

# The Basildon Philatelist.

The Journal of Basildon Philatelic Society

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## Editorial:

The headline news is that the society has won the AEPS President's Trophy (see AEPS news).

As Alan has already covered most of what else I was going to say (see below), I will just wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

At this time of year, we all get our pens out to write our Christmas cards, so it is about time that I got mine out to write this message. On behalf of the Basildon Philatelic Society, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

I must thank you all for turning up at each meeting, for without you there would be no message to write. If you happen to get any unwanted gifts, David Church would welcome them for the raffle at our meetings as stock of prizes are running low! As you sit around the Christmas table with your family, try to see if they will come along to our meetings. We need more members or donations. Our first meeting in 2013 will be a "Thematic Night" on 7 January.

Don't forget to mark 27 April in your new diaries for our StampEssex fair at James Hornsby School, Laindon, and David Church's next fair is on 12 January. I must go now as my pen is running out of ink! Alan.

## *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:

World Philatelic Exhibition, Melbourne 10-15 May 2013. Commissioner is Richard West: ([richjwest@btinternet.com](mailto:richjwest@btinternet.com)) (entry closed).

Thailand 2013, Bangkok, 2-14 August 2013 ([www.thailand2013.com](http://www.thailand2013.com)). Commissioner is Chris King ([chris.king@postalhistory.net](mailto:chris.king@postalhistory.net)) (nine more entries urgently needed - closing 31 December).

World Stamp Exhibition, Brasilia 2013, Rio de Janeiro, 11-17 November 2013. Commissioner: Frank Walton.

Philakorea 7-12 August 2014.

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

Singapore World Stamp Exhibition 2015 11-16 August.

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

## OPEN PHILATELY

FIP Congress has agreed rules for Open Philately (bringing together Social, Display, and Open Class) allowing qualified exhibitors an opportunity to exhibit at every level up to eight frames at FIP exhibitions. Further information can be obtained from [birthe.king@postalhistory.net](mailto:birthe.king@postalhistory.net).

## RESOURCE LINKS

Members are reminded of the following links to philatelic resources on the World Wide Web:  
Global Philatelic Library  
([www.globalphilateliclibrary.org](http://www.globalphilateliclibrary.org)).

## *National News*

### ABPS HANDBOOK

The current editions of the ABPS Directory and ABPS Register of Speakers and Judges are held by Alan Taylor for members to consult when necessary.

### 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](mailto:susan.m.oliver@virgin.net).

Nominations can be submitted by an ABPS member society or by a federation. The closing date for entries is 1 March 2013.

## ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next AGM will be at PCGB at Gloucester (q.v.). If you have any issues to raise, please contact Len Stanway or John Dickenson.

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## STAMPEX

Future Stampex events and themes will be as follows:

Spring 2013: Cinderella and Revenue - 100+ Frames with Seminars, supported by Revenue Society and Cinderella Stamp Club: 20-23 February. Entry forms now on ABPS website.

Autumn 2013: Full National Exhibition – France and Colonies Philatelic Society display. 18-21 September. Entry forms now on ABPS website.

Spring 2014: Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open and Postcards 19-22 February. Entry forms available September 2013.

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 - Portuguese P.S or King George VI Collector's Society.

Stampex is held at the Business Design Centre, Islington (nearest Underground station is Angel).

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## WORLD POST DAY

How can we get the society and/or the hobby noticed on World Post Day 9 October 2013, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

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## PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Congress is becoming increasingly important as the main opportunity each year to enter into informal 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** took place at the Queen's Hotel, Perth in October with the theme of "Scandinavia". It was well-attended, although overshadowed to a degree by the National Exhibition, which resulted in the cancellation of the normally very popular outing in favour of an informal walking tour of the city. A number of outstanding and thought provoking displays were received, with lighter interludes including a 4-sheet "members' displays" on the first night, the annual banquet and, by contrast, the civic formality of the RDP Signing Ceremony, held in the historic St John's Kirk.

**Congress 2013** will be at Gloucester Hallmark Hotel from 27-30 June 2013 with the theme of "Africa".

**Congress 2014** will be held at Ypres in Belgium from 11-14 July to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, organised jointly with the Royal Philatelic Society London, the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and l'Académie de philatélie de Belgique. Overseas congresses are rare but not unprecedented.

