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This is the first newsletter of 2007. Due to lack of time and various circumstances I have not been able to produce one until now. However you may not even realise this because only 2 members have mentioned that they did not receive their Spring Newsletter, so I assume the rest of you did not miss it. Therefore is it worth spending hours producing it?

I have to advise you that having been your editor for the last 3 years, I think it is time for a change, therefore this will be my last. A new editor is needed if you want this publication to continue. Please re-

member this is your club and therefore requires your input, I can't do it all.

I am however, grateful to the few members who have helped me during the last 3 years with items for publication etc. (you know who you are), thank you.

If you would like to have a go at producing this newsletter, please approach myself or any of the committee, who will be pleased to give you further details. Thanks to your support during the year the club made £214 on the raffle, I would like to thank all those who bought

tickets at our meetings during the year and also



under pressure!

those of you who kindly donated prizes.

We still need raffle prizes, so if you think you have something suitable (philatelic or otherwise) please bring it along, it will be gratefully accepted.

Editorial continued

I was sorry to hear that Rosa Howe was recently taken ill and admitted to hospital. I know she has been in hospital for some time before and after a heart operation. I'm pleased to say she is

now back home and I know that Beth has been busy looking after her. We all wish Rosa a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing both of them at our meetings soon, they

have been missed.

Very best wishes to both of you.

Stop Press It was so good to see Beth & Rosa again at our meeting on 19th June.

Meeting Reports : 16th January—Spain, Claude Crowder 5th February—C & D, Members Displays

Due to the New Years Day Bank Holiday, our first meeting was on 16th January. We were entertained by our very own Claude Crowder who showed us Spain. Starting with King Carlos in 1975 up to more recent years, a working collection of fine used, which Claude is continually updating with better copies. The 2nd part consisted of Barcelona '92 Olympics which were issued as early as 1986 to fund the Games. Part 3 was a mixture of First Flight covers, Civil War covers, Express

stamps and ATM labels. In all 211 sheets of stamps & covers.

Members displays on 5th February consisted of Claude Crowder, Australia Post Pre Stamped Cards. Anne Stanway, English Counties Cards showing maps. David Perry, Covers starting with C. Chris Cooksey, a basic run of stamps of Cayman Island



Our own members

1935—1978. Maggie Thompson, Dominica Triangles and Cachets on Covers. Len Stanway, Canada Postal Stationery Cards.

As usual a superb evening with a good mixture of stamps, covers and cards etc. These evenings are very enjoyable as there is always something to interest you. It is also surprising what people collect, of which you may have had no previous idea.

Meeting Report Basildon / Billericay Quiz

The Inter Society Quiz this year was held at Billericay on 15th February.

I am pleased to report that Basildon won by 58.5 points to Billericay 37.5 points, however as a member of Billericay Society as well, I

was asked to be on the Billericay team, never mind, there's always next year.

Our thanks go to our hosts Billericay and also to the

question Master, Eric Day from Rayleigh Philatelic Society.

Inter Society Quiz

Meeting Report 5th March - Stuart Henderson

Stuart Henderson, from Bonhams Auctioneers visited us in March and showed some of his vast accumulation of Cinderella items which he has gathered over many years of collecting. In years past, tax was levied on potatoes and beer and stamps were produced

as a receipt for this payment, examples of which were shown. He also displayed Law Court tax labels, used for collecting fines etc. in Canada, T.V. licence stamps, including a complete collection of the monochrome

stamps, Philatelic Congress labels, poster stamps Car Tax Licences and a huge variety of other items.



“The Glory Box” by Rosa & Beth

Part 2 continued from previous newsletter

It took a fair while to go through the Glory Box and our cuppa was delayed until near midnight.

This does prove the point that enjoyment is very important, although of course, for those earning a living other levels of expertise are necessary - but for us, whoopee!

As we ploughed through the box we were introduced to a chap called Mulready who was the inspiration for propaganda campaigns, as in temperance, anti slavery, peace (not much hope there) and the 1851 Exhibition. These were elaborate black & white prints carrying appropriate slogans. Of course, a selection of these were in the box all ready to be seen. A selection of stamps off paper, ready for investigation later. I'm sure I spotted a few Birds! Personally I've got my eye on a First Day Cover, but Beth may win on that score.

A 1977 cover caught my eye once again, commemorating the Royal Mail Coach from Norwich to London. Having visited Bath Postal Museum I saw a very good film on the early postal Mail Coaches.

Also there are two foreign catalogues, the only words that give us some sort of clue to the language is “Briefen Marken” which surely is German? (or is it) Anyone wishing to see or have these catalogues will be more than welcome as we do not speak any other language than English and a smattering of French and Italian.

At the bottom of the box we found a very heavy Stanley Gibbons catalogue 1992 Part 1. I think we did well with our Glory Box and although these items are probably familiar to most club members of course, we had a lot of fun investigating “The Box” let alone the rest of our purchases.

Many thanks once again to Rosa and Beth for their contribution . We all wish Rosa a speedy recovery after her recent op. Ed.

Meeting Report : Members entertain the committee

A novel twist on 17th April, as the members entertained the committee (usually the other way round).

We were not disappointed as a variety of material was on display. First up was Maggie Thompson with her Triangles, showing various new items she had recently added to her collection, including publicity and propaganda labels.



Claude Crowder showed slogan adverts for radio

stations, all extracted from the waste paper basket when he was at work. Gary Green showed Great Britain King George V & VI plus Queen Elizabeth.

