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## “EVERYDAY” BRITISH STAMPS SET TO EXPIRE

By Arthur P. von Reyn

In its February 1 announcement of the issuance of four stamp with unique matrix bar codes, Great Britain’s Royal Mail said previously issued “everyday” stamps, meaning definitive and Christmas issues, will expire after January 31, 2023.

The first British bar-coded stamp was issued in March of last year, a trial that the British post office termed successful. The news release specified non-bar-coded definitive stamps as the ones becoming invalid for postage, not mentioning commemorative issues.

“The move is part of the Company’s extensive and ongoing modernisation drive and will allow the unique barcodes to facilitate operational efficiencies, enable the introduction of added security features and pave the way for innovative services for customers,” the news release further stated.

British postal customers are being encouraged to use up their supplies of older first- and second-class stamps, but beginning March 31 will be able to exchange them for the new bar-coded versions through the Royal Mail’s “Swap Out” scheme.

France and Germany, have issued bar-coded stamps, but so far have not attempted invalidating any older issues.



Issued on February 1 by Great Britain’s Royal Mail, these four bar-coded definitive stamps are the replacement for previously issued definitives, which won’t be valid for postage after January 31, 2023. Between the bar code and the Queen Elizabeth’s image is a simulated perforation line.

## USPS RELIEF BILL HITS SLIGHT SNAG

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Bipartisan legislation that would save the U.S. Postal Service almost \$50 billion related to employee health expenses hit a technical snag in the Senate, and won’t come up for a vote until early March.

The bill, called the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022, was passed by the House on February 8 with overwhelming support. However, a version with some incorrect text was set for the Senate vote and Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) refused to allow a technical fix, forcing the House to revote on the bill three days later. The legislation won’t be rescheduled for a Senate vote until after it returns on February 28 after a one-week recess.

Over a 10 year period, the bill will

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These bar-coded stamps are another attempt to quash rampant reuse, rewashing and counterfeiting of British stamps. In past years, security measures taken to stem the tide of fraud include wide oval perforations, die cuts within the body of the stamps, and the words ‘Royal Mail’ printed in iridescent ink across stamps.

The current design of British definitive stamps has been in use since June 1967

and are commonly called “Machins” by collectors, a reference to Arnold Machin’s bas-relief sculpture upon which the design is based.

Oddly, the heading of the news release was “A new era for stamps: Shaun the Sheep features in UK’s first “video stamp,” referring to animated videos that will play if customers scan the barcode using a

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading. Most meetings are also simulcast on the internet beginning at 7:00 p.m. In the event a meeting is canceled or becomes virtual due to Covid-19, members will be notified by email or by telephone.

- March 9** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly auction*. Lots may be brought to the meeting.
- March 23** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Postal Inspection Service*, presented by Glen Henderson, Assistant Inspector in Charge, Fort Worth Division, U.S. Postal Service.
- April 8-9** **DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy., Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
- April 13** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library*, presented by Cassandra Galus-Zawojek, Curator, WPRL, Special Collections, Eugene McDermott Library, UT-Dallas.
- April 27** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Collecting the Presidents*, American Topical Association video presentation.
- May 11** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly auction*. Lots may be brought to the meeting.
- May 25** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *The Story Behind the Stamp*, presented by various members.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL LAUPUS



Please extend best wishes and prayers to Jack who just had surgery on both of his knees and to Stan who is recovering from Covid.

Unfortunately the freezing rain and sleet forced us to cancel our February 23rd meeting. Our thanks and apologies to Art and Stan who prepared the program for the meeting. Our February 9th meeting was well attended and our thanks to Mark and the U.S. Postal Service for a great program.

Our members have joined our club because they have a passion for stamp collecting and they want to further their knowledge of stamps while building their collection. Participation in the program portion of our meeting is a great way to express your passion and knowledge of our hobby. Submitting articles for the newsletter is another awesome way to share your stamp collecting interests.

Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society is only as strong as our membership, and we have dedicated leaders striving to make a difference to keep us strong and influential. Active participation by all members is the key to keep us viable and strong. Adding new members is also essential to our club. Please feel free to bring a family member, a friend or associate to our meetings. During the past year our membership has grown substantially due to the efforts of club members, especially Art and Rick.

Helping lead a volunteer organization can be tough and I never take our members who give their time on our behalf lightly. I'm thankful for all our members, no matter what your role is. Whether it is big or small, you matter, and we are proud to have you here and sincerely appreciate your membership.

Looking forward to our March 9th Quarterly Auction. Please try to participate.

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# EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY ARTHUR VON REYN



Although there was some doubt due to continuing Covid issues, Joe Cosby of the sponsoring Oklahoma City Stamp Club states OKPEX 2022 will still occur as scheduled, June 24-25, in Oklahoma City. It is the only APS World Series of Philately event now being held near Texas. As noted previously in this column, the Texas Stamp Dealers Association will be staging its Dallas bourse on the exact same dates.

Rarely seen on mail these days are U.S. stamps, and even scarcer are commemoratives. Anyone who collects used U.S. stamps will likely experience difficulties in forming a complete collection of new issues. I thought I read once in *Linn's* that one way stamp companies obtain new issue canceled U.S. stamps is to use them to pay for fees on U.S. Postal Service forms, as discussed in Peter Elias's article on page 4 of this newsletter.

That isn't the case, at least for Mystic Stamp Company. A representative I called said they don't use stamps on USPS forms, but apply current commemoratives to the post-paid return envelopes they enclose with customer approval selections. Since they sell recent U.S. used commemoratives at 75¢ each and up, this gives them a supply that essentially costs them nothing.

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# FINBAR KENNY: PROMOTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

By Arthur P. von Reyn

One of the most interesting philatelic promoters of the 20th century was Finbar B. Kenny (1917 – 2010), whose career began legitimately enough, but took a turn for the worse, not only for himself, but for philately in general, when he began promoting spurious new stamp issues and subsequently ran afoul of the law.

Back in the 1930s, stamp collecting became so popular that even department stores had departments dedicated to them. By 1940, the 23-year old Kenny had become manager of the stamp department of Macy's and was approached by a man who wanted to buy the British Guiana 1¢ Magenta, possibly seeing it on display at the New York World's Fair of 1939-40.

After the passing of the famed collector Arthur Hind, his widow had been trying to peddle her former husband's 1¢ Magenta for five years, with the asking price falling to as little as \$37,500. Kenny arranged a sale to an anonymous buyer for either \$40,000 or \$45,000, depending upon whether one believes a figure published in the *New York Times*, or in later auction catalogues. For the next 30 years, Kenny was the public face of the unique stamp. [Upon its sale in 1970, the owner was revealed to be Frederick "Poss" Trouton Small, a

signed stamp production deals with the new postally independent and revenue-starved northern Arabian emirates of Ajman and Fujeirah.

The philatelic market was quickly flooded with exploitative topical stamps, most having no relevance to the alleged issuing entities. Derisively labeled "Sand Dunes" or "Dunes" by more advanced collectors, the topics included Christmas stamps—not a great fit for exclusively Muslim territories. Stamps were even issued for Manama, a remote agricultural village in Ajman with only a few adobe buildings. The arrangement ended when the United Arab Emirates was formed in 1971. Although the Minkus and Michel catalogues comprehensively listed "Sand Dunes" issues, Scott caught on quickly and avoided including all but a few.

Kenny's association with J. and H. Stolow apparently continued until the company went bust in the mid-1970s. However, records indicate he formed a

side business. In 1965, his self-named Kenny International Corp. was hired by Sir Albert Henry, the prime minister of the Cook Islands, to produce stamps. A subsidiary, Cook Islands Development Company, was established to hold the exclusive franchise as the nation's overseas postal agent and split outside profits 50-50 with the government. With only 18,000 inhabitants, stamps quickly became the country's primary export. For the year ending 1978, revenues were US \$1.5 million, with the portion going to Cook Islands representing 20% of the government's budget.



