



Philately South Africa: Stamping with Adél

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Stamp collecting, also known as philately, has been a cherished hobby for over a century. Each stamp holds a piece of history art and culture.

Stamping Spotlight:

Margaret Emerson showing
the *Royal family part 1 – Queen
Victoria*

From my Desk:

1924 registered book post - Cochin

Europa 2025 cover

1920's Advertising Postcards ¹

The excitement of Wimbledon and the Tour De France is now behind us. I attended a few more fairs and the next stamp event in the UK is Stampex towards the end of October. The hospitality I've received here is unmatched – I must however complain about the summer sun being half strength, the table salt isn't as salty as back home and the long-life milk here is so watered down compared to what I am used to. But my philatelic experiences here have been fantastic!

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Philatelic Calendar

Internationals

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRON AGE	LINK
Great American Stamp Show Illinois	14-17 August 2025	APS	GASS 2025
National Stamp Show 2025 Paarl	3-6 Sep 2025	PFSA	PFSA
NORDIA 2025 Sweden	12-14 Sep 2025	FEPA	Nordia 2025
PHILAKOREA 2025	17-21 Sep 2025	FIP	Korea 2025
DUBAI 2026 WSE	4-8 February 2026	FIP	Dubai 2026
BOSTON 2026	23-30 May 2026	FEPA	Boston 2026
MACAU 2026	26 June – 1 July 2026	FIAP	Macau 2026

Virtual

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRONA GE	LINK
SAVPEX 2025	June 2025	PFSA	PFSA
AUSVIPEX	Start 27 Nov 2025	APF	Ausvipex 2025

There is nothing that I love more than going to an event overseas and bumping into friends from back home. Danna Strydom from the Witwatersrand Philatelic Society attended as well, and it was nice to catch up over a cup of coffee.



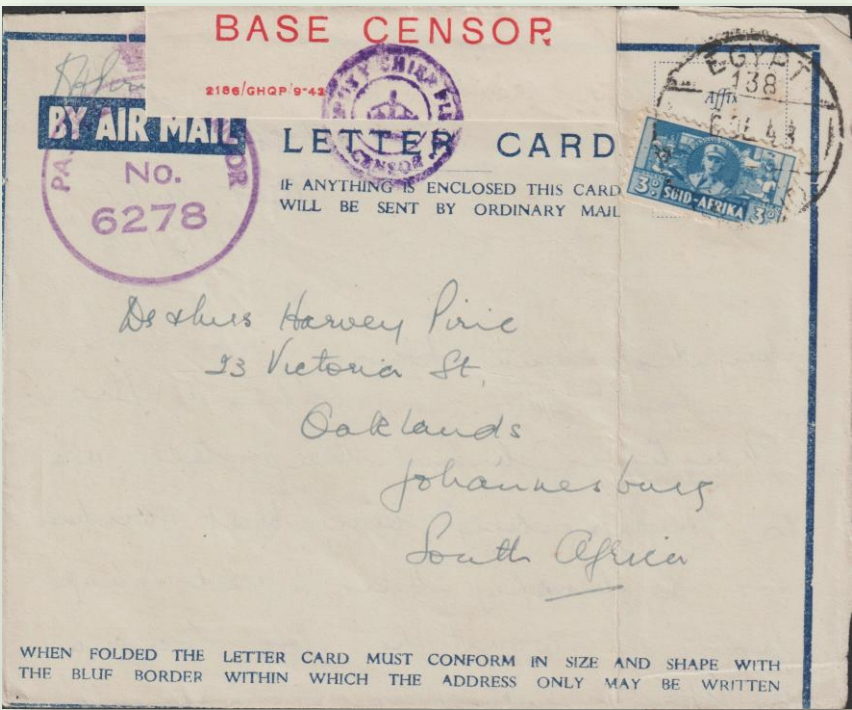
Leamington Spa Station, the first one I’ve seen with a decent bar!



There were over 40 dealer and society tables and saw a lot of familiar faces

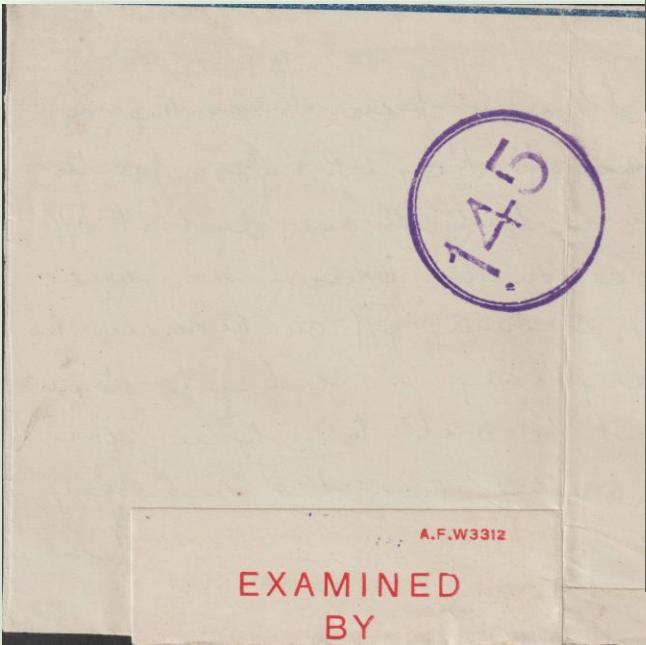


The biggest surprise that my friend Richard Moss stopped me on my way out and gifted me a Harvey Pirie item. I am over the moon as it was a service airmail letter Harvey had sent to his parents during the war.



Air Letter to his parents

312304(V) Capt D.H. Pirie
20th FA. Flt. Amb.
W.D. M.F.
4/12/43.



My dear Mum & Dad. This is the Christmas mail they tell us so here's my very best wishes for a happy time & let's hope that it won't be too long in the year before we're all together again.

I have been meaning to write to Ray L.R. for quite a time but have put it off successfully & now as we're just shooting off on manoeuvres & everything is upside down I won't be able to. When you are writing give her my very best wishes & thanks for the

Rear of Air Letter

The York Fair

Third time lucky as they say, I finally managed to fit this event in with my trip, and what an experience it was. Bumped into quite a few zoom friends which is always a pleasure. The venue was fantastic and as per usual the coin fair was upstairs.



Edith and Rodney Knight



Reader Submission

Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

Forwarding of an Air Letter - Richard Stroud RDPSA

One of my favourite items, an air letter showing a three-country multiple franking of Canada, the United States and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, finally arriving in London, England.



