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THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE STAMP

The world's most expensive stamp, the British Guiana One-cent Magenta has, once again, been sold! The stamp was on auction on 08 June 2021 when it was sold for US\$8 307 000

Even though this price is a little less than what the stamp was sold for in 2014, it is still a mind-boggling price for a mere postage stamp!

The stamp was purchased by Stanley Gibbons who intend to create a public exhibition in their flagship store in London so that everyone can see this rare stamp



The famous stamp was printed in 1856 in British Guiana and would likely have been forgotten had it not been for a twelve year old Scottish boy named Vernon Vaughan, who was living in British Guiana, who found the odd stamp amongst his uncle's papers in 1873. The stamp has since had many owners including the French Government and a convicted murderer! Some of the previous owners have stamped or written their signature on the back of the stamp.

COVID-19 REARS ITS UGLY HEAD!

Whilst all of us are hoping for better days, it seems that the Third Phase of this dreaded disease is upon us and that it will be prudent to cancel our meeting for Monday 21 June 2021

Apart from this, we will monitor the situation very carefully and advise all members when we are able to arrange further meetings

In the meantime, please do continue playing with your stamps and fill out some books for the circuit! You could also write a story for the quarterly newsletter.....

PARAPROSDOKIANS

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Sir Winston Churchill loved them! Here are some examples sent to us by Dr D Gwynne Harries FRPSL, a member of our sister club, Burton-upon-Trent, in the UK

- >Where there's a will, I want to be in it!
- >Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear to be bright until you hear them speak
- >If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong
- >War does not determine who is right, only who is left
- >They begin the evening news with "Good Evening" then proceed to tell you why it isn't!
- >To steal ideas from someone is "plagiarism". To steal from many is called research
- >In filling in an application where it says "in case of emergency notify" I put DOCTOR
- >I used to be indecisive, now I'm not sure
- >A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory
- >Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine
- >I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong!

Twenty one countries and the UN have between them released 68 postage stamps to mark the sacrifice of healthcare workers and patients during the covid-19 pandemic. Iran was first to post a design last March and the rest of the world followed with stamps depicting healthcare workers, patients, and covid-safe behaviours such as social distancing in French Polynesia.



CIRCUIT BOOKS are managed by Russell Bowton who would love to put your book/s into circulation. Please contact him on 079-963-4453 or e-mail russell.bowton@absacapital.com

SEEN AT THE MEETING ON 17 MAY 2021

This was the second meeting of the year attended by:

Dave Wyllie	Heather Wylie	Pat Izaaks
Fred Handman	Aubrey Bowles	Tony Evans
Val de Jager	Russell Bowton	Julia Evans
Roger Porter	Joyce Hulse	Moyra Gilson
Janet Kimmince	Peter Dobeyn	Gordon Bennett
Mike O'Connor	Graham Bruce	Dave Beyers
Cynthia Clemitson	Annetjie Joubert	Pieter Swanepoel
Kim Breytenbach	Carol Breytenbach	*David Smart
*Mike Jelbert	*Trish Jelbert	*James Grinyer
*Cecily Dobeyn	*Visitors & possible future members	

At the ordinary meeting, Dave Wyllie told members about Ken Joseph & Philatelic Friends who conduct auctions in the Western Cape. He confirmed that Ken Joseph was prepared to travel to KZN if there was sufficient quantity and quality material to be seen.

Kim Breytenbach addressed the meeting and told members about the Sunbird Stamp Auction which takes place on the last Sunday of every month at the Scout Hall in Hillcrest.

The theme for the Alphabet Show was the letter "M" and the following interesting exhibits were on display:

1. Money (the 50th anniversary of the Kruger Rand)
2. Millenium (a SA stamp commemorating this event)
3. Medicine (a seven page exhibit about Dr Christiaan Neethling Barnard and heart transplants)
4. Mauritius



Above: RSA 2000 Millenium corner block issued 01 January 2000

Below: Mauritius Blue Marlin stamp issued in 1969



Julia Evans is looking for this stamp on the left and needs your help!

