basildon 2004.**

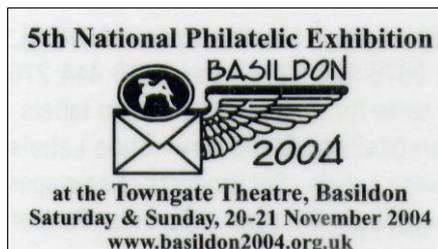
The 5<sup>th</sup> National Philatelic Exhibition under the auspices of the Association of British Philatelic Societies was hosted by an Organising Committee mainly consisting of AEPS officers, an ABPS-appointed Treasurer, plus other volunteers. It was held at the Towngate Theatre in Basildon and the adjacent Basildon Centre.

It was an early decision of the Organising Committee that there would be no philatelic souvenir. However....

Advance publicity labels were designed by Mr. D.A. Armitage and produced by Able-Label in sheets of five with transparent self-adhesive background. The original printing was without website address.



The second printing incorporated this important feature.



- 104.1 First printing (10,000 labels).  
104.2 Second printing (5000 labels).

Smilers sheets containing 20 "Rule Britannia" Union Jack flag stamps with ABPS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary emblems were printed by Royal Mail to order in three

batches. Printing 1 was mostly used on different first day covers with a special cancellations for each day and in a presentation pack. All these were designed and produced by Mr. C.W. Mead. Mint sheets were sold at £15.



- 104.3 Sheet – Printing 1 (order number 32639). Only 4 of 30 produced were believed to survive intact to be put onto the market.  
104.4 Sheet – Printing 2 (order number 43713). 20 produced.  
104.5 Sheet – Printing 3 (order number 56966). 10 produced.  
104.6 Single mint stamp with label.

Presentation packs were produced by Mr. Mead with two stamps and sold at £2. 100 produced for sale. Packs are numbered in a series from 001 on the inside of the card (highest seen 097).

Two unique essays exist. The first (A) had the card interior blank. The second (B) had a colour illustration where the serial number box is in production cards.



- 104.7 Presentation pack.  
104.8 Essay A.  
104.9 Essay B.

The covers were produced by Mr. Mead by overprinting on airmail envelopes with a faint picture of an aircraft. They were pre-serviced with different postmarks designed by the same person and donated by the Royal Mail. Serviced covers were sold at £2 each.



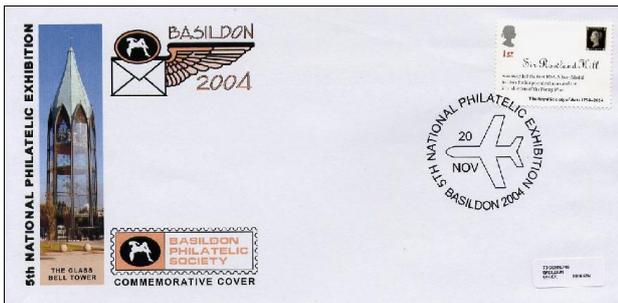
104.10 Cover for 20 November showing Concorde. 158 produced.



104.11 Cover for 21 November showing an early four-engined jet airliner. 128 produced.  
104.12 Un-serviced essay (unique).

Basildon P.S. produced 75 of its own covers for this event, for Saturday only and sold at £1.50. It was designed by Mr. Mead and showed the bell-tower of St. Martin's Parish Church, the world's first steel and glass bell tower. The covers were numbered on the back from 001.

Six "special" covers were produced. Four covers had colour dot margins attached (009 plus three others – 010-012?). Two had marginal pane position markings.



104.13 BPS Cover with single stamp.  
104.14 Colour dots (4 produced).  
104.15 Pane position – north west (unique – 008).  
104.16 Pane position – south west (unique – 007).

The Society of Olympic Collectors also joined in with two "Smart Stamp" covers with commemorative computer-printed postage paid impressions. The two days differ in detail and by date. 20 were produced for each day and sold for £2.50.