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## MIDPEX

Midpex 2013 is scheduled for 6 July 2013. Further information: [bobharper@btinternet.com](mailto:bobharper@btinternet.com)

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.brit-thematic-assoc.com).

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## 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](mailto: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

### AEPS YOUTH OFFICER

The AEPS President, David Armitage, is also the Association's Youth Officer. He normally can, in conjunction with the Stamp Active Network, assist societies undertaking promotional work on youth philately. However, he is currently indisposed by a serious illness, so please contact SAN direct at present. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

### AEPS EVENTS



*Len Stanway receives the AEPS President's Trophy on behalf of Basildon society from AEPS Vice President Bill Trower, supported by Anne Stanway and Chris Cooksey.*

**Autumn StampEssex 2012** at Witham on 6 October began inauspiciously with access problems but was a successful day. For the first time, **Basildon won the President's Trophy** for the best overall performance over the year's

competitions, Chris Cooksey, Maggie Thompson and Len Stanway forming the winning team. Maggie also won the Cinderella Trophy with "Soldatenbrief Labels" and Len took the Aerophilatic Trophy with "Malaya Par Avion". The trophies were received at the **Annual Dinner** on 16 November.

**AEPS Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting** were held on 17 November at Witham, attended by Alan Taylor and Len Stanway. The meetings took reports on recent developments and appointed the officers for 2013. Peter Denly completed his three year term as Chairman. The new Chairman is Ray How, with John Copeland as Vice Chairman. Chris Wood was confirmed as Treasurer.

### PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2013

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 2013 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.

### AEPS RAFFLE

The annual raffle is an important source of income for the Association in its work to promote philately in our area. Every society Secretary has been supplied with raffle tickets priced at 50p each or £5 a book. The 2013 top prize will be a 19 inch flat screen television with DVD player and digital video recorder. Please support the Association by buying some. In Basildon, Len Stanway is handling sales. Please direct any queries to David Sibley [sibley63@btinternet.com](mailto:sibley63@btinternet.com) or 01376-561843

### NEXT AEPS EVENTS

**The next Council meeting**, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on **19 January at Spring Lodge, Witham**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

**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 "Presentation and the Open Class". This is 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 £20. 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 with plenty of dealers and displays. Admission free and refreshments available. It is vital that as many members and supporters as possible come to this event, so put it in your diary now!

**Autumn StampEssex 2013** will be held on 28 September at Cheshunt School, from 10am to 4pm, organised by Cheshunt society. Admission free and refreshments available.

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### ALBUMS CLOSED

We are sad to hear that Clifford Crumpton, formerly Secretary and Treasurer of Epping Forest club, passed away in September 2012.

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### *Basildon Society News*

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### AUCTION

Members are reminded that auction lots for the 16 April auction are required by 19 February.

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### POST AND GO

At the time of writing, the Basildon Post and Go machine was using the special Christmas Robin stamp. As this has received very little publicity, you may want to visit it to fill this gap in your collection! The Basildon machine now seems to use all new issues within a few days of release, but older types can reappear when the initial roll is used up, so pleasant surprises can occur. The machine is also now equipped to supply the "collector's strips" of all values.

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### SUGGESTION BOX

Members will be 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.

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

#### 1 October - Morocco Agencies (Barrie Cook).

Barrie took us through the fascinating histories of foreign post office involvement in both Morocco and Tangier with a wide range of postal material from that complex period, as well as displaying the various overprinted UK stamps that were used in both locations.

