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Next meeting

2 March 2026 at 11:00

editor's note

Welcome to our newsletter for February - already the second one for the year 2026. The T20 cricket world cup is currently underway in India and Sri Lanka. The South African team is through to the final eight rounds with a notable exception Australia, which was dumped out by Zimbabwe. A couple of "big" teams had some real close shaves, including South Africa against Afghanistan that required two super overs to settle. It is doubtful if the editor's heart can sustain any more such events. Here is hoping that the South African team goes one better than the previous edition, where they lost in the final to India (also a game they should have won with two overs left). The local region is still bathed in wonderful summer weather so most South Africans will be occupied with "outside" pursuits. However, we do hope you will find time to enjoy the second newsletter of the year. Keep well, safe and sound.

from the secretary's desk

Birthdays for March 2026 are Marc Marcovich and Alex Gotte 2 March, Morrice Groer 10 March and Christian Trumpp 26 March. We trust you all have a great day.

rolling programme for 2026/2027

| month | date | happenings |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| March | 2 Mar 2026 | Annual general meeting. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| April | 13 Apr 2026 | Pub quiz at the Barn and Barrel. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| May | 4 May 2026 | Philatelic Services Stamp's Friend Trophy and Quarterly Cup competitions. General trading and auction - bring some of your material that you wish to dispose of. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| June | 1 Jun 2026 | Neville Polakow Trophy and Mike Koyd Postal History Shield competitions. General trading and auction - bring some of your material that you wish to dispose of. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| July | 6 Jul 2026 | Pub quiz at the Barn and Barrel. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| August | 3 Aug 2026 | Philatelic Services Stamp's Friend Trophy competition. General trading and auction - bring some of your material that you wish to dispose of. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| September | 7 Sep 2026 | Dave Berg Cup for best thematic display competition. General trading and auction - bring some of your material that you wish to dispose of. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| October | 5 Oct 2026 | Pub quiz at the Barn and Barrel. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| November | 2 Nov 2026 | Quarterly Cup and Contemporary Cup competitions. General trading and auction - bring some of your material that you wish to dispose of. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| December | 4 Dec 2026 | President's night. |
| January | 11 Jan 2027 | Contemporary Cup, TJ Strachan Ladies Bowl and President's Cup competitions. General trading and auction - bring some of your material that you wish to dispose of. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |
| February | 1 Feb 2027 | Pub quiz at the Barn and Barrel. Items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions. |



minutes of monthly meeting

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY, HELD ON MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE BARN & BARREL, PORT ELIZABETH COMMENCING AT 11:00

PRESENT: Francois Friend (in the Chair)

MEMBERS: 19 **APOLOGIES:** 2 **VISITORS:** 0

The president welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the monthly meeting dated 12 January 2026 were tabled for adoption. These were accepted - proposed by Morrice Groer and seconded by Cecil Allers.

The meeting then proceeded with the scheduled events.

(1) ITEMS OF INTEREST, BRINGALONGS AND NEW ACQUISITIONS

Dave Brown started off his normal selection of goodies with the below Switzerland stamp from the Wrestling and Alpine Festival set issued on 8 May 2025. Every three years a Wrestling and Alpine Festival (ESAF) is held in Switzerland and in 2025 the event was held in Glarnerland. This is the largest regular sporting event in Switzerland and is considered a national celebration of alpine traditions. The stamp prominently features the Edelweiss shirt pattern, a folkloric textile that has become synonymous with Swiss wrestling. The stamp is printed on specially made paper that gives the surface of the stamp a "textile" feel. The Edelweiss shirt was originally a work shirt valued for its sturdy yet soft texture. The Edelweiss flower is incorporated in the design of the shirt. Since the 1970s it has become standard attire for wrestlers, symbolising tradition and resilience. The Edelweiss flower itself is a national emblem of alpine heritage, representing toughness and purity.



Swiss stamp with "textile" feel from 2025.

Next Dave showed the first embroidered Armenian postage stamp that depicts a part of the pattern used in "Khndzoresk" carpets, see below. The stamp has a unique format as it is fully embroidered and has a self-adhesive backing. The embroidery edge mimics postage stamp perforation. The type of "Khndzoresk" carpet belongs to a separate subgroup of dragon carpets. This carpet is characterised by an ornament symbolising eternity (ornament is a term used to describe a decorative object with a specific cultural or symbolic significance like a swastika, star, etc) and eight stylised images of a dragon framing it. This type of a carpet is typical for the carpet-making centers of Artsakh and Syunik.



