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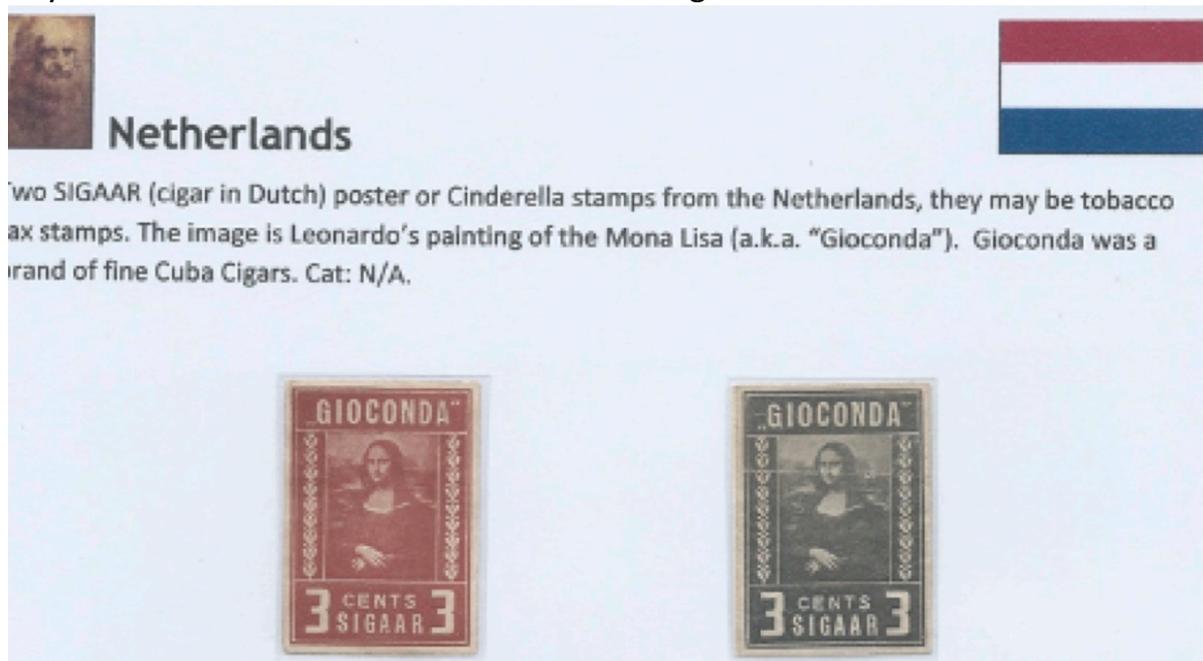
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Introduction:

I hope you are all safe and well and I know that many members have now received their first injection of a vaccine. Like you all, I am looking forward to the time when the country can begin to restore normality and we can again pursue our interests, hobbies, and meet up again for real. This is the second newsletter of 2021 and I am grateful for all of the contributions received so far. I am always looking for more, especially from members who may not have submitted anything yet, so even a single picture or something which has piqued your interest would be welcomed. If you have something to share or would like any help sending in a picture(s) of some of your interesting stamps or covers please let me know as I would be glad to help. The society is trying its first "Zoom" meeting on Wednesday the 3rd of February at 19:00 pm and everyone should have already received the invitation and joining details. I have repeated these instructions later on in this newsletter. In this issue we have another contribution from Martyn, this time with some examples of the Post Offices he "collected" in Fiji, and I also have included some of my new Chepstow and Leonardo additions.

Here are some Leonardo themed "poster" stamps that I recently acquired, if anyone can date them for me that would be great.



Post Offices of Fiji: Martyn



FIJI ISLANDS



LAUTOKA Main Post office



NADI Town Post Office





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KOROLEVU Main Post Office'





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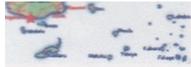


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Registered cover from SIGATOKA Post Office.



