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Editorial:

As space is tight this month, I will let our Secretary say it for us all! Merry Christmas!

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

It's about time that I put an article into our newsletter. At this time of the year, we all get our pens out to write out those Christmas cards. On behalf of the Committee, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. I must thank you for turning up at each meeting, without you there would be no message to write. We need more members to join our society, so about when you gather round for the Christmas festivities, ask your friends and families if they would to come to our meetings. Our next meeting in 2015 is on 5 January. The subject will be your member's displays for "Thematic Night". I must also mention that David's next stamp fair at Laindon will be 10 January. I must go now as my pen is running out of ink. See you all in the New Year! Alan.

National News

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

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.

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).

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.

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 individual to sponsor frames at £10 each, as was done at London 2010 (contact Deborah Gooch at londonstamps2015@gmail.com).

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 data has been supplied, where requested by the speakers concerned). Details (other than the name) of societies not affiliated to the ABPS are no longer shown in the directory, but are recorded for use if the society subsequently joins.

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.

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.

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

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 11.30am on **28 March at Rayleigh Stamp Day, Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh SS6 9BZ**. 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. This event will mark the Golden Jubilee of the society.

Autumn 2015 had still to be confirmed at the time of going to press.

AEPS is actively seeking a host society for **Autumn 2017 StampEssex**. If a host is 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, **Autumn 2016** by AEPS at Chelmsford and **Spring 2017** by Rayleigh.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2015

The 2015 issue is a free digital release in two volumes sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. All Basildon members with e-mail addresses should have received a copy. Production of a complete new loose-leaf manual would now be prohibitively expensive, but a limited update will be made available to non-e-mail users of the old hard-copy manual on request. Advantages of the new format include wider availability (free of charge), completely up-to-date contents every year and better indexing. Len Stanway 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 other 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 to request publicity for an event, contact Len Stanway.

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, albeit making allowances for the level of competition being judged. It is therefore 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 seminar for this purpose 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.

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.

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 each year. This will bring you to the attention of society Programme Secretaries and those that advise them. To join, contact Len Stanway now.

AEPS 100 CLUB

This replaced the annual raffle and is now in operation. Draws take place at every Council meeting and Basildon members have won three prizes so far. The latest winning numbers have been: October 1st: 25, 2nd: 2, November 1st: 36, 2nd: 33. To join the club, please obtain a form from Alan Taylor or the AEPS Secretary, John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com).

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

ALBUMS CLOSED

One of our Associate Members, Mike Sheldon, passed away in early December. The Society's condolences have been expressed to his widow, Pat.

POST OFFICE NEWS

On 1 December, it was noted that Basildon post office had just commissioned two Series B Post and Go machines in place of the single Wincor-Nixdorf machine, which was still in use in late November. The new machines were issuing the 1st and 2nd Class "Winter Greenery" issue released on 13 November. With the Christmas demand, rolls were being changed frequently and the difference between the 1st and 2nd reels was not understood by staff, so the machines are known to have dispensed, at various times in December, 1st Class stamps on blue Winter Greenery and 2nd Class on brown MA14 Machins!

MEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations are due to Christopher Cooksey, who has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London in the 2014 elections.

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.

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 21 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!
The catalogue will be out shortly.

EXCHANGE PACKET ADVICE

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.

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.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

6 October – Autumn Auction.

Nineteen room bidders and a long list of postal bidders made this a very busy auction. Now in better health, Claude Crowder was able to take the whole auction with his usual flair. Many thanks are due to the society's auction team for a job well done. Realisations were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£4.00	100	£5.00	228	£2.00
2	£5.00	101	£25.00	231	£2.00
3	£10.00	102	£2.00	236	£4.00
4	£10.00	103	£4.00	238	£4.80
5	£6.00	106	£6.00	239	£18.00
6	£4.00	107	£4.00	241	£2.00
7	£5.00	115	£6.00	242	£2.00
8	£4.20	122	£3.50	244	£5.00
10	£9.20	125	£4.80	246	£3.20
11	£5.00	127	£23.00	250	£4.00
12	£2.00	128	£25.50	252	£4.00
13	£3.00	129	£14.00	253	£25.00
14	£2.80	130	£8.20	254	£4.00
16	£4.50	131	£20.00	255	£2.00
17	£6.20	134	£7.00	256	£2.00
19	£3.20	135	£2.50	257	£56.00
24	£2.00	139	£2.50	258	£2.00
25	£2.00	140	£2.50	259	£2.00
26	£7.20	141	£2.50	262	£2.30
27	£10.00	142	£2.50	263	£3.20
28	£10.80	144	£2.50	265	£2.50
29	£15.00	145	£2.50	267	£2.00
30	£5.00	150	£2.50	277	£5.20

