

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER September 2012

The forthcoming season's syllabus has been prepared and can be circulated a little earlier than usual this year, which will permit timely advance notice of a major philatelic event in October and one which really has no precedent. What are usually two separate UK national meetings will come together, one overlapping the other, as **PERTH 2012** from 18th to 22nd October 2012. The first part of the event is an Association of British Philatelic Societies national exhibition over two days, the first such UK national exhibition in Scotland for 12 years. That is immediately followed by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, an annual meeting which last came to Scotland in 2006 when it took place in Renfrew; before that, in 1993 in Edinburgh. In summary, the programme is as follows:

Wednesday 17 October: UK National Exhibition: receipt of entries, Dewars Centre, Perth.

Thursday 18 October: UK National Exhibition: receipt of entries until 11am, frame erection; judging commences.

Friday 19 October: UK National Exhibition: open to public 0900-1700. 1900 Awards Dinner, Dewars Centre.

Saturday 20 October: UK National Exhibition: open to public 0900-1600. 1700 Entries returned to exhibitors.

Congress of GB: Optional bus tour to Blair Castle or Glamis Castle

1830 drinks reception hosted by Postal History Society, Queens Hotel. 1900 RDP dinner

1900 Informal dinner for other delegates, Queens Hotel

2100 Four sheets to tell a story competition

Sunday 21 October: Congress of GB: Queens Hotel standing display by Keith Robinson

0900 Roy Erskine: social philately "Wilson's of Bannockburn"

1000 Presentation by a new RDP.

11.15 Kay Goodman lecture, Douglas Muir, title to be announced

1400 talk by Hugh Jeffries of Stanley Gibbons on a topic related to catalogues in philately

1600 RDP Signing Ceremony

1900 Drinks reception hosted by Stanley Gibbons. 1945 Congress Banquet, Queens Hotel

Monday 22 October: Congress of GB: Queens Hotel.

0900 Jeff Stone: "What did happen to the Fabergé collections?"

1000 Chairman entertains, Ron Harkess, talk and display, "Graf Spee".

1115 standing displays by local Society members

1230 Closure and hand over to Chairman of Congress 2013

1400 Coach leaves for tour of Cullen collection, Edinburgh

The displays at the National Exhibition will have a Court of Honour including pages from the Queen's collection (the famous Kirkcudbright cover has been requested), the National Postal Archives (under the title "Off with her Head") and the National Museum of Scotland. The largest part of the displays will be entries into the twelve competition classes, where a strong showing of Scandinavian subjects is anticipated. Nine entries have been received from Sweden and more are expected from Norway and Finland. However, entries of all other subjects are equally welcome and the organisers are hopeful that Scotland will be well represented. If this newsletter is in your hands by 18 August, you are not too late to submit an entry form. The regulations and entry forms are at www.perth2012.com but if you have any questions or need advice, contact Jeff Stone (01224 315210).

The Chairman of the Jury will be Francis Kiddle who displayed to us last season (Tasmanian Revenues and Goats) and the other judges will be appropriately experienced, probably one or two from Scandinavia to add an international dimension and also two Scottish apprentice judges. It is a good opportunity for exhibitors to discuss their displays with knowledgeable judges. Do please consider having a go, if only in support of a Scottish event. Frame fees are subsidised by the British Philatelic Trust.

In total, there will be about three hundred and fifty 16-sheet frames on display, including entries into an Inter-Federation competition between the UK Federations, each with three 1-frame entries, also youth competitions and invited displays. One hundred and twenty tables are reserved for the trade, with a good response from UK dealers so far, more than usually attend at our annual Scottish Congress. A commemorative cover and postmark is being organised and a smilers sheet is under consideration.

Congress of GB is more of a listening-to-papers-and-socialising event than looking at displays although there will be stamps on frames for some of the presentations. Speakers include Hugh Jefferies, Editor of Gibbons Stamp Monthly, Douglas Muir, Curator of the National Postal Archives and one of the four philatelists who will sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists this year in Perth; there will also be three speakers from Scotland.

Accommodation in Perth for both events has been reserved at preferential rates with the Queens, Mercure and Lovat Hotels and in view of the numbers expected to attend it is worth booking early. For details see the website. Day or half-day visitors are, of course, welcome. Entrance to the national exhibition in the Dewars Centre is free, with a nominal charge for the catalogue. It is necessary to register in advance to attend Congress of GB at the Queens Hotel and there is a charge to cover room hire, coffees etc. The form is on the Perth 2012 website or available from Jeff Stone. Volunteer assistance will be needed for erecting frames and mounting exhibits, also dismantling the exhibition, on 18th and 20th, particularly from anyone with previous experience at our annual Scottish Congress, with so many more frames to service.

Warwick and Warwick, auctioneers and valuers, who are visiting the Society this season, are holding a valuation day at the Britannia Hotel, Malcolm Road, Bucksburn on 4th October from 9am to 1pm, for the acceptance for sale at auction or by private treaty of stamps, coins, banknotes, postcards, medals, militaria, toys and models. Their auction catalogues are available on line at www.warwickandwarwick.com.

Aberdeen PS Auction. The next postal auction for the Society is on Thursday October 25th 2012. Society members wishing to submit lots must do so by end August but please check with Mike Longhurst asap as the number of lots will be reduced this year. Incidentally, the 64th Vikings Auction (for collectors of the Scandinavian countries and organised by members of Aberdeen PS) is in preparation and will be circulated shortly. If you would like to receive it, preferably on-line, have a word with Alex Walker.

The syllabus this year includes a 4-members night, intended for members who have not displayed before. Anyone willing to have a go for the first time and to put up about 40 pages, please be ready to volunteer.

Assistance is required in setting up the display boards in the afternoon before meetings. Anyone willing to come to our regular venue to ensure that the room is set out ready for our use, please speak to the Secretary.

A new stamp shop has been opened in Kinross (65 High Street) by Richard Allcoat who trades on ebay as MOBY stamps. If driving south to Edinburgh, perhaps make a short detour and report. Incidentally, there is no truth in the rumour that **Robert Murray** is closing his Edinburgh stamp shop. He is moving towards semi-retirement and is looking to dispose of some parts of his current business, so here is an opportunity for anyone looking for a new career in stamps!

Subscriptions

Members Subscriptions to the Society are due in September for the season 2012-13. The treasurer will receive subscriptions at the opening night, in cash or by cheque, and it would be helpful if the enclosed form could also accompany your payment. The form is also seeking your address if you have moved house in the last year; and your e-mail address, if you have one, or it has altered in the last year.

The subscriptions for the coming year are:- Town Members £12.00, and Country Members £6.00.

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