

# THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH WALES PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

## Newsletter

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General meeting of this Federation was held on **Saturday 29 October** in the **Public Hall, North Cornelly**, commencing at **2.30pm**, with **15** members present representing **7** societies. Apologies were received from **Erene Grieve, Brian Jones, John Perry, Alan Rosser** and **"Buster" Shimmen**. In the absence of the Chairman, **John Perry**, the Vice-Chairman, **Geoff. Cooper** was in the Chair.

In his final written report as Chairman, **John Perry** thanked the officers for their work for the Federation, and thanked the organisers of both the Annual Convention and the Autumn Day, although more support for these events, especially the Autumn Day, would have been welcome. He added that he continued to manage the Federation website on [www.sewales.me.uk/swfed.htm](http://www.sewales.me.uk/swfed.htm) and that he had set up a test site on a free site, [www.fswps.weebly.com](http://www.fswps.weebly.com) and recommended this to member clubs.

In his Treasurer's Report, **Colin Lewis** advised that the Federation was in quite a strong position financially, with an increase of **£21** on 2010 balances. He confirmed that the Federation Public Liability Insurance covered **two events**, the **Annual Convention** and the **Autumn Day**, and that it was the responsibility of each society to arrange their own Public Liability insurance if so required.

In his report as Exchange Packet Organiser, **Reg Lyon** apologised if the wording of his letter to the **British Rail (Cardiff)** in May had caused offence. This letter was concerning some missing booklet panes from the **Bridgend** box when it was received and noted by **Newport**. As British Rail had been the last club to view the packet, they were responsible for payment of the missing items. He confirmed that he would send a written apology to **British Rail**. In light of this, it was decided that a sub-committee comprising of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Exchange Packet Organiser would meet in the near future to formulate any changes to the Federation Exchange Packet Rules as were deemed necessary.

As Youth Officer, **Erene Grieve** reported that only one school in Wales had been visited, in **Chepstow**, and that there were about **9** schools stamp clubs being run in Wales. She congratulated the winners of the Federation Junior Competition winners.

As President, **Mrs Shirley Baker** thanked those who had attended, but added that it was disappointing that some clubs could not find any members to come and represent them, and have a say in the way the Federation should go. She thanked the officers for the work they did on behalf of the Federation.

The following members were elected to serve as Officers for the coming year: President, **Shirley Baker**; Chairman, **Geoff. Cooper**; Vice-Chairman, **John Perry**; Secretary, **Neil Prior**; Treasurer, **Colin Lewis**; Accounts Examiner, **Charlie Williams**; Exchange Packet Organiser, **Reg. Lyon**, and Youth Officer, **Erene Grieve**.

**Colin Lewis** confirmed that the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention would be held on **Saturday 19 May 2012**, in the **Princess Royal Theatre, Civic Centre, Port Talbot**.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (continued).

With regard to the three proposals submitted by the Newport society, it was agreed that **Junior** members would be informed prior to the Convention in an effort to increase attendances, and that consideration would be given in presenting all junior awards in person.

In view of the confusion over the car parking, and the appearance of a Traffic Warden early on the morning of the Convention, the Secretary advised that this was the fault of the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council who had not informed the Traffic Wardens that there was no need to purchase a parking ticket. He agreed to take the matter up with the Authority to confirm that free parking would be available in 2012.

With regard to the request that the Federation offer to host the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in 2013 or 2014, after a short discussion, it was **unanimously agreed that this Federation was NOT in a position to organise such an event.**

Finally, the **Bridgend, Cardiff and Carmarthen** clubs agreed to check with their members as to the feasibility of hosting the "**Autumn Day**" Stamp & Postcard Fair in **2012**, and would contact the Secretary in due course.

