

This time we are trying to change the content of the Bulletin with an abbreviated version focusing solely on selected key points. You will find full information about all areas of ABPS on our website.

Have a look at [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk)

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

## DATA PROTECTION ACT

There are changes in the law that will require philatelic societies to get express consent for any data they may hold on their members. Please look at the ABPS website for more information and draft forms.

If you have any queries, please contact [secretary@abps.org.uk](mailto:secretary@abps.org.uk)

## NATIONAL STAMP DAY

This event was re-established in 2017 and further initiatives are planned for the future. If you have any ideas for a local event or would like to help, please contact the Chairman [chairman@abps.org.uk](mailto:chairman@abps.org.uk)

## NEW POLICIES

The ABPS has drafted a set of terms and conditions and its privacy policy to give clarity on its role. These can be found on the ABPS website.

## ABPS NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue is 31<sup>st</sup> December. The last issue featured 67 reports from clubs and societies, so this is a good opportunity to showcase your club and share ideas with affiliated members of ABPS. 3750 copies are currently circulated for each issue.

Contact [editor@abps.org.uk](mailto:editor@abps.org.uk)

## INVALID & LONE COLLECTORS SOCIETY

ABPS has noted that some clubs have ceased due to small numbers. If you are interested in continuing your interests but have difficulty getting around, have a look at this society. Their website is

<http://ilcsuk.blogspot.co.uk/>

## DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST

Invitations have gone out to known speakers for the new online directory. If you have not received your invitation and would like to be included, please contact the Secretary.

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

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

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

## STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

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: [stampactive@btinternet.com](mailto:stampactive@btinternet.com)

## EXHIBITING AND JUDGING SEMINARS

These events can be held in any part of the UK, subject to the level of interest. If you would like one of the two-day events in your region, please contact the organiser on [international@abps.org.uk](mailto:international@abps.org.uk)

We believe that exhibitors at every level deserve to be given quality feedback by accredited judges, so please make sure that you have enough in your area.

The next national exhibiting and judging seminar, for existing and would-be federation judges and for potential and existing exhibitors, is on 25-26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin. Anyone interested, should contact David Alford at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk)

### **DEALER REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED**

ABPS is seeking another individual to join the team to liaise with the philatelic trade and PTS. If you feel you would be willing to help, please contact the Chairman by email [chairman@abps.org.uk](mailto:chairman@abps.org.uk)

### **FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE ALSO NEEDED**

Regrettably, Rufus Barnes has had to stand down for personal reasons

### **AWARDS**

Nominations for the ABPS Award of Merit and the Congress Medal should be submitted by 31st March 2018. Details on the website. Contact [awards@abps.org.uk](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk)

### **ABPS SMALL GRANTS SCHEME**

If you are planning a local event to promote philately and may need financial assistance, please have a look at this scheme as you may be eligible for a grant.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,**

please contact those mentioned above, or:

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