

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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## **Editorial:**

Festival Year is here! Watch out for details of the many exhibitions and fairs that will be held around the country this year. Festival of Stamps 2010 is NOT just about the London exhibition!

I am sure that all our members and readers will join with me in congratulating our Chairman, Charlie Mead, on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London on 3 November 2009. He joins Maggie and Jim Thompson and Len Stanway as our fourth FRPSL.

Distribution of this issue to members has again been sponsored by TNS Consultants at no cost to the Society.

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## ***National News***

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### **ABPS COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be at Stampex on 27 February, while the next AGM will be at Congress in July, and not at Colchester as previously advised.

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### **PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.**

PCGB 2010 will be held at the Holiday Inn, Kenilworth on 22-25 July. Put it in your diary now!

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### **NORTH OF IRELAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION FORMED.**

The philatelic societies of Northern Ireland have agreed to form a new federation, affiliated to ABPS. This long-awaited and welcome development fills one of the principal gaps in ABPS coverage of the British isles.

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### **2010 AND ALL THAT - UPDATE.**

Northern Ireland's new philatelic federation will be holding a Festival 2010 event on

26 June 2010. The venue has still to be announced.

It should be quite a year for philately! Further details of all these events can be obtained from the Editor.

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### **WORLD POST DAY**

Have you any ideas how we could make a splash and get the society noticed on World Post Day, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union, on 9 October 2010? If so, tell us!

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### **ABPS AWARD OF MERIT**

Each year, the ABPS honours up to 15 grass roots philatelists that have made an outstanding contribution to a local or specialised society. Nomination forms for the 2010 awards can be obtained from Susan Oliver, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman/Secretary, 46 Woodville Road, Ham, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 7QN 020 8940 9833 [susan.m.oliver@virgin.net](mailto:susan.m.oliver@virgin.net).

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### **INVITATION TO VISIT THE ROYAL.**

The Royal Philatelic Society London has invited non-members to visit the RPSL at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY on Thursday 6 May 2010 to view a 52-frame exhibition provided by the Royal Philatelic Societies of Canada, Cape Town, London, New Zealand, Sydney and Victoria. A cream tea will be served in the afternoon. If you are interested, please apply for tickets by writing to the above address or by e-mail to [secretary@rpsl.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rpsl.org.uk).

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## ***Essex News***

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### **AEPS EVENTS**

#### **Autumn StampEssex - Report.**

This was held on 31 October at Great Wakering Primary School and was very well

attended. The trophies were presented by AEPS President David Sibley; none came to Basildon, but, if you do not enter you cannot win!. The annual quiz was cancelled due to lack of entries.

### **AEPS Annual General and Council Meeting Report.**

The AGM was held on 14 November, followed by a Council Meeting. Peter Denly took over from Ray How as Chairman of the Association. A Vice Chairman will be selected by the Executive for Council approval. Other officers remained unchanged. On a proposal from the floor, and after considerable debate, it was agreed to raise the capitation from 60p to 65p per member, there having been no rise since 2005. The Literature Trophy was presented to Bill Trower. An issue raised by Goodmayes society drew attention to the need for societies to check if speakers have a phobia of publicity and to take appropriate steps to give them anonymity if requested.

**The next Council meeting**, to which we can send up to three delegates, will be at 2.30pm on 9 January 2010 at the Red Cross Hall, Chelmsford. If you would like to come and meet delegates from other Essex societies, please contact Len or Alan.

The next **Executive Committee** meeting will be just before the Council meeting. If there is anything that you feel should be raised at County or National level, please contact Len before the meeting.

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### **CHELMSFORD AT 90**

Chelmsford & District Philatelic Society celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in November. We send our congratulations to them and best wishes for a successful future.

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### **NEXT AEPS EVENTS**

#### **AEPS Spring competitions.**

The society desperately needs volunteers to enter the 16-sheet Traditional (stamps and postal stationery), Postal History & Postmarks and Aerophilatelic competitions at the AEPS Colchester 2010 event in June. The entries

will be needed by about March. If you can help, please speak to Charlie Mead NOW!

### **Book Now for January AEPS Workshop!**

The annual Workshop will be held at Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road. Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex. CM8 3HR on 30 January 2010. This year's topic will be Traditional Philately, i.e. stamps and postal stationery.

