

# The Basildon Philatelist.

The Journal of Basildon Philatelic Society

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## Editorial:

The lack of new members and of volunteers to take on the running of the society re continuing concerns for the Society. If you know any potential members, please bring them along for a "taster" session.

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## International News

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### OVERSEAS EXHIBITIONS

To be eligible for five frames at a FIP, FEPA or other Continental Federation competition, UK collectors must first reach qualifying standard (75 points and vermeil medal) in an ABPS national exhibition. Entries must be made through the UK Commissioner for the event, appointed by ABPS.

Forthcoming international exhibitions with UK participation are:

**London 2020:** See separate entry

**Indonesia 2020,** Jakarta 6-11 August. UK Commissioner: John Jackson. FIP Congress also to be held here.

**Malaysia 2020,** Kuala Lumpur, November or December 2020. FIP event.

**IPEX Cape Town 2021,** Cape Town International Convention Centre, 17-20 March. FIP event. UK Commissioner: Jon Aitchison.

**IBRA 2021,** Essen 6-9 May. FIP event.

**PhilaNippon 2021,** Yokohama, August. FIP event.

**NOTOS 2021,** Athens, 19–22 November 2021. NOTOS will be a Continental exhibition with FEPA Patronage and FIP recognition. All classes will be invited. Information is at <http://www.hps.gr/notos2021>.

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### EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

All forthcoming FEPA exhibitions are listed at <http://fepanews.com/>

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### WORLD POST DAY

How can we get the hobby noticed in the UK on World Post Day 9 October, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

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## National News

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### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2020 Congress** will be held at the Three Swans, Market Harborough from 3-6 September. 2021 will be at Harrogate.

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### ABPS AGM

The 2020 AGM will be held at Congress on 4 September.

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### ABPS NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS SECRETARY

Deborah Gooch steps down after Autumn Stampex and his place will be taken by Nick Martin.

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### ENTRY FOR NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

The ABPS has introduced on-line entry for exhibitors at the York and London national exhibitions. Details are on the ABPS website.

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### STAMPEX

Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH will be as follows (entry forms are or will be available on the ABPS website):

**Spring 2020.** This will not be held to avoid competing with London 2020.

- **Autumn 2020** will be in September. The British Thematic Association will be the lead society and ABPS is planning a seminar on thematic exhibiting.

There will be the usual two Stampex events in 2021.

The BDC Executive Centre can be hired for society meetings, etc. at a subsidised rate of £100 per 2 hours - contact Chrissie Baker. The BDC has been booked until circa 2019.

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### LONDON 2020

London 2020 will be held at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1 from 2 to 9 May 2020, with a change of displays on 5 May. This will be a full international World stamp

exhibition with FIP patronage and FEPA recognition. Competitive classes will be Traditional Philately, Postal History, Revenues, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Thematic, Open Philately, Picture Postcards, Modern Philately, One-Frame Exhibits, Philatelic Literature and Youth Philately. The frames will be used twice during the week with exhibits being swapped on Tuesday 5 May. There will be about 3,000 frames available. Societies can book meeting rooms during London 2020. Smaller rooms can hold about 30 people; the larger room can hold about 60 people. On Wednesday 6 May 2020, Societies can book a table in a room off the gallery at the Business Design Centre for the day. Societies and individuals are being encouraged to sponsor frames and prizes during London 2020. Website is [www.london2020.co](http://www.london2020.co). Applications are now closed. UK Rep: Mike J.Y. Roberts ([UKcommissioner@london2020.co](mailto:UKcommissioner@london2020.co)). You can register to receive the London 2020 Newsletters at [www.London2020.co](http://www.London2020.co) and click the "Sign up here for Newsletter" button on the home page. Volunteers are needed to help run the exhibition via the same website.

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### STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Can you donate any suitable material to Stamp Active? ([stampactive@btinternet.com](mailto:stampactive@btinternet.com))

**Kidstamps** is a free postal club for children. It is now run by Alan Bretherton. Donations of stamps, etc. would be welcomed at 9 Liverpool Avenue, Southport PR8 3NE.

