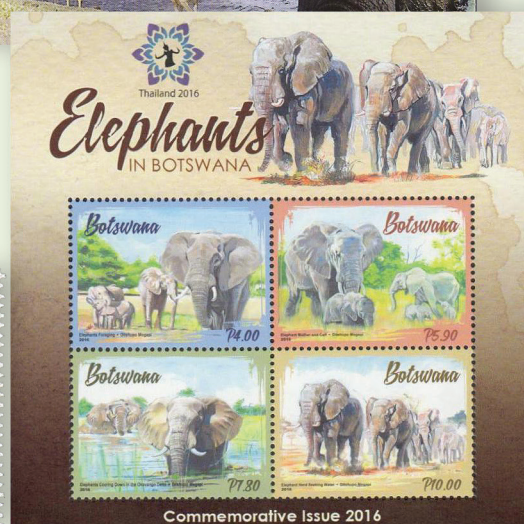
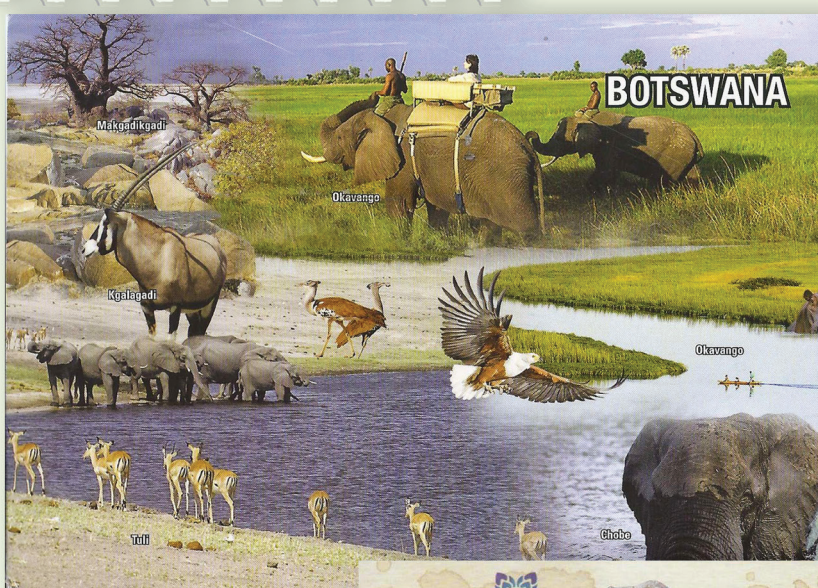


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Editorial

Alan Drysdall - Shortly after sending the previous issue to the printer I received the news that Alan had passed away at the age of 83 on 11 January. Several of us had seen him fairly recently at the November *Southern Africa Annual Conference*. I felt that an immediate obituary was relevant and proper, thus a full page insert accompanied issue No 94.

During previous decades I often had contact with Alan on matters philatelic and we exchanged information and views on a vast array of subjects...like Alan my interest in Southern African Philately is as diverse as his was, whether it concerned stamps, covers, archival material, postmarks, stationery or whatever. We bounced our ideas, theories and knowledge off each other...there are not that many people involved in philately that could match Alan in that manner...he may be gone...but I for one will not forget him and I know there are many of you who share that sentiment.

Stampex came and went and thanks to prior agreement, the AGM was short and sweet. Nothing has changed in as much that I fulfil the role of keeping the society going.

Since the last issue I was pondering what I might include in the next journal, usually something comes to mind and an idea turns into an article. Thanks to Brian Hurst I now find myself with a complete run of past journals and newsletters.

This encouraged me to browse through the various issues and it brought into focus how the society began, progressed, settled down, wobbled for awhile and regained stability.

The frequent lament about low attendance at meetings is a matter I was able to put into perspective, see page 2366.

My review of the society via its journals is open and honest and all the opinions are mine and I anticipate that not everyone will necessarily agree with them...the current trait continues...I do the writing while others do the reading!

Once the journal is complete I have uploaded it to our website and provided a link to members for a 'preview', this is intended as a privilege for 'members only'. Unfortunately one member thought it a good idea to broadcast the link to all and sundry. It has also come to my notice that other individuals are passing the link to friends and former members...I am not very happy about the foregoing...thus no more PDF previews in future.

2017 New Members

We welcome Charlie Brown (UK) and Nick Rossouw (SA)

Deceased - Alan Drysdall

During the last 12 months there has been a steady flow of new members and believe the website assists that trait. Another incentive is receiving two different journals three times per year. To that end I ensure that there is Bechuanaland and/or Basutoland interest in each issue of *Southern Africa Philately*.

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Editorial continued

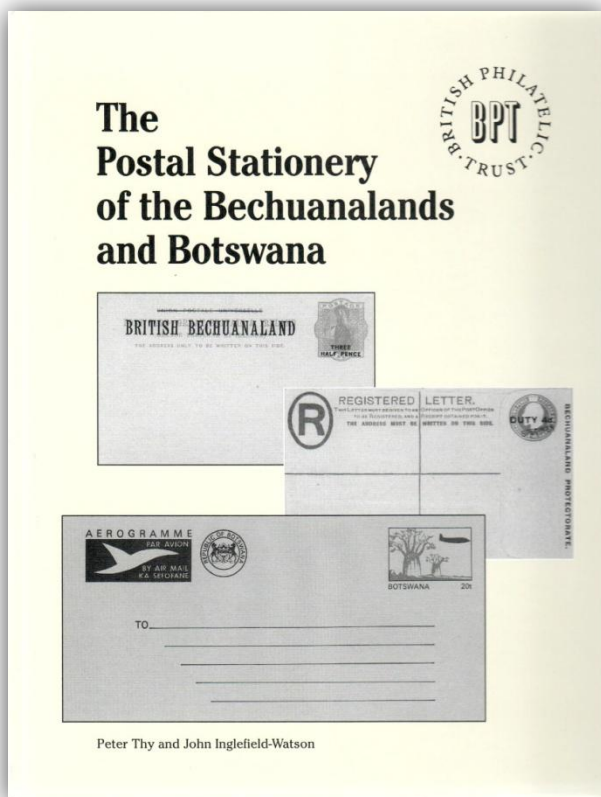
Membership Update

Despite numerous reminders the following people have failed to renew their 2017 subscription: John Coates, Tony Stanford, RPS Cape Town, John Schaerer (Botswana), W. J. Latzko and David Wessely (Both USA). Under the Constitution (2017) they ceased to be members on 31 March 2017. Thus current 'paid-up' membership stands at 77 (UK 36 and Overseas 41). John Schaerer is somewhat difficult to contact and he may well opt to pay his subscription at a later date.

Dennis Firth Honoured - During March, the ABPS 'Awards Co-ordinator', Yvonne Wheatley, advised that the late Dennis Firth has posthumously been awarded an ABPS Award of Merit for his work in Philately.

Society Archives

Peter Thy took over from Brian Hurst as *Archivist*. Brian had filled this role since October 2006 and before that Neville Midwood held that seat. I recently queried several items that are noted as 'Society Property'. Seven auction catalogues circa 1943 to 1971 featuring important Bechuanaland lots have allegedly vanished into thin air. A medal awarded for *The Runner Post* is also not accounted for...further enquiries will be made, but record keeping has not been one of the Society's assets. All past editions of *The Runner Post* are now collated in PDF form and a decision as to 'what happens next' is still pending. The records of the minutes of Society meetings are in the process of finding their way to me. I intend going through them in minute detail and will report back in the next journal.



Members are reminded that a Bechuanaland Stationery handbook by Inglefield-Watson and Thy is still available. Its original price tag was £50 and may be purchased for £10 plus P+P. Overseas members please note that the foregoing exceeds the price of the book.

Any enquiry for this book should be sent to the Editor or emailed to info@bechuanalandphilately.com. Hopefully I might succeed in disposing of a few copies to members of the Stamp Trade at stamp fairs.

Botswana Post

An invoice for 2016 journal advertising was sent to them in August 2016 and after numerous reminders it was allegedly settled in December, but the funds never reached us. On 3 February 2017 I received an email from 'accounts' that their payment had been returned and would be sent again. No further action has transpired and obviously the issue has been placed at the bottom of someone's 'In-Tray'...the matter is not closed...Needless to say they will not be invited to advertise in our journal again.

1961 Bechuanaland Decimal Definitives

Gibbons Stamp Monthly - December 1961 under 'Stamps of the Month' by Russell Bennett...*After twenty years of uniformity, with postage stamps showing cattle drinking under a Baobab tree, Bechuanaland has at long last changed the design of her current definitives...and what a change! Suddenly, from the demure one- or two-coloured recess-printed examples of the past two decades, we are transported into the modern era of Messrs. Harrison's multicoloured photogravure world where everything is depicted in its actual colours (apart from the very 'blue' woman on the 35c value). Collectively, the new stamps make a colourful album page. Singly, there is nothing particularly striking about any of them, although the birds are pleasing in their colouring and will delight thematic collectors. But they suffer from the fact that the Queen's portrait is too small and is dwarfed by the main feature of the design...*

Each Value in the set is commented on and briefly summarized:

- 1c *African Golden Oriole*...resides in the thick bush of the tropics, often at the foot of small hills...
- 2c *African Hoopoe*...frequently to be seen in gardens and on the dry veld...call can be heard from several hundred yards away...
- 2½c *Scarlet-chested Sunbird*...can be seen...visiting flowers...
- 3½c *Cape Widow-bird*...is the male, in his breeding dress...
- 5c *Swallow-tailed Bee-eater*...the most colourful...in this series.
- 7½c *Grey Hornbill*...nesting, female finds a convenient hole...
- 10c *Red-headed Weaver*...Invariably found near water...
- 12½c *Brown-hooded Kingfisher*...mostly eats insects, not fish...



Camel Patrol



A 'Blue Woman'



Bee Eater

- 20c *Woman Musician*...belongs to one of the semi-nomadic tribes who live along in the swamplands and along the rivers...
- 25c *Baobab*...indigenous...grows in the north of Bechuanaland..
- 35c *Grinding Maize*...using locally made wooden tools...
- 50c *Bechuana Ox*...African owned...backbone of the economy..
- R1 *Lion*...pests of the cattle-owners...two types reside locally...
- R2 *Police Camel Patrol*...Bechuanaland Police have 60 camels ...introduced in 1926...used to patrol the Kalahari Desert...

A Review of the Rarer Stamps

The above subject was started by the late David Finlay in Issue No 36 (September 1994) and commented on in the following issue. David passed away in July 1996 (Obituary in TRP 44).

In journal No 46 (March 1997) the late John Inglefield-Watson picked up the baton by appealing to the members for 'further input'. In TRP 52 Steve Wallace was noted as the '*Rarer Stamps Study Coordinator*' but the editorial does not clarify how this might progress.

Thus nothing else had been forthcoming for five years until TRP 55 when Steve Wallace and Mike Hall reported on rare items which appeared in a March 2002 Spink Sale. This was followed by a progress report in issue 56 (December 2002).

The April 2004 journal No 59 includes the rarities sold in Argyll Etkin's 'County sale' on 24 September 2003. Sadly no illustrations, thus one needs to own a copy of the catalogue, to appreciate the items in question.

Subsequent Additions

The 'Gawaine Baillie' sale (November 2005) by Brian Hurst.

John Inglefield-Watson sale (October 2007) Brian Hurst.
TRP 64/65 page 1530 (3.2006) and TRP 70/1698 (11.2007).

Rarer Stamp Study Part I, up to SG 30 and Part II, up to SG 39.
TRP 73/1820 (12.2008) and TRP 75/1859 (7.2009) and Part III finally appeared in TRP 92 (June 2016).

SG 31a/31c by Hurst and Midwood TRP 76/1885 (11.2009)

Future Potential Interest

Why the continued interest of the *Rarer Stamps Study* simply evaporated I cannot say. Considering that the previous editor complained about insufficient input for the journal, why did the data from 1888 to 1961 (SG 44 - 163) remain under 'wraps' for seven years? So far only a few of the more modern rarities (1945 - 1961) appear on our website.

In my opinion there is still plenty of fuel on the wood pile. The *Rarer Stamps Study* retains the potential for further expansion and I hope to be able to publish more information in the foreseeable future. The motto remains 'Seek and ye shall find!'

Personally major rarities are very much up my street and can provide satisfying research plus a challenge to locate every available scrap of information. For instance I recently found a 'piece of a jigsaw' in a defunct 1921 philatelic journal which solved a question that no one had an answer for.

Bechuanaland Rarities - What else is there to be had?

I enjoy reading 'Interesting stories' and the history of, who discovered what and when. Whilst the QEII errors appear to be fairly well documented, I recently came across another illustration I had not seen before. For KGV I there is only the 1945 3d Victory overprint error... who found it...when was it reported and in which year did it appear for the first time in a Commonwealth catalogue? The same questions apply to the 1932 KGV ½d definitive imperforate between pair.

Starting the ball rolling - An Update

1932 KGV ½d definitive imperforate between pair SG 99a listed for the first time in 1988 (un-priced). Sold by Sotheby's auction (for the first time?) in November 1987. Priced at £7500 in 1991, £8500 (1992), £10,000 (1993), £11,000 (1995), £12,000 (2000), £16,000 (2005), £22,000 (2010) and £30,000 (2015). Bill Wallace updated the damaged pair as being sold by Spink on 12 April 2007 in lot 437.

1945 3d Victory with overprint omitted SG 131a - Not included in the 9th edition of *The Commonwealth Catalogue - KGV Stamps* (1962-63) Leather Lane, Liverpool, but does appear in their 10th Edition (1964-65) and is un-priced.

Bridger & Kay KGV Catalogue - They acquired the rights of *The Commonwealth Catalogue* from the Liverpool dealers and the 11th (1966-67) & 12th (1967-68) editions both price the variety at £350. In the 1980 14th edition it rose to £1000.

It was not in the 1960 SG Part I and included in the SG 1964 *Two Reigns* catalogue. Not noted as an 'added item' thus it must be listed prior to that. SG priced it at £550 and it remained at that level until 1976. In 1977 it rose to £750, then £1000 in 1978, £1800 (1980), £3000 (1983), £3500 (1986), £4000 (1988 to 1992), £4250 (1993 to 1995), £6000 (2000), £8000 (2005), £12,000 (2010) and £17,000 (2015).

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Early TATI Cancellations Revisited

By Otto Peetoom

Corbitts

On 10 November 2016 Corbitts of Newcastle held an 'All World Auction' and under Rhodesia several lots offered early single circle TATI cancels including a 15/8/88 manuscript. David McMonagle kindly sent me scans of all these lots, which allows a review of the subject of 'Tati'. Four lots include either single stamps or multiples on piece (7 in total) all cancelled TATI (BECHUANALAND excised). Although most of the dates are faint, they mainly appear to be 89 (1889).

1997 the End of the TATI BECHUANALAND Myth¹

A 1d strip of four plus a 2d strip of five (See page 2358) cancelled with offices along the 1888 Runner Route finally brought to an end a supposition that the datestamp had been used for 'one day only' with 'BECHUANALAND' in place. The myth also included GUBULAWAYO BECHUANALAND. Both cancellers had the offending word excised and that task was either carried out at Vryburg or perhaps in Cape Town.

