

THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH WALES PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

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CONVENTION 2013.

Our 44th Annual Convention will soon be with us, and will be held on **SATURDAY 18th MAY** in **THE PRINCESS ROYAL THEATRE, CIVIC CENTRE, PORT TALBOT SA13 1PJ**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, admission being **50p**.

The Official Opening Ceremony will be performed by the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Cllr. Mrs Marian Lewis, at **12.00 noon**, and this will be followed by the Presentation of Awards and the Raffle Prize Draw. There is free parking outside the Theatre, and light refreshments will be available inside. For those requiring something more substantial, there are a number of cafes, restaurants, and pubs within a short walk, For more detailed information check at the Federation Table in the hall.

To date, **18 dealers** have reserved tables, and these are, subject to any late change: **Nigel Cox (Bridger & Kay Ltd)** (Minehead); **Chris Doble** (Barry); **Roy Evans** (Neath); **Eddie Foley** (Pontypridd); **Mark Grimsley** (Westbury on Trym); **Malcolm Harrington** (Swansea); **Roy Hollis – Coverlove** (Chepstow); **Michael Laight** (Cirencester); **Tony & Rosa Lawrence** (Reading); **Minster Stamps (Trevor King)** (Lincoln); **David Mouser** (Wareham); **Bill Pipe (Magpie)** (Poole); **Chris Proctor** (Winchcombe); **Brian Purcell** (Worcester); **Dave Salter** (Cardiff); **Phil Smith** (Saundersfoot); **David & Christine Williamson** (Swansea), and **David Winstone** (Bristol). Only two totally new dealers this year, **Nigel Cox and Dave Salter**, whilst **Eddie Foley** makes a welcome return for the first time since 2008.

One attraction missing this year, for the first time since our Convention began, will be a Souvenir Card or Cover. This has lost money in the last two years, and it was decided at our Annual General Meeting that 2012 would be the last of our souvenirs.

The **Convention Programme**, free on admission, contains all you need to know about the various attractions inside the hall, as well as information on **The South Wales Federation** and the affiliated societies. The **Annual Competition** entries are listed, and will be displayed on the stage. Raffle tickets will be on sale during the morning, the draw being held at around **12.30pm**.

The Annual Convention is one of only **two days** in the year (the “Autumn Day” being the other) when the Federation asks for the active support and physical presence of its members. **THIS MEANS YOU!!!** So please, make every effort to come along to **The Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot, on Saturday 18 May**, even if it's only for an hour or so. You never know, that elusive stamp, cover or postcard you've been searching years for might be lurking in one of the dealers stockbooks or boxes, just waiting for you to come along. Don't forget, the Federation needs the support of **ALL** its members at this, the only event of its kind in Wales.

SEE YOU THERE !!!

WELSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The annual residential weekend in the Snowdonia National Park Study Centre (Plas Tan y Bwlch, near Porthmadog) will be held on **Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd June**. The guest speaker this year will be **Chris Jackson**, with a display entitled "**Needle Makers of the Arrow Valley**". The displays by members are by **Peter Brindley**, "Kisses on the Bottom", **John Perry** with a "Monmouthshire Postal History Miscellany", and **Cedric Prys-Roberts** with "Colombia – An Endemic Bonanza".

In addition to the displays, there will be a live/postal auction of Welsh postcards and postal history, a light-hearted (but keenly fought) "Egg-Cup", competition, the society's Annual General Meeting, dealer-members tables, static displays, and several late evening "study circle" meetings in the bar.

SCANDINAVIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

There will be a meeting of the Scandinavian Philatelic Society at the **Memorial Hall, Dancing Hill, UNSY, NP26 3JH**, commencing at **1.30pm on Saturday 27 April**. All members of the South Wales societies are more than welcome to attend, but please contact **John Perry** on **01633 881068**, or sewales@btopenworld.com if you like to attend.

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

A meeting of the **South Wales and Hereford Region** of the **Royal Philatelic Society, London** will take place from **1.00 to 3.00pm** during "**WORPEX 2013**" on **SATURDAY 11 MAY** at **OLDBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, Oldbury Road, St. John's, WORCESTER, WR2 6AA**. Please contact **John Perry** on **01633 881068**, or sewales@btopenworld.com if you would like to attend.

BARRY SPRING FAIR.

The **Barry Society** will be holding their annual "**Spring Stamp & Postcard Fair**" on **SATURDAY 27 APRIL** in the **HIGHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTRE, Port Road West, Barry**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, admission being **50p**.

The Community Centre is located next to Tesco's store on Port Road West, opposite Barry Comprehensive School.

FEDERATION "AUTUMN DAY" STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

It had been hoped that either the **Cardiff** or **Newport** societies would be acting as hosts to our **35th Annual "Autumn Day" Stamp and Postcard Fair**. Unfortunately, the lack of a suitable venue has proved too difficult a hurdle to overcome.

It is anticipated that this will now be hosted by the **Swansea Philatelic Society** at **The New Lodge, Alexandra Road, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4PE**, and further information will be sent to all societies as soon as the situation can be clarified.

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SOCIETY NIGHTS.

