

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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1968 - 50 Years of Service to Basildon philately – 2018

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## Editorial:

The Society has had the opportunity to obtain a small, but useful, reduction in our overheads by moving to a smaller room in the George Hurd Centre. If all goes well at a trial use of the new room on 16 October, we will switch permanently, retaining the large hall only for auctions.

The July issue should, of course, have been numbered Vol.23 No.1, not Vol.22 No.5!

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## International News

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### 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:

**Italia 2018:** Verona, 23-25 November. National exhibition with international participation. Entries closed.

**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](http://www.thailand2018.org). UK Commissioner: Peter Cockburn.

**Stockholmia 2019:** Waterfront Congress Centre, Stockholm 29 May-2 June. RPSL members only. Entries closed. Details at [www.stockholmia2019.se](http://www.stockholmia2019.se).

**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](http://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](http://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).

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### EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

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

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### 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!

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## National News

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### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

2019 details are awaited (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.

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### ENTRY FOR NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

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

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### STAMPEX

Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 OQH will be as follows (entry forms are or will be available on the ABPS website):

- **Spring 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.

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. Website is [www.london2020.co](http://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](mailto: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. 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> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2019

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 2019. 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](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk).

## 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 ? at ?. Anyone interested, should contact David Alford at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto: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.

## 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.

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## STUART ROSSITER TRUST

The trust publishes and sells Postal History books, and sponsors authors and research. To date, it has published 42 books on 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 website and e-newsletters. The full list of its publications currently available is on [www.rossitertrust.com](http://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](mailto:srtcorr@gmail.com).

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### *Essex News*

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## ALBUMS CLOSED

Mandy Knight of Shoeburyness passed away on 13 July after a fight against cancer. Mandy was well known to Essex collectors as the AEPS delegate for that society. In her very long service to that society, she seem to have occupied every committee role and was Newsletter Editor for over 25 years. She will be sorely missed.

In July, we also lost David Sibley, an AEPS stalwart, most closely associated with Witham society, but also Chairman of Braintree for many years. An able speaker and judge, he was Essex Chairman from 1994-1997 and President 2004-2007 and Editor of AEPS News from 1994-2016. At Witham, he was Secretary from 2005-2017, having previously served as Vice Chairman and Supplies Secretary. He was an acting participant in the organising committee for ABPS Basildon 2004 national stamp exhibition. Ill health forced his retirement several years ago, a serious loss still felt by the AEPS Executive.

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## SOCIETY OFFICER CHANGES

Sue Stacey has stepped down from the role of Secretary of Benfleet and been replaced by Robert Herbert.

## SOCIETY VENUE CHANGES

Shoeburyness has moved from St. Andrew's Church Hall to St. Peter's Church, Hinguer Street, Shoeburyness SS3 9AN,

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## 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association. Len Stanway is compiling the handbook containing details of the displays. If you have received an invitation to display and have not sent details, please do so very urgently or tell Len that you do not wish to participate so that the space can be reallocated. It was hoped that every member society would be able to nominate members to display and most have done so.

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## AEPS COUNCIL

**The next Council meeting**, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **14.30 on 6 October at Room 3 at Christ Church, 164 New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0AW.**

**The Annual General Meeting and Council meeting** will be at **14.30 on 17 November at Hampston's Leisure, Great Baddow, CM2 9FH.** If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian.

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## AEPS SEMINAR 2019

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 will be **"Open Philately – What It Is, What To Collect & How To Display It"**, presented by Chris and Birthe King, who have spoken at a previous event with great success. Tickets £25 (including lunch and refreshments) are now 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 and/or assistance. The venue has ample parking and is just off the A12. Book now, as tickets sell fast!

## NEXT AEPS STAMPESSEX EVENTS

**Spring StampEssex 2019** will be hosted by Ipswich P.S. on 27 April at Community Hall, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 1JF, 10am-4pm. **Autumn StampEssex 2019** will be organised by AEPS at Hampston's Leisure, Great Baddow, CM2 9FH on 23 November.

## AEPS 100 CLUB

The AEPS 100 Club is a means by which individual members of societies can 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.

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](mailto:dickenson17@ntlworld.com)), and return it to John with your payment.

## 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](http://www.stampessex.org.uk), the new AEPS website, gives details of member societies. Please use this site and send any corrections to the Editor.

## *Basildon Society News*

### MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

As discussed at the AGM, we need a new Secretary in position ready to take over next June. It would help if they joined the Committee now as Assistant Secretary to learn the ropes.

