

Association of Essex Philatelic Societies

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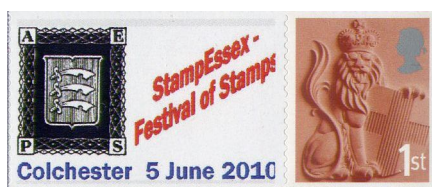
Essex Association to mark Festival of Stamps 2010 with Smilers sheet.

As part of the national Festival of Stamps London 2010 series of events, sponsored by the Association of British Philatelic Societies (ABPS) and the British Postal Museum and Archive (BPMA), the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies (AEPS) will be holding a major stamp exhibition and fair "StampEssex - Festival of Stamps" at Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Road, Colchester CO1 1YH on Saturday 5 June 2010 from 10am to 4.30pm. Proceeds from the event will be used to promote philately in the Association's area.

A souvenir Smilers sheet of 20 stamps will be issued, with labels featuring the original AEPS emblem, which was designed by Edgar Lewy of Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society for the 1952 AEPS Convention.

Advance orders can be placed, price £20 per sheet, plus £2 per order postage and packing. Cheques, payable to "AEPS", should be sent with the order to AEPS, 25 Clay Hill Road, Basildon, SS16 5DD. Sheets will be supplied as they become available.

The visuals below are based on the prototype sheet and the production version may differ in detail.



NOTES FOR EDITORS:

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

The Association of British Philatelic Societies is the national body that supports local and national societies and promotes the hobby at national level. It also represents the United Kingdom at international level.

The British Postal Museum and Archive was formed by the merger of the National Postal Museum collection with the Post Office Archives, and is the repository for all Royal Mail and Post Office records. It makes these available to researchers from its Records centre at Clerkenwell and is providing financial and publicity support to the ABPS Festival of Stamps 2010 programme of federation-led stamp days around the country throughout 2010.

“Serving Philatelists and Postal Historians in Essex”

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Next AEPS Event: 5 June 2010 (see above).