Armenian embroidered stamp.

Ian McArthur then provided the meeting with his usual interesting items. Ian started by saying that one of his Christmas gifts was the book "One Summer: America 1927" by Bill Bryson, which deals with the many interesting events in the USA in the summer of 1927. The most notable of these was the first solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in an aircraft that was achieved by Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974). On the 20 - 21 May 1927 he made the first nonstop flight from New York to Paris, a distance of 3 600 miles (5 800 km), flying alone for over 33 hours. His aircraft, the Spirit of St Louis, was built to compete for the \$ 25 000 Orteig Prize for the first flight between the two cities. This made him a national hero and one result was that he was made a colonel in the US Army Air Force Reserve. Another was, according to the author, that he became the first living American to feature on a postage stamp. However, although the first flight itself was commemorated in 1927 (USA stamp No SG A646) and in 1977 (USA stamp No SG 1686) on the 50th anniversary, which shows the 'Spirit of St. Louis', there is no image of Lindbergh, shown below. According to Ian he first appears on the below stamps of the National Postage Museum issue of 1993 (USA stamp No SG 2841) but is not named, and also on an issue in 1998 (USA stamp No SG 3433) where he is named. Ian also brought along stamps from other countries that featured Charles Lindbergh, as shown further below.



USA stamps Nos SG A646, SG 1686, SG 2841 and SG 3433.



Charles Lindbergh on stamps from other countries.

Furthermore, Ian said that he had thought that the first living person that appeared on a US stamp was President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) on the definitive series of 1922. But in fact Wilson died on 3 Feb 1924 and the stamp was issued in 1925. A brief survey of US postage stamps seems to indicate a policy of featuring named individuals on stamps only after they have died. In the stamps of Great Britain, members of the Royal Family or their intended spouses are the only living people to feature on stamps.

According to Ian other transatlantic flights included John Alcock (1892-1919) and Arthur Brown (1886-1948). They were British aviators who, in 1919, made the first non-stop transatlantic flight. They flew a modified First World War Vickers Vimy bomber from St John's in Newfoundland to Clifden, County Galway, Ireland. The Secretary of State for Air, Winston Churchill, presented them with the Daily Mail prize of £ 10 000 (equivalent to £ 580 000 in 2023) for the first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by airplane in "less than 72 consecutive hours". The flight carried nearly 200 letters, the first transatlantic airmail. The two aviators were knighted by King George V at Windsor Castle a week later and celebrated on the Great Britain stamp below issued in 1969.



Great Britain Alcock and Brown stamp from 1969.

Finally, Ian said that the fastest crossing by a commercial airliner probably was by the Anglo-French Concorde. While subsonic commercial jets took eight hours to fly from Paris to New York (seven hours from New York to Paris), the average supersonic flight time on the transatlantic routes was just under 3½ hours. The Concorde had a maximum cruising altitude of 18 300 meters (60 000ft) and an average cruise speed of Mach 2,02 (2 150 km/h; 1 330 mph), more than twice the speed of conventional aircraft. Two issues of Concorde stamps by Great Britain (1969) and France (2002) are shown below.



The Concorde on stamps from Great Britain (1969) and France (2002).

Willy Porter brought along privately made covers by the executive staff of the Rustenburg Technical College where he was a staff member for many years. Towards the end of 1990 a decision was made by the college to invest and install a franking machine in the office, since quite a large volume of post was being handled every day and postal tariffs were escalating. To make the event more memorable and momentous it was decided to make philatelic material available to the students and the public. It became a fund raising event and these covers were sold at R 10 each. One of these covers are shown below with the Rustenburg College crest in top left corner, a pencil sketch of the Rustenburg town hall by Billy McGill (SA water colourist), franking machine imprint, Rustenburg postmark, inauguration date and correct postal tariff.



