



Philately South Africa: Stamping with Adél

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Newsletter

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Stamp collecting, also known as philately, has been a cherished hobby for over a century. Each stamp holds a piece of history art and culture.

Stamping Spotlight:

***Hugh Amoore** showing
Selected items from his
universities exhibit*

From my Desk:

Clergy Material

*Items of interest: 1936 purse
calendar*

From the Editor

The month of April has always been a favourite for me due to the changing landscape as we are moving into autumn. I do enjoy the Easter festivities as well but not the impact all the public holidays has for us. We also celebrated Freedom day in South Africa. By the time that you read this I will be drinking tea with my British friends and marvelling at the material at the Birmingham International. Visit the Afrikaans100 Regional at the Voortrekker Monument, you won't regret it.

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Philatelic Calendar

Internationals

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRON AGE	LINK
EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025	7-11 May 2025	FEPA	EuroPhilEx2025
Gauteng Regional Exhibition 2025	8-11 May 2025	AFVP	Afrikaans100
Great American Stamp Show Illinois	14-17 August 2025	APS	GASS 2025
National Stamp Show 2025 Paarl	3-6 Sep 2025	PFSA	PFSA
NORDIA 2025 Sweden	12-14 Sep 2025	FEPA	Nordia 2025
PHILAKOREA 2025	17-21 Sep 2025	FIP	Korea 2025
BOSTON 2026	23-30 May 2026	FEPA	Boston 2026

Virtual

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRONA GE	LINK
SAVPEX 2025	June 2025	PFSA	PFSA
AUSVIPEX	Start 27 Nov 2025	APF	Ausvipex 2025

Last months ZOOM Experiences

With all the public holidays in April there was still a flurry of activities. I attended many interesting zoom meetings, and unfortunately, I missed out on a few as well. Upon reflection I am in awe with what I have seen and thereby inspired to do better.

SEEOPS

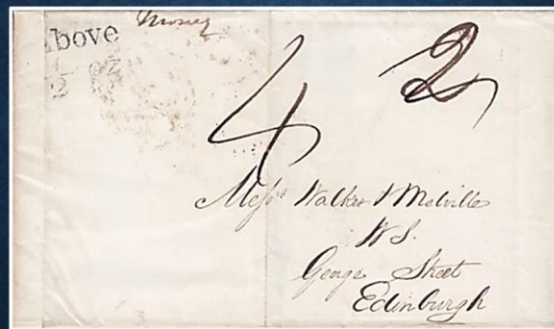
Margaret Emerson is the host and this month we saw a brilliant display about the Uniform postage rates in Edinburgh. This is a difficult topic and it was well researched and eloquently delivered by **Stephen Parkin** from Stockport.

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Uniform Penny Post - Weight Markings – Above ½ oz handstamp

The handstamp, which had been introduced in the Uniform 4d Post period was only rarely used after the introduction of Uniform Penny Postage, and examples are difficult to find.

Above
 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz



5th February 1840
Edinburgh local usage

Unpaid and manuscript '2' (for double the deficiency) initially marked.
However, it has then been noted to be Above the ½ oz weight limit for 1d so the '2' has been deleted.
The 'Above ½ oz' handstamp and manuscript '4' (for double the deficiency) have then been applied.

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Uniform Penny Post – Insufficiently Prepaid: MORE TO PAY

The weight marks were not used when Uniform Penny Postage was introduced. The weight was, instead, marked in manuscript – and this was supplemented by the 'MORE / TO PAY' handstamp and manuscript amount due.



30th August 1841
Peebles to Edinburgh
Rate for above 1 oz = 4d
Deficiency 2d x 2 = 4d more to be paid



14th October 1851
Edinburgh to Thurso
Rate for above 3 oz = 8d
Deficiency 2d x 2 = 4d more to be paid

Above
3oz

PHILATELY SOUTH AFRICA: Stamping with Adél

This was a well attended and fun meeting. Many different items were shown. Herewith is the link to view the recording: [recording](#)

Margaret Emerson – Various items from Nigeria depicting King George V showing flaws

Jamaica Silver Jubilee of George V 1935

Bradbury Wilkinson printing

Extra flagstaff top left



Michael Torreggiani – This was an interesting display of the history of the Ukrainian army series that was signed by the artist

First issue dated 2002



- Warriors of the 9th
- and 10th century.
- Block of 4 signed by the artist.

