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Editorial:

All members are reminded that subscriptions for 2016-2017 are now due. The rate is unchanged at £13. Please pay promptly.

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:

Philatapei 2016 World Stamp Championship and Exhibition (FIP/FIAP) 21-26 October 2016. Taipei World Trade Centre, Exhibition Hall 1. www.taipei2016.post.gov.tw/post/taipei2016

Finlandia 2017 (FIP/FEPA). Tampere-Hall, Tampere, Finland 24-28 May, marking the centenary of Finnish independence. <http://www.finlandia2017.fi>

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS 2016

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).

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? Give us YOUR ideas now!

National News

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.

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, but the signing itself will take place at St John's College, and the Congress Dinner at Jesus College. At the last count 50 delegates had registered. Contact Paul Gaywood at gaywood@hotmail.com

This year the honour of becoming signatories of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists has been granted to Roger Brody of the USA, Lars Engelbrecht of Denmark, Jonas Hällström of Sweden and Stephen Holder of the UK.

2017 Congress will be in Cardiff, with Durham pencilled in for 2018. 2019 may be abroad, but 2020 will be in London and 2021 in Harrogate.

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):

- **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), plus Iran.

- **Autumn 2017:** 12-16 September. This will be a full national. Society Sarawak Specialists' Society has agreed take to 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive.

LONDON 2020

This 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. A working group has been set up to study future site development and Neil Ritchie would welcome comments by email to secretary@abps.org.uk

ABPS HANDBOOK

The new Handbook, including the Directory and Speakers Lists, has been published. Updates should be sent to editor@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.

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).

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

The BTA has a new website www.britishthematic.org.uk. For further information on BTA activities, visit the website or contact Peter Denly, 9 Oaklands Park, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BY.

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

BRENTWOOD SOCIETY CLOSED

At its recent AGM, it was agreed to close Brentwood & District Philatelic Society due to falling membership. The last meeting took place on 27 April.

ALBUMS CLOSED

John Wilton, who, for many years up to 1997, was Secretary of the East Anglia Postal History Study Circle, passed away early in 2016 at the age of 88. His funeral took place on 13 April.

AEPS BULLETIN EDITOR STEPS DOWN

David Sibley has had to step down from the post of Bulletin Editor due to ill health. A successor will be sought.

AEPS SPRING COMPETITIONS

Four societies submitted entries for the Spring competitions, which were displayed at StampEssex. The Stokes Cup was won by Rayleigh with 8 marks. Bishop's Stortford and Bury St. Edmunds tied for second place with 12 marks. Basildon was unable to field a third team member. The individual competitions were won by:

Traditional: Dave Armitage (Bishop's Stortford);

Postal History: Ken Burr (Bury St. Edmunds);

Aerophilatelic: Chris Cooksey (Basildon).

The special trophies went to Lynn Roberts (Rayleigh – George Pearson Trophy) and Ken Burr (Bury St. Edmunds – Classic Trophy and Great Britain Postal History Trophy).

DAWES CUP COMPETITION

The 2016 Home Counties inter-federation competition was won by hosts Kent with 293 marks. The Essex team of Bill Trower, Len Stanway, Peter Denly and Dave Armitage lost by only one mark with 292. Dave Armitage's entry was the best in the competition, gaining 82 marks. The 2017 event will be hosted by Essex.

AEPS COUNCIL

The March Council meeting was held during Rayleigh Stamp Day on 19 March and was well attended. 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 or Ian McElwain.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

Autumn 2016 StampEssex 2016 exhibition and fair is being organised by AEPS at Marconi Club, Chelmsford on 29 October

Spring 2017 by Rayleigh on 25 March at Sweyne Park School. AEPS will again host **Autumn 2017** at Marconi Club on 21 October. **Spring 2018** is provisionally at Basildon; subject to finding a suitable venue, it will be held on 28 April. A volunteer is invited for **Autumn 2018**.

