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Editorial:

Spring is here, or so they tell us! Soon after you receive this, on 27 April, we will be hosting collectors from all over southern England and further afield at StampEssex. We will even have one visitor from Singapore! Please make sure YOU come!

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 does not qualify).

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

World Philatelic Exhibition, Melbourne 10-15 May 2013. UK Commissioner is Richard West (entries closed).

Thailand 2013, Bangkok, 2-14 August (www.thailand2013.com). UK Commissioner is Chris King.

World Stamp Exhibition, Brasilia 2013, Rio de Janeiro, 11-17 November. UK Commissioner is Frank Walton (entries closed)

Philakorea 7-12 August 2014.

London 2015 Stamp Exhibition 13-16 May at the Business Design Centre. Under the auspices of FEPA, this European International will have 1400 faces of exhibits.

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.

RESOURCE LINKS

Members are reminded of the following links to philatelic resources on the World Wide Web:

Global Philatelic Library
(www.globalphilatelibrary.org)

National News

EAST MIDLANDS FEDERATION TO SPLIT?

The East Midlands and East Anglia Philatelic Federation has long been considered to cover too large an area, covering 35 societies from the Yorkshire border to Suffolk and from the midlands to the coast. On 13 April, its members will be called to vote on a proposal to replace it with three new federations. Recognising the north-south nature of most transport links, the proposal would divide the societies into west, central and eastern groups, which would enable East Anglia to have its own separate federation.

HOME COUNTIES COMPETITION

The entries for the annual competition for the Dawes Cup between the Home Counties federations were displayed at Rayleigh Stamp Day on 23 March. Sussex won with 375 marks. Kent came second with 367 marks and the Essex team of Chris Cooksey, Paul Green, Ray How, Simon Moorcroft and Roger Swindells third with 348. Surrey carried the wooden spoon with 305 marks.

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 2014 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 be submitted by an ABPS member society or by a federation. The closing date for entries is 1 March 2014.

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.

STAMPEX

Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre and themes will be as follows:

Autumn 2013: Full National Exhibition – France and Colonies Philatelic Society display. 18-21 September. Last chance to qualify for London 2015 (except thematic and open). Entry forms on ABPS website.

Spring 2014: Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open Philately and Postcards 19-22 February. Last chance to qualify for London 2015 in these classes.

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.

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!

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 2013 will be at Gloucester Hallmark Hotel from 27-30 June 2013 with the theme of "Africa". Application forms are now available from the Editor or the ABPS website.

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.

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. Please send copies to the Editor, as Essex representative.

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 SOCIETY NAME

Its recent AGM agreed to rename the East Anglia Postal History Study Circle to "East Anglia Postal History Society".

NEW SOCIETY SECRETARIES

Pending appointment of a new Secretary, Brentwood enquiries should be directed to John Copeland (01277-218128).

At Frinton society, our old friend Geoff Miller has taken over as Secretary from Dave Hacker.

ALBUMS CLOSED

We were sorry to hear that Bob Jackson, the Secretary of Brentwood society, passed away on 3 January. The bad news for Brentwood continued with the loss of their Treasurer, John Franey on 14 January.

Another recent loss is Stuart Mallindine, a past Secretary of Ipswich society, who passed away just before Christmas.

Bishop's Stortford stalwart Marcia Sefton passed away on 4 February.

NEW SOCIETY VENUES

Brentwood now meets in the Reception area, Becket Keys Church of England Secondary School, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9DA.

Harlow society now meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the Month from 7pm to 9pm at The Maidmore Room, Great Parndon Community Centre, Abercrombie Way, Harlow CM18 6YJ.

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

The **AEPS Council Meeting** in January was cancelled due to atrocious weather conditions.

Those attending the **AEPS Workshop** received an excellent explanation from Birthe King of the changes involved in the move from the old Social Philately class to the new "Open Philately" class, which is now fully recognised by FIP.

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 £2.50 a book. The 2013 top prize will be a television with in-built recorder. Please support the Association by buying some. In Basildon, our tickets are now sold, but more will be available at StampEssex, where the draw takes place. Please direct any queries to David Sibley 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 **13 July at Spring Lodge, Witham**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

Workshop 2014 will be held in January at Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex. CM8 3HR. The theme has

still to be decided and suggestions would be welcomed. Contact Ray How for more details.

Spring StampEssex 2013 will be held on 27 April at James Hornsby School, Basildon from 10am to 4pm, organised by this society.

