



The Royal Philatelic Society London

Patron His Majesty The King

Remembering The Royal Philatelic Society London in your Will

**THE HOME OF PHILATELIC EXCELLENCE,
EXPERTISE AND FRIENDSHIP**



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How your legacy could help

The Objects for which the Society is established are the advancement of education by promoting, encouraging and contributing to the scientific study and practice of Philately in all its branches for the benefit of the Public.

By including a gift to the Royal in your Will, you will help the Society to continue to serve the world of philately for generations to come. Gifts in the form of legacies will make a huge difference to the society allowing it to:

- enhance its offerings to its international membership and the wider world of philately;
- maintain and improve a prestigious home for philately;
- increase the breadth and depth of philatelic research;
- improve and add to its historic museum collections and archives;
- undertake conservation and digitisation projects within the library collections;
- deliver education and out- reach activities through- out the UK and with international reach that promote interest and passion in philately amongst the younger generation; and
- maintain true camaraderie amongst the world-wide community of philatelists;
- enlarge, conserve, encourage wider use of the philatelic collections.



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1. Postal scales from the Rosemary Green Collection of Scales and Balances

2. From The Rosemary Green Collection of Stamp Boxes

Every legacy makes an impact, no matter the size. Legacies for general purposes are enormously valuable as they provide the financial flexibility to enable our ever-evolving Society to respond to new opportunities or pressing needs as they arise but, of course, we also warmly welcome bequests where the purpose is designated.

The allocation of an unrestricted legacy will always be considered and authorised by the Council within the context of the Society's strategic priorities at the time the gift is

received. Wherever possible, we also take into account the benefactor's interests and links to the Society where these are known.

Miss Rosemary Green

Rosemary, a long-standing Fellow of the Royal, was the only daughter of two leading collectors who made an immense contribution to British philately from the 1930s until the 1980s, Harry and Doris Green. Rosemary, a librarian by training, was careful to preserve the artefacts and archives they had collected. In recognition of her contribution to philately she was awarded the Society's London Medal in 2011. On her death in 2012, she left her entire archive to the Royal, including much material from the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, along with rare and valuable collections of postal balances and of Tunbridge



ware, finely inlaid wooden artefacts including stamp boxes. As a great friend to the Royal and a supporter of the world of philately, she also made a valuable financial bequest to the Royal from her estate. Her contribution has helped greatly to safeguard and enhance the Society she loved.

The importance of making a Will

Your Will is very important as it ensures that your estate is distributed as you wish and it enables you to provide security for family and loved ones. Making a Will also provides an opportunity to remember charities such as the Royal that have been significant to you during your life, and such bequests may allow you to offer a level of support which was not possible during your lifetime.

The legislation and tax implications of leaving a bequest to a charity will differ from country to country and if you are considering supporting the Society in this way, it will be important that you take legal advice in your country



We recognise that making a legacy is a very personal decision but if you are thinking about including a gift to the Royal in your Will, or have already done so, we would be grateful if you would consider sharing your intentions with us. As well as helping us to properly understand your

wishes, being aware of your intentions gives the Society a firmer basis on which to plan for the future. Importantly it also allows us to thank you and recognise your planned generosity through membership of the Sir Daniel Cooper Legacy Circle. Any information you

share with us is treated in the strictest confidence and does not commit you to a particular course of action. If you would like to share your plans with us, please complete and return the Legacy Notification Form, enclosed with the brochure and also accessible from the website.

Sir Daniel Cooper Legacy Circle



Membership of the Sir Daniel Cooper Legacy Circle, named after one of the Society's founders and its first president (1869–78), is open to all those who have pledged a legacy gift to the Royal. The purpose of the Circle is to

A portrait of Sir Daniel Cooper by Edmund Thomas, from *The Graphic*, London, 6 Dec. 1879 (p. 561).



Professor Robert Macmillan, centre, who was a famous engineer shows one of his inventions, the linear motor, to the Minister of Technology, Tony Benn (1968)

Robert Macmillan

Robert Macmillan recently left a legacy to the Royal. His daughter remarked: *“Father took enormous delight in his philately - it was his great joy in life, and he must have much valued his fifty years of membership of the RPSL, and was honoured by his Fellowship”.*

encourage legacy giving and to enable the Society to show its appreciation to those who have generously pledged a gift and thank them in their lifetime.

As a member of the Circle you will be invited to an annual event at our headquarters to meet fellow legacy pledgers and to hear from the President about latest developments and plans at the Royal. Unless anonymity is

requested, we will also list members of the Legacy Circle on the website and annually in the London Philatelist.

By pledging a legacy to the Royal, you are automatically a member of the Circle. If you do not wish to be a member please make a note on the Legacy Notification Form.



Chris and Birthe King

Chris and Birthe King have left a legacy, and here explain why:

There is nowhere quite like the Royal with its strong sense of tradition, its forward thinking, expertise and enthusiasm, its preservation of the past, and its belief in honesty and the quest for truth, however inconvenient or unpopular. It is the most sociable of societies, where we have made good friends throughout the world because of its very wide international membership. We want to preserve this for future generations of philatelists and that is why we have each made a bequest to the Society.



Alma and Ron Lee John Whiteside Ted Kerzner

Without the gifts and legacies from Alma Lee, John Whiteside and Ted Kerzner, the Society would not have been able to maintain its 'historic home' and improve the Library and Museum collections. Much refurbishment of the building, including the main meeting room, was only made possible through the generosity of Alma Lee and the naming of the meeting room is a testament to this and also to the longstanding commitment of Ron Lee to the affairs of the Society. The legacies of John Whiteside and Ted Kerzner were especially important. The latter, being reserved for publications, will make a very substantial difference to our being able to publish books which might otherwise be impossible on economic grounds. Capital expenditure is ongoing, for example the shelf space alone needed for new books and periodicals is 25 metres every year.

Thank you

Every legacy gift the Society receives will make a difference to the current and future generations of philatelists. If you choose to remember the Royal in your Will, please accept our sincere thanks for your foresight and generosity.

Recognising the important role that legacies can play in the life and work of the Society, we have created a leather-bound, handwritten

“Remembering the Royal” book in which we will formally list bequests once received. We hope that the list of legacy donors will grow over the years. The book will be kept on prominent display at the Society’s premises and we will also acknowledge and honour legators on the RPSL website.

The Main Library



Taking Legal Advice

For those overseas members who are generous enough to consider a bequest to the Royal, it is important that you seek professional advice on the local tax implications of leaving all or part of your estate to a UK charity.

To all members, wherever resident, we recommend that you visit your lawyer or other professional advisor to draw up or make changes to your Will, but we welcome any contact you wish to make with us.



Frank Walton

“Philately is more than just collecting. It is a hugely rewarding pastime that feeds our knowledge and understanding of history, past and in the making, and through the sharing of this knowledge amongst others of like mind, builds a warm community of friends. This is surely something worth sustaining and a legacy bequest is an important and valuable way of helping to achieve this”.



Patrick Maselis

“As the oldest and probably most well-regarded philatelic society in the world, it is important that the Royal maintains the quality and level of its activities and its ability to reach out to all those who cherish philately and who wish to pursue it seriously. Supporting the Royal through a legacy bequest, helps to safeguard its future and keep it relevant for the modern world”.



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This document is not intended to provide legal advice. The technical items mentioned represent our best understanding of the present position around legacy bequests. The reader should always check the up to date position in their country and consult a solicitor or lawyer.





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