

Southampton DPS Competition Evening

The annual Competition evening will take place on Tuesday 17th July, open to all members and we are hoping for a bumper number of entries this year. There are rules, essentially unchanged, but these are as simple as we can make them. They can be found in the Society Rules or [on the website](#).

The Gordon Thorne Trophy is awarded to the best overall winning entry from either the sixteen or thirty-two sheet competitions. At the Committee's discretion the two 16 sheet entries with the highest scores will qualify as the Society's entries in the Howard White Inter-Society Competition at HAMPEX.

Entries can be 16 or 32 sheets and should have an introductory page that describes what the exhibit is about. They may be entered in any of the following philatelic classes:

- Aerophilately (Bob McDonald Trophy)
- Postal History (Basil Owen Award)
- Postal Stationery
- Revenues
- Thematic (John Stockley Rose Bowl)
- Traditional i.e. stamps (Fassnidge Plate)
- Open including Social Philately (National Westminster Bank Trophy)
- Picture Postcards (Sharman Trophy)

The main change this year is that a Society Trophy will be awarded for the best entry in each category, the current awards are shown above, and we will allocate other awards to the Postal Stationery or Revenue category if necessary. Do not worry unduly about which class to select, the judges will move your entry to a more appropriate section if necessary. John Campbell has kindly agreed to be our judge this year.

To enter all we need is your name, title of entry, 16 or 32 sheets and class being entered. Please pass this information to me at a meeting, by phone (01489 574834) or email (k.chard@ntlworld.com).

The entries themselves can be brought on the evening by 6.00pm or can be passed to any Committee member (preferable Julian Jones or myself) by Monday 16th. The latter option is at the owner's risk so please check that you are covered by your insurance policy if you are concerned (philatelic insurance usually covers competition / exhibition).

If you are unsure of any aspect, please speak to any Committee member or indeed any member experienced in competition entry.

Kevin Chard

Competition Secretary