



PHILATELY IN BASILDON

**Members' Handbook
of the
BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

2018

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WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY!

To a new member joining any Society, being presented with what seems to be a large rule book could be a very daunting experience. I must therefore make it clear that the philosophy of the Society is that rules are only here to protect us all in times of trouble, and to guide members who take part in the special functions within the society, such as competitions and the exchange packet. Under normal circumstances, we rarely refer to them because, in reality, they are just a combination of common sense and good manners.

Nevertheless, we would hope that you will read them and abide by them whilst you are a member of the Society.

At the time of writing, we meet in the George Hurd Centre, situated close to the town centre, in Audley Way (SS14 2FL), off Broadmayne, at 7.30pm for 7.45pm, on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month, public holidays excepted.

At a typical meeting, that first quarter hour from 7.30pm is an informal period to allow members to exchange greetings and information and do private deals, and to allow the Committee to welcome any visitors and undertake such administrative work as may be necessary for the day-to-day running of the society. At 7.45pm, the Chairman calls the meeting to order and announcements are made of any news for members. He then announces the purpose of the meeting and hands over to the night's speaker for the rest of the evening. Tea or coffee is served at around 9pm, after which the evening's event normally continues until 9.45pm, when we close to enable the car park to be cleared by 10pm in line with planning limits.

Meetings typically include invited speakers and member events. Such events include displays, competitions (formal and informal), auctions and quizzes. In addition, there are an exchange packet and a newsletter including articles provided by members. Stamp fairs may be organised from time to time.

Membership is open to all persons aged 12 years or above (this age can be waived by the Committee under certain circumstances; persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult), and the membership fee at the time of writing is only £13.00 for the year (£2.00 for Juniors up to 18 years of age).

Members also pay £1 attendance fee at each meeting towards hall hire and refreshments (if any).

We hope that you will find the Society a happy one to belong to and that you will take an active part in our meetings.

The Editor

NEW THIS EDITION

The officer and prize winner lists have been updated as usual. Minor changes have been made to the Auction, Competition and Exchange Packet Rules to bring them into line with current practice. A new Picture Postcard Competition has been added.

COURTESY TO SPEAKERS

As a courtesy to both the speaker and your fellow members, members and their guests are requested, while the speaker is giving his/her presentation:

- to turn-off any mobile telephones;
 - to refrain from conversation;
 - to refrain from private dealing;
 - to refrain from looking through Exchange Packet boxes.
- Smoking is no longer permitted in any public building.
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DATA PROTECTION ACT

Members are advised that, in addition to the data published in this Handbook, the Society maintains lists of members' names, addresses and telephone numbers for the purposes of communications only. Such lists are not divulged to third parties. Members wishing any data to be omitted from the Handbook or mailing lists should contact the Editor and Secretary respectively.

THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY

The Basildon Recorder newspaper for 5 July 1968 reported that a stamp collectors club had been formed at an inaugural meeting held at Woodlands Boys School. This was at the instigation of a group of employees of Basildon Urban District Council. Early meetings were held at that site, but, after access difficulties, some subsequent meetings were held in the Council Offices.

In 1969, we became affiliated to the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies, the body which forms a focal point for liaison between all the societies in Essex.

Our meetings moved to the Painting Studio of the then Arts Centre (later the Towngate Centre) in 1970. This provided a good home for the Society near the town centre until its demolition without replacement in 1988.

The fledgling Society held its first exhibition in 1971 as part of the Basildon 21st Anniversary celebrations, marked by a commemorative cover issued by the Society. An annual Stamp Day exhibition and fair was a feature of Spring in Basildon until recent years. Originally held at St. Martin's Church Hall, near Towngate, it was later usually held at a school and usually attracted several hundred visitors from all over Essex and neighbouring counties.

1978 saw the 25th anniversary of Basildon becoming a Head Post Office, and the Society co-operated with the Post Office in the production of a further commemorative cover for the event, marking the start of a continuing close working relationship with the Post Office in Basildon. That year also saw us join the British Philatelic Federation, the national co-ordinating body for philately.

A second annual event, an Autumn Stamp Fair, was also held at St. Martin's Church Hall, but without displays, in 1979. This fair was also held in 1980 and 1981.

By 1981, the exchange packet was flourishing and, following an unfortunate experience, it was decided to join the British Philatelic Federation Exchange Packet Section (now defunct), as a result of which we obtained new sources of external books for circulation and a means of avoiding "bad risks".

In 1982, Basildon Philatelic Society played host to the annual Autumn Rally of the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies, so, for that year only, the fair was held in the Spring, and Basildon Stamp Day was held in October at Pitsea Leisure Centre, then newly opened.

This event succeeded in attracting additional members from the Pitsea, Stanford-le-Hope and Corringham areas, where membership had hitherto been very sparse, and consequently, subsequent autumn fairs were held at Pitsea Leisure Centre. This event was known from 1985 onwards as Pitsea Stamp Day and included a small exhibition.

Basildon has always been a very active society in county affairs, providing a consistent representation on both the Council and Executive of the AEPS and entering most annual AEPS competitions. After many years trying, Basildon's first county successes were the Quiz trophy in 1984, and the Stokes Cup and Stamps, Postal History and Novices Trophies in 1985.

For services to organised philately in Essex and our Society in particular, our then Chairman, the late Harry Smith, was awarded the British Philatelic Federation Award of Merit in 1985.

The Basildon Stamp Day was transferred to Laindon (St Teresa's Church Hall) in 1986, while the 1987 spring event was cancelled due to the planned venue not being ready in time.

1988 was a problem year for the Society, with the demolition of the Towngate Centre and consequently an enforced change of venue, initially in March to the nearby Unemployed Workers Centre, which proved unsuitable, and then to Laindon Community Centre in July. This led to the pleasant problem of growing attendances outstripping available room capacity! Our AEPS Quiz team brought the year to a successful conclusion with victory for the second time.

Having settled in successfully at Laindon Community Centre, the decision was taken in 1989 to move all stamp days to the same venue, due to falling attendances at Pitsea and consequent dealer reluctance to participate in events there. Although attendances stabilised at Laindon, we never returned to the high attendances of the 1970s, probably due to the competition from a surfeit of commercial fairs.

Our long-serving Treasurer, the late John Church, became our second recipient of the BPF Award of Merit in 1991.

We hosted at Laindon the AEPS "StampEssex" Stamp Day in 1993 to celebrate our Silver Jubilee and, by coincidence, won the prestigious Stokes Cup at the same time. The same year also saw other Basildon successes in AEPS competitions.

The BPS became one of the first societies in the country to operate an Internet website, in the mid-1990s, through the efforts of Charlie Mead. This attracted interest from all around the world.

Our society newsletter, "The Basildon Stamp Collector" was launched in January 1996 and was well received.

Two year later, in 1998, we again hosted StampEssex, but this time combined with the inter-federation Dawes Cup competition, for which purpose the title "Home Counties Stamp Day" was coined. The event was also our first "BasPex International" in that the event was graced by a display from our twin town philatelic society in France, Meaux. We had also displayed in Meaux's regional exhibition earlier in 1998.

From the start of 2000, we moved from Laindon to the George Hurd Centre, close to Basildon town centre. The improved environment at the new venue resulted in a growth in attendances and gave more flexibility for programme planning. The original centre was closed for redevelopment in May 2008, so we moved with the centre to new premises in Audley Way, on the other side of the town centre, from the June 2008 AGM.

From 2009, the society's meetings began and ended 15 minutes earlier, at 7.45pm and 9.45pm respectively to enable the centre to be cleared by 10pm in accordance with planning restrictions.

Since the 2011 AGM, members have paid £1 at each meeting that they attend to help defray the cost of the hall. Refreshments are consequently provided free-of-charge.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Archives: These exist to maintain a record of the Society's activities by means of press cuttings, programmes, handbills, etc. Members' contributions are always welcome, however small, as the Archivist cannot keep track of everything that is published about us and much early material was lost!

Auctions: Auctions are normally held twice a year on average and enable members to buy or sell material with the enjoyment of an auction. The Society funds benefit from a small commission on sales. See the Auction Rules for further details.

Competitions: Participation in competitions is voluntary, but we encourage all members to participate, so that we have a fund of members who can represent us at County level. Those who do participate, and those who watch, find it enlightening to hear the judges' constructive comments on their efforts. In Basildon, we have annually 14 trophies for 8 competitions:

For all members:

- Stamps Cup for traditional (stamps and postal stationery).
- Postal History Cup for postal history.
- Colvill Cup for modern material.
- Thematic Cup for thematic displays.
- Aerophilatelic Trophy for aerophilately.
- Cinderella Trophy for Cinderella displays
- Colvill Modern Material Trophy for modern material.
- Picture Postcard Trophy.

Special trophies are provided:

- For novices:
 - Harry Smith Cup for traditional entries;
 - Postal History Novices Cup;
 - Post Office Cup for thematic displays.
- For best (adult) lady entry in the year's competitions:
 - Ladies Cup.
- For junior members:
 - Junior Cup for stamps and postal history.
 - Junior Thematic Cup.

In addition, there are occasional informal "One Page" and "8 Sheets From My Collection" competitions open to all and judged by members.

Dinner: An annual dinner was held early each year on an evening, to which all members and their personal guests were welcome. This operated strictly on an advance booking, self-financing basis, so that numbers could be agreed with the caterers. In recent years, lack of a volunteer to organise this has prevented its taking place.

Exchange Packet: This enables members to buy and sell stamps in the comfort of their own homes. Members put stamps in special booklets and indicate above the stamps the price for which they wish to sell them. The booklets are passed to the Packet Secretary who parcels them up and circulates them to a list of members who have expressed their wish to receive them. Members take what

they want, pass the packet to the next member, and send the money plus a form to the Packet Secretary. At the end of the circuit, the Packet Secretary pays the vendors and returns unsold material. The Society funds benefit from a small commission and insurance charge on sales.

Film Shows: We have occasionally been entertained to an evening of films from various sources, including the Post Office Film Library, but the opportunities for these are now few and far between.

Informal Evenings: These are evenings set aside for members to exchange material and information, buy and sell, etc. They may be combined with another event, such as Competition Night. Whilst every attempt is made to keep these free of organised events, it may occasionally be necessary to use an informal night to accommodate a speaker who has been unable to make a previously arranged date due to unforeseen circumstances. Wherever possible, we arrange for at least one dealer to display his wares on informal evenings.

Library: The Society librarian keeps a large collection of catalogues and other reference material to which members can refer. Ask him to see the library list and he will arrange to bring the book to the next meeting or another mutually acceptable occasion.

Newsletter: "The Basildon Philatelist" is published quarterly and all members are encouraged to provide news items for publication therein.

Quiz: Two such competitions are usually held annually. The Tomex Cup is a light-hearted affair for members as part of the Christmas Festive Evening. A more serious, but friendly, inter-society competition for 3-man teams between Basildon Philatelic Society and our near neighbours, the Billericay and District Philatelic Society has been held annually since 1987. A Society team is also entered in the AEPS Inter-Society Quiz if it is held.

Speakers: We receive speakers on a wide variety of subjects, both individually and as members of visiting societies. Subjects have included stamp design, printing, marketing, stamps, postal stationery, postal history, thematic, post-boxes, airmail services, and many others.

On **Member's Nights**, we have also received many interesting displays from our own members. We never cease to be amazed at the variety of ways that exist to collect and the material that members produce at these meetings. Do not be afraid to bring along a few sheets (anything from one to 72!). They do not need to be written up or specially prepared, and you can talk about them as little or as much as you like. The more who participate, the more we can enjoy the evening!

Stamp Days and Fairs: Two Stamp Days (combining, where possible, an exhibition contributed by members with dealers' stands) were normally held annually at a suitable venue. However, in recent years a surfeit of such events has made it more difficult to attract dealers and customers, so the society will now only hold a fair every five years under the AEPS StampEssex brand. Members are asked to assist in providing displays and raffle and

tombola prizes, setting-up, stewarding and operating Society raffle and tombola tables on the day if possible.

