

# ABPS EXECUTIVE BULLETIN June 2017

Please circulate to any philatelic friends to show just how much the ABPS is doing to promote philately across the UK. Thank you.

## CONGRESS MEDAL FOR JOHN BARON

John Baron, who has led the ABPS as Chairman for many years will receive this year's Congress Medal at Cardiff in July. He will be retiring at the AGM and we are grateful to him for his service to ABPS.

## MIDPEX IS NEARLY HERE

**Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1XN**

**8th July 2017 10:00AM – 5:00PM**

For more information see [www.midpex.wordpress.com](http://www.midpex.wordpress.com)

MIDPEX is the largest stamp event in the Midlands in 2017 and will be a showcase for the best of philately. It is a very prestigious biennial exhibition attended by stamp collectors from across the UK. It brings together Specialist Societies with local, national and international dealers covering all aspects of Philately. It allows Specialist Societies to show off their interests to other collectors, to recruit members and identify common ground with members of other Societies. It also provides an opportunity for Societies to promote their publications and research projects and for members to meet informally, particularly those members who find it difficult to get to meetings in London. The event in 2017 will be one of the best yet with space for post card dealers as well as stamps, thematics and postal history. Over **50 dealers** and **40 Specialist Societies** are expected to support the Show with many holding their regional meetings at the event including Opal, Pacific Islands, TPO, Malta, Meter Mail, Revenue and Iran Study Groups. There will also be **POST & GO** available at the Show. Admission is free and there is a regular shuttle bus service from the Leamington Spa Railway Station. John Gledhill, Chairman of the Midpex Committee, said "We are very excited about the forthcoming event that will be a real showcase for all the leading specialist societies. There will be a fantastic choice of material for collectors to browse and, of course, plenty to buy! We look forward to seeing you all on July 8th." Additional details of the venue with views of the hall and site location including parking, can be accessed on <http://www.warwickshireexhibitioncentre.co.uk>

*MIDPEX is supported by ABPS who will be providing the frames for the specialist society displays. After the show, 80 frames will be stored by the Midland Philatelic Federation and be available on loan to Societies who are affiliated to ABPS.*

## YORK STAMP FAIR

**The Grandstand, York Racecourse, YORK YO23 1EX**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, 11am to 6pm**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017, 10am to 4pm**

For more information see [www.stampshows.net](http://www.stampshows.net)

This popular twice-yearly event combines a Stamp & Coin Fair with around 140 dealers taking part. *This event is also supported by ABPS who organise the national competitive displays that now form a key part of the Show, providing all the frames and administering the judging. The ABPS have a stand at the show, so please come along and have a chat.*

## THE PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

**The Jury's Inn, Park Place, Cardiff, CF10 3UD**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Website is [www.gbcongress.uk](http://www.gbcongress.uk) for full details and booking forms.

Places are still available for the 2017 Congress in Cardiff. This is being held from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at the Jury's Inn, Park Place, Cardiff.

The event will have a “Wales” theme. The RDP Ceremony will take place at the City Hall. The Kay Goodman lecture will be on the theme of “The Future of ABPS”.

## **AUTUMN STAMPEX**

**Business Design Centre, Islington, London**

**12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

We hope to see you all at the Business Design Centre, London, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September. Nearest tube station is “Angel”. The ABPS national stamp competition entries will again be on show. The lead Society there is the Sarawak Specialist Society and the Hungarian Philatelic Society will also mount a special display. There will also be an Inter-Federation competition. The PTS has again publicized their “Stamps in the Attic” initiative with advertisements in the Metro newspaper, amongst others, to bring new people to the Show. On the Information Stand you will find copies of the ABPS free leaflets on many aspects of collecting.

Help is always required to man the Information Stand at every Stampex which is run in association with the National Philatelic Society and Stamp & Coin Mart. Please contact Alan Godfrey by email if you are willing to give an hour (or two) to support ABPS at the Show.