For those who have not attended, these are very interesting events with something for everyone. Whether or not you display or compete, there is always something to learn about the finer points of the hobby, as well as having a chance to socialise with collectors from all over Essex and beyond. This year it will cost £20 for the day including a three-course lunch and refreshments. Why not give it a try? Apply to Ray How, 5 Dalys Road, Rochford SS4 1RA.

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### **ALBUMS CLOSED**

We hear from Witham P.S. that they have recently lost Mike Scollan (a former Vice Chairman) and Peter May.

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### **Society News**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

"I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2010. When you read this message, it will be our first meeting in 2010. I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work they do behind the scenes to keep your stamp club going.

If you were at the last club meeting, you would have heard that Geoff Miller, who was our Programme Secretary and Vice Chairman, is moving away to Frinton in January. Geoff will be greatly missed from the Committee and from the Society. The Committee wishes him Good Luck in Frinton.

The Society is now looking for a new Programme Secretary and a Vice Chairman. **If you would like to take on one of these jobs, please see me or the Chairman as soon as possible.**

If you would like to donate items for our raffle or refreshments, just bring them to any meeting on the night. If, by chance, we get an

excess on one night, we can hold them for the next meeting.

Please keep the books coming in for the Packet!

Auction vendor's lists will be available at the next meeting for our Spring Auction. **Lists must be returned to the Auction Secretary by 1 March 2010.**

Programme cards for 2010 are now out. If you require a programme card, please see me!

Alan Taylor"

### RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"On behalf of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan for all his work to ensure that the club runs smoothly. Despite his busy work schedule, he is always first to arrive and last to leave and he does a lot behind the scenes to promote the society and raise funds, without which it would be very hard to keep going. Please read his words carefully and act on them! The club cannot run without your support.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and readers of this journal a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Len Stanway"

### FAREWELL

As mentioned above, Geoff Miller informed the Committee that he would be moving to Frinton in January and would therefore have to stand down from the post of Programme Secretary when he completed the 2010 programme. The Committee expressed their very great thanks to Geoff for all his work and wished him well in his new home, which we understand is very close to Frinton society's venue!

### MEETING REPORTS

#### 5 October 2009 - Auction.

The first "winter night" of the year saw a very disappointing number of members and visitors attending our autumn auction. However, there were plenty of postal bids,

with over half the sold lots going to them, Nevertheless, the auction made a small but useful contribution to society finances. Realisations were:

| Lot | Realised | Lot | Realised | Lot | Realised |
|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|
| 2   | £2.00    | 76  | £30.00   | 163 | £12.00   |
| 3   | £4.00    | 81  | £5.00    | 165 | £18.25   |
| 4   | £2.00    | 85  | £3.00    | 168 | £5.00    |
| 5   | £4.20    | 87  | £8.00    | 170 | £6.40    |
| 6   | £3.20    | 93  | £28.00   | 174 | £6.00    |
| 9   | £3.00    | 94  | £15.00   | 185 | £3.80    |
| 14  | £3.00    | 105 | £2.50    | 192 | £5.00    |
| 16  | £3.00    | 106 | £4.50    | 196 | £2.50    |
| 18  | £15.00   | 108 | £14.00   | 197 | £4.00    |
| 19  | £5.00    | 112 | £2.00    | 198 | £5.50    |
| 20  | £3.00    | 114 | £5.00    | 199 | £5.00    |
| 22  | £2.00    | 115 | £2.00    | 200 | £3.50    |
| 25  | £2.00    | 117 | £25.00   | 201 | £10.00   |
| 29  | £9.50    | 119 | £5.00    | 203 | £6.00    |
| 30  | £4.60    | 121 | £2.00    | 209 | £4.00    |
| 31  | £6.00    | 124 | £2.00    | 210 | £3.00    |
| 32  | £6.40    | 125 | £3.00    | 211 | £4.00    |
| 33  | £2.00    | 128 | £5.00    | 212 | £20.00   |
| 34  | £4.00    | 131 | £2.50    | 213 | £4.00    |
| 39  | £17.00   | 132 | £2.50    | 214 | £9.75    |
| 43  | £2.00    | 134 | £5.00    | 216 | £8.00    |
| 44  | £2.00    | 138 | £3.50    | 217 | £4.00    |
| 45  | £7.50    | 141 | £4.50    | 218 | £2.00    |
| 49  | £4.00    | 144 | £3.00    | 222 | £4.00    |
| 50  | £2.50    | 146 | £4.00    | 223 | £3.00    |
| 55  | £2.00    | 147 | £15.00   | 225 | £6.75    |
| 56  | £2.00    | 148 | £11.00   | 230 | £5.00    |
| 58  | £3.00    | 149 | £3.00    | 231 | £12.00   |
| 60  | £2.50    | 150 | £2.50    | 233 | £7.00    |
| 61  | £3.00    | 151 | £3.00    | 235 | £11.00   |
| 65  | £3.50    | 153 | £3.00    | 236 | £15.00   |
| 68  | £4.00    | 159 | £4.00    | 243 | £2.00    |
| 71  | £12.00   | 162 | £2.40    | CF1 | £1.00    |

