

FALKIRK & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

About the Club

The Society is a large and very active stamp club formed in 1965 for the study of stamps and encouragement of all branches of stamp collecting in Falkirk and the surrounding area. Regular fortnightly meetings run from September to April each year and informal summer meetings are held monthly from May to August, The Society meets at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings at Camelon Parish Church Hall, Dorrator Road, Camelon, Falkirk.

The club has remained informal and friendly for over forty years. All stamp collectors are welcome to visit at any meeting and anyone may join for an annual subscription of £11 (£1 for juniors under 18 years.) Summer meetings cost £1 per evening and tea/coffee is included at all our meetings.

The benefits of membership are numerous. Firstly there is an enormous **pool of knowledge** and know-how within and outwith the club that you can draw upon. Then there is an annual programme of **guest speakers** of the highest calibre in Scotland, who give **presentations** on as wide a range of philatelic subjects as you can imagine. Also there are **interchange visits** to and from other Scottish clubs; regular **displays** of stamps by members; in-house and national **competitions**; an annual **quiz**; and **opportunity to show** your collecting interests. We engage with other philatelic activities **locally**, and also **nationally** through the ASPS (Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies) and the ABPS (Association of British Philatelic Societies).

Members are encouraged to build their collections through the club's "**exchange packet**" section for the buying and selling of stamps, and annually we hold an **auction sale** of wide-ranging philatelic material, including books, albums, accessories, stamps and postal history.

The Society has its own **library** of close to 200 stamp catalogues and reference books, both modern and old originals. There are many different types of philatelic publications, all **loaned free** to members.

Try before you buy! If you enjoy "The World's Greatest Hobby" you can come along for a visit at no cost. A warm welcome awaits you. If you like what you see, joining is simple and fuss-free. Contact the Secretary for more help, an information pack, or a membership application form, or you can log on to <http://www.falkirkstampclub.co.uk>

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