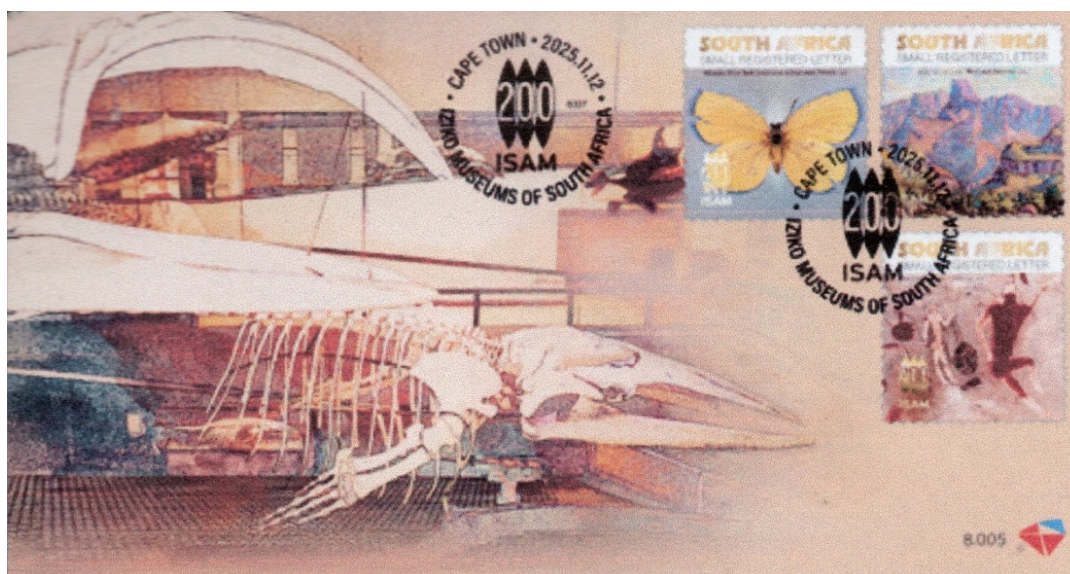
Cover celebrating the Rustenburg Technical College's new franking machine.

Willy continued and said that in 1993 a new heraldic order was bestowed upon the college and a new crest was duly designed. The *Peglerae aloe*, a species unique to the Magaliesberg area, was placed at the top of the crest. The new crest was inaugurated on 27 October 1993 at a gala event during which envelopes (see below) depicting the new crest and bearing the signatures of the principal (GJ de V Theron), chairperson of the college council (JLP Fourie), mayor (M Kuhn) and the postmaster (H Pretorius), were sold. The 80c stamp from the 6th definitive issue was used on the envelope as that reflected the postal tariff for a postal item of that size. The postmark was a double circle date stamp of Rustenburg and these covers were also numbered.



New crest cover from Rustenburg Technical College.

Vernon Mitchell commented on the covers showed by Willy by explaining that only covers approved by the postal authorities could be called official covers. He then continued by showing two latest official issues from the South African Post Office - one from the Iziko South Africa museum and one of critically endangered vultures, both shown below.



Iziko South Africa museum first day cover.



Critically endangered vultures first day cover.

(2) GENERAL

Francois entertained the new members and some inquisitive "old" members on their number of days on earth, namely new members Lieb Venter 22 523 days and Thomas Schultz 22 820 days, then also Dave 32 061 days, Barry 30 561 days, Ian 33 698 days, Morrice 23 340 days and Willy 28 431 day.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 March 2026 at the Bible Society for the annual general meeting as well as show items of interest, bringalongs and new acquisitions.

(3) PUB QUIZ

The pub quiz followed the general meeting and this time round it was Vernon Mitchell (shown below) who prepared the 20 questions and answers for the day's quiz. Members were split into two teams (after pulling numbers from a pub cup), namely Team A: Francois Friend, Louis Oosthuizen, Ian McArthur, Wayne Brewer, Anthony Harris, Graham Butcher, Morrice Groer, Thomas Shultz, Bruce Watson and Gerhard Groenewoud; and Team B: Marietjie Peens, Willy Porter, Cecil Allers, Dave Brown, Lieb Venter, Barry Green and Dallas Whitfield (see next page). The eventual winners were Team B with 17 points and Team A with 15 points. Each of the winning team's members and the quizmaster received a R 200 gift voucher for the Barn & Barrel. The gift vouchers and the lunch served at the end of the quiz were sponsored by the society. Once again all present were in good spirits and the late morning/early afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Vernon the quizmaster.



