

# The Basildon Stamp Collector

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## Dates for your diary

- 13 Jul Stamp Fair at Southend Airport Hotel.
- 24 Jul until 26 Jul Rare Stamps of the World, Claridge's, London
- 7 Sep Stamp Fair at Southend Airport Hotel.
- 13 Sep Stamp Fair at Arbury Community Centre, Arbury, Cambs.
- 14 Sep Stamp Fair at Community Centre, High Street, Ingatestone.
- 17 Sep until 21 Sep Autumn Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1.
- 27 Sep Stamp Fair at Jubilee Centre, Catherine Street, St Albans.
- 28 Sep Stamp Fair at Kessingland Community Centre, Francis Road, Kessingland, Suffolk.
- 24 Oct until 26 Oct Collect '97, Earls Court Olympia, London.

## The Great War 1914-1918



*A British trench on the Somme. Our Tuesday meeting in August is devoted to Stan Braddick's display "The Great War".*

## Forthcoming Meetings

- 7 Jul Stanley Gibbons — display by Victor Short, FRPSL.
- 22 Jul Eight Pages From My Collection — members' displays.
- 4 Aug Zeppelin Post — display by Ian Nutley.
- 19 Aug See above.
- 1 Sep Queensland — display by Alan Griffiths, FRPSL.
- 16 Sep Mini Fair — informal evening.

## From Your Secretary

Our auction in April was very successful. We have tried over some time to improve the running of this event and now with the help of all those members concerned we now have a very well run event. What we now need is more material. So I would ask you all to look out material you do not want and put it into the auction and you may raise some cash to buy something you want.

We were again successful in the Basildon/Billericay Quiz but only by some three points, the questions put by Ray How were more difficult than before but our team of Peter Nye, John Church and myself won through. Those of you who missed my first full evenings display also missed out on freebies from the Isle of Man Post Office.

We have now started our thirtieth year. We have a very varied programme in front of us, including in December the President of the Royal Philatelic Society, Jane Moubray, who will be giving a display of the 2d Blue of 1840.

At the AGM John Church who has been the treasurer since the society was formed has had to resign due to ill health, but he is to remain on the committee. More about the AGM will appear in the next newsletter. As always we would like to see more members at our meetings.

*Pat Harris*





## The Basildon Stamp Collector

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

Our next issue, October 1997, will be available at the meeting of Tuesday, 16 September.

Articles, letters and advertisements must reach the editor by Tuesday, 19 August.

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

## New Issue Review by David Church

Those that know me are aware that I provide a World New Issue Service and some of you reading this will already be subscribers. Therefore, on this basis and at the request of our worthy Secretary (he that must be obeyed), I have agreed to write a regular column in *The Basildon Stamp Collector*.

Over forthcoming editions I shall be taking a look at new issues from around the world, both recently issued and those due for release.

There is an abundance of new issues these days and some pure philatelists do not rate what they call jam pot labels. However, you cannot get away from the fact that there are millions of collectors around the world who enjoy some of the colourful stamps produced, many combine their collecting with other interests such as bird watching or trains and have thematic as well as country collections.

Our hobby is there to enjoy and we should all collect whatever we get enjoyment from.

This years "Europa" theme is **Tales & Legends** and many countries are due to release stamps on the subject. Fans of horror will no doubt have enjoyed the 4 spooky stamps which our own Post Office issued on 13th May. They celebrated Bram Stoker's Dracula, Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Arthur Conan Doyle's Hound of the Baskervilles.

Other countries participating include Guernsey, Jersey, Croatia, Slovakia and a host of others too numerous to mention here.

## Due for release soon

8 July  
Great Britain - Horses. 50th Anniversary of the British Horse Society.

6 August  
New Zealand - Scenic Trains (6 vals). The train collectors amongst you may be disappointed, as they are more scenic than trains.

## What is going on in Hong Kong?

At the Hong Kong '97 stamp show recently the Hong Kong Post Office was reported to have taken the equivalent of **£50,000,000** on current new issues at face value. The Post Office there had to leave it's booths open until midnight on the opening day and security staff had to persuade collectors to go home. There were even 17,000 people queuing up outside the door before the Exhibition was open. I bet you thought that the British Post Office was raking in the money from collectors, didn't you?

There is a lot of speculation in the stamps of Hong Kong at the moment and buying prices are very high. The same appears to be developing in the stamps of Macau.

In the next edition I anticipate previewing some of this year's Christmas issues, the earliest of which I think is 3 September. Is it me getting older or does

Christmas seem to get earlier every year?

### Stop Press!

New printings of G.B. Definitives & Country stamps being issued in July & August.

For further details of my *World New Issue Service*, contact me on 01268 543371.

## Neighbouring Societies



**Thursday, 3 July**

A Touch of the Blarney, display by Ray Howe.

**Monday, 21 July**

To be advised.

**Thursday, 7 August**

Malaya, display by Len Stanway.

**Monday, 18 August**

Stanley Gibbons — Philatelist or Philanderer, display by Victor Short, FRPSL.

**Thursday, 4 September**

Open night with dealers.

**Monday, 15 September**

United Nations, display by R. Goodey.

**Thursday, 2 October**

Auction.

**Monday, 20 October**

The Smaller Channel Islands — Herm, display by Mike Thompson.



### Thurrock & District SC

**Tuesday, 1 July**

Bring and Buy.

**Tuesday, 5 August**

Informal.

**Tuesday, 2 September**

Members' Latest Buys.

**Tuesday, 16 September**

Visit from Chelmsford PS.

**Saturday, 4 October**

Foyer display and bourse.

**Tuesday, 7 October**

Letter "F", Members' displays.

**Tuesday, 21 October**

Bring and Buy.

## Last Quarter's Puzzle

The eight mystery stamps were from the following countries:

1. St Pierre et Miquelon
2. Cochín
3. British Somaliland
4. British Guyana
5. Ross Dependency
6. Germany
7. Netherlands
8. Nicaragua

## This Quarter's Puzzle

In this quiz all the questions have been taken from *The Stamp Atlas*

by Stuart Rossiter and John Fowler. This useful reference book is just one of many titles in the Society's library.

1. Which country issued its first stamps on 1 October 1851? Its stamps were invalidated on 14 June 1900 and replaced by issues from the USA.
2. Which country issued its first stamps in 1857 and was allocated the cancellation "A26"?
3. What Austrian invention first appeared in October 1869 and a year later in Great Britain?
4. The Oil Rivers Protectorate now forms part of which country?
5. Penrhyn Island is the most northerly of which group of islands?
6. The Gilbert and Ellice Islands split in 1976. By what names are they now known?
7. Which country's stamps are inscribed "POSTVERK FØROYA"?
8. Name one of the five 'treaty' ports established after the Opium War of 1840–42?
9. Burkina Faso was formerly known as?
10. Which island was evacuated from 10 October 1961 until April 1963 following a violent eruption?

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