



The Great Britain Philatelic Society

Press Release

The GBPS has now started its new season and has a varied and interesting programme. Forthcoming meetings reflect something of interest for everyone. Visitors are always welcome.

Saturday 23 November 2024 – All Day Meeting

The GBPS meeting on **Saturday 23 November** will be held at the Royal Philatelic Society, London, from **11:00 a.m.** The morning session will consist of a display from **Susan Burn** entitled '**Rise of the Flying Boats & Empire Airmail Scheme – WWII**'. This will be a traditional two laydown display with a PowerPoint presentation made available on the GBPS website afterwards. The display focuses on the civilian airmail route to and from Australia and New Zealand for the period 1937 - 1950. Divided into the 3 main periods it charts the introduction of the iconic flying boats to operate the Empire Airmail Scheme (1937-39), followed by the impact of WW2 on the mail rates and routes (1939-45) and ending after peace was declared with the reintroduction of air services and the new routes that meant you could, for the first time, fly round the world in either direction (1945-50). The display uses a lot of original supporting ephemera and covers to enhance the story.

The afternoon session starting at **2:15pm** will feature a display by **Patrick Frost** entitled '**Postage Due Mail 1839 to Present Day**'. This will consist of a traditional two laydown room only display. The display looks at the treatment of charged mail by the British Post Office from 1839 until the present day, showing why items were deemed to be underpaid, how charges were calculated and collected, the explanatory and charge marks used, use of due stamps, errors in charges, unusual categories of mail such as printed matter, newspapers, postcards, parcel post, parliamentary proceedings, jury summons, registered, express, maritime mail, campaign and forces mail, T.P.Os and redirection.

Saturday 14 December – ZOOM ONLY Meeting

Our Zoom meeting on **Saturday 14 December** is at **5:00pm-6:00pm** to allow for the presenter, who lives in Canada. It will consist of a PowerPoint display from **Darin P. Cherniwhan**, entitled '**Digital Philately**'.

Darin is a family physician and resides in Chilliwack, Canada. He is an educator with the Faculty of Medicine, UBC where he teaches Evidence Based Medicine and Travel & Tropical Medicine. He has collected postage stamps since early childhood starting out by replying to an advertisement in the back of a comic book for '100 Stamps of the World' for ten cents along with approvals for his consideration. By age 12, his collection focus narrowed to Canadian issues and he was President of the Youth Division of the Centennial Stamp Club in Coquitlam. By the time he started University, his interest narrowed further to the 1-2-3 Cent Small Queens. After forty years, this continues to be his main collecting interest.

His personal mission in the hobby is to "Keep the hobby alive. One collector at a time." He wants to give back to the philatelic community what it has given him. This presentation promises to be an enlightening journey into the world of digital philately. To give you the tools to help expand the way you collect, whether you are a seasoned collector, a newbie, or someone intrigued by the fusion of tradition and technology, this talk is tailored for you.

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