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Editorial:

If only ten percent of the "lone collectors" out there joined the society, we would have a full house at every meeting, and might even be able to bring the cost of subscriptions down! Please do your bit and try to recruit someone now!

International News

AIRMAIL RATE TO MARS

According to an article on the Mirror website, Royal Mail has, with NASA's help, following a request from help from a 5 year old boy, set the postal rate to send a Christmas card to Mars at £11,602.25! The full article can be viewed at <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/how-much-send-christmas-card-6948406>

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. UK Commissioner is Chris King. Entries closed. 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, the USA and Australia. UK Commissioner: Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk Entries close 31 May 2016. <http://www.finlandia2017.fi>

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!

National News

NEW ABPS SECRETARY

Neil Ritchie has taken over from Willie King as Secretary of ABPS. George Henshilwood has joined the Committee representing Scotland.

THE PHILATELIC HUB

Meetings have begun between The Postal Museum, the trade (represented by PTS, Spink and Stanley Gibbons), ABPS, RPSL and Royal Mail to find common ground to promote philately, to promote the United Kingdom and London as the home of philately, and to work together to develop these.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

This is the new name for the British Postal Museum and Archive. Construction of the new museum, across and up the road from the present one, is now under way. The site was that of a stage coach manufacturer, Wright & Horn, and the present building has variously been used as GPO offices and furniture store and offices of a printing company associated with Punch magazine. It will be extended with two new wings for its new role. It is due to open in Spring 2017, together with a short tourist ride starting in the Post Office Railway workshops and looping around Mount Pleasant station. They are currently seeking persons to "Sponsor a Sleeper" at £250 a time to raise funds to repair the track, in exchange for a number of "benefits". See www.sponsorasleeper.org for details.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS 2016

8-10 Apr Nordia 2016, Jyväskylä, Finland (FEPA).

12-17 Apr Eurospace 2016, Prague, Czech Republic (FEPA).

15-17 Apr Seminar "Slovenian Symposium", Plöschenberg (Austria).

22-24 Apr Inposta 2016, Näfels (Switzerland).

- 26 Apr-1 May Lubrapex 2016, Viana do Castelo, Portugal (FEPA).
- 5-9 May Balkanfila 2016, Tirana, Albania (FEPA).
- 6-8 May Alpe-Adria 2016 and Hunfila 2016, Szombathely (Hungary).
- 12-14 May Deutsche Meisterschaften der Thematischen Philatelie, Essen (Germany).
- 14-16 May Exfimo 2016, Mondorf-les-Bains (Luxembourg).
- 18-19 May 27th Maximaphily Day Trifolion (Luxemborg).
- 19-22 May Paris-Philex 2016 (France).
- 20-22 May Rossica 2016, Berlin (Germany).
- 26-29 May EuroScout & World Collectors Meeting, Wien (Austria).
- 28 May-5 Jun Philately and St. Anthony collectors, Padova (Italy).
- 2-5 Jun 2nd esko-slovenská filatelistická výstava (Czech republic).
- 10-12 Jun Westfila 2016, Roeselare (Belgium).
- 12-14 Aug Hallfrim 2016, Halmstad (Sweden).
- 24-28 Aug Odessaphilex 2016, Odessa. Ukraine (FEPA).
- 25-29 Aug Gmunden 2016, Austria (FEPA).
- 2-4 Sep Benedikt-Phila '16, Münsterschwarzach (Germany).
- 14-18 Sep Exfilna 2016, Zaragoza (Spain).
- 16-18 Sep Thematic Seminar, St. Pölten (Austria).
- 16-18 Sep Jugend in Mainz, Mainz (Germany).
- 7-9 Oct Exposition "Nature, Environnement, Ecologie", Mamer (Luxembourg).
- 15-16 Oct Mostra Filatelica, Borgomanero (Italy).
- 21-23 Oct, Pinkabria 2016 (Austria)
- 21-23 Oct Toul Timbre Passion, Toul (France).
- 25-27 Oct Bulcollecto 2016, Plovdiv (Bulgaria).
- 27-29 Oct International Fair and Seminars, Sindelfingen (Germany).
- 5-6 Nov National udstilling i Birkerød Tak16, Birkerød (Denmark).
- 2017**
- 31 Mar-2 Apr Leverkusen '17 (Germany).
- 25-27 Aug Multilaterale 2017, Hertogenbosch (Netherlands).
- 7-16 Sep OsmoOkno Kranj 2017 (Slovenia).
- 6-8 Oct Hibria 2017, Hirtenberg, Austria (FEPA).
- 26-28 Oct International Fair and Seminars, Sindelfingen (Germany)
- 27-29 Oct Nordia 2017, Vejle (Denmark).
- ? Dec MonacoPhil 2017 (Monaco).

