

Last time we made a change to the bulletin with an abbreviated version focusing solely on selected key points. Some feedback would be useful to let us know if you prefer this format.

You will find full information about all areas of ABPS on our website.

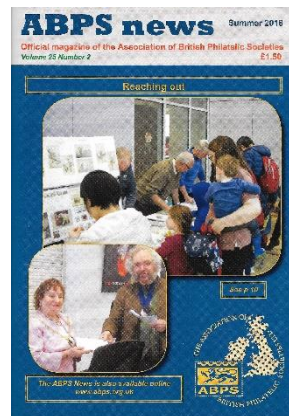
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and circulate this bulletin to any philatelic friends to show just how much the ABPS is doing to promote philately across the UK. Thank you.

ABPS NEWS

The Summer 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 15th July. This is a good opportunity to showcase your club and share ideas with affiliated members of ABPS. It is also a good place to pick up ideas for your own club programmes and find out ways to promote your Society and attract new members. You can also apply for one free advertisement annually to publicise your Society, though space is limited, so get your application in early!

Contact editor@abps.org.uk



PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

This year's Congress will take place from 26th to 29th 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. This will include a celebration of the 100th Congress and displays relating to the end of World War I.

The AGM of ABPS will take place at Congress. This year, no increase in the affiliation fee will be proposed (for the third year running) but an increase is likely to be necessary in 2020.

ABPS FREE WEBSITES

Progress is now being made with this initiative by Neil Ritchie with trails taking place with the Yorkshire Philatelic Federation and the Spanish Study Circle.

NATIONAL STAMP DAY

This event was re-established in 2017 and plans are well advanced to make this a regular annual event on 6th 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.

Graham Winters has said "My aim is to encourage and facilitate, through ABPS, that very Society holds a Stamp Day event as near to 6th May each year as practical. This could include putting up a display in a local Museum or Library, promoting a Design-A-Stamp or Cover competition or your own Stamp Fair. Small grants will be considered to support any local initiatives."

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



Chairman, Graham Winters

YORK STAMP FAIR and NATIONAL EXHIBITION

This takes place at York Racecourse on 20th & 21st July. The deadline for receipt of entries for the competitions has been extended. For the latest information, see the ABPS website.

AUTUMN STAMPEX 2018

13th to 16th September 2018 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London.

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

Remember there is now an ephemera class as a feature of the Show.

Medals for Stampex entries have been sponsored by the National Philatelic Society for entries which achieve Large Vermeil and above, exc. one frame exhibits.

One significant change is that you can put in a display on a non-competitive basis, so that you can exhibit your collection without having to go through a judging process. Have a Go, Show!

Autumn Stampex will feature displays by the American Philatelic Society, Civil Censorship Group and the Forces Postal History Society.

Changes have been made to the new frames to allow them to be presented in a “booth” format as well as the “A frame” to allow more displays to be presented.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Autumn Stampex will feature the theme of “Britain at War”. Can you donate any suitable material to Stamp Active.

A recent survey of Kidstamps members has given very positive feedback on their free postal club for children.

John Davies recently stood down as Chairman but will remain actively involved as Events Manager.

A new Chairperson is still being sought.

Email: stampactive@btinternet.com

EXHIBITING AND JUDGING SEMINARS

The seminars for regional, national and international judges have been well supported in Hitchin and in Falkirk. 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

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.

Ideas for other Seminars by ABPS would be welcomed. Let us know your views please.

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

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

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

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. The ABPS will update its own privacy policy on the website to take account of the changes in legislation. If you have any queries, please contact 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. Two grants have been made in the last quarter to enable the hire of a room and host a seminar.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,

please contact those mentioned above, or:

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