

THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH WALES PHILATELIC SOCIETIES



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Federation's Annual General Meeting was held on **Saturday 20 October** in the **Public Hall, North Cornelly**, commencing at **2.30pm**, with **19 members** present, representing **9** of our affiliated societies. Apologies for absence were received from **Barbara Boscott, Brian Jones and Ken Reeves**. Before the meeting commenced, members stood for a minute's silence in memory of President **Shirley Baker** of the **Cardiff Society**, who had sadly passed away in August.

In his first report as **Chairman, Geoff Cooper (Swansea)** thanked the officers and members for their support during the year, especially the members of the **Bridgend Society** for hosting a successful and enjoyable Autumn Day fair, and those involved in arranging the Annual Convention.

Treasurer Colin Lewis advised that the Federation was in a strong position financially, with an increase of **£88.80** on the balance at **1 October 2011**. He added that the cost of the hire of the Princess Royal Theatre for the annual convention had increased, but that all expenditure was continually being monitored.

Youth Officer Erene Grieve reported that three schools had been visited in Wales, in **Bridgend, Llanelli and Pembrey**. If any member knew of a school in the region that might be interested in a visit, Erene would be happy to make contact. A **Milford Haven Comprehensive School** pupil, **Rhys Evans**, had won the **British Young Stamp Collector Award**, and was hoping to be invited to enter the International Exhibition in Malaysia in 2014.

Exchange Packet Organiser Reg Lyon advised that no real problems had been reported during the year, although some clubs were exceeding the **one calendar month** they were entitled to view any specific packet, which then had a knock-on effect later in the circuit.

The following members were elected to serve as Officers for the coming year : President, **Charlie Williams** (Carmarthen); Chairman, **Geoff Cooper** (Swansea); Vice-Chairman, **John Perry** (Newport); Secretary, **Neil Prior**, (Port Talbot); Treasurer, **Colin Lewis** (Swansea); Exchange Packet Organiser, **Reg Lyon** (Bridgend), and Youth Officer, **Erene Grieve**, (Haverfordwest), the only change being **Charlie Williams** replacing the late **Shirley Baker**.

Colin Lewis confirmed that the **44th Annual Convention** would be held on **Saturday 18 May 2013** in the **Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**.

Under Any Other Business, the **Cardiff** and **Newport** societies were to confer as to which of those clubs would host the **2013 Autumn Day Stamp and Postcard Fair**.

Finally, all the proposed amendments to the **Federation Constitution** and the **Exchange Packet Rules** that had been circulated to all societies were agreed. If you are a contributor to the Exchange Packet, please contact your club's Exchange Packet Secretary to verify those changes that affect any vendors.

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013.

WELSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Welsh Philatelic Society held its annual Autumn meeting on **Saturday 3 November** in the **Lliedi Suite** of the **Selwyn Samuel Bows Centre in Llanelli**. The main morning display was provided by **Roger Antell**, who entertained members with a slide-show presentation on the **"Waterford to Milford Haven Packet Service in the 19th Century"**, the subject of his book on the same topic which was published in 2011. After an excellent lunch, **Gerald Murriner** displayed part of his collection of **Fishguard Postal History**, together with other Pembrokeshire items. There were also mini-displays from **Nigel McGaw, Neil Prior, Dan Jones, and Howard Jones**.

If any member is interested in Welsh philately, postcards or postal history, this is **the** society to join, for a subscription of only **£8.00** a year. For this paltry sum, you will receive three award-winning Newsletters (a Silver medal at this year's "Stampex" exhibition), the opportunity to bid at three postal/live auctions of Welsh material, and the chance to come to one of our meetings that are held at various venues in Wales.

GREAT BRITAIN STAMP ISSUES.

