

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER January 2022

A message from the President.

Members: I would like to wish all members a Happy New Year.

There is a definite feeling of "Deja Vu" coming over the society with yet again another halt to room meetings due to restrictions on numbers gathering indoors and social distancing requirements. Thank goodness we at least have Zoom to maintain some sort of continuity in the world of philately. I look forward to seeing you at the Zoom auction and my thanks go to Alex and Graham for organising this. While there is a great deal of uncertainty going forward, we will continue to try and follow the program with Zoom presentations until we can return to normal. Chris and I will be contacting presenters for February to see if they can change to a Zoom display if necessary and monitor the situation on a week by week / month by month basis.

Further news on any return to room meetings will be communicated to you in the normal fashion.

Best Wishes for 2022, Roy Burnett, President

The Secretary thanks everyone who attended the Zoom meetings and everyone who attended when we got into the room again. It does not look good for meetings in the immediate future. We only have to wait and see and to look forward to the Zoom Auction. Asking all our members to stay safe. Best regards, Chris. PS Happy New Year to All.

The Society's **postal auction** is scheduled for Thursday March 17th 2022. Lots listed so far include several full sets of Commonwealth issues and many items rarely seen. The catalogue should be ready towards the end of February. Happy new year. Mike

The next zoom auction. The cancellation of our December meeting with its usual Christmas Auction was a big disappointment. Alex Walker offered a mini Zoom auction to be held in the New Year, either on 13th January if we are still unable to meet, or on the 20th should "letter J" night go ahead as planned. Graham Searle still has the Zoom licence and will host the meeting, sending out joining details, and as back up, will keep Alex on track! 16 members have contributed 73 lots for the sale. With many donated lots, we expect largely to cover postage costs where purchases cannot be delivered. This is the third such Zoom auction we have held, and while not the real McCoy, should be entertaining. Thanks to all contributors and participants. [It is worth watching for fun even if you have no intention of bidding, Ed]

The Publicity Officer reports: A frame displays. As a follow up to the month long displays of lighthouse stamps in the autumn, it was hoped to have a frame of space themed stamps in the Science Centre. However two visits to the centre in December, which seemed to interest the front of desk staff, have not yet elicited a reply from the management. A further approach will be made this month with the hope that we get approval.

The Packet Secretary reports. The packet is still circulating. Although we lost 3 members from the list and the sales are not all that big, but it's the joy of having stamps to look at. It's just a shame for the vendors who put in a lot of work and time to make up the books. However, I would like to thank all the packet members for looking and buying, so a happy

New Year to you all, and any member who would like to join the packet list just email, phone or just come and see me. Hope to see you all at the Zoom Auction. Fred (Jeff).

Some thoughts on **the fairs scene** from our valued member Chad Neighbor: At present, I'm waiting to see what happens in the next few weeks before deciding on what to do about the fairs. I have put together a full programme for 2022 and all venues and dates have been confirmed. I haven't ruled any out yet. The 2022 list is below. Fortunately the Aberdeen fairs are well into the year, although the Inverurie one is not far away. I do have a Montrose one scheduled before that, but will have to start making decisions soon. The Inverurie venue for the Grampian Postcard Club Fair is huge, with good air circulation. It has a café and exhibits and a very professional management that is willing to monitor admissions for the club. I would have club members to get people to sign in and so forth. For family reasons I'm being extremely cautious.

Montrose – 26 February; Inverurie – 5 March; Broughty Ferry – 26 March; Aberdeen – 30 April; Aberdeen – 24 September; Montrose – 29 October; Broughty Ferry – 19 November

Scottish Congress 2022 is scheduled to go ahead at the Dewars Centre in Perth on 22 & 23 April. There is a Council meeting of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies on the 29th January when the situation and the arrangements will be reviewed. Your delegate will report by a circulated email shortly after that meeting, including an update on dealers in attendance, availability of catering at the Dewars Centre and the preparations of Perth PS which is the host society.

LONDON2022. The organisers are determined to go ahead with the rescheduled LONDON2020 international exhibition on 19 to 26 February, if at all possible. The most recent newsletter stated that “the Organising Committee of London 2022 has absolutely no intention of cancelling or postponing London 2022” whilst acknowledging that the event is “subject ultimately to government control”. An updated report is expected in the first week of the new year. Check it out at the exhibition website.