

The Basildon Philatelist.

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Editorial:

This issue will, I regret appear late. As many of you will be aware, our son was involved in a near-fatal motorcycle crash in July on his way to work and it was only through the specialist expertise of the Isle of Man emergency services and the Walton Centre, Liverpool that he survived. He is now beginning to recover, but has a long way to go, so please bear with us if Anne and I are "scarce resources" for a few more months.

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. 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

ABPS CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Barry Stagg has become Membership Secretary, replacing Alan Godfrey. Alan Godfrey is Communications Director, replacing Chris Oliver. George Henshelwood is now Database Manager, including the Directory and Handbook,

replacing Rev. John Walden. ABPS seeks a Vice Chairman and an Advertising Manager.

ABPS INTER- FEDERATION COMPETITION

It is proposed to hold an inter federation competition at Autumn Stampex 2017. In order to see what level of interest there might be, federations are asked to send an expression of interest to Deborah Gooch at exhibiting@abps.org.uk, by 31st December 2016. We need at least six federations to make this viable, and we have widened the scope of the competition to include more classes than in previous years.

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held during Congress. Neil Ritchie, the new Secretary, was elected a Director of ABPS. Rev John Walden and Susan Oliver resigned as Directors. Neil Ritchie gave a comprehensive report on his role including an update on the development of the website. Web Action Group is continuing under the chairmanship of Neil Ritchie, advised by Maurice Buxton as webmaster and Keith Burton, Newsletter Editor. The possibility of philatelic training courses is under discussion. Widening membership of philatelic societies by promoting well-being was highlighted by Neil as an opportunity. His presentation stimulated various feedback on the role of TV and social media as well as organizations like U3A. Membership statistics have shown a decline in Society UK membership of 8.6% in the last twelve months. Chris King gave a full report on the Exhibitions Committee activities. UK is ranked in the top 3 in the world in terms of exhibitors. A commitment has been given to support London 2020 to a total of £37,500. Susan Oliver was created Hon. Vice President as recognition of her contribution to ABPS as past Chair of the Awards Committee. John Baron is to retire after Congress 2017 in Cardiff, so ABPS has twelve months to find a successor. ABPS Awards were presented to Jean Osborne (Congress Medal) and Awards of Merit to Rosemary Atkins, Eric Keefe, John Perry and Tony Shaw. Verbal reports were also given by John Davies (Youth & PR), Keith Burton

(ABPS News), Chris Oliver (Communications), Dane Garrod (Specialist Societies) and John Dickenson (Federations). The Small Grants Committee has not received any applications this year. 65 Specialist Societies are currently supporting ABPS but 62 have yet to show their support! Issues raised from the floor included concern over the level of errors and updating of the handbook. Corrections are being printed in ABPS News. Updates to the website will take longer as it may require consent from individuals. The expectation is that the information will be available from the website in future. Preston PS shared its success, having gone into local primary schools, are now being invited back. This has stimulated interest in the society from their grandparents.

ABPS HANDBOOK

Updates and additions should now be sent to the Editor of ABPS News, where changes will be first published (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.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2017 Congress** will be at Jury's Inn, Cardiff from 27-30 July. Durham will be the venue for 2018. 2019 may be abroad (the RDP will be signed at Stockholmia), but 2020 will be in London (RDP at London 2020) and 2021 in Harrogate to mark the Centenary of the RDP.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS 2016

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).

1st week Dec MonacoPhil 2017 (Monaco).

STAMPEX

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

- **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 will be accepted including those of 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.

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.

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.

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 information.

THE PHILATELIC FUND

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

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

AEPS TO DISPLAY AT THE ROYAL IN 2019

AEPS has been invited to make a 588-sheet display to the Royal Philatelic Society London on 10 January 2019 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Association. Although it is a long time ahead, Len Stanway would like to compile a list of potential displayers. It is hoped that every member society would be able to nominate at least one display. If every society displayed, about 24-sheets (depending on frame sizes available) could be allocated to each society.

NEW EAPHS VENUE

East Anglia Postal History Society now meets in the Garden Room at Red Gables Resource Centre, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1BE.

AEPS COUNCIL

The 16 July Council meeting at Spring Lodge was poorly attended.

The September Council meeting was held at Spring Lodge on 10 September. The Editor was unable to attend.

The next Council meeting, which is also the **Annual General Meeting**, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **14.30** on **19 November** at **Spring Lodge Community Centre, Witham CM8 2HE**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian McElwain.

AUTUMN STAMPESSEX 2016

The AEPS has announced a full house of seventeen stamp, postal history and postcard dealers for this event to be held on 29 October at the Marconi Social Club, Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford CM2 9FH. Opening at 10.30am and closing at 4pm, admission and parking will be free of charge for visitors to the event. Refreshments will be available at the venue.

