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Editorial:

Best wishes for the Summer holidays! We hope that you will find time for your collections and return rested for a busy autumn of events.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2017-2018 are now due. The annual fee remains 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 or Alan Taylor.

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:

Bandung 2017: 3–7 August (FIP). Trans Studio Convention Center, Bandung, Indonesia. UK Commissioner Jon Aitchison.

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

PRAGA 2018: 15-18 August (FIP/FEPA). UK Commissioner: Yvonne Wheatley. Entries close 1 November 2017.

Stockholmia 2019: 29 May-2 June.

London 2020: (FIP) 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. Final qualifying will be at Spring Stampex 2019.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

All forthcoming FEPA exhibitions are listed at <http://fepanews.com/International%20Exhibitions>

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

EXHIBITING FEES INCREASE!

From 1 January 2018, the cost of entering ABPS events, including Stampex, will rise 25% from £20 to £25 per frame or literature entry.

ABPS YORK NATIONAL EXHIBITION

A full national exhibition with all classes, this will be held on 21-22 July 2017 at York Race course, York YO23 1EX. Over 100 stamp and coin dealers will attend the pre-eminent show in the north of England.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

The new Postal Museum, together with the MailRail Experience, will open on 28 July. Tickets will be £16, including a “voluntary” £1.50 donation.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2017 Congress** will be at Jury's Inn, Park Place, Cardiff from 27-30 July. The event will have a Welsh theme. The RDP Ceremony will take place at the City Hall. The Kay Goodman lecture will be on the theme of “The Future of ABPS”. Booking forms are available at www.gbcongress.uk. 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.

MIDPEX

This very successful bi-annual event, supported by ABPS and intended to promote the UK's specialist societies, will take place at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre on 8 July 2017 with over forty dealers present.

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 2017:** 13-16 September. This will be a full national. Sarawak Specialists' Society has agreed take to 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive and the Hungary society 20 frames.

- **Spring 2018:** will be 14-17 February and feature British Islands, while **Autumn 2018** will be 12-15 September and feature First World War and the American Philatelic Society.

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.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

SAN's website is www.stampactive.co.uk. ABPS continues to support the hosting and maintenance of the site in 2017. Individuals and Societies can support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20. For more information contact John Davies (davies1890@btinternet.com). Starter Packs are still available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Stamp Active is looking for individuals to help in the running of its youth programmes. Can you help?

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.

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.

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.

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 2018. Nomination forms can be obtained from Yvonne Wheatley, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman, Weltevreden, 7 Manor Croft, Leeds LS15 9BW, 0113-2601978 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.

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 Editor is the Essex ABPS delegate and is willing to assist societies and their members in raising issues with ABPS.

Essex News

NEW CHESHUNT VENUE

Following closure of the Wolsey Hall, Cheshunt society has moved its meetings to The Spanish Ambassador's Suite, Broxbourne Council Offices, Bishops' College, Churchgate, Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ from May 2017.

ALBUMS CLOSED

Jean Taylor, for 27 years the Packet Secretary of Billericay society, passed away on 15 April.

AEPS SEMINAR 2018

The 2018 AEPS Seminar will provisionally be on 27 January at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. The theme will be advised in due course.

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. The RPSL has frames twelve faces of 9 sheets and forty faces of 12 sheets. 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 member to display. If every society displayed, about two frames could be allocated to each society, but extra nominations or combined society displays would be welcome. Insurance, if required, will be the responsibility of displayers. In exceptional cases, it may be possible to use high-quality scanned images. A short synopsis of each entry with an image of a

key item will be needed for the event programme.

AEPS COUNCIL

A new Treasurer will be needed at the AGM. Volunteers please!

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **14.30 on 15 July at Spring Lodge, Witham**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

AEPS will again host **Autumn StampEssex 2017** by AEPS at Marconi Club on 25 November (note new date). **Autumn 2018 and 2019** will also be held at Marconi Club at the same time of year. **Spring StampEssex 2018** will be hosted by Basildon PS at James Hornsby School, Laindon on 28 April. **A volunteer society is sought to host Spring 2019.**

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 will be held at the July Council.

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 (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

www.stampessex.org.uk, the new AEPS website, gives details of member societies. Please use this site and send any corrections or suggestions to Ian McElwain, who is AEPS Webmaster.

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

NEXT MEETINGS

3 July - Prisoner of War Mail of Burma & Thailand by David Tett FRPSL. David wrote the definitive works on PoW mail in south east Asia and returns to take us through Burma and Thailand, which will inevitably include the infamous Burma-Thailand Railway.

