

# **ABPS EXECUTIVE BULLETIN June 2014**

Please circulate to any philatelic friends to show just how much the ABPS is doing to promote philately across the UK. Without the support of clubs and societies and your personal involvement through ABPS, many of the UK's major events would not happen if the ABPS was not there to engage with all our volunteers. Thank you.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS**

Please remember that although the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for our members but much activity also takes place in the background to facilitate and support national and regional events such as Congress, competitive exhibitions, Midpex etc., all on a voluntary basis. Without the encouragement of our affiliated members, these might disappear completely. ABPS is also supporting the long term development of the hobby through the Stamp Active Network.

**FINANCES OF ABPS:** *If you want to find out more about what we spend your capitation fee on, the full accounts can be found on the ABPS website.*

## **ABPS DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST \*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**A major update is being undertaken of both the Directory and Speakers Lists, due to be published in 2015. Any contributions, updates and additions for this should also be sent to Rev John Walden. Please check your current details and advise us of any changes.**

**We would also like copies of any Federation or Society Lists of Speakers.**

**Please send to [handbook@abps.org.uk](mailto:handbook@abps.org.uk)**

## **MORE HELP NEEDED URGENTLY**

**In particular, we are looking for someone to act as a Website Officer, This is a vital role to improve our communications to members. Can you help?**

**Help is also required to man the Information Stand at every Stampex.**

**“One volunteer is worth ten times more than a pressed man!”**

**If you can help ABPS in any way please contact: [chair@abps.org.uk](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk)**

## **NEW CONSTITUTION FOR ABPS**

**Proposals for the new constitution have been circulated to members and this will be put to the AGM in July. Feedback to date has been generally positive. If you cannot attend the AGM, proxy votes can be sent to the Hon Secretary.**

## **AGM**

**This will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at The Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, LE16 7NJ.**

**THE PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain also takes place at The Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, LE16 7NJ from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday July 2014.**

**This is a very friendly and relaxed event with some excellent displays. The Kay Goodman Lecture this year will be on “The Future of Philately”. Full details can be found on the ABPS website or please contact Paul Gaywood for more information.**

**Email: [gaywood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gaywood@hotmail.co.uk)**

**THE BRITISH PHILATELIC TRUST has now been wound up. Their funds have been distributed to BPMA (£850k), RPSL (£850k) and a new PHILATELIC FUND has been established (£1.7m) under the Chairmanship of Brian Trotter. All these organisations must use these resources in a way consistent with the objectives of the original Trust.**

**Applications for funding should now be sent to THE PHILATELIC FUND c/o RPSL, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY .**

The office space at the Business Design Centre (Room 145E) is available for hire (suitable for committee meeting etc) on application to Tina Wilby at RPSL.

**AUTUMN STAMPEX 2014 is a Full National ABPS Exhibition from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. Autumn Stampex 2014 will be a full national exhibition with all classes.**

There are only a few weeks before entries close.

There will also be German & Colonies Philatelic Society exhibits of up to 200 frames.

The event is also open to German exhibitors due to an agreement signed between UK (ABPS) & Germany. Two German judges will be joining the jury.

Entry forms for the national competitions are now on the ABPS website. There is a new initiative to “Bring a Child to Stampex” to encourage the next generation of collectors with a free draw for a great pack of goodies if you take a youngster (U18) to the youth stand during the Show, so start planning your visit now. Prizes include an SG Presentation wallet of an 1840 Penny Black RRP £350.

### **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 “Christmas”.

A new website has been launched [www.stampactive.co.uk](http://www.stampactive.co.uk)

The hosting and maintenance of the site is being funded by ABPS to support future development of our great hobby.

Following the success of Midpex, their Committee has agreed to continue to sponsor the Anne Dummer Award for “Young Collector of the Year”.

Individuals can 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](mailto:davies1890@btinternet.com)  
Starter Packs are now available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons.

A new activity book has been designed on the theme of "All at Sea", available free to young collectors.

Plans have also started for an activity book for the 2015 exhibitions on "Collecting British Stamps".

Kidstamps continues to flourish with new members in and the largest level of ongoing activity for some time. This free postal club for children is still being run by Tim and Maureen Cory.

Tim and Maureen have recently been presented with the Bill Hart Award for outstanding service to youth philately.

### **OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**Joint meeting of RPSL and l'Académie de Philatélie de Belgique** 11th to 14th July 2014, Ypres. Display plus **RDP ceremony**

**Spring Stampex 2015:** GBPS with 200 frames. Autumn Stampex 2015 - GB Overprints Society-100 frames

2015 Early September - joint UK/Germany national exhibition to be held in Gothe -celebrating 175th Anniversary of marriage of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. 200 frames available for UK exhibitors.