Admission is free. There will be 13 dealers, competitive exhibits from AEPS societies, refreshments and plenty of free parking. It is vital that as many of our members and supporters as possible come to this event, so please come along for as much of the day as you can spare! There will be plenty of light or heavy duties for those who can spare the time, but we must make the place look busy.

Autumn StampEssex 2013 will be held on 28 September at Cheshunt School, EN8 9LY, from 10am to 4pm, organised by Cheshunt society. Admission free, refreshments available.

Spring StampEssex 2014, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Association, will be held on 10 May at Marconi Social Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford CM2 9FH from 10am to 4pm, organised by AEPS officers. Support will be vital from members of all AEPS societies, so put it in your diary now!

Basildon Society News

OUR MAJOR EVENT

We are hosting StampEssex on 27 April, as shown above. Your committee has spent a lot of effort (and lost sleep) in organising this event, so please give it your full support.

NEW MEMBERS

I have been remiss in not extending the society's welcome to the following members who have joined us recently: Sue Titchen, John Howe, Barry Mead, Melvyn Singer, Victor Newman.

AUCTION

Members are reminded that our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 16 April, with viewing at 7.15. Please come and support your society's fund-raising efforts and fill gaps in your collection at the same time!

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.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall" **18 December - Festive Night.**

The meeting followed its usual format, starting with the Tomex Quiz, won by Len Stanway by one point from David Perry, with David Church close on their heels. A static display was provided by Ann Coltman (Imre Kirally Exhibitions on postcards), John Cowling (Great Boer War illustrated envelopes) and Len Stanway (Cinderella Unmasked), during which members enjoyed seasonal fare. The President thanked everyone who had brought fare and wished them compliments of the season.

7 January - Thematics Night (Members).

The first member's night of the year produced a rather disappointing response with only twelve members attending, of whom only three brought displays. Alf Potter led off with a selection of vintage advertising posters reproduced on postcards. These brought back memories to many of our members. Ian McElwain followed with a selection of stamps and covers showing aircraft through the last century. Len Stanway finished the evening with one of his reserve collections, "World of Railways", with postage stamps, covers, railway letter, newspaper and parcel stamps from Angola to Zimbabwe.

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



Ray's display centred on postal history, but he started with his favourite Irish stamps, the 1922 provisional overprints on Great Britain. In

keeping with his title, he followed with a short display on Blarney itself, before presenting a large selection of early Irish postal history. The first part was completed by a display of Guinness advertising postcards. His second showing covered Irish sea mail, especially the Waterford mails and the Welsh additional halfpenny. His final selection covered early (pre-Aer Lingus) Irish air mails, starting with a Paris to Belfast "Ballon monté", Liverpool Civic Week flying boat mails, moving onto private air mails and Imperial services, and finishing with Irish Zeppelin covers.

4 February - Display by Goodmayes PS.



Goodmayes' team did us proud with some outstanding displays. Keith Rowland started with Great Britain from 1837 to the 1840s. Commencing with pre-stamp entires, he displayed newspaper tax stamps, which also gave free postage, followed by various postal reform suggestions and Mulreadys. This naturally led onto caricatures, Penny Pink and propaganda envelopes. On the stamp side, Penny Blacks included the VR official, followed by 2d blues, 1d reds, ½d bantams and 1½d reds and the Prince Consort essays. Chairman Geoff Mallett displayed the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway from foundation to the Midland Railway take-over in 1912, with railway stamps, station postmarks and photographs, tickets (including one for Laindon Land Auctions) and baggage labels. Preserved locomotive "Thundersley" came in for special mention. Secretary Cliff Cashman displayed Postal Union Congress essays and issue stamps, followed by USA exhibition labels. John Scutt displayed World War Two labels from many countries, starting with those promoting the Royal Navy and then Merchant Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and

Red Cross. Cliff Cashman returned to close the evening with a display of Gibraltar to King George VI.

19 February - Introduction to Malaya (Len Stanway).

Len recalled that it is some 25 years since he last presented his full "Aspects of Malaya" display at Basildon. He started with the East India Company period and the formation of the Crown Colony of Straits Settlements, showing the problems caused by political rate decisions when you are 10,000 miles from your printer. He then took those issues to 1935 before moving to the formation and issues of the Federated Malay States and the issues of the Unfederated Malay States. The implications of the restructuring of the Malayan Postal Union in 1935, followed by the Japanese and Siamese Occupations, led us on to the British Military Administration, the Malayan Union and finally the issues of the Federation of Malaya 1957-1963.