It is a standard Canadian Air Letter Form, denominated at 10c (see inset), written by a Mrs Bellman in Washington on 1 June 1958 and addressed to a Mrs Shatter, c/o the Standard Bank, Salisbury, S. Africa (sic). The imprinted Canadian postage not being valid in the USA, 10c in US duties were added and these were cancelled in Washington on 3rd June. On arrival in Salisbury, the item was re-addressed locally to Fife Avenue, but Mrs Shatter had left Rhodesia to travel to England. It was thus necessary to add 6d in postage (the standard air letter rate) so that it could be forwarded to London, the two R&N 3d duties being cancelled CAUSEWAY 13 JUN 1958. There is no London arrival.

Mrs Shatter was an aunt of Mrs Bellman, who writes that she had just returned from two weeks in Florida, had read a letter from her aunt, and was concerned about her father who was with Mrs Shatter in Rhodesia. She noted that it was hard to do anything at a distance but would send a cable to Mrs Shatter to arrive before the air letter, and a typewritten letter to her father as soon as possible as her handwriting was not good! Perhaps the only item that Mrs Bellman had to hand was a Canadian air letter to send her concerns to her aunt.

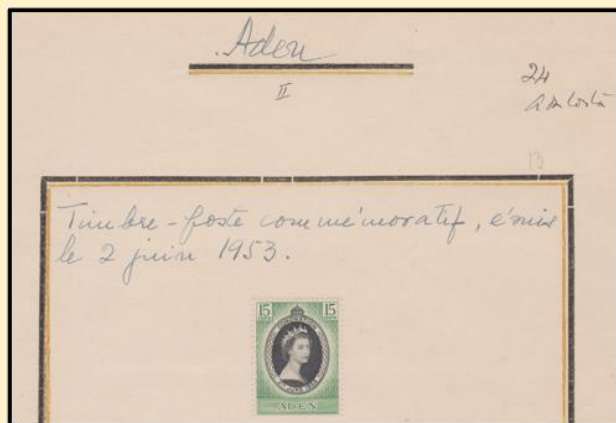
Last months ZOOM Experiences

July has been fairly quiet as a lot of societies are on their summer break and not having zoom meetings, but we still had a few to report on.

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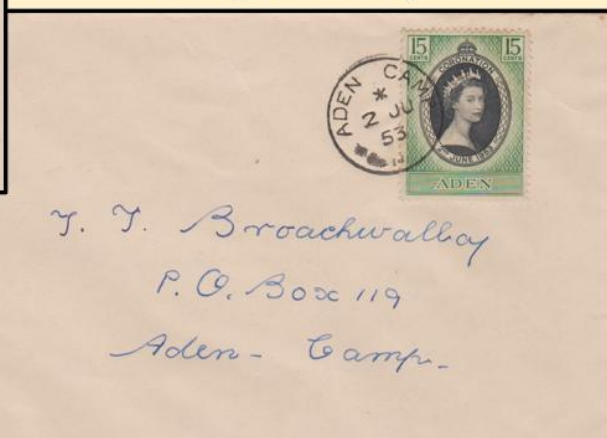
Hosted by **Margaret Emerson**, who is one of my favourite zoom hosts, her meetings are light hearted yet informative: almost like visiting family.

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II - commemorative stamp issued 2/6/53.



Stamp designed and engraved by Bradbury Wilkinson and recess printed by De La Rue.

15c Coronation stamp on local cover, from and to Aden Camp. Dated on the day of issue 2/6/53.



'Specimen' Coronation stamp on part page from the Goan Archive.

From late 1940's the U.P.U. stopped overprinting or perforating specimen stamps; they continued distributing in the normal manner but without marking the stamps. Specimen stamps can only be recognised when on original documents from country archives.

Jamie Smith showed items from his Aden collection

Queen Elizabeth II definitive issue - 15/6/53.



15/6/53.



20/8/54.

The original recess printers were Waterlow. They were replaced by De La Rue from 5/12/61.

This caused a variety of shades which are discernible as the Stamps were entered into the Goan archive.

Confusion is also encountered as Waterlow also produced shades as shown on these two pieces from the archive.

PHILATELY SOUTH AFRICA: Stamping with Adél

This was a well attended and fun meeting. Many different items were shown. The letters for the meeting was **A** or **P** or a theme of **Cars**

Jamie Smith – Assorted items from his Africa collection was shown

Algeria to South Africa – R.T.S. but delivered.



36.40 Dinar on Air Mail? Cover to South Africa.
Although the cover has the South African 'Undelivered' label and manuscript R.T.S. (Return to Sender) The cover was delivered.



Celghoem-Laid – 25/11/2013.



6.40 Dinar stamp on reverse.



Algerian flag – cinderella stamp.

Roger – A fascinating display of stamps celebrating the invention of cars, mainly from St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Germany's first 1000 km of autobahn, 1936

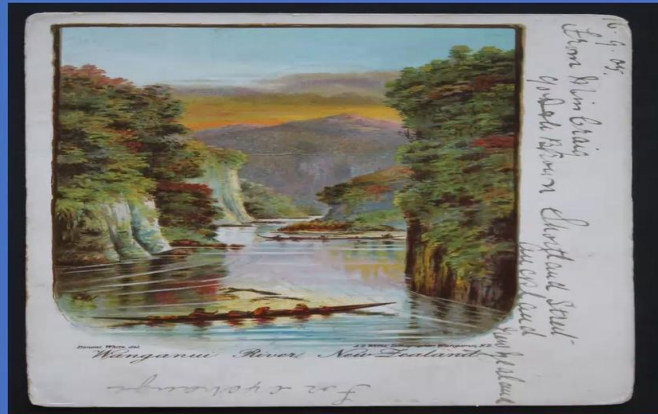


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Huw Williams – This was an interesting show of postcards from New Zealand.

Wanganui



Ted Roberts – As always a very well researched and explained display, this time on the German occupation of Alsace.



STOCKPORT PS

A firm favourite and one of the longer running zoom meetings, well worth a visit.

