



ABPS EXECUTIVE BULLETIN

February 2010

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 Colin Searle for more information.

The closing date is March 1st 2010. So please hurry.

Contact Susan Oliver for forms, if required. Email: susan.m.oliver@virgin.net

MORE HELP NEEDED FOR WEBMASTER AND ADVERTISING MANAGER

We need You!

We are still looking for an Advertising Manager and Webmaster and help with other roles.

If you feel you can help ABPS in this way, please contact Colin Searle (details below).

Helpers are also needed at the various Festival of Stamps events in 2010,

Can you spare some time at one of the Exhibitions or events, particularly London 2010???

NEW ABPS HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

NEW LIST OF PHILATELIC LECTURERS AND DISPLAYS

The long-awaited new issues of these important publications are now nearly ready for print and should be circulated in March. We are now seeking advertisers from dealers and societies that wish to promote themselves.

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR ABPS

John Baron has now started as Chairman of ABPS. John is well known in the Thames Valley Federation and is looking forward to taking the hobby forward in the coming years.

Thanks to Phil Kenton for all his hard work.

Please send your feedback and ideas to John by Email: baronial@btconnect.com

NEW REPRESENTATIVE FOR SPECIALIST SOCIETIES

Dane Garrod is taking over this role from Hugh Osborne. Dane is aiming to contact Societies re support for events and publications. Thanks to Hugh Osborne for his support of ABPS in the past. Email: dane.garrod@tesco.net

NEW REPRESENTATIVE FOR FEDERATIONS

Maurice Flack has taken over this role. Email: mauriceflack@hotmail.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP

The year 2009 showed only a slight reduction in membership over the previous year. The big disappointment was in the specialist societies where there was a net reduction of five societies, most significantly including the King George VI Collectors Society (262 UK members in 2008) and the Malta Study Circle (109 UK members in 2008). We hope to encourage them to rejoin to continue to support UK philately.

The number of Local Societies remained the same at 227. The number of Friends of Philately fell by three to 76, while the number of patrons remained the same at 23.

Total membership income was £22,160 (2008 = £22,596)

Renewal letters for 2010 will be sent out shortly to Societies, Friends and Patrons.

ABPS NEWS

John Gledhill has now taken over as Editor and is looking forward to receiving your ideas about how the magazine can be improved. Would you prefer an A4 format?

The use of colour to help the flow of items was well received by respondents.

The reports from societies are coming in regularly so the next ABPS News is due in early March, following the current quarterly time-scales.

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

WEBSITE

The new ABPS website is up and running and you will find lots of information about Clubs around the country and their activities. Please take a look and tell us what you think of the developments. The new site is: www.abps.org.uk

CONGRESS

The Centenary Congress in Manchester was a great success and plans are well advanced for 2010.

You can now book your place. Please contact Paul Gaywood. His e-mail is: gaywood@talktalk.net

Tel: 01772 713917 Put the date in your diary now!

July 22-25th 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. The theme will be King George V.

Copies are still available of the new full-colour publication celebrating "100 Years of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain" is now available to ABPS members at the usual 50% discount - £18 plus £3 p&p.

PCGB website www.pcgb.org.uk

2011: 7th to 10th July, Portsmouth

2012: Plans are also moving forward for Congress at Perth in October 2012.

Their Committee desires to host the national competitions around the same time.

ABPS NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

This Committee is now including Workshops and Seminars in its scope and a number of judging seminars have been requested.

If Federations would like to have workshops on any subject, please contact John Sussex

johndc.sussex@btinternet.com.

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 the PR Officer, John Davies on 01295 255831 or e-mail davies1890@btinternet.com.

STAMP ACTIVE NETWORK

Stamp Active Network will again be Spring Stampex with youth activities and an auction.

70 entries have been received for the Stamp Active Competition and will be displayed (36 faces).

The final draft for the Activity Book for 2010 has been approved and a CD for young people has also gone to print ready for the Show. Plans are well advanced for the youth area at London 2010.

Kidstamps continues to attract new members with around 700 now taking part.

FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

			<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>UK Judges</i>	
Antverpia 2010	Belgium	9-12 April 2010	Yvonne Wheatley	Brian Moorhouse	14 accepted
London 2010	London	8-15 May 2010	John Hayward	Chris Harman Alan Huggins Francis Kiddle John Sussex Richard West	104 accepted
Planete Timbre 2010	Paris, France	12-20 June 2010	Chris King	-	? 19
Philalux 2010	Luxembourg	1-4 July 2010	Frank Walton	2 nominated	applications 38
Portugal 2010	Lisbon, Portugal	1-10 October 2010	Chris King	3 nominated	applications
Joburg 2010	Johannesburg, South Africa	27-31 October 2010	Francis Kiddle	?	?
Indipex 2011	New Delhi, India	12-18 February 2011	?	?	?
Philanippon 2011	Japan	28 July-2 August 2011	?	?	?

