

# The Basildon Philatelist.

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## Editorial:

Please accept my apologies for the late appearance of this issue, and the paucity of news, due to circumstances beyond my control.

The main news is that the society has a new venue with immediate effect, namely The Place (Pitsea Leisure Centre), Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, Basildon SS13 3DU. Meeting dates and times remain unchanged

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the members who have got in touch to give condolences on the loss of my dear wife Anne in December. It was very gratifying to read how much she was appreciated by her many friends. I am now slowly recovering from my recent surgery, but it is likely to be several months before I am fully fit and, then, more treatment may be necessary.

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## International News

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### OVERSEAS EXHIBITING

More-advanced collectors (some of whom are members of this society) enjoy exhibiting items from their collections abroad. International exhibitions are once again in full swing. Overseas exhibitions fall into three categories:

1. National and private exhibitions that choose to invite overseas entrants. These set their own entry and judging criteria.
2. Continental federation exhibitions are organised by the international federation responsible for that region. In Europe that is FEPA (European Federation of Philatelic Associations), in Asia-Pacific FIAP, etc. These set their own entry criteria, but generally judge to FIP rules.
3. Full international and world exhibitions that invite entries world-wide, organised by a national organising committee under the auspices of the International Philatelic Federation (FIP).

Unless otherwise decided by the organisers, to be eligible for five frames at a FIP, FEPA or other overseas 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.

Potential exhibitors should consult the ABPS website for details of forthcoming national and international exhibitions that they might enter.

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## 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!

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## National News

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### STAMPEX 2023

Stampex national exhibition, organised by the Philatelic Traders Society (PTS), will take place at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from 27-30 September

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## 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 2023. 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](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk).

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## ABPS NEWS

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 15 January, followed by 15 April. 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](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk) This is an opportunity for you to promote your Society. Do not forget to tell me if you are intending to send something, to avoid "mixed messages" or duplication of effort.

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## STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Can you donate any material suitable for child collectors to Stamp Active?

**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. (stampactive@btinternet.com)

## STAMP FAIR & AUCTION DAIRY

Steve Reeves advises that the updated list of 2023 stamp fairs and auctions is available at [https://stampfairsdiary.co.uk/index\\_files/StampFairAuctionDiaryStampPostcardfairs2022.htm](https://stampfairsdiary.co.uk/index_files/StampFairAuctionDiaryStampPostcardfairs2022.htm)

## ABPS SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The ABPS is always there to help! If you are planning a local event to promote philately and may need financial assistance, please have a look at this scheme on our website as you may be eligible for a grant.

## 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.

If you are sending new or amended information to ABPS, do not forget to send the same information to the Editor of "Philately In Essex" so local societies (whether members of ABPS or not) have access to the same information.

## MAKE SURE YOUR SOCIETY LOOKS GOOD ON THE ABPS WEBSITE

The latest ABPS website ([www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk)) has received some very positive feedback and continues to develop. 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 organiser, please check the information on the website and advise ABPS 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](mailto:communications@abps.org.uk)

## 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/>

## 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.

## ABPS EXHIBITING & JUDGING SEMINARS

ABPS believes that exhibitors at every level deserve to be given quality feedback by accredited judges. All ABPS judges are expected to attend a refresher Seminar every 5 years to maintain their accreditation. Anyone interested, should contact David Alford at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk). These events can be held in any part of the UK, subject to the level of interest. Ray How would be like to organise one in Essex if there is sufficient interest. Please let him know if you want to him to do so.

## ISSUES TO TAKE UP AT NATIONAL LEVEL?

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](http://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 [srtcrr@gmail.com](mailto:srtcrr@gmail.com).

## DONATIONS TO KIDSTAMPS

Kidstamps is based in Liverpool, but if you are able to deliver, they can be taken at a weekend to Peter Barham at 2e Broomwood Road, Orpington, Kent BR5 2JH. These details can also be found on our website <https://www.stampactive.co.uk/about-us/>. As an alternative, he could meet up at a London main line station or items could be delivered to him at his place of work (Bank Saderat plc, 5 Lothbury, London EC2R 7HD). The bank is open from 10am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. (Peter Barham, Secretary & Donations and Auction Manager, Stamp Active Network, November 2022).

## MIDPEX

The 2023 Midpex exhibition and fair will be held at the Warwickshire Event Centre, Leamington Spa CV31 1XN on 1 July 2023.

## *Essex News*

## BRAINTREE SOCIETY CLOSED

Braintree society has not met since the outbreak of Covid in March 2020 and has now formally closed. Its members now attend Witham.

## CLACTON SOCIETY APPOINTS NEW SECRETARY

Ken Brown, who was interim contact pending appointment of a new Secretary, has now taken on the substantive role.

