



Wednesday
24 September 2025

The Stuart Rossiter Trust Postal History Seminar

Instead of an annual lecture, this year the Stuart Rossiter Trust is hosting a Seminar on "What is Postal History?".

An all-day event, the Seminar will feature presentations and discussion with a team of well-known specialist speakers – expect variety, divergent views and plenty of discussion!

The event is being hosted by the Royal Philatelic Society London at 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW.

Light refreshments including a buffet lunch will be served.

Attendance is **FREE**. You are advised to email srtcorr@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list, as places at the seminar are now full.

It starts at 11:30 a.m. (with arrival and coffee from 10:30 a.m.) and will run until approximately 17:45 p.m. depending on the discussions.

The following topics will be covered:

James Grimwood-Taylor	"Was the most important event in postal history the invention of the postage stamp?"
Douglas Muir	"Must postal history have a stop?"
Theo Brauers	"The Treatment of Mail on the Continent."
Nigel Gooch	"Is Postal History only Rates, Routes and Postmarks?"
Birthe King	"An Open Goal ..."
Wolfgang Maassen	"The Next Steps?"

[The speakers are listed on the next page.](#)

James Grimwood-Taylor RDP FRPSL

James owned and ran Cavendish Philatelic Auctions for 19 years. He has served as a British national judge since the 1980s and was President of both the Great Britain Philatelic Society and the Society of Postal Historians. Author of several books, his two-volume, 1,000+ page opus *International Postal Reforms*, was awarded the Crawford Medal.



Douglas N Muir RDP FRPSL

Douglas was Senior Curator, Philately at The Postal Museum in London (and its predecessors) for 34 years. Author of several books on aspects of the Museum's British philatelic and postal history collections, he also founded the Postal Mechanisation Study Circle.

Theo Brauers

Theo was President of the FgGB (the German GB Study Group) for 25 years. Author of several books, the most recent is "Not Intended for this Purpose" on the use of the earliest British stamps overseas. Current studies include "Mail to and from the UK in times of trouble: 1792 – 1815" and "Pre-UPU mail from the UK to Scandinavia".



Nigel Gooch FRPSL

Nigel is a Past President and the current Chairman of the Society of Postal Historians, having joined in 2001 and a member of the Iran Philatelic Study Circle since 1969 and Chairman since 2005. He has served on the ABPS Executive Committee since 2007 and was awarded the Congress Medal in 2020.

Birthe King RDP FRPSL

Birthe is best known internationally for her promotion of "Open Philately" as an approach to collecting and exhibiting, and has published widely on the subject. She was a Director of FEPA (2013-19) and has worked with FIP on regulations for exhibiting picture postcards and "Open Philately".



Wolfgang Maassen RDP FRPSL

Wolfgang is President of the AIJP (the world association of authors and journalists in philately) and an internationally renowned author of many books and judge of philatelic literature. Former editor of the German magazine *Philatelie*, he is the publisher of *Phila Historica* about philatelic history and literature.