Rodney Knight – material you don't see every day, a cover from Fernando Poo



1898 Fernando Poo to Manchester
Endorsed 'Per SS Congo'

SS Congo, 1867 tons, was built in 1882 by Cunliffe & Dunlop in Glasgow for the Elder Dempster line.

She was sunk in 1907 after a collision at Borkum on the Ems river with the German steamship 'Nerissa' with the loss of 7 lives



Addressed to Rylands & Sons, at the time the largest textile company in the UK. In business 1819-1969

5c stamp from the 1894 issue cancelled
CORREOS / 4 MAI 98 / FERNANDO POO

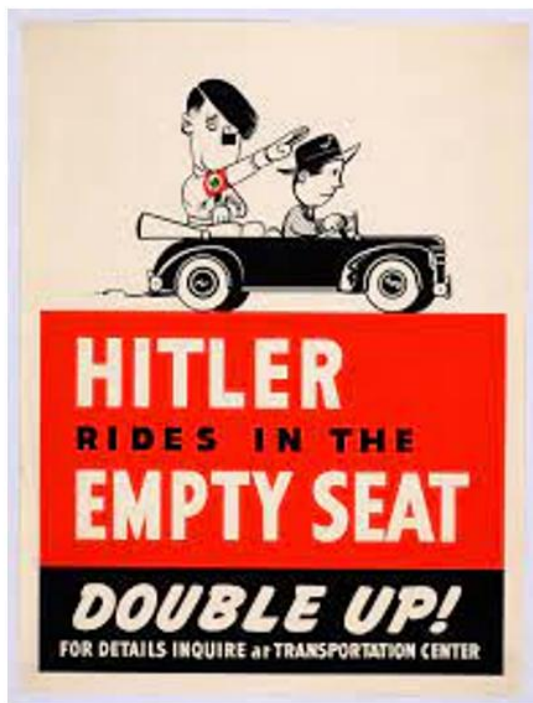
Arrival: **PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 21 JU**
Backstamp: **MANCHESTER JU 21 98**



In the churchyard at Kirk Stanton, Isle of Man, is a memorial to Captain George Kewley, who was drowned off the Canary Islands during lifeboat drill on the Royal mail 'SS Congo', November 3rd 1886, aged 43,

Ted Roberts – This was an excellent showing of WWII material to save fuel by joining a lift club.

You were helping Hitler if you drove alone!



STOCKPORT PS

This is one of my favourite society meetings and I love the fact that it is held late afternoon.

Janet and Nick Nelson – It isn't everyday that you see a couple that collects together. They displayed some of their extensive Brazilian material.



BRAZIL vs. UK

- Area: 8.5m km² (35 x UK)
- Population: 200m (3 x UK)
- Economy: \$2.2T (85% of UK)
- Per capita: \$11k (27% of UK)

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HARROGATE PS

These meetings are hosted by Keith Burtons and they are very well attended, well worth the visit.

Tony Bosworth –The 1936 Berlin Olympics display is an excellent one. Tony tells the story so well that he transports you back in time.

The Road to Berlin

Raising funds to send athletes to the Olympics



Argentina – A booklet of fund raising labels sold by the Argentinian Olympic Committee (left) and a label used on a letter (in addition to normal postage)

The XI Olympiad 1936

The Torch Relay



The Torch arrives in Berlin.

The Torch arrived at the Lustgarten in the centre of Berlin just before noon on 1st August . Then the final runner made his way to the Olympic Stadium.



The Eternal Flame is lit

The final torch bearer arrived in the Stadium, and from his torch the special flame holder was lit (as above) for the duration of the Games.

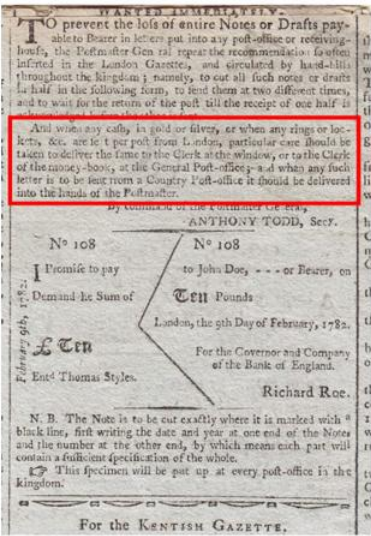
CIVIL SERVICE PS

These meetings are hosted by Margaret Emerson, I learnt a lot from this meeting, join them if you can.

Maurice Buxton – This display was fascinating and took you through the development of registered mail as we know it today.

