

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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## Editorial:

A lot of news this month, so I'll keep mine short. Please help publicise the society!

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## *International News*

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### WORLD POST DAY

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

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### 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. Entries must be made through the UK Commissioner for the event, appointed by ABPS.

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

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>. Entries closed. Commissioner: Jon Aitchison.

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](mailto:info@finlandia2017.fi)

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## *National News*

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### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

Congress 2015 was held on 6-9 August at Queen's Hotel, Leeds. Ann and Len Stanway attended. As always, it was an excellent event with a very sociable atmosphere with collectors at all levels from around the country and the world. Displays and talks varied from members' own after-dinner "Four sheets to tell a story" to the invited display of China airmails by new British signatory of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, Frank Walton. A coach tour was arranged on the traditional "afternoon off" to Temple Newsam stately home (which was also used for the formal RDP ceremony). Andrew McGavin gave a talk on his world as a dealer-

auctioneer, while Mike Roberts challenged societies to think outside the box to recruit new members and adapt to the realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He showed his own adaptability when societies present reported a better-than-expected situation on the ground, adjusting his approach accordingly.

Congress 2016 will be 21-24 July at Belfry Hotel, near Cambridge and members are encouraged to consider attending what should be a very enjoyable event.

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### ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following criticism of the very cursory AGM held at Congress in Leeds, it was declared null and void (officially "inquate").

A reconvened AGM will be held at RPSL in London on at 3pm on 7 November. All member societies are encouraged to send delegates.

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### NEW STUDY GROUP

A new "Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Study Group" is to be formed. Its inaugural meeting will be at Comfort Inn, Birmingham B5 4DY from 11am to 3pm on 24 October 2015. Annual subscription will be £5 from 1 January 2016, with a quarterly newsletter.

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### STAMPEX

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

- 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 until circa 2019

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## ABPS WEBSITE

<http://www.abps.org.uk> contains much valuable information and is now being regularly updated. ABPS webmaster, Maurice Buxton, welcomes change requests at [mauricebuxton@gmail.com](mailto:mauricebuxton@gmail.com).

## ABPS HANDBOOK

Both the Directory and Speakers Lists were due for publication in 2015, but there is no news as to a publication date. Updates and additions should be sent to John Walden ([handbook@abps.org.uk](mailto: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

Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons.

**Kidstamps** is a free postal club for children run by Tim and Maureen Cory. It continues to flourish with new members and the largest level of ongoing activity for some time.

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. 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? Contact John Davies [davies1890@btinternet.com](mailto:davies1890@btinternet.com) for information.

## 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 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 the next round of awards is 1 March 2016.

## 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](mailto:events@abps.org.uk). Potential Essex participants should advise Ray How ([ray.how@btinternet.com](mailto:ray.how@btinternet.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](http://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](mailto:dickenson17@ntlworld.com).

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### Essex News

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#### ALBUMS CLOSED

Ian Pittway, a staunch supporter of Essex philately and a past Secretary of Sudbury society passed away in July.

Peter Fleming, latterly Packet Secretary of Brentwood society, passed away on 1 August.

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#### AEPS COUNCIL

The meeting on 27 June received reports of progress on the website and on future AEPS events. The 100 Club rules for the next year were agreed and members were encouraged to create standing orders with their banks to keep renewal costs and paperwork to the minimum. Only the April and May draws took place to allow time for members to renew. Benfleet is running a minibus to Ardingly Sussex Federation fair on 10 October and readers would be welcome to book any vacant spaces via Colin Evans.

As well as the usual reports, the September meeting received a progress report on the new display frames storage facility (due for erection on 6 November), plus reports of Congress and developments in ABPS. The June, July and August 100 Club draws took place. Benfleet society is holding a display in Tarpots Library on 31 October.

**The next AGM and Council meeting**, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 14.30 on **21 November** at **Spring Lodge, Witham**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

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#### DAWES CUP COMPETITION

The 2015 winners were Kent federation with 329 marks. The Essex team of Dave Armitage (Bishop's Stortford), Robin Calvert (Witham), Bryan Marsh (Rayleigh) and John Riches (Bury St. Edmunds) came second with 319 marks and Surry third with 317 marks. Sussex and Middlesex did not enter.

The 2016 Home Counties inter-federation competition will be hosted by Kent on 16 April at Paddock Wood. 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.

The 2017 event will be hosted by Essex.

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#### NEXT AEPS EVENTS

**Autumn StampEssex 2015** will be held on 24 October at Stanway Village Hall, Colchester, by courtesy of Colchester society. 10.30am-4pm.

