

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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## Editorial:

This promises to be a very busy philatelic year with a packed programme of new issues and lots of exhibitions, including the international event in London in May. We hope that sufficient publicity will be generated to encourage newcomers of all ages to the hobby

## International News

### BATTLE OF WATERLOO

On 19-21 June, to mark the 200th Anniversary of the Battle, a philatelic exhibition on the theme "Europe during the Period of the French Empire" will take place at the Collège Cardinal Mercier" in Eigenbrakel (Braine-L'Alleud), Belgium. A bicentennial re-enactment of the battle, reception and dinner will also take place at Waterloo itself on the evenings of 19-20 June. You may view the event website at [www.waterloo2015.org/en](http://www.waterloo2015.org/en). Further information may be had from Nick Martin [njm.angel@btinternet.com](mailto:njm.angel@btinternet.com)

### 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, 14-19 August. <http://www.singapore2015.com>.

Bilateral UK/Germany national exhibition to be held in Gotha, celebrating 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. 3-6 September 2015, involving both the Royal Philatelic Collection and the RPSL. 200 12-sheet frames available for UK exhibitors. in all competitive classes except Open. Commissioner Graham Winters, 110 Oakenshaw Lane, Walton, Wakefield, West Yorks WF2 6NL, 01924 259713, 07581792340, [j.g.winters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.g.winters@hotmail.co.uk).

World Stamp Show – New York 2016, 28 May - 4 June. Jacob Javits Convention Center, 655 West 34th Street, NY 10001. <http://www.ny2016.org>. Closing date 15 August 2015. Commissioner: Jon Aitchison, Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill, Near Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM22 7TF. [britishlocals@aol.com](mailto:britishlocals@aol.com)

Philatapei 2016 FIP World Stamp Exhibition 8-13 October 2016. Taipei.

Finlandia 2017. Tampere, Finland 24-28 May marking the centennial year of Finnish independence. <http://www.finlandia2017.fi>. [info@finlandia2017.fi](mailto:info@finlandia2017.fi)

## National News

### LONDON 2015 EUROPHILEX 13-16 MAY 2015

First day tickets can be ordered online at [www.london2015.net](http://www.london2015.net), as can Awards Ceremony tickets for 15 May. Numbers are limited and only restricted numbers will be available at the exhibition. Exhibitors and anyone wishing to attend must buy tickets in advance.

Seminars are open to all, space permitting. There is no advance booking. In Meeting Room F, FEPA will be hosting four events and SG one:

13 May: 1030-1230: Postal History: "How to create and present a personal story in a postal history exhibit" by Jørgen Jørgensen FRPSL.

1500-1700: Traditional Philately: "Planning and preparing a Traditional Class exhibit" by Richard Stock FRPSL.

14 May: 1030-1230 "Open Philately, Exhibiting for Everyone" by Graham Winters FRPSL

1400-1430 "Stanley Gibbons Catalogues - 150 Years and Counting" by Hugh Jefferies FRPSL.

1500-1700 Thematic Philately: "How to improve a thematic exhibit, the importance of philatelic material" by Bernard Jimenez.

In the Executive Centre, on 14 May, the AIJP will host at 1500-1600 "Forgeries of Philatelic Literature" by Wolfgang Maassen RDP FRPSL. On 15 May, the Confederate Stamp Alliance (CSA) has organised a series of seminars on aspects of Confederate philately: At 1100 "Civil War, The Prize Court" by Patricia A Kaufmann, 1130 "The Bryant/Stephens correspondence from Florida" by Deane Briggs, 1200 "The Postmasters' Provisionals of the Confederate States" by Francis J Crown Jnr, 1230 "The De La Rue Stamps of the Confederacy" by John L. Kimbrough.

On the Village Green, Royal Mail will lead four seminars each day on their stand on the Village Green throughout the show at 1000 "Stamp Production", 1200 "Stamp Design", 1400 "Stamp Printing", 1600 "British Postal Museum and Archive (BPMA)".