“Money Letters” – First Step in Inland Registration

22nd September 1792: “Money Letters” (containing **coin** or **jewellery**, easily detectable in a letter, but **not** paper money) automatically registered when submitted/found. Addresses written on letter-bill, letter wrapped in bill for onward despatch, signature taken on delivery (no receipt, no liability admitted)

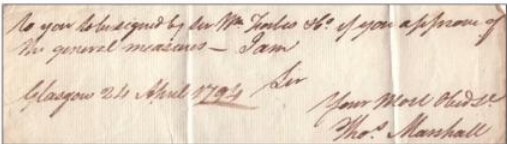


1794: Glasgow to Edinburgh, endorsed “Money”, 6d double sheet rate

Dated from sender’s internal note (matches Edinburgh Bishop mark)
Earliest recorded Money Letter



◀ 1792 PO Notice describing new system (Kentish Gazette)



Green String to Distinguish Registered Letters

Green covers scrapped 1855, but losses rose as registered letters not immediately obvious. New system was to tie letter with green tape or string (probably based on Continental practice)

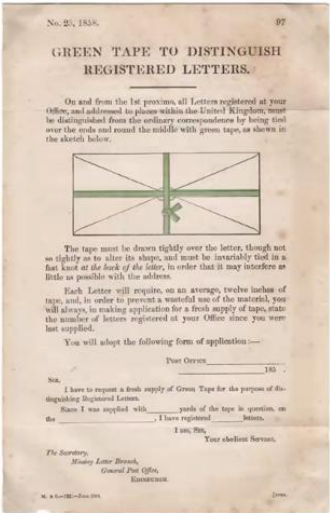


◀ Experiments carried out in 1857
– original proposal was to secure tape with an official wax seal
Only recorded cover from first trial

Complete cover with green string still intact, 1873 (undelivered and unopened) ➤
One of four letters recorded with complete green tape/string intact



1st July 1858: new system rolled out nationwide ➤



MUFFIN BREAK

This is an interesting gathering of friends in Canada, it is a relaxed meeting and all sorts are shared.

Jamie Smith– Nyasaland Revenues were on display and the display is informative, see the slideshow here: [Link](#)

Definitive stamps of Nyasaland overprinted 'REVENUE' – 1953.



Government Notice 620 dated 5/12/53at Zomba stated that 7 values would be overprinted; up until that date normal definitive stamps were valid for postage and revenue.

Mint and used from my collection except 2/6d. Despite Barefoot's listing of ½d, 1½d, 2½d, 9d, 2/-, 10/- and £1 **THEY DO NOT EXIST!**

Second Queen Elizabeth Revenue issue – 1955.



6d postage stamp used 2/11/63 to pay the postage due on air letter.

(‘Sympathetic Tax’ – not doubled, used when user may have been unaware of new rulings).

6d Revenue Stamp overprinted ‘Postage’ used as a ‘Postage Due’ to pay the tax due for using a Rhodesia and Nyasaland stamp after Federation.

Hugh Amooore

Selected items from University collection



Attending a presentation by Hugh Amooore is a great experience. The way he tells the story and imparts his knowledge is second to none. The material is also not often seen. This display was great and I can tell you from experience that seeing it in person is even better. To follow are some extracts.

The display covered the different universities around the world and the postal stationery they used.

You can access the recording via the following link: [link](#)

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University of Athens



Pallas Athene · Stamp
for 1937 centenary
U.P.U. specimen

University of Hong Kong



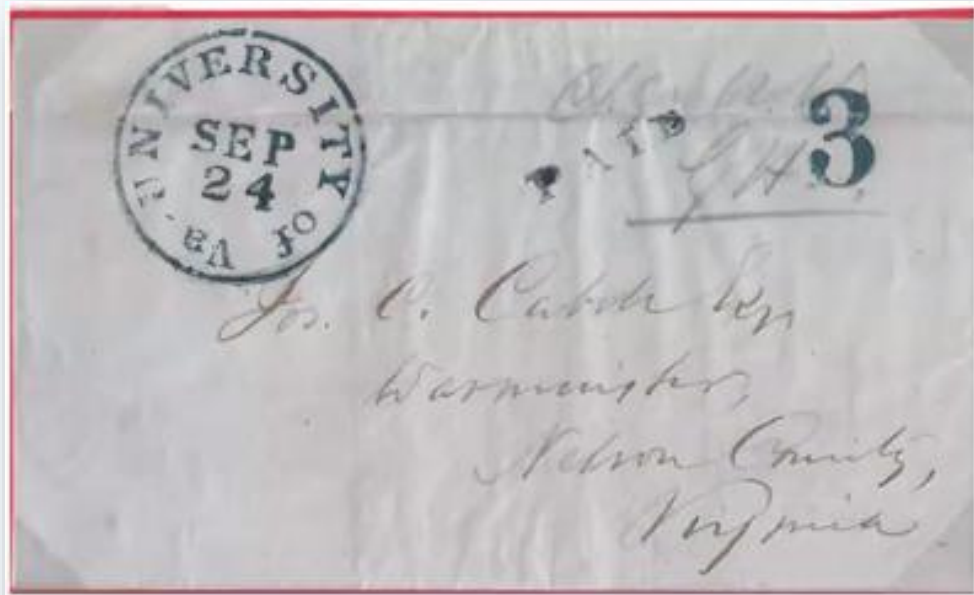
Special canceller used during the ceremony for inaugurating the University buildings ↑

