

# Basildon Stamp Collector

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Editor : David Church

## Editorial

*Welcome to the first newsletter of 2004, which as you can see has a new editor. I think you all know me, having been a member since 1969, a year after the Society was founded.*

*I would first of all, on behalf of the Committee and all members, like to thank the previous Editor Pat Harris for the work he did in producing the newsletter. Due to various health problems he has decided he can no longer continue, we all wish him well. With your support I will endeavour to continue his good work.*

*Pat already made a start on this edition and his reports follow.*

## Society's return visit to Shoeburyness

*On 11<sup>th</sup> December we went to Shoeburyness and five of our members gave displays. Charlie Mead was first with aspects of Fiji that included their first stamps that were printed by a local newspaper. Chris Cooksey followed with the story of the revenue stamps of Southern Rhodesia. Geoff Miller started the second session with the story of Tristan Da Cunha and it's stamps, including the overprinted resettlement stamps of St.Helena. Pat Harris completed this section with a potted version of the story of the occupation of the Channel Islands. After a festive break Len Stanway completed the evening with the latest stamps from Singapore.*

*As a footnote, Alan Taylor who took Pat to the meeting, was stopped by the police during their "Don't Drink & Drive" campaign, but was only stopped for a few moments.*

## Meetings for the next quarter

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Auction Night

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Informal with Dealers

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Members display V or W (in the lounge)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Visit to Sidcup P.S.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - V or W part 2

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 36<sup>th</sup> A.G.M.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – President's Night

*Ann Coltman has now taken over the clubs archives and would be grateful to receive any articles or information you should see in the newspapers.*

## Meeting Report : Anything but stamps

*The evening opened with Chris Cooksey receiving the Postal History trophy he won at the last competition. He was the first to display, choosing Money as his subject, and*

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*showed a bank cheque from the 1800's, then a series of English banknotes from the 10/- upwards. Included was a whole series of £10 notes signed by the chief cashier and three the same signed by different cashiers. He also showed the white £5 note and the smallest note from Hong Kong. Crown coins were next going right back to Charles II and he finished off with a set of Maundy Money.*

*Geoff Miller followed with a series of calendars issued by the Falkland Islands Philatelic Bureau. The first section was completed by Charlie Mead with a series of postcards from the Postal Museum showing changes in the service over the years. Vivien Holloway started the second part with the story of Country Dancing, including Morris, Maypole, the Floral Dance from Somerset and many others from around the country. Len Stanway completed this part with Decimal coins issued from 1970 and some crown coins, but finished with Euro coins from various countries, saying that 15 countries issued the coins, 12 from the EU and 3 from non-members. May Colvill and Ann Coltman shared the last session, May with a selection of Animals and Ann with Teddy Bears that came in all shapes and sizes and included books, aprons, cushions and cups.*

## Meeting Report : Basildon/Billericay Quiz

*After a 2-year break it was good to see the quiz revived. The Billericay team comprised of Jean Taylor, David Barter and Geoff Miller (on free transfer for the night), whilst the Basildon team was Dave Perry, Pat Harris and David Church. The quizmaster was Ray How from Rayleigh P.S. The questions were varied and taxing, but easy when you are sitting in the audience. However it was a good evening with a victory for Basildon, the score being 77 points to 60.*

## Stamp Fair

The Club's next Stamp Fair will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Laindon Community Centre. Please try to come along and give your support, if only for an hour, a lot of work goes into setting this up and your help will be much appreciated. You can help on the Club table, help to set up and take down the display, or just swell the numbers. The Fair due for 12<sup>th</sup> June has unfortunately been cancelled, so please amend your Club card and diary now.



Whilst you have your diary out make a note of BASILDON 2004, Saturday & Sunday, 20-21 November 2004, the biggest Philatelic event to hit Essex. There will be Aerophilatelic Displays, Competitions, Specialist Society Meetings & Children's Corner. Dealers from the UK and abroad will

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be in attendance. Admission is FREE. For more information visit [www.basildon2004.org.uk](http://www.basildon2004.org.uk) if you are on the net! or speak to Len Stanway.

## Society's visit to Rayleigh

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February saw our team visit Rayleigh P.S. First to display was Chris Cooksey who gave 2 showings, firstly The Postal History of Petworth, in West Sussex, including some unique items. His second part was a trip around the British Antarctic Bases of the Falkland Island Dependencies, a very interesting display of stamps, covers, postmarks and photographs. Chris mentioned that he had correspondence with a helicopter pilot on H.M.S. Endurance, which resulted in him receiving some genuine commercial mail from this part of the world.*

*Following on from Chris was Charlie Mead who showed early Fiji, in his usual excellent style of computer produced pages. He gave a brief history of how the postal service started with the newspaper stamps and covered the early years including postage dues.*

*After the interval Len Stanway concluded the evening with Singapore Definitives. Highlighting the different printings that can be found. His usual thorough treatment of the subject was well received, although many would shy away from the sheer hard work involved in researching these different types. In addition the speakers were given moral support by fellow Basildon members Jim & Maggie Thompson, Alan Taylor & David Church.*

## Library

*What books or catalogues do you want to see in our Club Library? If you have any suggestions, please let a member of the Committee have them and they will be given careful consideration.*

## Your Newsletter

*This is your newsletter, not mine. Please let me know what sort of items you want to see and I will try my best to include them.*

## Members wants

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