34	£4.00	151	£2.50	278	£2.00
38	£7.00	152	£2.75	280	£2.00
40	£5.00	153	£6.20	281	£11.00
46	£2.50	156	£2.10	282	£5.20
51	£3.20	160	£2.50	284	£2.00
53	£5.00	162	£2.50	285	£2.50
56	£5.00	164	£2.60	286	£4.20
57	£20.00	165	£2.50	287	£4.20
58	£5.20	166	£2.40	288	£5.20
62	£3.00	167	£2.50	289	£4.00
63	£5.00	168	£2.50	290	£3.00
64	£4.00	170	£4.00	291	£15.50
65	£3.00	175	£2.40	294	£2.00
66	£25.00	178	£2.75	295	£2.00
67	£3.00	179	£5.00	296	£3.00
68	£5.50	180	£2.75	297	£7.00
69	£6.00	181	£3.00	302	£3.00
70	£5.20	182	£5.00	303	£4.20
71	£9.20	184	£2.00	304	£3.00
72	£10.00	186	£8.00	306	£2.00
73	£3.00	188	£2.00	313	£2.00
75	£3.50	189	£6.00	315	£3.00
76	£3.00	190	£2.50	316	£3.50
77	£2.00	191	£2.00	318	£2.50
78	£2.00	192	£3.20	319	£2.00
80	£3.00	193	£3.80	320	£5.80
81	£5.00	194	£10.20	322	£30.00
83	£3.20	195	£10.00	348	£10.50
84	£30.50	196	£2.80	349	£3.50
85	£7.20	197	£2.50	350	£3.20
86	£4.00	199	£2.00	351	£4.50
87	£2.50	201	£10.00	353	£5.00
88	£3.00	202	£3.00	354	£5.00
89	£3.20	204	£2.50	369	£2.50
90	£4.00	206	£2.00	370	£8.00
91	£2.00	207	£2.00	372	£2.00
92	£15.50	208	£2.00	373	£12.00
93	£6.20	218	£2.00	374	£6.00
94	£5.20	219	£2.00	376	£5.00
95	£8.20	221	£3.50	378	£4.00
96	£4.20	222	£2.00	379	£4.00
97	£2.00	224	£7.00	380	£6.00
98	£10.00	226	£2.50	LL1	£5.00
99	£5.00	227	£2.50		

It is not too early to be putting together your lots for the April Auction, as the list will be compiled shortly after Christmas. If you want a lotting form, contact Alan or Claude.

21 October – Stamp Collector's Question Time.

A wide range of subjects were covered, some new and some expanding on topics previously discussed, with Len Stanway in the hot seat. As before, time ran out before questions were exhausted.

3 November – Display by Bexley P.S.



John Corderoy opened our visitors' display with a comprehensive collection of Gibraltar from Queen Victoria to the early part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

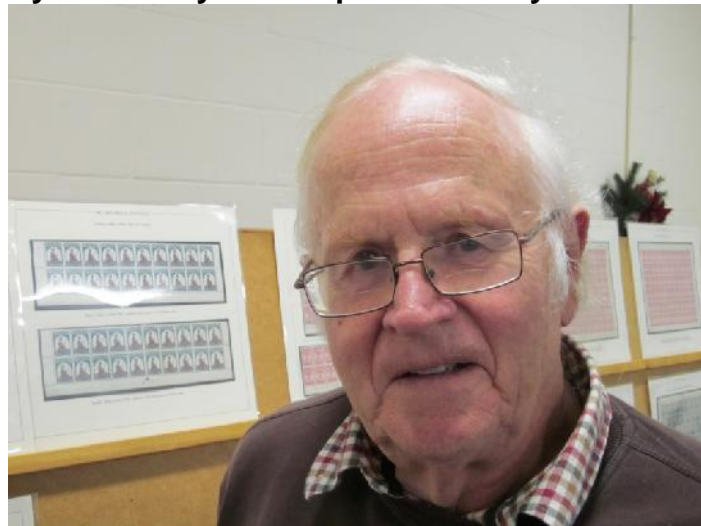
Don Brookfield followed with a fascinating King George VI Pot-Pourri including varieties, booklets, proofs and fiscal usages.