If you do have a spare please contact her:
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BIRTHDAYS

This list covers the following three months and we wish all of these members a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY and much joy on their special day!

JULY

Jullia Evans
Roger Porter
Mike O'Connor

AUGUST

Roland Archer
Aubrey Bowles
Carol Breytenbach
Ron Buchel
Peter Dobeyn
Tony Evans
Les Williams
Dave Wyllie

SEPTEMBER

Susan Bowes-Taylor
Val de Jager
Fred Handman



Congratulations

DID YOU KNOW?

This is a question by Pieter Swanepoel who says that the first RSA black stamp was issued in 1982.

It was part of the 4th Definitive Issue. The original light red colour of the 20c value was changed to black which makes it a unique colour for a South African stamp.



Are there any more "black stamps" that have been issued by the Post Office?

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NATAL 150

Some 47 years ago, *Lantern*, the journal for knowledge and culture, devoted an entire publication to Natal to celebrate the provinces 150th birthday. The publication also included an article about the early stamps of Natal. The article is reproduced below.



STAMP COLLECTING

The object of “stamp collecting” is to have fun and it should never be onerous. Play with your stamps and learn about them. Try your hand at exhibiting at Club Level where the number of pages don’t matter i.e. show from five to sixteen pages (one frame holds 16 pages but some of the older frames can only hold fifteen pages so check with your Club to see what is available.)

Find a topic that appeals to you and use the “Open Philately Class” to make your subject both interesting and appealing.

The objectives of the *Open Philately* are to provide interesting exhibits which stimulate both the committed and new collector to provide a competition for those who wish to exhibit outside traditional regulations and to permit the inclusion of a certain amount of non-philatelic material such as:

Labels	Picture post-cards	Pictures
Numismatic items	Photographs	Medals
Telephone and cigarette cards		Documents
Drawings	Newspaper cuttings	Stamps

The only stipulations are;

- (i) no part of the exhibit may exceed 5mm in thickness
- (ii) the philatelic elements must be not less than 50% of the total area

The above information has been taken from the SAPDAPEX 2016 Entry Form

CORRESPONDENCE

17 May 2021

The Editor

MPS

Hi

I want to introduce my son Yasser Boukerzaza (9 years) to philately. He would be very happy to receive some gift stamps from you.

Thank you for your generosity

Best regards

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If anybody would like to assist please contact the writer direct and not via the MPS – thank you

THE AMBERS STAMP CLUB

The Ambers Stamp Club will be staging an interesting exhibition comprising 14 panels (frames) from 02 to 30 July 2021 in the main lounge Amber Valley, Howick. Some of our own members will be exhibiting and you are welcome to come and see what informal “stamp collectors” can do!!

DURSAPEX 2004

When Durban staged a National Exhibition 17 years ago, copies of various old Natal Postage Stamps were reproduced to be used as labels to advertise the exhibition which proved to be quite popular. Sadly KwaZulu Natal have not been able to stage another exhibition since then and we can only hope that the future might bring exhibiting back to the "last Outpost"



Kwa-Zulu Natal has such a rich history with many tales to tell and exhibiting is one way to promote the province and its people.

NEW ISSUES



USA

Date of issue:
03 June 2021
"Go for broke"

This stamp recognises the contributions of Japanese American soldiers who served in the US Army during WW2. Some 33 000 Japanese served the Army and their motto was "GO FOR BROKE"

NOTICE

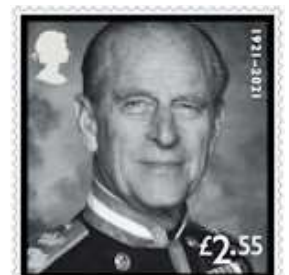
Breaking news must be the fact that the Sunbird Stamp Auction scheduled for Sunday 27 June 2021 has also been cancelled because of COVID. There are 120 lots for sale at this auction which will need to be held over until it is safe to gather once more! Will those wishing to sell please continue to prepare your lots and contact the organiser, Kim Breytenbach for numbers.

IN MEMORIUM

**HRH The Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh : 10 June 1921**

Royal Mail
Date of issue: 24 June 2021

09 April 2021



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Do it today!