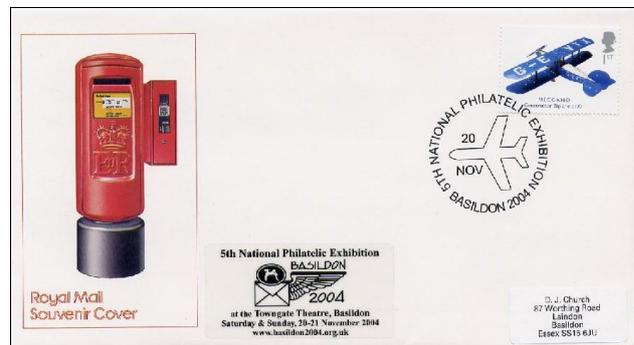


104.17 SOC Cover for 20 November – Clear background to emblem.



104.18 SOC Cover for 21 November – Grey background to emblem.

Local dealer Mr. D.J. Church produced just 3 covers for each day based on a Royal Mail postbox souvenir cover with Meccano stamp and Basildon 2004 label.



104.19 20 November.  
104.20 21 November.

Souvenir gold-blocked, leather-effect bookmarks were also produced for Basildon 2004 to a design by Mr. J.D. Charlton. They were issued in five colours (60 of each produced): black, red, lake, green, blue and sold at £1.50 each. They showed the Basildon 2004 and AEPS emblems, the bell tower and the Woodsman statue which stood, at that time, in St. Martin's Square near the Towngate Theatre.

**28 May 2005.**

**61<sup>st</sup> Stamp Day.**

This was once again hosted by Sudbury & District P.S., at St. Peter's community centre, to mark the fortieth anniversary of the society.



Smilers stamps, using the same Union Flag sheet as for Basildon 2004, with the society's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary emblem, were produced for use on souvenir postcards. The majority were used on the cards. A very limited number of surplus sheets were sold intact at £15.

Mr. Michael Odell produced two water colour paintings, from which postcards were produced. 300 cards of each design were printed. Mint cards were sold at 35p.

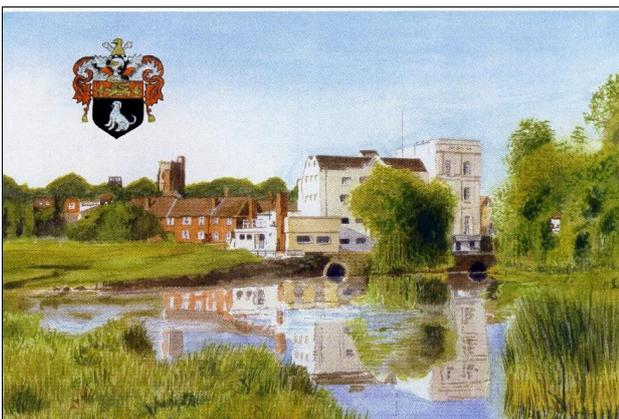
80 of each card was serviced using the Smilers stamps and the 45mm "SUDBURY / 28 MAY 2005 / SUFFOLK" cds and sold at £1.50. Serviced cards are numbered from 001 (for each card).

Some serviced cards were signed by the artist.

105.1 Sheet of Smilers Stamps (order 9688742).



- 105.2 Mint card A – Ballingdon Bridge.  
105.3 Signed by the artist.



- 105.4 Mint card B – The Mill Hotel from the Water Meadows.  
105.5 Signed by the artist.

80 of each card was serviced using the Smilers stamps and the 45mm "SUDBURY / 28 MAY 2005 / SUFFOLK" cds and sold at £1.50. Serviced cards are numbered from 001 (for each card).



- 105.6 Pre-serviced card A.  
105.7 Pre-serviced card B.

**15 October 2005.**

**Autumn Rally.**

This event was hosted by Ipswich P.S. at Kesgrave Community Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir of this event.

**20 May 2006.**

**62<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Day.**

StampEssex 2006 was hosted by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S. at Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall. There was no philatelic souvenir of this event.

**12-15 October 2006.**

**Stampa.**

An AEPS delegation entered the Stampa Irish National Stamp exhibition in Dublin. A small quantity of Stampa covers were overprinted by Mr. L.C. Stanway with the AEPS emblem.

- 105a.1 Overprinted cover.

