



**Happy New Year to All members and Friends of Ballarat Stamp Club!**

This our first Newsletter for 2021 sadly needs to advise that we have had to cancel our Ballarat Begonia Festival Fair of March 2021. We will be back bigger and better than ever (we hope) for the Eureka Fair on the second Sunday in October 2021. Please advise Peter Morey urgently if you wish to have the COVID-19 Cancellor stamp applied to your March Mini Sheets or Covers.



At the request of most Members to adhere to COVID-19 19 restrictions we have been very conservative about returning to face-to-face meetings. You will be delighted to know our First 2021 Club Meeting will be held at the Eastwood Leisure Centre on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm. We will have an informal chat, Club Meeting, Auction (bring 5 items each) and Circuit sheets. In March we are due to meet on Mondays 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please try to get to these Meetings!

The March mini sheets and covers are as usual selling well. They go to England, Canada and Australia from the Northern Territory, Victoria, WA, SA, NSW, Queensland and Tasmania. As I said earlier please advise if you want the COVID-19 Cancellor applied or not.

Secretary Jan Kerr advises that we are still getting requests of "Free Stamps for Kids" (now about 160 lots have been sent out) and some nice clean albums with stamps have been donated and some were given to new club members recently. We want to send more stamps to the kids so a working bee to address envelopes and pack stamps may be coming up!

Thanks to Neil Petrass for organising picking up the Bendigo, Brighton, and Geelong Circuit sheets for distribution. Neil assures me he has arranged sheets for the first 3 Club meetings.

Some club members have participated in the Brighton Auctions in recent weeks.

Veteran Club Member Struan Robertson as if he did not have enough health issues had somebody reverse out of their drive into his car writing it off. He is battling on.

Young Patrick Hoang from Melbourne emailed to offer with his dad to 'bump in' and 'bump out' for March so I hope he can do that for October instead. He is aware of this Fair cancellation.

Many members are aware of other clubs conducting their own auctions more recently online. Several have asked if Ballarat Club may consider running our own online auctions. It would need several volunteers of course – Any Interest?

Peter Morey President Ballarat PS

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**Upcoming Events**

**Meetings**

*Returning to the dates and times as scheduled on the syllabus—See Page 3*  
**February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Eastwood Leisure Centre from 7pm to 9pm**

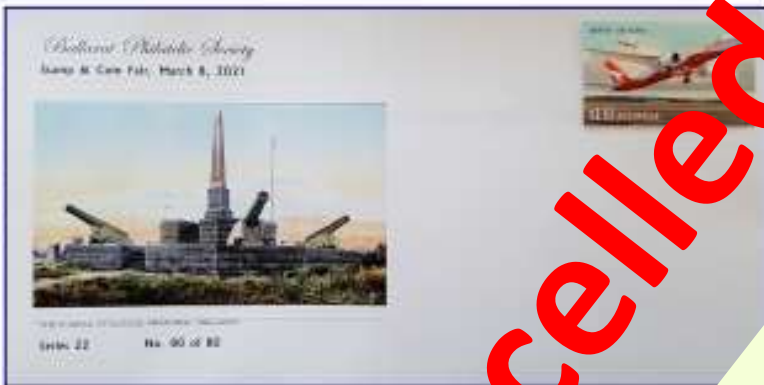
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# **Ballarat Begonia Festival Stamps & Coins Fair**

**Monday 8th March  
2021**

**9.30am — 3.30pm**

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**Cancelled**  
Historic Envelope Series and Miniature Sheets are still for sale.  
See accompanying details.

**website: Ballaratstampclub.com.au**

**New members most welcome!**

**IN THE EVENT THAT THE FAIR NEEDS TO BE CANCELLED**

Customers can choose to have a special cancellation cachet applied to either or both items—

It's your choice! Maybe a collectors piece.

Please advise Peter Morey if you wish to do this.

