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Editorial:

Our daytime meeting was moderately successful, so the Committee will have a lot to think about at its next meeting. As the AGM is coming up, it is the right time to ask "Could YOU help run things?". If the answer is "Yes" or even "Perhaps", please speak to Charlie Mead NOW!. With work starting on Essex Stamp Day 2013, which we will host, we will need all the help that we can get over the next two years

National News

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Congress 2011 will be at Queen's Hotel, Southsea from 16-19 June. This year's theme is "transport". As an experiment, it will incorporate the National one-frame competition. Tickets are still available from Paul Gaywood at gaywood@hotmail.co.uk.

Congress 2012 will be held at Queen's Hotel in Perth, Scotland, from 19-22 October, overlapping with the National exhibition (q.v.).

ABPS COUNCIL MEETING

The next annual meeting will be at Congress 2011. Please advise your Editor of anything you wish raised.

WORLD POST DAY

How can we get the society and hobby noticed on World Post Day 9 October 2011, which marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union? Tell us now!

2011-2012 NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

The 2011 ABPS National Exhibition will be hosted by Sheffield Philatelic Society on 6-7 May at Ponds Forge International Sport Centre, Sheffield. (The one-frame national competition will be held at Congress, q.v.).

The 2012 ABPS National Exhibition will be held in Scotland on 18-20 October 2012 at

Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth PH2 0TH. Expressions of interest have been requested from dealers and exhibitors. (A national multi-frame thematic, open and postcard competition will also be held at Stampex from 22-25 February.)

ABPS WEBSITE

The all-new ABPS website contains a wealth of valuable information, with more to come. Please visit it at <http://abps.org.uk/>

ABPS HANDBOOKS

The new edition of "Philatelic Lecturers & Display List 2011" appeared in late February, being sent out with the March ABPS News. This issue will be current until circa 2016, amendments being recorded on the ABPS website.

The ABPS has also published new versions of its leaflets:

"What the ABPS does for you"

"What is Stamp Collecting?"

"Stamps Facts sheet"

"What is Thematic Collecting?"

"What is Social Philately?"

"What is Postal History?"

Copies are available from ABPS or the Editor.

The new edition of the ABPS Handbook is in preparation and it is not possible to give a publication date at this time.

ABPS AWARD OF MERIT

Each year, the ABPS honours up to 15 grass roots philatelists that have made an outstanding contribution to a local or specialised society. Nomination forms for the 2011 awards can be obtained from Susan Oliver, ABPS Awards Committee Chairman/Secretary, 46 Woodville Road, Ham, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 7QN 020 8940 9833 susan.m.oliver@virgin.net.

MIDPEX

Midpex 2011 on 2 July will be at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, just south of Leamington and close to the M40. It has more than double the floor area of the previous venue, all on one level, and free parking for 2000 vehicles (including coaches). Specialist societies will have twice the frame space, plus table and seating on each stand. Friends of Thematica will hold their competitions. Catering will be on a mezzanine overlooking the stands with drinks available at ground level. There will be a free Shuttle Bus between Leamington Station (Chiltern Railways) and the Centre throughout the day.

A preliminary booking has also been made for Midpex 2013 on 6 July 2013. For further information contact bobharper@btinternet.com

Rayleigh society is planning to run a coach to the event. If you are interested in joining it, please contact Ray How (01702-544632).

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

BTA has advised that the Thematix 2011 commercial fair at Twickenham has been cancelled by the organiser due to lack of support.

For more information on BTA activities, contact Peter Denly, 9 Oaklands Park, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2BY or www.brit-thematic-assoc.com.

Essex News**AEPS EVENTS**

AEPS Council Meeting was held at **Spring StampEssex** on 26 March. Any significant items will be reported in the next issue.

AUTUMN COMPETITION ENTRIES WANTED!

All AEPS societies are able to enter the 16-sheet Thematic, Cinderella, Social, Literature and Modern Material (stamps, postal history, aerophilatelic under 30 years old) competitions. Society secretaries will soon receive entry forms. Support has been disappointing in recent years, so please give your support now.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2011

The 2011 Supplement to Philately In Essex, the AEPS Handbook, was published on 12 January, at £5 plus £2 postage and packing. This contains latest details of AEPS member societies, speakers, judges, etc., and an update to the Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. For copies, contact the Editor.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on 9 July at Red Cross Hall, Chelmsford. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or John Cowlin.

