



150th Anniversary Update – 21 September 2018

A shorter update this time, but it includes details about the issue of a Royal Mail miniature sheet and a promotional exhibition sheet for Stockholmia 2019.

Spring Stampex 2019 – themed exhibition ‘King George V’

Applications have been received from 55 exhibitors for 200 frames consisting of competitive and ‘display only’ exhibits. Material from RPSL collections will also be exhibited. Council has approved the issue of a separate catalogue for the themed ‘King George V’ exhibition. It will be issued to all members as a supplement to the January/February issue of the *London Philatelist*.

There are still a few places left for members to participate. If you wish to do so please complete the initial application form sent to all members with the previous 150th Anniversary update in July.

Royal Mail Miniature Sheet – ‘Stamps on Stamps’

On 15 January 2019 Royal Mail will issue a miniature sheet of ‘Stamp Classics’ featuring one item from each reign e.g., the Queen Victoria 1891 £1 green, the King Edward VII 1910 2d Tyrian plum, the King George V 1913 2/6d seahorse, the 1936 1½d King Edward VIII, the King George VI 1940 ½d Penny Black Centenary and the Queen Elizabeth II 1953 2½d Coronation. Further details will be included in the next update.

Stockholmia 2019 International Exhibition

Each year Royal Mail produces an exhibition sheet to celebrate philately and promote an exhibition of its choice. It is planning to issue a sheet in 2019 for Stockholmia featuring logos and suitable imagery of Stockholm, the exhibition, the 150th Anniversary and the participation of RPSL in the exhibition (museum artefacts, library, archival material and items forming exhibits the Society intends to display at the exhibition). The planned issue date for the sheet is 29 May 2019 and it will include 20 1st class ‘hello’ stamps. More information will be given to members as soon as it is available.

Publication – ‘Members’ Collections 2019’

Contributions to this fundraising project closed on 31 July 2018. 206 members have contributed 551 pages thus raising £38,570. Typesetting will start shortly and it is intended that the book will be launched during Spring Stampex in February 2019. May I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all members who have so generously contributed to this important 150th Anniversary publication.

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