

The Basildon Philatelist.

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Editorial:

Happy Easter to all our members and readers! The loss of another long-serving member highlights the fact that the society needs your help to recruit new members. Even if everyone recruited just one new member in the next year, our long term prospects would be transformed. Give it a go!

International News

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

To be eligible for five frames at an 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.

Forthcoming international exhibitions are:

Finlandia 2017: 24-28 May (FIP/FEPA). Tampere-Hall, Tampere, Finland, marking the centenary of Finnish independence. Entries closed. UK Commissioner: Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk

Bandung 2017: 3–7 August (FIP). Trans Studio Convention Center, Bandung, Indonesia. UK Commissioner Jon Aitchison britishlocals@aol.com

Brasilia 2017:, 24-29 October (FIP). UK Commissioner, Frank Walton. Entries close 10 April.

PRAGA 2018: 15-18 August (FIP/FEPA). UK Commissioner: Yvonne Wheatley. Entries close 1 November 2017.

London 2020: 2-9 May(FIP).

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

All forthcoming FEPA exhibitions are listed at <http://fepanews.com/International%20Exhibitions>

WORLD POST DAY

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

National News

ABPS PERSONNEL CHANGES

Rufus Barnes has taken up the role of acting Vice-Chairman of ABPS. He will also be responsible for liaison with regional federations. Graham Winters is Deputy Chairman Elect. Barry Stagg will take over as Membership Secretary from Alan Godfrey, who will become Communications Director. Barry will also be Advertising Manager. A new organization structure will be considered at the AGM.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

The new trains for the MailRail Experience rides have now been delivered by Severn Lamb and are under test.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The **2017 Congress** will be at Jury's Inn, Park Place, Cardiff from 27-30 July. The event will have a Welsh theme. The RDP Ceremony will take place at the City Hall. The Kay Goodman lecture will be on the theme of "The Future of ABPS". Booking forms are available at www.gbcongress.uk. Durham will be the venue for **2018**. 2019 may be abroad (the RDP will be signed at Stockholmia), but 2020 will be in London (RDP at London 2020) and 2021 in Harrogate to mark the Centenary of the RDP.

MIDPEX

This very successful bi-annual event, supported by ABPS and intended to promote the UK's specialist societies, will take place at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre on 8 July 2017 with over forty dealers present.

ABPS YORK NATIONAL EXHIBITION

A full national exhibition with all classes, this will be held on 21-22 July 2017 at York Race course, York YO23 1EX. Over 100 stamps and coin dealers will attend the pre-eminent show in the north of England. Rules and entry forms at

<http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Exhibitions/index.xalter>.

STAMPEX

Future Stampex events at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH will be as follows (entry forms are or will be available on the ABPS website):

- **Autumn 2017:** 13-16 September. This will be a full national. Sarawak Specialists' Society has agreed take to 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive and the Hungary society 20 frames.

- **Spring 2018:** will be 14-17 February and **Autumn 2018** will be 12-15 September.

The BDC has been booked until circa 2019.

LONDON 2020

London 2020 will be held at the Business Design Centre from 2 to 9 May 2020, with a change of displays on 5 May. This will be a full FIP international exhibition with Traditional, Postal History, Thematic, Revenue, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Open Literature and Youth classes. The website is www.london2020.co.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

SAN's website is www.stampactive.co.uk. ABPS continues to support the hosting and maintenance of the site in 2017. Individuals and Societies can support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20. For more information contact John Davies (davies1890@btinternet.com). Starter Packs are still available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Stamp Active is looking for individuals to help in the running of its youth programmes. Can you help?

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 HANDBOOK

For non-member societies, only their names now appear in the directory, so societies need to join to take advantage of this publicity. The society's copy is held by Alan Taylor.

ABPS WEBSITE

<http://www.abps.org.uk> is now being regularly updated and contains much valuable information. ABPS webmaster, Maurice Buxton, welcomes change requests at mauricebuxton@gmail.com.

THE PHILATELIC FUND

Applications for funding, which may include the cost of hiring ABPS frames, should now be sent to The Philatelic Fund, c/o RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY.

Room 145E (suitable for small meetings) at the Business Design Centre can be hired from Tina Wilby at RPSL.

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. 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 2018. 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 EXHIBITING SEMINARS

Interested in **Stampex Seminars** but unable to go to London? ABPS has posted the presentations for you to view or download on <http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/Seminars/index.xalter>.