**Singapore 2015** FIP Exhibition: 11th to 16th August: 50 years independence 2500 frames

**Autumn Stampex 2015** Full National ABPS Exhibition: GB Overprints Society 45 Years

**Spring Stampex 2016:** ABPS Pictorial Classes Thematic, Open and Postcards

**World Stamp Show – New York 2016** 28th May to 4th June: Javits Convention Center New York City

**Autumn Stampex 2016:** King George VI Society and Cinderella Societies throughout the world.

**Spring Stampex 2017:** Middle East celebrating 100 years of Iraq stamps.

Executive Centre has been booked by SWE for each Spring & Autumn.

Hiring available at £100 per 2 hours (subsidised) - contact Chrissie Baker.

The SWE has signed an agreement with PTS/Stampex and paid to ensure that we have the same space allocation for the next 10 Stampex exhibitions - a formal signed agreement.

**London 2015 - Getting very successful. 21 new stands signed up at Spring Stampex or following publication of PTS Dealer list. New postcards getting very good publicity. Eight now issued. Next at Autumn Stampex 2014. 15 will be issued at philatelic events with last being issued at London 2015. ABPS is a major sponsor of this event.**

Breaking the mould - Essen 2015 (European Thematic Championship) will combine with London 2015 to be a single international event held in two countries. This provides more frames for each exhibition. The top nine exhibits from Essen will be shown at London 2015, not judged, but available for candidate for 'Best in Show'. ECTP will have FEPA patronage and FIP recognition.

**Frames** - continued refurbishment by the Philatelic Fund. New store/source/stockpile of frames has been discovered very recently; they will be refurbished. Francis Kiddle confirmed that original agreement with all Federations that frames were loaned (permanently) but could be recalled for international exhibitions in UK.

**FEPA:** Francis Kiddle, Chris and Birthe King attended the FEPA Congress held in Madrid. Birthe got voted in as a FEPA Director with 27 votes, overwhelmingly the highest number of votes. She is the first female Director of FEPA. Many congratulations. There was a very interesting presentation on survey of whole of Europe on current trends and guestimates for 10 years into the future for organised philately.

38 countries submitted information for the survey.

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](mailto:international@abps.org.uk)

## **SEMINARS**

Judging and Exhibition Seminars, organized by ABPS over two days, are available to Federations where demand exists locally. Thanks to Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions for their sponsorship.

If you would like more information please contact [events@abps.org.uk](mailto:events@abps.org.uk)

The recent event in Scotland, sponsored by Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions, had 25 delegates and was well received.

All judges are expected to attend a Seminar within a five year period to maintain their accreditation.

## **Other Reminders...**

### **UPDATES FOR THE ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY**

Please provide feedback and updates to [handbook@abps.org.uk](mailto:handbook@abps.org.uk)

Please note that information about societies non-affiliated to the ABPS no longer appear in the directory although names of societies are listed in pages at the end. Society 'details' are also being dropped from the website unless clubs are affiliated. The details 'hidden' but can be reinstated instantly when they become affiliated.

Additional copies of the Directory may be obtained from the Secretary at a cost of £9 inc. p&p.

### **THE ABPS RANGE OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS**

They are:

What the ABPS does for you

What is stamp collecting?

Stamps Fact Sheet

What is Social Philately?

What is Postal History?

What is Thematic Collecting?

The Visiting Speaker

ABPS Awards Scheme

What is Postal Stationery?

Model Constitution & Rules for Philatelic Societies

What is Open Philately

Organising a Society Conference Weekend

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

Others under consideration are: How to conduct Society Auctions, What is Cinderella Collecting?, What is Traditional Collecting? Post Card Collecting

Any feedback on communications and ABPS publications, should be sent to Chris Oliver. Email: [communications@abps.org.uk](mailto:communications@abps.org.uk)

Information has now been collated on recommended venues/hotels for seminars and conferences. For more information contact Dane Garrod. Email: [sslo@abpd.org.uk](mailto:sslo@abpd.org.uk)

### **ABPS NEWS**

The new issue of ABPS News is circulated in June. Our editor is Keith Burton.

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

### **WEBSITE**

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 and 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.**

Advertising can now be taken on the ABPS website from dealers and affiliated societies.

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

**Email: [chair@abps.org.uk](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk) The new site is: [www.abps.org.uk](http://www.abps.org.uk)**

### **SPECIALIST SOCIETIES**

Information has been 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](mailto:sslo@abps.org.uk)

### **ABPS EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS**

Frames are available for hire from ABPS at fixed costs including erection and dismantling (which can be subsidised by The Philatelic Fund on application). These are only available to affiliated members of ABPS. See the web site for full information on costs and procedures.

The Committee has also appointed an administrator, Chrissie Baker, to maintain records of exhibitors and judges etc.

**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.

**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](mailto:events@abps.org.uk)

### **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](mailto:chair@abps.org.uk)

### **NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ABPS AWARDS**

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 must be sent to Susan Oliver by 1st March each year. Email: [awards@abps.org.uk](mailto:awards@abps.org.uk)

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