AEPS SEMINARS 2016-2017

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 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 AEPS area, plus details of selected AEPS or society events. To subscribe, or to request publicity for an event, contact Len Stanway.

AEPS WEBSITE 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

ALBUMS CLOSED

Beth Stevens, who was a member of Basildon until her recent illness, passed away in June. She had also been active in Thurrock and then Billericay societies.

MEMBER NEWS

John Cowlin, who joined the society in 2005, announced at the AGM that it would be his last meeting as he was moving to Somerset. John has been a staunch supporter of the society, representing us at the AEPS Council and giving numerous displays at meetings inside and outside the society. We wish him well in his new home.

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 18 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 will soon be available in hard copy from Alan Taylor or by e-mail from Len Stanway.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

4 April - Auction

The auction was well attended with lots of postal bidders. Lots won were divided roughly equally between room and postal. Realisations were:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£4.00	125	£2.00	252	£2.00
2	£4.00	127	£2.00	253	£2.50
3	£4.00	128	£2.00	254	£2.00
5	£5.00	129	£2.50	256	£4.20
6	£5.00	130	£3.00	257	£5.00
8	£2.00	132	£4.00	258	£4.00
10	£5.00	133	£2.80	260	£7.20
11	£4.00	134	£2.50	263	£3.00
12	£5.20	135	£3.00	264	£5.00
13	£6.00	136	£2.50	268	£2.00
14	£5.00	137	£2.00	271	£5.00
15	£12.50	138	£2.50	272	£5.20
16	£2.00	139	£2.50	273	£4.00
18	£7.00	140	£6.00	274	£2.50
19	£4.00	143	£2.00	282	£5.00
20	£8.00	144	£6.00	283	£9.00
21	£6.20	145	£2.00	294	£15.00
22	£5.00	146	£5.00	295	£23.50
23	£14.00	150	£10.00	300	£4.00
24	£4.00	151	£5.00	305	£4.00
25	£8.20	152	£3.00	306	£4.00
26	£4.00	154	£2.50	308	£4.00
27	£6.00	155	£5.50	310	£18.00
30	£3.00	156	£5.00	313	£3.80
32	£4.00	157	£6.00	314	£2.00
33	£4.50	158	£4.00	321	£18.00
34	£2.00	160	£2.00	323	£2.50
35	£4.00	162	£2.00	324	£2.00
37	£6.00	168	£3.00	329	£5.00
38	£11.00	169	£3.00	330	£4.00
40	£2.80	170	£3.00	331	£4.00
43	£5.00	171	£3.00	333	£5.00
46	£4.00	175	£3.00	334	£13.00
48	£10.20	181	£3.00	335	£4.00
50	£8.20	182	£3.50	336	£3.00
51	£10.00	184	£2.00	338	£4.00
53	£3.00	186	£3.50	339	£2.00
55	£8.20	196	£16.00	340	£13.00
56	£2.00	197	£9.00	341	£7.50
58	£4.00	198	£4.00	342	£7.50
59	£3.50	201	£10.00	343	£4.20
61	£5.00	202	£3.80	344	£30.00
64	£6.00	203	£2.50	350	£10.00
65	£2.00	204	£3.50	353	£3.00
66	£2.00	207	£3.00	356	£40.00
67	£4.00	214	£4.00	374	£2.50
75	£4.00	215	£12.00	376	£4.50
80	£2.80	217	£3.50	382	£2.00
81	£4.20	218	£55.00	383	£2.00
83	£8.50	219	£3.50	384	£2.00
84	£5.80	223	£2.50	387	£2.00
85	£11.00	224	£3.80	388	£5.00
87	£2.00	225	£2.80	389	£5.00
88	£8.00	227	£3.50	391	£4.00
89	£2.50	228	£4.00	393	£2.20
90	£3.80	229	£3.50	396	£2.00
91	£2.50	230	£2.50	397	£2.00
92	£2.00	231	£3.80	398	£18.00
93	£2.50	232	£2.80	399	£10.00
94	£4.00	233	£3.50	403	£2.00
95	£4.50	234	£3.80	404	£5.00
97	£6.50	235	£2.80	405	£9.00
98	£8.00	236	£7.20	407	£5.00
99	£5.00	238	£7.00	413	£5.00
101	£7.00	239	£9.00	415	£2.50

