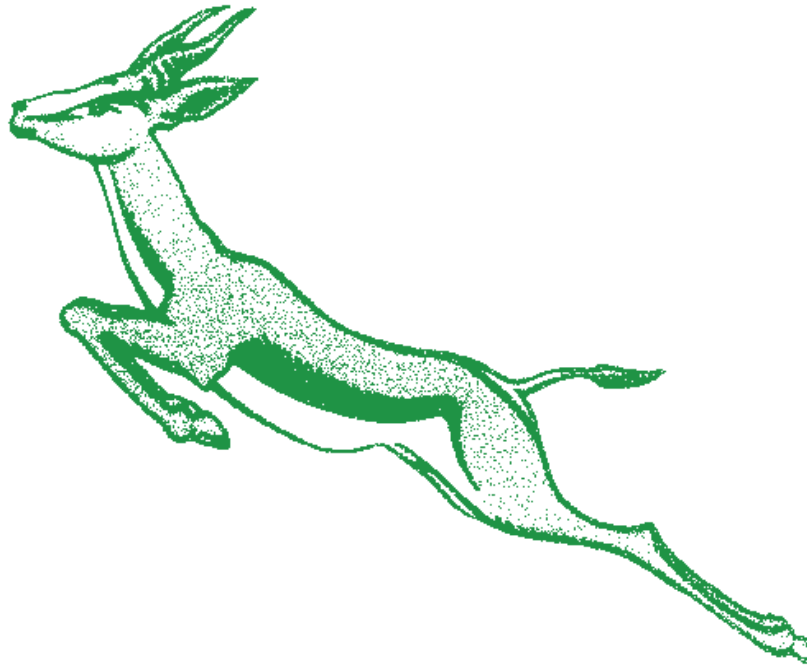


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Events for your Diary 2011

London Meetings commence at 1.30 pm
Carlisle Meetings commence at 10.00 am

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 19th Feb. | SACS London meeting | Subject: Commemoratives |
| 26th Mar. | SACS Carlisle meeting | Subject: TBA |
| 16th Apr. | SACS Joint meeting with Cinderella Club at the "Royal" London | |
| 21st May | SACS London meeting | Subject: Large War Effort Issues |
| 28th May | SACS Harnham Salisbury | Subject: (full day meeting) |
| 16th Jul. | SACS Leicester meeting | Subject: Open meeting |
| 17th Sep. | SACS London meeting | Subject: More WWII |
| 24th Sep. | SACS Carlisle meeting | Subject: TBA |
| 25th Sep. | SACS London meeting | Subject: SA in WW II |
| 26th Nov. | SACS London meeting | Subject: London Pictorials |

11-13th Nov. Southern African Societies Convention Falstaff Hotel Leamington Spa

Other Events for 2011

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23-26th Feb. | Spring Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington, London. |
| 24-26th Feb. | Spring Philatex, Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Sq. London |
| 5-8th May | A.B.P.S. Show at Sheffield |
| 11th June | Swinpex in Swindon |
| 16-19th June | British Philatelic Congress at Portsmouth, Hampshire |
| 2nd July | Midpex, Coventry |
| 14-17th Sep. | Autumn Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington, London |
| 3-5th Nov. | Autumn Philatex, Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Sq. London. |

**For further details, please contact the secretary. We have several joint meetings in the year.
Please support these events.**

From the Editors Desk

I hope this issue gets to you in time for our conference at Leamington Spa. I am slowly starting to see light at the end of the tunnel and reducing my backlog with *The Springbok*. As you will see elsewhere, the in basket is empty. No articles or items of interest left to publish. I need your help here as I just do not have the time to re-search some articles at the moment. I will get back to this next year all going well and my health continues to improve.

On a very sad note, we report the closing of the albums of two of our well known and active members, Patrick Williams and Godfrey Mellor. They leave a gaping hole in the lives of our Northern Group where they both were active members.

Unfortunately I have not received the obituary for Godfrey yet, so this will appear in the next issue.

Leamington Spa is around the corner and I for one am looking forward to the weekend as I was unfortunately not able to attend many meetings of SACS this year due to my move to Germany. I hope to be able to rectify this next year.

This issue has mostly Republican articles (am sure the Republican collectors are happy!) but very little on the Union period. If you want to see more, you know what you have to do! Happy reading.

Eddie Bridges

Please also note my new address and telephone number on the inside Front Cover.

Email address remains unchanged.

Membership Matters

By Chris Oliver

We welcome the following new members:

No new members reported this quarter.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long time member, Godfrey Mellor on the 25th August 2011. Godfrey will be sadly missed by all his friends in the South African Collectors Society, particularly those in the Northern Group where he was active for many years. Godfrey was also active in his local Federation where he was the Chairman. He leaves a hole in much of organised philately. An obituary will appear in the next issue.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long time member, Patrick Williams on the 9th September 2011. Patrick will be sadly missed by all his friends in the South African Collectors Society, particularly those in the Northern Group where he was active for many years. Personally I had many exchanges of correspondence with Patrick and he provided much encouragement over the years. An obituary appears in this issue.

Please note: New contact details for your *Editor*

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Agenda for the A.G.M. of the South African Collectors' Society to be held at The Falstaff Hotel, Leamington Spa at 17.00hrs on 12th November 2011.

1. **Apologies.** C. E. Oliver;
2. **Record of previous A.G.M.**
3. **Matters arising if not included elsewhere in the agenda.**
4. **The Hon. Chaiman's report**
5. **The Hon. Secretary's report.**
6. **The Hon. Treasurer's report and ratification of annual subscription.**
7. **Reports from other officers of the Society.**
8. **Ratification of Officers of the Society.**
All Officers are willing to stand again
9. **Ratification of Library Fund.**
At present we allocate £200 per annum to enable the Hon. Librarian to purchase new books for the Library.
10. **Society meetings and events :**
A brief report on those held. [if not already recorded in The Springbok.]
S.A.C.S. meetings in Carlisle and London in 2012.
West Country meeting for S.A.C.S. in 2012.
British Philatelic Congress.
Any others: Midpex and Swinpex
11. **S.A.C.S. support for Youth Philately.**
In previous years we have made a donation to support this. Do we wish to continue to do so?
12. **S.A.C.S. Sponsor a stamp for National P.S. Ideal Home At Christmas Show.**
For £60 we have sponsored 500 cards featuring the Mandela Inauguration stamp and publicity for the Society.
13. **Website.**
14. **A.O.B. – if notified to the Secretary prior to the meeting.**

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Leicester Meeting held on Saturday 16th July 2011

By Chris Oliver

We held another successful afternoon meeting at St. Philip's Church in Leicester. This is slightly marred by the fact that we only had four members and three guests in attendance. The meeting was convivial and enjoyed by all. Unless more members attend, however, we may have to consider an alternative venue for our annual meeting in the Midlands.

Apologies had been received from Godfrey Mellor, Giovanni Palazzo, Martin Taylor and Tony Howgrave-Graham. Our displays commenced at 2pm. with Susan Oliver showing various notable South African items from her Odds and Sods collection.

Mike Berry displayed early S.W.A. airmails of the Northern Service (1931); Southern Service (1932-3) and the West Coast Service of 1939.

