



ABPS

The Association of British Philatelic Societies Ltd

EXECUTIVE BULLETIN

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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

AGM NEWS

The Association's AGM was held at York on 20th July.

George Henshilwood has now been appointed as Secretary with Neil Ritchie moving to a key role in assisting the development of the ABPS website.

Steve Harrison was appointed Vice-Chairman.

The list of Federation Judges is being updated but this is proving more difficult than expected as only half of the Secretaries of the Federations have responded to enquiries from Alan Godfrey.

The capitation fee will be £1.50 per member from 1st January 2020.

Ten new banners are being prepared for the promotion of ABPS at regional and national events, sponsored by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions.

Presentations were made at the AGM to winners of the Award of Merit and the Congress Medal was presented to Gerald Marriner.

AUTUMN STAMPEX

This takes place at the Business Design Centre, London from 11th to 14th September.

The Court of Honour will feature the award-winning collection of "Concorde" by Brian Asquith. The lead Society will be the National Philatelic Society.

A new initiative will see tours of the Exhibition available including explanations of the competitive entries. There is also a seminar of how to exhibit and display your collection.

Please note there will be no Spring Stampex in 2020 because of the proximity to the London 2020 International Exhibition in May.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active have now produced a new activity book on the theme of TRANSPORT ON STAMPS. Copies are available free of charge to schools and junior stamp clubs.

The "Kids Zone" will be in its usual place in Gallery Bays 14 and 15 during Autumn Stampex with free goodie bags for young visitors, activities and displays on the theme of TRANSPORT, stamp art and much more.

Their award-winning website can be found at www.stampactive.co.uk

Email: stampactive@btinternet.com

JUDGING SEMINAR

A two-day seminar on judging at Federation level will be held in Hitchin on November 2nd and 3rd. If you are interested in attending please contact secretary@abps.org

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The 2020 Congress will be held in Market Harborough at the Three Swans Hotel, 3 - 6 September.

For more information contact gerald.marriner@gmail.com

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

ABPS FREE WEBSITE

Under this initiative by the ABPS the Yorkshire Philatelic Association website is up and running. A total of 13 Societies have, so far, taken up the offer of a free website.

See ABPS News for more information about this free ABPS service or 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 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.

DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST

Neil Richie's work on a National Speaker List is still 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.

A speakers' listing, Version 5, is now downloadable available from the website and will be regularly updated.

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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