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The Story of a Northern Irish Stamp Collector
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“It’s the interest, it’s the collecting, it’s the hunt” for NI stamp collector. What began as a schoolboy hobby led to a lifelong passion for stamp collector John Proctor.

The Armagh man has amassed countless stamps that are carefully displayed in “40 or 50 albums,” he’s a specialist in the King’s period — from 1902 to 1952 — and is a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London and the Portadown Philatelic Society secretary.

First things first, is there a lotto-winning stamp out there awaiting discovery?

“I’ve never heard of any,” John (76) replies. “It is possible. The more you know about your subject, the better you are prepared to see something. If I go to London to a stamp exhibition and I stop with a dealer, he may have stamps from all over the world, but he cannot know everything about everything.

“So if you are what I would call a specialist GB or Ireland collector, you probably know more about GB or Ireland than he does. So there’s a possibility of maybe seeing something that he has missed. “A common thing that increases the value would be something like an error on the stamp in the printing. And if you can see that, and maybe because of the volume of material that he’s looking through, he doesn’t see it, is a possibility. But that would be a rare occurrence — it does happen, but it’s Rare.”



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Upcoming^u Meetings
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Saugeen Stamp Club
Sat Jan 13 2024

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed January 3

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Thurs Jan 11 Zoom
Wed January 17

Guelph Stamp Club
Wed January 3
Wed January 17

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs January 11

Oxford Zoom Auction
Fri January 19

Check with the club
before going to its
meeting.

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February

Royalty

March

San Marino

Message from the President

As 2023 comes to a close, it is a good time to say “Thank you” to each and every member for everything they do to make our monthly meetings run smoothly - this includes everything from opening the Church door, setting up & taking down tables, running the draws, managing the auction (collecting the money & delivering items to their new home).

It is appreciated— thank you!!

Our annual social during December was another great example... from the treats shared with others and the second consecutive year everyone supported to Hanover Salvation Army food bank. Cindy Steadman from the Salvation Army was on hand to provide an overview of the increasing need within their catchment area. This year there has been a 40% increase in demand but a 10% decrease in giving. Every little bit helps families who are having a difficult time with a job loss and increasing food & housing expenses. The club was able to make a donation of \$500.00 to the food bank to help with addressing the need plus many members provided food items.

The January and February meetings have been changed to January 13th & February 3rd 2024.

The time for both meetings is 1:00 to 3:00 - this change in the date & time should address the weather and driving conditions after dark. Please check your email messages before leaving home in case of meeting cancellation.

Our annual show location has been confirmed for Saturday May 4th in a new location:

(The Clifford Community Hall— 2 William St., Clifford)

Time 10:00 to 3:00 P.M.

We must begin the planning for the show at our January meeting...

Advertising / lunch counter / frames etc.

Wishing everyone has (had) a great Christmas with family & friends.

See you in January.

I am sad to report that we have lost another long time stamp collector and circuit manager with the passing of Howie Mason. Many of you will remember him..

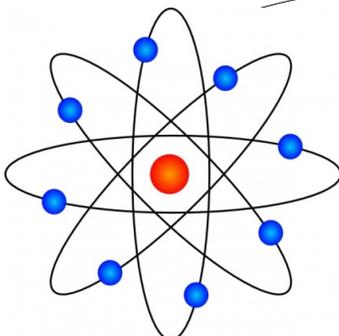
Another Measured Moment (returns next month)

Northern Irish Collector, John Proctor cont. From pg 1.

John, who is a member of the Portadown & District Philatelic Society, doesn't collect stamps in the hopes of financial gain, nor does anyone he knows. "It's the interest, it's the collecting, it's the hunt; that's what's makes it for me," he says. "I just find it relaxing. I had a fairly intense job. So I found when I come home, I could switch off. I could write up stamps, I could look forward to what post I had received, if there's any new stamps that I had acquired on eBay in recent times that I would need to inspect and write up.

"It's a switch off from normal life and you just close yourself in and concentrate on researching your stamps, finding out information, and writing them up and creating another page for your album."

Times have changed from when John was a boy, in relation to the methodology of stamp collecting. "Years ago there would have been a large number of dealers in England mainly and they would have advertised in newspapers and comics and so on," he says. "They would have posted you stamps, what's called on approval, and they would have sent you stamps and you would have examined them, and extracted and paid for whatever you wanted and then returned what you didn't want to them. "They would have done that maybe on a monthly basis or something like that. That was then, in recent times that has transferred to online. There were numerous dealers in London or Manchester and they have all decreased over the years."



Joke of the Day

Question: Why can't you trust an atom?

Answer: Because they make up everything

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Chapter 21, Grand River Valley
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Please take note of the following:

1. We need a new Coordinator for our Club Show in May. This is Ralph's last year but I am sure he will have a list of dealers that he can pass on.
2. There will be a special event at our January meeting. If you want to know what it is you will have to be there.
3. Our January meeting will be **Saturday, January 13 from 1 – 3 pm**. Our February meeting will be **Saturday, February 3 from 1 – 3 pm**.
4. We are looking for a club logo to submit to Canada Post for our May Show

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