**Spring 2016** will be hosted by Bury St. Edmunds on 23 April at County Upper School, Beeton's Way, Bury St. Edmunds IP32 6RF from 10am-4pm. At least 20 dealers are expected, plus a charity table and specialist society publicity tables. Refreshments and free parking will be available.

**Autumn 2016** is being organised by AEPS at Marconi Club, Chelmsford on 29 October

**Spring 2017** by Rayleigh in March (25?). In the absence of a volunteer, AEPS will again host **Autumn 2017** at Marconi Club, if available. **Spring 2018** is provisionally at Basildon and a volunteer is invited for **Autumn 2018**.

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#### 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 will be "Transport Postal History" and the cost £25. Tickets (including lunch and refreshments) will be available in due course from Ray How, 5 Dalys Road, Rochford SS4 1RA. These seminars are usually pleasant social occasions, with invited speakers and with all members asked to bring along related small displays from their collections, if they wish to do so, for the speaker's comments/assistance.

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#### AEPS 100 CLUB

The 100 Club is now in its second year and members are invited to renew or join the Club. Draws take place at each AEPS Council meeting. Several BPS members won prizes during Year 1. One share costs £12 for 12 monthly draws.

To join or renew, please complete an application form, obtainable from Alan Taylor or

John Dickenson ([dickenson17@ntlworld.com](mailto:dickenson17@ntlworld.com)), and return it to John with your payment. It would assist the Association if members could create standing orders with their banks to minimise renewal overheads.

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### **PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK**

This is now a free digital release sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. Advantages of the new format include wider availability, completely up-to-date contents every year and better indexing. The 2016 edition will be in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past (historical information); 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs (previously part of Volume 2). Len Stanway is updating the manual and would be glad to receive details of anyone who would like to join the AEPS Registers of Displays or Judges, additions to the Catalogue of Essex philatelic covers, etc. or any new or updated information.

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### **AEPS e-NEWS**

This free e-mail service may be received by any philatelist, publicity or press organisation. 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.

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### **AEPS WEBSITE RELAUNCHED**

[www.stampessex.org.uk](http://www.stampessex.org.uk), the new AEPS website, gives 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. To take part, please contact Ray How.

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### **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.

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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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### ***Basildon Society News***

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### **CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?**

Alan Taylor is compiling a complete set of the current series of BPS newsletters. He needs a copy of Vol.3 No.2 (1998). Have you one?

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### **POST OFFICE NEWS**

Following the fire that destroyed the Triangle sub-post office in Langdon Hills in January 2013, a temporary shop office was provided on the site from 4 October 2013. This was relocated in January 2015 to allow contractors to build the new shopping centre and a new McColls shop and post office will open at 1pm on 23 October 2015.

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### **MEMBER NEWS**

The September committee meeting received the resignations of our Membership Secretary/Assistant Secretary, Mick Coltman, and our Junior Representative, Chloe Coltman. Mick and Ann expect to move to Kent imminently, and the society wishes them a very happy retirement.

The committee decided that the Membership Secretary role would be reabsorbed into the Treasurer role until further notice. Outstanding subscription payments should therefore be sent to Len Stanway.

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### **SOCIETY POLO SHIRT**

One way that you can help promote the society is to buy and wear our new society polo shirt. Embroidered with the society's emblem, they are available in S, M, L and XL sizes and cost £14 each. Those produced to date have been white, but other colours may be obtainable if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

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### **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 catalogue is now available in hard copy from Alan or by e-mail from Len.

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### **MEETING REPORTS** by "Fly On The Wall"

#### **6 July – Annual Competitions.**

The 2015 competitions were judged by Ray How. The number of entries was lower than recent years. The results were: Traditional: 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ian McElwain "Sweden", 2<sup>nd</sup>: Len Stanway "Year of the Wood Monkey", 1<sup>st</sup>: Claude Crowder: "GB Definitives – The Early Years"; Postal History: 1<sup>st</sup>: John Cowlin "Napoleonic Wars"; Thematic: 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Coltman "Cotton". Ann also won the Ladies Trophy, Ian the Harry Smith Cup and Len the Modern Material Trophy.

#### **21 July – Display by Frinton & District P.S.**

Four members of Frinton society graced us with their presence, of whom two displayed. Geoff Miller, the Secretary and former Basildon member, led off proceedings with his outstanding display of World War One West Indies War Tax stamps. The majority of the money raised was used to finance some 12,000 West Indies troops who crossed the Atlantic to fight in the European theatre of operations. Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent,

Trinidad & Tobago and Turks & Caicos Islands all introduced the tax and obtained stamps by overprinting, either at De La Rue or locally.