Now that details of this year's Christmas Stamps have been announced, a quick check of the cost for commemorative stamp issues for **2012** would have been in excess of **£960**, for a collector buying one of everything available – stamps, FDC's, Presentation Packs, PHQ Cards, Miniature Sheets, Prestige Booklets, etc., etc. In addition to this, there have been Smiler's Sheets, definitives, and Post & Go sets. Admittedly this was an exceptional year with all the Olympic and Paralympic Gold Medal issues, and if you really went to town with these, you could also collect the issues from each of the separate regional printers in London, Edinburgh, Preston, Swindon, Solihull, and Attleborough (Norfolk), but even so.....

Details of the proposed commemorative stamp issues for 2013 have been revealed, and these are:

9 January	London Underground.
21 February	Jane Austen.
26 March	Classic TV.
16 April	Great Britons.
9 May	Football.
30 May	Royal Portraits.
18 June	Classic Locomotives of Northern Ireland.
11 July	Butterflies.
13 August	British Auto Legends.
19 September	Merchant Navy.
10 October	Dinosaurs.
5 November	Christmas.

It remains to be seen how many Great Britain collectors can afford to carry on collecting our own stamps after the mammoth expenditure this year, as the above lot don't look particularly exciting.

BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVE.

The British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA) recently announced that planning permission had been approved by the London Borough of Camden for their proposed new home at Calthorpe House near Mount Pleasant in Clerkenwell. The new Postal Museum will provide access to the BPMA's vast collections of photographs, posters, pillar boxes, vehicles and employment records.

YOUNG COLLECTOR OF THE YEAR.

The photograph to the right shows **Rhys Evans**, a pupil at the **Milford Haven Comprehensive School**, receiving the **Anne Dummer Trophy For Young Collector of the Year for 2012**. The Trophy was presented by our own Youth Officer, **Erene Grieve**. **Well done, Rhys!**



SOCIETY NIGHTS.

Dec. 12.	Wednesday	Carmarthen	Charlie Williams , "Flora and Fauna".
Dec. 13.	Thursday	Bridgend	Maureen Phillips Entertains.
Jan. 14.	Monday	Barry	John Waud , "The German Ship Post System".
Jan. 23.	Tuesday	Newport	Alistair MacKinnon , "Chairman's Night".
Jan. 24.	Wednesday	Bridgend	Nigel McGaw Entertains.
Feb. 7.	Thursday	Swansea	Bill Toye , "Branci".
Feb. 11.	Monday	Barry	Roy Roberts , "Surprise Night".
Feb. 13.	Wednesday	Carmarthen	Bill Toye , "Postcards of Carmarthenshire".
Feb. 19.	Tuesday	Port Talbot	Neil Prior , "Wales and the Welsh".
Feb. 28.	Thursday	Bridgend	Gareth James Entertains.
Mar. 5.	Tuesday	Cardiff	Visit from Newport.
Mar. 7.	Thursday	Haverfordwest	Visit from Carmarthen.
Mar. 11.	Monday	Barry	John Perry , "Rail Ferries of Scandinavia".
Mar. 13.	Wednesday	Carmarthen	Howard Jones , "Modern Pre-Decimal Stamps".
Mar. 14.	Thursday	Bridgend	Brian Brandon Entertains.
Mar. 19.	Tuesday	Cardiff	The Committee Entertains.



DRAGON FAIRS.

5 December	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL.
6 December	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St, CF5 1JP.
2 January	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
3 January	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.
6 February	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
7 February	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.
6 March	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
7 March	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.
3 April	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
4 April	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.

