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Important notice to members:

This issue was delayed in the hope of good news, but, as a result of the present health emergency, Basildon PS collective activities remain suspended until further notice. 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. It now appears that we will be unable to resume before September at the earliest.

On a brighter note, the Exchange Packet is now back in operation, so now is your opportunity to put those spares in packet books for circulation!

The Autumn auction will go ahead as a postal auction in the first instance. If the room reopens, we may decide to allow room bidding. Claude welcomes submission of lots for October.

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 exhibitions that are going ahead.

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 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.

COVID-19

The public and research facilities at British Library, Postal Museum and the National Archives are beginning to reopen, but with limited facilities. Consult their respective websites for the latest information.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2020 Congress** has been cancelled.

The next Congress will now be held at Market Harborough at the Three Swans Hotel, on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March 2021.

For more information contact gerald.marriner@gmail.com.

STAMPEX

Autumn 2020: Autumn Stampex has been postponed and replaced with a Virtual Stampex event. The decision has been made following a full assessment of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic factors affecting the show, including safety and financial implications for our visitors and stakeholders. The show will be replaced with a Virtual Stampex event to be held online where you can still meet PTS members, shop for stamps, attend Stampex Talks and get special Stampex offers. Sign up to the Stampex Newsletter to keep up with the latest news and Virtual Stampex offers: <https://www.stampexinternational.co.uk/signup.html>.

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

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

The website has <http://www.abps.org.uk> again been revamped and updated. 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.

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, but some exchange packets (including Basildon and Rayleigh) have resumed.

Colchester has also cancelled its Stamp Fair (which was due in October).

ALBUMS CLOSED

Tony Aked of Forest and Leytonstone & Wanstead societies, a former AEPS Auction

Secretary and a driving force behind the BR Stamp Club, passed away in April.

Richard Alexander of Billericay passed away in April after a long illness.

Allan Boyce, until recently the long-time Secretary of Chelmsford, passed away in early July after a long illness.

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 20 in stock at £5.50 each.

AEPS COUNCIL

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

AEPS SEMINAR 2021

Subject to COVID-19, 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.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past; 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. The 2020 edition of Volume 1 was published in December 2019. 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 2021 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

ALBUMS CLOSED

Sadly, our member Jim Brinklow passed away on 11 January 2020. Our condolences have been given to his widow.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2020-2021 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). Members attending meetings also pay £1 attendance fee at the door to cover refreshments and assist with hall hire.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"**21 April - Postal Auction.**

Although it was not possible to hold a viewing, Claude was able to operate our Spring auction as a postal auction, which was very successful in the circumstances. Prices realised were:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1	£5.00	170	£12.00	298	£6.50
5	£6.00	172	£5.50	299	£8.50
13	£2.00	173	£35.00	300	£8.50
14	£5.50	175	£2.00	301	£8.50
19	£8.00	178	£9.00	302	£4.50
21	£10.00	180	£4.20	303	£4.50
23	£2.00	182	£2.00	304	£4.50
25	£10.00	188	£12.50	305	£4.00
26	£4.00	189	£6.50	320	£25.00
27	£5.00	196	£4.50	330	£4.00
37	£2.00	198	£5.00	331	£10.00
40	£2.50	200	£3.50	335	£5.50
41	£2.00	201	£5.50	336	£2.50
42	£2.00	202	£2.50	342	£6.00
43	£2.00	204	£13.00	343	£3.50
47	£2.00	206	£3.00	344	£2.00

52	£2.50	207	£3.00	345	£15.00
56	£10.00	208	£2.00	347	£15.00
57	£8.00	209	£3.00	349	£2.50
59	£3.00	210	£4.50	350	£2.00
60	£2.00	211	£2.30	351	£8.00
61	£2.00	212	£4.00	353	£2.50
63	£5.50	213	£3.00	354	£8.00
64	£8.50	215	£2.50	356	£3.50
65	£5.00	216	£2.00	360	£16.00
68	£2.00	217	£2.00	367	£5.50
69	£3.50	218	£2.00	368	£3.00
70	£2.00	219	£3.50	373	£3.00
74	£2.00	220	£6.50	374	£8.00
76	£12.50	221	£6.00	376	£5.50
77	£5.00	222	£4.00	378	£3.50
79	£5.00	223	£6.50	379	£10.00
80	£3.50	224	£8.50	387	£2.00
81	£8.50	225	£6.00	391	£13.00
85	£20.00	226	£7.50	392	£8.50
91	£7.00	227	£8.50	393	£3.00
100	£3.00	228	£8.50	398	£3.00
110	£2.80	231	£2.00	402	£10.50
111	£3.50	232	£6.00	403	£62.00
112	£3.50	233	£6.50	407	£4.00
113	£2.50	234	£2.00	408	£6.00
114	£11.00	236	£15.50	411	£5.00
115	£4.50	237	£7.00	414	£6.00
116	£3.50	240	£7.50	420	£3.50
117	£3.80	242	£12.00	423	£3.75
118	£3.50	243	£2.50	424	£4.00
119	£3.50	245	£60.00	428	£2.00
120	£3.60	247	£2.00	432	£3.50
127	£4.20	248	£3.50	434	£2.00
130	£3.30	249	£5.00	436	£15.00
131	£2.00	250	£2.00	437	£2.00
132	£3.00	257	£25.00	441	£20.00
133	£7.00	259	£20.00	445	£18.00
134	£3.00	266	£2.00	448	£8.00
135	£17.00	269	£10.00	450	£18.50
136	£13.00	270	£2.50	452	£2.00
137	£22.00	271	£20.00	453	£5.50
138	£5.00	272	£15.50	455	£25.00
141	£8.00	273	£2.00	456	£10.00
144	£8.00	274	£4.00	457	£5.00
145	£5.00	275	£3.00	466	£12.00
148	£10.00	280	£6.00	468	£10.00
154	£2.00	282	£5.00	476	£3.50
155	£2.00	283	£15.50	478	£2.50
156	£15.00	286	£20.00	479	£8.00
157	£2.00	287	£36.00	480	£2.00
161	£4.00	289	£25.00	485	£6.00
162	£15.00	291	£7.00	495	£3.00
166	£3.00	294	£4.50	499	£25.00

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held postally on 22 October. The closing date for sending lots to Claude Crowder is 21 July or when the list is full,

whichever is sooner. Lotting lists are available from Alan or Claude

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 this hitherto discovered variety at a bargain price. Ask me how to join today!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next AGM will be held after meetings resume. Please watch for an announcement.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS JOURNAL

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