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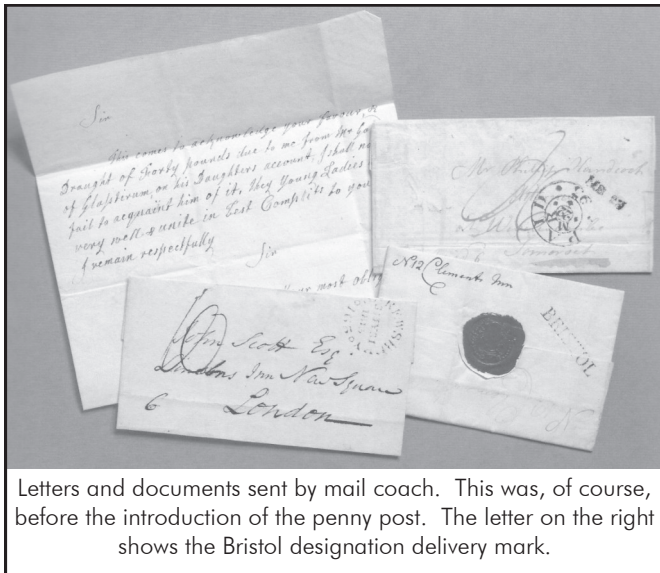
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MOVING THE MAIL

Letters have been written and sent for a very long time, long before the first Penny Black stamps were released. Post boys trotted out from London down the principal roads of the nation to such destinations as Bristol, Holyhead and Dover. Letters were dropped off at post houses; these were usually inns which acted as local distribution centres.

evening before 6 o'clock, and into the Bristol Post Office before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and they will be delivered in London the next day"



Letters and documents sent by mail coach. This was, of course, before the introduction of the penny post. The letter on the right shows the Bristol designation delivery mark.



Few believed that this schedule could be kept but Palmer's first night run of 2 August 1784 proved to be a complete success.

Then in 1782 one John Palmer suggested his plan for the night mail coach, designed to carry passengers and mail. Palmer was fortunate to have friends in high places, among them William Pitt. It was his attention to detail that eventually ensured acceptance of the plan. He himself travelled the country timing routes and checking distances.

The mail guard was the coach commander and an employee of the Post Office, unlike the coachmen who worked for the contractor of the mail route. The guard was issued with a blunderbuss, a brace of pistols and a handsome uniform, military in style with a red coat and cocked hat. The receiver of the letter paid for its carriage and delivery which is a good reason that guards were given some protection from thieves on the road.

Against considerable opposition within the Post Office, Palmer's scheme was granted a trial over the Bristol – Bath – London route.

The final run of the mail coach service coincided with the introduction of Stephenson's Rocket, and the spread of the railway system. The new steam coach became highly popular as it had all the advantages of speed and cost. The Post Office changed gradually from road to rail, the last London based mail coach ceasing in 1846.

"Letters for London or for any place between or beyond to be put into the Bath Post Office every



THE ORIGINAL BATH Mail Coach of 1784

AN ATTACK on the EXETER Mail in 1816

THE NORWICH Mail in a Thunder Storm 1827

THE HOLYHEAD & LIVERPOOL Mails 1828

THE EDINBURGH Mail Snowbound in 1831

HINGING

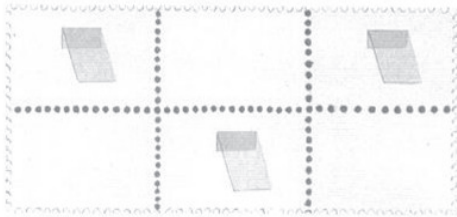
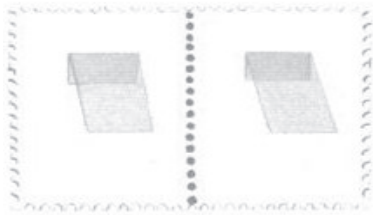
Stamp hinges were devised a long time ago so that stamps could be affixed to the album page, yet could also be peeled off later with no damage. There is only one major mistake one can make with stamp hinges, and that is putting too much moisture on a hinge so that it touches the stamp and therefore glues itself to the page.