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### ABPS WEBSITE

For a full listing in the website, societies need to be members of ABPS. Non-member societies appear as names only, so societies need to join to take advantage of this publicity. The website <http://www.abps.org.uk> has now replaced the handbook as the prime source of information on judges and speakers. Society, judge and speaker updates should be sent to [editor@abps.co.uk](mailto:editor@abps.co.uk) who will pass the info on. Corrections to existing website data should be sent directly to ABPS webmaster at [mauricebuxton@gmail.com](mailto:mauricebuxton@gmail.com).

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### THE PHILATELIC FUND

Applications for funding should now be sent to The Philatelic Fund, c/o RPSL. RPSL is working

from temporary premises until it reopens at its new address in September.

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### ABPS AWARD OF MERIT 2020

Each year, the ABPS honours up to 15 grass roots philatelists that have made an outstanding contribution to a local or specialised society. Nominations can be submitted by an ABPS member society or by a federation. The closing date for the next round of awards is 1 March 2020. Nomination forms can be obtained from Yvonne Wheatley, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman, Weltevreden, 7 Manor Croft, Leeds LS15 9BW, 0113-2601978 [awards@abps.org.uk](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk).

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### ABPS EXHIBITING & JUDGING SEMINARS

ABPS believes that exhibitors at every level deserve to be given quality feedback by accredited judges. All ABPS judges are expected to attend a refresher Seminar every 5 years to maintain their accreditation. Anyone interested, should contact David Alford at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk). These events can be held in any part of the UK, subject to the level of interest. Ray How would be like to organise one in Essex if there is sufficient interest. Please let him know if you want to him to do so.

Meanwhile, Mike Kentzer of Mid-Anglia PF advises that a seminar has been organised at Hitchin on 2-3 November.

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### BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA activities, visit the website [www.britishthematic.org.uk](http://www.britishthematic.org.uk).

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### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS

ABPS seeks to remind collectors and societies that, whilst the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for its members, much activity takes place in the background to facilitate and support national and regional events, such as Congress, competitive exhibitions, Midpex, etc., all on a voluntary basis. Without the support of its affiliated members, these might disappear completely. ABPS is also supporting the long-term development of the hobby through the Stamp Active Network.

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## ISSUES TO TAKE UP WITH ABPS?

The Editor is the Essex ABPS delegate and is willing to assist societies and their members in raising issues with ABPS.

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## STUART ROSSITER TRUST

The trust publishes and sells Postal History books, and sponsors authors and research. To date, it has published 42 books on and helped a number of individuals and specialist societies with research and production costs for their books. It can help societies or individuals with research costs, publication costs or publishing books. When it publishes or supports books, the trust promotes them through our its website and e-newsletters. The full list of its publications currently available is on [www.rossitertrust.com](http://www.rossitertrust.com). To discuss how it could help your Society or members with their Postal History book, or monograph, contact our Corresponding Trustee Andy Gould at [srtcorr@gmail.com](mailto:srtcorr@gmail.com).

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### *Essex News*

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## ALBUMS CLOSED

Richard Barnett, president of Bishop's Stortford society, passed away on 15 August 2019 after a short illness. He had also served the society as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Auctioneer.

Ipswich has also lost Barry Murton, a valued member and past officer of the society.

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## SOCIETY OFFICER CHANGES

The new Packet Secretary at Bury St. Edmunds & District Stamp Club is Simon Noble (01379-640869). He replaces David Romano, who stood down in September after long service to the society in this role.

Brian Cooper has stood down from the Chairmanship of Harlow society and is moving to Somerset to be nearer his family.

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## SOCIETY VENUE CHANGES

Leytonstone & Wanstead society has moved to the Function Room, The Plough & Harrow, 419 High Road, Leytonstone E11 4JU, after being at Wanstead House for many years.

Sudbury has moved from the Catholic Church to the Tudor Church of England Primary School, Tudor Road, Sudbury CO10 1NL.

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## AEPS COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting and Council meeting will be at **14.30** on **23 November** at **Hampston's Leisure, Great Baddow, CM2 9FH**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian.

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## AEPS SEMINAR 2020

The 2020 AEPS Seminar will provisionally be on **25 January** at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. There will be some invited displays and participants will be invited to bring their own displays. Tickets will be available shortly from Ray How

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## NEXT AEPS EVENTS

**Autumn StampEssex 2019** will be hosted by AEPS at Hampton's Leisure, Great Baddow, CM2 9FH on 23 November. John Dickenson would be glad to hear from potential table holders. The **AGM** will also be held at this event.

