



# Association of Essex Philatelic Societies

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **A lot to see at Autumn StampEssex**

The Association of Essex Philatelic Societies (AEPS) has announced a full house of seventeen stamp, postal history and postcard dealers for its Autumn StampEssex event to be held on 29 October at the Marconi Social Club, Tydemans (off Beehive Lane), Chelmsford CM2 9FH. Opening at 10.30am and closing at 4pm, admission and parking will be free of charge for visitors to the event. Refreshments will be available at the venue.

As well as the dealers, the event will display the Association's annual autumn competitions, featuring Thematic collecting, Modern Material (post-1986 issues), Cinderella issues (those not in the catalogues), Philatelic Literature and the new Open Class.

The provisional list of dealers attending is: John Auld, Steve Burnell, David Church, East London Postcards, GB Collections, Stewart Harris, Roger Hudson, Sheldon Kosky, Bob Lee, John Littlebury, Peter Noakes, Graham O'Hara, Steve Search, Simon Shaw, Christine Stroud, Ray Watts, Lorne Webb. In addition, one dealer's table will be put at the disposal of a local charity.

In announcing the event, the AEPS Vice President, Len Stanway, explained:

"Philately (collecting stamps and postal history) is the King of Hobbies and Hobby of Kings, actively enjoyed by many famous people, including our own monarchs for more than a century. Yet, it remains accessible and enjoyable by those with the smallest pockets, of all ages and cultures.

Not only can it be immensely enjoyable and rewarding in its own right, but it has immense value as an educational tool, allowing anyone to choose their own way of collecting to suit their abilities and other interests, learning in the process about the history, diversity, culture and complexity of the world about them. For example, a person who enjoys chess, could learn about the great masters and tournaments of the past and the diversity of styles of chess piece used in different countries, whilst a bird-watcher could amass his own collection of the world's most magnificent specimens without a feather being harmed in the process.

The AEPS supports twenty-two philatelic societies in Essex, north-east London, south-east Hertfordshire and southern Suffolk, with a total membership of about 850. We know that many more collectors do so all alone, without knowing the rewards of society membership, and we hope that this event will encourage these lone collectors to come and see what our member societies have to offer, which usually include displays by eminent collectors, opportunity to display their own collections, the chance to sell their surplus items or buy those illusive missing items and often reference libraries, competitions, etc. Each society is independently run and their offerings differ widely, so there should be one out there to suit anyone's taste and interests. Whichever society you choose to visit, you can be sure of a warm welcome!"

NOTES FOR EDITORS:

Founded in 1944, the **Association of Essex Philatelic Societies** (AEPS) is a non-profit making body that provides a forum for, and mutual assistance to twenty-two stamp and postal history collecting societies in Essex and neighbouring counties (East London, Hertfordshire and Suffolk), promotes the hobby of philately and holds major "StampEssex" stamp exhibitions in the Spring and Autumn of each year that bring collectors from a wide area into the host town. Please contact the sender for further information on its activities.

Two "StampEssex" Stamp Days are held each year, the proceeds from which go to support the hobby at local and federation level.

The member societies of the AEPS are: (Venues are wheelchair-accessible unless otherwise stated.)

#### **Basildon Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Alan Taylor (07899-822881, [alantaylor60@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alantaylor60@hotmail.co.uk)).  
Venue: George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, SS14 2FL (01268-465854).  
Normal time: 7.30pm for 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

#### **Benfleet & District Philatelic Society (incorporating Southend Philatelic Society)**

Secretary: Sue Stacey (07957-725647, [sjs5032@virginmedia.com](mailto:sjs5032@virginmedia.com)).  
Venue: Small Hall, Runnymede Hall, Kiln Road, Thundersley, SS7 1TF.  
Normal time: 7.00pm for 8pm to 10pm.

#### **Billericay & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Alan Jubb (01277-653891, [alanjubb@btinternet.com](mailto:alanjubb@btinternet.com)).  
Venue: The Fold Arts Centre, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LD.  
Normal time: 7.30 for 8pm to 10pm.

#### **Bishops Stortford & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Peter Denly (01279-652458, [peter.denly@uwclub.net](mailto:peter.denly@uwclub.net)).  
Evening meetings:  
Venue: Pre-Preparatory School, Bishop's Stortford College, Great Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 4BS.  
Normal day and time: First Wednesday, 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm, all year.  
Afternoon meetings:  
Venue: Ground Floor Club Room, Bishop's Park Community Centre, Lancaster Way, Bishop's Park, Bishop's Stortford CM23 4DA.  
Normal day and time: Third Wednesday, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, all year.

