



# Philatelic Events in Essex and Environs in January and February 2020

*A Press Release by the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies*

The Member Societies of the Association welcome visitors and members of other Essex societies to their meetings as shown below. Most venues are now fully-accessible to mobility-impaired persons, but, if in doubt, such persons should take advice from the organisers regarding access to events.

"(Provisional date)" indicates that the society in question is scheduled to meet on that date, but that confirmation and details has not been received by the Editor at the time of going to press. Visitors intending to attend such meetings are advised to contact the relevant Society Secretary to confirm arrangements before travelling.

<b>January</b>	<b>Host Society</b>	<b>Subject of meeting.</b>
1	Benfleet	Informal, Bourse and Members' Displays.
6	Basildon	Claude Crowder entertains.
8	Bishop's Stortford	Competitions and Society Entertains (Members).
8	Clacton	(Provisional date).
9	Harlow	Letter E (Members).
13	Cheshunt	To be advised.
13	Rayleigh	Annual Quiz.
14	Braintree	Think of a Number (Members).
14	Bury St. Edmunds	Pre-Independence Burma (A. Skilling).
15	Bishop's Stortford	New Acquisitions (Members).
15	Goodmayes	Cinderella Night (Members).
15	Ipswich	A Thematic Display and buy from Dealer Roger Swindells (afternoon).
17	Colchester	Competitions.
18	Epping Forest	Auction (1.30pm).
21	Basildon	To be advised.
21	Sudbury	Films.
23	Harlow	General Discussion and Activity (Members).
23	Witham	Annual General Meeting.
<b>25</b>	<b>AEPS</b>	<b>Seminar "Members' Displays", 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.</b>
27	Rayleigh	Ken Seymour Display.
28	Braintree	Chairman's Night.
28	Chelmsford	Letters L and M.
30	Shoeburyness	Annual General Meeting & Chairman's Night.

Preliminary listing for the next month's events. Please be aware that this may be subject to change. A "final" listing will be issued on the usual date.

<b>February</b>	<b>Host Society</b>	<b>Subject of meeting.</b>
3	Basildon	May Dates (D.J. Church) and mini-bourse.
5	Benfleet	Auction.
5	Bishop's Stortford	Egypt Postal History (J. Aitchison).
5	Clacton	(Provisional date).
5	Goodmayes	Islands of the Atlantic (Members).
5	Ipswich	Members' Displays.
6	Billericay	Whose flag is that? (D. Bremner).
6	Witham	Informal - bring and buy.
8	Leytonstone & Wanstead	Unusual Australia / British Labels (R.E. How).
8	Witham	STAMP DAY, Royal British Legion Memorial Hall, Newland St, Witham CM8 2AZ. 10am-4pm.
10	Cheshunt	To be advised.
10	Rayleigh	To be advised.
11	Braintree	Africa (Members).
11	Bury St. Edmunds	German occupation of Channel Islands & British Military Currency (A. Starkey).
11	Epping Forest	Covers and postcards (Members).
11	Chelmsford	Swiss Surprise (E. Lienhard).

<b>February</b>	<b>Host Society</b>	<b>Subject of meeting.</b>
13	Harlow	Display by a member.
15	Bury St. Edmunds	STAMP FAIR, Moreton Hall, Bury St. Edmunds.
18	Basildon	Eight Pages From My Collection (Members).
18	Sudbury	Informal evening and auction viewing.
19	Bishop's Stortford	The Number 20 (Members).
19	Goodmayes	Special Event Souvenirs (Members).
19	Ipswich	Competitions.
20	Billericay	Winter (Members).
20	Witham	My Latest Acquisitions (Members).
21	Colchester	Display by Alan Moorcroft.
24	Leytonstone & Wanstead	Bring & Buy or Swap.
24	Rayleigh	To be advised.
25	Braintree	Postal History of the Boer War (N. Harris).
25	Chelmsford	Display by Benfleet P.S.
27	Harlow	General Discussion and Activity (Members).
27	Shoeburyness	To be advised.

If details of any of your Society's events are not shown or have changed, please send me a copy of your programme or relevant details as soon as possible for inclusion in the next one!

### **THE MEMBER SOCIETIES OF THE AEPS**

Venues are wheelchair-accessible except where stated.

#### **Basildon Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Alan Taylor (07899-822881, [alantaylor60@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alantaylor60@hotmail.co.uk)).  
 Venue: George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, SS14 2FL (01268-465854).  
 Normal time: 7.30pm for 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

#### **Benfleet & District Philatelic Society (incorporating Southend Philatelic Society)**

Secretary: Robert Herbert (07746-136294, [robertherbert47@hotmail.com](mailto:robertherbert47@hotmail.com)).  
 Venue: Jubilee Hall, St Barnabas Church, Church Road, Hadleigh, Benfleet SS7 2EJ.  
 Normal time: 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm.

#### **Billericay & District Philatelic Society**

Contact: David Bremner (Chairman) (01277-626674).  
 Venue: The Fold Arts Centre, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LD.  
 Normal time: 7.30 for 8pm to 10pm.

