

The Runner Post

Presentation Issue



Membership News

New Members

This free presentation issue made up from recent society publication gives you some idea of the types of areas and items members are interested in. We hope your name will appear here soon.

Editor's Corner

The Society publications are

- The Runner Post, which contains all the Sections in this free Presentation Issue, and a number of longer articles
- The Runner News, which makes sure members are kept up to date every few months.

In any one year there will be four publications, with at least one of them a Runner Post, depending on the number of articles available.

Members have varied interests Stellaland, British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Botswana Tati Concessions, Warren Expedition, Stamps, Postal History, Revenues, Postal Rates and many more.

Hope you enjoy this issue.

Neville Midwood

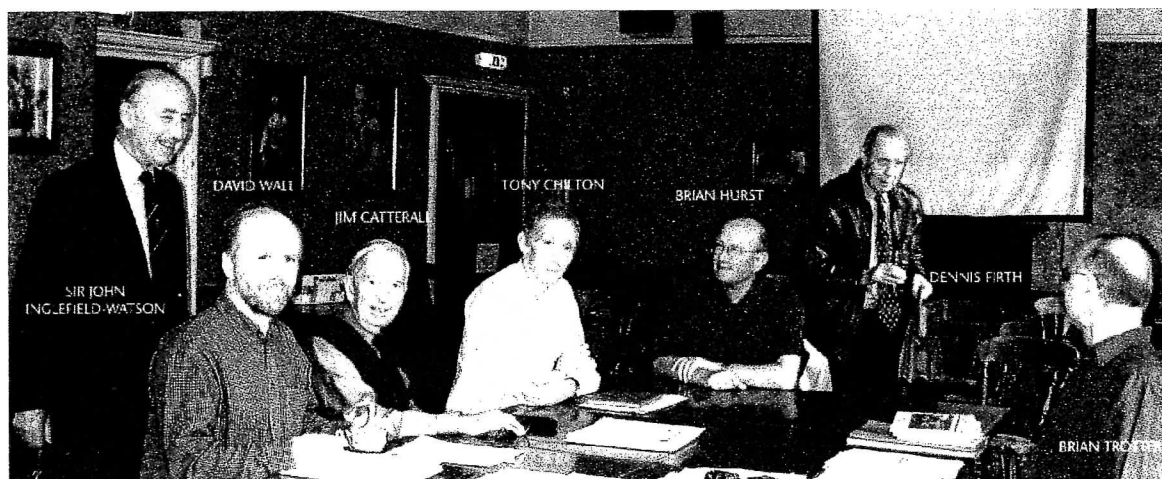
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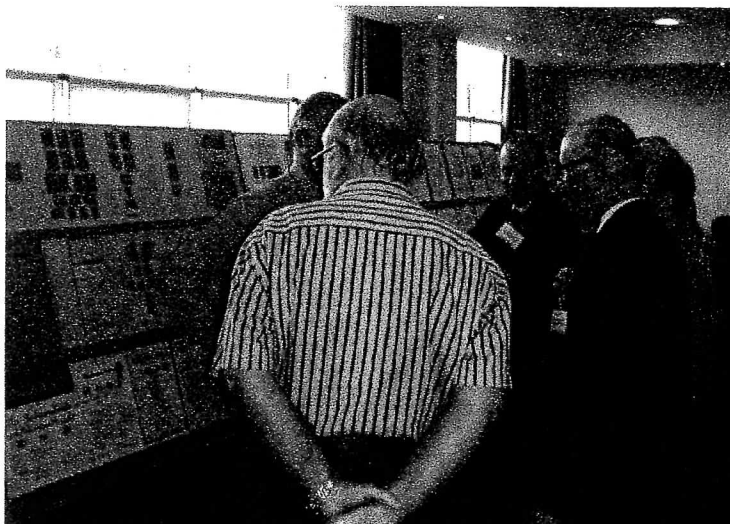
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UK Show Dates 2002

Spring Stampex. 27th February - 3rd March. Business Design Centre, Islington. (Angel tube)
 Spring Philtex. 28th February - 2nd March. Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street. (Victoria)
 Autumn Stampex. 18th - 22nd September. Business Design Centre, Islington. (Angel tube)
 Autumn Philtex. 31st Oct. - 2nd Nov. Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street. (Victoria)

News

The Society's display at Stamp Show 2000

Members discuss the Society's display at Stamp 2000

The major philatelic event of 2000, at the end of May, was Stamp Show 2000 at Earl's Court, London. The main focus for the Society was on Wednesday 24th May when the Society and the Rhodesia Study Circle shared an upper room, above the main exhibition area, and each Society put on a number of displays.