Visits: Visits are arranged to give displays to other societies, and to other places of interest. Past visits have included Mount Pleasant and Basildon Sorting Offices, the Post Office Railway and an auction house.

Website: The society operates an Internet website giving publicity to its activities, including fairs and auction lists and participates in AEPS and other relevant websites.

AFFILIATIONS

Spring:	Stokes Cup	Best 3-man team in stamps, postal history and postmarks, and aerophilatelic competitions.
	Traditional Trophy	Best stamps or postal stationery entry.
	Postal History Trophy	Best postal history or postmarks entry.
	GB Postal History Trophy	Best entry of postal history or postmarks material from Great Britain or Channel Islands.
	Aerophilatelic Trophy	Best aerophilatelic entry.
	George Pearson Trophy	Best non-Commonwealth entry in the stamps, postal history and postmarks, and aerophilatelic competitions.
	Classics Trophy	Best pre-1901 entry in the stamps, postal history and postmarks, and aerophilatelic competitions.
Autumn:	Picture Postcards Trophy	Best entry of postcards.
	Thematic Trophy	Best thematic entry.
	Modern Material Traditional Trophy	Best entry of appropriate material up to 30 years old in traditional, postal history or aerophilatelic classes.
	Modern Material Postal History Trophy	Best entry of appropriate material up to 30 years old.
	Modern Material Aerophilatelic Trophy	Best entry of appropriate material up to 30 years old.
	Cinderella Trophy	Highest placed Cinderella entry.
	Social Philately Trophy	Highest placed Open Philately entry.
	Philatelic Literature Trophy	In alternate years, best book or article written by a member of an AEPS member society.
Annual awards:	Quiz Trophy	Quiz competition for 3-man teams.
	Chris Rauch Trophy	Best entry in Stamps, Postal History, Aerophilatelic or Thematic competitions who has not previously won a county-level or higher award.
	President's Award	Best society overall in the year's competitions.

The AEPS is administered by an elected Executive, in which Basildon has a proud history of active participation. Full details of the AEPS and its activities, and rules for its competitions, can be found in *Philately in Essex*, the Handbook of the AEPS and on its website <http://www.stampessex.org.uk>, which hosts the Society's site.

Arts in Basildon (currently inactive).

Formally the Basildon District Arts Association, this body co-ordinated activities by arts bodies throughout the Basildon District Council area and acts as an intermediary between the Council and Basildon development Corporation and the member societies. It also provides a central point for arts funding in the area, but has been inactive of late. Two representatives of the Society are entitled to participate in meetings, if/ held.

Association of Essex Philatelic Societies.

The AEPS is the co-ordinating body of Essex philately. Founded in 1944, it serves some 22 societies in Essex, Hertfordshire, London and Suffolk. Basildon joined in 1970 and can send three delegates to the Council meetings, which are held five times a year to discuss any matter of interest to member societies. Member societies are invited to take turns to hold stamp days on behalf of the AEPS, which take place twice a year. Basildon has hosted several AEPS events. These stamp days are the venue for inter-society competitions as follows. There are two team competitions, whilst the rest are for one or two individuals per society. All are for 16 sheet entries:

Association of British Philatelic Societies.

This is the principal national body co-ordinating philately in Great Britain. It provides a national forum for discussion on philatelic policy issues, publishes a quarterly magazine and an annual Yearbook. The national **Philatelic Congress of Great Britain** is held annually.

The Society is represented by the AEPS and is able to send delegates to the AGM of ABPS, which is usually held at Congress. ABPS represents the Society at the **Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP)**, the world governing body of the hobby, and FEAP, the European regional body.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES
of the
BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

As revised in 1979 and adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting held in the Painting Studio, Towngate Centre, Basildon on 5 November 1979.

1. TITLE.

1.1 The Society shall be known as the Basildon Philatelic Society.

2. AIM.

2.1 The society shall exist to promote the best interests of the hobby of philately and discourse between people interested therein.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

3.1 Membership shall be open to all persons with a genuine interest in philately, subject to the restrictions shown in 3.2 to 3.6 below.

3.2 Full members shall be 18 years of age or over.

3.3 Junior members shall be no younger than 12 years, nor older than 18 years, except that;

3.3.1 A junior member shall become a full member at the Annual General meeting immediately following his or her 18th birthday.

3.3.2 Applications for membership from persons below the age of 12 years shall be the subject of special consideration by the Committee, who exceptionally may grant the application where evidence of serious interest in philately is shown. Such a member shall be considered a junior member.

3.3.3 All applications for junior membership shall be accompanied by the written permission from a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian shall be required to accept full responsibility for the junior member's conduct with regard to the activities of the Society.

3.4 Associate membership may be extended to persons wishing to participate in the activities of the Society but unable to attend meetings.¹

3.5¹ All applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary² or Treasurer on the appropriate form accompanied by the appropriate fee. Applications shall be considered at the next Committee Meeting.

3.6¹ The Committee reserves the right to refuse, suspend or terminate membership of the Society to any person without publishing a reason, other than to the applicant or member directly concerned.

3.7¹ Honorary Life Membership may be conferred in extraordinary circumstances by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting to a person who has given exceptional service to the Society. Honorary Life members shall have all the rights, duties and privileges enjoyed by a full member, but shall not be required to pay a subscription.⁴

4. MEMBERSHIP FEE.

4.1 Full, junior and associate members shall pay a membership fee.^{1,3}

4.2 The fees to be paid by each class of member shall be set each year by the Annual General Meeting, and shall remain unchanged for 12 months unless changed by an Extraordinary General Meeting.

4.3 Each member shall pay his or her membership fee within three calendar months commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting.

4.4 New applications for membership received after 1 December shall be subject to a nominal fee of £1 and after 28 February at a fee to be agreed by the Treasurer. Juniors joining after 1 December shall be admitted free of charge for the remainder of that year.⁴

5. COMMITTEE.

5.1 The Society shall be administered by an elected committee of eight members, being seven full members and one junior member.

5.2 The Committee shall be elected annually, at the Annual General Meeting.

5.3 All out-going Committee members may stand for re-election.

5.4 The Committee shall comprise:⁵

5.4.1 Chairman

5.4.2 Vice Chairman

5.4.3 General Secretary

5.4.4 Programme Secretary

5.4.4a Membership Secretary

5.4.5 Assistant Secretary

5.4.6 Treasurer

5.4.7 At least two full members

5.4.8 Junior Representative.

5.5 The Junior Representative shall be elected by the junior members from among their own number.

5.6 The Chairman shall have the casting vote at all meetings of the Society and of the Committee, in addition to his personal vote, and shall decide all points of order, including disputes between members.

5.6.1 In the absence of the Chairman, the chair shall be taken by the Committee member present shown highest in the list under 5.4.

5.6.2 The acting chairman shall have, for the duration of the meeting or as appropriate, the powers vested in the Chairman.

5.7 The number of Committee members required to form a quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be four.

5.8 The members of the Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Society after obtaining a majority decision of the Committee.

5.9 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members and specialist non-members if circumstances demand.

- 5.10 The Committee may appoint persons to fill such specialist posts as may from time to time be necessary, which may include the following:⁶
- 5.10.1 Public Relations Officer
 - 5.10.2 Packet Secretary
 - 5.10.3 Librarian
 - 5.10.4 Auditor(s)
 - 5.10.5 Quizmaster
 - 5.10.6 Auction Secretary
 - 5.10.7 Auctioneer
 - 5.10.8 Archivist
 - 5.10.9 Newsletter Editor
 - 5.10.11 Competition Registrar
 - 5.10.12 Delegates to such organisations as the Society may, from time to time, become affiliated.
 - 5.10.13 The above may be Committee members or ordinary members, and may be co-opted to the Committee.
- 5.11 The Society may elect a President, who shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The role of the President shall be as decided from time to time by the Committee.¹

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

- 6.1 The Annual General meeting shall normally be held in the first week of June every year.
- 6.1.1 In exceptional circumstances, it may be delayed by up to four weeks, but no later than 1 July.
- 6.2 The date of the Annual General Meeting must be announced at least 28 days prior to the meeting, and at least 14 days written notice must be given to all members.
- 6.3 The minimum quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be 25% of paid-up full members.
- 6.3.1 If a quorum is not achieved, the Meeting shall be suspended and reconvened at the first ordinary meeting where a quorum is achieved. The Committee shall continue in office until the Annual General Meeting is finally held.
- 6.4 Decisions at an Annual General Meeting shall be by majority vote of the full members present, each of whom, with the exception of the Chairman (See 5.6), shall have a single vote.
- 6.5 The Annual General Meeting shall receive reports from the out-going Chairman, Secretary, Packet Secretary and Treasurer, who shall answer as far as possible any questions raised by members.⁶
- 6.6 The meeting shall then receive nominations for the elected officers, each of whom shall have a sponsor and a seconder. The out-going Committee may stand for re-election. A vote shall be taken for each post.
- 6.7 The newly-elected Committee shall then take their seats.
- 6.8 The meeting shall then discuss and agree the membership fee for the forthcoming year.
- 6.9 Any motions from the membership shall next be discussed. Such motions should be notified to the Secretary not less than 15 minutes before the start of the meeting, and should be proposed and seconded by full or junior members. Amendments may be proposed and seconded at

any time prior to the vote on the motion and shall, unless accepted by the sponsors of the main motion, be subject to a vote prior to the vote on the main motion.

- 6.10 By exception to 6.9 above, any proposal to amend the Constitution shall be notified to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the meeting. Otherwise 6.9 applies to such changes, which can only be approved by an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 6.11 The Chairman shall then invite any other business. Any such business shall be referred to the Committee for decision, unless the Chairman decides that the matter can be handled best by a vote in the Annual General Meeting, in which case one shall be held.
- 6.12 The Junior Representative to the Committee shall be elected by the junior members present as part of the Committee election under 6.6 above.

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

- 7.1 Extraordinary General Meetings are meetings called between Annual General Meetings to discuss specific matters raised by members or at the request of the Committee.
- 7.2 The request for the meeting shall be lodged with the Chairman, and shall specify the motion to be discussed. It shall be signed by 8 paid-up members, or, if the motion results from the minutes of a Committee Meeting, by the Chairman and Secretary.
- 7.3 The Chairman shall call the Extraordinary General Meeting within 28 days of receiving the request, and shall give 14 days written notice to all paid-up members.
- 7.4 The Extraordinary General Meeting may discuss other matters than that specified on the request for the meeting, but may only take a vote on the original motion.
- 7.5 Except as specified in 7.1 to 7.4 above, the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be subject to the rules governing Annual General Meetings.

8. VISITORS.

- 8.1 Full members may introduce visitors to any meeting of the Society other than Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings, at the discretion of the Chairman or senior Committee Member otherwise present.
- 8.2 Visitors under 12 years of age shall normally only be admitted by special invitation.

9. FINANCE.

- 9.1 The Society shall rely for finance on the following sources:
- 9.1.1 Membership subscriptions
 - 9.1.2 Donations
 - 9.1.3 Such fund-raising events and services as shall be organised by the Committee.
- 9.2 The Society shall not enter into funding agreements with any commercial or political concern.