#### 16 October - Auction.

The auction was the best yet, well-attended with a large number of postal bids. Realisations were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£3.00	92	£2.60	210	£31.00
8	£5.00	93	£2.00	211	£31.00
9	£2.00	94	£4.00	213	£15.00
10	£19.00	95	£5.50	214	£8.50
11	£2.00	96	£2.40	215	£13.00
12	£2.00	97	£6.00	216	£2.00
13	£5.00	98	£2.50	218	£9.00
14	£2.00	99	£3.80	221	£10.00
15	£2.00	100	£4.60	222	£8.00
17	£2.00	101	£2.50	223	£11.50
18	£2.80	102	£4.40	224	£3.00
19	£6.50	103	£4.40	225	£2.00
20	£3.40	104	£3.00	226	£3.00
22	£4.20	105	£5.50	227	£5.00
23	£3.00	106	£4.40	228	£3.00
24	£5.50	107	£5.50	230	£5.00
25	£15.00	108	£8.50	233	£4.00
26	£2.00	109	£5.00	235	£2.00
27	£6.00	110	£5.50	236	£14.00
28	£2.00	111	£7.50	240	£2.00
29	£4.00	112	£3.20	241	£6.00
30	£4.00	113	£10.00	243	£3.00
31	£4.00	114	£3.00	244	£2.00
32	£5.50	115	£10.00	253	£4.20
33	£5.00	117	£30.00	254	£16.00
34	£4.80	118	£8.50	255	£3.20
36	£2.00	126	£8.00	257	£2.40
38	£30.00	127	£16.00	260	£6.50
39	£2.00	133	£3.50	261	£9.50
40	£13.00	140	£3.50	264	£20.00
42	£2.00	143	£2.00	268	£2.50
43	£3.00	145	£31.00	275	£4.00
44	£4.40	146	£7.50	276	£4.00
45	£2.25	147	£3.40	277	£6.00
46	£2.50	148	£7.00	280	£2.00
47	£11.00	149	£2.20	281	£6.50
49	£10.00	150	£2.20	282	£2.00
51	£2.00	151	£5.00	284	£2.00
52	£10.00	152	£2.40	286	£5.00
53	£20.00	153	£2.40	287	£3.00
58	£71.00	158	£2.00	288	£6.00
59	£3.25	161	£32.00	289	£6.00

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
61	£2.00	168	£5.00	290	£3.00
63	£3.20	173	£14.00	296	£5.00
64	£2.00	176	£10.00	300	£3.00
65	£2.60	177	£2.00	302	£2.20
67	£17.00	180	£3.20	306	£5.50
69	£2.00	182	£3.20	307	£2.00
71	£14.00	183	£3.20	308	£2.00
73	£11.00	184	£20.00	310	£6.50
74	£2.00	188	£10.00	311	£10.00
75	£5.00	190	£2.00	312	£2.40
76	£6.00	191	£5.00	321	£3.00
79	£2.00	192	£5.00	322	£4.20
83	£8.00	193	£2.00	324	£2.00
86	£6.00	194	£2.00	326	£6.50
88	£6.00	195	£2.00	342	£20.00
89	£5.50	196	£2.40	343	£2.00
90	£7.50	206	£7.00	350	£15.00
91	£3.50	208	£6.50		

### 5 November - Display by Bishop's Stortford P.S.



Brian Newland started with a display of postcards of the 1900 Boxer rebellion in China, followed by the stamps and postal stationery of the same period and the China Expeditionary Force up to circa 1921. He finished with the story of Opium including revenue stamps and its medicinal uses.

Peter Denly gave a very erudite and clear description of the Scottish and Welsh halfpenny surcharges applied to mail up to 1939, together with an impressive handout showing the key items of the display with explanations of their significance.

### 20 November - All Areas of Africa (airmails) (John Rawlins).



John began by charting the development of South African airmails and the subsequent development of Imperial Airways' African route from its junction with the Empire route (to India, Malaya and Australia) in Alexandria down eastern Africa to South Africa. He then introduced the other operators that had served Africa before and during World War Two, including Air France, PanAm and Sabena, and the special routes, often circuitous, needed to avoid enemy intervention in wartime.

### 3 December - Southern Rhodesia during WW2 (Chris Cooksey).



Chris began with the stamp issues in use at the outbreak of war, displaying Waterlow sample and proof material for each value. He then displayed postal history from the wartime period, showing rate and service changes. He then showed the Centenary issue in the same manner, continuing with further postal history. Notable sections were mail from the RAF pilot training stations set up to enable training uninterrupted by bad weather or enemy action, Airgraphs and correspondence

from the various camps set up for internees and prisoners of war.

### **18 December - Festive Night, Tomex Quiz and 8 Pages From My Collection competition.**

The report will appear in the next issue, so that members can get this issue before Christmas.

