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## Editorial

Autumn is here so put away those lawnmowers and get out your stamp album.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, I said I would call and see Dennis Sales when next in the Nottingham area. I am pleased to say that on a warm August Thursday afternoon I did just that on my way back from Yorkshire. Dennis has settled into his new bungalow very well, having his own independence, but also with a warden on site in case needed. Furthermore his son lives only 1 mile down the road. Both mum and I had a pleasant time chatting

to Dennis over tea and cake (*thanks Dennis for your hospitality*). He wishes to be remembered to all at Basildon and Billericay.

### Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to help make the tea & coffee at club meetings. Please try to give your help rather than leaving it to the same people each time.

A rather shorter newsletter this time, partly due to circumstances beyond my control, but mainly because nobody has come forward with any articles for inclu-



## Autumn

sion. Please try to submit any comments or articles to the Editor for inclusion in the next edition. This is your newsletter, not mine.

Enclosed is our Auction Catalogue for 18th October, please try to attend.

## Members

Best wishes to Albert Thomas who recently had a further operation after several weeks in hospital. I know he would be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to phone or call and see him.

Best wishes also for a speedy recovery to Ivy Church who suffered a mild stroke at the beginning of August. Again please feel free to contact her for a chat or visit.

Congratulations to Maggie Thompson who won a Vermeil award at the Hanover Exhibition for her display of Saar.

## Meeting Report : 21st June Development of Empire Airmails

This was President's Guest evening and we received an evening of airmail covers from John Rawlins. He showed numerous first flight covers with different routes and legs to Australia. In some cases there was no airmail service and the mail had to be carried by sea.. Most of John's sheets had information on the back which gave those interested, more details.

Also included were a few "Crash Covers" which always seem to generate interest, par-



Empire Airmails

ticularly as they are not easy to come by. This can also be said about the other covers we saw. Many different airlines were shown including Imperial Airways, KLM, Panam and Air France.

John really studies his subject particularly the airmail rates, he said he has often bought what appears to be the same cover but with a different rate and he has enjoyed trying to establish why the rates were different.

John also gave us lots of

background information about the airlines which helped to bring the display to life.

## Meeting Report 4th July

The meeting on 4th July was due to be Roses by Sheila Foster. Unfortunately her car broke down and the following meeting of Committee Entertains was at short notice hastily switched. (See below for the report on Sheila's display)

Your Editor dug out some of his old World Cup Football Covers which had not seen the light of day for

many years. They covered the period 1958 — 1982. This was followed by Ann Coltman with some more of her fascinating Quilts on stamps. Charlie Mead showed Fiji Panam Trans Pacific Airmails and Len Stanway ended the evening with Australia 1990 – 1993. Len stopped collecting

Football

Quilts

Fiji

Australia

Australia in 1993 due to the large number of new issues (where have I heard that before?). Len also showed us Australian Antarctic Territory and Air letters.

Thanks to all those would displayed at very short notice, it is very much appreciated.

## Meeting Report : 19th July Roses by Sheila Foster

Rearranged from 4th July. Sheila's display of Roses was certainly worth waiting for. Her display of material depicted the different types of roses as well as the many parts of them. Her knowledge of how they were bred, grown and how they got their names was very enlight-



Roses

ening (most of the names I've never heard of). Roses appear in more stamps than you think and I'm sure we saw most of them on display. The variety of material was astounding, Booklets, varieties, errors, meter marks, proofs, covers,

postmarks, the list is endless. Part 2 started with the Islamic Rose and we saw embossed Tudor roses, jewellery with roses and forgeries. This was one of the best thematic displays I've seen for some time and the above report does not do it justice. SUPERB!

## Meeting Report : 1st August Canada King Edward VII & King George V

A warm welcome was given to Arthur Hobbs, one of our founder members and Life member, who travelled from Suffolk to give us part of his Canadian display.

Arthur commenced with a Queen Victoria mourning envelope at the time she died in 1901 then showed the new designs of Edward VII



Canada KG V

with different postcards of the period, plate blocks and booklet stamps. Also late use of 1c Queen Victoria postal stationery.

When George V succeeded in 1910 you could still buy Edward VII stamps over the post office counter, but could insist on KGV stamps if you wanted.

As a Canadian specialist Arthur had a variety of material and showed different varieties and described different printing processes. He also had an example of a forged paquebot cancellation ( a ship that never was).

It was a pleasure to see a large turnout for Arthur's display and good to see him back in Basildon. Our Chairman Charlie Mead gave the vote of thanks.

## Meeting Report : 16th August 8 Pages Competition

In contrast to our last meeting there was a poor turnout for the 8 pages from my collection competition. Judged by all the members present and applying their own criteria, there were no real rules as such. The pages did not have to be written up specially and you could vote anyway you wanted. There may have been a collecting interest the same as yours or something totally different which

you had not thought of before.

The winner was Fiji by Charlie Mead, his 8 pages were of the usual high standard we have come to expect.

Why don't you have a go next year. Remember, the judging is done by the members themselves present on the night and there are no

rules. Surely it's worth a go, just 8 pages from your collection, what have you got to lose. I look forward to seeing a huge response next year.



## Meeting Report : 5th September

We should have had a visit from Benfleet Philatelic Society, but due to a breakdown in communications this did not take place.

Once again we are indebted to Charlie Mead who 'saved the day', he went home and brought back a philatelic quiz. A good quiz with 26 questions and all beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. i.e. Answer 1 began with A, answer 2 began with B etc.

I think everybody got at least one question right and many did rather well. The joint winners were Len Stanway and David Church who amassed 20 points each out of a possible 26.

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## **Member's Ad's**

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## **What's On**

### **Local Stamp Fairs :**

1st October - Rawreth

8th October - Wanstead

15th October - Ipswich (AEPS)

16th October - Billericay

22nd October - Stanway, Colchester

5th November - Rawreth

6th November - Southend

19th November - Laindon

11th December -  
Ingatstone

18th December -  
Billericay

### **Future Meetings :**

Mon 3rd October :  
Visit from Bishops Stortford

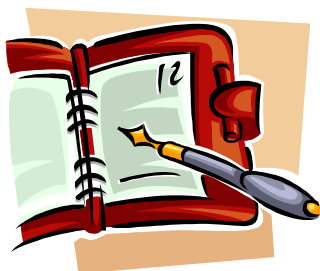
Tues 18th October : Auction

Mon 7th November : Competition  
Night and Bourse

Tues 22nd November : Visit from  
Colchester P.S.

Mon 5th December : Visit from  
Rayleigh P.S.

Tues 20th December :  
Tomex Quiz and Fes-  
tive Night.



### **Advance Notice**

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Make a diary note now!