**Note that October 2020 items both sold out, so get in quick!**



# Club News

## 2021 Syllabus

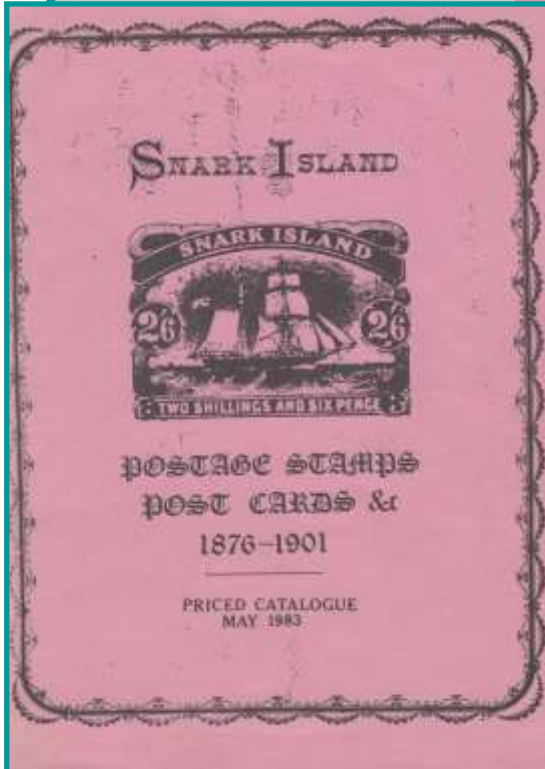
February 15	Eureka Displays – One sheet Letter “Q” <b>(Club Newsletter Items Due)</b> Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Bass Strait Islands Mail: Keith Sanders</i>	July 19	<b>Annual General meeting</b> <i>President’s Display</i>
March 15	Eureka Displays – Two Sheets Letter “R” Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Neil Petrass</i>	August 16	Inter-club social night and auction <b>(Club Newsletter items due)</b>
March 29	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting	August 30	Circuit Sheets and Committee meeting
April 19	Eureka Displays – Three sheets Letter “S” <b>(Club Newsletter items due)</b>	September 20	Annual Membership Due Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Dutch East Indies: Peter Morey</i> (Sunday)
May 17	Eureka Displays – Four sheets Letter “T” Club Member’s Special Interest Display: <i>Antarctica: John Niehoff</i>	October 10	<b>Eureka Stamps and Coins Fair</b> Eastwood Leisure Centre
May 31	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting	October 18	Other Collections / Hobbies Night
June 21	Nominations due for Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2021/22 <b>(Club Newsletter items due)</b>	November 15	Mystery Guest Night
		November 29	Circuit Sheets and Committee Meeting
		December	End of year Function Date and Venue T.B.A.



“Here’s trouble, it’s the militant wing  
of the Philatelic Society!”

# From My Collection SNARK ISLAND

Contributed by Jack van Beveren



Further research on this and other philatelic design work can be obtained by googling by Gerald M King .



## THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK

### INTRODUCTION

In 1876, Lewis Carroll published his other great masterpiece of creative writing, "THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK". He recorded that the first inspiration for this was during a walk on the hill side in Surrey in July 1874:

"When suddenly there came into my head one line of verse-one solitary line- 'For the Snark WAS a Boojum, you see'. I know not what it meant then; I know not what it means now; but I wrote it down; and, sometime afterwards, the rest of the stanza occurred to me, that being its last line; and so by degrees, at odd moments during the next year or two, the rest of the poem pieced itself together, that being its last stanza".

Again, there was the initial inspiration. The poem may lack the originality of ALICE, but this in no way diminishes its greatness. The narrative technique has its ancestry in Homer's ODYSSEY, and other seavoyaging ballads, but never, before nor since, has there been nonsense of such excellent, sustained quality.

Dr. Selwyn H. Goodacre.

### THEORY....

On July 18th, 1874, Her Majesty's Vessel "SNARKFINDER" sailed from Guildford Harbour. On board, ten worthy adventurers ; their destination, the mysterious uncharted island rumoured to be inhabited by Snarks. Their objective, to capture one or more of these elusive creatures.

After a year and eight months at sea, the party finally made landfall on March 22nd, 1876, and founded a new Colony within the British Empire.

To ascertain the location of the island, Carroll provides two vital clues : (a) that the vessel got 'snarked' in tropical climes, and (b) that the captain hoped that "when the wind blew due east, that the ship would NOT travel due west !"

These two facts would point to the island being both Eastern and Tropical.

Now, take Stanley Gibbons Catalogue of The British Commonwealth. If one places SNARK ISLAND in its correct alphabetical position, it fits snugly between the pages of SINGAPORE and SOLOMON ISLANDS. Study an atlas, and the midway point twixt these two places turns out to be the Northwest tip of NEW GUINEA, the outline of which, on imaginative inspection may well suggest a lizardlike, dinosaurish, dare I say it SNARKISH shape ? It therefore seems logical to assume that SNARK is one of the myriad of small islands off the New Guinea coast.

