

## BRIGHTON SOCIETY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS.

The Brighton Philatelic Society Inc will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee – 60 years – with a series of celebrations over the weekend 7-8 August, 2010.

The first meeting of the Society was held on the 12 September 1950 in the Brighton Dispensary Committee Rooms. There were a total of 27 foundation Members, but none now survive. (Today there are now more than 400 members).

The first major Exhibition by the Society was held in 1953. Titled BRIPEX it coincided with the first day of issue of the 3 1/2d Young Farmers Club stamps.

In the first twenty five years, the Society had many meeting places, mostly church halls. Eventually the Society needed a home of its own, and in August 1977 it was the successful bidder at the auction of a disused church and hall on the corner of Gardenvale Road and Magnolia Street in Gardenvale (Vic). BriPhil House was officially opened on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1978 by the then Minister for Post and Telecommunications, The Hon. A.A. Staley, MP.

BriPhil House has been the venue of many special exhibitions.

These have had a range of themes – including Rowland Hill Exhibition ( 1979), Errors Exhibition (1981), Music and Philately (Percy Grainger) (1982), Adam Lindsay Gordon (1983), Captain Cook (1984), a variety of Scout and Guide based exhibitions (including the Centenary of Scouting in 2007) and many more. Most of these exhibitions featured their own special postmark – which make a very interesting collection of special event covers.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations start with a private function for members on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The programme for Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
9.30-4pm      90 frame stamp display all day,  
1 pm            Auction (Viewing from 11am)

The big day will be Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. In one hall the stamp display continues all day (10am-4.30pm), and there will be a Stamp Fair with at least 10 dealers in the main hall.

A Barbeque lunch provided, and (at 2pm) the Victorian Philatelic Council will hold its Annual Congress (and have its own philatelic souvenirs).

The Society celebrations are being generously supported by the Bendigo Bank, Highett.

A special P-stamp, featuring BriPhil House is being prepared for the Anniversary, and a separate postmark will be available in a different colour for each day. Serviced souvenir envelopes will cost \$2.50 each (\$7.50 for the set for 3 days), plus return postage (\$2). P stamps will be available at \$2 each, \$30 for a sheet of 20. All prices plus postage (\$2).

See the order form on the website.

Come and join the celebrations, view the excellent display and take the chance of buying something for your collection by visiting on Saturday and Sunday.

The address is BRIPHIL House, cnr Gardenvale Road and Magnolia Street, Gardenvale (Vic).

For more information, phone 9817 5862.