The above explains why it was necessary to cancel stamps at Tati in manuscript during August and September 1888 and possibly later than that. The earliest recorded date for Tati in its mutilated state is NO 7 88.²



Corbitts Lot 1325

A 2d on 2d and 1s on piece dated 15/8/88 and initialled. Each with a BONC 638 transit applied at Mafeking

Illustrated in Dann's books³
The same piece sold by Spink on 21 April 2017 as lot 2655

Piece ex Holmes

6d on 6d pair on piece dated 15/8/88 and initialled

It is suggested it came from an envelope addressed to Moffat⁴

Harmers Sale

29 October 1981
Lot 1395
Estimate £1250
Sold for £3800



Each with a BONC 638 transit applied at Mafeking

Manuscript Initials (undated)

In *The Runner Post* No 20 (September 1990) on page 356 John Inglefield-Watson illustrated a 6d on 6d. The foregoing item did not feature as a single lot in the sale of his collection by Spink on 3 October 2007.

Manuscript 8 September 1888

In *The Runner Post* No 18 (March 1990) Roger Howard reported a 1s on 1s dated 8/9/88 and initialled with a single circle MAFEKING SP 25 88 transit datestamp. (Illustrated front cover). Including the undated Inglefield-Watson item they represent the two most recent manuscript 'finds'.

The 29/9/88 Knight Cover

An envelope to Mrs Thompson in Cape Town, with one of the adhesives torn off, with a manuscript '15/9' applied at Tati plus Mafeking OC 88 transits and a OC 10 88 arrival backstamp.⁵



The above item featured in the Spink 'Knight' sale as lot 514 on 21 March 2003. Estimated at £1,500 - 2,000, it sold for £1610. The next lot 515, a registered cover from Tati, cancelled with the mutilated single circle JY 24 89 sold for £2,990!

Tati Cancellers used at Francistown⁶ - An Update

BONC 679 (Tati) used at Francistown on 20 AUG 1897 was noted. In *The Runner Post* No 27 a BSAC Stationery card is illustrated, written on 31 July 1897, cancelled by BONC 679. The earliest known single circle (Tati excised) is AU 30 7 (97). *The Runner Post* No 6 includes a Tati excised OC 97 with the 9 above the MD and 7 below, not mentioned in the 2015 article. A similar setting is dated JA 9 98 (TRP 90/2270 cancel No 9)

Notes

¹ See *The Rhodesian Philatelist* No 16 (April 1998)

² South of the Zambesi (2003) by Hoyte & Lashbrook

³ *The Romance of the Posts of Rhodesia, British Central Africa and Nyasaland* (1940) page 37 and *The Cancellations of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland* (1950) page 36 by H.C. Dann

⁴ *The Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery and Postmarks of the Bechuanalands* (1971) by H.R. Holmes page 94

⁵ *The Postmarks, Postal Routes and Principal Postage Rates of Southern Rhodesia to 1924* (1984) by Knight and Mitchell page 2

⁶ *The Runner Post* No 90 (August 2015) pages 2267 - 2270

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The Bechuanalands and Botswana Society 1984 - 2017 Then and Now

By Otto Pectoom

Introduction

Our Society enters its 33rd year and in order to appreciate in which direction things are going, it might be a good idea to look at how it started, progressed, wobbled (1998 to 2003) regained its stability, then wobbled again during 2012 to 2014 and went back on track during 2015.

A short review of the past was included in two pages during 2005 by Peter Thy in 1985 - 2005 *Cumulative Index*.

This review is extensive and taken much time to piece together.

A Fundamental requirement for an Editor and Webmaster

A complete run of all previous Newsletters and Journals which has allowed me to browse through them at leisure. Thanks to Brian Hurst I have the set ex the late John Inglefield-Watson¹ (John I-W). This is an overall review of the society, its journal and my personal comment which is intended as 'constructive criticism'. I am in the habit of telling the truth and not beating around the bush. Past Editors often struggled to fill the pages of the next edition and this review ought to be one way of doing it.

Initial and Ongoing Confusion

During 1984, the late Roy Setterfield² set in motion an idea to form a group of collectors who have an interest in the philately of Bechuanaland. He initiated the foregoing with a two page *Newsletter* No 1 dated Spring 1984 and that was followed by *Newsletter* No's 2, 3 and 4, the latter dated Autumn 1985.

A decision was made to dub *Newsletter* No 4 as *The Runner Post* No 1, except it does not state that on the front cover.

Confusion continued *The Runner Post* No's 1 to 6, these issues were also hailed as *Newsletter* No's 4 to 9 and each numbered from 1 up. John I-W renumbered Newsletters 1 to 3 in manuscript as pages 1 to 9. Newsletters 4 to 9 or (*Runner Post* No's 1 to 6) as pages 10 to 100 and the last page 100A. John I-W regards the foregoing as *The Runner Post* Volume I.

The Introduction of Pagination

In *The Runner Post* No 7 (*Newsletter* No 10) - June 1987 Pagination was introduced, starting with page 101, hence the necessity of a page 100A in the previous issue. *The Runner Post* No 9 (December 1987) reflects the last 'Newsletter No 12' and *The Runner Post* No 10 (March 1988) includes an 'ISSN 0953-3354' for the first time.

Newsletters Versus The Runner Post

Up to the end of 1998 the general consensus of opinion was that the society had issued three Newsletters during 1984 - 85 and *The Runner Post* from Autumn 1985. More of this later...

A Review of the Society's Publications

Newsletter No 1, Spring 1984 by Roy Setterfield - Two pages Reproduced in Issue No 62 (December 2004) pages 1474 - 75 under 'Twenty years ago'. Setterfield stated he had around 40 names and noted 25 responses and ten 'no reply'.

Newsletter No 2, Autumn 1984 by Roy Setterfield - 3 pages Reproduced in Issue No 63 (March 2005) pages 1506 - 1507 under 'Twenty years ago'. Consists of a few paragraphs of information. Three met for lunch during BPE at Wembley, Jim Catterall, Roy Setterfield and Brian Trotter.

Newsletter No 3, March/April 1985 by Roy Setterfield - Four pages. Reproduced in Issue No 63 (December 2004) pages 1542 - 43 under 'Twenty years ago'.

Newsletter No 3 - continued. On page 7 Setterfield wrote...*The Mailing List for this Newsletter is now over 50, of whom we reckon that 26 are really interested in the project and would support an official organization...This may be enough to make up a collectors' group or society viable, but the obvious snag is that these people are polarised either in England or South Africa, with a few 'off-shore islands' like Europe, USA and Wales...* Four met at Stampex, same as before plus Alan MacGregor. This was followed by a few items of interest.

The first Runner Post No 1, initially **Newsletter No 4** Autumn 1985. Later renumbered from page 10 up and features a report on *The Inaugural Meeting of Bechuanalands and Botswana Society* held at Stampex on 16 October 1985 (8 people present).

Proposed H.R. Holmes³ as Life President, Brian Trotter as Founder Chairman, Roy Setterfield as Secretary and Philip Kaye as Treasurer. It was also felt that a South African representative was desirable. Hamish Campbell was appointed. A quarterly Newsletter to be entitled *The Runner Post*.

In a PS it states...*The meeting was far more lively than these formal minutes might suggest!*

Various snippets of information follow that includes a statement of an 8d Unappropriated Die⁴ being a fake, ex Ferrari and Burrus...parts of two stamps joined together.

Newsletter No 4/*The Runner Post* No1, reproduced in Issue No 64/5 (Nov 2005/Mar 2006) pages 1531 - 1535 under 'Twenty years ago'. This was the last 'Blast from the Past' published.

The Runner Post No 2 Winter 1985/86 or Newsletter No 5

An Editorial apology that Mike George's name was omitted from those attending the *Inaugural Meeting*, thus there were nine. Holmes accepted the position as Life-president and Alan MacGregor becomes co-editor.

Note - Brian Trotter informed me that Roy Setterfield made an excellent Secretary and although listed as the 'Editor' the job was essentially executed by Allen.

This issue was also hailed as including its first 'proper' article by Jim Catterall⁵ on *Overprint Forgeries of 1885-7 Issue of British Bechuanaland* - About four pages.

The Runner Post No 3 Spring 1986 Editorial comments, next

AGM 15 October 1986...Meeting at Stampex 5.3.1986... Secretary reports 33 paid up members (...risen to 43 Editor). An article on *Railway Letter Post* by H. Hagen and *Postal Markings Study* by Brian Trotter. Bill Hart reports a COGH stationery card with a single circle SANDPITS DE 15 95. Richard Stroud on *Difficulties with Native Mail*.

The Runner Post No 4 August 1986 - Starts with an extensive Editorial...A tea party on 6 September 1986 at Lymington to celebrate Holmes's 90th birthday...Planned meeting in South Africa during *Johannesburg 100 Exhibition* on 7 October ...Now over fifty paid up members...Proposed Society Rules drawn up and included in issue.

Various snippets of information and the first report of *In the Auction Room* include an extensive review of Harmers' sale of the *Charles Barkaway*⁶ Collection on 25 June 1986. Also various items sold by Robson Lowe.

Another instalment of *Forged Overprints* by Inglefield-Watson plus *Francistown Postmarks* by Brian Trotter.

The Runner Post Logo

Brian Trotter informed me that he had come across this image at some stage and it found its way onto the front cover, in the SE corner of *The Runner Post* No 4 (August 1986).

By *The Runner Post* No 10 (March 1988) the logo migrated to the NE corner next to the title. For the remaining period of Alan MacGregor's Editorship, 'The man with a letter held by a cleft stick' remained in that position up to *The Runner Post* Issue No 49-50 (December 1997 - March 1998) - Last page is 1260.



The Runner Post No 5 (Newsletter No 8) Autumn 1986

In an Editorial, Roy Setterfield proudly wrote...*Only two years ago, we were discussing the possible formation of a study group: now, we have had our General Meeting in London and, at almost the same time, an inaugural meeting in Johannesburg; an afternoon with our President; and a reference to us in the philatelic press as a 'specialist society'. Truly, we have arrived!*

Alan MacGregor lists seven members who exhibited Bechuanaland during *Johannesburg 100* and also mentions other related exhibits by 'non-members'.

Included in the Minutes of the AGM (15.10.1986)...*Membership has grown beyond all expectations and...stood at 68 (includes 27 in Southern Africa)...*The Treasurer noted £83.24 in hand.

Production of *The Runner Post*⁷ ...*draft copy was sent from the Editors to Brian Trotter who did the layout on a word processor and sent master copies to Roy Setterfield and Hamish Campbell (In SA) for photocopying and distribution. Costs of copying and postage were high. Promoting advertising was suggested.*

Included in the Minutes of the Johannesburg Meeting (9.10.86) ...*it was decided that Botswana and South African centres would run separately...Each centre is to make its own arrangements...with regard to Subscriptions and distribution of the Runner Post.*

Besides an array of snippets of information and a *Tea Party* in the New Forest to celebrate Holmes's 90th birthday.⁸ The main 4½ page article, by Inglefield-Watson on *The Provisional Issues of Nov 1891 and 1893-95 'British Bechuanaland' Reading Up and Down.*

The Runner Post No 6 (Newsletter No 9) February 1987
Editorial...Charles Barkaway obituary plus several snippets of information. The predominate feature being *The Postal History of the Tati District* (Seven pages) by H.R. Holmes, being a paper read before the RPSL on 6 December 1956. Followed by a two page supplement to the foregoing, of note a black and white illustration of a BSAC (Rhodesia) 1/- Large Arms (Fig 7) 'TATI excised' that appears to have an OC 97 date.⁹

The Runner Post No 7 (Newsletter No 10) June 1987
The introduction of pagination...starting with page 101 (See comments on previous page). The issue includes several short articles such as Macloutsi 1892, Relief cancellers, Control and Plate Numbers and De La Rue archives plus a Tati display during March 1987 Stampex by Kenneth Wright.

The Runner Post No 8 (Newsletter No 11) September 1987
The second BBS auction included with this issue. Annual Subscription to remain at £5 per annum. It appears that listing Botswana new issues begins, starting with 2 March 1987 *Traditional Medicine*. A report...Tati Bechuanaland - 7th copy found.

The Runner Post No 8 - continued Articles on *Stamps overprinted 'Specimen' or 'Cancelled', Military Telegraphs, Palapye and its Postmarks*. Colin Fraser raises an issue whether GUBALAWAYO BECHUANALAND might be a 'cancelled to order Souvenir'.¹⁰

The Runner Post No 9 (Newsletter No 12) December 1987
The first BBS auction in South Africa was announced followed by Comments and Queries. In the Auction Room features the 1932 ½d Imperforate between in a damaged pair plus a block of four sold at Sotheby's. A one page article on Banks Drift and other PA's. The first article on Crocodile Pools by J. Catterall, this subject rears its head time and again in years to come.

The Runner Post No 10 March 1988 - ISSN 0953-3354
An ISSN number appears for the first time and the logo moves to the top. A poor copy of a TATI excised on cover¹¹ is illustrated and eight pages of the *Bechuanaland Postmark Study* dominate this journal.

The Runner Post No 11 June 1988

Talk of a Society Library suggests that they already owned several books...at a later date it transpired that said books belonged to Roy Setterfield (See issue 24). However what did catch my eye are twelve auction catalogues featuring Bechuanaland dated between 1943 and 1986, with a note that the first seven had been donated by H.R. Holmes...the question is...where are they now? It seems strange that a society that has been going for 30+ years has no library.

Other interesting items in this journal include a reproduction of two pages of *The Mafeking Mail* 27 March 1900, the Palapye Bisect and Transvaal Stamps Fiscally used in Bechuanaland.

The Runner Post No 12 September 1988

The Editorial by Alan MacGregor is about him being a witness at the Crown Court trial in London. I can relate to the foregoing as I too was a witness for the prosecution. The man accused was Robert (Bobby) George who had been forging Rhodesian Postmarks on stamps without gum and also manufacturing his own covers. Alan relates that the accused received a six month suspended sentence, ordered to pay £800 costs plus his own defence costs.

Did it teach him a lesson or do leopards ever lose their spots? In May 2010 an item in GSM caught my eye under a title *Hampshire forger*...Robert George convicted on numerous charges of forging cancellations and overprints...sold fraudulent stamps for £30,000 to one person...also traded his forgeries on the internet...Judge Hope unable to calculate the exact figure for the fraud...Sentenced to 21 months imprisonment.

Chairman's comment...*We now have close to 100 members...* also, readers take note...*The Runner Post is our only real means of communicating with our far-flung society...*

Included two pages featuring Dry Hartz on cover and another page reproducing *The Mafeking Mail* 13 March 1900.

The Runner Post No 13 December 1988

Editorial, a familiar gripe...*The Runner Post can only be as good as you make it...10% of members' supply 90% of the content for each RP.* Mike George took over as Chairman at the 27 September 1988 meeting...membership fluctuated and stood at 91.

For the first time two sets of accounts was published, one for the UK having a £643.50 balance. The other for the SA branch indicating R641.96 on hand (£1 = R4).

The Runner Post No 14 March 1989

Obituary HR Holmes passed away on 22 January 1989 aged 92. He was one of few to sign the UK RDP in 1953 as well as RDPSA in 1988. Incidentally the first well known Philatelist to do so was Emil Tamsen and in recent times, the late Alan Drysdall also held such a distinction. Postmarks once again feature predominantly filling nine pages.