18 November – Bits and Pieces by Michael Thompson.



Mike began with Kent philatelic events, including the postal strike of 1971, then continued with a fascinating mixture of subjects, many in the form of past competition entries, including National Trust labels, England Winners covers posted in Scotland, forged Diss (Norfolk) first day of issue cancellations, the Pence issue of Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope rectangulars, Antarctica labels, Belgian Van Ackers handstamps, Bermuda Ship definitives, the BEA Letter Service, USA postal stationery, the 1912 Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and hotel labels, The Frog and TV licence stamps. He closed with local carriage labels of the Isles of Jethou, Canna and Shuna.

1 December – Airmails of Rhodesia and Nyasaland by Christopher Cooksey.



Chris started his fascinating and comprehensive display by explaining the development of the principal air mail routes, illustrated with first flight and commercial covers from 1920 to the introduction of the VC10 airliner. He then went on to illustrate the changes to airmail rates for principal destinations such as the UK, USA and destinations, such as India and Australia, on the Imperial Eastern Route via Cairo. Internal African flights followed, then World War Two with Prisoner of War and Internment Camp mail, suspended service to Singapore, the Horseshoe Route, redirected mail and the Christmas 1944 free post for servicemen. Unusual services, such as Broken Hill to Madagascar and the Barotseland internal circuit, were followed by the military and civil air letter sheets, the Rhodesian inter-town network and modern first flight covers. Finally Chris showed his comprehensive display of the Central African Airways air letter stamps.

16 December – Tomex Quiz and Festive Evening.

This year's Quizmaster was Len Stanway, who departed from the usual format by giving just two answers to choose from, "True" and "False". Twenty five questions later, Dean Taylor emerged the winner of the Tomex Cup, with 20 points out of 25, followed closely by Mick Coltman and Claude Crowder with 19. The Society's Christmas Tree was displayed (see below), and a pleasant repast was enjoyed by all.

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



On behalf of the society, Len Stanway entered the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Martin's Church, Basildon on 5-6 December 2014. The tree, entitled, "Tidings of Comfort and Joy", told the Christmas Story from the Annunciation to the Flight into Egypt using enlarged and laminated British stamps of the 1960s and 1970s topped by an Australian Christmas star.

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 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, 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).

DIGITAL RESOURCES:

FIP Postal Stationery Commission
www.postalstationery.org

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. 10 January, 14 March, 9 May, 11 July, 12 September, 14 November 2015. 10am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

January 2015

- 5 Basildon - Thematic Night (Members).
- 6 Benfleet - Competitions.
- 6 Sudbury - P, O, N, M (Members) (afternoon).
- 7 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & Members' Displays.
- 7 Clacton - Mini-bourse and Members' Displays.
- 8 Harlow - Competition.
- 8 Hullbridge - Sheets from My Album (Members).
- 10 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Countries or Themes beginning with A (Members) (afternoon).
- 12 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 12 Rayleigh - Quiz.
- 13 Braintree - Q, R, S (Members).
- 13 Bury St. Edmunds - Members' Evening – 5 sheets for 5 minutes.
- 14 Brentwood - Something beginning with O, P or Q (Members).
- 14 Ipswich - Falkland Islands (T Wiffen).
- 15 Billericay - Flight (D Bremner).
- 16 Colchester - Competitions.
- 17 Epping Forest - Auction (1.30-4.30pm).
- 20 Basildon - Perkins Bacon and their Work (C.G. Harman).
- 20 Sudbury - Films.
- 21 Bishop's Stortford - Postcards.
- 21 Goodmayes - Maritime Mail and Stamps (Members).
- 22 Harlow - General Discussion and Bourse.
- 22 Witham - Annual General Meeting.
- 26 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Stuart Henderson entertains.

- 26 Rayleigh - The Ken Seymour Display.
- 27 Braintree - Africa (Members).
- 27 Chelmsford - Johore (Mrs. S McEwen) (afternoon).
- 28 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 28 Ipswich - French Colonies Pot-Pourri (S Holder).
- 29 Shoeburyness - AGM & Bourse.
- 31 AEPS - Seminar "Back to Basics", Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR, 9.30am-4.30pm. Contact R.E. How for tickets. £25 including lunch.

