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**We Wish
You A
Happy
New Year**



EARLY U.S.A.

a display
by
**Ken
Angood**

**Tuesday
16th
January**

8.00pm



From Your Secretary

Firstly I would like to wish all members the seasons greetings and hope you enjoy yourselves. It would be very nice that among the new years resolutions if some of you would attend our meetings more regularly together with the stamp fairs that are arranged for your benefit. We do try to make the meetings as varied as possible and I am always open to new ideas for meetings.

Wearing my other hat it would be very helpful if packet members could keep the boxes moving within three days if possible but by the following weekend at the latest. Also we would like to see more members putting material into the packet to this end we have agreed that we no longer charge members for commission or insurance and we will give you a free book when we return yours.

Finally this is the first issue of what we hope is a regular newsletter to let you know what is going on in your club, and to allow you the chance to contribute by articles or letters asking other members help in locating that stamp you have been looking for for years.

Pat Harris

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

Meetings Programme 1996

- Jan 1** *no meeting.*
- 16** Early USA. Ken Angood displays a selection of early 20th and late 19th century covers.
- Feb 5** Visit from Chelmsford Philatelic Society displaying items from their collections.
- 20** Mini Fair. Informal evening with at least three dealers.
- Mar 4** World War I. Stan Braddock gives his first display to the Society on the subject of the Great War 1914-18.
- 19** Switzerland. Dennis Sales provides a new look at his favourite country.
- Apr 1** Spring Auction. Don't be an April Fool by missing out on this feast of philatelic lots.
- 16** An Innocents Guide to the Packet. A.E. Jones explains all.
- May 6** *no meeting.*
- 21** Mini Fair. Informal evening with local dealers.
- Jun 4** The Committee Entertains. Len Stanway rounds of the 1995-96 season.
- 18** Annual General Meeting.
- Jul 1** German East Africa. Display by M.G. Farrent, FRPSL.
- 16** Mini Fair. Your chance to buy and sell or just have a natter.
- Aug 5** A Bit of This & a Bit of That. B. Cartwright of Phillips recounts tales of the auction business.
- 20** Something Beginning with "I", Part 1. Members' displays inspired by the letter "I".
- Sep 2** Cyprus. A.R. Averett, FRPSL displays philatelic treasures from the Mediterranean island.
- 17** Something Beginning with "I", Part 2. More imaginative interpretations.
- Oct 7** Autumn Auction. Lots and lots of lots.
- 22** Mini Fair. Another chance to buy, sell or talk about stamps. Local dealers will be in attendance.
- Nov 4** Competition Night. Can 1995's record number of entries be beaten?
- 19** Robson Lowe — P.O.W. Mail and Chalon Heads.
- Dec 2** Waterfalls. Display by one of the leading experts on thematic philately, D. Jean Alexander, FRPSL.
- 17** Festive Night and Tomex Quiz. Quizmaster Albert Thomas taxes those little grey cells.

Diary

- Jan 20** Stamp Fair, Laindon Community Centre, High Road, Laindon. Free admission and parking. Leukaemia Research and B.P.S. tables. For further details telephone 01268 543371 or 0973 308219.
- 24 until 28.** Spring Stampex. A new venue for the British National Stamp Exhibition at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. *Free tickets for this event are available from your Secretary.*
- Apr 20** Spring BasPex, Laindon Community Centre. Bumper stamp fair and exhibition. Free admission, free parking, dealers, displays, refreshments, raffle and tombolas.
- 25 until 28.** Stamp '96, Wembley Exhibition Centre. The second year that this interesting addition to the philatelic calender has taken place.
- May 18** Stamp Fair, Laindon Community Centre. Free admission and parking.
- 25** StampEssex '96, Sudbury. A.E.P.S. spring stamp day.
- Oct 12** Autumn BasPex, Laindon Community Centre.
- Nov 16** Stamp Fair, Laindon Community Centre. Free admission and parking.

The Information Super Highway

by Charlie Mead

Basildon Philatelic Society has become one of the first stamp clubs in the world to feature on the Internet, a network of computers spanning the globe. Anyone in the world with access to the Internet, from John O'Groats to Johannesburg, Lands End to Lahore, can keep up to date with our Society's events.

One of the most popular parts of the Internet is the World Wide Web. This consists of graphical magazine style pages on the widest variety of subjects. There is much to interest stamp collectors with many dealers already publishing their stock lists. Several national postal authorities put out information. The United States and Canadian Postal Museums amongst others have Web pages.

Our Society has its own homepage on the World Wide Web listing forthcoming meetings and stamp fairs at Laindon Community Centre. Basildon Philatelic Society can be found at:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Charles_Mead

Puzzle Page

Victorian G.B. Wordsearch

S	P	M	A	T	S	D	E	S	S	O	B	M	E	C
G	N	I	T	I	H	W	U	U	S	N	I	D	G	O
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J	P	X	M	D	M	A	C	Q	S	V	H	A	M	J

Can you find the twenty words hidden in the above grid? The words may read backwards, forwards, up, down or diagonally.

