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Editorial:

As you will see, it has been an eventful summer and we have some good meetings to look forward to. Please give the Autumn auction your full support as every sale we make helps support the society!

International News

FIP ANNOUNCES NEW RULES FOR "OPEN PHILATELY".

The Federation International de Filatelie is the world body that sets standards for international exhibitions. FIP rules influence competitive philately at all levels.

New draft Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions (SREVs), General Regulations of the FIP for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits (GREVs) and Guidelines for Open Philately are being circulated among the FIP Board. These will be adopted in the United Kingdom, beginning in January 2012. There are links to the SREVs and GREVs for all philatelic classes on the ABPS website.

National News

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Congress is becoming increasingly important as the main opportunity each year to enter into discussions with ABPS officers and all readers are encouraged to consider attending to ensure that the grass roots views reach the "powers that be" in the hobby (and vice versa). It is always a wonderful chance to see outstanding displays and meet other collectors in all disciplines.

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

ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next annual meeting will be at 2pm on 21 July 2012 at RPSL. Please advise your Editor of anything you wish raised.

WORLD POST DAY

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

2012 NATIONAL EXHIBITION

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.

ABPS WEBSITE

The ABPS website contains a wealth of valuable information, with more to come. Please visit it at <http://abps.org.uk/>. All ABPS societies are listed with contact details. Please advise the ABPS of any errors.

ABPS HANDBOOK

The new edition of the ABPS Directory is in preparation. The Chairman, John Baron, promised at the AGM to have it out by the autumn. The Speakers book was issued earlier this year and updates are being published in *ABPS News*. Copies can be bought from the Editor.

ABPS AWARD OF MERIT

Each year, the ABPS honours up to 15 grass roots philatelists that have made an outstanding contribution to a federation, local or specialised society. Nomination forms for the 2012 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.

Nominations now can be submitted only by an ABPS member society and not by a federation. The closing date for entries is 1 March 2012.

ABPS SEMINAR

The ABPS Exhibitions Committee continues to organise seminars at Stampex, both Spring and Autumn. However, it is also very interested in seeing that Seminars on exhibiting are organised at Federation level.

The Kent Federation is organising a seminar on 21-22 October 2011. This two day event is aimed at those who have mainly displayed at club and society level, who now wish to consider the more formal disciplines associated with exhibiting. Those who have exhibited only once at national level, or have not exhibited for many years will also be welcome, as will Federation judges wishing to sharpen or renew their skills.

In four sessions, the workshop will address Philatelic Research, Treatment, Presentation, and Judging - "How do I know what I've got?" "How do you construct an exhibit?" "The introductory page" and "Presentation, Layout and the use of IT in creating an exhibit".

On Sunday there will be a practical judging workshop looking at exhibiting from the point of view of the Jury room. The Sunday morning session will be Part I of a federation level judging qualification. Part II will be a full day training session at a subsequent national exhibition.

This is open to participants from outside Kent and, if you would like further details, please contact Bill Hedley at ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk or Maurice Flack at mauriceflack@hotmail.co.uk.

MIDPEX

Midpex 2011 took place on 2 July at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, just south of Leamington and half-way between the M40 and M1. The Centre is a very large agricultural-style building with good lighting and heating/ventilation in a rural setting with extensive car parking. It was well-filled with large numbers of dealers and representatives of most specialist societies, yet still had plenty of space for circulating. Catering was provided. Most visitors have reported that the event was well worth the expedition.

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

SPRING STAMPEX 2012

At this 22-25 February 2012 event at the Business Design Centre, Islington, the theme will be "The Pictorial Classes" - Thematic Philately, Postcard Class, Open Philately (including Open and Social Classes).

In addition there will be three free seminars:

- Open Philately: Speakers will be Christine Earle and Birthe King (both gold medal winners and senior judges).
- Postcard Class: Seija-Riitta Laakso (a qualified postcard judge and author from Finland).
- Thematic Philately: Wolf Hess RDP (an FIP Thematic Philately judge and gold medal exhibitor).

AUTUMN STAMPEX

26-29 September 2012. This will be a full national competition event and in addition will have an Australasian and Pacific theme with exhibits from The British Society of Australian Philately, The New Zealand Society of Great Britain and The Pacific Islands Study Circle.

