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## Editorial:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers!

The society would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Hammond for arranging for our most vital bit of equipment, the tea urn, to receive its annual PAT test!

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## SECRETARY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By the time you see this message, Christmas and the New Year may have passed. Either way, I hope you will have or have had a very nice Christmas. The Committee wishes you all a happy new year. The committee wishes to see more of our members attending our meetings during the year ahead. The Society is still looking for a new Secretary to take over at the AGM in June. We need more members to join to keep our subscriptions low. I reckon the hall hire costs will go up again in April. Our subscriptions only cover one third of the hall fees for the year, and our auction accounts for another third. The other third has to come out of our reserve account. We desperate need about another 6-10 new members to keep our costs under control. If any members would like to help run the club, please come and have a chat with me. Alan.

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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 overseas international exhibitions with UK participation are:

**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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## *National News*

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### ABPS CHANGES

George Henshilwood has taken over as Secretary. The new postal address for all ABPS correspondence (except membership queries) is ABPS, c/o 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW. Simon Richards is replacing Bill Hedley as Chairman of the Exhibitions Committee from 1 December (Bill is standing as Chairman of FEPA at their AGM shortly). Jon Aitchison has been appointed as a Director of Stamp World Exhibitions.

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### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2020 Congress** will be held at the Three Swans, Market Harborough from 3-6 September. The **2020 ABPS AGM** will be held at Congress on 4 September.

2021 will be at Harrogate.

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### ABPS NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS SECRETARY

Deborah Gooch stepped down after Autumn Stampex and his place was taken by Nick Martin.

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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 Stampexes in 2021.

### **LONDON 2020**

London 2020 will be held at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1 from 2 to 9 May 2020. This will be a full international World stamp exhibition with FIP patronage and FEPA recognition. Entries for the International competitions at London 2020 were heavily over-subscribed. 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 the event. Smaller rooms can hold about 30 people; the larger room can hold about 60 people. On 6 May, societies can book a table in a room off the gallery at the BDC 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), where you can register to receive the London 2020 Newsletters. Volunteers are needed to help run the exhibition via the same website.

### **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.

### **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).

### **THE PHILATELIC FUND**

Applications for financial support should now be sent to The Philatelic Fund, c/o RPSL.

### **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).

### **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.

### **BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION**

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

### **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.

## 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.

## 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).

### *Essex News*

## SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Chelmsford celebrated its Centenary recently (photographs courtesy David Everard).



## AEPS SEMINAR 2020

The 2020 AEPS Seminar will 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 £25 (including lunch and refreshments) are now available from Ray How, 5 Dalys Road, Rochford SS4 1RA. These seminars are pleasant social occasions, with invited speakers and with all members asked to bring along related small displays from their collections, if they wish to do so, for the speaker's comments and/or assistance. The venue has ample parking and is just off the A12. Book now, as tickets sell fast!

## NEXT AEPS EVENTS

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

**Spring StampEssex** will be hosted by Rayleigh P.S. at its 28 March Stamp Day, at its usual venue, Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh SS6 9BZ from 10am to 4pm. The AEPS Council meeting will be held at the same event at 11.30am.

## PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past; 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. The 2020 edition of Volume 1 was published in December 2019. Volumes 2 and 3 will not be published this year. This free digital handbook is sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. 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 2021 issue and interim publicity. Please send amendments to Len Stanway a.s.a.p.

## 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.

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## Basildon Society News

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### NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 6 January - Claude Crowder entertains.

Tuesday 21 January - Speaker to be confirmed.

Monday 3 February - May Dates by David Church & Mini Bourse.

Tuesday 18 February - 8 Pages from my collection – Members' displays.

Monday 2 March - President's Evening.

