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Editorial

I hope you liked the changes to the newsletter last month. It is my intention to introduce a few new items in the future, time and computer knowledge permitting that is.

Thank you to those members who have agreed to receive their newsletter by e mail, this will save the Society money, which with ever increasing costs, we must look at very closely during the forthcoming year.

Subscriptions are now due for the new season (see page 2). If you have not paid these by the end of September then this will be the last newsletter you will receive.

Request

If you attend our meetings you will know that on most occasions we have a small raffle. This helps a great deal with the clubs finances. For a number of years I have supplied most of the prizes, 99% of the time free. It would be nice if each member could donate a small gift to be used as a future raffle prize to try & make it a bit more attractive. It can be philatelic or otherwise. At this point I would like to thank those of you who have recently given prizes, it is appreciated. Please let me have your donations.

Meetings

If you can, please try to come along to as many of



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our club night meetings as you can. I know that many of you have other interests and commitments or the subject of the evening may not appeal to you, BUT! It is very surprising how much you can learn, or find fascinating, even from a subject that you thought was not your cup of tea.

New Members

Since the last newsletter I am pleased to report that we have gained 4 new members:

Claude Crowder : Collects Spain.

Beth Stevens : Collects Tristan Da Cunha &

Medical theme.

Rosa Howe : Collects Birds on stamps.

Alex Harris : Collects India & Birds. Alex was previously a Great Britain Collector and Dealer. 3 of our new members are

also general collectors and belong to other Philatelic Societies.

A warm welcome to you all and long may you remain members.

A.G.M. 22nd June

Not a huge number of members attended the 36th Annual General Meeting, but then perhaps that was probably to be expected. I must admit that it is not my favourite meeting of the year, although it is very important to review the previous year and finances. Although it was necessary to alter the date from 7th to 22nd June due to holidays and other commitments, there were still a few absentees due to holidays and sickness. Our Chairman Charlie Mead was taken ill with breathing problems, but is now hopefully over the worst.

The usual reports were

given including our financial state. There was concern by all present that our expenses are increasing and we unfortunately made a loss during the year. However this is something the Committee will be looking at during the forthcoming months. By the time you read this hopefully some ground will have been gained on the situation.



Member of the Year

Your Committee has more or less remained the same except that Geoff Miller has taken over the role of Vice Chairman and Mick Coltman as Assistant Secretary. As Auction Secretary and Archivist, Ann Coltman has also joined

the committee. A Public Relations Officer is now needed to promote the Society and send information and meeting reports to the Stamp Magazines etc. Any volunteers, **please!** Ann Coltman was given the 'Member of the Year Award' for her sterling work as Auction Secretary together with other invaluable help she has given to the Society. A proposal was made from the floor to increase subscriptions by £1, this was put to a vote and was agreed by a majority.

New Subscription Rates:

Full Members: £9.00

Senior Members: £6.00

Visit by Cheshunt P.S.

On 5th July we were entertained by 3 members of the Cheshunt Philatelic Society.

Terry Hawkins kicked off with early Spanish postal history and stamps from 1655 up to 1875. He showed a large number of items highlighting various cancellations as well as mail by local post carriers. 1850 saw the introduction of postage

stamps which were imperforate up to 1865 and he continued up to 1875. The display was enhanced by use of a flip chart which showed different types of cancellations.

Don Page followed with Scouting from

1920-1960. The first stamps issued for a World Jamboree being in 1933 by Hungary.

The final display was of Fire. Different aspects of fire fighting and appliances, firemen's helmets and fire prevention. Len Stanway gave the vote of thanks.

Spain
Scouting
Fire

The Committee Entertains 20th July

Your committee showed a variety of material at this meeting, first up was the Chairman Charlie Mead with his Queen Elizabeth II Fiji issues, from 1954- 1969. Yours truly put up some North York Moors Railway items which formed part of large Railway collection I purchased



A good variety of material on show

some months ago, together with some items from Caldey Island. Committee member and catering manager (tea boy), Dennis Livermore showed a number of miniature sheets and other items connected with Pearl Harbour and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Vice Chairman Geoff Miller showed Pitcairn Islands and on behalf of Ann Coltman, who could not be there, her husband Mick showed African Animals, Teddy Bears and Playthings, toys etc. As usual it was a pleasure to see such a huge variety of material. Thank you to everyone.