4 March - Australia (Mike Musgrave).



Mike specialises in the unusual aspects of philately, particularly etiquettes. True to form, Mike began with a study of the Certified Mail (Recorded Delivery) and Security Mail (Registration) etiquettes of Australia, passing on to a wide variety of other special-purpose etiquettes and labels. Mike's second display included some more-conventional material including a large section on flaws and re-entries on Australian stamps and Specimen overprints, together with courier, railway and bus parcel stamps.

19 March - Stamp Collectors' Question time.

At a well-attended meeting, the panel of Claude Crowder and Len Stanway fielded

questions from members on a wide variety of subjects that were giving members issues. Len started the first half with some prepared illustrations to follow-up questions raised at the 2012 session, showing the different methods of perforation and how to tell them apart. In the second half, Claude started with a demonstration of ultra-violet philately, showing some of the effects to be seen to differentiate stamps under the light, followed by a discussion on the other uses of UV lamps. Other issues raised during the two sessions included watermark detection and errors, plus how to describe them, why we do not have a single internationally-recognised numbering system, perfins and other holes in stamps, revenue, registration, official and other special-purpose stamps. The two hours fled past and the meeting closed when time ran out, with consensus that we should have a similar session next year.

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

John Cowlin displayed to Benfleet on 5 February and to Rayleigh on 25 February.

Over the extended Christmas period and the Underground 150th anniversary celebrations in January, Len Stanway's display "Mails Under London" provided the static display in the Royal Philatelic Society London meeting room and a copy is now held in the RPSL archives. The full display was given to Chelmsford on 12 February.

THE LIGHTER SIDE



It appears that it is now safe to bake without protective clothing, but a crash hat and safety goggles are needed for stamp collecting!

ARTICLES WANTED

Members are invited to write short articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Please submit them to the Editor. The next part of "The Whyte Arrangement" has been held for the next issue.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Ann Coltman holds the **Society 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. Members can ask Ann to bring particular items to the next meeting for them to borrow until the following meeting. If you are disposing of redundant catalogues, Ann would welcome donations, which may either be added to or replace items in the library or sold to raise society funds.

Ann also holds the **Society 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.

If you are not taking advantage of the society's **Exchange Packet**, you are missing out on the chance to fill those annoying gaps in your collection. Contact Len Stanway for how to join.

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**, the AEPS handbook, and brings it to most meetings.

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.

Basildon 2004 Smilers sheets – Wanted by collector – One Basildon 2004 Smilers sheet. Please contact Robert McRitchie 01309-673163



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

April 2013

- 2 Benfleet - Man's Marine Adventure (P Denly).
- 2 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - Display by Great Yarmouth P.S.
- 3 Clacton - Bourse, competition, members' displays.
- 3 Goodmayes - The Americas (Members).
- 4 Billericay - Royalty (Members).
- 8 Frinton - Annual General Meeting and displays.
- 8 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 8 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 9 Braintree - Display by Colchester & District P.S.
- 9 Bury St Edmunds - Aspects of Canada (D Armitage).
- 9 Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 9 Braintree - Display by Colchester & District P.S.
- 9 Chelmsford - Life and Times of King George VI (D Brookfield).
- 10 Brentwood - Annual General Meeting and Quiz.
- 10 Ipswich - Auction.
- 11 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 11 Hullbridge - Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
- 11 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 13 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, The Pastoral Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR. 10-4.30.
- 13 East Midlands & East Anglia - EM&EAPF Convention (venue tba).
- 15 Cheshunt - Annual General Meeting & Bourse.
- 16 Basildon - Auction.
- 16 Sudbury - Auction.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford - The Pride of My Collection (Members).
- 17 Goodmayes - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
- 18 Billericay - Lighthouses (M Roberts).
- 19 Colchester - Bits and Bobs (P Clark), Hermany (R A W Orrin).
- 22 Frinton - Sarawak II (S Martin-Redman).

- 22 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Bring and Buy.
- 22 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 23 Braintree - Competitions.
- 23 Bury St Edmunds - Plymouth & District Postal History (D Bolton).
- 23 Chelmsford - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
- 24 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 24 Ipswich - The Netherlands (L Jobbins).
- 25 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 25 Shoeburyness - America (M Nunn).
- 25 Witham - GB Exhibitions Part 2 (D Knight).
- 27 **AEPS/Basildon - Spring STAMPESSEX**, James Hornsby School, Laindon, SS15 5NX. 10am-4pm.