University of Chile



First day including the \$100 top value of the set issued in 1942 to mark the centenary of the re-foundation of the University in 1842.

Two Covers of note: University of Virginia



Endorsed: **Chg U.V./GH**

Gessnor Harrison authorised the Postmaster to charge the 3c rate to the account of the University/
The addressee Joseph Cabell was a member of the Board of Visitors from 1821 to 1856



"Examined" in other words censored. This was less than 3 months after the Union Army had driven out the Confederate forces. Note the rate UV negative canceller

University of Oxford

The Boat Race

The annual rowing race between Oxford and Cambridge eights on the Thames was first run in 1829, and is now televised to many countries world wide.

Oxford are the dark blues,
Cambridge the light blues

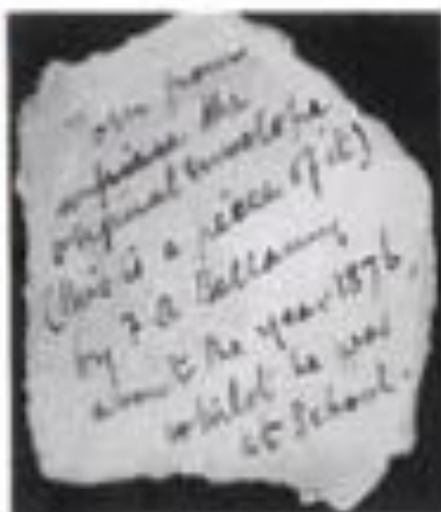


Merton College



↑ 1876: ½^d milky blue
ex Bellamy

↓ 1876: ½^d royal blue



↑ enlarged copy of the notation by FA Bellamy on the ½^d milky blue on piece.

My Latest Acquisitions

We have 3 local auctions per month in the Gauteng area where I live. It is run by Kenny Napier and Clinton Goslin. These auctions are well attended and they have a healthy amount of international buyers as well. This is what I recently bought from them:



Jaipur 1904 issue, unwatermarked. It depicts the Chariot of Surya.



Luggage labels of KZN

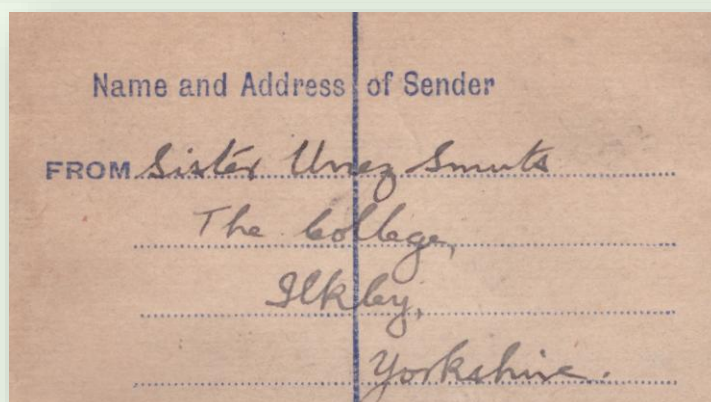
Alice in Wonderland Fantasy stamp

Gerald M King produced fantasy stamps in 1965 depicting Alice in wonderland to Commemorate the character from the Lewis Carroll books to celebrate the centenary of Alice's character. He did this due to the fact that the UK didn't produce stamps to commemorate this event. It started out as a set of 34, but it was well received, and more were produced.