Members of the BBS in attendance for at least part of the day were: John Inglefield-Watson, David Wall, David Hardwick, Jim Catterall, Neville Midwood, Dennis Firth, Danny Swart (from Johannesburg), Joe Taylor, David Crocker (from Montagu, Cape Province) Malcolm Batty, Mike Hall, Brian Trotter, Roger Howard and Peter van der Molen (from Benoryn in the Transvaal).

Alan MacGregor was also at the exhibition, but was unable to escape the demands of running his own stand.

MIDPEX 2001

MIDPEX 2001 took place at Tile Hill near Coventry, on Saturday 30th June 2001.



Dennis Firth manning the Society's stand at MIDPEX 2001

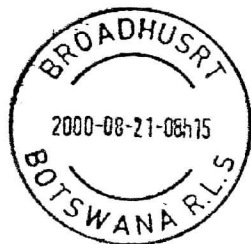
This was the Society's third appearance at the biennial UK event for Stamp Societies.

Three members provided material for the 96 sheet display, David Hardwick (Railway related material), Jim Catterall (photocopies of Postal History items) Dennis Firth (Bechuanaland Postmarks on Cover; Botswana Stamp Varieties and Booklets).

David, Dennis and Neville Midwood were manning the display on the day. Various members and non-members visited the stand during the day and one new member was recruited.

Questions and Answers

Botswana Postmark Errors



I have received photocopies of a number of postmark errors from Bruce Warrender. Two of them are reproduced here.

(Left) BROADHURST mis-spelt, reversed R & S.

(Right) Postage Paid machine cancel. There is a gap between the A and B of GABORONE. This is due to an earlier error, when the datestamp came into use during 2000. The first spelling was GARBORONE and the incorrect first R was removed. Can anyone supply Bruce with a clear photocopy with the original erroneous spelling? Note also the time of 18⁴⁵AM.



Possible George VI 5/- "Eye Damage" flaw

Dickon Pollard sent me the following, which also appeared in "The Sixth Sense":

"The 5/- Bechuanaland illustrated was kindly set to us by Ronnie Frizzell. Our first impression was that the damage to the King's right eye might be a case of ink-stripping, but further examination leaves open the possibility that it is a plate flaw.

Nothing can be proved unless someone turns up another one! Should it prove to be constant, it would certainly be a notable variety. Reports would be most welcome."

Can any member supply that second example?

At the Auction House

A regular look at the rare or interesting items appearing in Auctions worldwide.

"I will concentrate on items from the Rarer Stamps Study and items relating to earlier *Runner Post* articles. If you think any lot at auction is particularly interesting please drop me a line with the illustration and lot number. If you could indicate the reason why it is of particular interest you will be helping with my philatelic education and increasing the chance of it appearing in *The Runner Post*." —The Editor.

Victoria Stamp Company Auction #10 - March 31 2000.

The Auction included Bechuanaland and Stellaland items from the Daniel S. Franklin Collection. It included 114 Lots of Bechuanaland material, mostly stamps and 10 Lots of Stellaland stamps.

The Bechuanaland stamps included 6 lots, illustrated below, which are covered by our Rarer Stamps Study.