#### 19 October 2009 - Pot Pourri (Mrs Ann & Miss Chloe Coltman).



Ann was joined by our youngest member, her granddaughter Chloe, to present a variety of displays from their collections. Ann opened with "The Wilds of Africa". Chloe presented "Sherlock Holmes", where we saw the town where his "death" as staged. "An A-Z of Antelopes" resulted from a challenge by members. "Cotton" was accompanied by a real cotton bole, a Singapore sheet showing one of Ann's quilts and her latest creation, and was followed by "Children's Fun Time", which focused on toys. She finished with "Wild Africa", which she prepared for Torquay 2006. The Chairman congratulated them both on an entertaining and varied display.

### **2 November 2009 - Austro-Hungarian Navy Mail in World War I (Mrs L Bosworth).**

Your Editor was unable to attend this meeting as he was displaying elsewhere.

### **17 November 2009 - Display by Witham P.S.**

Dennis Ford displayed French covers from Louis Napoleon to post war, including a Ballon Monté and several pneumatic mail cards. Wherever possible he seeks to collect single stamps paying correct rates in the correct period. He finished with a selection of exhibition covers.

Peter Wood displayed the stamps of the RSFSR, the period between Imperial Russia and the USSR, showing control stamps, shades, paper changes, varnish lines, rapid inflation and overprints on Imperial stamps.

Keith Newbitt gave us an introduction to Mount Athos, a semi-autonomous, enclosed Monastic Republic on a peninsular in Greece, explaining the problems of getting into and staying in the country and showing the special stamps issued in 2008 by Greece for their use. Founded in 1053 (but claiming an earlier history, it is governed by 20 Ruling Monasteries and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### **7 December 2009 - Anything But Stamps.**

Our periodic investigation of member's other interests again yielded a selection of unusual displays. Len Stanway started the displays with a small part of his collection of model

buses and other road vehicles intended to add interest to a future model railway, featuring vehicles with which he can trace a past connection.

Ann Coltman followed with her "Art Gallery" of her original works from paintings in pencil, watercolour, acrylics and chalk to the cross-stitch and embroidery for which she is better known.

Our sole junior member, Chloe Coltman, displayed some items from her collection of figurines and some Wade animals.

Vivien Hollaway showed a selection of children's badges featuring television, film and book characters, pantomime, theatre and comics.

John Cowlin closed the meeting with an extensive display of wartime memorabilia mainly Japanese items from the Second World War, including flags, posters, books and ceramics. Among many notable items were a flag seized at Iwo Jima, a World War One Japanese tea pot and a air-dropped Japanese propaganda leaflet.

### **15 December 2009 - Festive Quiz Night and 1-Sheet Competition.**

Our last meeting of the year is traditionally a relaxed affair, as proved on this occasion. The meeting opened with the traditional Tomex Quiz, which was started as long ago as 1981 by Albert Thomas and the late Doug Hex. Having won last year, it was Len Stanway's turn to ask the questions. Len used a PowerPoint display to present 40 questions with multiple choice answers and visual clues. It was only after the quiz that he revealed that it had originally been devised by Colin Searle of ABPS for the 2010 Congress. Dave Perry won with 30½ marks, but the members' scores overall were well up with those achieved at Manchester.

We then proceeded to the traditional buffet, during which members judged the One-Sheet Competition. This was won by our youngest member, Chloe Coltman, with a Sherlock Holmes page.