### **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**

It has been a busy quarter for our displayers. Those I know about were as follows. David Church displayed "A General Mixture" to Brentwood on 10 October and Faroes to Frinton on 22 October. Charlie Mead displayed "Fiji" to Chelmsford on 23 October. John Cowlin displayed "Wars and Rebellions" to Frinton on 19 November. Maggie Thompson showed "Cinderella Triangles" to Chelmsford on 27 November. Len Stanway displayed "Mails Under London" to London & Provincial on 19 September, "Borneo Railways" to the Sarawak Specialists Society on 12 October, "Singapore Since Independence" to Braintree on 23 October and "Aspects of Malaya" to Maidstone on 29 November. Finally, Chris Cooksey displayed Rhodesia and Len Stanway displayed Malaysian Posdaftar registration stamps at the annual "Royal in the East" meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society London at Chelmsford on 1 December.

### **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**

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 the distribution list, please contact the Editor.

### **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

### January 2013:

- 3 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 7 Basildon - Thematic Night.
- 7 Frinton - Display by Brentwood & District P.S.
- 8 **AEPS Executive Meeting**.
- 8 Braintree - M and N (Members).
- 8 Bury St Edmunds - 5 sheets for 5 minutes.
- 8 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
- 9 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions, Party Night & Society entertains the Committee.
- 9 Brentwood - Something beginning with H, I, J or K.
- 9 Clacton - Bourse and members' displays.
- 10 Hullbridge - My recent Philatelic Acquisitions.
- 12 Leytonstone & Wanstead - 10 sheets starting with A (Members).
- 14 Cheshunt (Provisional date).
- 14 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 14 Rayleigh - Quiz Trophy.
- 16 Goodmayes - Postcards (Steve & Geoff).
- 17 Billericay - Stamps Honouring Technologists (D Bremner).
- 17 Witham - Annual General Meeting.
- 18 Colchester - Competitions.
- 19 **AEPS Council Meeting**, Spring Lodge Community centre, Witham CM8 2HE. All societies should send delegates.
- 19 Epping Forest - Auction (1.30 for 2pm).
- 21 Frinton - President's Night.
- 22 Basildon - A Touch of the Blarney (R E How).
- 22 Braintree - Pacific (Members).
- 22 Chelmsford - Something beginning with "E".
- 22 Sudbury - Films.
- 23 Bishop's Stortford - Letter C (members).
- 23 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 28 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 26 **AEPS WORKSHOP - "Presentation and the Open Class"**. (see news item).
- 28 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Informal.
- 28 Rayleigh - Ken Seymour Memorial Display.
- 31 Shoeburyness - Annual General Meeting & Bourse.
- 31 Witham - Anything beginning with "O" (Members).

### February 2013:

- 4 Basildon - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
- 4 Frinton - Austro-Hungarian Navy in WW1 (Mrs L Bosworth).
- 5 Benfleet - An Evening with John (J F Cowlin).
- 5 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Unusual Aspects of the Channel Islands (J Aitcheson).

- 6 Clacton - Bourse, competition & members' displays.
- 6 Goodmayes - Display by Hullbridge P.S.
- 6 Ipswich - Speaker to be announced.
- 7 Billericay - Monaco/Andorra (A Ritchin).
- 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Norway & Spitzbergen (Mrs P Adams).
- 11 Cheshunt (Provisional date).
- 11 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 11 Rayleigh - Subject to be announced.
- 12 Braintree - Adrian Greenway entertains.
- 12 Bury St Edmunds - Competitions.
- 12 Chelmsford - Mails Under London (Len Stanway).
- 13 Brentwood - The Committee Entertains.
- 14 Hullbridge - Auction.
- 14 Witham - Two Members Display.
- 15 Colchester - Great Britain 1934-1936 (H Russell).
- 16 Witham STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall Newlands St, Witham CM8 2AZ.
- 18 Frinton - Competitions.
- 19 Basildon - Introduction to Malaya (L C Stanway).
- 19 Sudbury - Miscellany (P Burn) & After I was Born (M Bennett).
- 20 Bishop's Stortford - Mail with a story to tell.
- 20 Goodmayes - Competitions.
- 20-23 *Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington.*
- 21 Billericay - J to L (Members).
- 23 Bury St Edmunds STAMP FAIR (venue tba).
- 25 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Northern Lights (C Stuart).
- 25 Rayleigh - Letter E (Members).
- 26 Braintree - Italy and States (A H Boyce).
- 26 Chelmsford - Subject to be announced (afternoon).
- 27 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 27 Ipswich - Private Posts (C G Harman).
- 28 Shoeburyness - Competition Night.
- 28 Witham - Competitions and Bourse.

