



Association of Essex Philatelic Societies

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PRESS RELEASE

New website to help stamp collectors

The Association of Essex Philatelic Societies (AEPS) has launched a new website <http://www.stampessex.org.uk> to put stamp collectors and postal history collectors in Essex and neighbouring counties in touch with societies of like-minded collectors in their immediate neighbourhood.

Congratulating the AEPS Webmaster, Ian McElwain, on achievement of the successful launch, the AEPS Vice President, Len Stanway, said:

“Philately (collecting stamps and postal history) is the King of Hobbies and Hobby of Kings, actively participated in 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-five 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 alone, without knowing the rewards of society membership, and we hope that the new website will encourage these collectors to put a toe in the water 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.”

NOTES FOR EDITORS:

The Association of Essex Philatelic Societies was formed in 1944 to enable liaison between societies in Essex and thus promote the hobby of stamp collecting and the study of postal history throughout the county. It’s coverage subsequently expanded to include societies in north-east London, south-eastern Hertfordshire and southern Suffolk. It currently supports 25 societies. Two Stamp Days are held each year, the proceeds from which go to support the hobby at local and federation level.

“Autumn StampEssex 2015” is an exhibition and fair to be held at Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Colchester, CO3 0RH on 24 October from 10am-4pm. It is being

hosted by Colchester & District Philatelic Society, with competitive displays from other AEPS Member Societies.

The member societies of the AEPS are:

(Venues are wheelchair-accessible unless otherwise stated.)

Basildon Philatelic Society

Secretary: Alan Taylor (07899-822881).

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).

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).

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).

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).

Venue: Braintree & Bocking Community Centre, Hollywood, 19-21 Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9AH.

Normal time: 7.45pm to 9-9.30pm.

Brentwood & District Philatelic Society

Secretary: Paul Green (01621-816420).

Venue: Reception area, Becket Keys Church of England Secondary School, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9DA.

Normal time: 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm.

Bury St Edmunds & District Philatelic Society

Secretary: Rod Finn (01379-898292).

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).

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).

Venue: Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, EN8 9AA.

Normal time: 8pm to 10pm.

Clacton Philatelic Society

Secretary: David Hacker (01255-423521).

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).

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).

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).

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).

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).

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Percy Road, Goodmayes, IG3 8UA.

Normal time: 7.45pm to 10pm.

Harlow Philatelic Society

Secretary: Brian Cooper (01279-430637).

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).

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).
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).
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.

Moulsham Lodge Philatelic Society & Collectors Club

Secretary: Dennis Olding (01245-264160).
Venue: Private houses as announced.
Normal time: 3pm

Rayleigh & District Philatelic Society

Secretary: Ray How (01702-544632).
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).
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).
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).
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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