There will be 1400 faces of exhibits. 15 promotional postcards are being issued, of which many have already been released. The organisers (Deborah Gooch at [londonstamps2015@gmail.com](mailto:londonstamps2015@gmail.com)) are asking societies and individuals to sponsor frames at £10 each, as was done at London 2010.

### MIDPEX 2015

Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Leamington Spa, 4 July, 1000 – 1700. For details of this rural venue

with location including parking, see <http://www.warwickshireexhibitioncentre.co.uk/>

MIDPEX is the biennial exhibition first held in 1995 bringing together Specialist Societies with local, national and international dealers.

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### ABPS NATIONAL EXHIBITION YORK 2015

Organised in conjunction with York Stamp Fair: The Grandstand, York Racecourse, York YO23 1EX on 17-18 July, the theme for this National Competition will be Postal History, and exhibits in the Postal History FIP Class will be accepted. Other classes are not included in this competition. For further information, contact [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk)

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### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

Congress in 2015 will be 6-9 August at Queen's Hotel, Leeds, LS1 1PJ. The theme is 1890, as this is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leeds Philatelic Society. Speakers include Julian Stray of BPMA, Hugh Jefferies of Stanley Gibbons, Andrew McGavin of UPA Auctions, and John Davies. The Congress Medal will be awarded, and the newly elected RDPs will sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at Temple Newsam, a Tudor-Jacobean house with grounds landscaped by Capability Brown. The banquet will take place at the Leeds Royal Armouries. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as regular supporters. See <http://www.gbcongress.uk>. Contact Paul Gaywood [gaywood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gaywood@hotmail.co.uk) or 01772713917.

Congress 2016 will be 21-24 July at Belfry Hotel, Cambridge.

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### STAMPEX

- Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH will be as follows:

Autumn 2015: 16-19 September. Full National Exhibition - GB Overprints Society 45 Years (100 frames).

- Spring 2016: 17-20 February. Pictorial Classes: Thematic, Open and Postcards.

- Autumn 2016: 14-17 September. Full National Exhibition - King George VI Collector's Society and Cinderella societies of the world.

- Spring 2017: 16-18 February. 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.

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### ABPS WEBSITE

ABPS has appointed a new webmaster, Maurice Buxton, who has started work on revitalising the site. Please send him any requirements for changes at [mauricebuxton@gmail.com](mailto:mauricebuxton@gmail.com). The website <http://www.abps.org.uk/> contains much valuable information. However, many of the society listings with contact details are woefully out of date (Basildon is now correct). They have recently circulated a draft of the new handbook to all member societies and it is to be hoped that this will soon be updated.

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### ABPS HANDBOOK

Both the Directory and Speakers Lists are being updated for publication in 2015. Updates and additions should be sent to Rev. John Walden ([handbook@abps.org.uk](mailto: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 of societies not affiliated to the ABPS no longer appear in the directory, but are recorded for use if the society subsequently (re)joins ABPS.

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.

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### STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

The website is [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://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).

**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.

SAN will be at Autumn Stampex with youth activities and a free children's auction. The theme of the event will be "USA". There is the continuing initiative to "Bring a Child to Stampex" to encourage the next generation of collectors with a free draw for a great pack of goodies if you take a youngster (U18) to the youth stand during the Show, so start planning your visit now. Prizes include an SG Presentation wallet of an 1840 Penny Black RRP £350. The website is [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://www.stampactive.co.uk) ABPS has agreed to continue to support the hosting and maintenance of the site in 2015. Individuals can support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20. For more information, contact John Davies [davies1890@btinternet.com](mailto:davies1890@btinternet.com).

Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Stamp Active is looking for individuals to help in the running of its youth programmes. We urgently need a newsletter editor, fund-raiser and auction/promotional manager. Can you help?

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### THE PHILATELIC FUND

The new Philatelic 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. Room 145E at the Business Design Centre is available for hire (suitable for small meetings). Contact Tina Wilby at RPSL.

