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New Zealand's latest:



September 2013
America's Cup Yacht Race



My Art Cover Exchange cover for September. I was hoping to add "We Won" to the front.... The background was washed in watercolour paint – yellow for the sky and blue for the water, the bridge is drawn and the boat was printed on glossy photo paper, cut out, and stuck on 3D. I used a US Lighthouse stamp.

BE PREPARED

Christmas is coming – the December meeting will be our annual auction, with proceeds going to the club (to help pay for our shared Super).

Bring any donations for the auction and wrap up something silly from the \$2 Store for a present exchange. Date: Dec 10th.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME

Hello!

I have 25 years old. Once I got a letter with a very original stamp. This stamp so took me, that I decided to start collecting stamps and covers. It became my hobby and life. This hobby brings me joy and I every time learn something new. My dream is to collect stamps from different countries. Maybe you can help me make my dream come true.

If possible please send me by mail any stamps, for which I thank you sincerely.

My address:

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Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Stoke School at 7:15pm sales table, 7:30 meeting

Club Programme

Tuesday Nov 12: Kelvin will speak about his postcard collecting. And the 3 entries from the October meeting will be decided.

November Display letter: O

There will be a special prize (Lucky Dip or bar of Chocolate!) for a stamp or display with stamps showing BICYCLES OR MOTORBIKES

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The Principality of Andorra (Principat d'Andorra)

Status: A parliamentary principality in the eastern Pyrenees between France and Spain

Area: 181 square miles

Capital: Andorra la Vella

Population: 83,888 (2009 est.)

Currency: 100 cents = 1 Euro (1€ = \$1.48 September 2009)

According to tradition, Charlemagne granted the Valleys of Andorra a charter in 778 A.D. out of gratitude for the assistance the people had given him in his fight against the Moors. In fact, local folklore ascribes the name Andorra to a corruption of the Moorish word "Aldarra" or "thickly wooded place."

Those temporal rights retained by Charlemagne were ceded to the Count of Castelbo, while the Bishop of Urgel was guardian of Andorra's religious welfare in a medieval paréage, or co-sovereignty arrangement. In later years, when the daughter of the Count married the Count de Foix of France, Andorra was included in her dowry. Concerned for the souls of his parishioners under their new French ruler, and perhaps anxious over the potential diminution of his diocese, the Bishop objected. Nearly two centuries later, in 1278, a formal agreement finally resolved the dispute by making them "co-princes" of Andorra. In 1607 King Henry IV of France, who had inherited Andorra, agreed to retain the co-principality. Following the French Revolution (1789–99), the position of co-head of state of Andorra passed to the President of France — a position he shares with the Bishop of Urgel to this day.

The first official postal service was inaugurated by Spain in 1837, largely to serve Carlist refugees who had settled in Andorra. Couriers transported mail for the Valley's inhabitants to Seo de Urgel in Spain or to France. Originally, the UPU recognized only Spain as responsible for the Andorran mail, although French stamps also were available in Andorra la Vella. In 1881 France tried to annex Andorra, offering the inhabitants improved public services including postal operations. Local riots and the objections of the Bishop of Urgel prevailed and France backed down. On January 1, 1928, the Spanish postal service opened an office in Andorra la Vella and agencies in six villages throughout the principality. Spanish stamps were used until March 28 when thirteen values overprinted "Correos Andorra" were released.

