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Editorial:

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers!



To publicise the society, the BPS "Tidings of Comfort & Joy" Christmas Tree appeared again in the St. Martins Church Christmas Tree Festival. We need to recruit new members, so can you think of ways of reaching new potential members?

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

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

New York 2016 World Stamp Show (FIP/APS), Jacob Javits Convention Center, 655 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001. 28 May - 4 June. <http://www.ny2016.org>. Entries closed. UK Commissioner: Jon Aitchison.

Philataipei 2016 World Stamp Championship and Exhibition (FIP/FIAP) 21-26 October 2016. Taipei World Trade Centre, Exhibition Hall 1. Commissioner: Chris King chris.king@postalhistory.net
www.taipei2016.post.gov.tw/post/taipei2016

Finlandia 2017 (FIP/FEPA). Tampere-Hall, Tampere, Finland 24-28 May, marking the centenary of Finnish independence. Open to exhibitors from all FEPA countries, USA and Australia. Commissioner: Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk <http://www.finlandia2017.fi>

National News

ALBUM CLOSED

Francis Kiddle RDP, Hon FRPSL, passed away on 21 October after a short illness. He retired in 1997 after a career in space research. He had served the RPSL in various capacities up to President for 38 years, was Chairman of the British Philatelic Trust 1996-2005, Chairman of the FIP Philatelic Literature Commission 2000-2008 and Chairman of the FIP Revenue Commission 2008-2015, signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2006 and received various awards for his contribution to philately. He was a FIP judge at Exhibitions and Curator of the Perkins Bacon Archive held by RPSL until his death. He was a great friend to philately and will be sorely missed.

YORK 2016

A full National exhibition in all classes will be held in conjunction with York Stamp Fair on 15-16 July 2016. Entry forms will be available on the ABPS website.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

Congress 2016 will be 21-24 July at Belfry Hotel, Cambourne (near Cambridge) and members are encouraged to consider attending what should be a very enjoyable event. This prestigious annual event which includes the signing of the Roll of Distinguished philatelists, will be held at the hotel, the signing will take place at St John's College, and the Congress Dinner at Jesus College. Contact Paul Gaywood at gaywood@hotmail.com

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The reconvened AGM was held at RPSL in London on at 3pm on 7 November. The main item of note was the raising of ABPS member capitation from £1.10 to £1.25 per member per annum. Willie King has stepped down from the post of Secretary. A replacement has still to be appointed. Yvonne Wheatley is to take over the Awards and Small Grants portfolios. The ABPS

handbooks have been remerged and were due to go to press in the week following the AGM.

STAMPEX

- Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH will be as follows (entry forms are or will be available on the ABPS website):

- Spring 2016: 17-20 February. This will now be a full National exhibition in all classes. Stampex will also feature the "Seven Nations Challenge, an invited competitive exhibition comprising four entries, in different classes, from each of Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, United Kingdom and the USA.

- Autumn 2016: 14-17 September. This will be a full national exhibition with all classes with the lead society being the King George VI Collector's Society. There is also a three day International Cinderella Congress which will take place at the same time. Application forms will be on the ABPS website in March 2016.

LONDON 2020

London 2020 will be held at the Business Design Centre from 2 to 9 May 2015, with a change of displays on 5 May. This will be a full FIP international exhibition with Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Revenue, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Open Literature and Youth classes. The website is www.london2020.co.

ABPS WEBSITE

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

ABPS HANDBOOK

The new Handbook, containing both the Directory and Speakers Lists, was due to go to press in mid-November, so should be available soon. 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

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. 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 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).

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.

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

AEPS AGM & COUNCIL

The first wintry day of the year resulted in a very poor turn-out for the meetings. The AGM proceeded, but the quorum for the subsequent Council meeting was not achieved, nevertheless an informal meeting was held with the usual reports, so save delegates a wasted journey. John Copeland has replaced Ray How as Chairman and, in the absence of other nominations, Ray has been asked to resume the post of Vice Chairman. In view of the relocation of the display frames storage facility, Ray How will also take over the Frames Secretary portfolio from Dave Sibley, who has stood down from the Executive due to ill-health. Falling society membership rolls is having a knock-on effect on the Association's finances. To avoid imposing a single larger increase in a year or two's time, it was agreed to raise the annual capitation from 65p to 70p per member for 2016. A new sales item is a polo shirt with old and new AEPS emblems and a promotional slogan, which will be sold in S, M, L and XL sizes, normally in white but other colours can be obtained on request. A sponsor has been found for the AEPS website. Subject to confirmation, meeting dates for 2016 are 19 March, 16 July, 10 September and 19 November. The 100 Club draws for September, October and November were held with prizes going to members of Brentwood/EAPHS (2), Basildon, Hullbridge, Sudbury and Cheshunt.

