

EXECUTIVE BULLETIN January 2017

Please circulate to any philatelic friends to show just how much the ABPS is doing to promote philately across the UK. Thank you.

ABPS STRENGTHENS THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Following the appeal for help, a number of individuals have stepped forward up to join the team:

RUFUS BARNES has taken up the role of Vice-Chairman of ABPS, pending appointment at the AGM. He will also be responsible for liaison with regional federations.

GRAHAM WINTERS is Deputy Chairman Elect.

BARRY STAGG will take over from Alan Godfrey as Membership Secretary, with Alan becoming Communications Director. Barry will also act as Advertising Manager.

Our sincere thanks to everyone for their help. A new organization structure is under review for consideration at the AGM.

MORE HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED

“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

Are you the one to support and shape the future of philately in the UK?

BECOME A FRIEND OR PATRON OF UK PHILATELY

Even if you cannot help by doing some work, you can support the future of philately in the UK by making an annual financial contribution. Become a “Friend” with a donation of £25 or a “Patron” with £60 pa.

It is worth remembering that in other countries the fees for the national association are much more helpful to supporting the organisation of philately. For instance, in Denmark, collectors make a personal contribution equivalent to £65 each year, resulting in an annual budget of £208,000. It is a similar situation in many other European countries. Denmark is half our size yet we have to manage on less than £40k!

To become a Friend or Patron contact: membership@abps.org.uk

SPRING STAMPEX

We hope to see you all at the Business Design Centre, London, from 15th to 18th February. The ABPS national stamp competition entries will again be on show. Special displays feature the centenary of the first Iraqi stamps (200 frames), also including North Africa, Egypt and the Balkan States, plus Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States.

The PTS has publicized their “Stamps in the Attic” initiative with advertisements in the Metro newspaper, amongst others, to bring new people to the Show.

Come along to Stand 118 to say hello to the members of the Great Britain Philatelic Society and friends of ABPS. Here you will find copies of our free leaflets on many aspects of collecting.

Help is required to man the Information Stand at every Stampex which is run in association with the National Philatelic Society and Stamp & Coin Mart. Please contact Alan Godfrey by email if you are willing to give an hour (or two) to support ABPS at the Show.

communications@abps.org.uk

THE PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Forms are now available for the 2017 Congress in Cardiff. This is being held from Thursday 27th July to Sunday 30th July at the Jury's Inn, Park Place, Cardiff.

The event will have a “Wales” theme. The RDP Ceremony will take place at the City Hall.

The Kay Goodman lecture will be on the theme of “The Future of ABPS”.

Website is www.gbcongress.uk for full details and booking forms.

The 2018 Congress will be in Durham.

MIDPEX

This very successful bi-annual event, supported by ABPS, will take place this year on 8th July 2017 to showcase the best of the UK’s specialist societies. Over forty dealers will be taking part at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Development work is now underway on a new website. Our key requirements are that it will be accessible and up to date. If you have any content or suggestions for improvement, please pass details by email to:

mauricebuxton@gmail.com

ABPS DIRECTORY AND SPEAKERS LIST

All changes and additions are shown in ABPS News, so you can keep yours up to date.

All changes should be notified by email to editor@abps.org.uk

Additional copies will be available at £10 inc. P&P from Alan Godfrey.

Please contact Alan by email communications@abps.org.uk

Please note unaffiliated societies do not appear in detail in the Directory or the website.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active Network will again be at Spring Stampex with youth activities and much more. The theme of the event will be **“THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY”**. **There will be a “Guess the number of stamps in the jar” sponsored by the PTS, Lucky Dip and the popular Saturday Auction (2pm) with a draw for a Penny Black for all the children taking part. The first twenty five children each day who visit the Kids Zone in Gallery Bays 14 and 15 will get a free Mr Men Smiler Sheet worth £18.95, thanks to the PTS.**

There is the continuing initiative to “Bring a Child to Stampex” to encourage the next generation of collectors with a free draw if you take a youngster (U18) to the youth stand during the Show, so start planning your visit now. Prizes include an 1840 Penny Black and Royal Mail Year Book.

Their website is www.stampactive.co.uk

ABPS continues to support the hosting and maintenance of the site in 2017 for the benefit of the future development of our great hobby. Individuals and Societies can support Stamp Active by becoming a “Friend of Stamp Active” with an annual payment of £20. For more information contact John Davies.

