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Editorial:

Philately as a hobby has never been stronger world-wide but many UK societies are struggling to find new blood willing to take on the necessary administrative roles in the future. We should all pull-together to encourage the many unattached collectors to come and enjoy the benefits of joining a club. If everyone brought just one new member into their local society this year, the effect would be amazing!

International News

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

The only UK way to qualify for international competitions is through ABPS national exhibitions. To be eligible for five frames at an FIP, FEPA or other Continental Federation competition, it is necessary to achieve 75 points and a vermeil medal at a national exhibition (Eurothema and Thematica do not qualify).

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

Mainz International Philatelic Literature Exhibition, IPHLA 2012, Germany, 2-4 November 2012.

Nordia Scandinavian countries with US and other exhibitors: Roskilde, Denmark, 2-4 November 2012.

World Philatelic Exhibition, Melbourne 10-15 May 2013. Commissioner is Richard West: (richwest@btinternet.com) (entry forms available on ABPS website - closing date 31 July 2012).

Thailand 2013, Bangkok, 2-14 August 2013 (www.thailand2013.com). Commissioner is Chris King (chris.king@postalhistory.net) (entry forms available on ABPS website).

World Stamp Exhibition, Brasilia 2013, Rio de Janeiro, 11-17 November 2013.

Joint meeting of RPSL and l'Académie de philatélie de Belgique 11-14 July 2014, Ypres. Display plus RDP ceremony: Provisional venue for Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

London 2015 FIP and FEPA Exhibition 13-16 May 2015.

World Stamp Show - NY 2016, Javits Convention Center, New York City 28 May - 4 June 2016.

GLOBAL PHILATELIC LIBRARY

The Global Philatelic Library website (www.globalphilateliclibrary.org) provides a centralised information gateway to the world's philatelic research. Its founding partners include The Royal Philatelic Society London, the US National Postal Museum and Smithsonian Library and the American Philatelic Research Library. The website enables philatelists around the world to access philatelic research from partner libraries from any computer. Searchable listings of books and publications, as well as resource locations and access, provide invaluable resources for those undertaking philatelic research. It provides:

- A world-class collection of printed, electronic and other media;
 - Access and support for beginners, hobbyists, specialists, writers and postal historians;
 - International collaboration and co-operation with philatelic libraries and museums around the world;
 - An Anthology of fascinating, informative and sometimes even scandalous articles written throughout the past century about philately and some of the people involved in its history.
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National News

ABPS HANDBOOK

The new 2012 edition of the ABPS Directory has at last been published. Societies are asked to check their entries and send them to John Dickenson, who will ensure that the ABPS updates its website as soon as possible.

A new Editor has been appointed to produce a 2015 edition. ABPS has reminded readers that its website is kept up-to-date with the latest available information.

The Speakers book was issued early in 2011 and updates are being published in *ABPS News*.

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 2013 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.

Nominations can now be submitted by an ABPS member society or by a federation (see below). The closing date is 1 March 2013.

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Len Stanway attended as Essex delegate. There were only two federation reps (Essex and Scotland), which was unsurprising as no calling notices had been issued. After an exchange, John Baron undertook to send out an AGM calling notice next year.

John Baron and Paul Gaywood have been elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of both Council and Executive and ABPS is to consult on changes to the Articles of Association to formally merge the two bodies. The Council was intended to run the Association with the Executive implementing its decisions, but no Council meetings have been called for some years, despite two meetings per annum being specified in the Articles of Association. The current Articles will be put them in the website with a note in the handbook directing readers there.

There had been a net reduction of membership of six societies during the year, plus four friends and five patrons. Total membership stands at c.17,000 persons. Average society membership in the UK has fallen by about 2%.

It was agreed that, in addition to local and specialist societies, any federation could submit nominations for the Award of Merit based on service to the Federation and other bodies.

It is intended to make some changes to the organisation of Congress with a permanent team instead of local organisers, but no details of the intended changes were given, other than a return to the usual June-July period. 2013 will be in Gloucester and 2014 in Ypres.

Comments were requested on the ABPS website. ABPS News welcomes short articles to fill one A5 page. ABPS leaflets can be ordered from Chris Oliver. The next three will be a model constitution for societies, running society auctions and a list of philatelic weekend venues currently used by societies.

The next AGM will be at Congress at Gloucester 27-30 June 2013.

STAMPEX

Future Stampex events and themes will be as follows:

Spring 2013: Cinderella and Revenue - 200 Frames with Seminars: 20-23 February.

Autumn 2013: Full National Exhibition – France and Colonies Philatelic Society display. 18-21 September.

