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Editorial:

As you will see under Basildon News, our social media profile has been raised by the opening of a Facebook forum and our website has won an international award. “Why do we need these “social media” things?”, I hear you ask.

They say that “It’s an ill wind that blows nobody any good!”. Much the same could be said of Covid. Whilst it made it impossible to hold face-to-face meetings, it brought a revolution in philatelic use of social media. I have been using videoconferencing for business purposes since about 1983, but it was only during the Covid crisis that it became part of daily life. Many philatelic organisations realised its potential for communications and, now that meetings have resumed, the demand for on-line meetings is as strong as ever, allowing participation by people who, like myself, are unable, for whatever reason, to attend meetings in person. There is now one society, the South East England On-line Philatelic Society, that has no physical meetings at all. Many other societies and federations operate on-line meetings as an adjunct to their face-to-face programme. In the last few weeks, I have been invited to take part, and have done so, in the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, The Royal Philatelic Society of London, specialist societies (British Thematic Association, Malaya Study Group, Railway Philatelic Group, Sarawak Specialists Society), local societies (Cockermouth, Dawlish, Harrogate, Southampton, Torbay), federations (Wessex) and overseas societies (British Empire Study Group (USA), Collectors Club of New York, Kuching PS (Sarawak), Pretoria PS (South Africa), Singapore SC). I am attending more meetings than ever before, all from the comfort of my own armchair, not to mention all the digital communications that I get from societies by e-mail or websites such as Facebook.

Despite the obvious advantages of today’s on-line world of philately, I would still come to meetings if I could, because there is no substitute for human contact and seeing material for real, but the world is richer for the new technology in many ways. For example, you can see up close what the speaker is talking about, not always possible in a meeting room. For “at risk” people, a more common state as we get older, there is also no risk of contracting anything, still a hazard,

particularly as we move into winter. If you have not experienced these new ways of doing our hobby, give it a go today!

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

KENT FEDERATION WOUND-UP

The “Kent News July 2022” has reported that, as a result of falling support for Federation events

and shrinkage of the number of Kent societies, it has reluctantly been decided to wind-up the Federation. The former Communications Officer, acting as a private individual, will provide an ongoing, free, Combined Programme and Directory service open to all Kent societies without the need for affiliation.

STAMPEX 2023

Stampex national exhibition, organised by the Philatelic Traders Society (PTS), will take place at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from 27-30 September

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 October, followed by 15 January. 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 includes all the usual information about ABPS news and activities. It 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 - 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.

MIDPEX

The 2023 Midpex exhibition and fair will be held at the Warwickshire Event Centre, Leamington Spa CV31 1XN on 1 July 2023.

Essex News

COLCHESTER SOCIETY CHANGES ITS DAY

Colchester society has traditionally been the only society meeting on a Friday. However, the venue can no longer support this and the society has been forced to change to the third Thursday each month.

AEPS COUNCIL

AEPS is looking for a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Ray How. Competitions are planned to resume in 2023. The next AEPS AGM & Council meeting date will be announced later, but it is likely to be in November.

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.

UPDATE REQUEST - PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The new edition of Philately in Essex is due in December. Please ensure that the latest information on your society and its programme is included. Please send your programme, etc., to the Editor, Len Stanway, now.

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 at any time. 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

The Society website, developed by Charlie Mead, has won a Bronze Award in the Philatelic Webmasters Organisation PWO-EXPO22 Level 1 Open Exhibition (the first Open Virtual Philatelic Websites and Social Media Exhibition) in the class "Websites and Social Media (Competitive) (Institutional)". Well done, Charlie!

FACEBOOK

The Basildon Philatelic Society Facebook group provides an on-line form for club members and others. This is where members are kept up to date with what's going on and where members can participate in discussions about the club. It does not replace the Society's website which contains our on-line resources including

downloads. To participate, please apply on the Facebook page or contact Charlie for assistance.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2022-2023 are now overdue and should be paid to Len Stanway by post or Alan Taylor at meetings. Reminders have been sent separately to the members who have not paid this year.

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"

I thought that someone must have swatted the Fly On The Wall, as I had received no reports of meetings in this quarter, but I did get one for 20 September.