Tuesday 17 March - Ethiopia by Terry Stenning

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

#### 7 October - Display by Bromley & Beckenham P.S.



Ian Reed and David Milstead braved the Dartford Crossing and atrocious weather to give us a fascinating evening. Ian showed the postal history of the Channel Islands, a collection of which he is the third-generation curator. he started with Guernsey in 1775 with the St Malo service, moving on to the 1787 Southampton and 1794 Weymouth services with a wide array of handstamps, maps, ships, etc. up to present times. He then went on to display Jersey from 1795 to 1870, including an 1841 Penny Black used in Jersey. David Milstead took us through the events surrounding the Coronation of King

Edward VII in 1902 with an impressive array of mementos, invitations, souvenirs, private covers, etc., including some for the original event, which was postponed due to the King's illness. he closed with a letter written by the King himself from Balmoral in September 1902.

### 22 October - Auction.

Attendance at the auction was somewhat disappointing, but those present took on strong postal bidding with some good results.

Realisations were:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£4.00	153	£3.50	268	£11.00
2	£6.50	155	£14.50	269	£15.50
3	£10.00	156	£41.00	272	£3.20
5	£2.00	157	£30.00	274	£4.80
6	£3.00	158	£8.20	275	£3.50
7	£2.00	159	£4.00	280	£5.00
8	£8.50	161	£2.50	282	£3.00
9	£6.00	163	£3.00	283	£2.20
10	£3.00	164	£21.00	290	£3.00
11	£3.00	166	£4.00	291	£2.00
12	£6.00	167	£12.00	292	£2.00
13	£3.00	168	£10.00	298	£10.00
14	£3.00	170	£4.00	302	£3.00
15	£2.00	177	£20.00	306	£5.00
16	£10.50	178	£3.00	309	£2.50
17	£4.50	180	£10.00	313	£4.20
19	£3.00	185	£10.50	314	£5.00
20	£2.20	186	£2.50	317	£6.00
24	£4.50	189	£3.20	328	£3.00
27	£5.00	190	£3.00	329	£2.00
29	£2.00	192	£2.00	336	£6.50
32	£3.00	193	£2.50	338	£3.00
34	£2.50	196	£3.00	340	£2.00
35	£4.00	199	£3.00	341	£6.00
36	£4.00	200	£2.50	342	£8.00
37	£4.20	201	£6.00	344	£2.00
38	£3.80	202	£3.00	350	£11.00
39	£6.00	203	£3.00	351	£9.00
43	£10.00	204	£6.00	352	£9.00
44	£3.00	205	£3.00	353	£16.00
45	£5.20	206	£4.50	354	£3.50
46	£2.80	207	£2.20	356	£2.00
48	£3.00	208	£2.50	358	£3.00
50	£8.00	209	£3.00	359	£2.20
53	£2.00	210	£2.80	361	£68.00
54	£4.50	211	£5.50	363	£3.00
61	£45.00	212	£2.20	372	£11.00
67	£10.00	213	£4.00	384	£2.00
71	£6.00	214	£2.80	385	£8.00
73	£25.00	215	£3.50	390	£10.50
77	£4.00	216	£6.00	394	£4.50
92	£2.20	217	£5.00	399	£10.00
93	£5.00	218	£5.00	400	£2.20
94	£2.50	220	£5.50	402	£4.00
95	£3.00	221	£5.00	408	£18.00

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
96	£6.00	222	£4.00	414	£11.00
97	£2.50	223	£4.00	417	£2.00
98	£2.00	224	£6.50	418	£7.00
99	£2.00	225	£6.50	421	£3.00
107	£4.20	226	£7.00	427	£2.00
108	£4.80	228	£18.00	429	£4.50
109	£3.20	229	£4.00	430	£4.50
110	£3.00	230	£10.00	432	£8.00
111	£3.00	231	£8.50	435	£4.00
112	£10.00	232	£30.00	439	£12.00
113	£4.50	233	£5.00	445	£2.50
114	£3.20	235	£5.00	451	£25.00
115	£3.20	237	£31.00	454	£10.00
116	£3.00	238	£20.00	456	£5.00
117	£3.30	239	£20.00	458	£12.00
118	£3.00	242	£9.00	460	£3.00
120	£10.00	243	£8.00	461	£2.80
121	£2.00	244	£3.00	462	£6.00
123	£3.20	245	£4.00	463	£12.00
127	£3.20	246	£25.00	464	£4.00
128	£3.00	247	£6.00	465	£2.00
131	£5.00	248	£5.00	468	£15.00
132	£5.00	249	£5.00	475	£2.00
134	£3.00	250	£6.50	478	£3.00
137	£7.00	251	£3.20	479	£2.00
138	£3.00	252	£3.80	480	£4.20
139	£3.00	254	£7.00	484	£5.00
140	£3.00	255	£5.00	486	£4.00
141	£2.00	256	£4.00	487	£2.00
142	£6.00	258	£30.00	488	£3.20
145	£5.00	264	£3.00	489	£2.00
147	£8.00	266	£18.00	494	£15.00
149	£7.00	267	£8.00		