Bob Hill presented some material describing Malcolm Campbell's attempt at the land speed record at Verneuk Pan, S.A. in 1929. He then displayed shipping postmarks of Cape Town, Cape Town Docks postal markings, manual cancellations, a Rail Letter of 1932 and postman's round marks on an undeliverable item of post. Bob finished with some varieties on the Natal Settlers and the Cape Stamp Centennial stamp issues.

John Shaw then displayed recessed pictorial stamps, starting with the 4d triangular which was issued to the post offices in packets of 60. Later reprints were issued in imperforate sheets. We then saw the Bradbury Wilkinson pictorial including bromides of 1926, 13 colour trials and specimen sets. John then treated us to studies of the higher values with varieties.

A collection of registered letters was displayed by Chris Oliver which concluded with colour trials of the embossed stamp on the 1995 native huts registration cover. One cover was, in his opinion, unrecorded. This had an inscription in one of the other official S.A. languages other than Afrikaans and English and was printed by Knoxprint.

After a refreshment break, Mike Berry displayed varieties of the war issue and the bantam war issue of South Africa.

John Shaw concluded the afternoon with his extensive studies of the 5/- pictorials with printing varieties.

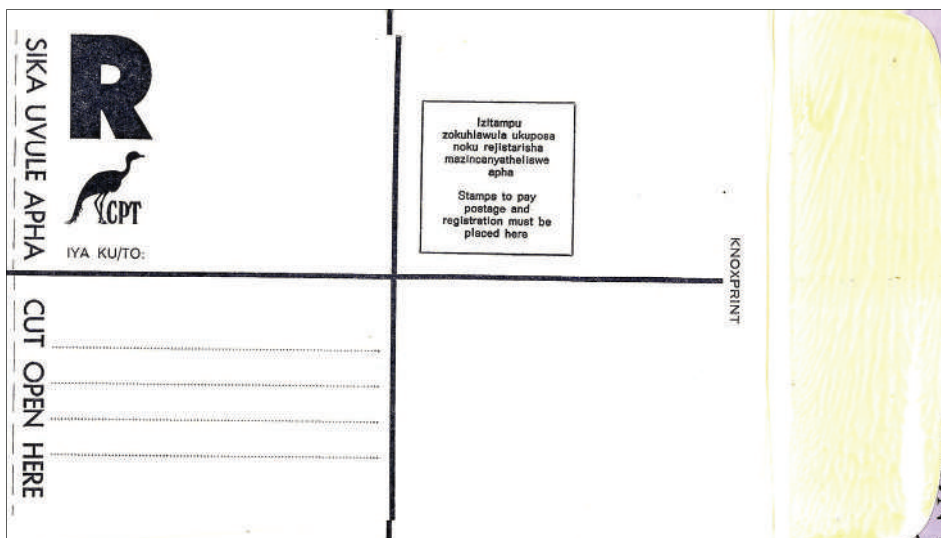
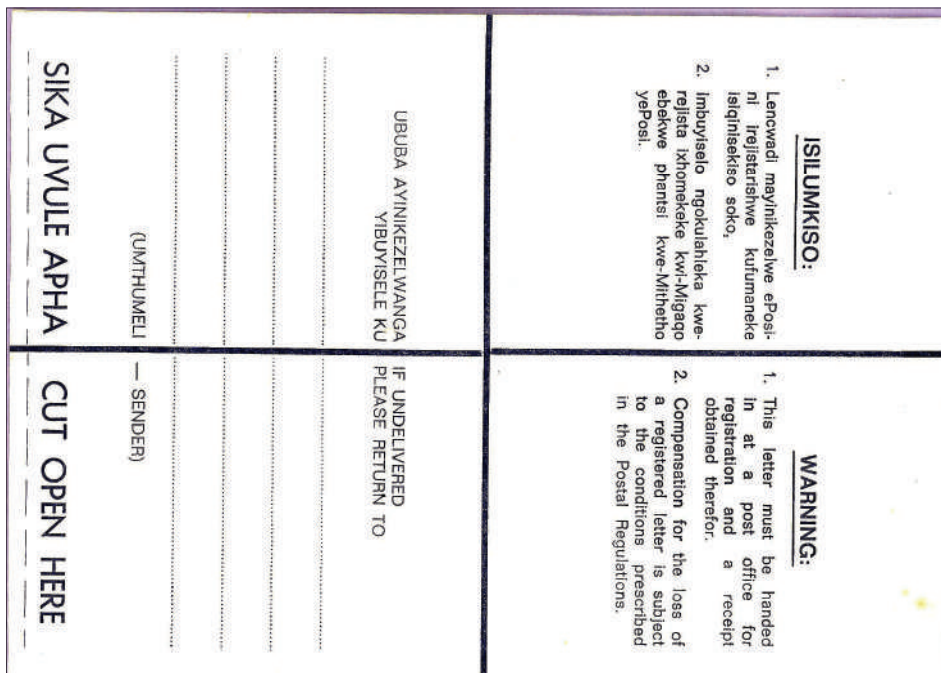


Left: John Shaw with part of his collection

Right: Mike Berry with his War issues of the Union



Query from Chris Oliver



The front and reverse of the registered envelope mentioned by Chris in the Leicester Meeting Report.

Ed. This is a registered envelope issued by the Ciskei, hence the “other” language. Not part of the Republican issues. The Crane emblem and CPT are the clues!

Southern African Societies Conference

Falstaff Hotel

Leamington Spa

11-13 November 2011

After last year's successful conference, it is with great pleasure that I contact everybody regarding the 2011 get-together. It will be held at the Falstaff Hotel again on 11th to 13th November, this being the following weekend after Philatex. The room rate is the same as last year, so dinner, bed & breakfast is £60 per night or £90 for double occupancy.

We will follow in the same format as last year, hence we need people to display material on the Saturday and Sunday. Already four people have expressed an interest in displaying on the Saturday, but this means there are still a couple of slots to be filled with finished and mounted up collections. Please let me know what you have available, something Pre-Union, or from Basutoland, Bechuanaland or Swaziland would help to balance out the displays as the conference is for all of the Southern Africa societies. These displays are voted on by the attendees and the winning collection is awarded the Tony Chilton Memorial Trophy. The South Africa collectors' Society AGM follows the end of the displays.

On the Sunday we can display smaller collections, works in progress or collections that are not yet mounted. If you bring it along, you can probably show it, time permitting. Remember, if you have any stamps or material that you wish to sell, then the auction is held on the Sunday afternoon. It was a great success in 2010. Please contact Tony Howgrave-Graham if you have anything.

After some complaints regarding how quickly the lunches were served, I am looking into whether everybody would prefer a buffet lunch instead? It is likely to cost £10 per head. Please let me know what you think. It is just a proposal at the moment and I'm quite happy to leave things as they are.

Last year I wrote "The conference is a hugely enjoyable get-together in a relaxing setting. The opportunity to indulge in philately as well as the odd drink from the bar is not to be missed!" I sincerely hope that nothing will change.

Ed. *Due to the lateness of The Springbok, the Saturday slots have been filled but you may still bring something to show on the Sunday. This is usually in the form of a short display of approx. 9 pages. It is still possible to join us for the weekend. Contact Simon by email simon@afriicastamps.co.uk*

Your Editor has run out of articles for The Springbok!