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## **BANBURY TO HOST FESTIVAL OF STAMPS**

**Blessed George Napier School, Springfield Avenue, Banbury OX16 9JD**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 10am to 4pm**

Banbury Stamp Society is to host a major event for stamp collectors in the Autumn. Banbury’s event will feature the Midland Philatelic Federation Autumn Convention annual competitions and a Stamp & Postcard Fair. There will be approx. 20 stamp dealers taking part. Refreshments will be available all day. Ample free parking is available to visitors. There is also a Railway Station at Banbury on the Chiltern Line (Marylebone – Birmingham) for those travelling by train. Free Valuations of stamps and postal history will be available from Midlands expert valuer, Tony Lester, for anyone thinking of selling all or part of their collection. Commenting on plans for the Festival, Chairman. Malcolm Moodie said “It will be an event not to be missed for all new and experienced philatelists. There will be some displays by some of the leading collectors in the Midlands. It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors, buy some new items for your collections and learn more about the hobby.”

For more information contact John Davies on [davies1890@btinternet.com](mailto:davies1890@btinternet.com) or telephone 01295 255831.

## **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

Development work is now underway on a new website. Good progress is being made by ABPS Secretary, Neil Ritchie, in updating the speakers list and directory content. It is expected that the new site will be launched later this year. Our key requirements are that it will be accessible and up to date. If you have any content or suggestions for improvement, please pass details by email to: [mauricebuxton@gmail.com](mailto:mauricebuxton@gmail.com)

## **ABPS DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST**

All changes and additions are shown in ABPS News, so you can keep yours up to date.

**All changes should be notified by email to [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk)**

Additional copies will be available at £10 inc. P&P from Alan Godfrey.

Please contact Alan by email [communications@abps.org.uk](mailto:communications@abps.org.uk)

Please note unaffiliated societies do not appear in detail in the Directory or the website.

## **STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK**

Stamp Active Network will again be at Autumn Stampex with youth activities and much more. The theme of the event will be “CHILDREN’S LITERATURE”. There will be a “Guess the number of stamps in the jar” sponsored by the PTS, Lucky Dip and the popular Saturday Auction (2pm) with a draw for a Penny Black for all the children taking part. There is the continuing initiative to “Bring a Child to Stampex” to encourage the next generation of collectors with a free draw if you take a youngster (U18) to the youth stand during the Show, so start planning your visit now. Prizes include an 1840 Penny Black and Royal Mail Year Book.

Their website is [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://www.stampactive.co.uk)

ABPS continues to support the hosting and maintenance of the site in 2017 for the benefit of the future development of our great hobby. Individuals and Societies can support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20. For more information contact John Davies.

Starter Packs are still available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Stamp Active is looking for individuals to help in the running of its youth programmes. Can you help?

**Stamp Active is in urgent need of more people to get involved in its programmes. Even if you can only spare just one hour to help out on the stand at Stampex, please get in touch. Many thanks.**

Email: [davies1890@btinternet.com](mailto:davies1890@btinternet.com)

## **EXHIBITION AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

Please see <http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/index.xalter> where material can be downloaded and events are updated.

### **ABPS Exhibitions and International Committee update June 2017**

Members are Chris King (Chairman), Bill Hedley, Brian Trotter, Jon Aitchison, Nigel Gooch, David Alford, Frank Walton, Gerald Marriner, Mike Smith, Lucie Warren and Deborah Gooch.

Chris King will step down in September and Bill Hedley will replace him. [ewlhedley@gmail.com](mailto:ewlhedley@gmail.com)

Exhibition Frames: Replacement frames are under consideration with a new design agreed. A funding source has been identified and further information will follow when a firm decision is made.

Exhibition Marketing: We have not yet found someone able and willing to maintain and update our circulation list. This is of the utmost importance as the viability of future exhibitions depends on our ability to fill the frames. This needs a knowledge of Mailchimp and a willingness to spend about ten to fifteen hours a year on sending out information which will be supplied by the committee.

**National Exhibitions** (see [abps.org.uk](http://abps.org.uk) for more information): These are

York Fair 21-22 July 2017

Autumn Stampex 2017: 13th - 16th September: Lead Society is the Sarawak Specialist Society and the Hungarian Philatelic Society will mount a special display. There will be an Inter-Federation competition.

Spring Stampex 2018: 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February: The theme is Islands with the focus on British islands.

Autumn Stampex 2018: 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September: The American Philatelic Society has agreed to participate and the exhibition will commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. It is expected that the FPHS and Civil Censorship Group will participate.

Spring Stampex 2019: 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February: The lead Society will be the Royal Philatelic Society London, and the theme, in honour of the Society's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday will be King George V.

Discussions on a new agreement with PTS on Stampex to run until 2024 are ongoing, and we are looking for a new medals sponsor.

Frame fees will be £25 from 1 January 2018.

