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Important notice to members:

May I take this opportunity to wish all members and other readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous (and COVID-free) New Year. Let's hope it is a very much better year than 2020 for us all.

As we go to press, Basildon has just entered Tier 4 COVID-19 restrictions, so it will not be a surprise that meetings are suspended until further notice.

The packet briefly resumed after the second Lock-down, but Tier 4 appears to prevent further circulation for the time being. The situation will be kept under review and a decision on resumption will be taken after Christmas.

Meanwhile, George Hurd Centre has been advised that we are intending to resume meetings when conditions permit and we have updated our Risk Assessment to include COVID risks. This is now with the Council for their review.

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.

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

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

Any 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 could not 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.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **March 2021 ABPS event** has been cancelled.

The next **Congress** has been scheduled to be held at Harrogate at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, on 23-26 September 2021.

Essex News

COVID-19

In the present health emergency, no AEPS meetings will be held until further notice. So far, no society has notified the Editor of firm plans to reopen. Various attempts have been aborted as rules changed to prevent them.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past; 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. The 2021 edition of Volume 1 was published in December 2020. 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 2022 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

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

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 (whenever that is!).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2020-2021 are now overdue and should be paid to Len Stanway. 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.

AUCTION

A fairly successful auction was held on 22 October, but, for reasons that are not completely clear, 100 lots had to be withdrawn at

the last minute. The vendor very kindly compensated the society for loss of income.

The next auction is planned for April 2021. Members will be advised further information after Christmas.

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