

This is an abbreviated version focusing solely on selected key points. You will find full information about all areas of ABPS on our website.

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

## ABPS NEWS

The Spring 2018 issue has just been published and circulated to members. It can also be found on the website. The deadline for copy for the next issue is 15<sup>th</sup> April. This is a good opportunity to showcase your club and share ideas with affiliated members of ABPS. You can also apply for one free advertisement annually to promote your Society, though space is limited, so get your application in early!

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

## SPRING STAMPEX 2018

This show featured the first use of the new “A” type frames from the Philatelic Fund which are available for the ABPS national stamp show. They were well received, being easier to erect and giving a good view of the displays.



## PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

This year's Congress will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Jury's Inn, Gateshead Quays, South Shore Road, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 3AE. Further details of the programme and application forms can be found on the website.

## NATIONAL STAMP DAY

This event was re-established in 2017 and plans are well advanced to make this a regular annual event on 6<sup>th</sup> May each year. It is hoped that Societies will play their part in featuring a key event as close as possible to that date each year and join in the fun. If you have any ideas for a local event or would like to help, please contact the Chairman by email: [j.gwinters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.gwinters@hotmail.co.uk)

## STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active had a successful Spring Stampex with improved attendance. One of the highlights was the production of promotional labels in the feature area, sponsored by Cartor Security Printing that raised significant funds for the group. Autumn Stampex will feature the theme of “Britain at War”. Can you donate any suitable material to Stamp Active. John Davies recently stood down as Chairman but will remain actively involved as Events Manager.

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

## **AUTUMN STAMPEX**

13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London.

National exhibition for all classes. Full details and exhibitor application forms are on the website.

## **EXHIBITING AND JUDGING SEMINARS**

The next national exhibiting and judging seminar, for existing and would-be federation judges and for potential and existing exhibitors, is on **14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin. Anyone interested, should contact David Alford at [exhibiting@abps.org.uk](mailto:exhibiting@abps.org.uk)

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.

## **DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST**

If you 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.

## **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**

## **AWARDS**

Nominations for the ABPS Award of Merit and the Congress Medal should be submitted by 1st March each year. Details on the website. Contact [awards@abps.org.uk](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk)

## **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)

## **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,**

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