Claude gave a second display of 1971 Postal Strike "Posting Delayed" hand-stamps and cachets from various towns, some of which did not take part in the strike (but not many).

Last to display was Chris Cooksey with a fascinating selection of Mining Licences and Certificates from Rhodesia.

All in all a very interesting evening with a variety of material, most of which we had not seen before.

Members entertain the committee

Meetings missed :

With regret I missed the meetings on 20th February, the Workshop on using computers and 2nd April The Coleman story by Colin Coleman.

I'm sure that they were both entertaining, but unfortunately as I was absent no reports can be given.

If we had a few people prepared

to make some notes and write a small report in this newsletter then this section could have been filled.

As a Society we recently visited Braintree P.S., Goodmayes P.S. and Havering P.S.

Although I do not have a report

for the Braintree visit, I understand that Geoff Miller and Claude Crowder represented us.

For the other two visits please see page 5

Advance Notice

2008 will mark the Society's 40th Anniversary. As this is such an important landmark we will be hosting the Essex Stamp Day - "Stamp Essex Basildon 2008" It will be held on April 26th 2008 at The James Hornsby High School, St.Nicholas Lane/Leinster Road, Laindon, Basildon. The event will follow the usual format, with Dealers, Club Table (Raffle & Tombola) as well as Displays.

It is hoped to produce a handbook for the event, as well as at least one special souvenir.

Your committee has set up a Stamp Day sub committee which has already made site visits to the venue and held a couple of meetings. Many ideas and suggestions have been aired and things are moving forward.

Further details will be announced

during the forthcoming months, and you may well be asked to help in some way.

It is important that this event is a success, to put our name and mark on the map and hopefully attract more members. More importantly we need the revenue to ensure the Society can continue to pay it's way over the forthcoming years.

Basildon Philatelic Society Visits to Other Societies:

On 18th April, Maggie Thompson and Len Stanway visited Goodmayes society to represent our society. Maggie showed two sessions of Saar, including the French Occupation following World War One and the Plebiscite which returned Saar to Germany and the similar turmoil after World War Two. Len showed the 2005-2006 Issues of Singapore, including many items not normally seen in the UK.

On 8th May, Ann Coltman and Len Stanway displayed at a well-attended Havering society, supported by Mick Coltman. Anne showed a Pot-pourri of thematic with selections from her collections on Toys, Animals of Africa and Teddy Bears, the last being accompanied by two Steiff bears and what is claimed to be the world's smallest bear, only visible with a magnifying glass! Len displayed the stamps and postal history of the London Underground, followed by an introduction to the early years of the United Nations, 1945-1960.

Displaying to other societies on these team visits is very much like displaying to our own society and we would welcome members of the society who have not displayed away before to come forward to assist. It is often difficult to pull together a team as people have other commitments, so the more volunteers we have the better. Please let Charlie Mead know if you are interested in taking part. You won't be thrown in at the deep end as we will try to ensure that an experienced team member is available on your first engagement. Most societies look for between 48 and 72 sheets per session and they do not need to be a single topic, but you will be given as much notice as possible as to what is required.



Meeting Report : Visit from Billericay P.S.

19th June saw a visit from our nearest neighbouring Society, Billericay. Many of the Basildon members are in fact Billericay members as well.

First up was the Programme Secretary David Barter who showed Nigeria, starting with a selection of postcards and banknotes. This was followed by a range of stamps including many definitive sets and errors of colour and design varieties. This section was finished off with some covers. David then continued with a similar display of Gambia.

The Packet Secretary Jean Taylor then gave a fascinating display of "Food & Drink" showing a shopping trip and various food types and then a meal and drink dining out. All this was superbly illustrated with philatelic examples. Jean must be congratulated on finding so many different stamps to illustrate her display.

After the break Lionel Scott showed Bridges. Examples were either illustrated with stamps, a cover or a postcard, if these were not available a photograph was shown. Lionel has travelled extensively and mentioned that he had travelled across many of the bridges shown.

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April 2008**

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Road, Laindon, Basildon,
Essex**

What's On

Local Stamp Fairs :

14th July - Laindon
19th August - Billericay
2nd September - Leigh on Sea
9th September - Ingatestone
22nd September - Laindon
21st October - Billericay
27th October - Braintree
AEPS Autumn Stamp
Day
4th November - Leigh on
Sea
24th November - Laindon

Monday 2nd July : Visit from the
Bird Stamp Society

Tuesday 17th July : Visit to Colne
Valley Postal History Museum

Monday 6th August : Whales &
Whaling, display by Harry Ward.

Tuesday 21st August : 8 Pages from
My Collection, judging by members.

Monday 3rd September : Albania,
display by Lynn Roberts.

Tuesday 18th September : Visit from Frin-
ton & District P.S.

Monday 1st October :
Auction Night.

Tuesday 16th October : Visit from Haver-

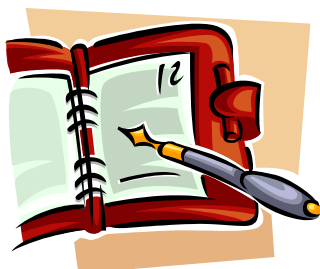
ing Stamp Club.

Monday 5th November : Visit from
Goodmayes P.S.

Tuesday 20th November : Medicine
and Birds, displays by Beth & Rosa.

Monday 3rd December : Favourite
Theme, members displays.

Tuesday 18th December : Festive
Night , Tomex Quiz and 1 page com-
petition.



Future Meetings :

Make a diary note now!