- 9.3 The Society's financial year shall run from 1 April to 31 March.
- 9.4 The Treasurer shall present the Society's accounts to each Annual General Meeting.
- 9.5 The accounts of the Society, including any held separately in respect of any specific function of the Society, shall be audited prior to the Annual General Meeting.⁶

10. DISCIPLINE AND LIABILITY.

- 10.1 Responsibility for maintenance of order and fitting behaviour during meetings and other events organised by the Society shall be vested in the Committee.
- 10.2 To this end, the Committee may make such rules as shall from time to time be deemed necessary for the protection of the good name and goodwill of the Society.
- 10.3 Such rules shall be considered at the next Annual General Meeting (unless an Extraordinary General Meeting is called to discuss them) for ratification as amendments/additions to this Constitution.
- 10.3.1 If not approved, they will cease to have effect from the time of that vote, but no member of the Committee shall be held liable for any action taken whilst the temporary rule was in force.
- 10.4 Each member and visitor present at Society functions shall be solely and singly responsible for his or her property, actions and consequences arising from such actions.
- 10.5 The Committee or any member thereof is empowered to ask any member or visitor to leave the function if he/she feels that the good name or goodwill of the Society is being jeopardised by that member or visitor, and shall take such action as is deemed necessary to effect his/her removal from the function.
- 10.6 No member or visitor shall, without prior permission of the Chairman, display for sale or exchange, or buy, sell or exchange philatelic or other material during a meeting.
- 10.6.1 For the purposes of this rule, the duration of a meeting shall be taken to run from the formal calling to order until the formal closure of the meeting.
- 10.7 The giving of false information to the Society with a view to obtaining benefit from a Society function or activity shall result in immediate termination of membership and permanent exclusion from all Society functions.
- 10.8 Members shall advise the Secretary immediately of any change of address or other change of circumstances related to Society activities. The Society shall not be held liable for any loss or error caused by incorrect information or failure to comply with this rule. Members failing to comply with this rule may be held liable for expenses or losses so caused, at the discretion of the Chairman.

11. AFFILIATION TO OTHER BODIES AND SOCIETIES.

- 11.1 The Committee is empowered to affiliate or otherwise liaise with other philatelic or arts bodies to promote the aim of the Society, provided that this in no way jeopardises the independence or freedom of action of the Society.

12. SUBSIDIARY RULES.

- 12.1 The Committee may make such rules as may from time to time be needed to cover specific areas of Society activity.
- 12.2 These rules, which shall be scheduled to this Constitution, may be varied by the Committee to suit changing needs.
- 12.3 Any such changes shall be notified to the next ordinary meeting, at which time they shall come into effect.
- 12.4 A member wishing to object to such a rule may present his case in writing to the Committee, or propose a motion under Rules 6 or 7 above.

13. WINDING-UP.

- 13.1 If the Annual General Meeting votes to wind up the affairs of the Society, the following rules shall be followed.
- 13.2 The winding-up motion shall include instructions as to the disposal of any assets held by the Society and the meeting of any claims held by other persons on the Society's assets.
- 13.3 No individual member or group of members shall personally benefit from such assets (unless he/she/they be creditor of the Society).
- 13.4 After any claims have been met, the balance must go to either another Philatelic Society or to further the cause of philately in some other manner.

14. INTERPRETATION.

- 14.1 The decision of the Committee on all matters affecting the Society in respect of the implementation of these rules shall be final and binding on all members.

SIGNED this fifth day of November 1979.

H.B.Smith, Chairman, and

L.C. Stanway, Secretary.

Subsequent amendments indicated by endnotes.

SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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Schedule 1

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Application for Membership

To: The Secretary, Basildon Philatelic Society.

Full Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Full Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

e-mail address:

Date of Birth (if under 18):

Specialised interests (if any):

Membership of other philatelic societies (if any):

I hereby apply for full/junior* membership of the Basildon Philatelic Society. I have read and agree to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Society and by such action as may be taken by the Committee in accordance with those rules. I have no objection to my membership details being held by the Society on computer or card index in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1984 (none of these details may be disclosed to a third party without your consent).

Signed: Date:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF APPLICANT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

I hereby accept full responsibility for the conduct and safeguarding of the applicant in respect of the activities of the Society and agree to be bound as guarantee for his compliance with the Constitution and Rules of the Society.

Signed: Date:

Relationship:

Application for Exchange Packet. (Full or Honorary Life Member Only)

I hereby apply to receive the Exchange Packet. I accept responsibility for the safety of the Packet and to pay compensation for losses from or damage to or loss of the Packet whilst in my possession, if so requested. I agree to abide by the Exchange Packet Rules and any revisions as may from time to time be advised.

Signed: Date:.....

For Official Use Only:

Treasurer: Initial Membership Fee of paid (date)
Secretary: Membership recorded (date) Handbook issued
Packet Secretary: Included in circuit:

Schedule 2

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

EXCHANGE PACKET RULES

1. **Definitions.**
 - 1.1 **“Exchange Packet”** means such an assemblage of priced material as may be circulated by the Packet Secretary to members for their examination and/or purchase.
 - 1.2 **“Member”** for the purposes of these rules means any Full or Honorary Life Member of the Society who has signed an application to receive the Exchange Packet.
 - 1.3 **“Gross Sale Value”** of material submitted for the Exchange Packet is the sale price put on it by the person offering it for sale.
 - 1.4: **“Insured Gross Sale Value”** means that part of the Gross Sale Value for which the vendor has requested insurance cover (see 5.1).²⁵
 - 3.4.5 Gross sale value.
 - 3.4.6 Number of pages.
 - 3.4.7 Columns headed: Name, Number of items, £ : p.
 - 3.5 Each item contained in a book shall be securely mounted with its sale price marked in ink above its top right hand corner or otherwise closely and clearly related to it by an arrow. The Packet Secretary may accept items marked in some other clear manner at his own discretion.
 - 3.6 Items for sale should not be mounted on facing pages. If they are, the Society does not accept liability for damage caused by ink transfer from the facing page.
2. **Responsibilities of the Packet Secretary.**
 - 2.1 To collate, sort and vet material submitted for inclusion in the Exchange Packet.
 - 2.2 To make up Exchange Packets for circulation.
 - 2.3 To compile and maintain circulation lists for each packet.
 - 2.4 To ensure equal opportunities for first sight of material for all members.
 - 2.5 To monitor progress of, and recover if necessary, Exchange Packets in circulation.
 - 2.6 To break down Exchange Packets which have completed circulation.
 - 2.7 To return unsold material with proceeds from sales to their rightful owners.
 - 2.8 To ensure members pay for all items taken and to recover, where necessary, any unpaid sums from members.
3. **Make-up of Exchange Packets.**
 - 3.1 Material may only be supplied by members and must be in books complying with 3.4.⁷
 - 3.2 Each packet shall contain up to 19 books or up to £600 insured gross sale value of material, whichever is the lesser.⁸
 - 3.3 Each packet shall consist of a rigid package containing:
 - 3.3.1 Books of material.
 - 3.3.2 Circulation list, with address list.
 - 3.3.3 Return forms.
 - 3.3.4 A copy of these rules.
 - 3.4 Each book shall be no larger than 210mm by 150mm and the cover shall give at least the following information:²⁵
 - 3.4.1 Name of the Society.
 - 3.4.2 Packet number and book number (allocated by Packet Secretary).
 - 3.4.3 A description of the contents (e.g. World, GB, Empire, etc.).
 - 3.4.4 Name and address of owner and owners reference number.
4. **Circulation of Packet.**
 - 4.1 Exchange packets may only be circulated to members.
 - 4.2 The circulation list shall, as far as possible, be arranged to ensure minimum travelling distances between adjacent members.
 - 4.3 (Reserved).⁹
 - 4.4 (Reserved).⁹
 - 4.5 Each member shall hold the packet for no more than three days, including weekends but not bank holidays. He shall then pass it by hand to the first member on the list who has yet to see it. If that member is not available to receive it, the member shall find the first member on the list who has not seen it and is available to receive it. Failing this, the packet shall be returned to the Packet Secretary without delay.¹⁰
 - 4.6 Each member shall, on receipt of a packet, sign the previous holder's return form to acknowledge receipt.¹⁰
 - 4.7 Any member finding an irregularity shall notify the Packet Secretary and the previous holder within 48 hours. In emergency, in the absence of the Packet Secretary, any Committee Member should be contacted, preferably the Secretary.
 - 4.7.1 The previous holder shall be liable for any discrepancy unless the Packet Secretary receives a satisfactory explanation.
 - 4.8 Each member must send to the Packet Secretary his return form, duly filled out, with appropriate money, if any, and immediately on passing on the packet to the next member, even if no stamps have been taken.¹⁰
 - 4.8.1 Any member failing to remit the appropriate amount within one calendar month of passing on the packet will be removed from the circuit, unless prior agreement has been reached with the Packet Secretary.
 - 4.9 Cheques shall be payable to the Society.¹¹
 - 4.10 If a packet is still in circulation nine months from the date of release, the Packet Secretary shall remove it from circulation and distribute the

contents to its owners unless they all agree to its continued circulation.¹²

4.11 At the end of the circulation list, each packet shall be returned to the Packet Secretary who shall return its contents to its respective owners. If it is necessary to return material by post, the cost of postage shall be deducted from the proceeds.¹³

5. **General.**

5.1 The exchange packet shall only be circulated whilst covered by insurance organised by the Society. However, vendors may opt out of all or part of the Society's insurance cover on the understanding that in doing so they absolve the Society from liability for any loss or damage in respect of the uninsured items, however caused.²⁵

5.2 A percentage, as may from time to time be determined by the Committee, of gross sale value shall be payable to the Society towards insurance whether items are sold or not.¹⁴

5.3 A percentage, as may from time to time be determined by the Committee, of gross sale value of items sold shall be payable to the Society as commission.¹⁵

5.4 Any changes to terms and conditions in these rules shall be notified to vendors prior to their coming into force.

5.5 The costs/proceeds of the exchange packet shall be shown separately in Society accounts.

5.6 Members blatantly or consistently failing to observe these rules shall be permanently struck off the circulation list, and the detailed circumstances notified to the Committee. No names or details shall be published outside the

Committee, although generalised anonymous circumstances of the case may be quoted as a warning to other members.¹⁶

5.7 Members must advise the Packet Secretary as early as possible of any impending changes (removal, vacation, resignation, etc.) which might upset the smooth working of the Exchange Packet.

5.8 The Packet Secretary reserves the right to refuse improperly packed, unsuitable or sub-standard material.

5.9 Each member shall fill in all appropriate forms even if no stamps are taken, and sign each of the vacant spaces with full name or with a distinctive rubber stamp. Rubber stamps are preferred and should be registered with the Packet Secretary prior to use.

5.10 Any comments regarding the description of material offered for sale should be advised to the Packet Secretary. If anything is written by a member against an item in a packet to the detriment of the owner which proves false, the member shall be liable to purchase the item in question.

5.11 The Packet Secretary, in consultation with the Committee, shall have power to use any means necessary to recover packets and/or money from members, including resort to a court of Law but neither the Packet Secretary nor the Society shall be held liable for the safety or loss of material submitted for inclusion in a packet.

Approved in Committee this Thirteenth day of November 1979.

Original signed by H.B. Smith as Chairman and Packet Secretary, and by L.C. Stanway as Secretary.¹⁷

Schedule 3

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

COMPETITION RULES

1. GENERAL RULES FOR DISPLAY COMPETITIONS.

1.1 ELIGIBILITY.

- 1.1.1 Competitions shall only be open to current members of the Society.
- 1.1.2 No entrant may place more than two entries in a competition, but may enter more than one competition.
- 1.1.3 (reserved)¹⁸.
- 1.1.4 Members who win a novice award shall be ineligible for that trophy in the future.

1.2 THE ENTRY.

- 1.2.1 All entries must be the exclusive property of the entrant, and must be written up and prepared by the entrant.
- 1.2.2 All entries will be delivered to the Competition Registrar at least ten minutes before judging is due to take place.
- 1.2.3 All displays shall consist of eight sheets.
- 1.2.4 Each sheet should, where possible, be contained in a protective cover.
- 1.2.5 The size of each sheet, including its cover, shall not exceed 295mm high x 245mm wide.
- 1.2.6 The name of the entrant shall not identify the entry until after the judging. The Competition Registrar shall allocate a number by which it shall be identified until judging is completed.
- 1.2.7 Each sheet of the entry must be numbered on the back to indicate where the sheet must be positioned for judging. Entries will be laid out for judging with sheets 1 to 4 forming the top line with sheets 5 to 8 below them.
- 1.2.8 Except as otherwise specified in the rules for the Cinderella Competition, postal or philatelic items acceptable for inclusion in entries include the following:
 - Stamps/stationery issued for local posts, including railway, sea or air letter services, where there is evidence that this material was used to provide a public postal service;
 - Fiscal/revenue/telegraph stamps/stationery, where such material was used for postal purposes or where inclusion of such material is essential for completion or explanation of an entry otherwise based on postage material.

