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Display by

**A.R. Everett, FRPSL**

**Monday, 2 September**

**Doors open 7.30 pm**

**Start 8.00 pm**



## *The Basildon Stamp Collector*

The newsletter of Basildon Philatelic Society is published quarterly and issued free to all members of the Society.

Next issue, October 1996, will be available at the meeting of Tuesday, 17 September.

Articles and advertisements must reach the Editor by Tuesday, 20 August, 1996.

### **Articles Wanted**

The editor will be pleased to receive letters, short articles or longer works for publication in this newsletter. Without your contributions there can be no newsletter!

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The committee are happy to deal with your questions and receive any suggestions for improving the Society.

## From Your Secretary

by Pat Harris

We have now come to the end of another year in the Society and firstly I would like to thank those members who have stepped in at the last minute to give displays when speakers have been unable to attend for whatever reason.

Peter Nye has now taken back the running of the stamp packet and all returns for packets 400 and after should be sent to him. Packets below that number should be sent to me.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due. Payment may be sent to the treasurer John Church 102 New Century Road, Laindon SS15 6AQ or paid along with your packet returns.

In the first quarter of the new programme we have two gold medal winning displays by Fellows of The Royal Philatelic Society. As always we will be happy to see any of our members at our meetings.

## Forthcoming Meetings

- Mon 1 Jul "German East Africa"**  
Gold medal display by M.G. Farrant, FRPSL
- Tue 16 Jul "Eight Pages From My Collection"**  
Members' displays.
- Mon 5 Aug "From Dragons Wings to Supersonic"**  
Display of airmails by Brian Asquith of Phillips.
- Tue 20 Aug "Something Beginning With I, Part 1"**  
Members' displays.
- Mon 2 Sep "Cyprus"**  
Gold medal display by A.R. Everett, FRPSL
- Tue 17 Sep "Something Beginning With I, Part 2"**  
Members' displays.

## Recent Meetings

by Charlie Mead

### Visit from Chelmsford & District P.S.

*Monday, 5 February, 1996*

Three excellent displays were provided by the members of Chelmsford & District P.S. when they visited for the first meeting in February.

The evening started with a display of *Arctic Norway* by **Pat Adams**. This original study showed a wide variety of material from within the Arctic Circle, including pictorial postmarks, commemorative cachets, picture postcards and paquebot covers. It provided an appropriate accompaniment to the near arctic weather.

**Denis Heeley** provided the second display with an in depth look at the *Early Imperforate Issues of Rumania*. Numerous varieties of these early East European classics illustrated a detailed account of Rumania's first issues.

The final display was given by **John Rawlins** on *British Postal Rates During the Reign of King George V*. This made a fascinating finale to the evening. Both increases and decreases in postal rates were illustrated and explained with many interesting covers.

Chairman Len Stanway proposed the vote of thanks which was heartily endorsed by everybody present.

### Switzerland - display by Dennis Sales

*Monday, 5 February, 1996*

Dennis Sales is well known to members of Basildon P.S. as a collector of Switzerland. What is not so well known is the sheer variety of material in his collection.

The evening started with the early issues of 1854-62. The display of stamps included Sitting Helvetias, Standing Helvetias and William Tells before moving on to landscape issues and commemoratives. Many examples were complemented by picture postcards.

Postal History was well represented with an impressive selection of

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early T.P.O.s which lead neatly on to postcards commemorating the centenary of Swiss railways.

Chairman Len Stanway proposed the vote of thanks for a most entertaining and varied display.

## **Spring Auction**

*Monday, 1 April, 1996*

A good turn out of members and visitors ensured some brisk bidding after a slow start. Auction Secretary Mike Musgrave was pleased with the results, commenting on the evening he said "There were some incredible bargains. One lucky bidder got a USA collection (over 1000 stamps) for just twenty pounds." Great Britain proved to be the most popular country on offer, but USA also sold well. South Africa and other African states proved less popular.

Exactly one hundred of the 231 lots were sold, producing a total realisation of £348.90. The highest price paid was £30.00 for a collection of one hundred GB Penny Reds. Biggest surprise was a Penny Black facsimile which sold for twelve times the reserve.

## **Faroe Islands - display by David Church**

*Tuesday, 16 April, 1996*

This meeting should have been "An Innocents Guide to the Packet" by Mr. A.E. Jones, but illness once again required a hasty change to the programme.

David Church stepped in at the eleventh hour to provide an excellent evening with his display of Faroe Islands. This is a most extensive collection of the independent postal administration issues. All the stamp issues were shown together with stamp booklets, presentation packs, first day covers, maximum cards, meter marks, Christmas seals and more.

Assistant Secretary, Charlie Mead proposed the vote of thanks for such a wide ranging display and the depth of study modern material can provide.

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## The Committee Entertains

*Monday, 4 June, 1996*

Society Chairman, Len Stanway gave this year's Committee display with an entertaining look at the stamps and postal history of Singapore. Len placed great emphasis on the new issues which provide collectors with the opportunity to purchase cheaply today the rarities of tomorrow.

David Church gave the vote of thanks for a most interesting display.

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### **Success for Basildon**

In the A.E.P.S. competitions, held at Stamp Essex '96, Basildon again featured in the list of winners. Len Stanway finished equal first for the prestigious Stamp Trophy, the fourth time Basildon have topped the table in this class. The judges described Len's entry as having a "very good introduction" and being "well presented". Basildon have now notched up ten individual awards in county competitions.

In the Stokes Cup the Basildon team of Len Stanway, Arthur Hobbs and John Pettit finished equal third along with Frinton, just four points behind winners Chelmsford and three points behind runners up Bishops Stortford.

Neighbours Billericay P.S. were also amongst the trophies with Mike Thompson taking the George Pearson Trophy for foreign stamps or postal history.

Basildon will be looking for further success in two years time when the Society hosts Stamp Essex '98 and the inter-county Dawes Cup.

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### **Exchange Packet**

The Packet Secretary urgently requires material for sale through the Society's exchange packet. Up to six blank packet books are available to any member wishing to sell stamps or any other philatelic material through this medium. Please contact the Peter Nye for further details.

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# PUZZLE PAGE

## Cities of The World Wordsearch



Can you find the twenty cities listed below in the above grid? The names may read up, down or diagonally.

Bombay

Los Angeles

Paris

Buenos Aires

Manila

Rio De Janeiro

Cairo

Mexico City

Sao Paulo

Calcutta

Moscow

Seoul

Essen

New Delhi

Tehran

Jakarta

New York

Tokyo

London

Osaka

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## Internet Information

For up to date information set your Web browser to the following pages:

### Basildon Philatelic Society

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Charles\\_Mead/bps.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Charles_Mead/bps.htm)

### Association of Essex Philatelic Societies

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Charles\\_Mead/aeps.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Charles_Mead/aeps.htm)

### Stampex

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/dereky/stampex-.htm>

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## Small Ads

All members of Basildon Philatelic Society are entitled to three free small ads each year. Each advertisement may be up to 50 words and will be accepted subject to space being available.

### WANTED:

Australia: Navigators 7/6d. SG357 used. New Zealand: 1972 Health stamps M/S used. Contact Pat Harris.

### WANTED for Plate Reconstruction:

G.B. 1870 ½d. rose-red plate 5 fine used, letterings CE/EC, XH/HX, DI/ID, XI/IX, CK/KC, WK/KW, XO/OX, VP/PV. Contact Charlie Mead.