103	£6.50	240	£15.00	418	£1.50
104	£2.20	241	£10.00	420	£2.00
106	£4.20	242	£2.00	425	£2.00
119	£2.50	244	£2.00	426	£2.00
121	£25.00	247	£30.00	438	£3.50
123	£3.00	250	£10.00		

19 April – Display by Shoeburyness P.S.



Sue Stacey opened with a thematic display of "The Vikings" with supporting material. Mandy Knight followed with the story of R.J. Mitchell and his famous aircraft including his Schneider Trophy-winning seaplanes and the Spitfire. Roger Sentance concluded with an example of the Shoeburyness "H38" postmark, King George VI 2½d stamps and postal stationery and their uses, German registered mail and the Berlin "Blue Flea" tax stamp.

14 May – Mayfest.



In the hope of recruiting new members, BPS had a stand at the all-day Mayfest event in Basildon Town Square, organised by the Rotary Club. It was manned by Ian McElwain and Len Stanway with assistance from Anne Stanway and Vivien Holloway.

17 May – Display by Dartford P.S.

Former Basildon member Steve Alpe opened the show with “Me and My Collections”, showing his wide array of interests, with items associated with his personal history and his possible obsession with beer (another main hobby is beer mat collecting!). Cliff Avers provided the second half with a fascinating display of postcards illustrating the contentious story of the battle of Jutland.

6 June - AGM

The AGM went smoothly with no surprises. Recruitment of new members remains essential to the future of the society and all members are asked to “do their bit” to publicise the benefits of membership. Flyers and posters can be supplied by Alan or Len on request. Subscriptions remain unchanged and are now due.

16-18 June – St Martin’s Multimedia Festival.



This annual event at Basildon’s central parish church features art, local history poetry, and music. BPS provided a static display of poetry illustrated with stamps throughout the event, with recruitment in mind. On the first day, the event was visited by the Bishop of Bradwell, who took a close interest in our entry, receiving a welcome and explanation from Len Stanway.

21 June – Competition Night

Turn-out for the Competition Night was disappointing, despite there being new trophies to be won. Only two entries were provided in each of the Stamps and Thematic competitions, with none in the other categories. Ray How gave advice to members on entering competitions and awarded both the new cups to Alan Taylor.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at 7.45pm on 5 June 2017. 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 2016-2017 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. Under society rules, subscriptions not paid by 1 September are deemed to have lapsed.

RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Len Stanway displayed “Mails Under London” to Isle of Ely society on 6 May, followed by “Aspects of Singapore” to Bexley on 7 May! He then showed “Aspects of Malaya” to Benfleet on 7 June.

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. **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.

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** and the **ABPS Handbook**.

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.

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, which is scheduled for 12 July.

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.

Stamp Fairs – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 9 July, 10 September, 12 November. 9.30am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