## AEPS AGM 2023

The 2023 AEPS Annual General Meeting will be on **28 January** at the Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HR at 2.30pm. All society delegates are requested to attend. Further information is available from from Ray How.

## 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](mailto:ray.how@btinternet.com)). Basildon members may obtain theirs from Alan Taylor, who has 7 in stock at £6 each.

## PHILATELY IN ESSEX HANDBOOK

The book is published in three volumes: Vol.1: Essex Present; Vol.2: Essex Past; Vol.3: Catalogue of Essex Philatelic Souvenirs. The 2023 edition of Vol.1 was published in December 2022. New editions of Vol.2 and Vol.3 were not published. 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 2024 issue and any interim publicity. Please send amendments to Len Stanway a.s.a.p. Copies of all three volumes are available free by e-mail on request.

## 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](http://www.stampessex.org.uk), the AEPS website, that gives details of member societies and other useful information. Send any corrections and amendments to the Editor.

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## **Basildon Society News**

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### **CHANGE OF VENUE**

From January 2023, the society has moved to The Place (Pitsea Leisure Centre), Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, Basildon SS13 3DU. The new venue is less expensive and enables us to store equipment on site, an issue that was becoming increasingly problematic at the old venue. There is also the potential for daytime meetings in the future. Meeting dates and times are unchanged.

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### **ALBUMS CLOSED**

Two of Basildon's long-serving members passed away recently. Having moved to Norwich a couple of years ago. David Perry remained a member until joining his wife Jenny at that Great Stamp Club in the Sky on 23 November. Another member not seen at meetings for several years, my wife, Anne Stanway, joined them there on 12 December.

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### **FACEBOOK**

The Basildon Philatelic Society Facebook group provides an on-line form for club members and others. This is where members are kept up to date with what's going on and where members can participate in discussions about the club. It does not replace the Society's website which contains our on-line resources including downloads. To participate, please apply on the Facebook page or contact Charlie for assistance.

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### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions for 2022-2023 are now overdue and should be paid to Len Stanway by post or Charlie Mead at meetings. 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. 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 2020-22 financial years, but it is hoped that they will renew now that meetings have returned. 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 Treasurer know.

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### **MEETING REPORTS** by "Fly On The Wall"

#### **Chelmsford & District P.S. meeting held on 11 October. Report by David Everard (CDPS)**

We were pleased to welcome members of Basildon Philatelic Society to our meeting. The evening comprised two presentations covering islands on opposite sides of the globe. First up was Ian McElwain, who is also a member of our Society. He chose Malta and presented material from the earliest stamps up to the 1940s and included handstamps, postage stamps with various watermarks, postage rates, airmail from 1928 as well as postcards. After a refreshment interval Charlie Mead presented a display on Fiji covering the reigns of Edward VII and George V used in this remote island group. As well as standard "Key Types" with numerous values and colour combinations, his display also included a forgery of a £1 stamp, postage due stamps, stationery, newspaper wrappers, postcards and letter cards. He also gave details of Tin Can Post to Tonga. Pat Adams from the chair thanked both gentlemen for a very informative and interesting evening. For details of Chelmsford Society please telephone Dave Everard on 01245 465506 or email: [davideverard@live.com](mailto:davideverard@live.com). New members and visitors are always welcome.

#### **18 October - War Tax - Geoff Miller**



Geoff, from Frinton, made a welcome return to display these stamps, issued by various colonies to raise funds for the war effort in both World Wars.

### 7 November - Letters D, E or F – members' displays

Five members provided displays. Claude Crowder opened the evening by showing DOMINICA and then followed with CINDERELLA material from the Spanish CIVIL WAR (Claude thought it was C, D or E). It was decided that the civil war had been a DISPUTE and was therefore on topic. Maggie Thompson started the second round with postage DUE stamps from FRENCH colonies including colour trials and ESSAYS. Charlie Mead followed with FIJI from the reign of EDWARD VII including a modern FORGERY of the 1912 £1 value (a stamp that had been issued after the King's death in 1910). Harry Flatman finished the session with a £2 Machin D1 cylinder block showing the missing pound sign flaw. For the final session, Alf Potter showed postcards depicting postal DELIVERY in its many different forms. All participants were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

### SOCIETY TROPHIES

If anyone has society trophies from before lockdown, please arrange to return them to Len Stanway, either directly or via Charlie Mead at a meeting.

### FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET SECRETARY

The packet is temporarily suspended due to my indisposition, but normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

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!

### 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.

### PHILATELY IN BASILDON 2022

Our members' handbook was updated following the AGM and distributed to e-mail recipients. Please contact Len Stanway if you would like another copy sent to you.

