

The Bulletin

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Holyrood, Ontario by Phil Visser

It was a shock several weeks ago when Dave Pugh shared that the Holyrood General Store was closed when he went past. Readers may wonder why the shock and where is Holyrood?

It has a very important part in the Bruce County Philatelic world. To begin, Holyrood General Store has a Post Office outlet in it. Even more important is that this post office still uses a cancellation hammer. That is the critical thing to know. We all like to receive mail that has been cancelled. The spray cancel is okay, but since a significant portion of the mail bound for Owen Sound does NOT get cancelled, a trip to Holyrood solves the problem.

Through Dave, I became aware that Lucy and her husband were looking to sell the store so that they could retire. Dave found an article written in 2017 in the Kincardine Independent saying that the General Store was for sale. It seems that Lucy and her husband have been operating the store for thirty-one years (in 2017).

After years of searching for a buyer, the deal has been done. It appears that the new owners will continue with the Post Office and the store side of things. When the actual transfer will happen is unknown.

From the Post Office perspective, there were some limitations. Initially, only cash could be used to buy stamps. Computerization has caught up with the Miller General Store and so it is now fitted with electronic ways for payment and signing for documents.

According to the Postal History Society of Canada website, Holyrood's first Post Office opened in August 1856. It closed in November 1864 but reopened again April of 1868. This continued until March of 1919 when it closed again. This time the closure was for one year. Since March 1920 it has remained open throughout, even during the Covid time.

A recent visit found the true reason for the success of the General Store, the ice cream cones and flavour choices. It was a warm day and the line up for cones was at least ten people long the entire time I was there. While I was waiting to have my mail cancelled, I spoke with some other local people in the store.



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Upcoming^u Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues October 3

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed October 4

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Thurs Oct 12 Zoom
Wed Oct 18 Mtg

Guelph Stamp Club
Wed October 4
Wed October 18

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs October 12

Oxford Zoom Auction
Fri October 20

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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EXHIBITS

UPCOMING

TOPICS

October

Red

November

Fish

January

Famous Person

Message from the President

Greetings and welcome the fall weather and the time to put away the summer toys/ patio furniture and clean up the garden.

Unfortunately, the September meeting was cancelled as circumstances were unavoidable. The scheduled date was impacted by absences of key players and summer hours for the church staff did not permit rescheduling. I did attempt to notify all members for which I have contact information for on file – and apologize for any member missed. The regular first Tuesday of the month meeting will resume for the October and the single page challenge will move ahead (October challenge is RED).

Please ensure Secretary / Treasurer Judy has your current contact information available in the event contact must be made about meeting changes and/or cancellations. Judy is looking forward to money coming her way for the club dues for 2024.

Again, this year, we will plan on moving the January & February meetings to Saturday to address the concerns with night driving and possible weather conditions.

The Christmas social is coming up quickly – time to think about your contribution to the “sweets & treats” to share with other members. As well, The December meeting will feature an auction to support the Hanover Salvation Army food bank. Donations of auction material will result in our membership “reaching out to touch the lives of others” and benefit the Hanover community in their time of need. Last year we were able to donate \$500.00 plus a quantity of non-perishable food items.

The August show in Kincardine was well attended by members of both Hanover & Owen Sound. Good work John! Another opportunity to add to your collection coming up is the Owen Sound club “Circuit Book Fair” on Saturday September 23 rd from 10:00 to 3:00. Books will be available from Oxford, Saugeen, Barrie and West Toronto – and of course Owen Sound. The location is the New Life Centre, 199 4 th Ave.

A good day trip coming into the fall / winter season.

Happy Stamping!!

(Remember to label and describe your auction lots. It helps both the auctioneer and also the potential buyers)

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Another Measured Moment

A New Stamp for a New King.

If you have seen the new stamp issued by Canada Post, I ask you could they have produced an uglier stamp for King Charles. It is just my opinion, but I feel that it is almost insulting to show such a poor effort when I am sure that they have many other pictures that could have been used, and why choose Black for the colour of the stamp; black may be appropriate for a death, but not for a coronation.

My choice of a photo that may be used on a stamp to honour our new king would be the one used by Jersey when he celebrated his 60th birthday. The grey suit and a purple background seem much more appropriate when celebrating Canada's New King. *At least that's one man's opinion!*



Why does King Charles play poker in the bathroom?
Because nothing beats a royal flush.



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They made it a priority to visit the store even with the limited selection of goods. Local service was important, even when larger centres were not that far away (Kincardine and Walkerton for example). One lady explained that the Post Office was the main reason for using the store.

With the influx of Mennonite farmers, the store became busier although it seems to have dropped off somewhat. Now Lucy can retire, and the local community will see the store continue. Stamp collectors can also rejoice in the Post Office remaining open. Let's hope that Lucy shares the information that collectors from Grey and Bruce counties visit regularly. Most important is that Lucy will train the new postal clerk on how to cancel covers for us collectors who like to have cancelled stamps.

NOTE:

LOST...BUT NOT FOUND: at the August meeting of SSC the following went missing: British stamps....a booklet on trains, the last issue with the Queen's head on it, and a block of four, the first issue of King George III. These have a personal connection, and if anyone found them, please contact Lois Young at 519-327-8087. Sincere thanks.

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