

Nelson Philatelic Society (Inc)

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Next Meeting : Tuesday 14th February at 7.15 pm

Earlier time allows members and visitors time to review the Sales Table, Set up Displays, etc, before the official meeting Starts at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Dates

Feb 14th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	1st Meeting of 2017
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New Zealand Post Stamp Issues Calendar 2017

11 January - 2017 Year of the Rooster

2 February - 2017 Fish and Game

8 February - Southern Lights

1 March - Native New Zealand Freshwater Fish

5 April - 1917 The Darkest Hour

3 May - British and Irish Lions Tour

- He Tohu

7 June - Keep an eye out for this issue

5 July - Kiwiana

2 August - Keep an eye out for this special issue!

6 September - 2017 Children's Health,

- Keep an eye out for this issue!

4 October - Keep an eye out for this issue

1 November - Christmas 2017

15 November - Ross Dependency



Postal Reforms that Transformed the Mail

Rowland Hill, Mary Pearson

Postal reformer Rowland Hill, shown here as a young man, first became known as an innovative educator. Hill's wide-ranging interests included printing, railroads, and mathematics.



By the 1830s, railways were beginning to spread across the British countryside as factories continued to grow and expand around many cities. Overseas, the nation's commercial interests were thriving. But the Post Office seemed stuck in the past.



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A September 1839 entry in a competition held by the British Treasury, seeking proposals "as to the best manner in which the stamp may be practically adopted."

Postage was too expensive—well beyond the reach of working families. Businesses increasingly saw the high rates as an obstacle to further growth. Postage also varied greatly, depending on the distance a letter was sent and how many pages it contained. Most mail was sent postage due, so the Post Office transported many letters that were never accepted or paid for.



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Watercolor sketch created in February 1840 to show how the first stamps would look in their chosen colors. Hill presented it to Francis Baring, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who headed the Treasury.

In a series of pamphlets beginning in 1837, the reformer Rowland Hill drew on his own ideas and those of others to propose sweeping changes. Hill called for a single postage rate of one penny, paid in advance, for all standard-weight letters (later defined as half an ounce). The new rate would make the mail accessible to almost everyone.

To prove that postage had been paid, Hill suggested using either prepaid stationery or a printed label, "a bit of paper just large enough to bear the stamp, and covered at the back with a glutinous wash." He was describing the world's first postage stamps.



< A January 1840 proof from a special plate, comparing the background of the first Penny Black die (top row), which was rejected, with its proposed replacement (bottom).

In 1839, postal reform became law. Hill was hired as an adviser to the Treasury, the government department responsible for the financial aspects of the Post Office. In the first year alone, the number of mailed letters more than doubled. By 1850, mail volume had increased more than four times. The first modern postal service was off and running, and Hill's ideas were adopted around the world.

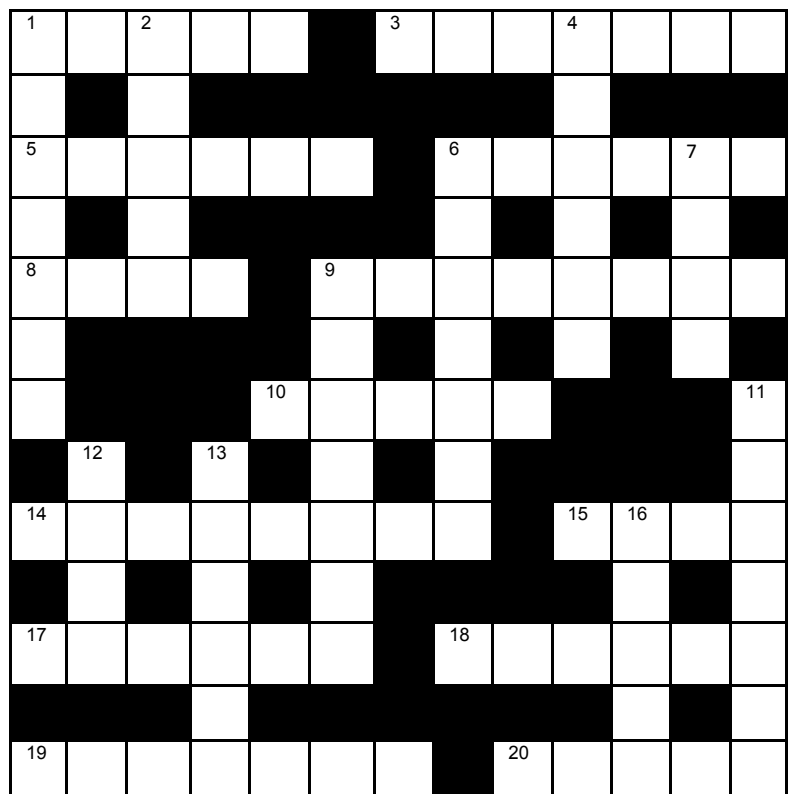
Crossword from Michael Petzold

ACROSS

- 1 & 20. Fore-runner – 2 words (5,5)
- 3. Gathering (7)
- 5. Not required (6)
- 6. Incompletely (6)
- 8. Sanctimonious (4)
- 9. Musters (8)
- 10. Time-worn (5)
- 14. Of similar subject (8)
- 15. Layer (4)
- 17. Gash (6)
- 18. Envelope may have one (6)
- 19. Chance (7)

DOWN

- 1. Former German state (7)
- 2. Phosphate island (5)
- 4. Eurasian country (6)
- 6. Expedient (7)
- 7. Passed away (4)
- 9. State (7)
- 11. Rajah Brooke land (7)
- 12. Cold-shoulder (4)
- 13. Sum (6)
- 16. The Raj (5)



Answers on page 5

Take Advantage of Christmas and get those Kids collecting stamps!