We also need someone to take on the running of the raffle. This needs to be someone who attends most meetings. The raffle is important to the society's finances.

We also need someone to store and bring the display frames to each meeting, without which it would be difficult to have displays.

As yet, we have had no volunteers. Without someone to do these jobs, the society will be unable to function and will have to close. Do YOU want it to close? If not, please step forward NOW!

Only about half of our members regularly attend meetings. If you are one of our armchair members, why not come to a meeting or two? You might enjoy it!

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are very pleased to welcome new members Karen Morris and Lynne Smith. We hope that they will enjoy their time with us.

Melvyn Singer has resigned and moved to Orkney.

### ALBUMS CLOSED

Dick Clark of Corringham passed away on 29 June. Dick had been a member for 35 years, but had been unable to attend in recent years due to poor health. The society was represented at his funeral by the President and others.

Dave Gibson, also of Corringham, passed away suddenly on 5 August after a short period in hospital. Dave had also been a member for 35

years, having joined a few months before Dick Clark, and had been largely housebound in recent years. Dave was an active supporter of the Exchange Packet, both as vendor and buyer. The society's condolences have been passed to his widow, Elaine. Some 140 people, double its capacity, packed into Basildon Crematorium for his funeral, where the President and Secretary represented the Society.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2018-2019 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.

## 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.

## MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

### 2 July 2018 – Stuart Henderson Entertains.



As Billericay had been unable to raise a team, Stuart stepped in with an eclectic mixture of displays. He began with a wide range of banknotes including a £1 million note printed for the film of the same name, followed by US broken banks, bogus Confederate notes, German and Zimbabwe inflation, British notes and British Armed Forces emergency standby currency. A wide range of revenue licences was

followed by registered mail from holiday camps and a ticket to the 1953 Coronation, Tobacco Duty relief tokens, a bogus Burma issue, Canada to BWI mail ships, Swiss soldier's stamps, Belgian -10% overprints, National Insurance propaganda cards, SET stamps, and Spanish food relief tokens for families of persons serving in the German forces.

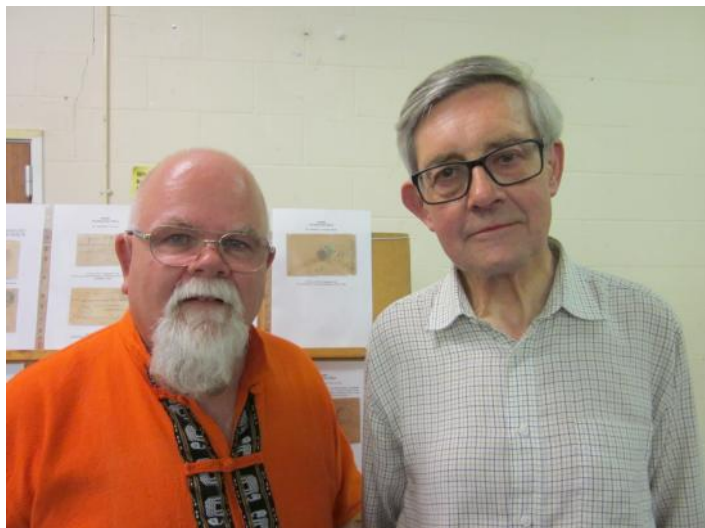
### 17 July 2018 – Jamaica (Paul Green).



Paul stood in at the last minute as John Snoding was unwell. He began with a brief history of Jamaica and its posts. His display started with stamp issues from 1870, beginning with plate proofs of that issue in blocks of four, as was most of his display. He collected issues up to, but not including, Jamaica's independence. Postal stationery began with telegraph forms of Queen Victoria, newspaper wrappers, registration envelopes and airletters. Part 2 started with unstamped postcards printed by prisoners in 1877, followed by the De La Rue issues of the same year. His display concluded with postal history from 1756. Dated postmarks were issued very early to combat ship insurance fraud. Military, internee and evacuee mail from Uppark Camp and Gibraltar Camp was followed by examples of the patriotic labels from both world wars, censorship, etc. The Chairman thanked Paul for an excellent display.

### 6 August 2018 – Visit by Cambridge P.S.

Richard Husband opened for Cambridge with the story of Perfins, for which the Patent was granted to Mr Sloper. He began with the Oxford University Society overprints, to which the GPO objected strongly, then the underprints. Eventually, Copestake & Sloper persuaded the GPO to allow perfins. The Sloper machine was explained, then the types of format and other



makers' products and the use of perfins on postal stationery. **Rufus Barnes** followed with Abu Dhabi, starting with British overprints used at the agency office from 1963-1966, then the Abu Dhabi definitive issue. After independence issues, it avoided the abuses of the other Trucial States. In 1972, it joined the United Arab Emirates. The issues and their usage were displayed, together with aerogrammes. First day postmark errors were shown, together with mail sent to Palestinian-held territory via Cyprus. He then displayed Burma fantasy issues and TPOs.

