

David Page – Proposal for Honorary Life Membership

Service to Amersham & District Philatelic Society (ADPS)

David joined ADPS in 1969 and as one of the youngest members in 1980 he was given the job of “tea boy”, in which capacity he made the coffee and tea at meetings for about five years. In 1982 he was elected to the **committee**.

From 1985 until 1995 he served as **Auction Secretary**, during which time he also had to act as **Packet Secretary** for a few months (during 1995) to cover an emergency situation.

David was appointed **Secretary** in 1995, a position he held for eight years despite having a young family and holding a busy full time job, which latterly required him to spend a lot of time in Argentina. His duties included organising the programme, until 2001 when that responsibility was transferred to another committee member. Whilst Secretary, from time to time he also carried out the duties of **Publicity Officer** and **Competitions Secretary**.

In 1998 David played a major role in organising Stampersham, a philatelic fair to celebrate ADPS’s 40th anniversary, which earned the runner up position in the Rowland Hill Awards for that year.

David was elected **Vice President** in 2004/05, **President** from 2005 until 2007, and again 2008/09. In the 52 year history of ADPS only one other President has served three years, the normal period being two. While President he took the lead in organising Stampersham50, a philatelic fair which commemorated ADPS’s 50th anniversary. This event included a ten frame display from the Royal Philatelic Collection graciously made available by Her Majesty the Queen and brought to Amersham by the Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection, Mr Michael Sefi.

During 2005 David led the committee in planning for the future of philately in the Amersham area. This resulted in a number of decisions, including ADPS taking a more proactive view in promoting the hobby, by running stalls at local (non philatelic) shows and planning two philatelic fairs. Not only did David spend more hours than any other member working on these stalls, but he also supplied the gazebo!

Over the past twenty years or more David has displayed from his own collection at many local philatelic societies, as a member of visiting teams from ADPS. He has also made numerous presentations at ADPS meetings.

David was quick to recognise how computer technology could assist in the running of philatelic societies and in 2002 he created an **IT system as the Secretary’s database**, which retains all membership details and requirements, including the printing of address labels for programme cards, auction catalogues etc.

He has also devised another IT system, **Auction Manager Database**, which is used to prepare auction catalogues - including a web catalogue, managing postal and room bids, preparing invoices for purchasers and vendors and managing the finances of the auction. David remains the database master and he operates the IT system on auction evenings. The quality of ADPS auction catalogues is very high and can be compared favourably to those of many professional auction houses.

More recently David, with assistance from his son-in-law Steve Griffiths, has set up a **website** in name of ADPS which is running successfully. David and Steve are currently preparing a member' section in the website.

After retiring from his career job David acquired **printing** equipment which enables him to produce all ADPS stationery to the same standard, but at considerably lower cost, than professional printing firms.

Since 2003 ADPS has not been in a position to appoint a **Competitions Secretary**, but with assistance from other committee members David has helped to fill this gap whenever required, by producing the necessary stationery, organising the relevant members' evenings and where appropriate delivering winning entries to the Middlesex Philatelic Federation to participate in its competitions.

At our Annual General Meeting on 19 May 2011 David was presented with the Award of Merit from the Association of British Philatelic Societies for his outstanding service to British philately. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of ABPS, John Baron, made a special trip from his home in Didcot to make the presentation.

Service to Middlesex Philatelic Federation

David joined the Committee of MPF in 1997 as the representative of ADPS. In 2006 he became **Production Manager of the MPF (quarterly) Bulletin** and in 2009 he accepted the job of **Editor**. He played a leading role in planning and organising the MPF Diamond Jubilee philatelic fair in September 2010, which was well supported by dealers and collectors.

South African Collectors Society

David is an active member of the South African Collectors Society.