#### **Braintree & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Adrian Greenway (01371-856420, No e-mail).  
Venue: Archer Community Centre, 28-32 East Street, Braintree, CM7 3JJ.  
Normal time: 7.45pm to 9-9.30pm.

#### **Bury St Edmunds & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Rod Finn (01379-898292, [rod1finn@aol.co.uk](mailto:rod1finn@aol.co.uk)).  
Venue: Church Institute, The Street, Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2NP.  
Normal time: 7pm for 7.30pm.

#### **Chelmsford & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Allan Boyce (01245-476989, [allanboyce@yahoo.com](mailto:allanboyce@yahoo.com)).  
Venue: Christ Church, United Reformed Church, New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW.  
Normal time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm to 9.45pm.

#### **Cheshunt & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Mike Cording (01992-442980, [cheshuntphilatelic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheshuntphilatelic@yahoo.co.uk)).  
Venue: Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, EN8 9AA.  
Normal time: 8pm to 10pm (December to February 2pm to 4pm).

#### **Clacton Philatelic Society**

Secretary: David Hacker (01255-423521, [dave.hacker@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.hacker@btinternet.com)).  
Venue: The Tavern, 55-57 Frinton Road, Holland-on-Sea CO15 5UH.  
Normal time: 7pm to 10pm.

#### **Colchester & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Christine Stroud (01206 511950) [chris.stroud1@ntlworld.com](mailto:chris.stroud1@ntlworld.com).

Venue: Wilson Marriage Centre, Barrack Street, Colchester CO1 2LR.  
Normal time: 7pm to 9.30pm.

#### **East Anglia Postal History Society**

Secretary: John Copeland (01277-218128, jc@symonsgayandleland.co.uk).  
Venue: 74 Edgecomb Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 2DW.  
Normal time: 2pm for 2.30pm.

#### **Epping Forest & District Stamp Club**

Secretary: Roger Pearce (020-8281 1386, rodwin@talk21.com).  
Venue: The Dining Hall, Roding Valley High School, Brook Road (entry from Alderton Hill),  
Loughton, IG10 3JA.  
Normal time: 7.45 for 8.00pm to 10.00pm (Saturdays 1.30pm to 4.30pm).

#### **Frinton & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Geoffrey Miller (01255-851240, geoffreymiller578@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Room 5, Frinton Community Centre, Triangle Shopping Centre, Soken House, CO13  
0AU.  
Normal time: 7.00 for 7.30pm to 10pm.

#### **Goodmayes Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Cliff Cashman (020-8984 9346, No e-mail).  
Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Percy Road, Goodmayes, IG3 8UA.  
Normal time: 7.45pm to 10pm.

#### **Harlow Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Brian Cooper (01279-430637, No e-mail).  
Venue: Maidmoore Room, Great Parndon Community Centre, Abercrombie Way, Harlow, CM18  
6YJ.  
Normal time: 7pm to 9pm.

#### **Hullbridge Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Brian Morriss (01702-230666, briber.morriss@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Committee Room, Hullbridge Community Centre, Pooles Lane, SS5 6PA.  
Normal time: 7.30 for 8pm to 9.30pm.

#### **Ipswich Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Mike Smith (01473-403904, michaelsmith1949@gmail.com).  
Venue: Cedarwood Primary School, Wilkinson Drive (off Ropes Drive), Kesgrave, IP5 2ES.  
Normal time: 7.00 for 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

#### **Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Richard Wood (020 8523 0719, No e-mail).  
Venue: Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, E11 2NT.  
Normal time: Second Saturday at 2.15 for 2.45pm to: 4.30pm.  
Fourth Monday at 7.15 for 7.45pm to 9.30pm.

#### **Rayleigh & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Ray How (01702-544632, ray.how@btinternet.com).  
Venue: Parish Rooms, Rectory Garth, Hockley Road, Rayleigh SS6 8BA.  
Normal time: 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm.

#### **Shoeburyness & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: Mrs. Sue Stacey (07957-725647, sjs5032@virginmedia.com).  
Venue: St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoeburyness SS3 9EU.  
Normal time: 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm.

#### **Sudbury & District Philatelic Society**

Secretary: David Gottesmann (01787-469527, dgottesmann@netscape.net).  
Venue: The Church Hall, Our Lady & St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 20 The  
Croft, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1HW.  
Normal time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

#### **Witham Philatelic Society**

Secretary: David Sibley (01376-561843, sibley63@btinternet.com).

Venue: Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End, Witham, CM8 2HE.  
Normal time: 7.30 for 7.45pm to 9.45pm.

Most societies welcome junior members under the supervision of a responsible adult.

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