For 30 years, Finbar Kenny was steward of the British Guiana 1¢ Magenta, with the actual owner remaining anonymous. In this photograph from the March 1965 edition of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, Kenny is holding the unique stamp.

A hotly contested election was scheduled on March 30, 1978 and Kenny's contract was up for renewal during the term of whomever was elected. In January, Prime Minister Henry asked Kenny for an advance of NZ \$337,000 on the next year's philatelic revenue. In a clandestine arrangement, Henry received the money and used it to fly back to the islands six charter jets of voters living in New Zealand as guest workers. The chief justice at the time, Sir Gaven Donne, nullified the extra votes, the opposition party won, and installed Thomas Davis as prime minister.

As a result, in 1979 Kenny became the first American to plead guilty of violating the 1977 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which prohibits Americans from paying bribes overseas to increase business.

Kenny was fined US \$50,000. He also returned the NZ \$337,000 to the Cook Islands' government.

According to a 1979 *Washington Post* article, Prime Minister Davis was

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Christian themes on Fujeira stamps were no problem as they were presumably never sold there.



Kenny's stamps for the Arabian emirates were designed to appeal to casual collectors.

Kenny joined the armed services in 1942 and after the war's end went to work for J. and H. Stolow, Inc., a small stamp company that became one of the largest stamp wholesalers. By 1958, he was the company's general manager<sup>1</sup> and in 1964,

<sup>1</sup>Kenny used this title in a "Letter to the Editor" in the June 9, 1958, issue of *Life* magazine and was described as the "managing executive" in an article in the December 1969 issue of *Ebony* magazine.



Unlike Kenny's stamps for emirates on the Arabian peninsula, issues produced for the Cook Islands were actually sold at post offices and used in the mail.



# USING STAMPS TO PAY FEES ON USPS FORMS

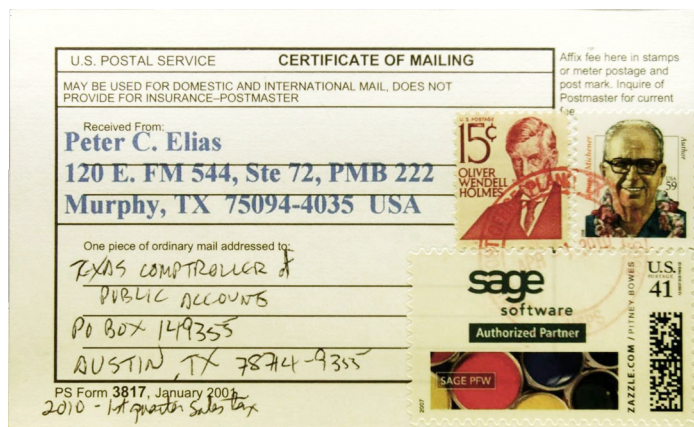
By Peter C. Elias

Since I mail a fair amount of stuff such as eBay lots, it is advisable to get proof of mailing in the event a buyer claims they never received their purchase. This is accomplished with Certificate of Mailing and other forms that you need to keep.

Thus, I have ended up with a lot—well over 900 by now—USPS Forms 3817, 3877, 3606 and 3665, all of which make nice “postal history” when you use stamps instead of other forms of payment for the fees.

Since I, as the sender, retain the form, I also get to keep the cancelled stamps rather than them being part of the item being mailed. Most consumers—if at all—only know of the small form 3817. This is the form sold at post office retail counters for \$1.65. I’m probably one of the few people who has used custom postage stamps as part of the fees, as seen in the illustrations of Form 3817s on this page.

