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Editorial:

Happy New Year to all our members and readers!

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:

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. Entries closed.

Brasilia 2017 (FIP), 24-29 October. UK Commissioner, Frank Walton. Entries open.

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

ROYAL ON THE MOVE?

Despite obtaining planning permission for extensive improvements to the society's building, the Royal Philatelic Society London has reluctantly decided that the changes would not represent value for money, would cause expense and disruption over a long period and would not meet the long term needs of the members. Instead, it will now investigate relocating to more suitable, occupation-ready, premises.

ABPS CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Barry Stagg will become Membership Secretary, replacing Alan Godfrey. Alan Godfrey will become Communications Director, replacing Chris Oliver. George Henshelwood will become Database Manager, including the Directory and Handbook, replacing Rev John Walden. ABPS is seeking 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 were asked to send an expression of interest to Deborah Gooch at exhibiting@abps.org.uk, by 31 December 2016. They 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. ABPS AGM. Highlights included: Neil Ritchie, the new Secretary, was elected a Director of ABPS, while the Rev John Walden and Susan Oliver stepped down. Susan was created Hon. Vice President as recognition of her contribution to ABPS as past Chair of the Awards Committee. Neil Ritchie gave a comprehensive report on his role including an update on the development of the website. Web Action Group is continuing under his chairmanship, 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 as an opportunity. His presentation stimulated 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. Commitment has been given to support London 2020 to a total of £37,500. 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 by attendees included the level of errors and the need to update 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 the children's grandparents.

ABPS HANDBOOK

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.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

The new trains for the MailRail Experience rides have now been delivered and are under test.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS 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

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 PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In Christmas cards addressed to all members of AEPS societies, the incoming President wrote: "Dear Friends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me with the Presidency for a second time. I hope that I will be able to serve the Association well during my time in office and help promote the hobby in our area. I hope to be able to visit all of our Member Societies in some capacity in the course of my three years of Presidency, whether it is as a speaker, judge or simply a stranger in the back row, but at present my family circumstances make it impossible for me to arrange visits so I will have to be patient for the time being.

As a hobby, we face a growing number of challenges. The most important is to bring new members into societies. We need to encourage the lone collectors out there to come in from the cold and join a society. There are enough out there, if only we could find a way to get through to them. We need to reach out to the younger generation in their 30s, 40s and 50s, who are looking for new avenues of escape from daily life. Almost every society is crying out for new committee members and these can only come if we can recruit a new generation of members. Then there is the financial consideration – if we do not recruit new collectors, who is going to buy our collections when we have to move on? If that does not spur you on to recruit, nothing will!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

AEPS SEMINAR 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 will be **Research Resource and Traditional Philately** with speakers including Paul Skinner from the British Library Philatelic Collections. Tickets £25 (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 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 **AGM and November Council meeting** was held at Spring Lodge on 19 November. Len Stanway of Basildon was appointed President and Mike Burt of Colchester became Vice President. All other officers were re-elected *en-bloc*. Alan Taylor of Basildon was co-opted to the Executive Committee by an ad-hoc meeting of the Exec members present (Lynn Roberts and David Sibley having stood down). The Executive will have to find a successor to David Sibley as Newsletter Editor. David Sibley was appointed a Life Member in recognition of his service to the association over many years.

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **11.30 on 25 March at Spring StampEssex** (see below for details). If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian.

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 25 November (note new date). **Spring 2018** will

be hosted by Basildon PS at James Hornsby School, Laindon on 28 April 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 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 November Council. The winners were: **October**: 1st: 52 Sue Stacey of Shoeburyness; 2nd: 11 Shirley Watson of Bishop's Stortford. **November**: 1st: 19 John Dickenson of Bishop's Stortford; 2nd: 35 Sue Stacey of Benfleet. **December**: 1st: 43 Mandy Knight of Shoeburyness; 2nd: 19 John Dickenson 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 book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present (2017 Edition now available); 2: Essex Past (historical information, issued 2016); 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs (previously part of Volume 2, issued 2016). Len Stanway continuously updates the manual and would be glad to receive details of 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 member 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

MAYFEST 2017

The 2017 exhibition in the Town Square that allows societies to recruit new members will take place on 13 May 2017. The society will have a presence.

