

Sheffield Philatelic Society

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NEWSLETTER

January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Meetings in January

04 first Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm

presentation by Jean Alexander
Andrew Davison, Stamp Designer

10 second Wednesday, 2.00pm

display by current SPS President

24 fourth Wednesday, 2.00pm

members' displays - 8 sheets, no rules,
competition - vote for the best

To Join the Thursday Zoom meetings,
the access codes are as follows:

Meeting ID: 225 410 9851

Passcode: 072596

News

As part of the modernisation of the Society's website, new email addresses have been created for those most likely to be contacted by the public in their official roles. These are

Geoff Blackwell (President).
spspresident@fastmail.fm

James Grayson. (Secretary)
spssecretary@fastmail.fm

Ken Rutter. (Membership)
kenforsps@gmail.com

Members can use either the new or the old addresses to contact us.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's NOW time to pay your subs for 2024.

It's still only £10 !

James Hartley or I can collect at any of our meetings,

you can send me a cheque,

or you can pay by bank transfer

Sort code 54-41-34, A/c 50045733

Stamp fairs in the local area

1st Saturday	<u>Huddersfield</u> St Thomas' Ch Hall, Manchester Rd HD1 3HU
2nd Sunday	<u>Chesterfield</u> Chester St Club, Ashgate Rd, Chesterfield
3rd Saturday	<u>Hull</u> St James' Centre, 169 First Lane, Hull HU13 9EY
3rd Sunday	<u>Dronfield</u> Coal Aston Village Hall, Coal Aston, S18 3AY
4th Sunday	<u>Doncaster</u> Park Social Club, Eden Grove Rd, DN3 2LS
Last Saturday	<u>Batley</u> Whitfield Centre, 180, Soothill Lane, WF17 6HP
2nd Saturday	<u>Derby</u> Nunsfield Ho., 33 Boulton Rd, Alvaston DE24 0FD

Local & national events in January

SAT 13

January 13, 2024 @ 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
National Philatelic Society Meeting and Display

Royal Philatelic Society London 15 Abchurch Lane, London, United Kingdom
Royal Philatelic Society, 15 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BW Display "ARGENTINA" by Ian King at 2pm, preceded by an Auction [...]

FRI 19

January 19, 2024 - January 20, 2024
York Stamp & Coin Fair

York Racecourse The Racecourse, York, United Kingdom
The York Stamp & Coin Fair has been running since the 1980s and continues to attract leading stamp, postal history, [...]

SAT 27

January 27, 2024 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
GBPS Display Meeting

Royal Philatelic Society London 15 Abchurch Lane, London, United Kingdom
GBPS Presentations at the Royal Philatelic Society London 11am: Edward Walker: Surface Printed Stamps 1855-1881 and Rates and Routes to [...]
Free

For sale



Paquebot cover posted on board farewell voyage of Q Elizabeth 15 November 1968 from Las Palmas to Southampton. Good condition. Offers to Ken Rutter

Stumped by a stamp

I posted two puzzles last month. I received responses. I thought they could be shared.



This 'stamp' of Berlin is written in - is it Polish? Can anyone tell me more - does someone want it?

"In regard to the mysterious "stamp", the inscription is in Hungarian and translates as "Conference of Postal Ministers of Socialist Countries". It is a label that was attached to a 1 forint stamp, SG 1573 issued in 1959. See attachment for a scan of an (ex-eBay) se-tenant block of four." (Thanks to Peter Robinson)

One or two of you have seen this, when I brought it to a meeting some years ago. Is the left-hand stamp an error with red missing, or has it just faded?



"The Birds, the cancel looks ok, so I'm thinking an error" (Steve Cook)

Not much time for philately this month. The few hours I found have been spent agonising over Machins! Nothing for "stumped by a stamp". Maybe next month

I have a mind to include in future Newsletters brief summaries of the previous month's meetings. I do not intend to write these myself, but having received information from our Secretary, I have copied it for the benefit of the membership. I will continue to do so if it becomes available to me, and if there's space.

Meeting on 23rd November

Display: Members' displays - 'Birds'. Ten members gave displays. Neil Ritchie not having any bird stamps gave an interesting display on Gordon Bennett and the challenge race for hot air ballooning (flight !). Sarah Thompson showed a wide variety of birds on stamps including birds of prey and sea birds. Robert Millard showed a copy of the first Swiss bird stamp from Basel and British stamps with birds. Ken Rutter displayed a world collection, and in a later display showed eagles, particularly the golden eagle which is the most commonly represented eagle. James H. Grayson showed Korean birds on Korean stamps from 1966 and 1976. Donald Radley had a display of African birds from stamps of Kenya, Uganda, and Botswana. John Hunter showed stamps from Swaziland, Botswana, South Africa and America. American stamps used the national symbol the eagle in many forms. Paul Johnson gave a display of the Frigate bird (Gilbert and Elise Islands, Christmas Island, and the Maldives), the flying fish (flight !) from Barbados, and a Thailand. Richard Hindle gave a display on the explorer Hubert Wilkins in which there were images of penguins and various other birds.

Meeting on 12th December

Display: Richard Hindle - 'The Race for the Pole'. Mr. Hindle spoke on the exploits of three Antarctic explorers, two of whom are well known, Capt. Robert Scott, Capt. Roald Amundsen, and one who is little known, the Japanese explorer Shirase Nobu (1861-1946). There were two rounds of displays including stamps, letters, envelopes, pictorial post cards, photographs, maps, and newspaper clippings providing a rich source of material about the race of these explorers to reach the South Pole. Many commemorative stamps were on display including a 1962 Japanese stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Shirase's expedition. Among the many points made by Mr. Hindle were that the explorers had different approaches to the transport used. Scott used ponies and dogs, Amundsen used dogs only and Shirase's 'Dash Patrol' was light for speed. Among issues facing the expeditions was the question of determining the exact location of the South Pole. Among the most poignant items on display was a letter from Amundsen addressed to the King of Norway Haakon VII which was left at the Norwegian camp site for Scott to deliver to the King in case Amundsen did not return.

The 'Berlin 1959 stamp' is probably a label put on envelopes at the "meeting of the post-augmentary ministers of the socialist countries". The script is Hungarian

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