The President closed with thanks to everyone for their participation in the evening, to the Secretary and Chairman for their work during the year and to Geoff Miller for the 2010 Programme coupled with best wishes for

his new life in Frinton, and finally wished all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

4 January - Display by Dartford & District P.S.  
 19 January - Back of a Picture Postcard (John Copeland).  
 1 February - Wembley Exhibition 1924-1925 (Peter Denly).  
 16 February - Post Town of Petworth (Chris Cooksey).  
 1 March - Lundy (Julie Lester).  
 16 March - Reach for the Skies (Mike Thompson).

### **WANTED - NEWSLETTER REPORTERS**

We require the help of all members. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in this journal, please let the Editor know. We also need volunteers to do a brief report of each meeting, to reduce the workload on the Editor.

### **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.

### **NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee met on 10 November to address routine business, with reports from the officers on their responsibilities. Geoff Miller presented the 2010 programme and announced his departure.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 19 April. If you wish to raise any issues, please tell a committee member as soon as possible.

### **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 (address, etc. below).

### **MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

Are you doing something outside the society that members may be interested to hear about? Have you heard about another member's activities or achievements? If so, please let the Editor know.

2 November - Len Stanway displayed "Mails Under London" to the Civil Service P.S. in London.

6 November - Len Stanway displayed "Mails Under London" to Hemel Hempstead P.S.

1 December - Chris Cooksey displayed "Post Town of Petworth" to Benfleet P.S.

8 December - Maggie Thompson displayed "Triangles" to Chelmsford P.S.

### **Article**

### **THE POSTMAN'S STORY by Alf Potter**

I would like to thank the people who gave me help in trying to find information from a postcard "dater". The card that I am referring to is called "The Postman's Story". It was a song, but I had no information regarding the words. A few of my friends scanned the Internet for me without being able to find anything. A friend made the suggestion that I write to the person from whom I acquired the card; a letter being drafted and duly sent, a reply came enclosing information - the song with chorus and words to same.

So I would like to give thanks for all the help I received and a big thank you to the Bath Postal Museum on sending this information to me without cost.

"Many a time in my fancy I see  
 Many a face that is watching for me  
 Mighty and lowly, the Rich and the Poor  
 Welcome the Postman's "Rat Tat" at the door  
 One eager face I can see as I stand  
 Shading his eyes with an old wrinkled hand  
 Winter or Summer I found him the same  
 Waiting a letter - But that never came"

Chorus:

"The old man was waiting  
And watching at the door  
Longing for a letter  
From the lad he'll see no more  
See how wistfully he stands  
As he clasps his feeble hands  
While the Ship lies a wreck  
Upon the Goodwin Sands"

## THE EARLIEST CHRISTMAS STAMP

### Len Stanway

"Christmas comes but once a year or so the poet said". Philatelists who collect Christmas stamps will know that, for them, that simply is not the case. Once the autumn season approaches, postal authorities around the world cash in by issuing stamps to mark Christmas.

In 2007, one of the Caribbean islands was noted in Gibbons Stamp Monthly as having issued their Christmas stamps in April, to much amusement.

In 2008, Singapore went one better. Being a diverse culture, it is always careful to ensure that each of its four cultural sectors (Chinese, Eurasian, South Indian and Malay) are equally represented in any relevant issue. Where religion is concerned, this translates into Chinese, Christian, Tamil and Moslem. Most years, Singapore therefore marks Christmas as one of four festivals for which stamps and/or postal stationery is issued.



Issued on 29 February 2008, itself an auspicious date, this is believed to be the world's earliest ever issue of Christmas stamps! The usual series of four festivals was

extended to include four additional festivals, for which the issue date was perhaps more appropriate. Designed by Neo Lay See for Design Business (S) Pte Ltd, this issue comprised twelve gummed counter sheetlets, four of each value, and four self-adhesive counter sheetlets of the "1<sup>st</sup> Local" value to pay the basic letter rate. It is the self-adhesive versions which you would tend to find in use on ordinary mail, as self-adhesives are preferred on health grounds. They will, however, prove to be a long-term nightmare for collectors and postal historians as the adhesive will self-destruct over a quite short period. The British Library has confirmed that there is no known solution to this problem.

