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Editorial:

Following a member's suggestion scheme input, the society has invested in a public address system, which was first put into use on 1 September.

International News

DO YOU COLLECT POSTAL STATIONERY?

If so, you may be interested to know that the FIP Postal Stationery Commission has a website www.postalstationery.org with a wealth of information for collectors and exhibitors.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

To be eligible for five frames at an FIP, FEPA or other Continental Federation competition, UK collectors must first reach qualifying standard (75 points and vermeil medal) in an ABPS national exhibition.

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

Singapore World Stamp Exhibition 2015, 11-16 August. 2500 frames.

Joint UK/Germany national exhibition to be held in Gothe, celebrating 175th anniversary of the marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Early-September 2015. 200 frames available for UK exhibitors.

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

National News

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

Unfortunately, the Editor was unable to attend this year's Congresses due to the combination of prior appointment and ill health.

Congress in 2015 will be 6-9 August at Queen's Hotel, Leeds (the date has been revised to avoid the Singapore 2015 exhibition). 2016 will be 21-24 July at Belfry Hotel, Cambridge. Both will incorporate the ceremonial signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, a feature held separately in 2014.

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The new Articles of Association were approved at the recent Market Harborough

Congress EGM. A copy is awaited. The next AGM will be held at Congress in 2015.

STAMPEX

Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, Islington will be as follows:

- 17-21 February 2015: Limited exhibition (200 frames). Diamond Jubilee of the GB PS. The GB Collectors Club – USA will take part.

Autumn 2015: Full National Exhibition - GB Overprints Society 45 Years (100 frames).

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

- Autumn 2016: Full National Exhibition - King George VI Collector's Society and Cinderella societies of the world.

- Spring 2017: Middle East celebrating 100 years of Iraq stamps.

The BDC Executive Centre can be hired for society meetings, etc. at a subsidised rate of £100 per 2 hours - contact Chrissie Baker. The BDC has been booked for the next five years.

LONDON 2015 STAMP EXHIBITION

This FEPA European International will be held 13-16 May at the Business Design Centre and will have 1400 faces of exhibits. 15 promotional postcards are being issued, 8 of which have already been released (next at Autumn Stampex). The organisers are asking societies and individuals to sponsor frames at £10 each, as was done at London 2010 (contact Deborah Gooch at londonstamps2015@gmail.com).

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

The website is www.stampactive.co.uk. Individuals can support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20. Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. SAN is planning a "Collecting British Stamps" activity book for the 2015 exhibitions onwards. Contact John Davies (davies1890@btinternet.com).

Kidstamps continues to flourish with new members and the largest level of ongoing activity

for some time. This free postal club for children is run by Tim and Maureen Cory.

WORLD POST DAY

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

ABPS EXHIBITING SEMINARS

Interested in **Stampex Seminars** but unable to go to London? View or download them at <http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Seminars/index.xalter>.

All ABPS judges are expected to attend a refresher Seminar every 5 years to maintain their accreditation. Two-day **Judging and Exhibition Seminars**, organized by ABPS and sponsored by Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions, are available to Federations where demand exists locally. Further information can be obtained from events@abps.org.uk. Potential Essex participants should advise Ray How (ray.how@btinternet.com).

THE PHILATELIC FUND

The new fund must use its resources in a way consistent with the objectives of the former BPT. Applications for funding, which may include the cost of hiring ABPS frames, should now be sent to The Philatelic Fund, c/o RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY. The office at the Business Design Centre (Room 145E) is available for hire (suitable for committee meetings, etc.). Contact to Tina Wilby at RPSL.

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 (awards@abps.org.uk).

Nominations can be submitted by an ABPS member society or by a federation. The closing date for entries is 1 March 2015.

ABPS HANDBOOK

Both the Directory and Speakers Lists are being updated for publication in 2015. Updates and additions should be sent to John Walden (handbook@abps.org.uk). Please advise him of any changes since the last edition. ABPS would also like copies of any Federation or Society Lists of Speakers (the latest AEPS Handbook data has been supplied). Details (other than the name) of societies not affiliated to the ABPS no longer appear in the directory, but are recorded for use if the society subsequently joins.

The current editions of the ABPS Directory and ABPS Register of Speakers and Judges are held by Alan Taylor for BPS members to consult when necessary. Copies of the Directory may be obtained from the ABPS Secretary (secretary@abps.org.uk) for £9 including p&p.

