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I'll put an image of the "Kennisgeving" (announcement) contents in RP#86

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## DIARY OF EVENTS – 2013

21 <sup>st</sup> September	Stampex, London Design Centre, Islington, London 12.30 to 2.30pm
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## Minutes of the Spring Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 at 12.30pm

**Present:** Don Jeffreys (Chairman), Dennis Firth (Vice Chairman), David Wall (Secretary), Neville Midwood (Editor), Brian Hurst (Archivist), Tony Stanford, Alan Drysdall, George King, Colin Palmer, Peter Van der Molen and Paul Van Zeyl.

**Apologies for absence were received from:** Adrian Parsons, Francis Kiddle, Martin Boyd, John Horner, Brian Trotter, Nigel Jones, Morris Taber, Gordon Smith, Steven Zirinsky, David Wessely, Birgit Jensen, Dennis Buss, Brian Fenemore, Chris Cordes, Alan MacGregor, Joe Taylor, Martin Taylor, Howard MacNay, Arnold Berman.

### Minutes of last meeting (Feb. 2012)

These were unanimously approved.

### Matters arising from last meeting

#### Scanning Runner Post

Issues 7-59 of Runner Post are only available in hard copy format and still need to be converted to a searchable electronic (PDF) format.

Action: Neville Midwood (in consultation with Brian Hurst) to investigate whether there are any UK-based companies who can do this work.

#### David Wessely DVDs

Stocks of spares are now held by David Wall and Peter Thy.

Action: Don to send a copy to The Royal Philatelic Society and David to send copies to the British Library and the Botswana Postal Museum.

### Affiliated society membership of the American Philatelic Society (APS)

Peter Thy has set out the benefits of the BBS becoming affiliate members of the APS. Since the BBS would not have to pay any membership dues, the meeting agreed that Peter could go ahead and apply for membership - on the understanding that the Society would not be able to provide the APS with members' email or postal addresses.

Action: Peter to apply for affiliate membership of APS

### Maximising attendance at meetings

Following the attendance of just 3 members at the Feb. 2012 meeting, Don canvassed members to ascertain the optimum time and location for future meetings. His conclusion was that twice-yearly meetings at Stampex at around midday would be ideal. Don welcomed all those who had come along today, especially those who were attending for the first time. He hoped that we would be able to achieve similar attendances at future meetings.

### Membership Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Joe couldn't attend the meeting but copies of his written report and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30 June 2012 were circulated to members. Current

membership (in Feb. 2013) stands at 107. The Society's balance as at 30 June 2012 stood at £5,357.87 - though the accounts still need to be independently examined.

The 2012/13 subscription increases were retrospectively and unanimously approved by the meeting. Brian proposed that the accounts be approved (subject to being independently examined) and they were unanimously approved.

### Editor's Report

#### Latest issues

Neville reported that three issues had been published in 2012/13: Runner Post #82, #83 and #84. Significant increases in UK postal rates meant that postage costs for overseas (Europe and Rest of World ex-US) rose by 60% for RP#84. For the US a pdf version was created in US letter-size (instead of A4), e-mailed to Peter Thy and copies then printed by a US printer. Some comments were received that paper quality wasn't as good.

#### Alternative approach to printing

Neville has obtained quotes from printers Joshua Horgan for taking on the printing and despatching of future issues of RP. It would cost a lot more to print - but we would save on postage and on hidden running costs (i.e. toner and drum costs). On balance there may only be a slight difference in costs. However, it would free up a huge amount of Neville's spare time. Tony Stanford said Horgans had done some printing for the GB Overprint Society and it was good. The consensus was that we should send RP#83 and #84 to Horgans and ask them to print them as a trial run. It was also agreed that we ask them to print on A3 for folding to A4.

Action: Neville agreed to take the necessary action

#### Material for future issues

Sufficient material for RP#85 is now in hand. Neville also pointed out that he receives photocopies of covers/stamps but without any written explanation as to why they're of interest. It would help if senders could provide at least a few sentences to explain why the cover/stamp is worth including in RP.

Neville asked Peter Van der Molen if part 2 of his QEII definitives article was imminent. Peter promised he would complete it by June 2013.

There are difficulties in obtaining updates on recent Botswana new issues. Botswana member John Schaerer has sent in images of material but there is a lack of technical information. The Botswana Philatelic Bureau website is no help because it isn't being revised. Peter Thy is believed to get the new issue leaflets from the BPB, so Neville will contact Peter.

#### The Society Website

Don asked Neville about the society's website. Neville explained that it had been hosted on free BT webspace,

which had since been closed. The Society would need webspace and a "webmaster" to keep it up to date. However, he said he would see what could be done if the Horgans printing option goes ahead and he has more available time.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Don thanked Joe and Neville for their reports. Given that Joe was stepping down from the committee, Don asked that the meeting formally extend its thanks to Joe for the many years that he has carried out the duties of Membership Secretary/Treasurer.

Don also expressed his thanks to Neville for his ongoing work as Editor and his success in producing the Runner Post to such a consistently high standard.

### **Subscription rates 2013/14**

Brian Hurst proposed that, following the increase in rates for 2012/13, we keep the rates unchanged for the foreseeable future. He felt that with assets of more than £5,000 in the bank and with no other significant outgoings in the pipeline, the Society could afford to run at a loss for several years - even if printing/postage rates continued to rise. It was therefore agreed unanimously to leave the 2013/14 subscription rates unchanged.

### **Election of Officers**

Don announced that two of the existing committee were stepping down: Joe Taylor as Membership Secretary/Treasurer and Dennis Firth as Vice Chairman. Brian Hurst was also gave up the role of Auctioneer. Martin Taylor had offered to take over from Joe Taylor

### **Printing of the Runner Post**

Printing *Runner Post* ourselves on a colour laser printer has allowed many improvements in print quality. However printer consumables (rather than the hardware) is a major source of revenue for the manufacturers. "Genuine" toner cartridges are welded shut these days and have a built-in life as do drums, belt and fuser. As the printer ages the cost of consumables for "old" models increases. Eventually a new printer becomes the more economical option. A set of "genuine" toner cartridges, equivalent to the amount of toner used for one issue of *Runner Post*, costs £500.

An issue of *Runner Post* plus envelopes also takes at least 20 hours to print; with breaks to refill toner and top up the paper. Collating covers, stapling, envelope stuffing, stamping and posting always added a few weekends.

### **2013 Joint Auction with GBOS**

The GB Overprints Society is organising an auction of Bechuanalands material which will be particularly strong in Postal Stationery. This is intended to be a joint auction which will be available to members of the Bechuanalands & Botswana Society both to provide and bid for lots. Brian Hurst has kindly agreed

and Tony Stanford offered to take over a Vice Chairman. The remainder of the existing committee were willing to stand for a further two years.

Since there were no other nominations for positions on the committee, Brian Hurst proposed that Martin Taylor and Tony Stanford be elected to the committee and that the other existing committee members be re-elected. His proposal was seconded by Alan Drysdall and was passed unanimously.

The new committee is therefore:

Chairman: Don Jeffreys • Vice Chairman: Tony Stanford  
• Editor: Neville Midwood • Membership Sec./Treasurer: Martin Taylor • Secretary: David Wall • Archivist: Brian Hurst • Auctioneer: Vacant

### **Auction 2013**

At Tony Stanford's suggestion it was agreed to hold a joint BBS/GBOS auction. (see below)

### **Next Meeting**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013 at Stampex. 12.30-2.30pm

Action: David to book a meeting room for the above date and time.

### **Display**

Having concluded the business side of the meeting, Tony Stanford then presented a very impressive eight-frame display that included Bechuanaland Overprints, Unappropriated Dies and Postal Stationery of British Bechuanaland with some very rare and interesting material.

Tony was heartily thanked for his display.

Then there was the recent large increase in overseas postage charges. For USA/Canada we experimented with printing #84 in the US and mailing from there (converted to US Letter format).

Starting with this issue #85 all issues of *Runner Post* are being printed and posted by Joshua Horgan and Co of Oxford, UK. This removes from the Editor the time overheads, and removes from the Society the printer maintenance costs, whilst gives savings on postage which offsets much of the recent increase.