Since I have lots of older “discount postage” available for use, I have resorted to using the Form 3817 that the USPS has on their website and printing it on a 8½” x 11” paper, which gives you much



Form 3817 is used for mailing one item and currently costs \$1.65 at post office retail counters.



By printing out the online Form 3817 onto 8½” x 11” paper, there’s much more space for using old stamps to pay the fee, which was \$1.50 on this particular mailing date.

more real estate to work with!

Lesser known is the “Firm Book for Accountable Mail,” known as Form 3877. It is used to pay all kinds of fees on three or more items. Using it for certificate of mailing fees in the example at the top of the next page, it cost less for five items in this book than two items separately. And I used a “upside down” error Charlie Brown computer vended postage (CVP) stamp.

Form 3665, in the bottom example on the next page, looks similar to Form 3877, but is meant only for certificate of mailing fees. Again, three stamps here at 39¢ each are less than just one item using the 3817 form at \$1.35! And also, a nice usage of three different “2d matrix code error” overprint on the 2012 Mailbox CVP stamp:

Last but not least, well, definitely least used, are Form 3606 and 3606-D. The buy-in price is well over \$7.00. However, once you do that, “duplicate copies” can be purchased, each of which in this case requires \$1.35 as a fee. And again, in the example at the center of the next page, a nice upside-down Charlie Brown stamp was used as part of the fee.

All of these forms require that you actually mail something. For now, I’m accumulating them, though I do have a couple of duplicates on sale at eBay (see my seller id “pc\_elias”). It would be interesting to do an exhibit on these. The problem is, I don’t have much older material—nothing prior to 1999 except for a couple from the 1950s. And even on eBay, there’s hardly any of these for sale!

Sadly though, the retail certificate of mailing fee of \$1.65 is almost three times the cost of mailing a simple first-class envelope; it’s a VERY expensive receipt!

## FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Certificate-of-Mailing-The-Basics>



**Form 3877, February 2008 (Page 1 of 2)**

Name and Address of Sender: Peter Elias, PO Box 946427, Plano, TX 75094 USA

Check type of mail or service: Certified, Registered Delivery (International), Registered, Return Receipt for Merchandise, Signature Confirmation, Insured, Certified Mail, Delivery Confirmation, Express Mail, Insured

Affix Stamp Here (If insured as a certificate of mailing, or for additional copies of this bill) Postmark and Date of Receipt

Article Number	Address (Name, Street, City, State, & ZIP Code)	Postage	Fee	Handling Charge	Actual Value if Registered	Insured Value	Due Sender if CDD	DC Fee	SG Fee	SH Fee	PD Fee	RR Fee
1. May 14 13167192112 CS ena 11	JAMES GOLDENBARD 433 CRAWFORD DR. PO BOX 740 SEELYE LAKE, MT 59868-0940	.49	.38									
2. Letter to (NOV. to Dec) 414 stamp	JOHN P. MOLENARR 7 RUE DES BARDONNIERS 4470 SAVENNIERES FRANCE	1.20	.38									
3. May 14 131671354305 CS ena 311	WILLIAM HUGGINS PO Box 165 FAIR FAX, VA 22038-0165	.49	.38									
4. in Letter to CS ena UN19222 UN19222	DIANNE BREAKFIELD 134 B LONE LN LUMBERTON, MS 39455	.49	.38									
5. See Letter to common Dec 12-13	LOUIS KOPISTECKI 209 VINCENT NEGENTS CIR SPRING CITY, PA 19435	.49	.38									
6.				1.50								

Total Number of Pieces Listed by Sender: 5  
Total Number of Pieces Received at Post Office: 5  
Postmaster, per (name of receiving employee): [Signature]

PS Form 3877, February 2008 (Page 1 of 2)

Form 3606-D is used for posting of identical-weight pieces; it does not provide evidence that a piece was mailed to a particular address. ▶

◀ Form 3877 is a "Firm Book for Accountable Mail." To use it, three or more pieces must be mailed each time. Its primary use is for recording payment for fees related to certified, registered, insured and priority mail. Here it was used for certificates of mailing fees at a cost much less than using a Form 3817 for each item. The book has to be purchased separately.

