

The Basildon Philatelist.

The Journal of Basildon Philatelic Society

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Important notices to members:

1. Members are reminded that the meeting time is 7.30pm for 7.45pm. The room is only booked from 7.30 and George Hurd Centre has complained about early arrivals.
2. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer held a meeting on 14 March to review the society's long-term viability in the light of the loss of income arising from falling membership and attendances, plus the loss of the Spring Auction. Although we have no short-term financial concerns, it has been decided to cut costs by holding only monthly meetings from this July, on the third Tuesday of each month. The alternative of meeting on first Mondays would have resulted in the loss of meetings when a bank holiday coincides. Members are encouraged to introduce new members as only this will ensure a long-term future for the society.
3. The Exchange Packet is now functioning normally but needs more members to take part. This is a good way of finding material for your collections - I am still finding a lot! 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.
4. Your Secretary has requested the maximum possible attendance at the Annual General Meeting, please, so that everyone can have a say in the future of the society.
5. Alan has also requested someone come forward to store and transport the display frames to and from meetings. The only place that he has to store them is in his spare bedroom and getting them in and out each time is a challenge. None of us is getting any younger!
6. In view of the recent major resurgence of Covid-19 infections, members are requested to wear masks when at meetings to help protect yourselves and others.

Len Stanway, President

Editorial:

There still seems to be a reluctance from members to return to meetings. Perhaps we are just that little bit older and reluctant to leave our armchairs, or perhaps there are still fears about Covid. Whatever the cause, we need to get more people to meetings, particularly when we

have outside speakers. We had just four at a recent meeting with a speaker, which was highly embarrassing. Please do try to support our events.

International News

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/>.

ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS

This is the premier award world-wide in philately. At the meeting of the Board of Election of the RDP on 2 January 2022, it was unanimously agreed that the following philatelists be invited to be the new signatories to the Roll:

- Dr. Bruno Crevato-Selvaggi, FRPSL (Italy)
- Reinaldo Estevão de Macedo, FRPSL (Brazil)
- Hugh V. Feldman, FRPSL (United Kingdom)
- Malcolm Groom, FRPSL (Australia)
- Patricia Stilwell Walker, FRPSL (USA)

The invitation to sign the Roll is the highest and most prestigious honour in philately, and is the world's oldest philatelic honour. It recognises achievement, research, publication and service in many areas of philately. The Roll was instituted in Harrogate in May 1921 and King George V was the first signatory. In its design, it contains the names of 44 so-called "Fathers of Philately", great philatelists who would have been invited to sign had they been alive at the time. At the first ceremony the signatures of the initial 39 names were added to the Roll.

This year's signing ceremony took place during the London 2022 International Philatelic

Exhibition. The new RDPs were accompanied by some from the last two years who had not yet signed because of the pandemic. They join 88 other current living RDPs from 26 countries spread over six continents. More details on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists can be found at: http://www.abps.org.uk/Awards/Roll_of_Distinguished_Philatelists/index.xalter

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

SCOTTISH CONGRESS & NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The 91st Scottish Annual Congress will take place from 22-23 April 2022 at the Dewars Centre, Perth. The hosts will be the Perth Philatelic Society. Rev. J. Colin Caske will act as President. Entry forms for all competitions at the National Exhibition (National Exhibition, Alan Watson Memorial Competition, Junior Competitions for the ALBA Salver and One-Sheet Competition) are now available to download on the Congress page. www.scottishphilately.co.uk/congress

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GB

The next **Congress** will be held at Birmingham, on 8-11 September 2022 (see www.gbcongress.uk).

AUTUMN STAMPEX 2022

Autumn Stampex national exhibition will take place at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from 28 September to 1 October

NATIONAL STAMP DAY

Don't forget the anniversary of the stamp on 6 May each year. Could your Society or yourself plan something special to promote philately?

ABPS AWARDS

Nominations for the ABPS Award of Merit and Congress Medal are always welcome. Full details and nomination forms can be found on the ABPS website.