Many stamps are damaged by careless hinging and to avoid this happening to your new collection, we offer the following practical hints:

1. Always use hinges of good quality.
2. Hinges should always be smaller than the stamp.
3. Lick hinges or better still, damp them as lightly as possible, taking special care of mint stamps.

▶ For a very small stamp, cut a hinge in half, lengthways or widthways, depending on the shape.

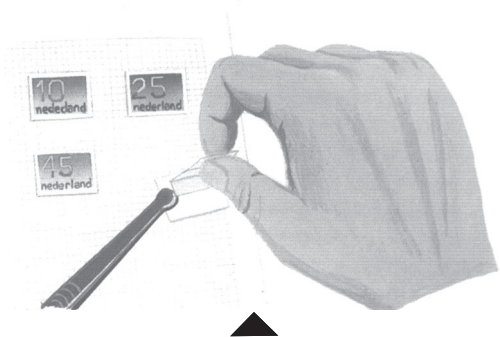
Mount a pair of stamps like this, keeping the hinges clear of the perforations between the two.



▶ If you have a block of stamps, don't tear them apart. Mount them together, using as many hinges as are necessary to fix the block securely.

4. Attach only the smaller part of the folded hinge to the back of the stamp.
5. Moisten only the lower part of the remaining section of the hinge for attachment to the album page. (This habit makes it possible to examine the stamps without damaging the perforations.)
6. If a stamp is wrongly affixed to the stamp page, let it dry thoroughly - sometimes this will be overnight - before attempting to remove it. If you try to remove it too quickly the album page will certainly be marked.
7. Do not change hinges more often than you must. A good hinge, not too heavily moistened, will survive numerous moves.

Mount a triangle like this, with the hinge on the side nearest the centre of the album so the stamp will not get crumpled when the album is shut.



If you mount a stamp in the wrong place, or get it crooked, wait for at least half an hour until the gum on the hinge has completely dried. Then the hinge will peel off the page and off the stamp without doing any damage. This means you can also take stamps out of your album to rearrange, sell or swap.

Answers to NZ Stamp Quiz

1. 1855
2. NZ changed to decimal currency
3. 5
4. 5 [Green/Red/Blue/Purple/Gold]
5. 4 [Queen Victoria/ Queen Mary (wife of George V) / Queen Elizabeth (wife of George VI) / Queen Elizabeth II]
6. Napier
7. 4
8. The end of World War II
9. Issued with spelling mistake of Wakitipu
10. NZ's first triangle shaped stamps

CONGRATULATIONS

Also to the following young collectors who have been awarded an achievement award since our last listing.

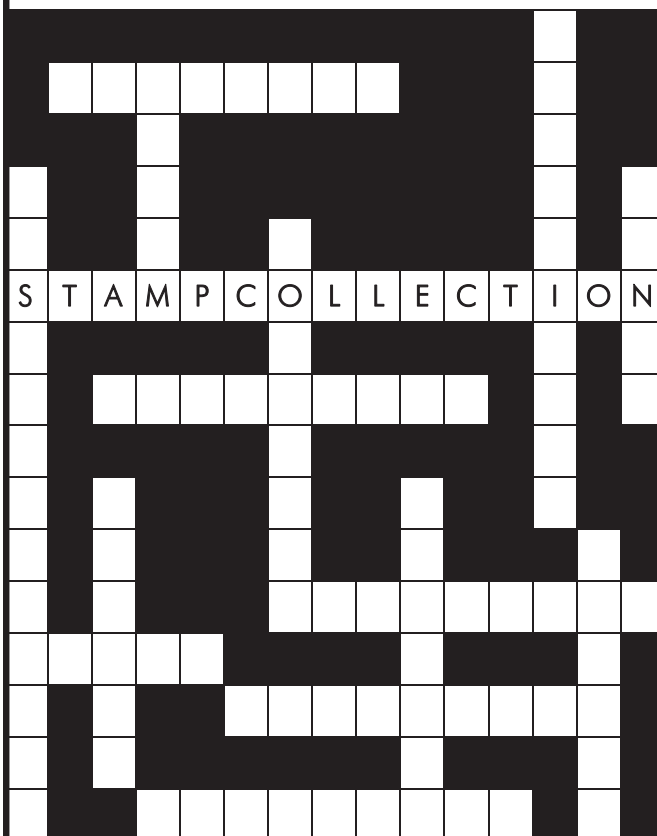
Bronze	Cailum Halsey-Collier
Silver	Marcus Hughan
	Isabella Beach
	Amy Rosenfeldt
	Warrick Wright
Gold	Tait Beekmans
	Louisa Slack
	Anna McTaggart

