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President's Message to members:

I had hoped that this issue would announce the resumption of open meetings, but the virus (and the Government) had different ideas. Just before writing this, I received the announcement of new restrictions expected to be in force for at least six months, so it looks as if we will be unable to meet before next April, unless some sudden change in circumstances takes place.

Meanwhile, we now have the Exchange Packet up and running and we have launched the October Auction as a postal auction, so members have something to take part in, if they wish. Why not ask to be added to the Packet list? - there has been some great material going through lately!

Some societies have introduced other innovations, such as Zoom meetings with short presentations, but this requires members with the necessary expertise to volunteer to organise them and members would need computers and to install the necessary free software. If you think that you could help in this regard or you have other suggestions for innovative society activities, do not hesitate to get in touch.

As previously advised, George Hurd Centre has consulted on the Council's "non-negotiable" conditions for a possible resumption of use, but these would not be feasible for our meetings, so we are still waiting.

Despite the lack of meetings, the society has on-going overheads to pay and the packet can only be sent to paid-up members, so we would be grateful if members could pay their 2020-2021 subscriptions (£13) as soon as possible.

Best wishes, 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.

In the present circumstances, we recommend that potential exhibitors consult the ABPS website for any exhibitions that are going ahead.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

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

National News

LONDON 2022

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, London 2020 was rescheduled for 19-26 February 2022, but it remains to be seen how COVID developments will affect this. It will be held at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB 2021

The next Congress is planned for Market Harborough at the Three Swans Hotel, on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March 2021. Contact gerald.marriner@gmail.com for latest status.

STAMPEX

Autumn 2020: Autumn Stampex has been replaced with a Virtual Stampex event from 30 September to 3 October, to be replaced with an online Virtual Stampex event. Sign up to the Stampex Newsletter to keep up with the latest news. Details are at www.thepts.net.

Spring 2021: This is planned for 17-21 February 2021 at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 OQH.

Autumn 2021: This is planned for 29 September-2 October 2021 at the same venue.

Essex News

COVID-19

In the present health emergency, which effectively bans meetings of more than six persons, no AEPS meetings will be held until further notice. So far, no society has notified the Editor of firm plans to reopen (although Rayleigh was planning to reopen in late October before the latest developments), but some exchange packets (including Basildon, Bury St Edmunds, Frinton, Ipswich and Rayleigh) have resumed.

ALBUMS CLOSED

Colchester-based Russian Zemstvos specialist Robin Calvert passed away in January at the age of 91.

Bury St Edmunds Secretary Rod Finn passed away on 30 June.

Former dealer John Crouch, who move to Herefordshire some years ago, passed away in July 2020.

Ipswich Treasurer and Packet Secretary Bob Harvey passed away suddenly in August. Secretary Mike Smith is handling his duties in the interim.

Chelmsford stalwart Ray Goodey passed away in September.

SOCIETY OFFICER CHANGES

Benfleet Packet Secretary Laurence Gardiner stepped down in September. Packet enquiries should be addressed to Colin Evans pending appointment of a new packet secretary.

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

POSTAL AUCTION

Bidding for our next auction closes on 20 October. If you have not yet received the catalogue, please ask for one from Alan or Claude.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2020-2021 should be paid to Len Stanway. The annual fee remains at £13 for full Membership 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.

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 – David's fairs at Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX have been cancelled until further notice as COVID-19 restrictions make them unviable. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.

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