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Editorial:

The challenge remains how to sell the joys of collecting to a new generation. Please send your ideas to the Editor.

International News

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 175th 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, WF2 6NL, 01924 259713, 07581792340, j.g.winters@hotmail.co.uk.

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

Philataipei 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

FISA CONGRESS 2014

The International Federation of Aerophilatelic and Astrophilatelic Societies met in London on 12 May for its biennial Congress. Wolfgang Porges of Germany was elected its new President unopposed. The British Air Mail Society had tabled a motion suggesting that, as all its original objectives had been achieved, FISA should be wound up. This followed a

period of relative inactivity. The motion had the desired effect of kick-starting a new programme of objectives to improve communication to societies and the public and to promote the inclusion of these disciplines in international and national exhibitions. A new website will play a major role in fulfilment of these objectives and the societies agreed to the spending of EUR5000 on development of this website. The next congress will be at Qingdao in China in 2017.

National News

MIDPEX 2015

Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Leamington Spa, 4 July, 1000 – 1700. For details of this rural venue with extensive on-site 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.

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 only exhibits in the Postal History FIP Class will be accepted. For further information, contact exhibiting@abps.org.uk

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

Congress in 2015 will be 6-9 August at Queen's Hotel, Leeds, LS1 1PJ. The theme is 1890, marking the 125th anniversary of Leeds P.S. Speakers include Julian Stray of BPMA, Hugh Jefferies of SG, Andrew McGavin of UPA Auctions, and John Davies of SAN. 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. PCGB looks forward to seeing new faces as well as regular supporters. See <http://www.gbcongress.uk>. Contact Paul Gaywood gaywood@hotmail.co.uk or 01772713917.

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

STAMPEX

Future events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH:

- 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 to circa 2019.

ABPS WEBSITE

ABPS has appointed a new webmaster, Maurice Buxton, who has started work on revitalising the site. Please send change requests to mauricebuxton@gmail.com. <http://www.abps.org.uk/> contains much valuable information and is now being regularly updated.

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). For non-member societies, only their names now appear in the directory, so societies need to join to take advantage of this publicity. 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.

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).

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 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. 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?

THE PHILATELIC FUND

This 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. Room 145E (suitable for small meetings) at the Business Design Centre can be hired from Tina Wilby at RPSL.

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next AGM will be held at PCGB 2015.

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).

Nominations can be submitted by an ABPS member society or by a federation. The closing date for entries is 1 March 2016.

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!

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** 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).

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA 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, 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.

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.

Essex News

SPRING STAMPESSEX 2015

This was hosted by Sudbury & District P.S. at a new school venue in the village of Great Cornard. Despite its out-of-town location, a good flow of visitors was seen throughout the day. In the competitions, Basildon was very successful, taking six of the eight trophies on offer. John Cowlin won the Picture Postcard Trophy for his "German Propaganda cards of WW1", with Len Stanway in joint second place. Len Stanway's "Richmond Postmarks 1765-1862" took the Postal History, Great Britain Postal History and Classic trophies. His "Malaya Par Avion 1929-1937" also took the Aerophilatelic Trophy and Rayleigh & District P.S.'s Ken Seymour Aerophilatelic Trophy, which is open to all AEPS societies. John Riches of Bury St. Edmunds won the Traditional and George Pearson trophies for his display of "Napoleon Imperforate Issues 1852-1862". Bury also took home the Stokes Cup as the only team able to field three different entrants. Perhaps, Reader, YOU could help us remedy that next year!

ALBUMS CLOSED

Witham society has announced the sad passing of John Newman. John was, for many years, a leading member of the Essex philatelic fraternity. He served as AEPS Assistant Secretary 1974-1976, Vice Chairman 1976-1977, Frames Secretary 1964-1991, Committee member 1994-1998 and other minor roles, being awarded Life Membership in 1986. He had also served his own society as both Chairman and Secretary, as well as in other roles, and was one of Witham's AEPS Council delegates for many years. His funeral took place at Chelmsford Crematorium on Wednesday 10 June.

Bury St. Edmunds P.S. has announced the passing in May of two members: Russell Grundon and Harold Preston.