YORK 2016

A full National exhibition in all classes will be held in conjunction with York Stamp Fair on 15-16 July 2016 at York Racecourse YO23 1EX. Entry forms will be available on the ABPS website. The closing date for entries is 16 May.

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. The main theme will be "Islands". 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

STAMPEX

ABPS has announced that all Stampex events will now be open to non-competitive exhibitors, which opens the door to collections that do not fit any of the established classes or whose owners simply do not wish to compete. Application for space is made on the normal form, but tick the non-competitive box. Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH will be as follows (entry forms available on the ABPS website):

- 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 and invited displays of Cinderellas and German Philatelist Days 1889-2013. Application forms are on the ABPS website with a closing date of 7 July.

- Spring 2017: 15-18 February. This will be a full national exhibition with all classes and countries, but focussing on the on the former Ottoman Empire (including North Africa, Egypt and the Balkan States, plus Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Iraq (celebrating 100 years of Iraq stamps), Saudi Arabia and Gulf States). Other exhibits to be accepted include Iran.

The BDC Executive Centre can be hired for society meetings, etc. at a subsidised rate of £100 per 2 hours - contact Chrissie Baker.

LONDON 2020

London 2020 will be held at the Business Design Centre from 2 to 9 May 2020, 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, has been published. 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 society's copy is held by Alan Taylor.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge.

Kidstamps is a free postal club for children. It is now run by Alan Bretherton. Donations of stamps, etc. would be welcomed at 9 Liverpool Avenue, Southport PR8 3NE.

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. Can you help? Contact John Davies davies1890@btinternet.com for info.

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. 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 2017. Nomination forms can be obtained from Yvonne Wheatley, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman, Weltevreden, 7 Manor Croft, Leeds LS15 9BW, 0113-260 1978 (awards@abps.org.uk).

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). The ABPS organiser is now Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk

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.

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.

Essex News

NEW SOCIETY VENUE

Braintree society has had to move at short notice. Their new, fully-accessible, venue is Archer Community Centre, 28-32 East Street, Braintree, CM7 3JJ.

AEPS COUNCIL

The March Council meeting was held during Rayleigh Stamp Day on 19 March and was well attended. Four societies (including Basildon) submitted entries for the Spring competitions, which will be displayed at StampEssex. The meeting received reports on current and forthcoming activities. The display frames are now in their secure and weatherproof new home. Loans must now be arranged through Ray How, who would be glad to receive news of any materials, Allan keys, etc., which may still be on loan to member societies, so that a full inventory check can be undertaken.

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **14.30 on 16 July at Spring Lodge Community Centre, Witham CM8 2HE**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian or John Cowlin.

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.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

Spring StampEssex 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?).

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 SEMINARS 2016-2017

31 people attended the 2016 Seminar on the theme "Transport and Postal History" on 30 January, several being first time participants. After a welcoming hot drink, it began with a talk and display by Bill Trower on Aerophilately, followed by Malcolm Roberts on Maritime Postal History. After a sociable lunch of soup, ham salad and cheesecake, we resumed and Len Stanway tackled Railway Postal History. The talks were all wide-ranging and covered all aspects of their respective subjects, supported by extensive displays of appropriate material. Whilst postal history was the dominant theme, it was impossible to cover the field without including elements of all other philatelic disciplines. The overlap between fields was demonstrated by an air letter that started its journey by train, then ship, then continued with several alternating air and train legs before arriving at its destination. Members of the audience were then invited to display material from their collections and ask questions, which were commented on by the panel. After a final hot drink and cake, members departed after a very interesting and thought-provoking day.

The 2017 AEPS Seminar will be on 28 January at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. The theme and cost will be announced later. Tickets (including lunch and refreshments) will be 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 approaching its third year and members are invited to renew or join the Club. Draws take place at each AEPS Council meeting. 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. 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 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, 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.

