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Editorial:

This Spring will be a very busy period in our Golden Jubilee year, with major events in StampEssex in April and Mayfest in May. Members' participation will be vital in maximising the success and recruitment potential of these events and our attention is drawn to these items in this newsletter. Please tell your friends and family about these events and the Society.

International News

OVERSEAS 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 with UK participation are:

Israel 2018: World Stamp Championship, International Convention Centre, 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. UK Rep: Mike Smith. Closed.

PRAGA 2018: Clarion Congress Hotel, Prague. 15-18 August (FIP/FEPA). UK Rep: Yvonne Wheatley. Closed.

Italia 2018: Verona, 23-25 November. National exhibition with international participation in two areas: 1. History of the Great War. On-line exhibition open to worldwide exhibitors. The exhibition will include the following classes - traditional philately, thematic, interophilos, maximafilia, postal history. 5-10 frame, 12-sheet exhibits. 2. Literature: Open to books, catalogues, magazines, journals, websites, software, audiovisuals. Only one copy of each entry will need to be supplied. All judging will be done electronically. Applications can be made directly to the Organisers through the exhibition website www.italia2018.eu and there is no UK Commissioner. Closes 1: 31 July, 2: 10 August.

Stockholmia 2019: Waterfront Congress Centre, Stockholm 29 May-2 June. RPSL members only. Closing 30 April 2018. Details at

www.stockholmia2019.se. Applications can be sent directly to the Commissioner General, Jan Berg, or the UK Commissioner: Mike J.Y. Roberts. Closes 30 April.

Thailand 2018: Royal Paragon Hall, Bangkok 28 November–3 December. FIP World exhibition with 2,500 frames covering all classes. Details at www.thailand2018.org. UK Commissioner: Peter Cockburn.

London 2020: Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1. 2-9 May. World stamp exhibition with provisional FIP patronage. Competitive classes in Traditional Philately, Postal History, Revenues, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Thematic Philately, Open Philately, Philatelic Literature and Youth Philately. The frames will be used twice during the week with exhibits being swapped on the evening of Tuesday 5 May. There will be about 3,000 frames available. Application forms will be available in a few months. UK Rep: Mike J.Y. Roberts. Closes end February 2019. You can register to receive the London 2020 Newsletters at www.London2020.co. The Organising Committee are keen to recruit volunteers to help run LONDON 2020. If you would like to help, please go to www.London2020.co and click the "Sign up here to Volunteer" link.

Other events for which details are awaited:

Bulgaria 2019: Plovdiv (FEPA).

China 2019: Beijing, June (FIP).

Ankara 2020: 7-10 October (FEPA).

Malaysia 2020: Kuala Lumpur, November-December (FIP).

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 in the UK on World Post Day 9 October, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

National News

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2018 Congress** will be at Jury's Inn, Gateshead Quays, South Shore Road, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 3AE from 26 to 29 July. Bookings now open.

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.

NEW HOME FOR THE ROYAL

The Royal Philatelic Society London has announced that it will move from 41 Devonshire Place to 15 Abchurch Lane, near Bank, in June 2019. Devonshire Place was deemed unsuitable for the society's future needs, even if approved redevelopment were to be carried out.

NATIONAL STAMP DAY

The second annual National Stamp Day will take place on 6 May 2018. The ABPS hopes that societies will organise a key event each year, as close as possible to that date, and join in the fun. If you have any ideas for a local event or would like to help, please contact the ABPS Chairman at j.gwinters@hotmail.co.uk.

ENTRY FOR NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

ABPS has introduced an on-line entry system for exhibitors at the York and London national exhibitions. For further details, see the website.

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 2018** will be 12-15 September. National exhibition for UK and foreign exhibitors. The American Philatelic Society will provide around 200 frames. The Forces Postal History Society and Civil Censorship Society will display to mark the centenary of the end of the WW1. Competitive or non-competitive exhibits in all classes including literature. This will be a further opportunity to qualify for London 2020. Closing date is 12 July.