All ABPS judges are expected to attend a refresher Seminar every 5 years to maintain their accreditation. Two-day **Judging and Exhibition Seminars** are available to Federations where demand exists locally. Further information can be obtained from events@abps.org.uk. Potential Essex participants should advise Ray How (ray.how@btinternet.com). The ABPS organiser is now Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

The BTA has a new website www.britishthematic.org.uk. For further information on BTA activities, visit the website.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS

ABPS seeks to remind collectors and societies that, whilst the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for its members, much activity takes place in the background to facilitate and support national and regional events, such as Congress, competitive exhibitions, Midpex, etc., all on a voluntary basis. Without the support of its affiliated members, these might disappear completely. ABPS is also supporting the long-term development of the hobby through the Stamp Active Network.

ISSUES TO TAKE UP WITH ABPS?

The Editor is the Essex ABPS delegate and is willing to assist societies and their members in raising issues with ABPS.

Essex News

ALBUMS CLOSED

Shoeburyness society reports the death in January of long-valued member Leo Frewin.

On 1 March, the Chairman of Bishop's Stortford & District P.S., Professor W. Iain Stevenson FRPSL, was knocked down and died on his way to hospital. Iain was a great friend of philately and an expert on printing and will be deeply missed throughout the hobby.

AEPS SEMINAR 2018

The 2018 AEPS Seminar will provisionally be on 27 January at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 9.30am to 4.30pm. The theme will be advised in due course.

AEPS TO DISPLAY AT THE ROYAL IN 2019

AEPS has been invited to make a 588-sheet display to the Royal Philatelic Society London on 10 January 2019 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Association. The RPSL has frames twelve faces of 9 sheets and forty faces of 12 sheets. Although it is a long time ahead, Len Stanway would like to compile a list of potential displayers. It is hoped that every member society would be able to nominate at least one member to display. If every society displayed, about two frames could be allocated to each society, but extra nominations or

combined society displays would be welcome. Insurance, if required, will be the responsibility of displayers. In exceptional cases, it may be possible to use high-quality scanned images. A short synopsis of each entry with an image of a key item will be needed for the event programme.

NEW BRAINTREE SECRETARY

Adrian Greenway having stepped down at the 2016 AGM, the new Braintree Secretary is Mr. J. Birch, telephone 01787-478011.

NEW EAPHS VENUE

East Anglia Postal History Society now meets in the Garden Room at Red Gables Resource Centre, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1BE.

BILLERICAY SOCIETY GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations to Billericay, who celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year (1967-2017). and affiliated to AEPS in 1968. They have a varied programme of topics, speakers and members, with stamps, letters/covers, post cards and thematics to suit a wide range of collectors and their interests. At their AGM in March, they hope to outline how they propose to celebrate our Society reaching 'Middle Age'. They meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, Billericay on the first and third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm for 8 to 10pm except January and August. Visitors are always welcome.

AEPS COUNCIL

The **March Council meeting** was held at Rayleigh on 25 March and was well attended. Maurice Flack, of Kent, visited to present Essex with the Dawes Cup for the best entry in the Home Counties inter-federation competition. The Essex team of Bill Trower, Peter Denly, Jon Aitchison and Dave Armitage achieved 322 points, against Kent's 318 and Mid-Anglia's 303. The 2017 AEPS Aerophilatelic and Picture Postcard competitions were won by Bill Trower of Hullbridge. The other Spring competitions were not contested. A new Treasurer will be needed at the AGM. Volunteers please!

The next Council meeting, to which we can send up to 3 delegates, will be at **14.30** on

15 July at Spring Lodge, Witham. If you have issues to raise, please contact Len, Alan or Ian.

NEXT AEPS EVENTS

AEPS will again host **Autumn StampEssex 2017** by AEPS at Marconi Club on 25 November (note new date). **Autumn 2018 and 2019** will also be held at Marconi Club at the same time of year. **Spring StampEssex 2018** will be hosted by Basildon PS at (provisionally) James Hornsby School, Laindon on 28 April. **A volunteer is invited for Spring 2019.**

AEPS 100 CLUB

The 100 Club is now in its third year and members are invited to renew or join the Club to support the Association. The more shares that you have the higher the chance of winning! Draws take place at each AEPS Council meeting. One share costs £12 for 12 monthly draws. Please complete an application form, obtainable from Alan Taylor or John Dickenson (dickenson17@ntlworld.com), and return it to John with your payment. Three draws were held at the March Council. The winners were: **January:** 1st: 31 P Denly (Bishop's Stortford); 2nd: 56 B Morris (Hullbridge); **February:** 1st: 41 M Carter (Frinton); 2nd: 52 Mrs S Stacey (Shoeburyness); **March:** 1st: 42 M Carter (Frinton); 2nd: 4 Mrs A Stanway (Basildon).