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **11.30 on 19 March at Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9BZ**, during Rayleigh Stamp Day. If you have issues to raise, please contact Alan.

DAWES CUP COMPETITION

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.

AUTUMN STAMPESSEX 2015

This was hosted, once again, by Colchester at Stanway Village Hall. A steady flow of visitors kept the event busy throughout the day. Basildon's competition entries gave us third overall in the President's Award with 230 marks, which was won by Bishop's Stortford with 236 marks. Chris Cooksey's "Quitrents" was placed third with 73 marks in the Cinderella Competition, while Len Stanway won the Literature Competition with his book on "Singapore Post Offices and Registration labels" with 95 marks.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

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, 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**.

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) are available 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.

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), 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.

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 is in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past (historical information); 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs (previously part of Volume 2). Len Stanway continuously updates 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 other new or updated information.

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 area, plus occasional other notices. To subscribe, contact Len Stanway.

AEPS WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

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.

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

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. The default colour is white, but other colours can be obtainable if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 4 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 is now available in hard copy from Alan Taylor or by e-mail from Len Stanway.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

5 October – G is for ...?

Your correspondent was unable to attend, but he understands that members supported the meeting with a variety of interesting displays.

20 October – Auction.

The fifteen room bidders and 21 postal bidders gave Claude Crowder a busy time and resulted in a high level of sales. The realisations, including after-sales, were as follows:

1	£1.00	123	£2.00	247	£3.00
2	£5.00	124	£2.20	248	£2.50
3	£4.20	125	£4.50	249	£3.00
5	£5.00	126	£2.50	250	£8.00
6	£2.00	127	£2.00	252	£3.60
7	£2.00	129	£2.00	259	£61.00
9	£2.00	130	£2.00	261	£10.00
10	£23.00	131	£2.50	264	£2.50
11	£8.00	132	£5.00	267	£4.20
12	£2.00	140	£2.00	270	£2.00
13	£11.50	142	£3.40	271	£3.00
17	£5.20	145	£2.00	272	£3.60
18	£2.00	147	£2.00	273	£2.00
19	£2.00	148	£2.10	276	£3.20
22	£2.00	149	£2.10	277	£5.60
24	£2.00	153	£4.60	286	£6.00
25	£4.20	154	£4.00	287	£6.00
26	£2.00	156	£2.20	288	£4.50
27	£2.00	157	£2.20	293	£6.00
28	£3.00	160	£2.20	295	£2.60
38	£5.00	161	£2.20	296	£2.00
39	£2.00	164	£2.00	298	£3.00
40	£2.60	165	£4.80	300	£2.00
41	£5.20	166	£3.80	302	£2.50
42	£5.60	167	£4.20	311	£2.00
44	£3.00	168	£2.00	317	£6.00
45	£3.00	171	£2.75	319	£3.20
47	£5.40	174	£2.00	320	£4.00
49	£2.00	175	£2.20	322	£3.20
50	£5.50	176	£2.00	324	£50.00
52	£30.00	177	£2.40	329	£5.00
54	£2.00	180	£3.00	333	£15.00
55	£2.00	181	£3.00	344	£8.50
56	£2.40	182	£3.30	345	£2.20
57	£12.00	183	£2.00	346	£36.00
58	£2.40	184	£2.00	348	£2.00
60	£2.00	185	£5.00	349	£2.50
61	£4.20	186	£15.00	350	£4.00
64	£6.00	187	£4.50	353	£5.50
65	£2.50	193	£3.00	357	£4.00
66	£3.00	194	£11.00	364	£2.50
67	£3.00	198	£12.00	366	£10.50
68	£10.00	200	£2.00	367	£3.50
69	£5.20	201	£3.50	369	£3.25
70	£15.00	205	£4.00	371	£3.20
71	£3.20	206	£4.00	372	£9.00
73	£2.00	207	£4.00	373	£10.00
74	£2.20	208	£4.00	374	£4.00
75	£3.20	209	£3.00	375	£2.00
76	£2.20	213	£4.00	376	£3.00
77	£2.60	214	£6.00	387	£5.00
78	£3.50	215	£10.00	388	£2.00
79	£5.20	217	£8.00	389	£10.00
81	£10.00	218	£15.00	390	£15.50
82	£2.20	219	£7.50	392	£50.00
83	£2.00	223	£3.50	393	£8.00
84	£7.50	224	£4.50	394	£15.00
87	£5.00	225	£2.60	395	£3.40