Naturally, the captain and members of the crew would wish to keep in touch with their homeland, and for their convenience, obsolete stamps of Wonderland were supplied, overprinted S.E.F. (SNARK EXPEDITIONARY FORCE).

During the long voyage, the supply of these stamps gradually became exhausted, and the company took it upon themselves to produce a fresh supply. The Beaver was probably assigned this task, he being adept at lace-making, and designed four stamps, two penny, and two twopenny values. They were printed in red and blue, but were probably never actually 'issued', because shortly after landfall, a package was discovered containing the first 'official issues' to be used when the Colony was established.

These were quickly put to use on correspondence back to England, bearing reports on the progress (or non-progress) in the efforts to capture the Snark.....

Gerald M. King



# From My Collection

## SNARK ISLAND

The **Snark** is a fictional animal species created by Lewis Carroll in his nonsense poem *The Hunting of the Snark*. His descriptions of the creatures were, in his own words, unimaginable, and he wanted that to remain so.

This collection of Snark Island Cinderellas were issued by Gerald M King who is a philatelist in the world of Cinderellas, he is based in the UK

After more than 50 years he has released hundreds of fantasy stamps and other philatelic items that cover a range and topics and themes including Australia, Wonderland, Alternative Lundy and Snark Island. Below are samples of Snark Island stamps.

*The 1894 Hunting Tax stamps, below, represent some of the essentials for Snark Hunting—a thimble, forks, smiles and soap*



*The “Cinderellas” produced by Gerald King highlight and embellish various aspects of Lewis Carroll’s poem “Hunting of the Snark” including Queen Victoria’s Jubilee in 1897.*



# Southern Nigeria Protectorate (1900 – 1914)

**Region:** West Africa  
**Group:** British Nigeria  
**Classification:** Colony (Britain)  
**Prior Regime:** Niger Coast Protectorate

## Key Dates:

1900, Jan 1 – Southern Nigeria formed by joining Niger Coast Protectorate with territories from the Royal Niger Company

1906 – Lagos became part of Southern Nigeria

1914, Jan 1 – Southern Nigeria and Northern Nigeria were combined to form the colony of Nigeria

**Following Regime:** Nigeria Colony

## History



Traditional heads of Ibeku meet with heads of the British administration in Southern Nigeria. British colonization in western Africa did not really begin until after the British Parliament prohibited British subjects from participating in the slave trade, and in 1833 abolishing slavery throughout the British Empire (with the exceptions “of the Territories in the Possession of the East India Company,” the “Island of Ceylon,” and “the Island of Saint Helena”, which were eliminated in 1843).

With the collapse of the slave trade, and the decline of the influence of the African Oyo Empire which supported it, interest in the area waned.

British influence in the Nigeria area increased gradually over the 19th century, but they did not effectively occupy the area until 1885, when competitive pressure increased from France and Germany. The Royal Niger Company was formed in 1879 as the United African Company; renamed to National African Company in 1881 and to Royal Niger Company in 1886. It was chartered by the British government to develop the Niger basin.



Map of Nigeria, showing the boundaries of 1914

The Niger Coast Protectorate was a British territory in the Oil Rivers area of present-day Nigeria. It was originally established as the Oil Rivers Protectorate in 1885 and expanded and renamed the Niger Coast Protectorate on 12 May 1893.

In January 1900, the chartered territories of the Royal Niger Company merged with the Niger Coast Protectorate to form the Southern Nigeria Protectorate. Lagos and the territories around Lagos were added in 1906, and the Niger Coast Protectorate was officially renamed the Colony and Protectorate of Southern Nigeria. As consolidation and British influence increased, Southern Nigeria was joined with Northern Niger Protectorate to form the single colony of Nigeria in 1914. The unification was done for economic reasons rather than political — Northern Nigeria Protectorate had a budget deficit; and the colonial administration sought to use the budget surpluses in Southern Nigeria to offset this deficit.

## Stamps

Southern Nigeria Protectorate initially used postage stamps from the [Niger Coast Protectorate](#) until a set of nine values, depicting an image of Queen Victoria, were issued in March 1901. In 1903, new stamps, with the profile of King Edward VII were issued. The design, which was used throughout the entire realm, continued to be used throughout his reign, although there were changes in colour, watermark and paper. In 1912, the design was replaced by a set of 12 stamps with a portrait of King George V.



Southern Nigeria stamps were replaced by stamps of Nigeria Colony in 1914.