Lot 75
SG4a



Lot 76
SG5a



Lot 77
SG6b



Lot 98
SG23c



Lot 109
SG39a



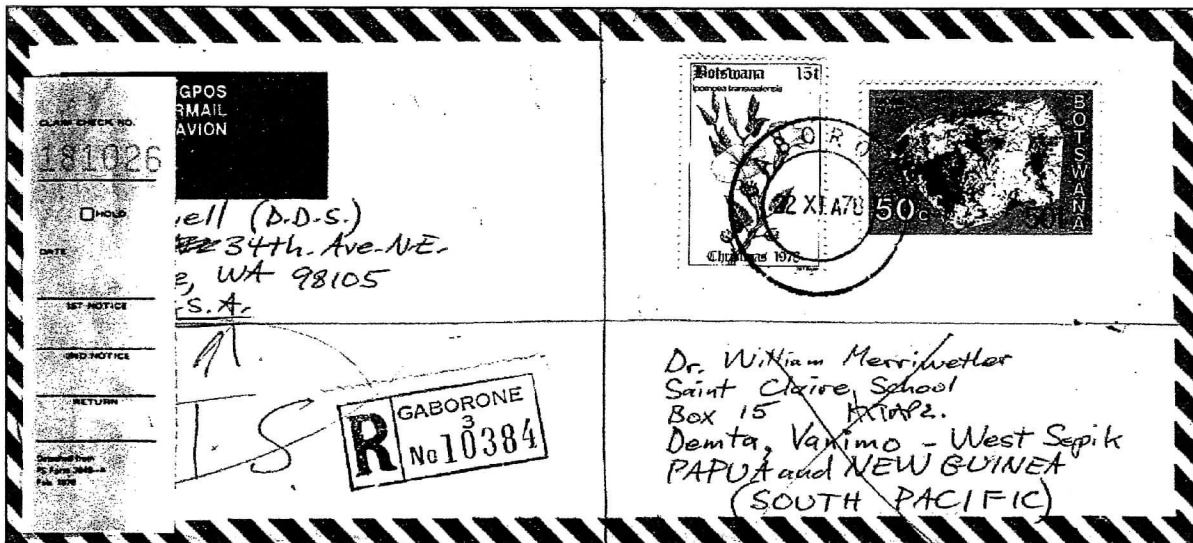
Lot 145
SG53c

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Items of Interest

A well travelled rare cover

Steen Jelgren writes:



The cover is with the very scarce mineral 50 thebe stamp, overprint bottom right, 1976 (SG 378a) plus a 15 t Christmas stamp 1978 (SG 437).

Not only is it a colourful cover with the stamps and the many cancels in a perfect condition. It has a history also. It was sent from Gaborone, Botswana on the 22nd November, 1978 with destination Papua, New Guinea. It reached its recipient only on April 4th, 1979 in University Sta., Seattle, USA. (note that digit 4 in date is upside down). That was after a trip that took more than 4½ months and at that time it had been more than half way round the world.



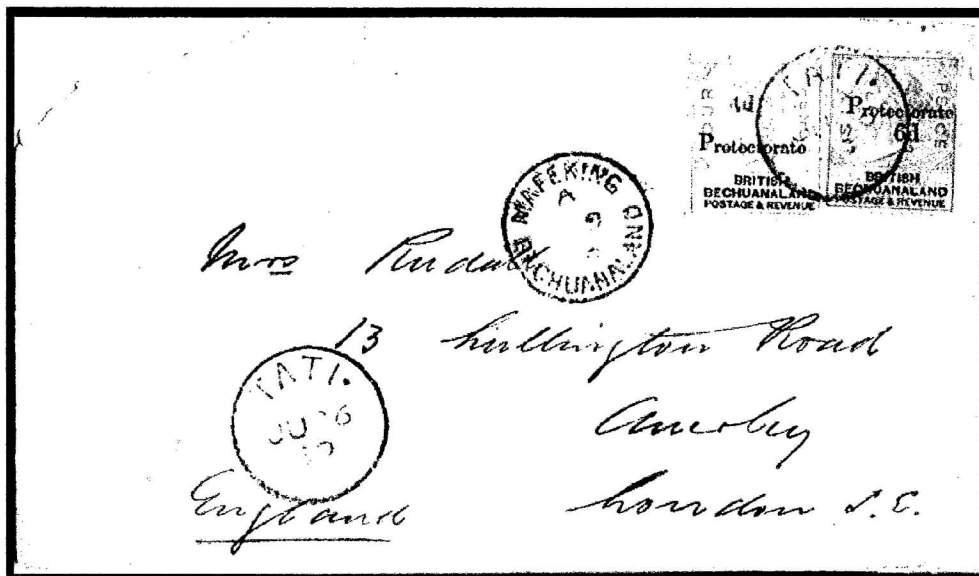
The recipient, a Dr. Merriwether was apparently a relative (brother ?) of the late Dr. Merriweather who was Botswana's first president, Sir Seretse Khama's personal physician.

The cover is unique also in the way that it may be the only one existing with that stamp. Only very few copies of the used SG 378a stamp are known.

