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President's Piece

A big thanks to all the members who attended a good meeting in August. Please keep going like this and bring along fellow members and friends. The committee pages were very interesting and prompted lively interaction. Nice! It makes me think that we can follow this kind of theme more often, using members' pages and their interests.

The focus for our next meeting is a workshop on exhibiting, concentrating on one framer. We will show at least four of the one framers that were entered for the interaction with the British philatelic club, for discussion, questions, comments and suggestions.

Please note that we will not discuss each one framer in detail, we do not have the time. If you have any questions about writing up a collection, exhibiting and/or philately in general, please bring them along.

I am looking forward to this, as it promised to be very interesting. Please come and enjoy the evening with us.

I have decided to introduce our members in this column by giving a bit of background of each.

- ❖ First up is **Mike Dove**, who has been collecting stamps since his childhood in the 1950's and more seriously from 1976. He has been a member of the PPS for almost 25 years and was previously a member of the OFS Philatelic Society. He is a current PPS committee member and a past president. His main interest is Union of South Africa King's Heads, postal history and postal stationery, with exceptional postcard collections of Pretoria, Bloemfontein and Krugersdorp, mostly 1880 – 1955. He also keeps himself busy with Union and Republic of South Africa 1925 – 2010, Pre-Union period, Great Britain 1840 – 2010, Europe 1840 – 1940, India and Russia 1840 – 1940, South West Africa, 1897 – 1990, the Rhodesias, KUT, Belgian Congo and Mozambique. This is done in mint and used stamps. Mike thinks that collecting stamps is a wonderful pastime that broadens one's interest in and outlook on other countries. His other interests include Moorcroft porcelain, reproduction Faberge Eggs and music, especially opera. He regularly shares his collections at club level and has successfully exhibited five times nationally.
- ❖ **Terry Lynne Harris**, a PPS committee member, has been collecting stamps since her schooldays, but more seriously for the past 12 years. She has been a member of the PPS for ten years or so and is also a member of Thematics SA. Her main interest is postcards, collecting churches, church organs and different towns and cities of

South Africa. In stamps her interest lies with South Africa, SWA and Namibia, African countries and the UK as well as FDCs. On the thematic side she collects teddy bears, hounds (afghans, borzois, salukis), trains and railway stations, stained glass, Easter, Christmas, Pope John Paul II, selected Christian themes, Victoria Falls, Australian fauna and flora, national costumes, cacti and succulents, bridges of Budapest, mosaics, handmade lace, seven wonders of the ancient world, shapes, seasons, Native North Americans. She enjoys her hobby and sees it as collecting miniature works of art and she likes the history side it brings. She exhibits regularly at club level and has exhibited twice on national level with great success. Another interest is Scottish Country Dancing, where she also writes and publishes dances.

- ❖ **Arnu Stassen** has been collecting since childhood. After receiving a stamp as a gift about four years ago, it ignited the spark and collecting became more meticulous and serious. He has been a member of our Society since 2014 and collects Union of South Africa and British Commonwealth, with an interest in the New Republic. On the Union side his collection consists of mint and used stamps, booklets, FDCs and control blocks, whilst he collects mostly mint Commonwealth. Arnu thinks that stamp collecting is a brilliant hobby that teaches history. He also grows clivias and is a devoted tennis player. He has not exhibited yet, but hopes to do so in future.

The letter for the 4 September meeting is “U”, please bring along your contributions – see you there!

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Meeting 7 August 2017

The President, André du Plessis, welcomed the 10 members and one visitor attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cedric Roché, Steve Marsh, Emil Iglauer, Marge Viljoen, Arnu Stassen and Duncan Bain.

In memoriam

The club learned that Dr Mark Chutter had passed away. He was an honorary member of the PPS and a member of the Howick philately group. A moment's silence was observed. The Club extends sincere sympathy to his family.

Matters of Interest

- André du Plessis will represent the PPS at Congress in Bedfordview on 13 October 2017.
- André du Plessis and Steve Marsh are working on the arrangements for the holding of a morning PPS meeting.

- André du Plessis and Mike Dove are still to see the St Alban's College principal, but the school is on holiday at present and will reopen on 4 September 2017.
- Rob Weide noted that bad cancellations ruin stamps for collectors.
- Alex Visser reported on the latest liaison meeting between organised philately and the SA Post Office. He also explained the structure and roles of the Philatelic Federation and the Philatelic Foundation. The position of vice-president for the northern region is currently vacant.

