

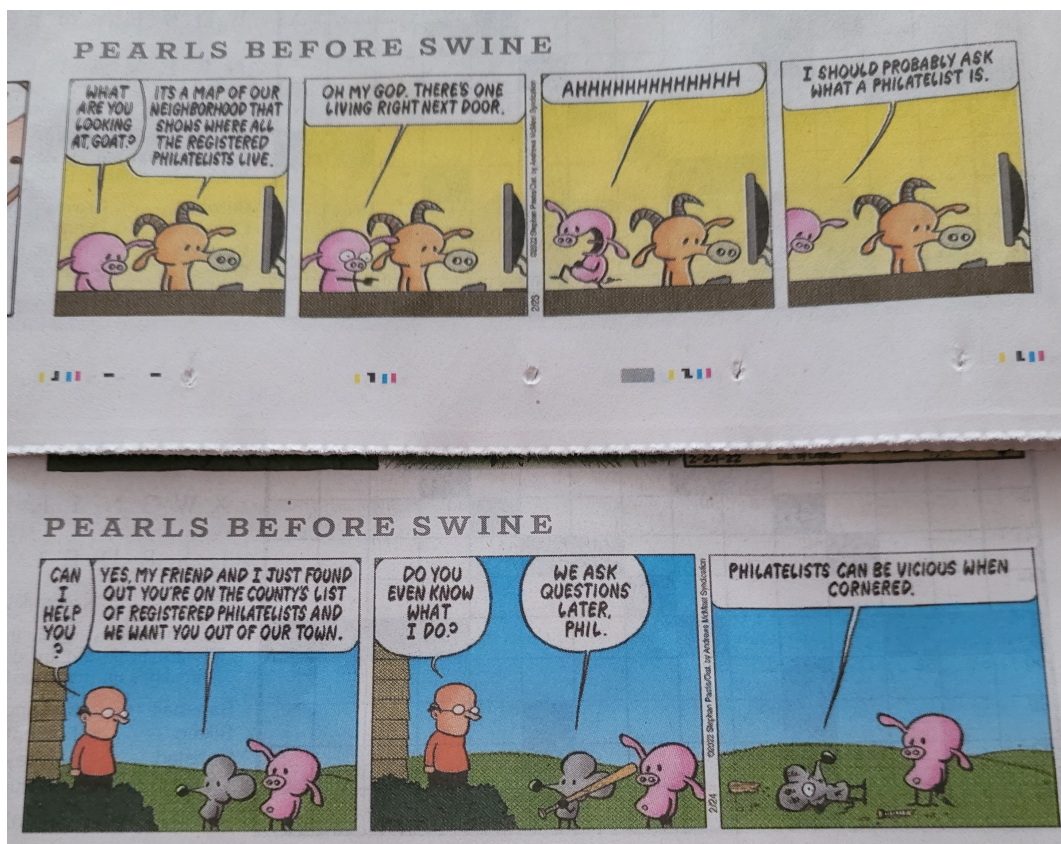


# MEETING PROGRAMME

Here is our programme for the month

## May

- Thur 05      First Thursday zoom @ 7.30pm  
Meeting ID 225 410 9851; Passcode 072596  
Stewart Gardiner "A philatelic dabbler's favourite pages Part 2"
- Wed 11      Members @ URC – Competition entries with results! + AGM
- Wed 25      Daphne McMillan display @ URC - George V1 stamps + postal stationery





The Society is sad to report the death of Frank Walton in March 2022.

Frank L. Walton, R.D.P. F.R.S.P.L. R.D.Y.P. (1955-2022).

Obituary.

I have known Frank ever since he joined the Midland Bank Philatelic Society in the late 1970's. He joined Sheffield Philatelic Society shortly afterwards. He became an active member of the Royal Philatelic Society. His job involved work at the bank's head office and he organised his visits to London to coincide with their meetings. Unfortunately, the meeting dates of the two societies clashed, so he was only able to attend the Sheffield meetings occasionally and he let his membership of Sheffield lapse. He rejoined in 1996. He was elected as editor of The London Philatelist, the Royal's magazine, which he did most successfully and was elected President. This honour was followed by being elected to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2015. Another highlight for him was at the opening of the new premises for the Royal, when he met and talked to Queen Elizabeth II.

