

# The Rossiter News

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## New Trustees

The Trustees are delighted to welcome two new Trustees: David Alford and Douglas Muir.

Both are well known in the philatelic world. David has great experience in book publishing; Douglas has experience in journalism and as Curator, Philately at the BPMA. We welcome them both.

We have a number of books in the pipeline – but your editor has learnt not to predict publication dates. The expression ‘Sail boats have destinations not E.T.A.’ comes to mind. Can anyone confirm the source of that quote?

## Forthcoming Philatelic events

**Midpex** 6<sup>th</sup> July, at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre [www.midpex.co.uk](http://www.midpex.co.uk) the SRT will be there with recent books.

The SRT will also be at the **York Stamp Fair** 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July [www.stampshows.net](http://www.stampshows.net)

The pre-order a book for Midpex or York please contact the Trust [nhrossitertrust@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nhrossitertrust@hotmail.co.uk)

## Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture.

The **2013** lecture will be held at 5.00pm on Friday 8th November, 2013, at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 41 Devonshire Place, London, W1G 6JY. The speaker will be Adrian Steel, Director, The British Postal Museum & Archive and the subject will be "The Future of the BPMA"

Free admission is only by non-transferable ticket on application to the Corresponding Trustee: Rex Dixon FRPSL at [rexdixon@btinternet.com](mailto:rexdixon@btinternet.com) Early application is advised, the lectures are popular.

**2012** Lecture: Hugh Feldman's presentation slides are available to view on our website, [www.rossitertrust.com](http://www.rossitertrust.com) and his paper is there as a pdf file to download.

## Book of the Month

*Letter Forwarding Agents of Great Britain handling Channel Islands letters 1673 -1855.*

by David Gurney FRPSL



Cover: A Brig - 'The Art of Rigging' by D. Steel, London, 1818.

Prior to the establishment of a regular packet service with the Channel Islands in 1794 letters, mainly commercial and some personal, had been frequently carried privately or handed to Agents, usually merchants or ship owners, in the Channel Islands, London or some of the south coast ports in England.

This book lists the name of each Agent recorded over many years in the provision of this service in the Channel Islands, in London, Southampton, Weymouth and other South Coast ports.

170 pages A5 Ring bound

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[www.rossitertrust.com](http://www.rossitertrust.com) for postage costs and payment arrangements

## Postage Rates.

The Royal Mail has changed their prices, again and therefore we have had to revise our postage charges. The Trust will be at Midpex and York Stamp Fair, if you want to arrange to collect a book and save postage.

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