Team A that came a creditable (or not) second.



Team B - the winning team that walked away with the prizes.

The meeting closed 13:15 with there being no further matters to discuss.

PRESIDENT:

DATED:





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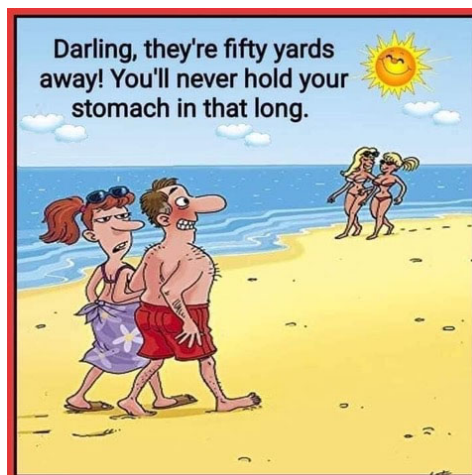
notice of 114th annual general meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 114th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT THE BIBLE HOUSE, 31 COTSWOLD AVENUE, COTSWOLD, PORT ELIZABETH ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026 AT 11:00.

AGENDA

1. President's welcome and recording of apologies.
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 112th Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports:
 - (a) president,
 - (b) treasurer,
 - (c) exchange superintendent, and
 - (d) librarian.
5. Presentation of awards.
6. Election of office-bearers:
7. General.

the monthly meeting to commence after closure of the annual general meeting.



minutes of the 113th annual general meeting

MINUTES OF THE 113th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY, HELD ON MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025 AT THE BIBLE HOUSE, 31 COTSWOLD AVENUE, COTSWOLD, PORT ELIZABETH COMMENCING AT 11:00

PRESENT: Francois Friend (in the Chair)

MEMBERS: 18

APOLOGIES: 2

VISITORS: nil

Welcome: The president welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the annual general meeting (AGM) and monthly meeting dated 4 March 2024 were tabled for adoption. These were accepted - proposed by Morrice Groer and seconded by Dave Brown.

The meeting then proceeded with the scheduled events.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Reports:

- (a) **President:** Francois read out his report that is attached hereto.
- (b) **Treasurer:** The treasurer Louis Oosthuizen presented the annual financial statements that were completed with the assistance of the honorary auditor Barry Green. The accounts were then adopted, proposed by Francois Friend and seconded by Dave Brown.
- (c) **Exchange superintendent:** Graham Butcher provided feedback on the current state of the PEPS exchange booklets. Francois thanked Graham for his hard work and for making this a success.
- (d) **Librarian:** The librarian Willy Porter thanked all the people who made donations of books to the society. He also thanked all the people, especially Siya, who helped with the displaying and carrying of books. The donated books proved very successful with members and resulted in additional income to the society. The books will be displayed twice more at meetings held at the Bible House and people are welcome to take any books of interest to them in exchange for a donation. After that the remaining books will be donated to the Bible Society. (The sudden death on the 25 December 2024 of the abovementioned Siya was also brought to our attention by Graham. He was always of great assistance to our society when help was needed and will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.)

Presentation of awards:

The following certificates were presented to members for exhibits during the past year:

- a Quarterly Cup certificate was presented to Graham Butcher for his exhibit on 7 October 2024 entitled "1947 Royal visit: varieties, arrow blocks, sheet number blocks and covers from South Africa and South West Africa", and
- a Dave Berg Cup certificate was presented to Vernon Mitchell for his exhibit entitled "World in conflict" shown on 5 August 2024.

Election of office-bearers: The president vacated his post and Dave Brown was requested to ask for nominations of new office bearers. The below members were proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

(i) **President:** Francois Friend was unanimously appointed for another term after being nominated by Gerhard Groenewoud and seconded by Graham Butcher, which he accepted. Vernon Mitchell then proposed that the current committee members, should they be available, be appointed in their respective posts. Francois Friend seconded this proposal and this was unanimously accepted. The remainder of the committee for 2025 is thus as below:

(ii) **Vice president:** David Brown.

(iii) **Secretary/treasurer:** Louis Oosthuizen.

