

# ***ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY***

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Members should all have received a copy of the syllabus by mail. There will be spare copies available at the first meeting of **the 2015-16 season** which will be on 24th September and will take the form of the usual informal gathering when members are invited to bring items for sale or exchange. The tables always seem to be piled high with boxes of stamps and covers so come along in anticipation of some acquisitions. The first meeting will be followed by a visit from members of Moray PS, a small society which nevertheless rises to the challenge of filling our boards twice in one evening. Thereafter, we have a programme ranging from New Zealand airmails to the American war of independence, so thanks and congratulations to Chrissie Jefferies, our new Secretary for all her hard work in putting the programme together.

**We Remember** Nigel Lutwyche, who did much for Aberdeen PS, usually in a quiet and unassuming way that went almost unnoticed, such as taking sole responsibility for setting out the room for meetings. Nigel was Treasurer from 1985 to 2008 and Postal Auction Secretary from 1981 to 1990; also Press and Publicity Officer for 1990-91.. He twice received the Jupp Award for services to the Society and was made a Fellow in 2010.

**Postal Auction 29:** £500 was returned to the Society and Sandy McKenzie has audited the accounts. The provisional date for the next auction is the end of March 2016.

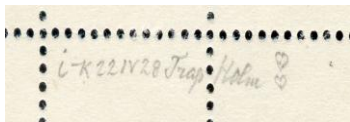
**The Club packet** If there are any members not presently on the circulation list and would like to receive the Packet, please let the Packet Secretary know as soon as possible – for contact details see the syllabus. The Packet is passed on by hand, not through the post. New sales books are also required. If you have some duplicates to dispose of, make up a booklet. Ask the Packet for advice about what sells well.

**That label yet again.** Members may recall my note in the January 2014 Newsletter about the advertising label produced by the Aberdeen nineteenth century commercial photographer, George Washington Wilson, which Charles Kiddle used to open his display to us in the previous November. The note has now appeared in the Cinderella Philatelist, the journal of the Cinderella Stamp Club, together with a picture of the complete sheet of the labels in Aberdeen University library archives and with an appeal for any further information. The hope is that we may learn a little more about this intriguing collectable but rare item with origins in Aberdeen's past.

**LONDON 2015 EUROPHILEX** philatelic exhibition is now history. Your Newsletter editor was only able to attend on the first day, not sufficient time to do it justice or to report adequately on the event. The range and number of exhibits from all over Europe was extraordinary. Not a lot of entries from Scotland but there were two from members of Aberdeen PS. Numbers of meetings and talks on a range of subjects were held and a larger number of dealers were present than are seen at the same venue for STAMPEX. It certainly filled the traditional ten year gap between international exhibitions in the UK. Has anyone heard of first moves towards an international exhibition in 2020?

**The Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies 86<sup>th</sup> annual Congress** in Perth last April hosted by the Falkirk and District Society with Jean Osborne in the Presidential chair was a very successful event and shows that a small society can make a great job of hosting the Association's Congress. The national competitions again attracted a goodly range of entries. Congratulations to David Macdonald who achieved gold, plus the Ferris Trophy, for his "Denmark – The Bicoloured Stamps of 1870 – 1905". David will show us how it is done later in the season. Ken Bruce's entry in the postcard competition, "The Royal Tour" was much appreciated and two of the six entries in the Open Competition were from Aberdeen. Chrissie Jefferies and Alex Walker did us proud. This time, Alex's "Our Viking Heritage" was the top recipient of the popular vote. Six gold medals were awarded in total in the national competitions, including two in the literature class. Some unique items were on display from the British Postal Museum and Archive, including un-adopted artwork for modern British special stamp issues, also experimental designs to replace the existing Machin sculpture of the Queen on British definitives. At the annual dinner, the Book of Scottish Philatelists was signed by Stewart Gardiner, particularly for the advancement of Cinderella philately, as designer, producer, publisher and co-compiler of *A General Illustrated Catalogue of Exhibition and Event Poster Stamps to 1914*. Members will recall Stewart's several displays to Aberdeen PS, most recently on the implementation of UPU regulations in October last year. If Scottish Congress is not in your diary as a regular event to be attended, give it a try on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April. 2016. Perth is within easy reach for a day visit.

Does anyone collect pre-1917 **Russia** and in particular Russian Rural Posts, the so-called Zemstvos? If so, the newsletter Editor would like to hear from you. Have you ever come across a pencil note on the reverse side, lower edge of a pre-1930 stamp from any one of quite a large number of countries, in hand writing similar to that below? If so, the stamp may have had a famous previous owner. Don't rub it out but contact the Editor. This reads:



"i-k 22 iv 28 Trap Holm"

**Subscriptions**

Please note that the Treasurer's email address is [searle711@btinternet.com](mailto:searle711@btinternet.com) and not as printed in the syllabus

Members Subscriptions to the Society are due in September for the season 201-16. 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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