NZ Stamp Quiz

1. When were the first New Zealand stamps issued?
2. What happened on 10 July 1967 to New Zealand stamps?
3. How many stamps are in the 1984 Wildlife set?
4. How many different colours of \$1 round Kiwi stamps have been issued?
5. How many Queens are depicted on New Zealand stamps?
6. Where is the tower depicted on the 1974 4c anniversary stamp?
7. How many stamps are in the 1980 Architecture set?
8. What did the 1946 Peace issue commemorate?
9. What mistake happened with the 2½d 1898 Pictorial stamp?
10. What is unusual about the 1943 health stamps?

Answers on page 2.

Crossword



Using the words from the list below, try to fill in all the blank spaces in the puzzle. Good luck!

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|------------|------------------|-----------|
| Album | Magnifier | Stockbook |
| Covers | Mounts | Tongs |
| Decoder | Postal History | Topicals |
| Hinge | Postcards | Worldwide |
| Identifier | Stamp Collection | Year Sets |

CONGRATULATIONS

The later part of this year has been very busy for those exhibitors who can enter at National level.

Results from Malaysia 2014 this December
This was a full World Youth Exhibition and these results are outstanding for these young collectors.

Amy Rosenfeldt	Silver
Anna McTaggart	Large Silver
Lachlan Smith	Vermeil
Louisa Slack	Vermeil
Michael Davis	Large Silver
Ryan Smith	Large Silver
Sharon McTaggart	Large Silver
Tait Beckmans	Large Silver
Warrick Wright	Large Vermeil & Special Prize

Results from Adelaide in October

Amy Rosenfeldt	Large Vermeil
Lachlan Smith	Large Silver
Louisa Slack	Vermeil
Ryan Smith	Vermeil
Sharon McTaggart	Vermeil
Warrick Wright	Gold

Results from Baypex in November

Youth Development

Arthur Koutsenko	Silver
Ciara Gibson	Silver
Hadley Muller	Large Silver
Rose McTaggart	Silver



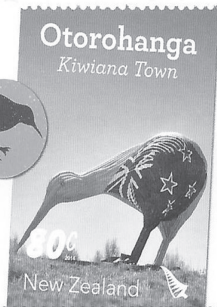
National Class

Amy Rosenfeldt	Large Silver
Annalise Smith	Large Silver
Hadley Muller	Vermeil
Lachlan Smith	Large Vermeil
Ryan Smith	Vermeil
Warrick Wright	Large Vermeil



Visitors to Baypex having a good time choosing stamps from our large dip tins.

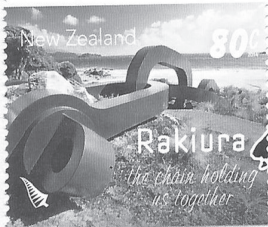
Christmas World Puzzle



For a change our word puzzle this newsletter has hidden New Zealand town names - good luck. Remember the words can also go backwards or diagonally across.



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 H A G N A H O R O T O D N
 K U A R U K E K U P D L C
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 A R O P E U U B U N U I D
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