Runner Post cover

Gerald Bodily sent me the following cover illustration:

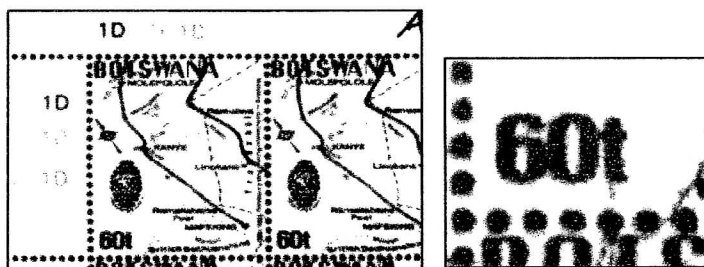
"The Runner Post".



A June 26th 1889 cover from Tati bearing Protectorate 4d on 4d and 6d on 6d tied by Tati datestamp with a further strike at the bottom left, Mafeking transit of July 9th and at back Cape Town July 16th, London August 6th. The Runner Post from Gubulawayo and Tati to Mafeking took about 2 weeks, the runners averaging 30 miles a day, and was charged at 10d per 1/2 oz. Trans-Protectorate.

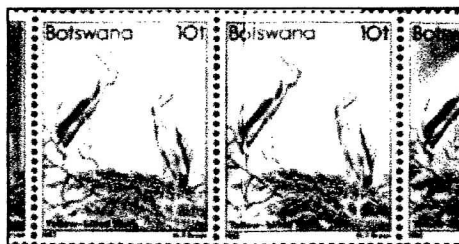
'Extra River' on SG655

Peter Jukes, sent in a colour photocopy of a constant variety occurring on at least 3 plates 1B, 1C and 1D. It occurs at Row 1/ Position 2 as an extra blue river running north-south beneath and below the "t" of "60t"

**"Albino" SG523**

Again from Peter Jukes, a strip of four 10t Yellow Billed Storks with the first normal, the second stamp devoid of the blue background, the third with a light patch of blue and the fourth with missing patch of blue. Has anyone else examples of this?

[Apologies for the quality of the image - the best I can manage from a scan of the photocopy]



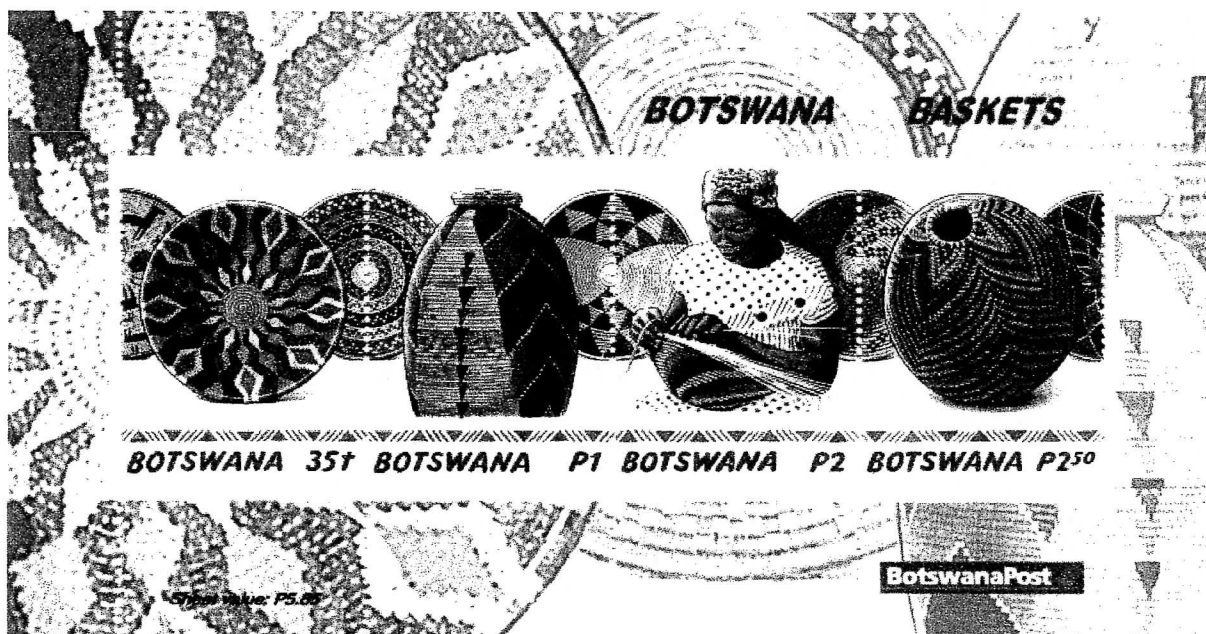
Recent Botswana Issues

Transfrontier Park Animals



Four values and Mini Sheets for two of the values (one printed for Hong Kong 2001 Exhibition) .