He was followed by Ralph Bridgeman, the Chairman, who showed the Australasia section of his "Birds of the World" display. Members were treated to an array of spectacular feathered creatures, starting with swans and including kingfishers, parrots, pelicans, the Bush turkey, emus, robins, wrens, kiwis, the Giant Moa, Birds of Paradise, gulls, penguins, etc., plus a stray koala!

#### **3 August – Ad-hoc displays.**

Sadly, the booked speaker was unable to attend due to ill health. At very short notice, two members stepped in to entertain. John Cowlin began with a display of propaganda postcards from the Boxer Rebellion. Len Stanway began with newly-acquired North Borneo air letter cards of 1945-1950, followed by Malta 1938-1970 and Australia 1970-1984.

#### **18 August – Members' 12-page displays.**

Chris Cooksey began the evening with Mozambique. In round 2, he added Rhodesia. Ann Coltman displayed The Flying Scotsman and Mallard. Claude Crowder showed Australia in both sessions, plus some Antigua. John Cowlin showed the Siege of Mafathal. Alf Potter contributed Boxing and Maggie Thompson some of her Triangles. Ian McElwain showed George Cross stamps and finally Melvyn Singer took us to French Cameroun.

#### **7 September – Belgium and Inventors (Members of Billericay & District P.S.).**

Richard Alexander gave us a good introduction to the early issues of Belgium, with extensive coverage of the Epauettes and Medallions, followed by a selection of issues showing unusual features and innovations, culminating in the recent issue with chocolate-flavoured gum! Lynn and Malcolm Roberts then provided inventions with a marine theme from the development of the steam ship to the building of lighthouses, together with steam ship mail services on the Clyde and in Scandinavia.

#### **22 September – Display and Bourse.**

Claude Crowder provided a display at short notice as Len Stanway, who had been intended to lead a discussion on "writing up" was taken ill during that afternoon. A number of members brought material for the bourse and the Library

was available for members to view and borrow books. The new polo shirt was also displayed.

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### 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 Len Stanway.

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### WANTED - YOU!

We require your help. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in this journal, please tell the Editor.

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### 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.

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### RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Len Stanway's book "Singapore Post Offices & Registration Labels" gained a Vermeil medal at Singapore 2015 World Stamp Exhibition.

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### MISSED YOUR STAMPESSEX SOUVENIRS?

We still have a number of 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### ARTICLES WANTED

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

**The September committee meeting agreed that library books can be borrowed for one month from the date of issue.**

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 national **ABPS Handbook** and **ABPS Philatelic Lectures and Displays** manuals which give similar information for the whole country (but only for ABPS members).

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### FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

In the old days, when I was first involved with exchange packets (aye, when Noah were but a lad!), all new packet members had to have a personal "chop" or handstamp before they could receive most societies' packets. I have therefore always used one, but they are optional for BPS members. I recently had to replace mine. After a lot of trouble, I found a source for small, self-inking stamps which can be customised with members' initials. I can obtain them for members at about £10 a time or £14 including spare ink

pads. Advantages for you include easy marking of spaces taken and, for me, easier auditing.

### 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.

The next meeting will be on 24 November.

### DIGITAL RESOURCES:

FIP Postal Stationery Commission  
[www.postalstationery.org](http://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 or deletion from 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. 14 November

2015. 10am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



### Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

#### October 2015

- 1 - Billericay - Postcards of Stained Glass Windows (Mrs. M. Morris).
- 1 - Witham - A China Miscellany on China's National Day (D.W. Sibley).
- 5 - Basildon - G is for ...? (Members).
- 5 - Frinton - Wei Hai Wei Treaty Ports (N. Kerridge).
- 6 - Benfleet - Informal bourse and mini-auction.
- 6 - Sudbury - (Provisional date).
- 7 - Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & The President Entertains.
- 7 - Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 7 - Goodmayes - Display by Tony Hoad and Bring & Buy.
- 8 - Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 8 - Hullbridge - Souvenir of a Lord – The Bernard Braine Collection (J.D. Charlton).
- 10 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR. 10am-4.30pm.
- 12 - Rayleigh - South Atlantic Islands & British Antarctica (C. Cooksey).
- 13 - Braintree - Europe (Members).
- 13 - Bury St. Edmunds - Irish Airmails (R.E. How).
- 13 - Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 13 - Epping Forest - Aspects of World War One (S. Henderson).
- 14 - Brentwood - United Nations (L.C. Stanway).
- 14 - Ipswich - The First Four Decades of Mail by Rail in the USA (H. Feldman).
- 15 - Billericay - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
- 15 - Witham - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
- 16 - Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 19 - Cheshunt - Swiss National Exhibitions (E. Lienhard).
- 19 - Frinton - Postcards.
- 20 - Basildon - Auction.
- 20 - Sudbury - (Provisional date).
- 21 - Bishop's Stortford - Choose a number (Members) (pm).
- 21 - Goodmayes - Boer War Propaganda Postcards (J.F. Cowlin).
- 22 - Harlow - Talk by a Member.
- 24 - AEPS/Colchester - STAMPESSEX stamp exhibition and fair. Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Colchester, CO3 0RH. 10.30am-4pm.**
- 26 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by Enfield P.S., including Transatlantic air mail.
- 26 - Rayleigh - Competitions & Bourse.
- 27 - Braintree - Man's Maritime Adventures (P. Denly).
- 27 - Bury St. Edmunds - Display by Cambridge P.S.
- 27 - Chelmsford - New South Wales Centennial Series 1888-1912 – The World's First Commemoratives (B Palmer).
- 28 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 29 - Shoeburyness - Malcolm Roberts Entertains.

