

Welcome to the eighteenth edition of our newsletter!

January 2010

Well, I have finally been able walk into town without slipping over. Now looking at more potholes than ever, although they are still outnumbered by Royal Mail new issues! Another casualty was our January meeting, the centre of Macclesfield resembling St Moritz rather than the Silk Town. The only regrets I have heard came from my son, missing the sledging at the end of the garden. We have another full issue, lacking only a report on Norton's sadly missed Swiss Charity display. I could have done with a St Bernard & his precious cargo!

*Ralph Melville*

### Royal Mail's musical stamps: the licks you can lick

In the late Seventies, the Clash were leading punk's raucous assault on the pop establishment, muscling aside all the old prog-rock dinosaurs and hollering agitprop battle-cries with a raw, rabble-rousing fervour. From next week, they'll be appearing on an envelope near you, as one of the star turns in Royal Mail's latest batch of stamps.

The cover of London Calling, their monumental third album, features a picture of the band's Paul Simonon smashing his Fender Precision bass on stage. It's still one of the most enduring images of pop's most turbulent era, and there is a piquant irony in seeing it now with the Queen's silhouette sitting serenely in the corner overlooking such a scene of mayhem.



The 10 new stamps, also include: Pink Floyd's The Division Bell (top left), Coldplay's A Rush of Blood to the Head (top right), Primal Scream's Screemadelica (bottom right), Blur's Parklife, New Order's Power, Corruption and Lies, the Stones' Let It Bleed, Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells, Led Zeppelin's fourth (untitled) album, and Bowie's Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars. Purveyors of some of rock and roll's greatest licks — now ready to be licked.

*The Telegraph*

## January 2010 Meeting

It should have been an evening when we were to view Swiss stamps with snow capped mountains instead it was the icy pavements and frozen car parks that caused the cancellation of our first meeting of the decade.

I never remember actually seeing the pavements and surrounding areas in such a poor condition, when I visited the area around eleven o'clock. I had not been the first on the scene as Alan Dinnis had already been in the Town and had sent me an E mail to the same effect, but when I arrived home there was also a message from our friends at the Silk Museum to say that everybody else had cancelled their meetings, and some of their staff had fallen getting to work in the morning. Whilst the surrounding minor roads might have melted during the day the forecast was for freezing conditions to return very soon and judging from my afternoon walk with our two dogs they were well on the way by 3.30pm.

I would particularly like to thank Norton Wragg our speaker for the evening as I know he had gone to a great deal of trouble to prepare a most interesting presentation for us and one everybody looked forward to, but it was apparent from my conversations with many members they were simply unable to get out and Norton's presentation deserved a full house. So instead of turning out I trust Members has spent the evening preparing their competition entries for next month.

*Peter Kirk*

## Sherlock Holmes stamps with added mystery

Guernsey Post has put an unusual twist on stamp collecting with its latest new issue, a set commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes. Commissioning Keith Robinson, the illustrator and animator, to design the stamps, Guernsey Post has found itself sponsoring the writing of a new mystery story called Sherlock Holmes and the Curious Case of the Alderney Bull. Unlike other reconstructions of classic authors' work — such as Sebastian Faulks's James Bond story and Return to the Hundred Acre Wood, in which David Benedictus writes in the style of A. A. Milne — the new Holmes story was written specifically to provide material for a set of six carefully drawn stamps. A keen Holmes enthusiast, it was Robinson's idea to enliven the commemorative issue with a new Holmes plot.

Robinson has drawn the stamps in a style that borrows from the designs of Sidney Paget, the artist who illustrated Conan Doyle's original work, but also incorporates buildings and landscapes from Alderney, an island within the Guernsey bailiwick. By writing his own new tale, Robinson was also able to make connections between Holmes and Alderney, links that did not exist in the original stories. The new Holmes story starts with the theft of an Alderney bull, a breed of livestock much prized in the late 19th century for the richness and quantity of milk produced by the cows. Americans became especially keen on acquiring the stock.

A 43p stamp depicts the arrest of a herdsman and Holmes examining a coded message found in his jacket. Police assume that the herdsman is implicated in the crime because the writing on the note is similar to that found on the Alderney harbour wall. A part-built lighthouse subsequently becomes the focus of Holmes's attentions and the final — 77p — stamp shows Dr Watson with revolver in hand and the man who Holmes has concluded is guilty of the crime being apprehended.

In another unusual philatelic development, Guernsey Post has also produced a "mystery pack", which includes the full written story and special minting of the stamps on which there is an invisible image that can be seen only with the special magnifying glass supplied. It is a quirk which gives attentive collectors the chance to piece together additional parts of the plot of the Curious Case of the Alderney Bull.