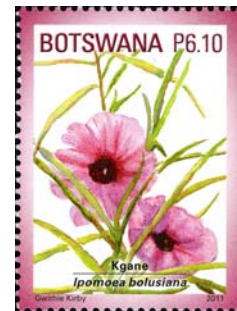
The format will change to stapled and folded A3 which simple means all future issues will be a multiple of 4 pages. The quality of the print/colours of samples of Runner Post #83/84 that I have is very high.

to receive lots for the auction from BBS members.

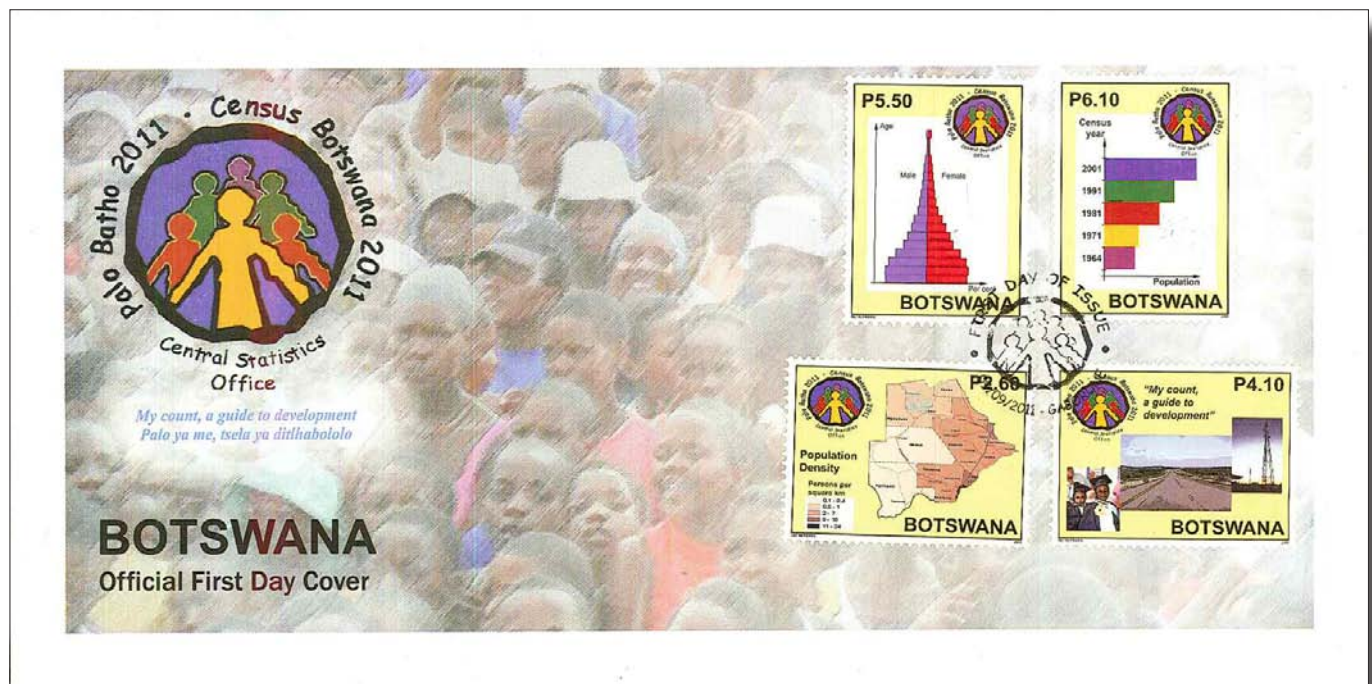
All lots should be pre-1932 and fully described with a minimum reserve of £4. It is intended that the auction list will be distributed with the Autumn edition of the Runner Post, so please get any lots to Brian as soon as possible but by the middle of June at the latest.

## Recent Botswana Issues

It's a long time since I've received any Botswana issues from my supplier. John Schearer has sent in images of some of the issues. BotswanaPost Philately web page stopped updating in 2010 so 2012 may be incomplete. Information and images for the first set come from <http://www.wnsstamps.ch/en/>



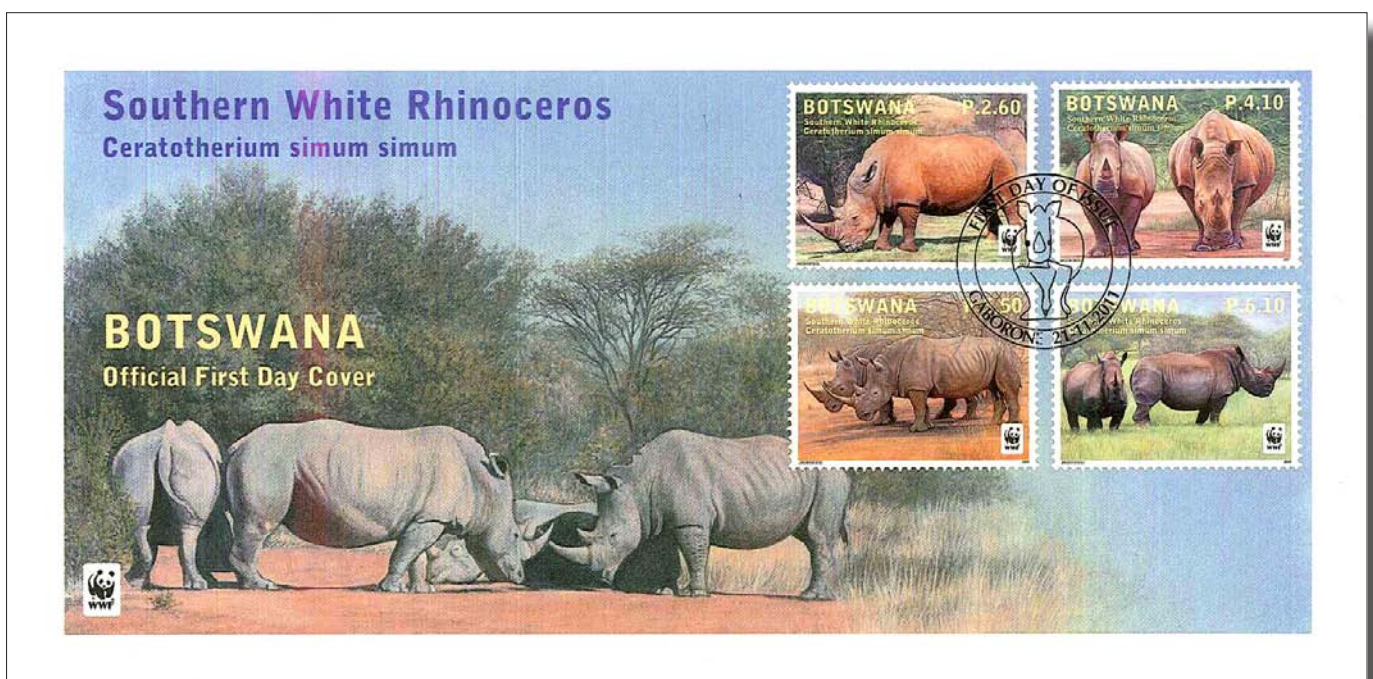
Flora		Date of issue		1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011
Denominations	P2.60, P4.10, P5.50, P6.10	P2.60	Motantanyane - Ipomoea obscura	
Designer	Gwithie Kirby	P4.10	Ledelele - Xenostegia tridentata	
		P5.50	Tsebe-rsankuku - Ipomoea magnusiana	
		P6.10	Kgane - Ipomoea bolusiana	



