# The Basildon Philatelist.

The Journal of Basildon Philatelic Society

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## A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

to all Members and readers from the Secretary and Committee, on behalf of the Society

### Editorial:

Our meetings revert to our usual twice-amonth pattern in January. Please support our meetings. If people do not attend, we will have no option but to close the society, which I am sure that none of us want.

The Exchange Packet and (postal) Auctions are now functioning as near normally as possible in the circumstances. If any local member who does not take advantage of this service would like to join the Packet, please let me know as soon as possible. This provides a useful service to enable members to buy material in the comfort of their own homes, but we need more members to be economically viable and give the chance of a good return for our vendors.

#### 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.

In the present unstable circumstances, potential exhibitors should consult the ABPS website for details of exhibitions that are going ahead.

## **EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS**

A number of international exhibitions are planned for 2022. Forthcoming FEPA exhibitions are listed at <u>http://fepanews.com/</u>.

## WORLD POST DAY

Can YOU think of a way to 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

## **ABPS CHANGES**



ABPS has a new chairman. Steve Harrison has taken over as Chairman of ABPS following the recent AGM, replacing Graham Winters, who is now responsible for liaison with federations.

The new Vice-Chairman is John Davies.

#### **LONDON 2022**

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, London 2020 was rescheduled for 19-26 February 2022. As before, it will be held at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1, and will be a full international World stamp exhibition with FIP patronage and FEPA recognition (see www.london2022.co).

# SCOTTISH CONGRESS & NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The 91st Scottish Annual Congress will take place from 22-23 April 2022 at the Dewars The hosts will be the Perth Centre. Perth. Philatelic Society. Rev. J. Colin Caske will act as President. Entry forms for all competitions at the National Exhibition (National Exhibition, Alan Competition, Memorial Watson Junior Competitions for the ALBA Salver and One-Sheet Competition) are now available to Congress download on the page. www.scottishphilately.co.uk/congress

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## PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The next Congress will be held at Birmingham, on 8-11 September 2022 (see www.gbcongress.uk).

## **STAMPEX 2022**

Spring Stampex will not be held to avoid clashing with London 2022. Autumn Stampex national exhibition will take place at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from 28 September to 1 October

## NATIONAL STAMP DAY

Don't forget the anniversary of the stamp on 6 May each year. Could our Society or yourself plan something special to promote philately?

## **ABPS AWARDS**

Nominations for the ABPS Award of Merit and Congress Medal are always welcome. Full details and nomination forms can be found on the ABPS website.

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 2022. Nomination forms can be obtained from Yvonne Wheatley, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman, Weltevreden, 7 Manor Croft, Leeds LS15 9BW, 0113-2601978 <u>awards@abps.org.uk</u>.

## **ABPS NEWS**

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 15 January, followed by 15 April. Articles and enquiries relating the ABPS News can be submitted via the website or you can write direct by email at <u>editor@abps.org.uk</u> This is an opportunity for you to promote your Society.

## **STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK**

Can you donate any suitable material to Stamp Active? (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 SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The ABPS is always there to help! If you are planning a local event to promote philately and may need financial assistance, please have a look at this scheme on our website as you may be eligible for a grant.

### THE PHILATELIC FUND

Applications for project funding should now be sent to The Philatelic Fund, c/o RPSL.

## ABPS WEBSITE http://www.abps.org.uk CALLING ALL STAMP EVENT ORGANISERS

As we re-emerge from the pandemic, events are now being re-organised and new ones planned. The new website of the ABPS provides the opportunity for organisers of philatelic events such as Stamp Fairs, Philatelic Exhibitions, Society Weekends and Regional Societv Meetings, to promote their events free of charge. It is also a chance, if you are planning an event, to check that it does not clash with anything else. You can request an event to be added to the ABPS Events Calendar directly on the website. Entries will then be checked by the administrator and approved. Go to https://www.abps.org.uk/request-event-addition/

## CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

If you are prepared to give displays to Societies, either in person or by Zoom, please pass your details to the Secretary of ABPS or input your information on to ABPS website. We will be updating the site with additional information about speakers relating to Powerpoint presentations as this has become a development resulting popular from the pandemic. (Don't forget to tell AEPS (i.e. the Editor) as well!)

