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Editorial:

The opening of the new Postal Museum restores Britain to its rightful place as a place to visit for philatelists. We hope that the museum will remember that it is a place of learning and research, not just a tourist attraction, at a time when many museums are being reduced to little more than places to keep the kids occupied, with little educational value for persons of any age.

On a personal note, my wife and I would like to thank everyone for their support during the 14 months since my son's road accident. I am pleased to say that he has now been able to leave hospital and return to his home in the Isle of Man.

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:

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

Italia 2018: Milan, 23-24 March 2018. UK Rep: Chris Harman. Literature only. Closing 31 October 2017.

Israel 2018: World Stamp Championship, Jerusalem, 27-31 May 2018. UK Rep: Simon Richards. Closing tba.

Nordia 2018: Reykjavik, 8-10 June 2018. UK Rep: Mike Smith. Closing tba.

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

Stockholmia 2019: 29 May-2 June. RPSL members only.

London 2020: 2-9 May(FIP). UK Rep: Mike JY Roberts. 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! Better still, go out and do something!

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.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

The new Postal Museum opened on 28 July. The MailRail Experience opened on 4 September. Tickets are £16, including a "voluntary" £1.50 donation, and can be booked on line.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2018 Congress** will be at Gateshead on the last weekend of July. 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.

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):

- **Spring 2018:** will be 14-17 February and feature British Islands. ABPS has announced that this will include an Ephemera class competition in association with the Ephemera Society. 'Ephemera' covers a vast range of printed and written items designed for a specific purpose – from beer mats to greetings cards and from pamphlets to train tickets. It provides fascinating insights into cultural trends over the centuries and generates much interest among collectors. Building on our experience with Cinderella and postcard exhibits we want to give collectors of ephemera an opportunity to display

their material. Exhibits can be entered competitively or non-competitively. This will be an experiment and the results will be evaluated afterwards. For further information and an application form, see www.abps.org.uk.

- **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.

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

The website is now replacing the handbook as the source of information on judges and speakers. <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 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 Jason Webber at RPSL.

ABPS AWARD OF MERIT 2018

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. The next one is planned for the Sun Hotel, Hitchin on **25-26 November 2017**. 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

ALBUMS CLOSED

EAPHS has reported the death in late June of Gerald Daldry of Colchester, its former Chairman, at the age of 84.

John Browne, who represented Goodmayes and Leytonstone & Wanstead societies for many years passed away in August at the age of 93. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and co-representative, Avril.

Roy Orrin of Colchester, a former stalwart of Essex philately, passed away on 17 August.

SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Clacton society marks its 70th Anniversary on 26 November. Congratulations!

AEPS SEMINAR 2018

The 2018 AEPS Seminar will 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 **"Preparing To Display Your Collection to Societies and Traditional Philately"**, presented by Lindy and Tony Bosworth. Tickets £25 (including lunch and refreshments) are available from Ray How, 5 Dalys Road, Rochford SS4 1RA. Application forms can be obtained from Alan. These seminars are 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. The venue has ample parking and is just off the A12.

AEPS TO DISPLAY AT THE ROYAL IN 2019 – YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE PART!

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 is compiling a list of potential participants. 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 100 CLUB

The AEPS was originally funded solely by capitation based on the membership of each member society, supplemented by voluntary donations from societies who organised the annual Conventions (today's StampEssex events) from any profit made, use of display frames, etc. With falling rolls in most societies and reduced numbers of society events, and thus reduced funding to the AEPS, it became necessary to raise additional funds in order to avoid pressure to increase the capitation fee, which would create a vicious circle of decline. After alternative fund-raising methods were tried without success, the AEPS 100 Club came about as a means by which individual members of societies could help the AEPS fulfil its role of supporting societies across our area, whilst holding out the prospect of receiving prizes in return. It has been running now successfully for several years.

The Club is open to any member of an AEPS member society. Each member purchases one or more blocks of 12 £1 shares (one for each of the next 12 months). Draws are held at each AEPS Council meeting to cover the period since the last one. For each month, 50% of the pool goes to the first prize winner, 30% to the second prize winner and 20% to AEPS funds.

