

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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At the half way stage in our centenary year, two of our main celebratory events are already behind us, but thanks to the splendid efforts of Steve Fraser, both our civic reception and our hosting of the 81st ASPS Congress in Perth are fully depicted on the Society website. Click on "News" for a large gallery of pictures. Our centenary events continue with the 6-frame displays in the Maritime Museum. The subjects currently in the frames will be changed on 12 September to show Lighthouses of GB, Canada, Indian Ship Mail, Transatlantic Mail, Polish Government in Exile and St Kilda Mail. These will, in turn, give way on 10 October to World Explorers, Aberdeen Maritime Mail, Ships on Stamps, GB Maritime Booklets Lighthouses of the World and Nelson. Please do let your friends and acquaintances know about it and encourage them to go along to see the displays. We hope to attract some new members. Thanks to David Graham and Alex Walker for organising the transfer from Perth of the frames, which are on loan from the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies.

Looking ahead to our centennial display to the Royal Philatelic Society London on 11th November, Stewart Duncan reports that some thirty members have contributed the material to fill the fifty two frames and eight or nine members have expressed an interest in attending the meeting. All our members are invited, as guests of the Royal. To complement the display our Society has produced a booklet which will be available to everyone attending the event and to all of the Aberdeen members who have provided material for it. Any booklets remaining may be made available to members in December. Thanks to Stewart for organising the event.

Alfie Wilson stood down as **Packet Secretary** at the last AGM and the Society is extremely grateful to him for eight years in office. With the change in the Packet Secretary, and in the light of last session's losses, members are advised that the Room Packet will cease and be replaced by a packet circulating by hand. This will free up more space for members and exhibitors at the end of the room. The new Packet Secretary is Fred Jefferies who writes as follows:

For one year, we are going to try a Packet of 15 books to be delivered by HAND and no other way. The first thing I need to do is to compile a list of members who wish to participate. If you would like to take part in this new venture, please send your name and address to F.C. Jefferies, email fredjefferies@btinternet.com within two or three days of receiving this Newsletter, as I would like to start to circulate the first packet as soon as possible. It is my intention to have a packet going the rounds every six weeks until my stocks run down. At the moment I have three packets nearly ready to go. If you wish to have your own club booklets included in a packet, let me know. This is a new venture and I need your assistance to make it work i.e. by making sure you count correctly, by signing the spaces where you remove stamps in a legible hand and not a scribble, and by sending me the purchases slip immediately, whether you buy stamps or not, so that I know where the packet is at any given time. You can always come round to my house with the slips if you like. The rules of the packet will be inside the packet when you receive it. I will try to group members who would like to receive the packet into areas where members live adjacent to each other if at all possible.

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