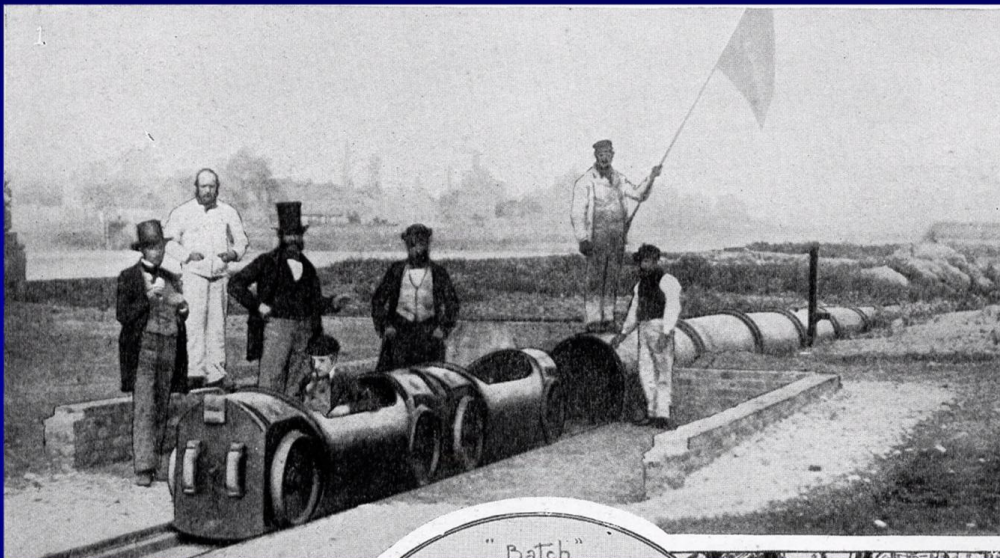
Len Stanway – ‘Mails under London’ this was very interesting and showed the underground mail system underneath the city of London. This is a topic hardly ever shown or explained.

1853 – 1st Commercial Pneumatic Tube

- Josiah Latimer Clark (1822-1898).
- 1½ in. diameter.
- 225 yards.
- Stock Exchange to Electric & International Telegraph Company.



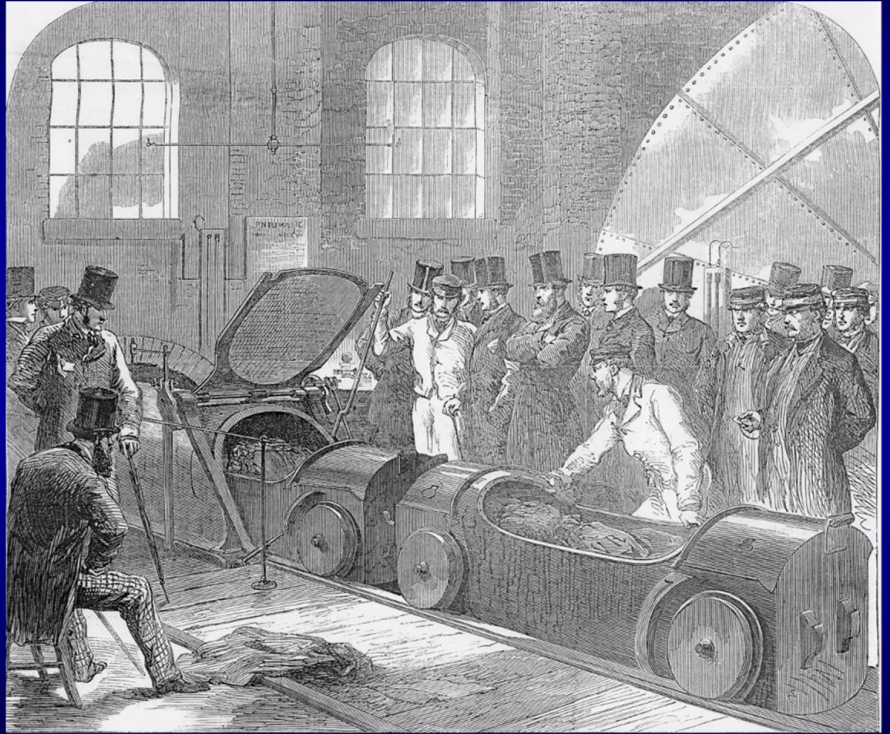
1861 Battersea Demonstration – Latimer Clark at Initial trial (unfinished)



- 2ft Gauge. 16 mph. 30 hp steam engine. 0.6 to 3.7 bar pressure differential.
- May 1861 - Line built.
- 24 July 1861 - First passengers.
- 20 August - Public demonstration ended.
- 29 November - Sought £4000 per annum Post Office contract for full system.

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1863 (2 February) - Line 1 Demonstration to Post Office



1861 Battersea Demonstration – Car preserved by BPMA



SOUTHAMPTON District PS

This society is new to our circuit, it is hosted by **Malcolm Coe**, the audience were mostly familiar faces.

Brian Dow – ‘Hurtigruten’ this was a great display showcasing the route and workings of the ferry mail between Norway and Russia.



NORWAY
MARITIME TPOs
HAMMERFEST-HAMBURG
Route Hammerfest – Bergen - Hamburg

HMRFST G. HMBRG single ring (30.6.1893)
Known used between 23.10.1889 and 6.12.1893
Written aboard the mail steamer SS Jupiter

