A Letter Box Bibliography Update　　　　　Glenn H Morgan

The following titles are the latest items to have been located by your compiler since the previous listing appeared in the Newsletter. For internet users, a free 36-page downloadable PDF containing all previous entries together with those listed for the first time below can now be obtained by visiting *www.stampprinters.info/LBBiblio.pdf*

UK BOXES

Old Letter Boxes: A Shire Book

by Martin Robinson (Author)

> **Paperback:** 44 pages. **Publisher:** Shire; UK. Second edition with new text and colour illustrations (2000), re printed (2004, 2011).
> **ISBN-10:** 0-7478-0446-X.　**ISBN-13:** 978-0-7478-0446-8.

*Note that this popular publication appeared in 2011 with a new style of outside front cover that matches other publications in the current Shire series (beige lower section containing title and author details). However, the text and imagery within has apparently **not** been updated, so should only be purchased by those not already owning a copy of this book.*

Post Box Portraits

by Carly Wong (Author and Photographer)

> **Hardback and softback editions:** 108 pages. **Language:** English. **Publisher:** Carly Wong, UK (2010)
> **ISBN-10:** None.　　**ISBN-13:** None.
> **Facebook page:** *www.facebook.com/pages/Post-Box-Portrait/168667700953?ref=nf*
> **Flickr page:** *www.flickr.com/photos/alkalinemouse/sets*
> **To order book from Carly:** *www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1377439*

The History of.. The Pillar Box

by [uncredited]

> **Softback:** 8 pages. **Language:** English. **Publisher:** The Post Office Education Service (n/d, but c1990).
> **ISBN-10:** None.　　**ISBN-13:** None.

FOREIGN POSTBOXES

200 Anos de Caixas e Marcos Postais (200 Years of [Portuguese] Postboxes)

by Fernando Moura (Author)

> **Hardback:** 139 pages. **Language:** Portuguese. **Publisher:** Fundaão Portuguesa das Comunicaões Portugal 2001).
> **ISBN-10:** 972-8724-01-2. **ISBN-13:** None.
> **Flickr! Website:** *www.flickr.com/photos/fpc-cdi/sets/72157607569269392/*

Buca delle Lettere: Storia e Immagini (Postboxes: Story and Pictures)

by Manuela Filippi Alessandra (Author), Andrea Camilleri (Story), Henry Sturani (Text), Sergio Smerieri (Photography)

> **Hardback in Presentation Case:** 174 pages. **Language:** Italian. **Publisher:** Poste Italiane (Italy) (2004).
> **ISBN-10:** 88-8016-620-7. **ISBN-13:** 978-88-8016-620-7.

Correios: Sinais do Passo ~ The Postal Services: Signs of the Past

by J P Martins Barata (Author)

> **Hardback:** 86 pages. **Language:** Bilingual (Portuguese/English). **Publisher:** Fundação das Comunicaçãoes (1995).
> **ISBN-10:** 972-96619-0-1. **ISBN-13:** None.

Not exclusively relating to letter boxes, but those included are lovely photographs. A limited edition of 5,000 copies.

Household Mail Boxes Revolutionize the Letter Carrier Service

by Clifford J Alexander (Author)

> The Fourth Annual Postal History Symposium was held at the American Philatelic Centre in 2009. One paper was entitled "Household Mail Boxes Revolutionize the Letter Carrier Service". The paper and the accompanying presentation may be viewed, printed and/or downloaded from:
> *www.postalmuseum.si.edu/symposium2009/Alexander-MailBoxes.pdf*
> *www.postalmuseum.si.edu/symposium2009/Alexander-Household_Letter_Boxes.pdf*

DIGITAL MEDIA

Owing to the nature of digital media, items of interest come and go, so three key things to note are:

1) if you see it and want it, then download immediately as it may not be there tomorrow, 2) keep checking back, as new items are being added quite literally every second of the day and night from virtually every country on the planet, and 3) be imaginative with your keyword searches. It is not sufficient to simply enter

"letter box" into Google Images, although you will find 31,386 results as of the date of my checking. What about mail box (64,969), postbox (51,777), Briefkasten (4,552), Brievenbus (2,453), etc? Then try to be more specific if you cannot trawl through so many results or have a particular interest, such as "Penfold box" (443), "Uruguay Buzon" (26), etc. My local town is Romford, so a search on "Romford box" produced 43 results, of which only four depicted letter boxes, but one image was of a Type G that I was previously unaware of.