# MAKE SURE YOUR SOCIETY LOOKS GOOD ON THE NEW ABPS WEBSITE

ABPS's new website has received some very positive feedback so far, but they know there is more that can be done. It is the same address <u>www.abps.org.uk</u> It is on a new platform and includes all the usual information about ABPS news and activities. It now also includes a searchable list of speakers, judges and an events calendar. If you are a speaker or judge or an event organizer, please check the information on the website and advise us of any corrections, updates or additions. If you are a Society or Speaker, you can add some pictures of your meetings or displays to create attractive content. If you have any images of your local Society, events or seminars etc. that you think might enhance the website please send them to the Communications Director, Alan Godfrey at communications@abps.org.uk

## ENTRY FOR NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

The ABPS has introduced on-line entry for exhibitors at the York and London national exhibitions. Details are on the ABPS website.

#### BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA activities, visit the website <u>www.britishthematic.org.uk</u>.

#### **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.

#### STUART ROSSITER TRUST

The trust publishes and sells Postal History books, and sponsors authors and research. To date, it has published many 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 <u>www.rossitertrust.com</u>. 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 OFFICER CHANGES

Pending appointment of a new Secretary, Keith Lillywhite (<u>keithlillywhite@tiscali.co.uk</u>) is the new contact for Epping Forest society.

Similarly, the new contact for Clacton society is Ken Brown (kenbrown788@btinternet.com).

#### SOCIETY MEETING CHANGES

Witham now meets in the afternoon, from 1.45pm to 3.45pm on the first Thursday of the month. Goodmayes now meets monthly, at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday, instead of twice a month.

#### **POST-COVID-19 RECONSTRUCTION**

No AEPS meetings have yet been called as societies have enough to do to get back on their feet. So far, sixteen societies have notified the Editor of reopening: Basildon, Benfleet, Bishop's Stortford, Chelmsford, Cheshunt, Clacton. Colchester, East Anglia Postal History Society, Epping Forest, Frinton, Goodmayes, Harlow, Ipswich, Leytonstone & Wanstead, Rayleigh, Sudbury, Witham. Of the remaining two, Billericay hopes to resume meetings shortly, but Braintree has not yet been able to resume meetings.

#### **AEPS BOXES**

Ray How has found a new supplier for large storage boxes. The new box is the same size as the old ones, but comes flat-packed for self-assembly. Please contact Ray How to place orders (<u>ray.how@btinternet.com</u>). Basildon members may obtain theirs from Alan Taylor, who has 20 in stock at £5.50 each.

#### PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past; 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. The 2022 edition of Volume 1 was published in December 2021. Volumes 2 and 3 will not be published this year. This free digital handbook is sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. 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 2023 issue and any interim publicity. Please send amendments to Len Stanway a.s.a.p.

**Please note amendments:** Since the 2022 Philately in Essex handbook went to press, Jeremy Gaskell has asked that he be removed from the list of available speakers due to ill health.

## 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**

Please use <u>www.stampessex.org.uk</u>, the new AEPS website, that gives details of member societies and other useful information. Send any corrections to the Editor.

## **Basildon Society News**

## FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

10 Jan: Members' displays - 12 pages.

25 Jan: Chris Cooksey Entertains.

7 Feb: Ray How Entertains.

- 22 Feb: Essex Postal History by John Copeland.
- 7 Mar: State of Victoria/GB Experimental Handstamps by Don Davies.
- 22 Mar: Something beginning with ABC Members' displays.
- 4 Apr: GB Penny Black May dates and another display by David Church.
- 19 Apr: Claude Crowder Entertains.

2 May: Bank Holiday - No Meeting

17: May: Danzig 'Luposta 1932' – the greatest airmail exhibition ever! by Giles du Boulay.

6 Jun: Annual General Meeting.

21: Jun: Thematics Evening - Members' displays.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

# 6 September - Member's Displays.

7 people attended and received an interesting range of displays.

