

BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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DIARY DATES

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| March 26th | Club Auction |
| April 2nd | Notable Anniversaries Issue. FDC facilities at Basildon Post Office |
| April 8th | Visit to Graham's firm, Mount Pleasant, London |
| April 23rd | Talk by A.E. Branston, Esq., A.E.P.S. President - 'Pirates All' |
| May 6th | Chairman's night - Basildon |
| May 21st | 1969 Cup Competition - Basildon |
| May 29th | Visit to Shoeburyness Philatelic Society |
| June 7th | PhilEssex '69. A.E.P.S. Convention at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford |

THE SECRETARY WRITES:

Dear Member,

There are so many important notices which we hope will be of interest to Members and which just cannot wait until our next meeting that we have decided to issue another newsletter and circulate it Post Haste!

First and foremost I have at last received confirmation from the Head Postmaster that the G.P.O. are prepared to grant Basildon First Day Post facilities at the Head Post Office, 25 East Square, Basildon. This is really great news, and comes as a result of steady and prolonged pressure on our local post office by your Committee. No more journeys to Southend or Chelmsford with those precious envelopes with all the frustrations involved!

It should be noted that the Service will commence with the Notable Anniversaries issue of 5d., 9d., 1/-, 1/6d. and 1/9d. values which are being released for sale on the 2nd April, 1969, and will continue for all special issues until further notice.

Facilities available at the Head Post Office will be as follows:-

- (a) Sale of blank G.P.O. covers at the counter prior to the date of issue;
- (b) Sale of the full range of stamps at a Philatelic Counter in the Post Office on the day of issue;
- (c) Sale of G.P.O. Presentation Packs on the day of issue and until stocks are exhausted; and
- (d) Philatelic Posting Box in the Post Office and Special Day of Issue hand stamp applied to all covers.

For this issue only, incomplete sets will be serviced on covers, but generally this service will only be available for covers bearing full sets of the stamps concerned. We think that this will be a very helpful service to all our Members interested in G.B. stamps, and we are most grateful to the local office staff who have supported our efforts to give this service. Now it is up to you, please support this piece of local initiative and justify all our efforts on your behalf. For those of our Members who cannot get to the Post Office on the Day of Issue, or prefer to have their covers serviced for them Mrs. Burch, 27 Curlew Crescent, Kingswood, Basildon, and one of our Members will be prepared to accept orders for serviced covers at 6s. 3d. each, including cover. Mrs. Burch is trying to arrange with the Post Office for a bulk franking so that covers will not risk damage by going through the normal post.

Orders to Mrs. Burch should reach her by 28th March at the latest and payment should accompany your order.

Blank covers prepared by commercial firms will be available also from W.H. Smith Ltd. close by the Head Post Office.

So much for F.D.C.S! Now, to give you details of our Auction.

We shall be holding our Club Auction on Wednesday, 26th March at 7.30 p.m. at the Woodlands Boys' School Library, and the arrangements will be as before. Lots will be on view until 8 p.m. sharp when the Auction will commence. Auction lists are being circulated with this newsletter and neighbouring Societies will be notified so that we should have quite a crowd. Be sure you bring along your cheque book or a bulging wallet, and remember all the commission goes to Club Funds.

There is a change of date for our Chairman's Night, which will now be held on May 6th in place of the Competition which will be postponed until Wednesday, 21st May to give Competitors more time to prepare their entries.

The Cup Competition Rules for the 1969 Competition have been prepared, and are being circulated with this newsletter. It is hoped that every member will put in an entry, which will be judged by two independent judges during the early part of the evening. The Cup will be presented after the judging, and it is hoped to get a local Philatelic personality to carry out this duty. Please support us in this venture and make the organisation worth while. We want eight sheets from all our Members, and I would like an indication of the numbers entering by the meeting on the 6th May so that I can make the necessary arrangements for display.

Members will no doubt be pleased to know that our Society has now affiliated to the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies, and Barrie and Ernie have volunteered to represent the Society at their meetings in Brentwood. If any other members would like to come along to the meetings they are very welcome and details will be announced from time to time.

Your Committee are proposing to issue very shortly a magazine of general philatelic interest, and would like to know initially what response they can expect if it were produced at cost, something in the region of one shilling. Perhaps we could test the response at our next meeting, and also form a small production team with Barrie and Graham. If anyone has any literary leanings now is the time to get into printers ink!