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

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

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS

ABPS seeks to remind collectors and societies that, although the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for our members, much activity takes place in the background to facilitate and support national and regional events, such as Congress, competitive exhibitions, Midpex, etc., all on a voluntary basis. Without the support of its affiliated members, these might disappear completely. ABPS is also supporting the long-term development of the hobby through the Stamp Active Network.

ISSUES TO TAKE UP WITH ABPS?

The AEPS Secretary, John Dickenson, 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

ABPS is looking for a new webmaster. The website <http://www.abps.org.uk/> contains much valuable information. Unlike the majority of the

site, many of the society listings with contact details are woefully out of date (Basildon is almost correct), but they have recently 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. Please advise chair@abps.org.uk of any necessary changes, with a copy to the Editor for follow-up if necessary.

Essex News

BACK TO BASICS

The 2015 AEPS Seminar will be on 31 January at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. The theme will be "Back to Basics", which will explain what are stamps, how they are produced, and the best way of forming a collection, the best ways of looking after them, how to display at local societies and how to show your material to its best advantage. One speaker will be Professor Iain Stevenson. Tickets (including lunch and refreshments) £25 from Ray How, 5 Dalys Road, Rochford SS4 1RA.

NORWICH & NORFOLK P.S.

Although slightly out of our area, NNPS has asked us to mention that it will be holding fairs on 28 March and 1 August 2015 at Hewett School Gate 1, Cecil Road, Norwich NR1 2PL See www.norphil.co.uk/nnps-fair.htm for further info.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

Autumn StampEssex 2014 will be held on 25 October at Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Colchester, CO3 0RH from 10am to 4pm. With 12 dealers, refreshments and free parking, it will include the first "Open Philately" competition.

The AGM and next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on **15 November** at **Spring Lodge, Witham**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

Spring StampEssex 2015 will be held on 23 May at Thomas Gainsborough School, Head Lane, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0JU. It marks Sudbury club's Golden Jubilee.

AEPS is actively seeking host societies for **Autumn 2015** and **Autumn 2016** StampEssex events. If hosts are not forthcoming, the annual competitions will be held, but it may not be

possible to display the entries. Spring 2016 will be hosted by Bury St. Edmunds.

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 (only 2 copies remain). Contact Len Stanway to buy a copy.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2015

The 2015 issue (due in January) will be a free digital release sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. Production of a complete new loose-leaf manual would be prohibitively expensive, but a limited update will be made available to non-e-mail users on request. Advantages of the new format include wider availability, completely up-to-date contents every year and better indexing. Len Stanway is currently updating the manual and would be glad to receive details of anyone who would like to join the AEPS Registers of Displays or Judges, additions to the Catalogue of Essex philatelic covers, etc. or any new or updated information.

AEPS e-NEWS

This is a free e-mail service open for any philatelist, publicity or press organisation to receive. It provides a monthly list of philatelic events on the AEPS area, plus details of selected AEPS or society events. To subscribe, or request event publicity, contact Len Stanway.

AEPS 100 CLUB

This replaced the annual raffle and is now in operation. Four draws have now taken place at recent Council meetings and Basildon members (marked *) have won three of the eight prizes so far. The winning numbers have been: June: 13*, 31, July: 8*, 7, August: 14, 13*, September: 6, 19. To join the club, please obtain a form from Alan Taylor or the AEPS Secretary, John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com).

DAWES CUP COMPETITION 2015

This Home Counties inter-federation competition will be hosted by Sussex at Ardingley in autumn 2015. As the members of the 2014 winning team are excluded from the

2015 competition, AEPS is seeking volunteers to provide 16 sheet entries of a high standard to join the Essex team pool. Please advise Ray How if you would like to be considered.

AEPS WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

The first phase of the new AEPS website www.stampessex.org.uk has gone live, giving details of members societies. Please use this site and send any correction or suggestions to Ian McElwain, who is AEPS Webmaster.

TRAINING FOR JUDGES

It is important for the smooth transition of philatelic competitors from society to federation, national and, ultimately, international levels that judging criteria and approaches are harmonised, making allowances for the level of competition being judged. It is important that judges at all levels are regularly (typically every two years) brought up-to-speed with the latest thinking at the higher levels and coached in the way to convey this to entrants without giving offence. AEPS plans to organise a training seminar in the near future, but first we need to know how many people will want to take part. This should appeal to both existing judges and people who would like to know how to display their collections to best advantage. After the experience of the course, some of the latter may wish to become judges in the future. If you would like to take part, please contact the Editor or Ray How.

DO YOU GIVE DISPLAYS?