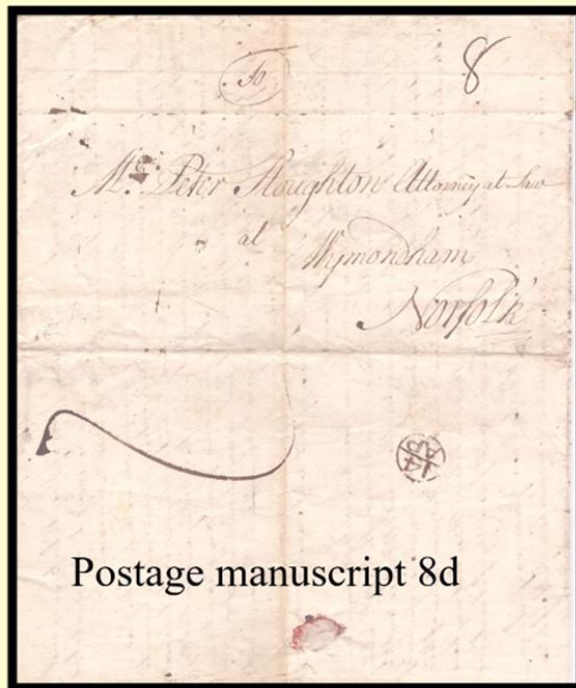
Det Bergenske og Det Nordenfjeldske Dampskibsselskabs Dampskibes Afgange fra Bergen fra 16/9 til og med 22/9 1894.				
Nordover.				
** Til	Vadso og Mellemsteder	D/S	„Tordenskjold“	Mandag 17/9 Kl. 12 Aften R. 3.
* „	Hammerfest og Mellemsteder .	„	„Finmarken“	Tirsdag 18/9 Kl. 12 Aften R. 2.
** „	Lofoten, Vesteraalen og Senjen	Nordenfjeldsk	Ski's	Torsdag 20/9 Morgen. - 6.
** „	Vadso	„	„Sigurd Jarl“	Torsdag 20/9 Kl. 12 Aften - 1. a
* „	Trondhjem	„	„Venus“	Fredag 21/9 Kl. 12 Aft. - 8. a.
* „	Trondhjem	„	„Pallas“	Lørdag 22/9 Kl. 2 Eftm. - 1. b.
Sydover.				
** Til	Christiania og Mellemsteder ..	D/S	„Kong Halfdan“	Mandag 17/9 Kl. 7 Morgen R. 2.
*** „	Christiania og Mellemsteder ..	„	„Trondhjem“	Tirsdag 18/9 Kl. 4 Morgen
** „	Hamburg	„	„Haakon Jarl“	Onsdag 19/9 Kl. 7
** „	Hamburg	„	„Sverre Sigurdson“	Fredag 21/9 Kl. 12 Aften
** „	Christiania og Mellemsteder ..	„	„Ol. f Trygvason“	Lørdag 22/9 Kl. 7 Morgen - 3.
Til Newcastle via Stavanger.				
* D/S „Sirius“ Mandag 17/9 Kl. 9 Aften, Rate 8 b.				
Til Newcastle directe.				
* D/S „Mercur“ Onsdag 19/9 Kl. 9 Aften, Rate 8 c.				
** D/S „Ragnvald Jarl“ Lørdag 22/9 Kl. 12 Middag, Rate 8. a.				
Fra Hamburg expederes Skib hertil hver Tirsdag og Fredag Aften.				
Fra Newcastle expederes Skib hertil hver Tirsdag, Torsdag og Lørdag Aften.				
*) Expederes ved Det Bergenske Dampskibsselskabs Kontorer				
**)	—	„	Herrer J. C. R. Bruenssch & Son	
***)	—	„	Ellerhusen & Lund.	

DAWLISH PS

This society's host is my friend Robin Buchanan, it is well supported and you learn at every meeting.

Roger Dedman– Showed the progression of the Post Office over time

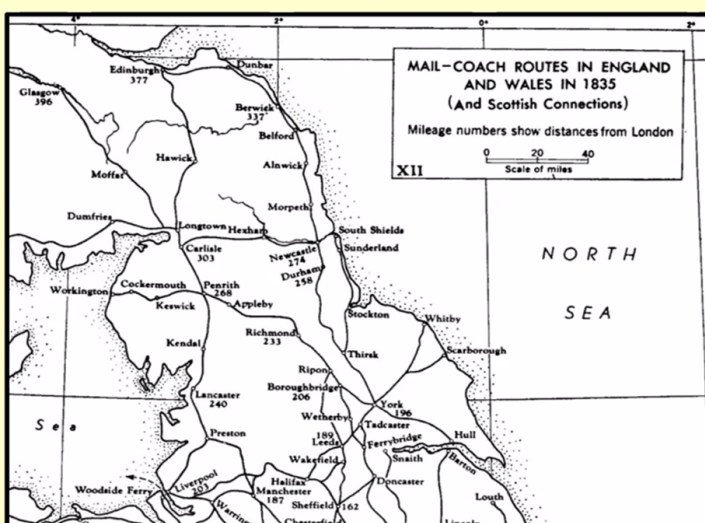
1661 Bishop introduced a post mark – Bishop's Mark



Postage manuscript 8d

Purpose
To detect delays!

Seen on Entire to Norfolk
of 1750



It went via Leeds

5th May 1825
-11th Sept 1832

5th April 1839 –
21st Oct 1840

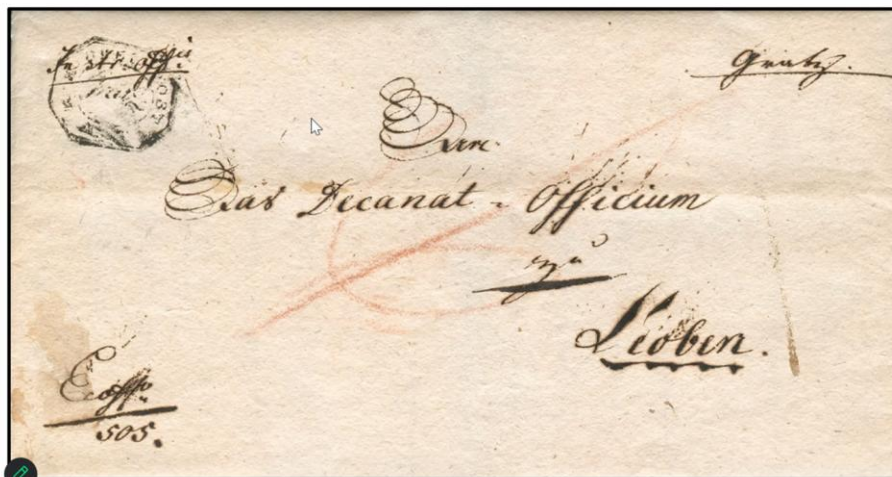
**London to Glasgow Mail Coach called at the
Crown Inn, Harrogate
every morning at half-past six;
&
from Glasgow every evening at seven.**

TWICKENHAM & DISTRICT PS

This society is new to our circuit and run by Huw Williams. I will definitely attend their meetings again as it is informative and relaxed.

Roger– He transported us to an Austrian town called Leoben, using maps and postcards.

A bit of postal history



'Ex offio' folded entire ecclesiastical letter from Gratz to the Decanat (deaconry) in Leoben manuscript dated 21 April 1823. Postmarked with the octagonal Gratz postmark. No charge marks and with a red 'curly P' to indicate both parties being allowed free postage.