Conan Doyle was born on May 22, 1859. His first collection of short stories, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, was published in 1892. The last of the books, The Case Book of Sherlock Holmes, appeared in 1927. Conan Doyle was knighted in 1902 and died, at the age of 71, in 1930. The simple set of Guernsey Post stamps costs £3.17 with a presentation pack available for £3.97. The mystery pack is £9.99. Collectors outside Guernsey may find it easiest to acquire the stamps online. Full details can be found at: [www.sherlockstamps.com](http://www.sherlockstamps.com)



*Robert Cole, The Times*

## To be frank, these stamps aren't worth a damn

The Royal Mail's tawdry issues and designs are making philately, once a hobby fit for a king, into a slightly seedy investment business.

A press release arrived just before Christmas – by email rather than in the post – to announce the glad news that 2010 is the year of the Festival of Stamps: "a year-long festival of exhibitions and events celebrating stamps, their design and postal heritage" promoted by the British Postal Museum and Archive. Its ambitions are quite legitimate: to "show the important role that stamps play in our lives: as a key part of the nation's heritage they form the world's biggest public art gallery".

Why this year? Not least, it seems, because 2010 is the centenary of the accession to the throne of the most famous stamp collector in our history, George V, who collected stamps from childhood. In 1840 the first stamp in the world – the penny black – was created with his grandmother's head on it. During the next 61 years of her reign many different denominations, series and varieties of stamps gave collectors such as her grandson a field day: and collectors today still wallow in the joys of philatelic Victoriana.

The hobby's great impetus in the 19th and early 20th centuries was not given only by British stamps, though. As the British Empire turned much of the map red, the new territories began to issue their own stamps. These had a magnetic attraction to collectors, too, and provided a geography lesson to millions of small boys.

The royal collection, now housed at St James's Palace, was begun by one of Queen Victoria's sons, Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh. George V greatly expanded it and spent much of his own money on it, pursuing rarities from around the Empire. It is almost certainly the best collection in the world, and, although the King died nearly 75 years ago, that it is so is largely down to the standards he set. That he deserves this commemoration for his feat is beyond question.

Yet stamp collecting today is in a bad way. I do not mean as a form of investment – those who bought rare stamps a decade or two ago have seen returns on their outlay far superior to those the stock market or a pension fund has been able to provide. Small boys may no longer be interested in the pursuit – computer games appear to have seen to that – but stamp dealers continue to make a healthy living with the support of adult collectors who are putting together serious assets. However, to say that stamps today lack the romance and interest of those a half-century or century ago would be an understatement. This is not because we have lost an empire and have yet to find a new philatelic role with which to replace it: it is because the very philosophy of stamps has changed. Stamps are now, it seems, produced largely for collectors and only incidentally for postage: and the whole business has become, morally, a little seedy.

For the sake of contrast, let us go back to George V. During his reign there were various different designs and printings of definitive stamps: not to give collectors something to collect, but because of technological changes in the printing processes. As with the stamp issues of the King's predecessors, there were inevitable variations of shade and watermark. Some rarities from stamp books had the watermarks inverted, sideways or reversed, and occasionally missing altogether. Shades were a trickier business. Especially during the Great War, there were problems with inks, many of which had fugitive colours, and these make the definitive stamps of the first half of George V's reign among the most interesting and exciting for collectors today. The simple penny red had 16 different shades, the halfpenny 18, but the ne plus ultra is the twopenny-halfpenny blue with its 19 shades, including such poetic ones as Prussian blue, powder blue and (the most delicate of all) pale milky blue.

One could argue that the rot set in during this reign, with the invention in 1924 of the commemorative stamp, to mark the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. However, over the ensuing 12 years before the King's death there were only three other commemorative sets, one of them (in 1925) an exact repeat of the 1924 issue, with the date changed. The other two marked the Universal Postal Union Congress of 1929 and the Silver Jubilee of 1935. The UPU included a £1 stamp – its face value equivalent to a week's wages at the time for an under-housemaid – which is probably the most beautiful stamp ever issued in this country, a somewhat reactionary (though with a tinge of art deco), black-and-white representation of St George slaying the dragon. In perfect condition, the UPU £1 is now worth more than £1,000.

By contrast, our own stamps today are rather tawdry. Perhaps this, like our toytown coinage, reflects our decline as a power: or perhaps it is just a lack of imagination on the part of the Royal Mail, coupled with their greedy desire to exploit collectors for money they are losing elsewhere. The lack of imagination comes in our definitive stamps, unchanged in design for 42 years now. The minimalist

representation of the Queen by Arnold Machin has many admirers, not least the Royal Mail itself, which talks up this bland and outdated design at every opportunity. To me it smells of the worst of the Sixties and, like the temporary tower blocks that also distinguished that decade, should be consigned to memory. The Queen's diamond jubilee, just two years away, would seem to be an appropriate juncture for the Royal Mail to break out a new design, and perhaps one that is less bland and Wilsonian, and more in spirit with the elegant design by Dorothy Wilding that was on the first stamps of this reign.

