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## Editorial

The editorial is usually the last to be written and this one is no exception. Have the government reduced the number of hours in the day and days in the week? It feels like it, as I am finding it harder and harder to meet the deadlines. It is now 2.35am and eyes are gradually closing, so I will have to finish this tomorrow (or should that be later today).

This newsletter is smaller than usual due to the lack of articles sent in. If you want to write to the Editor or submit an article please speak to me, it does not have to be professionally typed, I will be more

than pleased to help you.

I hope to resume "The Other Side of The Counter" in the next issue, as lack of time has prevented my usual paragraph on this occasion. \*\*\*

On another buying trip back from Yorkshire, both Mum and I made a detour to Nottingham to see Dennis Sales, one of our ex members who most of you will remember. He is still in good health and sends his best wishes to all those members in both the Basildon and Billericay Clubs with whom he



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was a member.

\*\*\*STOP PRESS!\*\*\*

See page 4 for "The Other Side of The Counter" I managed a few words after all.

*Ed*

## Henry French

It is with great sadness I have to report the passing of Henry French at the end of August. Henry had been ill for a number of years, but during this time was, as always, a keen supporter of the club packet. Henry was a pri-

vate person and did not attend our meetings. On a personal note, I had known Henry and his wife for many years, he was a very quiet unassuming person who rarely complained, always seeing the best in people.

I hope his album will not remain closed for too long as I know his daughter has an interest.

Our thoughts and condolences go to Daisy and the rest of his family.

*David Church*

## Meeting Report : 3rd July

Clacton Philatelic Society were due to visit us this evening, but for a variety of reasons they were unable to make it.

Our grateful thanks are extended to Eric Day from Rayleigh who stepped in at 24 hours notice and showed us Rhodesia.

The display was a complete collection from start to finish including various dies and varieties.

High value stamps (£10) were used in

1892 to send diamonds to the essay office. (don't think I would trust Royal Mail with any of my diamonds!)

In addition to the stamps of Rhodesia, British South Africa Company, Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia, we were also entertained with Imperial Airways

First Flight covers, together with explanations of the routes taken.



**Rhodesia**

## Meeting Report Committee Entertains

Your Committee hopefully entertained you with the following:

Falkland Islands Departmental Cachets - **Geoff Miller**.

Singapore 31st May 2005 to date - **Len Stanway**.

South Africa Covers & Toys - **Ann Coltman**.

Fiji Overprints - **Charlie Mead**.

Faroe Islands - **David Church**.

In all we filled the display frames 4 times with this variety of material.

Next year the Committee will not entertain the Members, but the Members

will entertain the Committee!!

Watch this space.

### Committee Displays

## Meeting Report Bill Trower - Airmails

Bill's title for the display was "Flight Path Atlantic"

On display were the Pan Am Clipper flight covers across the Atlantic. Not only did Bill show us many covers but also had press photographs and colour prints of the air-



craft concerned. The covers had cachets for flights both ways across the Atlantic as well as interim stop offs. There were also examples of acceptance flights to

Europe.

The addition of newspaper cuttings and timetables of the time made for interesting reading, combined with Bill's usual enthusiastic style made for a pleasant evening all round.

## Meeting Report : Visit from Benfleet P.S. 19th September

As usual we were entertained with another Society visit, this time 4 members of Benfleet displayed.

First was Colin Evans who showed us Ross Dependency, stamps and covers. Colin also showed some other miscellaneous covers.

Hugh Tucker (an ex Basildon member) gave us Indian King George VI postal stationery, including active services forces mail and



**Ross Dependency**

covers. Quite an array of markings on numerous examples including a number of "Pike" correspondence.

Trevor Mills showed "The Royal Marines", a well written up selection of stamps and covers including pre stamp items up to modern covers and stamps, some of which highlighted recipients of The Victoria Cross, very topical as Royal Mail have issued a set

of stamps this month depicting Victoria Cross recipients.

Geoff Stewart was last to show, pages of USA Postal Stationery cards, which started in 1873. Geoff had most of the cards that have been issued and showed us examples of both mint and used.