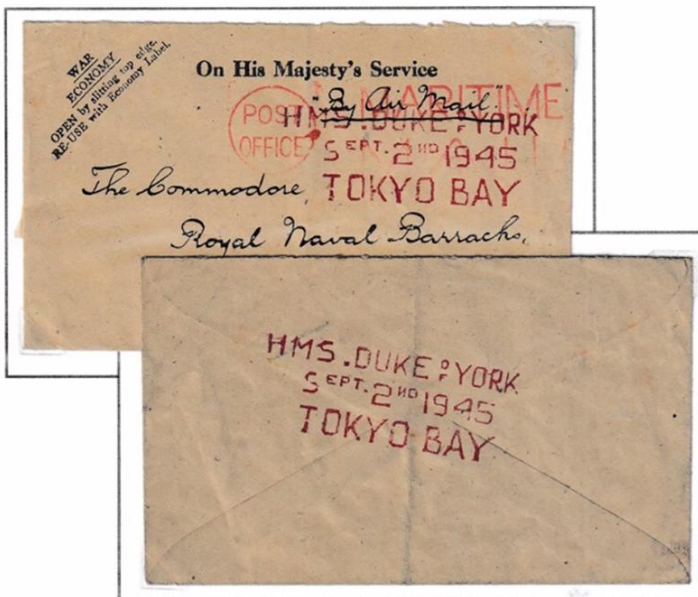
Christopher Oliver– He showed items of The Great Trek for us South Africans in the audience

HMS Duke Of York

HMS Duke of York was the flagship of the British Pacific Fleet.

She participated in the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo Bay on the 2nd September 1945, when the surrender of the Japanese forces was accepted on the USS Missouri.

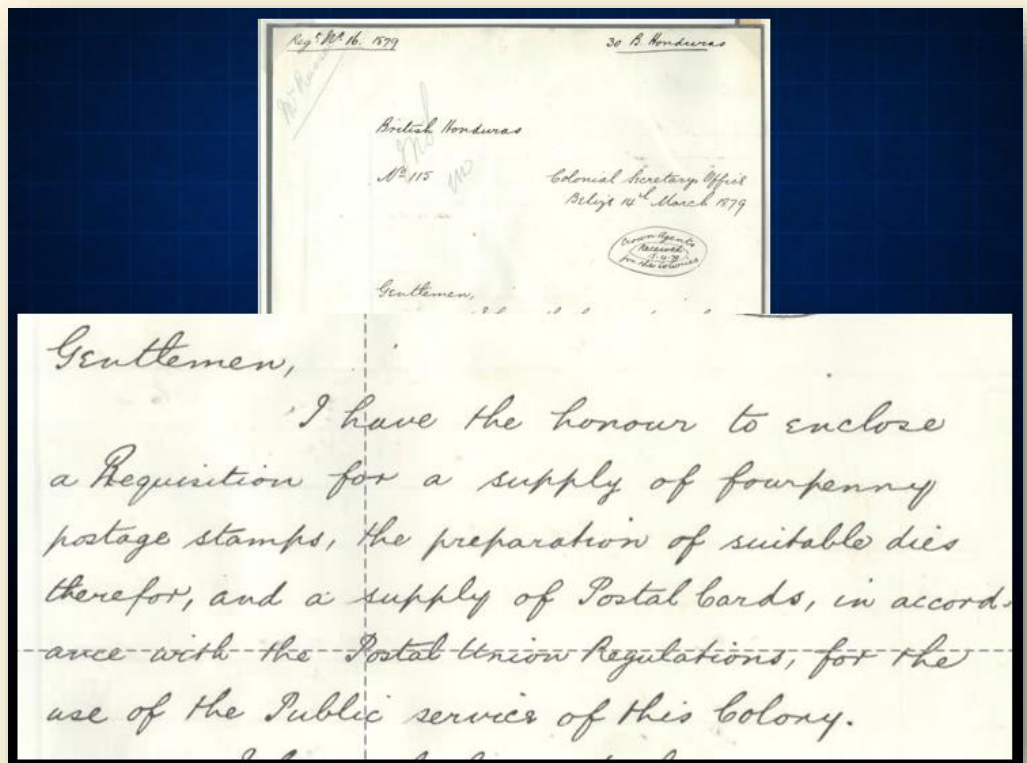
Two envelopes sent to the Commodore of the Naval Barracks at Devonport, sent on the day the instruments of surrender were signed.



WITWATERSRAND PS

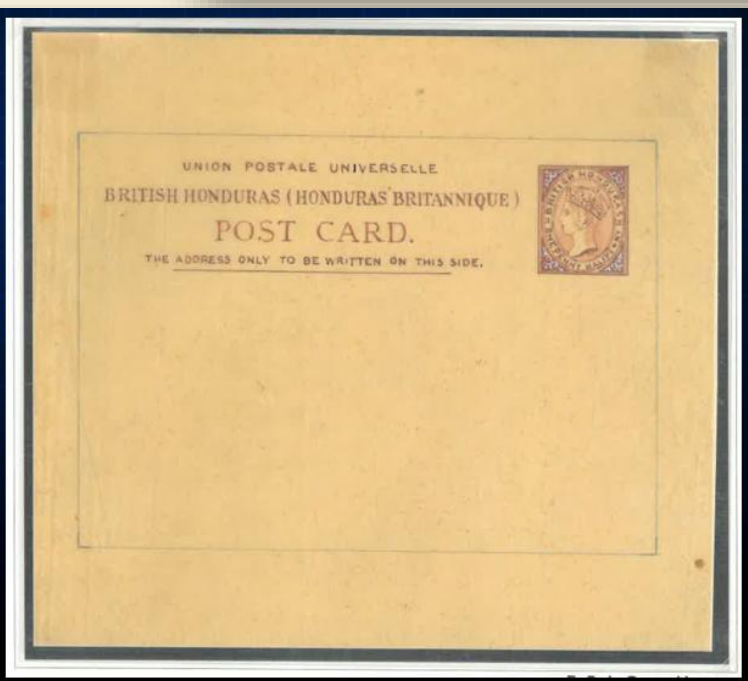
This is a hybrid meeting with members in the room as well as attendees via zoom, OBVIOUSLY this is my favourite meeting as it is my home society. We are attracting more online attendees who participate as well, that makes me happy.

Ian Matheson – This time he showed one of my favourite topics being Queen Victoria – Postal Stationery Cards from the British Honduras.



Essay for
postcard
design

(Hand drawn)



Danna Strydom – ‘Transvaal’s 1899 Kruger and Arms Essays’
I think it should be in my collection, just saying.