ALBUMS CLOSED

Ted Smithers, who was an Associate Member supplying exchange packet books, passed away in July. The society's condolences have been passed to his widow, Gill, who has donated his outstanding packet books to the society.

Bryan Marsh, who was a member from 1984 to circa 1990, passed away in October.

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

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

3 October – Fakes, error and Omissions – Members' displays.

Claude Crowder started the evening with a wide range of Commonwealth varieties, a British pre-release set of covers and Decimal first day covers from the same offices with and without strike cachets. Len Stanway followed with the various forgeries of the 1888 North Borneo definitives. Ian McElwain completed the first half with a forged overprint on Bermuda and a colour shift on Ascension. Charlie Mead started the second round with reprints and forgeries of early Fiji and varieties on the recent definitive overprints, followed by other forgeries and British facsimile printings. Maggie Thompson completed the evening with Triangular bisects and forgeries.

18 October – Auction.

Realisations were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£2.50	97	£2.80	261	£12.50
2	£2.80	98	£5.00	262	£9.50
3	£7.20	108	£6.00	265	£4.00
4	£4.00	109	£3.00	266	£5.20
6	£3.00	121	£5.00	272	£5.00
7	£3.00	130	£10.00	273	£2.20
8	£2.00	131	£13.00	274	£2.00
9	£3.00	133	£3.00	275	£3.00
10	£8.50	134	£6.00	277	£10.50
11	£5.00	135	£2.50	278	£2.00
12	£10.20	136	£2.20	280	£2.20
13	£3.00	137	£2.80	282	£2.00
15	£5.00	138	£9.00	283	£2.00
16	£6.20	139	£2.20	284	£2.20
17	£23.00	141	£8.00	285	£2.00
18	£2.00	147	£2.00	286	£3.50
21	£4.50	149	£2.80	287	£2.00
22	£4.20	153	£2.80	290	£7.80
23	£4.20	156	£5.20	291	£4.80
24	£5.20	160	£3.50	293	£4.20
26	£5.00	161	£2.80	301	£5.00

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
29	£21.00	167	£4.20	305	£7.00
30	£11.50	171	£6.80	321	£2.50
31	£10.50	172	£2.80	322	£2.80
32	£10.50	173	£2.50	323	£2.20
33	£26.00	174	£3.00	324	£2.00
34	£2.20	175	£20.00	325	£3.80
35	£8.50	176	£8.00	326	£2.20
36	£3.00	177	£10.50	327	£3.20
37	£3.00	178	£5.80	328	£3.00
38	£2.00	179	£7.80	329	£2.50
39	£5.00	180	£7.00	330	£2.70
40	£5.00	183	£3.50	331	£3.00
41	£2.00	184	£6.50	332	£3.00
42	£2.00	186	£7.00	333	£4.00
43	£2.00	187	£7.00	334	£2.50
44	£6.00	189	£10.00	335	£3.00
45	£2.00	191	£2.00	336	£2.80
46	£2.00	192	£2.00	337	£3.50
48	£10.00	196	£2.00	339	£3.80
49	£11.50	199	£2.00	340	£2.50
50	£11.50	200	£3.80	341	£3.80
51	£5.00	201	£4.00	342	£2.00
52	£2.00	202	£4.00	343	£5.00
53	£2.00	204	£3.00	344	£3.50
56	£25.50	205	£4.00	345	£21.00
57	£2.00	212	£7.00	347	£6.00
59	£2.50	213	£9.00	349	£6.00
60	£3.50	215	£25.00	361	£10.00
61	£10.00	216	£50.00	363	£4.50
62	£3.00	217	£6.20	377	£20.00
64	£2.00	218	£4.00	380	£2.00
65	£4.00	219	£12.00	381	£2.00
67	£3.50	220	£70.00	386	£21.50
71	£2.00	225	£5.20	387	£5.00
72	£3.00	228	£4.00	388	£20.50
74	£2.50	230	£4.00	389	£2.00
75	£2.50	237	£2.00	390	£2.50
76	£4.00	239	£3.00	394	£2.50
79	£4.20	244	£5.00	396	£4.00
80	£8.00	246	£4.00	400	£2.50
81	£2.00	250	£10.00	403	£5.00
82	£5.00	251	£2.00	408	£4.00
87	£7.00	252	£5.00	409	£7.80
91	£18.50	254	£2.00	410	£3.20
92	£15.00	257	£4.00	413	£2.20
95	£2.50	259	£2.00	422	£2.00
96	£4.00	260	£3.00	423	£6.00

