

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER September 2023

A Message from the President: A warm welcome to all members as another season of philatelic treasures await us. The new programme includes a wide variety of presenters and subjects and we have introduced a new category of members presentations starting in February with a "Maritime" theme. I look forward to meeting everyone again when we resume meetings with an informal opening night. I would also like to remind members that wearing of a face mask is now a personal choice, but recommended for anyone with health issues or concerns. Roy Burnett

The first meeting of the season on Thursday 8th September at the Rubislaw Church Centre will take the usual form of an informal gathering when members are invited to bring items for sale or exchange. There are usually plenty of boxes and stock books to browse so bring along some small change and you may make some acquisitions. If you have items to dispose of which may not be suitable for the auction in December, e.g. stock books of duplicates, then this is an opportunity.

At our **AGM** last April, Chrissie Jefferies stood down after six years of service for which we are very grateful. Her place was taken by Mike Hart. Otherwise, there were no changes to the main office bearers of the Society.

The Society's Postal Auction will take place next March. Lots will have to be with the auctioneer by a date to be announced in January.

ASPS Congress 2022. After an absence of two years, Congress resumed last April at the Dewars Centre, Perth. The number of dealers present was slightly fewer than in the recent past but attendance was satisfactory. The competitive exhibits were well supported with 26 entries. Congratulations to Ken Bruce who was awarded 'gold' for his thematic entry 'Chasing the Wild Goose'. He was also awarded the Scottish Thematic Rosebowl as best in class, and the Dr Hirst Bowl for best presentation. Quite a haul of silverware!

ASPS Congress 2024. 14th and 15th April 2023 Congress will be hosted by Dundee PS and our committee has decided that in 2024, Aberdeen PS will fill the otherwise vacant year as host society. With this in mind, your newsletter editor stood down as Aberdeen PS delegate to ASPS and has been replaced by Bruce Walker, who will therefore preside over ASPS in 2023-24. This must be the only Aberdeen PS office which Bruce has not filled previously, so congratulations to him for a full house.

Hosting Congress has implications for every member of the host society. The Host Society's Display at Congress occupies 60 frames, so every member should be thinking of providing at least one 16-sheet (one frame) display. Exhibitors are free to display what-ever they like in what-so ever way they like. There are no rules other than the need to fill a frame of 16 sheets (or 8 double sheets). The attraction of the Host Society's Display is the great variety of subject matter and presentation techniques. Please start thinking about how you can contribute.

Congress 2024 is likely to be the last occasion that it is held in the Dewars Centre, Perth. The Centre is scheduled to be demolished later that year and eventually replaced by a new ice rink, so Congress will be looking for a new venue for 2025.

The Packet Secretary reports: I will be starting the Packet rounds about the middle of August or thereabouts. Any member who wishes to join just tell me and I will fit you in as close to someone else, remembering you must deliver by hand, mailing not permitted;

The Friday Morning Group will convene again this season with the first meeting on Friday 16th September in the Rubislaw Church Centre. Dates of the meetings are as follows: Friday Sept. 16th & 30th; Oct 14th & 28th; Nov. 11th & 25th; Dec. 9th & 16th. 2023 Jan.20th; Feb. 3rd & 17th; Mar. 17th & 31st; April 28th; May 12th & 26th; June 9th & 23rd. These dates may change if the Church needs the hall and of course no meetings in Easter week.

Society Visits: We have been invited to visit three societies this session: Dundee PS on 27 October, Moray (Elgin) on 14 March and Perth PS on a date to be arranged. Any member who would like to take part and to display for a part of the evening, please let the Secretary know.

News from the Publicity Officer. 'Her Majesty on Tour'. You may recall that in April it was suggested a small exhibit of QE II stamps might be assembled for an exhibit around the Jubilee in June. After some enthusiastic support and a bit of judicious arm twisting by our publicity officer, six members were persuaded each to contribute a frame of 16 , of Machins, Anniversaries, portraits of the Queen, Royal yacht, Balmoral, and Royal Household letters. Initially three weeks were booked in the Aberdeen Central Library, but as that came to a close our Presidential Crime writer's contacts in Aberdeenshire have enabled a Grand Tour of Ellon, Inverurie, Banchory and the Ballater tea room over July and August. My thanks therefore to the contributors, Fred, Bruce, Ken, John and the two David's, G and E , for the material and particularly to the removal men , Roy and Mike Hart for transport, and Bruce, Fred ,Ian, for the additional muscle.

A reminder. SCOTEX, the annual October event organised by the Scottish Philatelic Dealers Association has been cancelled this year. The Scottish Philatelic Traders' Society is believed to be looking for an alternative venue, possibly smaller than the Dewars Center, and hopes to have a fair in 2023. In future, there will only be one STAMPEX per year.

Subscriptions. Members Subscriptions to the Society are due in September for the season 2021-22. 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. Members who don't attend meetings regularly can pay by mail. 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, particularly if it has altered in the last year. The subscriptions for the coming year are:- Town Members £15.00, and Country Members £8.00.

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