

The Basildon Philatelist.

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Editorial:

Many thanks to all the members who heeded my request and attended the AGM, which was the best-attended for some time. Many thanks also to Charlie Mead for stepping forward to save the society from the brink of closure. I am sure that we can now move forward and regain some of our lost vigour. Please do try to support our ordinary meetings.

The Exchange Packet is now functioning normally but needs more members to take part. This is a good way of finding material for your collections. I am constantly amazed by the things that I am able to add to my already-quite-advanced collections. 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.

There still seems to be a reluctance from members to return to meetings. Perhaps we are just that little bit older and reluctant to leave our armchairs, or perhaps there are still fears about Covid. Whatever the cause, we need to get more people to meetings, particularly when we have outside speakers. We had just four at a recent meeting, which was highly embarrassing.

International News

OVERSEAS EXHIBITING

More-advanced collectors (some of whom are members of this society) enjoy exhibiting items from their collections abroad. International exhibitions are once again in full swing. Overseas exhibitions fall into three categories:

1. National and private exhibitions that choose to invite overseas entrants. These set their own entry and judging criteria.
2. Continental federation exhibitions are organised by the international federation responsible for that region. In Europe that is FEPA (European Federation of Philatelic Associations), in Asia-Pacific FIAP, etc. These set their own entry criteria, but generally judge to FIP rules.
3. Full international and world exhibitions that invite entries world-wide, organised by a national organising committee under the auspices of the International Philatelic Federation (FIP).

Unless otherwise decided by the organisers, to be eligible for five frames at a FIP, FEPA or other overseas 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.

Potential exhibitors should consult the ABPS website for details of forthcoming national and international exhibitions that they might enter.

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

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (PCGB), a semi-autonomous section of the Association of British Philatelic Societies (ABPS) is the premier occasion on which philatelists from around the whole country and from abroad gather for several days to socialise and see top exhibits from Britain and the world. Exhibits range from four-page displays by those present, displays by local and national speakers and, usually, a display by one of the year's new signatories of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

The next Congress will be held at Jury's Inn Hotel, Birmingham, on 8-11 September 2022 (see <https://www.abps.org.uk/philatelic-congress/>).

ABPS AGM

The 2022 AGM will take place on 9 September at Congress.

AUTUMN STAMPEX 2022

Autumn Stampex national exhibition, organised by the Philatelic Traders Society (PTS), will take place at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from 28 September to 1 October

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 2023. 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 NEWS

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 15 July, followed by 15 October. Articles and enquiries relating the ABPS News can be submitted via the website or you can write direct by email at editor@abps.org.uk. This is an opportunity for you to promote your Society. Do not forget to tell me if you are intending to send something, to avoid "mixed messages" or duplication of effort.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Can you donate any material suitable for child collectors to Stamp Active?

Kidstamps is a free postal club for children. Donations of stamps, etc. would be welcomed by Peter Barham, Hon. Secretary, Stamp Active Network, 2E Broomwood Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2JH. (stampactive@btinternet.com)

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.

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 popular development resulting from the pandemic.

If you are sending new or amended information to ABPS, do not forget to send the same information to the Editor of "Philately In Essex" so local societies (whether members of ABPS or not) have access to the same information.

MAKE SURE YOUR SOCIETY LOOKS GOOD ON THE ABPS WEBSITE

The latest ABPS website (www.abps.org.uk) has received some very positive feedback and continues to develop. 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 organiser, please check the information on the website and advise ABPS 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

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 Society 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/>

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.

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.

ISSUES TO TAKE UP AT NATIONAL LEVEL?

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 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

ALBUMS CLOSED

Brian Morriss, former Secretary of Hullbridge P.S., passed away on 4 May. Our condolences are extended to his widow, Beryl.

Another stalwart of Hullbridge and Essex philately, Malcolm Roberts, also passed away on 25 May. Our condolences are extended to his widow, Lynn.

BILLERICAY SOCIETY RESUMES

Billericay society reopened in May and now meets at its previous venue, The Fold, but at 1.30 for 2pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Prior to Covid, it met twice a month in evenings.