As well as the dealers, the event will display the Association's annual autumn competitions, featuring Thematic collecting, Modern Material (post-1986 issues), Cinderella issues (those not in the catalogues), Philatelic Literature and the new Open Class.

The provisional list of dealers attending is: John Auld, Steve Burnell, David Church, East London Postcards, GB Collections, Stewart Harris, Roger Hudson, Sheldon Kosky, Bob Lee, John Littlebury, Peter Noakes, Graham O'Hara, Steve Search, Simon Shaw, Christine Stroud, Ray Watts, Lorne Webb. In addition, one dealer's table will be put at the disposal of a local charity.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

Spring StampEssex 2017 by Rayleigh in 25 March. In the absence of a volunteer, AEPS will again host **Autumn 2017** by AEPS at Marconi Club on 18 November (note new date).

Spring 2018 is provisionally at Basildon and a volunteer is invited for **Autumn 2018**.

DAWES CUP COMPETITION

The 2017 event will be hosted by Essex at Rayleigh StampEssex on 25 March.

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 third year and members are invited to renew or join the Club to support the Association. The more shares that you have the higher the chance of winning! Draws take place at each AEPS Council meeting. One share costs £12 for 12 monthly draws. Please complete an application form, obtainable from Alan Taylor or John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com), and return it to John with your payment. Three draws were held at the July Council and three in September. The winners were: **April:** 1st: 28 Paul Green of EAPHS; 2nd: 11 Shirley Watson of Bishop's Stortford. **May:** 1st: 3 Len Stanway of Basildon; 2nd: 18 Brian Watson of Bishop's Stortford. **June:** 1st: 6 Peter Denly of Bishop's Stortford; 2nd: 43 Mandy Knight of Shoeburyness. **July:** 1st: 2 Ray How of Rayleigh, 2nd: 31 Peter Denly of Bishop's Stortford. **August:** 1st: 20 John Dickenson of Bishop's Stortford, 2nd: 52 Sue Stacey on Benfleet. **September:** 1st: 31 Peter Denly of Bishop's Stortford, 2nd: 9 Dave Armitage of Bishop's Stortford.

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 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 18 October with viewing from 7pm. 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.

Our Spring Auction will be on Monday 3 April.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

4 July - Basildon v. Billericay Quiz. This was hosted by Basildon, but Billericay was again too strong for us. Many thanks are due to Stuart Henderson for setting the questions.

No other reports this time because someone swatted the fly! The meetings concerned were 19 July - Members displayed "Modern Material (1986 to date)", 1 August - Ken Burr displayed "Great Britain 1830-1901", 16 August - Members displayed "12 pages from My Collection", 5 September - The Committee Entertains, 20 September - Eric Lienhard displayed "Switzerland".

FINANCE

Members attending meetings are reminded to pay £1 attendance fee at the door to cover refreshments and assist with hall hire. Subscriptions for 2016-2017 remain at £13 for full Membership, £2 for Juniors and 50p for Associate Members (exchange packet and auction vendors). Only one existing member has still to renew, but we need new members, so please pass the word and bring a friend along!

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 2016

Our members' handbook has been updated and was not yet distributed electronically as only minor updates have been made. Please contact Len if you would like a copy sent to you. Anyone who needs a hard copy should contact Alan who will arrange to print one.

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 or Alan 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 24 October.

DIGITAL RESOURCES:

FIP Postal Stationery Commission
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. 12 November. 10am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

October 2016

- 3: Basildon: Fakes, Errors and Omissions (Members).
- 3: Frinton: Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
- 4: Benfleet: Informal, Bourse and Mini-auction.
- 4: Sudbury: Egypt 1866-1956 and GB Late 17th Century to Mid-19th Century (K. Burr).
- 5: Bishop's Stortford: Competitions and The President Entertains.
- 5: Clacton: To be announced.
- 5: Goodmayes: My One Favourite Sheet (Members).
- 5: Ipswich: Terrorism and the Post & Crash and Wreck Mail (P. Day).
- 6: Billericay: Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
- 6: Witham: Display by Ipswich P.S.
- 8: East Anglia Postal History: (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 8: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date) (afternoon).