The Runner Post No 15 June 1989

Labels feature in this issue, a War Fund plus 'Fight TB'. I published a two page article on the TATI excised cancel, used at Francistown. An update appeared in the first edition of *The Rhodesian Philatelist* (July 1993) followed by a complete re-write in *The Rhodesian Philatelist* No 36 in April 2015 and also published in *The Runner Post* No 90.

Other subjects included Postal Stationery, Registration Labels and African Pioneer Corps.

The Runner Post No 16 September 1989

Subscription rose from £5 to £8. Franco Frescura offered 2½ pages of BONC's from No 172 to 1193. A page devoted to a BW 2/6 Seahorse with a major Re-entry, six pages of early letters of the Lake N'gami area plus four pages of Postmarks.

The Runner Post No 17 December 1989

Emphasis on the up and coming *StampWorld London 90*, International Stamp Exhibition at Alexander Palace was being anticipated. Labels featured and a B.P.A.P.T. (Tuberculosis) was illustrated. Botswana Branch 1988/89 accounts featured. 'Items of Interest' illustrate a 14th copy of GUBALAWAYO BECHUANALAND and 8th copy of TATI BECHUANALAND.

The Runner Post No 18 March 1990

The buzz about the London International continued and Jim Catterall illustrated cards sent by W.A.H. Harbour of Mochudi circa 1899/1900.¹²

The Runner Post No 19 June 1990

StampWorld London 90 came and went and received the 'thumbs up' from the Editor. I was a stand holder, my first International, and the show exceeded expectation. The BBS held a meeting on 9 May with an attendance of 22 people, its largest on record....total membership 'about 90' and society funds £490. John Inglefield-Watson indicated he was running out of material to contribute to *The Runner Post* and expressed the hope that others would come forth.

The journal includes articles on Combination covers, Postage Due Covers and Airmail First Flights.

The Runner Post No 20 September 1990

The Editor congratulated members for awards achieved during *Stamps 150* in Johannesburg. Benny Illman,¹³ Large Gold and 'The Royal Medallion' for his 'Unappropriated Dies'. Airmail First Flights part II and six pages of postmarks round off this issue.

The Runner Post No 21 December 1990

A New and different front cover, yellow card and printed in brown, the back cover being plain card. This dull and un-interesting format was to persist for years to come. Considering that it was first proposed in October 1986, it surprises me that no initiative to attract advertising in the journal was undertaken. In my book blank pages are not acceptable...but then, at the time, I had no involvement with the society.

The Runner Post No 21 - continued

A report on the 17 October 1990 AGM, John Inglefield-Watson elected as Chairman, the Society has 100 members, net current assets £395.29, from 1.7.1991 the Annual subscription is £10.

New Members, for the first time their names are published in the journal - For further detail, see Appendix I.

Bechuanaland War Fund Labels issued in booklets and mentioned in the February 1940 edition of *The South African Philatelist*. There is comment on the Palapye and Kanye bisect, more on Postage Due Covers plus another five pages of postmarks.



The Runner Post No 22 March 1991

An obituary for J.G. Haskins

Another 'Tati excised' cover is illustrated. Sold at a small auction with an estimated of £400, it was increased in £1 bidding steps and finally knocked down at £1020...I was the under bidder. Four pages of postmarks plus an extensive article on Stellaland (11 pages) which fills the rest of the journal.

The Runner Post No 23 June 1991

The Editor remarks on a Christie's sale in London with 150 lots of Bechuanaland with a good proportion being snapped up by the Botswana Postal Museum.

Peter Thy in Botswana joined the society and is a keen member with many past and present contributions to his name.

More B.A.P.T. labels are illustrated, followed by yet another extensive Stellaland article (15 pages) and include known covers. Journal concluded with a ten page dose of postmarks.

The Runner Post No 24 September 1991

A Library gets a mention and returns to the back-burner. The ½d vermilion SG 40a receives a four page debate and John Inglefield-Watson broaches the subject of Meter Marks.¹⁴

The Runner Post No 25 December 1991

AGM held 5 October 1991, seven members attended. Subscriptions remain a complicated issue UK £10, but only £5 in Botswana as *The Runner Post* is printed locally. South Africa is R24, with R10 being remitted to the UK.

The Chairman delivered the following message...*In twelve months time the treasurer will be standing down. The society cannot continue if new people do not come forward and offer their services. The society deserves what it gets - If no support is forthcoming there will eventually be no auctions, no meetings or no Runner Post, If the society is worth joining, then it is worthwhile it continuing and it must be worthwhile supporting.*

The Secretary reported 93 members, 39 (UK) 8 (Botswana) 4 (Europe) 30 (SA) 8 (North America) plus 4 (Others). Howard Cook and Andy Anderson were acknowledged for their support in SA and Botswana.

The Treasurer gave an extensive report, but fails to provide the bottom line as to how much is 'in the pot'. Talk of attracting advertising revenue in the journal rears its head again. Finally Roy Setterfield is made a 'life member'.

A glowing report on the *Cape Town 1991* exhibition and seventeen BBS members attended the show.

Items of interest include, Bisects in the Royal Collection, Postal Fiscal F1, Postal Stationery (8 pages), First QEII Definitives, printings and dates plus Postmarks of Lobatsi (Seven pages).

Colour Photocopying

During the Summer of 1990 I visited *Kall Kwik* printers in South Church Side, Hull and produced some colour prints of philatelic material. At that time the cost of colour was high, the machines were slow, delivering about four A3 sheets per minute and colour could only be printed on one side of the paper. Collating and stapling was done manually.

In early 1992 I produced my *Rhodesian Specialized Postal Auction* No 36 which included four pages of colour illustration. The response from our customers was positive and they were delighted with the colour innovation. I recall Brian Trotter saying he might consider collecting my catalogues instead of the actual material as that would be much cheaper.

It brought home to me how important colour is for philately. Thus when I launched my own journal a year later, it boasted four A4 pages of colour. Granted the subscription rate was not cheap and I suggested to subscribers that black and white was more economical...they loved the colour so that was that. I feel these comments are relevant as most philatelic societies avoided colour...‘too expensive they cried’ and subsequently continued publishing drab journals for years to come.

The Runner Post No 26 March 1992

Obituaries for P. Cattell and K. Baker...Followed by comment on Stellaland and its Postal rates. A Postage Due Workshop is included. Postal Rates of Botswana (7 pages), Postal Stationery (7 pages) and Lobatsi Postmarks Part II (7 pages). Advertising rates appear for the first time on the inside back cover and two small adverts adorn the back cover.

The Runner Post No 27 June 1992

The front cover is printed in black instead of brown. The editor Alan MacGregor moved from the UK back to South Africa and *The Runner Post* will in future be printed and distributed from Cape Town. Inside front page advert by David Crocker.¹⁵ In a report on a London meeting held on 26 February 1992 the secretary reports membership at around 100. The chairman spells out more doom and gloom re the future of the society unless new people come forward to help run the organisation.

A 31 July 1897 postal stationery card with a Tati BONC 679 is illustrated indicating its use at Francistown. Postal Stationery features once again. The KEVII 6d Postal Fiscal receives another ‘plug’, Peter van der Molen offers a page on Revenues and Peter Thy presents another chapter on Postal rates.

The Runner Post No 28 September 1992

Several items of interest include Die Proofs for the Unappropriated Dies, a remarkable cover from Tati (4 pages) and rounding off the journal with 13 pages of postmarks.

The Runner Post No 29 December 1992

The editor announces the passing of Bill Hart and Benny Illman. The minutes of the 14 October 1992 AGM follow, 99 members and £1170 in the bank...subscriptions UK £10, SA R40 and Botswana £7. An extended report by John Inglefield-Watson, the chairman, lamenting over the low attendance at meetings. A suggestion put forward whether the ‘South African’ branch might take over the administration of the UK branch proved negative. A statement of the accounts is included, followed by another ‘doom and gloom’ prediction from the chairman re the health of the society. Postal stationery and postal rates receive more press and there is a further instalment on registration labels. What will 1993 bring for the well being of the BBS?

The Runner Post No 30 March 1993

At a meeting in March a new position was created and Jim Catterall became the Membership secretary and the society Archivist. Karl Seligmann’s book¹⁶ on the Philatelic History of Bechuanaland was announced as nearing completion. Two comprehensive obituaries for Bill Hart and Benny Illman are included. Articles on WWII Airgraphs, Stellaland Revenues (3 pages) and Early Bechuanaland/Mashonaland mail, the Parker Correspondence (10 pages).

The Runner Post No 31 June 1993

Subscription for UK members remains at £10. Comment on Stellaland Revenues by Jonkers (3+ pages). Various Botswana (5 pages). The first comprehensive article on the 1961 Overprints (1c on 1d) by Peter van der Molen (5 pages) Postal Stationery (4 pages) followed by eight pages of Botswana postmarks. Alan MacGregor fills the back cover of the journal with a full page advert for the first time.¹⁷

The Runner Post No 32 September 1993

A sad day for the Society...the inspiration for a Bechuanaland study group...Roy Setterfield passed away on 17 August 1993, his obituary by Alan MacGregor and Brian Trotter. The Stellaland ‘Twee’ overprint, the RPSL announces it will not issue certificates for SG 6 in future, followed by a debate by Jonkers and Drysdall.¹⁸ Extracts from Annual Colonial reports 1889 - 1897. Postal Rates 1888 - 1935 (10 pages) rounded off by Botswana postmarks (5 pages).

The Runner Post No 33 December 1993

The Editor announces the introduction of new technology in the next issue using a computer/word processor plus a laser printer. The word ‘colour’ does not feature in Alan’s dialogue! 13 October 1993 another AGM, the Treasurer notes that journal production averaged £85 per issue and had escalated to £200...that makes no sense whatsoever to me...at the time I could print 100 copies of a 28 page journal in black and white for £70! UK Subscription to remain £10 and there was a debate whether to charge new or re-joining members an ‘Entry Fee’. It was also noted that members who had not renewed their subscription continued to receive two ‘free’ journals.

In my book the above is typical society complacency and as far as I am concerned if a member does not renew, they do not receive the next journal...when I became Treasurer in 2015 I conducted a laborious audit of member’s subscriptions. I found one person, resident in South Africa, who had received each journal for the past 4½ years without paying a subscription!

Crocodile Pools by David Finlay, an interesting three page account. A Postal Stationery card from Mochudi posted and cancelled Crocodile Pools 30 DEC 99. Finlay somewhat spoils the article by implying that the cancel...was used accidentally or deliberately to produce a philatelic rarity and comments...



*I doubt that this card was ever closer to Crocodile Pools, than Mochudi.*¹⁹

**CROCODILE POOLS
30 DEC 99**

The Runner Post No 33 continued

A six page article on the Republic of Goshen and rounded off with 12 pages of Botswana postmarks. Last page no 703.

The Runner Post No 34 March 1994

Editorial Comment...*Welcome to your new style 'Runner Post'. I am sure members agree that the print quality of a laser printer over that of dot matrix is a vast improvement.*

An important issue that most amateur journal producers miss is that the quality of the finished product is very much dependent on the quality of paper used.

Pagination Blues

I remind readers that *The Runner Post* No 7 started with page 101 that created page 100A in issue No 6. Now in issue 34 the editor discovers that, according to James Negus, it is protocol to number the left hand even and the right with an odd number. To put the foregoing into practise, there is no page 704 and issue 34 starts with page 705...this is not the end of the BBS page numbering system...more of that later...

Fredrick Lawrence took Finlay to task over his comments about Crocodile Pools in the previous issue pointing out he overlooked the Col. Vyvyan Mafeking siege correspondence that is cancelled Crocodile Pools from 20 to 31 December 1899 and illustrates a 30 DEC 99 cover.²⁰

Other points of interest include Botswana (4 pages) Postage dues (3 pages) and Postal rates prior to 1900 (12 pages).

The Runner Post No 35 June 1994

David Finlay does an about turn on his previous comment on Crocodile Pools...it frequently occurs in philately, when someone does not understand something; they often condemn it or imply it is a forgery! This issue includes three pages on Stellaland, Postal rates 1885 - 1895 (9 pages) plus Botswana postmarks (10 pages).

The Runner Post No 36 September 1994

Postage rates to 1900, a two page comment by Drysdall. David Finlay collated eight pages on the Rarer stamps of Bechuanaland...this subject received much ongoing comment and study as the years roll by. A very interesting page includes the sale of Emil Tamsen's material by *Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's*. A sale on 9 November 1899 offered a strip of four 2d on 2d overprint in green (SG 23c) on cover. Another sale on 10 May 1900 offered 18 lots of British Bechuanaland and 19 lots of Bechuanaland Protectorate all either multiples, complete panes or half sheets of stamps. We can only wonder how much of it survived intact.

The Queen Victoria £5 on 1/- Postal Fiscal²¹ (SG F2) was subject to a four page research article and rounded off with 15 pages of Botswana postmarks.

The Runner Post No 37 December 1994

An insert records the death of Society Secretary Mike George on 4 December. An issue mainly with 'this and that' plus six pages of Botswana Aerogrammes and the 'almost compulsory' instalment of sixteen pages of Botswana postmarks. On the back page Alan MacGregor's advert offered a Zwartmodder proving cover with BONC 394.

The Runner Post No 38 March 1995

As anticipated there is an extensive obituary for Mike George who passed away at the age of 59 by Inglefield-Watson, Trotter MacGregor, Hardwick and Glassborow.

The Runner Post No 38 continued

Minutes of the AGM held 12 October 1994 are included, new secretary David Wall, David Hardwick as Treasurer, cost of journal production reduced and Inglefield-Watson re-elected as Chairman...his message continues on a negative tone stating...*I expressed my concern about the long term future of the Society ...We have survived...we may survive for a little longer...the society needs your help now.* All the foregoing is 22 years ago, what would John have said if someone had told him that by 2016 the society would more or less be run by one person?

Content of this journal is again 'bits and pieces'...an incoming cover, an overprint shift on the 3d Victory, forged overprints, postal rates correspondence, a Botswana stationery card. An article 'Sources of early covers' (6 pages) and last, but not least, 15 pages of Botswana postmarks!

The Runner Post No 39 June 1995

The overprint shift on the 3d Victory is solved by illustrations of two left hand corner marginal strips of four showing the omission of overprint on the top stamp and overprint in margin in lower strip i.e. SG 131a.²² Oldsmobile Kalahari Mail (3 pages) Botswana stampless registered envelopes (17 pages) plus Botswana postmarks (11 pages)

The Runner Post No 40 September 1995

An Interesting early (combination) cover (3 pages) Postal Offices 1906 - 1955 (5 pages) plus *The Sitwell Correspondence*, twenty six pages and for once no postmarks!

The Runner Post No 41 December 1995

Gold x two for Bechuanaland - Autumn Stampex awards to Jim Catterall and David Wessely. Another AGM report 11.10.1995, it is noticeable that the annual accounts are as rare as hen's teeth and not published in the journal...after a rambling report, the message is...we will wobble thru the next year...no 'doom and gloom' from the chairman on that occasion.

Several interesting bits and pieces including a page on *Bechuanaland Receiving Authority Specimens* and five pages of *Postal Rates Again* plus Botswana postmarks return and fill yet another sixteen pages.