We hope that you will consider supporting the AEPS by buying or renewing at least one block of shares. The more shares that you have the higher the chance of winning! Please complete an application form, obtainable from Alan Taylor or John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com), and return it to John with your payment. Five draws were held at the September Council. The winners were: **April:** 1st: R.How; 2nd: M Burt; **May:** 1st: A.Potter; 2nd: P.Denly; **June:** 1st: D.Armitage; 2nd: L.Stanway; **July:** 1st: Mrs M.Knight; 2nd: J.Dickenson; **August:** 1st: B.Morriss; 2nd: J.Dickenson.

AEPS COUNCIL

The September Council meeting met at Hampton's in Chelmsford (the Autumn StampEssex venue) for the first time. Delegates heard reports on the possible acquisition of additional frames, and future activities. The recent poor response to competitions and the lack of volunteer societies to organise events led to a discussion on whether to reduce the number of competitions and/or reduce StampEssex to an annual event instead of Spring and Autumn. This will require further deliberation unless there is a sudden rush of volunteers and entrants. Colchester came forward to host Autumn 2021, but Witham indicated that it is unlikely that they would be able to host 2020 as previously suggested. A new Treasurer will be needed for the AEPS at the AGM; Volunteers please!

The AGM, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **11am** on **25 November** at **StampEssex**. If you have issues to raise, please tell Len, Alan or Ian.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

AEPS will again host **Autumn StampEssex 2017** by AEPS at Hampton's Sports and Leisure (formerly the Marconi Club) on 25 November. **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 is invited for Spring 2019.**

DAWES CUP COMPETITION 2018

The 2018 event will be hosted by Mid Anglia on 12 May 2018 at the Arbury Centre, Cambridge from 10am to 3pm. Ray How would appreciate nominations of potential high-level 16-sheet entrants for this inter-federation team event. Judging will take place in late April.

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. **The 2018 Edition is now in preparation, so please advise any changes to Len Stanway a.s.a.p. If you would like to join the speaker list, now is your chance!**

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, 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.

Basildon Society News

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday **2 October**: Revenue Stamps by Chris Harman RDP. Tuesday **17 October**: Auction. Monday **6 November**: Essex Postmarks & A Picture Tour of Ireland by Ray How FRPSL. Tuesday **21 November**: Postcards & Postal Regulations by John Copeland. Monday **4 December**: Recent Acquisitions (Members' displays). Tuesday **19 December**: Festive Night & Tomex Quiz (set by Alan).

AUCTION

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

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

20 June – Competitions - Correction.

The quiz was won by Claude Crowder with 11 points, Chris Cooksey was second with 10 and David Church was third with 8. Apologies to Mr. Cooksey for error.

4 July – Prisoner of War Mail from Burma and Thailand by David Tett FRPSL.

David is the undoubted expert on Far East PoW mail and the author of the definitive books on the subject. He is also an excellent speaker. he began with civilian internees' mail from Burma, which is very scarce, then Thailand. PoW mail itself is dominated by the infamous Thailand-Burma Railway, built by the Japanese using PoW and other conscript labour, including railway engineers from the Federated Malay States Railways. David displayed mail from both the Burma and Thailand work camps, both incoming and outgoing, with biographical information on some of the people involved. An outstanding evening's display.

6 July – Basildon v. Billericay Quiz.

The Basildon team of David Church, Claude Crowder and Alan Taylor brought Billericay's run of victories to an end. Stuart Henderson did the

honours and the final result was Basildon 40½ marks, Billericay 30½ marks.

7 August – Display by Chelmsford & Dist. P.S.



Pat Adams showed us further parts of her extensive Norway collection with early items from the period before Norway even had handstamps, through the first handstamps in 1845, to the 1855 introduction of stamps. Early ship letters were followed by the tales of explorers, advertising stationery, and postcards and covers from Notodden.

Eric Lienhard took a humorous look at Switzerland with landscape caricatures by Killingen of Zurich, compared with the actual scenes, "In My Flight Through ..." visitor postcards and cartoon of stamps.

22 August – Images of Ford & London Underground

Jim Charlton and Brian Nunn, both from Rayleigh, both gave excellent displays of their collections of material relating to their former employers.