Our next meeting on April 8th cannot take place at the School due to Easter Holidays. Instead we are proposing a visit to the laboratories at Mount Pleasant where Graham helps to prepare ink for stamp printing. The evening will be of a semi-technical nature, but we are promised an interesting time, and I would like some indication of numbers at the next meeting on the 26th March. This meeting will be a joint visit with Billericay Philatelic Society.

Your Committee are making tentative arrangements for the 1969/70 Session of the Society, and would like to sound the Members on their ideas for the content of the Programme. Now is the time to have a grouse about our past efforts in this respect, and we hope for constructive suggestions for the improvement of our activities for the year to September, 1970.

I am still requiring orders for Cumberland Albums and accessories, the Albums complete with 100 leaves and interleaving, retailed at £3 19s. 0d., so if you have a birthday in the offing, what about it! Full price list of all accessories will be included on the proposed magazine.

Last, but by no means least of the items in this bulletin, the Committee would like to record their special thanks for the efforts of Allen Cuell, Nigel Burch, Charles Harris and all their helpers for a very successful and enjoyable Junior Evening on Tuesday. It was a first rate effort on the part of all concerned, and much appreciated by all who attended. Certainly this is one item on the Programme which is a must for 1969/70.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR F. HOBBS
Hon. Secretary, Basildon P.S.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ESSEX PHILATELIC SOCIETIES
25th Annual Convention and Exhibition

Congratulations to the A.E.P. S. on their Silver Jubilee from their newest member Society - Basildon.

Under the Presidency of Alfred Branston, the Association has organised a very full and exciting programme for Saturday, 7th June, 1969.

The Convention and Exhibition itself will be at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford and will consist of an exhibition by the 23 constituent Societies, together with the Dawes Cup entries by Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex, and entries for the Stokes Cup and the Thematic trophy. There will also be displays by the President and three past-Presidents (the Court of Honour), by the G.P.O., and by special arrangement with Robson Lowe Ltd. and the B.P.A., 45 pages of the work of the "Master Forger" Jean de Sperati, born in 1884. For those wishing to buy, nine dealers will be participating with a full range of material, and there will be full G.P.O. facilities. The stands and exhibition will open at 12 noon, although the opening ceremony by H.M. Lieutenant of Essex, Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, will not be conducted until 2.30 p.m. after an official Luncheon in the Saracen's Head Hotel.

Convention mail carried on a special flight from Southend Airport to Stansted Airport will have a special flight cachet of the plane.

Also a genuine Mail Coach pulled by a team of four horses will be run along the old route from Brentwood to Chelmsford reconstructing part of the London to Norwich, thro' Ipswich, post road. The Coach will depart from the White Hart, Brentwood, at 10 a.m., pick up mail from the G.P.O. and proceed to Ingatestone where the mail will be franked with an Essex

'slogan' of 1674. The horses will be fed and watered at the Bell Inn. Mail will also be carried by the coach between Ingatestone and Chelmsford and be postmarked with a 1675 'slogan'. Specially designed folded covers fully serviced with "By Mail Coach" cachet with either of the postmarks are available at 2/6d. each or 4/6d. the pair from M.J. Southall, 38 Mascalls Lane, Brentwood, Essex. (Cheques and P.O.'s payable to A.E.P.S. please), who will also supply at 1/- each replicas of a 1797 Coaching Time-Bill giving the Mail Coach route and departure times of this journey.

A well produced Handbook of the Convention activities including articles on setting out Thematic collections and G.B. for new collectors together with brief histories of Postal Services in Essex and of Mail Coaches, is available. This retails at 2/6d., but will be on sale to Basildon members at 1/6d. each. We can only obtain this if we take 20 copies so all members are asked to buy a copy from the Secretary, Arthur Hobbs.



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BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY - CLUB AUCTION

Meeting to be held at the Woodlands Boys School, Takeley End, Basildon
Wednesday, 26th March, at 7.30 p.m.

