

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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## Important notice to members:

As yet, there is no indication as to when we will be able to resume physical meetings as the George Hurd Centre is being used as a vaccination centre.

However, with the start of the reduction in Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, the Exchange Packet resumed operation at the end of March. Packets will again normally be issued on a fortnightly basis. 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.

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused, which is outside our control.

Len Stanway, President

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## *International News*

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### 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.

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### EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

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

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### 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!

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## *National News*

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### LONDON 2020 now 2022

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, London 2020 was 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.

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### STAMPEX

Planning for Autumn Stampex is going ahead at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from 29 September to 2 October. The lead Society will be the British Thematic Association with over 150 frames of displays.

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### MIDPEX

The 2021 Midpex exhibition and fair will be held at the Warwickshire Event Centre, Leamington Spa CV31 1XN on 7 July.

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### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The next Congress has been scheduled to be held at Harrogate at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, on 23-26 September 2021. It will mark the centenary of the first Congress, also held in Harrogate. For more information, see the ABPS website or contact [gerald.marriner@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.marriner@gmail.com)

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### NATIONAL STAMP DAY

Another neglected event is National Stamp Day, marking the anniversary of the Penny Black on 6 May each year. Again, we ask how can we get the hobby noticed on this day? Tell us now!

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### STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Peter Barham has now taken over as Secretary. Stamp Active has prepared a new Guide to Stamp Collecting for youngsters and this can be downloaded from their website. Latest information about all Stamp Active activities can be found on their award-winning website at [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://www.stampactive.co.uk). Their e-mail is [stampactive@btinternet.com](mailto:stampactive@btinternet.com)

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## *Essex News*

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### 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.

## ALBUMS CLOSED

Mark Fuller, formerly Chelmsford Secretary for 25 years, passed away in January 2021.

Witham Secretary Colin Fletcher passed away on 29 January 2021 from Covid-19 following surgery to repair damage from a fall.

Ray Watts, the dealer, passed away at the end of January or early February.

## 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. If you do not have access to it on line, Alan is willing to print you a copy.

## 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 the AEPS website, [www.stampessex.org.uk](http://www.stampessex.org.uk), which 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. Participation in the exchange packet is conditional on payment of the subscription for insurance reasons.

## AUCTION

The next postal auction will take place on 20 April 2021. The auction list has been published and all members should have had copies by e-mail or post. If anyone has missed out, please contact the Editor as soon as possible.

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## **Press Date**

The intention is that the next issue should be published on 1 July. Your news or articles should be with the Editor by 15 June.

