

# Sheffield Philatelic Society

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## NEWSLETTER

January 2025

### Meetings in January

- 02 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday [Zoom](#), 7.30pm  
Wendy Buckle - The Story of Paper
- 08 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 2.00pm  
Keith Branigan  
'The Royal Family at War'
- 22 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 2.00pm  
Barrie Knowles postcards (part 2)  
and SPS members' displays - Mail  
delivery systems, eg tin can, catapult,  
parachute, barrel, etc

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

### Membership reminder

#### **YOUR SUBS ARE NOW DUE**

**In future, your membership will run  
from 1st April to 31st March each  
year.**

**This means that I will be asking you to  
pay £12.50 this December, to take you  
through to 31 March 2026.**

This will cover the 15 months from 1st  
January 2025 to 1st April 2026.

If you pay by Standing Order, I would ask for  
a single payment of £2.50 to adjust.

**Please pay me or James Hartley,  
or bank transfer to**

**Natwest, Sort Code 54-41-34, a/c 50045733**

### 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

### Auction Houses

#### **Cavendish**

Cavendish House, 153/7 London Road, Derby  
DE1 2SY  
01332 250970  
[www.cavendish-auctions.com](http://www.cavendish-auctions.com)

#### **Warwick & Warwick**

Chalon House, Scar Bank, Millers Road,  
Warwick CV34 5DB  
[www.warwickandwarwick.com](http://www.warwickandwarwick.com)

#### **Sheffield Auction Gallery**

Windsor Road, Sheffield  
S8 8UB  
0114 281 6161  
[www.sheffeldauctiongallery.com](http://www.sheffeldauctiongallery.com)

## Stumped by a stamp



One from Korea, which should be easy, and one which is in Portuguese, - is it a tax stamp, or a postage due - or what?

## New news

The UK government has waved through the historic takeover of Royal Mail's owner by the Czech billionaire Daniel Křetínský.

One key strategic pledge he has made is to honour the universal service obligation, the law that ensures the same price for all letters within the UK. Křetínský said he would make an "absolutely clear, unconditional commitment" that Royal Mail will be the universal service provider for "as long as I'm alive".

But what constitutes a universal service is highly likely to change. Royal Mail is pushing to reduce deliveries of second-class letters to only two or three days a week, cutting almost 1,000 jobs and saving £300m a year in the process.

Křetínský has said he is supportive of Royal Mail's proposals for the changes, which would mean that the speed of second-class letter delivery would depend on when it happened to be posted. First-class deliveries would remain from Monday to Saturday

## Coming events

### FROM THE A B P S WEBSITE

**Jan 10 9.00 - 3.00**

Strand stamp fair

Novotel, 1 Shortlands, London W6

**Jan 11 10.30 - 3.30**

NPS meet - Fr Somali Coast  
and 11.00 - 5.00

GBPS displays

15, Abchurch Lane EC4N 7BW

**Jan 17/18**

York stamp & coin fair

## Odds and Sods

Our wishes for James Grayson seem to have been effective - he's hopping around like a 2-year old.

The caretaker of the URC Church will be leaving in 2025. As he has developed an interest in photography, it was agreed that a suitable book on the subject should be purchased as a gift thanking him for all the support he has given the Society.

## Corny corner

### What am I?

Like Santa Claus, I travel around the corners of the earth to help deliver gifts for the day of Jesus' birth. However, unlike Father Christmas, I'm stuck to my task all year round

(Answer on an envelope, please)