### 21 August 2018 – Golden Jubilees.

This members' display was part of our jubilee celebrations. **Claude Crowder** opened with the 1965 issues of the Commonwealth countries A to C. **Len Stanway** followed with the issues marking the 2015 Golden Jubilee of Singapore Independence. **Alan Taylor** displayed material from the Society's Archives covering the early years of the society (to 1974).

### 3 September 2018 – The Committee Entertains.

**Claude Crowder** opened with a display of Australia to 1960. **Garry Green** followed with postcard that he had obtained during various holidays. **Len Stanway** displayed Belgian precancels, railway official and railway parcel stamps. **Ian McElwain** showed Malta to 1963 and **Alf Potter** finished with postcards showing US Marine Corps uniforms 1775 to 1985.

### 18 September 2018 – Rhodesia (Christopher Cooksey).

Tony Hoad was unable to fulfil the planned engagement as he was in the middle of a house move to Kent. Chris Cooksey kindly stood in at the last minute. He started with the early issues

of the British South Africa Company, followed by the Rhodesia overprints, the Victoria Falls issue and a detailed study of the the low values of the Double Heads issue. He then moved on to a selection of mining certificates of Southern Rhodesia, showing correct use of the high value Revenue issues, followed by Northern Rhodesia for comparison. A detailed study of the Admirals issue was followed by the various printings of the 1959 definitives and its Post-UDI successors, definitive and commemorative, to 1978.

### SOCIETY POLO SHIRT

One way that you can help promote the society is to buy and wear our new society polo shirt. Embroidered with the society's emblem, they are available in S, M, L and XL sizes and cost £14 each. The default colour is white, but other colours can be obtained, if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

### AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on **1 October** with viewing from 7pm. The auction list had 480 lots with total reserves exceeding £3300 and is now available at meetings, from Alan in hard copy or Len by e-mail.

### 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!

### 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 2018-2019

Our members' handbook has been updated following the AGM and competitions and should have been distributed to e-mail recipients by the

time this newsletter appears. Please contact Len Stanway if you would like another copy sent to you. Anyone who needs a hard copy should contact Alan Taylor who will arrange to print one.

### 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 MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Len Stanway displayed "Aspects of Malaya" to Malling on and to Ipswich on 19 September.

### GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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.

**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. 10 November 2018 9.30am-3pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



### Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies

#### October 2018

- 1-31 Goodmayes - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, Redbridge Library.
- 1 Basildon - Auction.
- 1 Frinton - Members' displays (F. Hale & B. Clark).
- 2 AEPS - Executive Meeting, Hampson's, Leisure Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9FH.**
- 2 Sudbury - Perkins Bacon (C.G. Harman).
- 3 Benfleet - Fiji (C.W. Mead).
- 3 Bishop's Stortford - Display by King's Lynn P.S. (M. Kentzer & T. Wagg).
- 3 Clacton - Beginning with "L" (Members).
- 3 Goodmayes - Nordic Philately (C. Stuart)
- 3 Ipswich - British Occupation of Former Italian Colonies (M. Carter).
- 4 Billericay - Greece (T. Stenning).
- 4 Witham - Commonwealth (Members).
- 6 AEPS - Council Meeting, Room 3 at Christ Church, 164 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0AW.**
- 8 Cheshunt - Competitions, Quiz & Members Entertain.
- 8 Rayleigh - Aspects of Canada (D.A. Armitage).
- 9 Braintree - My Favourite Covers, Cards & Postal History (Members).
- 9 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).
- 9 Chelmsford - Display by Colchester P.S.
- 9 Epping Forest - Pakistan (D. Haskell).
- 11 Harlow - Display to be arranged.
- 13 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
- 15 Frinton - The Stamps of Spain (T. Rawlings).
- 16 Basildon - Aden (M.R. Thompson).
- 16 Sudbury - Display by Leiston P.S.
- 17 Bishop's Stortford - Material from 1930-1940 (afternoon).
- 17 Goodmayes - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Redbridge Library.
- 17 Ipswich - Trans-Atlantic Mail (M.K. Roberts).
- 18 Billericay - Religion (Members).
- 18 Witham - Anything Beginning with "S" (Members).
- 19 Colchester - GB Line Engraved (G. Wyld).
- 20 Colchester - STAMP FAIR, Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0RH. 10am-4pm.
- 22 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Colin Stuart entertains.
- 22 Rayleigh - Competitions & Bourse.
- 23 Braintree - Display by Colchester P.S.
- 23 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).
- 23 Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 25 Harlow - Letter Y (Members).
- 25 Shoeburyness - King George VI Commemorative Omnibus Issues (B. Cook).