#### 4 November - Thematic Night - Members' Displays - Animals

Karen Morris made her maiden display before the society with eight sheets of animals, birds and fishes. The Chairman presented her with a certificate to mark the occasion. Ian McElwain displayed 12 sheets with a similar mix of subjects. Maggie Thompson displayed four frames of Big Cats. Claude Crowder completed the evening with four frames of fauna on Australian Antarctic Territory.

#### 19 November - Don Davies Entertains.

Don returned to update us on the latest discoveries of forged British Machin issues, where the forgers are keeping up with Royal Mail's attempts to create new security features. He then gave us an insight into the origins of the British comic seaside postcard, its history and the efforts in some resorts after World War Two to suppress them by censorship. The local

censors were not consistent and cards that were approved in some towns were banned in others.

#### 2 December - Stamp Collectors' Question Time.

Len Stanway again chaired a full evening of discussion of questions raised by members from the floor covering many aspects of our hobby, including forgeries and expertising, a subject in which he was ably assisted by our own RPSL Expert Committee members Charlie Mead and Maggie Thompson.

#### 17 December - Festive Night and Tomex Quiz.

Our Christmas evening began, as is traditional, with the Tomex Quiz, named in honour of late members Albert Thomas and Doug Hex, who presented the trophy. Having won it last year, the quizmaster was Len Stanway. Charlie Mead was the most worthy winner by a large margin with 27 marks, followed by Ian McElwain and Claude Crowder. After the quiz, we all partook of a well-earned, pleasant and generous repast provided by members.

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#### 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.

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#### AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 21 April with viewing from 7.15. The closing date for sending lots to Claude Crowder is 21 January or when the list is full, whichever is sooner. Lotting lists are available from Alan or Claude.

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#### 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 distributed to e-mail recipients. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Len Stanway displayed London Underground Mails to Rayleigh on 14 October, Aspects of Malaya to Colchester on 18 October and Stamp Collectors' Question Time at Leytonstone & Wanstead on 25 November.

### 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. 11 January, 14 March, 9 May, 12 September 14 November. 9am-3pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



### Philatelic Events at AEPS Societies

#### January 2020

- 1 Benfleet - Informal, Bourse and Members' Displays.
- 6 Basildon - Claude Crowder entertains.
- 8 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions and Society Entertains (Members).
- 8 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 9 Harlow - Letter E (Members).
- 13 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 13 Rayleigh - Annual Quiz.
- 14 Braintree - Think of a Number (Members).
- 14 Bury St. Edmunds - Pre-Independence Burma (A. Skilling).
- 15 Bishop's Stortford - New Acquisitions (Members).
- 15 Goodmayes - Cinderella Night (Members).
- 15 Ipswich - A Thematic Display and buy from Dealer Roger Swindells (afternoon).
- 17 Colchester - Competitions.
- 18 Epping Forest - Auction (1.30pm).
- 21 Basildon - To be advised.
- 21 Sudbury - Films.
- 23 Harlow - General Discussion and Activity (Members).
- 23 Witham - Annual General Meeting.
- 25 AEPS - Seminar "Members' Displays", Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR, 9.30am-4.30pm. Contact R.E. How for tickets. £25 including lunch and refreshment.**
- 27 Rayleigh - Ken Seymour Display.