Sister Unez Smuts

Rev Dr Unez Smuts, the first female minister in the Congregational Church of Southern Africa, from its opening in 1958 until 2000. An acclaimed theologian and well-known minister in the greater Joburg area, Smuts was also known for her role as one of the ministers who served as presenters on the SABC religious programme Epilogue in the late 1970s, in the early years after television was introduced in South Africa. As the grand niece of General Jan Smuts, the pastor earned her doctoral degree in theology in the UK. Dedicating 40 years of her life to serving the church and the surrounding community, she also established and directed the St Stephens Nursery School on the church property, which ran from the 1970s to the 1990s. After reaching her late 70s in 2000, Smuts decided to retire and, with her congregation, decided the church property should be put on the market.



Sister Unez Smuts

Sermon

Preached at service marking 100 Years since the Ordination of Constance Coltman
and celebrating Women's Ministry

St John's United Reformed Church, New Barnet June 11th, 2017

Rev'd Elizabeth A Welch,
Minister, Clapton Park United Reformed Church at the Round Chapel, Hackney, London
Chair, Society for Ecumenical Studies
Co-chair International Reformed Anglican Dialogue
Emeritus Honorary Ecumenical Canon, Worcester Cathedral

Readings:
Galatians 3.23-29
Luke 10.38-42

I am grateful for the witness of Constance Coltman (I can recommend the short film which was made specially about her, and which I enjoyed watching.)

I was interested to read about the debate in the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1909 about the ordination of women, and to see Kirsty Thorpe's comment that at the time, the idea was shelved, because of the opposition in the CUEW council. These issues of what seems like a departure from tradition don't always get an easy passage!

Constance Coltman served, with her husband, in six different pastorates. (one of these was Wolverton in Buckinghamshire where my grandfather had been a minister over 30 years earlier, and where my father, also a minister, was born)

In reading about who she was, I noted the comments about her not being a campaigner, which I could easily have assumed she would be. Rather, she responded with courage and faithfulness to God's call to ministry and went where she believed God was taking her.

100 years after her ordination, I find myself wondering how far she knew that she was such a significant pioneer, who would be remembered across the country in these anniversary celebrations. She was a key role model for women in ministry, who broke the mould for women and who was also a role model for ministry itself.

I want to make three points about role models.

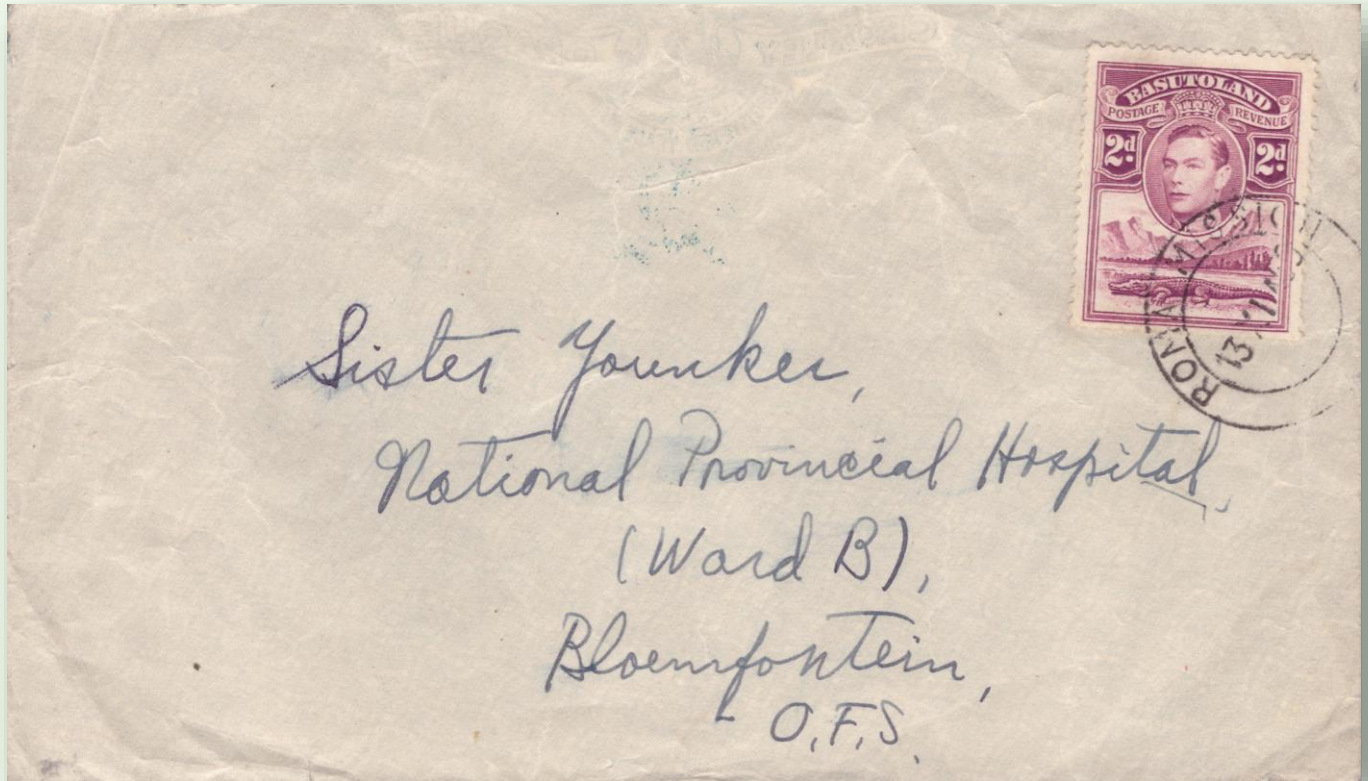
1. The importance of mould-breaking role models such as Constance Coltman and the need to celebrate these.
2. The significance of women as role models in the scriptures and what these role models have to say to men and women today.
3. The way our supreme role model is Jesus Christ, and the way in which this role model offers inclusivity.