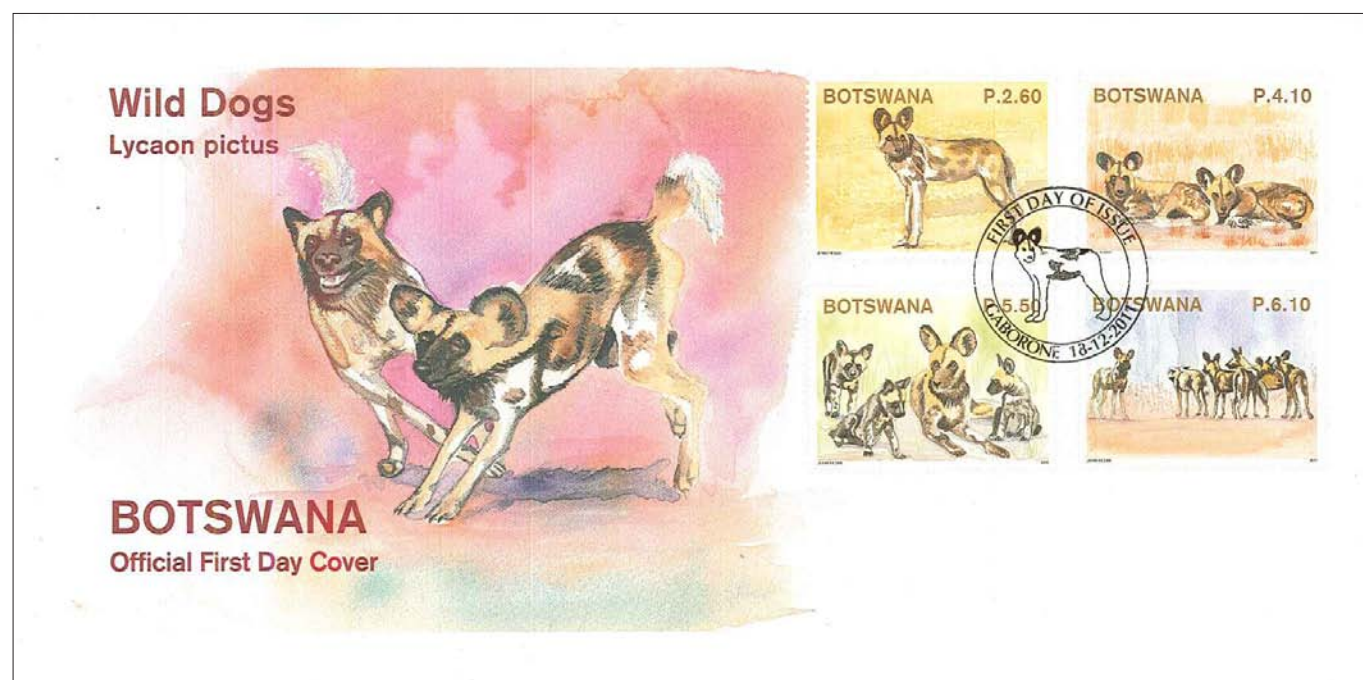
Botswana Census 2011		Date of issue		9 <sup>th</sup> September 2011
Denominations	P2.60, P4.10, P5.50, P6.10	P2.60	Population Density	
Designer	Ulf Nermark	P4.10	"My count, a guide to development"	
Printer	Joh Enschede Security Print	P5.50	Male/Female Per cent by Age	
Process	Offset, 4 process colours	P6.10	Population by Census Year	
Stamp Size	40 x 30 mm/ 30 x 40mm	Period of Sale	1 year	
Sheet Format	2 x 25 stamps, incl. a gutter	FDC Size	220 x 110 mm	
Paper	110 gsm, gummed with PVA gum			



<i>Malaria Free Botswana</i>		Date of issue		25 <sup>th</sup> October 2011
Denominations	P2.60, P4.10, P5.50, P6.10		P2.60	Spraying of houses
Designer	Ministry of Health Graphics		P4.10	Using anti malaria medicine
Printer	Joh Enschede Security Print		P5.50	Keeping surroundings clean
Process	Offset, 4 process colours		P6.10	Sleeping under treated mosquito nets
Stamp Size	40 x 30 mm/ 30 x 40mm		Period of Sale	1 year
Sheet Format	2 x 25 stamps, incl. a gutter		FDC Size	220 x 110 mm
Paper	110 gsm, gummed with PVA gum			



<i>WWF - White Rhinoceros</i>		Date of issue		21 <sup>st</sup> November 2011
Denominations	P2.60, P4.10, P5.50, P6.10	P2.60	Southern White Rhinoceros	
Designer	Jacob Disele	P4.10	Southern White Rhinoceros	
Printer	Joh Enschede Security Print	P5.50	Southern White Rhinoceros	
Process	Offset, 4 process colours	P6.10	Southern White Rhinoceros	
Stamp Size	40 x 30 mm	Period of Sale	1 year	
Sheet Format	2 x 25 stamps, incl. a gutter	FDC Size	220 x 110 mm	
Paper	110 gsm, gummed with PVA gum			



<i>Wild Dogs</i>		Date of issue		18 <sup>th</sup> December 2011
Denominations	P2.60, P4.10, P5.50, P6.10	P2.60	Dog facing left	
Designer	Jennifer Regan	P4.10	Two dogs sitting facing left	
Printer	Joh Enschede Security Print	P5.50	Mother and three pups	
Process	Offset, 4 process colours	P6.10	Pack	
Stamp Size	40 x 30 mm	Period of Sale	1 year	
Sheet Format	2 x 25 stamps, incl. a gutter	FDC Size	220 x 110 mm	
Paper	110 gsm, gummed with PVA gum			

(Cover illustrated next page)

<i>Myths and Legends of Botswana</i>		Date of issue		25 <sup>th</sup> September 2012
Denominations	P3.20, P4.00, P4.10, P4.90, P5.50, P6.60	P3.20	Matsieng	
		P4.00	All The Stars In Heaven	
		P4.10	Tumtumbolosa	
		P4.90	Kgwanype	
		P5.50	Nonyane	
		P6.60	How Death came to the world	



## Bechuanaland Postcards - Part 4

by Brian Fenemore

Fourth part of the series. It started in Runner Post #82 with Townshend's Vignettes. #83 featured H.E.Sargent and T.D.Ravenscroft cards whilst #84, like this part, showed a general assortment of pre-1920 card

### Taung Gaol



*The Gaol Taung B.B.*

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

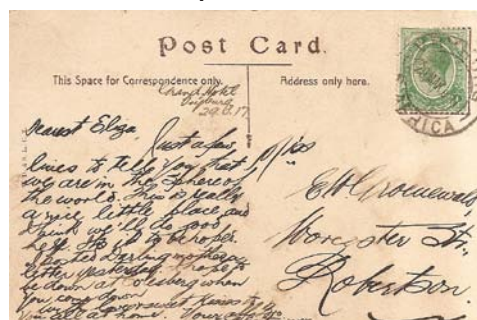
Card TAU-1 [80%]  
Photograph subject has been written on as "The Gaol, Taung, BB". Card issued circa 1903. Undivided back. Unknown Publisher.

## Grand Hotel Vryburg

The people from GHV-1 and GHV-2 are back on GHV-3. They may even be the same in GHV-4, but note the building is now more substantial and brick built (so is either later after a rebuild or a view from another side.)

Card GHV-3 [80%] (front)

**"Grand Hotel, Vryburg, C.C. / Finest  
Hotel in British Bechuanaland." "Carts  
meet all Trains. / J & S Smollan,  
Proprietors."**

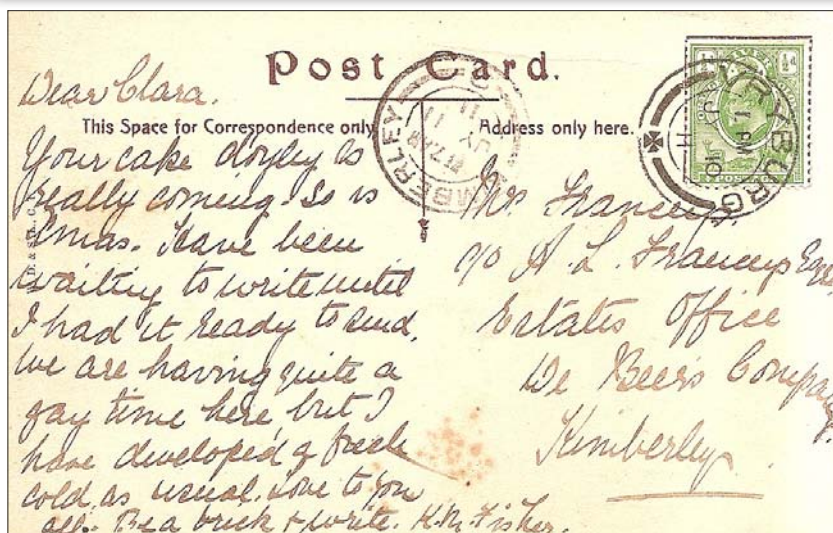
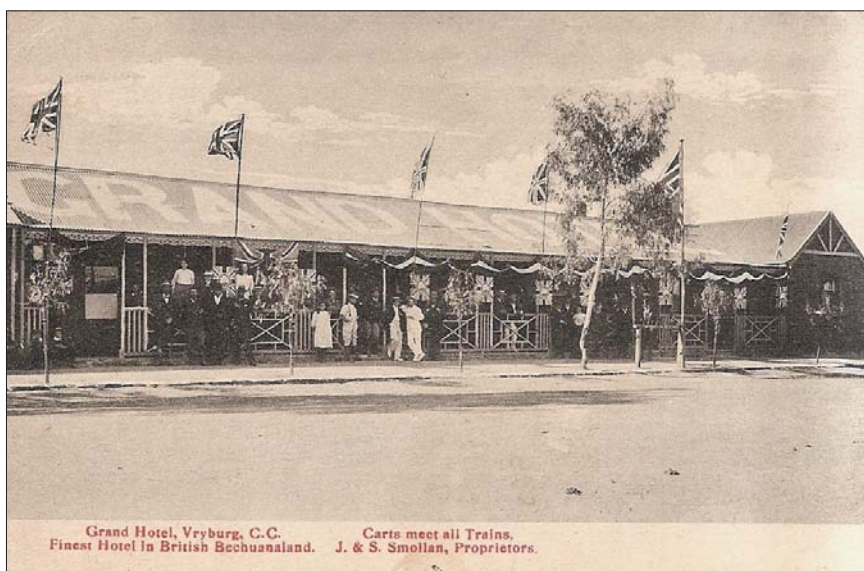


