

The Basildon Philatelist.

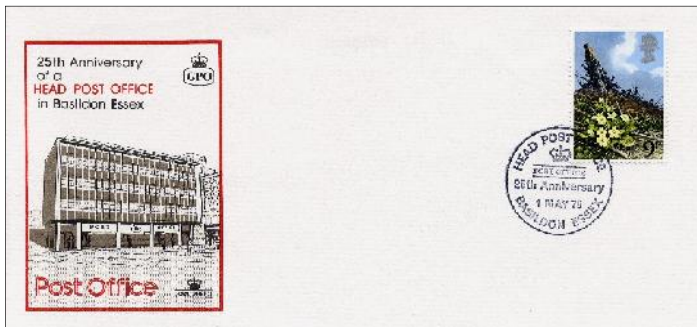
The Journal of Basildon Philatelic Society

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Editorial:

It is sad to report that the almost 60 year old Post Office building at 25 East Square closed after business on 26 March. This part of the town is scheduled for redevelopment under the Council's Master Plan, so presumably Post Office Ltd decided to cash it in early. This building was shown on the 25th Anniversary cover issued by the Post Office in conjunction with our society on 1 May 1979.



It has been replaced by a new office occupying part of the W H Smith stationers premises at 29 Town Square SS14 1BA. It was fairly busy on the opening day, with all six counters manned and the Post and Go machine functioning with Machin stamps. Although maximum use has been made of the space available and WH Smith appears to have widened its aisles, it remains to be seen whether the store will be able to cope with the waiting crowds at busy times, particularly at Christmas. One feature is that it will be open from 9am to 5.30pm on Monday to Saturday and 10am to 2pm on Sundays, providing a Sunday service for the first time.

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:

Salon du Timbre "Planète Timbres", Parc Florale Paris 14-22 June 2014. FEPA exhibition.

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.

National News

CONGRESS

This year's Philatelic Congress of Great Britain has been split between two venues. First, some people will go to Belgium for a joint meeting of RPSL and l'Académie de philatélie de Belgique to mark the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War with an exhibition, visits and the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists Ceremony at Ypres from 11-14 July.

The second part, Congress itself, will take place at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough on 25-27 July. Booking details are now available from the ABPS website.

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at the Market Harborough Congress and is expected to address the constitutional problems discussed at last year's Congress.

EAST MIDLANDS & EAST ANGLIA FEDERATION RESTRUCTURED

At its recent AGM, the EA&EMPF was restructured, with a core of member societies forming a new "Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation". It has got off to a good start with societies from most of its former area joining the new organisation. It remains to be seen what will happen to those societies that have chosen not to be incorporated in the new federation.

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 2015 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 2015.

STAMPEX

Future Stampex events and themes will be as follows:

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

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 2014,

which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

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.

Unlike the majority of the site, the society listings are woefully out of date, but they have just circulated a questionnaire to all societies with their membership renewal and it is to be hoped that they will get their act together on this vital part of the website.

Essex News

ALBUMS CLOSED

With great regret Bishop Stortford recorded the passing of Patrick Ellis FRPSL on 31 December 2013. His funeral took place at St Giles Church, Great Hallingbury. A long term member of the society, he held many of the

officers' posts and was President for some years. His collecting interests centred on East Africa, German Sea Posts and Cyprus.

Bishop Stortford sadly lost another eminent member, Richard Payne FRPSL, a good friend to many Essex philatelists, on 26 January 2014. His funeral took place at Cambridge Crematorium on 6 February.

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 January **AEPS Seminar** tackled collecting and displaying Traditional Philately (i.e. stamps and postal stationery). Chris Harman gave insights into various aspects of the subject and a pleasant social luncheon was enjoyed by the participants, many of whom gave displays. Ray How would appreciate ideas for the theme of next year's seminar and suggestions of suitable speakers.

The March **AEPS Council Meeting** approved the launch of the 100 Club scheme. The first draw will take place once the subscription role reaches 50 and will then be held at each Council meeting (hopefully in June) in respect of months elapsed since the last meeting. Ian McElwain has been appointed Webmaster to take on the task of overseeing the development of the new AEPS website, <http://www.stampessex.org.uk>. At present, the site has only a page of introductory information, pending completion of the detailed site. Bookmark it now!

PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2014

The 2014 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.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on

21 June at Spring Lodge, Witham. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

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. A new feature will be the "Classic Trophy" special award for material in the Traditional or Postal History competitions issued or used prior to 1 January 1901. This was donated by Bill Barrell, the dealer, a good supporter of AEPS events. Support will be vital from members of all AEPS societies, so put it in your diary now! The annual **Awards Dinner** will be held at the same venue after the show closes.

Autumn StampEssex 2014 will be on 25 October at Stanway Village Hall, Colchester. This event will include the first AEPS "Open Philately" competition.

