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GR 1935 Pattern Lamp Letter Box at the Colne Valley Postal History Museum. See Meeting Reports for details of the Society's visit there in July.



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Basildon Philatelic Society is a non profit making organization. Meetings are held on the first Monday and third Tuesday of every month, excluding bank holidays. See programme card for details.

Our venue is the George Hurd Centre, Fauners, Basildon, Essex. Doors open at 7.30 pm, meetings start at 8.00 pm and finish at 10.00 pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 September
Basildon Philatelic Society
Albania, display by Lynn Roberts

9 September
Ingatestone Stamp Fair
Community Centre, High Street

18 September
Basildon Philatelic Society
Visit from Frinton & Dist. P.S.

19—22 September
Autumn Stampex
Business Design Centre, Islington

22 September
Laindon Stamp Fair
Methodist Church Hall, High Road

1 October
Basildon Philatelic Society
Auction Night, viewing from 7.15 pm

16 October
Basildon Philatelic Society
Visit from Havering Stamp Club

21 October
Billericay Stamp Fair
Mayflower School

27 October
AEPS Autumn Rally
Braintree Community Centre

4 November
Leigh-on-Sea Stamp Fair
West Leigh Junior School

5 November
Basildon Philatelic Society
Visit from Goodmayes P.S.

20 November
Basildon Philatelic Society
Medicine & Birds, by Beth and Rosa

24 November
Laindon Stamp Fair
Methodist Church Hall, High Road

3 December
Basildon Philatelic Society
My Favourite Theme

CAPE of GOOD HOPE : BECHUANALAND

Langeberg Rebellion 1896 by J.F. Cowlin

On 16th November 1895 the Cape Colony annexed the former Crown Colony of British Bechuanaland. In December 1896 and January 1897, barely a year later, revolts erupted in the territory, took root in the following months in its Langeberg Mountains, and were finally suppressed in August 1897 after an arduous and costly campaign. These revolts are known as the Langeberg Rebellion.



Kgosi Galeshewe.

On 27th November 1896, seventeen head of cattle, six of which were infected with rinderpest, strayed out of the Taungs Reserve and were shot. This incident precipitated the Langeberg Rebellion. For although rebellion had been planned for May 1897, Kgosi Galeshiwe and Dikgosi Luka Jantjie the chiefs of the Tlhaping and Tlharo in the Phokwani area were forced to act. In the previous months he had declared loudly and openly that he would never permit his cattle to be shot; before that could take place, he had stated, he himself would have to be killed. The cattle shot belonged to his people. Some form of protest therefore became imperative.

The Tihaping and Tiharo led by Dikgosi Luka Jantjie and Kgosi Galeshewe then decided to rebel against British rule. After

some initial defeats, most of the surviving rebels under Luka retreated into the Langeberg Hills. There they withstood a five-month siege. During the rebellion Kgosi Galeshewe was arrested and imprisoned by the British.

In the letter he says. Its mighty cold at night and hot by day, the food is scarce excepting meat goats and oxen (rinderpest some of it), Whisky a thing talked of and dreamt about but absent, quite dear., The Bourbon some sent up at 10/6d a bottle. The horses are anything they can buy, old and dying in awful bad condition, the one I used an old cart horse you cannot imagine the comfort of his canter as I ride about 15 to 30 miles a day. I must not grumble this country is terribly stony and

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A stampless cover to Scotland from a member of the Imperial Forces engaged in the "Langeberg Rebellion" (also known as the Bechuanaland or Rinderpest Campaign).

sandy like the Kalahari Desert, fortunately we have excellent water from a spring. But at the Langeberg, where the fighting is, the water is bad. I am glad I am not there. □



Backstamped with scarce CHARGE CLERK (Cape Town) 4th March 1897 and Dunfermline 28th March 1897, arrival cds.

MEETING REPORTS

COMPETITION NIGHT

Tuesday 15 May

In a change from previous years all the Society's major competitions were contested on one night. Chris Cooksey took the honours with first place in the Traditional, Aerophilately, Cinderella and Modern material classes. Len Stanway picked up the Postal History award and Ann Coltman came first in the Thematic class.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 4 June

Twenty-one members turned out for the Society's 39th AGM. It was agreed that

the full adult subscription would remain unchanged at £10, but OAP membership would increase by one pound to £9 with a similar rise next year. The intention is to have a single subscription rate from 2008.

VISIT FROM BILLERICAY

Tuesday 19 June

Three members from our neighbouring society came to entertain us on the night. David Barter opened the display with Gambia and Nigeria. Jean Taylor followed with a thematic display on the subject of food and drink. Lionel Scott concluded the evening with a display about bridges.

VISIT FROM THE BIRD STAMP SOCIETY

Monday 7 July

Malcolm Hawkins gave the display on behalf of the Bird Stamp Society. The first part concentrated on weaver birds, which include the house sparrow. In the second part more bird species were looked at including pigeons. The final part of the display continued the pigeon theme and included the Great Barrier Island pigeon post.

VISIT TO THE COLNE VALLEY POSTAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Tuesday 15 July

In a departure from usual practice, the meeting was not held at the George Hurd Centre. Instead about a dozen members travelled to Halstead to visit the Colne Valley Postal History Museum. Stephen Knight, the curator, who has previously talked to the Society about his collection, his wife and Ian Pittway, a stalwart supporter of museum and of Sudbury PS welcomed those who made the journey. The collection of post boxes are spread around the garden of Stephen's home, together with signs and other memorabilia. A collection of small relics are housed in a large shed at the bottom of the garden. The gardeners among the visitors were also kept busy by the fine plants that fought the post boxes for space in the borders.