[above] (reverse)

There's a small "W. D. & S. L., C.T." vertical on the left. The card is from Albertus Groenewald to his sister Eliza in Robertson. it's dated 29.3.17, postmarked VRYBURG, S.AFRICA • 29 MAR 17

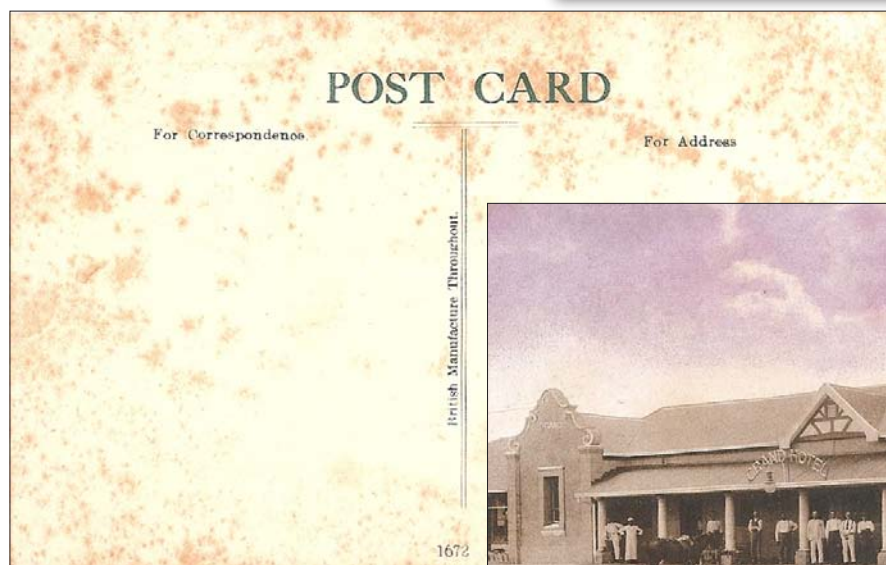
**THIS WAS INCORRECTLY SHOWN AS THE  
REVERSE OF GHV-1 RP#84 p.2105**

The correct reverse of GHV-1 is shown [right]  
Again the small "W. D. & S. L., C.T." The  
card is from K Fisher to his sister M<sup>rs</sup> Clara  
Franceys at Estates Office of De Beers Co in  
Kimberley. Postmarked VRYBURG JY 10 11  
and KIMBERLEY JY 11 11. ORC ½d stamp  
(SG148) "Be a brick & write"



Card GHV-4 [80%] (front)

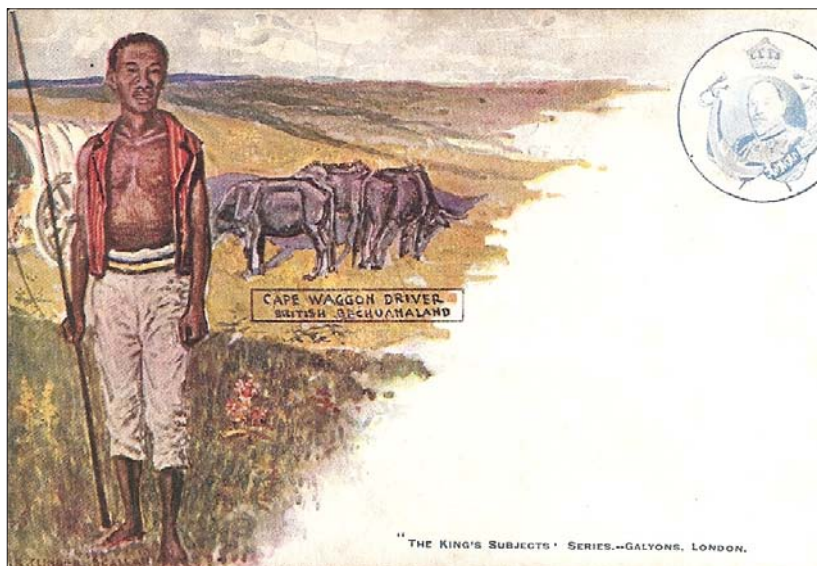
[left] "TELEGRAMS: GRAND, VRYBURG." / "CARTS MEET ALL TRAINS." [right] "GRAND HOTEL, VRYBURG, BRITISH BECHUANALAND. J&S.SMOLLAN, PROPRIETORS." / "THE LEADING HOTEL IN BECHUANALAND."



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(reverse)
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Unused. Divided into "For Correspondence" and "For Address". Vertical along the dividing line "British Manufacture Throughout" and "1672" lower centre.





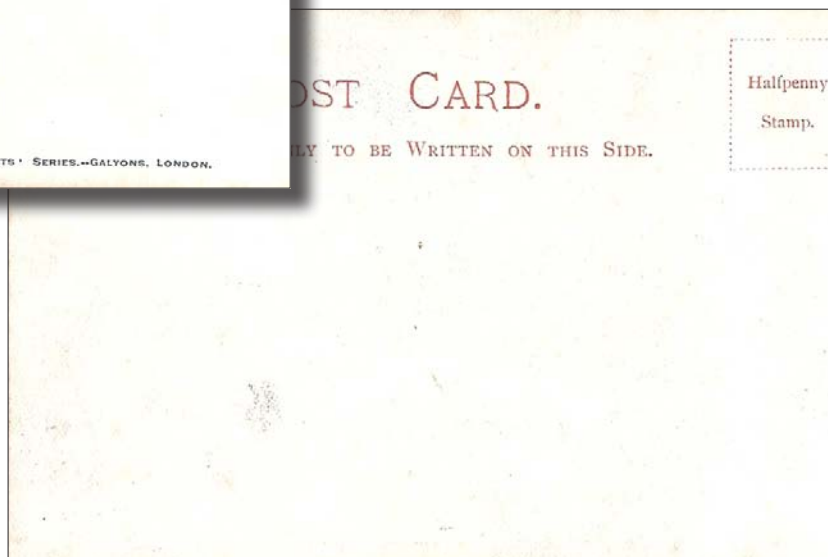
**The King's Subjects**

Card TKS-1 [80%]  
(front)

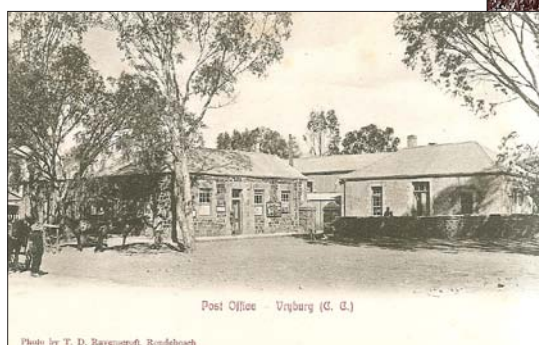
A rare card entitled 'CAPE WAGGON DRIVER' / "BRITISH BECHUANALAND" along with the intriguing "THE KING'S SUBJECTS' SERIES.-GALYONS, LONDON."