## THE WELSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Society held their Autumn meeting in the Lliedi Suite at the Selwyn Samuel Bowls Centre in **Llanelli** on **5 November**. The morning session was taken up by a **Gerald Marriner**, who provided a fascinating display of **Antique Writing Implements**, followed by some recent **Pembrokeshire Postal History** acquisitions. After a break for lunch, the afternoon was given over to members presentations, which included **Welsh World War II P.O.W. Camps**, **Victorian Greetings Cards**, **Swansea Postal History**, **Cardiff Postal History**, **Monmouthshire Postal History**, and much, much more.

The next two meetings of the society will be in **Aberystwyth** on **Saturday 3 March**, and a joint meeting with the **Swansea** society in **Gorseinon** on **Saturday 28 April 2012**.

## ABPS NEWS.

In the September issue of "ABPS NEWS", The British Postal Museum & Archive reports that their online catalogue holds over **90,000 records**, including large parts of their philatelic collections; registration sheets, essays & proofs of British stamps since 1840; The R. M. Phillips Collection; Universal Postal Union stamps; adopted and unadopted artwork for stamps since 1924, and British postal stationery and postal markings. For more information go to [www.postalheritage.org.uk/page/stamps](http://www.postalheritage.org.uk/page/stamps).

The issue also included a half-page on our Annual Convention, including a photograph taken during the Opening Ceremony, and our thanks go to **John Perry** for this article. Similarly, a half-page was also devoted to the **Welsh Philatelic Society**, and their annual residential weekend.

This issue also lists some of the services to clubs and societies in the United Kingdom provided by the ABPS:

- The ABPS publishes Handbooks and Speakers Lists, invaluable aids to club organisers arranging club Programmes, these being updated and circulated to affiliated societies every few years.
- The "ABPS NEWS" is published four times a year, giving reports from affiliated clubs and news of forthcoming events. There is also a range of leaflets on philatelic subjects, eg. "What is Postal History", "What is Thematic Collecting", "What is Stamp Collecting", and "The Visiting Speaker", etc.
- The ABPS is responsible for organising Regional & National Exhibitions (In Sheffield last May), and is responsible for arranging national competitions. Without ABPS they would cease, and possibly undermine the future of "Stampex".
- The ABPS also organises Workshops & Seminars, and is responsible for the training and accreditation of judges.
- The ABPS provides financial and direct support to the "Stamp Active" network, promoting the hobby through schools and at the "Kids Corner" at Stampex.
- Small Grants are available to societies with limited resources to help fund special events or projects.
- The ABPS Annual Awards scheme recognises the efforts of the organisers of philately at local, regional and national level through the "Award of Merit" and the "Congress Medal".
- Members of the Executive are willing to attend federation and other regional events to talk about the role of the ABPS

Also included were the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in June

### SOCIETY NIGHTS.

Dec. 14.	Wednesday	Carmarthen	Richard Hirst, "British Exhibitions".
Jan. 9.	Monday	Barry	Noel Jenkinson, "Archery on Stamps".
Jan. 26.	Tuesday	Bridgend	Nigel McGaw Entertains.
Jan. 31.	Tuesday	Port Talbot	Roy Evans Entertains.
Feb. 8.	Wednesday	Carmarthen	Howard Jones, "Postal History of the Upper Towy Valley".
Feb. 13.	Monday	Barry	Roy Roberts, "Stamps of Norway".
Feb. 21.	Tuesday	Cardiff	Colin Lewis, "Yugoslavia".
Feb. 27.	Monday	Barry	Alistair MacKinnon, "A Holiday in South Africa".
Mar. 6.	Tuesday	Cardiff	Visit from Newport.
Mar. 8.	Thursday	Haverfordwest	David Griffiths, "Here be Dragons".
Mar. 8.	Thursday	Bridgend	Brian Brandon Entertains.
Mar. 12.	Monday	Barry	Brian Brandon Entertains.
Mar. 14.	Wednesday	Carmarthen	Bill Toye, "Malayan Federated States".
Mar. 15.	Thursday	Haverfordwest	Visit from Carmarthen.
Mar. 20.	Tuesday	Cardiff	The Committee Entertains.
Mar. 22.	Thursday	Bridgend	Visit from Barry.