**21 October 2006.**

**Autumn Rally.**

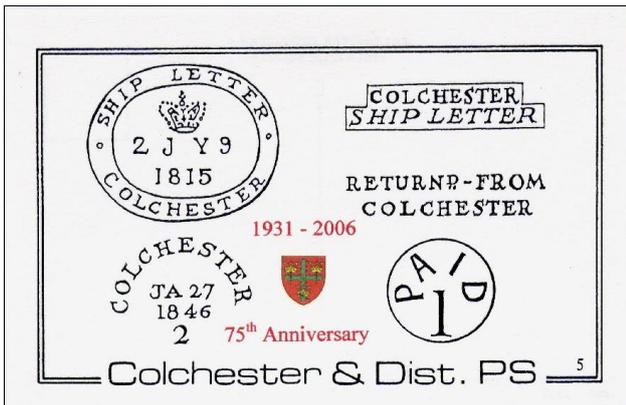
This was hosted by Colchester & District Philatelic Society to mark its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was held at the society's usual venue at the Village Hall in the adjacent town of Stanway. In a departure from normal practice, the AEPS awards were presented at a formal Awards Dinner held at the Marks Tey Hotel, London Road, Colchester later the same evening

with a reception sponsored by Bonhams, the London auction house.

Smilers stamps, using the 2005 self-adhesive "Red, White & Blue" sheet, were produced, with the Society's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary emblem. They were sheets of 20, divisible by roulette into two panes of 10, one with marginal text and one without. The order number no longer appears on the sheet.



- 108.1 Smilers Sheet. Sold at £20.
- 108.2 Single stamps with label were sold at £1.



Stocks of the Colchester postcard No.5 were overprinted to mark the anniversary and sold at 50p. Cards 952-953 have been seen. Cards were not serviced, but privately used examples may exist.

- 108.3 Mint overprinted card.

**31 March 2007. 63<sup>rd</sup> Stamp Day.**

"StampEssex 2007" was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S. at their regular fair venue, Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh to mark its Golden Jubilee. There was no philatelic souvenir of this event.

**27 October 2007. Autumn Rally.**

This was hosted by AEPS at Braintree Community Centre, with an Awards Dinner at the White Hart Hotel in Braintree. There was no philatelic souvenir of this event.

**26 April 2008.**

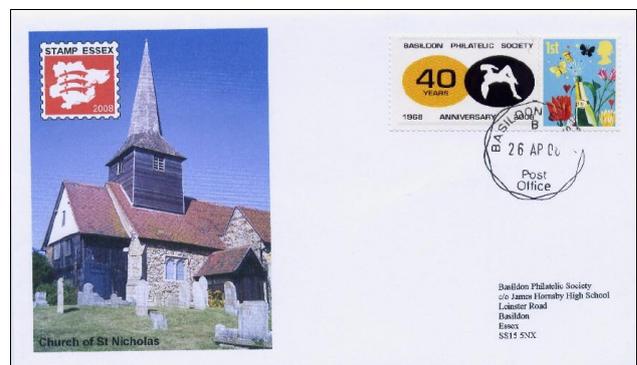
**64<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**



StampEssex 2008 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Basildon P.S., which hosted the event at the James Hornsby School in Laindon.

A "Celebration" self-adhesive Smilers sheet marking the Society anniversary was designed by Mr. C.W. Mead and printed by Royal Mail in six printings. Sold at £20, it contains two panes of 10 stamps. The majority of Printings 1 (15 sheets) and 2 (10 sheets) were used to produce covers and presentation packs. At least 8 sheets from Printing 1 and 2 from Printing 2 remained intact. Printing 3 (20 sheets) was damaged in the post and returned to Edinburgh for replacement – None were retained. Printings 4 (21 sheets), 5 (14 sheets) and 6 (10 sheets) were used to fulfil customer orders. On all printings, stamp R2/1 in the right-hand pane has a constant variety – part of a blue bubble from the background design intrudes into the top left of the label.

- 111.1 Smilers Sheet (1<sup>st</sup> Printing – 2309856).
- 111.2 - (2<sup>nd</sup> Printing – 2327883).
- 111.3 - (4<sup>th</sup> Printing – 2365192).
- 111.4 - (5<sup>th</sup> Printing – 2385414).
- 111.5 - (6<sup>th</sup> Printing – 2427654).