AEPS 100 CLUB

The 100 Club is now entering its second year and members are invited to renew or join the

Club. Draws take place at each AEPS Council meeting. Several BPS members have won prizes during Year 1. The new year starts from 1 June and one share costs £12 for 12 draws.

To join or renew, please complete an application form, obtainable from Alan Taylor or John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com), and return it to John with your payment.

AEPS SEMINAR 2016

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

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/hnps-fair.htm for further info.

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.

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.

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 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 maintains 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 free e-mail service is open for any philatelist, publicity or press organisation to receive. It provides a monthly list of 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.

AEPS WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

www.stampessex.org.uk, the new AEPS website 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, 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. To take part, please contact Ray How.

DO YOU GIVE DISPLAYS?

If you like to display your collections to fellow collectors, you should be in 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 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

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 20 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 closing date for lot submissions is 6 July or when the auction is full, whichever is sooner. If you want to sell, please contact Claude Crowder as soon as possible. The catalogue will be out shortly after that date.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"**21 April Spring Auction.**

The auction was well attended and 21 postal bidders ensured that some one-third of the lots had guaranteed sales before the auction started. The realisations were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£5.50	137	£3.00	277	£3.00
4	£8.00	139	£3.00	278	£2.80
5	£5.00	142	£2.50	279	£2.00
6	£5.00	143	£2.00	285	£2.00
8	£7.50	144	£2.00	286	£2.50
9	£10.00	145	£3.50	287	£2.50
10	£2.00	146	£2.80	288	£4.00
11	£1.00	147	£3.00	289	£2.50
12	£1.00	150	£2.50	290	£80.00
13	£4.00	151	£3.20	292	£25.00
14	£2.00	153	£4.20	293	£2.00
15	£2.00	159	£3.00	295	£2.00
16	£5.00	160	£2.50	296	£3.50
17	£2.50	161	£2.50	297	£7.50
19	£3.00	162	£2.00	300	£20.00
21	£3.75	163	£2.00	301	£20.00
22	£3.75	164	£10.00	304	£2.20
23	£3.80	165	£2.00	309	£9.00
28	£2.20	167	£2.00	310	£8.00
29	£2.00	171	£3.50	313	£2.00
33	£3.50	173	£2.80	315	£2.00
34	£3.20	174	£2.80	316	£3.50
36	£2.80	176	£2.00	320	£4.00
37	£7.00	177	£2.00	321	£3.50
38	£5.50	180	£2.50	322	£2.00
39	£9.20	181	£2.20	323	£2.00
40	£10.50	188	£5.00	324	£4.00

41	£5.80	189	£2.00	325	£2.50
42	£2.80	197	£5.00	326	£3.00
43	£10.20	198	£4.00	327	£3.00
44	£3.00	200	£3.20	328	£3.20
45	£4.50	204	£5.00	329	£3.00
46	£3.20	205	£6.00	330	£7.20
50	£5.80	209	£2.00	331	£3.00
51	£14.50	211	£15.50	332	£4.20
52	£20.00	212	£3.00	336	£2.00
53	£14.00	213	£2.00	337	£3.00
54	£2.00	215	£3.00	339	£10.00
55	£3.00	216	£4.20	340	£4.20
56	£2.50	217	£2.20	341	£4.00
57	£4.00	218	£2.80	347	£4.00
61	£2.00	219	£4.20	349	£7.50
62	£10.50	220	£7.00	350	£2.00
67	£2.50	221	£9.00	351	£2.00
68	£2.00	222	£5.20	353	£2.00
70	£8.00	223	£2.20	355	£3.00
73	£2.00	224	£5.00	356	£12.00
75	£4.00	225	£6.00	357	£2.00
76	£2.00	226	£5.00	358	£9.00
77	£10.00	227	£4.00	359	£3.00
80	£2.00	228	£20.00	370	£2.50
81	£2.00	235	£4.00	376	£2.00
82	£2.50	236	£7.00	377	£2.00
83	£3.50	237	£2.00	379	£2.00
84	£2.00	239	£5.00	390	£6.00
85	£3.20	240	£7.00	391	£2.00
87	£8.00	242	£3.00	395	£3.20
88	£2.00	243	£2.00	396	£2.00
89	£2.00	244	£2.20	397	£3.50
90	£10.00	245	£2.00	398	£2.00
92	£4.00	246	£4.20	399	£7.20
93	£4.00	247	£40.00	401	£2.00
94	£3.50	249	£15.00	404	£12.00
95	£10.20	250	£20.00	408	£3.00
96	£6.20	252	£2.50	409	£2.00
97	£6.00	255	£4.00	410	£5.50
99	£8.00	258	£3.50	411	£5.00
101	£2.00	259	£2.50	427	£3.50
105	£10.00	261	£2.00	429	£6.20
106	£20.00	262	£2.00	430	£3.00
107	£3.00	266	£7.20	431	£4.00
113	£10.00	267	£2.50	432	£4.50
114	£15.00	268	£4.20	433	£4.00
120	£4.50	269	£3.50	434	£3.00
126	£6.00	270	£2.00	435	£2.00
128	£6.00	271	£3.80	436	£4.20
132	£3.00	272	£2.00	437	£4.00
134	£2.20	273	£2.00	438	£6.00
135	£4.80	274	£10.00	439	£4.00
136	£2.20	276	£2.00	LA	£2.00