#### **Bishops Stortford & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: To be advised.  
 Evening meetings:  
 Venue: Pre-Preparatory Department, Bishop's Stortford College, Great Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 4BS.  
 Normal day and time: First Wednesday, 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm, all year.  
 Afternoon meetings:  
 Venue: Ground Floor Club Room, Community Centre, Lancaster Way, Bishop's Park, Bishop's Stortford CM23 4DA.  
 Normal day and time: Third Wednesday, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, all year.

#### **Braintree & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: John Birch (01787-478011, No e-mail).  
 Venue: Archer Community Centre, 28-32 East Street, Braintree, CM7 3JJ.  
 Normal time: 7.45pm to 9-9.30pm.

#### **Bury St Edmunds & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Rod Finn (01379-898292, [rod1finn@aol.co.uk](mailto:rod1finn@aol.co.uk)).  
 Venue: Church Institute, The Street, Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2NP.  
 Normal time: 7pm for 7.30pm.

#### **Chelmsford & District Philatelic Society**

**New Secretary: Antony Edwards (01245-601884, [antonyr.edwards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:antonyr.edwards@hotmail.co.uk)).**  
 Venue: Christ Church, United Reformed Church, New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW.  
 Normal time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm to 9.45pm.

**Cheshunt & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Mike Cording (01992-442980, cheshuntphilatelic@yahoo.co.uk).  
Venue: Spanish Ambassador's Suite, Bishops College, Churchgate, Cheshunt EN8 9XG. **Not**  
wheelchair accessible.  
Normal time: 8pm to 10pm (December to February 2pm to 4pm).

**Clacton Philatelic Society**

Secretary: David Hacker (01255-423521, dave.hacker@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Clacton Indoor Bowls Club, Valley Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 6NA.  
Normal time: 7pm to 10pm.

**Colchester & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Christine Stroud (01206 511950) chris.stroud1@ntlworld.com.  
Venue: Wilson Marriage Centre, Barrack Street, Colchester CO1 2LR.  
Normal time: 7pm to 9.30pm.

**East Anglia Postal History Society**

Secretary: John Copeland (01277-218128, jwjcopeland@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Garden Room, Red Gables Resource Centre, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1BE.  
Normal time: 2pm for 2.30pm.

**Epping Forest & District Stamp Club**

Acting Secretary: Roger Pearce (020-8281 1386, 07968-507588, rodwin@talk21.com).  
Venue: The Dining Hall, Roding Valley High School, Brook Road (entry from Alderton Hill),  
Loughton, IG10 3JA.  
Normal time: 7.45 for 8.00pm to 10.00pm (Saturdays 1.30pm to 4.30pm).

**Frinton & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Geoffrey Miller (01255-851240, geoffreymiller578@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Room 5, Frinton Community Centre, The Triangle, Soken House, CO13 0AU.  
Normal time: 7.00 for 7.30pm to 10pm. Afternoon meetings 1.30pm to 5pm.

**Goodmayes Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Cliff Cashman (020-8984 9346, No e-mail).  
Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Percy Road, Goodmayes, IG3 8UA.  
Normal time: 7.45pm to 10pm.

**Harlow Philatelic Society**

Secretary: To be advised.  
Venue: Maidmoore Room, Great Parndon Community Centre, Abercrombie Way, Harlow, CM18 6YJ.  
Normal time: 6.30pm for 7pm to 9pm.

**Ipswich Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Mike Smith (01473-403904, michaelsmith1949@gmail.com).  
Venue: Cedarwood Primary School, Wilkinson Drive (off Ropes Drive), Kesgrave, IP5 2ES.  
Normal time: 6.30 for 7.30pm to 9.15pm.  
Afternoon meetings 1pm to 6pm at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Hall, Twelve Acre  
Approach, off Bell Lane, Kesgrave IP5 1JF.

**Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Richard Wood (020 8523 0719, No e-mail).  
Venue: Function Room, The Plough & Harrow, 419 High Road, Leytonstone E11 4JU.  
Normal time: Second Saturday at 2.15 for 2.45pm to: 4.30pm.  
Fourth Monday at 7.15 for 7.45pm to 9.30pm.

**Rayleigh & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Ray How (01702-544632, ray.how@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Parish Rooms, Rectory Garth, Hockley Road, Rayleigh SS6 8BA.  
Normal time: 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm.

**Shoeburyness & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Mrs. Sue Stacey (07957-725647, sjs5032@virginmedia.com).  
Venue: St Peter's Church, Hinguer Street, South Shoebury SS3 9AN.  
Normal time: 7.45pm for 8pm to 9.45pm.

**Sudbury & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: David Gottesmann (01787-469527, dgottesmann@netscape.net).

Venue: Tudor Church of England Primary School, Tudor Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1NL.  
Normal time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

**Witham Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Colin Fletcher (01376-518095, colinfletcher10@icloud.com).  
Venue: Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham, CM8 2HE.  
Normal time: 7.30 for 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

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Some societies lose meetings this month because of bank holidays.

In philatelic circles, the term "**bourse**" usually means a meeting at which dealers, which may be members with surplus material and/or invited visitors, bring stamps to sell.

Requests for further details of individual events should be addressed to the organising society Secretary. More general queries can be sent to the contact below.

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