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### 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 2016 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](mailto: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 2016.

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### ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next AGM will be held at Congress 2015.

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### WORLD POST DAY

How can we get the hobby noticed on World Post Day 9 October 2015, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

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### ABPS EXHIBITING SEMINARS

Interested in **Stampex Seminars** but unable to go to London? ABPS has posted the presentations for you to view or download on <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](mailto:events@abps.org.uk). Potential Essex participants should advise Ray How ([ray.how@btinternet.com](mailto:ray.how@btinternet.com)).

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### BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA activities, contact Peter Denly, 9 Oaklands Park, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BY or [www.brit-thematic-assoc.com](http://www.brit-thematic-assoc.com).

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### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS

ABPS seeks to remind collectors and societies that, whilst the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for its 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.

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### 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](mailto:dickenson17@ntlworld.com).

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### Essex News

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### ALBUMS CLOSED

On 2 March 2015, Malcolm Wade of Chelmsford passed away, a day short of his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. He was a notable collector of Malayan postal history and postcards, and was the author of several books. His funeral will be on 1 April at 2pm at St Luke's Church, Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford

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### "BACK TO BASICS" SEMINAR

The 2015 AEPS Seminar took place on 31 January with five Basildon members present. The two principle speakers were Bill Trower, who talked about mounting pages and materials, protectors and other tools of philately, and Iain Stevenson, who is a university lecturer on printing and who took us through the types and terminology of printing used for stamp production. After a good lunch, members from the floor displayed items from their collections to comment on issues raised by the earlier speakers or to seek advice.

The 2016 AEPS Seminar will be on 30 January at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm.

The theme is still to be decided. Please send suggestions to Ray How, 5 Dalys Road, Rochford SS4 1RA.

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### NORWICH & NORFOLK P.S.

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

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### NEXT AEPS EVENTS

**The next Council meeting**, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 14.30 on **27 June** 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. This event will mark the Golden Jubilee of Sudbury society.

**Autumn StampEssex 2015** will be held on 24 October at Stanway Village Hall, Colchester.

**Spring 2016** will be hosted by Bury St. Edmunds, **Autumn 2016** by AEPS at Chelmsford on 29 October and **Spring 2017** by Rayleigh. 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.

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### 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. To join the club, please obtain a form from Alan Taylor or the AEPS Secretary, John Dickenson ([dickenson17@ntlworld.com](mailto:dickenson17@ntlworld.com)).

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### DAWES CUP COMPETITION 2015

This Home Counties inter-federation competition will now be hosted by Surrey on 4 July. 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.

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### AEPS e-NEWS

This is a free e-mail service open for any philatelist, publicity or press organisation. It provides a monthly list of philatelic events in the AEPS area, plus details of selected AEPS or society events. To

subscribe, or to request publicity for an event, contact Len Stanway.

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### AEPS WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

The first phase of the new AEPS website [www.stampessex.org.uk](http://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.

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:davearmitage18@btinternet.com).

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### PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2015

The 2015 issue is 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 can 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 continuously updates the manual and would welcome 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.

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## 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.

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### *Basildon Society News*

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## 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.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at 7.45pm on 1 June. Please come and have your say in the society's decision-making session, at which the Committee reports on the past year and the new Committee is elected. Annual subscriptions will be due following the meeting.