6 July - Basildon v. Billericay Quiz (at Billericay). Come to The Fold and support your society team of Claude Crowder, Charlie Mead and David Church at this annual fun event.

18 July - GB Postal History With A Difference by Don Davies FRPSL. Don's talk has achieved a reputation for displaying the unusual and, even, eccentric aspects of the postal history and is not to be missed.

7 August - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S. Visits from visiting societies are always

fascinating, throwing light on collectors varied interests.

22 August - Images of Ford by Jim Charlton & London Underground by Brian Nunn. Two very different displays from our friends from Rayleigh, both deriving from their working lives in the industries concerned.

4 September - Members' displays: Transport or Sport. Plenty of scope here for you to prepare a display (1 to 72 sheets!) of your favourite aspect.

19 September - Falkland Islands from 1869 by Geoff Miller. An old friend returns to his former home society to display his collection. Please come and give him your support.

AFTER OUR MEETINGS

We appreciate that, when meetings close, members are anxious to get away home. However, much remains to be done, such as washing-up, carrying frames, etc., back to the main entrance and helping the speakers with any packages they may have. At several meetings, our long-suffering Secretary has been left alone to do it all by himself. Please be thoughtful and lend a hand if it is possible for you to do so. For example, at a normal meeting, if six people took a frame each to the door on their way out, that job would be done in a fraction of the time it takes now.

ENTRIES REQUIRED FOR AEPS AUTUMN COMPETITIONS

The entry forms for the AEPS Autumn competitions are now available. The society needs two 16-sheet entries in each competition: Thematic, Modern (post 1987) Stamps, Modern Postal History, Modern Aerophilately, Open, Cinderella. Also, if any member has published a book in the last two years, we would be pleased to enter it for the Literature Trophy. The rules can be found in Philately in Essex 2017, which was e-mailed to you in December. Please let the Editor know if you would like to enter. The closing date is 1 August.

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 17 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!

There is still free capacity for your lots (minimum £2 reserve), which should be sent to Claude Crowder. The catalogue will be available in August in hard copy from Alan Taylor or by e-mail from Len Stanway.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

3 April - Auction.

After brisk bidding, both in the room and postal, realisations were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£2	130	£2.50	276	£7
2	£8	131	£2	277	£6.50
4	£6.50	134	£13	278	£6.50
5	£15	144	£5.80	279	£7
6	£6	147	£7	280	£6.50
7	£2	150	£6	282	£10
8	£5	151	£4	283	£10
9	£10.50	153	£8	284	£10
10	£11	154	£3.50	285	£10
11	£6	155	£5	286	£10
12	£6	157	£3	287	£25
14	£7.50	161	£4	288	£26
16	£11.50	162	£20	292	£2
17	£2.20	164	£4.80	293	£2.80
18	£22.50	165	£2.50	294	£2
20	£2	166	£3	295	£7
21	£3.50	167	£4.50	297	£9.50
22	£2	168	£4.20	299	£7
24	£26	169	£6	301	£2
25	£30	170	£10.20	302	£2.50
26	£8.50	171	£2.50	305	£12
27	£6.50	172	£3	314	£6
28	£3	173	£5	316	£13.50
29	£2.20	175	£2	317	£10
30	£2	176	£3	318	£18
32	£6.20	178	£3	320	£7
33	£6	180	£3	323	£2.50
34	£10	181	£3.50	324	£3
35	£2.20	182	£3	325	£4
36	£2	185	£9	326	£20
37	£2	187	£4	327	£6
38	£3	188	£2	331	£6
39	£12.50	189	£8	332	£10.50
41	£2	192	£6.50	335	£2.50
42	£7	193	£10	336	£6
43	£2.20	194	£2.80	340	£17.50
44	£5.20	195	£5.50	342	£4
45	£5.50	197	£2	343	£2.50
50	£3	198	£3.80	347	£4
51	£8.50	199	£5	349	£20
52	£6	200	£2	357	£20
53	£3.50	201	£4.80	364	£7
55	£5	202	£4	365	£6
56	£4.20	203	£3	367	£2
58	£12	204	£12.50	378	£5.50