Starter Packs are still available to new organisers of junior or school stamp clubs free of charge, sponsored by Stanley Gibbons. Stamp Active is looking for individuals to help in the running of its youth programmes. Can you help?

Email: davies1890@btinternet.com

EXHIBITION AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Please see <http://www.abps.org.uk/Exhibiting/index.xalter> where material can be downloaded and events are updated.

Forthcoming UK exhibitions

Spring Stampex 15th to 18th February 2017: Full National on the theme of the former Ottoman Empire Including North Africa, Egypt and Balkan States, plus Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Gulf States. Plus Iran. FEPA Recognition

Autumn Stampex 12th - 16th September 2017: Full National: Lead Society Sarawak Specialist Society has agreed take to 150 frames, both competitive and non-competitive.

International Exhibitions

Finlandia 2017 24th to 28th May 2017: <https://finlandia2017.fi>

UK Commissioner Bill Hedley ewlhedley@yahoo.co.uk

BANDUNG 2017 3rd–7th August 2017

Trans Studio Convention Center, Bandung, INDONESIA

IK Commissioner Jon Aitchison britishlocals@aol.com

NORDIA 2017 October 27, 2017 - Sunday, October 29, 2017 FEPA Recognition

Danish Philatelic Federation invites all friends of Nordic philately to Vejle!

PRAGA 2018 Wednesday, August 15, 2018 - Saturday, August 18, 2018 FIP and FEPA event

London 2020 2nd May to 9th May 2020: Chairman Frank Walton

Chief Executive David Alford

Future seminars

Chris Harman on Revenue Philately Spring 2017.

Congress and RDP Ceremonies

2017: Cardiff. Confirmed 27th to 30th July 2017

2018: Durham. Congress and RDP Ceremony confirmed.

2019: Decision pending. RDP Ceremony at Stockholm confirmed.

2020: London. RDP ceremony at the same time as the London 2020 exhibition.

2021: Harrogate. The centenary of the first signing of the Roll.

Federations

David Alford maintains and updates register of Federation jurors. We would be grateful if Federations would help David maintain his records.

The committee would be grateful if any queries or comments relating to the above were addressed by email to exhibiting@abps.org.uk

OUR USUAL REMINDERS ...

UPDATES FOR THE ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

Please provide feedback and updates to editor@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 are 'hidden' but can be reinstated instantly when they become affiliated.

THE ABPS RANGE OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS

They are:

What the ABPS does for you.

What is stamp collecting?

Stamps Fact Sheet.

What is Postal History?

What is Thematic Collecting?

The Visiting Speaker.

ABPS Awards Scheme.

What is Postal Stationery?

A Model Constitution & Rules for Philatelic Societies

What is Open Philately?

Organising a Society Conference Weekend.

What is Traditional Collecting?

The ABPS Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (currently being re-printed)

Copies can be obtained by sending a SAE to the Secretary (address below) or downloaded from the website. Any feedback on communications and ABPS publications should be sent to Chris Oliver. Email:

communications@abps.org.uk

New leaflets are still in preparation for Cinderella Collecting, Society Auctions and Postcard Collecting. Information has now been collated on recommended venues/hotels for seminars and conferences. For more information contact Dane Garrod. Email: sslo@abpd.org.uk

ABPS NEWS

The new issue of ABPS News is circulated in April. 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 and typed in a clear format or posted to him. He needs more photos too! The closing date for copy for the next issue is 31st March 2017. Submissions requested of 75 to 200 words with interesting photographs in Word, JPEG etc please.

WEBMASTER

Maurice Buxton is the webmaster for the ABPS site.

Updates should be sent to him by email: mauricebuxton@gmail.com

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.

Our site is: 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

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.

National guidelines on Judging can be found on the ABPS website. A powerpoint presentation is now also available 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

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

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 Yvonne Wheatley for more information. Nominations for the Congress Medal and Awards of Merit must be sent to Yvonne by 1st March each year. Email: awards@abps.org.uk

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ABPS

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. Please remember that although the Speakers List, Handbook and Directory, Leaflets, ABPS Awards and ABPS News are all tangible support for our members 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS, please contact those mentioned above, or:

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