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For 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 on 9 July. Essex came fifth to Sussex in the ABPS Inter-Federation competition, held at Sheffield 2011. No entry was made into the British Thematic Association Inter-Federation competition. Malcolm Roberts has signalled his intention to retire from supervising the display frames; the Executive will have to address storage and manning issues. Fourteen dealers have been booked for StampEssex at Benfleet on 15 October. It was suggested that the AEPS Annual Quiz competition should be terminated due to lack of support; the Executive will consider what to do. Autumn StampEssex 2012 will be held at Spring Lodge, Witham on 6 October 2012.

The next meeting was on 3 September. It was reported that the AEPS provisionally made a small surplus for the year thanks to income from the raffle. Next year, the tickets will revert to 50p each, £5 a book, in response to comments received. A postcard competition will be held next spring - rules will be announced in due course. AEPS is still looking for someone to take charge of the 16-sheet display frames. Progress towards a new website was reported. The dates of the dinner and workshop were announced (see below)

PHILATELY IN ESSEX 2011

If you want to find out about any society in the county, county competition rules or a catalogue of Essex event covers, speakers, judges, etc., please ask the Secretary to show you Philately In Essex, the AEPS Handbook.

If you want to be included as a speaker in the 2012 AEPS Register of Displays, please contact the Editor before 12 November.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

The next **Council meeting and AGM**, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at 2.30pm on 12 November at **Spring Lodge, Witham CM8 2HE**. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan, Ian McElwain or John Cowlin.

Autumn StampEssex 2011 will be held on 15 October at Runnymede Hall, Benfleet, from 10am to 4pm. Admission free and refreshments available.

The **annual dinner and prize-giving** will be held on the evening of 11 November 2011 at the Atlantic Hotel, Brook Street, Chelmsford CM1 1PP. The price will be £27. Contact Simon Moorcroft, 2 Ramparts Court, Baker's Lane, Braiswick, Colchester CO4 5BJ now to book places.

Workshop 2012 on the theme of "Collecting Postal History" will be held on 28 January 2012 at Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex. CM8 3HR. The price (including lunch) will be £20. Contact Ray How now to book places.

Spring StampEssex 2012 will be held on 19 May at Leventhorpe School in

Sawbridgeworth, organised by Bishop's Stortford society from 10am to 4pm.

SOCIETY NEWS

Bury St Edmunds Secretary, Geoff Peck, had to stand down in late August due to ill health and died at home on 13 September. The Association extends its condolences to Bury society and Geoff's friends and family. In the interim until a new Secretary is appointed, please contact the Chairman, Rod Finn (01379-898292).

Ipswich society has appointed a new Secretary in Trevor Naylor (01473-511572), who also continues in his previous role of Packet Secretary.

Basildon Society News

NEW MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

See AGM report below. Thank you to all those members who have already renewed their subscription - only one person remained outstanding at the time of writing.

BASILDON POST & GO DEVELOPMENTS

The Post & Go machine at Basildon East Square Post Office (formerly the Head Post office) was reprogrammed in July with the software necessary to use the new pictorial labels. Identifiable by the smaller font and left justification, it was used briefly with the old Machin labels, but it was using the Birds Series 3 labels by 4 August. The machine issues strips of a maximum of five labels, so all six designs cannot be collected on a single strip. There are four values, so a total of 24 labels are needed for the complete set of permutations!

It is expected that the newly-released Series 4 Sea Birds labels will not appear in the machine until Basildon uses up its stocks of Series 3 labels.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

4 July - South African Homelands (Maurice Flack).



Maurice joined us from Kent to give his display. His first two rounds were the complete used stamps of the four South African Homelands (Bophutatswana, Ciskei, Transkei, Venda), set up in the 1970s to give paper autonomy to a large part of the black population. They were reabsorbed into South Africa under Nelson Mandela. Maurice explained how difficult it had been to find fine commercially used stamps and it had taken him some 25 years, despite the short period of existence and moderate issuing policy. Maurice also gave us a bonus last round of Turkish Cyprus and Falkland Islands.

