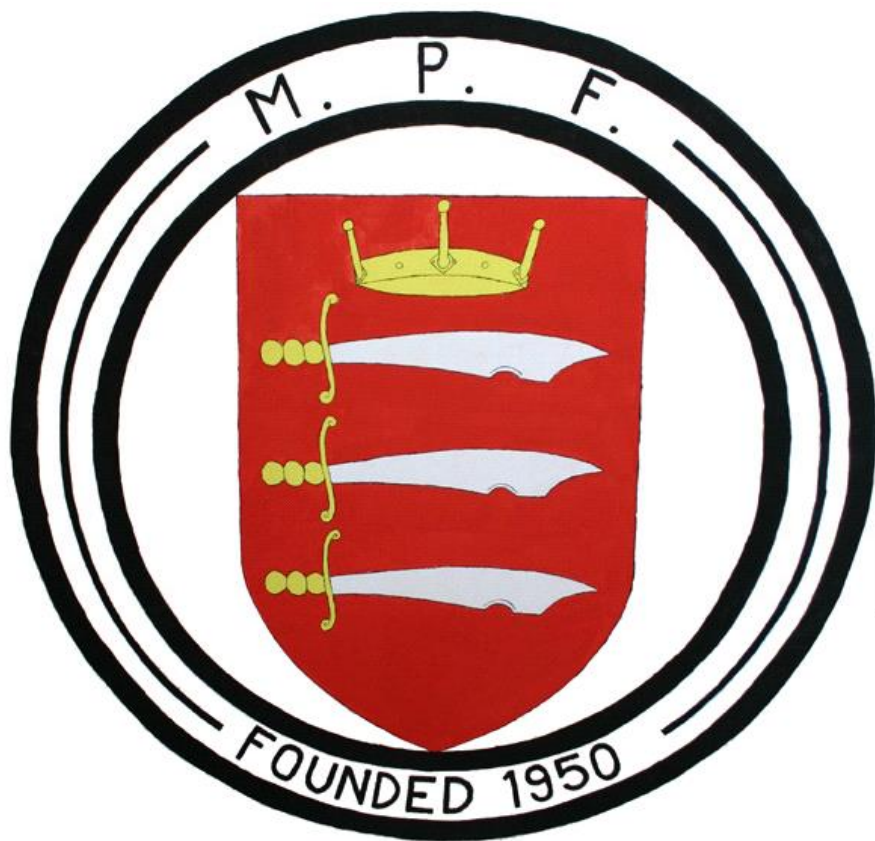


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**You will doubtless have noticed a number of vacancies in the list of jobs opposite – volunteers are VERY much wanted. If you think you might like to have a go at one of them, contact the Secretary. (Now would be a good time, in fact – while you're thinking of it!)**



## ... From The Editor's Desk

*Maurice Buxton*

Just a quick note of apology from all the editorial staff (i.e. me) for the long gap between issues.

Please don't let that stop you from sending in comments, news and

programme details, though – I hope to do better next time!

Feedback is of course very welcome. The editorial email address can be found on page 2.

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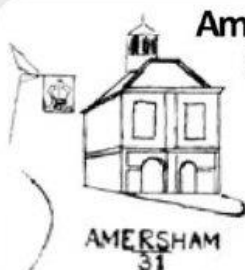
Last time I asked if anyone knew why the 1966 Stampex cancellation was a good item for a World Cup collection. The answer is that the trophy was actually stolen while on display at the Stanley Gibbons stand at the exhibition (and was famously later found under a hedge by a dog named Pickles). No-one was ever fingered for the crime, but attendances at the show were far greater that year due to all the publicity. Hmm ...

I did offer the kudos of your name in print for anyone getting the right answer, but only one person came up with it (with a note to the effect "that was easy, I bet you'll get lots of right answers for that"). Embarrassingly, the email he sent got lost when my computer crashed a while back, so please write again and it'll be in next time!

This issue's teaser concerns the legendary Bristol-born actor Mr Archibald Leach – better known to movie fans the world over as Cary Grant, and honoured on this US stamp issued on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2002. The question is: in which of his films is a rare stamp central to the plot?

