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Editorial:

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers!

International News

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

To be eligible for five frames at a 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:

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

Nordia 2018: Gardabaer, near Reykjavik, 8-10 June 2018. Regional exhibition for Nordic countries, UK and US. All classes. UK Rep: Mike Smith. Closing 16 January 2018.

PRAGA 2018: 15-18 August (FIP/FEPA). UK Rep: Yvonne Wheatley. Entries closed.

Italia 2018: Milan, Postponed to 23-25 November. UK Rep: Chris Harman. Literature only. Closing date tbe.

Stockholmia 2019: 29 May-2 June. RPSL members only. Closing 30 April 2018. Applications direct to the Commissioner General, Jan Berg.

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!

National News

ALBUMS CLOSED

One of the dedicated supporters of our hobby, Maurice Flack of Kent, passed away suddenly on 8 December. Maurice was latterly Competitions Secretary of Kent, but could be found almost anywhere supporting events and promoting the hobby. He will be missed by his many friends across the country.

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. Entries are now closed. This will include an experimental Ephemera class competition for the first time in association with the Ephemera Society.
- **Autumn 2018** will be 12-15 September.
- **Spring 2019.** 13-16 February.
- **Autumn 2019.** 11-14 September..

YORK 2018

Following the success of this year's exhibition, another Northern National will be held at York Racecourse Grandstand on 20-21 July 2018 with 150 frames. Details and application form will be published later.

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.

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 & WEBSITE

For a full listing in the handbook, societies need to be members of ABPS. Non-member societies appear as names only, so societies need to join to take advantage of this publicity. The society's copy is held by Alan Taylor.

The website <http://www.abps.org.uk> is now being regularly updated and contains much valuable information. It has replaced the handbook as the prime source of information on judges and speakers. Society, judge and speaker updates should be sent in the first instance to editor@abps.co.uk who will pass the info on. Corrections to existing website data should be sent directly to ABPS webmaster, Maurice Buxton at mauricebuxton@gmail.com.

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.

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

Peter D. Harris of Hornchurch passed away on 1 November, aged 89. He was Secretary of Thurrock society for many years up to its closure in 2009. He was also active in the Civil Service S.C. His funeral was at Rainham on 20 November, the AEPS President representing his many friends who were unable to attend.

AUTUMN COMPETITION RESULTS

The AEPS autumn competitions gathered twelve entries from five societies. Christine Finn (Bishops Stortford) gained a double of the Thematic Trophy with 85 marks for "Back To The Drawing Board" and the Open Trophy with 80 marks for "The Penny Black's Censored Centenary". Dave Armitage (Bishop's Stortford) took the Modern Material Traditional trophy with 82 marks for "Canada Berries Issue Definitives". The Cinderella trophy went to Chris Cooksey (Basildon) with 84 marks for "Airways Letter Service of Central African Airways". Basildon's other entry, Len Stanway's "The Whyte Arrangement", came third in Thematic.

AWARDS

Congratulations to Ken Burr of Bury St. Edmunds and Andrew Claridge of Essex on their elevation to Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London.

AEPS AGM AND COUNCIL

The AGM took place at Autumn StampEssex. All officers remain unchanged with the exception of Treasurer. Paul Green stepped down after 52 years as an Association officer and three years as Treasurer. An Acting Treasurer will be appointed by the Executive Committee as soon as a volunteer can be found. The annual capitation fee remains unchanged. Four societies were congratulated on their major anniversaries: Benfleet (50th), Billericay and Rayleigh (60th), Clacton (70th). The Executive will meet in January to consider the future form of AEPS competitions and StampEssex, and a proposal will be put to the March Council meeting.

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **11am on 24 March at Rayleigh Stamp Day, Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive..** If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian. AEPS Spring Competition entries will be required by this meeting.

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. 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.