Perhaps a fourth point should be stressed and that is to always respect copyright if intending to use the pictures in any publication – including personal websites. Although imagery can be downloaded with such ease, do remember that people have chosen to share their imagery for your viewing pleasure rather than to make it private viewing only for their friends and family. If you intend using the imagery anywhere then do approach the owner, who in my experience will always allow reproduction and is invariably flattered.

Flickr! is regarded as the world's best photo-management and sharing application available anywhere online. There are well in excess of five billion images and videos available, so enter appropriate key words into the search box and discover letter box images the likes of which you would probably not find anywhere else. Go to *www.flickr.com* Again, be imaginative with your search terms.

Kindle According to Wikipedia "The Amazon Kindle is an e-book reader developed by *Amazon.com* which uses wireless connectivity to enable users to shop for, download, browse, and read e-books, newspapers, magazines, blogs, and other digital media. The Kindle hardware devices use an E Ink electronic paper display that shows up to 16 shades of grey, minimizes power use and simulates reading on paper."

Rural Mailboxes *[Kindle Edition]*
by Brett Stern (Author)
> **Format:** Digital download edition only for use on Amazon's Kindle e-Book reader.
> **Language:** English. **Publisher:** Brett Stern, USA (2011).
> **Description:** "Stop the car! What the hell is that on the road? Is it a cow or a dog or is it a John Deere tractor, maybe it's Uncle Sam? Over there, not on the road but on the side of the road tilting to one side and stuck on a 4"x4" wooden post is a mailbox all gussied up to attract attention out here in the middle of no where." This [digital] book is a photographic essay highlighting rural mailboxes from across America.

YouTube is a very popular video sharing website that lets anyone upload short videos for private or public viewing. In fact, more than 24 hours of video are uploaded every minute of every day. As with Flickr! it is simply a case of entering key words into the search box and analysing the results.

Your compiler has found fewer items of interest on this site, but it is still a valuable resource and contains some real gems if you have the time to wade through the treacle! Two recent discoveries are of mail being posted and collected from an Amsterdam tram in 1922, with the postman walking quickly to catch-up with the tram as it moves along the street. It can be found at *www.youtube.com* by entering "brievenbus aan de tram" into the search box. The second example is of the October 2011 German innovation comprising a BMW scooter with mailbox attached. A TV news report (in German) can be found be entering "Erster Briefkasten-Roller".

It is possible to download videos to keep, but not directly via the YouTube site. Instead, use a free piece of software such as that available from *www.dvdvideosoft.com/products/dvd/Free-YouTube-Download.htm* which works a treat.

PHILATELY

Philately and the Letter Box
by Glenn H Morgan (Compiler).
> This title generally comprised two sides of A4 and was issued as a supplement to the Letter Box Study Group's Newsletter for a few years. 35 issues were produced.

The compiler recently created an online searchable index, which is available at The Royal Philatelic Society's website. Go to *www.rpsl.org.uk/catalogue.asp* then choose "Catalogue" from the blue tabs at top of screen, followed by "Search" which appears on the next line. In "Search Term One" enter "philately and the letter box" (without quotes, using upper or lower case) and click "Search". Click on "Indexes – 151" and then click "Show Articles +". Choose an article from the first column that is of interest and click "Link" at far right of the same line to view the actual article as a PDF page, which can be saved to your computer.

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