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## MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

### 5 January- Thematic Night.

Just five members graced our members' display thematic evening. Perhaps the proximity to Christmas put others off. Chris Cooksey started with a display of stamps and covers associated with the three ships named "Endurance". Ann Coltman followed with "Lion – King of Beasts" and postcards of "Abbeys". Maggie Thompson displayed the scarce labels issued in 1908 to raise funds for the earthquakes in Sicily and Calabria. Len Stanway displayed endangered species from the annual United Nations CITES issues. Alan Taylor concluded the evening with stamps commemorating the silver jubilees of the Coronation and the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

### 20 January- Perkins, Bacon & Their Work (Chris Harman).

Jacob Perkins made his name in the USA as an innovator in the field of security printing, but brought his business to the UK to enable him to bid for the Bank of England banknote printing contract. Although unsuccessful in this aim, the Perkins Bacon printing business was soon well established as a security printer in the private sector. Chris started his entertaining and fascinating talk with examples of the engine-turned backgrounds used for both banknotes and, later, stamps, and the highly-detailed standard vignettes used in notes and other securities, with examples of their use. The company changed its

name as partners came and went, being "Perkins, Bacon & Petch" at the time of the Penny Black. Chris displayed examples of each of the stamp contracts in chronological order, starting with revenues, then the Penny Black and the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. The first half covered the issues to the Ceylon Pence issue, in each case supported by a wide range of essays, proofs, mint and superb used stamps. Often, the early contracts involved sending a complete package of materials and presses to the territory concerned, with varying degrees of success, with or without an initial batch of stamps. The second half began with an introduction to perforation. Somerset House had a monopoly on comb perforation, so Perkins Bacon tried rouletting, pin perforation or line perforation, or, in the last resort, sending material there for completion. Perforation required much more careful plate layout to ensure straight spaces between stamps, and needed careful perforator maintenance (not a strong point in Perkins Bacon!) to ensure clean results. At the end of 1861, Perkins Bacon fell out with the Crown Agents, who withdrew all their contracts, together with dies and plates, and passed the work to De La Rue. Perkins Bacon continued to service its non-CA clients and its revenue, banknote, etc., business until about 1935. Chris closed with playing card tax wrappers and a selection of City of London Courts stamps.

### 2 February- Recent Acquisitions.

This display by members of their new material started with **Ann Coltman**, who displayed a recently made waistcoat showing early postcards, to supplement the stamp waistcoat she made some time ago for herself and several club members. **Chris Cooksey** displayed several new and rare mining documents, plus some covers sent by Imperial Airways via Cairo and the (eastern) Empire service, including one to New Zealand. **Claude Crowder** displayed the complete range of GB Penny Plates (except 77) and a collection of 40 pre-stamp postal history items recently bought for less than £1 per cover! **David Church** displayed the German Occupation of Poland 1939-1944 including officials and local delivery fee stamps. **Ian McElwain** displayed the Swedish definitives of 1890-1895 arranged by postmark towns from A to Z. **Charlie Mead** showed Fiji instructional marks on cover. **Maggie Thompson** showed Tuva 1994 Chess Olympiad triangulars and later issues in sheets, plus the 1934 airmails and a faked card. **Len Stanway** finished the evening with Singapore issues of 2014.

### 17 February- Mint Imperials – A Philatelic Confection (Paul Green).

Sadly, your reviewer was indisposed and missed what was, by all accounts, a very entertaining evening of early Commonwealth material.

## 2 March- Small Islands and Music (Ian Reed).

Ian gave us two displays. His first took us through the early years of some of the smaller island colonies – St. Helena, Ascension and St. Lucia – up to the reign of King George V. The first two are very isolated, in the middle of the South Atlantic, and St. Helena is famous for its association with the imprisonment of Napoleon Bonaparte, and was then used as a Prisoner of War Camp in the Boer War. St. Helena's first stamp of 1853 started badly. Perkins Bacon were asked for 500 stamps and they printed 500 sheets! The first printing was surcharged as needed until it was used up. The design was used for some 40 years until the coming of the Victorian Key Type. Ascension used British stamps initially, then got its own design, but the relationship between these two islands was such St. Helena stamps were accepted. The smallest of the Windward Islands colonies, St. Lucia used an A11 cancellation on British stamps initially. Its own first design was in use for 25 years. It was not until it joined the UPU in 1881 that it became necessary to put a value on the stamps, with De La Rue reluctantly overprinting a value on some stamps. Ship letter stamps, postal stationery and registered mail of St Lucia was also shown.