July 2016

- 4 Basildon - Basildon v. Billericay Quiz (at Basildon).
- 5 **AEPS - Executive Committee Meeting.**
- 5 Benfleet - Pages from My Album (Members).
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Railway Mail (L.C. Stanway).
- 6 Goodmayes - Annual General Meeting.
- 7 Billericay - The Letter S (Members).
- 11 Cheshunt - Over The Congo and Alaska Postcards (W.E. Trower).
- 11 Epping Forest - AGM& T is for ... Competition.
- 11 Rayleigh - Croatia 1941-1945 (A.J. Bosworth).
- 12 Bury St. Edmunds - Informal.
- 12 Sudbury - Modern China (Ms M. Evans) & Suffolk Postal History (H. Ruse).
- 14 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
- 14 Hullbridge - B is for ? (Members).
- 14 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 15 Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 15-16 *ABPS - York National Stamp Exhibition, Racecourse.*
- 16 **AEPS - Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.**
- 19 Basildon - Modern Material 1986 onwards (Members).
- 20 Bishop's Stortford - Gems from my Collection (Members) (afternoon).
- 21 Billericay - George V Fight Covers – Rhodesia, etc. (N. Harris).
- 21-24 *ABPS - Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Belfry Hotel, Cambourne, near Cambridge.*
- 25 Rayleigh - Acquired in 2015 (Members).
- 28 Harlow - Talk by a member.
- 28 Shoeburyness - An Evening with Mark Routh.
- 28 Witham - Nurse Edith Cavell & Queen Astrid (J.J. Gaskell).

August 2016

- 1 Basildon - Great Britain 1830-1901 (K. Burr).
- 2 Benfleet - Triangles for Airmail and other Special Services (Mrs. M.A. Thompson).
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - Postal History of Bishop's Stortford (Members).

- 8 Cheshunt - Victorian Great Britain and George VI (K. Burr).
 8 Rayleigh - Bourse.
 9 Bury St. Edmunds - Informal.
 11 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
 11 Hullbridge - Bourse.
 11 Witham - Members' New Acquisitions.
 16 Basildon - 12 Pages from my Collection (Members).
 16 Sudbury - Members' displays.
 17 Bishop's Stortford - Politicians and other Notables (Members) (afternoon).
 22 Rayleigh - Great Britain 1830s-1901 (K. Burr).
 25 Harlow - Letter "L" (Members).
 25 Witham - Danzig: Trains & Boats & Planes (G. du Boulay).

September 2016

- 1 Billericay - Olympic Games (R. Wilcock).
 5 Basildon - The Committee Entertains.
 5 Frinton - Another Bloody Railway (P. Pugh).
 6 **AEPS - Executive Committee Meeting.**
 6 Benfleet - Auction.
 6 Sudbury - (Provisional date).
 7 Bishop's Stortford - Sudan (C. Narbeth).
 7 Clacton - Bourse and members' display.
 7 Goodmayes - (Provisional date).
 8 Harlow - General Discussion & Bourse.
 8 Hullbridge - Ray How Entertains.
 8 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
 10 **AEPS - Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.**
 10 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
 10 Ipswich - 70th Anniversary STAMP FAIR, Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, off Bell Lane Kesgrave IP5 1JF. 10am-4pm.
 12 Cheshunt - The Life and Times of Winston Churchill (S.A. Moorcroft).
 12 Rayleigh - Pioneer Zeppelin Mail 1919 (P. Kennison).
 13 Braintree - (Provisional date).
 13 Bury St. Edmunds - Stamping Through North America (N. Emeny).
 13 Chelmsford - Recent philatelic purchases (Members).
 13 Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
 14-17 *ABPS - Autumn Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington.*
 15 Billericay - Germany, States to Empire (T. Stenning).
 16 Colchester - (Provisional date).
 19 Frinton - Don Davies Entertains.
 20 Basildon - Switzerland (E. Lienhard).
 20 Sudbury - (Provisional date).
 21 Bishop's Stortford - Routes and Rates (Members) (pm).
 21 Goodmayes - (Provisional date).
 21 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 22 Harlow - Air or Sea (Members).
 22 Witham - Chairman's Evening.
 26 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).

- 26 Rayleigh - Saar Area of Germany 1920-1945 (Mrs M.A. Thompson).
 27 Braintree - (Provisional date).
 27 Bury St. Edmunds - Commercial Mail – Mid 20th Century Hungary (J. Bruhn).
 27 Chelmsford - Thailand and Burma Prisoner of War Mail (D. Tett).
 29 Shoeburyness - To be announced.

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.

BPS Contact information

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