Basildon Society News

LIBRARY NEWS

Sidney Heath has kindly donated to the Society Library the six volumes of SG Stamps of the World 2012 and these can now be borrowed from Ann Coltman. It is planned to update the library as suitable volumes became available at a reasonable price. Donations to the library would be very welcome. Any duplicate or superseded books thus released will be sold for club funds to fund library purchases.

AUCTION

For the first time that we can recall, the April auction was over-subscribed and we had to turn lots away, closing the auction list early. Unfortunately, there is a limit to the number of lots that we can sell in one evening. Our apologies are extended to those who were disappointed.

Members are reminded that this next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 22 April, with viewing from 7.15. Please come and support your society's fund-raising efforts and fill gaps in your collection at the same time! If you have not received a catalogue, contact Alan Taylor as soon as possible.

SUGGESTION BOX

Members are invited to make suggestions with regard to possible future or past events and the way the society is run. A box and suggestion slips is 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 and several such suggestions were discussed at its recent meeting.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

6 January – Flightpath Pacific (Bill Trower).



Bill returned to tell us the story of Pan American World Airways' services west from San Francisco in the years leading up to World War Two. Bill's collection has been developing steadily over forty years and he is still obtaining new material to display. From its base at Treasure Island (San Francisco), PAA's flying boats headed out to Pearl Harbour (Honolulu), Guam, Midway, then to a variety of destinations including Manila, Hong Kong and Singapore. Bill showed first flight and commercial covers, ephemera and photographs of the aircraft used. A fascinating evening, strongly recommended to other societies.

16 January – BPS Visit to Maidstone & Mid-Kent P.S.

David Church kindly drove for the team, which received a warm welcome from our hosts. David then started the display on a high note with his Penny Black May Dates, followed by Alan Taylor's Royal Family. The second round started

with Geoff Hammond's Bermuda, followed by Len Stanway's Metropolitan Railway.

21 January – Thematic Evening.

David Church took to the field with special event Football covers from his extensive collection. Next, Ann Coltman showed progress with her rapidly-developing collection on Inventors and Discoverers. The first session ended with Ian McElwain's Aircraft covers.

The second session set sail with Ships by Claude Crowder. Maggie Thompson showed unusual Triangular Charity Seals, notably those issued for French trade union members to pay their annual contribution to charity. Alan Taylor then tested everyone's memories with his display of key dates in the life of the Royal Family since 1953.

Len Stanway completed the evening with the World of Railways showing trains from countries A-Z, railway letter stamps and covers.

3 February – Malayan Airmails (Len Stanway)

Len started with the Air Union Marseilles to London "accelerated" service of 1928, then took members through the development of the competing Imperial and KLM services of the 1930s, with their aircraft and timetables. Other pre-war airlines covered included the Australian National Airlines, KNILM, QANTAS, Indian Transcontinental Airways and PanAm. Post-war coverage started with first flights as services were restored, the QANTAS Coronation flights from many Empire territories and the introduction of new aircraft and routes by many airlines.

18 February – Display by Bromley & Beckenham P.S.



Ron Burn led off with a display showing development of the artwork for a series of issues by Tristan da Cunha marking the 50th anniversary of the eruption of the island's volcano and the resulting evacuation of the population to the UK, explaining some of the difficulties encountered. Ian Reed, a former music teacher, started the second half with a Pot Pourri of his collection on Musical Connections, which included not just music on stamps but also letters, postcards and ephemera associated with composers, conductors, performers and musical instrument manufacturers. Grahame Bowtle displayed "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered by Bereavement Black Borders", a selection of mourning covers, announcement cards and other ephemera associated with the end of life.