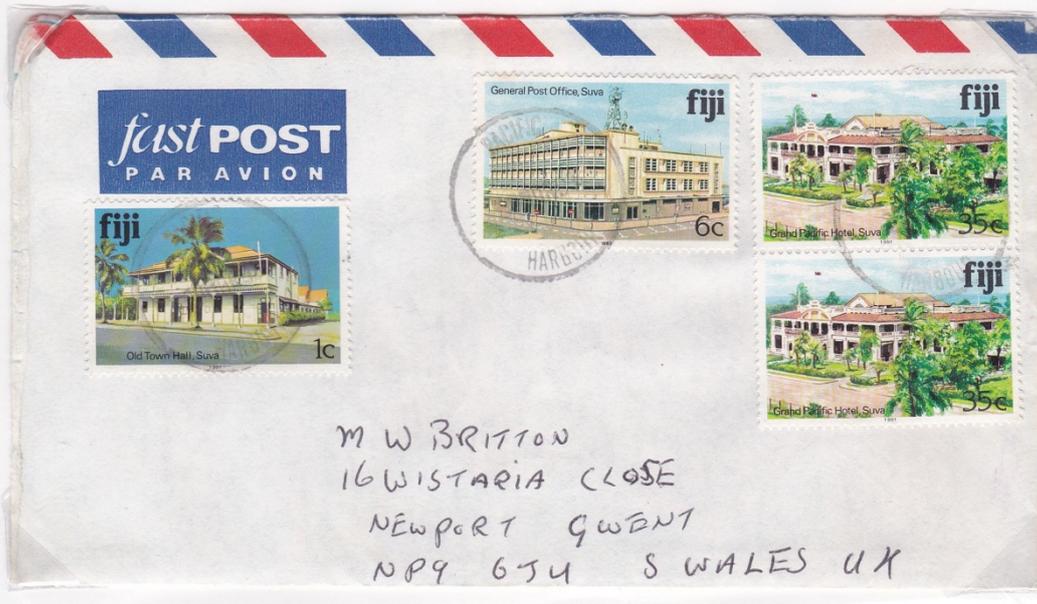


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PACIFIC.HARBOUR Post Office



Pacific Harbour has a Post Office since around 1977 First they had only a little corner the Oasis Restaurant without any boxes. At this you got your mail from the Postmaster The new office May be was build around 1980 and had only a Few boxes. After renovation in1999 they increase The number of boxes to 540



First Zoom meeting:

Hopefully everybody has received an invitation to our first Zoom Meeting but for anyone who has not seen it I have repeated the invitation below.

To be held on the 3rd of February at 19:00 pm.

Les Ashton-Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NPS first zoom meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9575642840?pwd=SGQ5eHhjU2dNdDJpVkJibDY2VjZxdz09>

Meeting ID: 957 564 2840

Passcode: MX5H5Y

Hope you all can make it, if there any questions please ask. The intention is to be flexible with an open social meeting with a short philatelic presentation of no more than 12 slides or pictures and then to give plenty of opportunity for us all to share news and just to have a sociable time. Each meeting will be no more than 40 minutes long.

Final Notes:

Please keep safe and well everyone. A big thank you to Martyn for his contribution this time around and if anyone wants to show some of their collection then please get in touch, as I would be pleased to help you include it in a future newsletter. Best wishes to all and to everyone, good health, and I look forward to seeing you at our Zoom meeting.

Any mistakes and errors are all down to me, so as before, my genuine apologies for every one of them! If anyone is receiving the newsletter in error or no longer wishes to receive it please let me know and I will remove you from the circulation list.

Until next time.

Les Ashton-Smith

P.S.

A late use of this penny red on an 1879 cover?

Chepstow Postmarks (1879)

A cover sent from Chepstow to Gloucester in January 1879. The cover is a printed envelope from St. Pierre, Chepstow and has the Chepstow duplex "178" postmark and Chepstow circular postmark on a Queen Victorian rose (1858 -1864, 5G 16) one penny stamp, with coloured control letters in the stamp corners. On the reverse is a receiving mark from Gloucester station.