### Competition Corner





**Amersham & District Philatelic Society**  
**1958 Diamond Jubilee 2018**

**60**  
**STAMPersham**

**Saturday 27 October 2018**

**In association with the Middlesex Philatelic Federation**

**Amersham & District PS Gala Event**  
**Celebrating our diamond Jubilee**

**in association with the Middlesex Philatelic Federation's**

**STAMP DAY**

**Dealers' Fair (10+ dealers)**  
**Auction viewing (500+ lots)**

**Competitions**  
**Raffle**

**Refreshments**  
**Souvenir Booklet**

**free gifts for young collectors**


**27 October 2018 10 am to 4 pm**


**Amersham Community Centre,**  
**Chiltern Avenue, Amersham HP6 5AH**


**Free parking courtesy Amersham Town Council**  
**Amersham station 200 yds**


**See our website [www.stampersham.org.uk](http://www.stampersham.org.uk) for more details and location**

## Society Contact Details

	<p><b>Amersham and District PS</b> <b>Meeting Place:</b> Barn Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, HP6 5AH <b>Day:</b> Thursday, 7 pm for 7.30 pm. <b>Frequency:</b> fortnightly, September – June <b>Contact:</b> Jim Drummond, Secretary: 01494 726418 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.stampersham.org.uk">www.stampersham.org.uk</a></p>
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	<p><b>Barnet and District PS</b> <b>Meeting Place:</b> St Johns URC Church Hall, Mowbray Road, New Barnet, EN5 1RH <b>Day:</b> first and third Monday Time: 7.45 pm for 8 pm <b>Frequency:</b> fortnightly, September – June <b>Contact:</b> Alan Harris, Secretary: 020 8449 3971 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.barnetphilatelic.co.uk">www.barnetphilatelic.co.uk</a></p>
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	<p><b>Pinner PS</b> <b>Meeting Place:</b> The Methodist Church Hall, Love Lane, Pinner <b>Day:</b> first Tuesday, 7.30 pm for 8 pm <b>Frequency:</b> monthly except August <b>Contact:</b> Richard Akers, Secretary, 01604 859813 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://pinnerps.wixsite.com/home">pinnerps.wixsite.com/home</a></p>
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	<p><b>Rickmansworth PS</b> <b>Meeting Place:</b> Roman Catholic Church of St John the Evangelist, Berry Lane, Mill End, WD3 7HG <b>Day:</b> first and third Thursdays, 7.45 pm <b>Frequency:</b> fortnightly <b>Contact:</b> Carl Barnes, Secretary, 01895 834694 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.icsc-uk.com/rps.htm">www.icsc-uk.com/rps.htm</a></p>
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### Ruislip PS

**Meeting Place:** South Ruislip Methodist Church, Queens Walk, South Ruislip HA4 0NL

**Day:** third Tuesday, 7.30 pm for 8 pm

**Frequency:** monthly September – July

**Contact:** Roger Hefford, Secretary,

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**Web:** [ruislipps.wix.com/ruislip-ps](http://ruislipps.wix.com/ruislip-ps)



### St Albans, Harpenden and District PS

**Meeting Place:** School Hall, Chidwickbury Estate, Harpenden Road, St Albans AL3 6JX

**Day:** third Wednesday (except 2nd Wednesday in December), 8 pm

**Frequency:** monthly, September – May

**Contact:** Peter Mellor, Secretary: 01582 762284

**Web:** [www.stalbharpstampclub.org.uk](http://www.stalbharpstampclub.org.uk)



### Watford & District PS

**Meeting Place:** ASDA Walmart, Watford, Community Life Centre (behind Mirror Colour Print, N. Western Av.)

**Day:** first Wednesday, 7.30 pm

**Frequency:** monthly, September – June

**Contact:** Brian Thurlow, Secretary, 01923 243243,

[wec@live.co.uk](mailto:wec@live.co.uk)



### West London PS

**Meeting Place:** The Church Hall, Woodlands Avenue, Acton, London W3 9BU

**Day:** first Tuesday, 7.45 pm for 8 pm

**Frequency:** monthly September – July

**Contact:** Chris Oliver, Secretary, 020 8940 9833

**Web:** [sites.google.com/site/westlondonphilatelicsociety](http://sites.google.com/site/westlondonphilatelicsociety)

## Society News

### Amersham and District PS

It has been a busy year with high quality displays from Brian Sole, Dominic Morris and Martin Roper from the Malaya Study Group plus our own members Tony Stanford, Mike Padmore, Tim Harrison and Nigel Perrins.