3 March – Great Britain Line Engraved (Bill Barrell).

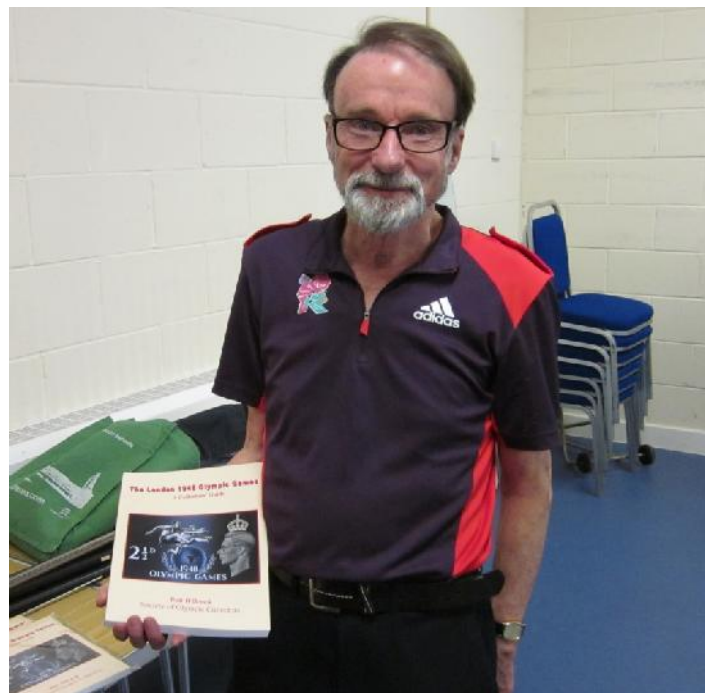


This meeting was exceptionally well-attended by members and was a unique opportunity to see this outstanding collection before it is dispersed. Bill Barrell is a well-known postal history dealer and collector, who has won Gold Medals for his display of early British stamps. He began with some examples of why postal reform was necessary in the late 1830s, culminating in the introduction of the Universal Penny Post and the postage stamp, a lesson that should be taken to heart by those in charge of the Royal Mail today!

He then presented an amazing display of rare and unique material from introduction of the Penny Back in 1840 through the experiments with embossing, rouletting and perforating, to the introduction of surface printing in 1855 and the loss of the contract to De La Rue in 1880; the first half of the evening concentrating on the

stamps and the second on their use on postal history.

18 March – Olympic Games (Bob Wilcock).



Bob's display was in the form of a Powerpoint presentation, which ensured that everyone could clearly see the exhibits. The first half centred on the 1908 Olympic marathon, dispelling various myths surrounding the race, and giving commentary on the race shown by contemporary photographs taken along the line of the route "as it happened".

The second half dealt with the 1948 and 2012 events. Bob displayed much rare and unique material from both events, including some mail from the Olympic Villages temporary post offices, not normally available to the general public. Proof material from the development of the recent Medal Winners issues was illustrated. As a true enthusiast, Bob took part in the 2012 Games support activities. Bob's books on the 1908 and 1948 Games were available for purchase on the night. If members missed the opportunity, Bob can supply them by post.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2013-2014 remain at £13 for full Membership, £2 for Juniors and 50p for Associate Members (exchange packet and auction vendors). Members attending meetings also pay £1 attendance fee at the door to cover refreshments and assist with hall hire. Subscriptions should be paid to Mick Coltman.

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

Christopher Cooksey and Len Stanway travelled to Bury St Edmunds on 11 February to judge their competitions.

Len Stanway displayed Airmails and Aerogrammes of King George VI at a joint meeting of Malaya Study Group and the King George VI Society on 15 February.

MISSED YOUR STAMPESSEX SOUVENIRS?

The society still has a number of copies of its 45th Anniversary Smilers sheet and presentation pack available at £22 and £3 respectively, plus £3 postage and packing per order where necessary. Please help us liquidate these assets as soon as possible! Orders to the Editor please.

ARTICLES WANTED

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

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. 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. 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. Similarly he holds copies of the **ABPS Handbook** and **ABPS Philatelic Lectures and Displays** manuals which give similar information for the whole country (but only for ABPS member societies).

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.

Stamp Fairs – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 12 July, 13 September, 8 November 2014, 10am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

April 2014

- 1 - Benfleet - Propaganda Postcards 1902-1945 (J F Cowlin).
- 1 - Sudbury - Display by Braintree & District P.S.
- 2 - Bishop's Stortford - The Write Stuff (Mrs W Buckle).
- 2 - Clacton - Annual General Meeting, Competition and Member's Displays.
- 2 - Goodmayes - Things That Fly (Members).
- 3 - Billericay - Lighthouses II (M K Roberts).
- 7 - Basildon - Life and Times of Winston Churchill (S A Moorcroft)
- 7 - Frinton - Television (M Routh).
- 8 - Braintree - Norway (Mrs P Adams).
- 8 - Bury St Edmunds - GPO Telegrams 1870-1982 & Teddy Bears (D & P Hiscock).
- 8 - Chelmsford - Disinfection and Quarantine in the Age of Plague (D Vandervelde).
- 8 - Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 9 - Brentwood - Annual General Meeting & Quiz.
- 9 - Ipswich - The Post Office Went To War (Mrs C Earle).
- 10 - Harlow - Speaker to be arranged
- 10 - Hullbridge - Annual General Meeting & Bourse.
- 10 - Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 11 - Colchester - The Stamps of King George V (W Sorrell), Updates (R Jacques).
- 12 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, The Pastoral Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR. 10am-4.30pm.
- 14 - Cheshunt - Annual General Meeting & Mini-Competition.
- 14 - Rayleigh - Annual General Meeting.
- 15 - Sudbury - D, C, B, A (Members) (afternoon meeting).
- 16 - Bishop's Stortford - Material from my favourite country (Members).
- 16 - Goodmayes - Display by Shoeburyness & District P.S.
- 17 - Billericay - USA (A Ritchen).
- 22 - Basildon - Auction.
- 22 - Braintree - Competitions.
- 22 - Bury St Edmunds - Hawaii Kingdom & Republic (J F Bruhn).
- 22 - Chelmsford - Iceland (A Davis).
- 23 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 23 - Ipswich - Auction.
- 24 - Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 24 - Shoeburyness - Man's Marine Adventure (P Denly).
- 24 - Witham - My Philatelic Journey Through Life (D J Church).
- 28 - Frinton - World War I (S Henderson).
- 28 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.
- 28 - Rayleigh - Competitions and Bourse.

