

The Basildon Philatelist.

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Important notice to members:

WE ARE BACK! Meeting bookings have been confirmed by the George Hurd Centre for 4 October, 1 November and 6 December at 7.30pm, reverting to our usual twice-a-month pattern in January. Please support our meetings. If people do not attend, we will have no option but to close the society, which I am sure that none of us want.

The Exchange Packet and Auctions are now functioning as near normally as possible in the circumstances (the next auction is postal only again). 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:

Seven members heeded the call for our first meeting after lock-down, which is a great start, but we need more if the society is to be viable in the long term. If you know any collectors who are not yet members; why not invite them along to the next meeting?

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).

ABPS NEWS

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 15 October, followed by 15 January. Articles and enquiries relating the ABPS News can be submitted via the website or you can write direct by email at editor@abps.org.uk This is an opportunity for you to promote your Society.

CALLING ALL STAMP EVENT ORGANISERS

As we re-emerge from the pandemic, events are now being re-organised and new ones planned. The new website of the ABPS provides

the opportunity for organisers of philatelic events such as Stamp Fairs, Philatelic Exhibitions, Society Weekends and Regional Society Meetings, to promote their events free of charge. It is also a chance, if you are planning an event, to check that it does not clash with anything else. You can request an event to be added to the ABPS Events Calendar directly on the website. Entries will then be checked by the administrator and approved. Go to <https://www.abps.org.uk/request-event-addition/>

CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

If you are prepared to give displays to Societies, either in person or by Zoom, please pass your details to the Secretary of ABPS or input your information on to ABPS website. We will be updating the site with additional information about speakers relating to Powerpoint presentations as this has become a popular development resulting from the pandemic.

The AEPS has the same appeal, so copy any submissions to the Editor, please!

MAKE SURE YOUR SOCIETY LOOKS GOOD ON THE NEW ABPS WEBSITE

Our new website has received some very positive feedback so far but we know there is more that can be done. It is the same address www.abps.org.uk It is on a new platform and includes all the usual information about ABPS news and activities. It now also includes a searchable list of speakers, judges and an events calendar. If you are a speaker or judge or an event organizer, please check the information on the website and advise us of any corrections, updates or additions. If you are a Society or Speaker, you can add some pictures of your meetings or displays to create attractive content. If you have any images of your local Society, events or seminars etc. that you think might enhance the website please send them to the Communications Director, Alan Godfrey at communications@abps.org.uk

ENTRY FOR NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

The ABPS has introduced on-line entry for exhibitors at the York and London national exhibitions. Details are on the ABPS website.

STUART ROSSITER TRUST

The trust publishes and sells Postal History books, and sponsors authors and research. To date, it has published many books and helped a number of individuals and specialist societies with research and production costs for their books. It can help societies or individuals with research costs, publication costs or publishing books. When it publishes or supports books, the trust promotes them through our its website and e-newsletters. The full list of its publications currently available is on www.rossitertrust.com. To discuss how it could help your Society or members with their Postal History book, or monograph, contact our Corresponding Trustee Andy Gould at srtcorr@gmail.com.

Essex News

ALBUMS CLOSED

Winston Barrett, a recent Chelmsford member, has passed away.

SOCIETY CLOSED

Bury St Edmunds society has decided to close for lack of new officers.

SOCIETY OFFICER CHANGES

Colchester has a new Secretary. The Chairman, Paul Miller, has taken the place of Christine Stroud. His contact details are 07983-293054, paul.miller4@pobroadband.co.uk

Bishop's Stortford is not planning to appoint a new Secretary. The society contact is Chris Wood, the Treasurer.

Witham is operating without a Secretary for the time being. The contact is Ian Kelly, the Treasurer, on 07949-307355.

Colin Evans will be taking over as Secretary at Benfleet as Martin Herbert is moving to Suffolk.

POST-COVID-19 RECONSTRUCTION

No AEPS meetings have yet been called as societies have enough to do to get back on their feet. So far, a number of societies have notified

the Editor of reopening, but a similar number have not advised their intentions.

Basildon, Benfleet, Bishop's Stortford, Chelmsford, Cheshunt, Clacton, Colchester, Frinton, Ipswich, Leytonstone & Wanstead, Rayleigh, Sudbury are now confirmed reopened.