The designs portrayed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Local (A): Chinese New Year - Chinese children with dragon, lamps and fire-crackers;
- 1<sup>st</sup> Local (B): Christmas - Eurasian children with holly and lambs;
- 1<sup>st</sup> Local (C): Deepavali - Indian children with elephants;
- 1<sup>st</sup> Local (D): Hari Raya Aidilfitri - Malay children with food
- 55c. (A): Chinese New Year - Chinese children with fish and hongbaos;
- 55c. (B): Christmas - Santa Clauses and reindeer;
- 55c. (C): Deepavali - Indian children with peacocks;
- 55c. (D): Hari Raya Aidilfitri - Malay children with decorations;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Local (A): Mid-Autumn (also known as Lantern or Mooncake Festival) - Chinese children with lamps;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Local (B): Easter - Eurasian children with decorated eggs;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Local (C): Pongal - Indian children with cows;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Local (D): Hari Raya Haji - Malay children with mosque, Korans and prayer mat.

Plenty of scope there for alternative collections! The "2<sup>nd</sup> Local" stamp does not provide a second-class service, but instead covers the second weight step for local letters. The 55c. value provides the basic airmail rate to most overseas destinations.

**ARTICLES WANTED**

Members are invited to write short articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Please contact the Editor.

**Philatelic Events in Essex****January-March 2010****Jan 2010**

- 4 Basildon \* - Display by Dartford & District S.C.  
Frinton \* - Australia (C Salt).
- 5 Benfleet \* - (Provisional date).  
Sudbury - Delivering the mail with Royal Mail Postcards (I G Pittway) & The Dutch East-Indies Route (R Swindells).
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Competition & Party Night - Society entertains Committee.  
Goodmayes \* - Postal stationery & postcards (Members).
- 7 Witham \* - Informal / Bring & buy.
- 8 Harlow \* - (Provisional date).
- 9 **AEPS \* - COUNCIL MEETING, 2.30pm, Red Cross Hall, 200 New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 9AD, & Executive meeting.**  
Leytonstone & Wanstead \* - Ethiopia (W Wood).
- 11 Cheshunt \* - (Provisional date).  
Rayleigh \* - Quiz.
- 12 Braintree \* - G & H (Members) & Bring & Buy.  
Chelmsford \* - Another Evening with Stuart (S Henderson).  
Epping Forest \* - Auction.
- 13 Brentwood \* - Members' displays.  
Clacton - Competitions.  
Goodmayes - Visit to Havering P.S.
- 14 Hullbridge \* - Members Acquisitions 2009-10.
- 15 Colchester \* - Competitions & Quiz.
- 18 Frinton \* - President's Night.
- 19 Basildon \* - Back of a Picture Postcard (J Copeland).  
Southend \* - (Provisional date).  
Sudbury - Television (M Routh).
- 20 Bishop's Stortford \* - The Letter F (Members).  
Goodmayes \* - 1936 Olympic Games (A J Bosworth).
- 21 Billericay \* - The Development of Scotland (D Bremner).  
Witham \* - Annual General Meeting.
- 22 Harlow \* - (Provisional date).
- 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead \* - Mastermind.  
Rayleigh \* - Ken Seymour Memorial Display.
- 26 Braintree \* - A Touch of the Blarney (R E How).  
Chelmsford\* - Aspects of Greece (A H Boyce).
- 27 Brentwood \* - Open Night.  
Ipswich \* - Theme Evening H or 9.
- 28 Shoeburyness \* - AGM & Bourse.
- 30 **AEPS - WORKSHOP (see article).**