Kruger Essay for ½d to 1s denominations



Arms Essay for 1/6 to £20 denominations



Coat-of-Arms essay



Coat-of-Arms specimen printed in blue on blue surfaced unwatermarked paper

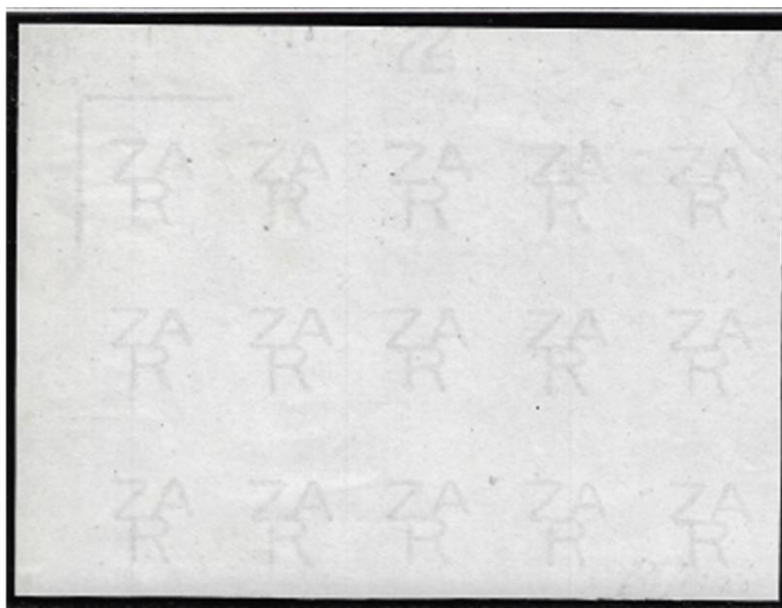
The only other known examples of these essays, outside archives, are single copies in the Royal collection and the Mosely collection in the British Museum, another two perforated Arms essays, two Kruger and two Arms essays were sold by Stephan Welz (Sotheby's) in Nov 2003.

ZAR watermarked paper

Left hand top section of the paper ordered and specifically prepared for the Stamp Commission with the watermark "Z.A.R".



Wired watermark mold used to produce paper.



Paper was produced by Edwin Amies & Son in Maidstone, Kent, UK

My Latest Acquisitions

Herewith some items I acquired at stamp fairs the last month. Sometimes an item just catches my eye and I buy it, this is one such example, will do some research when I get back home



Registered book post 1924

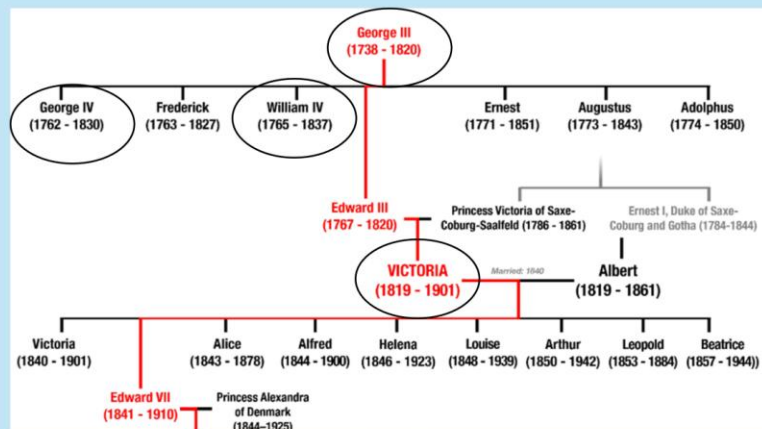


ZOOM Happy Hour

Margaret Emerson is a Royalist, and she enthralled us with part 1 of some of her Queen Victoria material. We were transported back in time for the evening.

Edward III's marriage to Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld on May 29, 1818, was a significant event in the royal family. Their union was part of a broader strategy to secure the succession line following the death of Edward's niece, Princess Charlotte of Wales, in 1817. Their only child, Alexandrina Victoria, was born on May 24, 1819, at Kensington Palace. Edward's early death on January 23, 1820, just eight months after Victoria's birth, left his daughter as a potential heir to the throne. This premature death meant Victoria was raised largely under her mother's strict supervision, preparing her for her future role as queen

Queen Victoria Lineage



Courtesy of Family Tree Magazine

Coronation portrait

Sir George Hayter's coronation portrait of Queen Victoria.



Official medal produced by the Royal Mint



House of Hanover



The House of Hanover was a German royal dynasty with monarchs of Great Britain and Ireland from 1714 to 1901

Accession

Queen Victoria became queen on 20th June 1837, following the death of her uncle, King William IV. She was 18 and her accession heralded in the Victorian Era.

Her reign was a period of significant industrial, cultural, political, and scientific changes in Britain and the wider world.

Coronation painting



Image from the Royal Mail presentation pack for the 150th anniversary

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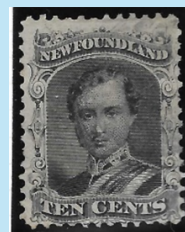
Marriage to Prince Albert

Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha

26 August 1819 – 14 December 1861

Married 10 February 1840

Prince Consort and Queen Victoria stamps
issued 1865-1870 by Newfoundland.



Consort of the British Monarch until his death in 1861.

Royal Family at Osborne House May 1857

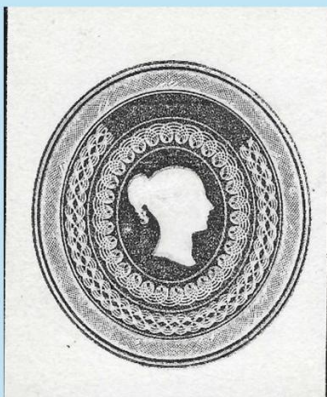
This postcard shows a photograph of the royal family at Osborne house in May 1857. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert are shown with their nine children,, each of whom played significant roles in European history. Victoria German Empress Queen of Prussia (1840 to 1901). Edward VII (1841 to 1910) . Princess Alice Duchess of Hesse and Rhine (1843 to 1878). Prince Alfred Duke of Saxe Coburg and Gotha (1844 to 1900). Princess Elena (1846 to 1923). Princess Louise Duchess of Argyle (1848 to 1939). Prince Arthur Duke of Connaught and Strathearn (1850 to 1942). Prince Leopold Duke of Albany (1853 to 1884). Princess Beatrice (1857 to 1944) the baby in the arms of the Queen.



What about the stamps?

An 1840 embossed essay left is in black on white wove paper. The essay depicts the uncrowned Queen Victoria and the tablet above is blank. This essay by Charles Whiting is probably dated the 22nd February 1840 and as such is quite scarce. William Wyon's essays by contrast depict the crowned Queen Victoria.