### March 2013:

- 4 Basildon - Australia (M Musgrave).
- 4 Frinton - Display by Ipswich & District P.S.
- 5 Benfleet - British Forces Mail Post WW2 to date (M Dobbs).
- 5 Sudbury - Competitions, Informal & auction viewing.
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Postal History of the Persian Gulf States (B. Cook).
- 6 Clacton - Bourse and members' displays.
- 6 Goodmayes - The Committee Entertains.
- 7 Billericay - Annual General Meeting.
- 9 EAPHSC - Annual General Meeting and Auction.
- 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.
- 11 Cheshunt (Provisional date).
- 11 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 11 Rayleigh - Subject to be announced.
- 12 **AEPS Executive Meeting**.
- 12 Braintree - Ian Kelly entertains.
- 12 Bury St Edmunds - The Penny Black Centenary (Mrs C Finn).
- 12 Chelmsford - Great Britain 1585-1901 (N Sharpe).
- 12 Epping Forest - An Evening with Tony Hoad.

- 13 Ipswich - Croatia (A Bosworth).  
 13 Brentwood - Tristan da Cunha (G E Miller).  
 14 Hullbridge - Challenge Shield Competition.  
 14 Witham - Speaker to be announced.  
 15 Colchester - The Unusual (R Amery), Colchester  
 Postal History - Recent Acquisitions (P Oxley).  
 18 Frinton - Members' displays.  
 19 Basildon - Stamp Collectors' Question Time.  
 19 Sudbury - Display by Colchester & District PS.  
 20 Bishop's Stortford - Postage Dues & Etiquettes.  
 20 Goodmayes - Norway & Spitzbergen (Mrs P  
 Adams).  
 21 Billericay - Open Meeting with Dealers.  
 23 **AEPS Council Meeting.** Rayleigh (venue below).  
 23 Rayleigh STAMP FAIR, Sweyne Park School, Sir  
 Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9BZ. Includes  
 Home Counties Dawe Cup Competition.  
 25 Harlow - Annual General Meeting.  
 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - 10 sheets (Members).  
 25 Rayleigh - Chairman's Night  
 26 Braintree - Choose a number (Members).  
 26 Bury St Edmunds - Display by Sudbury & Dist. P.S.  
 26 Chelmsford - KLM Airmail to Dutch East Indies & A  
 Glimpse of the World of Beer (R Swindells)  
 27 Ipswich - Scotland (R Hepworth & C Harding).  
 27 Brentwood - Open Evening.  
 27 Sudbury - Annual Dinner (by invitation).  
 28 Shoeburyness - German Propaganda 1919-1945  
 (A Hickey).  
 28 Witham - Masonic Philately (P Nason).

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

#### FORTHCOMING BASILDON MEETINGS:

##### 7 January - Thematic Night.

All members should bring a few sheets on a  
 specific theme.

##### 22 January - A Touch of the Blarney (Ray How).

Ray entertains with some of his Irish material.

##### 4 February - Display by Goodmayes P.S.

Team visits usually give a varied and  
 interesting evening.

##### 19 February - Introduction to Malaya (Len Stanway).

Len will give an overview of this extensive  
 subject.

##### 4 March - Australia (Mike Musgrave).

We welcome back a long-standing member  
 with elements from his extensive collection.

#### 19 March - Stamp Collectors' Question Time.

Members are invited to bring their queries and  
 problem material and a panel of members will  
 seek to answer them.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held at  
 George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon SS14  
 2FL (doors open 7.30pm):

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#### Press Date

The intention is that the next issue should be  
 published on 1 April Your news or articles  
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