The 2010 stamp programme contains 16 commemorative issues, the same number as issued between 1924 and 1960. The trouble with issuing commemorative stamps sparingly is that the scope for the Royal Mail to make money out of them shrinks. I can see why the Royal Mail is releasing a set on May 6 to celebrate the centenary of George V's accession, for that seems like a genuine event to commemorate. But what is the point of next Thursday's issue commemorating "classic album covers", for heaven's sake? Or August 19's breathlessly long-awaited "stage musicals"? Less might just mean more, in terms of philatelic standards, though not on Royal Mail's balance sheets.

If they can't bear to stop exploiting collectors for profit, then at least let them try more sophisticated ways – reintroducing watermarks, for example – to cheer everybody up, and ensure there were amusing varieties of them. Pumping out stamps to mark all sorts of pointless things and events is what banana republics do: and we must try to cling to the belief that we are not quite there yet.

*Simon Heffer, The Telegraph*

### **Spring Competitions 2010.**

As has already been announced, it has been decided to lighten the load at the Annual Convention and to hold the 'Intersociety Rose Bowl' and the 'John Crowther 3 Discipline Inter Society' competitions in the Spring, to coincide with our AGM.

We would appreciate having the entries in by the 20th March so as to give adequate time for judging. This first year we are willing to accept either original material or photo-copies but we must emphasise that **INSURANCE OF THE ORIGINAL MATERIAL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER AND NOT THE N.W.FEDERATION.**

We would also like to see the 'Rose Bowl Comp' presented as a 16 sheet entry and would appreciate it the local societies could alter their rules to suit. This would bring it into line with national rules and ensure a level playing field for all.

Ideally we would wish to see all societies in the Federation enter both comps. and not just the few regulars - why not have 'go' this year and see what happens?

Using photo-copies for judging and display is proving to be a popular move and also means that the owner can keep track of his valuable material all the time.

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*Alan Randall Jones*

### **Visiting the Festival of Stamps?**

Want to help promote the hobby to young collectors?

If you are visiting the Festival of Stamps in London in May, and are able to spare an hour or two in a good cause, then Stamp Active Network are urgently looking for volunteers to man their stand at the exhibition.

The main focus of activities for children will be on Saturday 15th May but we need people to look after the stand from 8th – 14th May, particularly on the 8th, 9th and 14th when more children are likely to visit. It will mainly involve giving out leaflets and goodie bags to any visiting children, and receiving any donations of material for our use in promoting youth philately. No CRB clearance is necessary.

Our small band of regular volunteers desperately need extra assistance to cover the whole period of the exhibition. If you feel you can be of any assistance and would like more information, please contact Dave Armitage by e-mail at [davearmitage@btopenworld.com](mailto:davearmitage@btopenworld.com) or phone 01279 503625.

*Dave Armitage*

## RSA - Coil stamp wrappers

On the 4th of July 1982, the 4th Definitive series, known as the "South African Architecture" or more widely the "Building series" was issued.

Four additional values were printed for the vending machines. These coil stamps once made in rolls of 500, were sealed with a protective white paper wrapper.

These unwatermarked wrappers have been found in different lengths that are between 20 to 28 cm. and wide about 3cm.

The paper used for the wrappers, which is of very poor quality, when viewed under the UV lamp, is white luminescent but some of them do not have any reaction because normal paper was utilized. All the wrappers so far seen were printed over three lines in black colour and only in Afrikaans and although no English version has been yet recorded in all probability were printed. The printing reads "500 SEELS TEEN...C ELK/WAARDE R.../STAATDRUKKER.

As you can see from the enclosed pictures (Fig.1), the face value and the total value of the roll was left blank so the wrapper could be used for any value and therefore it was manually endorsed. An additional rubber stamp "R.S.A." was struck in red colour. These general wrappers were used initially but in later printings the face value and the total value were added (Fig.2).



It is interesting to note that the latter has a manual endorsement reading "TOO LARGE FOR VENDING MACHINE". The entire roll of the 5c value, was split and sold over the counter in the late 1982 at the Central Post Office of Durban, as could not fit into the vending machine. Now this could mean, for some of us, having some happy time in trying to find a used copy of the "TOO LARGE" one.



More different coil stamps wrappers pertaining this issue were printed over the years. This type now shows all the details printed always in black (Fig.3). So even if we are writing about modern issues you can still be able to look from a different aspect that often is ignored by collectors.

Finally as these coil stamps were usually slotted into the vending machines, the majority of the wrappers were torn and discarded by officials and therefore they are hard to come by. Hoping that some kind of interest has been created I wish you now a happy hunting.

*Giovanni Palazzo*

## Interesting Dates for your Diary

### Judging Update Seminar 20th March 2010

This seminar is intended to bring our accredited Federation Judges up to speed with the latest in the rules for competitive philately. We also invite anyone who thinks that they might like to become Federation and Society level judges; a most interesting occupation and it does not take up too much time. We also invite the curious who just want to know how it is done and how decisions are arrived at. Whatever your interest, your time will not be wasted if you come along and join us.

