



ABPS

The Association of British Philatelic Societies Ltd

EXECUTIVE BULLETIN

May 2019

Please circulate this bulletin to any philatelic friends to show what the ABPS is doing to promote philately across the UK. Also please visit www.abps.org.uk

ABPS AWARDS

The ABPS awards committee has completed its work for this year and five nominees will receive a certificate for an Award of Merit:

Daphne McMillan	proposed by Hull and District Philatelic Society
Robert McMillan	proposed by Hull and District Philatelic Society
Michael Waugh	proposed by Leeds Philatelic Society and the Malaya Study Group
Mark Wilson	proposed by the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Greta Britain
John Wright	proposed by the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies and Hastings & East Sussex Philatelic Society



The prestigious ABPS Congress Medal this year is Awarded to Gerald Marriner. Gerald was nominated by the Channel Islands Specialists' Society and will be known to many as the Chairman of the ABPS Philatelic Congress of Great Britain organising committee.

Congratulations to all receiving awards!

ABPS News

The Spring 2019 issue has recently been published and circulated to members. It can also be found on the ABPS website at <http://www.abps.org.uk/News/index.xalter>.

The deadline for copy for the Summer 2019 issue is 15th April 2019. 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. For more information contact editor@abps.org.uk

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ABPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Christine Earle, Chair of the Philatelic Fund, has become a new permanent member of the ABPS executive committee.

Bill Barrell also joins the ABPS executive committee as the new Philatelic Traders' Society representative.

EFFORTS ACCELERATED TO WORK CLOSER WITH FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Steve Harrison, the newly co-opted Vice-Chairman of ABPS is currently working hard on a new plan to help the ABPS and regional Federations and Associations to work more closely together. One of Steve's main aims of the plan he is that it will enable the ABPS to be more responsive and have a clearer understanding of what the regional organisations want of the ABPS. Plans will be published in the near future.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The 2019 Congress will take place as part of the programme at the STOCKHOLMIA international exhibition on the Thursday and Friday, 10.00am - 2.30pm. For more information contact gerald.marriner@gmail.com

The 2020 Congress will be held in Market Harborough (NOT Iron Bridge as previously reported) at the Three Swans Hotel, 3 - 6 September.

In 2021 Congress will move to Harrogate to recognise 100 Years since its formation there.

Planning has already started on the venue for the 2022 venue for Congress!

ABPS FREE WEBSITE

Under this initiative by the ABPS the Yorkshire Philatelic Association website is up and running. All the affiliated YPA Societies have been approached and where they have agreed to receive a website they are either up and running or in the process of being completed. Other websites recently undertaken are Chichester PS, Spanish Study Circle. For more information about this free ABPS service contact secretary@abps.org.uk

SPECIALIST SOCIETIES

Dane Garrod continues his work with specialist societies not affiliated to ABPS to encourage them to support the future of philately in the UK through the work of ABPS. For more information contact dane.garrod5@btinternet.com

ABPS AGM MOVES IN 2019

The ABPS AGM this year will be held on Saturday, 20 July at the York Stamp Fair. Part of the meeting will be a display by Alan Holyoake - "Early Letters" - a display of world class standard!

MISSING ABPS TROPHIES

Work continues with this project. Many more trophies have now come to light! The ABPS executive committee will make clear plans as to what will be the future of all the trophies.

ABPS SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The ABPS is always there to help! If you are planning a local event to promote philately and may need financial assistance, please have a look at this scheme on our website as you may be eligible for a grant.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK



The new Chairman of Stamp Active, Susan Henderson reports that at Spring Stampex the Kids Zone, run by the Stamp Active Network, sponsored by The Philatelic Traders' Society, was the area of real interest for children. There were very few children attending on weekdays as this was, once again, in term time but there were a reasonable number of children taking part in the activities and the auction that followed which brought very positive feedback from both the youngsters and their parents! It was interesting to note that about half the visitors were there for the first time. A feature in the youth area was the opportunity to create some "Stamp Art" by decorating a post box.

The theme of the activities this time was "Around the World" with a range of activities, a Word Search and Quiz based on a display on the theme.

The website can be found at www.stampactive.co.uk

Email: stampactive@btinternet.com

ABPS FINANCE

At the recent meeting of the ABPS executive committee the report of the directors and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 for

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- A.B.P.S. Exhibitions Limited
- Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Limited

were presented and approved. Copies will be available on the ABPS website,

DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST

Neil Richie's work on a National Speaker List is ongoing and the details of those who have responded to emails positively have been sent to the ABPS webmaster for inclusion onto the ABPS website.

The process of obtaining GDPR approval from the speakers resulted in a total of 241 emails being successfully delivered, 20 bounced back (these faulty email addresses have been rectified) and one person unsubscribed. The number of these emails opened was 162. The number of persons now actively on the National Speaker List stands at 142. The total numbers of persons on the original speaker list was 338 of which 16 have requested deletion.

Neil will be sending another email to those 180 that have not responded. It is proposed that at the end of 2019 persons on the list that have not responded will have their names and contact details removed to comply with GDPR.

If you have any queries, please contact secretary@abps.org.uk

DATA PROTECTION ACT

There are changes in the law that 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

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