

The Rossiter News

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Trustee News

The Trustees are pleased to announce that Simon Richards has become a Trustee of the Stuart Rossiter Trust. We welcome Simon.

Ben Palmer giving the lecture



Monograph versus Book

Not every Postal History topic has enough information to make a book, but some could make a monograph. Not every Author wants to tackle a book. A monograph being larger than an article in a Journal, but smaller than a book, can be the answer. The Trustees would be pleased to hear from authors who could write a Monograph on a Postal History subject.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It seems too early to be writing those words, but as this is, probably, the last SRT e-news of 2015, the **Trustees wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

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The Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture 2015

At the 2015 memorial lecture on Friday 6th November Ben Palmer FRPSL, FRSPC, APR. gave a talk entitled:

“Theory v. Practice in Postal History”

Ben started with examining why some people collect and some people don't.

He then pointed out that we, Postal Historians, should be thorough in our research – be it for Publication or for Competition entries.

He gave examples of publications:

a) where the author had not been thorough, had said ‘not known’ when at least one example was known at the time of publication and more were subsequently found.

b) where the authors had been cautious, pointing out that not everything is or can be known on the subject and that some of the sources conflict.

(If that has aroused your curiosity – more details including the examples are in Ben's PowerPoint presentation which is on the SRT website.)

As a Competitor and Judge, Ben is understandably interested in Philatelic Competition.

He listed the characteristics of an ideal Philatelic Judge. (Does such a paragon of virtue exist?)

He ended with ‘Never Give Up’ which if nothing else proves that he doesn't bear a grudge, he persevered despite being rejected.

After the presentation there was a lively Question and Answer session.

Pat Reid moved the vote of thanks on behalf of the audience. Richard Wheatley had Chaired the meeting for the Trust, and presented Ben with a souvenir copy of ‘*Express Mail, After Packets and Late Fees In India Before 1870*’ by Max Smith and Robert Johnson, which the SRT had published.

2016's lecture will be on Friday 4th November 2016 by Chris King - details will be in a future e-news, including how to reserve your free, non-transferable, ticket.

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