## Thematic Collecting

Recently I was asked what I was collecting, my answer was I have a general collection of world wide stamps, a growing collection of Railway themed stamps and some other odd and sods that are generally left overs from my main collection.

This got me thinking what other theme or themes I could consider specialising. Maybe the common themes such as birds, animals, famous people or something more obscure such as



Beards on Stamps (showcasing an interesting feature such as 1986 \$1 Rabbi Bernard Revel issue, which has a very small, and hard to see, "Star of David" engraved in the Rabbi's beard, in the moustache area). Another

obscure theme are allegory figures on stamps (Allegorical figures are personifications, often female, of abstract concepts or emotional states. One example are the figures designed after door-panel Art Deco bas-reliefs created by Canadian architect Ernest Cormier, OC (1885-1980), and



installed in the United Nations General Assembly building in New York city). Mathematical Equations and Mathematicians on Stamps is a theme that encompasses anything mathematics related. An example is Pierre de Fermat and his famous Last Theorem (or conjecture) which claims that no three positive integers x, y and z can satisfy the equation shown on the stamp. It took 358 years and countless attempts until Andrew Wiles published a successful proof of the theorem in 1995.

A very popular theme is King George VI collections which has its own society formed in 1960 by the late Frank R. Saunders. There are currently about 400 members living in 27 countries. The main aim of the



Society is to bring together all those interested in the stamps of the reign of King George VI.

I decided to do some further exploring and found the American Topical Associations ATA Checklist Topics have a list of approximately 50 topic categories, that are then further broken down into themes, for instance there are over 200 animal themes covering specific animals of which there are 36 for cats alone.



Other themes that don't usually readily spring to mind include Anatomy –split into Eyeglasses, Eyes, Fingerprints / Footprints, Hands and Skeletons / Skulls (Death) and The Entertainment listing that includes Gambling and Lottery. A new and currently very topical theme is Covid-19

When philately was first introduced, collectors only collected stamps from around the world. Towards the end of the 19th century, countries began to produce more stamps and it was impossible to collect all postage stamps from each nation hence thematic philately came into being.

In deciding on a topical or thematic stamp collection, selecting a suitable topic that is not too broad is vital. It should be something that fascinates you and fuels your passion for thematic philately.

Railways of the World is the theme I have selected but when I look at the ATA site, they break this theme down into eight other categories covering about 5000 stamps.



Having put this article together I would like to hear about themes members and readers are pursuing, contribution to this forum will help us keep the club functioning during this difficult time.

Please email me your theme(s) to [tacey55@gmail.com](mailto:tacey55@gmail.com) and I will compile a list. Indicate if you would like your contact shared with like minded collectors.



# Who Collects What?

*This section of our newsletter is aimed at building up a resource, contact list of what our members are collecting . By contributing to this section you may establish a network that assists your collections and hopefully inspire others to start a new avenue of their collecting.*

Cliff Matthews

As members know I collect USA covers. Here are a few of Hand Painted Covers. I thought they might be of interest. So far I have identified more than 300 different producers. My list is still growing. If interested or have something to help add to my area please make contact.



Jack van Beveren

Cinderellas—he has an interesting collection based on a number of themes. See this edition's item on Snark Island. He also collects various "Seals" including Lions Club Seals and Bedford Seals.



Jan Kerr

Jan collects King George V stamps and has an ever growing collection.



Pat Tacey

Is beginning to concentrate on collecting stamps Railway depicting railways from around the world. He is also trying to complete a collection of at least one stamp from each current country. Kazakstan, the Federated States of Micronesia Moldova, South Sudan, Tajikstan and Turkmenistan have so far eluded him.



It would be great to create a data base of members and readers collection habits. Let us know and we can included your interests in future newsletters and hopefully on our website



## *Reader Wish lists.*

### Newsletter Items

The editor of this newsletter is in need of contributions from any of our readers, he would like to highlight the knowledge, experiences , interests and collecting needs of our broad readership that stretches throughout Australia and overseas. Overseas contributions would be most welcome. All he asks is that items are forwarded in Word or Pages format and pictures in jpeg or png format for ease of handling.

Useful tips, interesting trivia and useful websites are required or the newsletter , the editor is running out of information. Email anything you can to [tacey55@gmail.com](mailto:tacey55@gmail.com).

### Useful Websites

The American Topical Associations website has a list of approximately 50 topic categories, that are then further broken down into themes, for instance there are over 200 animal themes covering specific animals of which there are 36 for cats alone.

