



ABPS EXECUTIVE BULLETIN

June 2011

NEW LIST OF PHILATELIC LECTURERS AND DISPLAYS

This has now been published. Additional copies may be obtained from the Secretary.

NEW ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

This has proved to be a most challenging endeavour! There is ongoing work to try to ensure that everything is correct in time for publication for the new season. Apologies to all for the delay in getting this out to you.

NEW LEAFLETS

A new series of ABPS leaflets is now available for guidance and to promote collecting. They are:

- What the ABPS does for you
- What is stamp collecting?
- Stamps Fact Sheet
- What is thematic collecting?
- What is Social Philately?
- What is Postal History?

Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Chris Oliver

Another leaflet is also in preparation, to be called "The visiting Speaker", giving guidance for anyone who gives or organises displays for Clubs and Societies. Consideration is also being given to a "Speakers Charter" to suggest minimum standards.

WEBSITE

The new ABPS website is up and running. It was officially re-launched in 2010 and has been designed and produced by an agency called Elysium Limited. You will find lots of information about Clubs around the country and their activities. Please take a look, check your local societies and tell us of any errors including the meeting place postcode.

A reduced resolution copy of the ABPS Bulletin is available on the ABPS website.
Accounts for 2010/11 can now also be found on the website.

Please send any material for inclusion to John Baron: Email: chair@abps.org.uk

The new site is: www.abps.org.uk

ABPS NEWS

Please remember to send in your reports to John Gledhill prior to the copy deadlines. They should be sent by e-mail to: editor@abps.org.uk typed in a clear format and posted to him. He needs more photos too!

ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR ABPS NEWS

Paul Gaywood has now taken over this important role. He can be contacted by Email: gaywood@talktalk.net

CONGRESS

93rd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain - 16 Jun 2011 - 19 Jun 2011

at Queen's Hotel, Southsea, Hampshire with National One Frame competition.

For full details visit the ABPS website. You can still book your place.

Please contact Paul Gaywood. His e-mail is: gaywood@talktalk.net

Tel: 01772 713917

Copies are still available of the new full-colour publication celebrating "100 Years of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain" is now available to ABPS members at the usual 50% discount - £18 plus £3 p&p. PCGB website www.abps.org.uk

Planning for the 94th Congress of Great Britain is well underway. This will be held in Dewar's Centre, Perth, between the 18th and 22nd of October 2012.

Their Committee desires to host the national competitions around the same time.

ABPS EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Chris King has taken over the role of Chairman of this sub-committee, replacing Brian Trotter.

Thanks to Brian for his excellent service to ABPS and congratulations on his new appointment as president of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. Bill Hedley also joins the Committee to take charge of the seminar programme. Paul Gaywood is on this Committee as the co-ordinator for Congress.

National guidelines are to be published later this year on judging.

Next seminar is planned for Kent on 21-22 October.

Further details can be found on the ABPS website.

A Powerpoint presentation is now also available on the website under the Exhibition tab.

Autumn Stampex will display all national exhibition classes.

A seminar is also planned here on the Introductory and closing pages.

Spring Stampex 2012 will feature Open Philately, Thematics and Post cards.

Applications forms for national competitions can also be downloaded

Feedback on the Sheffield national exhibition has been excellent and thanks to Greg Spring and Sue Hillier for leading the event. They will share their experience through a new handbook for exhibition organisers.

Please contact Chris King if you would like an event in your area. Email: events@abps.org.uk

Residential weekend seminars on exhibiting and judging are being organised.

OTHER EVENTS

The National P.S. is holding seminars at the BPMA, Phoenix Centre.

8th September 2011 – Changing Stamp Production Methods. For details visit the National P.S. website.

The NPS will also be taking a stand at The Ideal Home Show.

COMMUNICATIONS TO FEDERATIONS

Members of the Executive Committee are willing to attend Federation and other regional events by invitation to talk about the role of ABPS. If you would like to know more about ABPS and its activities, please contact Maurice. Maurice Flack will be contacting all Federations in the near future to determine the interest in staging an inter-Federation competition during 2011

Flack e-mail: federations@abps.org.uk

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active Network will again be Autumn Stampex with youth activities and an auction.

Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons.

For more information contact John Davies. Email: davies1890@btinternet.com

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ABPS AWARDS OF MERIT

If you know of anyone who deserves recognition for their support of our hobby, why not recommend them for this award. Details can be found on the ABPS website or contact Susan Oliver for more information.

Nominations for the Congress Medal and Awards of Merit for next year must be sent to Susan Oliver by 31st March 2012. Email: awards@abps.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,

please contact those mentioned above, or the ABPS General Secretary

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