BRAINTREE SOCIETY MEETS INFORMALLY

It is understood that, because of insufficient members to justify hall hire, Braintree PS is now meeting informally at members' houses.

AEPS COUNCIL

The first post-Covid Council (and Executive Committee) meetings took place on 11 June at Henry Dixon Hall. AEPS is looking for a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. Competitions are planned to resume in 2023. Leytonstone, Wanstead & District reported problems getting speakers as many do not wish to enter the extended London Low Emission Zone. Speakers listed in the next issue of "Philately in Essex" will be asked to indicate this in their preferences. The next AEPS Council meeting date will be announced later.

AEPS SEMINAR 2023

After an enforced gap due to Covid, the popular AEPS Seminars will resume in January. It is intended that the 2023 AEPS Seminar will be on **28 January** at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR from 9.30am to 4.30pm. These seminars are pleasant social occasions, with invited speakers and with all members asked to bring along related small displays from their collections, if they wish to do so, for the speaker's comments and/or assistance. The venue has ample parking and is just off the A12. Details are still being finalised and will be published later. Once finalised, tickets will be available from Ray How. Watch for a further announcement.

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 (ray.how@btinternet.com). Basildon members may obtain theirs from Alan Taylor, who has 7 in stock at £6 each.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

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

2021. New editions of Vol.2 and Vol.3 were not published. 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. Copies of all three volumes are available free by e-mail on request.

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 AEPS website, that gives details of member societies and other useful information. Send any corrections and amendments to the Editor.

Basildon Society News

WEBSITE

Charlie Mead has refreshed the Society website. It's still work in progress, but it looks good. A new addition is the Tomex Quiz 2021 for members to try if they were not able to be there. The answers are on a separate page. You may like to have a go yourself. The winner managed 67% and members of the Expert Committee at the Royal 80%. The website now has a downloadable programme card with the addition of a QR code which links to the website when scanned on a mobile device.

PWO Expo 2022 is an on-line philatelic event with the stated aim of being "the first open virtual philatelic websites and social media exhibition, whose main objective is to promote Philately via the Internet...". Charlie has entered our own BPS website in the competitive Websites and Social Media: Institutional class. There are two potential awards, one judged by the jury and the other judged by the viewing public. The exhibition runs from 10 July until 10 September with anyone on-line being able to view the entries and vote. The PWO Expo 2022 can be found at

<https://pwoexpo2022.virtuafil.org/public-expo-intro.aspx>.

The ABPS website has been updated to reflect our change of secretary and now has a link to the BPS website, something that was missing previously.

ALBUMS CLOSED

One of our Associate Members, Jeremy Gaskell, a long-time supporter of the Exchange Packet, passed away on 24 April after a long illness. A Past President of the Sarawak Specialists' Society, he has displayed to Basildon on many occasions and he will be missed by many in the hobby. Our condolences have been conveyed to his widow, Nina.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We note with regret the resignations from membership of Barry Mead and Geoff Hammond. In both cases, health issues were cited.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2022-2023 are now overdue and should be paid to Len Stanway by post or Alan Taylor 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. 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. A number of members, understandably, let their membership lapse during 2020-22 financial years, 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 Treasurer know.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

4 April – Penny Black May Dates by David Church.

David has only a couple of missing dates in this amazing collection and is always able to surprise us with some new items. In many cases, David is

able to provide background information relating to the entire/cover or the persons involved in the correspondence. David completed the evening with a display of Paquebot Mail, with background information on the ships that carried each item.

19 April – Colin Evans Entertains.

Colin gave a thematic display, which included stamps, postcards and covers. The first half was the letter H, as in Hands, Huts, Hovercraft, Hounslow, Henry VIII, Hampton Court, Harrier jump jet, Halley's Comet, etc. The second half was general thematics, plus Islands, including Caldey Island, Brownsea Island, Isle of Wight, Canvey Island and the South Antarctic islands. He also showed the ill-fated Russian TU144 ("Concordski") airliner, the S.S. "Great Britain" and Railways.

17 May - Danzig "Luposta 1932" - The greatest airmail exhibition ever! by Giles du Boulay.

Someone swatted the Fly before he could file his report, but I understand that it was an excellent evening.