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 2022. 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 NEWS

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 15 April, followed by 15 July. Articles and enquiries relating to 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.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Can you donate any suitable material to Stamp Active? (stampactive@btinternet.com)

Kidstamps is a free postal club for children. Donations of stamps, etc. would be welcomed by Peter Barham, Hon. Secretary, Stamp Active Network, 2E Broomwood Road, Orpington, Kent, BR5 2JH.

ABPS WEBSITE <http://www.abps.org.uk>

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.

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

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION

For information on BTA activities, visit the website www.britishthematic.org.uk.

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.

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

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, sixteen societies have notified the Editor of reopening: Basildon, Benfleet, Bishop's Stortford, Chelmsford, Cheshunt, Clacton, Colchester, East Anglia Postal History Society, Epping Forest, Frinton, Goodmayes, Harlow, Ipswich, Leytonstone & Wanstead, Rayleigh, Sudbury, Witham. Of the remaining two, Billericay still hopes to resume meetings shortly, and Braintree has still not yet been able to resume meetings. In both case, availability of affordable venues are the problem.

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 may obtain theirs from Alan Taylor, who has 20 in stock at £5.50 each.

PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: 1: Essex Present; 2: Essex Past; 3: Catalogue of

Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. The 2022 edition of Volume 1 was published in December 2021. 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 2023 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 AEPS website, that gives details of member societies and other useful information. Send any corrections to the Editor.

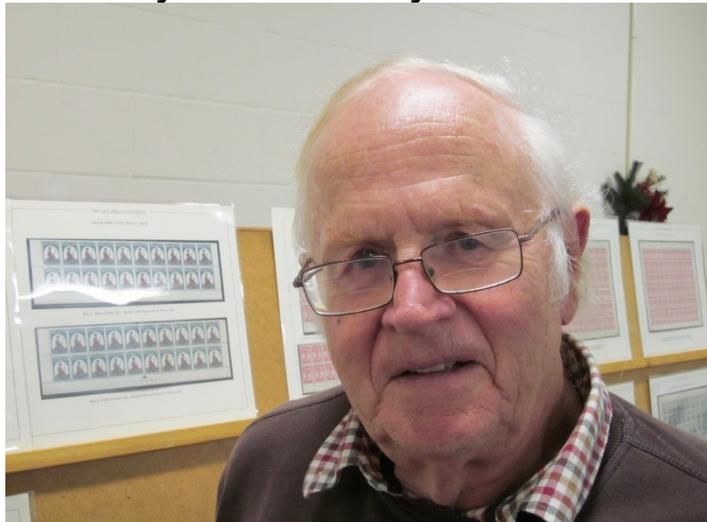
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MEETING REPORTS by "Fly On The Wall"

10 January - Members' displays.

In a very varied evening, Claude Crowder displayed Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Garry Greene followed on with Alderney miniature sheets, Ian McElwain displayed his Malta and Alf Potter completed proceedings with postcard oddments.

25 January - Chris Cooksey.



Chris Cooksey gave a fine display of Southern Rhodesia covering the period from 1937 up to the Queen's coronation. A wide variety of material was shown including items from the Waterlow archives, revenue usages, air mails and the royal train being a few of the highlights.

7 February - Ray How



Ray showed Anglo-Irish mail over the Waterford route and took us on a postal history tour of the Essex locations where he served as a police officer.

22 February - Essex Postal History by John Copeland.

John continued from where Ray left off with a fine tour of the county's early postal history.

7 March - Member's displays.

The scheduled speaker was unable to attend because of illness, so Charlie Mead started proceedings with a display of King George VI-period official franked mail. He then followed this with Halfpenny watermarks. After the break, Ian McElwain displayed a collection of postal history from Essex offices that he had just purchased a few days earlier.