Spring 2014: Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open and Postcards 19-22 February.

Autumn 2014: Full National Exhibition - Germany & Colonies 50th Anniversary and Centenary of the outbreak of World War One. 17-20 September.

Spring 2015: Limited exhibition (200 frames). Diamond Jubilee of the Great Britain PS.

Autumn 2015: Full National Exhibition - GB Overprints Society 45 Years.

Spring 2016: Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open and Postcards.

Autumn 2016: Full National Exhibition - Theme as yet open to offers from specialist societies.

WORLD POST DAY

How can we get the society and/or the hobby noticed on World Post Day 9 October 2012, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

2012 NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The 2012 ABPS National Exhibition will be held in Scotland on 19-20 October 2012 (note corrected dates) at Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth PH2 0TH. The exhibition will have a Scandinavian theme. The closing date for entries in this full National exhibition is 17 August (application forms are available on the ABPS website).

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Congress is becoming increasingly important as the main opportunity each year to enter into discussions with ABPS officers and all readers are encouraged to consider attending to ensure that the grass roots views reach the "powers that be" in the hobby (and vice versa). It is always a wonderful chance to see outstanding displays and meet other collectors in all disciplines.

Congress 2012 will be held at Queen's Hotel in Perth, Scotland, from 20-22 October, following on from the National exhibition. Details appeared in the Summer 2012 issue of *ABPS News* and booking forms are now available (contact Paul Gaywood gaywood@hotmail.co.uk if you have not received one). Optional visits this year include a coach tour to a castle and distillery and/or to the Cullen collection of postal history in Edinburgh.

Congress 2013 will be at Gloucester from 27-30 June 2013. **Congress 2014** may be held at Ypres in Belgium. Overseas congresses are rare but not unprecedented. This will be the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War.

MIDPEX

Midpex 2013 is scheduled for 6 July 2013. Further information: bobharper@btinternet.com

ABPS EXHIBITING SEMINARS

Are you interested in seeing these events but unable to go to London? Whilst you get much more out of being there, you can now view them in the comfort of your own home. The ABPS has posted the PowerPoint presentations in PDF form on its website at:

<http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Seminars/index.xalter> for you to view or download. Several titles are available and others are added from time to time.

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA activities, contact Peter Denly, 9 Oaklands Park, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BY or www.brit-thematic-assoc.com.

ISSUES TO TAKE UP WITH ABPS?

Then contact the AEPS Secretary, John Dickenson, who is the ABPS point-of-contact for the member federations and thus with grass-roots societies. John can be contacted at 9 Southbrook, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9NS, 01279-722297 or dickenson17@ntlworld.com.

ABPS WEBSITE

The ABPS website contains a wealth of valuable information. Please visit it at

<http://abps.org.uk/>. All ABPS societies are listed with their contact details. Please advise the ABPS of any necessary changes.

Essex News

NEW COMPETITION AWARD

The Spring 2013 competitions will include a new award for the best entry consisting exclusively of material from before 1 January 1900. The trophy has been donated by Bill Barrell, the well-known postal history dealer.

NEW SOCIETY SECRETARIES

Clifford Crumpton of Epping Forest & District Stamp Club has had to resign due to ill health. His place as Secretary has been taken, *pro-tem*, by the Treasurer, Roger Pearce, whose contact details are 32 Millsmead Way, Loughton, Essex IG10 1LR, rodwin@talk21.com, 020-8281-1386 or 07968-507588.

AEPS YOUTH OFFICER

The AEPS President, David Armitage, is also the Association's Youth Officer. He can, in conjunction with the Stamp Active Network, assist societies undertaking promotional work on youth philately. His e-mail address has recently changed to davearmitage18@btinternet.com. He can also be contacted on 01279-503625.

AEPS EVENTS

AEPS Council Meeting was held on 7 July at Witham, attended by Alan, John and Len. The key development was the approval of the rules for the new trophy outlined above. The meeting received progress reports from members of the Executive and updated status on future events.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2012

If you want to find out about any society in the county, county competition rules or a catalogue of Essex event covers, speakers, judges, etc., please ask the Secretary to show you *Philately In Essex*, the AEPS Handbook.

The 2012 Supplement is available from the AEPS for £5 or the whole loose-leaf book can be purchased for £10. Contact Len Stanway if you would like to buy a copy.

If you want to be included as a speaker in the AEPS Register of Displays, please contact Len Stanway.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on 17 November at Spring Lodge, Witham. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

Autumn StampEssex 2012 will be held on 6 October at Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham, CM8 2HE, from 10am to 4pm, organised by Witham society. Admission free and refreshments available.

