

## **Tony Bridger – Proposed for Stanley Gibbons Trophy**

### **Service to Amersham & District Philatelic Society (ADPS)**

The Stanley Gibbons Trophy is awarded to members for exceptional service to our Society.

Tony joined ADPS in September 2000 as an experienced collector, already being a member of RAFLET Stamp Club.

In 2001 he was elected to the committee where he has served continuously to the present day. He acted as Publicity Officer from 2002 until 2004, a very difficult job living as he does in Tring.

In 2008 he was elected Programme Secretary a post he held with distinction until 2014. During these 6 years he arranged many outstanding presentations for our members.

From 2011 until 2013 Tony served very successfully as President, during which time he introduced the “Did You Know?” feature, which he leads prior to the start of the second half of our regular meetings.

Tony has always been willing to help the Society whenever there is a need. At auctions he acted as a runner for several years, until he had to stop on medical grounds. Since then he has helped by serving tea and coffee to our members and welcoming visitors prior to our auctions. Despite living a 30 minute drive away he always arrives early for meetings and plays a leading role in setting up the hall.

On the rare occasions when Alan Williams cannot attend a meeting Tony covers for him as Packet Secretary.

Tony is also a regular supporter of the Wednesday afternoon club run by Rickmansworth PS.

On one occasion as our President he made the supreme sacrifice for the Society. Pushed for time to reach the Barn Hall for a meeting, he was caught by the speed camera in Station Road and was suitably clobbered by the Police and DVLA!