

# **BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION 2023 ONE-FRAME COMPETITIONS**

**The South of England Stamp Fair & Sussex Convention, Norfolk Pavilion, South of England Centre, Ardingly Showground, Ardingly, RH17 6TL**

**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023 10.00am – 4.00pm**

*Competition categories are:*

## **BTA CUP**

16-sheet One Frame competition subject to the Rules and Regulations for National **Thematic** Philately competitions

## **JOHN FOSBERY TROPHY**

16-sheet One Frame competition subject to the Rules and Regulations for National **Open** Philately competitions

## **BRIAN SOLE TROPHY**

16-sheet One Frame competition for **Picture Postcards** subject to the Rules and Regulations for National Picture Postcard competitions

## **BTA CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS**

16-sheet One Frame competition for **Pictorial Classes**; open to previous winners of the BTA's annual competitions. Subject to the Rules and Regulations for National Pictorial Class competitions.

*See next page for Rules*

**Please complete the Entry Form and send it to –**  
Andrew Millington, Flat 4, 87 Shurdington Road, Cheltenham, GL53 0JQ. Tel: 0770 8356757. Email: andrew.millington@gmail.com

**Closing date for receipt of entry forms: Monday 23rd October**

Please send sheets to: Andrew Millington

from Saturday 14th October (or earlier if you notify him) but **no later than Tuesday 24th October or deliver them to the Fair** (first floor) by 10.00 on 28th October. Scanned entries from overseas members (see Rule 3) to be sent by **Tuesday 24th October**.

## **RULES**

### **All classes**

1. Every exhibit must have an Introductory Page as the first sheet. All sheets must be enclosed in protectors and the pages numbered at the foot of the page.
2. There will be an entry fee of £10 for each competition. A receipt will be issued and must be produced if collecting the entry after the Exhibition has closed.
3. We accept entries from overseas members. These should be sent as scans (300 - 400 dpi, pdf format) to:  
competitions@britishthematic.org.uk (deadline as per instructions for this year's competition).
4. Judges will be appointed who are qualified in judging Thematic Philately and/or Open Philately and/or Picture Postcard exhibits at Federation or National level.

### **Thematic, Open and Postcard Class**

The winner of any of these competitions will not be allowed to enter the same exhibit in the same competition at any time in the future.

### **Championship Class**

1. The Championship Class will cover all aspects of theme-based philately: i.e., Thematic Philately, Open Philately, and Picture Postcards.
2. The Championship Class is open to past winning exhibits of any of the BTA's competitions: The BTA Cup, The John Fosbery Trophy and The Brian Sole Trophy. Exhibits will be based on previous winning exhibits but can of course be modified. Past winners who are exhibiting new subjects should enter the other classes in the BTA's Annual Competitions.
3. Entries will be one frame (16 sheets), regardless of whether the qualifying winning exhibit was one or two frames.
4. A person may only enter one exhibit in The Championship Class.
5. All entries will be judged to national standards using the appropriate marking schedule (Thematic, Open, Picture Postcard) on the next page. There will be one winner and that will be the entry with the most points.

*All previous winners of all competitions can be found listed on the BTA website at*

[www.britishthematic.org.uk/kcfinder/upload/files/Composite%20winners.pdf](http://www.britishthematic.org.uk/kcfinder/upload/files/Composite%20winners.pdf)

**AWARDS.** The Minimum points required to achieve LARGE GOLD level is 90.

For Gold level is	85	For Silver level is	65
For Large Vermeil level is	80	For Silver Bronze level is	60
For Vermeil level is	75	For Bronze level is	55
For Large Silver level is	70	For Certificate of Participation below	55

**MARKING Thematic Philately – BTA Cup**

Treatment	Title and Plan	15	
	Development	15	
	Innovation	<u>5</u>	35
Knowledge, Study & Research	Thematic	15	
	Philatelic	<u>15</u>	30
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10	
	Rarity	<u>20</u>	30
Presentation		<u>5</u>	
TOTAL		<u>100</u>	

**MARKING Open Philately – John Fosbery Trophy**

Treatment	Title & Plan	10	
	Treatment	<u>20</u>	30
Knowledge and Research	Philatelic	20	
	Non-philatelic	<u>15</u>	35
Material	Condition	10	
	Rarity	<u>20</u>	30
Presentation		<u>5</u>	
TOTAL		<u>100</u>	

**MARKING Picture Postcard Class - Brian Sole Trophy**

Idea, Plan and Treatment of the Topic	Idea and Plan	10	
	Treatment	<u>20</u>	30
Knowledge and Research			35
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10	
	Rarity	<u>20</u>	30
Presentation		<u>5</u>	
TOTAL		<u>100</u>	

# British Thematic Association Competitions 2023 Entry Form

*I wish to enter*

- A. 16-sheet BTA CUP  
Thematic Philately Competition (please tick)

*AND/OR*

- B. 16-sheet JOHN FOSBERY TROPHY  
Open Philately Competition (please tick)

*AND/OR*

- C. 16-sheet BRIAN SOLE TROPHY  
Picture Postcard competition (please tick)

*AND/OR*

- D. 16-sheet CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS  
Thematic, Open or Picture Postcard (please tick)

Name .....

Tel No.....

Address.....

Postcode.....E-mail.....

Title of Entry (A ).....

Title of Entry (B).....

Title of Entry (C) .....

Title of Entry (D) .....

*Please indicate*  Thematic  Open  Picture Postcards

The material is submitted entirely at my own risk and I undertake to make my own arrangements with regard to the insurance of the entry whilst it is out of my possession; this includes all transit risks, temporary housing of the entry and its display at Ardingly Showground. I confirm that all information on this form is correct.

I am transferring £10 per entry to British Thematic Association, Sort code 40-03-29, Account 71157701 by BACS. Overseas competitors to pay by PayPal:  
peter.wood95@btinternet.com

*Please tick to indicate how your entry will be delivered:*

- By post beforehand*  *Hand in on the day*

Signed.....

Date.....