STAMPESSEX EVENTS

Spring StampEssex 2018 will be hosted by Basildon PS at James Hornsby School, Laindon on 28 April. **Volunteer societies are invited to host future events. In the absence of volunteers, it may not be possible to hold future events.**

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 November Council. The winners were: **September:** 1st: B. Morris (Hullbridge); 2nd: P. Denly (Bishop’s Stortford); **October:** 1st: Mr MacGregor (Sudbury); 2nd: L. Stanway (Basildon); **November:** 1st: Mrs S. Stacey (Benfleet); 2nd: Mrs A. Stanway (Basildon).

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The 2018 issue of Volume 1 was published at the beginning of December. This is now a free digital handbook 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 (2018 Edition now available); 2: Essex Past (historical information, issued 2016); 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs (issued 2016). Len Stanway continuously updates the master record and would be glad to receive details of any other new or updated information for inclusion in the 2019 issue and any interim publicity. Please advise any changes to Len Stanway a.s.a.p.

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 progress of philatelic competitors from level to level that judging criteria and approaches are harmonised. It is therefore important that judges at all levels are 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 judges and potential exhibitors. After 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.

DAWES CUP COMPETITION

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.

Basildon Society News

NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday **16 January**: Members displays: 12 pages or recent purchases. Monday **5 February**: German Inflation by John Rawlins. Tuesday **20 February**: State of Victoria, Australia and Chile by Don Davies. Monday **5 March**: Visiting society: to be announced. Tuesday **20 March**: Aspects of Canada by Dave Armitage.

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 17 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! **There is still free capacity for your lots (minimum £2 reserve), which should be sent to Claude Crowder.** Lots will be accepted until 5 February or when the limit has been reached, whichever is sooner.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

2 October – Revenue Stamps – Chris Harman.



Any display by Chris is eagerly anticipated and this lived well up to expectations. He began with

the origins of Stamp Duty and taxes on paper, newspapers and almanacs in 1711-12. Tax stamps for America on 1765 had major repercussions, while Ireland in 1776 had unique handbill and directory taxes. Playing card taxes were introduced under Queen Anne. Other unusual duties were on hats, wallpaper, dice, gloves, vehicle road tax (1740s!) and pedlar licences (still needed, so if any knock on your door ask to see it!). Silver spoons exhibited tax hallmarks from 1783 to c.1860. Hair powder tax was followed by horse hire tax, turnpike road tolls and medicine tax (including forged labels for export). Private banknotes had to bear printed tax stamps. Adhesives made their appearance in 1853. Examples included receipts, life policies and money drafts, court and guildhall fees. Finally, he explained the Irish system of registration of Titles and Deeds.

17 October - Auction.

This highly successful auction saw fewer room bidders but many more postal bids. It gave the following realisations:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£3.20	152	£20.00	317	£3.00
4	£4.20	156	£20.00	320	£2.00
5	£10.00	168	£2.00	323	£7.00
6	£12.50	170	£15.00	324	£16.00
7	£10.00	171	£8.00	325	£6.20
8	£12.20	172	£17.00	327	£3.00
11	£5.50	173	£4.00	328	£5.00
12	£14.50	175	£3.00	330	£2.50
13	£3.00	176	£11.00	331	£2.50
14	£3.50	177	£36.00	332	£7.00
15	£5.00	178	£3.50	334	£40.00
16	£10.00	179	£4.00	336	£40.00
17	£3.20	181	£4.00	337	£5.50
18	£2.00	183	£3.50	338	£41.00
20	£5.00	184	£2.50	346	£7.20
22	£7.00	185	£10.00	347	£9.50
23	£3.00	186	£2.20	349	£8.00
24	£2.50	187	£4.00	353	£2.80
25	£10.00	188	£3.50	354	£10.00
26	£5.00	189	£5.00	355	£12.00
27	£2.20	190	£6.00	356	£5.50
28	£3.50	192	£3.20	357	£7.80
29	£3.50	193	£3.20	358	£6.00
30	£2.50	194	£4.50	360	£2.00
32	£2.20	195	£3.50	361	£2.50
33	£2.20	198	£30.00	363	£2.00
34	£2.50	199	£14.00	365	£2.00
36	£5.00	200	£25.00	366	£6.00
37	£5.00	201	£25.00	367	£3.80
45	£2.00	203	£7.20	368	£3.80
46	£15.00	204	£7.20	369	£2.20
47	£4.00	205	£7.00	370	£2.20
48	£3.00	206	£2.50	371	£3.50
49	£5.00	207	£17.00	372	£3.20
50	£5.00	208	£3.00	373	£2.50
51	£6.00	209	£4.50	374	£3.20
53	£21.00	210	£9.50	375	£3.50
59	£12.00	211	£6.50	376	£3.20
62	£2.20	212	£4.20	377	£3.50