# 4 October - 12 or More Pages from My Collection.

11 members came along, of whom seven Charlie Mead gave displays. opened proceedings with 28 sheets of "Fiji Postage Paid in Cash from 1930". Garry Green followed with seven pages of "GB Royalty Stamps". Peter Nye produced 24 sheets of "Overprinted Change of Names to be used in Different Countries". Claude Crowder concluded the first part with 12 sheets of Spain and Belize, plus "Albums on Show" - two albums for members to look at. Maggie Thompson opened Part Two with 21 pages of "Saar Revenue Stamps". Alf Potter followed with 8 sheets of Postcards from around the World. Ian McElwain closed the evening with 21 sheets of Malta 1973-1991.

# 1 November - Annual General Meeting.

The meeting (3 committee and 4 ordinary members, 6 apologies) noted the reports of the officers and thanked those who had worked hard to keep the society in being during lockdown and to relaunch it. The accounts for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 were approved. The present officers were re-elected, but it was noted that new officers were needed in the long-term to allow the Secretary and others to take a well-earned break.

# 6 December - Festive Night.

The Festive Quiz for the Tomex Trophy for 2021 was won by Ian McElwain with 24 points. Maggie Thompson was runner-up with 22 points. The meeting concluded with the traditional refreshments

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Members are reminded that a volunteer is urgently needed to train-up as Assistant Secretary to take over as Secretary from the next AGM.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2021-2022 are now overdue and should be paid to Len Stanway if you have

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not already paid for this year (directly or via Alan at meetings). The annual fee remains at £13 for full Membership, £2 for Juniors and 50p for Associate Members (exchange packet and auction vendors). In a normal year, this covers overheads, plus a small part of our hall hire costs (the auctions cover a substantial part of the hall hire). Members attending meetings also pay £1 attendance fee at the door to cover refreshments and assist with hall hire. Participation in the exchange packet is conditional on payment of the subscription for insurance reasons. А number of members, understandably, let their membership lapse during 1920-21 financial year, but it is hoped that they will renew now that meetings are resuming. Where appropriate, donations to cover the "missing year" will, of course, be welcomed by the Treasurer! If you intend to leave the Society and not renew, please do let the Secretary know.

#### SOCIETY POLO SHIRT

One way that you can help promote the society is to buy and wear our 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

The next postal auction is planned for 12 April 2022. Members are invited to submit lots for that auction (Claude has vendor's forms). Send the completed form and lots to The Auction Secretary. The closing date is 1 February 2022 or when the auction list limit is reached, whichever is sooner. Get your lists in now!

The results of the October Auction, which attracted 45 successful bidders, were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£10.00	183	£3.50	341	£10.00
3	£13.00	184	£3.50	342	£4.00
4	£3.00	185	£2.50	343	£3.50
5	£3.50	186	£2.00	344	£3.50
6	£3.00	187	£10.50	345	£4.00
7	£3.00	188	£3.50	346	£2.50
10	£2.50	190	£10.00	347	£3.00
12	£30.00	193	£3.00	348	£3.00
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148	£3.50	284	£7.00	497	£2.00
151	£2.50	285	£16.00	498	£3.00
153	£3.50	288	£18.00	500	£3.50
154	£4.00	289	£18.00	501	£4.50
157	£20.00	290	£5.00	503	£3.50
159	£3.50	291	£20.00	505	£2.00
163	£3.00	292	£18.00	507	£16.00
164	£29.00	293	£18.00	508	£9.00
165	£5.00	294	£18.00	511	£3.50
166	£2.00	295	£18.00	513	£2.50
167	£2.50	296	£17.00	516	£10.00
170	£8.00	297	£18.00	517	£21.00
171	£2.00	298	£17.00	518	£8.50
172	£4.00	304	£15.00	519	£3.00
173	£4.00	312	£10.00	522	£3.00
175	£3.00	314	£14.00	523	£15.00
176	£4.00	316	£3.00	528	£7.50
177	£3.50	321	£6.00	529	£4.00
178	£3.50	322	£6.00	533	£5.00
179	£3.00	323	£8.00	535	£3.50
180	£5.50	324	£8.00	536	£5.50
181	£4.50	328	£3.50	537	£7.00
182	£4.50	334	£3.00		

#### 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.

#### 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 emailing list to receive this newsletter and other society information.

