

# Sheffield Philatelic Society

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## NEWSLETTER September 2023

### Meetings in September

#### **07 First Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm**

B Stagg - Parachuting through the Ages

From its inception to modern times

#### **13 Second Wednesday, 2.00pm**

(Barry Knowles commemoration)  
K Branigan - The Royal Franking Privilege.

An exploration of the free postage system for royalty and certain members of society

#### **27 Fourth Wednesday, 2.00pm**

members' round the table discussion  
- The Value of Specialist Philatelic Societies.

What do they offer? What are the benefits to members and to philately - are there any disadvantages?

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

### WELCOME BACK

I hope you have enjoyed the summer break ('summer' in the loose, English meaning of the word), and are ready for the oohs and aahs of SPS Autumn seasonal displays and conversations.

### 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
- 3rd Saturday** Hull  
St James' Centre, 169 First Lane, Hull HU13 9EY
- 3rd Sunday** Dronfield  
Coal Aston Village Hall, Coal Aston, S18 3AY
- 4th Saturday** Morley  
St Mary's Hall, Commercial St, Leeds LS27 8HZ
- 4th Sunday** Doncaster  
Park Social Club, Eden Grove Rd, DN3 2LS
- Last Saturday** Batley  
Whitfield Centre, 180, Soothill Lane, WF17 6HP
- 2nd Saturday** Derby  
Nunsfield Ho., 33 Boulton Rd, Alvaston DE24 0FD

As this list may be out of date, revisions or new info would be welcomed.

## News

The Central United Reform Church has been forced to raise its charges again. Thanks to James Hartley, we have been able to negotiate figure which allows us to absorb the extra costs without raising our subscriptions for the time being. This will mean that we operate at a small loss, but our reserves are adequate.

There will be a Committee meeting on 6th September. If you have an issue you want to raise, please contact Richard Hindle to add it to the agenda.

## National events this month

### **National Philatelic Society Meeting and Display**

**9th September 2.00 - 4.00**

RPSL  
15 Abchurch Lane  
London, EC4N 7BW27 - 30 September

### **Stampex International 2023 27th - 30th September**

Business Design Centre  
52 Upper St, The Angel,  
London, N1 0QH

### **GBPS Meeting at Stampex 30th September 2.00 - 4.00**

John Copeland: "Bells - a photographic postcard publisher 1902-1957"

## New stamp issues

There are 2 new issues for September.

5th - Paddington  
21st - Dame Shirley Bassey

(Is it me, or are they running out of ideas)

## Your Committee

**President:** Andrew Fullen

**Secretary:** Richard Hindle

**Treasurer:** James Hartley

**Auditor:** John Hunter

**Membership:** Ken Rutter

**Website:** Geoff Blackwell

**ABPS Rep:** Neil Ritchie

**Publicity:** Steve Cook

Donald Radley

James Grayson

Keith Branigan

John Colton

## Stumped by a stamp

Some members seem to enjoy this item.

To start the new season, I give you a few stamps from the Ottoman Empire which are beyond my limited knowledge.

(If you want to send me something for 'Stumped by a Stamp', I'll be happy to use it.)