4 September – Transport or Sport

As with all Members' Display evenings, we looked forward to the variety that would appear. we were not disappointed. Alf Potter started with London 2012 Olympic Games issues. Maggie Thompson followed suit with the 1957 Dominican Republic Olympic triangulars, including much proof material. Len Stanway showed railways, notably from Yorkshire preserved lines's letter services. Ian McElwain showed military transport aircraft. Claude Crowder covered both bases with transport and sport on the stamp issues of Gibraltar. Maggie Thompson concluded the evening with more triangulars, including transport

on French and Congo postage dues and Olympic issues from the Middle East.

14 September – Basildon display to Hullbridge P.S.

Alan Taylor, Claude Crowder and Len Stanway spent a pleasant evening entertaining our friends with displays on Royalty, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe and Straits Settlements respectively.

19 September – Falkland Islands by Geoff Miller

Our former member and good friend from Frinton returned to display Falklands material from the earliest period to 2000 in three sessions. Starting with the first postmarks, he then took us through each stamp issue in turn, interspersed with important postal history, such as the stamp shortages of 1971 and the Argentinian issues used during the Falklands War of 1982. Falklands issues were always relevant to the islands and made excellent and interesting viewing.

RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Chris Cooksey and Len Stanway both gained Large Vermeil medals at Autumn Stampex.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet needs more members to take part as several have unfortunately fallen by the wayside 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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2017-2018 are now due. Members who have not renewed by 1 September are deemed to have lapsed. 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.

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 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

We are grateful to members for some recent donations to the Society’s **Library**, which is run by Ian McElwain. It contains catalogues and reference books that members can borrow to research their collections and to find out how to get more from our hobby. We are updating the catalogue collection as opportunities allow. If you are disposing of redundant catalogues, the society would welcome donations, which may update items in the library or, if surplus, sold to raise society funds. 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.

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.

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. 11 November 2017. 9.30am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

October 2017

- 2 Basildon - Revenue Stamps (C.G. Harman).
- 2 Frinton - Me and My Collections (S. Alpe).
- 3 Benfleet - Informal, Bourse & Mini-Auction.
- 3 Sudbury - Easter Island and Others (R. Barnes).

- 4 Bishop's Stortford - Competitions & The President Entertains.
- 4 Clacton - As Long As It Begins With Letter C (Members).
- 4 Goodmayes - Between the Tropics (Members).
- 4 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
- 5 Billericay - Battle for the Pacific (Part 2) (W.E. Trower).
- 5 Witham - Asia (Members).
- 9 Cheshunt - Annual Competitions, Quiz & Members Entertain.
- 9 Rayleigh - Display by Billericay & District P.S.
- 9 *Worldwide* - *World Post Day*.
- 10 Braintree - Aspects of Somaliland (D.C. Ford).
- 10 Bury St. Edmunds - German Inflation (A. Soutar).
- 10 Chelmsford - Recent Philatelic Purchases (Members).
- 10 Epping Forest - From The Pacific To The Antarctic (T. Hoad).
- 11 Billericay - Golden Anniversary Lunch (by invitation).
- 12 Harlow - Ships on Stamps (M.K. Roberts).
- 12 Hullbridge - They had money, so they flew (film/slide show).
- 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
- 14 Sudbury - STAMP DAY, Old School, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9DX. 10am to 4pm.
- 16 Frinton - Display by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S.
- 17 Basildon - Auction.
- 17 Sudbury - Display by Benfleet P.S.
- 18 Bishop's Stortford - Royalty on Stamps (afternoon).
- 18 Goodmayes - German Pacific Colonies (D. Johnson).
- 18 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
- 19 Billericay - Flora (Members).
- 19 Witham - Anything beginning with R (Members).
- 20 Colchester - Falkland Islands Dependencies (G.E. Miller).
- 21 Colchester - STAMP FAIR, Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0RH. 10am-4pm.
- 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Swap and Sell Evening.
- 23 Rayleigh - Competition & Bourse Night.
- 24 Braintree - Asia (Members).
- 24 Bury St. Edmunds - Treaty Ports (J.J. Gaskell).
- 24 Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 26 Harlow - Letter S (Members).
- 26 Shoeburyness - Ships on Stamps (M.K. Roberts).