#### **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 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**.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## **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)

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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.	<ul> <li>15 - Sudbury - Informal and auction viewing.</li> <li>16 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).</li> <li>16 - Ipswich - Visiting society tbe (afternoon).</li> <li>18 - Colchester - To be advised.</li> <li>19-26 - ABPS London - LONDON 2020 INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 OQH.</li> <li>21 - Chesburt (Dravisional date)</li> </ul>			
<b>ARCHIVES</b> The Society Archivist would welcome any souvenirs, press cuttings, etc., relating to the society that members may wish to give him.	<ul> <li>21 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).</li> <li>22 - Basildon - Essex Postal History (J.W.J. Copeland).</li> <li>22 - Chelmsford - (Provisional date).</li> <li>24 - Harlow - (Provisional date).</li> <li>28 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).</li> </ul> March 2022			
<ul> <li>SMALL ADS</li> <li>Society members are entitled to insert one small advertisement free of charge in each issue. Please send your advert to the Editor.</li> <li>Malaysia - First day covers for sale. Many issues available. Wants lists to Len Stanway.</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>2 - Benfleet - Television (M. Routh).</li> <li>2 - Clacton - Ceylon (D. Pugh).</li> <li>2 - Goodmayes - The President Entertains (K. Glacken).</li> <li>2 - Ipswich - Your Committee Entertains.</li> <li>2 - Leytonstone &amp; Wanstead - Family Quiz Night.</li> <li>3 - Witham - A few pages with a Thematic Theme (Members).</li> <li>7 - Basildon - State of Victoria and GB Experimental Handstamps 1852-60 (D. Davies).</li> <li>8 - Epping Forest - To be advised.</li> <li>8 - Sudbury - Auction.</li> </ol>			
<ul> <li>Philatelic Events at AEPS Societies</li> <li>Societies</li> &lt;</ul>	<ul> <li>9 - Chelmsford - (Provisional date).</li> <li>10 - Harlow - (Provisional date).</li> <li>12 - Leytonstone &amp; Wanstead - Speaker to be advised.</li> <li>14 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).</li> <li>16 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).</li> <li>16 - Ipswich - A Transylvanian Night (M. Lendon) (afternoon).</li> <li>18 - Colchester - To be advised.</li> <li>21 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).</li> <li>22 - Basildon - Something beginning with A, B or C (Members).</li> <li>22 - Chelmsford - (Provisional date).</li> <li>22 - Sudbury - From My Collection (R.E. How).</li> <li>24 - Harlow - (Provisional date).</li> <li>30 - Leytonstone &amp; Wanstead - Richard Wood and Gordon George.</li> <li>For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or vise http://www.wherecanwego.com, which is update</li> <li>with the latest available information. Unless stated</li> <li>Basildon meetings are held at George Hurd Centre</li> <li>Audley Way, Basildon SS14 2FL from 7.30 for</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>February 2022</li> <li>2 - Benfleet - Members' Evening.</li> <li>2 - Goodmayes - Postal Ephemera (Members).</li> <li>2 - Ipswich - Competitions.</li> <li>3 - Clacton - Competitions.</li> <li>3 - Witham - British Forces in Egypt (M. Carter) (afternoon).</li> <li>7 - Basildon - Ray How Entertains.</li> <li>9 - Chelmsford - (Provisional date).</li> <li>10 - Harlow - (Provisional date).</li> <li>11 - Epping Forest - Cover &amp; Postcards (Members).</li> <li>12 - Leytonstone &amp; Wanstead - Speaker to be advised.</li> <li>12 - Witham - STAMP FAIR at the Royal British Legion Hall Newland Street, Witham CM8 2AZ Opens 9:30am.</li> <li>14 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).</li> </ul>	<b>Press Date</b> The intention is that the next issue should be published on 1 April. Your news or articles should be with the Editor by 15 March.			

## LOOK CAREFULLY AT YOUR MAIL!

Christmas Post and Go stamps are giving their usual opportunities to collect less-common items.



2020 Christmas 1<sup>st</sup> Class Post and Go with 2021 rates (from Basildon PO)



2021 Christmas 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Post and Go (from Basildon PO)



2020 Christmas 1<sup>st</sup> Class Post and Go used as 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (from Solihull)

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