

BTA FUN WITH PHILATELY WEEKEND

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th April 2024

voco Oxford Spires Hotel

Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4PS

<https://oxfordspires.vocohotels.com>



COST

Full Delegate

Will include:

2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast; pre-dinner drink both evenings; some wine with dinner; teas, coffees and biscuits or pastries between the sessions.

Two people sharing: £282 per person

With single room supplement £327 per person

There are also a number of other options, including an extra night on the Thursday or Sunday, a day (or half day) delegate rate, and options for meals for those not booking the full package. Please see the booking page for full choices.

TRAVEL

By car: the hotel is easily reached from the A40/A34 to the north, or the M4/A34 to the south. There will be free parking for hotel users.

By train: only a short taxi ride from Oxford Station.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The City of Oxford is easily reached either by bus from the end of the hotel drive, or in good weather only a short stroll along the Thames tow-path.

Oxford - 'City of Dreaming Spires' - needs no introduction. But if you want some ideas see the web site <https://www.experienceoxfordshire.org/>

If you are coming by car there are many places which are a short drive away.

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PROGRAMME

Friday

p.m.

18.00

Arrival.

Welcome, with Pimms and soft drinks.

Members' displays (6 sheets, one minute).

19.30

Dinner; followed by invited display by James Podger:
Africa and Islands.

Saturday

09.00

Invited display by Wayne Cox: *Small but perfectly formed: the British lamp letter box.*

Coffee.

11.00

Members' displays: 'One-page story' or 'The most difficult item I ever found'.

12.30

Invited short display by Philip Cant on *Shipping.*

Lunch not provided. Hotel has lounge and bar, or spend some time in Oxford.

Saturday afternoon

Paula Cant Stamps will be present with a selection of stock.

Plus:

Owen Green and Chris Kennedy will demonstrate one or more stereo-zoom microscopes and re-create a version of the *Watson Philatelic Microscope* described by Harold Cheavin in 1913.

Or:

Free time for sightseeing.

16.00

Members displays: 'Latest Acquisitions' or 'The colour blue' (12 sheets).

19.00

Pre-dinner drink. Plus raffle.

19.30

Dinner, followed by optional social gathering at the bar.

Sunday

09.00

Invited display by Paul Leonard: *Exploring forgeries in your collection.*

Coffee.

11.00

Members displays: 'Non-philatelic items which enhance your collection' (12 sheets).

BTA WEEKEND BOOKING FORM

I wish to book:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rooms based on two people sharing | £282 per head |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | With single room supplement | £327 per head |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extra dinner/bed/breakfast Thursday | £105 per head;
[plus single room supplement £20] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extra dinner/bed/breakfast Sunday | £105 per head;
[plus single room supplement £20] |

Or:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Evening meal Friday | £48.00 per head (inc. drinks) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Day delegate Saturday | £20.00 per head |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Evening meal Saturday | £48.00 per head (inc. drinks) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Day delegate Sunday | £10.00 per head |

Deposit

£25.00 per person (non-refundable). Or: Day delegate rate per person

Please tick as appropriate (BACS preferred):

I have paid £..... by BACS. Sort code 40-03-29; account number 71157701. Please add your name and '2024 Weekend' in the 'Reference' box.

I enclose a cheque for £..... made out to BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION
Please email Peter Wood and inform him when you have paid.

Your details

Name.....

Name of partner

Address.....

..... Post code

Telephone number (home) Mobile.....

Email.....

Acknowledgement of booking will be sent by email where possible.

Rooms are limited so please send this form (or a photocopy) plus deposit, as soon as possible, to:

Mrs. A. Stammers, 40 St. Helen's Way, Benson, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 6SW

Please do NOT book directly with the hotel. [You will be asked when you book out to pay the hotel direct for any extra rooms booked on top of the full Weekend package, but the BTA will make the booking on your behalf].