WHALES & WHALING

Monday 6 August

Harry Ward started the evening by putting up a 90 sheet static display before the meeting started at 8 o'clock. After the formal start and introduction Harry went

on to cover whales in legend, the Bible and literature. The second part of the display contained postcards, cigarette cards and artefacts including a whale tooth, baleen and scrimshaw.

8 PAGES FROM MY COLLECTION

Tuesday 21 August

This popular competition, judged by the members, was won by Ann Coltman with Chris Cooksey in the runners up spot. □

EDITORIAL

Welcome to a new look for the newsletter, in a compact A5 format. This is a somewhat shorter edition than usual, but this has allowed publication to get back on track and meet the usual September deadline.

The newsletter is no stranger to the A5 format as the first volume was published in this size. The puzzle page which was a feature of early editions has made a comeback and I hope you enjoy these gentle brainteasers.

Newsletter do not write themselves. Contributions will be welcomed from anyone wishing to write a few lines on any subject connected to our hobby or the Society.

Planning is underway for the AEPS spring stamp fair and exhibition which is being hosted by our Society at the James Hornsby High School. There is a lot to do in order to stage an event of this nature. Any help or suggestions from members will be gratefully received by the small subcommittee of volunteers who are working on this project. □

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The following meeting report by the late Pat Harris was published in volume 3, number 1 and describes a highlight from our programme ten years ago.

1 December

GB line-engraved 2d Blue 1841-76

Display by Jane Moubray, RDP, FRPSL

The members of Basildon and visitors from other Essex societies were privileged to see a display of the 2d Blue line-engraved stamps of 1841 to 1876 by Jane Moubray, President of the Royal Philatelic Society.

Jane opened her display by saying in 1969 she was looking round for something to specialise in and chose the white line 2d Blue which while being produced for some 34 years only came from two dies and eleven plates. The display was enhanced by many of the items on display having been photographed on to transparencies and shown in tandem with the display.

The first stamps and covers were from the 1841 issues from plates 3 and 4 impeg with stars in the top corners. Problems occurred with the papers and inks and some four colours were produced on more or less blued papers with stars in the top corners and small crown watermark. Corrosion of the plates became a problem with various methods being used to overcome this producing marks on the stamps that were not intended, the transparencies shown through a projector clearly picked these out. Plate four was ready for use in December 1849 the different lettering from plate 3 helps in the plating of those

stamps.

In March 1854 perforations were used on these stamps using a 16 gauge but by early the next year this was changed to 14, in July of the next year plate 5 came on line, and on display was a piece with two blocks, one of 6, the other 8 from this plate with perf 16 and large crown watermark.



This report only covers part of this marvellous display, but has had to be fore-shortened so as to not take up too much space.

Charlie Mead, himself a line-engraved collector, gave the vote of thanks to Jane on behalf of those present for a truly wonderful display.

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

AUCTION

Monday 1 October
George Hurd Centre
Fauners Basildon

Viewing from 7.15 pm
Auction starts 8.00 pm

Over 200 lots of Accessories, Literature,
Accumulations, Stamps and Postal History

Catalogue out now

Lots accepted for our next auction on
Tuesday 20 May 2008.



AEPS AUTUMN RALLY 2007



Hosted by the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies



Saturday 27 October



10.30—16.00



Braintree Community Centre



Victoria Street, Braintree



Next to the bus station, Braintree railway station is only a short walk away



A.E.P.S. Autumn Competitions



Thematic, Cinderella, Modern Material, Social Philately, Philatelic Literature



Stamp Fair



Refreshments available



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www.basildon.aeps.org.uk



SATURDAY 26 APRIL

JAMES HORNSBY

HIGH SCHOOL

Leinster Road, Laindon

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

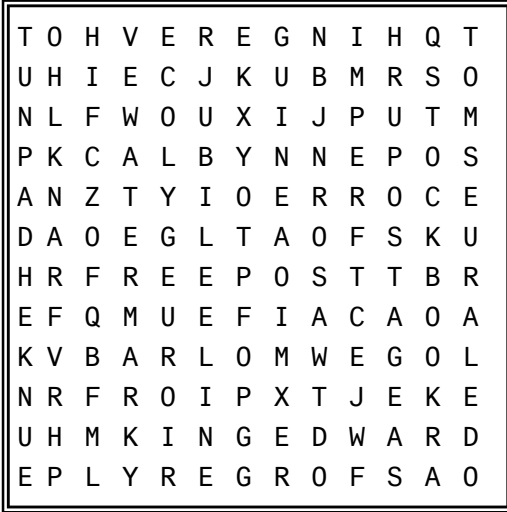
FREE PARKING



AEPS competitions, Displays, Stamp Fair, Refreshments

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words listed below in the grid opposite. Words may run up or down, backwards or forwards, or diagonally.



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| PENNY BLACK | GUINEA |
| IMPERF | FREEPOST |
| JUBILEE LINE | CORREO |
| WATERMARK | DE LA RUE |
| KING EDWARD | PROOF |
| HINGE | STOCKBOOK |
| FRANK | FORGERY |
| POSTAGE | STAMP |

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are ten differences between the two pictures. Can you spot them?



??? DID YOU KNOW ???

EUROPA STAMPS. Stamps issued since 1956 with the word EUROPA (Europe) prominently inscribed thereon. The earliest issues were made by the six countries belonging to the European Coal and Steel Community, later the European Common Market or EEC, and used similar designs. In 1960, however, the Europa concept was taken over by the Conference of European Posts and Telecommunications Authorities and thereafter was used for the stamps issued annually by CEPT member countries. *From Philatelic Terms Illustrated by James Mackay and available from the Society's library. Ask the Librarian, David Perry, about this and other titles which can be borrowed by members.*