

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Members will be pleased to learn that Ian Kennaway has volunteered to fill the Society's vacant office of Secretary and as will be evident from the enclosed syllabus, he has been very active in drawing up a programme of meetings for the forthcoming season, including the usual mix of visitors and local talent. At a committee meeting last May, it was decided that some of the secretarial functions should be devolved, in order to reduce the Secretary's work load. Members will be asked to volunteer for the pleasant task of meeting and greeting visiting speakers, especially if they are a friend or acquaintance, ensuring that appropriate hospitality is provided. The maintenance of an archival record of Society meetings will be looked into, to see if it can be combined with the web-site reports.

At the last meeting of the committee, attention was drawn to the fact that the Society's financial position is currently very sound, thanks to generous legacies and fund-raising in connection with the centenary celebrations. There are constraints on the way that some of the gifted funds may be expended in accordance with the wishes of the donors and the committee has already committed funds to the purchase of new light-weight display frames. However, the committee contemplated several possible items of one-off expenditure to the benefit of members without coming to any firm decisions, for example, the purchase of SG specialised or world catalogues on a rolling basis; the acquisition of some form of induction loop or audio system to be used by speakers when presenting displays. Members are invited to comment on these or any other items of capital expenditure which they may care to suggest, e.g. a power point projector. Please let your views be known to any member of the committee.

The committee endorsed the decision of the last AGM to institute presidential insignia utilising the Wyon medal donated by David Kindley and with the professional assistance of Kirkwoods of Edinburgh.

The Societys **postal auction** will be held on 14th October 2011. The date for entry of lots is 2nd September and members wishing to enter lots should get them to Mike Longhurst by this date please. Mike can be contacted at 20 Abbotshall Crescent, Aberdeen AB15 9JP, tel: 01224 861629, email aberdeenpsauction@btinternet.com.

There will be a **North-East Postcard, Stamp and Collectors Fair** at Queen's Cross Parish Church Halls, Albyn Place on Saturday 10 September 2011, 10.30 – 3pm. These events are organised by Chad Neighbor, one of our own members who will be displaying to the Society later this year. Your support will be greatly appreciated, if we are to retain fairs in Aberdeen. This will be the only stamp fair in Aberdeen before the new year, although SCOTEX will be held at the Dewars Centre in Perth on 14 and 15 October 2011.

Karl Brown. We regret to announce the death of Karl A L Brown of Cove, Aberdeen, who died peacefully at ARI recently. He was in his 80's and had health problems for some time.

The Society webmaster writes: the website has been re-launched, and hopes that members like the changes. He welcomes any comments and ideas for further improvements, and the contact form, on the site, can be used for that. He also has an email list you can subscribe to, which will allow him to send you an email whenever there is a significant update to the site. Details of this are on the web site. The URL is, as always, www.aberdeenphilatelic.org.uk.