In the second half, we were entertained with a thematic display of Music featuring a fascinating medley of composers, orchestras, conductors, dancers, instruments and their makers and dealers on stamps, postcards, covers and ephemera, such as concert tickets, letters, etc., starting with posthorns. Highlights included a Schumann stamp showing Schubert music in error, which had to be withdrawn and reissued with the correct piece.

## 17 March- All Parts of Africa (John Rawlins).



John began by charting the development of South African airmails and the subsequent development of Imperial Airways' African route from its junction with the Empire route (to India, Malaya and Australia) in Alexandria down eastern Africa to South Africa. Unusual Mauritius acceptances were shown. The wartime Horseshoe Route linked the two feeding into ships from Durban and Cape Town. He then introduced the other operators that had served Africa before and during World War Two, including Air

France, PanAm and Sabena, and the special routes, often circuitous, needed to avoid enemy intervention in wartime. Unusually, the 1921 service to the Belgian Congo required the air fee to be collected on arrival! The complex routings of the poorly-served west coast of Africa were carefully explained.

## RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES



A Basildon display team of Ann Coltman, Alan Taylor, and John Cowlin paid a return exchange visit to Bromley & Beckenham society on 11 February. Our speakers are shown with B&B President Ian Crees.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Ian McElwain now 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 the library table at every meeting. Members can ask for particular items to be brought 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, the society would welcome donations, which may either be added to or replace items in the library or, if surplus, sold to raise society funds.

Alan Taylor holds the **Society Archives**. If you find any old documents, cuttings, programmes, etc., or see any reference to the society in the current press, he would welcome them in case they fill gaps in the collection.

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).

## EXCHANGE PACKET ADVICE

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.

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.

### SMALL ADS

Society members are entitled to insert one small advertisement free of charge in each issue. Please send your advert to the Editor.

**Stamp Fairs** – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 9 May, 11 July, 12 September, 14 November 2015. 10am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.

**Malaysia** - First day covers for sale. Many issues available. Wants lists to Len Stanway.



### Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

#### April 2015

- 1 Bishop's Stortford - A Collection of Overprints (D. Jefcoate).
- 1 Clacton - Annual General Meeting and Competition.
- 1 Goodmayes - The Caribbean (Members).
- 2 Billericay - German Inflation Issues (Mrs. M. Thompson).
- 2 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 7 Benfleet - Lighthouses (M.K. Roberts).
- 7 Sudbury - Chairman's Evening?
- 8 Brentwood - Annual General Meeting & Quiz.
- 8 Ipswich - Let's Talk Stamps – Members' bring and share evening.
- 9 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 9 Hullbridge - Annual General Meeting & Bourse.
- 11 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PR.
- 13 Rayleigh - Annual General Meeting.
- 13 Frinton - France and Colonies (G Oliver).
- 14 Braintree - Egypt (G.P. Green).
- 14 Bury St. Edmunds - Batty About Sweden (M Batty).
- 14 Chelmsford - The British Military Administration in Malaya and Borneo 1945-1951 (P F Cockburn).

- 14 Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 15 Bishop's Stortford - Postmarks (Members).
- 15 Goodmayes - Display by Billericay & District P.S.
- 16 Billericay - Boer War and POW Mail (N Harris).
- 16 Witham - Choose a Number (Members).
- 17 Colchester - My Philatelic Journey Through Life (D.J. Church).
- 20 Cheshunt - Annual General Meeting.
- 21 Basildon - Auction.**
- 21 Sudbury - Swiss National Exhibitions (E. Lienhard).
- 22 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 22 Ipswich - Auction.
- 23 Harlow - Talk by a Member.
- 27 Frinton - Revenues (E. Hitchings).
- 27 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Tony Hoad entertains.
- 27 Rayleigh - Competitions & Bourse.
- 28 Braintree - Competitions.
- 28 Bury St. Edmunds - 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee (J Davies).
- 28 Chelmsford - The Postal History of the Omnibus Issues of King George VI (B S Cook).
- 30 Shoeburyness - My Stamp Collection (M Nunn).
- 30 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.

