

The Basildon Philatelist.

The Journal of Basildon Philatelic Society

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Important notice to members:

AT LAST, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Basildon Council has advised us that they intend to resume possession of the George Hurd Centre at the end of July. If the Government removes restrictions at the end of July as promised, it is hoped to resume BPS meetings in September.

ALL members are asked to contact Alan Taylor to indicate whether or not they would intend to come to meetings when we are able to resume. This will enable us to determine the facilities needed and the viability of restarting.

Meanwhile, the Exchange Packet and Auctions are now functioning as near normally as possible in the circumstances. 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.

Len Stanway, President

Editorial:

As I write this, a further delay in ending in Covid restrictions is being announced. Despite our immediate limitations, Philately is beginning to wake from its slumber. One Essex society, Frinton, is known to have restarted meetings. Preparations are under way for major philatelic events in 2022, and, as indicated above, we are hoping to resume meetings in September.

International News

BEST WEBSITE

FEPA has launched a competition for philatelic websites under the name "The Francis Kiddle Medal for the Best Philatelic Website".

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 unstable circumstances, potential exhibitors should consult the ABPS website for any exhibitions that are going ahead.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL & FEPA EXHIBITIONS

A number of international exhibitions are planned for 2022. Forthcoming FEPA exhibitions are listed at <http://fepanews.com/>.

WORLD POST DAY

Can YOU think of a way to 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 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 (see www.london2022.co).

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The next **Congress** will be held at Harrogate at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, on 23-26 September 2021. A full programme is planned and bookings are now open (see www.gbcongress.uk).

Essex News

COVID-19

In the present health emergency, no AEPS meetings will be held until further notice. So far, only Frinton society has notified the Editor of reopening.

Frinton launched its post-Covid programme on the afternoon of 24 May with Robert Hider displaying "Australia - New South Wales" to 22 members with strict guidelines in place. More afternoon events are taking place, with an evening programme planned for the autumn.

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 any 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

ALBUMS CLOSED

Long-standing member Vivien Holloway passed away on 9 December 2020. The Society's condolences were given to her niece who informed us. Vivien's cheerfulness and can-do attitude made her a delight to work with and she could be relied upon to give her support at public events such as stamp fairs.

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 (likely to be in November this year).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2021-2022 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. A number of members, understandably, let their membership lapse during 1920-21 financial year, but it is hoped that they will renew now that meetings are resuming. Where appropriate, donations to cover the "missing year" will, of course, be welcomed by the Treasurer! If you intend to leave the Society and not renew, please do let the Secretary know.

AUCTION

The next postal auction is planned for 19 October 2021. Members are invited to submit lots for that auction. Send the completed form and lots to The Auction Secretary. The closing date is 1 September 2021 or when the auction list limit is reached, whichever is sooner. Get your lists in now!

The results of the April Auction, which attracted 62 bidders, were as follows:

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
2	£5.20	170	£3.00	329	£5.50
3	£4.50	171	£8.00	331	£7.50
4	£4.20	173	£5.00	332	£7.50
5	£4.20	174	£16.00	334	£5.50
6	£4.20	175	£4.50	335	£3.00
7	£5.20	177	£6.00	336	£3.00
9	£2.00	178	£6.00	337	£3.00
10	£2.50	179	£2.50	338	£3.00
18	£14.00	180	£7.00	339	£3.00
20	£10.00	181	£12.00	357	£2.50
25	£4.50	182	£11.50	358	£14.00
26	£7.00	183	£2.00	365	£2.00
27	£7.50	184	£3.50	366	£3.00
28	£10.00	185	£3.00	367	£4.50
29	£7.00	186	£8.00	368	£6.00
30	£5.50	187	£4.00	369	£3.00
31	£2.00	188	£7.00	370	£25.00
32	£7.50	189	£4.50	372	£10.50
33	£2.00	190	£4.50	373	£6.00
34	£2.50	191	£15.50	374	£4.00
35	£7.00	192	£8.50	376	£5.00
38	£10.00	193	£9.50	380	£2.00
39	£4.00	194	£7.00	383	£2.00
40	£3.00	195	£7.00	385	£5.50
41	£5.00	196	£4.50	386	£6.00
44	£11.00	197	£6.50	387	£3.00
47	£10.00	198	£10.00	388	£3.20
49	£15.00	206	£4.00	394	£8.00
51	£9.00	207	£4.00	396	£5.00
54	£13.00	208	£3.50	397	£5.00
58	£9.00	209	£17.00	398	£8.00