(reverse)

Unused. Undivided. Box for "Halfpenny Stamp."



**TDR-2 related**



(above) Original photograph, circa 1902, of the Post Office taken by W. Klisser, pioneer photographer of Vryburg. His studio was in Victoria Street, Vryburg.

The same gentlemen are on the right of HES-3 (lower left). A similar shot without the awning and people appears on TDR-2 (upper left)

## Forged Used British Bechuanaland Newspaper Wrapper

by Peter Thy

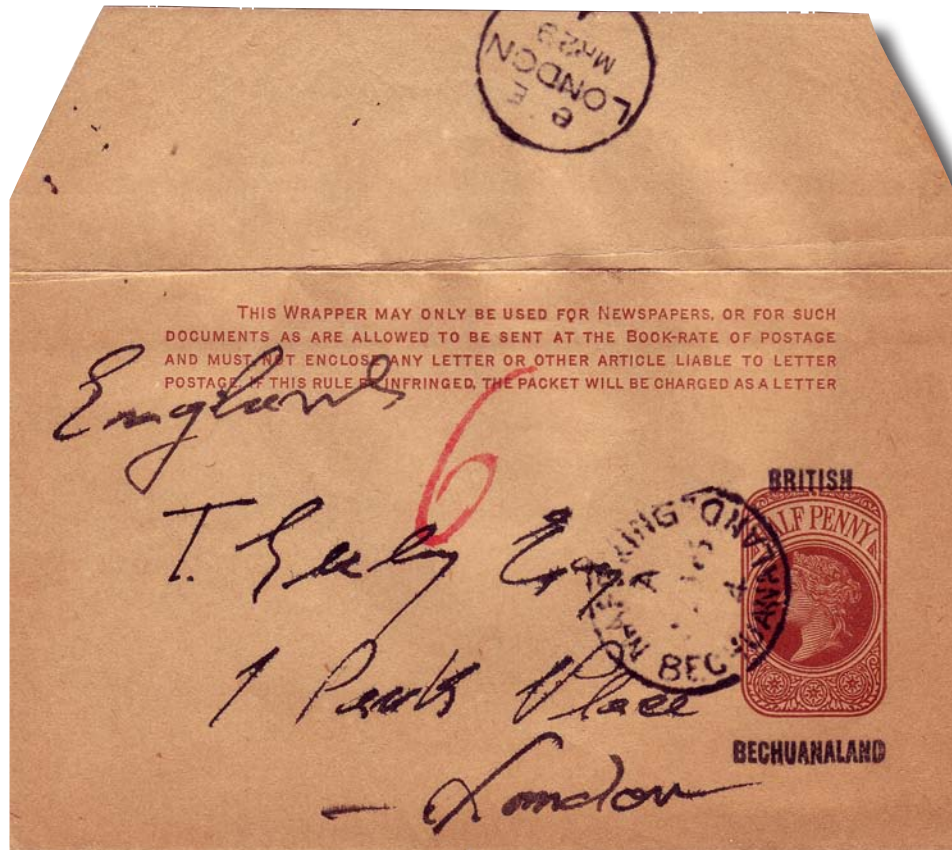


Figure 1. Forged British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper (126mm wide).

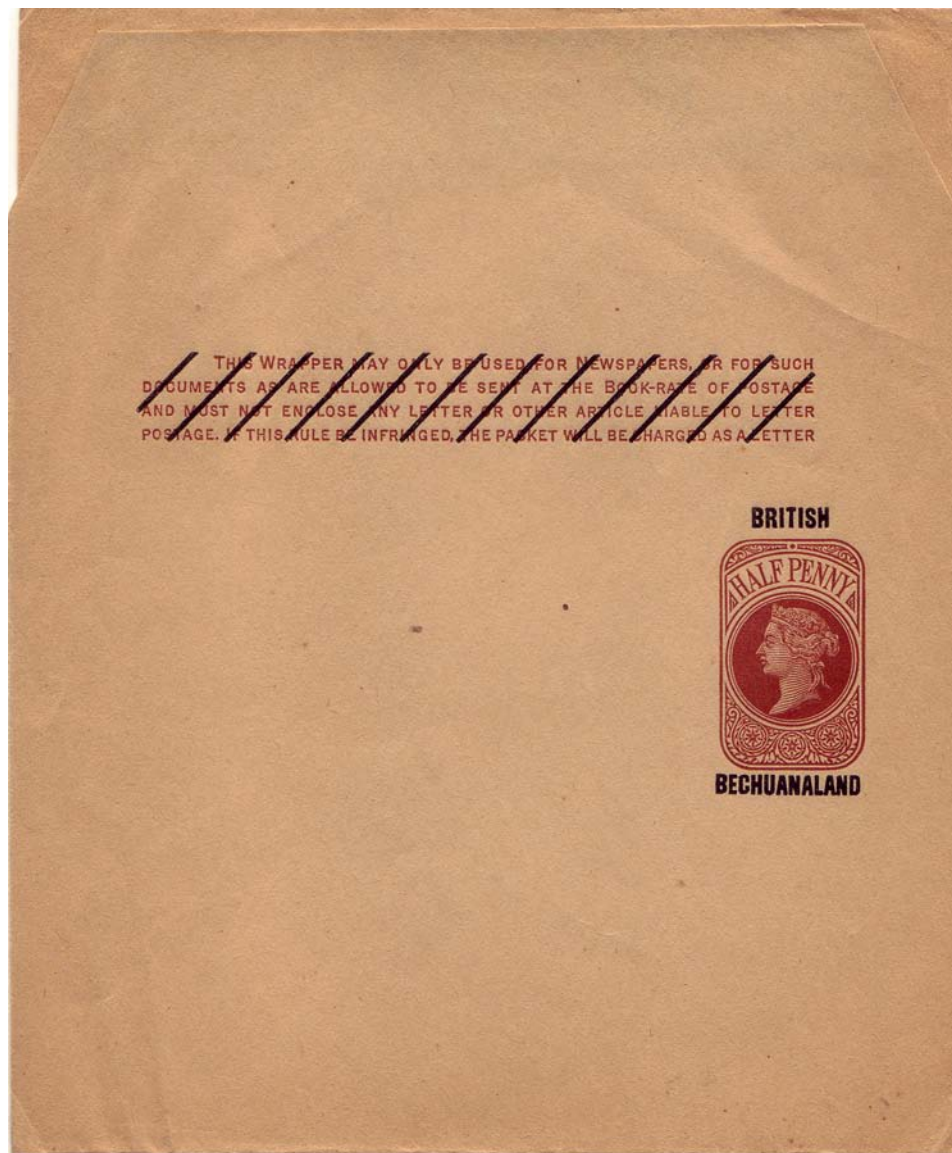
The used British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper shown in **Figure 1** appeared about a year ago on eBay and immediately caught my attention despite that the seller clearly advertised the wrapper as forged by placing an electronic 'forgery' over the stamp in the posted image. The question is obviously how a seasoned collector could ignore all the warning signs?

What was probably the only thing I really saw was the missing cancelling bars crossing out the explanatory text. The ½d British Bechuanaland overprinted wrappers almost always have the text cancelled (Thy and Inglefield-Watson, 2004). However not always, since one example of a mint wrapper is known with missing cancelling bars, thought to have been a printing error (Thy and Inglefield-Watson, 2006). That's what I focused on in that split second when I placed my fatal winning bid. All the blatant warning signs had magically vanished. But let's look at the forged wrapper in details, perhaps in more detail than really justified.

The 1888, and later 1890, ½d wrappers for British Bechuanaland were overprinted on British 1883 and

1889 wrappers with 'BRITISH' above the stamp and 'BECHUANALAND' below and the text cancelled by diagonal bars (**Figure 2**). The forged wrapper of Figure 1 was clearly made to emulate the 1890 wrapper with four lines of text. The original wrapper used for the forgery was, as we will see, a genuine British wrapper introduced just a year before being overprinted for Bechuanaland. The forged wrapper was reduced from the original 300mm tall to 116mm by cutting off the lower part.

