

THE FEDERATION OF SOUTH WALES PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

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ANNUAL CONVENTION – 2016.

Our 47th Annual Convention will be with us again next month, and will be held on **SATURDAY 21st 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, Cllr. Sheila Penry at **12.00 noon**, and this will be followed by the Presentation of Awards and the Raffle Prize draw. Please note that the parking outside the Theatre is chargeable, at **£3.00 for over 4 hours**. Tea/coffee will be available in the hall, and for those requiring something more substantial there are a number of cafes, restaurants & pubs within a short walk. 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: *Keith Attwood/West Country Stamps* (Chudleigh Knighton, Devon); **Paula Cant** (Basingstoke); *Rex & Helen Eccott* (Holsworthy, Devon); **Roy & Christine Evans** (Neath); **Dave Foster** (Nottingham); **Mark Grimsley** (Westbury on Trym); **Malcolm Harrington** (Swansea); **Roy Hollis /Coverlove** (Chepstow); **Trevor King/Minster Stamps** (Lincoln); **Bill Pipe/ Magpie** (Poole); **Chris Proctor** (Winchcombe); **Brian Purcell** (Worcester); **Raflet** (Bridgend); *Barrie Rollinson* (Chedzoy, Bridgwater); **Dave Salter** (Cardiff), and **Phil Smith** (Saundersfoot). The dealers listed in *italics* are new to our Convention.

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 are displayed on the stage. Please take a few minutes away from the dealers to view these, especially those from the juniors. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Admission table during the morning, the draw being held 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 in Port Talbot** on **SATURDAY 21st May**, even if it’s only for an hour or so, as the attendance has been extremely disappointing this last few years. **Another downward trend in attendance could mean the loss of the event in its present form, the only stamp & postcard fair of its kind in Wales.**

You never know, you might find that elusive stamp, postcard or cover you’ve been searching years for lurking in one of the dealers stockbooks or boxes, just waiting for **YOU** to come along and find it.

SEE YOU THERE !

THE WELSH POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Welsh Postal History Society will be holding its 40th Annual Residential Weekend in the Snowdonia National Park Study Centre (Plas Tan y Bwlch), near Porthmadog, from Thursday 16 June to Sunday 19 June.

The guest speaker this year will be **Mr. Keith Brandon**, from Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, and Keith will be showing parts of his **Austrian** collection. The displays by members this year will be by **Prof. Cedric Prys-Roberts**, with “The postal history of Caernarvon and District” and **Richard Farman** with “The Development of the Parcel Post”.

In addition to the displays, there will be a light-hearted but very keenly fought “Egg Cup” competition, a live/postal auction of Welsh postcards and postal history, the Annual General Meeting of the society, static displays, dealer-members tables, and the late evening “study circle” meeting in the bar.

The most recent meeting of the society was held last month in **Aberystwyth**, when Society Archivist **Prof. Cedric Prys-Roberts** continued his exploration into the use of the “Climax” rubber date-stamp, this time concentrating on the North Wales counties, with contributions from members having these in their collections.

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

GREAT BRITAIN STAMP PROGRAMME.

When the December Newsletter was distributed to societies, stamp-issuing programme for Great Britain had not been announced. This has subsequently appeared in the philatelic press, and will be:

7 January	Shackleton & the Endurance Expedition.
17 February	Royal Mail's 500th Anniversary.
15 March	British Humanitarians.
5 April	William Shakespeare.
21 April	The Queen's 90th Birthday.
17 May	Animail?
21 June	The First World War – 1916.
7 July	Music Giants.
28 July	Beatrix Potter.
16 August	Landscape Gardens.
2 September	Great Fire of London.
15 September	Agatha Christie.
20 October	(To be announced)
8 November	Christmas.

In addition,, commemorative sheets will be issued on:

28 January	Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
25 April	ANZAC.
14 October	Battle of Hastings.

With 17 announced issues in a twelve-month period, we seem to be vying with some banana republics to see who can fleece collectors for the most money. There are sure to be others to account for rate changes, not forgetting “Smilers” sheets.

SOCIETY NIGHTS.

25 April	Monday	Barry	Visit from Cardiff.
4 May	Wednesday	Newport	The Ladies Entertain.
10 May	Tuesday	Cardiff	Visit from Bridgend.
16 May	Monday	Swansea	Neil Prior, "President's Night".
9 June	Thursday	Bridgend	Chris Griffiths Entertains.
28 July	Thursday	Bridgend	Gerald Marriner Entertains

.DRAGON COLLECTORS FAIRS.