If you have something that you are working on, please let the Editor know.

Small items of interest are most welcome as they fill small spaces which helps in the layout of the Journal.

Please put pen to paper!

The RSA 60c Hunting Dog Double Name Variety

By Dave Sinclair

The following email was received from Dave Sinclair in South Africa hoping that SACS members will respond as he had no response to the article published in Gibbons Stamp Monthly. I print the email here with if anyone cares to add any further information. As far as I know, the stamp in question has been plated and not much new is available. I might be wrong! Ed.

I have been and am a keen collector/observer of many recent aspects of modern SA philately as I assume many of your members are too. Sorry to insert a boast but to establish my credentials I would point out that many of my articles have been published in the SA Philatelist.

I am emailing to ask you to discuss with your members the article which was published in the GSM in the October 2010 edition entitled "The 60c Hunting Dog 'Double Name' Variety".

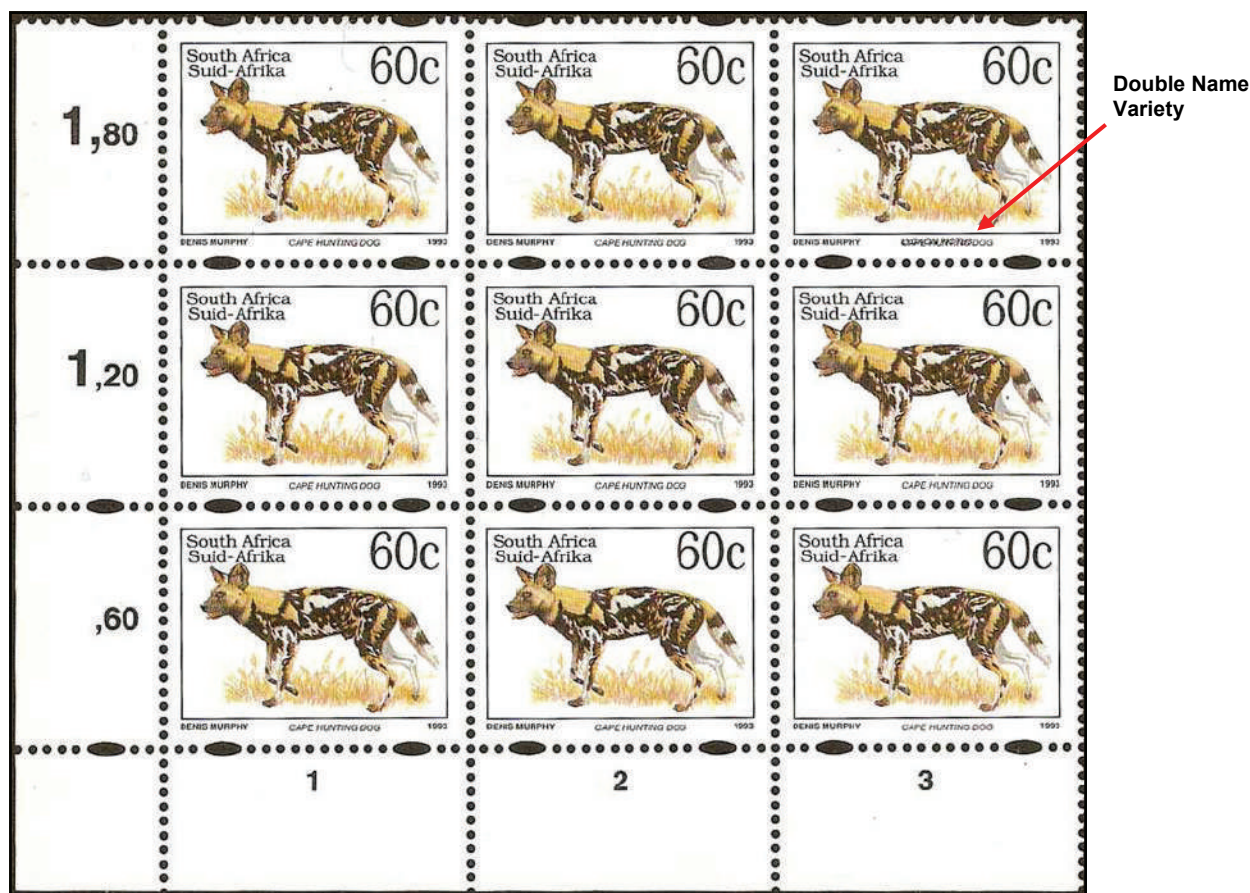
I feel that the info may be of no interest to your members or, more hopefully, the article has been merely missed. The reason for my asking is that no one, so far, has emailed me asking for info regarding the plating of this stamp. I added my email address for this purpose.

I await any comments with interest!

Any comments to the Editor please!

Below I have illustrated a block showing the position of the variety courtesy of Simon Peetoom of africastamps.co.uk

See his advert elsewhere in this journal.



INAUGURATION OF HERTZOG MONUMENT – 21.9.1968

RSA Study Group

Designer: Ernst de Jong using portraits by Dr. Irmin Henkel and sculptures by Danie de Jager. Three stamps and a first day cover (No 8) were issued on 21 September on the occasion of the unveiling of the General J B M Hertzog monument at Bloemfontein.



SACC 278



SACC 279



SACC 280

James Barry Munnik Hertzog was born near Wellington on April 3, 1866, son of a farmer, Albertus Munnik Hertzog. He spent part of his boyhood in Kimberley while still a mining camp.

The family then moved to the Orange Free State and in 1881 he went to Victoria College, Stellenbosch, intending to study for the ministry, but changed to law. He graduated in 1889 and went to the University of Amsterdam, where he gained a doctorate in law. He practised in Pretoria from 1893 to 1895 and was a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Orange Free State from 1895 to 1899.

During the South African War he rose to prominence as one of the most audacious generals of the OFS, carrying out bold raids into the Cape Province, and fighting a number of successful actions against the British. He took part in peace negotiations. Later he became the unchallenged political leader of the OFS and one of the founders of the Orangia Union Party. Elected to the Cabinet under the Crown colony regime in 1907, he put into effect his controversial views about the equality of the English and Dutch languages, dismissing certain school inspectors who opposed him.

He took part in the National Convention and became a member of the first Union Cabinet under General Louis Botha. In opposition to Botha he made a speech at De Wildt in 1912 laying down the principle of "South Africa First" and the "Two Streams Policy" (English and Afrikaans). He resigned from the Botha cabinet and established the National Party. This he built up until in 1924, by agreement with the Labour leader, Col F H P Cresswell, he became Prime Minister, a post he held for 15 years.

The Gold Standard Crisis in 1932 brought unity between him and General Smuts. Together they established the United South African National Party. Hertzog achieved the full equality of the English and Afrikaans languages and the recognition by Britain of the equality of the Dominions, including the right of secession and allied privileges (Statute of Westminster, 1931).

His cautious dealing with Nazi Germany caused friction with General Smuts. In September 1939 he refused to follow Britain in declaring war against Hitler, was defeated in Parliament and resigned office. He retired to his farm where he died on November 21, 1942. He was succeeded as Prime Minister by Smuts.

