

# The Rossiter News

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## Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture

The 2013 lecture was held on Friday 8th November, at the Royal Philatelic Society London.

Entitled "The Future of the BPMA" it was given by Adrian Steel, Director, The British Postal Museum & Archive. The talk outlined plans for BPMA's move to a new home, Calthorpe House just up the road from its current location.

The aim is a family friendly visitor centre and rides on Mail – Rail, the revived Post Office underground railway. But all plans are dependent on raising enough money. [www.postalheritage.org.uk](http://www.postalheritage.org.uk)  
Dr Steel's slides are at [www.rossitertrust.com](http://www.rossitertrust.com)

Adrian Steel answered questions from the audience, many were concerned about the Offer for Tender on Palestine and China / Hong Kong. Others wanted to know if future archival documents, from the Postal service, would be donated to the BPMA. Some expressed concern about the unsuccessful sale of material earlier this year. It was livelier than most SRT Lecture Q + A sessions.

Dr Pat Reid gave the Vote of thanks, and commented that anything which encourages the young to be interested in aspects of the post and postal service is good. Your Editor agrees with that but would have liked to have heard more about the Archive and Research aspects of the plans.

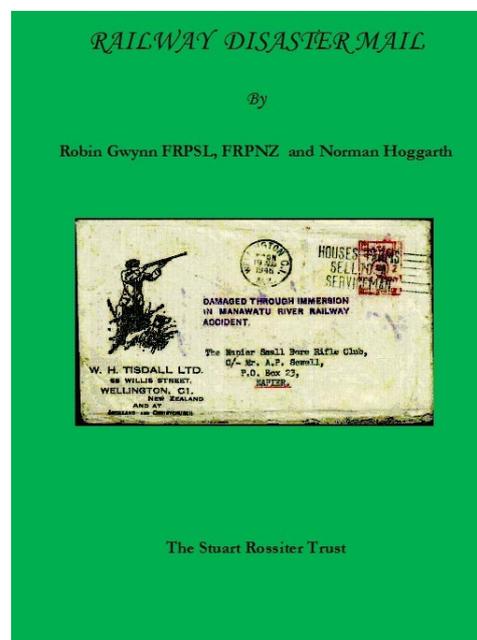
2014's Lecture will be 'The Future of Postal History' by David Beech MBE FRPSL. The date, location and ticket booking details will be announced in the new year.

## Trustee Retirements

After very many years of service to the Trust, both Robin Pizer FRPSL and Gavin Fryer RDP, FRPSL, have retired from the Trust. Non-philatelic and family commitments will be taking their time. The Trustees thank them both for their work, managing books through production and promoting the Trust. We will miss them and their wise counsel.

## Book of the month

### Railway Disaster Mail



### By Robin Gwynn and Norman Hoggarth

This book deals with mail damaged on the Railways - Railroads by whatever means, anywhere in the world. A 326 page hardback book with colour throughout, it opens a doorway for collectors wishing to pursue a branch of postal history to which until now there has been no printed guide: railway disaster mail. Mail from 34 different countries Argentina to Yugoslavia, and Disasters between 1850 and 1995, covering 528 different events is recorded providing a wealth of information for the Postal, Social or Railway Historian.

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