1st point I want to make is about the importance of role models.

I've been ordained 40 years. My calling came during my teenage years growing up in South Africa, where my father was called to be minister at the Central Congregational Church in Johannesburg. During all my early years I remember a close friend of the family, the Revd Dr Unez Smuts, who was the first woman to be ordained in what was then the Congregational Union of South Africa.

1950 – Roma Mission

Basutoland, first a part of the Vicariate Apostolic of Natal, and later of the Vicariate of Kimberley, was made an independent prefecture by the Holy See on May 8, 1894. It comprises the whole of the territory known as Basutoland. The first prefect Apostolic of the new ecclesiastical territory was the Rev. Father Monginoux, O.M.I



13/11/1950 Sent from Roma Mission, Basutoland to East London, South Africa



Rear of envelope

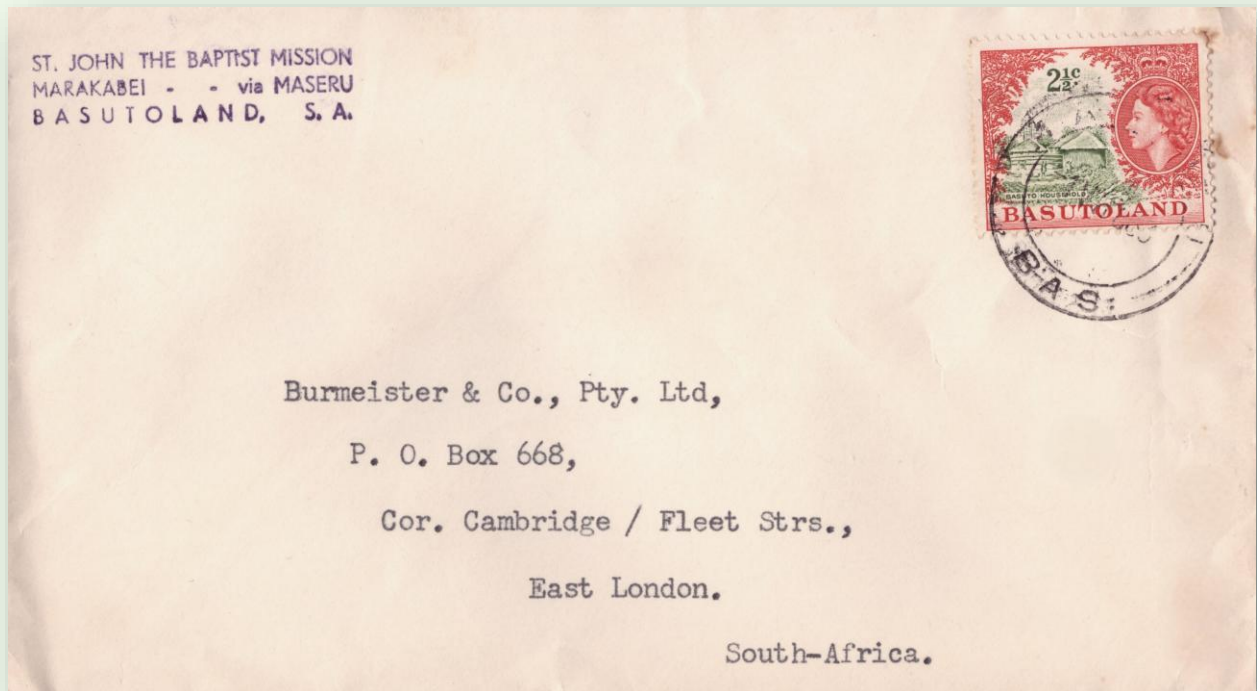
1950 – Roma Mission

Postcard depicting A first communion with a seated Priest & numerous young Basuto children franked on The face with a KGV 1/2d Cancelled: ROMA MISSION S. AFRICA 6 JU 36

