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Editorial

Now that I have the first newsletter under my belt, I have decided to experiment with a few changes in order to stamp (no pun intended) my mark as your new Editor. You will see a few changes this time, I hope you like them.

To save on the cost of postage etc., the newsletter will be handed to you at the first meeting at which it is issued. If you do not attend, or the meeting after, then it will either be hand delivered through your door or posted. Those members who are known not to attend meetings regularly will have theirs posted or hand delivered a.s.a.p. after publication. As I see some of you outside of the

Club, then you may receive yours by hand at other times.

Do you have an e mail address? Would you like to receive your newsletter by e mail? If so please let me know and of course supply your e mail address.

This will reduce the cost to the Society and mean you will receive yours sooner.

Don't forget the Competition Night on 17th August. Your entry requires just 1 page and it will be judged by all those members present on the night, so it's very informal. What have you got to lose?



Summer at last! ??

Our very best wishes go to Jim & Maggie Thompson who have been a bit under the weather recently. Jim has been a bit poorly and Maggie broke her wrist whilst on a recent trip to Germany.

You are not forgotten.

Pat Harris

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Pat Harris at the end of April as a result of recent failing health. Pat I know, will be missed by all the members from our Society. A message from our Presi-

dent follows on page 4 of this newsletter.

Library

2 New additions have been made to the Society Library. Contact David Perry (01268 520386)

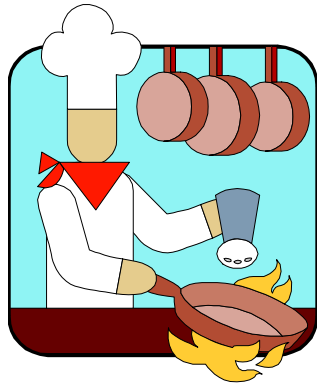
Stanley Gibbons Great Britain Part 3 Specialised

Stanley Gibbons King George VI Catalogue.

Meeting Report Disinfection & Quarantine Mail

On 16th March we were treated to one of the most fascinating displays for some time, by Dennis Vandevelde. It was more of a social and postal history display rather than stamps as not one was to be seen.

The range of material and documents covered the period of the terrible plagues of the mid 17th century up to the 1840's. On show were letters which had either been doused in vinegar or scorched over a flame in the belief that disease could



Mail doused in vinegar or scorched

be prevented. However in practice it was not the paper that transmitted the disease but the water supplies and humans. Attendance was down on usual which was disappointing, but the members most disappointed will be those of you who didn't come along, you missed a real treat.

Dennis supplied a potted history in note form to those members present. If you have a particular interest in this subject and would like a copy, please let me know.

How about writing a few words on one of our meetings for our regular meeting report features.

Alternatively, perhaps you might consider writing a small article for the next newsletter. Subjects could be:

“What I collect and why”

“My specialised subject”

“Other Societies I belong to”

“A visit to ??? Stamp Fair/Auction”

Contact the editor for further information or help.

Auction Night

5th April saw our Spring Auction which attracted a good crowd. Bidding was fierce on some lots, 157 of which were sold. Our thanks go to Ann Coltman for all her hard work in organising the auction, together with our auctioneer Dennis Livermore who kept things moving at a reasonable pace. Thanks also go to all the helpers on the night, your support is very much appreciated.

The next Auction is on 19th October 2004. A blank auction lot list is attached for your use, which must be returned by 16th August and lots to be in by 1st September.

If you need any further information or help

please contact the Auction Secretary Ann Coltman on 01268 413952 Please ensure you use good clear

accurate descriptions, specifying unmounted mint, mounted mint or used etc. The better your description the more chance you have to sell your items.

**47 % of Auction
Lots Sold**

Visit to Sidcup P.S. 11th May

Our Society visited Sidcup Philatelic Society on 11th May and gave displays. These started with Charlie Mead with his Line Engraved halfpennies, followed by Ann Coltman with Teddy Bears, Quilts, Lace and steam Engines. After the customary break for tea & coffee



A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Chris Cooksey gave the Postal history of Petworth post town. Last to show was Len Stanway with his London Underground Railway.

In addition to the speakers David & Ivy Church went along to give moral support.

It was good to meet up with old friends, especially one of our former members, Steve Alpe and his partner Sue. Steve moved to the other side of the river a short time ago and has now joined 3 Societies in Kent. All who attended Sidcup were made very welcome and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Member's Displays V & W

4th May

Due to a double booking this meeting was moved from our usual room to the Lounge.

Attendance was very poor although we did see a number of sheets displayed by those who attended. Namely Chris Cooksey with 27 sheets of his Southern Rhodesia Waterlow Archives, a fascinating selection of some unique material.



African large animals

Len Stanway then showed 31 sheets of modern Malaya issues of wildlife, many we were seeing for the very first time.

After the tea/coffee break we were entertained by Ann Coltman with her African large animals, Ann showed 51 sheets in all, beautifully written up.

Charlie Mead showed only 2 stamps of Fiji, these were War Tax stamps which included specimen overprints, however he still managed to display 4 sheets.