He concluded the display with some recent USA new issues, the Wonders of America, in short these were the tallest, the largest, the longest etc.

A very varied selection of displays which we tend to get when other societies visit.

## Meeting Report : 4th September

We were due to have a visit from Sudbury Philatelic Society, but instead they arranged for 3 members of other societies to visit us.

They were Peter Wood from Witham, who showed Czechoslovakia, commencing with Boy Scout stamps. This was followed by Dave Armitage from Bishops Stortford, he showed from Canada's Queen Victoria 1897 anni-

versary set, with plate numbers, covers and postage dues.

Lastly we had David Sibley, also from Witham with not his own collection, but that of the Witham Philatelic Society. David is currently the custodian of the Witham Postal History collection, which had been put together from generous donations and by purchases from club funds.

A very interesting collection and a pity more Societies do not do this.

## BASPEX 2006 - 9th September

In an effort to raise much needed funds a stamp fair was organised by your committee, as mentioned in the last newsletter. The turn out was very poor and only 13 club members attended and this included the committee. There were 13 Dealers present with a varied selection of material. Thanks to those who did help on the day, some were there all day long. We also had a display and the committee would like to thank the following who loaned mate-

rial :

Len Stanway, United Nations & Malta; Claude Crowder, Flora & Fauna of the Caribbean; Charlie Mead, Mailsort; Geoff Miller, Falkland Islands; Anne Stanway, Trans-globe Expeditions; Vivien Holloway, Monkeys & Famous Women; Chris Cooksey, HMS Endurance; David Church, Faroe Islands & Football covers. I feel the event was only a

minor success upon which we need to build for next years planned events in the spring and autumn, **BUT** your help is needed. We desperately need volunteers to help set up the tables and displays in the morning as well as clearing away at the end, please don't leave it to the few, these events are run for your benefit to keep the club solvent! Also please try to drop in during the day to swell the numbers, even if you can't help early morning.

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## The Other Side of The Counter by David Church

**Selling at Stamp Fairs:** There are many stamp fairs around the country, these can be either commercial fairs or those organised by local societies. You can find details in stamp magazines, local papers, on the internet and from the Stamp Fair & Auction Diary published every 2 months ([www.stampdiary.com](http://www.stampdiary.com)) Most fairs are at weekends and open from 10am—4pm, however remember that you need to get there early to set up. Take your own table cloths as some tables provided can be a bit on the rough side. Most fairs have refreshments but you should clarify this and if necessary take your own. Table fees can vary but for smaller local fairs will be about £20—£25 for a 6 foot table, medium or larger events can run into £100's. The cheapest stand rent at Stampex in London is £1200 + vat, for 5 days. Don't forget insurance as the organisers do not normally provide this for you. Be sure to get a receipt for your table fee.

## What's On

### Local Stamp Fairs :

15th October - Billericay

21st October - Stanway, Colchester

5th November - Southend

18th November - Laindon

10th December - Ingatestone

7th January 07 - Southend  
(provisional)

13th January 07 -  
Laindon

4th February 07 -  
Ingatestone (provisional)

17th February 07 -  
Witham

### Future Meetings :

Mon 2nd October : Instant Auction

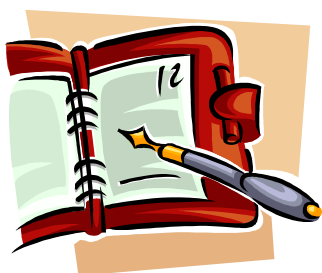
Tuesday 17th October : Round the  
Television by Mark Routh

Mon 6th November : Competition  
and Bourse Night

Tues 21st November : Anything but  
Stamps, members displays

Mon 4th December : Southern Rho-  
desia display by Chris Cooksey.

Tues 19th December :  
Tomex Quiz & Festive  
Night.



Make a diary note now!

The next Stamp Fair  
the Society is organis-  
ing (**BASPEX 07**) will  
be held at Barstable  
School, Timberlog

Close, Timberlog Lane, Basildon, on  
**Saturday 10th March 2007**

So please put this date in your diary  
now! We need your help! If you  
would like to help in any way please  
speak to any of the committee, who  
will be glad to give you more details