

# THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH WALES PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

## Newsletter

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### ANNUAL CONVENTION 2014.

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be with us shortly, and will be held on **SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Hugh James, at **12.00 noon**, and this will be followed by the Presentation of Awards and the Raffle Prize Draw. There is free, though limited, 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, and for more detailed information, check at the Federation Table in the Hall.

To date, **16 dealers** have reserved tables, and these are, subject to any late change: **Bill Barrell Ltd**, (Heathfield, East Sussex); **Chris Doble** (Barry); **Eddie Foley** (Pontypridd); **Dave Foster** (Nottingham); **Mark Grimsley** (Westbury on Trym); **Malcolm Harrington** (Swansea); **Roy Hollis**, "Coverlove", (St, Arvans, Chepstow); **Trevor King**, "Minster Stamps", (Lincoln); **Tony & Rosa Lawrence**, (Reading); **Bill Pipe**, "Magpie", (Poole); **Chris Proctor** (Winchcombe); **Brian Purcell Ltd** (Worcester); **Dave Salter** (Cardiff); **Phil Smith** (Saundersfoot); **David & Christine Williamson** (Swansea), and **David Winstone** (Bristol). **Dave Foster** from Nottingham is the only totally new dealer this year, whilst **Bill Barrell** makes a welcome return after many years.

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 17 May**, even if it's only for an hour or so, as the attendance was very disappointing last year. You never know, that elusive stamp, postcard, or cover you've been searching years for might be lurking in one of the dealers stockbooks or boxes, just waiting for you to come along and find it. 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 !!!

### YOUNG COLLECTORS IN MONMOUTHSHIRE.

**Erene Grieve** has done some amazing work nationally in getting children interested in stamp collecting. Along with **Bev. Davies** (Newport Society), she has visited three schools in Monmouthshire since last September, with another planned later this month. **John Perry** has attended two of these – for further information, see “**ABPS NEWS**”, **Spring 2014, page 15**. One of the Chepstow schools has a lunch-break stamp club run by **Bev.**, where the children’s enthusiasm is clearly evident.

March also saw a highly successful stamp collecting morning at Chepstow Library. **John and Bev.** were delighted with the response and the subsequent press coverage in the local paper. A second session is planned in the next few months. Whilst this does take a lot of time, the effort is worthwhile given the great response from the children. **John** encourages other stamp clubs to do the same as in Monmouthshire, and for any advice contact **John** on **01633 881068**, or [sewales@btopenworld.com](mailto:sewales@btopenworld.com) and **John** will provide help, or get in touch with those with more experience (**Erene or Bev.**)

### THE WELSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The **38<sup>th</sup> annual residential weekend** in the Snowdonia National Park Study Centre (Plas Tan y Bwlch near Porthmadog) will be held from **Thursday 19 June to Sunday 22 June**. The guest speaker this year will be **Colin Lewis**, who will show part of his extensive collection of “**Newfoundland Postal History**”. The displays by members will be by **Julian Tweed**, after dinner on Saturday evening, on “**Mails to Ireland up to 1840**”, whilst the Sunday morning will see a compilation of some of the displays given to The Royal Philatelic Society, London last January, coordinated by **John Perry**.

In addition to the displays, there will be a live/postal auction of Welsh postal history & postcards, a light-hearted (but very 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.

One point of interest this year is a proposal to change the name of the society to **The Welsh Postal History Society**. Already agreed by a members ballot last year, and only requiring ratification at the Annual General Meeting, it is felt that this change more accurately reflects the collecting interests and objects of the society, and will, hopefully, provide a boost in membership numbers.

If any member of the societies affiliated to this Federation is interested in joining the society, contact **Neil Prior** on **01656 740520**.

### “AUTUMN DAY” STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

This year’s fair, the Federation’s **36<sup>th</sup>**, is being organised by the **Newport** society, and full details will be sent to all affiliated societies in the near future. For preliminary information, contact **John Perry** on **01633 881068**.

### BARRY STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

The Barry Philatelic Society will be holding their annual Spring Stamp and Postcard Fair on **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY** at the **HIGHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTRE** (at the rear of Tesco’s) **PORT ROAD, BARRY**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, admission being **50p**. Light refreshments will be available.