We also received a visit from Pinner PS represented by Loraine Maguire and Gordon Catto, reciprocated by our President Chris Marsh and David Lee. In addition on a visit to Bishop's Stortford Alan Williams gave a presentation about Jamaica and Tim Harrison on Estonia.

At the time of writing we are enjoying (suffering in some cases!) a dry heat wave, but only four months ago on 1 March we had to cancel and reschedule our Competitions Evening because of heavy snowfall.

The Editor Maurice was scheduled to present "George VI on Cover, Rates, Usages and More" on 15 February, but by 7.29 that evening there was no sign of him. The Programme Secretary and indeed the whole committee were shifting uneasily from one foot to the other,

asking ourselves how we could explain to the 22 members present why there was no speaker! However to our eternal relief Maurice entered the Barn Hall at 7.31 apologising profusely because his train had been held up on the line. After he recovered his breath and swigged a glass of water Maurice proceeded to give us an excellent talk backed up by many impressive covers.

Auctions are the lifeblood and the major source of revenue for our Society and we are greatly indebted to Les and Liz Gwilliam for organising them so professionally since 2003. In 2018 we have held two successful auctions with two more planned on 20 September and 29 November.

Our 60th anniversary will be celebrated in partnership with MPF on Saturday 27 October at our usual venue Amersham Community Centre, which is some 300 metres from Amersham Railway Station. Ten dealers have agreed to work with us and the MPF 2018 Competitions will be judged then.

We hope a lot of the members from the MPF clubs will support us.

At our request Amersham Town Council and Chiltern District Council have kindly agreed all visitors to the fair can enjoy free parking, which is a great advantage.

Alan Williams who has been our Treasurer since 2005 stood down at our Annual General Meeting on 24 May to be replaced by Mark Ladd. During Alan's tenure the cash assets of our Society have trebled which is testament to his stewardship. Some of these reserves will be used to subsidise our diamond anniversary. Alan remains Packet Secretary which is probably the most demanding job on the committee.

Also at the AGM Tim Harrison was appointed to a new position of Membership Secretary with Jim Drummond continuing as the General Secretary.

It is disappointing to learn that so many local philatelic clubs have closed in recent years the latest being Kodak & Harrow and we are grateful that so far we have managed to buck the trend by holding our membership around 100, some of whom are country members who sell into our auctions and circulating packets.

**Jim Drummond**  
Secretary and  
Acting Publicity Officer

## **Barnet and District PS**

**18 June 2018 Something for Everyone** - Rufus Barnes bought along a selection of no less than 175 sheets from his very wide ranging collection (or collections!).

We saw the early issues on cover from Christmas Island, when it was under administration by the Straits Settlements, issues from Abu Dhabi whilst it was under British rule from 1963-1966, and scarce FPO mail of the 1886/7 Burma War.

Rufus always delights with the most unusual, and often unique, items he has managed to acquire.

**4 June 2018 AGM** – There were some brisk sales of items brought along by members in the bourse that followed the meeting. The refreshments too seemed to go down well. So far as the AGM went there was some interesting input on how to make the Auctions more successful. All the existing officers



were re-elected, and John Turton is a very welcome new Committee Member of the Society.

**14 May 2018 Finland** - Sadly there was a misunderstanding with the church over the date booked, and Eric Keefe, along with all the members who had turned up were sent home again. We are most fortunate that Eric will now be showing his Finland display to us on 17th September.

**16 April 2018 Spring Auction** - Although the 349 lots were very varied and reasonably priced (from £0 to £60) sales were down compared to past years. There was a reasonable attendance but noticeably the sales nearly all appeared to go to a handful of those present. The Committee is open to suggestions on how this might be improved.

**19 March 2018 Quiz & Supper** - These evenings are always well attended by members and guests. The fish supper went down well, whilst the questions set by Bev Nicholls were quite challenging.

**5 March 2018 Competition Evening** - The two Brians from Watford PS cast their independent eyes over the three categories, and declared the

following winners: STAMPS Alan Harris (*Printing & Perforating the GB Decimal Commemoratives*), POSTAL HISTORY Dr Joachim Frank (*The South African War*), THEMATICS Trevor Milton (*Kakadu National Park*). The members present voted Alan's *GB Postal History 1560-1760* winner of the best overall display.