63	£3.20	213	£6.20	378	£4.50
64	£10.50	214	£6.00	379	£3.50
65	£11.50	217	£7.00	380	£2.50
67	£12.00	218	£35.00	381	£4.00
68	£15.00	219	£11.00	382	£3.80
73	£2.00	222	£3.00	383	£3.50
74	£4.50	227	£7.00	384	£3.50
75	£16.00	229	£7.50	385	£4.20
76	£3.50	232	£50.00	386	£2.80
87	£2.20	233	£2.50	387	£3.50
88	£2.50	234	£6.00	388	£3.50
89	£3.20	235	£12.00	389	£5.00
89	£2.20	237	£22.00	390	£3.00
90	£2.20	239	£4.50	391	£5.00
91	£3.00	245	£10.00	392	£4.50
91	£2.20	250	£5.00	393	£7.50
92	£2.20	253	£5.00	394	£15.00
93	£3.00	256	£8.00	395	£10.00
94	£2.20	260	£10.50	396	£7.00
94	£2.20	262	£50.00	397	£9.00
95	£2.50	263	£2.00	399	£3.00
95	£2.00	264	£5.00	401	£3.00
96	£2.50	265	£6.00	402	£16.50
96	£2.00	266	£11.00	405	£3.50
97	£2.80	267	£4.00	408	£2.00
98	£2.50	268	£5.50	410	£4.50
98	£2.20	269	£5.20	415	£3.50
99	£2.20	270	£8.00	416	£4.50
100	£2.50	276	£11.00	425	£2.00
101	£3.80	277	£7.00	426	£3.00
101	£2.80	278	£9.00	427	£3.00
102	£4.50	281	£10.00	428	£8.00
103	£3.20	283	£10.00	430	£3.80
107	£15.00	284	£2.20	436	£5.00
108	£24.00	285	£20.00	437	£7.20
109	£7.50	291	£3.50	439	£12.00
112	£90.00	292	£5.20	443	£2.50
114	£4.00	293	£6.00	452	£7.20
118	£2.00	295	£2.50	453	£3.80
121	£7.00	299	£2.00	454	£4.50
126	£10.00	300	£3.00	455	£11.00
127	£5.00	302	£5.00	456	£15.00
136	£2.00	303	£5.00	462	£11.00
139	£8.00	304	£5.00	463	£4.00
145	£4.00	305	£5.00	464	£21.00
146	£4.00	309	£2.50	470	£3.00
147	£2.00	310	£3.80	472	£10.00
148	£12.00	311	£75.00		

6 November - Essex Postmarks & A Picture Tour of Ireland – Ray How.



Ray's highly autobiographical display began with postcards and covers of places, from cities to tiny hamlets, in Essex with which he had been associated at different times in his life, accompanied by anecdotes about the places and events. Part two took us on a (mainly) postcard tour of Ireland, beginning with departure from Fishguard Harbour, then seeing the sights of Dublin and County Wexford. A selection of entertaining Guinness publicity postcards led us to Dingle, the Irish successor to W H Smith, Saint Patrick's Day covers from USA and Ireland and transatlantic flight covers. A very entertaining evening!

