

The Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture 2022

5.00 pm, Wednesday 4th May

*Yes, it's back again after Covid,
now held when the evenings are light*

Please note new date.

The Stuart Rossiter Trust is pleased to announce that the 2022 Memorial Lecture will be held at 5.00pm on **Wednesday 4th May** at the home of the Royal Philatelic Society London, 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW, when

Simon Richards FRPSL

will give a talk entitled

The Influence of Military History on Postal History: Anglo-French Rivalry in the Caribbean

For over 100 years Britain and France struggled for control of the lesser Antilles islands and the spices and sugar that they produced. In a succession of conflicts, their rivalry would involve other powers, Spain, Holland and the fledgling United States. A struggle fought mainly at sea, communications were vital. A secure mail packet service became a necessity and the lecture will examine the introduction of the British packet service and how its development was shaped by this military rivalry.

Simon is a Trustee and Treasurer of the Stuart Rossiter Trust. He is a Vice President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, previously its Treasurer and an international exhibitor and FIP Judge; he is currently Chair of the ABPS Exhibitions Committee. He is a member of the Society of Postal Historians and his exhibit 'Mail by British Packets from the West Indies 1663-1863', won a large gold medal at Stockholmia 2019, whilst his exhibit on the 'Postal History of Savoy to UPU' won best in show at Autumn Stampex 2019.

The lecture will be followed by wine and nibbles.

Free admission is only by non-transferable ticket on application to:

Rex Dixon FRPSL at **rex Dixon@btinternet.com**

Early application is advised.

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