Workshop 2013 will be held on 26 January at Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road. Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex. CM8 3HR. The theme will be "Open Class", the new category that has replaced Social Philately as the hybrid of postal history and thematics. The cost (which includes lunch and refreshments) will be £27. Contact Ray How for more detail.

Spring StampEssex 2013 will be held on 27 April at James Hornsby School, Basildon from 10am to 4pm, organised by Basildon society. It is vital that as many members and supporters as possible come to this event, so put it in your diary now!

ALBUMS CLOSED

We are sad to record the recent death from cancer of Cameron Evans, formerly Secretary and Treasurer of Braintree society. Our condolences are tendered to his friends and family.

Basildon Society News

ALBUMS CLOSED

We are very sorry to report the death after a short illness of Jenny Perry on 3 July. Our thoughts are with David at this sad time. Len Stanway represented the society at the memorial service following her funeral. Any member wishing to make a donation in her memory should contact her nominated charity, Albanian Evangelical Mission, 29 Bridge Street, Pen-y-Bryn, Wrexham, LL13 7HP.

We also record with sadness the death after a long illness of Jim Thompson, husband of Maggie. Jim was the society Auditor in 2001-

2003 and a member for a number of years until ill-health curtailed his activities. His funeral is planned for Bentley Crematorium, Brentwood at 11am on 3 October.

SUGGESTION BOX

Members are invited to make suggestions with regard to events and the way the society is run. A box and suggestion slips will be provided at meetings. Suggestions may be made anonymously or members can leave their name for follow-up. All suggestions will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

3 July - Basildon-Billericay Quiz.

This year, the host was Basildon and the guest question master was Stuart Henderson of Leytonstone, assisted by Nick Kerridge (the newly-appointed Vice Chairman of the National Philatelic Society) as scorer. The society team of Claude Crowder, Ann Coltman and Ian McElwain achieved 42 marks but the visiting team of Richard Alexander, Terry Stenning and Arthur Ritchen deservedly took the trophy with 64 marks.

17 July - Flight Path Pacific (W E Trower).

As David Sibley was indisposed, Bill Trower kindly stood in to give his display of early PanAm airmails. Pan American Airways used several generations of aircraft specially developed with increased range and payload to progressively cross the Pacific from San Francisco to Honolulu, Guam, Midway and Manila to ultimately reach Hong Kong and Singapore, before Japanese aggression closed the routes for the duration of the war.

6 August - No Stamps (Members). (Report by Claude Crowder)

The intention behind the title was for members to display things from any other collecting habits. It is a fact that most stamp collectors are like squirrels in that they usually have some other collecting interest. This evening proved the point in that members produced the following:

Alf Potter displayed publicity cards including well-known ones such as Bisto, Robinsons Jam, etc.

Ann Coltman displayed drawings and prints in various forms - oils, water colours, etc., which she

had produced within the past couple of years since going to art classes.

Beth Stevens displayed part of her collection of egg cups made from various materials (china, plastic and metal) in various forms (chickens, animals, etc.).

Chris Cooksey displayed mine certificates from Rhodesia without the usually revenue stamps.

Claude Crowder displayed exhibition postcards, mainly 1924/1925 Wembley, and a range of Australia Post cards depicting places in Australia, with the views reproduced as the printed "stamp".

John Cowling displayed items from the Boer War including items made by prisoners of war.

Maggie Thompson showed some very nice hand-made Christmas and birthday cards.

Vivien Hollaway displayed postcards showing arts, crafts and artisans, such as butter churning, coracle making, and Welsh love spoons, as well as the Victorian gas lamp lighter.

A very entertaining evening!

21 August - Norway (Mrs Pat Adams).



Pat returned to show us further examples from her very extensive collections of Norwegian and Spitzbergen (Svalbard) stamps, postal history and postcards. Highlights included early cruise liner mail, various attempts to reach the North Pole by ship, airship or balloon between 1893 and 1928 and Prince Albert of Monaco's research expedition. Svalbard became part of Norway in 1925. The second part featured ship postmarks and postcards, the Telemark Canal and Pat's Gold Medal postcard display on the Great Fire of Aalesund that destroyed one of its most northerly settlements in 1904.

3 September - Propaganda Postcards from 1900 (John Cowlin).



John's display encompassed some 180 postcards issued by the Boer side and its supporters during the Boer War 1900-1902. Often satirical and sometimes offensive in the context of 1900, the cartoons were originally published in Dutch, French, German or Italian newspapers. The three stations were a fascinating insight into the attitudes and politics of the time.