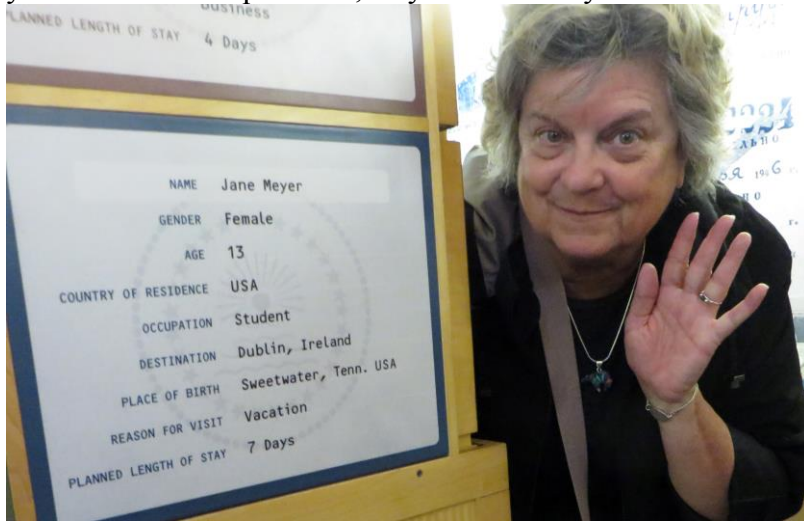
The Andorrans, who have played the French and Spaniards off against each other for centuries, complained to the French about the Spanish mail service, which they insisted would deprive them of postal revenue. The French claimed the Spanish post was an infringement on its shared sovereignty and raised their concerns at the 1929 UPU Conference in London. The UPU also gave the French authority to operate a postal service in Andorra. On June 16, 1931, the French released thirty-six values overprinted "Andorre." Andorra continues to use the postal services of France and Spain, rather than to operate its own.



Report: Washington DC by Secret Agent Pam

Because all the National Monuments, Parks and Museums were closed for the "Government Shut-down", Fred and I took a trip to the National Spy Museum, which was open because it is privately owned.

First you choose an identity and any time during your visit you can be asked questions, so you must "stay in character".



Fred was a Russian on holiday in Boston. I was Jane Meyer, a 13 year old student from Sweetwater Texas, whose destination was a 7 day vacation in Dublin Ireland.

The museum wonderful, from Jesus sending spies to Cannan, through WWI and WWII into the predicted Cyber Wars. The Civil War was well represented with all the aspects Ron told us about at the Open Day. There was a James Bond exhibit taking up a whole floor – and very inter-active, fun for the kids.

In the Postal/"Spy Writing" section there were items like invisible ink, code breaking, and these:



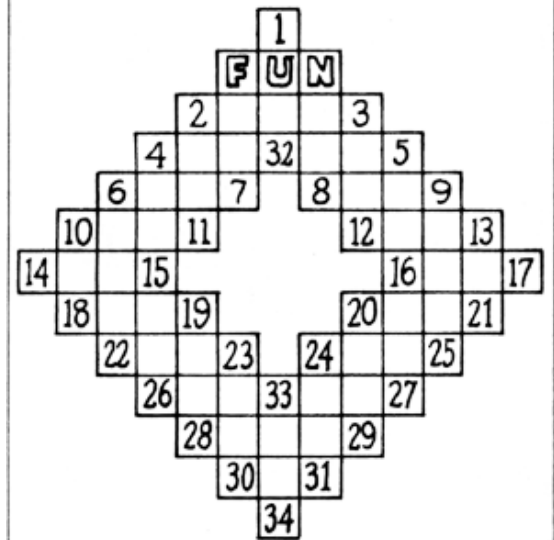
"Used by British officials in WWII, this device was inserted under the flap of an envelope and turned until the letter was wrapped around it. The letter could then be pulled out without unsealing the envelope."



"Envelope Searching for Secret Writing (Germany, 1940-1945). The blue slash across the front of this envelope indicates postal censors used a chemical reagent to look for secret writing. -See... even on holiday I'm thinking of you. ;-)"

1913 - Arthur Wynne's "word-cross", the first crossword puzzle, is published in the New York World.

FUN'S Word-Cross Puzzle.