19 May – South Atlantic by Chris Cooksey

Chris reprised his display of HMS Endurance covers before taking us on a tour of British outposts in the South Atlantic and on the Antarctic continent. He started with St. Helena,

including village post offices, then moved to Tristan da Cunha with correspondence covers relating to the evacuation and resettlement after the volcanic eruption. Falkland Islands definitives were followed by a tour of the outstations, often using the Government Air Service. South Georgia began with Falklands stamps, then got its own, while Ascension started with British stamps. Finally, the bases of the British Antarctic Territory were visited in turn.

1 June – Annual General Meeting.

An up-beat AGM received largely-positive reports from the officers, but the need to recruit new members from the many unaligned collectors seen at the Laindon stamp fairs remains a very high priority in which all members can play a part. Most officers were re-elected, but Ann Coltman stepped down for personal reasons and was thanked for her work. Ian McElwain is holding the Library but an appeal was made for a volunteer to take it on with the risk that it might otherwise have to be disposed of, as a last resort. Alan Taylor is holding the Archives, again pending a volunteer to safeguard and develop them. A new Competitions registrar is also needed. May Colvill was awarded Honorary Life Membership, marking over 20 years of service to the society committee. John Cowlin was awarded member of the Year for his work to raise the Society's public profile, notably by participation in the World War One Exhibition at Basildon Eastgate Art Gallery and Wat Tyler Country Park. John has joined the Committee

16 June – The Great Little Trains of Wales by Mike Thompson.

Mike made a welcome return visit, accompanied by Julie, to talk about the narrow gauge railways of Wales. The first half looked at the history and early stamp issues of the Talylyn Railway, with many scarce items. The second half started with the Festiniog Railway, followed by its related Welsh Highland Railway and many smaller lines, including the Snowdon Mountain Railway, Vale of Rheidol Railway (the last British Rail narrow gauge line, which retained steam long after the national system dispensed with it), Brecon Mountain Railway, Great Orme Tramway, Corris Railway, etc.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2015-2016 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 need 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.

MISSED YOUR STAMPESSEX SOUVENIRS?

We still have a number of 45th Anniversary Smilers sheets available at £22, 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.

PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2015

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

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.