The Runner Post No 42 March 1996

A copy of a letter from the late J.G. Haskins re the 1972 3c Runner Post Imperforate, SG 294a. Perforations on Seahorses (3 pages) Bechuanaland Registered Envelopes (12 pages) Botswana postmarks (17 pages)

The Runner Post No 43 June 1996

The British Library, Philatelic collections (3 pages) Shades on the Seahorses (2+ pages) The building of the Railway through Bechuanaland (7 pages) Members displays 23.3.1996 (7 pages) Six pages of places in Bechuanaland taken from a 1906 Official Guide, Botswana postmarks (10 pages)

The Runner Post No 44 September 1996

Items of interest, early Molepolole and Kanye postmarks plus Railway cards circa 1894 - 1896.

A full page obituary for David Finlay passed away on 27 July at his farm, by Alan MacGregor and Andy Anderson.

Andrew Puzey - A new Discovery (2 pages) GB Stamps overprinted by De La Rue (4 pages) Postal Stationery (2 pages) The Bechuanaland Campaign (12 pages) plus the usual Botswana postmarks (10 pages)

The Runner Post No 45 December 1996

The Society's 12th AGM held in London on 19 September. Membership numbers seem vague reporting 37 (UK) and 43 (SA). Accounts approved with a long report and no indication as to what the actual balance on hand is. Subscription remain the same, there was a query re the location of the Holmes book and the Runner Post medal. The foregoing is followed by almost a full page by the outgoing Chairman who summarized his term of office and gave praise to Brian Trotter for his publication *Postal Marking Typology*. Alan MacGregor was elected as chairman.

The results of a UK member's survey fills more than a page and the bottom line appears to be...very few people attend meetings...past, present or likely in the future. They pay their subs, like receiving a journal four times per year...fast forward that to 2017 and nothing has changed, yet strange as it may seem our members get more today than twenty years ago...there is a website...if one cares to look at it plus six journal per year!

Guaranteed as usual, an injection of 15 pages of Botswana postmarks plus other favourites being postal rates and postal stationery. A page of Botswana new issues and four pages of Military mail connected to the 1896 - 97 *Bechuanaland Campaign* plus Postal or Telegraphic markings.

The Runner Post No 46 March 1997

Editorial - Two books by Putzel and Proud donated to the society...where are they? A new publication *The Macloutsie Post Office* may be accessed in PDF on the society website. *Guilty or Not Guilty* by Inglefield-Watson, a further attempt urging members to respond to questions and/or queries in the journal. Personally I abandoned such notions years ago; if I have a question...I will find an answer. Four pages of Botswana, Postal stationery (5 pages) Potchefstroom, Pretoria and Rustenburg datestamps (5 pages) and rounded off with 15 pages of Botswana postmarks.

The Runner Post No 47 June 1997

Under *Items of Interest*, a previously unrecorded Stellaland 1/- vertical pair Imperforate between. ²³ One page on De La Rue overprints on GB stamps, Colonial Reports (3 pages) Forged overprints and Surcharges (3 pages) followed by the inevitable Botswana postmarks (19 pages)

The Runner Post No 48 September 1997

In the editorial Alan MacGregor describes a journey to Botswana in the company of Gawie van der Walt, their welcome reception at Gaborone and visits to Poso House to view their archive collection which includes a large section of the Holmes collection. Various Botswana including new issues (7 pages) GSWA mail via Mier and Zwartmodder (6 pages) Bechuanaland Censuses 1891 - 1946 (2 pages) and last, but not least 19 pages of...you guessed it... Botswana postmarks!

The Editor's Time Schedule takes a Nose-dive

The annual 'Luxury' of receiving four journals each year came under threat...An editor is under constant pressure to delivery on time and other factors in his life may dictate otherwise. In general stamp collectors like reading philatelic journals, but some poor soul needs to write it for them.

When an editor has other commitments the time to produce a journal suffers accordingly. Stamp dealers often travel overseas to International exhibitions and that is an ideal way to combine a holiday with the trip.

Visiting International Exhibitions

Prolonged periods away from home promise a mountain of unopened mail with several irate ones demanding why you haven't responded to their previous missive. For instance, between 1995 and 2000, my wife and I visited all Internationals, Singapore in 1995 including a trip to Tioman Island. 1996 ten weeks in South Africa seeing to family matters when my father passed away...no sooner home and off to the Toronto International for another two weeks. 1997 San Francisco, Alan MacGregor and I shared a stand; my wife and I spent a total of seven weeks in California. 1998 IIsapex in Johannesburg, again sharing with Alan. Melbourne 1999, my wife and I were on an around the world trip, thus we included that show as it was effectively 'on our route'. 2000 London at Earls Court, someone walked up to my stand asking when they may anticipate my next journal...when it is written I replied!

The Runner Post No 49-50 December 1997 - March 1998

Obviously journal No 49 was not ready by the end of 1997 and the decision to roll two issues into one is confusing (No 49-50) Had there simply been No 49 dated March 1998, no one would ever comment or notice...whereas No 49-50 raises a question as to 'what is that all about'.

In his editorial Alan wrote...*Most members will be wondering where on earth is The Runner Post?...it has not been possible to publish on the correct dates...I have been Editor for over ten years...it is time to hand over...*

The content is the usual 'this and that' and includes a previously unrecorded Stellaland cover sold by S. Welz in March 1998. Another page illustrates two covers with war labels which include an added 'V' for Victory, see my illustration on page 2354. This 'overdue edition' of the journal is rounded off with a bumper crop of Botswana postmarks, 30 pages of them! Last page No 1260.

Eight years on the next editor, Neville Midwood, repeated the 'MacGregor gimmick' dubbing the 20th Anniversary Issue Journal No's 64/65.

The Society has a Problem...

The Chairman's comment in Issue No 12 (September 1988) becomes very relevant...*The Runner Post is our only real means of communicating with our far-flung society...*

By accepting an annual subscription from its members, there is an unwritten rule that in return they receive a regular journal. Since 1986 a precedent was set that four issues per annum was the yardstick. In 1997 it dropped to three and in 1998 only one journal crawled out of the woodwork.

Newsletter No 4 January 1999

What, if anything, occurred behind the scenes I cannot say, then in January an eight page 'Newsletter No 4' appeared and must not to be confused with the Autumn 1985 edition of *Newsletter No 4* aka *The Runner Post No 1*.

A note reads...*the Editor...has resigned...In the meantime it has been decided to fill in the gaps with occasional newsletters...these newsletters is not to try to replace the RP but to provide a forum for members to inform us of new finds, items of interest, to ask questions...*

In my humble opinion the above measure was unfortunate. Items in the above and subsequent *Newsletters* ought to be in *The Runner Post* and would not only guarantee continuity, but also ongoing page numbering from page 1261 up.

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Newsletter No 4 January 1999 continued

Each of these 'out of place' Newsletters is numbered 1 up. In this Newsletter a new member is welcomed...one Neville Midwood...

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The Runner Post No 1 - Newsletter No 4

Included in its content and somewhat 'lost' is a poor photocopy of 'The find of the Century' a 2d on 2d Q. Victoria marginal strip of 5 cancelled GUBALAWAYO BECHUANALAND - TATI BECHUANALAND - SHOSHONG - MOLEPOLOLWE - KANYE. All dated AU 21 88, proving that two of the most revered cancels e.g. GUBALAWAYO BECHUANALAND and TATI BECHUANALAND are indeed 'Cancelled to order souvenirs'.²⁴ Four pages on Postal Stationery are included. A second 1d on 1d strip of four is cancelled on the same date GUBALAWAYO - TATI x 2 plus - SHOSHONG.

Newsletter No 5 May 1999

Not to be confused with Newsletter No 5 (1985/86 - TRP No 2) Four pages and announces *The Runner Post* No 51 is almost complete and Neville Midwood is taking over as editor.

The Runner Post No 51 dated April 1998 - October 1999

The front cover adopts a 'new look' and 'the man with the cleft stick' has grown in stature, assumes a position on the left, flanking the list of contents and faces right instead of left.

Why the editor should pretend that the above journal covers 19 months is frankly absurd...if it is published during a certain month, then put that on the front cover...over time fictitious dates confuse and cast doubt on when the journal was issued.

Two editorials are included, one by Alan MacGregor and the other by the 'New editor' who unfortunately announced... *The plan is to produce two issues of 'The Runner Post' per year along with two 'Newsletters'...* This informs the members that the 'vehicle of the society' still has two 'flat tyres'!

Numbering in issue 51 resumes with page 1261. The content is very much 'this, that and the other' including three pages ex the Barefoot Revenue catalogue, three pages reprinted from issue No 16 plus an actual 9 page article *Stellaland Revisited Again* by Drysdall. Is the society journal back on track? ...it is trying!

A second strip of four 1d on 1d includes GUBALAWAYO, TATI x 2 plus SHOSHONG, both pieces ex Hunt collection



Newsletter No 6 February 2000

The new editor comments...*Issue 51 should be with all members by now...* It raises a question...when was it sent out?

This 12 page effort mentions the up and coming London Stamp Show 2000 at Earls Court in May. Other topics are Specimen Markings on postal stationery (2+ pages) and a new 'hype' is revenues (4 pages). Finally minutes of the 22 September 1999 AGM are included with an announcement that the previous subscriptions paid would cover a two year period which under the circumstances seems fair.

The Runner Post No 52 July 2000

Editorial comment starts with an apology, issue 52 was due out in May...but allegedly it was not his fault. This issue was effectively the 'new editor's' first solo effort at producing the society's journal. Headers and footers on each page using 'Impact' font which look more like 'bollards' than text.

In my humble opinion the subject matter should feature at the top of each page' The Midwood idea was to feature the 'Issue' (excluding its number) plus 'Page No' at the top of each page instead of at the bottom. He also excluded the date of said journal. Repeating the title of the society at the foot of each page is quite unnecessary. Finally the size of the font is larger than before. Using more space than is necessary creates the illusion of a 'bumper' journal and increases printing costs!

This 26 page effort includes Botswana new issues and Post Offices (4 pages) At the Auction House (2 pages) Postal Fiscals (1½ pages) Comment on Early Postal Rates by Karl Seligmann, a man with a large manuscript in the closet.²⁵ Postal Orders (7 pages) plus an illustration of Charles Warren on the inside back cover, without a number and not included under 'Contents'.

In future journals this unfortunate habit is repeated time and again without any reference in the contents...more of this later ...as it will prove that accurate page numbering was not the editor's strong point (See issues No's 63 and 64/65)

Newsletter No 7 November 2000

A four page effort includes a Stamp World 2000 report plus a very brief report on the 20 September 2000 AGM. Issue of *The Runner Post* to be reduced to one per year which suggests the society's main asset remains firmly upside down in a corner.

Newsletter No 8 May 2001

Another punitive four page affair which contains nothing worthy of mention.

The Runner Post No 53 August 2001

Brian Hurst joins the society, Botswana new issues (4 pages). Mostly 'this and that' a Crocodile Pools cover, Ramaquebane S. Rhodesia cancel (1½ pages) and Early Covers to Moffat.

Newsletter No 9 November 2001

Four pages, treasurer reports assets of £2706, at an EGM Tony Chilton become the Chairman - he died on 16 July 2002.

The Runner Post No 54 February 2002

Starting with the usual 'this and that' a page of Botswana new issues, Postage dues (2 pages) Goshen (3 pages) Forged Newspaper wrappers (3 pages) and Botswana postal rates.

The Runner Post No 55 May 2002

A pleasant surprise for the members...two journals in a row, two inserts, a two page Postal Auction and two pages by Tony Chilton on the long term future of societies.²⁶ Content includes *At the Auction House* (2 pages) The BB Halfpenny Provisional, SG 52 (3 pages) plus Watermarks on Aerogrammes (3 pages). Another un-chronicled illustration on the inside back cover.

Newsletter No 10 August 2002

Four pages filled with obituaries for Tony Chilton 1950 - 2002.

The Runner Post No 56 December 2002

An extensive obituary for the society's Botswana representative Andy Anderson. Issue includes *Progress Report on Rarer Stamps*, Botswana new issues, International Reply Coupons (4 pages) The small figure '1' SG 41a, A Rail Letter card, comment on Crocodile Pools, BB Wrapper and BB Revenue stamps plus another illustration on the inside back (no number)

Presentation Issues June 1997 & 2002

Alan MacGregor collated the first of its kind in 1997 followed by Midwood in 2002, each 10 pages reprinting a selection of items from previous issues of *The Runner Post*. I asked Alan recently what their purpose was and he replied...*From memory this was produced to promote the Society by giving them away at shows such as Midpex, Rainypex (Philatex) etc. It may also have been sent to prospective members to give them an idea of what they could expect if they signed up....I don't think many were produced.*

Newsletter No 11 March 2003

A six page affair and another excuse to avoid publishing a journal and mainly deals with meetings including two pages on the 18 September 2002 AGM. The South African 'branch' of the society had been closed down and their funds sent to the UK branch. Annual subscriptions £8 UK, Europe and SA. £10 for the rest of the world (Includes North America) The foregoing makes no sense as postage rates for SA and the USA were both the same. Membership was said to be 'around 100'. John Inglefield-Watson was made a life member, the last person to have such a distinction.

'Limited Edition Colour Runner Post'

The 'Black and White' journals of *The Runner Post* had remained an 'In house' production, which is laborious, slow and time consuming. For issue 57 the editor produced ten 'partial colour' copies, sent to the committee and major contributors. One suggestion was for the society to buy its own colour printer.

In Contrast - Four Pages of Colour

Printed on A3R folded and stapled in the middle into an A4 booklet. I launched my own journal *The Rhodesian Philatelist* in July 1993 produced by a high street printer and the four pages of colour were streets ahead of most society journals.

At first pages had to be collated by hand, folded and stapled manually. Soon there were printers which collated the pages and a separate device that speeded up the process which folded and stapled. That was followed by machines that did the 'whole job'. In comparison many societies continued using antiquated methods of production that were no cheaper than those I used.

The Runner Post No 57 June 2003

Usual array of Items of Interest followed by St Stephen's Church, Vryburg (4 pages) Botswana new issues (2 pages) BB The Inverted 'u' (2 pages) Serial Numbers on Air Letter Sheets (4 pages) plus the usual illustration on the inside back, that according to the 'contents' does not exist.

Newsletter No 12 October 2003

A final three page punitive excuse, instead of a journal, brings to an end six years in the 'doldrums'

1998 - 2003 The Society's Worst Wobble

In late 1997 the MacGregor boiler ran out of steam, there was a new editor waiting in the wings, but initially his engine either would not start...or if it did...it soon faltered and cut out!

Until recently I was under the impression that the society's darkest days were during mid - 2012 and 2014, but my recent review indicates that the 1998 to 2003 era easily eclipsed the foregoing. With half the members overseas, the journal was...is and will always be...the mainstay of the society'. The rarest commodity within societies is an editor. Granted there are several members in each organization who are capable of becoming excellent editors...but time and inclination means they do not want the job.

The late John Inglefield-Watson predicted gloom and doom, but his focus was never on the journal, he wanted names on badges. The facts always lurk in the background and statistics are not popular...because they tell the truth and reveal reality.

A Snapshot Assessment - Appendix III

This page indicates that from 1986 to 1997 during twelve years *The Runner Post* (47 issues) offered 1203 pages which is an average of 100 pages per annum. From 1998 to the end of 2003 the *Newsletters* (9) plus *The Runner Post* (8) include 183 pages offering an average of 30½ pages per year.

If we fast forward from 2004 to 2014, there are thirty editions of *The Runner Post* with 841 pages making an average of 76½ pages per year. Granted a journal or its editor should not be assessed by the number of pages he/or she turns out per annum.