The overprinted country identification (**Figure 3**) is on the original wrapper spaced by 32 to 32.5mm and with 10.5mm wide 'BRITISH' (Thy and Inglefield-Watson, 2006). The 'BECHUANALAND' is remarkable constant for all wrappers being 19mm wide. The forged overprint is considerable larger with about 33mm spacing, 'BRITISH' 11mm wide, and 'BECHUANALAND' 20mm wide; thus enlarged by about 5% compared to the target wrapper. This suggests that scanning from an original wrapper was used for producing the forged overprinting. The reduction in the intensity of the forged black imprint



**Figure 2. The genuine British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper (WR 7) overprinted in 1890 on a British 1889 wrapper (126mm wide).**

is also a clear sign of having been lifted from a coloured background, such as a buff wrapper or postcard.

The Mafeking cancel on the forged wrapper was widely in use between 1886 and 1900 (Thy, 2004). The forged cancel is however 27mm in diameter in contrast to the 22 to 23mm of the original, or about 20% enlarged (**Figure 4**). The date in the Mafeking cancel is indistinct, but may be read as AP 16 1894 consistent with the use of the wrapper. The forged Mafeking cancel was thus scanned from an imprint and transferred to the wrapper again without carefully checking the enlargement.

The London cancel (e E / LONDON / MR29 / ?) on the top/reverse (**Figure 1**) has so far eluded a reasonable interpretation. The general format compares to the date circle of the early duplex machine cancellers used together with numerical barred killers (Westley, 1900). It may be a late use of the date part of an early

London duplex cancel. The letter code (e E) is not listed by any of the sourced that I have been able to consult, although it may refer to the eastern district of London. The London postmark may thus have belonged to the original British wrapper and that the remaining markings and inscriptions of the reverse have been cut off because they were unwanted. Alternatively, as discussed below the London cancel - like the Mafeking cancel - may have been applied by the forger. The wrapper is addressed to '1 Park Place' located in central London near St. James and across the park from Buckingham Place - a coincident or just an easy pick?

The red '6' tax mark appears to have been made with ink. The typical tax marks in southern Africa (very rare on Bechuanaland mail) during the period in question were normally made using various forms of hand stamps or bluish crayons and were more than often applied in the Cape of Good Hope, or later the



Figure 3. Comparison of the genuine overprint (A) and the forged overprint (B). The original stamp imprint is 30mm tall.

Union of South Africa. The newspaper rate to the UK in 1888, and later, was from British Bechuanaland 1d per 4oz (3d per additional 4oz). The ½d franking of the wrapper was intended for inland mailing and not for the UK. The correct taxing should thus have been 1d, assuming the basic 4oz weight class. For 8oz the taxed amount should have been 7d. However, the wrapper appears rather unaffected of having transported an 8oz thick newspaper or document all the way from Bechuanaland to London.

There is thus little question of the status of the overprint and the cancellations. The red '6' tax mark and the address are clearly written with a scratchy ink pen as seen from the sharp contacts and irregularities controlled by fibres in the paper (**Figure 5**). Because of the monochromic nature of the black ink, it can be difficult to tell if the address was applied after or before the mark (**Figure 5A**). Simple tests on similar wrapper paper of the period did not give conclusive results (**Figures 5C and 5E**). Running of the black ink into grooves of the red ink trace was often seen in the tests as perhaps seen on the forgery (**Figure 5A**) and dependent on the thickness of the ink, a red film is sometimes left on top of the black ink (**Figure 5E**).

An image analysis of the three ink versions in Figure 5 was performed by transforming the images from a standard RGB colour space (TIFF) into a variety of grey-scale colour spaces that can show features not visible in the original. These transformations were done using a web-based resource (<http://retroReveal.org>) hosted by the University of Utah's Willard Marriott Library. The site has been designed to allow researchers (such as philatelists and postal historians) without prior knowledge of colour theory to obtain useful results. The end result of analyzing the colour images in Figure 5 is shown as the grey-scale column in Figure 5 selected from about 50 possible images as the most useful for the present purpose. The transformed images clearly show the presence of red ink on the top of the black ink only in Figure 5F where the red ink deliberately was applied after the black ink. In contrast there is no indications of red ink on top of the black address in Figure 5D, showing the

forged wrapper. Thus the black address on the forged wrapper was applied on top of the tax mark clearly suggesting that the red-inked tax mark was already applied to the wrapper prior to the black-inked address. The relationships between the address and the Mafeking cancel also suggest that the address was written after the application of the cancel.

The cancellers and the overprint were applied using an electronic scanner and an inkjet printer that is so easily available to so many of us. The inkjet scanner is easily identified for polychromatic images (**Figure 6B**) by a dotted pattern from the printing nozzle head. Laser printing would have left a strong linear pattern perpendicular to the paper movement direction. When monochromatic black ink is used, as for the cancels and overprint, identification however can be problematic. The giveaway is the reduced density of the black ink dots and irregular soft-edged boundaries. The effects of electronic scanning and colour separation, however, can produce similar results and thus make it difficult to identify the printing methods of monochrome print parts.

There is little doubt that the wrapper in Figure 1 was forged. A long list of observations as seen would individually or combined have prove this and would not have necessitated the above extensive discussion.

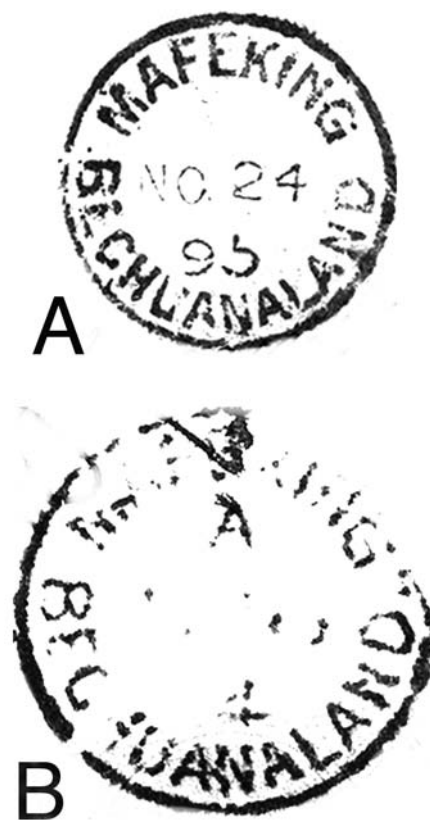
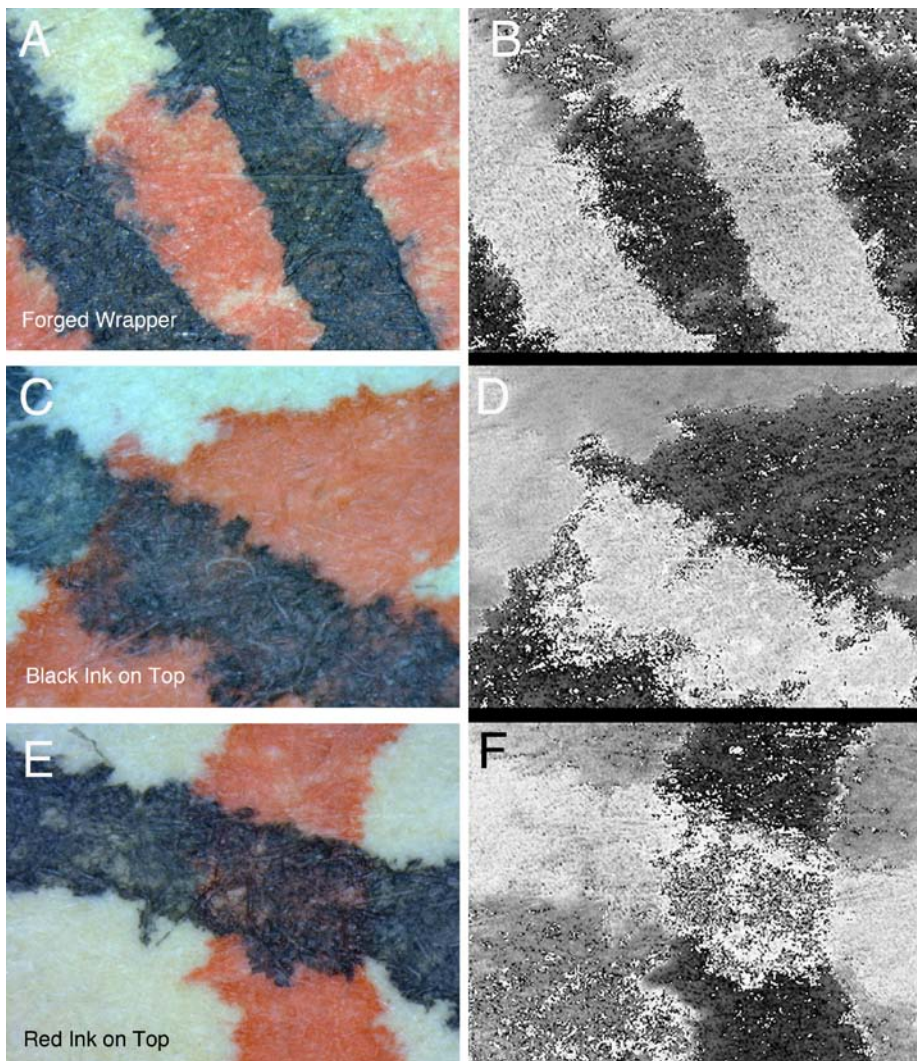