91	£2.60	226	£3.50	397	£5.00
92	£2.40	227	£3.00	402	£4.00
95	£10.00	228	£4.00	403	£2.00
96	£8.00	229	£2.60	405	£4.00
98	£12.50	230	£5.50	406	£8.00
104	£4.50	231	£2.20	408	£2.00
107	£9.50	232	£2.50	412	£6.20
108	£8.25	233	£6.50	415	£5.00
109	£5.00	234	£3.50	416	£4.00
115	£2.50	238	£2.00	420	£10.00
116	£2.50	239	£4.20	421	£6.00
117	£3.50	240	£2.00	423	£3.20
118	£6.00	241	£5.00	424	£2.00
119	£2.50	243	£2.00	425	£5.00
120	£2.00	244	£5.50	426	£3.00
121	£2.00	245	£6.50		

2 November – Ladies Night

Vivien Holloway presented the first round as a "Did You Know ...?" miscellany of strange facts and tales from around the British Isles with a mixture of stamps, postcards and ephemera. Anne Stanway is just starting a collection of Essex Churches on postcard and displayed her first section, featuring St Martin de Tours Church, Basildon. At the Chairman's invitation, the evening was completed by Claude Crowder with a display of New Zealand 1997-2000.

17 November – Presentation Packs & More

Only two members brought material for this members' display. Garry Green, who had hoped to lead this display, was unable to attend due to family commitments. Len Stanway started by displaying first day covers and presentation packs of Great Britain from 1936 to 1970. Claude Crowder then displayed the miniature sheets of Australia and New Zealand. Finally, Len Stanway returned with Singapore issues of the first half of 2006, including covers, packs, hongbaos, MyStamp sheets, etc.

7 December – An Evening with Geoff Howard

Geoff began a very varied evening by looking at the backs of stamps. Starting with prayers from Portugal, he took us through an amazing variety of material including maps and banknotes from Latvia, the GB underprints, discount markings and Ivory Heads, offset and back-printed overprints, to Russian currency stamps and Gibraltar regimental histories. The next section covered reuse of envelopes and recycling of banknotes, calendars, maps, newspapers, etc. as envelopes, postcards or wrappers. The third section gave us the tale of Richard Sharp, a publican and grocer who decorated the whole of the Rising Sun pub in Birsted, Sussex with stamps on every surface. Examples of early postcards decorated with (mostly) Chinese stamps led on to the question, "what do you do with your surplus stamps?" and Geoff's revival of the craft of creating artwork from stamps.

22 December – Festive Night

This issue closed for press before the meeting, so a report will be in the next issue.

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.

WANTED - YOU!

We require the help of all members. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in this journal, please let the Editor know.

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.

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 member societies).

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

When I was first involved with exchange packets, all members had to have a personal handstamp before they could receive 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 £16 including spare ink pads. Advantages for you include easy marking of spaces taken and, for me, easier auditing. Please specify initials, style and colour required.

If you are not taking advantage of the society's Exchange Packet, you are missing out on the chance to fill those gaps in your collection.

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 committee meeting is scheduled for 9 February.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

January 2016

- 4 Basildon - Thematic Night (Members).
- 4 Frinton - Displays by Dave Pugh and George Oliver.
- 5 Benfleet - Competition and auction.
- 5 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & Members' Displays.
- 6 Clacton - Bourse and members' display.
- 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - New Acquisitions (pm).
- 11 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 11 Rayleigh - Quiz.
- 12 Braintree - Oh La La (I Kelly & B Wilkinson).

- 12 Bury St. Edmunds - Great Britain 1660s-1900 (K. Burr).
- 13 Brentwood - Something beginning with R,S or T.
- 14 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 14 Hullbridge - Sheets from my Album (Members).
- 15 Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 16 Epping Forest - Auction. 1.30pm for 2.45pm.
- 18 Frinton - A, B, C (Members).
- 19 Basildon - British Post Offices in The Gulf States - KGVI to QE2 Overprints (B S Cook).
- 19 Sudbury - Chairman entertains.
- 20 Bishop's Stortford - Food & Drink (Members) (pm).
- 20 Goodmayes - The Armed Forces (Members).
- 20 Ipswich - 200 Years of Great Britain (M. Hole).
- 21 Witham - Annual General Meeting.
- 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - The Four Kings (K. Rowland).
- 25 Rayleigh - Ken Seymour Display.
- 26 Braintree - T, U, V (Members).
- 26 Chelmsford - Display by Frinton & District P.S. (pm).
- 27 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 28 Harlow - Letter "G" (Members).
- 28 Shoeburyness - Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
- 30 AEPS - Seminar "Transport & Postal History". , Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR, 9.30am-4.30pm. Contact R.E. How for tickets. £25 including lunch.**