At the 20 September meeting, four of the six members present showed "Twelve Pages from My Collection". Maggie Thompson started with "Saar Olympic Games 1952 and 1956". Harry Flatman followed with "GB Inland Letter Rate Stamps of QE2 Period". Alf Potter brought a Cinderella touch with "TV Licence Stamps", then Charlie Mead completed the evening with "French Polynesia Stamps" and "Fiji Revenue Stamps". A prospective member visited for part of the evening.

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.

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

October 2022

- 1 - East Anglia PHSC - Meeting at Stampex, Room D (13.00-14.30). Visitors welcome.
- 3 - Basildon - Ross Dependency (C. Evans).
- 3 - Frinton - Italy (D. Hacker).
- 4 - Sudbury - Chairman's evening.
- 5 - Benfleet - Tokelau (R. Barnes),
- 5 - Clacton - Bourse & Members' Displays.
- 5 - Goodmayes - Recent Acquisitions (Members).
- 5 - Ipswich - St. Vincent (T. Harrison) (afternoon).
- 6 - Witham - Annual General Meeting and Informal (afternoon).
- 8 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 10 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 11 - Chelmsford - Display by Basildon P.S.
- 11 - Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
- 12 - Billericay - Australian States (T. Stenning) (afternoon).
- 13 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 15 - Colchester - Stamp And Postcard Fair, Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester, CO3 0RH. 10am-4pm. Contact Peter Nason pnason@aol.com. Free parking.
- 17 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 17 - Frinton - Competitions.
- 18 - Basildon - War Tax Stamps (G.E. Miller).
- 18 - Sudbury - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.
- 19 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 19 - Goodmayes - Postal Auction.
- 19 - Ipswich - Sarawak - A Gold Medal Exhibit (S. Martin-Redman).
- 20 - Colchester - Grenada & Other Topics (A. Soutar).
- 24 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 25 - Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 26 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 27 - Harlow - (Provisional date).

November 2022

- 1 - Sudbury - Animals (Members)
- 2 - Benfleet - GB Collection (C. Evans) and Penny Black May Dates (D.J. Church).
- 2 - Clacton - Display by Peter Nason.
- 2 - Goodmayes - Keith Rowland Entertains.
- 2 - Ipswich - Classic British Empire from Perkins Bacon (C.G. Harman) (afternoon).
- 3 - Witham - Society Visit (to be advised) (afternoon).
- 7 - Basildon - Letters D,E,F (Members).

- 7 - Frinton - Falkland Miscellany (G.E. Miller and T. Potter).
- 8 - Chelmsford - Germany (including inflation covers) (I. Kelly).
- 8 - Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
- 9 - Billericay - Birds (A. Harris) (afternoon).
- 9 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 12 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 14 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 15 - Sudbury - "Bring & Buy", room auction and 3 sheet display "My Favourites".
- 16 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 16 - Ipswich - Display by Colchester P.S.
- 18 - Colchester - Autumn Competition – One page only.
- 21 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 21 - Frinton - Display by Terry Cittern.
- 22 - Basildon - Chairman's Evening - Malta (I. McElwain).
- 22 - Chelmsford - Iceland (Mrs P. Adams) (afternoon).
- 23 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 24 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 28 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).

December 2022

- 1 - Witham - Xmas Special Social Evening and Members' displays (afternoon).
- 5 - Basildon - The Committee Entertains.
- 5 - Frinton - Christmas Celebration.
- 7 - Benfleet - Xmas Social and Members' displays.
- 7 - Clacton - Pre-Christmas Evening.
- 7 - Goodmayes - Anything To Do With Christmas (Members).
- 7 - Ipswich - An Afternoon With Dealer Sarah Brooks (afternoon).
- 10 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 11 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 12 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 13 - Chelmsford - Christmas Stamps (Members) (afternoon).
- 13 - Epping Forest - (Provisional date).
- 13 - Sudbury - Quiz night.
- 15 - Colchester - Members' displays and Christmas social.
- 19 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 20 - Basildon - Christmas Meeting & Tomex Quiz.
- 21 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 21 - Ipswich - (Provisional date).

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!

www.basildon-philatelic.org.uk

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SOME SINGAPORE STAMPS OF 2022