The Seminar will be led by John Sussex. RDP. FRPSL and Colin Hoffman FRPSL; Colin is also a member of the N.W.Fed Committee and a National Judge.

The event is to be held in the Church Hall of St. Mary's Methodist Church, Handforth (Post Code for Satnav and Google maps: SK9 3LG [next door to the 'Pinewood Hotel']). Because of the increase in the charges for hire of the room and facilities, the price per head will be £12 and not £10 as previously stated. This price will include morning and afternoon tea and biscuits and also a good buffet lunch.

We hope and expect that all our Federation Accredited Judges will attend this event to bring themselves up to date with the latest revisions of rules.

To reserve your place, contact Alan Randall Jones on e-mail <a.r.jones007@btinternet.com> or tel; 0161-962-5180.

*Alan Randall Jones*

### Cavendish Auctions

The next auction is on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> January and features the Frank Bottomley Worldwide Free Franks Collection plus Worldwide and Great Britain. Please check the Cavendish website for further details. They can be contacted at: Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Ltd., 153-157 London Road Derby DE1 2SY on 01332 250970 or at <http://www.cavendish-auctions.com/>

Cavendish Auctions have very kindly agreed to let the Society have an introduction commission on lots sold by them. This is deducted from their own commission and in no way affects the amount received by the vendor. It would be very much appreciated if when anyone submits lots to Cavendish they could mention the M & P Society name as having introduced them. We have already received very useful cheques from them and every little helps to pay for the room hire, fund extras and keep subscription costs down. We would very much like to thank them for their support.

### About Our Society

The Macclesfield and Prestbury Philatelic Society was formed in 1966 to promote stamp collecting in the Macclesfield area of East Cheshire.

The Society is very friendly and informal, with a varied programme of speakers, displays and society evenings. Anybody may join. The annual subscription is currently £8 (payable in September), which includes the cost of coffee and biscuits at meetings.

The Society runs its own internal packet scheme and also participates in the packet scheme of the North Western Federation of Philatelic Societies, allowing members to look at a wide choice of stamps and philatelic items in their own homes.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of age and from beginner to expert, as all members benefit from the experiences of fellow collectors.

**MEETING PLACE:** The Heritage Centre, Roe Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Meetings are held upstairs (first floor) but a lift is available. The Heritage Centre has a strictly no smoking policy.

**TIME OF MEETINGS:** 7.45pm

**DATES OF MEETINGS:** Mainly the first Monday of each month from September to June.

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## Useful Links for Events etc

Macclesfield & Prestbury: [http://www.maccweb.org.uk/news/article\\_1216.shtml](http://www.maccweb.org.uk/news/article_1216.shtml)  
 ABPS: <http://www.abps.org.uk/Events.php?tmenu=2>  
 North West Federation: <http://www.nwfedps.org/>  
 Cavendish Auctions: <http://www.cavendish-auctions.com/>  
 JRS Fairs: <http://www.jrs-stamp-shows.co.uk/events.asp>

## What's On?

Please confirm all events dates and venues with the vendor before travelling!

Thu 21 Jan 2010	Club - Bolton	Tonga
Thu 21 Jan 2010	Club - Burnley & District	Letter W
Thu 21 Jan 2010	Club - City Of Preston	The View from the Rostrum - Warwick & Warwick
Fri 22 Jan 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Malta
Mon 25 Jan 2010	Club - Liverpool & Merseyside	Member's Evening Recent acquisitions
Thu 28 Jan 2010	Club - Urmston	All bring to show
Sat 30 Jan 2010	Fair - Leamington Spa	Weston Village Hall, Sabin Drive, Weston under Wetherley, Leamington Spa CV33 9BW (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Mon 1 Feb 2010	Club - Ellesmere Port	(1) New Zealand Health Stamps (2) Golf
<b>Mon 1 Feb 2010</b>	<b>Club - Macclesfield &amp; Prestbury</b>	<b>AGM- COMPETITIONS</b>
Tue 2 Feb 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	Members - Trains, Planes & Automobiles
Tue 2 Feb 2010	Club - Southport	South of the Equator
Tue 2 Feb 2010	Club - Trafford	Sudan. Last day for Auction lists to be handed in to Auctioneer
Wed 3 Feb 2010	Club - Crewe & District	Competition night & Bourse
Wed 3 Feb 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	President Entertains
Wed 3 Feb 2010	Club - Ormskirk	Members' Evening - Postcards & Covers
Wed 3 Feb 2010	Club - Poynton	History of the Post
Thu 4 Feb 2010	Club - Burnley & District	First Day night: All show
Thu 4 Feb 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Competitions Society Cup – 16 sheets any topic, Gregson Trophy – 9 sheets stamps, Cusack Trophy - 9 sheets thematics, Spencer Trophy - 9 sheets postal history, Plus Table Top Sale – All members can sell!
Mon 8 Feb 2010	Club - Liverpool & Merseyside	Somaliland
Tue 9 Feb 2010	Club - Blackpool & Flyde	The President Entertains
Tue 9 Feb 2010	Club - Colwyn Bay	Members - 'C' is for?
Tue 9 Feb 2010	Club - Wallasey	Annual Quiz v Heswall & District P.S. (At Heswall On Tuesday)
Tue 9 Feb 2010	Club - Kendal	Submarines
Fri 12 Feb 2010	Club - Aberconwy	My Valentine
Fri 12 Feb 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Canada World War 2
Sat 13 Feb 2010	Fair - Lichfield	Boley Park Community Hall, Ryknild Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Sun 14 Feb 2010	Fair - Bowdon, Altrincham	Bowdon Hotel, Langham Road, Bowdon, Bowdon, Altrincham (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Mon 15 Feb 2010	Club - Ellesmere Port	Competitions: (1) Six sheets on any philatelic theme (2) (Six sheets of Stamps: "Something beginning with 'D'")
Mon 15 Feb 2010	Club - Mold & District	Alphabet Night - 9 Sheets Only - Letters A or Z
Tue 16 Feb 2010	Club - Morecambe	President's Night