<https://americantopical.org/Checklist-Topics>

Found a philatelic clue in a crossword that has you stumped try this site

<http://crosswordtracker.com/clue/philatelic-collectible/>

Got a philatelic term that needs explanation try this site

<https://www.warwickandwarwick.com/news/guides/philatelic-terms>

### [Free Stamp Album Software - New Release - AlbumEasy V4.2](#)

The link below connects you with a program to install if you want to print their album pages. The program needs to be installed and then you need to work through the guide as to how to use. Looks interesting and worth a try.

<https://www.thestampweb.com/albumeasy/download>

## Royal Mail Celebrates British Achievements with Four Stamps



Royal Mail introduced four impressive stamps to celebrate the greatest British achievements in sport, technology, creativity and strong sense of community. The items are very bright and when put together form a miniature sheet that resembles the Union Jack.

The stamp that celebrates sporting accomplishments commemorates Britain as a proud sporting nation. The country is not only the birthplace of cricket, but it also boasts a great number of Formula 1 champions. The stamp that marks the scientific and technological achievements underlines the role of the UK in the financial sphere, as well as in the development of the knowledge base about the human genome.

The third stamp features an image of a rainbow and celebrates Britain's long-held sense of community spirit. The final stamp marks the UK's talent in the arts, music and movie industries,