Autumn StampEssex 2011 will be held on 15 October at Runnymede Hall, Benfleet.

Spring StampEssex 2012 will be held on 19 May at Bishop's Stortford (venue to be confirmed) from 10am to 4pm.

ALBUMS CLOSED

Billericay society has informed us of the recent demise of three of their long-standing members, Rosa Howe (see also below), Lionel Scott and George Shrimpton. Lionel was a founder member of Billericay.

Society News**ALBUMS CLOSED**

It has been a sad quarter for the Society.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death in mid-December, after a long illness, of Rosa Howe, who, despite living in Billericay, was a regular attendee at meetings for many years until prevented by ill-health in early 2010. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her life-long friend, Beth Stevens.

We were then very sad to learn of the death at the end of January of Ron Taylor of Corringham after a long illness. Ron, born at Lytham St. Annes in 1937, had been a stalwart member of the society for many years, but had been unable to participate in meetings for some time due to ill health, taking the packet until very recently. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

The President represented the Society at both funerals.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"**21 December - Festive Night.**

Because of the holiday season, the December issue closed for press before the event. The severe weather and illness prevented many members from attending, but the 12 who made it had an enjoyable evening. Dave Perry kicked off the evening with a challenging Tomex Quiz, introducing us to some of the backwaters of early philately, using multiple-choice answers to assist us in finding solutions. The winner by a single mark was Len Stanway, who will now have the dubious pleasure of setting next year's questions.



The One-Sheet Competition had five entries and was won by Geoff Hammond with a display of German 1936 Olympic Games miniature sheets.

The evening concluded with a veritable feast of goodies brought by members, during which Len put up this year's Singapore Festivals issue as a seasonal static display.

10 January - An Evening of British Rubbish (Ian Crane).

Defying medical advice, Ian braved the bitter January weather to display at our first meeting of 2011. Contrary to the title, we were treated to a fascinating display of £1 British stamps from the original Victorian £1 Telegraph stamp to the latest London 2010 commemoratives.

From the start, Ian treated us to rare or unique items including original artwork, essays, proofs, colour trials, unadopted designs, training stamps and perfins. He finished with the £1 decimal stamp booklets.

In closing, the Chairman wished him a speedy recovery on behalf of the society and the President ensured that he got home safely.

25 January - A is for ?.

Nine members rose to the challenge with this first in a new cycle of alphabetic members' displays at a well-attended meeting, a total of 230 sheets being displayed. As always, there were tongue-in-cheek excuses to cover topics literally from A to Z! Vivien Holloway led off with a variety of topics including Amelia Erhart and Apollo space flights. Geoff Hammond followed with the special stamps for the Albertville Olympic Games. Chloe Coltman could not be there, but sent along a sheet showing the Arabesque ballet position. Ann Coltman then showed Wild Africa and Great Britain stamps with A subjects. Claude Crowder showed a sheet of Zimbabwe with two stamps Absent, then covered a wide range of more legitimate subjects including Australia and coats of Arms. Maggie Thompson showed Airmail triangles from Lithuania, Monaco and Mali. David Church started with Australian postage dues then showed Aircraft from Iceland. Ian McElwain showed Aviation Heritage, then finally Alf Potter showed Automobiles.

7 February - Wembley 1924-1925 and Man's Marine Adventure (Captain Peter Denly).

As ill health prevented Peter from fulfilling an invitation to display last year, it was good to see him hale and hearty on this occasion. Peter started with a picture of the Wembley Tower, London's abortive answer to the Eiffel Tower, which was never finished and was demolished to make way for Wembley Stadium. The Wembley Exhibition was planned for 1917 but delayed by the Great War. When it happened in 1924, Peter's father was involved in its building and his parents visited it, buying a souvenir tea caddy, which

he displayed. Peter displayed the various types of pre-publicity postmarks and their changes, brochures and the stamps. The 1924 exhibition was spoilt by very bad weather, so the event was hurriedly repeated in 1925. The display ended with the postmarks used by Empire countries, some very rare.



His second display was a shortened version of his prize-winning thematic exhibit tracing the history of water craft from canoes to super tankers, then showing all the support services and activities, including exploration. Peter spent his career with BP Tankers, and his first-hand experience led to this excellent display.

