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Editorial

Firstly, apologies for the error in the last newsletter. The Moulsham Lodge visit to us was on **16th** November and not the 19th. Thank you to the observant member who pointed this out (It was really my deliberate mistake to see if you do read this newsletter)

I must express the Club's thanks to Richard, the Centre Caretaker, who is always willing to help us with anything that's required. On occasions he has even made our tea & coffee when we have been stuck for a volunteer.

On a sad note I have to report the death of 2 of our long time members, John Pettit (see below & page 3) and Charlie Nicholson. Sharing us with Charlie's other society Havering, he

was a regular once a month, until recent poor health, travelling each time on the train from Upminster. I had known Charlie for a number of years, meeting him for the first time shortly after leaving school. He was a good friend of our past Chairman Harry Smith who worked with him at Fords. Both will be sadly missed.

Basildon 2004 The biggest Stamp Exhibition to be held in Basildon (and in fact Essex) has now been and gone. A lot of hard work was put in by the organising committee and I must thank them here for their hard work. Many of our own members also helped in various ways, to all of you, a big Thank You! Further comments & report in next newsletter.



Winter

From myself & all the committee, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families, a Very Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

Don't forget the next Society Auction on 4th April, dig out those surplus items now!

John Pettit

We recently lost a valuable member and good friend when John Pettit passed away following a heart operation in September. A long time member of the Society who held various posts, in addition to helping the Soci-

ety in very many ways, including making the display frames and boxes for the Cups. He also made us tea and coffee at many of our meetings. Nothing was too much trouble for John who was always pleased to help. On a per-

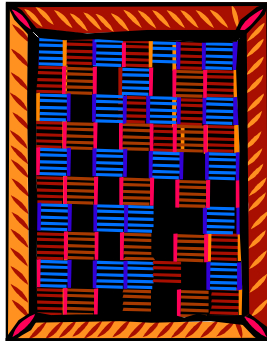
sonal note, he made a display cabinet for us and did other jobs as well, I'm sure he also helped many of you. Our condolences go to Rhoda, Tim and Steven.

Ladies Night 21st September

Once again we were entertained by our Lady members with a variety of displays.

First, Maggie Thompson showed her Triangles, which included both stamps and revenues singularly and used on various documents, a total of 46 sheets.

Next came Vivien Holloway who gave us a selection of 27 sheets of Monkeys on stamps and Nelson. Next year (2005) will be the 200th anniversary of Nelson's death and no doubt there will be a large number of



Patchwork

stamps, miniature sheets, booklets and all sorts issued by very many countries. You had better start saving up now Vivien, I can see it being an expensive year!

In the second half we had the two Ann's, no not a double act, but Anne Stanway and Ann Coltman.

First Anne Stanway showed postcards of maps of the British Isles, giving the old and new county names. Many of these brought back memories and some have even been resurrected. 23 sheets

in all.

Last up was Ann Coltman who showed 6 sheets of her patchwork design stamps, together with the patchwork itself.

To round the evening off Ann also had a large patchwork quilt to show us, it was so large it covered 2 of our 4 foot tables and still overhung the sides. This took Ann a year to complete and it showed the extreme patience, dedication and hard work put into it.

So an interesting and varied evening all round. Next time perhaps those other lady members might like to have a go?

Quiz : Send your answers to these 11 questions to the Editor by 31st January 2005. The first all correct out of the hat will win a prize.

The Editors decision is final

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| 1. What is a T.P.O.? | change is name to Ghana? | 3. When was Recorded Delivery first introduced? |
| 2. What is "Large Garter"? | Great Britain Questions | 4. How many Penny Blacks were printed in 1840? |
| 3. In 1994 which country issued the most postage stamps, and how many? | 1. When were Great Britain postage due stamps first introduced? | 5. What was issued for the first time in October 1993? |
| 4. What is the 8th Hole at Troon called? | 2. What new innovation was introduced in May 1984? | 6. How many Prestige Stamp Booklets have been issued? |
| 5. In what year did Gold Coast | | |



Competition Night - 2nd November

A poor turn out of competition entries this time, which was appearing to be embarrassing until our President saved the day.

We had 2 judges from Colchester Philatelic Society, Alan Moorcroft and Roy Orrin.



Poor turn out

The eventual winners were:

Stamps : Fiji by Charlie Mead.

Postal History : Sarawak by Len Stanway.

Aerophilately : Southern Rhodesia Aircards & Letters

by Chris Cooksey.

Thank you to those of you who took part. Perhaps we will have a better turn out of entries next time (7th March 2005).

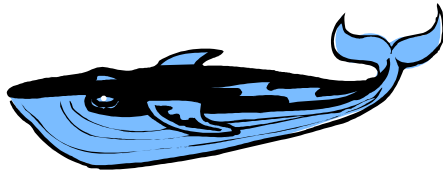
Moulsham Lodge visit 16th November

As far as records and memories go, this was the first time that the Moulsham Lodge Philatelic Society had visited us. 4 of their members came along. Dennis Olding was first to bat and began by giving us a few anecdotes about the time when he was a Dealer and ran a postal auction, quite entertaining. He followed with a small but very interesting display of Confederate States of America, outlining the history of the events of the time.

Next was Alan Boyce who being a mainly European

collector, showed us the early stamps of Greece, including a few forgeries as well as scarce originals.

Pat Adams showed us Whaling from Norway, which included some gruesome details, but spared us the worst and we could read them if we wanted to. Pat's second part of the display was postcards from the town of Notodden, Norway. Again a very interesting selection of postmarks as well as postcards.