### DRAGON FAIRS.

7 December	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
8 December	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.
4 January 2012	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
5 January	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.
1 February	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
2 February	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.
7 March	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
8 March	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Street, Nottingham Street.
4 April	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
5 April	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.

FREE ADMISSION  
TO ALL FAIRS.



For further information on these and other DRAGON FAIRS, contact Chris Doble on 01446 741026.

### M J PROMOTIONS.

The next three dates for these Collectors Fairs, held in The City Hall, Cardiff, are:

**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 4 FEBRUARY 2012, and 14 APRIL 2012.**

For further information on these and other M J PROMOTIONS, contact Malcolm Harrington on 01792 415293.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy and Healthy New Year.*

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

Not a crossword this year, but a straightforward philatelic knowledge quiz, all the answers to the questions can be found in **Stanley Gibbons** catalogues. Please forward your answers to **Neil Prior, 20 Heol y Sheet, North Cornelly, BRIDGEND, CF33 4EY**, by **Saturday, 28 January 2012**.

1. Which country issued commemorative sheetlets for "JIPEX" in 1936?
2. Llandovery Falls are shown on the stamps of which country in 1900?
3. Which country was a joint Anglo-French Condominium philatelically until 1938?
4. Nelson's Dockyard is illustrated on the stamps of this country?
5. Green Mountain and Three Sisters can be found on this Island?
6. Which country has stamps with a "broken leg" variety?
7. Which country issued a stamp in 1953 illustrating "Bloody Bridge"?
8. Which country had Inter-Insular postage?
9. Where will you find the ship "Olive Blossom" in 1906?
10. Where will you find an illustration of a 1 Tog coin in 1953?
11. Where was Prince John worth 9c in 1911?
12. Where will you find a statue of King Richard I in 1928?
13. Which country had a Post Office Abroad in Massawa, Ethiopia
14. Where will you find a Romney Marsh Ram in 1933?
15. Which country had stamps overprinted "Self-Government" in 1922 and 1947?
16. Where will you find Tamarind Falls in 1950 and 1953?
17. Where will you find a canoe with and without a native aboard?
18. Which African country became independent on 6 March 1957?
19. Where will you find Lake Matheson in 1946?
20. On what island do the natives carve out of Miro wood?
21. How many different watermarks can be found on GB stamps?
22. Where & when will you find Nelly O'Brien and the Rev. R Walker together?
23. On the stamps of which country will you find Gen Pulaski in 1931 and Gen Oglethorpe in 1933?
24. Which South American country issued a set of stamps in 1944 for the Centenary of the Rochdale Co-operative Society?
25. What is the link between the GB Coronation 4d stamp and the 1969 Anniversaries 9d and 1/9d values?
26. Which former Portuguese colony joined the Commonwealth on 12 November 1995?
27. Where will you find a Bishop with a yellow rump in an African country?
28. Which African commonwealth country issued a set of Revenue stamps overprinted "Postage" in 1963?
29. Which commonwealth country, formerly a New Zealand Postal Agency, issued 4 stamps in 1911 showing a Pandanus Pine?
30. On the stamps of which commonwealth country will you find Mount Roraima and a Channel-billed Toucan?

Of the 30 questions, only two are on foreign countries, 3 are Great Britain related, whilst the remaining 25 are concerning commonwealth countries. Remember, all the answers can be found in the Gibbons catalogues.

## KEN ASHTON & ERIC NEEDS.

Members will be saddened to hear that **Ken Ashton** and **Eric Needs** have both passed away in recent weeks. **Ken** had been a stalwart member of the **Llanelli** society for many years, and had served as their Exchange Packet Secretary for many of those years. **Eric** was the first **Chairman** of this Federation from **1969-1971**, and also served in that position between **1991 and 1994**. He was a past Chairman and President of the **Swansea** club, and a past Chairman and Treasurer of the **Port Talbot** society. He was a Life-member of both societies.



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