7 November – Display by Rayleigh P.S.



Geoff Howard opened with Transportation of Mail, displaying the many types of postal transport used by land, sea or air. Mac Nunn displayed "All for Nothing", free gifts obtained from stamp magazines, exhibitions, etc. Bill Trower showed an extract from "Battle for the Pacific", first shown at the society some 40 years ago!

22 November – Singapore.

Len Stanway continued from where he left off in 2012, displaying the stamp issues and related material of 1987 to February 1994 and postmarks used by the General Post Office from the 1860s to date.

5 December – Great Britain Telegrams and Free Franks.

John Rawlins took us through the story of the free postage afforded to members of Parliament and some other officials, their uses and abuses. Survival of so many cover fronts is due to the pre-stamp hobby of collecting the signatures of such persons. He followed it with a display of telegrams from the early private services to modern greetings telegrams.

20 December – Festive Night.

Charlie Mead acted as Quizmaster with questions set by Len Stanway, who could not be present. Alan Taylor won the Tomex Cup with 19 marks, with Claude Crowder in second place (16) and Barry Mead third (15).

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.

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 Stanway if you would like a copy sent to you. Anyone who needs a hard copy should contact Alan Taylor 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 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 16 January.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS JOURNAL

This newsletter is published in both electronic and hard-copy formats. The hard-copy version is distributed only to members of the society who do not have e-mail facilities. The electronic version is sent to all members who have e-mail. It is also available free-of-charge to any interested collector outside the society. To request addition to or deletion from the distribution list, please contact the Editor.

SMALL ADS

Society members are entitled to insert one small advertisement free of charge in each issue. Please send your advert to the Editor.

Malaysia - First day covers for sale. Many issues available. Wants lists to Len Stanway.

Stamp Fairs – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 14 January, 11 March, 13 May, 8 July, 9 September, 11 November 2017. 9.30am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

January 2017

- 3 Benfleet - Competitions and Mini-Auction.
- 3 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
- 4 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & Members' Displays.
- 4 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 9 Rayleigh - Annual Quiz.
- 9 Frinton - It's Only a Cover Night.
- 10 Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 10 Bury St. Edmunds - Members' Displays.
- 12 Harlow - General discussion and activity.
- 12 Hullbridge - Sheets From My Album (Members).
- 14 Epping Forest - Auction (1.30pm for 2.15pm).
- 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (pm).
- 17 Basildon - Stuart Henderson entertains.
- 17 Sudbury - Bourse, auction and 3-sheet displays.
- 18 Bishop's Stortf'd - Recent Acquisitions (Members) (pm).
- 18 Goodmayes - Chairman's Night (G. Mallett).
- 18 Ipswich - Members' Displays.
- 19 Witham - Annual General Meeting.
- 20 Colchester - Competition Night.
- 23 Frinton - Theme D, E or F (Members).
- 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 23 Rayleigh - The Ken Seymour Display.
- 24 Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 24 Chelmsford - The Committee Entertains (afternoon).
- 26 Harlow - Letter O (Members).
- 26 Shoeburyness - (Provisional date).
- 28 AEPS Seminar – See news item.**