Whaling

The evening was rounded off by Malcolm Gade with his Postal

History of B.M.A. Malaya. We were privileged to see some very unique items which in today's market would cost a fortune. However Malcolm said to me that he had been squirreling these away over a number of years when prices were comparatively cheap.

All round a good evening!

Letter to the Editor : JOHN PETTIT R.I.P.

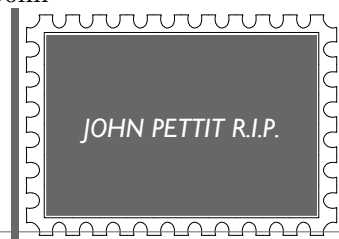
I was very sorry to learn of the recent sad demise of John and was very sorry not to be able to attend his funeral. I was out of the country, but Anne attended in my place. John and I worked together on the Society committee for something like a quarter of the century and I always found him a willing and energetic worker in many areas of society life. Indeed, on his last visit to the

club, only a few weeks ago, he helped make the tea.

I believe that he was a founder member, along with the late John Church, Arthur Hobbs and John Snoding. Although normally he shunned the limelight, he served terms as both Vice Chairman and Chairman. Behind the scenes, he made the present

display frames, the boxes for most of the trophies and two of the trophies themselves. Above all, it is his constant warmth, enthusiasm and friendship, despite family problems, that he will be missed by all who knew him.

Rest in peace, my friend.
Len Stanway.



Charlie Nicholson.

As mentioned earlier Charlie Nicholson passed away recently. One of his wishes was that some of his stamp collection should be sold and the proceeds shared between St Francis Hospice & the Havering Stamp Club, with whom he was also a member. It is therefore the intention of Havering Stamp Club to hold a special evening for the sale of part of Charlie's collection.

This will be held on Tuesday January 25th at Fairkytes Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch. Start time 7.30pm. I am told that items will be auctioned and everything must go. Please try to attend if you can, in memory of Charlie and to help his chosen causes.

It is worth mentioning here that Charlie had recently donated a number of books and catalogues

to our Society and these are being added to our library.

On a person note, Charlie recently gave me a quantity of envelopes and packing material, that was a sign of his generosity. He will be sadly missed.

Meeting Report: Auction 19th October 2004 by Ann Coltman

Although held later than normal because of other commitments, the auction seemed to go smoothly on the night and I would like to say thank you to all those people who helped to make this happen.

Although there were more lots on offer (399 in total) less than one-third of these were sold. This meant that the effort put into publishing the booklet (over 200 distributed) and getting the lots ready was, in effect, wasted. It also had the Knock-on effect of wiping out any profit we might have made for the club as the hall hire, photocopying and postage had to come from the money

raised. On looking at the lots that were on offer it may be that we need a few more better quality items to

make you want to buy. But we can only offer what you send in.

To make an auction work volunteers are a must on the night for helping behind the scenes - the work is not very demanding. The next auction is on 4th April 2005 and I am looking for at least five volunteers - this is a normal society

night so it should not be too difficult. Please remember that this is your auction and we need your support to make things work.

I would like to say thank you to Luanne Coltman who made the effort to help at the auction when she realised that there would be very few volun-

teers. Luanne is not connected with the society in any way and

helping meant her taking time off work (which cost her money) and I am very grateful for her assistance.

The next auction is on 4th April 2005 and the auction lists need to be in by 7th February. Please let us make this one the best ever.

Ann Coltman

Auction Secretary

(If you do not have an auction lot submission list please request one from Ann or any other committee member - Ed.)



Volunteers wanted!

A visit from Ipswich P.S. 6th December

Due to time restrictions and unforeseen circumstances this item has been carried over to the next newsletter, please accept my apologies.

*See Spring
Newsletter*

About our Members

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

Your Editor David Church displayed his Faroe Islands to the Rayleigh Philatelic Society in October.



**Faroe's
Church**

Please let the Editor know if you are giving or have given a display to another Philatelic Society in order that it can be included in this section.

3 of our members visited Sudbury P.S. recently :

Charlie Mead showed Fiji Queen Victoria & 4 Kings, in 2 sessions. Len Stanway showed Malaya 1957-1963. In addition Alan Taylor went to give moral support.

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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

For Sale: 100 Self adhesive plain white DL size envelopes - £1.00

For Sale: 80 gsm white copy paper £1.50 per ream or
£7.50 a box of 5 reams

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

What's On

Local Stamp Fairs :

1st January - Rawreth
2nd January - Southend .
15th January - Laindon
5th February - Rawreth
6th February - Ingatestone
12th February - Witham
20th February -
Billericay
5th March - Rawreth
6th March - Southend
19th March - Rayleigh

Tues 18th January :
A night with M Musgrave

Tues 1st February :
A visit to Benfleet P.S.

Mon 7th February :
Arthur Bowles on Forgeries.

Thurs 17th February : Basildon v.
Billericay Quiz at Billericay.

Tues 22nd February :
Norway by Mrs P Adams.

Mon 7th March :
Competition Night &
Bourse.

Laindon Stamp Fair

I am pleased to report
that a new venue has
been secured for the

Laindon Stamp Fair. From 2005 it
will be held at The Methodist
Church Hall, High Road, Langdon
Hills. Only half a mile from the old
venue, in the same road, but the
other side of the Railway Station.

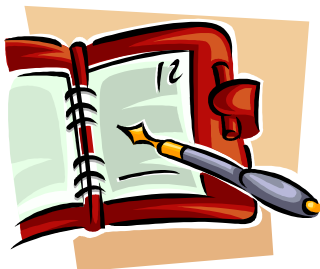
Dates for 2005 are :

15th January 26th March

14th May 9th July

10th September 19th November

All are on Saturdays as before and
open between 10am - 4pm



Make a diary note now!

Future Meetings :