### 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. He is doing a stock-take and would welcome return of any books that you may be holding. We will update 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, look at **Philately in Essex** and the **ABPS Website**.

### 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.

**THIRD-PARTY RESOURCES TO HELP YOU!**

Steve Reeves maintains his "Stamp Fairs and Auction Diary", listing events throughout Britain, on his website <http://stampfairsdiary.co.uk/>. Give it a try!

**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****January 2023**

- 4 - Benfleet - Annual General Meeting & Mini-auction.
- 4 - Clacton - Bourse and Members' displays.
- 4 - Goodmayes - Letter C (Members).
- 5 - Witham - Anything beginning with Q, R, S or T (Members) (afternoon).
- 9 - Rayleigh - Annual Quiz.
- 10 - Chelmsford - NO MEETING.
- 12 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 14 - Epping Forest - Grand Auction (afternoon - 2pm).
- 16 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 17 - Basildon - Anything (Members) [Note: New venue].
- 17 - Sudbury - Films.
- 18 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 18 - Ipswich - Members' Displays (afternoon).
- 19 - Colchester - Competition Night.
- 23 - Rayleigh - The Ken Seymour Memorial Display.
- 24 - Chelmsford - Letters P, Q, R (Members) (11am-1pm).
- 25 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Members; displays.
- 26 - Harlow - (Provisional date).

**28 - AEPS - Annual General Meeting. Henry Dixon Hall, Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End, Witham, Essex CM8 3HR. 2.30pm, preceded by an Executive Meeting at 1pm.**

**February 2023**

- 1 - Benfleet - Auction.
- 1 - Clacton - Competitions.
- 1 - Goodmayes - Little & Large – the lowest or highest value or size of items that you may have in your collection (Members).
- 1 - Ipswich - Competition.
- 2 - Witham - British Forces in MEF (M. Carter) (afternoon).
- 6 - Basildon - Claude Crowder Entertains.
- 8 - Billericay - Rolls Royce (D. Bremner) (afternoon).
- 9 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 11 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Speaker to be advised (afternoon).
- 11 - Witham - STAMP FAIR & Exhibition at the Royal British Legion Hall Newland Street, Witham CM8 2AZ 10am-4pm.
- 13 - Rayleigh - Letter O (Members).
- 14 - Chelmsford - Essex Postal History up to 1840 (G.P. Green) (11am-1pm).
- 14 - Epping Forest - Covers and Postcards (Members).
- 14 - Sudbury - Informal and auction viewing.
- 15 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 15 - Ipswich - Your Committee Entertains (afternoon).
- 16 - Colchester - Stamps and Something Else (P. Evans)
- 20 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date) (afternoon).
- 21 - Basildon - Essex Postmarks (J. Copeland).
- 22 - Goodmayes - Postal Auction.
- 22 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Quiz Night.
- 23 - Harlow - (Provisional date).
- 27 - Rayleigh - To be advised.
- 28 - Chelmsford - Dead Countries (Members).

**March 2023**

- 1 - Benfleet - Australia (M. Musgrave).
- 1 - Clacton - British Empire Exhibition 1924-25 (R. Hider).
- 1 - Goodmayes - Competition Night (Members).
- 1 - Ipswich - German Occupation of the Channel Islands (A. Moorcroft).
- 2 - Witham - Concorde (M. Burt) (afternoon).
- 6 - Basildon - Mauritius Postal History (E. Hutton).
- 7 - Sudbury - Auction.
- 8 - Billericay - Letter B (Members) (afternoon).
- 9 - Harlow - (Provisional date).

- 11 - Leytonstone & Wanstead - Speaker to be advised (afternoon).  
 13 - Rayleigh - To be advised.  
 14 - Chelmsford - Ross Dependency (C. Evans).  
 14 - Epping Forest - New Items from their Collections (K. Lillywhite & C. Stuart).  
 15 - Bishop's Stortford - (Provisional date) (afternoon).  
 15 - Ipswich - Display by Frinton P.S. (afternoon).  
 16 - Colchester - QE11 Reign Only (Members).  
 20 - Cheshunt - (Provisional date) (afternoon).  
 21 - Basildon - Gilbert & Ellice Islands (J. Charlton).  
 21 - Sudbury - Display by Frinton P.S.  
 23 - Harlow - (Provisional date).  
 27 - Rayleigh - Chairman's Night.  
 28 - Chelmsford - Don Davies Entertains.  
 29 - Sudbury - Annual Dinner (by invitation).

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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### Auction:

Vacancy for an Auction Secretary/Auctioneer!

[www.basildon-philatelic.org.uk](http://www.basildon-philatelic.org.uk)

## Press Date

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