(iv) **Exchange superintendent:** Graham Butcher.

(v) **Librarian:** Willy Porter.

(vi) **Honorary auditor:** Barry Green.

General: Vernon Mitchell thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work during 2024.

The annual general meeting closed at 11:30 with there being no further matters to discuss.

President:

Date:



the antique collective

The Antique Collective (TAC), being held monthly on the first Sunday of a month at the Walmer Park Shopping Centre, takes place on Sunday 1 March. Stamp's Friend will once again be there with their normal stuff, situated in the court at Woolworths.



The poster features a decorative border with intricate scrollwork. At the top, a flourish leads to the title 'THE ANTIQUE COLLECTIVE' in a large, serif font. Below this, the text 'TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE' is centered. A paragraph follows: 'Browse through a curated selection of vintage kitchenware, classic jewellery, rare stamps, fine glassware, antique toys, collectables and more...'. A horizontal line separates this from the event details: '10:00 - 14:00' and 'Sunday March 1st'. Another horizontal line is below. At the bottom, contact information reads: 'Contact Trueblue Communication for details: T: +27 (0)828737663'. Logos for 'true blue' (with 'communication | events | merchandise' and 'Event produced by' below) and 'WALMER PARK SHOPPING CENTRE' (with a tree logo) are on either side. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are centered at the bottom with the text 'CONNECT WITH US'.

editor's titbits

Reminder of the facebook group that is free to join by all with some collectable information, updates, news, etc. Please feel free to contribute.



The banner is dark blue. On the left is a postage stamp featuring a profile of a woman, with 'STAMP'S FRIEND' and Chinese characters. To the right, the text reads: 'Stamp's Friend' in a large, white, serif font; 'Port Elizabeth/Eastern Cape' in a smaller white font; 'buying • selling • want lists' in yellow; '082 554 8900 • info@stampsfriend.com' in white; and 'www.stampsfriend.com' in a larger white font. Below this is 'British Commonwealth • South Africa • St Helena'. On the right side of the banner are logos for 'PITS' and 'ifeda'. Below the banner, the Facebook group interface shows 'Stamp's Friend', 'Public group · 476 members', a row of member profile pictures, and '+ Invite' and 'Share' buttons.

Note: back issues of the PEPS newsletters available from the Stamp's Friend website under the news/articles menu.

Well folks that is that for our February edition of the newsletter. Should you come across useful philatelic articles, auction results, news items, etc - please forward to us for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Also, any letter to the editor is welcomed. **Bye**

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| Lighthouse Basic 32 pages | R 680 |
| Lighthouse Basic 64 pages | R 980 |
| Lighthouse Comfort 32 pages | R 970 |
| Lighthouse Premium 64 pages + slipcase .. | R 1 100 |
| Lindner 64 pages | R 1 080 |

Mounting strips

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| Hawid, Prinz, Lighthouse pre-cut strips | from R 20 |
| Lighthouse SF (per 5 strips) | |
| 217 mm x 21,5 mm or 27,5 mm | R 30 |
| 217 mm x 33 mm or 36 mm | R 40 |
| 217 mm x 40 mm or 45 mm | R 50 |
| 217 mm x 55 mm or 66 mm | R 60 |
| 217 mm x 72 mm or 84 mm or 92 mm | R 70 |
| 217 mm x 148 mm or 164 mm | R 110 |

Tweezers and exhibition sleeves

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| Tweezers (12 cm/15 cm) | R 200/350 |
| Exhibition sleeves (packet of 5) | R 160 |

Magnifying glasses

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| Straight shank 60 mm | R 30 |
| Folding 30 x 21 mm | R 70 |
| Illuminated 40 x 25 mm | R 140 |
| Lighthouse frameless LED | R 550 |

Other

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| Prinz stockcards - box of 100 | R 650 |
| Vario pages | |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 strips/packet of 5 | R 180 |

Stamp and first day cover albums

Various new and second hand stockbooks and cover albums in good condition. R 100+

Stock

British Commonwealth/cinderella's
South Africa/Homelands/SWA/Namibia

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Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth (1840 - 1970) catalogues available

2014 = R 300 2015 = R 400 2016 = R 500

2017 = R 600 2018 = R 700 2022 = R 1 100 2023 = R 1 400

