

150th Anniversary Update 29 May 2018

Plans for our 150th Anniversary continue to be developed and the information set out below includes decisions made at a recent Council meeting and progress relating to key events during the Anniversary period. Many events will take place whilst we prepare for the move to our new home at 15 Abchurch Lane and others will occur when we are in residence.

The building will offer much additional space and considerable flexibility for meetings and exhibitions and it is important that we take advantage of such opportunities as soon as possible. The importance of the move to 15 Abchurch Lane cannot be underestimated as a feature of our Sesquicentenary and the long term future of the Society.



Spring Stampex 2019 – themed exhibition ‘King George V’

Applications have been received from 25 exhibitors for 100 frames + material from RPSL collections. More applications are invited and the closing date is 31st July 2018. Full details are set out in the attached application form.

Foundation day lunch at Stationers’ Hall on 10 April 2019

The venue is excellent and will accommodate 200. Caper & Berry are the selected caterers and the contract has been signed. The price of tickets and the date they will be available for this significant event will be notified to all members.

Past President’s Displays at 41 Devonshire Place on 11 April 2019

David Beech MBE FRPSL is organising this important 150th Anniversary meeting and prepare a brochure with details and illustrations of items in each Past Presidents’ display consisting of 5 frames (60 pages) of material of their choice.

Stockholmia International Exhibition

The exhibition is oversubscribed and the UK has the largest group of exhibitors with 58 applicants requesting 298 frames.

Publication – ‘The Royal Philatelic Society 1869 – 2019’

A few minor queries are outstanding and they are currently being resolved. The editor will then standardise chapters by font, layout and the way in which references are cited. He will also mark up the text for indexing purposes.

Publication – ‘Members’ Collections 2019’

If you wish to contribute to this fundraising project full details may be found on the home page of the RPSL website or in the January-February 2017 issue of the *London Philatelist* (Vol.125 page 45). To date Members have contributed 450 pages to this publication. **The closing date for contributions is 31 July 2018.**

Sesquicentenary Medal

Council has approved a die for the obverse of the medal featuring the 150th Anniversary Logo with ‘The Royal Philatelic Society London’ above it and ‘150 Years 1869-2019’ below. The reverse will feature the existing ‘Wyon Head’ die used for the Stampex medals. The 57 mm medals will be struck in bronze.

Sesquicentenary Certificate

A 150th Anniversary Certificate has been approved by Council and it will be presented to members who exhibit at the ‘King George V’ exhibition in February 2019 or present a display to the Society under existing arrangements during the period 1 January 2019 and 8 May 2020.

Sesquicentenary events brochure

A detailed illustrated brochure describing each sesquicentenary event will be issued in November 2018.

Further 150th Anniversary bulletins will be sent to members via email on the following dates:-

1 July 2018, 7 September 2018 and 22 October 2018.

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