**Volunteer societies are urgently needed to host Spring and Autumn StampEssex 2020.** Please contact John Dickenson immediately!

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## PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past; 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. 2019 editions of all volumes were published in December 2018. This free digital handbook is sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. The new digital format gives wider availability, completely up-to-date contents every year for Volume 1 and better indexing. Len Stanway continuously updates the master record and will be glad to receive details of any other new or updated information for inclusion in the 2020 issue and interim publicity. Please send amendments to Len Stanway a.s.a.p. as the 2020 Edition will appear at Christmas.

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## AEPS e-NEWS

This free e-mail service may be received by any philatelist, publicity or press organisation. It provides a monthly list of events in the AEPS area, plus details of selected AEPS or society

events. To subscribe, or to request publicity for an event, contact Len Stanway.

### AEPS WEBSITE

Please use [www.stampessex.org.uk](http://www.stampessex.org.uk), the new AEPS website, that gives details of member societies and other useful information. Send any corrections to the Editor.

The website has a new sponsor, Steven Reeves, the published on the bimonthly event calendar. For which the Association is very grateful.

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### *Basildon Society News*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Members are reminded that a volunteer is urgently needed to train-up as Assistant Secretary to take over as Secretary from the AGM next June

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### NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 7 October: Display by Bromley & Beckenham P.S.; Tuesday 22 October: Auction; Monday 4 November: Thematics Night – Animals (Members' displays); Tuesday 19 November: Don Davies Entertains, Monday 2 December: Stamp Collectors' Question Time; Tuesday 17 December: Tomex Quiz and Festive Evening.

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2019-2020 should be paid to Len Stanway. The annual fee remains at £13 for full Membership, £2 for Juniors and 50p for Associate Members (exchange packet and auction vendors). Members attending meetings also pay £1 attendance fee at the door to cover refreshments and assist with hall hire.

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### WANTED - YOU!

We require the help of all members. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in the journal, tell the Editor.

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

#### 1 July - Danzig - Giles du Boulay.



Giles introduced us to the history and life of Danzig between the wars with a vast array of postcards, stamps and ephemera which painted a vivid portrait of this strategically important port and military garrison. A fascinating evening and it is to be hoped that Giles will return to show us what happened next!

#### 16 July - German Inflation - Andy Soutar.

Andy began in 1906 showing gentle, but significant, postal rate inflation before the Great War, the effects of the war years, then the rising crescendo before the currency reform of 1 December 1923 when 10,000,000,000 Marks were successfully reduced in value to just 1 "Gold Pfennig". Using the national inland letter rate as the baseline, Andy showed us both the stamps and their uses at a wide variety of rates from local printed paper through to international insured and Cash on Delivery, with eye-watering arrays of stamps needed to make up the higher rates. A very educational and entertaining evening.

## 5 August - British Exhibitions by Derek Connell



Another fascinating evening of material that is rarely displayed. Derek, from Dunmow, began by passing around an example of the Wyon Medal on which the Penny Black was based. The Golden Jubilee of that stamp was marked by the City Corporation's Guildhall Conversazione of 1890 and the first commemorative postal stationery card, followed by similar the events of 1897 at same venue and South Kensington. Part one continued with the series of events up to 1940 and their amazing range of Cinderella stamps, ephemera and postal history. Part Two continued the same variety with the 1950 event at the Royal Festival Hall, followed by 1960, 1970, 1980 (briefly in view of Colin Evans's recent display, but gems - invitation cards to special functions with their respective original artwork), 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2015. The growing number of Royal Mail issues for these events appeared to your reviewer to be in inverse proportion to their funding contribution to organised philately.

