

# Sheffield Philatelic Society

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## NEWSLETTER

March 2024

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

#### Meetings in March

##### **01 first Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm**

presentation by Susan Burn  
- Charles Kingsford-Smith (pioneer pilot)

##### **14 second Wednesday, 2.00pm**

The Frank Walton Memorial Display by Mike Roberts, President of The R P S  
- The P & O Line

##### **28 fourth Wednesday, 2.00pm**

members' displays - War

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

Meeting ID: 225 410 9851

Passcode: 072596

#### Local & national events in March

##### **Mon 4th: 2.15 - 4.30**

Postal History Society Zoom meeting

##### **Sat 16th: 11.00 - 4.00**

GBPS display meeting  
RPS, 15, Abchurch Lane, London

##### **Thu 28th - Sat 30th:**

UK national stamp exhibition  
RPSL, 15 Abchurch Lane, London

#### News

In the current state of affairs, I'm sure  
you'll be pleased that there is  
NO NEWS!

#### 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**

## Last month's meetings

### 1st - Zoom

'Members' Displays: Famous People A, B and C.'

The **President Geoff Blackwell** began the session with a discussion of the mathematics of 2-3-5-8, and gave a display of famous mathematicians whose surname began with the first three letters of the alphabet. **James H. Grayson** gave a display of stamps from the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China with a portrait of Confucius. The ROC issued stamps several times from 1947 to the end of the century, but the PRC did not issue a stamp with Confucius until 2000 well after the Cultural Revolution. **Richard Hindle** gave a display of stamps portraying the explorers of Australia George Bass and his colleague Matthew Flinders, James Cook, Gregory Blaxland and his colleagues William Lawson and William Wentworth and their activities. **John Hunter** began with a discussion of the meaning of 'famous' and 'distinguished' and gave a display of the huge variety of US stamps dedicated to Presidents, politicians, diplomats, actors and radio-TV-film celebrities, musicians, singers, conductors, authors, poets, scientists, sportsman, explorers, and native Americans. **Paul Johnson** gave a presentation of famous people whose reputation went up or down displaying stamps of Alphonse XIII of Spain, 'Baby Doc' of Haiti, Christian X of Denmark, and Sir Edward Codrington, a naval officer who played an important role at the Battles of Trafalgar, and Navarino (Greek independence against the Ottoman Empire). **Donald Radley** showed three stamps displaying images Charles I, II and III.



I assume these two beauties are not rare, but I can't find them in Gibbons. If they are unusual, and anyone wants to offer for them, I'm open to trade!



I saw this stamp-vending machine in Chipping Campden last month. Are there any still functioning anywhere in the country?

## Stumped by a stamp



SG 2012 was issued on 13/11/1997  
But this FDC is clearly dated 29 Oct 1997.  
Any thoughts?