

# Sheffield Philatelic Society

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## NEWSLETTER

May 2024

### Meetings in May

#### 02 first Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm

Presentation by Hugh Osborne - S Georgia

#### 08 second Wednesday, 2.00pm

Presentation by Sir Alec Jeffreys  
"Other India and unusual Commonwealth"

#### 22 fourth Wednesday, 2.00pm

AGM, competition results, and entries explained.

To Join the Thursday Zoom meetings, the access codes are as follows:  
Meeting ID: 225 410 9851  
Passcode: 072596

### Stamp fairs in the local area

**1st Saturday** Huddersfield  
St Thomas' Ch Hall, Manchester Rd HD1 3HU

**2nd Sunday** Chesterfield  
Chester St Club, Ashgate Rd, Chesterfield

**2nd Saturday** Derby  
Nunsfield Ho., 33 Boulton Rd,  
Alvaston DE24 0FD

**3rd Sunday** Dronfield  
Coal Aston Village Hall, Coal Aston, S18 3AY

**4th Sunday** Doncaster  
Park Social Club, Eden Grove Rd, DN3 2LS

**Last Saturday** Batley  
Whitfield Centre, 180, Soothill Lane,  
Batley, WF17 6HP

**Please note that there is no longer a fair at St James' Centre, Hull**

### News

#### Y P A Competition

This year's competition entries should be sent to:

(In person) Yorkshire Postal History Society AGM on Saturday 25th May at Batley.

(Post) Competition Secretary, 46, New Village Rd., Cottingham, HU16 4NA to arrive by June 15th at the latest. The Competition Entry Form will be circulated to the membership.

To encourage new competitors, it was suggested holding an 8-page display to be judged by the YPA rules, but not with a prize.

### Local & national events in April

#### May 2 - 4 Virtual Stampex

**Sat 11 - 2.00 - 3.30**  
NPS meeting & display

**Wed 15 - RPS - 5.00 - 7.00**  
Stuart Rossiter lecture: "Postal History - which is more interesting, postal or history?"

## Last month's meetings

### 4 April 2024

**Display:** Members' Presentations on Africa. *Richard Hindle* showed the sea route to India instigated by Henry the Navigator who built upon the previous routes of various sea captain explorers and which was continued by other explorers after Henry's death. Bartolomeu Dias was the first to get round the Cape of Good Hope in 1487/8. *Donald Radley* showed the marked differences in commemorative stamps issued by the newly independent countries of former British colonies in Africa and commented upon the often needless and excessive issues of these commemorative stamps. *John Hunter* showed picture postcards from Southern Africa 1900-1910. These depicted land transport by oxen, former US mail coaches pulled by horses or mules, pull ferries, native villages and postcards of mining and mining compounds together with postcards of Boer trenches and Boer War propaganda. *Paul Johnson* showed stamps from a variety of African countries including Sierra Leone, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Dahomey, Egypt, Swaziland, Libya and a Stellaland revenue stamp. Finally, *Neil Richie* spoke on censorship of a Spanish Morocco 1937 cover, Canary Islands airmail surcharges together with a significant number of different series of overprints on some Spanish African territories.

### Stamp news

**By David Hartwig**

An April 16 set of 10 stamps issued by Great Britain's Royal Mail celebrates 100 years since the United Kingdom issued its first commemorative stamp in April 1924.

Royal Mail presents these stamps in two se-tenant (side-by-side) strips of five, with all 10 stamps valued at the first-class rate (currently £1.35).

Each stamp in the set of 10 shows three commemorative stamps issued around the same time in the past century, and most of the stamps show three examples issued within the same decade.

### 10 April 2024

**Display:** Presentation by a Competition Judge, Mike Kentzer of Kings Lynn.

Reviewing the four entries from our Society, Mr Kentzer advised competitors that the key to a good competition presentation was to help the judges to understand what your 'story' is. There should be an introductory page, followed by the display, and a conclusion. It is important to follow carefully all the rules for the particular competition, and for the class within that competition. It is important that entrants use their knowledge to explain to the judges what they are viewing, as the judges will not necessarily be experts on the entry's topic.

Mr. Kentzer then gave two presentations. The first was on the Scarborough and Whitby Railway with numerous examples of photographs and other ephemera. The second talk was a comprehensive display on mail going into Scotland covering charges made to use toll roads, and numerous examples of post with illustrative material from all continents of the world except for Antarctica. Aside from the philatelic and postal history aspects of the display, there were many different stories of interest about the senders and receivers, the stories of why the mail had been sent.

### Stumped by a stamp



Nothing could be more obvious - Ecuador 1935, O/p 1939 and value inserted. But SG denies their existence!