## 20 August - GB Queen Victoria by Keith Rowland.

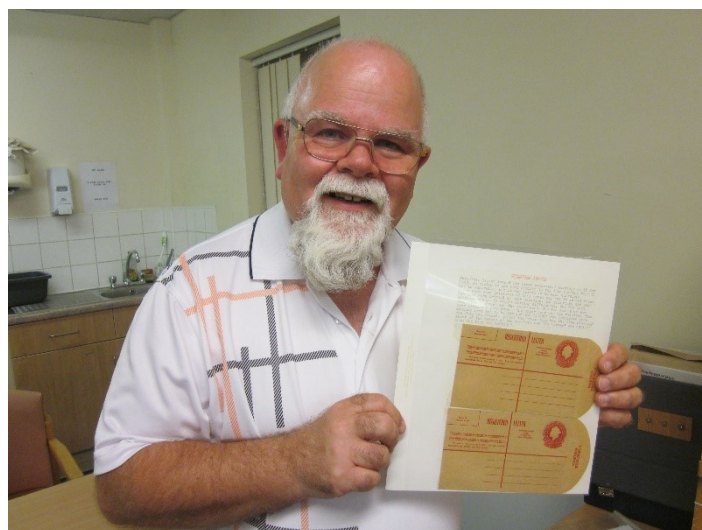
Keith started in 1937 with a summary of the situation before the postal reforms began, then took us through the Uniform 4d and 1d posts. The 1839 competition led to the Mulreadys and their caricatures. The stamp essays led to the 1d black, 2d blue and all the experimental work that followed, Royal reprints, imprimaturs, the Kensington and Paris Exhibitions, Archer's perforation experiments, the Prince Consort essays, revenues, embossed stamps and the surface-printed issues. Railway mails began with

the London and Birmingham Railway in the 1840s. The evolution of cancellations, security overprints, perfins, postal stationery, dummy stamps, private delivery stamps, college stamps, railway stamps, parcel essays, etc. led us to the official departmental overprints, the VR Penny Black and Army Telegraphs. Truly an amazingly comprehensive display covering a very complex period in GB postal history.

## 2 September - Chairman's Evening.

Ian McElwain invited John Rawlins to display the airmails of the Americas. He began with the French and German South Atlantic services, then explained the complex issues of SCADTA and other operators, including postal stationery. SCADTA stamps were even sold in the UK with a "GB" overprint. All South and Central American states got a look in, together with most Caribbean major islands. PanAm and related services crossed Central America to link with Miami. Internal US and Canada services were briefly discussed, together with PanAm Trans-Pacific routes. A fascinating display of a complex field!

## 17 September - Christmas Island & Tokelau by Rufus Barnes.



Rufus gave us a fascinating introduction to these small islands. Tokelau Islands was part of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands until 1927, then under Samoa. It got its own stamps in 1948, before coming under New Zealand control in 1949. Rufus showed material covering all periods up to the 1960s, with Australian and New Zealand stamp misused and USA stamps correctly used on one island. The remote Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, was administered by Britain

from Singapore as part of the Straits Settlements. Mail boats were few and far between. After Singapore became a separate colony, Christmas Island remained under its control until it was transferred to Australia in 1954. Singapore currency remained in use until 1968, when Australian took its place. Rufus showed a wide range of material from 1908 to 1984 including unique archive material.

### **18 September - BPS Display to Ipswich P.S.**

A display team of Charlie Mead, Alan Taylor and Len Stanway made the long journey to Ipswich and received a very warm welcome. Charlie led off with a display of Fiji, including official franks, paquebots and the recent definitive overprints. Alan finished the first half and started the second with parts of his Royal Family collection in his usual quizzical style. Len finished the evening with early issues of Brunei and Sarawak.

### **SOCIETY POLO SHIRT**

One way that you can help promote the society is to buy and wear our new society polo shirt. Embroidered with the society's emblem, they are available in S, M, L and XL sizes and cost £14 each. The default colour is white, but other colours can be obtained, if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

### **AUCTION**

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 22 October with viewing from 7.15. Please come and support your society's fund-raising efforts and fill gaps in your collection at the same time! All members have been sent auction lists by e-mail or hard copy. Contact Len Stanway or Claude Crowder if you have not received one.

### **FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY**

The packet needs more members to take part. If you are not taking part, however "complete" you think your collection is, you may be missing out on this hitherto discovered variety at a bargain price. Ask me how to join today!

Small rubber stamps are available from the packet secretary at about £13 a time or £16 including spare ink pads. Advantages for you include easy marking of spaces taken and, for

me, easier auditing. Please specify initials, style and colour required.

If you are experiencing difficulty passing on an exchange packet to the next on the list, do not hold onto it indefinitely. Try anyone else on the list who has not received it. If all else fails, call me for advice.