ABPS UK COLLECTORS CLUB

Exhibitors are now being invited to register for participation in FIPA/FEPA events. 66 collectors have registered so far. The organiser is David Stirrup.

Please remember that information about the rules of exhibiting and judging can be found on the

www.ukphilately.co.uk website.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY

On 21st January, in an endeavour to encourage more stamp collectors to show off their philatelic goodies, Chris and Susan Oliver led a seminar entitled "Displaying to your Local Club."

At a seminar planned for 13th October 2010 we will be discussing "Producing a Society Journal". This will be led by David Alford and Richard West.

The National P.S. is looking for more London based people to assist with manning the joint N.P.S. / A.B.P.S. information stands at Stampex and Philatex. Initially this is through our own membership, but this could be extended to all interested folk in the future.

We will be holding, in addition to its regular monthly meetings at the Phoenix Centre, an open meeting in Thatcham on 27th March 2010. This meeting is open to members and non-members and we anticipate that this should be enjoyable as was last years meeting at the same venue.

Similar provincial meetings are being held at Chelmsford and Salisbury on 26th June & 2nd October respectively.

Chris Oliver

FESTIVAL OF STAMPS

A tremendous year is ahead for philately in the UK with a full range of events across the UK under the umbrella of "The Festival of Stamps". We will keep you updated with all of these as the year progresses.

The first Federation event will be hosted by the Thames Valley federation at Thatcham on 27th March.

A full schedule appears at the end of this bulletin.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS,
please contact those mentioned above, or the ABPS General Secretary
Colin Searle. Tel: 07879 665658. E-mail: searlec@gmail.com

FESTIVAL OF STAMPS CALENDAR:

- 18 January - 30 June 2010** **Exhibition - Abolition of Slavery on stamps.**
Museum of London in Docklands.
- 1 February - 30 October 2010** **Exhibition - King George V.**
Bath Postal Museum.
- 1 February - 31 December 2010** **Exhibition - Philatelic Rarities.**
British Library.
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- 27 March 2010**
(time?) **Thames Valley & District Philatelic Federation "WestBex10".**
Kennet School, Stoney Lane, Thatcham, Berkshire RG19 4LL.
Organised by Thatcham & District Philatelic Society. Contact: John Baron. 66 Crofts End, Chilton, Oxfordshire OX11 0SB. baronial@btconnect.com 01235-832907. www.tdps.org.uk
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- 1 April - 14 November 2010** **Exhibition - Impressions of Africa: money, medals and stamps.**
British Museum Money Gallery, London.
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- 16-17 April 2010**
(time?) **Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies "81st Scottish Congress".**
Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth PH2 0TH.
Contact: Alan Watson, 44 Rennie Street, Falkirk FK1 5AL.
scottishphilately@hotmail.com 01324-415558 www.scottishphilately.co.uk.
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- 24 April 2010**
(time?) **Midland Philatelic Federation.**
Arden School, Station Road, Knowle, Solihull B93 0PT.
Contact: Paul Woodness, 49 Hollywell Road, Knowle, Solihull, B93 9JY.
paulwoodness@aol.com 01564-776879
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- 3 May - 30 September 2010** **Rugby Post.**
Twickenham World Rugby Museum.
- 6-7 May 2010** **Exhibition.**
Royal Philatelic Society London, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY.
- 7 May - 25 July 2010** **Empire Mail - George V and the GPO Exhibition.**
(Royal Collection & BPMA) Guildhall Art Gallery, London.
- 7 May - 31 December 2010** **Treasures from the Archive Exhibition.**
British Postal Museum & Archive, Clerkenwell.
- 8-15 May 2010** **Festival of Stamps London 2010 Exhibition.**
Business Design Centre.
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- 22 May 2010**
(time?) **Federation of South Wales Philatelic Societies.**
The Princess Royal Theatre, Civic Centre, Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ.
Contact: Neil Prior. 20 Heol-y-sheet, North Cornelly, Bridgend CF33 4EY.
01656 740520.
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- 29 May 2010** **Open Day.**
Colne Valley Postal History Museum, The Laurels, 109 Head Street, Halstead, Essex CO9 2AZ.
- c.Jun-Oct 2010** **Railway Philately.**
Crewe Heritage Centre.
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- 5 June 2010**
10am-4.30pm.
- Association of Essex Philatelic Societies "StampEssex - Festival of Stamps".**
Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester CO1 1YH.
Contact: Captain Peter Denly (Chairman, AEPS). 9 Oaklands Park Bishop's Stortford Herts CM23 2BY, 01279-652458, peter.denly@btinternet.com
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- 12 June 2010**
9.30am-4.30pm.
- Yorkshire Philatelic Association "YPA2010".**
Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey, Leeds LS28 5TA.
Organised by Leeds Philatelic Society. Contact: John A Edwards FRPSL, Hon Secretary, Leeds Philatelic Society and YPA2010. 38 Carleton Green Close, Pontefract, West Yorkshire WF8 3NN. jedwards48@toucansurf.com 01977 793566. http://www.y-p-a.org.uk/page_5.html.
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- 26 June 2010**
10am - 4pm
- North of Ireland Philatelic Federation.**
Portadown Town Hall, 15-17 Edward Street, Portadown, BT62 3LX
Contact: John Proctor (Secretary) jproctor@dunbia.com
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- 3 July 2010**
10am - 4pm
- Wessex Philatelic Federation, Cornwall Philatelic Federation and Somerset & Dorset Philatelic Federation "SWIPEX 2010".**
Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way, Plymouth PL1 2AA.
Contact: (Wessex) David Chamberlaine. 22 Brockton Gardens, Plymouth PL6 6BY. rmbx3084@tiscali.co.uk 01752 789622. (Somerset & Dorset) Tony Osmond. 48 Addison Grove, Taunton TA2 6JG. 01823 286268. (Cornwall) Neil Sargent. 26, Marlborough Avenue, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 2RW. neil.sargent@btinternet.com 01326-316017.
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- 10 July 2010**
(time?)
- Kent Federation of Philatelic Societies "KENTPEX 2010".**
Tonbridge School, High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP.
Organised by Tunbridge Wells Philatelic Society. Contact: David Rennie. 35 Wheathill Road, London SE20 7XR. 020 8778 7001. davidjrennie@ntlworld.com
<http://kentphilately.weebly.com/>
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- 10 July 2010**
- Open Day.**
Colne Valley Postal History Museum, The Laurels, 109 Head Street, Halstead, Essex CO9 2AZ.
- 18 July - 14 November 2010**
- Exhibition - Marine Philately.**
Aberdeen Maritime Museum.
- 22-25 July 2010**
- Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.**
Holiday Inn, Kenilworth.
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- 21 August 2010**
(time?)
- East Midlands & East Anglian Philatelic Federation**
Girton College, Cambridge CB3 0JG.
Organised by Cambridge Philatelic Society. Contact: John Pearce (Chairman, Cambridge PS 2010 event committee). cjtemple@btinternet.com 01223-880957. www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk.
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- 29-30 August 2010**
- The Post Office At War.**
Bletchley Park Museum.
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- 4 September 2010**
(time?)
- Middlesex Philatelic Federation.**
Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, HP6 5AE.
Contact: Vic Punter. 11 Colne Way, Watford, Herts, WD25 9DB.
apunter@btinternet.com. 01923-678873.
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- 11 September 2010**
- Federation of Surrey Philatelic Societies.**

