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Last reviewed here in 2002, the GBPS website has expanded and improved greatly in the intervening period. There are eight main sections to the site and each is taken in turn below.

Home Page: unusually extensive, it rapidly presents visitors with a snapshot of what the site and the society, rightly described as the world's leading society devoted to the philately and postal history of GB, is all about. This includes the latest development – an online discussion group where questions relating to any aspect of GB philately can be posed, and answered. A new glossary of terms listing has started and contributions comprising additions and corrections are invited.

Programme: full details of the programme of events include location addresses and times, speakers and subjects to be covered. Usefully, there is also a link to a page that includes a report on a typical meeting to help entice non-members (and hopefully some existing members!) to attend.

Books: the GBPS has a long and successful history of book and monograph publishing and the site offers full details of around 20 of the most recent works. These cover many aspects of British philately and members benefit from 10% off retail prices. Online ordering is possible by credit card, or cheques can be posted to the society.

Journal: The GB Journal is fast approaching fifty years of continuous publication and now benefits from colour printing and articles by many of the top specialists. The site offers a free downloadable cumulative index to volumes 21-46, sample PDF copies of seven issues of GBJ and even a style guide for prospective contributors. The contents and outside covers of several years-worth of issues help to show the range of material that is written about.

Newsletter: previously a very slim publication with little of lasting value, these days it has become a worthy magazine in its own right with each issue crammed with

research and information pieces that are too short for inclusion within GBJ. The site enables a sample copy in PDF format to be downloaded.

Library List: an extensive listing is broken down into 25 main British collecting subjects and is a mine of information on what is available for members to borrow. It must contain hundreds of references and is a valuable bibliographic tool for everyone.

Join: this section provides an online application form for prospective members (£25 UK subscription, £27 Europe or world surface, £33 world air). Postal applications are also possible.

Links: the final area includes dealers, directories, societies, etc that relate to British philately and it then goes beyond the obvious by also including conservation and archival suppliers and how to find out of print books.

The Great Britain Philatelic Society has been serving its growing membership of over 700 since 1955 and this website is an extremely useful additional promotional and research facility that deserves your attention.

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