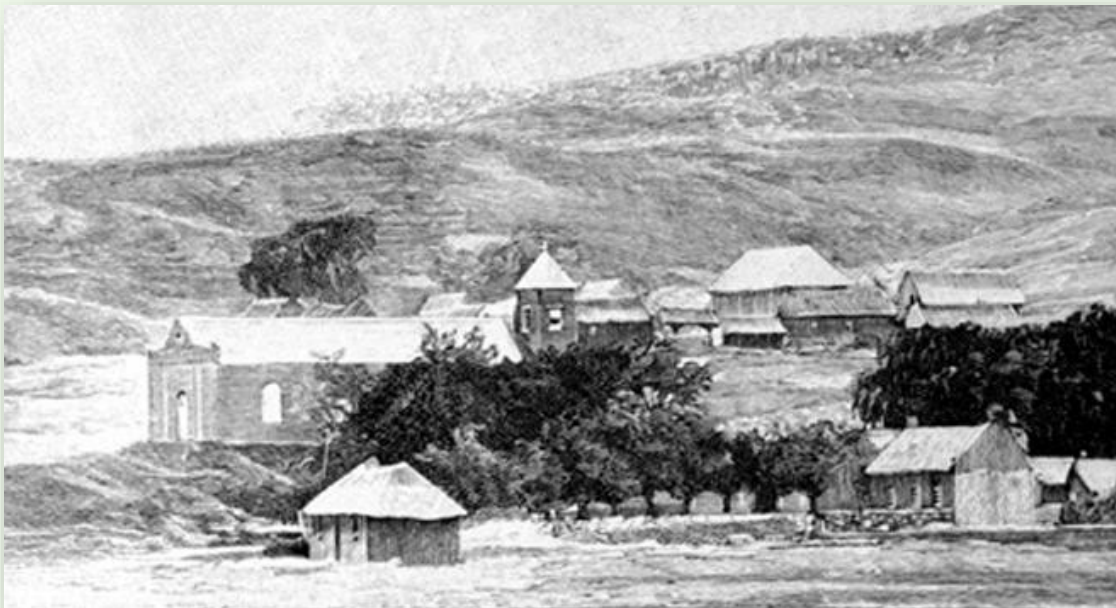


Missionary Mail

The name Missionaries of St. John the Baptist refers to three separate Roman Catholic associations under the patronage of Saint John the Baptist. The first was a relatively short-lived congregation of priests founded by Don Dominic Francis Olivieri in the eighteenth century to preach parish missions, mostly in Italy. The second is a congregation founded in 1948 by Johannes Haw in Leutesdorf, Germany. They remain active in Germany, Portugal, Mozambique and India. The third is an Association of the Faithful located in Park Hills, Kentucky, founded by two former members of the Fathers of Mercy to promote the Latin Mass.



Sent from the Baptist Mission, Basutoland to East London, South Africa



Morija Station

Local Club Meetings

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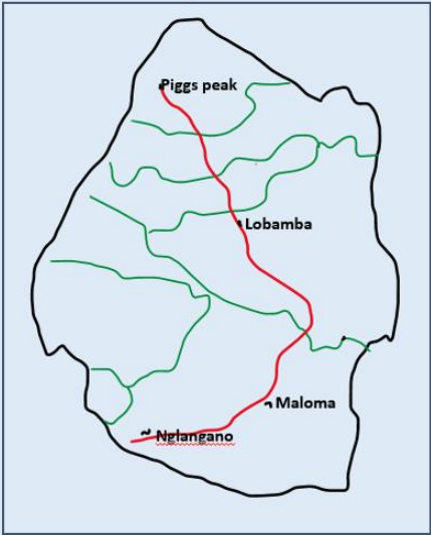
WITWATERSRAND PS – AUCKLAND PARK

Adél Bulpitt – Electronic workshop was hosted to help you save time and make your life easier whilst doing research and writing up your collection in these modern times.