30th July 2001 - Botswana Baskets



Four values: 35t, P1.00, P2.00 and P2.50 and a Miniature Sheet (illustrated)

28th September 2001 - Scenic Skies



Four values: 50t, P1.00, P2.00 and P10.00

The Jan 1889 ½d Grey-Black Provisional (SG 52):

Overprint Settings by John Inglefield-Watson

According to Holmes (p.88) the ½d grey-black Cape of Good Hope stamp was overprinted 'Bechuanaland Protectorate' in green by Messrs P. Townshend & Co. of Vryburg in a setting of 30 (5 horizontal rows of 6) to cover a half pane. The 1981 Harmers' sale of his collection included an "interpanneau lock of 36 (6x6) from the top of the sheet" (Lot 1170) and a complete left-hand pane of 60 (Lot 1161). My illustration, reduced to 88% of original, shows a complete top marginal row of 12 covering both panes of the sheet with Plate No.1 and Reference No.43, as stated by Holmes. These three items together show that the sheet was not divided into separate panes or half panes prior to overprinting. However it would be wrong, in my opinion, to deduce that the setting actually covered the complete sheet of 120 in one operation.

The difficulties arising in overprinting an undivided sheet with a setting of 30 are described in some detail by Holmes (p.55) with regard to Messrs Townshend and Co's matching, contemporary, green 'British Bechuanaland' overprint on the ½d grey-black (SG 30). Each of the four half panes had margins on different sides and each had to be positioned in turn to receive the overprint setting of 30. The almost inevitable inaccuracies in positioning were the cause of the double, transposed and other misplaced overprint varieties on both SG 30 and SG 52. It seems less likely that these would have occurred if the sheet had been overprinted in a single operation.

GB Stamps overprinted by De La Rue:

Printings and Quantities by John Inglefield-Watson

Details of the quantities of GB stamps overprinted by De La Rue for use in the Bechuanalands were given in my article in RP#44 (as corrected in RP#48, p.1190) and in a sequel in RP#47, p.1157. Only one printing of 486 sheets of the KE VII 2½d denomination was recorded.

Holmes stated on p.109 of his book that the stop after 'P' of 'PROTECTORATE' variety of the KE VII 2½d "was constant throughout the first printing, after which it was removed". This implies that there was more than one printing. As no record of additional printings was found in the De La Rue Archives, they could only have been made after 1910 when De La Rue's consolidated contract for printing and overprinting GB stamps had ended. As stated in RP#47 in respect of the 1/- denomination, which was not overprinted by De La Rue, it seems likely that the overprinting would have been done at Somerset House by the Board of Inland Revenue Stamping Department. Their archive, described in RP#43, contains no record of printings and quantities.






It is therefore appropriate to point out that there may have been a late printing of the 2½d denomination during 1911-12 that is not recorded in RP#44. As the latest GB Control numbers were F6 on the ½d yellow-green and I10 on the 1d and these are within the period covered by the recorded De La Rue printings, it seems unlikely that there were any unrecorded printings of these two denominations.



Botswana Post: Web Site and new Postal Rates *by Neville Midwood*

BotswanaPost (BotsPost.co.bw) - Home page

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- [New Tariff and Tariff Structure](#)
New Postage rates effect from September 1.
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- [Botswana Couriers](#) launches nationwide door-to-door service.
We deliver same day, next day.
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- [Post Office Box Vacancy](#) : New Post Office Boxes are sold at Phakalane. Please contact us on toll free number 0800 335577.
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Members without Internet access may be slightly unfamiliar with Uniform Resource Locator's. They are starting to appear everywhere TV, magazines, newspapers... They are the addresses of "web sites" - selling, entertaining and, more-and-more in recent years, giving information. One important new web site for members, for which <http://www.botspost.co.bw> is the URL, is the BotswanaPost site. The site is easy to navigate and gives members information on:

- Details of current and forthcoming Stamp Issues and other Philatelic activities
- Information on any new Postal Rates
- Details on the various other services that BotswanaPost provides including Permit Mail

I will cover the new postal rates in detail.