A cover was designed and printed by C.W. Mead showing St Nicholas Church Laindon and numbered from 001. Covers 001-050 were serviced with a Smilers stamp and received entwined ring counter handstamp "BASILDON ESSEX / B / 26. AP 08 / Post / Office". They were sold at £2. Only cover 050 contained the constant variety. Covers 051-060 were printed but not used. A cover exists with a facsimile stamp and a "SPECIMEN" backstamp. At

least one dummy cover was produced for postmark testing with a printed facsimile stamp and "DUMMY" on the front (Type 1). It was realised that this was contrary to regulations, so it was replaced with a "TEST" box in place of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class part of the stamp (Type 2). At least two were produced and handstamped as above.

- 111.6 Mint cover (051-055).
- 111.7 Specimen cover.
- 111.8 Dummy cover (Type 1).
- 111.9 Dummy cover (Type 2).
- 111.10 Serviced cover (001-049).
- 111.11 Serviced cover (variety) (050).



A presentation pack was designed and printed by Mr. Mead to mark the Society anniversary containing two Smilers stamps. They were sold at £2.75. 65 were produced, of which packs 050-055 contain the constant variety. A specimen pack exists containing facsimile stamps and handstamped "SPECIMEN" on the back.

- 111.12 Specimen presentation pack.
- 111.13 Issued pack – 001-049.
- 111.14 Issued pack (constant variety) – 050-055.



A self-adhesive publicity label showing the event emblem designed and printed by Mr. Mead was applied by Society members to correspondence prior to the event.

- 111.15 Sheet of labels.
- 111.16 Label used on correspondence.

### 27 September 2008.

### Autumn Rally.

This was hosted by Witham P.S. at Spring Lodge Community Centre. There was no philatelic souvenir of this event.

### 23 May 2009. 65<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.



This was hosted by Sudbury & District P.S. at St. Peter's Community Centre.

A Smilers sheet marking the event, using the 2005 self-adhesive "Red, White & Blue" sheet, was designed by Mr. M. Odell and printed by Royal Mail. The label showed Market Hill in 1790. Sold at £20, it contained two panes of 10 stamps (Two 5). The majority of the printing (3170847) was used to service covers. A number of sheets remained intact.

### 113.1 Smilers Sheet.



The cover was based on a painting by Mr. Odell based on a postcard printed circa 1950. It was serviced with a boxed datestamp "SUDBURY DO / 23 MAY 2009 / CO10 2GT".

- 113.2 Mint cover.
- 113.3 Serviced cover.
- 113.4 Cover signed by the artist.
- 113.5 Remaindered cover used for correspondence.

### 31 October 2009.

### Autumn Rally.

This was hosted by Shoeburyness & District P.S. at Great Wakering Primary School. There was no philatelic souvenir of this event.

### 5 June 2010.

### 66<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.

### StampEssex Festival of Stamps 2010.

This was hosted by AEPS at Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue. This

formed part of the Regional Programme of Festival of Stamps London 2010.

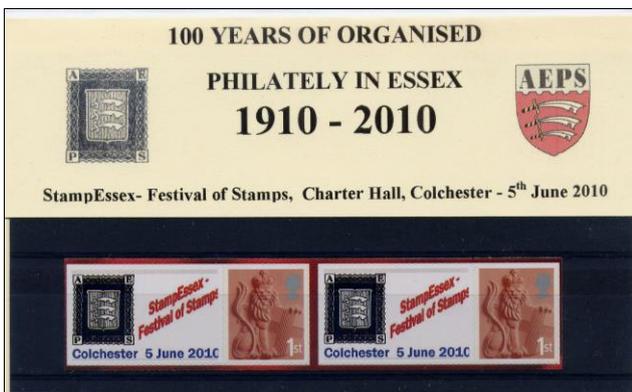
A "Glorious England" Smilers sheet was issued. The original draft design by Mr. L.C. Stanway with the current AEPS emblem and the Festival 2010 emblem was rejected by the Festival 2010 Steering committee. His revised design, adapted for production by Mr. C.W. Mead, incorporating the original AEPS emblem was used instead.

Two prototype sheets of 10 were ordered but these arrived as a single sheet of 20 with numbers on both halves. Subsequent orders were for sheets of 20 and these were numbered at the left only and were sold at £20.

- 115.1 Original rejected design.
- 115.2 Revised prototype design.
- 115.3 Adopted artwork.



