

# THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH WALES PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

## Newsletter

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### Mrs Shirley Baker.

Most members will be aware by the time you read this Newsletter that our President, **Shirley Baker** of the Cardiff Society passed away suddenly in early August.

Shirley had been **Vice-Chairman** of this Federation from **1991 – 1994, and 1997 – 2000, Chairman** between **1994 and 1997, and 2000 – 2003, and President** from **2003**, nineteen consecutive years in total. She will be greatly missed.

### CONVENTION 2012.

Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention seems a distant memory, although only 3 months ago. It was another successful day at the Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot, with **156** paying members and visitors, an increase of **2** on 2010's record attendance.

Most of the dealers reported on a very successful day, many having already paid their deposits for next year. One dealer, **Carmichael & Todd**, failed to arrive, having been held up in Customs at Heathrow on his return from USA, although they later paid in full for their table.

Programme adverts were down by £10 from 2011 to **£170**, sales of donated material increased to **£52**, but sales of the Souvenir showed a loss for the second year in succession, sales coming to **£22**. Raffle ticket sales amounted to **£249**, an increase of **£14** on 2011, and our thanks go to those clubs and their members who supported the Federation by buying tickets. Again, some prizes were "bought in" at a cost of **£35**. The winner of the first prize was a member of the Barry club.

In the Annual Competition, which was judged by **John Perry** (Newport) and **Neil Prior** (Port Talbot), the winners of the various classes were: Philatelic – **Neil Jones** (Newport); Thematic – **Bev. Davies** (Newport); Postal History – **Rolf Scharning** (Swansea), and Aerophilately – **Ken Reeves** (Swansea). The Junior Thematic (Primary Schools) winner was **Sophie Drake** (Haverfordwest), with **Molly-Ann Clibbett** (Newport) winning the Secondary Schools trophy. The winner of the Dr. Mary Lennox trophy for the best overall entry was **Neil Jones** with an entry of "**The New Zealand Newspaper Stamp**". There was a very disappointing **6 senior entries**, with **9 entries** in the Junior classes. We hope to see an increase in the number of entries from the senior members in 2013. Start thinking about your entry **NOW !!**

The cost of hiring the Princess Royal Theatre this year increased by £75 to **£450**, with a further **£390** in other expenses, the cost of running the Convention this year being around **£840**. The provisional accounts for the 2012 Convention, distributed in July, showed a surplus of **£429**, plus **£275** dealers deposits included in the 2011 accounts.

Please note, and advise your members, that the **Princess Royal Theatre** has been booked for **SATURDAY 18 MAY 2013** for our **44<sup>th</sup> Convention**, and **SATURDAY 17 MAY 2014** for our **45<sup>th</sup> Convention**.

### "AUTUMN DAY" STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual "Autumn Day" Stamp and Postcard Fair is being arranged this year by the **Bridgend** society on **SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** in the **YMCA, Angel Street, BRIDGEND, CF31 4AD**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, with **50p admission**.

The dealers booked to attend are **Chris Doble, Coverlove (Roy Holliss), Phil Smith, Minster Stamps (Trevor King), Malcolm Harrington, and David & Christine Williamson**.

This is always an enjoyable day, meeting up with friends old and new, so please support the Bridgend club by turning up on the **29<sup>th</sup> September**.

We thank the Bridgend Society in advance for agreeing to host the event.

### THE WELSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Welsh Philatelic Society held their 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting, combined with a residential weekend, at the Snowdonia National Park Study Centre (Plas Tan y Bwlch), near Porthmadog, in June. In addition to the Annual General Meeting, there was a live/postal auction of Welsh postal history and postcards, with the lots sold realizing over £3100.

The guest speaker this year was **Edward Klempka**, who tantalized members with a superb display of "**Great Britain Postal History of the 1840's**", which included a great number of rare and unusual items from the period. The other displays were provided by members **Peter Chadwick** with "**A Great Britain Postal History Miscellany**", and **Gerald Marriner**, who showed members his collection of **Antique Writing Implements**. In his final "**Chairman's Display**", **Prof. Cedric Prys-Roberts** departed from the usual, bringing his other interest to "**The Plas**" and entertained members with a fascinating power-point presentation of birds of Colombia following his recent visit to the country.

The next meeting of the society in South Wales will be on **SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER** in the **Lliedi Suite, The Selwyn Sameul Bowls Centre, Llanelli**, when **Gerald Marriner** will display part of his **Fishguard Postal History** collection for the first time. At present, the remainder of the Programme has yet to be finalized.

### SWANSEA STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

Following on from the successful Stamp & Postcard Fair arranged by the Swansea Society the last two years, the club has arranged to hold a third fair on **SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2013** (plenty of notice!!) at the **New Lodge, Alexandra Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4PE**, from **10.30am to 4.00pm**, admission being **50p**.

Whilst the number of dealers attending has yet to be finalized, it is anticipated that there will be in the region of eight. Full details will, of course, be forwarded to all societies in due course.

### "SWINPEX".

It was good to see so many south Wales members at the annual "Swinpex" Stamp & Postcard Fair in Swindon last June, including some, disappointingly, who did not attend our own Convention the month previous. This is a very good show, well attended, with around **50 dealers** present, and only 4 or 5 miles off the M4.