- 28 Braintree - Chairman's Night.
- 28 Chelmsford - Letters L and M.
- 30 Shoeburyness - Annual General Meeting & Chairman's Night.

#### February 2020

- 3 Basildon - May Dates (D.J. Church) and mini-bourse.
- 5 Benfleet - Auction.
- 5 Bishop's Stortford - Egypt Postal History (J. Aitchison).
- 5 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 5 Goodmayes - Islands of the Atlantic (Members).
- 5 Ipswich - Members' Displays.
- 6 Billericay - Whose flag is that? (D. Bremner).
- 6 Witham - Informal - bring and buy.
- 8 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Unusual Australia / British Labels (R.E. How).
- 8 Witham - STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall, Newland St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 10am-4pm.
- 10 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 10 Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 11 Braintree - Africa (Members).
- 11 Bury St. Edmunds - German occupation of Channel Islands & British Military Currency (A. Starkey).
- 11 Epping Forest - Covers and postcards (Members).
- 11 Chelmsford - Swiss Surprise (E. Lienhard).
- 13 Harlow - Display by a member.
- 15 Bury St. Edmunds - STAMP FAIR, Moreton Hall, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 18 Basildon - Eight Pages From My Collection (Members).
- 18 Sudbury - Informal evening and auction viewing.
- 19 Bishop's Stortford - The Number 20 (Members).
- 19 Goodmayes - Special Event Souvenirs (Members).
- 19 Ipswich - Competitions.
- 20 Billericay - Winter (Members).
- 20 Witham - My Latest Acquisitions (Members).
- 21 Colchester - Display by Alan Moorcroft.
- 24 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Bring & Buy or Swap.
- 24 Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 25 Braintree - Postal History of the Boer War (N. Harris).
- 25 Chelmsford - Display by Benfleet P.S.
- 27 Harlow - General Discussion and Activity (Members).
- 27 Shoeburyness - To be advised.

#### March 2020

- 2 Basildon - President's Night.
- 4 Benfleet - GB Line-engraved Halfpennies and Fiji Stamps 1902-52 (C.W. Mead).
- 4 Bishop's Stortford - Indian States (J. George).
- 4 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 4 Goodmayes - Competitions.
- 4 Ipswich - Not So Boring Booklets (N. Emeny).
- 5 Billericay - The Family (Members).
- 5 Witham - Informal - bring and buy.
- 9 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 9 Rayleigh - To be advised.

- 10 Braintree - An Evening's Entertainment (I. Kelly).  
 10 Bury St. Edmunds - Competitions.  
 10 Chelmsford - Dead Countries Again.  
 10 Epping Forest - Germany 1945-1980.  
 12 Harlow - Letter F (Members).  
 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - The Collection of the late Bernard Braine MP (J. Charlton).  
 17 Basildon - Ethiopia (T. Stenning).  
 17 Sudbury - Auction.  
 18 Bishop's Stortford - The Letter D (Members).  
 18 Goodmayes - World Postal History (Members).  
 18 Ipswich - St. Vincent (T. Harrison).  
 19 Billericay - Sport (Members).  
 19 Witham - British Borneo (J.J. Gaskell).  
 20 Colchester - Aspects of Colchester (P. Nason).  
 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Richard Wood & Gordon George.  
 23 Rayleigh - To be advised.  
 24 Braintree - Blue Sapphire (Members).  
 24 Bury St. Edmunds - An Evening With Ray How.  
 24 Chelmsford - The United Nations (L.C. Stanway).  
 25 Basildon - Display to Bromley & Beckenham P.S.  
 25 Sudbury - Annual Dinner (by invitation).  
 26 Harlow - Annual General Meeting and Quiz.  
 26 Shoeburyness - To be advised.  
**28 AEPS/Rayleigh - Spring StampEssex, Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh SS6 9BZ. 10am - 4pm. Incorporating AEPS Council Meeting.**  
 31 Sudbury - Display by Rayleigh P.S.

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