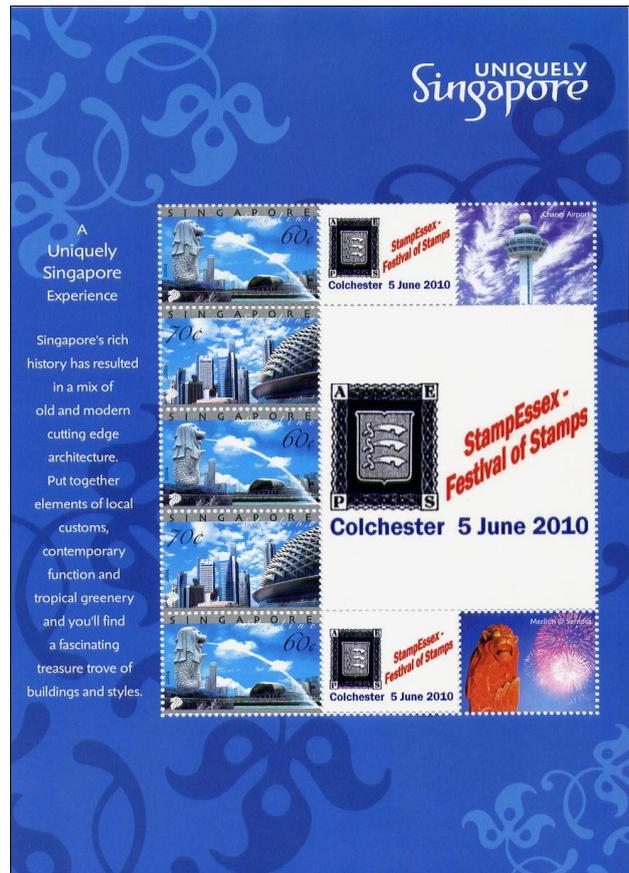
- 115.4 Prototype sheet (1) No. 3699854-sm11.
- 115.5 1<sup>st</sup> production batch (20) No. 3729277-sm37.
- 115.6 2<sup>nd</sup> production batch (20) No. 3867377-sm37.
- 115.7 3<sup>rd</sup> production batch (20) No. 3919232-sm37.



A presentation pack to mark the centenary of organised philately in Essex was designed and produced by Mr. Stanway, using sheets from the second batch. They were sold at £3.

- 115.8 Presentation pack (50).

Two "essay" MyStamp sheets were also ordered from Singapore Post, but it was decided not to proceed with this version for logistic reasons.



- 115.9 Singapore sheets (2).

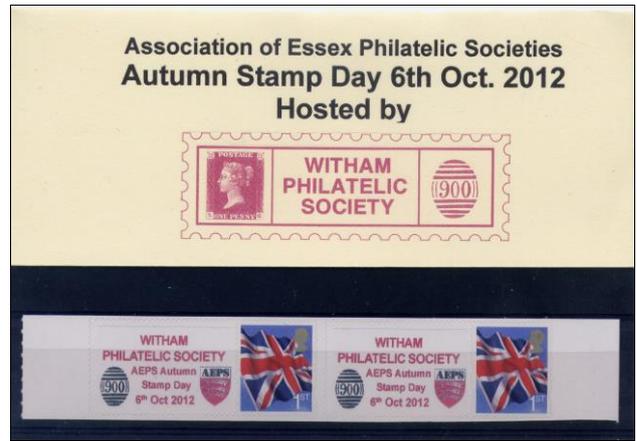
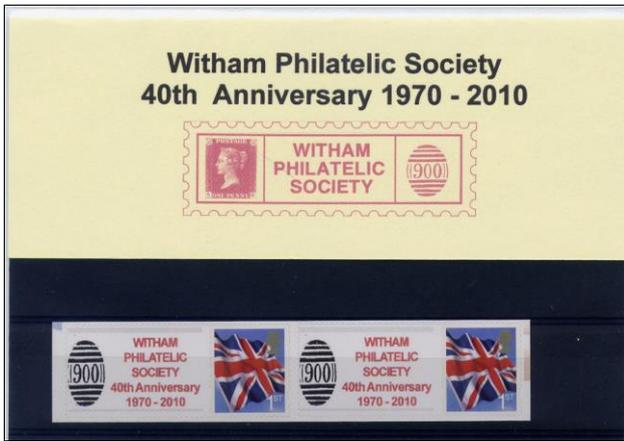
**2 October 2010.**

**Autumn Rally.**



This was hosted by Witham P.S. at Spring Lodge Community Centre. Thirteen Smilers sheets, based on the 2005 "Red, White & Blue" self-adhesive sheet, were printed to mark the society's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, of which one was used to produce ten presentation packs.