Some societies have launched straight into a programme, while others are restricting themselves to members' displays initially. Bishop's Stortford now holds afternoon meetings only. Basildon and Colchester resumed meetings in September with promising turn-outs. Epping Forest planned to reopen in September 2021, subject to venue confirmation. Ipswich resumed on 6 October at a new venue, Kesgrave Memorial Community Hall, where they held stamp fairs. They are alternating between afternoon and evening meetings. Cheshunt has decided to reopen as a daytime-only society.

AEPS BOXES

Ray How has found a new supplier for large storage boxes. The new box is the same size as the old ones, but comes flat-packed for self-assembly. Please contact Ray How to place orders (ray.how@btinternet.com). Basildon members and other readers may obtain theirs from Alan Taylor, who has 20 in stock at £5.50 each.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

This free digital handbook is sent by e-mail to AEPS e-News subscribers. Len Stanway continuously updates the master record and is about to start preparations for the 2022 edition. Please send amendments to him 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

LOCAL STAMP FAIRS CANCELLED

David Church has advised the Editor that his Laindon Stamp Fairs have now ceased, as the venue has not only increased the cost of hire, but also introduced numerous restrictions and conditions making it not viable to continue.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2021-2022 are now overdue and should be paid to Len Stanway directly or via Alan Taylor. 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.

MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

6 September - Member's Displays.

7 people attended our first meeting after lockdown. Ian McElwain displays Malta (32 sheets) and Great Britain (34 sheets) stamps, shades and errors. Maggie Thompson followed with 16 sheets of pictorial advertisements on slogan postmarks and watermarks. Ian finished with 17 sheets of 1848 Crimea overprints.

AUCTION

Bidding for the next postal auction closes on 19 October 2021. The auction catalogue has been published on e-mail and hard copies are about to go out as I write. Please send your bids to the Auction Secretary to arrive at least two working days before the closing date.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet urgently needs more members. 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. Ask me how to join today!

Small rubber stamps are available from the packet secretary at about £13 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 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 me for advice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next AGM, covering 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, will be held at 7.45pm on 1 November 2021. Please come and have your say in the society's decision-making session, at which the Committee reports on the past years and the new Committee is elected. Nominations for new committee members are invited.

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 relevant society information.

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.

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

October 2021

- 4 - Basildon - 12 Pages or More from My Collections (Members).
- 4 - Frinton - Auction.
- 5 - Sudbury - Chairman's Evening.
- 6 - Benfleet - Speaker to be advised.
- 6 - Ipswich - To be advised.
- 9 - UN - WORLD POST DAY
- 10 - Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 12 - Chelmsford - British Occupation of Italian Colonies (N. Harris).
- 15 - Colchester - Members' Displays and Social Evening.
- 18 - Frinton - Displays by Steve Alpe and Jon Juby.
- 20 - Bishop's Stortford - Members' Displays (afternoon).
- 20 - Ipswich - To be advised.
- 24 - Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 26 - Chelmsford - Annual General Meeting and Member's Displays (if time).

November 2021

- 1 - Basildon - Annual General Meetings.
- 1 - Frinton - Competitions.
- 2 - Sudbury - Railway Philately (C. Tennant).
- 3 - Benfleet - Christmas Island & Easter Island (R. Barnes).
- 3 - Ipswich - To be advised.
- 8 - Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 9 - Chelmsford - A GB Miscellany (J. Rawlins).
- 15 - Frinton - Displays by two members.
- 16 - Sudbury - Bring and Buy, Room Auction and My Favourites (Members).
- 17 - Bishop's Stortford - Members' Displays (afternoon).
- 17 - Ipswich - To be advised.
- 19 - Colchester - Members' Displays and Social Evening.
- 22 - Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 23 - Chelmsford - Aspects of London (D. Connell) (afternoon at 2.15).

December 2021

- 1 - Benfleet - Chairman Entertains and Christmas Social (C. Evans).
- 6 - Basildon - Christmas Social with Static Displays.
- 6 - Frinton - Christmas celebrations plus 8 sheets.
- 13 - Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 14 - Chelmsford - Season's Greetings (Members) (afternoon at 2.15).
- 14 - Sudbury - Quiz Night.
- 15 - Bishop's Stortford - Members' Displays (afternoon).
- 21 - Colchester - To be advised.
- 25-28 - - - CHRISTMAS BANK HOLIDAY

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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Press Date

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