(time?) United Reformed Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP.
Contact: Peter White. 26 Silver Birch Close, Woodham, Addlestone
KT15 3QW. petdor@btopenworld.com 01932 345798.

11-12 September 2010

Open Weekend.

*Colne Valley Postal History Museum, The Laurels, 109 Head Street, Halstead,
Essex CO9 2AZ.*

18 September 2010

(time?)

**Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies - Edinburgh Group "Festival of
Edinburgh & Lothian Stamps & Postcards Open Day".**

St John's Church Hall, 140 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 4BJ.
Contact: Bob Catto.

24-26 September 2010

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North-East of England Philatelic Federation "Nephilex 2010".

The Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 5DH.
Contact: Tony Walker, Steering Group Chairman. 3 Nazareth Mews, Newcastle
upon Tyne NE2 1EW. walker369@btinternet.com 01912 819193.
www.nephilex2010.org.uk

9 October 2010

10am to 4.30pm.

**Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies "The South of England Stamp
Fair and Sussex Convention."**

The South of England Centre, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL.
Contact: John M Wright. 12 Milchester House, Staveley Road, Meads,
Eastbourne BN20 7JX. 01323 438964.

16 October 2010

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Hampshire Philatelic Federation

Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Hants. PO17 5AL.
Contact: John Campbell, 9 Gatcombe Gardens, Fareham, PO14 3DR.
john.campbell41@virgin.net. 01329-845496

23 October 2010

(time?)

Cornwall Philatelic Federation "Cornex 2010".

Liskeard School and Community College, Luxstowe, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14
3EA.
Contact: Neil Sargent, Chairman, CPF. 26, Marlborough Avenue, Falmouth,
Cornwall, TR11 2RW. neil.sargent@btinternet.com 01326-316017.

30 October 2010

(time?)

North-Western Philatelic Federation.

Thornleigh Salesian College, Sharples Park, Bolton, Lancashire, BL1 6PQ.
Organised by Bolton Philatelic Society. Contact: Adrian Jones. 3a
Westhoughton Road, Adlington, Chorley PR7 4EU. 01257 480442.