- 9: *Worldwide: World Post Day.*
- 10: Cheshunt: Annual Competitions.
- 10: Rayleigh: Jamaica (G.P. Green).
- 11: Braintree: (Provisional date).
- 11: Bury St. Edmunds: GB Perfins (R. Husband).
- 11: Chelmsford: Annual General Meeting.
- 11: Epping Forest: (Provisional date).
- 13: Harlow: Letter "M" (Members).
- 13: Hullbridge: Peter Denly Entertains.
- 17: Frinton: Channel Islands (R. Peters).
- 18: Basildon: Auction.
- 18: Sudbury: Burma (A. Skilling).
- 19: Bishop's Stortford: A Letter of your Choice (Members) (afternoon).
- 19: Goodmayes: Wei Hei Wei – China (N. Kerridge).
- 19: Ipswich: The Work of Czelaw Slania (T. Wagg), Seahorses on Cover (M. Kentzer).
- 20: Billericay: Transport Through The Ages (Members).
- 20: Witham: Jamaica (G.P.Green).
- 21: Colchester: Gilbert & Ellice Islands (T. Gill).
- 22: Colchester: STAMP FAIR, Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0RH. 10am to 3.30pm.
- 24: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date).
- 24: Rayleigh: Competition and Bourse.
- 25: Braintree: (Provisional date).
- 25: Bury St. Edmunds: 200 Years of GB (M. Hole).
- 25: Chelmsford: France (G. Oliver).
- 27: Harlow: Speaker to be announced.
- 27: Shoeburyness: Members' Non-Philatelic Collections.
- 29: AEPS: AUTUMN STAMPESSEX, Marconi Club, Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9FH.**

November 2016

- 1: Benfleet: To be announced
- 1: Sudbury: Afternoon meeting.
- 2: Bishop's Stortford: Maritime Mail (M.K. Roberts).
- 2: Clacton: To be announced.
- 2: Goodmayes: Letter W – 8 sheets all (Members).
- 2: Ipswich: Alternative Lundy (G. King).
- 3: Billericay: Southern Rhodesia during World War II (C. Cooksey).
- 3: Witham: Don Davies Entertains.
- 7: Basildon: Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.
- 7: Frinton: Members' displays.
- 8: **AEPS: Executive Committee Meeting.**
- 8: Braintree: (Provisional date).
- 8: Bury St. Edmunds: Trains, Planes & Stamps (J. Higgins).
- 8: Chelmsford: Military Mail / Victoria Falls (R. Barnett).
- 10: Harlow: Letter "N" (Members).
- 10: Hullbridge: British South Africa Company (P. Maslanka).
- 11: Chelmsford: Anniversary Dinner (by invitation).
- 12: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 14: Cheshunt: Auction (to be confirmed).

- 14: Epping Forest: (Provisional date).
 14: Rayleigh: An Evening with Brian Marsh.
 15: Sudbury: Films.
 16: Bishop's Stortford: Ships and Boats (Members) (afternoon).
 16: Goodmayes: Display by Benfleet & District P.S.
 16: Ipswich: Aspects of Switzerland (F. Smith).
 17: Billericay: Stamps with a message (Members).
 17: Witham: Informal / Bring and Buy.
 18: Colchester: Olympic Games (R. Wilcox).
19: AEPS: Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting, Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham CM8 2HE. 2.30pm.
 21: Frinton: Anything but stamps (Members).
 22: Basildon: Aspects of Singapore (L.C. Stanway).
 22: Braintree: (Provisional date).
 22: Bury St. Edmunds: Auction (viewing from 6.30pm).
 22: Chelmsford: Display by two members.
 24: Harlow: Philatelic quiz.
 24: Shoeburyness: Letters V, W and X (Members).
 25: Bishop's Stortford: Annual Dinner (by invitation).
 28: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date).
 28: Rayleigh: Auction.
 30: Ipswich: (Provisional date).

December 2016

- 1: Billericay: Christmas Social (Members only).
 1: Witham: Christmas-related Meeting.
 5: Basildon: GB Telegram Service & Free Franks (J Rawlins).
 5: Frinton: Auction.
 6: Benfleet: Chairman's Night and Christmas Social.
 6: Sudbury: Afternoon meeting.
 7: Bishop's Stortford: Postal History of Cambridge (S. Kelly).
 7: Clacton: Christmas Social (Members only).
 7: Goodmayes: Auction.
 7: Ipswich: Social Evening, Bourse and Competition.
 8: Chelmsford: A Christmas Theme (Members).(afternoon)
 8: Harlow: Christmas party and Raffle.
 8: Hullbridge: Chairman's Night & Christmas Fare.
 8: Shoeburyness: Chairman's Night.
 9: Colchester: Members' Displays & Social.
 10: Leytonstone & Wanstead: (Provisional date) (afternoon).
 12: Epping Forest: (Provisional date).
 12: Rayleigh: Christmas Social.
 13: Braintree: (Provisional date).
 13: Bury St. Edmunds: Social Evening, One-sheet Competition, Quiz, etc.
 15: Shoeburyness: (Provisional date).

- 19: Cheshunt: Members Entertain (afternoon).
 19: Frinton: Displays with a Xmas theme.
 20: Basildon: Festive Evening, with Tomex Quiz and Library.
 20: Sudbury: Quiz Night,
 21: Bishop's Stortford: A Great Country to collect (Members) (afternoon).
 21: Goodmayes: Quiz Night (C.H. Crowder).
 24: Braintree: (Provisional date).
 24: Bury St. Edmunds: 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.

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