The content and readability of a philatelic journal is paramount. During the MacGregor era 27.4% of the journal contained postmarks (usually 5 or 6 postmarks per page). Midwood added Official Free marks to his postmark section and his ultimate tally is 38% with only 4 or even 3 postmarks per page.

Some may say 'What does it matter?'...good point...how about making a £1500+ loss...perhaps that does matter. Bear in mind this entire review is based on what has appeared in the journals of the society and the comments remain my opinion. Also I'm providing 'something to read'. At this point it is day ten on the foregoing project.

The Midwood Years

Enough said about 1999 - 2003, from 2004 onwards the editor started getting his act together; four journals per year were obviously not an achievable target.

He did managed four journals during 2004, in seven years there were three issues of *The Runner Post* and for two years only two...like his predecessor he hit the wall in 2014 and only provided one journal.

I suggested at least three issues in 2015, he managed one...his exist was not ideal...gave no notice to quit...he claims that he allegedly resigned in April...but told no one...

2015 - A Change of Direction

In August 2015, by default, I became the editor of *The Runner Post*. The society has reached a point that unless I write most of the journal, there will not be one. I am not offering 100 or even 76 pages per annum.

The arrangement is 'hopefully' *The Runner Post* three times a year (20 pages per issue) plus *Southern Africa Philately* x 3 (each 44 pages) and that is almost 200 pages per annum!

For how long, is anybody's guess?

Journal Review continued

Four favoured subjects are inserted time and again is Postal Stationery (70) Botswana New Issues (37) Official Free marks (47) and Postmarks (249). Collectively from issue No 58 to 89 they fill 47% of the journals, No's in brackets = pages used. These foregoing subjects are noted in Appendix III and not included in my brief review of each journal.

The Runner Post No 58 January 2004

Editorial...*Runner Post* takes around 60 hours to produce...²⁷

Obituary Mike Hall (1935 - 2003) Mike was also a keen collector of Swaziland. The long awaited Inglefield-Watson and Thy Postal Stationery book about to be published retail £50, for member the price is £40 and today it may be had for £10. Life of a Botswana Postage Stamp Designer by Peter Lodoen part II, the first part was in issue No 56. *The Tati Gold Rush* (12 pages) completes this issue.

The Runner Post No 59 April 2004

Rarer Stamps in the 'County' auction, Argyll Etkin 24.9.2003. The Potchefstroom to Tati Postal Service (9 pages) Life of a Botswana Postage Stamp Designer Part III (1 page). AGM on 1 November 2003, the Postal Stationery book used £1000 of society funds, currently 100 members. Editor requests the society to purchase a colour laser copier. Illustrations on inside back cover not part of the numbering.

The Runner Post No 60 June 2004

The first 'colour' edition is published, in my opinion it was an ideal opportunity to design an attractive front cover. Instead it is the same as before with text and heading printed and/or highlighted in blue. The other observation is that the editor did not switch to colour-copying paper which makes a huge difference to the quality of production. Content includes Hut Tax and Tokens (5 pages) Life of a Botswana Postage Stamp Designer Part IV. Botswana Postal Orders (1 page) and the start of a Botswana Postmarks part I series that is set to drag on for years and provide the editor with ample 'stocking filler' for the journals. Inside back with an illustration (not numbered).

The Runner Post No 61 December 2004

Twenty Years Ago, Newsletter No 1. Instructions to Charles Warren (4 pages).

The Runner Post No 62 March 2005

The small figure '1' SG 41a revisited (2½ pages) Twenty Years Ago, Newsletter No 2. AGM 30 October 2004, 105 members, nothing else worth noting.

The Runner Post No 63 June 2005 - Page 1527 - 1554

Official Free (4 pages) Botswana booklets, Stellaland stamps, Twenty Years Ago, Newsletter No 3.

The Runner Post No 64/65 Nov 2005/Mar 2006

An Alleged 'Double issue'...again! The editor repeats an earlier 'gimmick' used for issue 49 - 50.

The Runner Post No 64/65 continued

On this occasion the computer gets the blame and each member allegedly received a 'double' issue. According to the 'Editorial' each issue requires 'about 100 hours' in a previous statement it took sixty hours!²⁷

Pagination Blues Again

Midwood's 'double issue' begins again with page 1527 and finishes on page 1564, thus we now have two sets of 28 pages numbered from 1527 - 1554, no one ever made a mention of this in subsequent issues...did anyone notice? Beside the foregoing, items presented on the inside back page were also mounting up and a final tally is featured in Appendix IV.

Content The Gawaine Baillie sale (1 page) Twenty Years Ago, Newsletter No 4, *The Runner Post* No 1 (4½ pages)

AGM 29 October 2005, Nett assets £2737, membership, the usual vague 'around 100'.

1985 - 2005 Cumulative Index (2005) by Peter Thy

Peter included:-1) History of Publication 2) Guide to Index 3) List of Issues 4) Subject Index 5) Author Index and 6) Table of Contents. All in all an enormous task that each and every member may benefit from. The index was distributed with *The Runner Post* No 64/65.

The Runner Post No 66 June 2006

Content - The halfpenny vermilion SG 9 (4 pages) Crocodile Pools (4 pages).

The Runner Post No 67 November 2006

2007 Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth catalogue changes made in the Bechuanaland section. Botswana Post (2 pages). *Bechuanaland Past and Present* (3 pages) and a very brief report on the 2006 *Southern Africa Annual Conference* ½ page.

The Runner Post No 68 March 2007

An extensive obituary for John Inglefield-Watson 1926 - 2007. A Chairman's address by Brian Hurst stated...*Our greatest strength is our magazine 'Runner Post'*...Brian laments over the poor attendance at meetings (nothing new) See Appendix V Followed by the usual 'this and that'. *Bechuanaland Past and Present* part II (6 pages). Issue rounded off with the AGM on 28 October 2006, members 103, assets £3536.

The Runner Post No 69 June 2007

The Botswana Post Philatelic collections (2 pages) Cape Archives part I (6 pages) A Letter from Livingstone (4 pages) Mafeking currency (2 pages) *Bechuanaland Past and Present* part III (5 pages)

The Runner Post No 70 November 2007

AGM 3 November 2007 mentioned and report promised in next journal - did not materialize! Spink 13 October 2007, the John Inglefield-Watson sale. Usual 'this and that'. Cape Archives part II (2 pages) *Bechuanaland Past and Present* part IV (5½ pages)

The Runner Post No 71 February 2008

A current membership list total 114, the society's highest, UK (59) Europe & Scandinavia (8) Australia (1) Botswana (12) SA (21) Zimbabwe (1) North America (12). Cape Archives part III (3 pages) Stellaland Forgeries (3 pages)

The Runner Post No 72 June 2008 (No date on front cover)

Front cover - A New look An illustration is included for the first time.

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The Runner Post No 72 continued

'The man with the cleft stick is shortened and the 'content' in Impact (Bollard) font is no longer tabulated, a feature which I do not approve of as it is difficult to follow.

Content - 1897 *Langeberg Rebellion* covers (2 pages) followed by 'this and that'. Bechuanaland SG 32 (6 pages)

The Runner Post No 73 December 2008

AGM 1 November 2008, Membership recorded as being 121, (UK 63) the highest figure I recall seeing and perhaps as a result of 12 joined during 2007 and eight in 2008. Bank balance £4642 and accounts on the inside back page - not included in 'contents'. Botswana new issues, it is noticeable that a habit is developing by spreading these more and more. Illustrations are also growing in size...a well worn gimmick...lots of pages, very little to read! BB 1885-87 overprints (10 pages) Rarer Stamps (4 pages).

The Runner Post No 74 February 2009

Stellaland, the 'Twee' overprint (7½ pages) Botswana Bar Code registration (1½ pages) W.A.H. Harbor of Mochudi (2 pages).

The Runner Post No 75 July 2009

Rarer Stamps (4 pages) Early covers from Barotseland via Bechuanaland Protectorate (5 pages).

The Runner Post No 76 November 2009

Front cover illustration, a 1932 KV 5/- block of 4 described as a KGVII item. 2009 *Southern Africa Annual Conference* received a plug. SG 31a/31c and the strange case of Tamsen Lot 196 one of BB major overprint varieties (1½ pages) Blue Book Report part I (5½ pages) AGM 7 November 2009 plus copy of accounts, inside back page, not mentioned in 'contents'

The Runner Post No 77 March 2010

Blue Book Report part II (4 pages) Exhibiting Stamps by Brian Hurst (17 pages).

The Runner Post No 78 June 2010

Bechuanaland WWI (3 pages) New issues and Botswana postmarks dominate. What would be in the journal if it wasn't for the foregoing?

The Runner Post No 79 Winter 2010/11

The seasonal date implies another overdue journal, posted sometime in 2011. AGM 6 November 2010, Gordon Jeffreys took over as chairman. Discussions about PDF membership, subscriptions in general and looking into the possibility of having the journal produced by a printer.

In my experience society members have little idea re costing of their journal. I did an exercise about a year or so ago by asking around a dozen philatelic editors what the cost of their journal was and received only one reply...the rest had no idea.

Several 'this and that items' and this issue is rounded off with Military Telegraph Stamps (8 pages).

The Runner Post No 80 Spring 2011

Another seasonal date leaves me guessing what month it might be. A few pages of questions and answers, followed Bechuanaland QEII definitives (7½ pages) 1920 Franking Regulations (3½ pages)

The Runner Post No 81 Summer 2011- Includes a free DVD *The David Wessely collection of the Bechuanalands.*

The Runner Post No 81 continued

An article on Umfreville Percy Swinburne and the defence of Francistown during the Boer War (6 pages)

The Runner Post No 82 Winter 2011/12

AGM 5 November 2011, society has 113 members. The quality of journal content was discussed...what would Midwood publish if he didn't have Postal Stationery, Postmarks and Official Free? A meeting at Stampex on 25 February 2012 attracted the lowest attendance on record, just three people! Content mainly 'this and that' plus eight pages of postcards.

The Runner Post No 83 Spring 2012

SG 1 to 8 on cover (2 pages) *Early Bechuanaland Protectorate Mail* (16 pages) plus 4 pages of postcards.

The Runner Post No 84 Summer 2012

An announcement that Philatex in London is to close after the venue is sold to Westminster School. An article *Bechuanaland and the Boer War* (13½ pages) Three pages of post cards plus a few other items.

It is clear that the editor is struggling to find material and resorts to sourcing long articles which effectively 'fill' the journal. This is a familiar situation that often occurs in various specialized societies...if the editor is a philatelic writer; he/she can overcome the foregoing dilemma.

Opinions on the foregoing differ, personally I believe that with a little effort, a lot may be achieved...the late Alan Drysdall led the way on 'how to fill a journal'...using one's own steam!

The Runner Post No 85 Winter/Spring 2013

Meeting on 23 February 2013 the Treasurer, Joe Taylor had been replaced by Martin Taylor. The infamous 1 June 2012 bank statement No 60 was the last to be seen until March 2015...future accounting became academic. Content is sparse, the usual favourites plus postcards and the editor spreads everything in order to fill more pages.

Printing and dispatch of *The Runner Post*

At the above meeting the society brought to an end the outmoded and time consuming job of 'in-house' production. The plus side was a journal folded and stapled in the middle. The downside was that no one had any idea of costing. This was revealed in March 2015 when I became Treasurer.

Joshua Horgan was to print and post the journal and history suggests that only one quote was obtained. The bottom line is the cost per double sided A3 in colour...Horgan's quoted 56p per unit, I pay half that! The quality of paper I employ is superior to that of Horgan and it produces a better finish.

The Runner Post No 86 Summer 2013

Another desperate attempt to fill a journal.

The Runner Post No 87 Winter 2013

Stellaland, postcards, usual postmarks and large illustrations create the illusion of a 'bumper' journal.

The Runner Post No 88 Summer 2014

The only journal for the year, content along the same lines as the previous issue. AGM 22 February 2014 reading the minutes create an impression that all is not well...it certainly was not. Usual type of meeting, lots of ideas and suggestions, then everyone goes home and does nothing!

The Runner Post No 89 March 2015 - Midwood's last stand! ²⁸

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Appendix I - New Members as published in *The Runner Post* (TRP) - Starting from Issue 21 (December 1990)

Name	Location	TRP	Name	Location	TRP	Name	Location	TRP
1990			Rory Ryan ^R	SA	51	Pradeep Kossery ^R	Botswana	61
Steve Drewett ^{C1}	UK	21	Neville Midwood ^R	UK	NL 4	Wolfgang Meiss ^{C27}	Germany	61
1991			2000			Ebrahim Vadia [×]	Botswana	61
Charles Temple ^R	Saudi A.	22	Richard Kuczynski ^R	USA	52	2005		
Hans Dahl ^R	Norway	23	Harvey Morgan ^R	UK	52	Robert Cowen ^R	UK	62
Peter Thy ^{C2}	Botswana	23	John Schaerer ^{C11}	Botswana	NL 6	Gordon Oram ^R	UK	63
Daphne Briscoe ^R	UK	24	William Latzko ^{C12}	USA	NL 6	2006		
Sheila Case ^{C3}	Botswana	24	Clive Garlick ^{C13}	SA	NL 7	Andy Wilde ^R	UK	64/65
Steen Jelgren ^{C4}	Denmark	24	2001			Steve Ellis ^R	UK	67
J. McChesney-Young ^R	USA	24	Philip Loosemore ^{C14}	UK	53	2007		
Clinton Hale ^R	SA	24	Michael Sutton ^{C15}	UK	53	*Malcolm Batty	UK	70
Peter Hale ^R	SA	24	Paul Fletcher ^R	UK	53	Hans Blach ^{C28}	Germany	70
Leon Jacobson ^{C5}	SA	24	Brian Hurst ^R	UK	53	Eddie Bridges ^R	UK	70
Brian Kisch ^R	SA	24	Peter Lodoen ^{C16}	Botswana	NL 9	Gary Brown ^{C29}	Australia	70
J.P. Wharton-Hood ^R	SA	24	2002			John Gledhill ^R	UK	70
Dion Futerman ^R	SA	25	Peter Jukes ^{C17}	UK	54	Donald Jatho ^R	USA	70
Marcel Zollinger ^R	Canada	25	Steven Zirinsky ^{C18}	USA	54	*Gordon Jeffreys	UK	70
1992			David Loffstadt ^{C19}	UK	55	George King ^R	UK	70
Philip Malcolm ^R	UK	26	P. MacGillvary ^R	USA	55	*Philip Loosemore	UK	70
Rev. T. Nowell ^R	UK	27	Adrian Parsons ^R	UK	55	Jack Newman ^R	UK	70
H. Slomowitz ^R	SA	28	Brian Preston ^R	UK	55	Andy Pocock ^R	UK	70
1993			David Springbett ^R	UK	55	Neil Sargent ^R	UK	70
Michael Hamilton ^R	UK	30	K. Thornton [†]	Zimbabwe	55	2008		
*Colin Hoffman ¹	UK	30	*John Coates ¹	UK	56	John Callow ^{C30}	Canada	71
Stuart Cockerill ^R	UK	30	Shameer Kassim ^R	Botswana	56	James Bendon ^R	Cyprus	72
Stephen Froud ^R	UK	33	Tim Mahon ^R	UK	56	Harold Ford ^{C31}	USA	72
1995			Morris Taber ^R	USA	56	John Wynns ^R	USA	72
Andrew Hamilton ^R	Canada	38	Martin Taylor ^R	UK	56	*Morgan Farrell ^R	USA	73
Joe Taylor ^{C6}	UK	39	2003			David Woodley ^R	UK	73
Philip Robertson ^R	UK	41	Joyce Morris ^{C20}	UK	57	*Marcel Zollinger ^R	Canada	73
Roy Wickham ^R	UK	41	Arnold Boström ^{C21}	E	NL 11	*Barry Stow ^R	UK	74
Robert Little ^R	UK	41	Malcolm Hodgson ^R	UK	NL 11	2009 - 2014 No New Members?²		
*Dion Futerman ^R	SA	41	Gordon Jeffreys ^{C22}	UK	NL 11	2015		
1996			Paul Wusteman ^R	UK	NL 11	*Chris Palmer ^{C32}	UK	90
Richard Peck ^R	Australia	42	Graham Harvey ^R	UK	NL 12	*B. Forrester-Smith ^R	Botswana	90
Mike Barter ^R	SA	43	Harold Hollander [†]	SA	NL 12	Mike Smith ^{C33}	UK	90
S. Van der Merwe ^R	SA	43	Nigel Jones ^{C23}	UK	NL 12	Clive Carr ^{C34}	SA	90
Des Hyland ^R	SA	43	Rob Knothe ^R	UK	NL 12	2016		
Dave Collis ^R	Australia	44	2004			Peter Childerstone ^{C35}	UK	91
Barry Stow ^R	UK	44	James Grist ^R	UK	58	Andrew Briscoe ^{C36}	Botswana	91
Bruce Warrender ^{C7}	UK	44	Hugh Jefferies ^{C24}	UK	58	Bill O'Connell ^{C37}	UK	94
1997			*J. Wharton-Hood ^R	SA	58	Ricardo Verra ^{C38}	UK	94
Andy Kriegler ^R	SA	47	Emil Bührmann ^{C25}	SA	59	Derek Whitey ^{C39}	UK	94
Malcolm Batty ^{C8}	UK	47	Howard MacNay ^R	UK	59	Patrick Koppel ^{C40}	USA	94
1998			Gordon Smith ^{C26}	Canada	59	2017		
Andrew Higson ^R	UK	49/50	*Otto Peetoom ¹	UK	60	Toni Moco ^{C41}	SA	94
Philatelic Library ^{C9}	Germany	49/50	Lene Bay ^R	Botswana	61	John Isles ^{C42}	USA	94
1999			Edouardo Correia ^R	Botswana	61	Alan Cawood ^{C43}	SA	94
Tony Stanford ^{C10}	UK	51	Francis Kiddle [†]	UK	61	Charlie Brown ^{C44}	UK	95
Ian Pollard ^R	UK	51				Nick Rossouw ^{C45}	SA	95