If you like to display your collections to fellow collectors, your name should be on the AEPS Register of Displays published in Philately in Essex. This will bring you to the attention of society Programme Secretaries and those that advise them. To join, contact Len Stanway now.

SOCIETY EVENT CHANGE

The Witham auction planned for 6 November has been cancelled and replaced by a Bourse.

AEPS YOUTH OFFICER

David Armitage can, in conjunction with the Stamp Active Network, assist societies undertaking promotional work on youth philately.

He can be contacted on 01279-503625 or at davearmitage18@btinternet.com.

Basildon Society News

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

7 July – Basildon v. Billericay Quiz.

The teams gathered at Basildon for this year's contest. The visitors (Arthur Ritchen, David Bremner and Terry Stenning) were faced by Maggie Thompson, Claude Crowder and John Cowlin. Jim Charlton as Quizmaster was supported by Ray How as scorer and provided 100 numbered questions. Each team chose a number in each round, ensuring a random selection of questions. Billericay established an early lead and won by 68 marks to 40 marks.

22 July - WW1 Anniversary Meeting.

Len Stanway opened with the Red Cross stamps of Singapore, North Borneo and Trengganu, then showed postal history and postcards of Catterick Camp and Aerodrome in World War One. Ian McElwain showed the War Tax stamps of Canada and many colonies. Claude Crowder showed postcards and envelopes from Field Post offices. Charlie Mead showed the War Tax stamps of Fiji. After the break, John Cowlin gave a preview of the display that he had prepared of World War One propaganda postcards for display through August at the Eastgate Gallery in Basildon.

4 August - Display by Maidstone & Mid Kent Philatelic Society.



We were pleased to welcome three members in a return visit from our Kent neighbours. A fourth had been unable to attend for personal reasons. Tony Davis kicked-off with the history of Iceland through the Millennium series and

postcards, its British Occupation in World War Two and maritime mails. Ernie Walden followed with Australia, starting with state issues and postal stationery, the Roos to 1945, ANZAC issues from Australia and its dependencies, and finally Waltzing Matilda. In the second half, Brian Stonestreet started with New Zealand King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II definitive varieties. Finally, Tony Davis filled the gap with an outstanding display of 2d Blues, starting in Victoria, then Great Britain (including underprints, Mulreadys, postal stationery and advertising rings), New South Wales, Bermuda, Ireland, Malta and New Zealand.

19 August - 12 pages beginning with "D, E or F".

Len Stanway opened with the Fruit Definitive stamps of Malaysia. Alf Potter followed with "Delivery" – mail coaches and Postbuses. Chris Cooksey showed Falkland Islands and HMS Endurance. Ann Coltman closed the first showing with Educational Toys and Elephants.

Dave Perry started Part Two with Falkland Island Dependencies on cover. John Cowlin produced French military covers 1759-1825. Vivien Hollaway showed a wide range of famous people with appropriate names, plus Equines (horses). Melvyn Singer gave an unusual display of French colonies issues. Maggie Thomson gave us unusual triangulars from Dahomey, Egypt, Ecuador, Finland, France and Switzerland. For the final showing, Claude Crowder showed Dominica, New Zealand Fiscals and "Earlier Than Me!" – Pre-1933 Jamaica.

1 September - Rural Russian Postal Services - Zemstvos 1865-1917 by Robin Calvert.



Robin took us through the mists of deepest Russia with this exploration of a little-understood

area of philately. As in Britain in the days of the Penny Posts, the Imperial Post of the late 19th Century only took you to the district post office, which in Russia might serve a vast area. Following the unilateral initiatives of some authorities shortly after they were formed in 1864, each elected municipal authority ("zemstvo") was allowed in 1870 to establish a local postal service, feeding into the Imperial Post for longer journeys. Some 162 are known to have issued stamps and/or postal stationery, while about 150 operated without stamps. Luckily, a few dedicated, contemporary philatelists undertook the, sometimes hazardous, mission of seeking to obtain and catalogue the issues, but many undoubtedly escaped their efforts, so new discoveries still emerge. The centralisation imposed by the Bolshevik government after the 1915 Revolution inevitably led to the banning of these local posts and expansion of the Soviet post office network to take their place. Robin used the first half of the evening to illustrate the variety of designs and processes used by different authorities to produce the issue. Part 2 illustrated a wide range of postal history, including fraud by the postal clerks who applied the stamps, postal stationery, outgoing mail and revenue stamps.

