

The Stuart Rossiter Memorial Lecture 2024

5.00 pm, Wednesday 15th May

The Stuart Rossiter Trust is pleased to announce that the 2024 Memorial Lecture will be held at 5.00pm on **Wednesday 15th May** at the home of the Royal Philatelic Society London, 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW, when

Simon Martin-Redman FRPSL

will give a talk entitled

Postal History: Which is more interesting, the postal aspect or the history aspect?

Under the revised FIP Postal History Guidelines (May 2022) a Postal History exhibit should 'generally emphasise rates, routes, regulations, markings, usages, and other postal aspects, services, functions, and activities related to the history of the development of Postal Services'. These guidelines are all very good but could be considered quite sterile, especially to the non-philatelic viewer. Who wrote the letter, why the letter was written and what the contents were, are of much more interest, and being controversial, probably to the majority of collectors too. It is suggested that the 'romance' of the cover is more compelling than just the rates and routes, etc. This lecture will try to, by showing examples, justify this hypothesis.

Simon is well known to the international philatelic community. He is now Vice President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, a Past President of the Sarawak Specialists Society, a member of the European Academy of Philately, a member of the Collectors Club of New York, a member of the United Postal Stationery Society and a member of the Society of Postal Historians. In addition he is a member, and on the Board, of the Club de Monte Carlo, a member of the Grand Prix Club (winning the International Grand Prix at Helvetia 2022 in Lugano), and the inaugural winner of the Rowland Hill Medal presented in Monaco in 2022.

The lecture will be followed by wine and light refreshments.

Free admission is only by ticket on application to:
Rex Dixon FRPSL at **rexdixon@btinternet.com**
Early application is advised.

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