FDC No 8

The cover was the first to be supplied with a double stiffener insert. A dark grey airmail label, designed by E de Jong, with the "flying springbok" larger than previous ones.

The two page insert shows a portrait of the General on a yellowish background with signature and arms in black. The two inside pages contain extracts from speeches and statutes in English and Afrikaans. The name of the designer of the folder, E de Jong, appears on the back.



THE STAMPS

The Stamp Advisory Committee focused on the role that General Hertzog played in South Africa's history. It quickly became apparent that the General's life could best be divided into three periods: (a) during the Anglo-Boer War with his role as general, (b) the period from 1902 to about 1924, during which time he devoted his full attention and energy to the promotion and equal standing of Afrikaans and (c) the period of his premiership, the longest period that any politician in South African has filled this position.

The Committee then visited the studio of Danie de Jager, the sculptor of the various figures and groups of the monument. It became apparent that the monument in its entirety could not be used on the stamps, but that individual groups could depict the three periods, combined with a portrait.

Dr Irmin Henkel was approached to do the portraits to be used. A historian was also called in to prevent historical mistakes and to research various speeches of the General. There would therefore be three designs for the stamps, one for the datestamp, two for the first day cover and the stiffener. It was decided that one person should do all the designs, apart from the portraits. Ernst de Jong was asked to do the designs, in collaboration with Dr Henkel.

2½c

This stamp depicts a portrait of General Hertzog during the war years with the statue of the dejected couple in the background. Swiss coated paper, RSA watermarked, the mark tête-bêche facing up and down. The sheet format is vertical, double die, panes A and B, A being on the right of B with 100 stamps per sheet (20 rows of 5). Perforation done by the Grover two row appliance.

| Pane | Row | |
|------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| A | 4/3 | Brown dot below 2 of 2½c |
| | 6/3 | Diagonal brown hairlines at left gutter half way down |
| | 12/3 | Diagonal brown hairline above G of Hertzog |
| | 19/2 | Diagonal brown line in top gutter at the centre |
| B | 9/1 | Diagonal sepia hairline to left of hat |
| | 10/3 | Long wavy sepia hairline in gutter below collar |
| | 11/2 | Tiny brown dot in left gutter two thirds down |
| | 19/5 | Tiny brown dot above o of Hertzog |
| | 20/5 | White mark above hat band |

Order for 575 000 sheets. First delivery of 39 300 sheets on 3.9.68 and total delivery of 608 508 sheets.

3c

The stamp features a well-known portrait of the General wearing glasses. In the background is the statue of a family group, symbolising the period 1910 to 1924.

Swiss coated paper, RSA watermarked, in tête-bêche formation, facing up and down. 100 stamps per sheet in 20 rows of 5. Perforation by Grover 2 row appliance.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Layout of vertical sheet | A | B |
| | C | D |

Common to panes A and C: R7/1, Faint diagonal brown hairline left of mouth and R16/4 Tiny brown dot above SA of RSA

Common to panes B and D: R7/4, Short brown stroke below e of Hertzog and R15/5 Short black line left of chin.

| Pane | Row | |
|------|------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| A | 1/4 | Tiny black dot above R of RSA |
| | 6/4 | Tiny black dot to left of forehead |
| | 14/2 | Black dot at right of c of 3c |
| | 16/3 | Tiny black dots to left of cheek bone |
| B | 2/3 | Tiny black dots below tz of Hertzog |
| | 18/3 | Tiny black dot below 1 of 1924 |
| C | 4/2 | Small brown dot above R of RSA |
| | 7/1 | Diagonal black hairline right of statues |
| | 8/5 | Brown hairline through left margin halfway down |
| | 11/4 | Brown dot at top right of A of RSA |
| D | 16/4 | Tiny brown dot above SA of RSA |
| | 16/3 | White dot below r of Hertzog and another below 2 of 1924 |
| | 17/2 | Numerous tiny brown dots below zo of Hertzog |

Order for 85 000 sheets. First delivery on 29.8.68 of 16 100 sheets, total delivery of 87 002 sheets.

12½c

The stamp depicts the Hertzog statue.

Harrison coated paper, RSA watermarked, facing right and distinct. Sheet format horizontal, double die, panes A and B, A being on the right of B with 100 stamps per sheet (5 rows of 20). Perforation done by the Grover 2 row appliance.

| Pane | Row | |
|------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A | 3/3 | Tiny black dot below c of 12½c |
| | 4/2 | Tiny black dot in top loop of S of RSA |
| | 4/5 | White dot left of RSA |
| | 4/15 | Prominent broad striped band across cheek |
| | 4/20 | Diagonal black hairline in top gutter above A of RSA and another two hairlines left of ear |
| | 5/1 | Black dot in right gutter near top corner |
| B | 5/6 | White dot below first 1 of 12½c |
| | 5/7 | White marks above top of head |
| | 5/10' | White dot right of eye |
| | 1/20 | Black dot below ½ of 12½c |
| | 3/3 | Numerous tiny dots in top right hand corner of stamp |
| | 3/4 | Tiny black dots below RS of RSA |

19 000 sheets ordered. First delivery of 10 700 sheets on 3.9.68, total delivery of 28 000 sheets.

Sources:

Encyclopaedia of Southern Africa, Eric Rosenthal, Second Edition 1964, p227

S A Philatelist, November 1968, p.237, October 1969

The Special & Commemorative Postmarks, Cachets & Covers of South Africa 1892-1975 – Hasso O Reisener, p100 and p239 Handbook Q62

SA GAMES IN BLOEMFONTEIN – 15.3.1969

RSA Study Group

Design: W F van Reenen

The First South African National Games were held in Bloemfontein from 15 March to 19 April 1969.

Two commemorative stamps were issued together with Official Commemorative Cover No 10.

The South African Games were controlled, organized and presented by the South African Olympic and National Games Organisation, in collaboration with the South African Federation for Youth and Sport and with the aid of the Department of Sport and Recreation. These Games were staged after South Africa had been excluded from participating in the Olympic Games.



SACC 283



SACC 284

THE STAMPS

Swiss coated paper, RSA watermarked, the mark being in tête-bêche formation and facing left and right. The sheet format is horizontal, double die, two panes A and B, B having been on the left of A. 100 stamps per sheet in 5 rows of 20.

Perforation was done externally by the Grover two row appliance. The left margins are perforated through, the right margins are imperforate. The top and bottom margins are imperforate except for the single extra hole at each end of the vertical rows of perforations.

The original idea was to depict the more important sport activities on the stamps. This would, however, require a range of stamps and would clash with the policy of the Post Office in connection with our commemorative stamps. Another possibility was to use the emblem of the Department of Sport and Recreation, but the emblem only worked well on stationery. As a stamp it was too heavy and compact.

The first designs of the torch and springbok immediately gained favour. The front legs of the springbok were initially more to the front, and the tail was curled upwards. This was felt to resemble a hat-rack and changed. Changes to the lettering also occurred, the choice being made between Old Gothic and modern letters. The torch was initially longer but was shortened so that it would not be in the way of the rings and larger lettering. A choice also had to be made on the colour of the stamps. Green and gold would be an obvious choice but had already been used for previous commemorative stamps. Eventually it was decided to use a blue-black colour for the springbok and all lettering and a light olive-green for the 2½ stamp and cinnamon brown for the 12½c stamp.

