

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER September 2010

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.

The President writes: Members are reminded that Sheila Den has confirmed that she wishes to step down as Secretary at the end of next session, April 2011. Profound thanks to Sheila for her sixteen years of service (much longer than any previous incumbent). A volunteer is required to be proposed at that AGM and whilst the post is in the hands of the AGM, it is suggested that a term of three years is appropriate. Sheila has indicated that she will act as mentor to the new Secretary in the first year of office.

The net proceeds of the Ron Stables legacy to Aberdeen Philatelic Society to the end of June are about £3300.

The Society's **postal auction** will be held on 15th October 2010. The date for entry of lots is 3rd September and members wishing to enter lots should get them to Mike Longhurst by this date please. Mike can be contacted at tel: 01224 861629 email aberdeepsauction@btinternet.com.

Northern Stamp & Postcard Fairs announce that their last **stamp fair** at Hanover Community Centre Aberdeen will be on Sunday 19 September 11-4.

The Society webmaster writes: Whenever possible, news of interest to members, including reports of meetings, will be given on the Society website. In case anyone is not already aware, this is at www.aberdeenphilatelic.org.uk. The site includes the meeting schedule, this newsletter and back copies of the newsletter. It will include the auction catalogue when issued. Use of this on line catalogue will reduce costs to the society by eliminating the necessity to produce paper copies. By the time that you read this, photographs from the Maritime Museum exhibition opening should be available to view on the site. There have been a number of enhancements to the site recently, but the webmaster is keen to improve it further. Any suggestions from members are welcome, please contact Steve Fraser or email webit@aberdeenphilatelic.org.uk

One of the larger Societies in Scotland has an arrangement whereby members who subscribe regularly to any of the three UK stamp magazines (or indeed any other stamp magazine) and who do not retain their copies after reading, extract all major articles and place them on a table at meetings, to be uplifted by any other interested member. A good idea which we could copy?

Members **Subscriptions** to the Society are due in September for the season 2010-11. 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 if 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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