The society’s Autumn Fair will be on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

### CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

The winner of the Christmas Competition in last December’s “**Newsletter**” was **Alan Bowen** of the **Port Talbot** club. The correct answer, in order, was **Germany, Niue, France, Ethiopia, Ifni, Aden, Norway, Syria, Montserrat, Canada, Kenya, Singapore, Iceland, Colombia, Cyprus, Orchha, Iran, Iraq, Palau, and Las Bela**. Well done, **Alan**.

### SOCIETY NIGHTS.

14 April	Monday	Barry	Brian Brandon, "The DC3 Story".
15 April	Tuesday	Cardiff	Brian Brandon, "Connections".
24 April	Thursday	Bridgend	Mike Clubb, "The Bridgend Arsenal".
28 April	Monday	Barry	Visit from Cardiff.
30 April	Wednesday	Newport	Ladies Night.
8 May	Thursday	Swansea	Neil Prior, "President's Night".
13 May	Tuesday	Cardiff	Visit from Bridgend.
14 May	Wednesday	Newport	Stuart Geddes Entertains.
15 May	Thursday	Bridgend	Visit from Port Talbot.
12 June	Thursday	Bridgend	John Beechey Entertains.
23 June	Monday	Barry	John Beechey Entertains.
28 July	Monday	Barry	Gerald Marriner, "The break-up of the Belgian Congo".

### DRAGON COLLECTORS FAIRS.

7 May	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall, SA11 3LL.
8 May	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street, CF5 1JP.
4 June	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall. <b>FREE ADMISSION</b>
5 June	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street <b>TO ALL DRAGON</b>
2 July	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall. <b>FAIRS.</b>
3 July	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.
6 August	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
7 August	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.
3 September	Wednesday	NEATH	The Old Town Hall.
4 September	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham Street.

As a result of the present indisposition of Chris Doble, these Fairs are now being organised by **Mark Grimsley**, who can be contacted on **0117 9623203**, mobile **07773 566994**, or email [mark\\_grimsley-stamps@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mark_grimsley-stamps@hotmail.co.uk).

### M J PROMOTIONS.

The dates for these Collectors Fairs, held in the **CITY HALL, CARDIFF**, for the remainder of **2014**, are:

**SATURDAY 5 JULY, 11 OCTOBER, and 13 DECEMBER.**

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

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### SWANSEA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the start of next season, the SWANSEA PHILATELIC SOCIETY will reach the grand old age of 80, having been formed in 1934. In all that time, there have been only **four Presidents**, Mrs Sybil Morgan, RDP, FRPSL, Howard Warren, Eric Needs, FRPSL, and Neil Prior.

I feel sure that the officers and committee will, over the summer months, be giving consideration to possible ways of celebrating this birthday.

### STAMP & POSTCARD FAIRS.

During the coming few months, there are a number of Stamp & postcard Fairs around the country, and some of you taking holidays or long weekends 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 10 May**, from **10.00am to 4.00pm**, at a **new venue** TUDOR GRANGE ACADEMY, Bilford Road, Worcester WR3 8HN. This is near **Junction 6** on the M5. There will be **40+ dealers** (around 10 more than at their previous venue), with refreshments available, and free admission, free programme, and free parking. For further information, see [www.worpex.com](http://www.worpex.com).

#### **“SWINPEX”.**

To be held on **Saturday 8 June**, from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, at St. Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotol Way, SWINDON, SN3 3LR. There will be around **46 dealers** present, together with some **12 specialist societies** holding morning or afternoon meetings. Light refreshments are available, with ample free parking. Admission is **£1.00 by Programme**.

#### **YORK.**

To be held on **Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July**, in the Grandstand at York Racecourse, from **11.00am to 5.00pm on Friday, and 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, admission being free** Probably the biggest and best fair outside London, with around **100 dealers, plus 50 coin dealers**. In addition, the historic city of York has so much to offer by way of attractions. The ideal way to spend a long weekend or more, there's so much to see in York and the surrounding area.

#### **PORTISHEAD.**

Not quite the fair it used to be when it was a two-day event, but still worth a visit. This year's fair will be held in the **Gordano Comprehensive School, Portishead**. Sorry, no Post Code available for Satnav users. I believe that the fair will be held on **Saturday 9 August**, but this has yet to be confirmed.

45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

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