For further information contact us at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk)

**International Exhibitions:** The best listing for these is at [feapanews.com](http://feapanews.com) where the calendar lists most of the forthcoming international and European exhibitions. For the USA, look at <https://stamps.org/National-WSP-Shows>. Most US exhibitions are keen to fill their frames, and if you are holidaying in the USA, why not go to a stamp show? Asian exhibitions can be seen at <http://www.asiaphilately.com/Calendar.html>

The maximum permissible page size for UK exhibitors at international exhibitions will in future be A2 (420 width x 594 height), and all pages must be flat.

PRAGA 2018, Prague, Czech Republic 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Clarion Congress Hotel Prague and in the Postal Museum. Commissioner: Yvonne Wheatley whyareuu@outlook.com

This is a specialised world exhibition with the official patronage of the FIP and FEPA recognition.

Exhibition classes: 1) Traditional Philately, 2) Postal History, 3) Philatelic Literature, 4) One Frame Exhibits, 5) Modern Philately, 6) Open Philately

MALAYSIA 2018 (FIP World Stamp Exhibition) (FIP World Stamp Exhibition), 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Further information will follow.

CHINA 2019 (FIP World Stamp Exhibition) Beijing, China: Date to be advised. FIP Patronage / FIAP Auspices

LONDON 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020: UK Commissioner Mike JY Roberts, Chairman Frank Walton, Chief Executive David Alford

### Seminars

'Good Club and Non-Competitive Displays' at Autumn Stampex 2017, 16<sup>th</sup> September (Nigel Gooch)

'Judging and Exhibiting', for those looking to qualify as federation level judges, judges looking to update their knowledge to the latest thinking and requirements, and potential and existing exhibitors, at The Sun Hotel, Sun Street, Hitchin, Herts. SG5 1AF on 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Cost £50 for the two days to include the seminar, a sandwich lunch on both days and tea/coffee. contact David Alford [aps@ntlworld.com](mailto:aps@ntlworld.com)

'Exhibits on Special Studies in the Postal History class (Class 2C)' at Spring Stampex 2018, 17<sup>th</sup> February (Chris King)

### Congress and RDP Ceremonies

2017: Cardiff. 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

2018: Newcastle/Gateshead

### FIP Commissions

These control the rules and guidelines for International exhibitions, class by class.

	Chairman	Secretary	UK Members
Aerophilately	Ross Wood (Aus)	Norman Banfield (NZ)	
Astrophilately	Charles Bromser (Aus)	Tan Chee Hui (Malaysia)	
Fight against Forgeries	Geoffrey Kellow (Aus)	Richard Gratton (Canada)	
Literature	Gary Brown (Aus)	Javaid Mohammed (UAE)	Frank Walton
Maximaphily	Jenny Banfield (NZ)	Ye Choh San (Malaysia)	
Postal History	Malcolm Groom (Aus)	Andrew Cheung (HK)	Bill Hedley
Postal Stationery	Lars Engelbrecht (DK)	Ian McMahan (Aus)	Mike Smith
Revenue	Ralph Ebner (Ger)	Jukka Makinen (Fin)	Jon Aitchison
Thematic	Petr Suhadolc (Slo)	Putranto Tono Dwi (Indonesia)	Lesley Marley
Traditional	Lars Peter Svendsen (DK)	Patricia Stilwell Walker (US)	
Youth	Jose Raul Lorenzo (Cuba)	Stephen Chan (HK)	Richard West

We are keen to fill the outstanding UK vacancies, especially Aerophilately, the Fight Against Forgeries, and Traditional Commissions. Contact [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk) to nominate or volunteer. You must have exhibited in the class concerned, or have appropriate experience.

## **Jury Matters**

Federations: We continue to work on maintaining and updating the register of Federation jurors. David Alford [aps@ntlworld.com](mailto:aps@ntlworld.com) is responsible for this.

## **OUR USUAL REMINDERS ...**

### **BECOME A FRIEND OR PATRON OF UK PHILATELY**

Even if you cannot help by doing some work, you can support the future of philately in the UK by making an annual financial contribution. Become a “Friend” with a donation of £25 or a “Patron” with £60 pa. It is worth remembering that in other countries the fees for the national association are much more helpful to supporting the organisation of philately. For instance, in Denmark, collectors make a personal contribution equivalent to £65 each year, resulting in an annual budget of £208,000. It is a similar situation in many other European countries. Denmark is half our size yet we have to manage on less than £40k!