14 November – Basildon visits Chelmsford.

As on previous recent occasions, our team provided four half-displays of 40 sheets each. Charlie Mead opened with "the Introduction of Halfpenny Postage", including the ½d stamps, newspaper postage and the book post. Len Stanway followed with "International Organisations", explaining the reasons behind the organisations and the stamps, and some mail, used by such bodies. Alan Taylor started the second half with "Royalty", quizzing the host's members on dates and event in the present Queen's reign. Claude Crowder finished with a pot-pourri including Spanish postage labels, 1971 GB strike-affected first day covers and GB se-tenant pairs from booklets and coils.

21 November - Postcards & Postal Regulations - John Copeland.



John explained the legal and postal background to the introduction and regulation of postcards and their design, with examples from their

inception in Austria to their heyday in Britain between the wars.

4 December - Recent Acquisitions.

Charlie Mead opened with Fiji Paquebot markings and queried the validity of some of those that are on the market. Ian McElwain displayed some recent additions to his Malta collection. Alf Potter lightened proceedings with an entertaining selection of Dennis The Menace and related cartoon characters on postcards. Claude Crowder showed a selection of Mauritius miniature sheets. After the break, Len Stanway showed Sarawak to 1942 and Claude Crowder concluded with a number of Mauritius stamp issues including the reprints of the 1982 definitives.

19 December - Festive Night & Tomex Quiz.

Alan Taylor challenged us to an entertaining and challenging quiz. The winner was Maggie Thompson with 16 marks, followed by Ian McElwain with 15 and Claude Crowder with 14. We then all retired for a hearty bring-and-share supper.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet needs more members to take part. 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. Ask me how to join today!

Small rubber stamps are available from the packet secretary at about £13 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 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 me for advice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2017-2018 are now overdue. 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.

WANTED - YOU!

We require the help of all members. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in the journal, tell the Editor.

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, which is scheduled for 29 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. 13 January, 10 March, 12 May, 14 July, 8 September, 10 November 2018. 9.30am-3pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

January 2018

- 2 - Benfleet - Competitions and mini-auction.
- 2 - Sudbury - Informal (afternoon).
- 3 - Bishop's Stortford - Competitions.
- 8 - Frinton - Chairman's Display (R. Bridgeman) (afternoon).
- 8 - Rayleigh - Annual Quiz.
- 9 - Braintree - Think of a Number (Members)
- 9 - Chelmsford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 9 - Bury St. Edmunds - Members' Displays.
- 10 - Clacton - Bourse & Members' Other Collecting Interests.
- 11 - Harlow - General discussion and activity.
- 11 - Hullbridge - Sheets from my Album (Members).
- 16 - Basildon - 12 Pages or New Acquisitions (Members).
- 16 - Sudbury - Films.
- 17 - Bishop's Stortford - The Letter C (afternoon).
- 17 - Goodmayes - 70th Anniversary – 1948 Items (Members).
- 17 - Ipswich - A Guide to Writing Up & Displaying a Collection (afternoon).
- 18 - Witham - Annual General Meeting.
- 19 - Colchester - Competitions.
- 20 - Epping Forest - Auction (afternoon).
- 22 - Frinton - Cayman Island Postal History (G. Booth).
- 22 - Rayleigh - Ken Seymour Display.

- 23 - Braintree - Two Members Display.
 23 - Chelmsford - Stuart Henderson Entertains (afternoon).
 25 - Harlow - Letter T (Members).
 25 - Shoeburyness - Annual General Meeting.
27 - AEPS - Seminar "Preparing to Display Your Collection to Societies and Traditional Philately", Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR, 9.30am-4.30pm. Contact R.E. How for tickets. £25 including lunch and refreshment.