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**Certificate of Bulk Mailing — Domestic**

Postage: Mailers must affix meter, PC Postage®, or (uncanceled) postage stamps here in payment of total fee due.

Acceptance employee must cancel postage affixed (by round-date) at the time of mailing.

If payment of total fee due is being paid by Permit Imprint, include the Postal/One® Transaction Number here:

**Fee for Certificate**

Up to 1,000 pieces (1 certificate for total number) Use Current Price List (Notice 123)

For each additional 1,000 pieces, or fraction thereof

Duplicate Copy

Number of Identical Weight Pieces	Class of Mail	Postage for Each Mailpiece Paid \$0.49	Number of Pieces to the Pound
51	First Class <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified		28

Total Number of Pounds	Total Postage Paid for Mailpieces	Fee Paid
1.81	\$24.99	\$1.35

Mailed For: PC & Associates  
Mailed By: Peter Elias

Postmaster's Certification

Stamp: JUN 16 2017

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®**

**Certificate of Mailing — Firm**

Name and Address of Sender: PC & Associates, 120 E FM 544, Ste 72, PMB 222, Murphy, TX 75094-4035

TOTAL NO. of Pieces Listed by Sender: 3  
TOTAL NO. of Pieces Received at Post Office™: 3

Postmaster, per (name of receiving employee): [Signature]

USPS® Tracking Number: Firm-specific Identifier

USPS® Tracking Number Firm-specific Identifier	Address (Name, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code™)	Postage	Fee	Special Handling	Parcel Airlift
1. ebay#13225971871 (VW Bus on MUSTER Plusbrief Individ.)	Jarmo Sallinen Sofianlehdonkatu 10 D35 Helsinki 00610 FINLAND	1.36	0.39		
2. ebay#132235966885 (Audi DTM car on MUSTER Plusbrief)	Rudolf Spieler Ref.# OREUSA1962925064AT 1850 Airport Exchange Blvd, #200 Erlanger, KY 41025	.70	0.39		
3. ebay#132235959225 (Audi&Horch on MUSTER Briefmarke Ind.)	Rudolf Spieler Wiesenweg 7 5163 Mattsee AUSTRIA	2.34	0.39		
4. -----	-----				
5. -----	-----				
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PS Form 3665, January 2017 (Page 1 of 1) PSN 7530-17-000-5549

See Reverse for Instructions

◀ Form 3665 allows a mailer to list items sent line by line at a substantially reduced fee. Unlike Form 3877, it is used exclusively to certify items were sent. Three or more pieces must be mailed each time.





# U.S. POSTAL SERVICE LACKS AN OFFICIAL MOTTO

By Arthur P. von Reyn

It's right there, chiseled into the gray granite entablature of the James A. Farley Post Office on 8th Avenue in New York City: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

Those words, contrary to popular belief, are *not* the official motto of the U.S. Postal Service. In fact, the post office has no official motto.

According to the U.S. Postal Service historian, the often cited words are ascribed to "Book 8, Paragraph 98, of The Persian Wars by Herodotus. During the wars between the Greeks and Persians (500-449 B.C.), the Persians operated a system of mounted postal couriers who served with great fidelity.

"The firm of McKim, Mead & White designed the New York General Post Office, as which opened to the public on Labor Day in 1914. One of the firm's architects, William Mitchell Kendall, was the son of a classics scholar and read Greek for pleasure. He selected the 'Neither snow nor rain . . .' inscription, which he modified from a translation by Professor George Herbert Palmer of Harvard University, and the Post Office Department approved it.

