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Important notice to members:

As a result of the present health emergency, in line with government “advice” of Monday 16 March and ABPS guidance, Basildon PS has suspended all collective activities until the end of June in the first instance. We plan to resume with the first meeting in July, but that will depend on circumstances, which we will keep under review and we will advise you of the situation nearer that date. George Hurd Centre has since closed until further notice, so we will not be able to restart until they do.

The exchange packet will cease operation for the same period and existing packets in circuit will be withdrawn and returned to the vendors. Packets awaiting circuit will be held until the restart or returned to the vendors at their discretion.

The auction will continue as a postal auction only, so intending room bidders should send bids to Claude Crowder instead.

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused, which is outside our control.

Len Stanway, President

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 include:

Estonia 2020. National Museum, Tartu 10-12 July. www.refs.ee UK commissioner, Graham Winters

Indonesia 2020, Jakarta 6-11 August. UK Commissioner: John Jackson. FIP Congress also to be held here.

Bulgaria 2020 World Stamp Championship. Inter Expo Centre, Sofia, Bulgaria 30 September-4 October. FIP specialised exhibition with FEPA patronage. www.bulgaria2020.com Accepted FIP classes are championship class, traditional, postal history, thematic, modern and literature,. UK deadline 15 April. UK commissioner, Ivan Metchev at i.metchev@gmail.com

Malaysia 2020, Kuala Lumpur, November or December 2020. FIP event.

IPEX Cape Town 2021, Cape Town International Convention Centre, 17-20 March. FIP specialised exhibition with FIP patronage. <https://capetown2021.org> All FIP classes accepted except astrophilately and maximaphily. UK deadline 15 August 2020. UK commissioner, Jon Aitchison at britishlocals@aol.com 01279 870488.

IBRA2021 World Stamp Exhibition, Essen, Germany. Messe Essen, 6-9 May. www.ibra2021.de Full international exhibition under FIP patronage with FEPA recognition. All FIP classes are accepted. UK deadline 23 September 2020, extended to 4 October 2020 for new exhibit seeking qualification at Autumn Stampex. UK commissioner Frank Walton at Frank@FrankWalton.com.

PhilaNippon 2021, Yokohama, August. FIP event.

NOTOS 2021 European Philatelic Exhibition, Athens, Greece. Peristeri Exhibition Centre 19-22 November. hps.gr/notos2021. Full European international with FEPA patronage and FIP recognition. All FEPA and FIP classes accepted. UK commissioner Mike Roberts mjyr@btinternet.com 07774 124059.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

All forthcoming FEPA exhibitions are listed at <http://fepanews.com/>

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

LONDON 2020 now 2022

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, London 2020 cannot take place in May. It has now been 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.

COVID-19

The public and research facilities at British Library, Postal Museum, Royal Philatelic Society London and the National Archives are closed until further notice.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2020 Congress** will be held at the Three Swans, Market Harborough from 3-6 September. The **2020 ABPS AGM** will be held at Congress on 4 September.

2021 will be at Harrogate.

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.

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 2020** is planned for 30 September - 3 October. The British Thematic Association will be the lead society and ABPS is planning a seminar on thematic exhibiting.

- **Spring 2021**. This is planned for 17-21 February 2021.

There will be the usual two Stampexes in 2021.

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.

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 WEBSITE

For a full listing in the website, 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 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.

THE PHILATELIC FUND

Applications for funding should now be sent to The Philatelic Fund, c/o RPSL. RPSL is working from temporary premises until it reopens at its new address in September.

ABPS AWARD OF MERIT 2021

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 2021. 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.

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. 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

For information on BTA activities, visit the website www.britishthematic.org.uk.

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 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. 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

COVID-19

In the present health emergency, no AEPS meetings will be held until further notice. For all our societies, initial closure periods have been advised: Basildon (until further notice - venue closed), Benfleet (to end April), Billericay (to end August), Bishop's Stortford (to end August), Braintree to end June), Bury St Edmunds (to end August), Chelmsford (until further notice), Cheshunt (to end June), Clacton (until further notice), Colchester (to end August), East Anglia PHS (April), Epping Forest (to end August), Frinton (to end August), Goodmayes (to end August), Harlow (until further notice), Ipswich (to

end August), Leytonstone & Wanstead (until further notice - venue closed), Rayleigh (to end May, including Stamp Day), Sudbury (to end August), Witham (to end June).

ALBUMS CLOSED

Benfleet society Secretary Robert Herbert passed away on 10 March. Colin Evans, the Chairman, has stepped up as Acting Secretary pending appointment of a new Secretary.

Epping Forest member Stuart Henderson, a great friend of the society, passed away in mid-March after a short illness.

SOCIETY CLOSED

Shoeburyness society closed its doors on 31 January 2020 as operation had ceased to be viable.

AEPS COUNCIL

The next meeting will be called after life returns to normal.