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
1	G.B. 1940 Centenary set. Used	7s. 0d.
2	G.B. 1965 Gibbons Centenary cover	None
3	G.B. 1966 Xmas F.D.C. on Stuart covers	3s. 0d.
4	G.B. 1965 Churchill F.D.C. Phosphor	7s. 6d.
5	U.S.A. Civil War - Fort Sumter F.D.C.	6s. 0d.
6	CYPRUS Olympic Games F.D.C.	7s. 0d.
7	CHINA Cover via Siberia - Interesting	7s. 6d.
8	N.Z. 1945 Health F.D.C.	1s. 0d.
9	G.B. Empire Exhibition 1½d. 1924 on cover	2s. 6d.
10	G.B. Similar cover 1d. on cover	15s. 0d.
11	Uniform Penny Post. Jubilee Card and envelope	7s. 6d.
12	G.B. Large blocks of 3d. and 6d. Postage Dues	None
13	G.B. Multiple Crown upright in strips 30x2d, 20x1½d. Face 7/6	8s. 6d.
14	G.B. " " sideways 12x2d, 12x2½d. Face 4/6d.	5s. 6d.
15	JAMAICA 1960 Postal Centenary Mint Cat 8/3d.	3s. 0d.
16	ADEN STATES Victorian etc. Cat 11/7d.	3s. 9d.
17	SOMALILAND Cat. 5/- 1951 issue	2s. 0d.
18	JAMAICA S.G. 167-169. Mint Cat 7/3d.	3s. 3d.
19	JAMAICA ditto	3s. 3d.
20	S. AFRICA Van Riebeck Cover	2s. 6d.
21	BURMA Postal Centenary S.G. 34 F.U. Cat 16/-	4s. 0d.
22	MIXED Remnants of Club Booklets	5s. 0d.
23	BIRDS Mini-collection (approx. 85)	1s. 0d.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
A	G.B. England Winners Cylinder Block	6s. 0d.
B	G.B. 1968 Christmas Cylinder Blocks	18s. 0d.
C	G.B. E.F.T.A. Traffic Blocks (8)	30s. 0d.
D	Regional 4d. sepia Cylinder Blocks (6)	15s. 0d.
E	Regional 5d. blue Cylinder Blocks (6)	20s. 0d.
F	Commonwealth Traffic Blocks (4)	17s. 6d.
C	1968 Bridges Traffic Blocks (6)	30s. 0d.

NUMERICAL LIST Continued

24	FISH Mini-collection (approx. 40)	6d.
25	FLOWERS Mini-collection (approx 80)	1s. 6d.
26	BUTTERFLIES Mini-collection (approx. 25)	1s. 0d.
27	SPACE Mini-collection (approx. 36)	1s. 6d.
28	MONACO 1956 Wedding cover 5 values	3s. 0d.
29	PAKISTAN Service overprint F.D.C.	1s. 0d.
30	HUNGARY Two Olympic 1966 F.D.C.S.	10s. 0d.
31	AUSTRIA 1968 Christmas mint	4s. 6d.
32	MONACO 1951 Holy Year	4s. 0d.
33	CORONATIONS 1937 Eleven values. Used	6s. 0d.
34	ITALY Centenary of the death of Bandiera Brothers	6d.
35	COMMONWEALTH 40 different. Used	1s. 0d.
36	FR. INDIAN SETTLEMENTS. Mint.	6d.
37	REUNION S.G. 245-248. Mint.	6d.
38	DJIBOUTI S.G. 202-205. Mint.	9d.
39	IFNI 4th Centenary death of Leo Africans	6d.
40	THAILANDS 5v Commemoratives	None

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
41	G.B. 22 ld. Reds. Used.	3s. 0d.
42	AUSTRALIA 19 Used.	9d.
43	CANADA 19 Used.	6d.
44	PAKISTAN 13 Used	None
45	PHILIPPINES 8 Used	None
46	U.S.A. 11 Used commemoratives	6d.
47	MONACO 3 values commeoratives. Cat. 9s. 0d.	3s. 6d.
48	EIRE. CIPM Registered covers	2s. 0d.
49	PAKISTAN Definitives	7s. 6d.
50	G.B. 9d. Mint Botanical 1964	4s. 6d.
51	RHODESIA - Churchill 1/3d. Mint. Cat £1	17s. 6d.
52	RHODESIA - Independance cover 1965	15s. 0d.
53	G.B. 1/6d. Coronation S.G. 535 Block of four	15s. 0d.
54	G.B. 'Paquebat' cancellations various	None
55	G.B. Regionals, Postage Dues etc. used.	None
56	SAN MARINO 16 values. Used	None
57	COOK ISLANDS Xmas sheet. Mint.	None
58	S. AFRICA Van Riebeck Festival covers	5s. 0d.
59	S. AFRICA ditto	5s. 0d.
60	MONACO 1939 Cover. Cat. 9s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
61	MOZAMBIQUE and KENYA. Mixed on cover	6d.
62	EIRE 1941 Censored cover	1s. 0d.
63	U.S.A. 1941 Clipper cover opened by censor	7s. 6d.
64	CANADA 7d. Air Mail Cover	None
65	G.B. 1965 Churchill covers plain and phosphor	10s. 0d.