Visit from Epping Forest P.S.

Just two members from The Epping Forest Philatelic Society visited us, but the evening was still a very full one, it was gone 10 o'clock before we all got away.

Dave Walker gave a very in depth display of Great Britain King George V controls, showing a variety of different watermarks, printings and control variants. His knowledge of the subject was tremendous. Dave had studied



King George V

his subject over a number of years and as he was a specialised collector, had built up a vast knowledge during this time.

I don't remember seeing a more comprehensive display of KGV controls before.

We were certainly privileged to have been given this opportunity.

The second display was just as exciting, but in a different way. Ken Lilleywhite gave a

thematic display of Antarctica, broken down into different sections, covering People, Animals, Ships and Bases. It was good to learn about the people who inhabited this vast area and learn about the ships that visit, mainly research and supply vessels.

Not only did Ken show much philatelic material, it was also backed up with a lot of unique photographs taken by some of the people calling at the various Antarctic Bases.

It is always nice to have visitors from other Societies and see what they collect. Hopefully we may be able to make a future return visit.

Member Profile - Ann Coltman

Joined Society: 2002

Present Society Role: Auction Secretary, Archivist.

Principle collecting interests: Teddy Bears, Lace, Quilts, Animals, South Africa.

Started collecting: 1950

Society: Basildon, Benfleet.

My family is husband (Mick), daughters (Tracey and Luanne) and granddaughter (Chloe).

In 1950 when I was recovering from an accident my Nan showed me how to knit, sew and stick stamps in a book. From then on, any stamps were placed in albums. I know that my knowledge of geography and place-names came from stamps and this has helped in the work situation. In 2002 I saw a leaflet advertising the club, plucked up the courage to attend the

February meeting and have not looked back. It has taught me a 'little' about stamps, but a lot about myself (I will get better at speaking to an audience).

I am now showing MY granddaughter the delights of collecting stamps (her subject-toys). So far 126 of them.

*"Nan showed me
how to stick stamps
in book"*

Member Profile - Len Stanway Interview continued from last edition

Q. How do you see the Society today?

A. Over 27 years, the society has changed a great deal, for better and worse, and has gone through many evolutions. Today we are a strong and friendly society with a good venue, well respected by onlookers from outside the society. Unfortunately, none of us are getting younger and the age profile of the society is a cause for

concern. We need to actively recruit, to "sell ourselves" in the community. In the early days, our "Stamp Days" were primary public relations exercises - stamp exhibitions with just enough dealers to pay the bills. Today, they are just fairs aimed at existing active philatelists with only a nominal exhibit to attract the punters. Fund raising to run the society is a full time job

and there are only a few members doing it. The Society's sincere thanks (and mine) are owed to those few, but we need to look to the future and need to take prompt action now to raise our profile.

Contact the Editor if you want to be the next Member Profile

1 sheet competition night 17th August

The 1 sheet competition night was held on a hot sultry night in August.

There were 12 entries in total covering a mixed selection of subjects. Judging was carried out by our own members present on the night. Points were given out of 10 for each entry and there was no criteria, therefore it was a matter of whether you liked the subject, presentation etc.

During the meeting Chris Cooksey our Competition Registrar was busy adding up the marks and after the Tea & Coffee the results were given.



War Tax Stamps

1st place : Geoff Miller
War Tax stamps of the Falkland Islands.

2nd place : Len Stanway
Brunei Local Post.

3rd place : Mick Coltman
Gresley Pacifics.

Congratulations to all who took part. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter.

The meeting closed early at about 9.00pm

Postal Orders of the World 6th September

On a very warm night we were given an unusual display by Richard Solly from Kent. I don't remember ever seeing a display of Postal Orders before at Basildon, or any other Society come to that.