22 March - Meeting cancelled.

WEBSITE

Charlie Mead has refreshed the Society website. It's still work in progress, but it looks good. A new addition is the Tomex Quiz 2021 for members to try if they were not able to be there. The answers are on a separate page. You may like to have a go yourself. The winner managed

67% and members of the Expert Committee at the Royal 80%. The website now has a downloadable programme card with the addition of a QR code which links to the website when scanned on a mobile device.

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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2021-2022 are now overdue and those remaining should be paid to Len Stanway as soon as possible. 2022-23 subscriptions fall due at the AGM on 6 June. 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.

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

The April auction had to be cancelled because of the Auction Secretary's ill health. Everyone

wishes Claude a speedy recovery. A decision on the October auction will be taken at a later date.

FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet needs more members to take part. If you are not taking part, however "complete" you think your collection is, you may be missing out on a hitherto undiscovered variety at a bargain price (as I have done a number of times!). 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 will be held at 7.45pm on 6 June 2022. 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 for 2022-23 will be due following that meeting.

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.

ARTICLES WANTED

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

PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2019-2020

Our members' handbook is available by e-mail. Please contact Len Stanway if you would like another copy sent to you. Anyone who needs a hard copy should contact Alan Taylor who will arrange to print one.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

The Society's **Library** is run by Ian McElwain. It contains catalogues and reference books that members can borrow to research their collections and to find out how to get more from our hobby. We are updating the catalogue collection as opportunities allow. If you are disposing of redundant catalogues, the society would welcome donations, which may update items in the library or, if surplus, sold to raise society funds. 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.

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**.

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.

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.

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

April 2022

- 4 - Basildon - GB Penny Black May Dates and another topic (D.J. Church).
- 4 - Frinton - Bourse: Bring & Buy.
- 5 - Sudbury - Bring & Buy and Informal.
- 6 - Benfleet - Haiti (G. Hanney).
- 6 - Clacton - Annual General Meeting & Penny Black Cup for Postcards.
- 6 - Goodmayes - Paraguay (A. Cooke).
- 6 - Ipswich - Auction. Viewing 3pm. Starts 7pm.
- 7 - Witham - Think of a Number (Members) (afternoon).
- 8 - Colchester - To be advised.
- 9 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - STAMP FAIR, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR.
- 11 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 12 - Chelmsford - Bell's Postcards (J. Copeland).
- 12 - Epping Forest - Competitions.
- 14 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 15 - GOOD FRIDAY.
- 18 - EASTER MONDAY.
- 19 - Basildon - To be advised.
- 20 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 20 - Ipswich - President's Display (afternoon).
- 25 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
- 25 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Society Social Meal, 19.30 at venue tba.
- 25 - Frinton - Display by Simon Martin-Redman.
- 26 - Chelmsford - Iraq (G.P. Green).
- 28 - Harlow - (Provisional date).

May 2022

- 2 - MAY BANK HOLIDAY.
- 3 - Sudbury - Annual General Meeting.
- 4 - Benfleet - Football (T. Lemon).
- 4 - Clacton - Auction.
- 4 - Goodmayes - Thematics Night (Members).
- 4 - Ipswich - 1d Black and 2d Blue - Invited Displays.
- 5 - Witham - Norway (Mrs P. Adams) (afternoon).
- 9 - Frinton - Annual General Meeting.
- 9 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).

- 10 - Chelmsford - Australia (M. Musgrave).
 10 - Epping Forest - Annual General Meeting & Bring and Buy.
 11 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
 14 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Annual General Meeting & Members' displays.
 16 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
 17 - Basildon - Danzig "Luposta 1932" - The greatest airmail exhibition ever! by Giles du Boulay.
 17 - Sudbury - Going Off-Piste (Members).
 18 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
 18 - Ipswich - Annual General Meeting, Bourse and Quiz.
 20 - Colchester - To be advised.
 23 - Frinton - Display by Andrew Skilling.
 23 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 24 - Chelmsford - The German Saar (Mrs M.A. Thompson).
 25 - Harlow - (Provisional date).