#### May 2015

- 5 Benfleet - Annual General Meeting & Mini-Auction
- 5 Sudbury - AGM.
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - AGM & Competitions.
- 6 Clacton - Auction.
- 6 Goodmayes - Half Evening with Claude Crowder, Bring & Buy and Committee Evening.
- 7 Billericay - The Far East (Members).
- 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction (afternoon).
- 11 Rayleigh - Rayleigh v Shoeburyness Quiz (at Rayleigh).
- 11 Frinton - The Committee Entertains.
- 12 Braintree - Display by Frinton P.S.
- 12 Bury St. Edmunds - AGM & Mini-Auction.
- 12 Chelmsford - British Royalty & Other Stories (D Garrod).
- 12 Epping Forest - My Favourite Thematic Stamps & Covers (Members).
- 13 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
- 13 Ipswich - Aspects of Canada (D.A. Armitage).
- 14 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 14 Hullbridge - My Sideline Collection(s) (Members).
- 14 Witham - The Committee Entertains.
- 15 Colchester - Mint Imperials – A Philatelic Confection (G.P. Green).
- 18 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 18 Frinton - Swiss National Exhibitions (E. Lienhard).
- 19 Basildon - Disinfection & Quarantine Mail In The Age of the Plague (D. Vandervelde).**
- 19 Sudbury - Display by Ipswich P.S.
- 20 Bishop's Stortford - The Decade 1930-1940 (Members).
- 20 Goodmayes - Errors & Omissions (Members).
- 21 Billericay - The Spanish Civil War (J. Rawlins).
- 23 AEPS/Sudbury - STAMPESSEX.** Sudbury PS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thomas Gainsborough School,

Head Lane, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0JU.

- 26 Braintree - AGM and mini-auction.
- 26 Chelmsford - Postal History of Norfolk (P. Pearson).
- 27 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
- 27 Ipswich - Annual General Meeting and mini-auction.
- 28 Harlow - Display by visiting society.
- 28 Shoeburyness - Great Britain (G. Basco).
- 28 Witham - Tony Gill and Dennis Ford display.

### June 2015

#### 1 Basildon - Annual General Meeting. Come and have your say!

- 1 Frinton - AGM and Theme Night Pt 2: Sea.
- 1 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Annual General Meeting.
- 2 Benfleet - To be announced.
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - GB Revenues (E J Hitchings).
- 3 Clacton - Members' Displays.
- 3 Goodmayes - Life and Times of Winston Churchill (S.A. Moorcroft).
- 4 Billericay - Explorers (Members).
- 8 Cheshunt - To be advised.
- 8 Rayleigh - An Evening with Ian Tickell.
- 9 Bury St. Edmunds - Informal Summer Meeting.
- 9 Chelmsford - They Also Served (Mrs. C. Earle).
- 10 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
- 11 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 11 Hullbridge - Boer War Propaganda Cards (J F Cowlin).
- 11 Witham - Danzig at War (G. du Boulay).
- 15 Frinton - Display by the British Society of Australian Philately.
- 16 Basildon - Great Little Trains of Wales (M.R. Thompson).**
- 16 Sudbury - Display by Leiston P.S.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford - Something from Europe or Asia.
- 17 Goodmayes - Auction.
- 18 Billericay - Maritime Miscellany (M.K. Roberts).
- 19 Colchester - To be arranged.
- 20 Epping Forest - Auction (1.30-4.30pm).
- 22 Rayleigh - The Social and Postal History of an Irish Family (J Rawlins).
- 23 Chelmsford - Something Beginning with G.
- 24 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
- 25 Harlow - Speaker to be advised.

25 Shoeburyness - Harry Sheldrake Competition – O & P.

25 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.

**27 AEPS - Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.**

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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