February 2018

- 1 - Billericay - Letters U and V (Members).
 5 - Basildon - German Inflation (J. Rawlins).
 5 - Frinton - Postcards Only Night (Members).
 6 - Benfleet - An Evening with Ray How.
 6 - Sudbury - Informal (afternoon).
 7 - Bishop's Stortford - Iran (N. Gooch).
 7 - Clacton - Aspects of British Borneo (L.C. Stanway).
 7 - Goodmayes - Images of Ford (J. Charlton), London Underground (B. Nunn).
 7 - Ipswich - Members' displays.
 8 - Harlow - General discussion and activity.
 8 - Hullbridge - Auction
 10 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - French Colonies (T. White), Sarawak (R. Wood) (pm).
 10 - Witham - STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall, Newland St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 10am-4pm.
 12 - Rayleigh - Letter J (Members).
 13 - Braintree - Display by Sudbury P.S.
 13 - Bury St. Edmunds - King George VI Stamps and Postal History (K. Burr).
 13 - Chelmsford - Postage Dues (J. Rawlins, C. Norton et al) (afternoon).
 13 - Epping Forest - Borneo (J.J. Gaskell).
 14-17 - ABPS - Spring Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington.
 14 - Ipswich - Coach Trip to Stampex.
 15 - Billericay - An Evening with the Chairman (D. Bremner).
 16 - Colchester - Presentation by David Gottesmann.
 19 - Frinton - Displays by Mick Carter and Bob Peters (afternoon).
 20 - Basildon - State of Victoria, Australia & Chile (D.G. Davies).
 20 - Sudbury - Chairman's Evening.
 21 - Bishop's Stortford - Nature on Stamps (afternoon).
 21 - Goodmayes - Covers and postcards (Members).
 21 - Ipswich - From My Collections (R. How).
 22 - Harlow - Display by a member.
 22 - Shoeburyness - Competitions.
 22 - Witham - Choose a number (Members).
 26 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Northern Philately, East & West (R. Trottier, C. Stuart).
 26 - Rayleigh - Preparing for a Display and Competitions (Bill Trower and Ray How).
 27 - Braintree - Anything Goes (Members).
 27 - Chelmsford - (Provisional date).

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- 1 - Billericay - East Africa (A. Ritchin).
 5 - Basildon - Visiting society (to be confirmed).
 5 - Frinton - Competitions & Members' displays.
 6 - Benfleet - An Evening with Roger Sentance.
 6 - Sudbury - Informal (afternoon).
 7 - Bishop's Stortford - Alice in Wonderland (P. Leonard).
 7 - Clacton - Competitions.
 7 - Ipswich - Display by Colchester & District P.S.
 8 - Harlow - Letter U (Members).
 8 - Hullbridge - Competition.

- 8 - Witham - Informal / Bring and buy.
 10 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by Frinton & District P.S. - War Tax Overprints (G.E. Miller) (pm).
 12 - Rayleigh - From My Collection (M. Brown).
 13 - Braintree - GB Revenues (E. Hitchings).
 13 - Bury St. Edmunds - Competitions.
 13 - Chelmsford - Something beginning with J (Members).
 13 - Epping Forest - GB Postal History With A Difference (D.G. Davies).
 15 - Billericay - Australia (M. Musgrave).
 16 - Colchester - Burma (A. Skilling).
 19 - Frinton - Instant Auction.
 20 - Basildon - Aspects of Canada (D.A. Armitage).
 20 - Sudbury - Auction.
 21 - Bishop's Stortford - Wartime Issues (afternoon).
 21 - Goodmayes - An Evening with Dick Salmon.
 21 - Ipswich - Competitions.
 22 - Harlow - Annual General Meeting & Philatelic Quiz.
 22 - Witham - Competitions and Bourse.
24 - AEPS - Council Meeting, Sweyne Park School, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive.
 24 - Rayleigh - STAMP DAY, as above.
 26 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Tony Hoad Entertains.
 26 - Rayleigh - Chairman's Night.
 27 - Braintree - An Evening's Entertainment (I. Kelly).
 27 - Bury St. Edmunds - Miscellany (E. Hitchings).
 27 - Chelmsford - Munich, the Road to War (A. Hickey).
 28 - Sudbury - Annual Dinner (by invitation).
 29 - Shoeburyness - Russia (G. Basco).

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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