

Sheffield Philatelic Society

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NEWSLETTER

September 2024



Meetings in September

- 05 1st Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm**
Stewart Gardiner Entertains
- 11 2nd Wednesday, 2.00pm**
Richard Hindle – Polar Exploration
- 25 4th Wednesday 2.00pm**
Round the table discussion – What to do with spare & surplus philatelic material

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

Meeting ID: 225 410 9851

Passcode: 072596

New news



Neil Ritchie has been added to the Roll of Distinguished Yorkshire Philatelists.

(We have not shown the full picture, for Neil's sake!)

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

Auction Houses

Cavendish

Cavendish House, 153/7 London Road, Derby DE1 2SY
01332 250970
www.cavendish-auctions.com

Warwick & Warwick

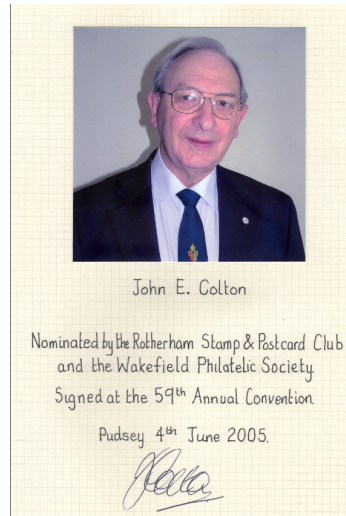
Chalon House, Scar Bank, Millers Road, Warwick CV34 5DB
www.warwickandwarwick.com

Sheffield Auction Gallery

Windsor Road, Sheffield S8 8UB
0114 268 0088 281 6161
www.sheffieldauctiongallery.com

If you know an auction house or stamp fayre I should list, please let me know

John Edwin Colton R.D.Y.P., an Appreciation.



I'm not sure when I first met John, I think it was when I was Treasurer of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association in the late 1980s and he was the Rotherham P.S. delegate. He worked for the National Provincial Bank and knew my uncle, Herbert Hindle, who was the manager of the Broomhill branch in Sheffield, which helped develop our friendship.

John joined Sheffield P.S. in 1997, although, as a member of Rotherham P.S. and the Yorkshire Postal History Society, he was well known to us as he was a regular visitor to Sheffield with inter-society visits.

He then acted as delegate for both Sheffield and Rotherham P.S. to the Yorkshire Philatelic Association, becoming their President for the 2001-02 season. He gave many displays around the county. He won many Sheffield and Y.P.A. competitions, eventually graduating to national and international level. He signed the Roll of Distinguished Yorkshire Philatelists in 2005. His only term as President of Sheffield was in the 2004-05 season.

His knowledge of philately was quite extensive. John was always very generous with his time and always willing to help. He was an eloquent speaker when giving his displays, which made them even more interesting.

He was an avid collector including displays of Rotherham Postal History, Bavaria along with several "offshoot" collections. He gave many displays to us, either as President of Sheffield, President of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association or as an invited speaker.

In the latter years of his life, his attention was drawn to Free Fronts, especially those signed by Yorkshire M.Ps. and clergy. He wrote a book on the GB Failed Free Hand Stamps of the Franking System with R. B. Galland as well as writing articles about special cancellations used by the Royal Mail to validate the use of the free post system.

Although he was unable to attend meetings over the last few years, several of our members kept in touch either on the phone or visits to his home.

His knowledge and friendship will be missed by all who knew him.

Richard A. Hindle.

Corny corner

September's bad joke

Who is the patron saint of philately?

St Amp

Think that's bad? (So do I)
Send me a better one for next month

July's meeting(s)

Notes from meeting 24th July

Chat with Greg Spring of Cavendish Philatelic Auctions

Greg Spring spoke about differences in 'buying at auction' and 'selling at auction'. Cavendish doesn't buy anything to sell, but takes everything on consignment. Buying at an auction is a contract. The bid made is binding.

As Cavendish only deals with consignments, they 'live' off the commissions. Cavendish sells stamps but their speciality is postal history. Dr. Spring's general advice was 'don't collect to invest' because the value of items could be volatile. He showed a display hand cancelled envelopes prior to postage stamps which were used on the railways of Tuscany. Use of the railways incurred an additional charge to postage. These cancellations were supposed to be on the back of the envelope but his examples were all cancelled on the front !