2 May	Thursday	Swansea	Roy Holliss, "G.B. Aerial Posts pre World War I".
7 May	Tuesday	Llanelli	Mike Bates, "Surprise".
9 May	Thursday	Bridgend	Mike Clubb, "Island Farm Prisoner of War Camp".
14 May	Tuesday	Cardiff	Visit from Bridgend.
15 May	Wednesday	Newport	Visit from Hereford.
16 May	Thursday	Swansea	Dan Jones, "A Welsh Postal History Miscellany".
13 June	Thursday	Bridgend	John Beechey Entertains.
24 June	Monday	Barry	Graham Harris Entertains.
22 July	Monday	Barry	Alan Rosser, "Chairman's Night".
25 July	Thursday	Bridgend	Reg. Lyon Entertains.

DRAGON COLLECTORS FAIRS.

1 May	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL.	
2 May	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St., CF5 1JP.	
5 June	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.	
6 June	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	Admission Free to All Fairs.
3 July	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.	
4 July	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	
7 August	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.	
8 August	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	
4 September	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.	
5 September	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	

For further information on these and other **Dragon Fairs**, contact **Chris Doble** on **01146 741026**.

M J PROMOTIONS.

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

Saturday 13 July, Saturday 5 October, and Saturday 7 December.

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

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

The winner of the Christmas Crossword Competition in the December Newsletter was **John Evans**, a member of the **Aberystwyth Society**. The answers I was looking for were: **ACROSS:** 1. Afghanistan. 11. Ire. 12. Alaouites. 13. Tao. 14. Saint. 17. Unready. 18. Dhar. 20. Slesvig. 23. Eire. 24. AR. 25. Ava. 27. AA. 28. Ion. 29. Lei. 30. Inini. 32. RSA. 33. Zog. 36. Lion. 37. Ugli. 38. Goodwood. 40. Gib. 41. Errata. 44. Ark. 45. Lay. 46. Nay. 47. Duttia. 48. CSA. **DOWN:** 1. Aitutaki. 2. France. 3. Georgia. 4. Hake. 5. Alsace. 6. NA. 7. Sunderland. 8. TIT. 9. Negri. 10. Assegai. 15. Adson. 16. Java. 19. Trinidad. 21. Laos. 22. Shizouoka. 26. Veglia. 27. Angora. 29. Log. 31. Ivory. 32. Rio. 35. Agen. 39. OAT. 40. GLC. 42. TU. 43. At.

**DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION
ON 18 MAY**

BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION.

In a recent press release, The British Thematic Association has announced that, in an attempt to broaden its appeal beyond traditional thematic collectors, the BTA is officially adopting Open Philately, Social Philately and Postcard Collecting. In doing so, the BTA will become the UK's first national society for ALL theme-based collectors.

The BTA is taking this positive step in response to the increasing popularity of theme-based collecting, ie, collecting around a theme or story. The BTA will strive to promote, support and improve understanding of all aspects of theme-based collecting and all its disciplines.

The BTA will, from this year, be staging an annual social competition as part of its annual competitions: the "John Fosbery Trophy". This competition, with no rules, is perfect for those who want to show something different or innovative, and who want to gain experience of competing. The competition will be staged at the "**South of England Stamp Fair**", **South of England Centre, Ardingly, Sussex**, on **SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2013**. Entry forms are available from the BTA website at www.brit-thematic-assoc.com.

The BTA has also produced a very attractive CD titled "**Introduction to Thematic Collecting**" By the well-known thematic collector, **Margaret Morris**, the pdf file on the disk has sections devoted to "What is Thematic Collecting"; "Choosing the Theme"; "Assembling the Information"; "Displays and Competitions", ending up with "Some Final Thoughts".

The disk is available for **£2.50**, including UK postage & packing, payable by cheque, PayPal or bank transfer, from **Mrs Wendy Buckle, 87 Victoria Road, BOURNEMOUTH, BH1 4RS**, email wendybuckle@btinternet.com.

STAMP & POSTCARD FAIRS.

During the spring and summer months, there are a number of Stamp and Postcard Fairs around the country, and some of you taking holidays might be able to visit one or more of these during your breaks. The main fairs to consider are:

"WORPEX"

To be held on **Saturday 11 May**, at **Oldbury Park Primary School, Oldbury Road, St. John's, WORCESTER, WR2 6AA**. There is a large free car parking facility, and around **30 dealers** are usually present, together with a number of specialist society group meetings.

"SWINPEX"

To be held on **Saturday 8 June**, at **St. Joseph's School, Ocotal Way, SWINDON**. Sorry, no Post Code available at this time for those of you with sat. nav. devices. There are normally around **48 dealers** present, together with about **20 specialist society** group meetings. Again ample free car parkin available on site.

"MIDPEX"

To be held on **Saturday 6 July**, at the **Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Fosse Way, LEAMINGTON SPA, CV31 1XN**. An out of town location, difficult to find, but with ample car parking, and there are usually about **50 dealers**, plus **40 specialist societies** present.

YORK.

To be held on **Friday 19 July & Saturday 20 July**, at the **York Racecourse** (in the Grandstand, not on the course!). Approximately **100 dealers**, (plus 50 coin dealers) are usually present for the two days. Probably the best fair outside London, there is also the historic city of **York**, with its many attractions, making this the ideal place to spend a weekend or more, there's so much to see in York and the surrounding area.

PORTISHEAD.

To be held on **Saturday 10 August**, in the **Gordano Comprehensive School, Portishead**. Sorry, no Post Code available for Sat. Nav. users.

FEDERATION "AUTUMN DAY" STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

LATE NEWS – Details have now been finalised by the **Swansea Society** for this year's "**Autumn Day**" event, and this will now be held on:

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER at the **NEW LODGE, ALEXANDRA ROAD, GORSEINON, SWANSEA, SA4 4PE**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, admission being **50p**.