The use of such items should be in moderation and entries consisting exclusively or substantially of such material may be penalised by the judges. All other local post, fiscal, revenue and telegraph material not falling within the above guidelines should be avoided.

1.3 JUDGING.

- 1.3.1 All entries shall be judged at the event at which entries are to be displayed, as arranged by the Competition Registrar.
- 1.3.2 Judges shall be appointed from outside the society by the Competition Registrar. The judges' decisions shall be final and binding.
- 1.3.3 Each competition shall be judged and marked separately.
- 1.3.4 The judges shall be requested to provide brief remarks in respect of their decisions.

1.4 CUPS & TROPHIES.

- 1.4.1 All cups and trophies have been presented for annual competition and remain the property of the Society.
- 1.4.2 The winner of any cup or trophy shall be that entrant in the relevant category awarded the highest number of points by the judges, and in the event of a tie, that cup or trophy shall be shared. Where appropriate trophies exist, the novices trophy shall be awarded to the highest placed adult entrant who has not previously won an adult award in any display competition in this Society, nor at society level or above at any other place, and the junior trophy shall be awarded to the junior member who is placed highest in the competition.¹⁹
- 1.4.3 The cups or trophies will be presented at a time and date which will be arranged by the Committee.
- 1.4.4 All cups or trophies shall be held by the winner for one year, or until the Society meeting preceding the next competition, whichever is earlier.
- 1.4.5 Winners shall be responsible for the safe keeping and return of cups or trophies by the above date. Insurance shall be effected by the Society.
- 1.4.6 The Society shall arrange the engraving of the trophies.

1.5 CERTIFICATES

- 1.5.1 Each entrant shall receive a certificate stating the grade awarded by the judges, according to the following scale of marks:

Gold	80 marks or more
Silver	60-79 marks
Bronze	40-59 marks
Certificate of Participation	Up to 39 marks

1.6 ADMINISTRATION.

- 1.6.1 Each entrant shall specify in which of the Competitions and, where applicable, in which class each entry is to compete, but the Competition Registrar may, on the advice of the judges, transfer

an entry to another Competition and/or class if an entry is not considered to qualify for the specified competition/class.

- 1.6.2 The names of the members providing the entries shall be given to the Competition Registrar.
- 1.6.3 Every reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safe return of entries, but neither the Society nor any of its Officers shall be held responsible for any damage or loss however caused.
- 1.6.4 Competitors are advised to make their own full arrangements for insurance if they consider this necessary.
- 1.6.5 Subject to the Competition Registrar's discretion, any deviation from these rules shall disqualify the entry from the competition in which it is entered.

2. STAMPS COMPETITION.

- 2.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Dawe Cup.
Novice: Harry Smith Cup.
Junior: Junior Cup.
- 2.2 Entries must be of a philatelic nature and may comprise one or more countries or subjects, not necessarily highly specialised. Any traditional entry not eligible for either the Aerophilatelic or the Postal History & Postmarks Competitions qualifies for the Stamps Competition.
- 2.3 Postal stationery may be entered in Stamps or Postal History & Postmarks competitions, depending on context in which it is shown.
- 2.4 In judging the entries points shall be awarded on the following basis:

	Max.
1. Presentation	20
2. Condition	20
3. Rarity	5
4. Philatelic and related knowledge, and personal study	35
5. Treatment	20
TOTAL	100

3. POSTAL HISTORY & POSTMARKS COMPETITION.

- 3.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Postal History Trophy.
Novice: Postal History Novice Trophy.
Junior: None.
- 3.2 Entries in this competition must be made up entirely of material with a postal history association and/or postmarks or postal markings.
- 3.3 Postal stationery may be entered in Stamps or Postal History & Postmarks competitions, depending on context in which it is shown.
- 3.4 In judging the entries points shall be awarded on the following basis:

	Max.
1. Presentation	20
2. Condition	20
3. Rarity	5
4. Philatelic and related knowledge, and personal study	35

5. Treatment	20
TOTAL	100

4. AEROPHILATELIC COMPETITION.

- 4.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Aerophilatelic Cup.
Novice: None.
Junior: None.
- 4.2 Aerophilatelic entries should be based on the study of philatelic material prepared for or conveyed by airmail, whether official or unofficial, and may contain items commemorating aerial meetings and events. Relevant advertisements, photographs, notices, press cuttings, maps, leaflets, etc., may be included, and also autographed letters relating to aero-postal history. (Note - entries comprising wholly or mainly stamps, whether mint or used are unlikely to be appropriate for this competition, but probably relevant to a thematic competition).
- 4.3 Each entry shall be judged according to marking scheme shown below:

	Max.
1. Presentation	20
2. Condition	20
3. Rarity	5
4. Philatelic and related knowledge, and personal study	35
5. Treatment	20
TOTAL	100

5. THEMATIC COMPETITION.

- 5.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Festival 70 Cup.
Novice: Post Office Cup.
Junior: Junior Thematic Cup.
- 5.2 The subject of the entry must fall within one of the following definitions:
 - 5.2.1 - A thematic collection which, starting from the subject on the stamps, the postal or philatelic documents, assembled within a set plan, develops a theme, presents a thesis, or illustrates an idea. (For example, Polar Exploration).
 - 5.2.2 - A subject collection comprising only postage stamps and philatelic documents which have a bearing on the subject or purpose of issue. (For example, Shackleton's Polar Expedition).
- 5.3 A small number of non-philatelic items, e.g. maps or illustrations, shall not disqualify the entry if the theme/subject is thereby enhanced, but entries consisting substantially of non-philatelic ephemera should not be submitted.
- 5.4 Each entry shall be judged according to the marking scheme shown below:

	Max.
1. Treatment: - Title and plan	15
- Development and originality	15
2. Originality:	5
3. Philatelic Knowledge, Study and Research:	15

4. Thematic Knowledge:	15
5. Condition:	10
6. Rarity:	5
7. Presentation:	20
TOTAL	100

6. CINDERELLA COMPETITION.

- 6.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Cinderella Trophy.
Novice: None.
Junior: None.
- 6.2 For the purposes of this competition, a "Cinderella" shall be defined as any printed or embossed label or impression, other than a postage stamp recognised as such by the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue, which is intended:
- 6.2.1 - as a receipt for carriage of a letter or parcel, or
6.2.2 - as a receipt for the payment of taxation, fee or savings, or
6.2.3 - as a souvenir of a philatelic or cultural event, or
6.2.4 - as a label for affixing to mail for official purposes or in support of a charity or for other propaganda purposes.
- 6.3 Postal stationery eligible for entry in the Stamps Competition shall not be eligible for entry in this competition, but stationery which, had it been a stamp, would have been classed as Cinderella can be accepted.
- 6.4 An entry may contain, or be composed solely of, examples of Cinderellas used on covers or other contexts.
- 6.5 An entry should not contain postcards and other ephemera unless directly relevant to the Cinderellas being displayed. Excessive use of such material may be penalised.
- 6.6 Each entry shall be judged according to the following marking scheme:

	Max.
A. Treatment of the subject	25
B. Knowledge and research	35
C. Relative condition of material	20
D. Presentation	20
TOTAL	100

7. MODERN MATERIAL COMPETITION.²⁰

- 7.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Colvill Modern Material Cup.
Novice: None.
Junior: None.
- 7.2 To be eligible for this competition, all philatelic material contained in the entry should have been first issued by a postal authority (in the case of stamps) or used (postal history) in the period bounded by:
- The date of the competition,
 - The first day of January of the year preceding by 30 years the date of the competition,
- i.e. if the competition were to be held on 5 July 2009, material must have been issued between 1 January 1979 and 5 July 2009.²¹

- 7.3 The trophy shall be awarded to that entry in the Stamps, Postal History & Postmarks and Aerophilatelic Competitions that:²¹
- 7.3.1 - qualifies under the criteria specified in paragraph 7.2 above, and²¹
- 7.3.2 - is awarded the highest mark among such qualifying entries.²¹

8. PICTURE POSTCARD TROPHY.²⁵

- 8.1 Trophies are:
Overall: Picture Postcard Trophy.
Novice: None.
Junior: None.
- 8.2 Definition of a "picture postcard":
A picture postcard must have an illustration. Furthermore:
- A postally-used picture postcard must show that it has been sent as a postcard through the post.
 - A picture postcard not sent as a postcard through the post must have printed text indicating that it is intended to be posted without an envelope as a postcard (for example, the words "Post Card", a space for a stamp, (where appropriate) a vertical line dividing the address side in two).
- 8.3 Entries must be composed of picture postcards as defined above.
- 8.4 The trophy shall be awarded to that entry in the Picture Postcard Competitions that:
- 8.4.1 - qualifies under the criteria specified in paragraph 8.3 above, and
- 8.4.2 - is awarded the highest mark among such qualifying entries.
- 8.5 Each entry shall be judged according to the following marking scheme:

		Max.
A. Idea, Plan and Treatment of the topic	Idea, Plan Treatment	10 20
B. Knowledge and Research		35
C. Condition and Rarity	Condition Rarity	10 10
D. Presentation		15
TOTAL		100

9. 8-SHEETS FROM MY COLLECTION COMPETITION

- 9.1 The competition is open to any member. No member shall submit more than one entry.
- 9.2 The entry shall consist of 8 album sheets of any description.
- 9.3 No cup or trophy shall be awarded.
- 9.4 Judging shall take place during the meeting at which entries are displayed and shall be carried out by all the members present. Marks shall be awarded out of ten to each entry by each member, according to the member's own criteria.
- 9.5 The entry/entries receiving the highest marks shall be the winner(s).

10. **LADIES AWARD**

- 10.1 The competition is open to any female full member.¹⁹
- 10.2 The winner shall be the member receiving the highest marks in any of the competitions described in sections 2 to 8 above.²⁵

11. **ADMINISTRATION OF RULES**

- 11.1 In the administration of these rules during a competition, the decision of the Competition Registrar shall be final so far as that year's competition is concerned.
- 11.2 The Society reserves the right to amend these Rules at any time.
- 11.3 Except as provided for in Rule 11.1 above, the Committee shall have power to decide any matter

concerning the competitions which is not covered by these Rules and its decision on all matters affecting the Competitions shall be final.

12. **COMING INTO FORCE**

- 12.1 These rules shall apply to competitions held after the date of approval by the Committee.
- 12.2 The competitions described in Rules 4 and 6 shall not take place before a date to be agreed by the Committee.

Approved in Committee this ninth day of January 1995, effective from competitions held after that date. Ratified by the 1995 Annual General Meeting. Original signed by L.C. Stanway as Chairman and by A.P. Harris as Secretary. Subsequent amendments indicated by endnotes.

Schedule 4

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

QUIZ RULES

1. **Quiz master.**
 - 1.1 A member or other person shall be invited by the Secretary²² to act as Quiz master.
 - 1.2 The Quiz master shall compile or obtain questions suitable for a maximum of 30 minutes of questioning.
 - 1.3 The number and format of the questions shall be at the Quiz master's discretion, but should enable the widest spectrum of members to answer a reasonable number of questions.
 - 1.4 The decision of the Quiz master in all disputes shall be final, but he may seek advice at his discretion.
2. **Eligibility.**
 - 2.1 Entry shall be open to all members of the Society, with the exception that the member who won the trophy in the preceding year may participate, but shall not be awarded the cup.²³
 - 2.2 Guests may participate, but only the highest placed, eligible, paid-up member may be awarded the trophy.
3. **Trophy.**
 - 3.1 Members will compete for the Tomex Quiz Cup.

Signed in Committee this tenth day of September, Nineteen Hundred and Eight Five, H.B. Smith, Chairman and L.C. Stanway, Secretary.