**19 February 2018 British Mails via Trans-Siberian Rail** - Aply assisted by his wife, Rosemary, Peter Pugh showed us the second half of his display which he began last February. This time he put up over 240 covers encompassing a very wide range of starting points and destinations, many of which took tortuous routes across Russia and Europe before being delivered to places such as Egypt, Nigeria and even South America.

**5 February 2018 A Bit of Everything** - With Ephemera being exhibited and competed for at Stampex this year for the first time there, Brian Merryweather's display was eagerly anticipated.

He did not disappoint, showing us how important such items as War Bonds, National Insurance Stamps, Unemployment Vouchers and National Savings Gift Tokens were in their time. His display of 20 frames

covered a wide range of items, all associated in some way with the postal system.

**15 January 2018 Specks and Spots -**

David Bird's second display to the society proved to be as entertaining and instructive as his first display last year. Having worked out for himself that almost all of the Commonwealth issues involved well documented varieties, such as

perforations, papers, watermarks, shades etc he had decided long ago to collect the transient and constant flaws that can occur just once in a sheet. He showed us examples from Queen Victoria to the present time, many of which were thought to be unique or very scarce. Some of which he had discovered himself, and which were as yet to be given recognised catalogue status.

## **St Albans, Harpenden & District PS**

Our April display was given by Robert Hill and was intriguingly entitled *The Travels of Harry Milner in South Africa 1908-1918*. He gave members and our (non-collector) visitors an excellent evening. Based on a collection of postcards sent by Harry from South Africa to one Hilda Hall in Yorkshire.

Harry's journeying in Cape Colony and Orange River Colony, and in German East Africa during WWI was vividly brought to life by the material shown and Robert's talk. We speculated as to whether marriage would be the outcome.

The evening concluded with some splendid pre-WWII South African material and cancellations including rare cork and skeleton cancels and

items associated with Sir Malcolm Campbell's land speed attempts at Verneuk Pan in 1929.

The season ended with our AGM on 9th May, which included the appointment of Colin Smart as our new Chairman. Discussions followed on display board and on "Stampfest", the event we are planning for October to bring our hobby to the general public.

The evening continued with a display by Peter Mellor entitled *Dear Doctor* that featured the advertising campaigns run by pharmaceutical companies La Biomarine and Abbott, using picture postcards posted to doctors from locations as varied as Pitcairn and Lundy. An unusual form of Junk mail!

## Watford PS

We started the new year with a visit from Peter Coe who entertained us with a display of United States air mail stamps on cover. Peter showed an interesting range of material, which included first flight and other commemorative covers.

It was also very refreshing to see modern commercial covers, an area which so many collectors seem to overlook. "Postal history" is still happening today!

February is always earmarked for the nine page competitions. This year the winners were Brian Coates in the Traditional Class with *British Administration in Cyprus*, Brian Coates in the Postal History Class with *GB Outgoing Mail 1870-1880*

and Wayne Cox in the Thematic Class with *Watch This Space*.

Our March meeting was called The Two Brians Entertain. Our two Honorary Vice Presidents, Messrs Thurlow and Coates, gave displays with a wide variety of items, some of which we had not seen before.

Brian C showed GB, including Book Post, Newspaper Post and Perfins. Brian T showed Lebanon, Iceland, Spain and Switzerland, the latter accompanied by a selection of Goss china showing the crests of various Swiss towns and Cantons.

We held our annual auction in April. 178 lots covering a wide range of countries and themes were duly knocked down by Brian Thurlow.

## West London PS

We enjoyed a visit from Bookham Stamp Club in April. Having honeymooned in Antigua John Jordan has Antigua village postmarks as his philatelic first love. Leeward Island stamps were used up until 1956 when Antigua began issuing its own stamps. Collecting is made difficult by the fact that some parishes and post offices have changed their names.

Michael Cope's display was of the Illustrated postal stationery cards of the Belgian Congo & the mandated territories of Ruanda and Urundi. A collector of Belgian philately, Michael had never visited the African colonies of that country but was fascinated by the four issues of postal cards & three more overprinted issues. The cards showed many aspects of the

countries and the postmarks used. He explained the political background and the need for overprints to accommodate rate changes.

We visited the new Postal Museum on 22nd May. Eight members of the

society attended this event and although enjoyable, particularly the Mail Rail journey on the old underground postal railway, we would have liked to see a special cancellation, postcards available and a posting box.

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## Great Britain Philatelic Society “Machin Day”

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The GBPS ([www.gbps.org.uk](http://www.gbps.org.uk)) meeting this November is devoted to all things Machin, held along the lines of their previous successful “Penny Red Days”.