22 February - Visit by Brentwood & District P.S. (Paul Green and John Franey).



John opened with British "Window" booklets from their introduction in 1987 to the present day. These made a fascinating display as many of these have gone by unseen by most members. Paul gave us four displays. He started with Essex postal history from the Dockwra marks through to post 1840 arrangements, with special reference to the London 2d post. He continued into slogan

postmarks with national interest, i.e. before local advertising began. He then gave us a taster of Iraq, which he will return to display later in the year. Finally, he introduced us to Jamaica postal history, a first for the society. John closed with British postal stationery postcards and letter cards, including many unusual items.

7 March - Faeroe Islands (David Church).



David collected the stamps of the Faeroe Islands from their postal independence from Denmark in 1975 to 2005, when he went on to other interests. His display for us started with a few examples of Faeroese postmarks on Danish stamps, followed by many of the issues released between 1975 and 1995, interspersed with much related material including photographs, postcards, maps, etc. The Faeroes had a moderate issuing policy, focussing on Faeroese culture, scenery, flora and fauna. Many of the attractive Christmas seal issues appeared, together with exhibition covers/cards, miniature sheets, etc. He also displayed a wide range of unusual items including paquebot and village postmarks, Postage Paid Indicators, meter marks, etiquettes, private aerogrammes, year packs and official postal stationery. This was altogether an excellent introduction to one of the lesser-known countries of Europe.

15 March - Union of South Africa (Christopher Oliver).

This experimental meeting was quite well attended with eleven members, one of whom arrived for the second half after finishing work and two of whom we do not normally see at evening meetings.



Our speaker, Christopher has been unable to attend our evening meetings, so it was good to be able to welcome him on this occasion. He began with the formation of the Union in 1910 and the provisional inter-state use of the stamps of the constituent states, then took us through to the formation of the Republic in 1961 with a representative selection of definitive and commemorative stamps. Sample postal history included a number of philatelic exhibitions and royal visit covers. Two letters by our Queen when Princess during the 1947 visit were also displayed. The two hours passed very quickly and the Chairman gave the traditional vote of thanks.

Based on experience of this event, the Committee will discuss whether/how to incorporate daytime meetings in future programmes. Although this room is a quite suitable size, there are other factors that make it problematical for regular meetings.

FORTHCOMING BASILDON MEETINGS:

Doors open 7.30 at George Hurd Centre.

4 April - CHANGE OF SPEAKER - Eric Day will now display Southern African Airmails (South Africa and Rhodesia). Ray How will come at a later date.

19 April - Auction. Viewing begins at 19.15.

17 May - Society Competitions (Traditional, Postal History, Aerophilatelic, Cinderella and Thematic classes, with additional Junior, Novice and Modern awards) + Silent Quiz.

6 June - Annual General Meeting.

21 June - Members' Recent Acquisitions.

WANTED - YOU!

We require the help of all members. If you see or hear about anything that you feel should be mentioned in this journal, please let the Editor know. We also need volunteers to do a brief report of each meeting, to spread the workload.

LIBRARY NEWS, by Ann Coltman

If you have a book or two on stamps and you would like to donate it/them to the library, please let me know. All donations will be gratefully received - Any duplicate items will be sold to raise funds for the society.

COMPETITION ENTRIES WANTED

The AEPS Autumn Competitions will be displayed at Benfleet on 15 October. I'm sure that you would agree that we want to see the Society well represented in the displays at this event. How do we achieve that? Well, it is down to **YOU**. By **mid August**, we need 16-sheet entries in Thematic, Cinderella, Social, Literature and Modern Material (stamps, postal history, aerophilatelic under 30 years old) categories. If you can fill one of our two allocated places in each competition, please tell Charlie Mead asap.

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.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Are you doing something outside the society that members may be interested to hear about? Have you heard about another member's activities or achievements? If so, please let the Editor know.

Forthcoming engagements known include:
 6 April - Goodmayes - Aspects of British Borneo - Len Stanway.