- **Spring 2019.** 13-16 February. National exhibition for UK and foreign exhibitors. The Royal Philatelic Society London mark its 150th anniversary with a 'King George V' display. This will be the final opportunity in the UK to qualify for London 2020. The rules and application procedure will be published on the ABPS website in August.

- **Autumn 2019.** 11-14 September. National exhibition for UK and foreign exhibitors. Plans are being made for a special display on Indian philately. Further details to follow.

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. Applications close on 8 June. Details are on the ABPS website.

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. Website is www.london2020.co.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active had a successful Spring Stampex with improved attendance. A highlight was the production of promotional labels, sponsored by Cartor Security Printing, that raised significant funds for the group. Autumn Stampex will feature the theme of "Britain at War". Can you donate any suitable material to Stamp Active? John Davies recently stood down as Chairman but remains active as Events Manager. Email: stampactive@btinternet.com

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. The society's copy is held by Alan Taylor.

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

ABPS EXHIBITING & JUDGING SEMINARS

ABPS believes that exhibitors at every level deserve to be given quality feedback by accredited judges. All ABPS judges are expected to attend a refresher Seminar every 5 years to maintain their accreditation. The next national exhibiting and judging seminar, for existing and would-be federation judges and for potential and existing exhibitors, is on 14-15 April 2018 at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin. Anyone interested, should contact David Alford at exhibiting@abps.org.uk. These events can be held in any part of the UK, subject to the level of interest. Ray How would be like to organise one in Essex if there is sufficient interest. Please let him know if you want to him to do so.

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

The BTA has a new website www.britishthematic.org.uk. For further information on BTA activities, visit the website.

STUART ROSSITER TRUST

The trust publishes and sells Postal History books, and sponsors authors and research. To date, it has published 42 books and helped a number of individuals and specialist societies with research and production costs for their books. It can help societies or individuals with research costs, publication costs or publishing books. When it publishes or supports books, the trust promotes them through our its website and e-newsletters. The full list of its publications currently available is on www.rossitertrust.com. To discuss how it could help your Society or members with their Postal History book, or monograph, contact our Corresponding Trustee Andy Gould at srtcorr@gmail.com.

Essex News

SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Societies celebrating a major anniversary in 2018 are **Epping Forest**, which will be 75 in April, **Goodmayes** (70 on 9 June) and **Basildon** (50 on 4 July).

Sadly, **Hullbridge**, which also marks its Golden Jubilee at its AGM on 12 April will mark the occasion by closing due to the lack of any new officers to take it forward.

SOCIETY OFFICER CHANGES

David Sibley, Secretary of Witham, has moved to 3 Broad Oaks Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 0JX. Telephone: 01206-865080 (H), 07939-561597 (M).

Peter Denly has stepped down from the post of Secretary of Bishop's Stortford & District society due to ill health. Dave Armitage has stepped in as Acting Secretary pending appointment of a successor. Peter had already stepped down from his AEPS and BTA roles and the AEPS President paid tribute to his immense contribution to organised philately over many years.

AEPS SEMINARS

The 2018 event was, as usual, well supported and an enjoyable social and very educational occasion, with many members having a chance to demonstrate their presentation skills, as well as our guest presenters, Tony and Lindy Bosworth, and to obtain advice.

The 2019 AEPS Seminar will be on **26 January** at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. The theme and presenters are to be announced. Tickets will be available from Ray How,. 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 society membership, supplemented by donations from societies who organised the annual StampEssex event from profits, use of frames, etc. With falling rolls in societies and reduced numbers of society events, and thus less funding to the AEPS, it is necessary to raise additional funds in order to avoid increasing the capitation fee, which would create a vicious circle of decline. After raffles and an auction were tried without success, the AEPS 100 Club was set up to enable individual members of societies to help the AEPS fulfil its role of supporting societies across our area, whilst holding out the prospect of prizes in return.

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 Council meeting to cover the period since the last one. 50% of the pool each month goes to the first prize winner, 30% to the second prize winner and 20% to AEPS funds. **Latest draw results:** December 2017: 1st: J. Copeland (EAPHS), 2nd: Sudbury member; January 2018: 1st: Mrs A. Stanway (Basildon), B. Morriss (Hullbridge); February: 1st: L. Stanway (Basildon), B. Cooper (Harlow); March: A. Potter (Basildon), B Cooper (Harlow).

