



ABPS EXECUTIVE BULLETIN

March 2012

NOTICE OF ABPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place on Saturday 21st July at the Royal Philatelic Society, London at 2pm.

“**WHAT IS POSTAL STATIONERY**” is the latest addition to the range of information leaflets added to the range of ABPS leaflets and this is now available. It 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.

OTHER LEAFLETS NOW AVAILABLE:

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

Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Secretary (address below) or view the website.

The next leaflet that is planned will be a “Model Constitution & Rules for Philatelic Societies”.

ABPS NEWS

The new issue of ABPS News is circulated this month. 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!

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. You will also find PDF copies of recent philatelic seminars.

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

The Annual Accounts 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

NEW LIST OF PHILATELIC LECTURERS AND DISPLAYS

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

NEW ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

We regret the ongoing difficulties in getting this publication into print. It has been a long-running saga but with much effort is 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 soon.

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.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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.

SPECIALIST SOCIETIES

Information is being collated by Dane Garrod regarding suggestions for Specialist Society meetings and events. This includes a list of hotel venues recommended by Societies for events and conferences.

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

PERTH CONGRESS 2012

This annual celebration of philately will be held in Dewar's Centre, Perth, between the 18th and 22nd of October 2012. There will be presentations relating to Scandinavian Philately. They will host the national competitions at 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 Friday 9th March 2012 at NPS, c/o Freeling House, Phoenix Place, London WC1X ODL, led by Francis Kiddle.

If you are interested view: www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps or telephone: 020 7239 2571 before noon on Monday 5th March 2012.

National guidelines on Judging are to be published shortly. Further details can be found on the ABPS website. A PowerPoint presentation is now also available on the website under the Exhibition tab.

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

There will be the full range of national classes as part of the national competitions.

Spring Stampex 2013 will feature Revenues and Cinderella Philately.

Federation Competition Rules have been re-drafted and 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.

2012	Perth, Australia	8-17 June	Commissioner: Frank Walton
	FEPA Congress	9 June	Delegate: Francis Kiddle
	Jakarta	19-24 June	Commissioner: Yvonne Wheatley
	FIP Congress	24 June	Delegate: Francis Kiddle
2013	Australia	10-15 May	Commissioner: Richard West
	Thailand	3-13 Aug	Commissioner: Chris King
	Brazil	8-13 Nov	
	Spain	March?	Exhibition still to be confirmed

It is notable that the UK has 210 individuals who have qualified to enter exhibits at national level over the last ten years, ranking us second in the world.

Please remember that the ABPS does **not** subsidise individual collectors' exhibition fees or the costs of Stampex.

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

OTHER EVENTS

EUROPHILEX LONDON 2015, 13th to 16th May

This important international event has recently been launched and planning is now taking place.

The event will celebrate 175 years of postage stamps. You will see world class exhibits, build your collection and meet old friends and make new ones! Make it your "Must Go" event of 2015!

Sponsors are being sought. Individual collectors can support through the "250 Club".

More information can be found on their website: www.london2015.net

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 Autumn Stampex with youth activities and a free children's auction. The theme of the event will be **"Royalty"**.

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.

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 1st March each year. Email: awards@abps.org.uk

MORE HELP NEEDED

If you can help ABPS in any way please contact: chair@abps.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,
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