Simplifying maps



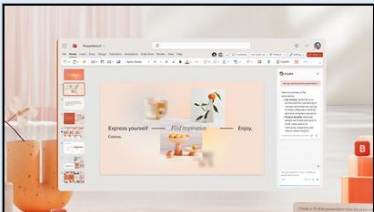
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WITWATERSRAND PS – WOODMEAD

Olive brown

Blackish brown



Second printing (January 1944)

First printing (January 1943)

Ian Matheson– Showed Marginal Bantams,
a lot of good knowledge was shared

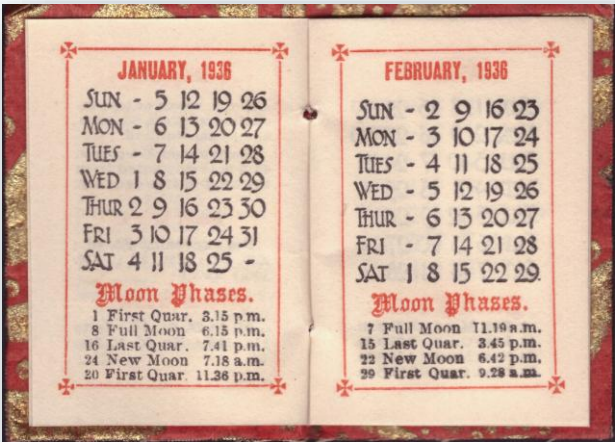
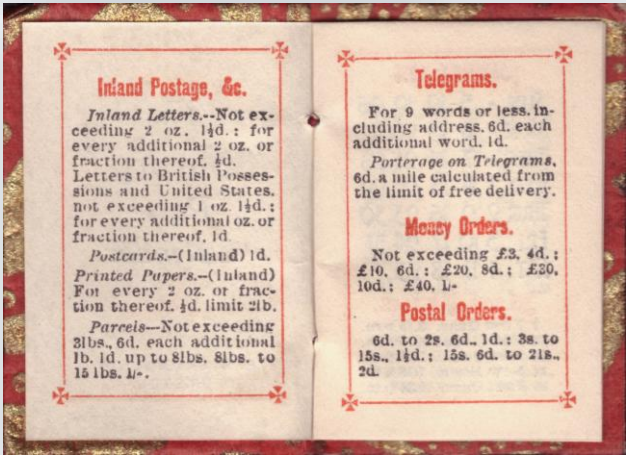
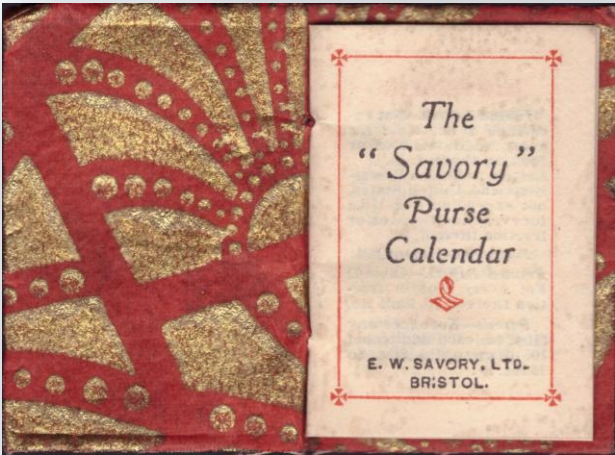
October 1942 4d Gun turret. Second printing. Marginal inscriptions in violet.



Items of Interest

1936 Purse Calendar

The first picture is for size comparison. Everything you needed was there, all postal rates, moon phases as well as public holidays. The cloth on the cover is hard and textured, blue on the outside and red on the inside.



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EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025
European Philatelic Exhibition 7-11 May 2025



Jamie Smith - Manchester
The **book signing is on 14 May 2025** at the **Bredbury Library** in Stockport. Please attend if you can, he would appreciate it.



RSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

2025 Rhodesian Study Circle Conference
Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 May, 2025
Holiday Inn, Kenilworth, Warwick



NATIONAL STAMP SHOW 2025

3 to 6 September 2025

Hosted by the Paarlse Filateliste Vereniging
Venue: Paarl Golf Club, Boschenmeer Golf Estate, Paarl

