

Society Journal of the Year

Once again the local and specialist society journals were judged by John Holman, Editor of the *British Philatelic Bulletin* (and former Editor of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*) and Glenn Morgan, philatelic author and journalist, and for many years the Librarian of the National Philatelic Society. **The ABPS is indebted to to John and Glenn for their sterling efforts on our behalf: also to Richard West who organised the event.**

John and Glenn were impressed by the overall standard of the entries, praising the high quality of the articles, editing and production. All the journals had a good mix of content, to appeal to a wide audience, and included reports of the society's activities. It was not an easy task to decide the winners.

There were two entries for the local society journal category. Redditch Philatelic Society's Newsletter *Halcyon* was the winner with Southampton Philatelic Society's *Postmark* very close behind in the scoring.

Austria, journal of the Austrian Philatelic Society, was judged the best of the eight specialist society entries, with *The Transvaal Philatelist* (Transvaal Study Circle) and *238* journal and *Newsletter* of the Faroe Islands Study Circle in joint second place. The *Bulletin of the Andorran Philatelic Study Circle* was third.

The societies and their editors can be proud of their publications, an important aspect of the work of any specialist philatelic society.

Result: Specialist Society Class – Winner

Austrian Philatelic Society, *Austria*, editor Andrew Taylor – Prize £100 to the society

Specialist Society Class – Runners-up – Joint-equal

Faroe Island Study Circle, *238* and a Newsletter, editor Norman Hudson

Transvaal Study Circle, *The Transvaal Philatelist*, editor Andrew Higson

Result: Local Society Class

Redditch Philatelic Society, *Halcyon*, editor Malcolm Allinson – Prize £100 to the society

Local Society Class – Runner-up

Southampton & District Philatelic Society, *Postmark*, editor John Berridge