NL = Newsletter

From ^{C1} to ^{C45} Current members * Re-joined † Deceased ^R Resigned or Failed to Renew Subscription × Membership Terminated

Notes

¹ Colin Hoffman, John Coates and myself were members prior to 1990, rejoined and are excluded from the Appendix count. I have membership lists for 1990 and 1991 and currently 28 'Pioneer members' i.e. 1990 or before appear on the foregoing. The above Appendix includes 45 current members, thus it accounts for 73 out of 84, with 11 other people who may have joined between 2009 and 2014 - See next column.

² In No's 75-83 & 85-89 no new members are noted, I do not believe that no-one joined for six years and suggests that the editor no longer bothered with that aspect of society records.

Year Joined assumed circa 2009 - 2014

Alan Biddlecombe	UK	Jim Hudson	Canada
David Bird	UK	Bram Leeftang	Holland
Ken Blackburn	UK	Alan Knox	Botswana
Eric Burnett	Canada	Elaine Long	Botswana
Johan Diesveld	Holland	Ken Price	SA
Stephen Dillion	UK	David Spivack	USA

The above members complete my audit and accounts for eighty four souls. **Appendix II** deals with members circa 1984 - 1990, followed by the addition of those listed above.

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Appendix II

Founder Members are No's 1 to 4 being Roy Setterfield, Brian Trotter, Jim Catterall and Alan Macgregor. Early members up to 1990 have been gleaned from initial Newsletters and journals, collated alphabetically from 1990/91 members' lists - No's 6 to 104. There are probably other members that came and went that are not included in this list. No's 105 to 239 are taken from Appendix I. The object has been to piece a history of BBS members together as best I can.

No	Joined 1984 - 1990	No	Members up to 1990	No	Joined 1996	No	Joined 2007
1	Roy Setterfield - UK †	71	R. Myers - NA	138	Richard Peck - Aus	202	John Gledhill - UK
2 ¹	Brian Trotter - UK	72	Mike Nethersole - SA †	139	Mike Barter - SA	203	Donald Jatho - NA
3	Jim Catterall - UK †	73	W. Paul - UK	140	S. Van der Merwe - SA	204	George King - UK
4 ²	Alan MacGregor - UK	74 ¹⁸	Otto Peetoom - UK	141	Des Hyland - SA	205	Jack Newman - UK
5	H.R. Holmes - UK †	75	Derrick Pollard - UK †	142	Dave Collis - Aus	206	Andy Pocock - UK
6	Andy Anderson - Bots †	76 ¹⁹	Dickon Pollard - UK	143	Barry Stow - UK	207	Neil Sargent - UK
7 ³	Willard S. Allman - NA	77	D. Painter - UK	144 ³⁵	Bruce Warrender - UK	Joined 2008	
8 ⁴	Argyll Etkin - UK	78	Richard Pollitt - E †	Joined 1997 - 1999		208 ⁵⁸	John Callow - NA
9	Kevin Ashworth - UK †	79 ²⁰	Dennis Preddy - UK	145	Andy Kriegler - SA	209	James Bendon - E
10	K. Baker - SA †	80	Paul Raynor - NA	146 ³⁶	Malcolm Batty - UK	210 ⁵⁹	Harold Ford - NA
11	V. Berkowich - NA	81	J. Roberts - SA	147	Andrew Higson - UK	211	John Wynns - NA
12	Brian Bellard - Bots	82 ²¹	Cedric Roché - SA	148 ³⁷	Philatelic Library - E	212	David Woodley - UK
13 ⁵	Arnold Berman - UK	83	W. Ross - SA	149 ³⁸	Tony Stanford - UK	Joined 2009 - 2014	
14	Peter Berry - UK	84 ²²	R.P.S. Cape Town - SA	150	Ian Pollard - UK	213 ⁶⁰	Alan Biddlecombe - UK
15 ⁶	Gerald Bodily - UK	85	Andrew Rutherford - UK	151	Rory Ryan - SA	214 ⁶¹	David Bird - UK
16	Harry Brush - UK	86	Werner Seeba - E †	152	Neville Midwood - UK	215 ⁶²	Ken Blackburn - UK
17	J. Buckner - NA	87	Karl Seligmann - Bots	Joined 2000 - 2001		216 ⁶³	Eric Burnett - NA
18	Hamish Campbell - SA	88	Anne Southwood - SA	153	Richard Kuczynski - NA	217 ⁶⁴	Johan Diesveld - E
19	Philip Cattell - UK †	89 ²³	Stephen J Smith - UK	154	Harvey Morgan - UK	218 ⁶⁵	Stephen Dillion - UK
20	Tony Chilton - UK †	90 ²⁴	Richard Stroud - UK	155 ³⁹	John Schaerer - Bots	219 ⁶⁶	Jim Hudson - NA
21 ⁷	John Coates - UK	91	Rev P. Strickland	156 ⁴⁰	William Latzko - NA	220	Bram Leeftang - E
22	F.W. Collins - UK †	92	Danny Swart - SA	157 ⁴¹	Clive Garlick - SA	221 ⁶⁷	Chris Palmer - UK
23 ⁸	Howard Cook - SA	93	Mrs 't Sas-Rolfes - SA	158	Richard Kuczynski - NA	222 ⁶⁸	Alan Knox - Bots
24	Chris Cordes - SA	94 ²⁵	Peter van der Molen - SA	159 ⁴²	Philip Loosemore - UK	223 ⁶⁹	Elaine Long - Bots
25 ⁹	Kevin Corrigan - SA	95 ²⁶	Paul van Zeyl - SA	160 ⁴³	Michael Sutton - UK	224 ⁷⁰	Ken Price - SA
26	J. Corstanje - SA	96	Vic Visser - SA	161	Paul Fletcher - UK	225 ⁷¹	David Spivack - NA
27	H.M. Criddle - UK †	97	Violet Williams - UK	162	Brian Hurst - UK	Joined 2015 - 2016	
28	Rodney Crouch - UK	98	Miss L. Wade - SA	163 ⁴⁴	Peter Lodoen - Bots	226	B. Forrester-Smith - Bots
29	David Crocker - SA †	99	David Wall - UK	Joined 2002		227 ⁷²	Mike Smith - UK
30	Trevor Davis - UK †	100 ²⁷	Steve Wallace - UK	164 ⁴⁵	Peter Jukes - UK	228 ⁷³	Clive Carr - SA
31	Alan Drysdall - UK †	101	A.J. Warner - UK	165 ⁴⁶	Steven Zirinsky - NA	229 ⁷⁴	Peter Childerstone - UK
32 ¹⁰	Martin Eichele - E	102 ²⁸	David Wessely - NA	166 ⁴⁷	David Loffstadt - UK	230 ⁷⁵	Andrew Briscoe - Bots
33	Steve Ellis - UK	103	David Wolpe - SA	167	P. MacGillvary - NA	231 ⁷⁶	Bill O'Connell - UK
34	David Evans - SA	104	J. Woolgar - UK	168	Adrian Parsons - UK	232 ⁷⁷	Ricardo Verra - UK
35	J. Fabian - SA	Joined 1990 - 1993		169	Brian Preston - UK	233 ⁷⁸	Derek Whitey - UK
36	Morgan Farrell - NA	105	Alec Campbell - Bots	170	David Springbett - UK	234 ⁷⁹	Patrick Koppel - NA
37	M. Feiner - NA	106 ²⁹	Steve Drewett - UK	171	K. Thornton - Zim †	Joined 2017	
38 ¹¹	Brian Fenemore - SA	107	George Gailey - Bots	172	Shameer Kassim - Bots	235 ⁸⁰	Toni Moco - SA
39	David Finlay - Bots †	108	J. Horner - SA	173	Tim Mahon - UK	236 ⁸¹	John Isles - NA
40	Denis Firth - UK †	109	G.H. Jonkers - E †	174	Morris Taber - NA	237 ⁸²	Alan Cawood - SA
41	Mike George - UK †	110	G.K. Slack - UK	175	Martin Taylor - UK	238 ⁸³	Charlie Brown - UK
42	Aubrey Glasborow - UK	111	M. Walker - SA	Joined 2003		239 ⁸⁴	Nick Rossouw - SA
43	Robert Goldblatt - SA †	112	Charles Temple - Saudi	176 ⁴⁸	Joyce Morris - UK	Current members	
44	Michael Hall - UK †	113	Hans Dahl - E	177 ⁴⁹	Arnold Boström - E	† Deceased	
45	Terry Hamlet - SA	114 ³⁰	Peter Thy - Bots	178	Malcolm Hodgson - UK	Location of members are United Kingdom (UK) Europe including Scandinavia (E) Botswana (Bots) South Africa (SA) North America, the USA and Canada (NA) Zimbabwe (Zim) Australia (Aus)	
46	Dave Hardwick - UK	115	Daphne Briscoe - UK	179 ⁵⁰	Gordon Jeffreys - UK		
47	Bill Hart - UK †	116 ³¹	Sheila Case - Bots	180	Paul Wusteman - UK		
48	J.G. Haskins - Bots †	117 ³²	Steen Jelgren - E	181	Graham Harvey - UK		
49 ¹²	Colin Hoffman - UK	118	J. McChesney-Young - NA	182	Harold Hollander - SA †		
50 ¹³	Roger Howard - UK	119	Clinton Hale - SA	183 ⁵¹	Nigel Jones - UK		
51	Benny Illman - SA †	120	Peter Hale - SA	184	Rob Knothe - UK	Joined 2004 - 2006	
52	J. Inglefield-Watson - UK †	121 ³³	Leon Jacobson - SA	185	James Grist - UK	<i>Collated by Otto Peetoom February 2017</i>	
53	Mrs B. Sten Jensen - E	122	Brian Kisch - SA	186 ⁵²	Hugh Jefferies - UK		
54 ¹⁴	Richard Johnson - SA	123	J.P. Wharton-Hood - SA	187 ⁵³	Emil Bührmann - SA		
55 ¹⁵	Philip Kaye - UK	124	Dion Futerman - SA	188	Howard MacNay - UK		
56	C. Kiddle - UK	125	Marcel Zollinger - NA	189 ⁵⁴	Gordon Smith - NA		
57 ¹⁶	Alan Knox - Bots	126	Philip Malcolm - UK	190	Lene Bay - Bots		
58	Richard Knight - SA †	127	Rev. T. Nowell - UK	191	Edouardo Correia - Bots	Joined 2007	
59	Fredrick Lawrence - NA	128	H. Slomowitz - SA	192	Francis Kiddle - UK †		
60	Norman Lurch	129	Michael Hamilton - UK	193	Pradeep Kossery - Bots		
61	D. MacKay - NA	130	Stuart Cockerill - UK †	194 ⁵⁵	Wolfgang Meiss - E		
62	K. Macrossan - UK	131	Stephen Froud - UK	195	Ebrahim Vadia - Bots		
63	M. McArthur - Bots	Joined 1995		196	Robert Cowen - UK		
64	Tim Mahon	132	Andrew Hamilton - NA	197	Gordon Oram - UK		
65	W. Martin - UK	133 ³⁴	Joe Taylor - UK	198	Andy Wilde - UK		
66 ¹⁷	Dave Matthews - UK	134	Philip Robertson - UK	Joined 2007		199 ⁵⁶ Hans Blach - E	
67	L. Miles - SA	135	Roy Wickham - UK	199 ⁵⁶	Hans Blach - E		
68	Adam Miller - UK	136	Robert Little - UK	200	Eddie Bridges - UK		
69	Andrew Morris - UK	137	Dion Futerman - SA	201 ⁵⁷	Gary Brown - Aus		
70	Gary Morris - UK						

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Appendix III - A Summary, survey and observations on the Society journal *The Runner Post* (TRP) plus *Newsletters* (NL) 1984/85 plus 1999/2003. PS = Postal Stationery, NI = New Issues, OF = Official Free, Pmks = Postmarks

Year	NL	NL N°	Pages	TRP	TRP-N°	Pmks	%	Content	Total
1984	2	1 - 2	5						5
1985	1	3	4	1	1			7	7 + 4
1986				4	2 - 5	6	10%	56	62
1987				4	6 - 9	7	9%	73	80
1988				4	10 - 13	18	23%	59	77
1989				4	14 - 17	15	20%	60	75
1990				4	18 - 21	11	14%	70	81
1991				4	22 - 25	21	22%	73	94
1992				4	26 - 29	20	19%	88	108
1993				4	30 - 33	25	23%	85	110
1994				4	34 - 37	41	36%	73	114
1995				4	38 - 41	42	29%	102	144
1996				4	42 - 45	52	35%	98	150
1997				3	49%	53	49%	55	108
Totals	3		9	48	26%	311	26%	899	1219