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



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

July 2015

- 1: Bishop's Stortford: Aspects of Egypt (G P Green).
- 1: Goodmayes: Annual General Meeting.
- 2: Basildon/Billericay: Basildon v. Billericay Quiz (at Billericay).
- 4: ABPS: MIDPEX, Warwickshire Exhibition Centre.
- 6: Basildon: Competition Night.
- 6: Frinton: Bring and Buy.
- 7: Benfleet: Pages from my Album (Members).
- 8: Brentwood: Australia (M. Musgrave).
- 9: Harlow: General Discussion & Bourse.
- 9: Hullbridge: A is for ? (Members).
- 9: Witham: Spanish Civil War & German Inflation (J Rawlins).
- 13: Rayleigh: Aspects of Czechoslovakia (Mrs L. Bosworth).
- 14: Bury St. Edmunds: Informal Meeting with dealers.
- 14: Epping Forest: Annual General Meeting & Competition.
- 14: Sudbury: British Borneo (J. Higgins).
- 15: Bishop's Stortford: Military/War (Members) (Afternoon).
- 16: Billericay: Steam Engines (Mrs. A. Coltman).
- 17: Colchester: Annual General Meeting and Competition.
- 17-18: ABPS YORK 2015 National Exhibition, Race Course.
- 20: Cheshunt: To be advised.
- 21: Basildon: Display by Frinton & District P.S.
- 22: Brentwood: Open Evening.
- 23: Harlow: Talk by a Member.
- 23: Witham: Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 27: Rayleigh: Acquired in 2014 (Members).
- 30: Shoeburyness: Mandy Knight Entertains.

August 2015

- 3: Basildon: USA Valentine Cards & Civil War Pictorial Covers (M. Fuller).
 4: Benfleet: Destination New Orleans (I. Tickell).
 5: Bishop's Stortford: Joint Meeting with Harlow P.S.
 6: Witham: New Acquisitions (Members).
 10: Cheshunt: To be advised.
 10: Rayleigh: Bourse.
 11: Bury St. Edmunds: Informal Summer Meeting.
 13: Harlow: General Discussion & Bourse.
 13: Hullbridge: Bourse.
 18: Basildon: 12 Pages From My Collection (Members).
 18: Sudbury: Members' displays.
 19: Bishop's Stortford: The Letter L (Members) (Afternoon).
 20: Witham: Morocco Agencies – KG6/QE2 (B. Cook).
 24: Rayleigh: Stamping Through North America (N Emeny).
 26: Brentwood: Open Evening.
 27: Harlow: Quiz and Bourse.

September 2015**1: AEPS: Executive Committee Meeting.**

- 1: Benfleet: Auction.
 1: Sudbury: (Provisional date).
 2: Bishop's Stortford: The Post Office Goes To War (Mrs C. Earle).
 2: Goodmayes: (Provisional date).
 2: Clacton: (Provisional date).
 3: Billericay: West Africa (A Ritchie).
 3: Witham: Luxembourg (J Charlton)
 7: Basildon: Belgium & Inventors (Members of Billericay & District P.S.).
 8: Braintree: Open Night and Bring & Buy.
 8: Bury St. Edmunds: Cinderellas & South Atlantic (S. Henderson & T. Hoad).
 8: Chelmsford: Recent purchases (Members).
 8: Epping Forest: (Provisional date).
 9: Brentwood: GB Postal History with a difference (D.A. Davies).
 10: Harlow: General Discussion & Bourse.
 10: Hullbridge: King George VI Postal History of the Caribbean Territories (B.S. Cook).
12: AEPS: Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.
 12: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date) (Afternoon).
 14: Rayleigh: Caribbean & Central America (Members).
 14: Frinton: (Provisional date).
 15: Sudbury: (Provisional date).
 16: Bishop's Stortford: Transport (Members) (Afternoon).
 16: Goodmayes: (Provisional date).
 16-19: *ABPS: Stampex. Business Design Centre.*
 17: Billericay: India Pre-1947 (T Stenning).
 17: Witham: Chairman's Evening.
 18: Colchester: (Provisional date).
 21: Cheshunt: To be advised.
 22: Basildon: Discussion and Bourse.
 22: Braintree: (Provisional date).

- 22: Bury St. Edmunds: Display by Isle of Ely P.S.
 22: Chelmsford: Your Turn to Display (Members).
 23: Brentwood: Open Evening.
 23: Ipswich: (Provisional date).
 24: Harlow: Speaker to be advised.
 24: Shoeburyness: Stuart Henderson Entertains & South Atlantic (T Hoad).
 28: Frinton: (Provisional date).
 28: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date).
 28: Rayleigh: An Evening with John Cowlin.

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