May 2013

- 1 Bishop's Stortford - Annual General Meeting and Competitions.
- 1 Clacton - Auction.
- 1 Goodmayes - Bring & Buy.
- 2 Billericay - Sea Life (Members).
- 6 - *BANK HOLIDAY*.
- 7 Benfleet - Annual General Meeting and Mini-auction.
- 7 Sudbury - Go By Cycle (B Sole).
- 8 Brentwood - Southern Rhodesia during World War 2 (C Cooksey).
- 8 Cheshunt - Visit to Royston P.S.
- 8 Ipswich - Display by Cambridge P.S.
- 9 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 9 Hullbridge - Sheets from My Album (Members).
- 9 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 11 Leytonstone & Wanstead - South Atlantic and British Antarctic bases (C Cooksey).
- 13 Cheshunt - Wars and Rebellion (J Cowlin).
- 13 Frinton - Scottish ½d mail (P Denly), Rhodesia UDI Period (R Barnet)
- 13 Rayleigh v Shoeburyness Quiz (at Rayleigh).
- 14 Basildon - Visit to Malling S.C.
- 14 Braintree - Battle for the Pacific, Pt 1 (W E Trower).
- 14 Bury St Edmunds - AGM & Mini-auction.
- 14 Chelmsford - Essex Auctions (R Myers).
- 14 Epping Forest - Further Aspects of Norway (Mrs P Adams).
- 15 Bishop's Stortford - Letter M (Members).
- 15 Goodmayes - Great Britain Classics (K Rowland).
- 16 Billericay - Railways (Mrs L Roberts).
- 17 Colchester - Emergency Currency (J Cowlin).
- 21 Basildon - South Africa (N Harris).
- 21 Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.
- 22 Ipswich - Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
- 22 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 23 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
- 23 Witham - Choose a number (Members).
- 25 Sudbury - STAMP FAIR, St. Peters, Market Hill, Sudbury. 10am-4pm.
- 27 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 28 Braintree - Annual General Meeting and Auction.
- 28 Chelmsford - Bits & Pieces, inc. Early Ceylon, COGH, AAT, etc. (M R Thompson).
- 30 - Shoeburyness - Display by Goodmayes P.S.

June 2013

- 3 Basildon - Philatelic Journey Through Life (D J Church).
 3 Frinton - The Lonely Island (G E Miller).
 4 Benfleet - (Provisional date).
 5 Bishop's Stortford - Postal History of Exeter (M Lockton).
 5 Clacton - Bourse, competition, members' displays.
 5 Goodmayes - Special Event Souvenirs (Members).
 6 Billericay - Open Evening with Dealers.
 6 Witham - New Zealand Health issues (R Amery).
 8 Leytonstone & Wanstead - AGM.
 17 Cheshunt - Birds of the World (R Bridgeman).
 11 Chelmsford - The Post Office Went To War (Mrs C Earle).
 12 Brentwood - World War I (S Henderson).
 13 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
 13 Hullbridge - Display by Billericay & District P.S.
 15 Colchester - Bourse & Room Auction.
 18 Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
 18 Sudbury - Display by Rayleigh & District PS.
 19 Bishop's Stortford - Cinderellas and Revenues.
 19 Goodmayes - Auction.
 19 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 20 Billericay - Pot Pourri (Mrs A Coltman).
 20 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
 22 Epping Forest - Auction (1.30 for 2pm).
 24 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 25 Chelmsford - Garden Party (by invitation).
 26 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 27 Harlow - Subject to be announced.
 27 Shoeburyness - Competition.

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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FORTHCOMING BASILDON MEETINGS:

- 16 April - Auction.
 27 April - **STAMPESSEX**, James Hornsby School, Laindon, SS15 5NX. 10am-4pm.
 21 May - South Africa (N Harris).
 3 June - Philatelic Journey Through Life (D J Church).
 18 June - Annual General Meeting.
 1 July - Competition Night.
 16 July - Aspects of British Borneo (J Higgins).
 5 August - 12 pages from my collection (Members display).
 20 August - Display by Epping Forest & District P.S.
 2 September - Essex Postmarks (J W J Copeland).
 17 September - Open Evening with Display (C W Mead).
 7 October - Auction.
 22 October - C is for ... (Members display).
 4 November - Display by Colchester P.S.
 19 November - Ladies' Night (Members display).
 2 December - British & Foreign Treaty Ports in China (J J Gaskell).
 17 December - Festive Night & Tomex Quiz.

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

Press Date

The intention is that the next issue should be published on 1 July Your news or articles should be with the Editor by 20 June at the latest.