FILL in the small squares with words which agree with the following definitions:

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| 2-3. What bargain hunters enjoy. | 10-18. The fibre of the gomuti palm. |
| 4-5. A written acknowledgement. | 6-22. What we all should be. |
| 6-7. Such and nothing more. | 4-26. A day dream. |
| 10-11. A bird. | 2-11. A talon. |
| 14-15. Opposed to less. | 19-28. A pigeon. |
| 18-19. What this puzzle is. | F-7. Part of your head. |
| 22-23. An animal of prey. | 23-30. A river in Russia. |
| 26-27. The close of a day. | 1-32. To govern. |
| 28-29. To elude. | 33-34. An aromatic plant. |
| 30-31. The plural of is. | N-8. A fist. |
| 8-9. To cultivate. | 24-31. To agree with. |
| 12-13. A bar of wood or iron. | 3-12. Part of a ship. |
| 16-17. What artists learn to do. | 20-29. One. |
| 20-21. Fastened. | 5-27. Exchanging. |
| 24-25. Found on the seashore. | 9-25. Sunk in mud. |
| | 13-21. A boy. |

Smithsonian Stamp Gallery - CLOSED



So we went to the WWII Rally...



AMAZING STAMP STORIES

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CEYLON IMPERFS!!!

CEYLON IS A LARGE ISLAND OFF THE TIP OF INDIA. IN 1796, ITS COASTAL REGIONS WERE SNATCHED FROM THE DUTCH BY THE BRITISH EAST INDIA CO. IT WAS NAMED AS A CROWN COLONY IN 1802. CEYLON CAME UNDER COMPLETE BRITISH CONTROL IN 1815, BUT THE BRITISH HAD TO SUPPRESS A REVOLT IN 1817. GAINING INDEPENDENCE IN 1948 AS THE DOMINION OF CEYLON, IT BECAME THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA IN 1972.



SOME STAMPS IN CEYLON'S IMPERFORATE 1857-59 SET BORE AN ENGRAVED IMAGE OF QUEEN VICTORIA BY WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, BASED ON A WATERCOLOR BY EDWARD H. CORBOULD. THE QUEEN'S VISAGE WAS INSIDE AN EIGHT-SIDED FRAME.



WITH THE ADVENT OF PERFORATED STAMPS, MANY EARLY COLLECTORS LOST INTEREST IN IMPERFORATE STAMPS, UNTIL THEIR RENAISSANCE IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY AT MUCH HIGHER PRICES.

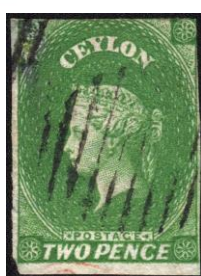


WITH IMPERFORATES RECLAIMING FAME, THE 1859 4-PENNY IMPERFORATE STAMP WAS LISTED USED AT \$90 (ALMOST \$2,000 IN TODAY'S MONEY) IN AN EARLY 20TH CENTURY SCOTT CATALOG. UNUSED WAS NOT VALUED.



ENGLISH BARON ANTHONY DE WORMS (1869-1938) OWNED COFFEE ESTATES IN CEYLON AND AN EXTENSIVE CEYLON STAMP COLLECTION. HIS COLLECTION WAS SOLD AT AN H.R. HARMER LONDON AUCTION ON JUNE 20-23, 1938.

ANOTHER GREAT COLLECTION OF THESE STAMPS FORMED BY AMERICAN REAR ADM. FREDERIC R. HARRIS (1875-1949) WAS AUCTIONED BY HARMER, ROOKE & CO., IN 1951. THE ROYAL COLLECTION IN LONDON INCLUDES AN UNUSED SINGLE AND A USED PAIR OF THE 4d STAMP, ALONG WITH EXAMPLES OF OTHER VALUES, PROOFS OF THESE ISSUES, AND THE ORIGINAL WATERCOLOR DRAWING BY CORBOULD. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED AT COURTS OF HONOR AT INTERNATIONAL SHOWS. THE SCOTT CATALOG VALUES THE 4d STAMP (SCOTT 5) UNUSED AT \$72,500 AND USED AT \$5,250.