February 2015

- 2 Basildon - Recent Acquisitions (Members).
- 2 Frinton - Anything I Collect (Members).
- 3 Benfleet - Postcards of WW1 (J F Cowlin).
- 3 Sudbury - Yugoslavia, before, during & after (R McGregor).
- 4 Bishop's Stortford - USA Stamps & Postal History (D Brayshaw).
- 4 Clacton - Competitions.
- 4 Goodmayes - My Other Collections (Members).
- 5 Billericay - Stamps – The Finer Points (L.C. Stanway).
- 9 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 9 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 10 Braintree - Tony Gill entertains.
- 10 Bury St. Edmunds - West Indies (A Stiff).
- 10 Chelmsford - Up to 16 sheets (Members) (afternoon meeting).
- 10 Epping Forest - Chairman's Display & Social Evening.
- 11 Basildon - Visit to Bromley & Beckenham PS.
- 11 Brentwood - Secretary's Selection.
- 11 Ipswich - They Also Served – Women in World War II (Mrs. C Earle).
- 12 Harlow - General Discussion and Bourse
- 12 Hullbridge - Auction.
- 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - President's display: Tony Aked & friends entertain (afternoon).
- 14 Witham - STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall Newlands St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 10.30am-4pm.
- 16 Frinton - Early Zeppelin Mail (P Kennistone).
- 17 Basildon - To be announced.
- 17 Sudbury - L, K, J, I (Members) (afternoon).
- 18 Bishop's Stortford - 8 sheets, any subject (Members).
- 18 Goodmayes - Competitions.
- 18-21 London - Stampex. Business Design Centre.
- 19 Billericay - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 19 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 20 Colchester - Boer War Postcards (J Cowlin).
- 21 Bury St. Edmunds - STAMP FAIR. Moreton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP32 7EW. 9.30am-3.30pm.
- 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Edith Cavell & Queen Astrid (J J Gaskell).
- 23 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 24 Braintree - My other hobby (Members).
- 24 Chelmsford - Finland At War (M Elliott).
- 25 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 25 Ipswich - The Halfpenny Mail Tax and UK Wembley Slogan (P. Denly).
- 26 Harlow - Talk by a Member.
- 26 Shoeburyness - Competitions.

March 2015

- 2 Basildon - St. Helena, St. Lucia, Ascension & Composers (I Reed).

- 2 Frinton - Competitions.
 3 Benfleet - Count Zeppelin & his Airships (Mrs. S Knight).
 3 Sudbury - H, G, F, E (Members) (afternoon).
 4 Bishop's Stortford - Peace (Mrs. G Davies).
 4 Clacton - A Brief Introduction to the United Nations (L.C. Stanway).
 4 Goodmayes - The Committee Entertains.
 5 Billericay - P to R (Members).
 5 Witham - Competitions and Bourse.
 7 EAPHS - AGM and 10 favourite sheets.
 9 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
 9 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 10 AEPS - Executive Committee Meeting.
 10 Braintree - Morocco Agencies (B S Cook).
 10 Bury St. Edmunds - Competitions.
 10 Chelmsford - Secretary's Night (A.H. Boyce).
 10 Epping Forest - Antarctica & South Atlantic (T Hoad).
 11 Brentwood - An Evening with Stuart Henderson.
 11 Ipswich - Austro-Hungarian Naval Mail (Mrs. L Bosworth).
 12 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
 12 Hullbridge - Competition.
 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by Enfield P.S (afternoon).
 16 Frinton - Anti-Communism 1919-1945 (A.J. Bosworth).
 17 Basildon - Africa All Areas Airmails (J Rawlins).
 17 Sudbury - Auction.
 18 Bishop's Stortford - The Letter E (Members).
 18 Goodmayes - Battle for the Pacific Part 2 (W.E. Trower).
 19 Billericay - Annual General Meeting
 19 Witham - Mint Imperials (G.P. Green).
 20 Colchester - Fightpath Atlantic (W.E. Trower).
 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
 23 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 24 Braintree - USA (B Willkinson).
 24 Bury St. Edmunds - Display by Frinton P.S.
 24 Chelmsford - Display by Maidstone & Mid-Kent P.S.
 25 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 25 Ipswich - The Committee Entertains.
 25 Sudbury - Annual Dinner (ticket only).
 26 Harlow - Annual General Meeting.
 26 Shoeburyness - An Evening with John Cowlin.
 27 Harlow - Annual Dinner (ticket only) (Venue TBA).
 28 AEPS - Council Meeting, Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh (see below). 11.30pm.
 28 Rayleigh - STAMP DAY, Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, SS6 9BZ (10.30am-4pm)

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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