To become a Friend or Patron contact: [membership@abps.org.uk](mailto:membership@abps.org.uk)

### **MORE HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED**

“One volunteer is worth ten times more than a pressed man!”

If you can help ABPS in any way please contact: [chair@abps.org.uk](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk)

Are you the one to support and shape the future of philately in the UK?

### **UPDATES FOR THE ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY**

Please provide feedback and updates to [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk)

Please note that information about societies non-affiliated to the ABPS no longer appear in the directory although names of societies are listed in pages at the end. Society ‘details’ are also being dropped from the website unless clubs are affiliated. The details are ‘hidden’ but can be reinstated instantly when they become affiliated.

### **THE ABPS RANGE OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS**

They are:

What the ABPS does for you.

What is stamp collecting?

Stamps Fact Sheet.

What is Postal History?

What is Thematic Collecting?

The Visiting Speaker.

ABPS Awards Scheme.

What is Postal Stationery?

A Model Constitution & Rules for Philatelic Societies

What is Open Philately?

Organising a Society Conference Weekend.

What is Traditional Collecting?

The ABPS Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (currently being re-printed)

Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Secretary (address below) or downloaded from the website. Any feedback on communications and ABPS publications should be sent to Alan Godfrey.

Email: [communications@abps.org.uk](mailto:communications@abps.org.uk)

New leaflets are still in preparation for Cinderella Collecting, Society Auctions and Postcard Collecting. Information has now been collated on recommended venues/hotels for seminars and conferences. For more information contact Dane Garrod. Email: [sslo@abpd.org.uk](mailto:sslo@abpd.org.uk)

## **ABPS NEWS**

The Summer issue of ABPS News has recently been circulated. Please remember to send in your reports to him prior to the copy deadlines. They should be sent by e-mail to: [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk) and typed in a clear format or posted to him. He needs more photos too! The closing date for copy for the next issue is 31<sup>st</sup> July followed by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 for the next one.

Submissions requested of 75 to 200 words with interesting photographs in Word, JPEG etc please.

## **WEBMASTER**

Maurice Buxton is the webmaster for the ABPS site. Updates should be sent to him by email:

[webmaster@abps.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@abps.org.uk) 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 and postcode). You will also find PDF copies of recent philatelic seminars.

A reduced resolution copy of the ABPS Bulletin is available on the ABPS website.

The Annual Accounts can now also be found on the website.

Advertising can now be taken on the ABPS website from dealers and affiliated societies.

**Our site is:** [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk)

## **SPECIALIST SOCIETIES**

Information has been collated by Dane Garrod regarding suggestions for Specialist Society meetings and events. This includes a list of hotel venues recommended by Societies for events and conferences.

If you can help, please contact: [sslo@abps.org.uk](mailto:sslo@abps.org.uk)

## **ABPS EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS**

Frames are available for hire from ABPS at fixed costs including erection and dismantling (which can be subsidised by The Philatelic Fund on application). These are only available to affiliated members of ABPS. See the web site for full information on costs and procedures.

**National guidelines on Judging** can be found on the ABPS website. A powerpoint presentation is now also available under the Exhibition tab.

**Federation Competition Rules** have been re-drafted and can be obtained from Chris King.

Please contact him if you would like an event in your area. Email: [events@abps.org.uk](mailto:events@abps.org.uk)

## **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 Rufus Barnes. Contact: [councilvc@abps.org.uk](mailto:councilvc@abps.org.uk)

## **NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ABPS AWARDS**

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 Yvonne Wheatley for more information. Nominations for the Congress Medal and Awards of Merit must be sent to Yvonne by 1st March each year. Email: [awards@abps.org.uk](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk)

## **MORE HELP IS ALWAYS WELCOME**

If you can help ABPS in any way please contact: [chair@abps.org.uk](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk)

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS**

Without the support of clubs and societies and your personal involvement through ABPS, many of the UK's major events would not happen if the ABPS was not there to engage with all our volunteers. Thank you. Please remember that although the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for our members much activity also takes place in the background to facilitate and support national and regional events such as Congress, competitive exhibitions, Midpex etc., all on a voluntary basis. Without the encouragement of our affiliated members, these might disappear completely. ABPS is also supporting the long term development of the hobby through the Stamp Active Network.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS**, please contact those mentioned above, or:

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