Please support the AEPS by buying or renewing at least one block of shares. The more shares, the higher the chance of winning! Application forms are available from Alan Taylor or John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com), and return it to John with your payment.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

Spring StampEssex 2018 will be hosted by Basildon PS at James Hornsby School, Laindon on 28 April. It is unlikely that there will be an Autumn StampEssex this year as a planned event appears to have fallen through. Spring StampEssex 2019 will be hosted by Rayleigh on 30 March 2019. AEPS may host StampEssex at Hamptons, Chelmsford, if volunteers to do the organisation are forthcoming. **Volunteer societies are invited to host future events. In the absence of volunteers, it may not be possible to hold future events.**

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

Volume 1 2018 was published in December 2017. This free digital handbook is sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. The new digital format gives wider availability, completely up-to-date contents every year and better indexing. The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present (2018 Edition); 2: Essex Past (historical information, 2016); 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs (2016). Len Stanway continuously updates the master record and will be glad to receive details of any other new or updated information for inclusion in the 2019 issue and interim publicity. Please send amendments 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 to the Editor.

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 **17 April**: Auction; Saturday **28 April**: StampEssex; Tuesday **15 May** Display by Clacton P.S.; Monday **4 June**: 50th AGM; Tuesday **19 June**: Competitions. There will be no Monday meeting in April because of Easter or in May because of May Day Bank Holiday.

ALBUMS CLOSED

We have been informed that Terry Field of Stanford-le-Hope, who was a member from 1998 to 2007, passed away recently. David Church conveyed our condolences to the family.

STAMPESSEX 2018 NEEDS YOU!!!

Saturday 28 April is the big day. To mark our Golden Jubilee, we will be hosting this AEPS annual event at James Hornby School, Laindon from 10am to 4pm. We will need all the help that we can get on the evening before at about 5pm to set up the hall, then from about 8am on the day to install the dealers and displays, provide security cover during the event, then strip down to be clear by about 5pm. We hope that all members will support us during the exhibition and help us make the place busy for the dealers. If you can spare time to help, please let Alan Taylor know.

MAYFEST 2018 – HELP NEEDED

The annual Rotary Club hobbies event in the Town Square on Saturday 12 May will again have a society exhibit and recruitment stand. We hope that members will assist in manning the stand as well as setting up and stripping down. It is vital and urgent that we recruit new members to replace those that have fallen by the wayside in recent years and this is a prime opportunity to do so.

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! All members have been sent auction lists by e-mail or hard copy. Contact Len Stanway if you have not received one yet.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall" **16 January – Members' Displays – 12 Pages or Recent Acquisitions.**

The society's Golden Jubilee began with a members' display which gave its usual wide variety of contributions. Len Stanway started with the 2017 issues of Malaysia, preceded by a commercially-used MyStamp cover of Singapore given to him that very night. Ian Hunt made his maiden display with The Royal Family. Ian McElwain showed official letters on George III notepaper written in Italian shortly after the takeover of Malta. Maggie Thompson followed with Soldatenbrief labels and inscriptions on German soldiers' correspondence. Charlie Mead brought covers carried on the first PanAm Trans-Pacific flight via Fiji, while Alf Potter presented Postmen of the World on postcards, supplemented by cigarette cards showing early flags and coats of arms. Claude Crowder closed proceedings with a pot-pourri of Antigua and first day covers of King Edward VIII, King George VI Coronation, the Channel Islands Liberation issue and se-tenant GB booklets.

5 February – German Inflation - John Rawlins.



John began before World War One, demonstrating that inflation was already a problem before trouble began. He took us through the war years and through the out-of-control post-war inflation to its sudden, successful revaluation with clear and informative explanations of the various stage.

20 February – State of Victoria and Chile - Don Davies FRPSL.

Don gave us a very varied display. He opened with the first issue of Chile including the forgeries and reprints from the original plates. He then explained the forgeries of UK Machins that have appeared since 1993, followed by censorship of GB seaside comic postcards,

highlighting the disparities of opinion between towns. The bisecting of banknotes for sending through the post revealed that numbers were not always rematched! Irish St Patrick's day postcards with incorrect flags were followed by mail franked with trading stamps, etc. His display ended with his London 1990 Gold Medal-winning collection of Victoria.