Len Stanway brought up the rear with 16 sheets of his "Wings over Asia" display of 1931-1940 Aerophilately.

We were treated to a vary varied display of 129 sheets in total. Thank you to all who attended and particularly those that showed their material.

Member Profile - Len Stanway

Joined Society:1977

Present Society Role:President

Past Roles:Assistant Secretary,Secretary,Vice Chairman,Chairman,Packet Secretary (twice),Competition Registrar.

Principle collecting interests:Malaya & British Borneo,Railways,AEPS covers.

Other collecting interests:Practically everything else.

Born:1950 in Yorkshire.

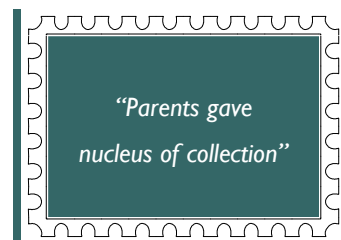
Started collecting:1956 when parents gave the nucleus of collection.

First award:Wolf Cub Collecting Badge-Stamp Collecting 1959.

First Society:Billericay & District P.S. 1975-1977.

Other Current Societies:Association of British Philatelic Societies,Royal Philatelic Society (London),British Thematic Association,Association of

Essex Philatelic Societies,Malaya Study Group,Sarawak Specialists Society,Revenue Society of Great Britain,Singapore Stamp Club.



Member Profile - Interview

Q. What is the role of the President?

A. The Committee decides the role of the President and can vary it from time to time. At present, my role is non-executive. I act as an adviser to the Committee, a sort of "elder statesman", but do not take decisions. I am available (business commitments permitting) to represent the society on formal occasions, to make presenta-

tions and to take the chair at Annual General Meetings.

Q. Where do you see yourself going philatelically speaking?

A. This year is dominated by the ABPS Basildon 2004 National Exhibition in November. I hope to exhibit as well as being deeply involved in the organisation(I hope members will give the event their

full support!) This will take most of my time. Then, I have research projects for the Malaya Study Group and AEPS in hand, which must be completed as soon as practical. I am still working full time, but retirement is showing on the horizon and I hope to take a wider role in ABPS and MSG at some stage to repay the pleasure that I have received over the years in participation as an ordinary member.

Message from the President:

Pat Harris

The Society has lost another stalwart member with the sad death of Arthur Patrick (Pat) Harris, who died at the end of April. Pat joined the Society in 1982 as a result of the Pitsea 82 Stamp Exhibition which we hosted for the AEPS at the then -new Pitsea Leisure Centre. Pat was a workaholic, as shown by his Society Roles:

1987 -1991 Committee Member
1987 -1992 Public Relations Officer
1988 -1991 Librarian
1991 -1995 Packet Secretary
1992 -1998 Secretary
1994 -1995 Auction Secretary
1996 -2004 Public Relations Officer
1998 -2000 General Secretary
1998 -2001 Auditor
1999 -2004 Newsletter Editor
2002 -2004 Auditor

Pat was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Society in 2000 for services to the Society. It was only a few months ago that failing health forced Pat to resign his remaining posts.

Pat's collecting interests were many, but Channel Islands was his prime focus in recent years and he gave several memorable displays to this Society and others.

Never one to withhold his views, Pat made many a committee meeting and Annual General Meeting a memorable event. It was readily apparent that he and I had many differences of opinion, but I had very great respect for the contribution he made towards running the Society through the difficult 1990's, with several changes of venue to cope with, and in running the Exchange Packet. His departure is a very sad loss to the Society. He will be missed by his many friends in this Society and many others and our condolences go to his widow and family.

REST IN PEACE, PAT!

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Member's Ad's

This space has been left for you!

Don't waste it.

Member's adverts are free, subject to space being available.

What's On

Local Stamp Fairs :

4th July - Southend

15th August - Billericay

5th September - Southend

12th September - Ingatestone

2nd October - Witham (A.E.P.S.)

9th October - Laindon

23rd October - Stanway

Colchester

24th October - Billericay

13th November - Laindon

20th—21st November -

Towngate, Basildon

Future Meetings :

Mon 5th July :

Visit from Cheshunt & Dist. P.S.

Tues 20th July :

The Committee Entertains

Mon 2nd August :

Visit from Epping Forest S.C.

Tues 17th August :

Competition Night (*1 sheet entries*)
judging by members.

Mon 6th September :

Postal Orders of the
World. (*Display by R*
Solly)

Tues 21st September :

Ladies Night

Mon 4th October :

Members Bourse

Tues 19th October :

Auction

Mon 1st November :

Competition Night (Stamps, Postal
History, Aerophilately)

Tues 19th November :

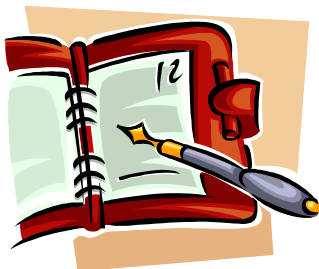
Visit from Moulsham Lodge P.S.

Mon 6th December :

Visit from Ipswich P.S.

Tues 21st December :

Tomex Quiz and Festive Night



Make a diary note now!