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

This is now a free digital release sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. Advantages of the new format include wider availability, completely up-to-date contents every year and better indexing. The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present (2017 Edition now available); 2: Essex Past (historical information, issued 2016); 3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs (issued 2016). Len Stanway continuously updates the manual and would be glad to receive details of any other new or updated information.

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 RELAUNCHED

www.stampessex.org.uk, the new AEPS website, gives details of member societies. Please use this site and send any corrections or suggestions to Ian McElwain, who is AEPS Webmaster.

TRAINING FOR JUDGES

It is important for the smooth transition of philatelic competitors from society to federation, national and, ultimately, international levels that judging criteria and approaches are harmonised, albeit making allowances for the level of competition being judged. It is therefore important that judges at all levels are regularly (typically every two years) brought up-to-speed with the latest thinking at the higher levels and coached in the way to convey this to entrants without giving offence.

AEPS plans to organise a seminar for this purpose in the near future, but first we need to know how many people will want to take part. This should appeal to both existing judges and people who would like to know how to display their collections to best advantage. After the experience of the course, some of the latter may wish to become judges in the future. To take part, please contact Ray How.

DO YOU GIVE DISPLAYS?

If you like to display your collections to fellow collectors, you should be in the AEPS Register of Displays published in Philately in Essex each year. This will bring you to the attention of society Programme Secretaries and those that advise them. To join, contact Len Stanway now.

AEPS YOUTH OFFICER

David Armitage can, in conjunction with the Stamp Active Network, assist societies undertaking promotional work on youth philately. He can be contacted on 01279-503625 or at davearmitage18@btinternet.com.

Basildon Society News

ALBUMS CLOSED

The society was saddened to record the passing on 10 February after a long illness of Ron Richards of Corringham, who had been a member since 1999.

MAYFEST 2017

The 2017 exhibition in the Town Square that allows societies to recruit new members will take place on 13 May 2017. The society will have a presence. Volunteers are requested to help set up and man the stand throughout the day. Please let Alan know if you are able to help, if only for a short period as a relief.

SOCIETY POLO SHIRT

One way that you can help promote the society is to buy and wear our new society polo shirt. Embroidered with the society's emblem, they are available in S, M, L and XL sizes and cost £14 each. The default colour is white, but other colours can be obtained, if requested. Orders to Len Stanway, please.

AUCTION

Our next auction will be held at 7.45pm on 3 April with viewing from 7.15. Please come and support your society's fund-raising efforts and fill gaps in your collection at the same time! The catalogue is now available in hard copy from Alan Taylor or by e-mail from Len Stanway.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

17 January – Display by Stuart Henderson.

Stuart, from Epping Forest, more usually seen here as quizmaster for the Basildon-Billericay competition, displayed a fascinating array of World War Two labels and postmarks with his usual flair.

6 February – Luxembourg (Jim Charlton).

Jim, from Rayleigh, held us in thrall for a full evening's display of this small, land-locked, European country. It is believed that it is the first full display of Luxembourg that we have ever had. Many of us have seen individual definitive

stamps, but it was excellent to see the full range of issues displayed in such an expert manner.

21 February – GB Recorded Delivery (Mike Musgave).

An unusually high turnout of 20 members greeted this unusual display by one of our own members. Mike has collected these labels and forms since the advent of the service and has an amazing array of variants for use in the different parts of the UK.

6 March – Africa or Animals (Members' displays).

Chris Cooksey opened with Nyasaland from King George V to independence, followed by Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Dave Perry followed with Basutoland from 1933. Maggie Thompson showed animals on triangles from various countries, followed by the Cape of Good Hope triangles, together with forgeries, reprints and Cinderella versions. Len Stanway closed with South West Africa, Bophuthatswana and Transkei. The Chairman took the opportunity to present the Tomex Cup to Alan Taylor, who won it in December.

21 March – Visit by Hullbridge PS.

Due to an unfortunate combination of ill-health and other commitments, a disappointing turn-out of seven members greeted our three friends from Hullbridge. Nevertheless, members received a fascinating display from Bill Trower (who displayed "Come with me to Treasure Island"), Brian Morris ("Doctor Barnado's Homes") and John Butler ("The Stagecoach Era").

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet needs more members to take part as several have unfortunately fallen by the wayside in recent months for various reasons. 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.

Small rubber stamps are available from the packet secretary at about £10 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 not taking advantage of the society's Exchange Packet, you are missing out on the

chance to fill those annoying gaps in your collection. Contact Len Stanway for how to join.