13 July - Basildon displays to Brentwood P.S.

The Basildon team received a warm welcome at Brentwood and gave a very varied display. John Cowlin led off with his display of rare "Emergency Currency" banknotes from the Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries.

Len Stanway displayed various recent issues of the United Nations Postal Administration.

Ann Coltman presented a series of thematic displays - "Teddy Bears", "Cotton", "Inventors", "Ballet" (contributed by Chloe) and "Famous Steam Locomotives", supported with a Steif bear, a genuine cotton bole and several of her quilts, one of which appeared on a Singapore MyStamp sheet in her collection.

19 July - Malayan Revenues (Peter Cockburn).



Peter, from Sussex, is one of the leading experts in the field of South East Asian revenue stamps and his display to us was outstanding in its depth and the number of rare and unique items shown. Although there are many for whom the collecting of revenue stamps is an unopened book, it is endlessly rewarding in that much basic research remains to be done on the stamps themselves and on understanding the tax/fee rates that led to the issue of the stamps. Revenue stamps were in use long before the postage stamp and Peter started with the East India Company, progressed through the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States and brought us up to date with the latest issues of Malaysia and Singapore. The diversity of material included receipt stamps, general revenues, foreign bills, marine policy stamps (unique to Straits Settlements), judicials and postage stamps used for revenue purposes. The red embossed seals used by Penang, Malacca and Singapore added a new dimension, different designs originally being used for each value.

1 August - Scottish Postal History (David Sibley).

A long term friend of the society, David came from north east Essex to introduce us to the diversity of postal markings used in Scotland, with particular reference to Argyll, with many examples from offices on the Western Isles, supported by postcards and photographs of the towns concerned and by anecdotes. Scottish markings were distinctly different from the

equivalent marks used in England, Wales or Ireland. The display also included a section dealing with the Scottish Additional Halfpenny tax applied to mail carried within Scotland on vehicles with more than two wheels, including marks applied in London indicating this tax liability.

16 August - Great Britain 1830s-1901 (Ken Burr).

Ken came down from Suffolk to take us on a fascinating journey through the Victorian era, from pre-stamp, through the postal reforms of the 1830s, the various early phases of stamp development and on through to the "Jubilee" issue, displaying many excellent and scarce examples.

5 September - Ladies Night.

Three of our ladies entertained us with a round each. Vivien Holloway led off with a display charting the history and personalities of the sport of Tennis, followed by a "Year of Events" charting festivals, sporting occasions, etc. from New Year's Day to the strains of "Auld Lang's Syne" at midnight on 31 December.

Ann Coltman started with a Butterflies display contributed by Chloe, then displayed her new interest, Inventors, and the first revamped pages of her Wild Africa collection.

Maggie Thompson closed the evening with Triangular Cinderellas with philatelic connections including Congress 1912, exhibitions, dealer advertising and event souvenirs.

8 September - Display to Hullbridge PS.

The Basildon team comprised Maggie Thompson, who kicked off the evening with the revenue stamps of the Saar region of Germany, David Church, who showed his collection of May 1840 covers bearing the Penny Black, and Len Stanway, who showed Singapore postage and revenue stamps and postal stationery of 1948 to 1963. Ivy Church went along to give morale support. The society was given a very warm welcome by this small society with a good attendance.

20 September - The Post Office Went To War (Mrs Christine Earle).



Christine, who is Honorary Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society London, came from the far side of London to entertain us with this outstanding "social philately" display. At the outbreak of World War Two, the Post Office was Britain's largest employer, with almost a monopoly of communications, whether by post, telephone, telegram, teleprinter, etc. The GPO quickly lost one-third of its workforce to form the Royal Engineers Postal Service, whilst, with users encouraged to forego telephones to leave them free for emergency services and government sending missives to every house in the country, mail volumes rose ten-fold. Her display was divided into three showings reflecting the Post Office's three defined roles:

- preserving normal (peacetime) functions;
- promoting domestic war effort;
- supporting military operations abroad.

Each section covered a wide range of activities and events, and their consequences, including, among many other things, child evacuation, identity cards, rationing, recycling, bombing, forces mail, prisoners of war. VE and VJ days, supported by anecdotes and personal research. Finally, the Chairman warmly thanked Christine on behalf of the society for an excellent display.

