



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

This update includes details about the KGV themed exhibition at Spring Stampex 2019 and an announcement about two new events, one in Gibraltar and another in Sindelfingen

### **Spring Stampex 2019 – themed exhibition ‘King George V’**

The opening event of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, and will be held at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London the usual venue for Stampex – our national exhibition. The themed exhibition will comprise 62 exhibits (competitive and display only) of KGV stamps and postal history by 56 exhibitors and will occupy 219 frames. The data for the catalogue is being prepared and typeset ready for publication as a Supplement to the January/February issue of the *London Philatelist* on 1 February 2019. On Saturday 16 February 2019 there will be a seminar entitled “Displays using PowerPoint Presentations” and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals and Certificates will be presented to the exhibitors.

### **Foundation Day Luncheon 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Members will by now have received details of our celebratory luncheon at Stationers’ Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4M 7DD. This is a most important event in our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. 45 tickets were sold on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, the day bookings opened.

### **Past President’s Displays 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 1 p.m.**

This very special meeting and important part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will feature a display of material from the Royal Philatelic Collection by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen. It will be the last occasion on which material from the Royal Philatelic Collection will be displayed at 41 Devonshire Place. Each Past President will display a maximum of 5 frames of material of their choice and there will be a brochure describing and illustrating items from each display. The day is expected to be extremely popular and crowded.

### **Gibraltar 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Arrangements are in hand for a commemorative event in Gibraltar to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Philatelic Society London. It will take place on Monday 21 October 2019 at the iconic Gibraltar Garrison Library.

The programme will include:

- Displays to be given by members of the Royal, both from Gibraltar and by visitors for the occasion, with a short presentation by each exhibitor on the key items shown: there will be two sessions of displays, one in the morning and another in the afternoon to allow the maximum number of displays;
- A reception at 12 noon, which will be attended by the Governor of Gibraltar, who is the representative of HM the Queen in Gibraltar, and the Mayor of Gibraltar;
- A complimentary finger lunch, with wine and soft drinks.

On Tuesday 22 October, the Gibraltar Study Circle will hold a day of displays of Gibraltar material at the Garrison Library. All philatelic visitors will be invited to attend.

Members of the GB Overprints Society will hold a day of displays, concentrating on Morocco material, on Wednesday 23 October.

On Thursday 24 October, there will be a day-trip from Gibraltar to Ceuta and Tétouan in Morocco. It will cost about £75, which includes transport to the port, fast ferry there and back, and a typical Moroccan lunch.

Also, anyone who chooses to be in Gibraltar on Sunday 20 October will be invited to attend the service of remembrance for those who died at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, to be held at the Trafalgar Cemetery in Gibraltar. Further information is obtainable from Richard Garcia (email: [braid@gibtelecom.net](mailto:braid@gibtelecom.net)) including a special rate negotiated with the four star O'Callaghan Eliott Hotel, which faces the same square as the Gibraltar Garrison Library. All members of the Royal will be most welcome.

#### **Fair and Exhibition in Sindelfingen**

The annual fair and exhibition to be held at Sindelfingen from 24 to 26 October 2019 will emphasise GB postal history with participation by the Royal and another GB postal history society. Planning is at an early stage and further information will be available in due course.

#### **Publication – “The Royal Philatelic Society 1869 – 2019”**

Factual checking of the text of each chapter is now being undertaken. It is a lengthy and essential process. Publication is scheduled for September 2019.

#### **Publication – “Members’ Collections 2019”**

Typesetting is complete and the book will be published during Stampex in February 2019. All members who are contributors will receive a copy of the book. The price to other members will be £70 per copy plus postage. The full retail price will be £78 per copy plus postage. Once again, may I express our gratitude to contributors who have made this publication an excellent fundraiser for Tomorrow's Royal.

#### **Royal Mail Miniature sheet – “Stamps on Stamps”**

A First Day Cover of the miniature sheet of ‘Classic Stamps’ cancelled with a RPSL handstamp will be issued by Royal Mail and further information will be available on 18 December.

#### **A ‘Royal’ Commemorative FDC**

Buckingham Covers will issue a commemorative FDC featuring a ‘Royal’ topic and the ‘Classic Stamps’ miniature sheet cancelled with an RPSL handstamp. Again, more information will be provided on 18 December.

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