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The Place on the Web for Great Britain Philately



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- GBStamps.com for all collectors of British stamps Go to the site guide or the headlines or the other new items
- MachinMania.com with lots of information about the myriad of Machins
- The Great Britain Collectors Club, the only North American group dedicated to British philately

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This website is produced from the USA by Larry Rosenblum, for many years a writer for Linn's Stamp News, while currently he writes the interesting quarterly column 'British Beat' for Scott's Stamp Monthly.

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GBStamps.com comprises wide-ranging news pages going back to 1998 and is a useful source for checking on matters relating to the past decade and more. There is an extensive listing of links suitable not just for GB philatelists but also other collectors, while 'Larry's musings and miscellany' provides topics to ponder and other items of interest. There is a virtual GB album where current sections include the pictorial country stamps and an extensive postal history exhibit. Finally, the 'what's new' part lets you see what has changed in all sections of the site since you were last there.

The Great Britain Collectors Club (GBCC) area brings together collectors of Great Britain stamps and related items. It offers something for everyone, regardless of level of experience or years of collecting. It has members who are new to the hobby and those who are knowledgeable veterans willing to help any interested GB collector.

This site will attract new members and provide information to existing subscribers, for it includes several reprinted articles from the club's journal, *The Chronicle*, as well as interviews with many key members of the British philatelic community. There

are also some tables of postage rates during the Machin period (1967 to date) and a record of officers, details of forthcoming meetings and reports on past gatherings. There is also information about GBCC publications available for sale, plus details on how to join this active group of primarily American enthusiasts.

In the final area of the site the webmaster invites you to "be seduced by Machin Mania on the web". Here you can see Machin high values and Designer Machins in the Virtual Machin Album, you can learn about the Machin Story, read the Machin FAQ, try the Machin Quizzes, read information concerning clubs for Machin collectors, view links related to Machins and much more besides.

Space available in this short review precludes my going into much more detail here, but it is certainly worth visiting and then returning regularly because this website is frequently updated. All three sections are well constructed, easy on the eye and have simple navigation between areas, but perhaps above all else they are a great source of information about British philately, whatever aspect you might specialise in, from an American viewpoint.

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