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## Editorial

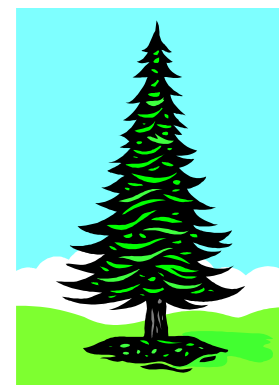
One of the major stamp events this year was ABPS Torquay. Every 2 years the event is held in a different location, remember in 2004 it was in Basildon.

We drove down to the English Riviera, although in November the weather was not at its best. Upon pulling into the car park the first familiar faces were that of our members Beth & Rosa who were also making a weekend of it. Other club members in attendance were Len Stanway and Chris Cooksey, so with mum and I that made 6, quite a good turnout for 250 miles away. There were many other Essex collec-

tors there so our part of the country was well represented.

Congratulations must go to Ann Coltman who won a Bronze and Chris Cooksey a Vermeil, with their competition entries For 2 Basildon members to receive awards at a National Exhibition was great!

There were not many visitors and they were not queuing up at the door, unlike Basildon 2 years earlier. Although the venue (The Riviera Centre) was a very nice place I could not help but feel a lack of atmosphere. There was a dis-



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tinct lack of direction signs and access was not through the main entrance. The next ABPS National Exhibition is to be held in 2008 at Harrogate, let's hope this will be a better event. Maybe some of our members will do well there as well.

## Editorial continued

Apologies for the delay in production of this newsletter. I am having to finish this on Boxing Day. It has been so hectic lately, during the last 4 weeks I've travelled to Lincolnshire, then home and up to Gateshead the next

day, then down to Devon and Somerset and home again for a few days, then back up to Yorkshire, a total of about 2200 miles. Then there is all the post, e mails and answer phone messages to catch up on. There are just not enough

hours in the day.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas.

From all the committee of The Basildon Philatelic Society we hope you and your families have a Happy New Year.

## Meeting Report : Television by Mark Routh

The display was postponed from February due to Mark's ill health, but I am pleased to say he is recovering well.

Mark started with a brief history of Television from its conception, through the war years when it stopped and started, right up to modern day.

An array of stamps, covers, maxi cards, postcards and slogan were shown to illustrate the subject. A unique item was the original artwork of

Michael Goman for the I.T.U. (International Telecommunications Union) omnibus set of 1965.

Covers depicting various television stars were shown including the Dalek for which Mark showed numerous examples and formats of the British stamp issued at the millennium. He even had a model of a Dalek, together with other items of memorabilia.



**TELEVISION**

Also on display during the evening were a vast number of different

television licenses.

I've known Mark for a number of years and know he is a collectaholic, if he is to collect something he does not do it in half measures. His enjoyment and enthusiasm is great and we all had a very light hearted enjoyable evening.

I'm looking forward to Mark's next display to us.

## Meeting Report Instant Auction

As a new venture this year it was decided to hold an Instant Auction, which we had on 2nd October.

Members could bring along a maximum of 10 lots on the night, for auction. I am pleased to say that we had quite a number of lots and the evening proved to be fairly successful.

We are planning another such event

on 20th March 2007, so start getting those lots ready now!

Also I would like to give you advance warning of our main auction scheduled to take place on 1st October 2007, so if you miss the boat for March, there is no excuse for Octo-

ber.

This is a good way of getting rid of unwanted items and duplication etc. Your only cost is the 10% commission the club takes on the sale price. This covers administration and helps the club and ultimately you.

**AUCTION**

## Meeting Report Competition Night 6th November

Competition winners were as follows:

Traditional: Fiji Govt Print Office Franks (**Charlie Mead**) 2nd place went to Chris Cooksey with S.Rhodesia 1942 and 3rd place to Len Stanway with



Singapore Zodiac Rooster.

Postal History: S.Rhodesia Internment (**Chris Cooksey**) 2nd place to Len Stanway with Richmond, Yorkshire, 3rd

place to Geoff Miller with Cachets.

Aerophilately: 1st Pan Am Trans Pacific Flight (**Charlie Mead**) 2nd place Len Stanway with Par Avion and 3rd place went to Chris Cooksey with S.Rhodesia.

Our thanks to Alan Boyce & John Copeland who were the judges.

## “The Glory Box” by Rosa & Beth

From Instant Auction 2nd October 2006

### Just in case anyone is curious

We did it - bought “The Glory Box”. Sight unseen and definitely unknown at the time of purchase. Not for long however, a very kind gentleman hauled the box to my car, with distinct puffing sounds. Never mind, we thought, two of us will get it indoors! We did - eventually. I have yet to appreciate how heavy stamps and stamp memorabilia can be.

“Shall we have a snack and a cuppa, or do we look first” was the question. What do you think!

Claude was dead right - what fun we had from the very first minute. The first thing we noticed was a single stamp from Sweden and a signed card of a Swedish poet, seated typing with a typewriter on a three legged stool and the poet on the grassy bank, that immediately got our attention. It’s a long time since either of us collected cigarette cards but mentally we were busy matching them up with potential stamps. It’s amazing how this happens when you are a collector of collections.

There were King George stamps beautifully stamped (is it cachets or something else? A swiss catalogue labelled appropriately we thought “The Amateur Collector Ltd” Yes, we are limited and definitely amateur, this will be looked at again later.