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
61	£8	205	£3	379	£8.50
64	£21.50	206	£5	380	£2.80
65	£7	207	£3	382	£3
66	£3.20	208	£3	383	£4.50
71	£6	209	£2.50	384	£10.50
74	£12	210	£8.50	386	£6
78	£8	211	£6.50	387	£6.50
79	£8	212	£8.50	388	£10
80	£3	213	£12	389	£5
81	£3.50	215	£2	390	£11
82	£4	217	£12	391	£9
86	£6.50	223	£2.50	392	£6
87	£15	224	£3.20	394	£4
88	£3	225	£3.20	396	£4
90	£6.20	227	£5.50	397	£5
91	£30	235	£3.80	398	£4.20
92	£5.20	238	£10	399	£4
96	£5.80	242	£8.50	401	£5
97	£7	243	£8.50	402	£5.50
98	£4.50	244	£12	403	£4
99	£6	246	£20	404	£3.20
105	£2	253	£3	405	£4.20
106	£2	254	£21	406	£4.20
108	£7	258	£9	407	£5
109	£6	262	£2	411	£8
111	£4.50	263	£2	412	£12
113	£10	264	£7	414	£13
114	£6	265	£27	416	£4
115	£2	267	£5	417	£7
117	£3	268	£20	421	£3
118	£2	269	£8	422	£2.30
123	£2	270	£3		

18 April – The Chinese Treaty Port of Wei Hai Wei.

Your correspondent was unable to attend, but it is understood that our visitor, Nick Kerridge, gave a fascinating exposition of the postal complexities of this famous treaty port.

21 April – Basildon visit to Colchester & District P.S.

The Basildon team received a warm welcome to Colchester. Claude Crowder opened with Zimbabwe stamps to 2000. Len Stanway, a last-minute stand-in, completed the first round with International Organisations. Alan Taylor started the second round by marking the Queen's Birthday by showing her life in stamps, covers and postcards. Len finished off with the stamps, etc. of the Metropolitan Railway and its associated companies.

13 May - Mayfest.

As last year, the society took a table at this Round Table event which fills Basildon town

square all day (07.30-17.30!) with stands promoting societies and voluntary organisations. Ian McElwain, Len Stanway, Alf Potter and Claude Crowder manned our stand and handed out some 120 flyers (double last year) to passers-by, many of whom stopped for a chat and to view our small display. Hopefully, this will raise awareness of the society and might lead to new members in the future. Press and internet exposure for the society was also obtained through this event

16 May - Albania.

Lynn Roberts is a familiar visitor to Basildon, having been Secretary of the AEPS for many years. Your correspondent was again unable to attend, sadly, but understands that members received a rare glimpse into the postal affairs of this rarely-seen and, for a long time, secretive country.

3 June – Annual General Meeting.

A low-key, but fairly-well attended, AGM received reports from the officers and reviewed the prospects for the coming year. All officers were re-elected and subscriptions remain unchanged. The main themes of the reports were the need to recruit new members to rebalance the Society's finances and provide new officers for the future. The coming year will be our 50th, to be celebrated by StampEssex in the Spring.

20 June - Competitions.

While Ray How was judging the 11 entries in our annual competitions, the members present participated in a "Silent Quiz" set by Ian McElwain. The quiz was won by Claude Crowder with 11 points, David Church was second with 8 and Chris Cooksey was third with 5. The Stamps competition was won by Chris with "Southern Rhodesia 1947 Victory", with Claude's "GB Decimal Currency Coil Stamps" in second place. The Postal History also went to Chris with "Southern Rhodesia World War II Internment Camps" with Charlie Mead's "Fiji Postal Paid in Cash" second and Claude's "1971 Postal Strike" in third. Although unopposed in the Aerophilately category, Chris well deserved first for his "Development of Air mail services from Rhodesia to Far East" entry. Thematics honours went to Alf Potter with "2012 Olympic Games", with Alan Taylor's "Prince William 21st Birthday" in second and his "35th Anniversary of

Coronation Street" in third. Alf Potter's Picture Postcard entry "Happy Birthday" won that new class with his "Name Your Rose" second.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet needs more members to take part as several have unfortunately fallen by the wayside in recent months for various reasons. If you are not taking part, however "complete" you think your collection is, you may be missing out on this hitherto discovered variety at a bargain price.

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 or Alan for advice.

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.

PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2017

Our members' handbook is being updated and will be distributed electronically shortly. 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**.

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.

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.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"**The Scottish Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax 1813-1839 & The Welsh Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax 1836-1839**" is compiled by Ian Baker, David Graham, Michael Sanig and Bill Shand. A4, 385 pages including chapters with new information on the 'Exempt Towns' and the 'Carlisle Red' handstamp. The catalogue sections illustrate most of the handstamps on

cover, in addition to including new marks and updating dates of use. The Appendix covers the mailcoach services from Edinburgh, Glasgow and some other routes and also includes a wealth of information from major Scottish city directories for the mid-1830s. Copies are available for £28.00 plus £2.95 P & P from Mrs Lyn Robinson, 25 Myreton Avenue, KILMACOLM, Renfrewshire PA13 4LL. Cheques payable to: 'Scottish Postal History Society'.