The meeting is at the Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, from 11am though to about 4pm, and begins with a display by Scott Kibby followed by contributions “from the floor”.

Do you have a new theory to air with your peers, or a problem with which you would like some help? Non-members with an interest in Machins are invited to come along, and indeed to bring some material to show if they wish. Please contact Andy Donaldson ([programme@gbps.org.uk](mailto:programme@gbps.org.uk)) for details.

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### Great Moments in Philately #217

*George Binkelhoffer  
discovers the only known copy  
of SG Z1  
Unused in Malta*



MEMORY LANE

## The “London Gang” – Famous Stamp Forgers

Every now and then you spot an item which just “rings a bell”, such as the registered letters shown here, seen on eBay and Delcampe.

One is an 1886 cover to the USA with a late use of the 2½d rosy-mauve Plate 12. The contents, however, were what caught the eye. The letter was on headed notepaper of a stamp dealer called Sarpy, an infamous name from the era – one of the “London Gang” of forgers, Benjamin, Sarpy and Jeffryes.

Engraver George Jeffryes, of Grove Road, Bow, started his career as a forger young. He was only 15 when,

in 1883, Moëns exposed his bogus Columbian/Ecuadorian surcharges in *Le Timbre-Poste*. He became known in the trade as “Dos y Medio”, from the surcharge that he applied to his first Colombian forgeries.

At this time Jeffryes got to know one Alfred Benjamin (some five years his senior), a partner in a City stamp business, notorious for fakes and forgeries. In 1885 the *Stamp Collectors Journal* published a highly complimentary “interview” with the owners, written pseudonymously by “Hippolyte”. As it happens, Hippolyte was the middle name of one Julian Sarpy, proprietor of a stamp





business at Peckham. In view of his later career he was likely the author.

The letter in this cover (heading above) is from this period. Written by Sarpy on Boxing Day 1885, it is short and slightly peevish and reads:

*"Your favour of the 10th instant returning 3 of our approval sheets and \$2.00 as remittance came duly to hand. We have credited you with 15c and shall be glad to receive the other sheet back. Kindly return it as soon as possible. We beg to enclose you herewith two more sheets and trust you will not keep them as long as the last. Trusting to have an early reply, we remain, Respectfully yours, J.Sarpy & Co."*

How many of the stamps on the sheets he sent out were actually genuine is a matter for speculation!

Benjamin dissolved his partnership c.1886 and sailed for Australia. On his return in 1888 the London Gang

set up in business at 1 Cullum Street, in the City – the "brains" of the operation most probably Benjamin. He and Sarpy minded the store; Jeffryes engraved plates and printed forgeries, providing much of the stock but not actively selling.

The shop itself was grubby and ill-lit; the back was partitioned off, to prevent customers seeing anything questionable that might be going on. A notice in small handwriting, pasted on the wall next to a gas bracket, said Benjamin would not be responsible for the genuineness of any stamps bought in the shop unless he gave a written guarantee at the time of purchase. It was obscured by a card reading "This is my busy day". Curiously, the firm's trade card was quite explicit. It read:

*"BENJAMIN & SARPY – Dealers in all kinds of facsimiles, faked surcharges, and fiscal postals – 1 Cullum Street, London, EC. Fakes of all descriptions supplied on the shortest notice."*



Jeffryes continued to improve his engraving technique. His most successful forgeries were of New South Wales “Sydney Views” and Grenada “Chalon Heads”, and proved to be so remunerative that Benjamin named his house “Sydney View Villa”. Chris Harman, current chairman of the RPSL Expertising Committee, rates them as excellent forgeries (the plates are in the RPSL collection).

The second cover above was sent by Jeffryes from his home address, and again the name caught my eye! It went to Julius Goldner, a Hamburg dealer who in the 1890s dealt in and produced forgeries. It is not known if Jeffryes did work for him, but it certainly sounds possible.

Also, there are two different perfins on this cover, neither of which have an obvious connection with Jeffryes. The 1d lilac perfin is unclear, but the 3d stamps are perfined “WADE” – Richard Wade Sons & Co, Timber Importers and Preservers, based in Hull, Grimsby, and elsewhere. Possibly the London Gang accepted perfined stamps as payment, or acted as “receivers” for sheets of them as the Post Office would not.