Figure 4.  
A) Original Mafeking cancel (22mm in diameter)  
B) Forged Mafeking cancel (27mm in diameter)

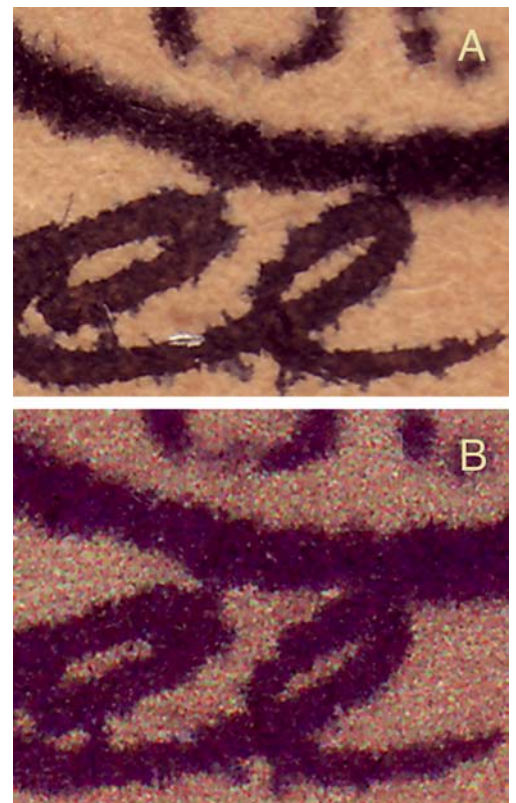


**Figure 5.** Black - red ink relationships on wrapper paper. Left column is as scanned in full colour. Second greyscale column is optical manipulated to optimize the differences. (A, B) The original forged wrapper. (C, D) Simulated with the black ink on top. (E, F) Simulated with the red ink on the top as seen by a thin film of red on top of the black ink. Scale bar is 0.5mm for all illustrations. The grey-scaled column was produced using RetroReveal (<http://retroreveal.org/>). The images were transformed into the YQ1Q2 colourspace and the Q1 channel was isolated. Then the resulting greyscale image was normalized with 2 percent allowance of saturated pixels. Finally the image was equalized and saved as 8-bit JPG files.

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**Figure 6 [below]**  
Details of forged wrapper.  
(A) Scanned at 1200 dpi  
(B) Same image printed using a dot matrix printer



## Checklist of Botswana Postmarks (Second Series)

2012 Update

The Botswana Postmark Project Team set out to extend the earlier work done on Botswana Postmarks (First Series) by Brian Trotter.

Botswana Postmarks (Second Series) followed the same Postal Marking Classification System (Typology) as the First series and continued the numbering from the First series. The earliest date included in the Botswana Postmarks (Second Series) was 01-Jun-1995 i.e. only new postmarks and markings appearing after this date, which had not been previously recorded, were included.


Between RP#60 (June 2004) and RP#76 (Nov. 2009) there were sixteen installments of the study published


followed by a further five "late arrivals" updates between RP#77 (March 2010) and RP#81 (Summer 2011). This 2012 update adds on new postmarks (updates to date and/or count changes for "Second Series" postmarks are not included in this update).

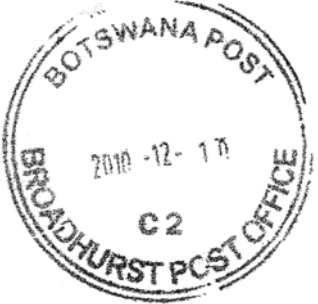
Further information on recorded postmarks, copies of better illustrations, and, of course, information on unrecorded markings is welcome and should be sent to Bruce Warrender (post) or e-mailed to the Editor.


As always Bruce wishes to thank the Project Team and all contributors.


## 2012 Update - Offices A-Z

BONTLENG	No 33 Type 23 M 19(4) <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	14-Aug-2010
	Latest recorded date	14-Aug-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


BONTLENG	No 34 Type 23 M 53(2)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-Aug-2011
	Latest recorded date	29-Aug-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


<b>BROADHURST</b>	<b>No 39 Type 23 M 24(2)</b>	
	<i>Note: Similar to No.37 RP#77 p.1929 but with larger letters</i>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Dec-2010
	Latest recorded date	10-Dec-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


<b>BROADHURST</b>	<b>No 40 Type 23 M 24(5)</b>	
		
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Nov-2008
	Latest recorded date	10-Nov-2008
	Number so far recorded	1


<b>BROADHURST</b>	<b>No 41 Type 23 M 58</b>	
		
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-May-2010
	Latest recorded date	29-May-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


New sub-variant 58. "BOTSWANAPOST" at top with "ASSISTANT POSTMASTER" (horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (2 lines) at base.


<b>FRANCISTOWN</b>	<b>No 79 Type 23 M 24(1)</b>	
		
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	14-May-2008
	Latest recorded date	14-May-2008
	Number so far recorded	1


FRANCISTOWN	No 80 Type 23 M 24(7)	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	03-Apr-2008
	Latest recorded date	03-Apr-2008
	Number so far recorded	1


FRANCISTOWN	No 81 Type 23 M 46(1)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	24-Apr-2012
	Latest recorded date	24-Apr-2012
	Number so far recorded	1


FRANCISTOWN	No 82 Type 23 M 46(3)	
	Outer circle diameter	38mm
	Earliest recorded date	30-Aug-2011
	Latest recorded date	30-Aug-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


FRANCISTOWN	No 83 Type 23 M 46(7)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	27-Apr-2011
	Latest recorded date	27-Apr-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


FRANCISTOWN	No 84 Type MISC 3 z(3) <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	25-Aug-2009
	Latest recorded date	25-Aug-2009
	Number so far recorded	1


FRANCISTOWN	No 85 Type MISC 3 z 7	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	01-Aug-2011
	Latest recorded date	01-Aug-2011
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 7. "BOTSWANA POST" at top with "CB CAGE" (horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (2 lines) at base with star separators.		

GANTSI/GHANZI	No 22 Type 23 M 26(1) <b>Struck in blue</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	08-Apr-2010
	Latest recorded date	08-Apr-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


GANTSI/GHANZI	No 23 Type 23 M 55 <b>Struck in blue</b>	
	Circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Jul-2010
	Latest recorded date	21-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	3
New sub-variant 55. "BOTSWANAPOST" at top with "RLS" (horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (2 lines) at base with star separators.		


JWANENG	No 39 Type 23 M 24(3) <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	03-Nov-2010
	Latest recorded date	03-Nov-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


JWANENG	No 40 Type 23 M 46(1)	
	Outer circle diameter	39mm
	Earliest recorded date	13-Oct-2010
	Latest recorded date	13-Oct-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


JWANENG	No 41 Type 23 M 63 <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	06-Oct-2009
	Latest recorded date	06-Oct-2009
	Number so far recorded	1


New sub-variant 63. "BOTSWANA POST" at top with "CAGE" (horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (2 lines) at base with star separators.


