

Alan Williams – Citation for Honorary Life Membership

Service to Amersham & District Philatelic Society (ADPS)

Alan joined ADPS in September 1986 when he declared his collecting interests as Jamaica, GB, France, New Zealand and Australia. At the outset Alan advised the then Secretary (Alan Linger) he would be happy to play an active part in running the Society.

Although working full time and living in Weston Turville, he accepted the post of Packet Secretary from 1989 to 1995, when he had to leave the area for six months on transfer with his employer Nestle.

On his return in 1996 Alan was elected Auction Secretary, a post he held (including doubling up as Vice President) for 2 years, until 2003 when after being elected President, he was replaced by Les Gwilliam,. Alan served the normal two years in the chair, following which he was elected Treasurer and in 2007 he again accepted the busy post of Packet Secretary, a role he continues to fulfil with great competence.

In summary Alan has served:-

- 2 years as President,
- 2 years as Vice President
- 10 years as Treasurer,
- 7 years as Auction Secretary in addition to which he subsequently carried out the duties of Auctioneer until 2014, when that responsibility passed to Stuart Catchpole.
- 14 years as Packet Secretary.

During 30 years of ADPS membership Alan has therefore served a cumulative total of 35 years on committee posts, all of which have been completed with distinction.

He has served on the committee of Middlesex Philatelic Federation since 2011, including the past 4 years as Treasurer. When visits are arranged to other local philatelic clubs Alan has frequently volunteered to display as one of our delegates.

Officers of ADPS are occasionally asked by the families of deceased members or non members to value or to assist in disposing of philatelic collections. Alan has successfully dealt with a number of such requests over the past 30 years.

During our Stampersham 40th anniversary in 1998 Alan ran a very successful auction which was held in the evening. During the 50th anniversary stamp fair in 2008 Alan and his wife Rosemary organised the catering extremely well, supported by our member Ian Wallace as the professional chef.

Alan is also a long-standing member of the British West Indies Study Circle.

All members of the committee strongly recommend Alan should be awarded Honorary Life membership.