Schedule 5

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

AUCTION RULES

1. **Lots.**
 - 1.1 The vendor must package and label all lots and provide the Auction Secretary with a brief description of the lot and its reserve price. Catalogue number(s) and catalogue value should be quoted where possible. Condition and any defect must be stated.²⁴
 - 1.1.1 Catalogue references should be to the Stanley Gibbons standard sectional catalogue wherever possible. References to other catalogues should be clearly identified.²⁵
 - 1.2 Lots must be submitted to the Auction Secretary together with a list of the lots on the form provided by the Society.
 - 1.3 Lots should be submitted in a manner which permits the contents to be examined by a potential purchaser without damage, or be provided with a guarantee of authenticity and condition. In the latter case, rule 4.2 may be waived at the Committee's discretion and the Vendor shall be liable to reimburse the Society for any expenses incurred or payment made.
 - 1.4 All vendors shall be members of the Society.²⁶
 - 1.5 The minimum reserve for auction lots shall be £2.²⁴
 2. **Auction Secretary.**
 - 2.1 The Auction Secretary shall accept lots submitted in accordance with 1.2 above.
 - 2.1.1 The Auction Secretary shall reserve the right to refuse any lot which is not submitted in the prescribed manner, or that is considered substandard.²⁴
 - 2.2 The Auction Secretary may specify a maximum number of lots to be offered at any given auction and may decline lots in excess of that number.²⁵
 - 2.3 The Auction Secretary shall specify the closing dates by which lots must be submitted.²⁴
 - 2.3.1 Unless agreed by the Committee in advance, the Auction Secretary may accept late lots only in special circumstances, with the agreement of the Chairman or a Committee Member acting on his behalf.²⁴
 - 2.4 The Auction Secretary shall compile a catalogue of all lots to be auctioned.²⁴
 - 2.4.1 The Auction Secretary shall circulate this catalogue in advance to all members and to any other society or person considered appropriate.²⁴
 - 2.4.2 Advance copies of the catalogue shall be made available no later than at the meeting preceding the date of the auction.²⁴
 3. **The Auction.**
 - 3.1 An auctioneer shall be appointed by the Auction Secretary with the agreement of the Chairman or a Committee Member acting on his behalf.²⁴
 - 3.2 Viewing of lots shall be possible in the auction room from 7.00pm to 7.45pm on the night of the auction or such other time as the Committee may agree.²⁴
 - 3.3 Bids will be accepted from the floor by the display of a numbered card held up so that the auctioneer can clearly see that a bid has been submitted.
 - 3.3.1 The Auctioneer, Auction Secretary or a person appointed for the purpose may act on behalf of absent persons in accordance with instructions given before or during the meeting.²⁷
 - 3.3.2 Where equal bids have been received from persons absent from the room, the bid received first shall take priority.²⁴
 - 3.3.3 During bidding, bids received in advance shall take priority over room bids of equal value.²⁴
 - 3.4 Bidding steps shall be at the discretion of the auctioneer, but shall normally be as set out below. Advance bids shall be submitted in accordance with the following steps:
 - x.20p-x.50p-x.80p-£x, etc. up to £5.00
 - 50p up to £10.00
 - £1 up to £50.00
 - £5 above £50.00.Advance bids not complying with these steps shall be rounded-down to the next step below.²⁵
 - 3.5 The Society reserves the right to withdraw any lot from the Auction.
 - 3.6 Lots sold for society funds or for charity will be so described in the auction list and by the auctioneer. No other vendors may be identified, unless so approved by the Committee.
 - 3.7 Each lot shall be paid for at the end of the auction in cash or cheque, unless agreed otherwise with the Auction Secretary and/or Treasurer before the commencement of the auction.²⁵
 - 3.8 All lots shall be paid for before they are delivered to the purchaser.²⁴
 4. **General.**
 - 4.1 The Society shall not be held responsible for any error of description on the part of the vendor.
 - 4.2 Each lot is sold as seen and may not be rejected by the purchaser.
 - 4.3 All matters of interpretation and application of these rules shall be at the discretion of the Auction Secretary and/or Auctioneer.
- Approved in Committee this tenth day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Five.
Original signed by D.J. Church as Auction Secretary, and, in the Chairman's absence, as Vice Chairman.²⁸

BASILDON - BILLERICAY INTER-SOCIETY QUIZ RULES

1. **Entry.**
 - 1.1 The Quiz shall be open to members of the Basildon Philatelic Society and the Billericay and District Philatelic Society.
 - 1.1.1 A third party may be invited to participate only if agreed by both the above societies.
 - 1.2 Each society may enter one team consisting of three members. No one member shall be included in more than one team.
 - 1.3 The society that won in the preceding year shall seek to avoid fielding individual members of the winning team in the following Quiz.²⁹
2. **Organisation.**
 - 2.1 The Quiz will be held and the trophy awarded annually unless otherwise agreed by both parties.
 - 2.2 The event will be hosted in alternate years by each society, unless otherwise agreed by both parties, and included in that Society's published programme.³⁰
 - 2.3 The society organising the event shall invite a neutral Question Master and Scorer acceptable to both parties and also undertake the arrangement of the Quiz.³¹
 - 2.4 -³¹
3. **The Quiz.**
 - 3.1 The number and format of the questions shall be at the Quiz master's discretion or as agreed by the Societies, but should enable the widest spectrum of members to answer a reasonable number of questions.
 - 3.2 Rounds of questions may consist of:
 - 3.2.1 Individual team member questions, with or without bonuses.
 - 3.2.2 Team questions, with or without bonuses, in which case a team spokesman shall be appointed at the start of the competition.
 - 3.2.3 "Bell and buzzer" fast response questions open to all.
 - 3.3 If the last-named type of question is included, then a balance between this and one or both of the other types should be arranged to avoid an embarrassing result for either team.
 - 3.4 Each team shall have the opportunity to answer the same number of questions in each round (except bonus questions as below). Each question shall have the same points value, but may be made up of separate parts to reach this total.
 - 3.5 Should a team give a wrong answer, or fail to begin an answer within ten seconds, it shall be offered as a bonus to the other competing team(s), who will be allowed no time to consider the question.
 - 3.6 In the event of a tie, an additional round of questions shall be put in turn to the teams.
 - 3.7 With regard to the accuracy of answers, the decision of the Question Master is final and he or she may use whatever reference books he or she wishes.
4. **Any other matter.**
 - 4.1 Any matter not covered by these rules may be decided by the organising societies or the Quiz Master as may be appropriate.

Original signed on behalf of the Basildon Philatelic Society this seventeenth day of June 1986.

L.C. Stanway
Secretary

C.W. Mead
Chairman

Original signed on behalf of the Billericay and District Philatelic Society this first day of July 1986.

D J Sales
Secretary

J Hearne
Chairman

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1969-1986	H.B. Smith *	1992-2000	L.C. Stanway	2013-2018	I. McElwain

VICE CHAIRMAN

1968-1969	A.F. Hobbs *	1976-1979	E Summerhayes *	1992-2002	J.H.B. Pettit *
1969-1971	B G Randall	1979-1983	B E Young	2002-2004	-
1971-1975	A.F. Hobbs *	1983-1987	D.J. Church	2004-2010	G E Miller
1975-1976	S H Braddick *	1987-1992	L.C. Stanway	2010-2018	C.H. Crowder

SECRETARY

Inaugural.	B G Randall	1970-1971	A.F. Hobbs *	1979-1987	L.C. Stanway
1968-1969	B G Randall	1971-1975	E Summerhayes *	1987-1992	H.A. White *
1969-1970	Mrs J M Cuell	1975-1979	A.F. Hobbs *	1992-1998	A.P. Harris *

GENERAL SECRETARY

1998-2000 A.P. Harris * 2000-2018 A.J. Taylor

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The post of Assistant Secretary was created in 1978 to provide an understudy to the Secretary and to enable a member to be trained to take over when the Secretary wished to retire.

1978-1979	L.C. Stanway	1992-1998	C.W. Mead	2003-2004	G Miller
1979-1986	A.F. Hobbs *	1998-1999	-	2004-2006	-
1986-1987	H.A. White *	1999-2000	A.J. Taylor	2006-2015	M Coltman ³³
1987-1990	Mrs P Winch	2000-2002	-	2015-2018	-
1990-1992	W. Forbes *	2002-2003	S Alpe		

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

1998-2001	C.W. Mead	2010-2011	L.C. Stanway	2013-2015	G Hammond
2001-2006	A.J. Taylor	2011-2013	I. McElwain	2015-2018	I. McElwain
2006-2010	G E Miller				

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

2004-2015 M Coltman ³⁴ 2015-2018 Treasurer

TREASURER

1968-1970	E Summerhayes *	1998-2001	P.J. Nye	2005-2006	Mrs A. Coltman ³⁵
1970-1997	J A Church *	2001-2005	P. Hayden ³⁶	2006-2018	L.C. Stanway
1997-1998	C.V. Hemmings *				

ORDINARY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

1969-1970	G A C Davis, A.F. Hobbs *
1970-1971	C King *, E Summerhayes *
1971-1973	S Crisp*, J.H.B. Pettit *
1973-1975	Mrs A Bone, J A Snoding.
1975-1976	J A Snoding, E Summerhayes *
1976-1978	D.J. Church, J A Snoding.

1978-1979	D.J. Church, B E Young.
1979-1982	D.J. Church, D.J. Clarke.
1982-1983	D.J. Church, R.F. Miles.
1983-1984	Ms C Maksymowicz, R.F. Miles.
1984-1985	R.F. Miles, P.J. Nye (plus Ms C Maksymowicz co-opted).
1985-1986	W. Forbes*, C.W. Mead.
1986-1987	W. Forbes*, A.F. Hobbs * (plus A.P. Harris * co-opted).
1987-1988	A.P. Harris *, A.F. Hobbs *.
1988-1991	A.P. Harris *, J.H.B. Pettit *.
1991-1992	P.J. Nye, J.H.B. Pettit *.
1992-1994	K Angood*, D Perry.
1994-1995	K Angood*, D Perry, Mrs M E Colvill.
1995-1996	K Angood*, Mrs M E Colvill.
1996-1997	M. Musgrave, Mrs M E Colvill.
1997-1998	M. Musgrave, Mrs M E Colvill, J A Church *, D. Livermore.
1998-1999	Mrs M E Colvill, J A Church *, D. Livermore, D. Johnson, A.J. Taylor.
1999-2000	Mrs M E Colvill, J A Church *, D. Livermore, A.J. Taylor.
2000-2001	Mrs M E Colvill, J A Church *, D. Livermore, A McGrattan.
2001-2002	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, J A Church *, D. Livermore, A McGrattan.
2002-2003	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, J A Church *, D. Livermore.
2003-2004	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, D. Livermore.
2004-2005	Mrs A. Coltman, Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, D. Livermore.
2005-2006	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, D. Livermore.
2006-2007	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, M Coltman.
2007-2008	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, (plus Mrs A. Coltman co-opted).
2008-2009	Mrs M E Colvill, D.J. Church, Mrs A. Coltman, Mrs E Stevens.
2009-2010	Mrs M E Colvill, Mrs A. Coltman, Mrs E Stevens.
2010-2011	Mrs M E Colvill, Mrs A. Coltman.
2011-2013	Mrs M E Colvill, Mrs A. Coltman, G Hammond.
2013-2014	Mrs M E Colvill, Mrs A. Coltman.
2014-2015	Mrs M E Colvill, Mrs A. Coltman (plus Mrs S Howe co-opted).
2015-2016	Mrs M E Colvill, J.F. Cowlin.
2016-2017	Mrs M E Colvill.
2017-2018	Mrs M E Colvill, A.G. Potter.

ROLL OF HONOUR - SOCIETY APPOINTMENTS

PACKET SECRETARY

Unlike other officers, Packet Secretaries normally change office at a point in time commercially advantageous to the Packet, so the following is only a general guide. There is normally an overlap with the outgoing Packet Secretary responsible for winding up his outstanding boxes while the incoming one handles new material.