New Issues in September

3rd. Porridge
26th. Spiders

Competition results

YPA

Neil Ritchie: Postal History Class: Spanish Civil War: Republican Foreign Airmail Surchage rates and destinations: 85 marks, Gold medal.

John Penrose: National Class: The Provisionals of the Faroe Islands", 80 marks, Large Silver Gilt

Richard Hindle: Open Class: Lincoln Ellsworth's Polar Aerial Expeditions: 85 marks, Gold medal.

Richard Hindle: Hubert Wilkins and Airships: Aerophilately Class: 90 marks, Large Gold medal.

The Hubert Wilkins and Airships entry was judged to be the best overall entry and won the Sidebottom Trophy.

National Competition.

John Penrose entered the ABPS National Class- "Iceland Postal Stationery - Single Postcards 1879 to 1932", 83 marks Large Vermeil.

Inter-Federation Competition.

Richard Hindle was invited to submit a three-frame entry into the Inter-Federation Competition, judged at National level standard. 88 marks, Large Vermeil. Yorkshire Philatelic Association came third, two marks behind the winning federation.

Coming events in September

September 6

Strand Stamp Fair

Royal National Hotel 38-51 Bedford Way, London

September 21 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
GBPS Displays Meeting

RPSL 15 Abchurch Lane, London

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2024-25

September 2024

05	1st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Stewart Gardiner Entertains
11	2nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Richard Hindle – Polar Exploration
25	4th Wednesday 2.00pm	Round the table discussion – What to do with spare & surplus philatelic material

October 2024

03	1st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Terry Page – Zemstvo
09	2nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Jill Fearons Entertains
23	4th Wednesday, 2.00pm	SPS members' displays – Countries beginning with S, T & U (excl those beginning with United)

November 2024

07	1st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	SPS members- Recent Acquisitions
13	2nd Wednesday 2.00pm	John Hunter – Something American
27	4th Wednesday 2.00pm	SPS members' displays – 8 sheets, no rules, competition

December 2024

05	1st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	David Ball – Lessons from Going Postal – the Joy of Discworld Philately
11	2nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	SPS round the table discussion – With the benefit of hindsight what I might have done differently philatelically

January 2025

02	1st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Wendy Buckle – The Story of Paper
08	2nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Keith Branigan – The Royal Family at War
22	4th Wednesday, 2.00pm	SPS members' displays – Mail delivery systems, eg tin can, catapult, parachute, barrel, etc

February 2025

06	1st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Clive Griffiths – Fiume
12	2nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Steve Harrison FRPSL Sec of Royal PS – Frank Walton Memorial Display
26	4th Wednesday, 2.00pm	Neil Ritchie entertains

March 2025

06	1 st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Jean Alexander – Supermarket Philately Parts 1 & 2
12	2 nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Competition night handovers plus round the table discussion on displays & presentation
26	4 th Wednesday, 2.00pm	Barnsley PS Group Visit

April 2025

03	1 st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Tony Bosworth – 1936 Olympics
09	2 nd Wednesday, 7.30pm	SPS members' displays – Islands
23	4 th Wednesday, 2.00pm	Alan Spencer – Philatelic Congress of GB

May 2025

01	1 st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	SPS members – Railways
14	2 nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	AGM plus members' displays – High Values
28	4 th Wednesday, 2.00pm	Presidential Display – Photographic Philately

June 2025

05	1 st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Sue Burn – The MacRobertson Air Race
11	2 nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Richard Farman – What is Postal History – Interesting Old Letters
25	4 th Wednesday, 2.00pm	SPS members – Fish & Marine Life

July 2025

03	1 st Thursday Zoom , 7.30pm	Peter Gassmann – WW1 Military Mail in the Salonika Region
09	2 nd Wednesday, 2.00pm	Mike Lewis – Barry Knowles Memorial Display
23	4 th Wednesday 2.00pm	SPS round the table discussion – Record Keeping & Storage

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The deadline for SPS competition entries is 3 December 2024 for literary items and 28 February 2025 for all other classes with submissions to Geoff Blackwell by those dates.