

YouTube videos as a source for thematic philately?



Many of you will think, now they are just trying to establish these innovations with the electronic newsletter, and already they are jumping to You-Tube. What do such films have to do with philately? If you take a look at it, it has a lot to do with philately. These You-Tube channels of philatelists can also be like newsletters from which one can learn a lot about the subject.

Our friend Leo sent us a link from the Netherlands to a vlog by a Dutch philatelist. The producer **Jeffrey Groeneveld** is a member of the NVTF (Dutch Society for Thematic Philately). During the outbreak of the pandemic, he started a series on his own initiative, of which this is already the eighth video. Although the video is in Dutch, he and we want to show the possibilities that this medium offers. The theme that is explo-

red from various angles is - appropriately for the time - Christmas. In this film, six topics are covered - all applicable to the applied theme:

- The origin of Christmas stamps
- The song Silent Night, Holy Night
- The heroic flight of KLM pilots in 1933 with Christmas mail from Amsterdam to Batavia (Djakarta) and back
- The regular Kids Corner section with What is Christmas?
- Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- Send your letters and cards on time! Finally, a funny video from English Post.

The link to the YouTube - video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kT-ouBMfNnY&lc=UgwuvLnXpDBOkHzNNhZ4AaABAg&feature=em-comments>

Another YouTube channel that is well worth watching is maintained by Graham Beck (in the USA). Under his "stage name" ExploringStamps, he has been posting increasingly professional videos for years - on all kinds of philatelic topics. But he also tells little stories by means of these stamps, such as how a bilingual cursing parrot came to be on the Christmas stamp of Guyana in 1967. Or he explains why a stamp in Scotland is named after a famous murder trial in the 19th century? His success is shown by the number of his followers: 17700! Philately is alive!

The link to all ExploringStamp videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ExploringStamps/featured>