Postal Rates

From the 1st September 2001 a new postage system has been introduced in Botswana. It is a rather interesting system which will, I predict, result in lots of well folded letters. Various rules define a letter, and then the size of the envelope (and the destination) gives a fixed price for postage.

Letters are defined as items containing printed material only. If they exceed 1kg (Zone 1) or 200g (Zone 2 to 5) or are more than 20mm in thickness they are charged at packet/parcel rates.

Items defined as letters are then costed on being:

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- Standard 120mm x 235 mm x 20mm max
- Large 229mm x 324 mm x 20mm
- Oversize greater than 229mm x 324mm with that 20mm limit still applying.

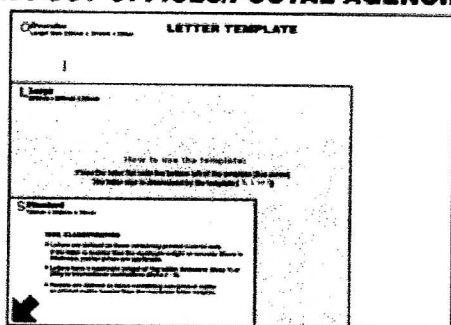
Postage Zones and Rates

There are five postal zones:

- Zone 1 - Botswana
- Zone 2 - SADC
- Zone 3 - Rest of Africa
- Zone 4 - Europe
- Zone 5 - Rest of World.



**TO CHECK THE SIZE OF YOUR LETTERS
PLEASE REFER TO THE
"LETTER TEMPLATE"
IN POST OFFICES/POSTAL AGENCIES**



Postage destinations

ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5
Botswana	SADC	Rest of Africa	Europe	Rest of World
Botswana	Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia	Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia	Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia	Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia

Item	Sizes or Weight	within Botswana Surface	SADC region		Rest of Africa		Europe		(Pula)	
			Surface	Air	Surface	Air	Surface	Air	Rest of World	SurfaceAir
Letters										
Standard	120x235mm	0.50	1.00	1.75	1.10	2.00	1.30	2.50	1.50	3.00
Large	229x324mm	1.30	3.80	5.00	4.00	6.00	4.50	8.50	5.00	10.00
Over sized	over	2.10	7.40	10.00	8.00	12.00	9.00	15.00	10.00	18.00
Post Cards		0.50	0.80	1.75	0.80	1.75	0.80	1.75	0.80	1.75
Aerograms		N.A.	N.A	1.75	N.A	1.75	N.A	1.75	N.A	1.75
Packets										
	upto 100g	0.80	2.50	6.00	2.80	7.00	3.00	9.00	3.20	11.00
	100 - 250g	1.20	6.50	10.00	7.00	12.00	7.50	15.00	8.00	18.00
	250 - 500g	2.00	13.00	18.00	15.00	20.00	18.00	30.00	20.00	35.00
	500 - 1000g	2.80	26.00	32.00	29.00	38.00	34.00	60.00	37.00	70.00
	1000 - 1500g	3.50	43.00	52.00	47.00	57.00	51.00	90.00	55.00	105.00
	1500 - 2000g	4.15	58.00	70.00	65.00	75.00	70.00	120.00	75.00	140.00

Maximum Weight for Letter is 1000g(Botswana) 200g(International)

Maximum Weight for Packet is 2000g, Packets more than 2000g will be sent by Parcel or EMS.

From the size and zone comes the postage rate. Examining the rates, members will see that the price of posting a well folded A4 sheet is around a third of the cost of posting it unfolded.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATE:	July 2001-June 2002	July 2002-June 2003
UK and Europe	£5	£8
RSA	50 Rand	--TBA--
Rest of the World	£6-50 or \$10 US	£10 or \$15 US

I _____ wish to apply for membership of the
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Full Address: _____

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YES / NO (delete as applicable)

(Optional) E-Mail: _____
Do you wish your e-mail address to appear in the member's directory on the
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(Optional) Telephone: _____

Collecting Interests: _____

Other Philatelic Societies: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cheques should be made payable to: Bechuanalands and Botswana Society.
Due to bank charges, US\$ payments are preferred in cash.

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