June 2022

- 1 - Benfleet - Concorde (M. Burt).
 1 - Clacton - Bourse & Members' Displays.
 1 - Goodmayes - The reign of Elizabeth II (Members).
 2-3 - SPRING BANK HOLIDAY & PLATINUM JUBILEE.
 2 - Witham - Chairman's Evening (afternoon).
 6 - Basildon - Annual General Meeting.
 6 - Frinton - Early Ceylon (D. Pugh).
 7 - Sudbury - Display by Ipswich PS.
 9 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
 11 - Epping Forest - Auction (2pm viewing for 2.30pm start).
 13 - Rayleigh - (Provisional date).
 14 - Chelmsford - Display by Sudbury P.S.
 15 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
 17 - Colchester - To be advised.
 20 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date).
 20 - Frinton - Penny Black Plus (A. Soutar) (afternoon).
 21 - Basildon - Thematics Evening (Members).
 23 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
 28 - Chelmsford - Fiji (C.W. Mead).

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 1 July. Your news or articles should be with the Editor by 15 June.



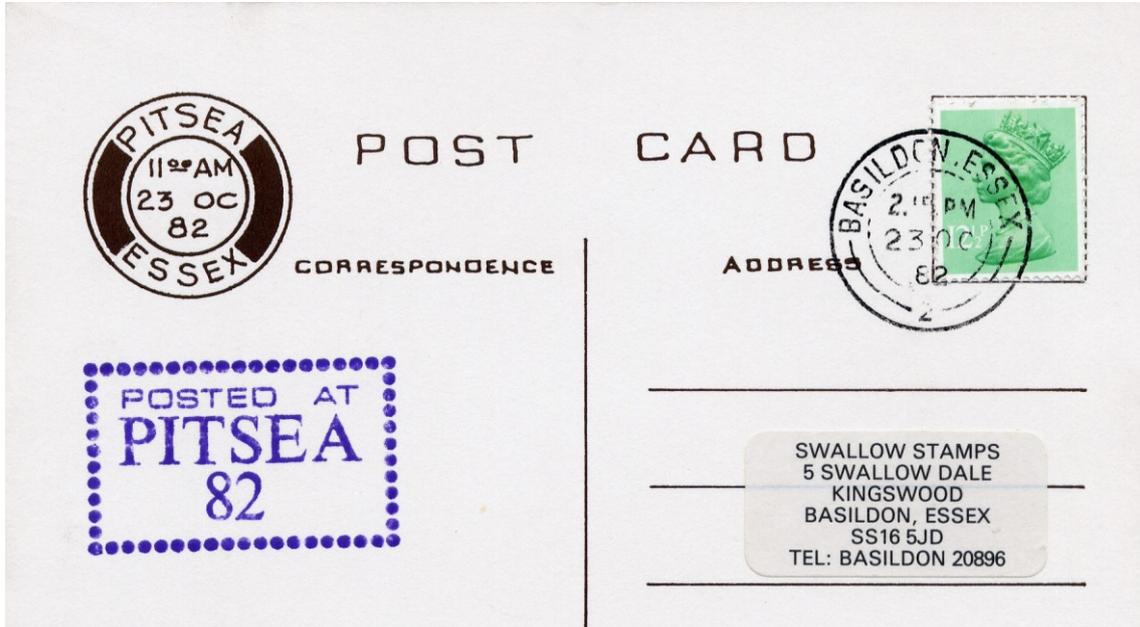
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FORTY YEARS AGO (IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY!)

Postcard issued by Basildon Philatelic Society to mark the AEPS Autumn Rally of October 1982, held at Pitsea Leisure Centre. The late Arthur Hobbs designed and serviced the cards and Len Stanway designed the cachet.



Herbert J. Cook's drapers shop and post office with uniformed telegraph boy and parcel handcart, circa 1920. Published by the Basildon Philatelic Society.

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Post Office, Pitsea