In December 1891 a notorious faker was committed for trial on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences by selling forgeries and fakes to a well-known stamp dealer. With this precedent, the Philatelic Protection Association laid infor-



mation about the London Gang with the police, who on Christmas Eve 1891 arrested them for forging foreign stamps and conspiracy.

When Jeffryes was arrested, a parcel containing many stamps was later found in the cab that took him to the police station. When charged he said: "There are fakes in every trade. I admit I have done printing, and have faked up stamps for Benjamin and Sarpy, but I have done nothing for them for some time." Benjamin and Sarpy both said they had been expecting this for a while.

The trial between March 11th and 14th 1892 at the Central Criminal Court was a philatelic cause célèbre. In the course of his opening speech, prosecuting counsel caused laughter among leading philatelists present by stating that Benjamin and Sarpy had taken "out the ink marks from

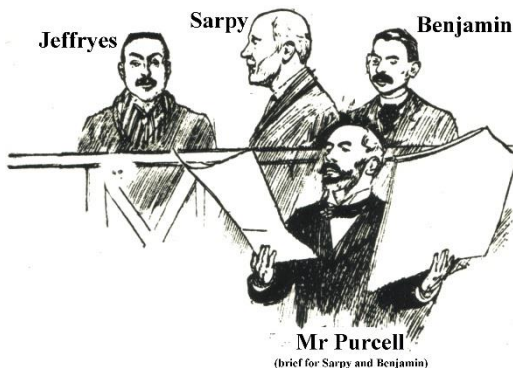
some stamps called 'Sydney Views'. Having taken the ink marks out of the stamps, they added postmarks to them, and sold them as New Zealand fiscal stamps." Er, quite. Nice to see a lawyer really on top of his brief, isn't it ...

Stamps found in the parcel left in the cab were produced in court and were testified to be forgeries. The accused brought no testimony other than character witnesses (although the disclaimer card in the shop was mentioned as a defence point), and the jury returned a 'Guilty' verdict after brief consideration.

Jeffryes was sentenced to four months hard labour, and Benjamin and Sarpy to six months hard labour each. The latter two continued in the philatelic trade after their release, but this time confined their dealing to genuine stamps.

**Source:** *The Postage Stamp – Its History and Recognition*, L.N. & M. Williams, (1956), chapter 23.

This is a Pelican paperback, and well worth picking up if you happen to see a copy available at a bookstall.





## Dates For Your Diary

### October

- |    |                       |   |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1  | Barnet & District     | <i>Philatelic Mail</i> – Maurice Buxton   |
| 2  | Pinner                | <i>GB King George VI Rates and Usages</i> – Maurice Buxton  |
| 2  | West London           | Members' Displays – <i>Fountains</i>  |
| 3  | Watford & District    | Visit from Pinner Philatelic Society  |
| 4  | Amersham & District   | 'Another Bloody Railway' ( <i>British Mail from the Far East via the Trans-Siberian Railway 1903-12</i> ) – Peter Pugh    |
| 15 | Barnet & District     | <i>Seychelles</i> – David Cox   |
| 16 | Ruislip               | Autumn Auction  |
| 17 | St Albans & Harpenden | <i>Overseas for a Halfpenny 1879-1949</i> – Peter Mellor  |
| 18 | Amersham & District   | <i>Battleships</i> – Phillip Cant   |
| 18 | Rickmansworth         | Visit from Luton Philatelic Society   |
| 27 | Amersham & District   | Stampersham60 ( <i>Amersham Community Centre HP6 5AH</i> )  |
| 27 | St Albans & Harpenden | "Stampfest" – Bringing our Hobby to a Wider Public<br>( <i>St Albans County Club, 29 Ridgmont Rd, St Albans AL1 3AG</i> ) |

### November

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|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1  | Amersham & District   | <i>Aspects of Malaya</i> – Len Stanway  |
| 2  | Rickmansworth         | Members' Winter Auction   |
| 5  | Barnet & District     | <i>Armistice Centenary, World War I</i> – Don Knight  |
| 6  | Pinner                | Annual Auction  |
| 6  | West London           | <i>Cinderellas of World War I and II</i> – Stuart Henderson   |
| 7  | Watford & District    | <i>Exhibitions, Part 2</i> – Jim McKerrow   |
| 14 | St Albans & Harpenden | <i>Bismarck to the Fall of the Wall</i> – Max Schroeder<br><i>Aviation, Flying (and Aircraft Stamps)</i> – Richard Sumner |
| 15 | Amersham & District   | <i>Unusual Aspects of Modern GB</i> – Dr Jean Alexander   |
| 19 | Barnet & District     | Autumn Auction  |
| 20 | Ruislip               | <i>Pot Pourri</i> – Gordon Catto  |
| 22 | Rickmansworth         | An Evening with Jim McKerrow  |
| 29 | Amersham & District   | Winter Auction  |