As South Africa was no longer part of the Olympic community, the Olympic Committee objected to South Africa using the Olympic rings on the stamps and threatened with legal action. South Africa's reply was: ***The five rings are not the Olympic rings but symbolize the four provinces of the Republic with the fifth representing South West Africa as fifth host of the Games.***

Varieties common to the two denominations:

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pane B | R2/4 R2/17 R3/4 | Dot below hind leg Mark on right margin three quarters down Large dot with halo at left of 12½c |
| Pane A | R5/1 R4/4 R1/1 | White "ring flaw" below 3rd and 4th rings Dot at the left of the hind leg Large speckled area below rings |

2½c

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pane B | R1/5 R1/15 R4/20 R5/13 | Black dots left and right of horns of animal Grey dot above A of S.A. Tiny red dot below S of Spele White dot in second ring |
| Pane A | R1/13 R1/1 R1/17 R5/10 | Dot behind buck's neck Large speckled area below rings Dark dot above flame Tiny red dot at top right of flame |

550 000 sheets were ordered with a first delivery of 14 200 sheets on 20.2.69 and a total delivery of 533 500 sheets.

12½c

| | | |
|--------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pane B | R2/20 R3/18 | Grey dot near bottom of torch on the left Tiny black dot at right of front hoof |
| Pane A | R2/6 R2/10 R2/12 R3/16 R4/18 | Tiny black dot in top of centre ring Extra dot after A of S.A. Black dot above R of RSA Grey dot at left of torch near the bottom Black dot in flame below S of S.A. |

19 000 sheets were ordered with a first delivery of 2 000 sheets on 18.2.69 and a total delivery of 21 500 sheets.

FDC No 10



The medallion depicted is the State President's award. The airmail tag is the same as on the Hertzog stamps. The insert shows the medallion and ribbon in enlarged form on the one side and descriptive matter is printed in grey on the other side. 41 600 covers were issued.

Most of the covers were postmarked with the special datestamp used in Bloemfontein during the Games.

Some covers were also postmarked with a new Bloemfontein datestamp which was introduced for the Games. "Bloemfontein" appears in a double-circle at the bottom and the date in the centre is of the movable type. At the request of the Games Authority the Post Office erected a special temporary building on Hoffman square in Bloemfontein to provide postal facilities such as telegrams and money orders. The special covers were also on sale here and were postmarked with this datestamp. The design of the datestamp is new. Hitherto the place name was in the top segment with the bottom segment clear but here the place name is in the bottom segment with the top segment clear. The reason for this is not very clear but it is thought that this will not deface the stamp so much, for it is known that many collectors prefer this on their covers.



It is not known what happened to the datestamp after the Games, whether it went into general use at the Post Office or whether it was withdrawn.

Source:

Atlas Listing of Commemorative and Special Date Stamps, No 176, Danie van Zyl 2006
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New Union Cinderella Discovery?

Reported by Tony Howgrave-Graham

Tony reports the following booklet which was found by a collector who has dug up several items of interest over the last few years. (½d Springbok head with sideways watermark-last year and the 10/- Kings head with inverted watermark)

The *new item* is a booklet of labels produced for the Royal Visit in 1947. The labels have been seen before but not the booklet (at least not by the Royal Visit experts) or by myself. This booklet has caused considerable interest and if anyone knows any more, please let us know.



Southern African Societies Annual Conference Leamington Spa 11-13 November 2011

Please remember this date.

The Programme will be the same as last year.

Friday: Gather in bar before joint dinner

Saturday: Invited displays
SACS AGM

Sunday: Short displays (bring and show)
Auction

Invited displays for 2011 (compete for the Tony Chilton Memorial Trophy)

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| Francis Kiddle | Revenue Stamps of South West Africa |
| Brian Trotter | Booklets – Colonial and Union King's Heads |
| Alan Drysdall | 'The Railway Pioneer Corps and Imperial Military Railways' |
| Tony Howgrave-Graham | South Africa Unhyphenated Pictorials |
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Report on the Northern Meeting held in March

By Malcolm Ridsdale

Meeting held at the County Hotel, Carlisle on Saturday 26th March 2011

Attendees – 15 Members, Colin Moore, Bill Branney, David Haig, Ray Glanville-Jones, Peter Dix, Max Whitlock, Vaughan Stone, David Briggs, Roy Ross, Albert Moffat, John Ahmad, Eric Hammond, Simon Peetoom, Jim Grassom and Malcolm Ridsdale

Apologies – Giovanni Palazzo, Godfrey Mellor, John Shaw and Eddie Bridges

David Haig opened the meeting in the Chair and welcomed everybody to the 36th meeting.

Items through the Chair

The next 2011 meeting would be on the 24th September and the topic of the meeting would be “post by land, sea and air”.

Other Officer Report

Malcolm Ridsdale

Reported that there continued to be some interest in the library contents and some members particularly new ones had contacted MR to borrow or to get copies of books or information from them. MR agreed to send MW an updated electronic copy of the library list which would shortly be available.

Max Whitlock

Nothing new to report on.

Around the Table

John Ahmad

Reported that he had recently put an article in the Boer War Study Society magazine on POW camps.

Ray Glanville-Jones / Max Whitlock

Both brought a number of items with queries for the members to look at and comment on.

Roy Ross

RR is still receiving items around his JIPEX study and he will be putting them together as an addendum in due course.

Jim Glasson

JG showed the members a number of items relating to South African railways including covers, stamps, post marks and post cards.

Simon Peetom

SP advised the meeting that he was again organising the Leamington Spa weekend which will be held on the 11th to 13th November 2011. He was currently organising the displays and was seeking information on those who were to display to contact him as soon as possible.

Displays

David Haig

DH displayed a range of covers depicting the SA Navy and SA Military Prisons. These included censor marks, different army unit references, field post office marks, border marks and covers provided by the Southern Cross Fund for family use.

He also displayed a selection of Southern Rhodesia post cards that were issued at the 1936 Exhibition.

Vaughan Stone

VH displayed modern South Africa items including a range of FDC's and mint stamps from 2010.

Bill Branney

BB displayed a wide range of blocks, strips and varieties from the Building definitive issues.

David Haig

DH further displayed items that had not been shown at previous meetings from his Boer War collection including period post cards with patriotic and anti-British images.

Colin Moore

CM displayed full sheets of the SWA Victory stamps and the SA Cape Hunting Dogs from the sixth definitive series. He showed Cape Hunting Dog stamps with English and Latin double under print under the stamp image.

The meeting closed at approximately 2.45pm

MEETING OF THE LONDON GROUP ON 21st MAY 2011

By Chris Oliver

We met at 14.00hrs in the Calthorpe Arms, Greys Inn Road with six members present and with apologies received from John Shaw; Tony Johnson; Eddie Bridges and Bas Payne.