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

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

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

### **PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2019-2020**

Our members' handbook has been updated following the AGM and competitions and should have been distributed to e-mail recipients by the time this newsletter appears. Please contact Len Stanway if you would like another copy sent to you. Anyone who needs a hard copy should contact Alan Taylor who will arrange to print one.

### **RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS**

The Society's **Library** is run by Ian McElwain. It contains catalogues and reference books that members can borrow to research their collections and to find out how to get more from our hobby. We are updating the catalogue collection as opportunities allow. If you are disposing of redundant catalogues, the society would welcome donations, which may update items in the library or, if surplus, sold to raise society funds. The library also contains philatelic aids, such as the Signoscope watermark detector and ultra-violet lamps. The full list is available on the library table at every meeting. **Library books can be borrowed for one month from the date of issue.** Members can ask for particular items to be brought to the next meeting. Please make good use of this free (but expensive to maintain) resource.

Alan Taylor holds the **Society Archives**. If you find any old documents, cuttings, programmes, etc., or see any reference to the society in the current press, he would welcome them in case they fill gaps in the collection.

Do you want details of other societies in Essex, Suffolk, Hertfordshire or East London? If so, Alan Taylor holds the society's copy of **Philately in Essex** and the **ABPS Handbook**.

### SUGGESTION BOX

A box and suggestion slips is provided at meetings. Members are invited to suggest possible future events or comment on past events and the way the society is run, either anonymously or members can leave their name for follow-up. All suggestions are discussed at the next committee meeting.

### SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS JOURNAL

This newsletter is published in both electronic and hard-copy formats. The hard-copy version is distributed only to members of the society who do not have e-mail facilities. The electronic version is sent to all members who have e-mail. It is also available free-of-charge to any interested collector outside the society. To request addition to or deletion from the distribution list, please contact the Editor.

### GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Society does not obtain or retain personal data of members or correspondents with the exception of (i) current contact data for distribution of news, etc., appropriate to the society's normal activities and administration, (ii) historical record of competition winners, officers, etc., as published in *Philately in Basildon*. With the exception of essential officers listed below, contact information is never divulged to third parties without their specific consent.

### SMALL ADS

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

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

**Stamp Fairs** – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 9 November. 9am-3pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



## Philatelic Events at AEPS Societies

### October 2019

- 1 Sudbury - Me and my Collections (S. Alpe).
- 2 Benfleet - Auction.
- 2 Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date).
- 2 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 2 Goodmayes - GB Postal History with A Difference (D.G. Davies).
- 2 Ipswich - Display by Norwich & Norfolk P.S.
- 3 Billericay - Letters X, Y, Z (Members).
- 7 Basildon - Display by Bromley & Beckenham P.S.
- 8 Braintree - My Favourite Covers, Post Cards and Postal History (Members).
- 8 Bury St. Edmunds - Me and My Collections (S. Alpe).
- 8 Chelmsford - Tasmania & Sydney Harbour Bridge (P. Reid & Mrs. C. Earle).
- 8 Epping Forest - Local History (K. Lillywhite), Bits and Pieces from my Collection (C. Stuart).
- 10 Harlow - Speaker to be arranged.
- 10 Witham - Czechoslovakia / Egypt (K. Burr).
- 12 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
- 14 Cheshunt - Competitions, Quiz and Members Entertain (W & X).
- 14 Frinton - 20 Years of French Africa (A. Soutar).
- 14 Rayleigh - London Underground Mails (L.C. Stanway).
- 15 Sudbury - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
- 16 Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date).
- 16 Goodmayes - Display to Enfield P.S. (afternoon).
- 16 Goodmayes - Brexit - Any EEC country but no GB (Members).
- 16 Ipswich - Aspects of Collecting Local Postal History (A.N. Moorcroft).
- 17 Billericay - Essex (Members).
- 18 Colchester - Aspects of Malaya (L.C. Stanway).
- 19 Colchester - STAMP FAIR, Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway, CO3 0RH. 10am-4pm.
- 22 Basildon - Auction.
- 22 Braintree - Anything beginning with I, J, K or L (Members).
- 22 Bury St. Edmunds - MEF & Eritrea - British Occupation of Italian Colonies in WW2 (M. Carter).
- 22 Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 24 Harlow - Peoples of the World (Members).
- 24 Witham - Informal (Bring and Buy).
- 28 Frinton - Tristan da Cunha - The Later Years (G.E. Miller).
- 28 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Competitions.
- 28 Rayleigh - Competitions & Bourse.
- 31 Shoeburyness - (Provisional date).