1969-1976	J.H. Cason	1982-1983	L W Gardiner	1995-2005	P.J. Nye
1976-1978	None	1983-1984	L.C. Stanway	2005-2007	Mrs A. Coltman
1978-1980	H.B. Smith *	1984-1991	P.J. Nye	2007-2018	L.C. Stanway
1980-1982	L.C. Stanway	1991-1995	A.P. Harris *		

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE

1969-1970	N Burch	1977-1979	I Chalk	1985-1988	L Morgan
1970-1972	None	1979-1980	I. Mercer	1988-1991	A D Lewis
1972-1975	D.J. Church	1980-1982	M J Clarke	1991-2018	None
1975-1977	None	1982-1985	None		

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

The PRO was first formally elected to the Committee in 1978, although the post had been in existence since at least 1975. Names of earlier PROs are unknown.

1975-1983	B E Young	1996-1997	D Perry / A.P. Harris *	2005-2013	I. McElwain
1983-1987	J.H.B. Pettit *	1988-1992	A.P. Harris *	2013-2016	G Hammond
1987-1988	A.P. Harris * / A.F. Hobbs *	1997-2004	D.J. Church / A.P. Harris * ³⁷	2016-2018	-
1992-1996	D Perry	2004-2005	D.J. Church / -		

AUCTION SECRETARY

Formal delegation of the organisation of the auctions was first agreed at the Committee Meeting on 31 August 1978.

1978-1987	D.J. Church	1994-1995	A.P. Harris *	2003-2007	Mrs A. Coltman
1987-1989	C.W. Mead	1995-2003	M. Musgrave	2007-2018	C.H. Crowder
1989-1994	H.A. White *				

AUCTIONEER

1995-2000	A. Thomas *	2000-2005	D. Livermore	2005-2018	C.H. Crowder
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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

1996-1998	C.W. Mead	1999-2004	A.P. Harris *	2007-2009	C.W. Mead
1998-1999	D. Johnson	2004-2007	D.J. Church	2009-2018	L.C. Stanway

AUDITOR/REVIEWER

In principle, the accounts will be reviewed by the Packet Secretary (for the General Accounts) and by the Treasurer (for the Packet Accounts), so long as both posts are not held by the same person. The term "Reviewer" replaced "Auditor" in 2008.

AUDITOR/REVIEWER (General accounts)

1997-1998	P.J. Nye	2003-2004	A.P. Harris *	2006-2015	Mrs A. Coltman
1998-2001	A.P. Harris *	2004-2005	P.J. Nye	2015-2018	C.H. Crowder
2001-2003	J.W. Thompson *				

AUDITOR/REVIEWER (Exchange packet)

1998-2001	A.P. Harris *	2004-2005	P. Hayden	2007-2015	Mrs A. Coltman
2001-2002	J.W. Thompson *	2005-2006	Mrs A. Coltman	2015-2018	C.H. Crowder
2002-2004	A.P. Harris *	2006-2007	L.C. Stanway		

QUIZMASTER

1981-2000	A. Thomas *	2003-2004	D. Livermore/A.P. Harris *	2006-18	Previous winner
2000-2003	D. Livermore	2004-2006	D. Livermore		

LIBRARIAN

The nucleus of a library existed before 1977, but no formal library service existed until that year.

1977-1978	Mrs Fordham	1987-1988	A.J. Harris *	2000-2008	D.J. & Mrs J. * Perry
1978-1980	I. Mercer	1988-1991	A.P. Harris *	2008-2015	Mrs A. Coltman
1980-1982	D.J. Clarke	1991-1998	L. Scharde *	2015-2018	I. McElwain
1982-1987	D.J. Church	1998-2000	Mrs I. Wiseman		

ARCHIVIST

The archives were created as a separate entity in 1980. An archivist was first appointed in 1982.

1980-1982	L.C. Stanway	1992-1998	J.H.B. Pettit *	2004-2015	Mrs A. Coltman
1982-1992	R.F. Miles	1998-2004	D. Livermore	2015-2018	A.J. Taylor

COMPETITION REGISTRAR

This post was created in 1990 to relieve the Secretary of this aspect of Society activity.

1990-1992	W. Forbes*	1998-2003	L.C. Stanway	2011-2015	G. Hammond / Mrs A. Coltman
1992-1996	L.C. Stanway	2003-2008	C.J. Cooksey	2015-2018	I. McElwain
1996-1998	C.V. Hemmings *	2008-2011	C.W. Mead		

AEPS DELEGATES

1970-1975	Unknown
1975-1976	S Braddick*, G T Bullock, A.F. Hobbs *
1976-1979	A.F. Hobbs *, J.H.B. Pettit *, E Summerhayes *
1979-1980	L.C. Stanway+, J.H.B. Pettit * (plus A.F. Hobbs *+, H.B. Smith*+)
1980-1981	D Hex *, M. Singer, L.C. Stanway+ (plus A.F. Hobbs *+, H.B. Smith*+)
1981-1982	D Church, J A Church *, J.H.B. Pettit * (plus A.F. Hobbs *+, H.B. Smith*+, L.C. Stanway+)
1982-1983	J A Church *+, L Lardi *, J.H.B. Pettit * (plus A.F. Hobbs * +, H.B. Smith *+, L.C. Stanway +)
1983-1985	R.F. Miles, Ms C Maksymowicz, J.H.B. Pettit * (plus J A Church *+, A.F. Hobbs * +, H.B. Smith *+, L.C. Stanway +)
1985-1986	P.J. Nye, J.H.B. Pettit * (plus J A Church *+, A.F. Hobbs * +, H.B. Smith *+, L.C. Stanway +)
1986-1987	W. Forbes *, P.J. Nye, J.H.B. Pettit * (plus J A Church *, A.F. Hobbs *, H.B. Smith *, L.C. Stanway)+
1987-1988	H.A. White* (plus J A Church *+, A.F. Hobbs * +, H.B. Smith *+, L.C. Stanway +)
1988-1989	J.H.B. Pettit *, L.C. Stanway +, H.A. White* (plus J A Church *, A.F. Hobbs *, H.B. Smith*+)
1989-1990	A.F. Hobbs *, J.H.B. Pettit *, H.A. White* (plus J A Church *+, H.B. Smith *+, L.C. Stanway +)
1990-1992	J.H.B. Pettit *, L.C. Stanway, H.A. White* (plus J A Church *+, A.F. Hobbs * +, H.B. Smith *+)
1992-1993	A.F. Hobbs *, J.H.B. Pettit *, L.C. Stanway (plus J A Church *+, H.B. Smith *+)
1993-1995	A.F. Hobbs *, J.H.B. Pettit *, L.C. Stanway (plus J A Church *+)
1995-1996	C.W. Mead, J.H.B. Pettit *, D J Sales * (plus J A Church *+, L.C. Stanway +).
1996-1997	C.W. Mead, J.H.B. Pettit *, C.V. Hemmings * (plus J A Church *+, L.C. Stanway +).
1997-1998	C.W. Mead, J.H.B. Pettit *, C.V. Hemmings * (plus L.C. Stanway +).
1998-2003	C.W. Mead, J.H.B. Pettit *, A.J. Taylor (plus L.C. Stanway +).
2003-2009	C.W. Mead, A.J. Taylor (plus L.C. Stanway +).
2009-2010	Mrs E Stevens, A.J. Taylor (plus L.C. Stanway +).
2010-2016	J Cowlin, I. McElwain, A.J. Taylor (plus L.C. Stanway +).
2016-2018	I. McElwain, A.J. Taylor (plus L.C. Stanway +).

+ Basildon members serving as AEPS Officers or Life Members of the AEPS - These members are also able to attend Council meetings ex-officio in addition to official Society delegates.

* Since deceased.

ABPS REPRESENTATIVE

As BPF Representative, the Secretary ex-officio was formerly entitled to attend and vote at the Congress AGM of the British Philatelic Federation. The Society is now represented at meetings of the ABPS by the Delegate(s) of the AEPS.

BPF EXCHANGE PACKET SECTION REPRESENTATIVE

This was the Packet Secretary ex-officio. This post is now defunct.

BDAA DELEGATES

These are the Secretary and Treasurer ex-officio, or their representatives.

SOCIETY BPF CONGRESS DELEGATE

Any two members who wished to attend the BPF Congress and represent the Society could volunteer to do so, but had to meet their own expenses. The Committee could agree to pay certain costs agreed beforehand at its discretion. BPF is now defunct and Congress welcomes all comers. Any members may attend the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at their own expense.

EXCHANGE PACKET BPF CONGRESS DELEGATE

This was nominally the Packet Secretary ex-officio, but he could delegate it as above under the same conditions. This post is now defunct.

LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1994-1999 C J Dowling*.

This post was abolished when the Society moved back from Laindon to Basildon. In addition, throughout this period, J A Church* was a member of the Centre committee in his own right.

ROLL OF HONOUR - AWARD WINNERS

Until 1985, the annual competitions were held in the Spring. In that year, they were changed to the autumn, hence the holding of the competitions twice in one year. The competitions were later split between Spring and Autumn, before being recombined circa 2007.

STAMPS CUP (Senior Traditional until 1992, Senior Stamps from 1993)

(Dawe Cup presented 1969 by G K Dawe. Replaced 2016 by the Society)

1968 A.F. Hobbs *	1981 L.C. Stanway	1993 Mrs MA Double	2006 C.W. Mead
1969 A.F. Hobbs *	1982 A.F. Hobbs *	1994 A.F. Hobbs *	2007 C.J. Cooksey
1970 A.F. Hobbs *	1983 C.W. Mead	1995 J.H.B. Pettit *	2008 L.C. Stanway
1971 E Summerhayes *	1984 L.C. Stanway	1996 A.F. Hobbs *	2009 C.J. Cooksey
1972 J A Snoding	1985 Mrs S Marsh	1997 J.H.B. Pettit *	2010 C.W. Mead
1973 J A Snoding	1985 B J Marsh *	1998 A.F. Hobbs *	2011 C.J. Cooksey
1974 J A Snoding	1986 L.C. Stanway	1999 J.H.B. Pettit *	2012 C.J. Cooksey
1975 A.F. Hobbs *	1987 A.F. Hobbs *	2000 C.W. Mead	2013 C.W. Mead
1976 A.F. Hobbs *	1988 A.F. Hobbs *	2001 C.J. Cooksey	2014 C.J. Cooksey
1977 J A Snoding	1989 L.C. Stanway	2002 C.W. Mead	2015 C.H. Crowder
1978 B E Young	1990 D J Sales *	2003 G Miller	2016 A.J. Taylor
1979 L.C. Stanway	1991 A.F. Hobbs *	2004 C.W. Mead	2017 C.J. Cooksey
1980 L.C. Stanway	1992 J.H.B. Pettit *	2005 C.J. Cooksey	

POSTAL HISTORY CUP (Senior Postal History)

(Presented 1992 by A Balch)

1993 A.F. Hobbs *	2000 A W Bowles	2006 L.C. Stanway	2012 C.J. Cooksey
1994 D J Sales *	2001 C.J. Cooksey	2007 L.C. Stanway	2013 J.F. Cowlin
1995 D J Sales *	2002 I Tickell	2008 L.C. Stanway	2014 C.J. Cooksey
1996 A.F. Hobbs *	2003 C.J. Cooksey	2009 C.J. Cooksey	2015 J.F. Cowlin
1997 L.C. Stanway	2004 L.C. Stanway	2010 C.J. Cooksey	2017 C.J. Cooksey
1999 D J Sales *	2005 C.J. Cooksey	2011 L.C. Stanway	

The cup was not awarded in 1998 and 2016.