Basildon Society News

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

23 December – Festive Night

Poor weather resulted in a lower than usual attendance at this enjoyable end to the year. The annual Tomex Quiz was set by Dean Taylor in a multiple choice format. The winner was Len Stanway with 22 marks, followed closely by Claude Crowder with 21 marks and Melvyn Singer with 19 marks. Members then socialised and shared a veritable feast of festive fare.

4 January – Thematic Night

Your correspondent was, unfortunately, unable to attend this meeting due to illness, but he understands that it was an interesting evening with four members displaying.

19 January – British Post Offices in the Gulf – Overprints on King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II – Barrie Cook

Barrie's encyclopaedic knowledge of this complex area gave us a good insight into the various Great Britain issues that were used to establish postal services in the rapidly-growing principalities of eastern Arabia and their postal history usages.

1 February – Borneo & Sarawak - Jeremy Gaskell



Jeremy, a leading member of the Sarawak Specialists' Society, gave us an entertaining introduction, peppered with anecdote, to the four

territories that hosted the British presence on the island of Borneo, the world's third-largest island (the rest, Kalimantan, is part of Indonesia). After historical and geographical background, he started with the early issues of Brunei, passed through the issues of the Crown Colony of Labuan, including the modified (not overprinted) issues of North Borneo, moved on to North Borneo, showing some of the philatelically-inspired antics of the British North Borneo Company, before finishing with the White Rajahs (and Ranees) of Sarawak. He emphasised the benefits of a philatelic library, displaying a wide range of books on the history and culture of the island.

16 February – West Africa – Arthur Ritchen



Arthur gave us a grand tour of western Africa, starting with the British sphere of influence – Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. After the break, the French colonies of French Guinea, Ivory Coast, French West Africa, Mauritania, Senegal and Togo came in for scrutiny. This was a fascinating evening with many issues never before seen at the club displayed in full.

7 March – Discussion and Bourse

Unlike previous "Hints & Tips" session, this year's event had the discussion session first, followed by the opportunity for members to buy and sell, for which several members brought material. The discussion session was jointly chaired by Claude Crowder and Len Stanway, starting with the problem of defining colours, followed by the different types of phosphors and optical brightening agents, how to detect them, and when and how they were used.

22 March – New Acquisitions

The evening was well-attended and six members displayed. John Cowlin started with propaganda postcards of the Russo-Japanese War, Claude Crowder followed with Montserrat and British Bechuanaland and Alf Potter showed Boxing stamps. In the second half, Ian McElwain displayed a letter from Admiral Fiennes at the Union Club in Malta, with his background research, and an early use of the 1928 airmail stamp, Len Stanway followed with Malaysia new issues for 2015 and Barry Mead with Malta.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at 7.45pm on 6 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.

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.

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 obtained if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

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 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. **Library books can be borrowed for one month from the date of issue.** Members can ask for particular items to be brought to the next 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.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

Small rubber stamps are available from the packet secretary 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.

SUGGESTION BOX

A box and suggestion slips is provided at meetings for members 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, scheduled for 26 April.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS JOURNAL

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Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

April 2016

- 2 EAPHS - AGM & Lincolnshire Postal History (at Red Gables, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1BE).
- 4 Basildon - Auction.
- 4 Frinton - World War I Propaganda (J.F. Cowlin).
- 5 Benfleet - Great Little Trains of Wales (M.R. Thompson).
- 5 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Disinfection of mail and Quarantine in the Age of the Plague (D. Vandervelde).
- 6 Clacton - AGM & Competition Night.
- 6 Goodmayes - An Evening with Cliff Cashman.
- 6 Ipswich - Auction.
- 7 Billericay - Birds of the World (Members).
- 7 Witham - Islands (Members).
- 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR. 10am-4.30pm.
- 11 Cheshunt - AGM and Mini-competition.
- 11 Rayleigh - Competitions and Bourse.
- 12 Braintree - Perfins? (B Littlefield).
- 12 Bury St. Edmunds - Battle for the Pacific Part 1 (W.E. Trower).
- 12 Chelmsford - Display by Billericay & District P.S.
- 12 Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 13 Brentwood - Annual General Meeting and Quiz.
- 14 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 14 Hullbridge - Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
- 15 Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 18 Frinton - King George Commemoratives (D. Emerson).
- 19 Basildon - Display by Shoeburyness & District P.S.
- 19 Sudbury - Railway Philately (C. Tennant).
- 20 Bishop's Stortford - Architecture (Members) (pm).
- 20 Goodmayes - The Use of GB Postage Dues (J. Rawlins).
- 20 Ipswich - Your Very Loving Madeline (D. Garrod).
- 21 Billericay - An Evening with David Church.
- 21 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 23 AEPS/Bury St. Edmunds - SPRING STAMPESSEX, County Upper School, Beeton's Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RF. 10am-4pm.**