5 March – Display by Goodmayes P.S.



Chairman **Geoff Mallett** opened with many of the more unusual Aspects of Railway Mail, starting with a well-researched cover carried on the Trans-Siberian Railway. **Keith Rowland** followed with Tangier and Irish overprints on Great Britain, showing the many different overprints and printings. **Roy Simmonds** completed the trio with Aspects of Germany, concentrating on German colonial and overseas post offices in Tangier, Togo, Cameroons, South West and East Africa and Mozambique, followed by occupation issues for Belgium, France, Poland, Russia, Estonia, Austro-Hungary, Roumania, Serbia, Italy and Montenegro.

20 March – Aspects of Canada - Dave Armitage FRPSL.



Having given us Victorian issues on his previous visit, Dave, who is President of the Canadian specialist society, started with the issues of King Edward VII, which he displayed mint and

correctly used on cover, accompanied by the postal stationery of the period. After the break, he repeated the exercise with King George V, noting the many different definitive issues and the growth in commemoratives. To tantalise us, he closed with the Coronation of King George VI, which we will hope to see at a future occasion.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at 7.45pm on 4 June. Please come and have your say in the society's decision-making session, at which the Committee reports on the past year and the new Committee is elected. There are vacancies for new committee members and volunteers are needed. Annual subscriptions will be due following the meeting.

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.

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

The Society's **Library** 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 collection as opportunities allow. If you are disposing of redundant literature, the society would welcome donations, which may update items in the library or, if surplus, sold to raise society funds. The library also contains watermark detector and ultra-violet lamps. **Library books can be borrowed for one month from the date of issue.** 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**.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION ACT

The Society does not obtain or retain personal data of members or correspondents with the exception of (i) current contact data for distribution of news, etc., appropriate to the society's normal activities and administration, (ii) historical record of competition winners, officers, etc., as published in *Philately in Basildon*. With the exception of essential officers listed below, contact information is never divulged to third parties without their specific consent.

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. 12 May, 14 July, 8 September, 10 November 2018. 9.30am-3pm. Organiser David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

April 2018

- 3 Sudbury - Display by Clacton P.S.
- 4 Benfleet - London Underground (B. Nunn).
- 4 Bishop's Stortford - The Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 (N. Harris).
- 4 Clacton - Annual General Meeting (Members only) & Nautical theme (Members).
- 4 Goodmayes - Lundy Island stamps and postal history (M.R. Thomson).
- 4 Ipswich - Auction.
- 5 Billericay - Annual General Meeting.
- 5 Harlow - Annual Dinner (by invitation).
- 5 Witham - Stampa and Postal History of British Occupation of Former Italian Colonies 1942-1952 and Australian Stamps (M. Carter).
- 9 Cheshunt - Annual General Meeting & Members Entertain.
- 9 Frinton - German Inflation (A. Soutar).
- 9 Rayleigh - Competitions and Bourse.
- 10 Braintree - South West Africa (D Gottesmann).
- 10 Bury St. Edmunds - British West Indies Miscellany (W. Gibb).
- 10 Chelmsford - Malayan Airmails (L.C. Stanway).
- 10 Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 12 Hullbridge - 50th Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
- 14 Ipswich - STAMP FAIR, Kesgrave Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich IP5 1JF. 10am-4pm.
- 14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - To be advised.
- 17 Basildon - Auction.
- 17 Sudbury - From My Collection (R.E. How).
- 18 Bishop's Stortford - The Letter F (afternoon).
- 18 Goodmayes - Display by Shoeburyness P.S.
- 18 Ipswich - Ed's Miscellany (E. Hitchings).
- 19 Billericay - Music & Musicians (Members).
- 19 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
- 20 Colchester - Display by Braintree PS.
- 21 Bury St. Edmunds - STAMP FAIR, Moreton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St. Edmunds IP32 7EW. 9.30am-3.30pm.
- 23 Frinton - It's Only A Cover (Members).
- 23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - To be advised.
- 23 Rayleigh - 60th Annual General Meeting.
- 24 Braintree - QV Canada (D.A. Armitage).
- 24 Bury St. Edmunds - Astronomy & Archaeology (N. Emeny).
- 24 Chelmsford - GB Miscellany (N. Sharpe).
- 26 Harlow - The Sea (Members).
- 26 Shoeburyness - Paraphernalia Revisited (M. Nunn).
- 28 AEPS/Basildon - SPRING STAMPESSEX, James Hornsby School Sports Centre, Leinster Road, Laindon, Basildon, SS15 5NX. 10am to 4pm