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Tue 16 Feb 2010	Club - Trafford	Thematics minimum 1 sheet, Tropy awarded to best display
Wed 17 Feb 2010	Club - Crewe & District	President's night
Wed 17 Feb 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Social Philately, Savings Banks and The Lottery
Wed 17 Feb 2010	Club - Poynton	Society Competition & Quiz
Wed 17 Feb 2010	Club - Wallasey	Åland
Thu 18 Feb 2010	Club - Bolton	Aspects of Latvia and Scilly Isles Airmails
Thu 18 Feb 2010	Club - Burnley & District	Lundy
Thu 18 Feb 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Modern British Postmarks
Fri 19 Feb 2010	Club - Marple & District	Post Marks
Fri 19 Feb 2010	Club - Liverpool & Merseyside	Auction - Court Heys Methodist Church Hall
Mon 22 Feb 2010	Club - Liverpool & Merseyside	Postcards
Thu 25 Feb 2010	Club - Urmston	Winter Olympics
Fri 26 Feb 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	All at Sea - All members show
Mon 1 Mar 2010	Club - Ellesmere Port	(1) Éire 1971-90 (2) Carl & Zita (Austrian Empire)
<b>Mon 1 Mar 2010</b>	<b>Club - Macclesfield &amp; Prestbury</b>	<b>College Stamps</b>
Tue 2 Mar 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	Competition Night
Tue 2 Mar 2010	Club - Southport	Norman Barlow Cup, featuring displays of material from Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, but excluding 'local' issues from some of the less-inhabited islands!
Tue 2 Mar 2010	Club - Trafford	Presidents Request Evening
Wed 3 Mar 2010	Club - Crewe & District	Member's night – Items from the 1940's - 5/10 sheets
Wed 3 Mar 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Postal History and Aerophilately Competitions (10 Sheets). Single Sheet Competitions (1 Sheet) plus Auction
Wed 3 Mar 2010	Club - Ormskirk	to be announced
Wed 3 Mar 2010	Club - Poynton	British Railways
Thu 4 Mar 2010	Club - Burnley & District	Rochdale Philatelic Society to visit.
Thu 4 Mar 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Room Auction
Thu 4 Mar 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	(Thursday) Annual Inter-Club Quiz at Bolton-le-Sands
Sat 6 Mar 2010	Fair - Sutton Coldfield	Fellowship Hall (town centre), South Parade, Sutton Coldfield (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Mon 8 Mar 2010	Club - Liverpool & Merseyside	Hong Kong: the early Elizabeth Years
Tue 9 Mar 2010	Club - Blackpool & Flyde	Czechoslovakia Sec.
Tue 9 Mar 2010	Club - Colwyn Bay	WW2 G.B. Airmails
Tue 9 Mar 2010	Club - Kendal	Something beginning with A
Fri 12 Mar 2010	Club - Aberconwy	Breweries Of Burton..
Fri 12 Mar 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	3 Centuries of Alsace-Lorraine
Sat 13 Mar 2010	Fair - Colwyn Bay	North Wales Stamp & Postcard Fair, Eirias High School, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay
Sat 13 Mar 2010	Fair - Leamington Spa	Weston Village Hall, Sabin Drive, Weston under Wetherley, Leamington Spa CV33 9BW (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Sun 14 Mar 2010	Fair - Bowdon, Altrincham	Bowdon Hotel, Langham Road, Bowdon, Altrincham (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Mon 15 Mar 2010	Club - Ellesmere	Auction (viewing from 6.30 pm)

