

ASPS Delegate's Report 2015

This is my first report as a delegate to the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies (ASPS), representing the interests of our society. ASPS meet three times a year, at Perth in October during Scotex, in January, in April during the National Exhibition (Congress) in Perth with the final meeting of the year being the AGM.

Our society has, since its inception, always been actively involved in the running of the association, with Colin Campbell filling the posts of Publicity Secretary, Junior Competition Organiser, and managing the supply of Post & Go orders to customers who cannot attend congress, I have taken on the role of Webmaster whilst Sandy Forbes also carries out a number of activities behind the scenes.

Sadly Colin has had to relinquish his posts for personal reasons and he will be a major loss to the association. As a consequence of this I have taken on the Post & Go function with Colin on hand to offer much needed advice. As yet no replacement has been found to fill the other positions and I would ask the members of our society to please give consideration to continuing our active role by taking on the roles of Publicity Secretary and/or Junior Competition Organiser. Neither of these roles would be an onerous task for the incumbent.

Each year congress requires a number of volunteers to assist in setting up the displays and organising the exhibition space ready for congress to begin. These volunteers are necessary because without them congress may not be able to go ahead. Please try to assist where possible, no experience is necessary, the older hands will help guide you along.

This year Congress went very well with 36 dealers in attendance.

In total there were 23 entries for all categories of the National Exhibition where 2 came from our society. There were only 6 entries for the Open Competition and 7 for the Postcard Competition with none coming from our society. The standard of entry was high this year with 6 Gold Medals being awarded. I will be urging members to seriously consider entering next years' competition.

The Tom Rielly display was delivered by Willie King from Largs & District Stamp & Postcard Club. Willie, aside from being the delegate for Largs, is the secretary for the Association of British Philatelic Societies (ABPS).

The 87th Congress will be hosted by 'The Caley' (Caledonian P.S.) on the 15/16th April 2016 and the president for this occasion will be Paul McGowan, with the Vice President being Alan Wishart from the Lanarkshire P.S. , who will be the hosts for the 88th Congress on 21/22nd April 2017.

Thank you to all who manned our society stall at Congress. Our society funds have benefitted by the amount of £43. We also have 1 definite and another possible new member.

Norman Kelso