

Sheffield Philatelic Society

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Meetings in December

Just 2 meetings this month

07 First Thursday Zoom, 7.30pm

Charles Kingsford-Smith

Presentation by Susan Burn

13 Second Wednesday, 2.00pm

Scott - the race for the Pole

Presentation by Richard Hindle

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

Meeting ID: 225 410 9851

Passcode: 072596

News

Royal Mail accuses customers

Customers who have returned old definitives to be replaced have been accused of sending used or forged stamps. The old stamps have been confiscated. RM are asking customers to apply with receipts and purchase details to prove they are genuine (do you keep receipts for your purchases?).

This follows complaints that RM failed to issue new stamps after out-of-date ones had been sent in. One charity received 11 stamps in return for sending in 500.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's 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

Stamp fairs in the local area

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| 1st Saturday | <u>Huddersfield</u>
St Thomas' Ch Hall, Manchester Rd HD1 3HU |
| 2nd Sunday | <u>Chesterfield</u>
Chester St Club, Ashgate Rd, Chesterfield |
| 3rd Saturday | <u>Hull</u>
St James' Centre, 169 First Lane, Hull HU13 9EY |
| 3rd Sunday | <u>Dronfield</u>
Coal Aston Village Hall, Coal Aston, S18 3AY |
| 4th Sunday | <u>Doncaster</u>
Park Social Club, Eden Grove Rd, DN3 2LS |
| Last Saturday | <u>Batley</u>
Whitfield Centre, 180, Soothill Lane, WF17 6HP |
| 2nd Saturday | <u>Derby</u>
Nunsfield Ho., 33 Boulton Rd, Alvaston DE24 0FD |

(Please note that Morley is closed)

As this list may be out of date, revisions or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

I have a mind to include in future Newsletters brief summaries of the previous month's meetings. I do not intend to write these myself, but having received information from our Secretary, I have copied it for the benefit of the membership. I will continue to do so if it becomes available to me, and if there's space.

Meeting on 25th October

The following members gave displays:

James H. Grayson – Ottoman Empire, Papua New Guinea (1 page) and Persia.

Andrew Fullen – Orchha, Palestine, Rajippa, and Ross Dependencies.

Bruce Frost – Russia (Alexander 2, Alexander 3, and Nicholas 2), Soviet Union and Portugal.

Paul Johnson – Palestine, Poland, the Philippines, French Polynesia and Peru.

Geoff Blackwell – Photography and stamps – Peru, Romania, Rhodesia, Ross Dependencies.

James R. Hartley – Port Said.

Richard Hindle – Russian expeditions.

John Hunter – Russia.

Donald Radley – Oman.

Neil Ritchie – Poland and Russia.

Sarah Thomas – Newfoundland, New Zealand and North Borneo.

Meeting on 8th November

Robert Macmillan. YPA Presidential Display on 'Falkland Islands, Falkland Islands Dependencies, and British Antarctic Territory' in three sessions.

In the first session, the display focussed on stamps from Queen Elizabeth's reign. The themes of the designs are of local reference – flora, fauna, and geography. The first Christmas stamps were issued in 1981, and the first charity stamps (for the Falklands War) in 1982.

The second session was on the Falkland Islands Dependencies (South Georgia, South Shetland, South Orkney, South Sandwich Islands and Graham Land). Stamps for these territories were issued from 1843 to 1985. Aside from the stamp issues, there were number of pictorial postcards of land, animals, bases and ships. There was also a map and a three-page display of stationery and postal labels.

The third session focussed on the British Antarctic Territory and were used by the British Antarctic Survey. The first stamps were issued in 1963. Aside from the sets of stamp issues, the display also included pictorial postcards with scenes of the Antarctic, various research bases, and ships of various nationalities involved in Antarctic research. Questions were taken after the end of each session.

New members

We welcome Mark Pickering to the Society. Mark has unearthed his childhood collection, and is wanting to resume his hobby now he has retired. He will be hoping for advice and ideas about finding a focus, and help with developing his material.

Local & national events in December

6/12/23

GBPS meeting at Stanley Gibbons

11/12/23

National PS Zoom meeting

K. U. T 1890 - 1948

Display by Roger Gilbert

Stumped by a stamp

Two puzzles this month.

This 'stamp' of Berlin is written in - is it Polish? Can anyone tell me more - does someone want it?



One or two of you have seen this, when I brought it to a meeting some years ago. Is the left-hand stamp an error with red missing, or has it just faded?