1984 - 1985

Getting going

1986 - 1997

Stability

The Runner Post

Average 100 pages per annum

1986 - 1998

341 out of 1243 pages

feature postmarks

9% to 75%

Average 27.4%

End 1997

A problem is looming

1998				1	49/50	30	75%	10	40
1999	2	4 - 5	12	1	51	-			26 + 12
2000	2	6 - 7	16	1	52	-			26 + 16
2001	2	8 - 9	8	1	53	-			14 + 8
2002	1	10	4	3	54 - 56	-			57 + 10
2003	2	11 - 12	9	1	57	-			20 + 9
Totals	9		49	8		30		10	238

1998 - 2003

Six years in the doldrums

Nine mini *Newsletters*

Only eight journals

Average 30½ pages per year

Year	TRP	TRP-N°	PS	NI	OF	Pmks	%	Content	Total
2004	4	58 - 61	3	3½	-	30	38	59½	96
2005	3	62 - 65	8½	6½	4	40½	80	14½	74
2006	2	66 - 67	-	2	12½	14	57	21½	50
2007	3	68 - 70	8	3	18½	32	53	54½	116
2008	3	71 - 73	8½	6	13½	27	56	43	98
2009	3	74 - 76	12	½	-	26	48	41½	80
2010	2	77 - 78	8	1½		19	55	23½	52
2011	3	79 - 81	-	4	3	34	49	43	84
2012	3	82 - 84	-	-	-	-	-	69	69
2013	3	85 - 87	4	3½	2½	26	47	41	77
2014	1	88		4		-	9	41	45
2015	1	89	17½	2	3	-	80	5½	28
Totals	31		69½	36½	57	248½	47	457½	869

2004 Back to normal?

2005 Perhaps not!

2006 Going down

2007 Encouraging

2008 - 2009 Steady

2010 Down to two again

2011 - 2013 Steady

2014 One only journal - O dear

2015 Editor goes AWOL

2004 - 2014 Average 76½ pages per year

New Editor from August 2015

2015	1	90		1			½	17	18
2016	3	91 - 93		2		1½	6	50	54
2017	3	95 - 97							

2016 TRP x 3 plus SAP x 3

2017 TRP x 3 plus SAP x 3

Comment 2004 - 2013, excluding 2012, thus 249 out of 796 pages displayed Botswana postmarks being an overall average of 31% of the content. In addition, from 2005 onwards *Official Free* marks filled a further 57 pages. New issues are perhaps a necessary part of the journal but space allocation ought to be under control. A book on Postal Stationery was published in 2004, thus should one continue beating the same subject with a stick, all 70 pages of it!

Appendix IV

Pagination Errors, Omissions and Irregularities

NL = Newsletter TRP = *The Runner Post*

NL	Page	Comment
1	1	First Newsletter Spring 1984
3	9	Last page NL No 3 March/April 1985
TRP		
1	10	Follows on from NL No 3 Page 9 Autumn 1985
6	100A	Last 2 pages No's 100 & 100A February 1987
7	101	Pagination introduced June 1987
33	703	Last page TRP No 33 December 1993
34	705	No page 704 March 1994
50	1260	December 1997 last journal - NL returns

NL	Pages	Date	NL	Pages	Date
4	1 - 8	January 1999	9	1 - 4	Nov. 2001
5	1 - 4	May 1999	10	1 - 4	August 2002
6	1 - 12	February 2000	11	1 - 6	March 2003
7	1 - 4	November 2000	12	1 - 3	October 2003
8	1 - 4	May 2001	9	49	Total
Nine Newsletters created 49 rogue pages					
TRP	Page	Comment			
51	1261	First page October 1999 last AMG Journal			
52	1287	First page July 2000 first Midwood Journal			
No 52 - Inside back page not numbered - continuous habit					
63	1527-1554	June 2005			
64/65	1527-1564	Nov 2005/Mar 2006 - Incorrect No's			

Two sets of 28 TRP pages (1527-1554) have the same number

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Pagination Errors, Omissions and Irregularities

TRP = *The Runner Post*

IBC = Inside back cover

IFC = Inside front cover

TRP	Date	IBC	TRP	Date	IBC	TRP	Date	IBC
52	July 2000	Illustration ¹⁻¹	66	June 2006	Illustration ¹⁻¹¹	79	Winter 2011	Illustration ¹⁻¹⁹
53	Aug 2001	Illustration ¹⁻²	67	Nov 2006	Illustration ¹⁻¹²	80	Spring 2011	Illustration ¹⁻²⁰
54	Feb 2002	AMG Advert	68	March 2007	SWINPEX advert	81	Summer 2011	Part of article ¹⁻²¹
55	May 2002	Illustration ¹⁻³	69	Nov 2007	Spink advert ³	82	Winter 2012	Illustration ¹⁻²²
56	Dec 2002	Illustration ¹⁻⁴	70	June 2007	Illustration ¹⁻¹³	83	Spring 2012	RSC Advert ⁴
57	June 2003	Illustration ¹⁻⁵	71	Feb 2008	Society Advert ²⁻³	84	Summer 2012	Article ¹⁻²³
58	Jan 2004	Illustration ¹⁻⁶	72	June 2008*	ABPS Advert	85	Spring 2013	Illustration ¹⁻²⁴
59	April 2004	Illustration ¹⁻⁷	73	Dec 2008	Annual accounts ¹⁻¹⁴	86	Summer 2013	Illustration ¹⁻²⁵
60	June 2004	Illustration ¹⁻⁸	74	Feb 2009	Illustration ¹⁻¹⁵	87	Winter 2013	Part of article ¹⁻²⁶
61	Dec 2004	Society Advert ²⁻¹	75	July 2009	Illustration ¹⁻¹⁶	88	Summer 2014	Part of article ¹⁻²⁷
62	March 2005	Illustration ¹⁻⁹	76	Nov 2009	Annual accounts ¹⁻¹⁷	89	March 2015	Bots Listing ¹⁻²⁸
63	June 2005	Society Advert ²⁻²	77	March 2010	Argyll E. Advert	IFC		
64/65	March 2006	Illustration ¹⁻¹⁰	78	June 2010	Illustration ¹⁻¹⁸	89	March 2015	Society News ¹⁻²⁹

* *The Runner Post* No 72 June 2008

The date does not appear on the Front Cover

Notes

¹⁻¹ to ¹⁻²⁹ All pages relevant to the society journal and ought to be numbered. In particular ¹⁻¹⁴ and ¹⁻¹⁷ which include the Annual accounts

²⁻¹ to ²⁻³ Pages offering Society publications,

²⁻³ being the Postal Stationery book by Inglefield-Watson & Thy

³ Below the Spink advert are prices realized for Postal Auction No 17

⁴ A Rhodesia Study Circle advert for various publications

IBC Noted in 'Contents'

The editor included an 'IBC' for Issue

No's 84, 88 & 89 but it is not clear what it actual denotes

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Notes Relating to pages 2350 to 2361

¹ John Inglefield-Watson, his obituary appears in *The Runner Post* No 68 pages 1616/17

² Roy Setterfield, his obituary appears in *The Runner Post* No 32, pages 648/9

³ Henry Robert Holmes, his obituary appears in *The Runner Post* No 14, page 240

⁴ 8d Unappropriated Die, see *The Postage Stamps...of the Bechuanalands* (1971) by H.R. Holmes, page 46

⁵ Jim Catterall, his obituary appears in *The Runner Post* No 89, on the inside front cover

⁶ Charles Barkaway, his obituary appears in *The Runner Post* No 6, page 79

⁷ *The Runner Post*, although the foregoing is the correct title of the society's journal, I notice that it is generally referred to as '*Runner Post*'

⁸ Roy Setterfield donated a copy of 'The Book' (By Holmes) to the society...dedicated, inscribed and signed by Mr and Mrs Holmes and also signed by the founder members of the Society - See Appendix VI.

⁹ Single circle TATI excised with MATABELELAND at foot, see article in *The Runner Post* No 90, page 2270. This item not included in the article (although a poor photocopy) the year '97' appears to have the 9 above Month/Day and 7 below. A similar setting recorded for JA 98

¹⁰ During 1997 the proof that both GUBALAWAYO & TATI BECHUANALAND were 'cancelled to order' was established by two strips ex the Hunt Collection...see details on our website http://www.bechuanalandphilately.com/Gubulawayo_Tati_Bechuanaland.htm

¹¹ This cover was illustrated in colour *The Rhodesian Philatelist* No's 1 & 36, also in *The Runner Post* No 90

¹² W.A.H. Harbour posted numerous copies of the KEVII 6d Postal fiscal on cover; see *The Runner Post* No 91 February 2016

¹³ Benny Illman, his obituary appears in *The Runner Post* No 30, page 596

¹⁴ The Meter Marks for Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland were subject to an article in *The Runner Post* No 90

¹⁵ Crocker's full page advert on the inside front cover, from issue No 27 remained in place up to and including issue No 88

¹⁶ The Karl Seligmann manuscript has not been published and its present whereabouts is uncertain

¹⁷ Alan MacGregor's advertisement on the back cover of the journal, since issue No 31 remains in place to this day!

¹⁸ The Stellaland 'Twee' overprint, see an important article on the subject in issue No 74

¹⁹ For further information on the illustrated Crocodile Pools card see *Southern Africa Philately* No 5, page 204

²⁰ *The Runner Post* No 86, back cover, a MacGregor advert illustrates a stationery card from Mochudi with a 16 DEC 99 Crocodile Pools cancel

²¹ See *The Runner Post* No 88, inside back cover, re the sale of a mint copy for US\$92,000

²² The illustrated strips ex Graham Cooper, sold by Spink 14.12.2016 as lot 201

²³ See *Southern Africa Philately* No 3 page 91, an article on the Imperforate varieties

²⁴ Article published in *The Rhodesian Philatelist* No 16, April 1998 and posted on the society website. See also Colin Fraser's comment in *The Runner Post* No 8

²⁵ Ever since the early journals Karl Seligmann was allegedly on the brink of publishing a definitive work on Bechuanaland, I never happened see page 2367 in this issue

²⁶ The 'Chilton Initiative' as it became known was discussed at length at Chester in 2002 and during 2015 it was aired once more...see

The Runner Post No 90, *Southern Africa Philately* No 1 and http://www.southafricacollector.com/Southern_Africa_Annual_Conference.htm

²⁷ In issue No 58 the editor claims it takes 60 hours to produce a journal, probably due to inflation, by journal 64/65 it takes 100 hours

²⁸ I limited comment on journals 86 to 89 as they are recent publications and I believe the editor's enthusiasm for the job had rapidly declined

Appendix V Attendance at Meetings

Whilst this subject has been aired on many occasions and disappointment has been expressed in regard to low attendance. I have attempted to put said issue into perspective. During the initial years numbers were often from 8 to 12 and in later years usually below ten.

I have collated 41 meetings reported in *The Runner Post* and from 1985 to 1997 twenty two meetings were reported with an attendance of 232 plus 12 guests giving an average of 11 persons. This figure is boosted by a special meeting held during the 1990 London International at Alexander Palace with 20 members plus two guests present and is the highest attendance on record. The least was six at a 23.3.1996 meeting.

From 1999 to 2017 I have a record of 19 meetings, 142 + 2 guests attending making an average of 7½ persons. Highest 11 people and lowest on 25.3.2012 with three present. The overall average, including guests is 9½ per meeting.

Due to the fact that most meetings coincided with Stampex, BPE or Philatex there was often an odd or even a few overseas members present. On the other hand it ought to be appreciated that the UK membership is around 40 to 50 and it is realistic that one may anticipate about 15-20% of members to attend a meeting which translates to six to ten people.

Thus higher expectations are perhaps 'over optimistic'!

Appendix VI - Founder Members who signed the Holmes Book

Brian Fenemore	Dave Hardwick	Michael Hall
Philip Cattell	Mike George	Philip Kaye
Brian Trotter	Jim Catterall	Denis Firth
F.W. Collins	Harry Brush	Roger Howard
Roy Setterfield	J. Inglefield-Watson	Mrs B. Sten Jensen
Werner Seeba	Violet Williams	Dave Matthews
Mike Nethersole	Alan MacGregor	John Coates
Aubrey Glasborow	Howard Cook	Anne Fitzgerald ¹

Note ¹ Anne Southwood nee Fitzgerald

Postscript - 1998 to 2003 and 2012 to 2017

On page 2359 I suggest that the Society went through its worst 'wobble' from 1998 to 2003, this six year 'black spot' was due to an erratic and inadequate journal that is the medium which 'glues' the society together. Essentially it is not fair to point ones finger at anyone, as I have intimated before philatelic editors are a precious commodity.

The 2012 to 2014 'wobble' was more to do with no-one being sure what exactly was going on...but with an attitude 'it will all come out in the wash'. Lack of accounting and not keeping a finger on the pulse is a recipe for disaster.

Without ever intending to do so, a series of issues got me involved. I volunteered to construct a website, requested input and assistance and received none. The only person who did as much as possible was Peter Thy and I thank him for that.

Becoming Involved

I was informed the society requires a Treasurer and Membership secretary, but there were no takers...again I volunteered and had I known what awaited me...in hindsight I should have looked the other way.

Being a retired Ship's Captain, rules and regulations plus paperwork means I have no problem with that sort of thing. Operating a mail order business dictates I am used to printing, accounting and costing. Finally having published my own journal since 1993 I also have the capability of being an editor.

Having offered to do a 'job' I got on with it, I work fast, I expect co-operation and anticipate answers to questions, not tomorrow, but today please! All the foregoing does not prove popular with those who have rested on their laurels for the past two and a half years. For me failure and sweeping things under the carpet is not an option...only results count. My initial survey of Society expenditure indicated that during the past two and a half years, for every pound the Society received, it spent £2.14.

The Runner Post - Putting the journal back on track was a priority...give the members a regular journal and not 'if and when' it suits the editor.

Midwood wanted to know where the input would come from and I offered to write it. I passed journal No 89 onto a Graphic Designer to analyse the layout...his comments were not favourable...the front cover reminded him of a cheap football programme. I copied pages from the same journal and found that I could fit Midwood's full page on half a page. I sent in a concise three page article which he converted to four pages.

The recent past had shown that the cost of the journal was ridiculous (£807) for one issue and the editor and chairman were of the opinion that it was very reasonable...they were amazed when I halved the cost for issue No 89 and further economy measures were by then in the pipeline resulting in another reduction down to one fifth of the above price.

The Graphic Designer provided mock-ups of nine different front covers which we narrowed down to one and Midwood was sceptical and not complimentary. When he was politely requested to buck up his ideas and not use excessive space...which not only costs more, but was also a major contribution of losing the society £1500+. Sending out 108 journals to 59 paid up members is not an option, things needed to change...today, not tomorrow.

Journal No 90 the editor goes 'walkabout'

By the first week of April 2015 we had enough material for the next journal and I emailed the editor to that effect. To print in May and in the post before 1st June. I never heard from the editor again, on 7 August 2015 I was informed he had allegedly resigned...but told no one...it would have been nice if he had gone about it in a more professional way...but who knows?

17 February 2017 - An AGM at Stampex

Only four attended Brian Trotter, Tony Stanford, David Bird and me. I thought it might be the lowest attendance ever, but I was wrong...only three at the 25.3.2012 meeting. The procedure did not take long, 2016 accounts presented plus an amended Constitution, both published in *The Runner Post* No 94.