18 September - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.



Rayleigh was represented by three members who all displayed a selection of "unusual" items.

Geoff Howard commenced with stamps, envelopes and postcards made from unusual materials such as wood, bark, leaves, peat, leather, kangaroo hide, plastic, aluminium, steel, silk, embroidery and lace. He then showed a picture of the Vanuatu underwater post office and finished with records, CDs and DVDs incorporated in postal items.

Mac Nunn showed some early letters, National Postal Museum postcards, Rayleigh society

covers, multi-value coils, airgraphs, postage dues, free gifts, etc.

Peter Harris showed an array of material which had been sent to/from, or passed through, the Foreign Section office in London., a variety of registered covers from various countries, souvenirs of the 1911 Aerial Post, Icelandic ship letters and early postmarks from Charing Cross.

FORTHCOMING BASILDON MEETINGS:

- 1 October - Morocco Agencies (Barrie Cook).
- 16 October - Auction.
- 5 November - Display by Bishop's Stortford P.S.
- 20 November - All Areas of Africa (airmails) (John Rawlins).
- 3 December - Southern Rhodesia during WW2 (Chris Cooksey).
- 18 December - Festive Night, Tomex Quiz and 8 Pages From My Collection competition.

All meetings will be at George Hurd Centre (doors open 7.30pm):

WANTED - YOU!

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 spread the workload.

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.

RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Alan and Len attended the annual fete at St. Mary's Church, Great Burstead, on 23 June with a stand and display to promote the society and philately in general. Alan displayed part of his Royalty collection while Len showed the 1953 QANTAS Coronation Flight. There was also a joint display of society covers, etc. A number of visitors expressed an interest in the displays, but

the weather was not bad enough to force everyone indoors! Thanks are due to David Church for use of some of his tables.

If any member has a similar opportunity for free publicity and wishes to organise something, please contact Alan.

REMEMBER YOUR CLUB

by Claude Crowder

Most collectors have a good idea on how or where their collection will finish up when they die or cease to collect. However, we all have lots of items as part of the hobby which are not in the albums. These could include tweezers, watermark detectors, stock books, magnifying glasses, catalogues, specialist books, perforation gauge, etc. In my instance, my wife and children know that all such items are to be put in either Basildon or Goodmayes club auction and any money raised to be split 50/50 between the two clubs. By putting this in print, I hope it might get other members to do similarly and help your club(s) in the future.

ARTICLES WANTED

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

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Ann Coltman holds the Society's Library with many catalogues and reference books that members can borrow to research their collections and to find out how to get more from our hobby. The library also contains philatelic aids, such as the Signoscope watermark detector and ultra-violet lamps. Sample stamps and a catalogue is brought by Ann to most meetings. Members can ask her to bring particular items to the next meeting for them to borrow until the following meeting.

Ann also holds the Society's archives. If you find any old documents, programmes, etc., or see any reference to the society in the current press, Ann would welcome them in case they fill gaps in the collection.

Have **you** visited the British Postal Museum and Archives? Situated in Phoenix Place, Islington, London, behind the large Mount Pleasant sorting office complex, it is free to use (although it is

necessary to register as a reader on your first visit). It contains a large philatelic library, plus the official records of the Royal Mail. As well as files of original documents and artefacts (of which a catalogue is available on the internet), it also has postmark registers, post office staff records and many other source documents of value to both the philatelist and the family historian.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS JOURNAL

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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.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

October 2012:

- 1 Basildon - Morocco Agencies (B Cook).
- 2 Benfleet - Informal, Bourse & Mini-auction.
- 2 Sudbury - Display by Chelmsford & District PS.
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & The President Entertains.
- 3 Goodmayes - Bring & Buy.
- 3 Clacton - Bourse and members' displays.
- 4 Billericay - Open Night with Dealers.
- 6 AEPS/Witham - Autumn STAMPESSEX, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham, CM8 2HE.**
- 8 Cheshunt - Aspects of Australia (T Milton).
- 8 Frinton - Latest acquisitions.
- 8 Rayleigh - Inland Waterways (H Feldman).
- 9 *Worldwide* - **WORLD POST DAY.**
- 9 Braintree - Postal history, covers, postcards (Members).
- 9 Bury St Edmunds - France 1929-1979 (M H Bister).
- 9 Chelmsford - GB Overprints (D Jefcoate).
- 9 Epping Forest - Stamps, Covers and Cards From My Collection (Members).
- 10 Brentwood - A General Mixture (D J Church).

