

## Musings and observations from a lifetime in philately.

### GB 1997 BRITISH AIRCRAFT DESIGNERS

At a recent stamp club meeting, one of the displays included the GB set of British Aircraft Designers which was issued in 1997. I happened to mention to the person standing next to me how much I liked the issue and how clever it was to show the aircraft designer portrayed in the background clouds. To my surprise, he wasn't aware of this feature nor too were most of the other members. It struck me as rather sad that such brilliant and subtle designs were unknown to most stamp collectors so I can only assume it was completely lost on the general public.

In case you missed the issue, these are the five values:

20p - Supermarine Spitfire and Reginald Mitchell

26p - Avro Lancaster and Roy Chadwick

37p - DH Mosquito and Ronald Bishop

43p - Gloster Meteor and George Carter

63p - Hawker Hunter and Sir Sidney Camm



Roger West (Avion Stamps)