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Mon 15 Mar 2010	Club - Mold & District	Members Other Collecting Interests
Tue 16 Mar 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	Members' Display
Tue 16 Mar 2010	Club - Trafford	Members Display - Letter "O" Minimum 1 sheet
Wed 17 Mar 2010	Club - Crewe & District	Auction
Wed 17 Mar 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Kelly's Surprise
Wed 17 Mar 2010	Club - Poynton	Winter Games
Wed 17 Mar 2010	Club - Wallasey	Visit by Heswall P.S.
Thu 18 Mar 2010	Club - Aberconwy	Annual Dinner & Egg-Cup Competition, Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Rhos-On-Sea
Thu 18 Mar 2010	Club - Bolton	Quarterly Club Auction
Thu 18 Mar 2010	Club - Burnley & District	Forgeries / Czechoslovakia
Thu 18 Mar 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Errors & Varieties (part 2)
Fri 19 Mar 2010	Club - Marple & District	Imperial Russia
Mon 22 Mar 2010	Club - Liverpool & Merseyside	Tommy Wilcox Memorial Lecture 2010 - Across the Middle East by air and land 1900-1940
Thu 25 Mar 2010	Club - Urmston	Denmark - Stamps & Postal History
Fri 26 Mar 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Middle East Miscellany
Sat 27 Mar 2010	Auction - Bilsborrow	Auction Stamps, Postcards etc. Billsborrow Village Hall (Pam Hampton 01253 857 387)
Sat 27 Mar 2010	Exhibition - WestBex10 Berkshire	WestBex10 - Thames Valley and District Philatelic Federation, Kennet School, Thatcham, Berkshire
Mon 29 Mar 2010	Club - Ellesmere Port	Final Evening (informal meeting)
Wed 31 Mar 2010	Club - Crewe & District	Northwich PS visit Crewe
Wed 31 Mar 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Traditional Competition (10 Sheets), Thematic Competition (10 Sheets), Quiz
Thu 1 Apr 2010	Club - Burnley & District	Short Displays: Questions and Answers
Thu 1 Apr 2010	Club - City Of Preston	The Financial World Tonight + History of the Lottery
Sat 3 Apr 2010	Fair - Lichfield	Boley Park Community Hall, Ryknild Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Mon 5 Apr 2010	Fair - Loughborough	Charnwood Bowls Club (rear of Leisure Centre), Browns Lane, Loughborough (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Tue 6 Apr 2010	Club - Blackpool & Flyde	Have-a-go Trophy (3 Sheets)
Tue 6 Apr 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	Members – Happy New Year/Revenues & Taxes
Tue 6 Apr 2010	Club - Southport	King George V
Tue 6 Apr 2010	Club - Trafford	Society Auction
Wed 7 Apr 2010	Club - Ormskirk	Table Sale
Wed 7 Apr 2010	Club - Poynton	Balkan Wars
Fri 9 Apr 2010	Club - Aberconwy	A.G.M. & Competition Night - The Walter W Williams Cup - 1 Sheet.
Fri 9 Apr 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Chile
Sun 11 Apr 2010	Fair - Bowdon, Altrincham	Bowdon Hotel, Langham Road, Bowdon, Altrincham (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
<b>Mon 12 Apr 2010</b>	<b>Club - Macclesfield &amp; Prestbury</b>	<b>Malta</b>
Tue 13 Apr 2010	Club - Colwyn Bay	12 Sheet Competition. Winner decided by popular vote. Prize