HARRY SMITH CUP (Traditional Novices)

(Presented 1985 by F N Mack)

1985 J C Emmines	1989 J A Church *	1996 J Choppen	2012 J.F. Cowlin
1985 D.J. Church	1993 J Turner	1999 A McGrattan	2013 C.H. Crowder
1986 H.A. White	1994 G E Miller	2003 G Green	2014 I. McElwain
1987 T F Chittock	1995 C J Dowling*		

The Cup was not awarded in 1988/90-92/97-98, 2000-02/04-11/16-17. (Note: This cup is incorrectly engraved for 1985 and 1989)

POSTAL HISTORY NOVICE CUP (Postal History Novices)

(Presented 2013 by G Hammond)

2013 I. McElwain	2014 M. Singer
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The cup was not awarded in 2015-2017.

JUNIOR CUP (Traditional Junior)

(Presented 1970 by a member)

1970 C Rainey	1973 D.J. Church	1979 M J Clarke	1987 A.D. Lewis
1970 A P Cuell	1974 D.J. Church	1980 M J Clarke	1996 J. Choppen
1971 P Chrisp	1975 J A Snoding	1981 I Snoding	1997 J.E. Lutton
1972 D.J. Church	1978 A Tucker	1982 M J Clarke	

The cup was not awarded in 1976-1977, 1983-1986, 1988-1995, 1998-2017.

AEROPHILATELIC TROPHY

(Presented 2000 by Mrs M E Colvill and J.H.B. Pettit *)

1995 J.H.B. Pettit *	2001 J.H.B. Pettit *	2006 C.W. Mead	2011 C.J. Cooksey
1996 J.H.B. Pettit *	2002 C.J. Cooksey	2007 C.J. Cooksey	2012 C.J. Cooksey
1997 A.F. Hobbs *	2003 L.C. Stanway	2008 C.W. Mead	2013 C.J. Cooksey
1998 A.F. Hobbs *	2004 C.J. Cooksey	2009 C.W. Mead	2014 C.J. Cooksey
1999 J.H.B. Pettit *	2005 L.C. Stanway	2010 L.C. Stanway	2017 C.J. Cooksey
2000 L.C. Stanway			

The cup was not awarded in 2015-2016.

THEMATIC CUP (Thematic Senior)

(Festival 70 Cup presented 1970 by A. Balch?. Replaced 2016 by the Society)

1971 G A C Davis	1984 A.F. Hobbs *	1995 K J Angood*	2007 Mrs A. Coltman
1972 J A Snoding	1985 W. Forbes*	1996 C.V. Hemmings *	2008 Mrs A. Coltman
1973 A.F. Hobbs *	1985 C.W. Mead	1998 D J Sales *	2009 L.C. Stanway
1974 A.F. Hobbs *	1986 L.C. Stanway	1999 J Snoding	2010 Mrs A. Coltman
1975 S H Braddick*	1987 P Truslove	2000 L.C. Stanway	2011 Mrs A. Coltman
1976 D.J. Church	1988 K J Angood*	2001 A W Bowles *	2012 L.C. Stanway
1977 A.F. Hobbs *	1989 L.C. Stanway	2002 D J Sales *	2013 Mrs M E Colvill
1978 A.F. Hobbs *	1990 Mrs M Double	2003 L.C. Stanway	2014 L.C. Stanway
1979 A.F. Hobbs *	1991 C.W. Mead	2004 A.W. Bowles *	2015 Mrs A. Coltman
1980 L.C. Stanway	1992 A.F. Hobbs *	2005 L.C. Stanway	2016 A.J. Taylor
1981 L.C. Stanway	1993 K J Angood*	2006 Mrs A. Coltman	2017 A.G. Potter
1982 L.C. Stanway	1994 Mrs M E Colvill		

The cup was not awarded in 1983. The competition was not held in 1997, due to a change in competition arrangements.

POST OFFICE CUP (Thematic Novices)

(Presented 1984 by J C Emmine, Head Postmaster, on behalf of the Post Office)

1985 Mrs B Nye *	1989 D J Sales *	1996 J Choppen	2004 M Coltman
1985 J A Church *	1993 Mrs M E Colvill	1998 Miss K Avis	2009 Mrs E Stevens
1987 T F Chittock	1994 C.V. Hemmings *	2000 A W Bowles *	2013 G Hammond
1988 J.H.B. Pettit *	1995 A.P. Harris *	2003 Mrs A. Coltman	2014 A.J. Taylor

The cup was not awarded in 1986, 1990-1992, 1999, 2001-2002/05-2008/10-12/15-17. The competition was not held in 1997, due to a change in competition arrangements. (Note: This cup is incorrectly engraved for 1985, 1989 and 1997)

JUNIOR THEMATIC CUP (Thematic Junior)

(Presented 1981 by the BDAA)

1981 D Crowley	1994 L Stannard	1998 Miss K. Avis	2011 Miss C. Coltman
1985 Miss H Marsh	1995 L Stannard	1999 J.E. Lutton	2012 Miss C. Coltman
1987 Miss S Hards	1996 J Choppen	2010 Miss C. Coltman	2013 Miss C. Coltman
1993 L Stannard			

The cup was not awarded in 1982-1984, 1986, 1988-1992, 2000-2009, 2014-2017. The competition was not held in 1997, due to a change in competition arrangements.

CINDERELLA TROPHY

(Presented 1995 by R E How)

1995 K J Angood*	2003 Mrs M A. Thompson	2010 C.J. Cooksey
1998 L.C. Stanway	2004 A W Bowles *	2011 L.C. Stanway
1999 Mrs M A. Thompson	2005 C.J. Cooksey	2012 C.J. Cooksey
2000 L.C. Stanway	2007 C.J. Cooksey	2014 L.C. Stanway
2001 Mrs M A. Thompson	2009 C.J. Cooksey	

The trophy was not awarded in 1996-1997, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2015-2017.

PICTURE POSTCARD COMPETITION

(Presented 2017 by L.C. Stanway)

2017 A.G. Potter

COLVILL MODERN MATERIAL TROPHY

(Presented 1999 by Mrs M E Colvill)

2000 C.W. Mead	2004 Mrs M A. Thompson	2008 C.W. Mead	2013 L.C. Stanway
2001 J A Church *	2005 C.J. Cooksey	2009 C.W. Mead	2014 L.C. Stanway
2002 D. Livermore	2006 L.C. Stanway	2011 L.C. Stanway	2015 L.C. Stanway
2003 L.C. Stanway	2007 C.J. Cooksey	2012 L.C. Stanway	

The trophy was not awarded in 2010/16-17.

LADIES TROPHY

(Presented 1994)

1994 Mrs M E Colvill	2003-04 Mrs M A. Thompson	2010 Mrs A. Coltman
1995 Mrs M E Colvill	2004-05 Mrs A. Coltman	2011 Mrs A. Coltman
1996 Mrs M E Colvill	2005-06 Mrs M A. Thompson	2012 Mrs A. Coltman
1998-99 Mrs M A. Thompson	2007 Mrs A. Coltman	2013 Mrs M Colvill
1999-2000 Mrs M E Colvill	2009 Mrs A. Coltman	2014 Mrs A. Coltman
2000-01 Mrs M A. Thompson	2008 Mrs A. Coltman	2015 Mrs A. Coltman
2002-03 Mrs M A. Thompson		

The Ladies competition was not held in 1997, due to a change in competition arrangements. From 1998, this trophy was awarded on the basis of marks achieved in the Autumn and succeeding Spring competitions. No lady entered the 2001-02 and 2016-17 competitions.

TOMEX QUIZ CUP

(Presented 1981 by D Hex * and A. Thomas *)

1981 L.C. Stanway	1990 D Perry	1999 D Perry	2008 L.C. Stanway
1982 C.W. Mead	1991 L.C. Stanway	2000 L.C. Stanway	2009 D Perry
1983 H.B. Smith*	1992 C.W. Mead	2001 D Perry	2010 L.C. Stanway
1984 L.C. Stanway	1993 D Perry	2002 L.C. Stanway	2011 C.W. Mead
1985 D.J. Church	1994 C.W. Mead	2003 D.J. Church / D Perry	2012 L.C. Stanway
1986 A D Lewis	1995 L.C. Stanway	2004 C.W. Mead	2013 L.C. Stanway
1987 D.J. Church	1996 A.F. Hobbs *	2005 L.C. Stanway	2014 D Taylor
1988 D.J. Church	1997 C.W. Mead	2006 Mrs M A. Thompson	2015 L.C. Stanway
1989 H.B. Smith*	1998 A.P. Harris *	2007 C.W. Mead	2016 A.J. Taylor

BASILDON-BILLERICAY INTER-SOCIETY QUIZ SHIELD

(Original purchased 1987 by the Society. Replacement trophy donated 2013 by G Hammond.)

1987-1989 Basildon	1994 Billericay	2000-2001 Basildon	2012 Billericay	2014-2016 Billericay
1990 Billericay	1995-1997 Basildon	2004-2011 Basildon	2013 Basildon	2017 Basildon
1991-1993 Basildon	1998-1999 Billericay			

The competition was not held in 2002-2003.

COUNTY AWARDS WON BY BASILDON MEMBERS

Year	Member(s)	Award
1984	J A Church *, H.B. Smith*, L.C. Stanway	AEPS Quiz Trophy.
1985	Mrs S Marsh, C.W. Mead, L.C. Stanway	AEPS Stokes Cup.
	Mrs S Marsh	AEPS Postal History Trophy.
	C.W. Mead	AEPS Stamps Trophy.
	C.W. Mead	AEPS Chris Rauch Novices Trophy.
1986	A.F. Hobbs *	AEPS Life Membership.
1988	J A Church *, H.B. Smith*, L.C. Stanway	AEPS Quiz Trophy.
1988	H.B. Smith*	AEPS Life Membership.
1989	C.W. Mead	AEPS Stamps Trophy.
1990	L.C. Stanway	AEPS Life Membership.

Year	Member(s)	Award
1993	K J Angood *, C.W. Mead, J.H.B. Pettit * C.W. Mead L.C. Stanway	AEPS Stokes Cup. AEPS Stamps Trophy. AEPS Philatelic Literature Trophy.
1995	C.W. Mead L.C. Stanway L.C. Stanway	AEPS GB Postal History Trophy AEPS Chris Rauch Novices Trophy AEPS Thematic Trophy
1996	L.C. Stanway	AEPS Stamps Trophy.
1998	A.F. Hobbs * J A Church *, L C & Mrs A M Stanway Mrs M Thompson Mrs M Thompson	AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy AEPS Quiz Trophy AEPS Thematic Trophy AEPS Chris Rauch Novices Trophy
1999	J.H.B. Pettit * L.C. Stanway	AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy AEPS Philatelic Literature Trophy
2001	J A Church * L.C. Stanway J A Church *, L C & Mrs A M Stanway	AEPS Modern Material Aerophilatelic Trophy AEPS Philatelic Literature Trophy AEPS Quiz Trophy
2004	A W Bowles, C.J. Cooksey, L.C. Stanway C.J. Cooksey	AEPS Stokes Cup. AEPS Stamps Trophy.
2007	C.J. Cooksey	AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy. AEPS Postal History Trophy. Ken Seymour Trophy (Rayleigh P.S.).
2008	C.J. Cooksey C.W. Mead, L.C. Stanway	AEPS Stamps Trophy. AEPS Literature Trophy. AEPS Quiz Trophy.
2009	L.C. Stanway	AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy.
2010	C.J. Cooksey	AEPS Postal History Trophy.
2011	C.J. Cooksey	AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy.
2012	C.J. Cooksey, L.C. Stanway, Mrs M Thompson. C.J. Cooksey L.C. Stanway	AEPS Presidents Trophy. AEPS Stamps Trophy. AEPS Postal History Trophy. AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy.
2013	C.J. Cooksey, L.C. Stanway C.J. Cooksey	AEPS Presidents Trophy. AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy. AEPS Cinderella Trophy.
2014	Mrs A. Coltman L.C. Stanway	AEPC Picture Postcard Trophy. AEPS Cinderella Trophy. AEPS Literature Trophy.
2015	J.F. Cowlin L.C. Stanway	AEPS Picture Postcards Trophy AEPS Postal History Trophy AEPS Great Britain Postal History Trophy AEPS Classic Trophy
2016	C.J. Cooksey	AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy. ³⁸ AEPS Aerophilatelic Trophy.