- 10 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
- 11 Hullbridge - T & U is For? (Members).
- 11 Witham - Informal.
- 13 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, The Pastoral Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
- 16 Basildon - Auction.
- 16 Sudbury - Chairman's Evening.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford - The Colour Red (Members).
- 17 Goodmayes - Man's Marine Adventure (P Denly).
- 18 Billericay - Jamaica (G P Green).
- 18 Witham - Annual Dinner (ticket only). White Hart Hotel. 7pm for 7.30pm.
- 19-20 ABPS - *Perth 2012 National Stamp Exhibition. Dewar's Centre, Glover Street.*
- 19 Colchester - British Islands (S Clayton).
- 20-22 ABPS/PCGB - *Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Queen's Hotel, Perth.*
- 22 Frinton - Faroes (D Church).
- 22 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by P Denly and D Armitage.
- 22 Rayleigh - Competitions and Bourse.
- 23 Braintree - Singapore since Independence (L C Stanway).
- 23 Bury St Edmunds - Display by Peterborough P.S.
- 23 Chelmsford - Fiji (C W Mead).
- 24 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 24 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
- 25 Shoeburyness - Postal History of the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 (N Harris).
- 25 Witham - Display by Colchester & District P.S.
- 27 Colchester - STAMP FAIR, Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway CO3 5RH.
- 27 EAPHSC - Thetford (led by H Preston).

November 2012:

- 1 Billericay - An Evening with the Secretary.
- 5 Basildon - Display by Bishop's Stortford P.S.
- 5 Frinton - I is the Letter (Members).
- 6 Benfleet - GB Classic Private Posts (C G Harman).
- 6 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
- 7 Bishop's Stortford - Latin America (B Moorhouse).
- 7 Goodmayes - 8 Sheets - Letter S (Members).
- 7 Clacton - Bourse, competition and members' displays.
- 8 Hullbridge - Postal History of King George VI (B Cook).
- 8 Witham - Auction.
- 10 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Commonwealth (K Saunders).
- 12 Cheshunt - Auction.
- 12 Rayleigh - Display by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S.
- 13 Braintree - Whatever you have (Members).
- 13 Bury St Edmunds - Man's Marine Adventure (P Denly).
- 13 Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 13 Epping Forest - 1936 Olympics (A J Bosworth).
- 14 Brentwood - Cyprus (R Everett).
- 14 Ipswich - (Provisional date).

- 15 Billericay - Thematics (Members).
16 AEPS - Annual Awards Dinner. Ticket only.
 16 Colchester - Cheap flights, etc. (R Jacques).
17 AEPS - Annual General Meeting & Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community centre, Witham CM8 2HE. All societies should send delegates.
 19 Frinton - Wars & Rebellions (J F Cowlin).
 20 Basildon - All Areas of Africa (J Rawlins).
 20 Sudbury - Bourse, room auction and My Favourites (members).
 21 Bishop's Stortford - Nature on Stamps (Members).
 21 Goodmayes - King George V Commonwealth (Members).
 22 Witham - New Acquisitions (Members).
 26 Frinton - Auction
 26 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.
 26 Rayleigh - Auction.
 27 Braintree - Chairman's Evening.
 27 Bury St Edmunds - Auction.
 27 Chelmsford - Cinderella Triangles (Mrs M Thompson) (at 2pm).
 28 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 28 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 29 Shoeburyness - J, K, L (Members).

December 2012:

- 3 Basildon - Southern Rhodesia during WW2 (C Cooksey).
 4 Benfleet - Chairman's Night & Christmas Social.
 4 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
 5 Bishop's Stortford - Auction (R Rabbetts).
 5 Goodmayes - Auction.
 5 Clacton - Christmas Evening (Members only).
 6 Billericay - Christmas Special.
 6 Witham - Christmas Social.
 8 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Quiz and 1-page competition.
 10 Cheshunt - Members entertain.
 10 Rayleigh - Christmas Social.
 10 Frinton - Christmas (Members).
 11 Braintree - Christmas Social and mini-auction.
 11 Bury St Edmunds - Social Evening with 1-sheet competition, quiz, etc.
 12 Brentwood - Christmas Session.
 12 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 13 Hullbridge - Chairman's Night & Christmas Fare.
 13 Shoeburyness - Chairman's Night.
 14 Colchester - Sheets from My Album (Members).
 18 Basildon - Festive Night, Tomex Quiz and 8 Pages From My Collection competition.
 18 Sudbury - Quiz Night.

- 19 Bishop's Stortford - Slogan Postmarks (Members).
 19 Goodmayes - Quiz Night (C Crowder).

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherecanwego.com>, which is updated with the latest available information.

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