		for winner.
Tue 13 Apr 2010	Club - Kendal	Nautical night
Tue 13 Apr 2010	Club - Trafford	Committee Meeting, 8pm Old Hall Hotel
Wed 14 Apr 2010	Club - Crewe & District	The Apollo Project
Wed 14 Apr 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Postage Dues
Thu 15 Apr 2010	Club - Bolton	Captain Cook (Part 2)
Thu 15 Apr 2010	Club - Burnley & District	Speakers from Burnley Society
Thu 15 Apr 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Southport Society visit us
Fri 16 Apr 2010	Club - Marple & District	'Q is for' & Members Night - One Frame 1 to 12 Sheets
Fri 16 Apr 2010	Exhibition - Scottish	Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies, Perth
Sat 17 Apr 2010	Exhibition - Scottish	Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies, Perth
Mon 19 Apr 2010	Club - Mold & District	35th AGM
Tue 20 Apr 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	A Taste of Things to Come
Tue 20 Apr 2010	Club - Trafford	Visit from Bolton Philatelic Society
Wed 21 Apr 2010	Club - Poynton	1890 Jubilee Of The Penny Post
Wed 21 Apr 2010	Club - Wallasey	Bourse
Thu 22 Apr 2010	Club - Urmston	Postmarks
Fri 23 Apr 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Corsica
Sat 24 Apr 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	(Saturday) Spring Stamp Fair (The Platform)
Sat 24 Apr 2010	Exhibition - Midlands	Midlands Philatelic Federation, Arden School, Knowle, Solihull
Wed 28 Apr 2010	Club - Crewe & District	Members night "My Favourite Stamps"
Wed 28 Apr 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	History Of Manchester
Thu 29 Apr 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Georgia, Azerbaijan, etc.
Fri 30 Apr 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Competitions Night
Tue 4 May 2010	Club - Blackpool & Flyde	Anything Goes
Tue 4 May 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	Annual General Meeting
Tue 4 May 2010	Club - Southport	AGM + Club Auction
Tue 4 May 2010	Club - Trafford	AGM & Competition Evening
Wed 5 May 2010	Club - Ormskirk	Coal Mining
Wed 5 May 2010	Club - Poynton	A.G.M and Auction
Thu 6 May 2010	Club - Burnley & District	A favourite item display and summer social event
Thu 6 May 2010	Exhibition - RPS	Display at the Royal Philatelic Society
Fri 7 May 2010	Exhibition - RPS	Display at the Royal Philatelic Society
Sat 8 May 2010	Fair - Colwyn Bay	North Wales Stamp & Postcard Fair, Eirias High School, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay
Sat 8 May 2010	Fair - Sutton Coldfield	Fellowship Hall (town centre), South Parade, Sutton Coldfield (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
Sun 9 May 2010	Fair - Bowdon, Altrincham	Bowdon Hotel, Langham Road, Bowdon, Altrincham (JRS Fairs 01785 259350)
<b>Mon 10 May 2010</b>	<b>Club - Macclesfield &amp; Prestbury</b>	<b>Manchester.</b>
Tue 11 May 2010	Club - Colwyn Bay	21st AGM followed by members Swap Meet
Tue 11 May 2010	Club - Kendal	Questions evening. Understanding the rules relating to the

		completion displays to be presented in June
Tue 11 May 2010	Club - Trafford	Annual Dinner Venue TBA
Wed 12 May 2010	Club - Crewe & District	Annual General Meeting
Wed 12 May 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Social Philately-in-house (up to 5 sheets)
Thu 13 May 2010	Club - City Of Preston	President's Evening
Fri 14 May 2010	Club - Aberconwy	Postal Services, United Kingdom & Overseas
Fri 14 May 2010	Club - Marple & District	A.G.M. and Auction
Tue 18 May 2010	Club - Trafford	Quiz Night
Wed 19 May 2010	Club - Poynton	Bombay, Aden Sea Post Offices
Wed 19 May 2010	Club - Wallasey	A.G.M.
Thu 20 May 2010	Club - Bolton	AGM followed by displays from three members and Mini Mart
Thu 20 May 2010	Club - Burnley & District	AGM and one sheet display.
Fri 21 May 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	British Indian Ocean Territories
Sat 22 May 2010	Exhibition - South Wales	Federation of South Wales Philatelic Societies, The Princess Royal Theatre, Civic Centre, Port Talbot
Wed 26 May 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Morocco
Thu 27 May 2010	Club - City Of Preston	Annual General Meeting
Thu 27 May 2010	Club - Urmston	AGM, Challenge Shield Competition & Raffle
Tue 1 Jun 2010	Club - Blackpool & Flyde	AGM & Trophy Presentations
Tue 1 Jun 2010	Club - Morecambe & District	Czeslaw Slania
Tue 1 Jun 2010	Club - Southport	140 years of Postcards
Wed 2 Jun 2010	Club - Ormskirk	Annual General Meeting
Sat 5 Jun 2010	Exhibition - Essex	Association of Essex Philatelic Societies "Spring Stamp Essex Festival of Stamps 2010", Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester CO1 1YH
<b>Mon 7 Jun 2010</b>	<b>Club - Macclesfield &amp; Prestbury</b>	<b>South African Cinderellas</b>
Tue 8 Jun 2010	Club - Colwyn Bay	Members' other collecting interests. What else do you collect?
Tue 8 Jun 2010	Club - Kendal	Competition night
Wed 9 Jun 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	J.P. Entertains
Fri 11 Jun 2010	Club - Aberconwy	Aden
Fri 11 Jun 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	Visit from Sheffield Philatelic Society
Sat 12 Jun 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	26th Annual Fair 10am - 4pm
Sat 12 Jun 2010	Exhibition - Yorkshire	Yorkshire Philatelic Association "YPA Convention", Pudsey
Wed 16 Jun 2010	Club - Poynton	Readers Digest
Wed 16 Jun 2010	Club - Wallasey	Members' Evening
Thu 17 Jun 2010	Club - Bolton	Quarterly Club Auction
Fri 18 Jun 2010	Fair - Stafford	Staffordshire County Showground. Ingestre Suite, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD
Sat 19 Jun 2010	Fair - Stafford	Staffordshire County Showground. Ingestre Suite, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD
Wed 23 Jun 2010	Club - Lytham St Annes	Postcard Competition - in house
Fri 25 Jun 2010	Club - Stockport & East Cheshire	A.G.M. – Rosebowl Competition (9 sheets) & All Show (3 sheets)
Sat 3 Jul 2010	Exhibition -	SWIPEX 2010 - Wessex Philatelic Federation, Cornwall

