



ABPS

The Association of British Philatelic Societies Ltd

“The Voice of British Philately”

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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

URGENT HELP NEEDED BY ABPS

Everyone in philately is finding it more difficult to find individuals who are prepared to get involved in administering or organizing philatelic activities or events. This, of course, includes ABPS. If you are someone who is prepared to give even a few hours to help out, we would welcome a discussion to see how you can provide support. Specific vacancies include an Advertising Manager, Communications Manager and help with development of learning resources for the website but there are plenty of opportunities to help out in other ways.

It would be greatly appreciated if all Societies would copy this request in their Journals or Newsletters or by email.

Please contact Steven Harrison, Chairman of ABPS, by emailing him at sharrison500@btinternet.com or calling him on 0121 313 0671.

STAMPEX

There is no Spring Stampex in 2023. The next Stampex is being held from 27th to 30th September at the Business Design Centre, London. There will be no competitive displays at this event.

YORK STAMP FAIR

The next national competitions will be held at the York Stamp Fair on 21st and 22nd July 2023. Plans are also being made for an Inter-Federation competition at this event.

ABPS would welcome offers of sponsorship for the frames. If any Society or individual can help, please contact Simon Richards at simon@sidebell.co.uk

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN



Next year's Congress will be in Torquay from 9th to 11th June 2023. This is slightly shorter than recent years and it is hoped this will appeal to more people, combining an interesting philatelic event with a holiday break. Further details to follow but please keep the date free.

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ABPS ADVERTISING MANAGER

Eddie Mays is stepping down from his role as Advertising Manager. If you are prepared to help, please contact us.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

Full details of opportunities to take part in international stamp exhibitions can be found in the Exhibiting section of the ABPS website.

EUROPHILEX 2025

A full European International Exhibition, under the auspices of FEPA, will take place at the NEC, Birmingham, from 8th to 11th May 2025. The Chairman of the organizing Committee is Jon Aitchison.

ABPS AWARDS



Congress Medal

The Awards Committee invites nominations for the Awards. See the website for nomination forms and full details of the Award of Merit and Congress Medal.

ABPS NATIONAL JUDGING SEMINAR

A Seminar for national judges, or anyone who wants to consider getting involved, will take place in Hitchin on 18th and 19th February 2023. This session is important for anyone who wishes to maintain their accreditation as a national judge. For more information, contact David Alford by email apsinfo@ntlworld.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.

In particular, there may be some small societies of less than ten members who made need financial help to keep going. ABPS is very willing to consider financial support.

ABPS NEWS

The latest issue of ABPS News will be circulated shortly. Back issues can be downloaded from the News section of the ABPS website.

The closing date for copy for the next issue is 15th January.

Articles and enquiries relating to ABPS News can be submitted via the website or you can write direct by email at editor@abps.org.uk

This is an opportunity for you to promote your Society. Affiliated Societies and Federations are entitled to one free advertisement each year.

LATEST NEWS FROM ROYAL MAIL

Please note Non-barcoded Definitive stamps will be phased out but will now remain usable until July 2023. Royal Mail is encouraging customers to find any non-barcoded stamps they have at home so they can use them up, unused stamps will be exchangeable under a 'Swap Out' scheme.

CALLING ALL STAMP EVENT ORGANISERS

The new website of the ABPS provides the opportunity for organisers of philatelic events such as Stamp Fairs, Philatelic Exhibitions, Society Weekends and Regional Society Meetings, to promote their events free of charge. It is also a chance, if you are planning an event, to check that it does not clash with anything else.

The ABPS Executive has now agreed that Society Auctions, organised by affiliated Societies, can also be included in the ABPS events calendar.

You can request an event to be added to the ABPS Events Calendar directly on the website. Entries will then be checked by the administrator and approved.

Go to <https://www.abps.org.uk/request-event-addition/>

CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

If you are prepared to give displays to Societies, either in person or by Zoom, please pass your details to the Secretary of ABPS or input your information on to ABPS website. We are also updating the site with additional information about speakers relating to Powerpoint/Zoom presentations as this has become a popular development.

MAKE SURE YOUR SOCIETY LOOKS GOOD ON THE NEW ABPS WEBSITE

Our website has received some very positive feedback so far but we know there is more that can be done. It is the same address www.abps.org.uk

It is on a new platform and includes all the usual information about ABPS news and activities. **It now also includes a searchable list of speakers, judges and an events calendar.**

If you are a speaker or judge or an event organizer, please check the information on the website and advise us of any corrections, updates or additions.

If you are a Society or Speaker, you can add some pictures of your meetings or displays to create attractive content.

If you have any images of your local Society, events or seminars etc. that you think might enhance the website please send them to the PR Manager at pr@abps.org.uk

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fee for all Societies will be £2 per member from 1st January 2023. This reflects the increase in postal rates and other costs that the Association now incurs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,

Please contact those mentioned above, or E-mail: secretary@abps.org.uk

Any feedback or ideas, or if you would like to help, please contact our Chairman, Steve Harrison, by email: chair@abps.org.uk

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