What do you think? We have a catalogue of varieties 1958 Queen Elizabeth II which of course is another interest involving stamp collecting. This was rapidly becoming an unexpected course on what to look for in stamps.

There may be a bit of in fighting going on later over some very desirable first day covers like an anniversary of Sir Isaac Newton, Queens award for Export and Technology. Also a very nice Stampex 72 featuring James Clark Ross and lots of other covers that either Beth or I wanted to add to our collections.

All this gave me a strong desire to use Beth’s catalogues, which can’t be bad can it!

Stamps from South Africa, India and a brand new unused air mail letter from Australia with a “write a letter today” promotional leaflet. I don’t know whether or not an Ocean Penny Postage ever came into being but there we were with a chap with the unlikely name of Elihu Burritt U.S. Consular Agent in Birmingham who launched a campaign to support it.

This gem was produced from a 1980 stamp collecting magazine.

I’m sure now you have some idea what happens when people like us buy a glory box - sight unseen!!

*Many thanks to Rosa and Beth for their contribution . Part 2 of this article will appear in the next Newsletter. Hopefully I will be able to produce that one on time? Ed.*

## Meeting Report : Anything But Stamps 21st November

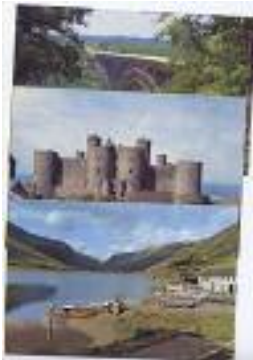
It was nice to see what else members collected apart from stamps. Always doubtful as to whether we would get a good selection or not.

We were not disappointed as 8 different members showed as follows:

Anne Stanway : Dorothy Duggan, Author.

John Snoding : Scout Postcards.

Claude Crowder : Spanish Framas, Australian Aerogrammes & PSE.



**Gary's Holiday Postcards**

Chris Cooksey : Mining Certificates.

Charlie Mead : Cricket Cigarette Cards.

Vivien Holloway : Children's stories and Nursery rhymes on postcards and matchbox labels.

Maggie Thompson : Germany Post Office Calendars.

Gary Green : Holiday Postcards.

A very big thank you to all those members who took the time and trouble to bring something along, you all made the evening an enjoyable one.

## Meeting Report : 4th December Aspects of Southern Rhodesia by Chris Cooksey

Chris opened by lamenting that Eric Day had given a display of Rhodesia earlier in the year and had covered all the stamp issues on that particular evening. Chris however proceeded to show some very different aspects of Southern Rhodesia philately to give an informative and hugely enjoyable display.

The first session opened with food parcel labels to Czechoslovakia, fol-

lowed by the "Admirals" issue and "Large Falls" issue. The display included material from the Waterlow archives and was illustrated with sample stamps used by Waterlow reps. The session was rounded off with a series of covers illustrating each of the then postal rates within and from Southern Rhodesia.

The second session covered the period of World War II, starting with mail from the Military and R.A.F. camps.

Active service lettercards, refugee camp mail, airgraphs, and internment camp mail were also shown. The session concluded with a selection of airmails.

The final session concentrated on four stamp issues: the "Small Falls", King George V Jubilee issue, the "Victory" issue and the "Royal Visit". The display was supported by material from the Waterlow archives and many plate blocks

## SPRING BASPEX 2007 - 10th March 2007

The Society's next Stamp Fair (BASPEX 2007) will be held on 10th March at Barstable School, Timberlog Close, off Timberlog Lane, Basildon.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

If we are to make this event a success and bring in extra revenue for the club, to keep your subscriptions down, then we must have your support. Help is needed early morning on the day to set

the event up, including mounting up display frames, at the end of the day to clear way, during the day to help man the club table and any other functions. If you can't commit yourself to half an hour or an hour at a given time, just pop along and wander around the Dealers stands or keep an eye on the display.

If you require any further information or would like to offer your services,

then please approach one of the committee.

We need your support to ensure the continuation of the Society as we know it, much needed funds are required as costs are continuing to rise.

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**SATURDAY 10TH MARCH : 10.00-16.00**

## What's On

### Local Stamp Fairs :

7th January - Leigh on Sea

13th January - Laindon

4th February - Ingatestone

17th February - Witham

18th February - Billericay

10th March - BASILDON

11th March - Leigh on  
Sea.

17th March - Laindon

31st March - Rayleigh

8th April - Ingatestone

### Future Meetings :

Tuesday 16th January : Spain by  
Claude Crowder.

Mon 5th February : Something be-  
ginning with C or D members dis-  
plays.

Tues 20th February : Workshop.  
Using computers.

Mon 5th March : Bonhams Auction-  
eers, talk by Stuart Henderson.

\*\*\*Tues 13th March :  
We visit Braintree  
Philatelic Society.

Tues 20th March : In-  
stant Auction.

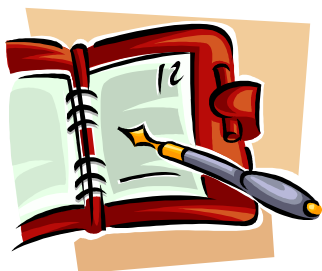
Mon 2nd April : The  
Coleman Story.

\*\*\* Please note this  
meeting on 13th

March is a visit to Braintree. A  
small team of us will be giving a  
display to their members. If you  
would like to come along, please  
approach one of the committee  
members for further details.

The next Stamp Fair the Society is  
organising (**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



Make a diary note now!