16 September - The Committee Entertains

Before displays began, the President presented AEPS Competition achievement certificates to Ann Coltman and Chris Cooksey for their Spring StampEssex entries. Claude Crowder started proceedings with a display of Australian covers and pre-stamped postal stationery including some unusual Cinderella items. Ian McElwain presented his collection of British slogan postmarks of the twentieth century on cover, emphasising how cheaply many of them can be obtained from dealers' boxes, irrespective of scarceness. Geoff Hammond showed his 16-page Bermuda modern material entry showing aspects of life on the island and its history. Ann Coltman showed Railway on behalf of Mick Coltman, who was unwell. Len Stanway finished the evening with British Post and Go and Horizon labels, which led to a lively discussion of how the systems worked (or not).

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 6 October, 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! The catalogue will be out shortly.

PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2014

Our society handbook has been updated and distributed electronically. Anyone who could not receive this and would like a hard copy is invited to contact Alan Taylor who will arrange to print one. Requests for additional electronic copies should be e-mailed to Len Stanway.

EXCHANGE PACKET ADVICE

The packet has suffered some considerable delays recently. If you are experiencing difficulty passing on an exchange packet to the next on the list, do not hold onto it indefinitely. Try anyone else on the list who has not received it. If all else fails, call the Packet Secretary for advice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2014-2015 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

Throughout August and September, John Cowlin has displayed a large selection of his

World War One propaganda postcards, campaign currency, etc., as part of an exhibition commemorating the start of World War One in the Eastgate Art Gallery in Basildon.

SUGGESTION BOX

A box and suggestion slips is provided at meetings. Members are invited to suggest possible future events or comment on past events and the way the society is run, either anonymously or members can leave their name for follow-up. All suggestions are discussed at the next committee meeting.

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.

ARTICLES WANTED

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

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

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. The full list is available on Ann's library table at every meeting. Members can ask her to bring particular items to the next meeting for them to borrow until the following meeting. Please make good use of this free (but expensive to maintain) resource. If you are disposing of redundant catalogues, Ann would welcome donations, which may either be added to or replace items in the library or, if surplus, 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, they might 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 join 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. 8 November 2014, 10am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

October 2014

- 1 - Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & President Entertains.
- 1 - Clacton - Tristan da Cunha (G E Miller).
- 1 - Goodmayes - Keith Cooper & Bring & Buy.
- 2 - Billericay - Thematic Evening (Members).
- 2 - Goodmayes - Visit to Enfield P.S.
- 6 - Basildon - Auction
- 6 - Frinton - My Recent Buys (Members).
- 7 - Benfleet - Informal, mini - auction and bourse.
- 7 - Sudbury - Wei Hai Wei (N Kerridge).
- 8 - Brentwood - Development of Airmails to India and Australia (J Rawlins).
- 8 - Ipswich - Cinderellas of World War II and the South Atlantic (S Henderson & T Hoad)..
- 9 - *Worldwide* - *WORLD POST DAY*.
- 9 - Harlow - Competition – Sports stamps.

- 9 - Hullbridge - X, Y or Z is for ? (Members).
- 9 - Witham - Anschluss 1938 (I Nutley).
- 11 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PR.
- 13 - Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 13 - Rayleigh - An Evening with George Oliver.
- 14 - Braintree - Postal history and postcards (Members).
- 14 - Bury St. Edmunds – Fakes & Forgeries (C Harman).
- 14 - Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 14 - Epping Forest - Stamps, Cards and Covers From My Collection (Members) and Bring & Buy.
- 15 - Bishop's Stortford - Wildlife on stamps (Members).
- 15 - Goodmayes - Battle for the Pacific Part.1 (W E Trower).
- 16 - Billericay - Display by Witham P.S.
- 17 - Colchester - GB Postal History with a Difference (D Davies).
- 18 - Chelmsford - Joint meeting with the NPS (at NPS).
- 20 - Frinton - The Ijzer Pilgrimage (R Swindells).
- 21 - Basildon - Stamp Collectors' Question Time.
- 21 - Sudbury - The Ijzer Pilgrimage (R Swindells).
- 22 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 22 - Ipswich - Netherlands (R Swindells), Great Britain (F Dunn).
- 23 - Harlow - Discussion and Bourse.
- 23 - Witham - Great Little Trains of Wales (M R Thompson).
- 25 - AUTUMN STAMPESSEX. Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Colchester, CO3 0RH. 10am - 4pm.
- 27 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Favourites from our Collections (Members).
- 27 - Rayleigh - Competition and Bourse.
- 28 - Braintree - The Americas (J Rawlings).
- 28 - Bury St. Edmunds – KLM to East Indies 1934-1939 and The Ijzer Pilgrimage (R Swindells).
- 28 - Chelmsford - History of Wei - Hai - Wei – Hong Kong Treaty Ports (N Kerridge).
- 30 - Shoeburyness - Fakes, Forgeries & Their Creators (C G Harman).