"Another, less well known inscription can be found on the building that formerly was the Washington, D.C., Post Office and now is the home of the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum. It is located on Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street, N.E.:

*Messenger of Sympathy and Love  
Servant of Parted Friends*

*Consoler of the Lonely  
Bond of the Scattered Family  
Enlarger of the Common Life  
Carrier of News and Knowledge  
Instrument of Trade and Industry  
Promoter of Mutual Acquaintance  
Of Peace and of Goodwill Among Men and Nations.*

"The original of this inscription was called 'The Letter' and was written by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard University. President Woodrow Wilson changed the text slightly before the inscription was carved in the white granite of the Post Office."

## FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/mission-motto.pdf>

<https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/employees-since-1926.pdf>

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 8¢	
Postal People include <b>34081</b>	Postmasters and Supervisors <b>34082</b>	Letter Carriers <b>34089</b>	Clerks <b>34084</b>	Mail Handlers <b>34085</b>	Motor Vehicle Operators	Rural Letter Carriers	Special Delivery Messengers	and Maintenance Employees	All Serving <b>YOU</b>

The Postal People issue appeared in 1973, two years after the inauguration of the U.S. Postal Service, previously the U.S. Post Office Department. The mail agency then had 548,572 employees, making it the largest civilian government employer. The employee number peaked at 797,795 in 1999 but was down to 495,941 by 2020. It was the first U.S. postage stamp issue to have printed inscriptions on the back, similar to Federal duck stamps, and also had another novelty—inscriptions in the selva above the top or bottom rows of a full 50-stamp pane that described various jobs in the Postal Service.

Employees cover 4 million miles each delivery day to bring mail to your home or business.	Our customers include 54 million urban and 12 million rural families, plus 9 million businesses.	Thirteen billion pounds of mail are handled yearly by postal employees as they speed your letters and packages.	Employees use modern, high-speed equipment to sort and process huge volumes of mail in central locations.	The skill of sorting mail manually is still vital to delivery of your mail.	Thousands of machines, buildings, and vehicles must be operated and maintained to keep your mail moving.	The People in your Postal Service handle and deliver more than 500 million packages yearly.	More than 87 billion letters and packages are handled yearly—almost 300 million every delivery day.	Mail is picked up from nearly a third of a million local collection boxes, as well as your mailbox.	Nearly 27 billion U.S. stamps are sold yearly to carry your letters to every corner of the world.
People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You	People Serving You



# ROOFNER COLLECTION TO BE AUCTIONED AT CLUB

By Geoffrey Owens

Teresa Roofner and her sons have decided to donate our late member Bob Roofner's collection to the club. The Appraisal & Disposition Committee has taken possession of the collection on behalf of the club and is sorting it into logical lots to be offered at future club meetings. Details are yet to be finalized but our general intention is to offer two or three lots per

meeting until everything is sold.

Bob's collection has particular strength in United States and Canada, some nicely mounted mint and considerable loose used material. One interesting lot consists almost entirely of U.S. federal and state revenue stamps, postal note stamps, and similar items. There is also some focus on Germany and German-occupied countries, especially Saar. Other areas of lesser focus

are United Nations and a small collection of Canal Zone

Cover collectors will be interested in the large trove of covers of all types: FDCs, commercial usage, personal use, postcards, etc. Additionally, there are some interesting items and higher-value stamps that will be offered individually

There is over \$500 face value in mint stamps, much of it in complete sheets, but also a substantial number of plate blocks. These are mostly of lower values so will be very useful for make-up rate discount postage if not saved as-is.

Finally there is an assortment of supplies, blank pages, and the like.

We tentatively plan to begin offering these lots at the first meeting in April. Bring extra pocket money with you as these items will be in addition to Jack's Albums and other member material that is presented at each meeting.

## FINBAR KENNY: PROMOTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

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"urging" Kenny to be retained as the country's philatelic agent. Judging from the little changed style of subsequent Cook Islands stamp entries in the *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*, it appears Kenny might have continued producing the islands' stamps well into the 1980s.