#### November 2015

- 2 - Basildon - Ladies Night (Members).
- 2 - Frinton - Members entertain the Committee.

- 3 - Benfleet - Luxembourg (J. Charlton).
- 3 - Sudbury - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 4 - Bishop's Stortford - Sarawak (S. Martin-Redman)
- 4 - Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 4 - Goodmayes - 8 sheets – Letter V (Members).
- 4 - Ipswich - The Post Office Went To War (Mrs. C. Earle).
- 5 - Billericay - Thematics Evening (Members).
- 9 - Rayleigh - Lundy Island Stamps & History (M.R. Thompson).
- 10 - Braintree - Egypt (G.P.T. Green).
- 10 - Bury St. Edmunds - Canada (J. Davis).
- 10 - Chelmsford - Stuart Henderson entertains.
- 10 - Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
- 11 - Brentwood - Pages from my Collections (Members).
- 12 - Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 12 - Hullbridge - The Post Town of Petworth (C.J. Cooksey).
- 12 - Witham - Wei Hei Wei (N. Kerridge).
- 14 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction (Afternoon).
- 16 - Cheshunt - Auction.
- 16 - Frinton - Anything but stamps.
- 17 - Basildon - Presentation Packs & More (Members).
- 17 - Sudbury - (Provisional date).
- 18 - Bishop's Stortford - The Letter Q (Members) (pm).
- 18 - Goodmayes - Anniversaries (Members).
- 18 - Ipswich - Fifty Years of Stamp Designing (Mrs. J. Toombs).
- 19 - Billericay - Tristan da Cunha (A Hoad).
- 20 - Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 21 - AEPS - Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.**
- 23 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
- 23 - Rayleigh - Auction.
- 24 - Braintree - Chairman's Evening.
- 24 - Bury St. Edmunds - Auction.
- 24 - Chelmsford - London Philatelic Exhibitions (D Connell).
- 25 - Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 26 - Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 26 - Shoeburyness - S, T, U (Members).
- 26 - Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.

### December 2015

- 1 - Benfleet - Chairman's Night and Christmas Social.
- 1 - Sudbury - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 2 - Bishop's Stortford - Treaty Port Wei-Hai-Wei (N. Kerridge).
- 2 - Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 2 - Goodmayes - Auction.
- 2 - Ipswich - The World of Local Post (R. Mason).
- 3 - Billericay - Year End Social.
- 7 - Basildon - An Evening with Geoff Howard.
- 7 - Frinton - Auction.
- 8 - Braintree - Christmas Social and bourse.
- 8 - Bury St. Edmunds - Social Evening, One Sheet Competition & Quiz.
- 8 - Chelmsford - Christmas Theme (Members) (afternoon).
- 8 - Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
- 9 - Brentwood - Christmas Open Evening.

- 10 - Harlow - Christmas Party and Raffle.
- 10 - Hullbridge - Chairman's Night & Christmas Fare.
- 10 - Shoeburyness - Chairman's Night.
- 10 - Witham - Christmas-Related Meeting.
- 12 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Quiz (C. Stuart and R. Crump) and 1-page competition (afternoon).
- 14 - Rayleigh - Christmas Social.
- 15 - Sudbury - (Provisional date).
- 16 - Bishop's Stortford - Air or Sea Mail (Members) (pm).
- 16 - Goodmayes - Quiz Night (C.H. Crowder).
- 16 - Ipswich - Social Evening with Bourse and Competition.
- 18 - Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 21 - Cheshunt - Members Entertain (pm meeting, 2-4pm).
- 21 - Frinton - Christmas Theme (Members).
- 21 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 22 - Basildon - Tomex Quiz & Festive Night.
- 23 - Ipswich - (Provisional date).

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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