- 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Spain (C.H. Crowder).
 25 Rayleigh - Annual General Meeting.
 26 Braintree - Chairman's Cup.
 26 Bury St. Edmunds - British Honduras (K. May).
 26 Chelmsford - Thematics (P. Denly).
 27 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 28 Harlow - Letter "J" (Member).
 28 Shoeburyness - My Philatelic Journey Through Life (D.J. Church).

May 2016

- 3 Benfleet - Annual General Meeting & Mini-Auction.
 3 Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.
 4 Bishop's Stortford - AGM & Competitions.
 4 Clacton - Auction.
 4 Goodmayes - Display by Stuart Henderson, Bring & Buy.
 4 Ipswich - The Competition to Design the Czech stamps of 1918: Winners & Losers (Mrs. Y. Wheatley).
 5 Billericay - I also collect ... (Members).
 5 Witham - The Committee Entertains.
 9 Cheshunt - End of the line - Railway Hotels & Steamers, etc., & Lighthouses of the World (M.K. & Mrs L. Roberts).
 9 Frinton - Annual General Meeting.
 9 Rayleigh - The Pakistan Story (D. Haskell).
 10 Braintree - Canada (D A Armitage).
 10 Bury St. Edmunds - AGM & Mini-auction.
 10 Chelmsford - Postcards of Switzerland (E. Lienhard).
 10 Epping Forest - Stamps Covers and Cards from our Collections (C. Stuart & K. Lillywhite).
 11 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
 12 Harlow - Architecture (Members).
 12 Hullbridge - My Sideline Collection (Members).
 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - AGM (afternoon).
 17 Basildon - Display by Dartford P.S.
 17 Sudbury - Miscellany (S. Henderson).
 18 Bishop's Stortford - Landmarks In Philately (pm).
 18 Ipswich - Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
 18 Goodmayes - Flightpath Pacific (W.E. Trower).
 19 Billericay - Mail and the Steamship Part 1 (M.K. Roberts).
 19 Witham - Two Members display.
 20 Colchester - (Provisional date).
 23 Frinton - British POs in the Gulf States (B.S. Cook).
 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.
 23 Rayleigh - An Evening with John Cowlin.
 24 Braintree - Annual General Meeting.
 24 Chelmsford - Something beginning with H (Members).
 25 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
 26 Harlow - Speaker to be announced.
 26 Shoeburyness - Albania (Mrs L. Roberts).

June 2016

- 1 Bishop's Stortford - Now I'm Retired ... (W.I. Stevenson).
 1 Clacton - Bourse & Members' Displays.
 1 Goodmayes - Postcards and covers (Members).
 2 Billericay - Mail and the Steamship Part 2 (M.K. Roberts).
 2 Witham - African airmails (J Rawlins).
 6 Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
 6 Frinton - Bring and Buy Night.

- 7 Benfleet - To be announced.
 8 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
 9 Harlow - Away Day.
 9 Hullbridge - Display by Shoeburyness P.S.
 13 Cheshunt - Morocco Agencies (B.S. Cook).
 13 Rayleigh - Rhodesia/Zimbabwe Military History During the Bush War (R. Barnett).
 14 Bury St. Edmunds - Informal.
 14 Chelmsford - Saar 1935-1948 (Mrs M.A. Thompson).
 14 Sudbury - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.
 15 Bishop's Stortford - Flora and Fauna (Members) (pm).
 15 Goodmayes - Auction.
 16 Billericay - Latest Acquisitions (Members).
 16 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
 17 Colchester - (Provisional date).
 18 Epping Forest - Auction. 1.30pm for 2.45pm.
 20 Frinton - History of British Football from 1900 (P. Drake).
 21 Basildon - Competitions.
 22 Brentwood - (Provisional date).
 23 Harlow - Letter "K" (Members).
 27 Rayleigh - Fakes, Errors and Omissions (Members).
 30 Shoeburyness - Competition.
 30 Witham - Auction.

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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