November 2017

- 1 Bishop's Stortford - Display by Epping Forest S.C.
- 1 Clacton - London Underground Railway (S. Clayton).
- 1 Goodmayes - Letters W, X or Z (Members).
- 1 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
- 2 Billericay - Germany, 1918-45 (T. Stenning).
- 2 Witham - Paul Green entertains.
- 6 Basildon - Essex postmarks and A Picture Tour of Ireland (R.E. How).
- 6 Frinton - Members' displays.
- 7 Benfleet - Members' displays.
- 7 Sudbury - Informal (afternoon).
- 9 Harlow - General discussion and activity.
- 9 Hullbridge - Postcards only (Members and guests).
- 11 Chelmsford - Annual Dinner (By invitation).
- 11 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction (afternoon).
- 13 Cheshunt - GB Classic Private Posts including College Stamps, Circular Delivery Companies and their stamps 1865-1868 (C.G. Harman).
- 13 Rayleigh - The Post Town of Petworth (C. Cooksey).

- 14 Braintree - My Favourite Colour (Members).
 14 Bury St. Edmunds - GB Postal History With A Difference (D.G. Davies).
 14 Chelmsford - Display by Basildon P.S.
 14 Epping Forest - Bring & Buy (Members).
 15 Bishop's Stortford - Recent Acquisitions (afternoon).
 15 Goodmayes - Display by Cheshunt P.S.
 15 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 16 Billericay - Fauna (Members).
 16 Witham - Informal / Bring and buy.
 20 Frinton - Anything but stamps (Members).
 21 Basildon - Postcards and Postal Regulations (J.W.J. Copeland).
 21 Sudbury - Bourse, room auction and 3-sheet "My favourites" displays.
 23 Harlow - Medicine (Members).
 24 Colchester - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
25 AEPS - Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting, StampEssex. 11am.
25 AEPS - AUTUMN STAMPESSEX, Hampton's Sport & Leisure, Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9FH.
 27 Leytonstone & Wanstead - 1936 Philatelic German Olympics (A.J. Bosworth).
 27 Rayleigh - Auction.
 28 Braintree - Anything beginning with A, B, C or D (Members).
 28 Bury St. Edmunds - Auction (viewing 6.30pm).
 28 Chelmsford - Tristan Da Cunha, Seven Island Families (T. Hoad).
 30 Shoeburyness - Letters Y-Z (Members).
 30 Witham - Speaker to be announced.

December 2017

- 4 Basildon - Recent Acquisitions (Members).
 4 Frinton - Auction.
 5 Benfleet - Chairman's Night – British South Africa Company (P. Maslanka) and Christmas Social.
 5 Sudbury - To be advised (afternoon).
 6 Bishop's Stortford - Danzig (G. du Boulay).
 6 Clacton - Xmas Evening (Members only).
 6 Goodmayes - Auction.
 6 Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 7 Billericay - Christmas Social (Members only).
 7 Shoeburyness - Chairman's Night.
 8 Colchester - Members' displays and Christmas Social.
 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Christmas Get-together, Chairman's Display, Quiz, 1-page competition (afternoon).
 11 Rayleigh - Christmas Social.
 12 Braintree - Christmas Social and Quiz.
 12 Bury St. Edmunds - Social Evening, 1-sheet competition, quiz, etc.
 12 Chelmsford - Christmas and Winter Theme (Members).
 12 Epping Forest - A Christmas Evening (Members and Guests).
 14 Harlow - Christmas meeting, raffle and quiz.

- 14 Hullbridge - Chairman's Night and Christmas Fare.
 14 Witham - Christmas Related Meeting.
 18 Cheshunt - Members Entertain (afternoon).
 18 Frinton - Christmas celebrations.
 19 Basildon - Festive Night & Tomex Quiz.
 19 Sudbury - Quiz Night.
 20 Bishop's Stortford - Celebrating an Olympics (afternoon).
 20 Goodmayes - Quiz Night (C.H. Crowder).

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 from 7.30 for 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

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