### December

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 3  | Barnet & District     | <i>Royal Mail Christmas</i> – Trevor Milton                  |
| 4  | Pinner                | President's Evening – The Committee Entertains               |
| 5  | Watford & District    | President's Evening  |
| 12 | St Albans & Harpenden | Christmas Social (Bourse, 3 Sheet Competition, Quiz, Raffle) |
| 13 | Amersham & District   | An Informal Meeting  |
| 17 | Barnet & District     | Christmas Social with 1 Sheet and Postcard Competitions      |

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| 18 | Ruislip       | Members Displays S-Z and Christmas Fare |
| 20 | Rickmansworth | Christmas Event and Mini Auction        |

## January

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 2  | Watford & District    | Visiting speaker (to be announced)             |
| 7  | Barnet & District     | <i>The Secretary Entertains</i> – Alan Harris  |
| 8  | Pinner                | <i>Mail by Rail</i> – Nick Ridge               |
| 8  | West London           | President's Evening                            |
| 9  | St Albans & Harpenden | Visit from Leighton Buzzard Philatelic Society |
| 15 | Ruislip               | Grand Auction                                  |
| 21 | Barnet & District     | Visit from Enfield Philatelic Society          |
| 24 | Amersham & District   | An Evening with an ABPS Judge                  |

## February

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 4  | Barnet & District     | <i>World War I</i> – Alan Tunkel   |
| 5  | Pinner                | Annual Competitions, plus Quiz   |
| 5  | West London           | Members' Displays – <i>Mountains</i>                                       |
| 6  | Watford & District    | Annual Cup Competition   |
| 7  | Amersham & District   | President's Evening  |
| 18 | Barnet & District     | <i>Spots &amp; Specs 3</i> – David Bird<br><i>Cyprus</i> – David Sherman   |
| 19 | Ruislip               | <i>Royal Visits</i> – Peter Burrows  |
| 20 | St Albans & Harpenden | Members' Displays – 'M or N'   |
| 21 | Amersham & District   | <i>Stamps of Iraq – 1918 to the Assassination of Faisal II</i> – John Shaw |

## March

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 4  | Barnet & District     | Bourse and Competitions                            |
| 5  | Pinner                | Visit from Watford and District Philatelic Society |
| 5  | West London           | <i>Abyssinia, 1867-68</i> – Peter Shapiro          |
| 6  | Watford & District    | <i>Zululand Postal History</i> – Andy Mydleton     |
| 7  | Amersham & District   | Spring Auction                                     |
| 18 | Barnet & District     | Supper and Quiz – Bev Nicholls                     |
| 19 | Ruislip               | Paul Stanley Entertains                            |
| 20 | St Albans & Harpenden | <i>Austrian Allsorts</i> – Fin O'Donoghue          |

## April

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|---|--------------------|--|
| 1 | Barnet & District  | Members' Displays – <i>Peace and Love</i>      |
| 2 | Pinner             | Visit from Leighton Buzzard Philatelic Society |
| 2 | West London        | A visit from a neighbouring society            |
| 3 | Watford & District | Annual Auction                                 |

4	Amersham & District	<i>A Selection of Tasmania</i> – Patrick Reid
10	St Albans & Harpenden	<i>'Another Bloody Railway' (British Mail from the Far East via the Trans-Siberian Railway 1903-12)</i> – Peter Pugh
15	Barnet & District	Spring Auction
16	Ruislip	Jim McKerrow's Miscellany
18	Amersham & District	<i>Imperial Civil Censorship in World War II</i> – Peter White