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 the Packet Secretary or Alan for advice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next AGM will be held at 7.45pm on 5 June 2017. Please come and have your say in the society's decision-making session, at which the Committee reports on the past year and the new Committee is elected. Nominations for new committee members are invited. Annual subscriptions will be due following the meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2016-2017 remain 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. Subscriptions should be paid to Len Stanway.

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.

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.

MISSED YOUR STAMPESSEX SOUVENIRS?

We still have a number of 45th Anniversary Smilers sheets available at £22, plus £3 postage and packing per order where necessary. Please help us liquidate these assets as soon as possible! Orders to the Editor please.

ARTICLES WANTED

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

PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2017

Our members' handbook has been updated and was not yet distributed electronically as only minor updates have been made. Please contact Len Stanway if you would like a copy sent to you. Anyone who needs a hard copy should contact Alan Taylor who will arrange to print one.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Ian McElwain now holds the **Society Library** with many catalogues and reference books that members can borrow to research their collections and to find out how to get more from our hobby. 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. If you are disposing of redundant catalogues, the society would welcome donations, which may either be added to or replace items in the library or, if surplus, sold to raise society funds.

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, Alan Taylor holds the society's copy of **Philately in Essex** and the **ABPS Handbook**.

SUGGESTION BOX

A box and suggestion slips is provided at meetings. Members are invited to suggest possible future events or comment on past events and the way the society is run, either anonymously or members can leave their name for follow-up. All suggestions are discussed at the next committee meeting, which is scheduled for 8 May.

DIGITAL RESOURCES:

FIP Postal Stationery Commission
www.postalstationery.org.

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.

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.

Stamp Fairs – Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Langdon Hills SS16 6EX. 13 May, 8 July, 9 September, 11 November 2017. 9.30am-3.30pm. Organised by David Church 01268-543371.

**Philatelic Events in AEPS Societies****April 2017**

- 1 - EAPHS - Annual General Meeting (afternoon).
- 3 - Basildon - Auction.
- 3 - Frinton - Annual General Meeting.
- 4 - Benfleet - Scouting and St. George (M. Harrington).
- 4 - Sudbury - The Philatelic Collections (British Library).
- 5 - Bishop's Stortford - South Atlantic Islands and Antarctica (Dr. C. Cooksey).
- 5 - Clacton - Annual General Meeting & Competitions.
- 5 - Goodmayes - Overprints (Members).
- 5 - Ipswich - Auction.
- 6 - Billericay - Annual General Meeting.
- 6 - Witham - (Provisional date).
- 8 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (pm).
- 10 - Cheshunt - Annual General Meeting and Members Entertain.
- 10 - Rayleigh - Competition and Bourse Night.
- 11 - Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 11 - Bury St. Edmunds - Display by Colchester P.S.
- 11 - Chelmsford - British Borneo - Planes, Trains and Stamps (J. Higgins).
- 11 - Epping Forest - Competitions.

- 13 - Harlow - General discussion and activity.
- 13 - Hullbridge - Annual General Meeting and Bourse.
- 18 - Basildon - Wei Hai Wei – China Treaty Port (N. Kerridge).
- 18 - Sudbury - Display by Cambridge P.S.
- 19 - Bishop's Stortford - The Letter A (Members) (pm).
- 19 - Goodmayes - Thematic Night (Members).
- 19 - Ipswich - German Inflation following the Great War (A. Soutar).
- 20 - Billericay - Swiss National Exhibitions (E. Lienhard).
- 20 - Witham - (Provisional date).
- 21 - Colchester - Display by Basildon P.S.
- 22 - Bury St. Edmunds - STAMP FAIR.
- 24 - Frinton - My Latest Buys.
- 24 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 24 - Rayleigh - Annual General Meeting.
- 25 - Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 25 - Bury St. Edmunds - 1939 Zurich Exhibition, Campione & Gallipoli, a photographic display (F. Smith).
- 25 - Chelmsford - Southern Rhodesia during WW2 (C.J. Cooksey).
- 27 - Harlow - Music (Members)..
- 27 - Shoeburyness - My Stamp Collection (Part 2) (M. Nunn).