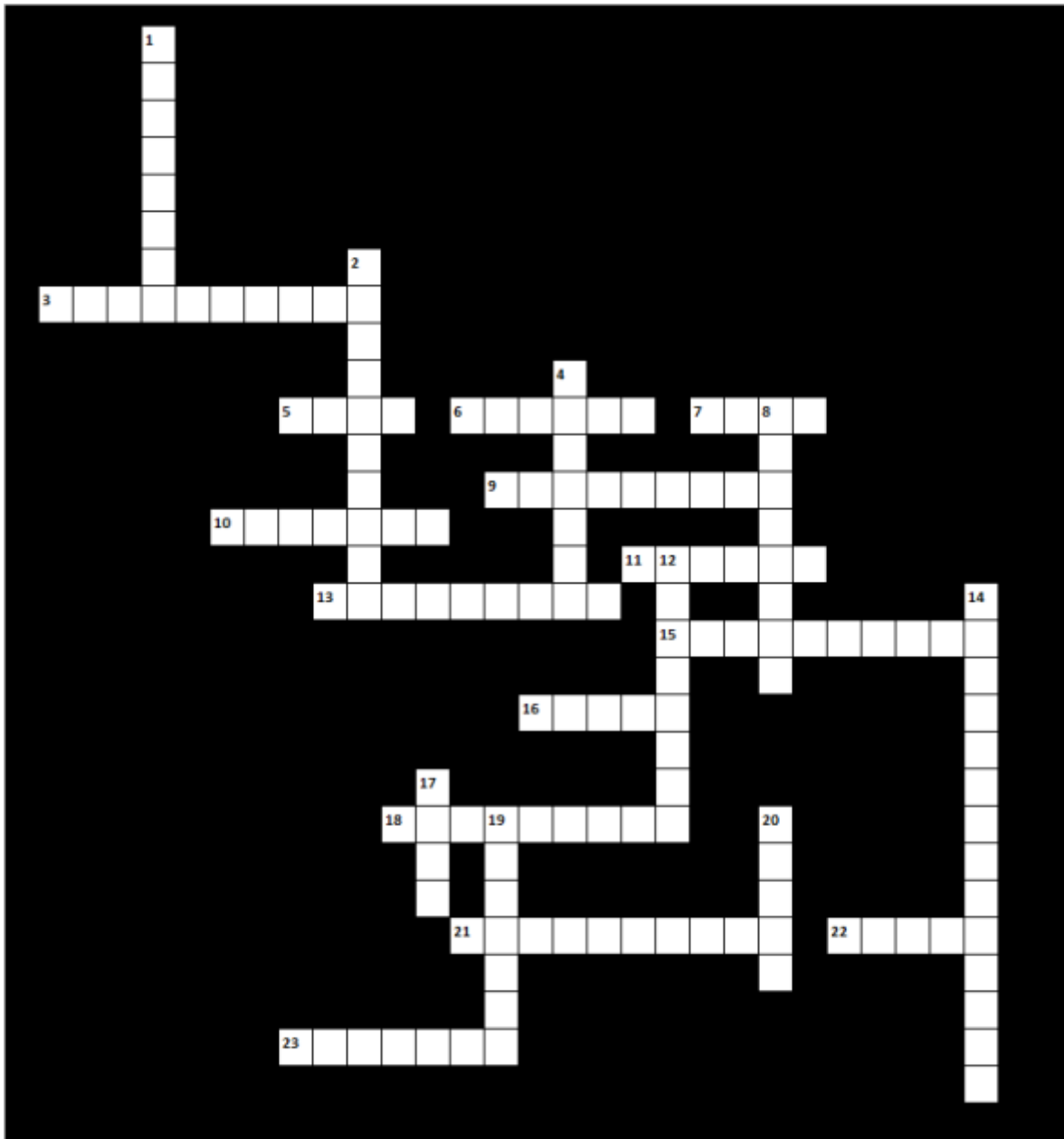
## Philatelic Terms Crossword

Source <https://www.warwickandwarwick.com/news/guides/philatelic-terms>

### Across

3. A stamp which is inverted in relation to the adjoining stamp in a pair.
5. A postmark or overprint which has been applied by hand.
6. Describes part of a stamp cut in two for separate use; usually during an era of stamp shortages.
7. Perforations arranged in a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern to perforate three sides of a stamp in one stroke.
9. Pre-printed cancellation by the post office.
10. British definitive stamps issued in 1952, featuring the Queen's head and taken from a photographic portrait by Dorothy \_\_\_\_\_.
11. A commemorative marking, illustration or description on an envelope which explains the commemorative purpose when it was mailed and is usually applied by a rubber stamp is a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The term used for high value definitive stamps associated with King George V is a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Stamps printed and issued without perforations, so that they bear straight edges on all four sides are \_\_\_\_\_.
16. This series of small dots is embossed on a stamp to allow ink from the postmark to sink in and prevent the stamp being cleaned and re-used.
18. An overprint has been used to alter or change a stamp's established face value.
21. A stamp issued for temporary use often overprinted or surcharged is \_\_\_\_\_ stamp.
22. A common name given to GB definitives, first issued in 1967, which had the Queen's head designed by Arnold \_\_\_\_\_.
23. A fraudulent copy of a genuine stamp, overprint or post mark - done to deceive collectors is a \_\_\_\_\_.





### Down

1. A stamp which is no longer sold by the Post Office even though it may still be valid for use on post is a \_\_\_\_\_ stamp
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ stamp is issued for ordinary postal use which remains on sale for an extended period.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ stamp indicates the payment of a fee or tax
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ cross-shaped cancellation was used on the first British stamps
12. \_\_\_\_\_ a water-soluble ink or dye.
14. The holes which are punched between stamps on a sheet to make them easy to separate are known as \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_ stamps have been issued annually since 1934, permits and help to finance the hunting the federal waterfowl in the USA.
19. A \_\_\_\_\_ stamp which was issued with a premium or surcharge for charitable purpose.

# *The Weird and Wonderful*

## World's First LED stamp

The world's first LED stamp was issued by Portuguese post on 22nd October 2019.

The LED diode has been attached to the image of the guiding star which illuminates when it comes to contact with an Android or IOS smartphone with NFC technology (near field communication).



To access this feature, follow these steps:

- 1- On an Android operating system, simply activate the NFC feature in the smartphone settings menu.
2. Move the backside of the smartphone close to the souvenir sheet.
3. Find the area where the NFC frequency is being emitted to illuminate the star's light (the LED)

## The first time stamps were used to commemorate a public figure was in 1893.

The first commemorative stamp was part of the 400th-anniversary celebration of Christopher Columbus.

The stamp was issued at a 2-cent rate. It's based on a work of art featuring Columbus and his fleet. The engraving was made by Alfred Jones and Charles Skinner



## Hawid Closure Website announcement—

At the end of January 2021, the well-known company HAWID in Berlin informed its customers: "As you know, the Hawid company is a symbol of philately. We have been supplying you with our philatelic accessories for many decades. *Fewer and fewer people still use philatelic items. The use of electronic media has also contributed to the fact that sales of our products have been falling for several years. We regret to inform you that due to the lack of economic prospects and the age of the owner Ms. Widmaier (80 years), the company Hawid Hans Widmaier GmbH will be closed on June 30, 2021. We will continue production until June 30th, 2021 and do our best to carry out all orders during this time* We hope you will be able to find a replacement for our products at short notice and thank you in advance for the many years of trusting cooperation.

*With best regards,*

*Hawid Hans Widmaier GmbH "*