



ABPS EXECUTIVE BULLETIN

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HELP NEEDED – FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE

There is a vacancy on the ABPS Committee for someone who will act as the focal point for regional federations on behalf of ABPS. If you can help ABPS in any way please contact: chair@abps.org.uk

NEW ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

The long-running saga continues with much effort being made to try to ensure a comprehensive and up to date listing by John Baron. In the meantime, the web site is an invaluable source of information. The new handbook is now expected early in 2012. Again our apologies to all for the delay in getting this out to you.

CHANGE IN THE CAPITATION FEE

The fee will change to £1.10 per member in 2012. This is the first increase for about five years and is required to go some way to cover increased postal charges and the wide range of support and events promoted by ABPS. For further information see “What the ABPS does for you” which you can also find on the website.

NEW LEAFLETS

A new series of ABPS leaflets is now available for guidance and to promote collecting. They are:

- What the ABPS does for you
- What is stamp collecting?
- Stamps Fact Sheet
- What is thematic collecting?
- What is Social Philately?
- What is Postal History?
- The Visiting Speaker
- Awards Scheme

“WHAT IS POSTAL STATIONERY” is the latest addition to the range of information leaflets available to the range of ABPS leaflets and this will be available early in 2012. This is good timing in terms of the link with the theme of Autumn Stampex 2012 which will include displays and a seminar on Postal Stationery. Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Secretary (address below).

REGIONAL EVENTS

Congratulations go to Northern Ireland for the two week festival of philatelic events in and around Bangor. It is thought over 1000 people visited their displays and activities.

NPS took a stand at the recent Ideal Home Show at Earls Court. It was well organised and well attended and succeeded in raising the profile of the hobby and gained some new members for NPS.

Congratulations to Norfolk and Norwich on achieving their centenary. Celebrations took place over a 10 day event and they gained over 20 new members

SPECIALIST SOCIETIES

Information is being collated by Dane Garrod regarding suggestions for Specialist Society meetings and events.

If you can help, please contact: sslo@abps.org.uk

WEBSITE

The new ABPS website is up and running. You will find lots of information about Clubs around the country and their activities. Please take a look, check your local societies and tell us of any errors including the meeting place postcode.

A reduced resolution copy of the ABPS Bulletin is available on the ABPS website.

Accounts for 2010/11 can now also be found on the website.

Please send any material for inclusion or suggestions for improvement to John Baron:

Email: chair@abps.org.uk

The new site is: www.abps.org.uk

ABPS NEWS

Please remember to send in your reports to John Gledhill prior to the copy deadlines. They should be sent by e-mail to: editor@abps.org.uk typed in a clear format or posted to him. He needs more photos too!

CONGRESS

This annual celebration of philately will be held in Dewar's Centre, Perth, between the 18th and 22nd of October 2012. Their Committee desires to host the national competitions around the same time. Perth railway station is close to the Congress and Exhibition venue.

The Perth Congress website is now up and running: www.perth2012.com

ABPS EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

A workshop on "Cinderella" stamp collecting is being organised by the NPS on March 8th 2012 at NPS, c/o Freeling House, Phoenix Place, London WC1X ODL, led by Francis Kiddle.

If you are interested, contact: international@abps.org.uk

National guidelines on Judging are to be published. Further details can be found on the ABPS website.

A Powerpoint presentation is now also available on the website under the Exhibition tab.

Spring Stampex will feature "Pictorial Classes" including post cards. Thematic and open philately with an impressive range of seminars. Entries for the competitive classes should be submitted promptly.

Applications forms for national competitions can also be downloaded from the web site.

Autumn Stampex will feature the full range of competitive exhibits with invited displays from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Federation Competition Rules have been re-drafted and are can be obtained from Chris King.

Please contact him if you would like an event in your area. Email: events@abps.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Exhibitions are proceeding in Paris and Jakarta in 2012 and entries have now closed. Paris has been heavily over-subscribed. In 2012 exhibitions are being planned in Australia, Brazil and Thailand and, possibly, Madrid.

For more information, contact: international@abps.org.uk

OTHER EVENTS

The National P.S. is holding seminars at the BPMA, Phoenix Centre.

8th September 2011 – Changing Stamp Production Methods. For details visit the National P.S. website.

The NPS will also be taking a stand at The Ideal Home Show.

COMMUNICATIONS TO FEDERATIONS

Members of the Executive Committee are willing to attend Federation and other regional events by invitation to talk about the role of ABPS. If you would like to know more about ABPS and its activities, please contact John Baron. Contact: chair@abps.org.uk

BRITISH PHILATELIC TRUST

Chris King has now taken over as Chairman of the Trustees. BPT welcomes applications for grants relating to their objectives, specifically education and research.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active Network will again be at Spring Stampex with youth activities and an auction. The theme of the event will be "**Sport on Stamps**" with a new activity book available to young visitors free of charge. Individuals can also support Stamp Active by becoming a "Friend of Stamp Active" with an annual payment of £20.

For more information contact John Davies. Email: davies1890@btinternet.com

Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons.

NEW LIST OF PHILATELIC LECTURERS AND DISPLAYS

This has now been published. Additional copies may be obtained from the Chairman

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ABPS AWARDS OF MERIT

If you know of anyone who deserves recognition for their support of our hobby, why not recommend them for this award. Details can be found on the ABPS website or contact Susan Oliver for more information.

Nominations for the Congress Medal and Awards of Merit for next year must be sent to Susan Oliver by 31st March 2012. Email: awards@abps.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,

please contact those mentioned above, or the ABPS General Secretary

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