February 2016

- 1 Basildon - Borneo & Sarawak (J.J. Gaskell).
- 1 Frinton - Falkland Islands Dependencies (G.E. Miller).
- 2 Benfleet - The Story of Flight (Mrs. S. Knight).
- 2 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - Gibraltar Stamps & Postal History (D. Stirrups).
- 3 Clacton - Bourse and members' display.
- 3 Goodmayes - Asia and The Far East (Members).
- 3 Ipswich - Theme Evening A, C. E or 20 (Members).
- 4 Billericay - The Ascent of Man (D. Bremner).
- 8 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 8 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 9 Braintree - Anything Goes (Members).
- 9 Bury St. Edmunds - Members Evening.
- 9 Chelmsford - The War Tax Overprints (G.E. Miller).
- 9 Epping Forest - The Chinese Treaty Port of Hai Wei Wei (N. Kerridge).
- 10 Brentwood - Iraq (G.P. Green).
- 11 Harlow - Talk by a member.
- 11 Hullbridge - Auction.
- 13 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Japan and Netherlands (Mrs. M. Browning) (pm).
- 13 Witham - STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall Newlands St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 10.30am-4pm.
- 15 Frinton - My Latest Buys.
- 16 Basildon - West Africa (A. Ritchen).
- 16 Sudbury - Films.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford - The Letter W (Members) (afternoon).
- 17 Goodmayes - Competitions.
- 17 Ipswich - To be announced.
- 17-20 ABPS - Spring Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington.*
- 18 Billericay - East Africa (A. Ritchen).
- 18 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 19 Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 22 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Stuart Henderson Entertains.
- 22 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 23 Braintree - Ian Kelly entertains.

- 23 Chelmsford - Up to 16 sheets (Members).
 24 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 25 Harlow - (Provisional date).
 25 Shoeburyness - The Spitfire Story (Mrs S. Knight).

March 2016

1 AEPS - Executive Committee Meeting.

- 1 Benfleet - Jamaica (G.P. Green).
 1 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
 2 Bishop's Stortford - GB Postal History (D. Davies).
 2 Clacton - To be announced
 2 Goodmayes - The Committee Entertains.
 2 Ipswich - Four Ports of Europe: Memel, Trieste, Fiume, Danzig (S. Holder).
 3 Billericay - Images of Ford (J. Charlton).
 7 Basildon - Discussion (Hits and Tips) and Bourse.
 7 Frinton - Competitions.
 8 Braintree - Queens Victoria and Elizabeth II (Members).
 8 Chelmsford - Pioneer Zeppelin Mail to 1920 (P. Kennison).
 8 Epping Forest - London Life (D. Connell).
 8 Bury St. Edmunds - Competitions.
 9 Brentwood - Forces and Wartime Mails & GB Late Fee and Too Late (J. Rawlins).
 10 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
 10 Hullbridge - Competition.
 10 Witham - Competitions and Bourse.
 12 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Egypt & Grenada (G. Cole) (pm).
 14 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
 14 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 15 Sudbury - Auction.
 16 Bishop's Stortford - Stamps and Mail Post-WW2 (pm).
 16 Goodmayes - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.
 16 Ipswich - Members' Displays.
 17 Billericay - Annual General Meeting.
 18 Colchester - (Provisional date).
19 AEPS - Council Meeting, at Rayleigh Stamp Day. 11.30pm. Closing date for Spring Competitions.
 19 Rayleigh - STAMP DAY, Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9BZ. 10am-4pm.
 21 Frinton - German Occupation of Austria 1938 (T. Hickey).
 22 Basildon - Recent Acquisitions (Members).
 22 Braintree - Display by Hullbridge P.S.
 22 Chelmsford - British Royalty & other stories (D. Garrod).
 22 Bury St. Edmunds - Display by Frinton P.S.
 23 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 23 Sudbury - Annual Dinner (by invitation).
 24 Harlow - Annual General Meeting.
 24 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
 31 Shoeburyness - Competitions.

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