He was a keen philatelist and started a collection of Sierra Leone. This developed into a Gold Medal collection and he wrote The Postmarks of Sierra Leone 1854 – 1961 in collaboration with the members of the West Africa Study Circle. He also wrote three other specialist books on various philatelic aspects of the country. He could not progress his collection any further and he turned his attention to China.

He assembled an exceptional collection and a few years ago was invited to go to China for a few weeks to give displays. One outstanding section of this collection was his Air Mail to Europe via Russia, which was included in the Royal Philatelic Society London Members' Collections 2019, which he compiled with Mark Bailey.

He had several specialist collections of Great Britain including Queen Elizabeth II Wilding Unadopted Essays, which won a large gold medal. He also collected other aspects of Great Britain. He had a natural talent to make his presentations interesting. He knew his subject intimately and able to answer any questions about it. His last display to Sheffield was a Zoom presentation on The Queen Elizabeth Tudor Rose Design Postal Stationery on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

He also had a wonderful collection of Sheffield postal history and part of it became a book entitled "The Sub-Office Postmarks of Sheffield". Several members collaborated with him on this project. Until his early retirement, Frank was a regional manager in the computing department of the bank and the book was published in an electronic format which utilised his expertise to the full by using hypertext links to allow immediate access to references on another page. It is also available in a printed format.

His knowledge enabled him to become an international competition judge and he was always willing to pass on his knowledge on writing competition entries.

He was a prolific author. He either wrote or edited fifteen books, but there may be more. He also collaborated with other authors by providing material for illustrations including the Corsini Letters. He told me that his greatest achievement was The De La Rue Collection in six volumes which he edited.

He was given the great honour of organising London 2020, the major decennial stamp exhibition, which due to Covid became London 2022. For this he was awarded the Royal Philatelic Society's Gold Medal.

Unfortunately, shortly after he was presented with the Royal's Gold Medal by Peter Cockburn at the London 2022 dinner on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, he was unable to eat his meal and went to his hotel. He was later diagnosed with duodenal cancer and died on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. His passing is a tragic loss to philately.

He was always ready to help and pass on his knowledge to me and other members of the Society and talk about his collections.

As well as being the most illustrious member Sheffield Philatelic Society has ever had, he was a lovely man and will be greatly missed.



List of Frank Walton's books:

The Postmarks of Sierra Leone 1854-1961 with Quirk, Hamilton and Horry.  
Sierra Leone 2½d on 2s.  
Sierra Leone Certified Postmark Impressions.  
Sierra Leone King George VI Definitive Stamp.  
West African GPO Postal Notices of The Nineteenth Century, with Beale.  
West African Censorship. - World War I and II. with Jeremy Martin and Ray Harris. (This appears to be an update of two earlier books written with Jeremy Martin.  
Perkins Bacon Archives, 4 vols.  
The De La Rue Collection, 6 vols. (Editor).  
The Royal Philatelic Society London. Membership List 1869–2014.  
Edwin Hill's Diary 1840 with Roger Johnson.  
Royal Philatelic Society London Members' Collections 2019 with Mark Bailey.  
Pan American Airways Wartime Transatlantic Air Mail: Censorship and the LATI Substitute, with John Wilson.  
Guide to writing articles for The London Philatelist.  
The Sub-Office Postmarks of Sheffield.

I thought some of you might be interested in this app which magnifies images quickly and easily.  
It's called 'Magnifier' on the Apple App Store, but is probably available for Android.



Normal image



50% magnification



100% magnification

If anyone would like to offer an article, quiz, puzzle or interesting image, please send it to me.

Short news items or questions for the members would also be welcome.