Items of Interest

- Alex Visser showed a variety of interesting items:
 - A 1980 Greenland cover with a Christmas Cinderella stamp.
 - Three South African 20c postcards showing partial colour shift in the rose stamps.
 - A mint postcard on which someone had stuck a cancelled stamp.
 - A cover with postage dues of East Africa.
 - A cover showing a 3d and 6d late fee. This was an airways late canceller. Such mail was handed in half an hour before the plane left.
- Mike Dove showed a cover with postage due, as the letter was overweight (weighing over half an ounce).
- Dudley Garner brought along an article entitled "Johannesburg's underground secret, from *earthworks* magazine, issue 37, about the postal tunnels running between Park Station, Jeppe Street post office and the former Harrison Street post office. These tunnels, built in 1935, facilitated the transporting of mail between the station and the post offices. The tunnels were closed in 1956 and were rediscovered during construction work on the new Kazerne transport hub in 2014. There are plans to regenerate the tunnels as a public space. For other articles about these tunnels, have a look at "Uncovered: Jozi's underground marvel" <https://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/gauteng/uncovered-jozis-underground-marvel-2070898> and "Postal secrets under Jo'burg's streets" <http://www.enca.com/south-africa/postal-secrets-underground>



The Letter K

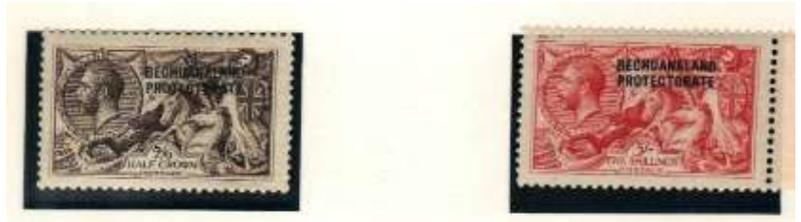
André du Plessis showed a 1945 wrapper addressed to a prisoner of war (POW) in the Koffiefontein internment camp for Italians (written as "Kaffiefontein" on the wrapper).



Evening's entertainment: Committee's Pages

Five of the committee members showed some of their favourite pages.

- Steve Marsh: GB overprints for Bechuanaland.



- Alex Visser: Brasilia – a space age city.



- André du Plessis: The discovery of gold in Johannesburg; Union airmails; 1937 1½d stamp: Kings heads; Union 1935 Silver Jubilee stamps.



- Terry Lynne Harris: Spot-the-train (stamps in which the train is not immediately obvious in the picture); embroidered postcards of national costumes and Spanish dancers.



- Mike Dove: KGV 1st definitives (2 pages); KGV coils design (1 page); Rhodesia and Nyasaland definitives 1954 – 1956; RSA Bible stamp issue + FDC; Union 1st definitives; Union definitives 1954 – 1961; QEII definitives 1952 – 1954; SWA overprints; 3 postcards of the Romanovs; 3 postcards of the Titanic; a postcard, dated 14 April 1921, addressed to his Greek grandfather in Woodstock, Cape Town, written in Greek and posted in Pretoria.



Diary

- 2 September: Pretoria Stamp Fair and Auction at Denis Adami Hall, Queenswood 09:00 - 14:00, auction 11:00 - 12:30.
 - 09:15 TBVC Study Group Meeting on the Stoep
 - 10:00 Thematics SA (Pretoria Chapter) Meeting on the Stoep
 - 11:00 Auction in the Hall
- 4 September: Pretoria Philatelic Society meeting in the library, St Alban's School, Clearwater Road, Lynnwood Glen at 19:30. Philatelic Workshop. Letter for the month: U.
- 9 September: Kyalami Stamp Fair and Auction, Kyalami Country Club, Maple Road, Kyalami, 09:00 - 14:00. Fair starts at 09:00, auction at 11:00.
- 16 September: Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging van Pretoria (AFP) meeting at Glen Carpendale's shop (Shop 2, Kilner Park Galleries, 6 Wilkinson Street, Kilner Park, Pretoria) at 10:00.
- 16 September: QSA Auction at the Ernest Ullman Recreation Centre, Morningside. Viewing from 09:00, auction at 11:00.
- 23 September: Edenvale Bowling Club Stamp Fair and Auction, 6th Avenue, Edenvale. Fair starts at 09:00, auction at 11:00.
- 2 October: Pretoria Philatelic Society meeting in the library, St Alban's School, Clearwater Road, Lynnwood Glen at 19:30. Interaction with British philatelic club via Jaime Smith. Letter for the month: L.
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Upcoming event

- 11-14 October: SAPDAPEX 2017, Italian Sporting Club, 7 Marais Road, Bedfordview.

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