



British West Indies Study Circle

21st Caribbean Collectors Convention

The Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke, RG21 7LX

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October 2021



The Red Lion provides comfortable modern facilities in a town setting, near the town centre and within walking distance of the railway station.

<https://redlionhotelbasingstoke.com>

Single room £65; Double room £75.

Call the Hotel on 01256 328525

to book rooms directly, and mention BWISC

The venue is located in the town centre of Basingstoke. Easy access by car from the A33, M3 and M4. A car park is available, but you must give your registration number to reception when parked. The railway station is a 15 minute walk, and has a taxi rank. Basingstoke is about 50 minutes from London Waterloo by rail. Rail travel is recommended.

Local attractions include Whitchurch Silk Mill, Basing House, and Calleva Artrebatum Roman Town. The North Wessex Downs, including Watership Down, are nearby. The Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery does visitor experience tours, and is a 25 minute drive away in Laverstoke, on the road to Whitchurch. The Wills Museum is round the corner from the Red Lion Hotel.

The 2021 convention will have the familiar mix of formal displays, informal presentations by members, and the bourse. There will be a banquet on Saturday, where the Collett Awards will be presented.

The exact programme and schedule is yet to be finalised but in outline:

Saturday 2nd October 2021

10.00	The Bourse and Members' table open
11.30 – 12.30	Formal opening of the Convention by Graham Booth Formal Display: TBA
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch – Buffet Style
14.00 – 15.30	Members' 'Mini-Displays' (Similar format to Stampex meeting)
16.30 – 17.30	Experts' Table (provisional)
19.30	Dinner and Collett Award

Sunday 3rd October 2021

10.00	Bourse and Members' table open
11.15 – 12.15	Formal Display: Simon Greenwood – British Guiana
12.30	Roast Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Members' Mini-Displays
16.30	Convention closes

HOTEL COSTS:

Rooms are available at The Red Lion Hotel at special rates for those who wish to stay overnight as follows:

1. Bed & Breakfast – Single Room £65.00 per night
2. Bed & Breakfast – Double or Twin £75.00 per night

These hotel prices include VAT. Every hotel room has its private bathroom or shower and other normal facilities, such as tea/coffee, and colour television. Those who stay at the Hotel should settle their bills privately. Gratuities to the Hotel staff are a matter for individuals.

All room bookings should be made directly with the hotel:
Mention BWISC

Rooms at the special rates are available until mid-September. You must book directly with the hotel by telephone or email to access our allocation. You may not be able to book these rooms through the hotel website. Please book early.

CONVENTION COSTS

No Convention charge is payable this year, but we ask for everyone to return the booking form, so that we can pre-order coffee.

Saturday Lunch: A hot buffet lunch for £12pp – not able to pre-book

Saturday Dinner: 3 Course evening meal with glass of wine £35.50pp

Sunday Lunch: A roast lunch for £13.50pp. – not able to pre-book

All meals should be pre-booked using the event booking form.

THE BOURSE:

Any member of the Study Circle who is a dealer and would like to take a table on the Convention Days, please apply to Bill Gibb, 01832 731520 bill.gibb@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible, requesting a reservation. Tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis within the limit of available accommodation. A table is about six feet long and the cost is usually £35.00 for the weekend. Dealers will not be confined to selling B.W.I. material.

Reasonable security precautions will be taken by the Study Circle, but dealers must be personally responsible for the safety of their own stock and neither the Study Circle nor any of its Officers and/or members nor the hotel or its owners, nor anyone else can accept any legal responsibility for loss of or damage to stock under any circumstances. For security, stock should be cleared by 18:00 each day.

EXPERTS TABLE (provisional):

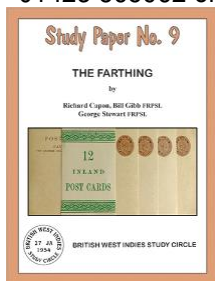
Members are invited to bring "interesting" material for the experts to examine and discuss. For example, you might want help understanding a postal rate, identifying a postmark, or differentiating shades.

PUBLICATIONS:

Current BWISC publications will be available at the Convention. However, if these are ordered in advance from Pennymead Auctions and picked up from David Druett at the Convention, P&P costs can be avoided. David Druett, Pennymead Auctions, 1, Brewerton St., Knaresborough, N. YORKS. HG5 8AZ

www.pennymead.com

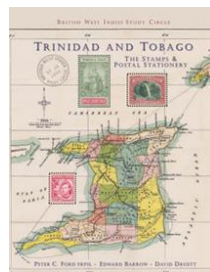
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Keyplates
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Stamps & Postal
Stationery
By Peter C. Ford FRPSL,
Ed Barrow and David Druett

These and more titles are listed on the Circle website, and at Pennymead.

MINI and STANDING DISPLAYS:

During the course of the Convention, there will be two sessions when members can mount a mini-display of between 9 and 45 sheets on their collecting interests. This will be of a similar format to the mini-displays held previously at Conventions and at Stampex, with each presenter having 5 to 10 minutes to speak about their material. Members intending to display are invited to inform Bill Gibb of what they will display (and which day, if only attending on one day), and this information can then be announced in the September Bulletin.

Display boards will be available for standing displays, which will not require a spoken presentation. Those wishing to bring "standing" displays should also inform Bill Gibb of the topic and the space required (number of sheets). Subject to demand space may have to be rationed. The pages will be put on display during the day. Displays should be collected as soon as possible after they have been taken down. Any standing display not collected at the end of the Convention Day will be returned to the owner by post and the appropriate postal charges incurred will have to be refunded to the Study Circle.

Please ring or email your plans for mini or standing displays to Bill Gibb, 07830 340804 bill.gibb@hotmail.co.uk

Steve Jarvis will be there to do some scanning of material (for inclusion in the Bulletin and on the Web) but time available is limited, so provision of scans on memory stick or by e-mail would be much appreciated (info@bwisc.org).

LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO FORMAL AND INFORMAL DISPLAYS:

All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Study Circle for the security of Formal and Informal Displays. Neither the Study Circle nor any of its Honorary Officers and/or members nor the Red Lion Hotel nor anyone else can accept legal responsibility for loss of, or damage to any material under any circumstances.