November 2014

- 3 - Basildon - Display by Bexley P.S.
- 3 - Frinton - The Aftermath of World War One (D Hacker).
- 4 - Benfleet - Lundy Island (M R Thompson).
- 4 - Sudbury - Z, Y, X, W, V (Members) (afternoon meeting).
- 5 - Bishop's Stortford - The Saar Area of Germany 1920 - 1935 (Mrs M Thompson).
- 5 - Clacton - Mini - bourse and Anything with C (Members).
- 5 - Goodmayes - 8 Sheets Letter U (Members).
- 6 - Billericay - South America (Members).
- 6 - Harlow - Germany (B Cooper)
- 6 - Witham - Bourse.
- 8 - EAPHS - Postal Rates before the Penny Post.
- 8 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Colin Stuart & Rod Crump.
- 10 - Chelmsford - Annual Dinner (by invitation).
- 10 - Cheshunt - Auction.
- 10 - Rayleigh - Great Little Railways of Wales Railway Letter Service (M R Thompson).
- 11 - Braintree - All the Kings (Members).
- 11 - Bury St. Edmunds – Canada (J Davies & J Riches).
- 11 - Chelmsford - Pot - Pourri (N Harris).
- 11 - Epping Forest - Austro - Hungarian Navy in WW1 (Mrs L Bosworth).
- 12 - Brentwood - Aspects of Rhodesia (C Cooksey).
- 12 - Ipswich – Members' displays.
- 13 - Hullbridge - Bits and Pieces (R E How).

- 15 - AEPS - Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.
 17 - Frinton - GB Postal History with a Difference (D Davies).
 18 - Basildon - Bits & Pieces – Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Australia (M Thompson).
 18 - Sudbury - Bourse, room auction & members' displays.
 19 - Bishop's Stortford - The decade 1900 - 1910.
 19 - Goodmayes - Display by Cheshunt P.S.
 20 - Billericay - Inventors & Teddy Bears (Mrs A Coltman).
 20 - Harlow - Discussion and Bourse.
 20 - Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
 21 - Colchester - Man's Marine Adventure (P Denly).
 24 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.
 24 - Rayleigh - Auction.
 25 - Braintree - Chairman's Evening.
 25 - Bury St. Edmunds - Auction.
 25 - Chelmsford - Paper Money (Essex Numismatic Soc.).
 26 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
 26 - Ipswich - Military Postcards (R Everitt)..
 27 - Shoeburyness - P, Q, R (Members).

December 2014

- 1 - Basildon - Airmails of Rhodesia & Nyasaland (C Cooksey).
 1 - Frinton - Our 50th Year: Displays on a Xmas Theme.
 2 - Benfleet - Chairman's Night & Christmas Social.
 2 - Sudbury - U, T, S, R, Q (Members) (afternoon displays).
 3 - Bishop's Stortford - Auction.
 3 - Clacton - Christmas Meeting (Members only).
 3 - Goodmayes - Auction.
 4 - Billericay - Year End Social.
 4 - Witham - Christmas Related Meeting.
 8 - Rayleigh - An Evening with John Cowlin.
 9 - Braintree - Christmas Social and mini - auction.
 9 - Bury St. Edmunds – Social Evening, 1-sheet Competition & Quiz.
 9 - Chelmsford - Up to 16 sheets (afternoon at 2.15pm).
 10 - Brentwood - Christmas Open Evening.
 10 - Ipswich - Social Evening, 1-sheet competition & Bourse..
 11 - Harlow - Christmas Party and Raffle Draw.
 11 - Hullbridge - Chairman's Night.
 11 - Shoeburyness - Chairman's Night.
 12 - Colchester - Members' Displays.
 13 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Quiz, 1-page Competition.
 15 - Cheshunt - Members Entertain & Mini - competition.
 15 - Frinton - Auction.
 16 - Basildon - Christmas Social & Tomex Quiz.
 16 - Sudbury - Quiz Night.
 17 - Bishop's Stortford - The Letter R (Members).
 17 - Goodmayes - Quiz Night (C Crowder).
 22 - Rayleigh - Christmas Social.

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherecanwego.com>, which is updated with the latest available information. Unless stated, Basildon meetings are held at George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon SS14 2FL at 7.30pm.

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