FORTHCOMING BASILDON MEETINGS:

3 October - Iraq (G P Green).

18 October - AEPS President's Display - Canada (D A Armitage).

7 November - Display by Malling P.S.
 15 November - Auction. If you have not received a list, please contact Alan Taylor now!
 5 December - Fiji (C W Mead). (Small Hall).
 20 December - Festive Night & Tomex Quiz and Archive Display (Mrs C Coltman).
 All meetings will be at George Hurd Centre (doors open 7.30pm):

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.

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

The Malaya Study Group has announced the publication of the third and final volume in Len Stanway's trilogy on "Malaysia and the Federation of Malaya - Their Stamps and Postal Stationery". These volumes together cover the period from 1948 to 2009 and are available from the Group.

The MSG also received a Silver Medal at NAPEX 2011, the North American Philatelic Exhibition in Washington, for Volume 51 of "The Malayan Philatelist", of which Len is the Editor.

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 are all shown in the AEPS programme below.

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 5) by Len Stanway

Six-coupled designs

(Part 1 was published in issue 14-4, Part 2 in issue 15-3, Part 3 in issue 15-4 and Part 4 in issue 16-1)

For heavy loads, four contact points were insufficient to transmit the force necessary to haul and brake the train. Addition of a further driving axle added two more contact points and improved haulage and braking capacity accordingly. The first six-coupled design, the 0-6-0 with three driving axles joined by coupling rods, appeared within a few years of the introduction of the steam locomotive. In the early days, these locomotives were primarily for slow, heavy freight work and it remained the most popular arrangement for all kinds of shunting tank engines (0-6-0T, 0-6-0ST, 0-6-0PT) and later diesel and electric shunters.



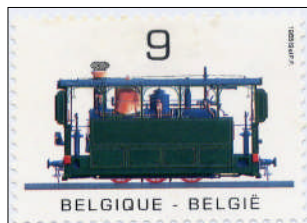
0-6-0T "Arima" used in Trinidad's sugar cane fields.

Later, the 0-6-0 tender locomotive became popular as a mixed traffic locomotive, able to handle everyday medium passenger or goods work with equal ease.



Bulgarian mixed traffic 0-6-0.

The 0-6-0T also proved a useful base for specialist types of locomotive, such as crane tanks or tram locomotives.



Belgian Chemins de Fer Vicinal (SNCV) 0-6-0 tram locomotive used on urban and roadside rural tramways.

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 October - December 2011

October 2011:

- 3 Basildon - Iraq (G P Green).
- 3 Frinton - H is the Letter (Members).
- 4 Benfleet - Informal, Bourse & Mini Auction.
- 4 Sudbury - New Zealand Health and the Unusual (R Amery).
- 5 Bishop's Stortford - GB Postage Dues: Wartime Airmail and Forces Mail (J Rawlins).
- 5 Clacton - Bourse and Displays.
- 5 Goodmayes - Bring & Buy.
- 6 Billericay - The Titanic (Part 2) (Mrs J Taylor).
- 8 Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Pastoral Centre, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
- 10 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 10 Rayleigh - The Committee Entertains.
- 11 Braintree - Boer War, etc. 1899-1902 (N Harris).
- 11 Bury St Edmunds - Switzerland with an Arboreal Display (F Smith).
- 11 Chelmsford - View from the Rostrum (J Cottrill).
- 11 Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 12 Brentwood - An Asian Private Post (R Jackson).
- 12 Ipswich - Mail by Water in the USA (H Feldman).
- 13 Witham - Auction.
- 13 Hullbridge - R and S is for ? (Members).
- 15 **AEPS/ Benfleet - STAMPESSEX**, Runnymede Hall, Thundersley SS7 1TF.
- 17 Frinton - Sarawak (Simon Martin-Redman).