INTER-FEDERATION AWARDS WON BY BASILDON MEMBERS

Year	Member(s)	Award
1993	C.W. Mead	Dawes Cup (AEPS Team)
1998	L.C. Stanway	Inter-County Quiz (AEPS Team)

NATIONAL AWARDS WON BY BASILDON MEMBERS

Year	Member(s)	Award
1985	H.B. Smith*	BPF Award of Merit.
1991	J A Church *	BPF Award of Merit.
1998	Miss K Avis	Melville Group E (10-11) Cup & Gold Medal.
2000	L.C. Stanway	BPE/Stampex Literature Small Silver Gilt Medal.
2002	L.C. Stanway	Silver Bronze, 6 th Canadian National Philatelic Literature Exhibition.
2004	C.J. Cooksey L.C. Stanway	Best Essex Entry, ABPS Basildon 2004 National Philatelic Exhibition. Large Vermeil, Special Studies, ABPS Basildon 2004. Silver Bronze, Social Philately, ABPS Basildon 2004. Silver Bronze and Bronze, Literature, ABPS Basildon 2004.
2006	Mrs A. Coltman	Bronze, Thematic, ABPS Torquay 2006.

Year	Member(s)	Award
	C.J. Cooksey	Vermeil, Revenues, ABPS Torquay 2006.
2009	L.C. Stanway	Vermeil, Aerophilatelic, ABPS/Stampex One-Frame.
2012	C.J. Cooksey	Gold, Revenues, Stampex.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS WON BY BASILDON MEMBERS

Year	Member(s)	Award
2000	L.C. Stanway	Glasgow 2000 Literature Small Silver Gilt Medal – “Mails Under London”.
2011	L.C. Stanway	Indipex 2011 Literature Large Vermeil Medal. – “Malaysia Vol.1”.
2015	C.J. Cooksey	London 2015 Revenues Large Vermeil Medal.
	L.C. Stanway	Singapore 2015 Literature Vermeil Medal – “Singapore Post Offices & Registration Labels”.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

1982	P Bazeley	(Retiring Head Postmaster of Basildon).
1986	J C Emmines	(Retiring Head Postmaster of Basildon).
	A.F. Hobbs *	(For services to the Society).
	H.B. Smith*	(For services to the Society).
	L.C. Stanway	(For services to the Society).
1987	J A Church *	(For services to the Society).
1993	C.W. Mead	(For services to the Society).
2000	A. Thomas *	(For services to the Society).
	A.P. Harris *	(For services to the Society).
2002	D.J. Church	(For services to the Society).
2014	A.J. Taylor	(For services to the Society).
2015	Mrs M.E. Colvill	(For services to the Society).

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

(Presented 1999 by Mrs M E Colvill)

Awarded by the AGM to the member who is considered to have made the most outstanding contribution to the society during the previous year. It was not awarded in 2003, 2005, 2016 and 2017.

1999	P.J. Nye	For achievement in reconstructing the Society financial affairs following loss of the previous Treasurer.
2000	D. Livermore	For providing support to the Society in many areas, including standing in as Auctioneer and Quiz master at short notice.
2001	J.H.B. Pettit *	For service in many roles including construction of new display frames and acting as catering officer at each meeting.
2002	A.P. Harris *	For service in production of the Society’s Newsletter.
2004	Mrs A. Coltman	For achievement in smooth take-over of the auction and general contribution to society activities.
2006	C.H. Crowder	For service including as Auctioneer.
2007	C.J. Cooksey	For leading by example in bringing success for members in county and national competitions.
2008	L.C. Stanway	For service including as Treasurer and Packet Secretary.
2009	A.J. Taylor	For service as Secretary, often unseen by the majority of members.
2010	G E Miller	For service beyond the call of duty in completing the 2010 programme whilst organising a move to Frinton.
2011	D.J. Church	For sustained service to the society in many capacities, and for organising raffles at all meetings.
2012	Mrs A Stanway	For service to the society in organising refreshments at meetings and other support activity.
2013	L.C. Stanway	For service including as Treasurer and Packet Secretary.
2014	A.J. Taylor	For outstanding devotion to duty as Secretary.
2015	J F Cowlin	For service including raising the public profile of the society.

PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS

The Society has issued a wide variety of philatelic souvenirs during its existence, including special covers and postcards.

20 June 1970 21st Anniversary of Basildon New Town.

Cover showing Brooke House (block of flats in town centre) received a special cds "NEW TOWN ANNIVERSARY / 21 / 20JUN70 / BASILDON ESSEX" on a 4d red Machin definitive stamp. Some covers were signed by A Balch, Chairman, Basildon Development Corporation. All signed covers are numbered in a series commencing at 000001.

1 May 1979 25th Anniversary of Basildon Head Post Office.

Cover showing the Head Post Office in East Square received a special cds "HEAD POST OFFICE / (crown) / POST OFFICE / 25th Anniversary / 1MAY79 / BASILDON ESSEX", issued jointly with the Post Office. Some covers were signed by the artist responsible for both cover and postmark designs (B G Randall) in gold. Covers serviced by the society and posted at the exhibition received the 9p Primrose pictorial stamp and the special postmark. Covers were also sold over the counter to the public at a Post Office commemorative exhibition in East Square which also contained a special posting box.

23 October 1982 AEPS Essex Autumn Rally "Pitsea 82".

Commemorative postcard showing the Pitsea sub Post Office c.1920, prepared by A.F. Hobbs from a photograph reproduced by courtesy of Basildon District Council. Cards were sold at 10p (unserviced) at the exhibition. Cards serviced by the society and posted at the exhibition received the 12¹/₂p definitive stamp, a "BASILDON.ESSEX / 2.15PM / 23 OC / 82 / -2-! cds, and a violet "POSTED AT PITSEA 82" cachet.

22 April 1989 21st Anniversary of Basildon Philatelic Society.

Commemorative postcard showing various old Laindon postmarks prepared by L.C. Stanway. Cards were sold at 10p (unserviced) or 50p (serviced with 19p Machin definitive stamp and "BASILDON / 1 / 22 AP / 89 / ESSEX" cds) at Basildon Stamp Day exhibition and fair, held that day.

21 April 1990 Postmark Series No.2.

Postcard showing various old Vange and Fobbing postmarks prepared by L.C. Stanway. Cards were sold at 10p (unserviced) at Basildon Stamp Day exhibition and fair, held that day, or later at 50p (serviced with either 20p Penny Black Anniversary stamp from London Life £5 booklet [36 cards] or 15p Penny Black Anniversary stamp from £1.50 counter booklet [18 imperf at top, 18 imperf at bottom] and "BASILDON / 21APR1990 / ESSEX" rubber skeleton cds).

24 April 1993 Silver Jubilee - PhilEssex'93.

Postcard designed by C.W. Mead featuring the Society Silver Jubilee logo. Serviced with Greetings Stamps (10 varieties) and Basildon First Day of Issue Postmark for the day on which we hosted PhilEssex'93 and a cachet containing the event logo.

4 June 1993 Silver Jubilee - Anniversary.

Same postcard, serviced with Orchid Stamp and Basildon First Day of Issue Postmark for the anniversary day and a cachet marking the anniversary in red or blue.

12 October 1993 Silver Jubilee - Self-adhesive stamps.

Same postcard, serviced with a self-adhesive Machin Stamp and Basildon First Day of Issue Postmark for this date, which predates official date of issue.

20 November 2004 ABPS Basildon 2004 National Stamp Exhibition.

Cover for the first day of the exhibition, showing the St. Martin's Bell Tower, serviced with the special postmark for the first day of the exhibition.

26 April 2008 40th Anniversary of Basildon Philatelic Society.

Smiler sheet marking Society anniversary, sold at £20. Presentation pack containing two stamps sold at £2.75. First day cover sold at £2, showing St. Nicholas Church and marking StampEssex 2008, held at the James Hornsby School. All items were designed by C.W. Mead.

27 April 2013 45th Anniversary of Basildon Philatelic Society.

Smiler sheet marking Society anniversary, sold at £22. Presentation pack containing two stamps sold at £3. Also marked StampEssex 2013, held at the James Hornsby School. All items were designed by C.W. Mead.

NOTES

Members and past members ineligible for Novice Trophies:

K. Avis, T F Chittock, J Choppen, P Chrisp, D.J. Church, M.J. Clarke, Mrs A. Coltman, Mrs M.E. Colvill, C.J. Cooksey, J.F. Cowlin, C.H. Crowder, D. Crowley, A.P. Cuell, G.A.C. Davis, J.C. Emmines, G. Green, Miss S. Hards, A.D. Lewis, D. Livermore, Miss H.F. Marsh, Mrs S. Marsh, I. McElwain, A. McGrattan, C.W. Mead, G.E. Miller, C. Rainey, M. Singer, I. Snoding, J.A. Snoding, L. Stannard, L.C. Stanway, Mrs M.A. Thompson, I. Tickell, P. Truslove, A. Tucker, J. Turner, B.E. Young.

1 Amended at 1996 AGM.

2 Interpreted as including reference to Membership Secretary (if any).

3 The 2011 AGM confirmed fees for 2011-2012 of £13 adult, £2 junior. Auction and Packet vendors pay a 50p Associate Member fee. Members attending meetings shall pay a supplement of £1 at each meeting; refreshments, where provided, will be free of charge. Guests attending for more than four meetings will normally be asked to formally join the society.

4 Amended at 1988 AGM.

5 List Amended at 1999 AGM.

6 Amended at 1999 AGM.

7 Approved in Committee 9 July 1996.

8 Amended by committee 30 October 2017. Packets normally restricted to 10 books.

9 Deleted by Committee 30 October 2017.

10 Ratified at 1999 AGM.

11 Amended June 2014 (cheque guarantee scheme abolished).

12 Approved in Committee 23 June 1992.

13 Committee meeting 29 April 2014 authorised the Packet Secretary to waive postage at his discretion.

14 Amended at 1999 AGM. Currently 1%.

15 Amended by Committee 11 February 2009 - 10% effective from 1 April 2009.

16 Amended by Committee 11 February 2009.

17 First amendment approved in Committee 1 September 1981. Sixth amendment (Rule 3.1 amended, 6 deleted) approved in Committee 9 July 1996. Seventh amendment (Rules 5.1 and 5.6 amended) approved in Committee 10 February 2009.

18 Item deleted by Committee 12 December 2006.

19 Ratified at 1999 AGM.

20 Introduction agreed by 1999 AGM. Rules agreed by Committee 2Nov99. Subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

21 Amended by Committee 16 July 2008. Paragraphs 7.3.3 to 7.6 deleted at same time.

22 Interpreted as including reference to the Competitions Secretary (if any). Current practice is for the winner in one year to set the questions for the next year.

23 Currently achieved by requiring the winner to act as question master in the following year.

24 Amended or added in Committee 10 January 2006.

25 Amended or added in Committee 30 October 2017. Subsequent paragraphs/references amended as appropriate. Added 9 July 1996.

27 Amended or added in Committee 10 January 2006. Times amended as consequence of change of meeting starting time.

28 First amendment (Rule 1.4 added) approved in Committee 9 July 1996. Second amendment (extensive revision) approved in Committee 10 January 2006.

29 Amended by mutual consent 13 March 2013.

30 Amended by mutual consent 13 March 2013.

31 Deleted by mutual consent 13 March 2013.

32 Acting Chairman after Chairman resigned due to ill health.

33 Stepped down 14 September 2015 without replacement.

34 Stepped down 14 September 2015 as he was leaving district. It was resolved that this role should be reabsorbed into the Treasurer's role until further notice, while retaining provision in the Constitution for future appointments. L.C. Stanway Acting Treasurer from January 2006.

36 Co-opted initially.

37 General Events A.P. Harris *, Fairs D.J. Church.

38 Also winning the Rayleigh & District P.S. Ken Seymour Aerophilatelic Trophy.