

# **The Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture 2022**

**5.00 pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

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The lecture will be followed by wine and nibbles.

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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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