May 2014

- 1 - Billericay - New Zealand (B Stonestreet).
- 6 - Benfleet - Annual General Meeting & Mini-Auction.
- 6 - Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.
- 7 - Bishop's Stortford - Annual General Meeting and Competitions.
- 7 - Clacton - Auction.
- 7 - Goodmayes - Bring & Buy.
- 8 - Harlow - Visiting society to be arranged.
- 8 - Hullbridge - My Sideline Collection(s) and Other Things (Members).
- 8 - Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 10 - AEPS - 70th Anniversary StampEssex**, Marconi Social Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford CM2 9FH. 10.30am-4pm, followed by **Annual Awards Dinner**.
- 10 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - British Antarctic Bases and the German Kriegsmarine (K Lillywhite).
- 12 - Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 12 - Frinton - Airmails of Rhodesia & Nyasaland (C Cooksey).
- 12 - Rayleigh - An Evening with Bill Trower.
- 13 - Braintree - Rhodesia (C Cooksey).
- 13 - Bury St Edmunds - Annual General Meeting & Mini-auction.
- 13 - Chelmsford - Coins (Essex Numismatic Society).
- 13 - Epping Forest - Bits and Pieces (M R Thompson).
- 14 - Brentwood - Wars and Rebellions (J F Cowlin).
- 14 - Ipswich - One Collector, Ten Collections (D Garrod).
- 15 - Billericay - Orval Abbey and the Works of Andre Buzin (R Alexander).
- 16 - Colchester - Iraq (G P Green).
- 20 - Basildon - Finland at War (M Elliott).
- 20 - Sudbury - Display by Benfleet & District P.S.
- 21 - Bishop's Stortford - A little postal history (Members).
- 21 - Goodmayes - An Evening with Tony Hoad.
- 22 - Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 22 - Witham - Choose a Number (Members).
- 26 - Frinton - New Zealand (H Davis).
- 26 - Rayleigh - NO MEETING – Bank Holiday
- 27 - Braintree - Annual General Meeting & Auction.
- 27 - Chelmsford - Line-Engraved Work of Perkins Bacon (C G Harman).
- 28 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 28 - Ipswich - Annual General Meeting & mini-auction.
- 29 - Shoeburyness - Rayleigh v. Shoeburyness Quiz (at Shoeburyness)

June 2014

- 2 - Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
- 2 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Annual General Meeting
- 3 - Benfleet - Philatelic Journey Through Life (D J Church).
- 4 - Bishop's Stortford - Egypt and Czechoslovakia – Changing Empires (K Burr).

- 4 - Clacton - Bourse, Competition and Members' Displays.
- 4 - Goodmayes - King George VI Commonwealth (Members).
- 5 - Billericay - Great Britain – QE1-QV (N Sharp).
- 5 - Witham - An Evening with John Cowlin.
- 9 - Cheshunt - A Mixed Bag (R E How).
- 9 - Frinton - Annual General Meeting & Theme Night Pt.1: Land (Members).
- 9 - Rayleigh - The Lonely Island – Tristan da Cunha (G E Miller).
- 10 - Chelmsford - Display by Bexley P.S.
- 11 - Brentwood - Wembley Exhibitions (P Denly).
- 12 - Harlow - Display to be arranged.
- 12 - Hullbridge - Development of Airmails in Africa (J Rawlins).
- 17 - Basildon - Competitions.
- 17 - Sudbury - Triangles (Mrs M Thompson).
- 18 - Bishop's Stortford - New Acquisitions (Members).
- 18 - Goodmayes - Auction.
- 19 - Billericay - Outer Space (Members).
- 19 - Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 20 - Colchester - Competitions.
- 21 - Epping Forest - Auction (1.30-4.30pm).
- 23 - Rayleigh - Aspects of Italy and Luxembourg (T R W Hawkins).
- 24 - Chelmsford - John Rawlin's Garden Party.
- 25 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 26 - Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 26 - 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:

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

7 April - Life and Times of Winston Churchill (Simon Moorcroft)

22 April - Auction.

20 May - Finland at War (Michael Elliott).

2 June - Annual General Meeting.

17 June – Competitions (all classes).

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.



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