My fellow philatelists, I have a story to tell about how I single-handed, got a bunch of young people to play around with stamps - and a couple of years later half of them are "still at it"!

It was November 2013 when my parents received a call from their old neighbours, in fact this was from several houses ago but they still ran into this couple from time to time.

"Is your lad" (I'm forty- eight, by the way) "is your lad still involved with stamps?"

"Yes"

"Well look, our kids have been breeding like crazy and now we have six Grandchildren between the ages of five and twelve"

"That's marvellous!"

"No it's not, it's a nightmare. Anyhow they all descend on Boxing Day and turn the place into a madhouse, so the Missus and I have had an idea that might shut them up for a while. Could your boy" (I'm still forty- eight!) "could your boy get us a pile of stamps and some stamp albums for them to play with?"

And so it was arranged. After a site visit I found a box of loose inexpensive stamps (think more "Sand Dunes" than "Mauritius Classics"), six matching stock books – so they could easily move stamps around without fiddling with hinges – and some relatively safe rounded tweezers (those are "tongs" to our American friends!) for easy handling and definitely not for stabbing each other with.

The entire package was delivered to the doting Grandparents in early December in readiness for the onslaught on the 26th.

In January my parents received another call "Tell your boy" (...never mind) "tell your boy the stamps have been an incredible success. We tipped a pile of them onto our dining table and we didn't hear a thing from the kids for hours and hours!"

I followed it up and it had indeed been an unusually successful Boxing Day with all these children sitting in relative quiet for several hours admiring the little pictures without a single drop of blood being spilt "We put our ear to the door as we got worried by how quiet it was, but all we heard was "what's this animal called?" or "what's the name of this country?" or "can I have that one if I give you these two?" and no squabbling whatsoever – incredible!"

This was a couple of Christmas's ago and I am reliably informed that the box of stamps is still requested and three of the original group are still happily making a mess of their Grandparents dining room table whenever they visit!

Vincent Green (Age 51)



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ACROSS
 1 & 20. PENNY BLACK
 3. MEETING
 5. UNUSED
 6. PARTLY
 8. SMUG
 9. COLLECTS
 10. RUSTY
 14. THEMATIC
 15. TIER
 17. INJURY
 18. WINDOW
 19. FORTUNE
 20. See 1 across

DOWN
 1. PRUSSIA
 2. NAURU
 4. TURKEY
 6. POLITIC
 7. LATE
 9. COUNTRY
 11. SARAWAK
 12. SHUN
 13. AMOUNT
 16. INDIA

Message From the Editor

Hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and ready to join us for 2017.

Have decided to try and make the newsletter as interesting as possible, but need input of what members would like to add. Not many articles or interest forthcoming so far, so will keep my fingers crossed for a overwhelming boost in articles next year.

The newsletter will gradually be reduced to be more economical size depending on members contributions.

I would like members to email me a little information about what personal collecting interests are, with a couple of photos of favourite pages if possible. If a computer is not available hand written is ok.

Participate in A Stamp Buy, Sell, Wanted and Exchange Page.

Items of interest, members collections.

My email is Robin.ashley1951@gmail.com

Cheers Robin



December Meeting Minutes 2016

Minutes of the December meeting of the Nelson Philatelic Society held in the Woodstock Room of the Stoke Primary School on Tuesday 13th December 2016, at 7.30pm.

Welcome: President Robert welcomed 14 members, 2 of whom had brought their wives and 1 visitor to this final meeting of the year

Apologies: received from Len Roberts and Rob Morton.

Items of Interest: 3 members, Kelvin, Ann and Allan shared various items of philatelic interest.

Mitchener Cup: There were 5 entries on the subject "Stars – Heavenly Variety"

Sue Australian Christmas series

Kelvin.... Aust Christmas 1958 1st Day

Robert .. Eclipse, Planets, Southern and Northern Lights

Paul H. ...Travel to Space (Stars)

Mike P... Aust Christmas plus..

The winner, after a show of hands vote, was declared to be **Paul**

Minutes: Having been circulated, taken as read and confirmed.

Allan/Sue, Agreed

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Outward: Nil

Inward: various auctions and brochures

Actions: Nil

Treasurer:

Mike reported that all subs were now paid (37).

A question was raised concerning Hall rental .. no action.

General business:

1. Allan reported that our Patron, Rien, was presently in Hospital and that he and Trudies ' future care' was being looked at. Agreed that a Greeting be taken from the Club .. To be actioned ... Allan.

2. President Robert stated that he would call a meeting of the executive to be held toward the end of January.

Subscriptions:

All paid

There being no further business, Robert advised that the "Letter /Subject of the Month" for the meeting on 14th Feb, would be the subject "**Hearts**" (very appropriate for Valentines Day)

There followed a "Dutch Auction" of assorted (philatelic and other) donated items with all proceeds raised for club funds ..Thanks to Weldon for stepping in as our "Auctioneer"

We all then enjoyed the special supper as an end of year "treat" .. Many thanks to **Ann** for all her time given in preparation and "in the kitchen" ; and to **Ngaira** for provision of the sandwiches.

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