KASANE	No 25 Type 23 M 50 <b>Struck in purple</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	16-Aug-2010
	Latest recorded date	18-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	2


LETLHAKANE	No 17 Type 23 M 50	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	21-Sep-2010
	Latest recorded date	21-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


LETLHAKANE KITSONG CENTRE	No 1 Type 23 M 18 Struck in brown	
 <p>New Office</p>	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	27-Jun-2011
	Latest recorded date	27-Jun-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


LETLHAKENG	No 8 Type 23 M 50	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	??-??-2010
	Latest recorded date	??-??-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


LOBATSE	No 60 Type 23 M 24(1) Struck in blue	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	11-Jan-2012
	Latest recorded date	11-Jan-2012
	Number so far recorded	1


MAHALAPYE	No 44 Type 23 M 46(5)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	30-Aug-2011
	Latest recorded date	30-Aug-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


MOGODITSHANE	No 18 Type 23 M 46(2) <b>Struck in purple</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	06-Oct-2010
	Latest recorded date	06-Oct-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


MOLEPOLOPE	No 27 Type 23 M 53(2) <b>Struck in purple</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	28-Dec-2010
	Latest recorded date	28-Dec-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


PALAPYE	No 35 Type 23 M 46(2)	
	Outer circle diameter	39mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-Apr-2010
	Latest recorded date	29-Apr-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


POTA	No 13 Type 23 M 56	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	11-May-2011
	Latest recorded date	20-Jul-2011
	Number so far recorded	2
New sub-variant 56. "CENTRAL SORTING OFFICE" at top with [OFFICE NAME] (horizontal) above "BOTSWANA POST" (curved) (2 lines) at base with star separators.		


POTA	No 14 Type MISC 3 z 8(2)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Sep-2011
	Latest recorded date	23-Sep-2011
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 8. "CENTRAL SORTING OFFICE" (curved) above "CAGE" followed by a number (horizontal) (2 lines) at top with [OFFICE NAME] (horizontal) above "BOTSWANA POST" (curved) (2 lines) at base with star separators.		


ORAPA	No 29 Type 23 M 50	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	21-Oct-2010
	Latest recorded date	21-Oct-2010
	Number so far recorded	1

RAMOTSA VILLAGE	No 15 Type 23 M 46(5)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-May-2008
	Latest recorded date	22-May-2008
	Number so far recorded	1


RIVERWALK	No 9 Type 23 M 53(1)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	06-Jun-2011
	Latest recorded date	17-Oct-2011
	Number so far recorded	2


SELEBI PHIKWE	No 58 Type 23 M 46(2)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	01-Feb-2011
	Latest recorded date	01-Feb-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


SELEBI PHIKWE	No 59 Type 23 M 46(4)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Sep-2010
	Latest recorded date	22-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


SEROWE	No 41 Type 23 M 46(5)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Sep-2011
	Latest recorded date	23-Sep-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


Similar to No.38 (RP#81 p.2037) but larger font


SEROWE	No 42 Type 23 M 53(3)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	30-Nov-2010
	Latest recorded date	30-Nov-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


SHOSHONG	No 10 Type 23 M 22	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	24-Jun-2009
	Latest recorded date	24-Jun-2009
	Number so far recorded	1


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 21 Type 21 B 51	
	Circle diameters	23mm & 36mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-Sep-2011
	Latest recorded date	29-Sep-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 22 Type 23 M 57 <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Sep-2011
	Latest recorded date	10-Sep-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 23 Type MISC 3 z 5	
	Circle diameters	23mm & 36mm
	Earliest recorded date	25-Jan-2011
	Latest recorded date	25-Jan-2011
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 5. [OFFICE NAME] (curved)(outer ring) at top with "CAGE" (horizontal) (inner circle) above "BOTSWANA" (curved) (outer ring)(2 lines) at base.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 24 Type MISC 3 z 6 <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameters	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	30-Jul-2010
	Latest recorded date	16-Aug-2010
	Number so far recorded	4
New sub-variant z 6. "BOTSWANAPOST" at top with "BULK MAIL SECTION" above "RECEIVED" (both horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (3 lines) at base.		


NORTHERN SORTING CENTRE (TATITOWN)	No 24 Type 23 M 42	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Sep-2010
	Latest recorded date	23-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	2

TATITOWN	No 25 Type 23 M 46(1)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	13-Apr-2011
	Latest recorded date	13-Apr-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


<b>NORTHERN SORTING CENTRE (TATITOWN)</b>	<b>No 26 Type 23 M 62</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	02-Jun-2008
	Latest recorded date	02-Jun-2008
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 62. "BOTSWANAPOST" (curved) at top with "SHIFT LEADER" above "NORTHERN SORTING" above "CENTRE" (all horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (4 lines) at base		


<b>TATITOWN</b>	<b>No 27 Type MISC 11</b>	
	"Polo Batho 2011" star separated from "Census Botswana 2011" at top with "Central Statistics" over "Office-Tatitown. 9-18 Aug" (2 lines) at base.	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	15-Aug-2011
	Latest recorded date	15-Aug-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


<b>NORTHERN SORTING CENTRE (TATITOWN)</b>	<b>No 28 Type 23 M 61</b>	
	<b>Struck in brown</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-Dec-2011
	Latest recorded date	29-Dec-2011
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 61. "BOTSWANAPOST" (curved) at top with "MORNING SHIFT" (horizontal) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) (2 lines) at base		

WOODHALL	No 7 Type 1 M 46(2) <b>Struck in red</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	38mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-Aug-2011
	Latest recorded date	29-Aug-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


## 2012 Update - Gaborone


GABORONE	No 310 Type 23 M 24(1)	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	14-Sep-2010
	Latest recorded date	14-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	1

GABORONE	No 311 Type 23 M 24(12) Similar to No.295 (RP#81 p.2044) but with larger font	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	09-Jul-2011
	Latest recorded date	09-Jul-2011
	Number so far recorded	1


GABORONE	No 312 Type 23 M 59	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	05-Feb-2010
	Latest recorded date	05-Feb-2010
	Number so far recorded	1


New sub-variant 59. "BOTSWANAPOST" at top with [OFFICE NAME] (horizontal) above "SORTING CENTRE • SOUTH" (curved) (2 lines) at base with star separators.


GABORONE	<b>No 313 Type 23 M 60(9)</b> <b>Struck in blue</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Dec-2011
	Latest recorded date	23-Dec-2011
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 60. "BOTSWANA POST" at top with "C" followed by a numeral above [OFFICE NAME] followed by "CPO" (2 lines) at base with star separators.		


GABORONE	<b>No 314 Type 23 M 60(12))</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	08-Apr-2012
	Latest recorded date	08-Apr-2012
	Number so far recorded	1

## 2012 Update - Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS	<b>No 18 Type MISC 3 z 4</b> <b>Struck in purple</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Aug-2010
	Latest recorded date	15-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	3
New sub-variant z 4. "BOTSWANA POST" at top with "BUSINESS MAIL OFFICE" at base		

MISCELLANEOUS	No 19 Type MISC 3 z 9 <b>Struck in purple</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	??-??-2010
	Latest recorded date	02-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	3
New sub-variant z 9. "BOTSWANA POST" at top with "STATION" at base		

MISCELLANEOUS	No 20 Type MISC 3 z 10	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	29-Jun-2009
	Latest recorded date	29-Jun-2009
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 10. "BOTSWANAPOST" at top with "POSTAGE PAID" (horizontal) at base with star separators		

MISCELLANEOUS	No 21 Type MISC 3 z 3 <b>Struck in purple and brown</b>	
	Outer circle diameter	40mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Aug-2010
	Latest recorded date	15-Sep-2010
	Number so far recorded	3
New sub-variant z 3. "BOTSWANA POST" at top with "OUTWARD"(horizontal) above "SHIFT LEADER" (curved) (2 lines) at base		

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### Bram Leeftang

Interests: Cape overprinted issues

### Chris Palmer

Interests: Particularly interested in Bechuanaland/Botswana definitive printings and booklets

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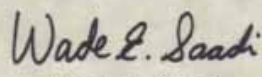
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## c1890 TRIAL OVERPRINTS



1890 1/2d vermilion with 'Protectorate' 15mm long. Variety OVERPRINT INVERTED. Corner marginal blocks of six from each corner of the pane. Superb fresh mint, the majority being unmounted. A spectacular and undoubtedly unique group of multiples. Ex Ernest Hunt. SG 54a **SOLD**

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