The display started with Great Britain Money Orders which were really the forerunners of the Postal Order, which started in 1792 until 1858

when Postal Orders were introduced. In the 3 displays, we were treated to a variety of types with different engravings and watermarks, many of which showed the actual monetary value. Most of the examples were specimens

as the issued ones rarely stayed out of the post office, having been returned for payment and therefore difficult to obtain.

We saw examples used at the 1924 & 1925 Wembley Exhibition and during the Boer War, as well as an error, 2 with the same serial number.

*Unusual display
of Postal Orders,
rarely seen*

About our Members (What our members are or have been up to (Philatelically of course))

Our Society won the Stokes Cup this year. The winning team were Chris Cooksey, who was the highest placed entry, Geoff Miller, Arthur Bowles and Len Stanway. Congratulations!

On 11th October your Editor will be giving his display of



Lest we Forget

Faroe Islands to the Rayleigh Philatelic Society.

On 11th November Dennis Livermore will be displaying at Witham P.S., the subject "Lest we Forget"

If you are giving a display to another Society please let me know, for inclusion in the newsletter.

5th National Philatelic Exhibition ABPS BASILDON 2004

On the 20th and 21st of November 2004 The Towngate Theatre complex at Basildon in Essex will be hosting the 5th National Philatelic Exhibition.

The event is being organised by the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies on behalf of the ABPS and ABPS Exhibitions Ltd.

The main theme of the exhibition will be Aerophilately with some world class material being displayed. This is something not to be missed.

In addition there will be National, International and Interfederation competitions with a wealth of different material to be seen.

Around a dozen of the specialist societies have also chosen to hold meetings over the weekend and a number of others will be there to try and attract new members.

The younger philatelists are not forgotten either with a special area set aside for them and a number of competitions and opportunities to win some goodies.

No exhibition would be complete without the dealers and there will be around 40 of them in attendance with a huge range of philatelic items to delight you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jim Charlton, Publicity Officer



National Philatelic Exhibition

To be held
at
The Towngate Theatre, Basildon



**Saturday 20 November 2004 - 10am to 5pm &
Sunday 21 November 2004 - 10am to 4pm**

Free Admission

**Aerophilatelic Displays, Competitions,
Specialist Society Meetings & Childrens Corner**

Dealers from the UK and Abroad.

For more information visit www.basildon2004.org.uk
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Member's Ad's

Wanted - (1) mail either way between London NWDO address and destinations served by the LNWR between 20 Feb 1863 & 21 Oct 1866. (2) inward mail from LNWR town to GPO between 1 Dec 1873 & 31 Oct 1874.

Contact: Len Stanway, 25 Clayhill Road, Basildon, Essex SS16 5DD

DJC Table Hire - 6' x 2'6" tables with steel reinforced legs, lightweight frame, melamine tops - Rates : £4.00 each per day, free local delivery and collection (subject to agreed arrangements)

Tel: 07973 308219 for further information

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

What's On

Local Stamp Fairs :

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

9th October - Laindon .

23rd October - Stanway

24th October - Billericay

7th November - Southend

13th November - Laindon

20th/21st November -

Towngate, Basildon

27th November -
Rayleigh

12th December -
Ingatestone

Future Meetings :

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.

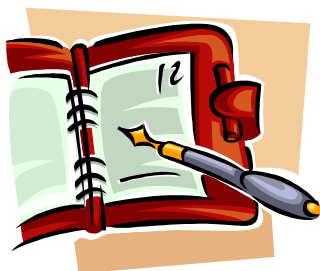
Tues 21st December :
Tomex Quiz and Fes-
tive Night

Laindon Stamp Fair

There have been a few
problems with the
Laindon Community

Centre hall bookings this year and the November Fair will be held in the Main Hall. I have serious concerns over next year's bookings and would therefore advise you to watch this space.

Please note : The December Bille-ricay Stamp Fair at The Mayflower School, Stock Road, will be on **Saturday** 18th December and not on the usual Sunday.



Make a diary note now!