May 2018

- 1 Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.
- 2 Benfleet - AGM, Competition & Mini-auction.
- 2 Bishop's Stortford - AGM & Competitions.
- 2 Clacton - Auction.
- 2 Goodmayes - Chairman's Night (G. Mallett).
- 2 Ipswich - British Borneo – Brunei, Labuan, North Borneo & Sarawak (J.J. Gaskell).
- 3 Billericay - New Acquisitions (Members).

- 3 Witham - The Committee Entertains.
 8 Braintree - Competition and Chairmans Cup.
 8 Bury St. Edmunds - AGM & Mini-auction.
 8 Chelmsford - Czechoslovakia (Mrs. L. Bosworth).
 8 Epping Forest - Annual General Meeting.
 10 Harlow - Railways – British Rail Hotels & Steamers (Mrs. L. Roberts).
 12 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Seychelles & Mauritius (R. Salmon).
 14 Cheshunt - Display by Colin Tobitt.
 14 Frinton - Annual General Meeting.
 14 Rayleigh - Victorian 2d Blue (A. Davis).
 15 Basildon - Display by Clacton P.S.
 15 Sudbury - Going Off Piste (Members).
 16 Bishop's Stortford - The Years 1971 to 1980 (pm).
 16 Goodmayes - The Eurovision area (Members).
 16 Ipswich - Annual General Meeting, Bourse & Quiz.
 17 Billericay - The British and Foreign Treaty Ports in China (J.J. Gaskell).
 17 Witham - Souvenir of a Lord - The Bernard Braine Collection (J. Charlton).
 18 Colchester - North East Africa (D. Hacker).
 21 Frinton - I Collect Because ... (Members).
 22 Chelmsford - History of the Dunmow Flitch (S. & Mrs P. Schorah).
 24 Harlow - General discussion and activity.
 26 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction (afternoon).
 31 Shoeburyness - Irish Life (P. Wood).
 31 Witham - Two Members Display.

June 2018

- 4 Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
 4 Frinton - Display by Bury St. Edmunds P.S.
 6 Benfleet - London Exhibitions (D. Connell).
 6 Bishop's Stortford - Amersham Entertains (C. Marsh).
 6 Clacton - Display by Steve Alpe.
 6 Goodmayes - Auction.
 7 Billericay - Food & Drinks (Members).
 9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
 11 Cheshunt - Display by Goodmayes P.S.
 11 Rayleigh - The Saar 1935-1948 (Mrs M.A. Thompson).
 12 Bury St. Edmunds - WWII Miscellany (Mrs C. Finn).
 12 Chelmsford - Display by Witham P.S.
 12 Sudbury - Tasmania (I. Spencer).
 14 Harlow - Talk by a member.
 14 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.
 15 Colchester - Displays by Steve Clayton and Maureen Evans.
 16 Epping Forest - Auctions (afternoon).
 19 Basildon - Competitions.
 20 Bishop's Stortford - Notable Philatelic Events (pm).
 20 Goodmayes - Annual General Meeting.
 21 Billericay - Fiji (C.W. Mead).
 25 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Society Social, The George, Wanstead, 7.30pm (Members only).
 25 Rayleigh - An Evening with Mac Nunn.
 26 Chelmsford - Up to 16 sheets (Members).

28 Harlow - Letter V (Members).
 28 Shoeburyness - Harry Sheldrake Competition –U & V.
 28 Witham - New Zealand (A.H. Boyce).
 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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