



BROMLEY & BECKENHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Affiliated to:

*The Association of British Philatelic Societies &
The Kent Federation of Philatelic Societies*

Benefits of Membership of the Bromley & Beckenham Philatelic Society

The object of the Society is to promote the study and practice of Philately and Stamp Collecting at all levels including Thematics, Postal History and Social Philately. The Society has powers to do anything that is ordinarily done by philatelic societies to achieve its object or which is incidental to that object. The Society is run by an elected committee for the benefit of all members.

Auctions – The Society runs two auctions per annum into which members may submit material for sale @ only 10% commission. For the Grand Auction in the Spring, a catalogue is produced and circulated to members and many other clubs throughout the UK by E-Mail.

Buying & Selling - Free tables are provided at each meeting for members to buy or sell material.

Catalogues – The Society has a small library of stamp catalogues available for reference by members at each meeting, or to borrow for a small fee between meetings.

Circulating Packet The Society has a circulating packet into which members may contribute books of material for sale, or from which they may buy material offered by other members. A number of members who do not live locally regularly contribute to this and help to provide a wide variety of material priced very competitively from five pence to fifty pounds. Commission is only 10%, and members may also purchase empty books to make up.

Committee – The Society is run by a small committee which is elected by the members at the AGM, and which meets about four times per year. Members are encouraged to talk to any committee member about any aspect of the Society, including making suggestions for displays etc.

Competitions – The Society has six competitions during the year, four of which correspond with the categories and rules of ABPS and KFPS. The other two allow collectors to, either take material direct from their collection, or to put up an entertaining miscellany of material relating to a particular letter. The Society is always encouraging of collectors who wish to enter, with help and advice.

Display Meetings – The Society regularly invites noted collectors, philatelists or other societies to come and display their collections for the members benefit. A wide variety of subjects is programmed to suit all tastes, including Great Britain, British Commonwealth, Foreign Countries, Thematics, Postal History and Aerophilately. We ask visiting speakers to put up their displays before the

meeting commences, thus allowing members to preview the material.

Display Frames – The Society has its own display frames which can take up to fifteen sheets each, and which allow members to easily see the displays.

Help & Advice – The Society is always willing to offer free advice and assistance not only to members, but to the general public at large, on any philatelic matter which may include identification of stamps, disposal of collections etc.

Inter-Societies Meeting - The Society regularly hosts this annual display/bourse meeting of six societies in south-east London

Kent Federation - The Society fully supports this organization, provides officers and committee members on a regular basis, organises stamp fairs to host KFPS Rallies, and participates in its competitions etc.

Library Exhibitions - The Society occasionally puts up static exhibitions in the Bromley Central Library to encourage the general public to take an interest in stamp collecting, and publicise the Society. A wide variety of material is shown covering all aspects of collecting.

Meetings - Meetings commence at 7.30pm. usually on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings each month in the Public Hall, Bromley Road, Beckenham, BR3 5JE (opposite

St George's Church). Free parking after 7.30pm in the St Georges Rd. Car Park).

Members' Meetings – Members' meetings are held throughout the year at which members are encouraged to show off relevant material from their collections on the designated subject. At least one of these is a Picture Postcard evening.

News Letter - The Secretary regularly circulates an E-mail newsletter containing reports of meetings together with details of anything else which he thinks will be of interest to members. An annual report is provided for all members with the AGM papers.

Raffle & Refreshments - are available at most meetings to augment club funds.

Stamp & Postcard Fairs – The Society runs stamp fairs at roughly eighteen-month intervals in support of the KFPS Rallies, which will also include competition displays etc. It also has an occasional table by invitation at the regular monthly Beckenham Stamp Fair at Azelia Hall in Croydon Road, Beckenham.

Web Site – The Society maintains its entry on the Beckenham.Net local web site, where details of the forthcoming programme, reports of meetings, contacts etc. may be found.

What's On – The Society publicises local philatelic outlets, auctions and stamps fairs on its web site.

For more details please
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