"**British Letter Mail to Overseas Destinations 1840 to UPU**", 2nd Ed., by Jane and Michael Moubray was to go to press in June. Over 500 pages, all in colour, and with more than 200 illustrations. The books should be available by the end of July. £75 retail, but £68 to RPSL members. Available from RPSL.

"**Suffolk Postal History And Postal Markings To 1844**" by Thomas Slemons FRPSL. The Stuart Rossiter Trust, c.580 pages, hardback, with maps and illustrations of postmarks in colour. Includes a replacement of the Suffolk chapter of the British County Catalogue. Available soon, price £45 plus p+p. E-mail john.w.jackson@care4free.net to order www.rossitertrust.com

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. 8 July, 9 September, 11 November. 9.30am-3.30pm. Organiser: David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

July 2017

- 3 Basildon - Prisoner of War Mail of Thailand & Burma (D. Tett).
- 4 Benfleet – Greece (A.H. Boyce).
- 5 Bishop's Stortford - Falklands Islands & Dependencies (G.E. Miller).
- 5 Goodmayes - By Bus and Train (Members).
- 6 Billericay - Annual Quiz vs Basildon (at Billericay).
- 10 Cheshunt - Crete and Trieste Zones A and B (A.H. Boyce).
- 10 Rayleigh - Slovakia from 1993 & Praga 78 International Stamp Exhibition (Mrs. L. Bosworth).
- 11 Bury St. Edmunds - Informal.
- 11 Epping Forest - Annual General Meeting.

- 11 Sudbury - Member display.
- 13 Harlow - Away Day (venue to be agreed).
- 13 Hullbridge - C is for ? (Members).
- 13 Witham - (Provisional date).
- 18 Basildon - GB Postal History with a Difference (D. Davies).
- 19 B. Stortford - Overprints and Surcharges (pm).
- 20 Billericay - The Letter T (Members).
- 21 Colchester - Annual General Meeting & Competition.
- 24 Rayleigh - Acquired in 2016 (Members).
- 27 Harlow - Display by a Member.
- 27 Shoeburyness - An Evening with Geoff Howard.
- 27 Witham - (Provisional date).

August 2017

- 1 Benfleet – 1936 Olympic Games (A.J. Bosworth).
- 2 Bishop's Stortford - To be announced.
- 7 Basildon - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
- 8 Bury St. Edmunds - Informal.
- 10 Harlow - General discussion and activity.
- 10 Hullbridge - Bourse and One Page Display.
- 10 Witham - (Provisional date).
- 14 Cheshunt - Bring and Buy and Members Entertain.
- 14 Rayleigh - Astronomy & Archaeology (N. Emeny).
- 15 Sudbury - Members' displays.
- 16 B. Stortford - Postage Due & Other Etiquettes (pm).
- 22 Basildon - Images of Ford (J. Charlton) and London Underground (B. Nunn).
- 24 Harlow - Sport (Members).
- 24 Witham - (Provisional date).

September 2017

- 4 Basildon - Transport or Sport (Members).
- 4 Frinton - (Provisional date).
- 5 Benfleet - Auction.
- 5 Sudbury - (Provisional date).
- 6 Bishop's Stortford - Maritime Mail (M.K. Roberts).
- 6 Clacton - (Provisional date).
- 6 Goodmayes - (Provisional date).
- 7 Billericay - An evening with Malcolm Roberts.
- 7 Witham - (Provisional date).
- 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (pm).
- 11 Cheshunt - Switzerland and Pitcairn (M. Facey).
- 11 Rayleigh - Eight Sheets From My Collection.
- 12 Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 12 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).
- 12 Chelmsford - Berlin Olympics (A.J. Bosworth).
- 12 Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
- 14 Harlow - Letter R (Members).
- 14 Hullbridge - Display by Basildon P.S.
- 15 Colchester - (Provisional date).
- 18 Frinton - (Provisional date).

- 19 Basildon - Falkland Islands from 1869 (G.E. Miller).
- 19 Sudbury - (Provisional date).
- 20 B. Stortford - Examples from my Speciality (pm).
- 20 Goodmayes - (Provisional date).
- 20 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
- 21 Billericay - Islands (Members).
- 21 Witham - (Provisional date).
- 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 25 Rayleigh - An Evening with Ray How.
- 26 Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 26 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).
- 26 Chelmsford - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
- 28 Harlow - Display by a member.
- 28 Shoeburyness - Display by Hullbridge P.S.

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