- 116.1 Smilers sheet (12).
- 116.2 Presentation pack (10).



120.2 Presentation pack.

**26 March 2011. 67th Stamp Day.**

This was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S. at Sweyne Park School and incorporated a meeting of Council. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

**27 April 2013. 69th Stamp Day.**

**15 October 2011. Autumn Rally.**

This was hosted by Benfleet & District P.S. at the Runnymede Hall, Thundersley. No philatelic souvenir was issued.



**19 May 2012. 68th Stamp Day.**

This was hosted by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S. at Leventhorpe Academy, Sawbridgeworth. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

“Spring StampEssex 2013” was hosted by Basildon P.S. at James Hornsby School, Laindon. Smilers sheets, based on the 2005 “Red, White & Blue” self-adhesive sheet, were printed to mark the event, some of which were used to produce presentation packs. The two printings can be differentiated, the second having a larger image, cropped at the edges. Sheets were sold at £22. 50 presentation packs containing pairs of stamps from the 2nd printing were produced and sold at £3. All items were designed by Mr. C.W. Mead and produced by Mr. L.C. Stanway.

**6 October 2012. Autumn Rally.**



121.1 Smilers sheet (1st printing – 5545037-sm15, 10 sheets)

121.2 - (2nd ptg – 006182359029, 30 sheets).

This was hosted by Witham P.S. at Spring Lodge Community Centre. Smilers sheets, based on the 2005 “Red, White & Blue” self-adhesive sheet, were printed to mark the event, some of which were used to produce presentation packs.



120.1 Smilers sheet.

121.3 Presentation pack (nos. 001-050).

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**28 October 2013. Autumn Rally.**

"Autumn StampEssex 2013" was hosted by Cheshunt & District P.S. at Cheshunt School. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**10 May 2014. 70<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

"Spring StampEssex 2014" was hosted by the AEPS Executive at Marconi Social Club, Chelmsford. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**25 October 2014. Autumn Rally.**

"Autumn StampEssex 2014" was hosted by Colchester & District P.S. at Stanway Village Hall. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**23 May 2015. 71<sup>st</sup> Stamp Day.**

"Spring StampEssex 2015" was hosted by Sudbury & District P.S. at the Thomas Gainsborough School, Great Cornard. A commemorative mug was offered.

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**25 October 2015. Autumn Rally.**

"Autumn StampEssex 2015" was hosted by Colchester & District P.S. at Stanway Village Hall. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**23 April 2016. 72<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Day.**

Spring StampEssex was hosted by Bury St. Edmunds & District P.S. at County Upper School. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**29 October 2016. Autumn Rally.**

Autumn StampEssex was hosted by AEPS at Hampton's Leisure, Great Baddow. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**25 March 2017. 73<sup>rd</sup> Stamp Day.**

Spring StampEssex was hosted by Rayleigh & District P.S. at Sweyne Park School. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**25 November 2017. Autumn Rally.**

Autumn StampEssex was hosted by AEPS at Hampton's Leisure, Great Baddow. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**28 April 2018. 74<sup>th</sup> Stamp Day.**

Spring StampEssex was hosted by Basildon P.S. at James Hornsby School, Laindon. No philatelic souvenir was issued.

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**2018. Autumn Rally.**

It was intended that the autumn event would be hosted by a local group of the Forces Postal History Society, but it did not take place, by which time it was too late to organise a separate event.

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## NOTES

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- 1 A 4d Festival of Britain version was offered at 8d for foreign addresses, but has not been recorded.
  - 2 A plain cover exists sent from the "Duke of York" inbound to Harwich on an appropriate date (30 May) to a known Dovercourt philatelist.
  - 3 A plain registered cover (0094) is also known posted on the same occasion to a known AEPS Officer.
  - 4 No surviving cover recorded.
  - 5 Also recorded dated 17 November 1968.
  - 6 It is not clear from surviving records whether this was 500 in total or 500 of each value. Reprinted during Summer 1973.
  - 7 Assumed to exist but not seen by the Editor.