Charles Whiting Essay



Rowland Hill sketches

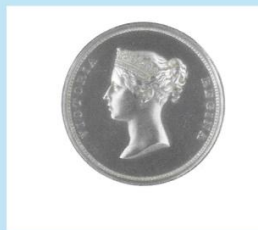
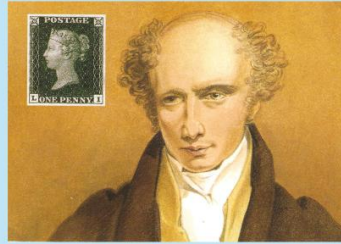


Sketch by Rowland Hill on an envelope. 1839, that set out the idea for the Penny Black.
(by kind permission of Sig Alberto Bolaffi)

Wyon medal and the Penny Black

Queen Victoria as seen on the Penny black and Tuppenny Blue 1840 is based on the work of William Wyon. It was Rowland Hill who suggested Wyon's image be used. Wyon was the chief engraver at the Royal Mint, and he'd created the youthful portrait of Queen Victoria wearing a diadem on the medal shown bottom left, courtesy of the Royal Mint website, to commemorate QV's visit to the City of London in November 1837. It was not actually issued until the following year. The portrait was based on a sketch from 1834 when the future queen was only 15. The printing contract was awarded to Perkins Bacon, and they commissioned a drawing by Henry Corbould based on Wyon's medal.

The 1840 Penny black shown right is plate 3 on a local Ashford entire from the June 23rd, 1840, Ashford penny post strike alongside the penny black, cancelled by a red Maltese cross receiver No 3 mark has also been applied.



British Empire – South Australia proofs

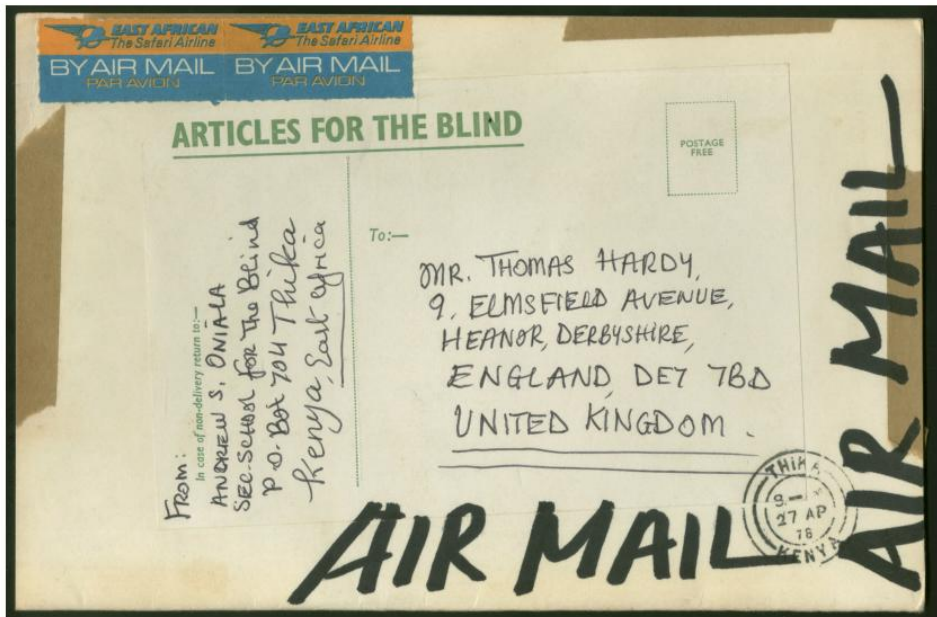


Proofs for the first 1855 issue
Engraved by William Humphrys

Proofs for the 1855 first issue of the state of South Australia. The left-hand example was the one issued where different values could be added to the bottom of the stamp.

Conundrum Corner

It is a regular occurrence when we have a meeting, and someone will show an item that needs clarification one way or another. Sometimes, you get your answers, and other times the whole room is stumped. I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to you to assist in providing answers if you can. in our zoom meetings, but we don't always find the answer. I would like to use this platform and appeal to you to assist if you can.



Front 80%

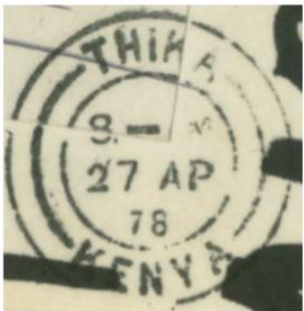
Lable: 'POSTAGE FREE',
ARTICLES FOR THE BLIND

THIKA
27 April 1978



Rear 40%

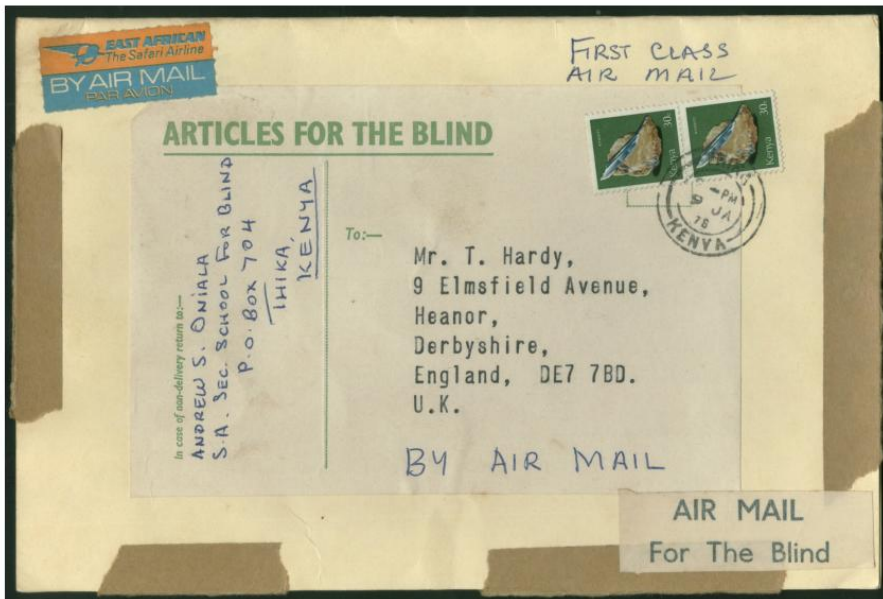
Cancel 200%



This is a request from **Rodney Knight**.

The conundrum is the mystery of the Air mail for the blind labels, and the question about the rates, there are 3 letters, all addressed to the same individual.