**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 dates for these Collectors Fairs, held on a **SATURDAY** in the **City Hall, CARDIFF**, are:

8 December, 2 February 2013, 13 April, 13 July, 5 October, and 7 December.

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

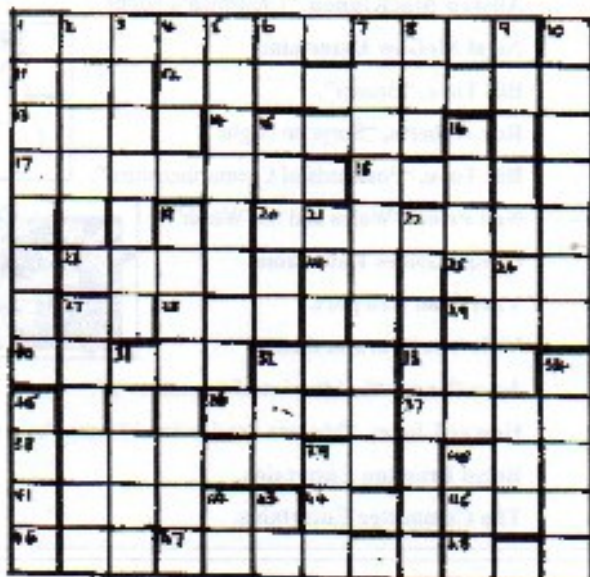
SWANSEA STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

A further reminder that the **Swansea Stamp Club** has arranged another fair for **SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2013**, at the **NEW LODGE, ALEXANDRA ROAD, GORSEINON, SWANSEA, SA4 4PE**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, admission being **50p**.

Whilst the number of dealers in attendance has not yet been finalised, it is anticipated that there will be seven or eight, and full details will be sent to all societies in the new year.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD COMPETITION.

Back to usual crossword this year, most of the questions/answers being philatelic related, although there are a few others slipped in. Please forward your entry to Neil Prior, 20 Heol y Sheet, North Cornelly, BRIDGEND, CF33 4EY, by SATURDAY, 26 JANUARY 2013, with your Name & Society on the back of your entry.



ACROSS: 1. Central Asian country, first stamps in 1871. 11. Display of deep anger or fury. 12. District of Syria, French Mandate 1920-1930. 13. Ultimate reality in Taoist philosophy. 14. Helena or Lucia. 17. Ethelred was this. 18. Indian Native or Feudatory State, stamps 1897-1900. 20. German state associated with Holstein. 23. The Emerald Isle. 24. Montenegro, amongst others, issued stamps for this, initially. 25. Film actress Gardner. 27. Alcoholics Anonymous. 28. Atom acquiring an electrical charge. 29. Hawaiian garland of flowers. 30. Territory in the interior of French Guiana. 32. Republic of South Africa. 33. King of Albania 1928-1939. 36. King of the Jungle? 37. Not a good-looking fruit. 38. Citorious for horse racing it is said. 40. Gibraltar, in short. 41. Lists of mistakes. 44. Noah's vessel. 45. A short narrative poem that is sung. 46. Archaic no. 47. Indian Feudatory state, stamps 1894-1920. 48. Confederate States of America.

DOWN: 1. New Zealand Dependency, first stamps overprinted in 1903. 2. Part 6 in Gibbons series of catalogues. 3. The Peach State in USA. 4. Popular fish with chips. 5. Part of France occupied by Germany in the war of 1870-71. 6. Not Applicable, initially. 7. A letter below ground. 8. Famously, Trotters Independent Traders, initially. 9. --- Sembilan. 10. Spear used by Zulu's. 15. Adverts on New Zealand stamps, 1891-93 are known as this. 16. 1908 overprint on Netherlands Indies stamps. 19. Former Crown Colony, capital Port of Spain. 21. Formerly part of French Indo-China, republic in 1976. 22. Issued Japanese Prefecture stamps from 1990. 26. Overprinted Fiume stamps in 1920. 27. The Nationalist Government in Turkey, 1921. 18 stamps listed in Gibbons. 29. Logarithm, in short. 31. This coast in West Africa became fully independent in 1960. 32. --- Muni. 34. Gaddafi's country. 35. Cathedral city in SW France on the Garonne river. 39. Onward Air Transmission 40. Greater London Council. 42. UNISON, for example (group of workers). 43. Preposition used to indicate location.

NB. The thicker lines indicate a word/letter separation.



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