AEPS SEMINAR 2021

The 2020 Seminar on 25 January was well attended with 28 participants, of whom 20 displayed. Len Stanway opened proceedings with the first major display, showing London Underground mails. Ten single frame displays followed, then Ray How presented the second major display, showing the Milford Haven-Waterford mail service postal history, which was left up over the lunch break. A further ten displays followed. Displayers were Derek Jefcoate, Shirley Watson, Bill Trower, Sue Stacey, Colin Evans, Maggie Thompson, Paul Green, John Copeland, David Haskell, Mick Carter, Mike Burt, Geoff Miller, John Dickenson, Trevor Potter, Eric Hutton, Mick Myall, Clair Urry. An amazing variety of material was shown, including British postal fiscals, Haiti, Operation Black Buck, Isle of Man TT, Mauritius, Falkland Islands, the Vikings, Alaska postcards, The Anschluss, Pakistan provisionals, Mosul, German Inflation, postmaster handstamps, British Occupation of Former Italian Colonies, Railway Art, Cartoon postcards, Birds and Flowers.

The 2021 AEPS Seminar will be on **30 January** at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon

Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. Details will be published later.

AEPS 100 CLUB

The club is being wound up and unused subscriptions will be refunded. Any enquiries should be sent to Ray How.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

Circumstances permitting, **Autumn 2020** will be hosted by Ipswich on 10 October at Kesgrave.

Volunteer societies are urgently needed to host Spring and Autumn StampEssex 2021. Please contact John Dickenson immediately!

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

Basildon Society News

LAINDON FAIR

David Church has advised that his fair due for 9 May has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

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.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

6 January - Claude Crowder Entertains.



Claude gave us a tour of the West Indies with definitive issues of Antigua, Leeward islands, St Kitts Nevis & Anguilla, St Vincent, Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Barbados, Jamaica, British Honduras, Virgin Islands, Dominica, St Lucia, Trinidad, Turks & Caicos, Grenada and Bahamas. A fascinating range of material rarely seen at the society. After the break, we moved to Australasia with New Zealand Health, Kiwi Mail, PHQs, Life Insurance, Postage Dues and Fiscals, followed by a medley of Australia including stationery and Australia used in Papua New Guinea.

21 January - President's Evening.

As Jeremy Gaskell was indisposed, an exchange of dates saw Len Stanway display his collection of Labuan and North Borneo to 1964, which he had never previously shown as a full evening, including a wide range of proof and specimen material, forgeries, printer's samples, etc.

3 February - May Dates by Davis Church and mini-bourse.

As an experiment, this was a meeting of two halves. We started with David showing his amazing collection of Penny Blacks on cover used in May 1840, of which he is only missing two dates. The meeting then continues with an informal bring-and-buy session.

18 February - 8 Pages From My Collection.

Claude Crowder opened proceedings with Dominica definitives from King George V to

Queen Elizabeth II. Dave Perry followed with the British issues of the New Hebrides Condominium. Maggie Thompson entertained us with philatelically inspired triangles of Britain, Latvia, Hungary and the Midland Stamp Club - of Zimbabwe! Alf Potter closed the first half with postcards showing US Marine Corps uniforms 1775 to 1985.

Alan Taylor opened the second half with Singapore Disney MyStamp collectors' sheets. Claude Crowder returned with Montserrat definitives. Ian McElwain showed GB used in Malta and Len Stanway closed proceedings with the transition from the Richmond Penny Post to the Penny Pink envelope as shown in the postal history of Richmond North Yorkshire.

2 March - Jeremy Gaskell Entertains.



Jeremy gave us an excellent display of North Borneo with many unusual and scarce items, followed by an introduction to the history of the town of Jeremie in Haiti. He completed the evening's displays with a visit to the island of Fernando Po.

17 March - The Away Team Entertains.

As our booked speaker was unable to be with us on health grounds, members who took part in our displays to other societies showed how a typical display went, in the hope that new members may be tempted to join the roster. Maggie Thompson opened with Olympic Triangles of the Dominican Republic, including proof material from the Waterlow archive. Alan Taylor completed the first rounds with Royal Visits 1952 to the 1980s. Ian McElwain started the second round with Malta with pre-stamp, GB used in Malta and postage stamps to King

George VI. Len Stanway wound up with the Federated Malay States Survey Department essays and the genesis of the Malaya Key Type.

AUCTION

Our next auction will now be a postal auction on 21 April. All members are asked to submit their bids to Claude Crowder as soon as possible as there will be no room bidding because of the COVID-19 emergency.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet is currently closed pending the end of the present emergency.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be rescheduled once normal business is resumed.

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.

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.

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.

Stamp Fairs – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 9 May is cancelled. The next fairs will be 12 September, 14 November. 9am-3pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.



Philatelic Events at AEPS Societies

In the light of the present health emergency, all scheduled meetings must be considered at risk of cancellation at short notice. The following meetings had not yet been notified as cancelled at the time of writing.

April 2020

21 Basildon - Postal Auction closes.

May 2020

6 Benfleet - Annual General Meeting & Mini-Auction.

9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Annual General Meeting & Members' displays.

28 Harlow - General Discussion and Activity (Members).

June 2020

3 Benfleet - London Coffee Houses (I. Marshall).

8 Rayleigh - Aspects of Collecting Local Postal History (A.N. Moorcroft).

11 Harlow - Letter G (Members).

13 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Visit to The Postal Museum.

22 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Society Social (by invitation).

22 Rayleigh - Falkland Islands (A.J. Bosworth).

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherewecanwego.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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Press Date

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