6 June – Annual General Meeting.

A well-attended AGM roundly defeated a motion to wind up the society. Charlie Mead stepped forward to take the place of Alan Taylor as Secretary. Alan is taking a well-deserved retirement after serving us well for 22 years – By far our longest-serving Secretary. The accounts were not approved as it had not been possible to have them reviewed in time for the meeting. Claude Crowder stood down as Auction Secretary and Auctioneer, without a replacement. All other officers were reappointed.

21 June – Thematics Evening.

Ian Hunt displayed a selection of material sold in over-the counter Thematic packets. Alf Potter displayed Great Britain issues of Queen Elizabeth II since 1952. Charlie Mead concluded the display with a selection of forgeries.

SOCIETY TROPHIES

If anyone has society trophies from before lockdown, please arrange to return them to Len Stanway, either directly or via Alan Taylor at a meeting.

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 last time they were ordered (prices may have risen since). The default colour is white, but other colours can be obtained, if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

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 a hitherto undiscovered variety at a bargain price (as I have done a number of times!). 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 e-mailing list to receive this newsletter and other society information.

PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2022

Our members' handbook has been updated following the AGM and has been distributed to e-mail recipients. Please contact Len Stanway if you would like another copy sent to you.

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.

He is doing a stock-take and would welcome return of any books that you may be holding. We will update 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, look at **Philately in Essex** and the **ABPS Website**.

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.

THIRD-PARTY RESOURCES TO HELP YOU!

Steve Reeves maintains his "Stamp Fairs and Auction Diary", listing events throughout Britain, on his website <http://stampfairsdiary.co.uk/>. Give it a try!

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.



Philatelic Events at AEPS Societies

July 2022

- 1 - Clacton - Bourse and Italy Part II (D. Hacker).
- 4 - Basildon - To be advised.
- 4 - Frinton - Letters A, B, C (Members).
- 5 - Sudbury - Visit to Colne Valley Postal History Museum, Halstead.
- 6 - Benfleet - Mexico (R. Barton) and Mini Auction.
- 6 - Goodmayes - Annual General Meeting.
- 7 - Witham - Morocco Agencies (B. Cook) (afternoon).
- 11 - Rayleigh - Mac Nunn Entertains.
- 13 - Billericay - Whose Flag is That? (D. Bremner) (afternoon).
- 14 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 15 - Colchester - Annual General Meeting & Chairman's Cup.
- 18 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 18 - Frinton - Display by Ipswich P.S. (afternoon).
- 19 - Basildon - To be advised.
- 20 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 25 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 28 - Harlow - (Provisional date).

August 2022

- 1 - Basildon - To be advised.
- 3 - Benfleet - Concorde (M. Burt).
- 3 - Clacton - Bourse & Members' Displays.
- 4 - Witham - Africa (Members) (afternoon).
- 8 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 11 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 15 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 16 - Basildon - To be advised.
- 17 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 22 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 25 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 29 - - - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY.

September 2022

- 1 - Witham - Single member display (afternoon).
- 5 - Basildon - To be advised.
- 5 - Frinton - Why I Collect.
- 6 - Sudbury - Enrolment, informal evening, members' bourse.
- 7 - Benfleet - An Evening with Sarah Brookes, Bring and Buy, 8/10-page display.
- 7 - Clacton - France (G. Oliver).
- 7 - Goodmayes - (Provisional date).

- 7 - Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 8 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
 10 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
 12 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 13 - Chelmsford - Stamps of Southern Africa (A. Edwards).
 13 - Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
 14 - Billericay - Saar Before 1920 (Mrs. M.A. Thompson)
 (afternoon).
 16 - Colchester - Germany (I. Kelly).
 19 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
 19 - Frinton - Auction.
 20 - Basildon - To be advised.
 20 - Sudbury - Display by Colchester & District P.S.
 21 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
 21 - Ipswich - (Provisional date).
 22 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
 26 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 27 - Chelmsford - Sheets from my Collections (R. Barnes).
 28 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
 28-1 Oct - London - Autumn Stampex.

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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Auction:

Vacancy for an Auction Secretary/Auctioneer!

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Press Date

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