Research on the internet and by Alicia Leathers, an assistant at the American Philatelic Research Library, failed to turn up much further about Kenny after the Cook Islands incident, other than his passing at the age of 92.

Issuing stamps specifically targeted at stamp collectors has been practiced since the late 19th century. However, Finbar B. Kenny, J. & H. Stolow and other philatelic agents raised stamp production to unprecedented levels for the times, though those efforts would pale in comparison to the quantities of stamps produced by and for many countries today. Some philatelic pundits attribute the hobby's loss of popularity to such exploitative issues as well as rampant speculation in the philatelic marketplace during the 1960s and 1970s.

*Editor's Note: While researching this article, conflicting information was found as to who held contracts to print stamps for the various Arabian emirates. Apparently a number of others besides Kenny were responsible for producing the prolific "Sand Dunes" issues.*

### FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://the-philatelist.com/2019/04/10/sharjah-lets-you-enjoy-modern-art-thanks-to-finbar-kenny/>

[https://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Ajman/1967-1968/ajman\\_1967\\_1968\\_stamps.htm](https://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Ajman/1967-1968/ajman_1967_1968_stamps.htm)



In this photograph from the March 1965 edition of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, Kenny and his wife are shown arriving in London for the Gibbons Catalogue Centenary Exhibition, held in February of that year. He is carrying the unique British Guiana 1¢ Magenta.

<https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/criminal-fraud/legacy/2012/06/22/1979-08-02-kenny-international-offer-of-proof.pdf>

<http://web.archive.org/web/20160325035952/http://www.sothebys.com/en/news-video/auction-essays/the-british-guiana/2014/05/arthur-hind-to-the-n.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Stolow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Stolow)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunes\\_\(stamps\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunes_(stamps))

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/1979/08/03/justice-department-wins-first-victory-under-foreign-corrupt-practices-act/b1aa3a52-8f0c-40cb-8aac-e09c26dc5cb0/>

## USPS RELIEF BILL HITS SLIGHT SNAG

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save the USPS around \$22.6 billion by requiring employees to enroll in Medicare and another \$27 billion by removing the requirement that the USPS pre-fund health benefits for current and retiring employees.

As consideration for the relief, the mail agency will be required to maintain six days of delivery service and to set up an online dashboard with data on national- and local-level service to track delivery times. Expansion of special rates for local newspaper distribution is also included in the bill.

President Biden is expected to sign the bill once the legislative technicalities are overcome.

**TAKE HOME A  
VOLUME OF OUR  
2020 **SCOTT**  
STANDARD  
POSTAGE STAMP  
CATALOGUE**

**See George Clayton at  
any club meeting.**



# “EVERYDAY” BRITISH STAMPS SET TO EXPIRE

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Royal Mail app. One had to read beyond the heading to find what the news release was really about.

The impact of the obsolescence of old definitives on the collector market is a matter of speculation at this time, as it couldn't be confirmed whether both denominated and non-denominated versions, or only non-denominated ones would be obsolete. It would be no surprise if British stamp dealers started using up overstocked definitive stamps rather than commemorative ones on their mailings to collectors.

The new barcoded stamps are currently valued at 85 pence and £1.29 respectively for the first-class regular and large envelope stamps and 66 pence and 96 pence respectively for the second-class versions. In addition to these new stamps, Royal



Postage due will be assessed if British stamps like these are used after January 31, 2023.

Mail continues to sell a variety of the soon to be obsolete definitives along with a wide assortment of commemoratives.

### FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://www.royalmailgroup.com/en/press-centre/press-releases/royal-mail-group/a-new-era-for-stamps-shaun-the-sheep-features-in-uk-s-first-video-stamp/>

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

### February 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus, President, and presiding. 23 members were present, including two online.

#### Officer Reports:

**Secretary** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

**Program VP** – February meeting schedule:

**February 23** – *Linn's 2021 US Stamp Popularity Poll*, presented by Stan Bartnikowski.

**Editor/Website** – The newsletter is now monthly. Contributions for the next newsletter are needed by the first meeting of the month. The website continues to be updated after each meeting.