May 2017

- 2 - Benfleet - Annual General Meeting & Mini-auction.
- 2 - Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.
- 3 - Bishop's Stortford - Annual General Meeting & Competitions.
- 3 - Clacton - Auction.
- 3 - Goodmayes - Display by Hullbridge P.S.
- 3 - Ipswich - Ten Collections: One Collector (D. Garrod).
- 4 - Billericay - Battle for the Pacific (Part 1) (W.E. Trower).
- 4 - Witham - (Provisional date).
- 8 - Cheshunt - Saar 1935-1948 (Mrs. M.A. Thompson).
- 8 - Frinton - East of Africa (D. Hacker).
- 8 - Rayleigh - India and Australia (J. Rawlins).
- 9 - Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 9 - Bury St. Edmunds - Annual General Meeting & Mini-auction.
- 9 - Chelmsford - Starting a Numismatic Collection and Money by Post (R. Thomas & J. Rawlins).
- 9 - Epping Forest - Display by Bishop's Stortford & District P.S.
- 11 - Harlow - Display by a Member.
- 11 - Hullbridge - My Sideline Collection(s) (Members).
- 13 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date) (pm).
- 16 - Basildon - Albania (Mrs. L. Roberts).
- 16 - Sudbury - Going Off Piste (Members).
- 17 - Bishop's Stortford - Commemorative Postmarks (Members) (afternoon).
- 17 - Goodmayes - Seven Families of Tristan (T. Hoad).
- 17 - Ipswich - Falkland Islands Dependencies (G.E. Miller).
- 18 - Billericay - Postcards and covers (Members).
- 18 - Witham - (Provisional date).
- 19 - Colchester - Belgium (R. Swindells).
- 22 - Frinton - Society Visit.
- 22 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - (Provisional date).
- 22 - Rayleigh - An Evening with Ian Tickell and Geoff Howard.
- 23 - Braintree - (Provisional date).
- 23 - Chelmsford - Boer war Postal History, Part 2 (N. Harris).
- 25 - Harlow - General discussion and activity.
- 25 - Shoeburyness - To be confirmed.

June 2017

- 1 - Billericay - Rhodesia & Zimbabwe (C.H. Crowder).
- 1 - Witham - (Provisional date).
- 5 - Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
- 5 - Frinton - Buy, Swap or Sell Night.
- 6 - Benfleet - (Provisional date).
- 7 - Bishop's Stortford - Canadian Airmails (D. Scoot).
- 7 - Clacton - Revenues (E. Hitchings).
- 7 - Goodmayes - 1937 Olympic Games (A.J. Bosworth).
- 7 - Ipswich - Annual General Meeting, Bourse & Quiz.
- 8 - Harlow - Speaker to be announced.
- 8 - Hullbridge - An Evening with Geoff Howard.
- 12 - Cheshunt - Zeppelin Mail to 1920 (P. Kennison).
- 12 - Rayleigh - Postal History of the Anglo Boer War 1899-1902 (N. Harris).
- 13 - Bury St. Edmunds - Battle for the Pacific (W.E. Trower).
- 13 - Chelmsford - British Levant (Mrs S.H. McEwen).
- 13 - Sudbury - Display by Basildon P.S.
- 14 - Goodmayes - Postal Auction.
- 15 - Billericay - Fakes and forgeries (Members).
- 15 - Bishop's Stortford - Something from Europe or Australasia (Members) (afternoon).
- 15 - Witham - (Provisional date).
- 16 - Colchester - Bourse.
- 17 - Epping Forest - Auction (1.30pm for 2.15pm).
- 20 - Basildon - Competitions.
- 21 - Goodmayes - Annual General Meeting.
- 22 - Harlow - Letter Q (Members).
- 26 - Rayleigh - Falkland Islands Dependencies & South Georgia (G.E. Miller).
- 27 - Chelmsford - Danzig Miscellany (G. Du Boulay).
- 29 - Shoeburyness - Competition.
- 29 - Witham - (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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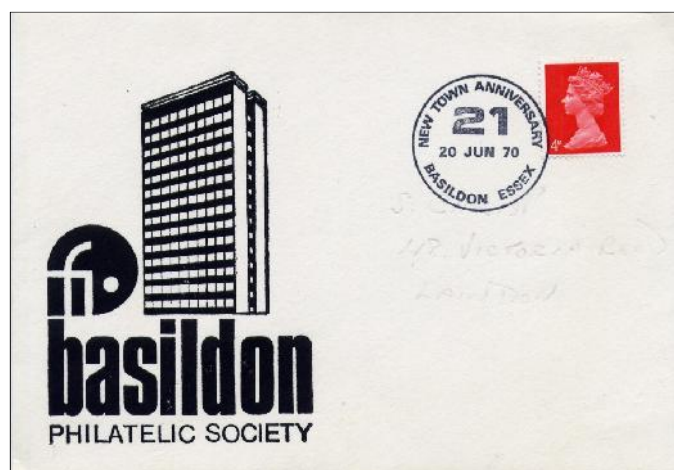
Auction:

Claude Crowder, 31 Claremont Road, Laindon, Basildon, Essex SS15 5PZ. 01268-414143.

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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.



A picture from the past. The society's 1970 cover showing Brooke House.