PS of J Newsletter

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Welcome to our November newsletter.

Our last meeting

Once again, we had a well-attended meeting on 21st October. Despite a few of our regular attendees not being there, we welcomed 14 members and 2 visitors. The themes for the afternoon were **My favourite and thematic.**

General items

- It was decided to once again hold a Music Quiz, as our end of year function. Terry and Anne-Marie Lydall have very kindly agreed to have it at their Bryanston home in the evening of 21st November. They have asked for an early starting time of 5pm.

- For those attending please do EFTs for R 100.00 pp to the society's bank account.

- The donation of the society's trophies to the SAPO Museum is progressing. Clive will send a letter to the Curator this week to formalising the donation. Since then, arrangements have been made to take the trophies to Talita Fourie the Museum Curator in Pretoria on Thursday 12th November.

- Clive reminded members of the 200 circuit books which are still available to members.

- A number of pamphlets were placed on the table for members to take to pin on any notice boards where they could attract interest.

Items of interest

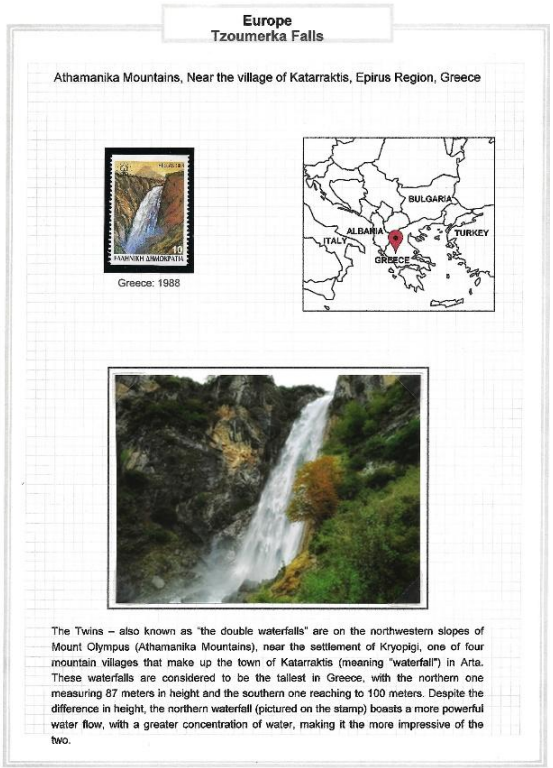
Rudi von Varendorff showed a Hungarian cover with stamps of 2 different currencies.

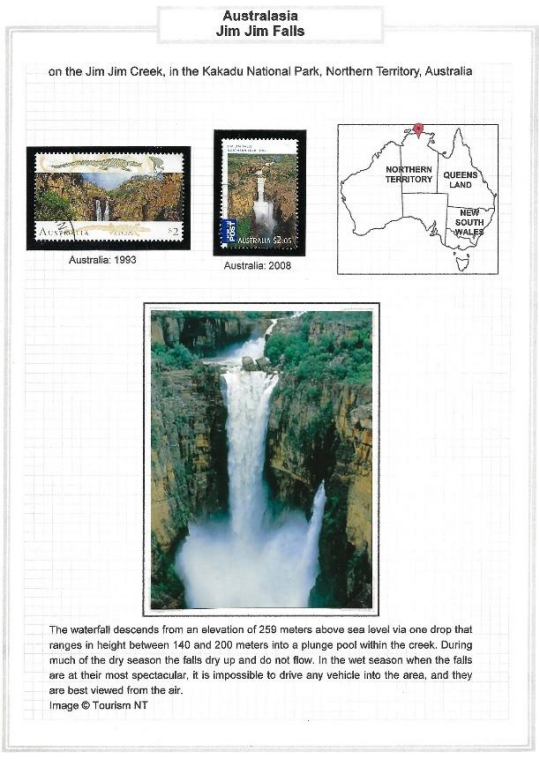
Ian Matheson shared his favourite philatelic item – a first day cover of the first set from the Federation of Malaya dated 5 May 1957. This item was the precursor to a lifelong passion for our hobby!

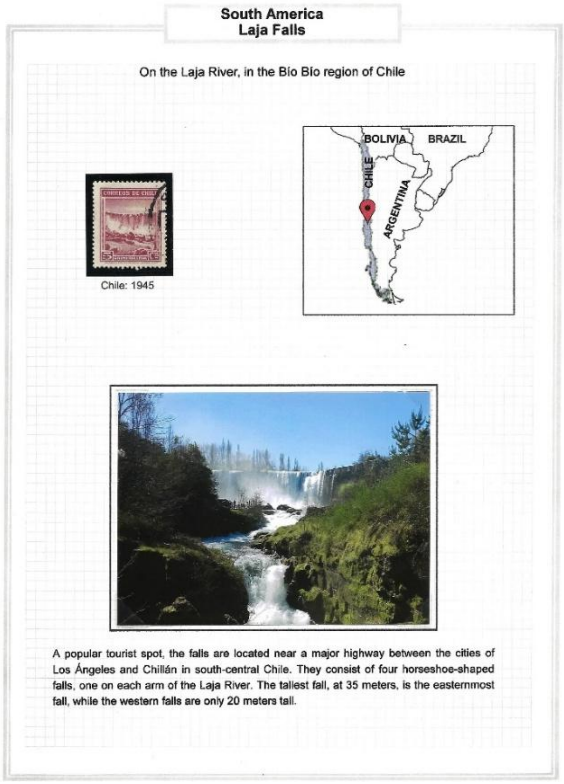
Exhibits

Terry Lydall showed 40 pages of his ***Waterfalls of the World***

These two frames are part of my mounted collection which now documents 76 different waterfalls. I do not attempt to acquire every stamp depicting a particular waterfall, but rather find examples of as many different waterfalls as possible.