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
66	G.B. England Winner F.D.C.	2s. 6d.
67	G.B. United Nationals F.D.C. phosphor	4s. 6d.
68	G.B. Commonwealth Arts Festival F.D.C.	4s. 6d.
69	G.B. International Telecommunications Year	15s. 0d.
70	N.Z. not worth sorting	None
71	W. GERMANY S.G. simplified 856-875 comp. Mint.	3s. 0d.
72	EIRE 5 covers with S.G. 108 and 107	6d.
73	S. AFRICA 3 Flown covers	5s. 0d.
74	AFRICAN COLONIES 6 various Flown covers	5s. 0d.
75	CEYLON 2 Air covers	3s. 0d.
76	MALAY STATES (7) covers interesting	5s. 0d.
77	COMMONWEALTH Flown covers (6) interesting	5s. 0d.
78	CANADA 6 F.D.C.S.	12s. 0d.
79	G.B. S.G. 594 Mint unmounted. Cat. 22/6d.	8s. 6d.
80	PAPUA and N.G. S.G. 67. Cat. 4/6d.	2s. 6d.
81	JAMAICA S.G. 167-169. Cat. 7/6d.	3s. 6d.
82	" " "	3s. 6d.
83	EIRE S.G. 184/5 Cat. 17/6d.	6s. 0d.
84	AUSTRALIA Cat. £2 +	10s. 0d.
85	PAPUA & N.G. S.G. 54 Block of four Cat. £3	8s. 0d. 27s. 6d.
86	G.B. Multiple Crown Sideways 12x2d, 12x2½d. Face 4/6d.	5s. 0d.
87	SINGAPORE National Day Cover	None
88	G.B. Unsorted Commons and Regionals	3s. 6d.
88a	G.B. 10/- Scott Booklet - Green	10s. 0d.
89	ST. LUCIA Cricket 10th and 35th. Mint in blocks of 4	6s. 6d.

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
90	ST. LUCIA Cricket 10th and 35th. Mint in blocks of 4	6s. 6d.
91	GUYANA Cricket Issue Miniature Sheet	6s. 6d.
92	G.B. England Winners mint blocks (4)	5s. 6d.
93	G.B. 1967 Xmas issue mint block (4)	6s. 6d.
94	G.B. 20 Interesting post cards	2s. 0d.
95	PAPUA AND N.G. S.G. 8 1952 Mint	7s. 6d.
96	MAURITIUS 1954 10R S.G. 306 Cat. 30/-	10s. 0d.
97	FRANCE 1934 Dove of Peace S.G. 519	4s. 6d.
98	PAPUA AND N.G. 1960 S.G. 23 Used.	17s. 6d.
99	SEYCHELLES 1956 'La Pierre'. Cat 15/6d.	7s. 6d.
100	PAPUA AND N.G. 1952 S.G. 13 Used	5s. 0d.
101	ST. HELENA 1956 Postal Centenary	5s. 0d.
102	ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS 1961. Cat. 13/3d.	6s. 0d.
103	NAURU 1964. Mint	5s. 6d.
104	IRAN 1939 Royal Wedding. Cat. 20/6d.	4s. 0d.
105	Regionals covers 'Birth of Teeside'	1s. 9d.
106	GHANA Independence 3 values	1s. 0d.
107	G.B. 1967 Christmas Issue Maxim Cards (3)	8s. 0d.
108	THEMATIC Horsemen	6d.
109	THEMATIC Quadrupeds	1s. 0d.