Stamp Active Network, the youth arm of the A.B.P.S. is hoping to raise funds for a new activity book for 2012, based upon thematic collecting. Sponsorship of a page will be £250.00 with acknowledgements on each of the pages which are financed. At the last AGM we pledged £100 to help the Network. Could we make this up to £250 in anticipation of voting a further £150 at the next AGM ? Chris will circulate to the idea to the committee.

There was little else regarding the general management of the Society to discuss, so we commenced the first and only display on the topic for the meeting, The Large War Issue.

Although some of us had hoped to see some of Eddie's extensive material on the subject, in his absence, Tony Howgrave – Graham was able to display a truly impressive collection of the material including some F.D.C.'s which had not been publicised, were not listed by Reisener and which varied from office to office. The ½d, 1d & 2d values included artists proof and many varieties. The 2d included sheet numerals in black. More varieties of 3d, 4d & 6d values were shown with blocks of 6d, from S.W.A., having the last numeral of the black sheet number omitted. Colour difference of these values were explained, with examples shown. Tony then produced pages showing the 1/3d value issues one and two with shades and issue three which deleted the marginal slogans from the selvage.

Nicholas Lindstrom showed part of his study of the 1/- hyphenated pictorial featuring Gnu's. He postulated that there were four print runs as identified by the position of the red sheet numbers. Sheets with black sheet numbers have variable perforations.

A progressive colour splurge (Drakensberg) on the 1d Animal definitive was also described in Nick's display.

After refreshments, an intriguing and impressively large collection of Union envelopes with commercial advertising thereon was displayed by David Osborn.

Chris Oliver finished the afternoon with a selection of pages of recent Republican stamps including the new (eighth) definitive issue.

Eric Day and David Page also attended. The next London meeting is on 17th September 2011 at the same venue.

Request from the Hon. Librarian– Malcolm Ridsdale

Setempe Magazines in the SACS Library

The library is short of a small number of Setempe magazines to complete the full complement of issues from 1996.

If any members have any spare copies of the following editions (I hope I have properly identified them from others before and after them) please would you donate them to the library.

Vol 3, No 5, September - October 1998

Vol 5, No 4, July – September 2000

Vol 5, No 5, October – November 2000

Vol 6, No 1, February – April 2001

Vol 6, No2, May – July 2001

Vol 6, No 3, August – October 2001

The library does have a small number of duplicates which could be used as swaps for any one (or more) of the above or can be sent to members if you let me know which ones you need.

I can be contacted using my details on the inside of the front cover of The Springbok.

Thanks very much in anticipation of your help.

South African Philatelist Magazines in the SACS Library

The library is short of a number of SAP magazines to complete the full complement of issues from the 1920's.

If any members have any spare copies of the following editions please would you donate them to the library. I do however recognise that there may be some "antique" value in the early editions and I am sure that the SACS would consider purchasing such SAP's if that was the way that they could be acquired.

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All 1984

January - March 1985

February - June 1995

All 2000 - 2002

The library does have some duplicates including some early 1950's which could be used as swaps for any one (or more) of the above or can be sent to members if you let me know which ones you need.

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South Africa postage stamps of 1988: A unique year of major historical anniversaries

By Og Skagestad

For most countries or nations, there are certain years which are associated with significant or epoch-making events in the history of that country or nation. For example, even today - and although almost a millennium has passed since the Norman Conquest – most Englishmen would immediately recognize that there is something important about the year 1066. Likewise, many would still be able to acknowledge 1215 as the year of the Magna Charta. These are events that decisively changed the course of history. But also other, lesser historical milestones may stand out as endowed with such importance in a given nation's collective consciousness that they become the object of various remembrance ceremonies, festivals or jubilee celebrations whenever a sufficiently "round" anniversary (such as a centennial) turns up. Appropriate acknowledgement of such anniversaries frequently includes the issuing of commemorative stamps.¹

With higher or lesser degree of predictability, such anniversaries – which are highlighted with issues of commemorative stamps - may occur more or less frequently. However, when it comes to the really great, history-changing events in a nation's history, it is rather unusual to see a string of such anniversaries happening in one particular country within the span of one and the same calendar year.

But there are exceptions. A unique case in point would be South Africa and the year of 1988. Three historical events – each one of decisive importance and epoch-making magnitude – stood out as especially memorable:

- 1488:** The Portuguese seafarer Bartolomeu Dias completed the first rounding of the Cape of Good Hope and made the first landing on South African soil (at Algoa Bay).
- 1688:** The arrival in the Cape Colony of the French Huguenot settlers.
- 1838:** "The Great Trek": The epic migration of the Boers (the Afrikaner "Voortrekkers") into the sub-continent's wild and unknown interior.

The 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of the Cape by Bartolomeu Dias

Bartolomeu Dias was one of the truly Great Explorers in the Age of Great Discoveries. His adventurous 1488 voyage around the Cape of Good Hope (which Dias himself originally named "the Cape of Storms") was to become one of the epoch-making expeditions of the entire world history, - an accomplishment of the same level as those of Columbus and Magelhães. Dias's expedition was the precursor of Vasco da Gama's subsequent (1498) discovery of the sea route to India, it opened up for new trade routes between Europe and the East, and was a necessary precondition for the eventual European colonisation of Southern Africa. In South Africa, the celebrations of the 500th anniversary of Dias's achievement took form of a "National Festival" which also – naturally – included the issuing of commemorative postage stamps.

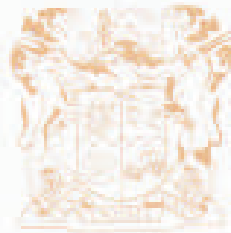
Thus, on 3 February 1988 the S.A. Post Office issued a series of four stamps, with face values of 16, 30, 40 and 50 cents respectively (see attached illustrations). In the South African Stamp Colour Catalogue (SACC), these stamps are listed with catalogue numbers 643, 644, 645 and 646. The 16 cent (standard letter postage) stamp shows a portrait of the Explorer himself against a background picture of the Cape, whereas the 30 cent stamp shows the "Kwaaihoek Memorial" – a monument placed on the very spot where Dias made his first landing and where he erected a stone cross (the remnants of which are now to be found in a Johannesburg museum). The ships of the Dias expedition – caravels in full sail – are depicted on the 40 cent stamp. The 50 cent stamp is a representation of the so-called "Martellis Map" – a world map drawn by the German/Florentine cartographer Henricus Martellus Germanus, showing inter alia the southern coastlines of Africa. The map was published in 1489 – merely one year after Dias had completed his expedition!

In addition to the four stamps, a miniature sheet which included the 50 cent stamp was issued for the benefit of the Philatelic Foundation (a South African charity). The sheet, which also commemorates the 150th anniversary of the city of Pietermaritzburg, has been equipped with the SACC catalogue number 646a.

And as if this was not enough, the 16 cent stamp was re-issued on 3 March in the same year with a 10 cent surcharge to assist flood victims in the Natal province. The stamps were overprinted with a text alternating in English and Afrikaans – viz. "NATAL FLOOD DISASTER" and "VLOEDRAMP NATAL" (making for continuous sê-tenant pairs). The individual stamps were given the SACC catalogue numbers 647 and 648.

¹The fact that many countries with increasing frequency also tend to issue commemorative stamps on the occasion of ever more trivial and non-significant "events", is a matter outside the scope of the present article.