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
59	£8.00	210	£28.00	399	£8.50
62	£2.20	211	£12.00	400	£8.00
65	£6.00	212	£12.00	401	£8.50
68	£6.50	214	£16.00	402	£2.50
69	£5.20	215	£13.00	404	£2.50
71	£9.50	216	£7.00	406	£2.20
72	£8.00	217	£2.00	413	£20.00
73	£10.00	218	£10.00	418	£5.00
76	£3.00	219	£2.00	420	£2.50
77	£3.20	221	£12.00	421	£3.20
78	£3.60	223	£5.00	422	£3.00
79	£4.50	228	£5.00	423	£4.00
80	£3.80	233	£3.50	426	£4.00
81	£4.20	234	£2.50	427	£6.00
82	£3.20	236	£4.00	428	£3.00
83	£3.20	238	£3.00	429	£5.00
84	£6.50	240	£2.50	435	£2.00
86	£3.80	244	£3.00	442	£36.00
87	£4.50	252	£3.50	448	£2.00
91	£2.50	253	£5.00	450	£2.50
92	£3.00	254	£3.50	451	£3.00
103	£3.00	255	£4.50	452	£2.25
104	£4.00	256	£2.50	453	£4.00
105	£2.00	257	£5.50	454	£4.00
107	£4.00	258	£5.50	455	£3.50
108	£2.00	259	£4.00	456	£3.50
109	£4.00	260	£4.00	457	£2.75
111	£4.50	261	£5.50	458	£2.75
113	£3.00	262	£6.50	459	£2.50
117	£5.50	263	£2.50	461	£2.00
118	£8.00	264	£4.00	463	£3.00
119	£5.00	266	£3.80	468	£5.00
120	£8.50	270	£3.50	471	£18.00
121	£25.50	271	£10.00	472	£15.00
123	£100.00	274	£29.00	475	£2.50
124	£41.00	275	£22.00	480	£6.20
125	£31.00	276	£20.00	481	£4.00
128	£12.50	277	£12.00	482	£10.00
129	£6.00	278	£10.00	496	£2.00
130	£3.00	279	£18.00	502	£2.70
132	£26.00	280	£10.00	506	£15.00
135	£4.50	282	£21.00	507	£3.00
140	£7.50	289	£18.00	508	£6.50
145	£2.80	292	£35.00	510	£10.00
146	£20.00	293	£21.00	512	£10.00
147	£3.00	294	£26.00	513	£3.20
149	£4.00	302	£6.00	514	£2.00
150	£4.00	304	£3.00	517	£3.50
152	£5.00	305	£3.00	518	£3.50
153	£15.00	306	£12.00	519	£3.50
156	£3.00	307	£10.00	520	£3.00
159	£4.00	311	£10.00	522	£4.50
160	£6.50	312	£7.00	523	£2.80
162	£10.00	316	£8.00	524	£6.50
166	£3.00	317	£3.00	529	£2.50
167	£5.00	318	£3.00	530	£3.50
169	£4.00	328	£5.50		

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Society does not obtain or retain personal data of members or correspondents with the exception of (i) current contact data for distribution of news, etc., appropriate to the society's normal activities and administration, (ii) historical record of competition winners, officers, etc., as published in Philately in Basildon. With the exception of essential officers listed below, contact information is never divulged to third parties without their specific consent.



Philatelic Events at AEPS Societies

July 2021

8 - Frinton - St. Helena POW Mail (B. Mabbett), 2-5pm.

August 2021

9 - Frinton - Annual General Meeting and Members' Displays, 2-5pm.

September 2021

6 - Frinton - Displays by Bob Peters and Mick Carter.
20 - Frinton - Letters T, U and V (Members).

October 2021

4 - Frinton - Auction.
18 - Frinton - Displays by Steve Alpe and Jon Juby.

November 2021

1 - Frinton - Competitions.
15 - Frinton - Displays by two members.

December 2021

6 - Frinton - Christmas celebrations plus 8 sheets.

For venues, times, etc., contact the Editor or visit <http://www.wherecanwego.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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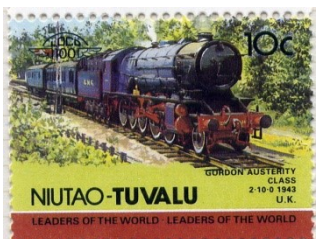
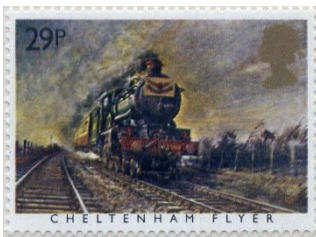
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Night Mail

This is the night mail crossing the Border,
bringing the cheque and the postal order,
letters for the rich, letters for the poor,
the shop at the corner, the girl next door.
Pulling up Beattock, a steady climb:
The gradient's against her, but she's on time.
Past cotton-grass and moorland boulder
shovelling white steam over her shoulder,
snorting noisily as she passes
silent miles of wind-bent grasses.
Birds turn their heads as she approaches,
Stare from bushes at her blank-faced
coaches.
Sheep-dogs cannot turn her course;
They slumber on with paws across.
In the farm she passes no one wakes,
But a jug in a bedroom gently shakes.

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by W.H. Auden, 1936 (extract).

