

EXECUTIVE BULLETIN January 2015

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

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS

Please remember that although the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for our members but 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.

FINANCES OF ABPS: If you want to find out more about what we spend your capitation fee on, the full accounts can be found on the ABPS website.

There will be no change in the capitation fee in 2015.

ABPS DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST **IMPORTANT**

A major update is being undertaken of both the Directory and Speakers Lists, due to be published in 2015. Any contributions, updates and additions for this should also be sent to Rev John Walden. Please check your current details and advise us of any changes.

We would also like copies of any Federation or Society Lists of Speakers.

Please send to handbook@abps.org.uk

Please note unaffiliated societies will not appear in the Directory.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR ABPS

The new constitution was approved at the AGM in July. Details can be found on the website.

SPRING STAMPEX 2015 is a Full National ABPS Exhibition from 18th to 21st February at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. The event will celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of The Great Britain Philatelic Society with over 500 frames of displays including 320 frames of GB philately.

Spring Stampex 2015 is a full national exhibition with all classes.

Entry forms for the Autumn Stampex national competitions are now on the ABPS website.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active Network will again be at Spring Stampex with youth activities and a free children's auction. The theme of the event will be "**Brilliant Britain**". They will be launching a new activity book at

the Show. There is a new initiative to “Bring a Child to Stampex” to encourage the next generation of collectors with a free draw for a great pack of goodies if you take a youngster (U18) to the youth stand during the Show, so start planning your visit now. Prizes include an SG Presentation wallet of an 1840 Penny Black RRP £350.

A new website has been launched www.stampactive.co.uk

The hosting and maintenance of the site is being funded by ABPS to support future development of our great hobby.

Individuals can support Stamp Active by becoming a “Friend of Stamp Active” with an annual payment of £20. For more information contact John Davies.

Email: davies1890@btinternet.com

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

EUROPHILEX LONDON 2015

13th to 16th May 2015 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London

Tickets can now be purchased for the first day at £10 from their website. All other days are free entry. www.London2015.net

This is expected to be the premier event in 2015 in GB with around 2000 frames of competitive displays and over 100 dealers taking part. ABPS is a major sponsor.

The special display is “Philatelic Events that changed the world”. We are looking for volunteers to assist at the event including manning the ABPS Information Stand.

Stamp Active will have a stand at the show and will be providing free goodie packs for all young collectors with a prize draw for any adult bringing a child U18 to the stand.

THE PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain takes place at The Queens Hotel, Leeds, from 6th to 9th August 2015. The theme of the event will be the 1890's. Full details can be found on the ABPS website or please contact Paul Gaywood for more information. Email: gaywood@hotmail.co.uk

OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Autumn Stampex 2015 Full National ABPS Exhibition: GB Overprints Society 45 Years

2015 Early September - joint UK/Germany national exhibition to be held in Gothe -celebrating 175th Anniversary of marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. 200 frames available for UK exhibitors.

Singapore 2015 FIP Exhibition: 11th to 16th August: 50 years independence 2500 frames

Spring Stampex 2016: ABPS Pictorial Classes Thematic, Open and Postcards
World Stamp Show – New York 2016 28th May to 4th June: Javits
Convention Center New York City

Autumn Stampex 2016: King George VI Society and Cinderella Societies
throughout the world.

Spring Stampex 2017: Middle East celebrating 100 years of Iraq stamps.
Executive Centre has been booked by SWE for each Spring & Autumn.
Hiring available at £100 per 2 hours (subsidised) - contact Chrissie Baker.
Breaking the mould - Essen 2015 (European Thematic Championship) will combine with
London 2015 to be a single international event held in two countries. This provides more
frames for each exhibition. The top nine exhibits from Essen will be shown at London 2015,
not judged, but available for candidate for 'Best in Show'. ECTP will have FEPA patronage
and FIP recognition.

Please remember that the ABPS does **not** subsidise individual collectors' exhibition fees or the costs
of Stampex.

For more information, contact: international@abps.org.uk

SEMINARS

Judging and Exhibition Seminars, organized by ABPS over two days,
are available to Federations where demand exists locally. Thanks to
Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions for their sponsorship.

If you would like more information please contact
events@abps.org.uk

The recent event in Hitchin, sponsored by Grosvenor Philatelic
Auctions, had 19 delegates and was well received.

All judges are expected to attend a Seminar within a five year period
to maintain their accreditation.

Other Reminders...

UPDATES FOR THE ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

Please provide feedback and updates to handbook@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 'hidden' but can be reinstated
instantly when they become affiliated.

Additional copies of the Directory may be obtained from the Secretary at a cost of £9 inc. p&p.

THE ABPS RANGE OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS

They are:

What the ABPS does for you

What is stamp collecting?

Stamps Fact Sheet

What is Social Philately?

What is Postal History?

What is Thematic Collecting?

The Visiting Speaker

ABPS Awards Scheme

What is Postal Stationery?

Model Constitution & Rules for Philatelic Societies

What is Open Philately

Organising a Society Conference Weekend

Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Secretary (address below) or downloaded from the website.

Others under consideration are: How to conduct Society Auctions, What is Cinderella Collecting?

What is Traditional Collecting? Post Card Collecting

Any feedback on communications and ABPS publications, should be sent to Chris Oliver. Email: communications@abps.org.uk

Information has now been collated on recommended venues/hotels for seminars and conferences.

For more information contact Dane Garrod. Email: sslo@abpd.org.uk

ABPS NEWS

The new issue of ABPS News is circulated in February. Our editor is Keith Burton.

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 typed in a clear format or posted to him. He needs more photos too!

WEBSITE

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.

Please send any material for inclusion or suggestions for improvement to John Baron:

Email: chair@abps.org.uk **The new site is:** 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

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.

The Committee has also appointed an administrator, Chrissie Baker, to maintain records of exhibitors and judges etc.

National guidelines on Judging are to be published shortly. Further details can be found on the ABPS website.

A Powerpoint presentation is now also available on the website 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

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 John Baron. Contact: chair@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 Susan Oliver for more information.

Nominations for the Congress Medal and Awards of Merit must be sent to Susan Oliver by 1st March each year. Email: awards@abps.org.uk

THE BRITISH PHILATELIC TRUST has now been wound up.

Applications for funding should now be sent to THE PHILATELIC FUND
c/o RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY .

The office space at the Business Design Centre (Room 145E) is available for hire (suitable for committee meeting etc) on application to Tina Wilby at RPSL.

MORE HELP NEEDED URGENTLY

In particular, we are looking for someone to act as a **Website Officer**, This is a vital role to improve our communications to members. Can you help?

Help is also required to man the Information Stand at every Stampex. "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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS, please contact those mentioned above, or the ABPS General Secretary

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