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500th Anniversary of Discovery of the Cape by Bartolomeu Dias



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Philatelic Foundation
Miniature Sheet

1 March 1988

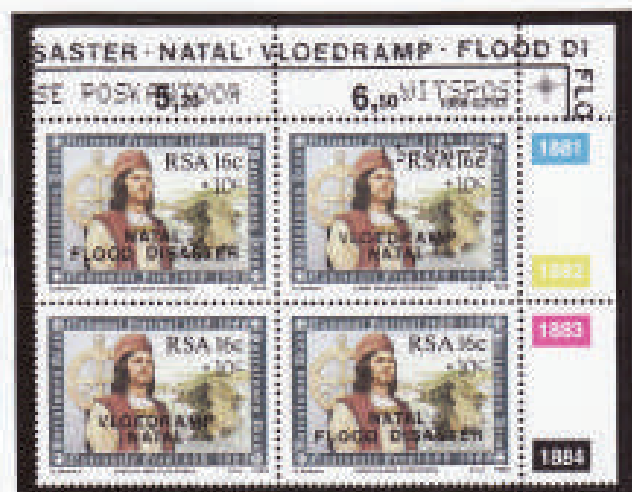
Natal Flood Relief Fund
(3rd issue)

Nos. 647-648

(643 surcharged & overprinted)



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The Tercentenary of the Arrival of the Huguenots at the Cape

The French **Huguenots**, who were persecuted in their homeland on account of their religious faith, arrived in the Cape Colony in 1688 in order to build a new future as farmers and colonisers on the African continent. This event was to usher in an era of extensive European colonisation on the southern tip of Africa. In the course of a few generations, the Huguenots were assimilated into the colony's mostly Dutch-speaking European population, and their numerous descendants became an important constituent element in the gradually evolving "Boer" or "Afrikaner" people². But the arrival of the Huguenot settlers was an event of great significance not only for this particular segment of the diverse population of Southern Africa. It was an event which would shape the development of the country as a whole up to the present time. Already half a century earlier, the then 250-year anniversary was seen to be an occasion well worthy of being observed by the issuing of commemorative postage stamps³. Such was also to be the case at the 300-year anniversary in 1988.

The Huguenot stamps were issued on 3 April 1988 as a series of four stamps (illustrations attached herewith), with face values of 16, 30, 40 and 50 cents (SACC catalogue numbers 650, 651, 652 and 654, respectively). The blue 16 cent stamp shows the Huguenot Monument in Franschoek (meaning "the French Corner" in Afrikaans). This is the place where the first Huguenot settlers in 1688 were given farmland – now an idyllic rural community some 40 miles to the north-east of Cape Town, in the middle of the country's prime wine district. The 30 cent stamp shows a map of France, where the regions where the settlers came from are highlighted in red colour. The 50 cent stamp is a representation of the front page of the so-called French/Dutch Bible from 1672, whereas the theme of the 50 cent stamp is the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre – the gruesome mass murder of Huguenots in France in 1572.

As in the case of the Dias anniversary stamps, a part of the Huguenot issue was also overprinted with a 10 cent surcharge for the benefit of flood victims – this time not only in the Natal province, but a subsequent country-wide flood disaster. Thus, each of the four stamps were issued as whole sheets with each stamp overprinted with a text alternating between English and Afrikaans – viz. "National Flood Disaster" and "Nasionale Vloedramp" (making for continuous sê-tenant pairs). Thus each of the four stamps got two additional SACC catalogue numbers: The 16 cent stamp nos. 654 and 655, the 30 cent stamps nos. 656 and 657, the 40 cent stamp nos. 658 and 659 and the 50 cent stamp nos. 660 and 661.

The 150th Anniversary of the Great Trek

The Great Trek is the commonly used term for the migration waves in the 1830's, when a substantial number of Boer families (later to be known as "Voortrekkers") left the British-ruled Cape Colony and ventured out into the uncharted wilderness and the unknown hinterland. Their painstakingly arduous and dangerous travels and heroic accomplishments in the face of enduring hardships including encounters with hostile indigenous tribes, were to secure a special place in the national mythology of the Boers. Above all, the narrative of the Battle of the Blood River on 16 December 1838, when 400 Boers ("Voortrekkers") held their own against an overwhelming force of 12 thousand Zulu warriors, was subsequently to be remembered as a miraculous proof of a sacred covenant between God and His "chosen" Boer people, and as a heroic high point in their history. It became a remembrance which would also serve as a building-block in the development of a national identity, to be cultivated and worshiped with great intensity as a defining element of their cultural heritage with its peculiar religious dimension. This was an element which would turn out to have divisive effects in the relations with other population groups – something which would leave deep and damaging marks in the South African society (politically, socially, economically and culturally) up to the present time. Nevertheless, in retrospect the Great Trek would appear as a history-changing and destiny-shaping event of such a magnitude that the 150th anniversary would justify the issuing of commemorative postage stamps – just as the case had been with the centenary commemoration fifty years previously⁴.

²The Cape Colony, which at the outset only included the city of Cape Town and its immediate vicinity, had been established in 1652 by the Dutch East Indian Company. The local vernacular would, however, eventually develop into a distinct indigenous variety of Dutch, which in the 20th century became known as "Afrikaans". In addition to being recognized by the Boers as their own national language ("Die Taal"), Afrikaans is also the mother tongue of millions of people from other population groups – whites as well as non-whites – in Southern Africa.

³One series of three stamps (SACC catalogue nos. 81, 82 og 83, surcharged for the Huguenot Commemorative Fund) was issued in 1939.

⁴A series of four stamps surcharged to finance the Voortrekker Memorial Fund (SACC catalogues nos. 51, 52, 53 and 54) was issued already in 1933. Two separate series of postage stamp commemorating the Voortrekkers were issued in 1938 – one series of four stamps (SACC catalogue nos. 75, 76, 77 and 78, also surcharged to finance the Voortrekker Memorial Fund), and another series of two stamps (nos. 79 and 80). It should also be noted that yet another series of three stamps relating to the Great Trek was issued in 1949 on the occasion of the inauguration of the Voortrekker memorial (SACC nos. 130, 131 and 132).

Thus, the 150th anniversary of the Great Trek was duly observed by the issuing on 21 November 1988 of a series of four stamps with face values of viz. 16, 30, 40 and 50 cents (see attached illustrations). The first stamp in the series (SACC no.687) shows a map with the main Great Trek routes which the “Voortrekkers” traveled. The theme of the 30 cent stamp (no.688) – appropriately called “Exodus” – is the departure from their old homes in the Cape Colony.

Many of the trekkers had to cross the wild Drakensberg mountain range, where the ox-wagons had to be pulled over steep abysses and across roadless mountain passes. This strenuous and dangerous endeavour is depicted on the 40 cent stamp (no.689). The 50 cent stamp (no.690) shows the artist Jacob Hendrik Pierneef’s painting of “The Church of the Vow” – a church erected in Pietermaritzburg in 1841 to commemorate “the Vow”, i.e. the covenant allegedly concluded in 1838 between God and His chosen people.