The society is now operated and Administered by three people, should anyone wish to take on any of the required tasks, let me know...

The Journal and Newsletters - Past and Present

Officially there is as follows *The Runner Post*, 92 issues as two have double numbers 49/50 and 64/65. Newsletters 12 in total, given that No's 1 to 3 are numbered page 1 to 9.

No's 4 to 12 ought to feature in the pagination thus in reality (See Appendix IV) The last page in Issue 94 is 2347, add to that 106 additional pages = 2453. The foregoing is academic and I do not propose to start issue No 95 with page 2454 as sooner or later someone might enquire...what happened to pages 2348 to 2453?

To be Concluded

What has happened to Karl Seligmann Book?

Collated by Otto Peetoom

Introduction

During my recent review of *The Runner Post* I encountered several references to a 'Mega' Bechuanaland book that was set to eclipse the 1971 book by Holmes. The foregoing was new to me and I enquired about its status and received replies from Alan MacGregor, Brian Hurst, Brian Trotter and Peter Thy. This I thought might just make a short article as I believe that others may find the following interesting.

I am informed that Karl somehow never managed to put the finishing touches to his manuscript. He is now an elderly person living in Botswana...it is thought that persons unknown have attempted to gain access to the document...but no one appears to be aware of its current location...a pity!

Johannesburg 100 Meeting of 9 October 1986

At the Inaugural South Africa meeting of the society in the minutes under 'General' (TRP 5/68)

Dr Karl Seligmann's forthcoming book on the Postal History of the Bechuana territories. Dr Seligmann showed the meeting a small part of the research material in which he has collated all the earlier writings and research with the massive Botswana postal archives to which he has had access.

Those present were bowled over by this magnum opus, nearing completion and publication and all offered Dr Seligmann any assistance he wanted, provided that it would not delay the publication, but would hasten it. Dr Seligmann asked for advice on publication.

Reijger Publishers, who had been awarded 2 Gold Medals for their publications at JHB 100 were felt to be the firm most likely to do such a book proud.

AGM held at Stampex in London on 15 October 1986

Under 'Any other business' (TRP 5/67)

The Chairman (Brian Trotter) stated that Karl Seligmann was soon to publish a book on aspects of the Postal History of the Bechuanalands which would be of significant interest to the society.

After the foregoing 'hype' nothing further appeared or was mentioned in the journal until *The Runner Post* No 30, March 1993 under a title:- This is the last reference to Seligmann's 'Mega' book that I encountered.

Dr Karl Seligmann's Magnum Opus nearing completion

Recent communication with Dr Seligmann reveals that work on finalising the manuscript for his long awaited work on the philatelic history of the Bechuanalands is now in top-gear.

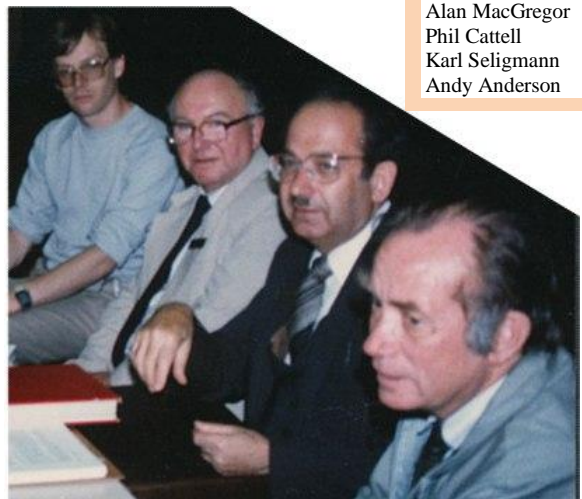
Karl said recently: 'The past three weeks have been seriously spent on the book and another two months on a full-time basis, DV, should guarantee completion... It has been a big investment in time and energy and it is hoped that it will add a little to the enjoyment of the philately of Africa'.

Karl has been working for many years towards publication of the book which now contains an amazing wealth of information on virtually all aspects of the postal arrangements and background of the early Bechuanalands (including Stellaland) and also contains many fascinating glimpses of Philatelically related social history.

I witnessed a small fraction of the enormous amount of time, energy (and money) that Karl has personally invested in the project when I met him after a typical week of concentrated research in the Cape Archives - laden with 900 Photostats of invaluable information!

Further updates as and when available.

L to R a very young
Alan MacGregor
Phil Cattell
Karl Seligmann
Andy Anderson



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Botswana Picture Post Cards - A Pictorial Update

By Peter Thy and Otto Peetoom

After publishing information on the above subject in the previous journal it was thought that we ought to illustrate some of the cards noted in the article as many of our readers may not have seen these cards before.

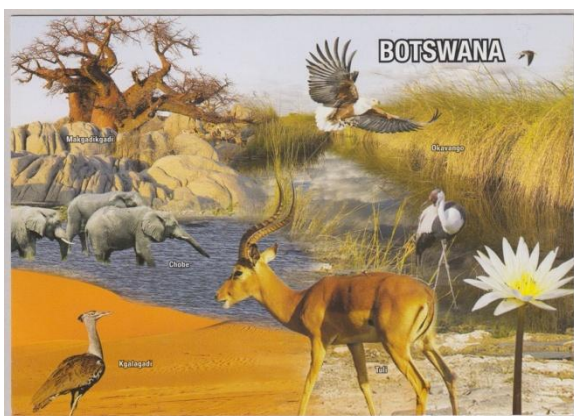
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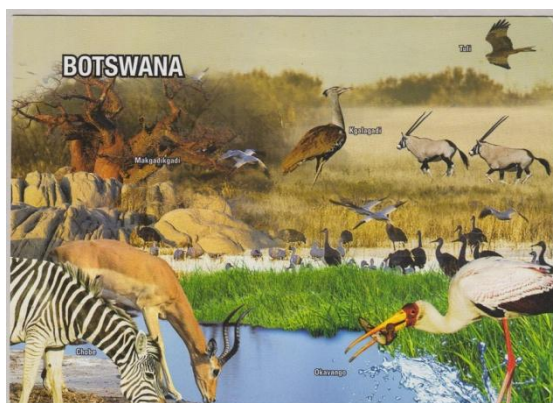
PPC 7
2011
White
Rhinos



PPC 8a
At a
water
hole (1)



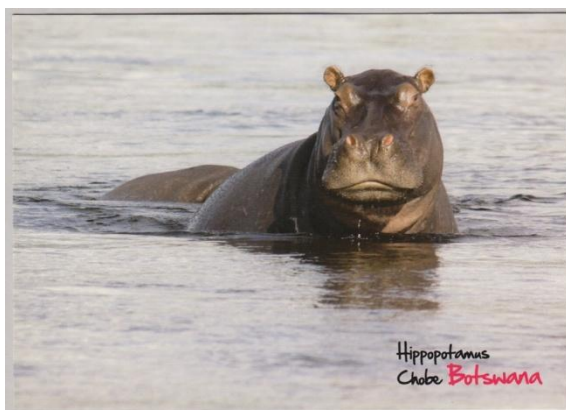
PPC 8b
At a
water
hole (2)



PPC 8c Botswana wildlife at water hole (3)



PPC 9a Water lily Maun Botswana



PPC 9b Hippopotamus Chobe Botswana



PPC 9c Basarwa Kgalagadi Botswana

Botswana Postmark Update

By Bruce Warrender

Office	No	Type	Diam	Date 1	Comment	Notes
Francistown	88	MISC 3 z 18	40	6 MAR 2015		
Gaborone	332	1 M 26(5)	36	03 JUN 2016		
Gaborone	333	61 M 16	37x54	2005-09-28	Oval, In Blue	No - Is the number of different type of Office cancels on record
Letlhakane	20	23 M 16	42	2016-02-07		Type - (2) donates Code 2
Letlhakeng	10	23 M 50	38	31 MAY 2013		Diam - Diameter of circle
Lobatse	64	23 M 46(6)	40	02 FEB 2016		Date 1 - Date/s seen
Mahalapye	48	1 M 26(6)	36	31 AUG 2015		Note - Date as seen on postmark
Masunga	8	23 M 68	38	15 NOV 2013		Comment - Latest date seen so far or comment on Postmark or Office e.g. Struck in Blue/Red
Maun	68	23 M 53(2)	38	2005-08-17		
Ntshinoge	6	23 M 46(2)	40	2014-11-06		
Orapa	28	23 M 46(1)	38	2013-03-13		
Pota	17	23 M 75	38	2013-11-11		
University of Botswana	13	23 M 46(1)	38	29 AUG 2012		
Railpark	1	1 M 26(4)	36	19 OCT 2016	New Office	New Office Railpark
Miscellaneous	28	MISC 2 f	36	08 OCT 2016		Location and date of opening unknown
Miscellaneous	29	MISC 7 z 9	22x40	22 JUN 2013	Boxed in Red	



Type MISC 2



Comment

Miscellaneous cancels do not have an Office name on them but are applied by postal authorities in various departments. They are not always intended to cancel stamps.

Recent Botswana Issues

Thailand Stamp Exhibition

Late in 2016 I had a surprise when I received two previous miniature sheets for the *Vervet Monkey in Botswana* plus the *Elephants of Botswana* both overprinted with a Thailand Stamp Exhibition logo.



This exhibition was staged from 10 to 15 August 2016 and was the 32nd Asian International Stamp Exhibition. What the exact date of issue may be unsure.

SG Numbering for Thai MS - Until we know where exactly these MS slot in date wise, we cannot assess their numbering.

1 August 2016 - Botswana 50 Years of Progress

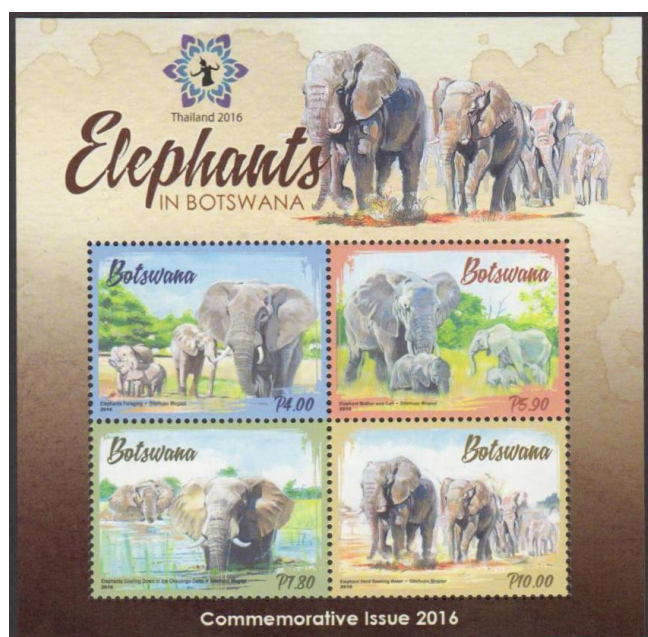
Should list as SG 1260 - 1267, thus if the Thai MS follow on from them they would be SG MS 1268 & 1269.

1 October 2016 - Favourite Stamps of Five Decades

SG 1270 - 1274 & MS 1275

1 December 2016 - Kgotla Democracy through Dialogue

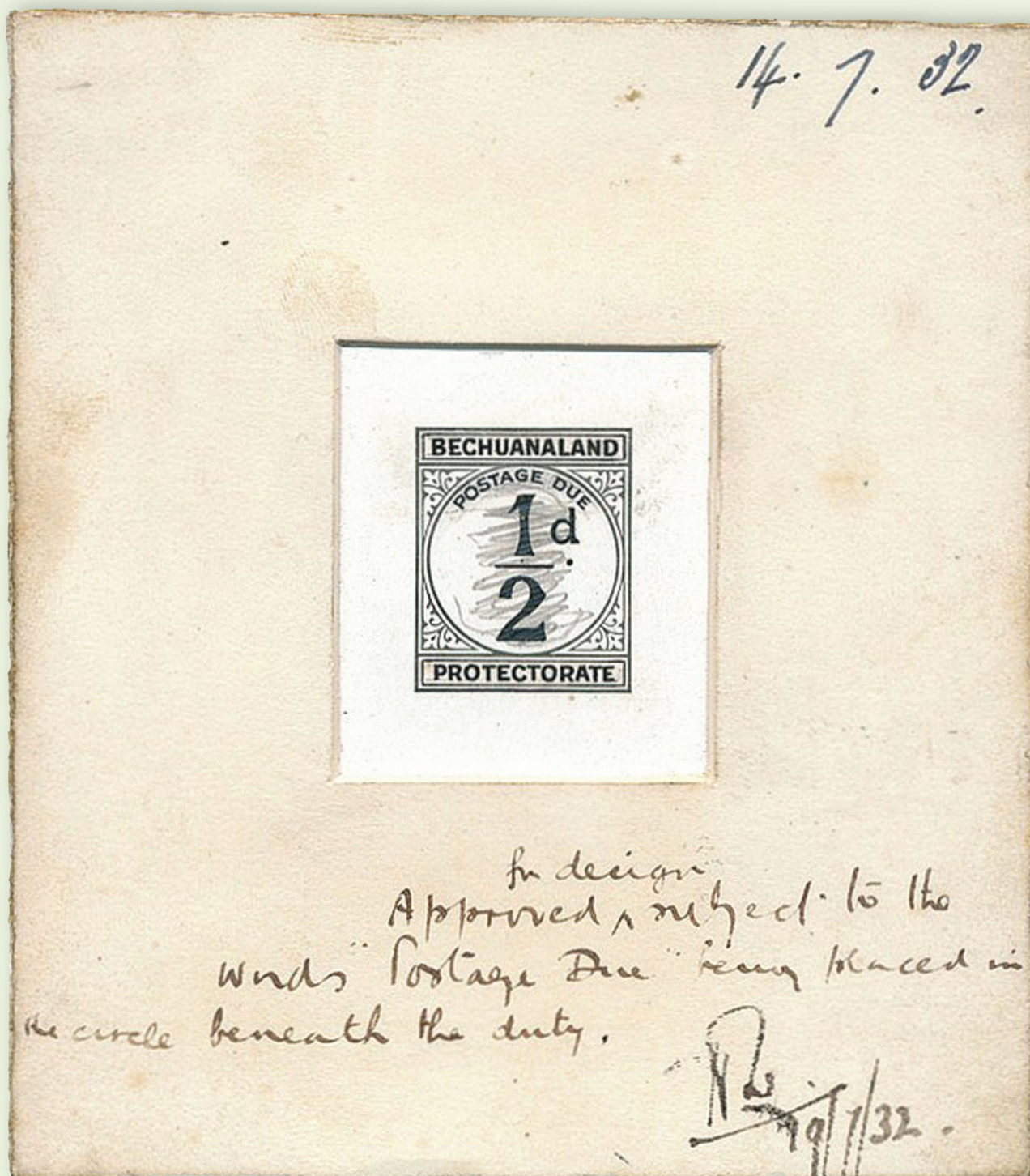
SG 1276 - 1279.



1 February 2017 Leopard in Botswana (Four values)

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1932 POSTAGE DUE. De La Rue Die Proof / Essay for the Postage Due 1d duty. The frame has been printed in black on glazed card and all the wording and value have been handpainted in black and touched in with Chinese White. The value has been scored through in pencil and endorsed "Approved for design subject to the words 'Postage Due' being placed in the circle beneath the duty." Dated "14.7.32" at upper right and signed "H.W." and dated "19.7.32"

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