ALPHABET

ARCHER

CHALMERS

CONTROLS

DE LA RUE

DIE PROOF

DUPLEX

EMBOSSSED STAMPS

IMPERFORATE

INTAGLIO

JUBILEE ISSUE

LINE ENGRAVED

MARGIN

MULREADY

ORB

PENNY BLACK

PLATE NUMBER

SMALL CROWN

TRIAL

WHITING

Philatelic Museums and Libraries

by Charlie Mead

Museums provide a wealth of material for anyone wishing to carry out research, postal museums are no exception. In this article I have listed some of the major sources for philatelic research in this country. Many are open to the public and well worth a visit if you are in the area.

Bath

Bath Postal Museum, 8 Broad Street, Bath BA1 5LJ

Telephone: 01225 460333

Opening times: 11.00–17.00 Monday to Saturday, 14.00–17.00 Sunday.

Situated in a former Post Office the museum celebrates Ralph Allen and Bath postal history. Extending over three stories the displays cover the Penny Black, airmails, special exhibitions and replica Victorian Post Office.

Colne

British in India Museum, Sun Street, Colne, Lancashire BB8 0JJ

Postal history and airmails from the period of British rule in India.

Huddersfield

Tolson Museum Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Road, Huddersfield HD5 8DJ

Reputed to contain an "old time" whole world collection.

Llangollen

Llangollen Postal Museum, Llangollen Post Office, 6 Castle Street, Llangollen, Clwyd LL20 8RU

Telephone: 01978 860230

Local postal history, artefacts and replica Victorian Post Office.

Leeds

Roebuck Stamp Collection, Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT

Viewing by appointment. The Denison Roebuck collection, of mainly GB Victorian stamps, was presented to Leeds University in 1913. It has not been remounted and is arranged on approximately 50 racks held in a strong room.

London

British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

Telephone: 0171 323 7635

Fax: 0171 412 7745

E-mail: philatelic@bl.uk

Opening times: 10.00–17.00 Monday to Saturday, 14.30–18.00 Sunday.

World Class Collections. 6000 sheets on permanent display. Originally based on the superb material in the Tapling Collection - the only major whole world 19th collection still in existence it includes Cape Triangulars; Gold Coast 1883 (May) 1d on 4d; Great Britain 1858-79 1d Red Plate 77 unused; Hawaii 1851-52 2c to 13c (both types) ~ the "Missionaries"; India 1854 4a error ~ head inverted, two copies used on cover; Mauritius 1847 1d, used on cover, 2d unused ~ The "Post Office" issue; Western Australia 1854 4d error used ~ frame inverted. Other collections on display include Chinchin (Lundy Island), Fitzgerald (Airmails including USA 1924 24c red & blue inverted centre bi-plane ~ "inverted jenny", Model (Germany (1945-1946) and Moseley (British Africa to 1935).

Many other specialised collections (including the Fletcher collection formerly at Bruce Castle) and archive material available to serious researchers. Backed by professional staff with the resources of the British Library (access restricted) which contains virtually all British copyright printed material including philatelic literature (and the Crawford Library).

Imperial War Museum, Department of Art, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ

Telephone: 0171 416 5000

Restricted access to the philatelic collections within a major museum on warfare. Appointments may be made by telephone or letter to the Keeper of the Department of Art.

National Postal Museum, King Edward Street, London EC1A 1LP

Telephone: 0171 239 5420

Opening times: 09.30–16.30 Monday to Friday, closed weekends.

Show place for permanent display of the magnificent R M Phillips Collection of the British Postage Stamps of the 19th Century. Assembled privately between approximately 1940 and 1965. Contains all major proofs, essays, trials and issued stamps and varieties. Mind blowing, if you can find it Stanley Gibbons GB specialised catalogue you will also find it here. Also houses Frank Staff GB postal history collection from 1661, the British Post Office UPU collection and various PO artefacts. By appointment it is also possible to see the surviving GB Queen Victoria Line-Engraved imprimatur sheets and De La Rue printing records.



National Philatelic Society, British Philatelic Centre, 107 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT

Telephone: 0171 251 5040

Excellent private library covering the whole world. Very strong collection of English language philatelic periodicals. Visitors admission £1.00.

Post Office Archives, Freeling House, Mount Pleasant, London EC1A 1BB

Telephone: 0171 239 2570

British Post Office records from 17th century to the present day. Published and unpublished material covering Post Office administration, development of Postal services including stamps, broadcasting, Savings Bank and distribution of the mail.

Royal Collection, Buckingham Palace, London SW1

World Class Collection but sadly *not* open to the public. Based on the superb collection of GB and British Commonwealth stamps, proofs, essays etc. formed by HM George V. Contains many unique items obtained with the help of postal authorities or taken from the PO archives. No authoritative statement on ownership seems to have been issued and the collection may be either the personal property of HM The Queen or the property of the Crown. Items are on occasion lent for display at major events but the last exhibition of the collection to the public was in 1965. There is a "catalogue" The Royal Philatelic Collection written by Sir John Wilson (1952), weighing several kilograms and long out of print it can be found in many philatelic and UK public libraries and provides details on thousands of items.

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