

The Bazildon Stamp Collector

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Dates for your diary

5 January
Stamp Fair
Southend Airport Hotel

18 January
Stamp Fair
Laindon Community Centre
18 January

Stamp Fair
Laindon Community Centre

22-26 January
Stampex
Business Design Centre
52 Upper Street
Islington
London N1

2 February
Stamp Fair
Freight House, Rochford

9 February
Stamp Fair
Community Centre, High St,
Ingatestone

2 March
Stamp Fair
Southend Airport Hotel

22 March
Stamp Essex '97
AEPS Stamp Day
Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane,
Rayleigh

22 March
Association of Sussex PS
Convention
Uckfield

Channel Islands Occupation



*Alan Moorcroft displays
Channel Islands Postal History
and the Occupation on Monday,
6 January*

Forthcoming Meetings

6 January
**Channel Islands Postal
History and the Occupation,**
display by Alan Moorcroft.

21 January
Informal and Mini Fair.

3 February
Triangles, display by Margaret
Thompson.

18 February
Recent Aquisitions, members'
displays.

3 March
Agriculture on Stamps, display
by B. Downham.

18 March
Informal and Mini fair.

From Your Secretary

Since our last newsletter we have had a number of new members that we welcome to the club and hope they enjoy being with us. Our Autumn fund raising events were successful with the Auction raising more than £50 for Society funds. The stamp fair was also successful but would have benefited from more members attending.

In our recent meetings we had some very inventive ways of illustrating the letter "I".

In the next quarter we have displays by The Channel Islands Specialists Society, Margaret Thompson and Agriculture on stamps together with our usual members meetings and I would like to see more of you there. I would like on behalf of the committee and myself to wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Pat Harris

Library Update

Len Scharde, our Librarian reports that the following new editions have been added to the Society Library.

- SG Part 2 Austria & Hungary, 1994.
- SG Part 7 Germany, 1992.
- SG Part 22 USA, 1994.
- SG Birds on Stamps, 1996.

Members are reminded that they can borrow any item from the Library free of charge.



The Basildon Stamp Collector

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

Our next issue, April 1997, will be available at the meeting of Tuesday, 18 March.

Articles, letters and advertisements must reach the editor by Tuesday, 18 February.

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Last Month's Puzzle

In our last edition you were asked to identify a number of countries from their map outlines. The answers are:

1. Brazil,
2. Switzerland,
3. Belgium,
4. Japan,
5. Mexico.

Auction News

Our autumn action produced a record profit of £52.54 for the benefit of the Society. Thanks must go to our auctioneer, **Albert Thomas** and auction secretary, **Mike Musgrave** for making this possible. The new auction procedures caused a few difficulties and will be corrected for our spring auction on 7 April.

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Recent Meetings

Something Beginning with "I". Part 1 — Tuesday, 20

August. Part 2 — Tuesday, 17 September.

Report by Pat Harris.

Cyril Dowling displayed a number of imperfections in modern G.B. stamps showing misalignments and errors. Denis Livermore with "Imminent Invasion" gave a display of stamps connected with the war including the Battle of Britain. Len Stanway showed Islam and Iran while John Church displayed Iceland. Pat Harris chose "Itinerate" a progress of the post office delivery service through postcards from the National Postal Museum together with a display of Isle

of Man stamps. There were also displays by David Church, Dennis Sales and David Perry.



P.O.W. Mail and Chalon Heads

Displays from the Robson

Lowe Collections

Tuesday, 19 November, 1996.

Report by Charlie Mead

A full evenings display was provided despite half the advertised programme being missing. During the introduction Pat Harris explained that the Robson Lowe collection of Chalon Heads had been stolen and was now in the hands of the Spanish Police awaiting legal proceedings.

Despite the apparent lack of half the programme the Prisoner of War Mail provided more than enough material for the entire evening.

The Napoleonic and Crimean wars made an interesting introduction to the subject. While some of the most poignant correspondence came out of the Great War 1914-18.

The Second World War was also covered in detail.

Len Stanway read the commentary and Arthur Hobbs gave the vote of thanks.



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Waterfalls**Display by Dr. Jean****Alexander, FRPSL.****Monday, 2 December, 1996.****Report by Charlie Mead**

Dr Jean Alexander produced one of the highlights of the year with her display of waterfalls.

All types of waterfall were illustrated with stamps, postcards and postal stationery. There were even rock specimens from some of the more famous waterfalls.