12 April - Bury St. Edmunds - United Nations Postal Administration - Len Stanway.

27 April - Ipswich - Southern Rhodesia in World War 2 - Chris Cooksey.

9 June - Hullbridge - Bank Notes - John Cowlin.

21 June - Sudbury - War & Rebellion - John Cowlin.

The Malaya Study Group has announced that its book "Malaysia & the Federation of Malaya - Their stamps and postal stationery, Volume 1" by Len Stanway was awarded a Large Vermeil medal at Indipex International Philatelic Exhibition in New Delhi.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vivien Holloway writes:

"Having looked through and re-read the January edition of *The Basildon Philatelist*, I would like to thank the Editor for putting together an interesting and informative newsletter, especially the list of future philatelic events, not only in this edition but also in previous issues.

With the closure of the Southend Philatelic Society due to the lack of volunteers for key administrative positions. I think this is a good time to thank our committee again (most of whom volunteer year upon year) for the great work they do on behalf of the society."

[Editor's Note: Many thanks to Vivien for these kind words. I agree that the events in Southend should make us all pause for thought. Like most societies, we need new volunteers to run key aspects of the society and that means recruiting new members!]

SMALL ADS

Society members are entitled to insert one small advertisement free of charge in each issue. Please send your advert to the Editor.

Malaysia - First day covers for sale. Many issues available. Wants lists to Len Stanway.

Article

The Whyte Arrangement (Part 3) by Len Stanway

Four-coupled designs

A wheel at each corner is one of the simplest forms of vehicle. Thus, once the concept was understood of linking the two axles to ensure that they both applied an equal tractive force, it was inevitable that the 0-4-0 should become the basic form for the working steam locomotive.



Stockton & Darlington No.1 "Locomotion", the first main line freight locomotive, was an 0-4-0.

In its side tank (0-4-0T) or saddle tank (0-4-0ST) form, it was the norm for light shunting and industrial applications throughout the steam era and remains the standard arrangement for light electric and diesel industrial locomotives.

This Malawi locomotive was a classic 0-4-0ST industrial saddle tank.



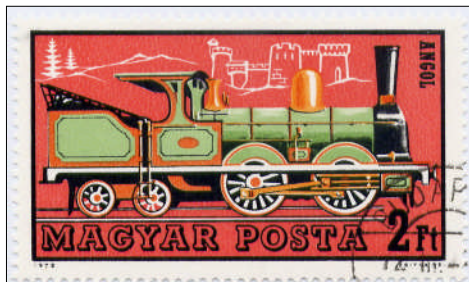
Tightly curved industrial railways required a very short fixed wheelbase. This brought stability problems. To stabilise the locomotive and/or enable a larger coal bunker to be carried, a rear pony truck or fixed axle with large sideplay was fitted at the back producing the 0-4-2. This layout was also briefly used for some main line locomotives.



This Pakistan locomotive was a typical mid-Victorian 0-4-2 main line tender locomotive.

For main line passenger tank engines, a still-larger bunker and longer wheelbase to give better stability and weight distribution were needed and the 0-4-4T was born.

This Hungarian stamp shows an 0-4-4WT well tank locomotive



This arrangement was very popular in the late Victorian era for relatively low speed light suburban and branch line duties but fell out of fashion as train weights rose.

The downfall of these arrangement with driving wheels leading was that they did not take curves well and were thus unsuitable for high speed applications. The next article will look at the use of leading axles for guidance.

(Part 1 was published in issue 14-4 and Part 2 in issue 15-3)

ARTICLES WANTED

Members are invited to write short articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Please submit them to the Editor.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Readers interested in Zeppelin mail are recommended to visit www.eZep.de, the English language website of the Zeppelin Study Group.



Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies April - June 2011

April 2011:

4 Basildon - Southern African Airmails (EF Day).

4 Frinton - AGM and Competition.

5 Benfleet - Essex Postal History (G P Green).

5 Sudbury - Auction.

6 Bishop's Stortford - France (M Fuller).

6 Clacton - AGM & Competitions.

6 Goodmayes - British Borneo (LC Stanway).

7 Billericay - Belgian Kings (R Alexander).

9 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Pastoral Centre of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Cambridge Pk, Wanstead E11 2PR.

11 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).

