The Rossiter News

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Rossiter Lecture November 2011

A full house at the RPS,L on 4th November enjoyed Colin Tabeart's talk "The More the Rail the Faster the Mail".

The Powerpoint presentation can be viewed on the trust's website www.rossitertrust.com

Christmas gift ideas

At this time of the year magazines and newspapers often offer helpful suggestions. Postal Historians are not always the easiest people to buy for, so may we suggest:

Gifts under £70:

RAILWAY DISASTER MAIL by Robin Gwynn FRPSL, FRPSNZ and Norman Hoggarth

This Hardback book 326 pages with colour throughout, 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.

This is the companion volume to 'Maritime Disaster Mail' by the same authors.

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IRAQ POSTAL HISTORY 1920s to 1940s by Douglas Armitage and Robert Johnson The main purpose of this book is to make sense of the airmail fees charged on airmail sent from Iraq to all other countries of the world in the period 1933 to 1946. Extensive tables are set out on 178 pages of this 328 page book. Softbound £38 (+p+p)

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POSTAL HISTORY OF DENMARK 1624 - 1950 by David Cornelius

The first publication in English to provide a detailed historical background to the growth of the Danish postal services, mail routes and postage rates for both inland and foreign mails within Europe. 344 pages softbound £38 (+p+p)

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This book has an alphabetical listing showing 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. Ideal for GB collectors. 170 pages A5 Ringbound by David Gurney FRPSL Published October 2011 £9.50 (+ p+p)

THE AIRMAILS OF MALTA

by D WARD. Malta Study Circle Study Paper No 29. 2000

This study updates information previously available on the air mail services of Malta. It covers the period from the first early flights until 1998 and the international aspects of mail carried to the east, Australia and South Africa. 37 pages spiral bound f,7.50 (+p+p)

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