The vote of thanks was given by Arthur Hobbs.

Club Competitions

Ray How and Eric Day judged the Society's competitions and were very impressed by the number of entries. Thirteen members produced a total of twenty-four eight sheet entries to keep the judges fully occupied.

Stamps (Dawe Cup)

- 1st Arthur Hobbs
- 2nd John Choppen
- 3rd Arthur Hobbs

Postal History

- 1st Arthur Hobbs
- 2nd Len Stanway
- 3rd Arthur Hobbs

Aerophilately

- 1st John Pettit
- 2nd John Pettit

Thematics (Festival 70 Cup)

- 1st Charlie Hemmings
- 2nd John Choppen
- 3rd May Colville

The Cinderella class was not contested.

Other awards went to John Choppen who took the Junior Stamps and Junior Thematic cups at his first attempt. John also scooped the novice trophies in these classes. May Colville took the Ladies Trophy.

County Competitions

In the AEPS autumn competitions, held at Leytonstone, Basildon put together a scratch entry at the last minute. Although the Society did not capture any of the major awards they still achieved creditable placings.

In the Modern Material class Len Stanway was placed third and in the Thematic class Charlie Mead came fourth.

Cinderella

- 1st Mike Thompson
Billericay
- 2nd John Simpson
Leytonstone Wanstead
- 3rd John Rawlins
Chelmsford

Thematic

- 1st S. Henderson
Leytonstone Wanstead
- 2nd Ray How
Rayleigh
- 3rd G. Howard
Rayleigh

Modern Material

- 1st D.A. Armitage
Bishops Stortford
- 2nd C.G. Salt
Frinton
- 3rd Len Stanway
Basildon

Quiz

Chelmsford

Presidents Trophy

Shared by Frinton PS and Leytonstone Wanstead & District PS.

Home Counties Stamp Day '98

Basildon PS will be hosting the top Home Counties stamps competition, the Dawes Cup, in 1998. This will be combined with the AEPS and Basildon spring stamp days to produce the biggest event in our Societies history.

A working party has been set up to oversee the organisation of the event which marks the club's thirtieth anniversary.

Planning is at an early stage but the working party will be interested to hear any suggestions from members.

Ideas and suggestions can be sent to the Assistant Secretary, Charlie Mead.

This year's AEPS spring stamp day, Stamp Essex '97, will be hosted by Rayleigh PS at the Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh on Saturday, 22 March, 1997.

Puzzle Page

This month our puzzle shows a number of stamps from around the world. In each case the name of the issuing country has been concealed. Can you name the countries?



Neighbouring Societies

Billericay

- 2 January
Open night with dealers.
- 20 January
Club competitions.
- 6 February
Visit from Chelmsford PS.
- 17 February
Open night with dealers.
- 6 March
Annual General Meeting.
- 17 March
Display by D. Strachan

Brentwood

- 8 January
Members' displays.
- 22 January
Open night.
- 12 February
Chairman's night.
- 26 February
Open night.
- 12 March
Competition night.
- 26 March
Annual General Meeting.

Thurrock

- 7 January
Forgeries of the World.
- 14 January
Competition night.
- 4 February
Informal.
- 18 February
Confederate States of America.
- 4 March
Bring and buy.
- 18 March
Annual General Meeting.

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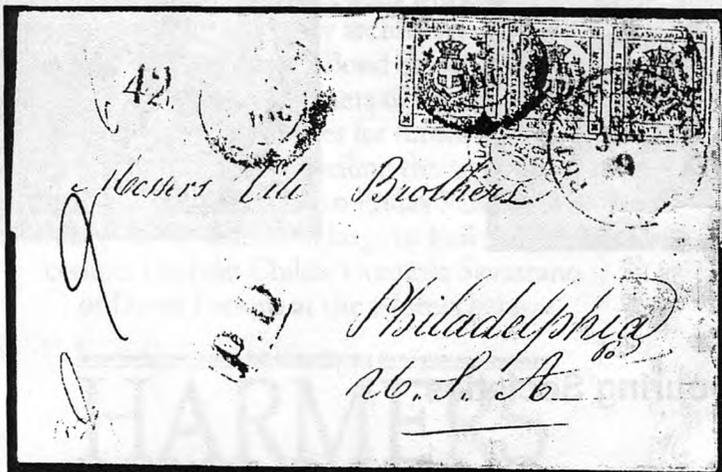
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