If you can assist, please contact me on adelbulpitt@gmail.com

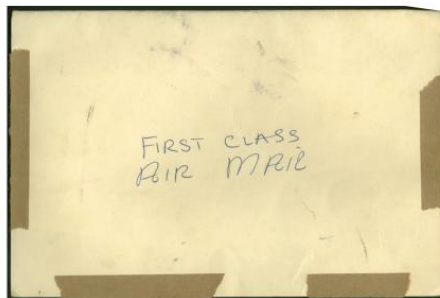


Label: 'POSTAGE FREE',
ARTICLES FOR THE BLIND

60c postage added

THIKA

9 January 1978



Label:

AIR MAIL

For The Blind



Typed: 'FREE MATTER'

Label:

AIR MAIL

For The Blind

And on reverse

Typed: 'FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND' 1s 50 postage added



NYERE

31 May 1978



Items of Interest

EUEFA Women's EURO 2025

Thes British female soccer team won the EUEFA Women's EURO 2025 cup against Spain last Sunday on penalties.
Herewith a letter received with the slogan cancel to celebrate.

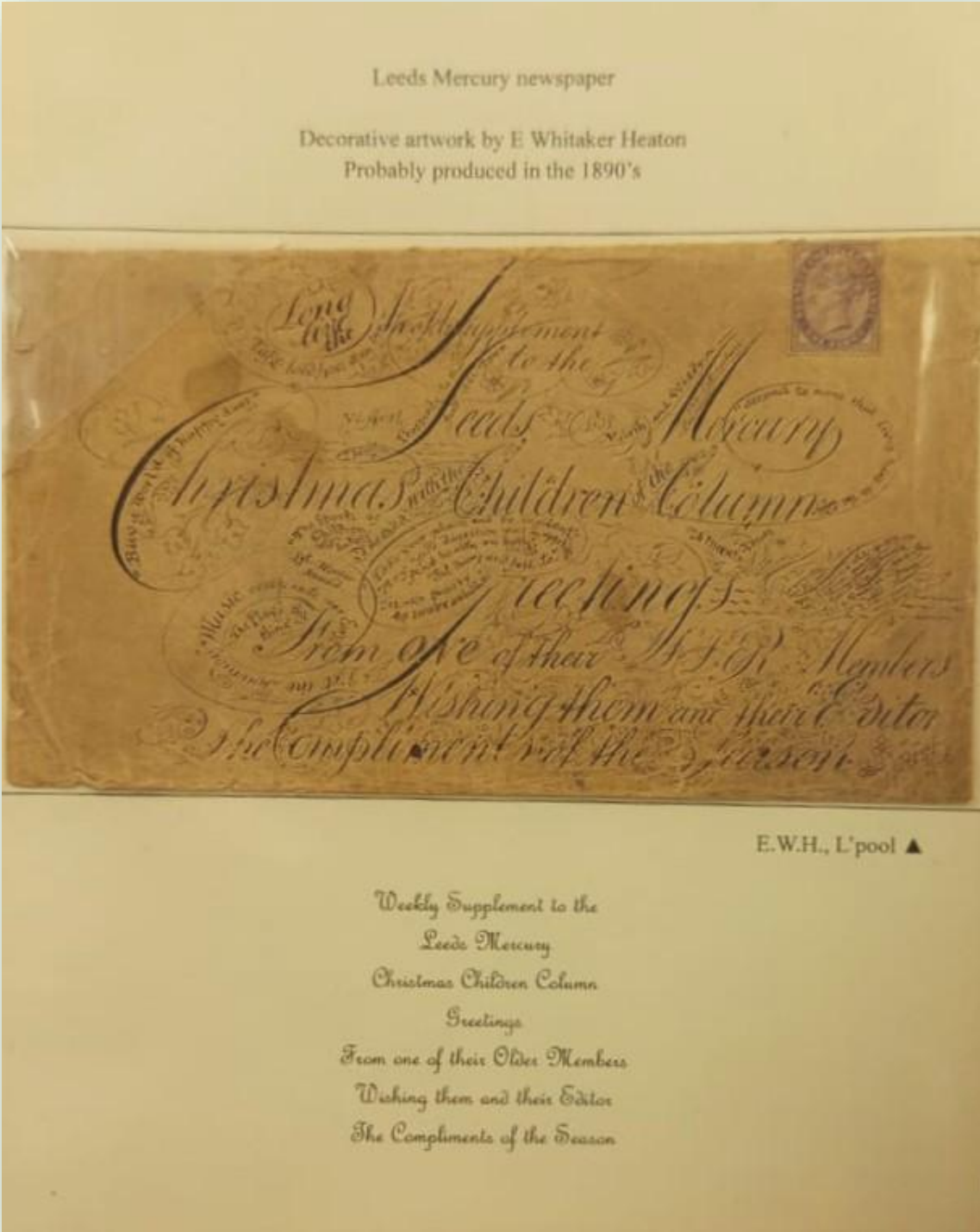


Local Club Meetings

I like to visit as many societies as possible, and if time and budget allows I try and attend international exhibitions where I can. I am sharing my experiences with you in the hopes that you will join me in my philatelic journey and come and say hi.

STOCKPORT PS

Richard Wheatley – Showed his collection of postal history and other items from his Leeds collection. It was very well presented and I was left thinking that now I have to collect Leeds material as well.



Mercury Office.

Leeds Feb 14th 1884

Messrs Frauklaus Thornton & Simpson
Solicitors

Whitby
Gent^{le}

We beg to advise you
that our Mr. W. W. Pearson
hopes to have the pleasure of waiting upon
you on or about Tue the 19th inst.

Should there be any doubt as to the
correctness of the Account already rendered,
we shall feel obliged if you will communicate
with us at once in order that the matter may
be looked into before our collector calls.

Yours faithfully
H. W. Pearson

Feb 14, 1884

From:

Edward Baines
& Sons

stamp
c. 1875

IMPORTANT—NEWS PARC

MERCURY

From

Station.

Date

Train

LEEDS.



LEEDES

size 31 x 6mm

Recorded 1733 March 11 to May 26

The second handstamp was spelt **LEEDES**

Two examples are known



1733 entire letter Leeds (May 26) to Rochdale



LEEDES Corporation seal 1626. Name corrupted from Leodis (Roman name) or Loides (Venerable Bede c.730)

Coat of Arms:

fleece - the woollen trade

owls - from the arms of

Sir John Savile, first Leeds Alderman

Endorsed **By Bradford**. An early example of the Bye Posts set up in 1720 by Ralph Allen

Charged 3d for a single letter below 80 miles (1711 Act, 9 Anne, c10, effective 1 June 1711)

County Catalogue YK1737

From my Desk

1920's Advertising Postcards

I was gifted these postcards and I just love the way that things were done back in the day, very modest.