## May

1	Watford & District	AGM and Members' Displays
2	Amersham & District	<i>The 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee</i> – John Davies
7	Pinner	<i>Forensic Philately</i> – Paul Leonard
7	West London	Display by a member
8	St Albans & Harpenden	AGM and <i>Kingdom of Prussia</i> – Joe Neumann
15	Pinner	Visit to Leighton Buzzard Philatelic Society
16	Amersham & District	<i>Lovely Little Liechtenstein</i> – Fin O'Donoghue
20	Barnet & District	AGM, Bourse and Refreshments
21	Ruislip	AGM and Members' Displays up to 6 pages
30	Amersham & District	AGM and Members' Display

## June

3	Barnet & District	Visit from Amersham Philatelic Society
4	Pinner	AGM and J. B. Williamson and Single Sheet competitions
4	West London	AGM and Bourse
6	Watford & District	S. A. Jones Cup letters 'D' to 'F' and the Vic Punter Memorial Trophy single page competition
13	Amersham & District	Summer Auction
17	Barnet & District	<i>Social Philately</i> – Derek Weston
18	Ruislip	Summer Auction

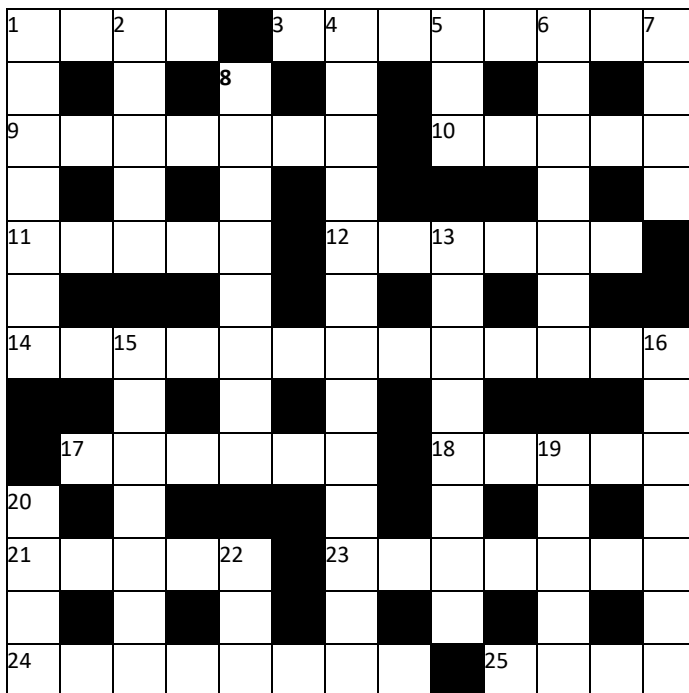
## July

2	Pinner	Members' Displays – Recent Acquisitions
2	West London	Members' Displays – Letter 'J'
16	Ruislip	<i>Kingdoms of Italy</i> – Mike Peascod

## Crossword Answers from the last edition:

Across: 1. Mingle 4. Nutmeg 8. Locum 9. Cascade 10. Cheddar 11. Alias 12. Sarcastic 17. Loyal 19. Natural 21. Wealthy 22. Boast 23. Reside 24. Worsen  
Down: 1. Malice 2. Nucleus 3. Lamed 5. Upstart 6. Miami 7. Grease 9. Certainly 13. Related 14. Cereals 15. Flower 16. Gluten 18. Yeats 20. Taboo

# Bulletin Crossword



## Across

1. Items stolen from Waterloo train (4)
3. Times are changing for Arab lands (8)
9. Pathetic cooking pot I use (7)
10. Belief in crusade is mistaken (5)
11. Keep away from a vacuum (5)
12. French engineer with life revolving around iron (6)
14. Ken telling duo about jazz star (4,9)
17. Short head not turning in US city (6)
18. Containers for a musical instrument, we hear (5)
21. Musical native not beginning to go west (5)
23. Supervise poetry in Old English (7)
24. For example, good liquor – not all that is used in the kitchen (3,5)
25. Remarkable achievement – chef's last to have a meal (4)

## Down

1. Boy accepts scheme in northern region (7)
2. Cap or old hat found before party (5)
4. Assorted molecules as in material (13)
5. Staff travelled endlessly (3)
6. Three-pronged spear I'd put in river (7)
7. Not all like this with yours truly (4)
8. Thick socks might be the cure for this failure of courage (4,4)
13. Is he going in to discover it's over? (9)
15. Currently sheltered by royal arch (7)
16. Sodium smell coming into existence (7)
19. Actors beginning to exhibit class (5)
20. Fund-raising event, perhaps, with Tory leader in charge (4)
22. Remains after burning tree (3)