- 18 Basildon - AEPS President's Display - Canada (D A Armitage).
- 18 Sudbury - Display by Ipswich P.S.
- 19 Bishop's Stortford - Bourse & Problem Forum (Members).
- 19 Goodmayes - The Smaller Channel Islands (M R Thompson).
- 20 Billericay - Open Night with dealers.
- 21 Colchester - Colchester Postal History (P Oxley), GB 1934-1936 (H Russell).
- 22 EAPHSC - Auction.
- 24 Leytonstone & Wanstead - President's Evening.
- 24 Rayleigh - Competitions and Bourse.
- 25 Braintree - A Greenway entertains.
- 25 Bury St Edmunds - Things Nobody Wants (D Romano and assistants).
- 25 Chelmsford - Wembley (R Goodey).
- 26 Brentwood - Open Evening.
- 26 Ipswich - Members' Displays.
- 27 Shoeburyness - Gibraltar (J Paulson).
- 27 Witham - Display by Ipswich & District P.S.
- 29 Colchester - STAMP FAIR, Stanway Village Hall.
- 31 Frinton - Monaco (B Downham).

November 2011:

- 1 Benfleet - Display by Witham P.S.
- 1 Sudbury - Afternoon meeting.
- 2 Bishop's Stortford - Latvia (Mrs E Buckle).
- 2 Clacton - Bourse & Competition.
- 2 Goodmayes - Silent Displays (Members).
- 3 Billericay - Sierra Leone & The Gambia (D Barter).
- 7 Basildon - Display by Malling P.S.
- 8 Braintree - Snow Business (Members).
- 8 Bury St Edmunds - Auction.
- 8 Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting.
- 8 Epping Forest - Aspects of British Borneo (L C Stanway).
- 9 Brentwood - 1911 Coronation Aerial Post (P Lister).
- 9 Ipswich - Display by Witham P.S.
- 10 Witham - Informal / Bring and Buy.
- 10 Hullbridge - Freemasonry & St. George (M Harrington).
- 11 **AEPS - Annual Dinner**, Atlantic Hotel, Chelmsford CM1 1PP. Ticket only.
- 12 **AEPS - Annual General Meeting & Council meeting**, Spring Lodge, Witham CM8 2HE.
- 12 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Great Britain and Commonwealth (K Saunders).
- 14 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
- 14 Frinton - Fakes and Forgeries (C G Harman).
- 14 Rayleigh - Canada (D Armitage).
- 15 Basildon - Auction.
- 15 Bury St Edmunds - A or 9 (Members).
- 15 Sudbury - Bourse, auction and 3-sheet displays.

- 16 Bishop's Stortford - Value 2 or Under (Members).
 16 Goodmayes - Display by Rayleigh & District P.S.
 17 Billericay - Thematics Night (Members).
 18 Colchester - Birds of the World (R Bridgeman).
 22 Braintree - Chairman's Evening.
 22 Chelmsford - 16 Sheets (Members).
 23 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 23 Ipswich - Netherlands East Indies (J Jackson).
 24 Shoeburyness - G H I (Members).
 24 Witham - New Acquisitions (Members).
 25 Bishop's Stortford - Annual Dinner (Chequers, Ugley, by invitation).
 28 Frinton - Auction.
 28 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Auction.
 28 Rayleigh - Auction.

December 2011:

- 1 Billericay - Christmas Special.
 5 Basildon - Fiji (C W Mead).
 6 Benfleet - Chairman's Night.
 6 Sudbury - Afternoon Meeting.
 7 Bishop's Stortford - Auction.
 7 Clacton - Christmas Evening (members only).
 7 Goodmayes - Auction.
 8 Hullbridge - Chairman's Night & Christmas Fare.
 8 Shoeburyness - Chairman's Night.
 8 Witham - Christmas Social.
 9 Colchester - Recent Acquisitions (Members).
 10 Leytonstone & Wanstead - Society Quiz and Knock-out competition.
 12 Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
 12 Frinton - Stamps for Christmas.
 12 Rayleigh - Christmas Social.
 13 Braintree - Social and mini-auction.
 13 Bury St Edmunds - Social Evening, Quiz and Competition.
 13 Chelmsford - Jamaica (G P Green).
 14 Brentwood - Open Evening.
 14 Ipswich - Members' Social Evening & 1-sheet Competition.
 20 Basildon - Festive Night, Tomex Quiz & Archive Display (Mrs A Coltman).
 20 Sudbury - Quiz Night.
 21 Bishop's Stortford - Notable People on Stamps (Members).
 21 Goodmayes - Quiz Night.

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherewecanwego.com>, which is updated with the latest available information.

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