#### November 2018

- 1 Billericay - Eight sheets from my albums (Members).
- 1 Witham - British Forces in Egypt – 1932 (M. Carter).

- 5 Basildon - Visiting society (to be confirmed).  
 5 Frinton - Beginning with K, L or M (Members).  
 6 Sudbury - Transport (Members).  
 7 Benfleet - 1840 & all that, G.B. Censorship of Seaside Postcards (D.G. Davies).  
 7 Bishop's Stortford - Croatia 1941-1945 (A.J. Bosworth).  
 7 Clacton - Display by Colchester P.S.  
 7 Goodmayes - 8 sheets - Letter A (Members).  
 7 Ipswich - British Post offices in Latin America (W. Gibb).  
 8 Harlow - General discussion & activity.  
 10 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction (afternoon).  
 11 Chelmsford - Anniversary Dinner (by invitation).  
 12 Cheshunt - Victoriana (C. Drakes).  
 12 Rayleigh - These Are Forgeries & Were These Allowed? (D.G. Davies).  
 13 Braintree - Display by Bishop's Stortford P.S.  
 13 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).  
 13 Chelmsford - Essex Postmarks (J.W.J. Copeland).  
 13 Epping Forest - An Evening of Postcards (Members).  
 15 Billericay - Wheels (Members).  
 15 Witham - Informal / Bring & Buy.  
 16 Colchester - London 1912 Olympics (M. Burt).  
**17 AEPS - Annual General Meeting. Hampson's, Leisure Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9FH.**  
 19 Frinton - Burma (A. Skilling).  
 20 Basildon - Between The Tropics (Members).  
 20 Sudbury - Bourse, auction & 3-sheet My Favourites displays.  
 21 Bishop's Stortford - Back of the Book (afternoon).  
 21 Goodmayes - Display by Enfield P.S.  
 21 Ipswich - GB WW2 Miscellany (Mrs. C. Finn).  
 22 Harlow - World Leaders Past & Present (Members).  
 26 Leytonstone & Wanstead - New Acquisitions (Members) & Bring-and-buy.  
 26 Rayleigh - Auction.  
 27 Braintree - Letters E, F, G or H (Members).  
 27 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).  
 27 Chelmsford - 1911 First Air Post & 1890 Jubilee Uniform Penny (D. Connell) (afternoon).  
 29 Shoeburyness - A, B, C (Members).  
 29 Witham - Aspects of British Borneo (L.C. Stanway).

### December 2018

- 3 Basildon - Chairman's Night.  
 3 Frinton - Auction (viewing from 6.30pm)  
 4 Sudbury - Informal (afternoon).  
 5 Benfleet - Chairman's Night & Christmas Social - Sokol (A.J. & Mrs.L. Bosworth).  
 5 Bishop's Stortford - Chile Colon Classics & GB Censorship of Comic Postcards (D.G. Davies).  
 5 Clacton - Christmas Evening (Members only).  
 5 Goodmayes - My Other Hobbies (Members).  
 5 Ipswich - Afternoon with dealers (Mrs. S. Brooks) (pm).  
 6 Billericay - Christmas Social (Members).  
 8 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Christmas Get-Together (pm).  
 10 Rayleigh - Christmas Social.  
 11 Braintree - Season's Greetings Bourse & Q uiz.  
 11 Bury St. Edmunds - (Provisional date).  
 11 Chelmsford - Seasonal Items (Members) (afternoon).

- 11 Epping Forest - The Christmas Evening.  
 13 Harlow - Christmas Party, Raffle & Philatelic Quiz.  
 13 Shoeburyness - Chairman's Night.  
 13 Witham - Christmas Related.  
 14 Colchester - Christmas Social & Members' Displays.  
 17 Cheshunt - Members Entertain & Xmas Refreshments.  
 17 Frinton - Christmas Beano.  
 18 Basildon - Festive Evening.  
 18 Sudbury - Quiz Night.  
 19 Bishop's Stortford - Christmas stamps (afternoon).  
 19 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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