	<b>SWIPEX Wessex</b>	<b>Philatelic Federation and Somerset &amp; Dorset Philatelic Federation, Guildhall, Plymouth</b>
<b>Tue 6 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Morecambe &amp; District</b>	<b>Summer Meeting – Supper &amp; Presentation evening</b>
<b>Wed 7 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Lytham St Annes</b>	<b>AGM &amp; Trophy Presentations plus Anything Goes</b>
<b>Fri 9 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Aberconwy</b>	<b>Society Evening - 5 Sheets To Tell A Story.</b>
<b>Sat 10 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - KENTPEX 2010</b>	<b>KENTPEX 2010 Kent Federation of Philatelic Societies, Tonbridge School</b>
<b>Sat 10 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Fair - Colwyn Bay</b>	<b>North Wales Stamp &amp; Postcard Fair, Eirias High School, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay</b>
<b>Tue 13 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Colwyn Bay</b>	<b>History of the Post</b>
<b>Tue 13 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Kendal</b>	<b>AGM</b>
<b>Wed 14 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Poynton</b>	<b>Members Night 9 Sheets - Your Choice</b>
<b>Thu 15 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Bolton</b>	<b>An Olympic and Commonwealth Games Miscellany</b>
<b>Wed 21 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Club - Wallasey</b>	<b>Members' Evening - Something Beginning With 'F'</b>
<b>Thu 22 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Congress - GB</b>	<b>Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Holiday Inn, Kenilworth</b>
<b>Fri 23 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Congress - GB</b>	<b>Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Holiday Inn, Kenilworth</b>
<b>Sat 24 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Congress - GB</b>	<b>Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Holiday Inn, Kenilworth</b>
<b>Sun 25 Jul 2010</b>	<b>Congress - GB</b>	<b>Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Holiday Inn, Kenilworth</b>
<b>Tue 10 Aug 2010</b>	<b>Club - Kendal</b>	<b>To Be Announced</b>
<b>Wed 18 Aug 2010</b>	<b>Club - Wallasey</b>	<b>Members' Evening</b>
<b>Thu 19 Aug 2010</b>	<b>Club - Bolton</b>	<b>Competition Night - Ingham Cup, Armitage Postal History Shield, Frank Mills Memorial Plate (Thematics), John O'Shaughnessy Plate and Crawshaw Quiz Shield</b>
<b>Thu 19 Aug 2010</b>	<b>Club - City Of Preston</b>	<b>New Season starts</b>
<b>Sat 21 Aug 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - East Midlands and East Anglia</b>	<b>East Midlands and East Anglian Philatelic Federation, Girton College, Cambridge</b>
<b>Sat 4 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Club - City Of Preston</b>	<b>Annual Stamp Fair – Barton Village Hall – SATURDAY</b>
<b>Tue 7 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Club - Morecambe &amp; District</b>	<b>Auction workshop</b>
<b>Sat 11 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - Surrey</b>	<b>Federation of Surrey Philatelic Societies, United Reformed Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon</b>
<b>Sat 11 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Fair - Colwyn Bay</b>	<b>North Wales Stamp &amp; Postcard Fair, Eirias High School, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay</b>
<b>Thu 16 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Club - Bolton</b>	<b>Quarterly Club Auction</b>
<b>Fri 24 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - Nephilex 2010 NorthEast</b>	<b>Nephilex 2010 - North East of England Philatelic Association, The Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne</b>
<b>Sat 25 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - Nephilex 2010 NorthEast</b>	<b>Nephilex 2010 - North East of England Philatelic Association, The Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne</b>
<b>Sun 26 Sep 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - Nephilex 2010 NorthEast</b>	<b>Nephilex 2010 - North East of England Philatelic Association, The Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne</b>
<b>Sat 9 Oct 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - South Of England</b>	<b>The South of England Stamp Fair and Sussex Convention - Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies, South of England Showground, Ardingly</b>
<b>Sat 16 Oct 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - Hampshire</b>	<b>Hampshire Philatelic Federation, Wickham</b>
<b>Sun 24 Oct 2010</b>	<b>Exhibition - Cornex 2010 Cornwall</b>	<b>Cornex 2010 Cornwall Philatelic Federation</b>
<b>Sat 13 Nov 2010</b>	<b>Fair - Colwyn Bay</b>	<b>North Wales Stamp &amp; Postcard Fair, Eirias High School, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay</b>