

Sheffield Philatelic Society

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NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Meetings in February

01 first Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm

Members' presentations -
Famous peoples' surnames A, B, & C

14 second Wednesday, 2.00pm

Please note change of programme*

James Hartley - British Guiana

28 fourth Wednesday, 2.00pm

members' round table conversation -
"What I've been doing recently,
philatelically."

**Regrettably, David Hemmingway is in
Australia, so his presentation will now
take place on 12th June 2024**

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

News

Welcome

To our new President, Geoff Blackwell,
who took the reins on 10th January.

... and thanks to our retiring (though not
shy) President Andrew Fullen for his
service to the Society.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**It's NOW PAST 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
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News

BRUCE FROST R. I. P.

We are sad to report the death of Bruce Frost over the Christmas period. Bruce had been a member of SPS from 1991 and was a regular attendee at the Society's meetings.

He famously collected "all the world", in other words whatever took his fancy, and was extremely knowledgeable about his subject areas. He was also a very generous contributor to the Society's refectory.

Bruce will be sadly missed.

Bruce's funeral

Will take place at the Salvation Army Church, Hoyland Common, S74 OFG at 10.45 on Wednesday 14th February.

COMPETITION 2024

Members are reminded that the closing date for competition entries is 28th February 2024.

Please bring your entry (two scans/ photocopies) to our meeting on that date, if not before. If you have not entered a competition before, please consider doing so this year. There is a novice category and there are several experienced members who are keen to help and willing to give advice.

Local & national events in January

National PS Zoom Meeting and Display

February 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Zoom Display -

“British Forces in Egypt 1932/1940”

by Julian Bagwell

followed at 8pm by material shown by Members.

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 Saturday Hull
St James' Centre, 169 First Lane,
Hull HU13 9EY

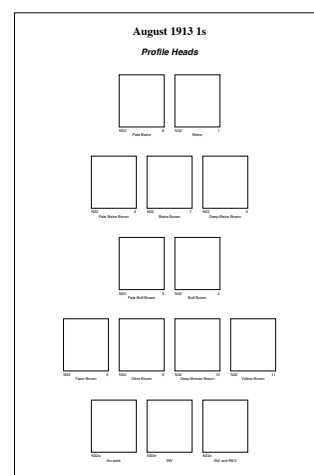
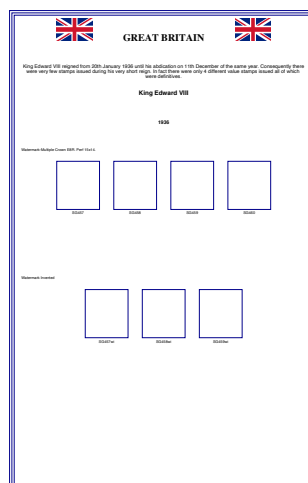
3rd Sunday Dronfield
Coal Aston Village Hall, Coal Aston, S18 3AY

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

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

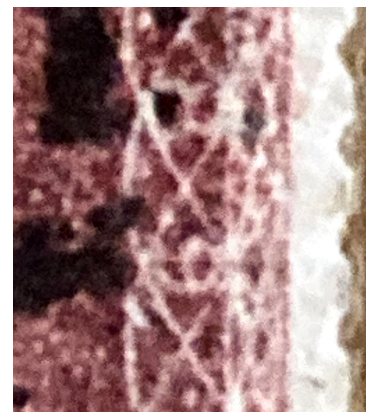
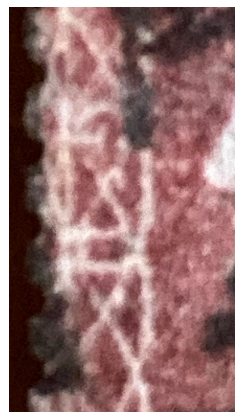
Here's a tip

You can find lots of pre-printed pages on the Internet to enhance the look and ordering of your collection. Here are a couple of examples of pages I have used for my GB material recently.



Stumped by a stamp

Penny puzzle.
Where's the plate number? On the right margin, we see clearly '89', but on the left - is that a 'G' and an 'H'?



December's meetings

7th - Zoom

Members' displays - 'All at sea'.

Four members did powerpoint displays on a variety of topics somehow related to the seas !

Richard Hindle gave a presentation on 'Bits and pieces' talking about navigation and navigation equipment and stamps illustrating the materials and the discovery of new territory.

He particularly talked about John Harrison and the development of the chronometer, and showed examples of these on stamps. He also showed us a replica chronometer which is in his own possession.

Paul Johnson had the theme of 'Three ships' and spoke about stamps showing three ships associated with John Quillian (HMS Victory), George Somers (Sea Venture) and William Bligh | (HMS Bounty).

James H. Grayson gave a presentation on the great sea battle of Hansan-do in 1598 in which Korea decisively defeated Japan using partly armoured light war ships. Examples of stamps were presented which showed how South and North Korea used images of Admiral Yi Sunsin and the 'turtle boats' as symbols of Korean nationalism.

Geoff Blackwell gave a presentation of examples the famous Bluenose racing yacht on stamps and photos, of the 'Perola' in British Antarctic Territory, letters and other materials bringing the theme and photography together.

13th - 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, 白瀬 轟).

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.