Epilogue

To sum up: In one single country within the span of one and the same calendar year, one can witness the issuing of three postage series to commemorate three events which had taken place viz. 500, 300 and 150 years earlier, each one of which had made a decisive turn in the wheels of history. And each one of the individual stamps could be seen to convey a message telling a part of the Great Story.

This concludes the story of major, seminal historical markers in the South African stamp year of 1988.

The story would, however, be incomplete without the mentioning of yet one more anniversary occurring in 1988 - significantly enough an event which was not to be observed or honoured with a postage stamp issue, but one which would leave its destructive and still-lasting imprint on South Africa’s modern history: In 1988 the ruling National Party could celebrate their 40 years of unbroken rule of the country. The party came to power after the 1948 election, having campaigned under the slogan “Apartheid” (Afrikaans for “separateness”) – a programme which was to entail a policy of systematic race discrimination and oppression of the non-white population groups. In the course of these forty years, the Boer-nationalist authorities – apparently with no great qualms - managed to issue a hefty amount of postage stamps honouring or commemorating a number of their own causes and heroes. But this particular 40-year anniversary was possibly felt to be a bit too sensitive to be celebrated in such a self-congratulatory way? Anyhow – by 1988 the National Party had already started dismantling core elements of its apartheid programme, and six years later its rule over South Africa was history. But this particular piece of history has left a baggage which the country still carries with it, and which it will struggle with and suffer under for a long time to come.



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300th Anniversary of Arrival first French Huguenots at the Cape



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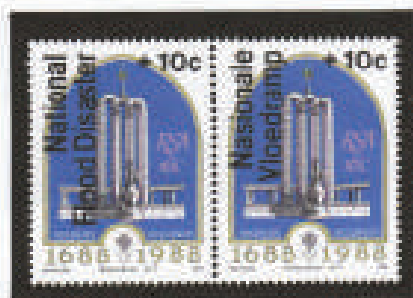
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National Flood Disaster (Nos 650-653 surcharged & overprinted)



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Patrick Williams, FRPSL – 1930-2011

Patrick Williams was one of the stalwarts of our Northern group and had been a good personal friend of mine for over 40 years

Blessed with devoted and loving parents, Patrick had a somewhat privileged upbringing, attending prep school, then boarding school at Rugby, his studies including starting Latin at age 8 and Greek at age 12. Although he was awarded a place at university entry was delayed due to being called up for National Service – 18 months in those days, as opposed to two years for me in 1951. After Mons officer cadet training school he served as an administrative officer in a transport company (then part of Royal Army Service Corps) and was “demobbed” on 1st October 1950, enabling him to take up his place at Oxford just one week later; there he read Classics for a year but then changed to the more agreeable Jurisprudence..

Graduating from Oxford with a good second in 1954, following a wonderful holiday in Canada, Patrick entered the family insurance broking partnership in Liverpool. The family business was sold to a London broker in 1964 and, after a further amalgamation, Patrick left the firm in 1980. 25 years of increasing responsibility – which included 25 visits to Peru looking after the marine insurance side of the business, Patrick confessed to being somewhat drained, not least since his father had died 20 years before and Patrick was also looking after his mother – a task he cheerfully undertook until she died in 1996.

Patrick then became deputy underwriter for a “Blue Funnel Line” company working 10 years full time and 5 years as a consultant, the income greatly assisting him in looking after his mother whose health was deteriorating.

He also spent 17 years (1950-67) as an officer in the Territorial Army with 102 Cheshire Regiment where he thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and discipline of military life; he became a squadron commander at only age 28 and on retirement was second-in-command of the regiment.

Patrick’s hobbies were caring for his almost two acre garden and, of course, stamp collecting; he inherited his father’s collection, built up from about 1930 and which included a substantial portion of Union of South Africa. He had a sharp mind and was frequently contacting me on some aspect of Union definitives – the last was a variety he found on my favorite 5/- oxwagon stamps (Issue 2) which I was able to confirm as constant and to plate. He also seriously collected the Irish overprints on Great Britain seahorses and the stamps of the Pacific Islands and is remembered with affection by colleagues in those areas. Patrick was elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society in 1988 and it was only a few months ago that I met him at the Royal when he was pursuing some aspect of a 5/- NWPI overprint on cover – a nice item and typical of Patrick’s good taste.

I first met Patrick at a Cavendish sale in the early 1970s and we had been good friends ever since. He was a gentleman, a most caring son, and a fine philatelic student who will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace

John Shaw

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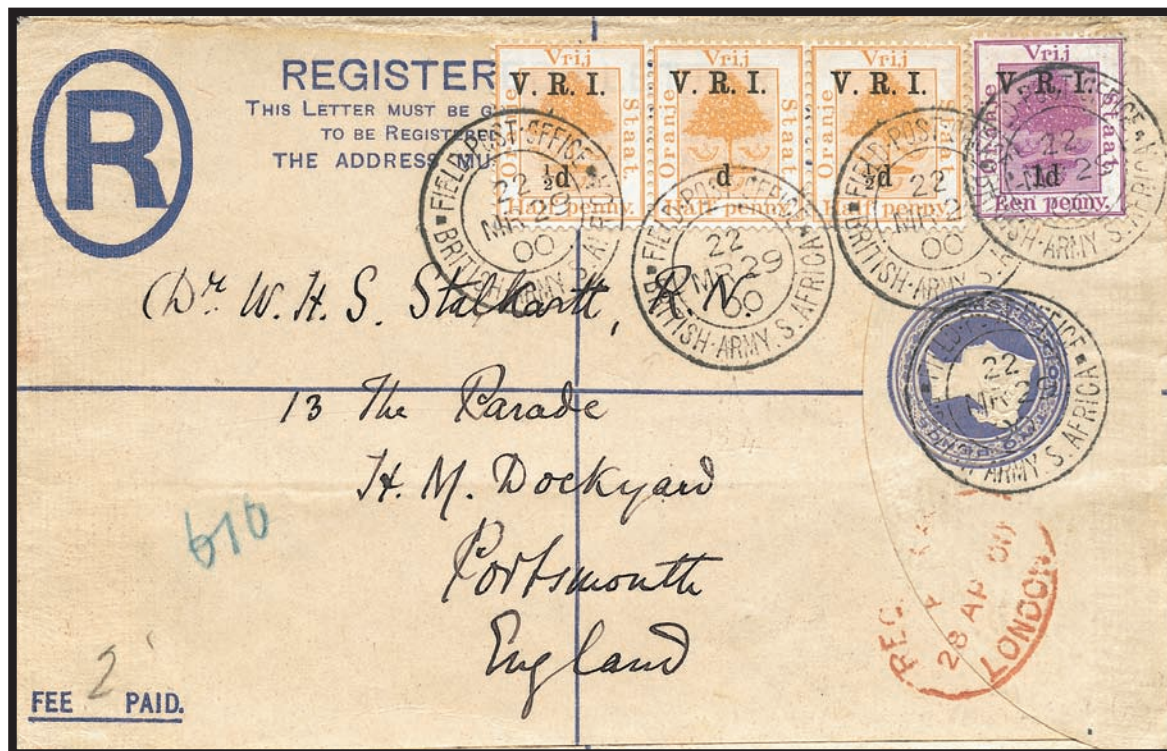
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