**Membership** – There are 55 members. An

application was received from John von Reyn of Manassas, VA.

**Old Business and New Business** – None.

**Announcements** – Perry Denton thanked the members who attended his aunt's funeral service. She had been attending meetings with Perry for around 10 years.

**Program** – Greater Dallas Postal Customer Council industry co-chair Chris's Lietrick, discussed the group's purpose—to promote local cooperation and support of Postal Service initiatives. It fosters the sharing of information and the exchange of ideas about new and existing Postal Service products, service, programs and procedures that affect business mailers and allows networking with local USPS managers. Albert Ruis, local USPS media relations representative, showed examples of upcoming U.S. stamps.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums and the sale of previously circulated collections.

### February 23, 2022

The meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. No substitute online session was held.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

APPLICATIONS PENDING

John M. von Reyn, Manassas, VA

**Membership, January 26, 2022**

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New Members

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**Membership, February 9, 2022**

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## 2022 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months. Items are forever stamps with the current value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted. The complete 2022 U.S. stamp program can be found on the [dallasstamps.org](http://dallasstamps.org) website.

- 3/14/2020 **MOUNTAIN FLORA**, (58¢) four commemorative stamps in booklet of 20. Alpine, WY 83128.
- 3/14/2022 **AFRICAN DAISY**, \$1.30 definitive stamp in panes of 10, Kansas City, MO 64108.
- 3/24/2022 **SUNFLOWER BOUQUET** (78¢) pane of 20 special stamps. Lawrence, KS 66044.
- 3/24/2022 **TULIPS** (58¢) pane of 20 special stamps. Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
- 4/14/2022 **FLAGS ON BARN** (10¢) four pre-sorted standard stamps in coils of 3,000 and 10,000. Halifax, PA 17032.
- 4/29/2022 **GEORGE MORRISON** (58¢) four commemorative stamps in panes of 20, Grand Portage, MN 55605.
- 5/4/2022 **EUGENIE CLARK** (58¢) commemorative stamp in panes of 20, Sarasota, FL 34230.
- 5/13/2022 **WOMEN'S ROWING** (58¢) four commemorative stamps in panes of 20, Philadelphia, PA 19104.
- 5/23/2020 **MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI**, (58¢) ten commemorative stamps in panes of 20, Memphis, TN 38101.
- 6/20/2022 **FLORAL GEOMETRY** \$2.00 definitive stamp in panes of 10, Kansas City, MO 64108.
- 6/20/2022 **FLORAL GEOMETRY** \$5.00 definitive stamp in panes of 4, Kansas City, MO 64108.
- 8/25/2022 **PONY CARS** (58¢) pane of 20 commemorative stamps. Sacramento, CA 95813.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the first meeting of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to [apvr@msn.com](mailto:apvr@msn.com) or mailed to 10512 Countess Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-5103.

### FOR SALE

**U.S. 2022 COILS:** Flags APU 100, BCA 100, BCA 3,000, 60c each, \$1.20 per pair; 4c Blueberries @ 5c each, 10c a pair; Butterfly Garden Flowers (non-profit 5c) @ 10c per pair. Stan Bartnikowski, [stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com](mailto:stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com), (972) 492-0222.

### WANTED

**HONG KONG POSTALLY USED;** various singles and sets between Scott #218 and #791. Contact Geoff Owens at [gmoptyx@verizon.net](mailto:gmoptyx@verizon.net) or bring what you have to a club meeting.

**MODERN U.S. COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL CARDS** in mint condition: UX285-89; 293-96; 297; 307-311; 313; 317-36; 377-80; 411-48; 450-53; 458-532; 535-61; 567-647. Arthur P. von Reyn, [apvr@msn.com](mailto:apvr@msn.com), (214) 956-6840.

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