12 Braintree - Ian Kelly Entertains.

12 Bury St Edmunds - United Nations Postal Administration (L C Stanway).

12 Chelmsford - Military Postcards (P Wade).

12 Epping Forest - N is for..... and Competitions.

13 Brentwood - Annual General Meeting & Quiz.

13 Ipswich - Wordsworth Cup Competition.

14 Witham - AEPS President's Display.

14 Hullbridge - Annual General Meeting.

15 Colchester - KLM Airmails to the Dutch East Indies 1924-1939 & A Glimpse into the World of Beer (W W Sorrell).

18 Frinton - Members' Displays.

19 Basildon - Auction.

19 Sudbury - (Provisional date).

20 Bishop's Stortford - Letter M (Members).

21 Basildon v. Billericay Quiz (at Billericay).

26 Braintree - Competitions.

26 Bury St Edmunds - Competitions.

26 Chelmsford - Display by Epping Forest P.S.

26 Sudbury - Display by Benfleet P.S.

27 Brentwood - Open Evening.

27 Ipswich - S. Rhodesia in WW2 (C Cooksey).

28 Shoeburyness - Sue Stacey Entertains.

28 Witham - France (W I Stevenson).

May 2011:

3 Benfleet - AGM and Mini-auction.

3 Sudbury - Postal History of Morocco Agencies, KGV1 & QE2 (B Cook).

4 Bishop's Stortford - AGM & Competitions.

4 Clacton - Auction.

4 Goodmayes - Bring & Buy (Members).

5 Billericay - D to F (Members).

9 Frinton - Display by Basildon P.S.

9 Rayleigh v. Shoeburyness Quiz (at Rayleigh).

10 Braintree - Display by Frinton & District P.S.

10 Bury St Edmunds - AGM & Mini Auction.

10 Chelmsford - The Queen's Stamps on Slides (M Sefi).

10 Epping Forest - President's Evening.

11 Brentwood - Lundy Island (M Thompson).

11 Ipswich - An Arboreal Display (R Elbourne).

12 Witham - 8 sheets or 30p (Members).

12 Hullbridge - Members' Displays.

14 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.

17 Basildon - Competitions & Silent Quiz.

17 Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.

18 Bishop's Stortford - Pacific Islands (Members).

18 Goodmayes - Display by Billericay & District P.S.

19 Billericay - Open Night with dealers.

20 Colchester - The Royal Air Force (S Clayton), Newfoundland & South West Africa (W W Sorrell).

23 Frinton - KLM Airmails (R Swindells).

23 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Display by Epping Forest S.C.

23 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).

24 Braintree - AGM & Mini-auction.

24 Chelmsford - Norway (Mrs P Adams).
 24 Sudbury - Stamp Day Planning Meeting
 25 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 25 Ipswich - Annual General Meeting & Bourse.
 26 Shoeburyness - Display by Billericay & Dist. P.S.
 26 Witham - KLM Airmails to 1939 (R Swindells).
 28 Sudbury - STAMP DAY, St. Peters.

June 2011:

1 Bishop's Stortford - Mail By Rail (to be arranged).
 1 Clacton - Members' displays.
 1 Goodmayes - Annual General Meeting.
 2 Billericay - African Airmails (J Rawlins).
6 Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
 7 Benfleet - (Provisional date).
 8 Brentwood - Flightpath Pacific (W E Trower).
 9 Witham - GB Exhibitions 1851-1924 (D Knight).
 9 Hullbridge - Bank Notes (J F Cowlin).
 11 Leytonstone & Wanstead - AGM and Bourse.
 13 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 14 Chelmsford - Dodecanese (P Woolness).
 14 Epping Forest - AGM & Auction.
 15 Bishop's Stortford - Registered and Postage Due items (Members).
 15 Goodmayes - Auction.
 16 Billericay - Bohemia & Moravia (A J Bosworth).
 17 Colchester - 400 Years of GB Postal History (J Rawlins).
21 Basildon - Recent Acquisitions (Members).
 21 Sudbury - War & Rebellion (J F Cowlin).
 22 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 23 Witham - Display by Chelmsford & District P.S.
 27 Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 28 Chelmsford - 16 Sheets (Members).
 30 Shoeburyness - Harry Sheldrake Comp.- G & H.
 For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherecanwego.com>, which is updated with the latest available information.

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Future programme:

We have a vacancy for a Programme Secretary - Speak to Alan or Charlie now to volunteer!

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Press Date

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