February 2017

- 1 Bishop's Stortford - London Exhibitions (D. Connell).
- 1 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 1 Goodmayes - Stamps from Island (Members).
- 1 Ipswich - The British & Foreign Treaty Ports in China (J.J. Gaskell).
- 2 Billericay - Rolls-Royce et al (D. Bremner).
- 6 Basildon - Luxembourg (J. Charlton).
- 6 Frinton - Mike Carter displays.
- 7 Benfleet - An Evening with Mac Nunn.
- 7 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
- 9 Harlow - Display by a Member.
- 9 Hullbridge - Auction
- 11 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (pm).
- 11 Witham - STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall Newlands St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 10.30am-4pm.
- 13 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 14 Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 14 Bury St. Edmunds - Danzig (G. du Boulay).
- 14 Chelmsford - Falkland Islands (G.E. Miller).
- 14 Epping Forest - The Chairman's Evening (C. Banfield).

15 Bishop's Stortford – The Years 1952-1961 (Members)(pm).
 15 Goodmayes - Africa (Members).
 15 Ipswich - Society Coach Trip To Stampex (no meeting).
 16 Billericay - Southern Africa (A. Ritchin).
 17 Colchester - South West Africa (D. Gottesmann).
 20 Frinton - Postcards Only Night.
 21 Basildon - GB Recorded Delivery (M. Musgrave).
 21 Sudbury - Chairman's Evening.
 23 Harlow - General discussion and activity.
 23 Shoeburyness - (Provisional date).
 23 Witham - Informal/Bring & Buy.
 27 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
 27 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 28 Braintree - (Provisional date).
 28 Chelmsford - Display by Sudbury P.S.

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1 Bishop's Stortford - Aspects of Rhodesia (M. Thomas and Ms A. McCullogh).
 1 Clacton - (Provisional date).
 1 Goodmayes - Competitions.
 1 Ipswich - Astronomy & Archaeology (N. Emeny).
 2 Billericay - The Post Office in Essex (J.W.J. Copeland).
 6 Basildon - Africa or Animals (Members).
 6 Frinton - Competitions.
 7 Benfleet - The Story of the Spitfire (Mrs S. Knight).
 7 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
 9 Harlow - Letter P (Members).
 9 Hullbridge - Competition.
 9 Witham - Competitions & Bourse.
 11 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (pm).
 13 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 14 Braintree - (Provisional date).
 14 Bury St. Edmunds - Competitions.
 14 Chelmsford - GB Postal History – With a difference (D.G. Davies).
 14 Epping Forest - A Selection of British Commonwealth Countries (C.H. Crowder).
 15 Bishop's Stortford - Display on a Theme (Members) (pm).
 15 Goodmayes - British Borneo (J.J. Gaskell).
 15 Ipswich - Competitions.
 16 Billericay - Display by Rayleigh P.S.
 17 Colchester - Dealer Evening (Mrs S. Brooks).
 20 Frinton - Instant Auction
 21 Basildon - Display by Hullbridge P.S.
 21 Sudbury - Auction.
 23 Harlow - Annual General Meeting and Quiz.
 23 Witham - Informal/Bring & Buy.

25 AEPS/Rayleigh - SPRING STAMPESSEX, Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9BZ. 10am-4pm.

25 AEPS - Council Meeting at StampEssex. 11.30pm.

27 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
 27 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 28 Braintree - (Provisional date).
 28 Bury St. Eds - 1936 Olympic Games (A.J. Bosworth).
 28 Chelmsford - Something beginning with I (Members).
 29 Sudbury - Annual Dinner (by invitation).
 30 Shoeburyness - (Provisional date).

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