4 May	Wednesday	NEATH	Castle Hotel, The Parade, Neath, SA11 1RB.	
5 May	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St, CF5 1JP.	
1 June	Wednesday	NEATH	Castle Hotel, The Parade, Neath.	
2 June	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	FREE
6 July	Wednesday	NEATH	Castle Hotel, The Parade, Neath.	ADMISSION
7 July	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	TO ALL
3 August	Wednesday	NEATH	Castle Hotel, The Parade, Neath.	DRAGON
4 August	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	FAIRS
7 September	Wednesday	NEATH	Castle Hotel, The Parade, Neath.	
8 September	Thursday	CARDIFF	Methodist Church, Nottingham St.	

For further information on these and other Dragon Collectors Fairs, contact Trevor King on 01552 857343 or 07949 605594.

CARDIFF POSTCARD FAIR.

These well-attended Postcard Fairs, organised twice a year by the **Cardiff Postcard Club**, are returning to their old venue, the **Penylan Library & Community Centre, Roath, Cardiff, CF23 5HW**. The next fair will be on **SATURDAY 16 April**, with the later fair being in **October**, the date not known at present.

There are usually around 20 postcard dealers present, admission being £1.00. For further information, contact Richard Phillips on 029 2069 3040, or Alun Williams on 029 2062 4375

.M J PROMOTIONS.

The dates for these Collectors Fairs, held in the **City Hall, Cardiff**, for the remainder of 2016, are;

SATURDAY 9 JULY, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER, and SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER.

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

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CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

The answers to the Christmas Quiz competition I was looking for were: 1. **Paid to Frontier.** 2. **Indian.** 3. **Jubaland.** 4. **1972.** 5. **Ross Dependency, Victoria Land, & King Edward VII Land.** 6. **Hejaz.** 7. **The Levant.** 8. **Advice of Receipt.** 9. **E Miles.** 10. **Overseas.** 11. **American, British, French & Russian.** 12. **Mozambique.** 13. **Thirteen.** 14. **Antarctica.** 15. **Angra, Horta, & Ponta Delgado.** 16. **Tierra del Fuego – Centigrammes of Gold dust.** 17. **Bruce Bairnsfather.** 18. **Paid to Destination.** 19. **General Postal Union.** 20. **Alfonso XII, Baby & Curly Head.** 21. **Bamforth.** 22. **Naphthadag (Automatic Sorting by Graphite Lines).** 23. **Phosphor Graphite Automatic Machines.** 24. **Norwich.** 25. **Romania.**

As the only entry received did not have all the answers correct, no prize will be awarded.

Was the very poor response this year due to the fact that copies of the Newsletter were distributed by email to one member of each society, and it was then that persons responsibility to supply copies to the society members?

SUMMER STAMP & POSTCARD FAIRS.

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

“WORPEX”.

To be held on **Saturday 14 May**, from **10.00am to 4.00pm** at the **Tudor Grange Academy, Bilford Road, Worcester, WR3 8HN**. This is close to **Junction 6** on the **M5**, and there will be around **45 dealers**, with free admission and refreshments are available. There is free but limited parking at the Academy, and for further information, including details of a shuttle bus service, see www.worpex.com.

SALISBURY COLLECTORS SHOW.

This is a two-day show at the **City Hall, Salisbury**, on **Friday 13 and Saturday 14 May**, with around **30 dealers**. For further information, see www.salisburyshow.co.uk.

“SWINPEX”.

This popular and well-attended fair will be held on **Saturday 11 June** from **10.00am to 4.30pm**, at **St. Joseph’s Catholic College, Ocotol Way, Swindon, SN3 3LR**. There will be around **45 dealers** attending, with some **12 specialist societies** holding morning or afternoon meetings. Light refreshments are available, and there is ample free car parking, with **free admission**.

YORK.

This will be held at the **York Racecourse Grandstand YO23 1AX** on **Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July**, with free admission and ample car parking. This is probably the best fair outside London, and there are usually around **100 dealers** (plus 50 coin/banknote dealers). In addition this year, there will be a full **National Exhibition** with all classes.

PORTISHEAD.

A popular fair for South Wales collectors, held at the **Gordano Comprehensive School, Portishead**. Although the date has yet to be confirmed, I believe it will be on **Saturday 13 August**.

“AUTUMN DAY” STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR.

The **Port Talbot club** will be hosting this year’s event, on **SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**, in the **Taibach Community Centre, Duke Street, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 1NA**. Details have already been sent to all society secretaries regarding table charges, and several dealers have indicated that they will be attending.

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