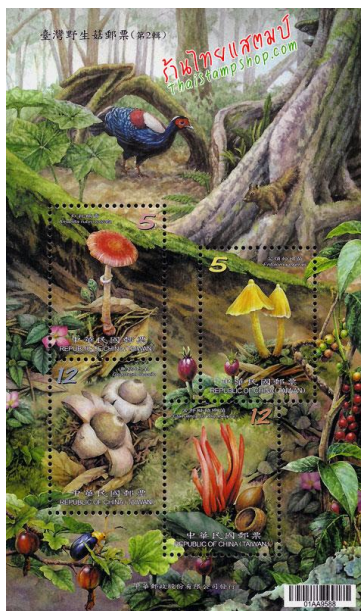
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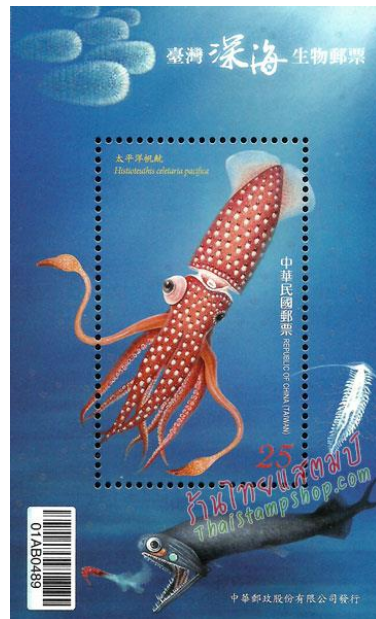
2013 Stamp Issues



Taiwan – Berries



Wild mushrooms of Taiwan



Taiwan – Deep Sea Creatures



Taiwan – Owls



Taiwan – Endangered Mammals



Singapore – Our city in a Garden



Singapore – Oct 2013 – Vanishing Trades



Taiwan

Minutes of the Nelson Philatelic Society which met in the Woodstock Room
at the Stoke School - October at 7:30pm

Welcome: Allan welcomed a grand total of 8 members. He thanked us for turning up and apologised for the late newsletter.

Minutes: Minutes were taken as read *Kelvin/ Anne*

Matters Arising: A message to the Dunedin Society was suggested at the September meeting, but hadn't been followed up, it was suggested we do this now anyway.

Correspondence: 1 email from a Dunedin member praising our website and newsletter!

General Business:

- Nik suggested that we discuss making a back-up plan in case the newsletter is late again for any reason.
- Kelvin asked about Len Roberts who wasn't feeling the best this month.
- Kelvin and Barbara inquired about advertising in the local newspapers, and maybe an advertising executive needs to be appointed for this role.
- Nik would like to clear up the mystery of the new Stamp Magazine issues that arrived in our library shelves from nowhere, we suddenly have 2011, 2012 and 2013 issues (to May) - does anybody know who gave them to us and when?

Items of interest:

Paula had a returned letter which was missing 1 letter in the road name. Allan showed us some of the fund raising envelopes available from the Dunedin Society and talked about the event there, which he attended.

Letter of the Month – I :

- Ionian Islands (now part of Greece) Robert
- Inuit people of Canada Anne
- Inangahua postmarks Kelvin

8 people produced 2 votes each so we unanimously awarded this month's cup to all 3 entries.

Program: 8 page Display - open thematic class

- Maritime Heritage and Sailing Ships of Australia – Kelvin
- Garden Heritage from Barbara - who has recently discovered what she can do on the computer and produced a very creditable effort.
- NZ Cinderellas about Health Issues (eg. NZ TB assoc.) from Robert

Allan thanked the 3 entrants and suggested that with only 8 of us present a vote wasn't very fair. We then decided to re-display these 3 next meeting and vote then for the cup and stock book prize.

The meeting was declared closed.

Next meeting November 12. The Letter of the Month will be "O".

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The James Bond Display at the Spy Museum in Washington DC.