### November 2019

- 4 Basildon - Thematics Night – Animals (Members).
- 5 Sudbury - Buildings (Members).
- 6 Benfleet - State of Victoria, Australia 1857-63 and GB Machin Forgeries 1993 to date (D.G. Davies).
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date).
- 6 Goodmayes - Luxembourg (J. Charlton).
- 6 Ipswich - A Danzig Miscellany (G. du Boulay).
- 6 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 7 Billericay - Ethiopia (T. Stenning).

- 7 Witham - Essex Postmarks (R.E. How).  
 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - To be advised  
 11 Chelmsford - Centenary Lunch, County Hotel, 13.30 (by invitation).  
 11 Cheshunt - Queen Victoria 1887 Controls (S. Reeves) and Pakistan (D. Haskell).  
 11 Frinton - Displays by George Oliver and David Pugh.  
 11 Rayleigh - To be advised.  
 12 Braintree - Australian States (D. Gottesmann).  
 12 Bury St. Edmunds - Sarawak (S. Martin-Redman).  
 12 Chelmsford - Celebration of our Centenary (Members).  
 12 Epping Forest - GB Seaside Postcard Censorship and Machin Forgeries 1993 to date (D.G. Davies).  
 14 Harlow - General Discussion & Activity.  
 15 Colchester - Four Kings (A. Gill).  
 19 Basildon - Don Davies Entertains.  
 19 Sudbury - Bourse, room auction and 3-sheet displays "My Favourites".  
 20 Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date).  
 20 Goodmayes - Display by Rayleigh P.S.  
 20 Ipswich - Social Night.  
 21 Billericay - The First World War (Members).  
 21 Witham - Informal (Bring and Buy).  
**23 AEPS - AUTUMN STAMPESSEX STAMP FAIR & AGM, Hampson's Leisure, Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9FH.**  
 25 Frinton - Around Africa (D. Hacker).  
 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - An Evening with Avril and Colin.  
 25 Rayleigh - Thematic (Members).  
 26 Braintree - Chile and Victoria States (D.G. Davies).  
 26 Bury St. Edmunds - Auction.  
 26 Chelmsford - Chairman's Night (Mrs P. Adams) (pm).  
 28 Harlow - Seasons (Members).  
 28 Shoeburyness - (Provisional date).

### **December 2019**

- 2 Basildon - Stamp Collectors' Question Time.  
 2 Frinton - Instant Auction.  
 4 Benfleet - Chairman's Night and Christmas Social.  
 4 Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date).  
 4 Goodmayes - King George VI Commonwealth (Members).  
 4 Ipswich - An Afternoon with Dealer Sarah Brooks (pm).  
 4 Clacton - (Provisional date).  
 5 Billericay - Christmas Social (Members).  
 9 Rayleigh - Christmas Social.  
 10 Braintree - Christmas Social Quiz and Bourse.  
 10 Bury St. Edmunds - Social Evening, 1-sheet competition, Quiz, etc.  
 10 Chelmsford - My Favourite 16 sheets (Members) (pm).  
 10 Epping Forest - The Christmas Evening and Bring & Buy.  
 12 Harlow - Christmas Party & Quiz.  
 12 Shoeburyness - (Provisional date).  
 12 Witham - Christmas-Related.  
 14 Cheshunt - Members Entertain & Christmas Refreshments.

- 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Christmas Get-together.  
 16 Frinton - Christmas Celebrations and 8-sheet Members' Displays.  
 17 Basildon - Christmas Festive Meeting & Tomex Quiz.  
 17 Sudbury - Quiz Night and informal family evening.  
 18 Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date).  
 18 Goodmayes - Quiz Night (C.H. Crowder).  
 18 Ipswich - To be arranged.  
 20 Colchester - Christmas Social & Members' Displays.

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherecanwego.com>, which is updated with the latest available information. Unless stated, Basildon meetings are held at George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon SS14 2FL from 7.30 for 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

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### **Press Date**

The intention is that the next issue should be published on 1 January. Your news or articles should be with the Editor by 15 December.