**Feb 2010**

- 1 Basildon \* - Wembley Exhibition 1924-1925 (P Denly).  
Frinton \* - Peter Drake Entertains.  
1(-30 Oct) *Festival 2010 Bath - Exhibition - King George V. Bath Postal Museum.*
- 2 Benfleet \* - (Provisional date).  
Sudbury - Film Evening.
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - Unusual Aspects of Canada (C Banfield).  
Clacton - Display: To be advised.  
Goodmayes \* - 8 sheets - Letter Q (Members).
- 4 Billericay \* - More Triangles (Mrs M Thompson).  
Witham \* - Beginning with L (Members).
- 5 Harlow \* - (Provisional date).
- 8 Cheshunt \* - (Provisional date).  
Rayleigh \* - To be advised.
- 9 Braintree \* - South America (Members).  
Chelmsford\* - Boer War (N Harris).  
Epping Forest \* - Transport (Members).
- 10 Brentwood \* - The Committee Presents.  
Ipswich \* - Portuguese Nyassa on Trial (J Dahl).
- 11 Hullbridge \* - Auction.
- 13 Leytonstone & Wanstead \* - Auction.
- 15 Frinton \* - Competitions & Displays.
- 16 Basildon \* - Post Town of Petworth (C Cooksey).  
Southend \* - (Provisional date).  
Sudbury - Competitions with Informal Evening.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford \* - Miniature or Souvenir Sheets (Members).  
Goodmayes \* - Competitions (Members).
- 18 Billericay \* - Open Night with dealers.  
Witham \* - Two Members Display.
- 19 Colchester \* - Machin Colours (P Oxley),  
Skegness (S Clayton).  
Harlow \* - (Provisional date).
- 20 Witham \* - STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall, Newlands St, Witham CM8 2AZ.
- 22 Leytonstone & Wanstead \* - Officers & Committee Entertain.  
Rayleigh \* - Letter B (Members).
- 23 Braintree \* - The Committee Entertains.  
Chelmsford\* - Postcards - Bailiwick of Guernsey (M & D Edwards).
- 24 Brentwood \* - Open Night.  
Ipswich \* - Competitions.
- 24-27 *London - STAMPEX, Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH (including 1-frame ABPS Competition).*
- 25 Shoeburyness \* - Competitions.
- 27 Ipswich - Visit to Stampex.
- 28 Benfleet \* - STAMP DAY, Runnymede Hall, Kiln Road, Thundersley, SS7 1TF.

**Mar 2010**

- 1 Basildon \* - Lundy (Ms J Lester).  
Frinton \* - Canada Revamped (R Jacques).
- 2 Benfleet \* - (Provisional date).

- Sudbury - Display by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S.
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - GB - KGVI on WWII Mail (G Fryer).  
Clacton - Anything beginning with A (Members).  
Goodmayes \* - Chairman's Night (G Mallett).
- 4 Billericay \* - Monarchs of the World (Members).  
Witham \* - Competitions & bourse.
- 5 Harlow \* - (Provisional date).
- 8 Cheshunt \* - (Provisional date).  
Rayleigh \* - To be advised.
- 9 Braintree \* - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.  
Chelmsford\* - Royal Mail DVD Presentation.  
Epping Forest \* - Japan (M Fuller).
- 10 Brentwood \* - Display by Frinton P.S.  
Ipswich \* - The Nuclear Option (J Walden).
- 11 Hullbridge \* - Competition.
- 13 East Anglian Postal History - Annual General Meeting (at Stowmarket).  
Leytonstone & Wanstead \* - Haiti & Cuba (D Lavery).
- 15 Frinton \* - Display by Ipswich P.S.
- 16 Basildon \* - Reach for the Sky (M Thompson).  
Frinton \* - Display by Ipswich P.S.  
Southend \* - (Provisional date).  
Sudbury - Auction.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford \* - Value in cents and dollars (Members).  
Goodmayes \* - Kevin Glacken Entertains.
- 18 Billericay \* - South Atlantic Islands (C Cooksey).  
Witham \* - War & Rebellions (J Cowlin).
- 19 Colchester \* - France - Stamps & Postal History (M Fuller).  
Harlow \* - (Provisional date).
- 20 Rayleigh \* - STAMP DAY. Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9BZ.
- 22 Leytonstone & Wanstead \* - Antarctica (A Hoad).  
Rayleigh \* - Chairman's Night.
- 23 Braintree \* - An Avenue Explored (D C Ford).  
Chelmsford\* - Display by Brentwood P.S.
- 24 Brentwood \* - Open Night.  
Ipswich \* - A View from the Rostrum (Warwick & Warwick).  
Sudbury - Annual Dinner (ticket only).
- 25 Shoeburyness \* - Austria (M Fuller).  
Witham - Annual Dinner (by invitation).
- 27 *Festival 2010 Thames Valley - Thames Valley & District Philatelic Federation "WestBex10", Kennet School, Thatcham, Berkshire.*
- 29 Frinton \* - (Provisional date).

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor.  
\* indicates a wheelchair-accessible meeting.

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#### Auction:

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#### Future programme:

We have a vacancy for a Programme Secretary - Speak to Alan or Charlie now to volunteer!

[www.basildon.aeps.org.uk](http://www.basildon.aeps.org.uk)

### Press Date

The intention is that the next issue should be published on 1 April. Your news or articles should be with the Editor by 20 March.