I understand that the **Haverfordwest** society decided to run a coach to attend this Fair, rather than the Portishead event they have attended for some years past.

### PORTISHEAD STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

This Fair (now a one-day event) will be held on **SATURDAY 18 AUGUST** in the **Gordano School, St. Mary's Road, PORTISHEAD, BS20 7QR**. This is a week later than in previous years

Though not nearly so well-attended as in the past, there are still around 20 dealers stocks to browse through, although the **Portishead Stamp Auctions** will not be holding their auction the same weekend as last year, having put it back until **1 September**.

### SOCIETY NIGHTS.

Sept. 18	Tuesday	Port Talbot	<b>Ralph Evans</b> , "Chairman's Night".
Sept. 27	Thursday	Swansea	<b>John Cordingley</b> , "Switzerland".
Oct. 10	Wednesday	Carmarthen	<b>Colin Lewis</b> , Yugoslavia".
Oct. 16	Tuesday	Llanelli	<b>Brian Jones</b> , "New Zealand, 2000 – 2012".
Oct. 25	Thursday	Swansea	<b>Bill Toye</b> , "Brunei".
Nov. 12	Monday	Barry	Visit by Newport.
Nov. 13	Tuesday	Cardiff	Visit from Barry.
Nov. 13	Tuesday	Port Talbot	<b>Roy Evans</b> , "Port Talbot Postcards Powerpoint Presentation".
Nov. 14	Wednesday	Carmarthen	<b>Richard Hirst</b> , "Great Britain Postal Stationery".
Dec. 12	Wednesday	Carmarthen	<b>Charles Williams</b> , "Flora and Fauna".

Not much information as yet, only from the Programmes of the above four clubs. Please send a copy of your Programme for the coming season to me as soon as possible for inclusion in the "Society Nights" feature of the Newsletter.

### FEDERATION WEBSITE.

**John Perry** would also like to receive a copy of your Programme for the season to include this on the Federation website, which can be found on [www.sewales.me.uk/swfed.htm](http://www.sewales.me.uk/swfed.htm)

### DRAGON COLLECTORS FAIRS.

<b>5 September</b>	Wednesday	<b>NEATH</b>	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL.	<b>FREE ADMISSION TO ALL FAIRS</b>
<b>6 September</b>	Thursday	<b>CARDIFF</b>	Methodist Church, Nottingham St, CF5 1JP.	
<b>3 October</b>	Wednesday	<b>NEATH</b>	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL.	
<b>4 October</b>	Thursday	<b>CARDIFF</b>	Methodist Church, Nottingham St, CF5 1JP	
<b>7 November</b>	Wednesday	<b>NEATH</b>	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL.	
<b>8 November</b>	Thursday	<b>CARDIFF</b>	Methodist Church, Nottingham St, CF5 1JP	
<b>5 December</b>	Wednesday	<b>NEATH</b>	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL	
<b>6 December</b>	Thursday	<b>CARDIFF</b>	Methodist Church, Nottingham St, CF5 1JP.	

For further information on these and other **Dragon Collectors Fairs**, contact **Chris Doble** on **01446 741026**.

### M J PROMOTIONS.

The next dates for these Collectors Fairs, held in the **City Hall, Cardiff**, for the remainder of the year, are:

**SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER and SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER.**

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

### BARRY SOCIETY STAMP & POSTCARD FAIRS.

The next Stamp & Postcard Fairs, organised by the **Barry Philatelic Society**, held at the **Highlight Community Centre, Stirling Road, BARRY, CF62 9NX** (Behind Tesco's, off Port Road West), will be held on:

**SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2012 & SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2013.**

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## SNIPPETS.

The **British Postal Museum & Archive** has received planning permission from the London Borough of Camden for the redevelopment of its future home at **Calthorpe House**.

*Next year's Post & Go pictorial stamps will feature Freshwater Life, with three sets planned.*

The original Royal Mail Policy not to feature living people on their stamps has been broken a number of times in recent years (remember England's Rugby World Cup win and the Ashes defeat of Australia), and the policy is now in tatters following the **29 Gold Medal winners** stamps following the Olympic Games. The current Royal Mail policy is that it is acceptable to show identifiable living people (other than the Royal Family) where:

1. They are part of a team, and a significant national achievement is being celebrated.
2. Where they satisfy stringent criteria noting an extremely high level of achievement.
3. Where they form part of a background or crowd scene.
4. Where they act as models when a high level of specialism is required to convey a subject accurately.

**Autumn Stampex** will focus on an **Australasian** theme, with **The British Society of Australian Philately**, **The New Zealand Philatelic Society of Great Britain**, and **The Pacific Islands Study Circle** will display both competitive and presentational material. The three societies are also combining to produce a **100-page book** on **"The Gems of Australasian Philately"**. This will be sold at "Stampex" for **£5.00**, the normal retail price being **£10.00**.

**34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "AUTUMN DAY"**

# STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR

HOSTED BY  
**BRIDGEND PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

ON  
**SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

IN THE  
**YMCA, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4AD**

FROM  
**10.00am to 4.30pm**  
**ADMISSION 50p**

This Newsletter is being published a few weeks earlier than normal, as I shall be on holidays for the greater part of September.