I last showed some of my waterfalls at a Johannesburg Society meeting in January 2024, where I presented only African waterfalls. The selection shown today covers the whole world but is made up mostly of more recent additions to the collection. To make up the number of pages I have however included some of the more spectacular falls I may have shown before.

As the focus is on the content rather than the origin of the stamps, the exhibit is arranged geographically, one page per waterfall. Stamps are shown together with a map of the location and a photograph of the falls depicted on the stamp. Photographs and maps have been sourced from open-source material on the internet.

Some useful information about each waterfall is added at the foot of each page, including interesting anecdotes and, when available, technical details such as the width, height and volume of water in the falls.

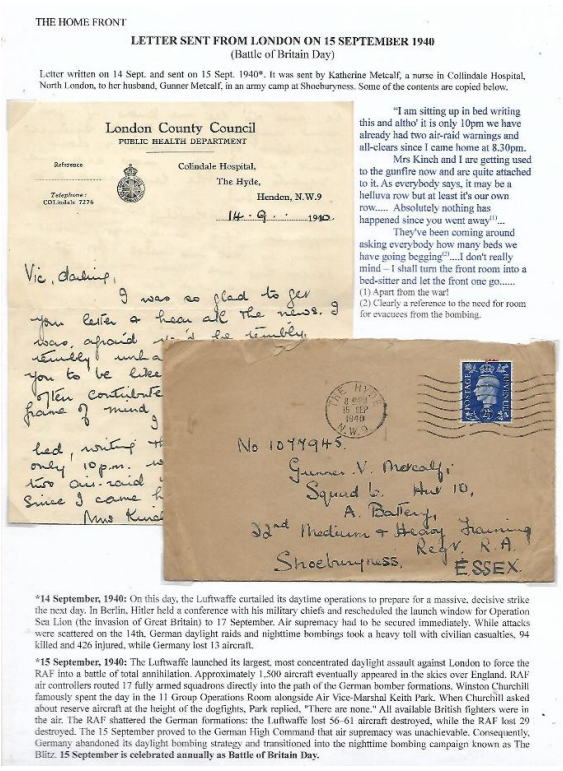
I'm sure you will agree that most of the stamps do not do justice to the magnificence of the falls depicted, which is why I decided to add actual photographs of each waterfall to my pages.
There are many interesting stories behind a number of these waterfalls, which you can read about in the footnotes to each page:

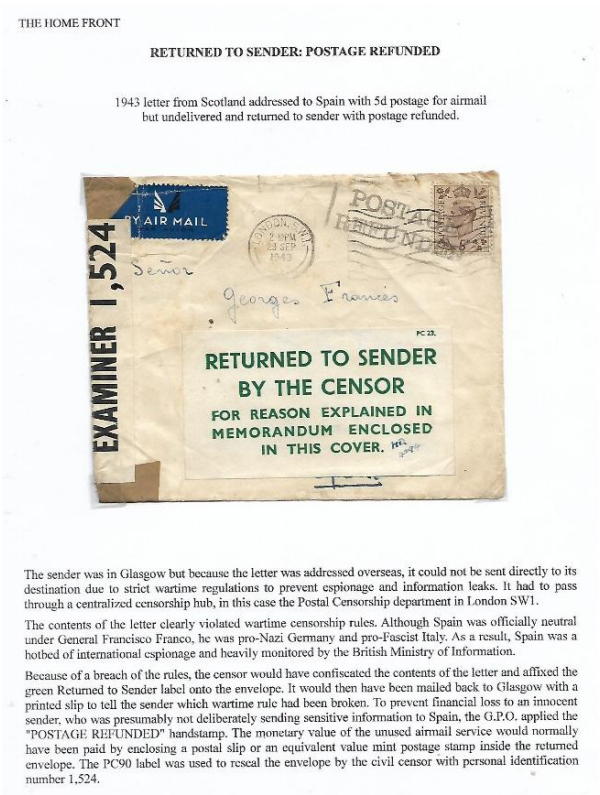
- *Some of the falls have lost heir former glory, often due to human intervention – either through overuse of the water or environmental damage.*
- *Some stamps depict falls captioned with names that are no longer in use, in some cases because the stamps were issued during the colonial era and the independent nations may have done away with colonial era names, which now draw a blank in a google search. In some cases a name provided to the designer was assumed but never officially used.*
- *Some of the falls have physically ceased to exist or may never have been officially identified and named as depicted on the stamp.*
- *Some stamps even show waterfalls that have never existed, and were just created by an artist to express a sentiment rather than depict an actual place.*
- *Many of the falls are linked to legends and myths, some with dark histories.*
- *Many are popular tourist attractions, some so popular that their natural beauty has been severely degraded; and*
- *Some are so far off the beaten track that they can only be reached on foot after several hour's walk. Those, at least are protected from over tourism.*

Other anomalies and apparent errors on stamps were discovered in the course of building this collection

- *Incorrect names and places are not uncommon. In such instances I have done my best to correctly identify the waterfall depicted on the stamp from images of falls that are stored on the internet. Identification is often deduced from the shape of the waterfall and its surrounding terrain or landmarks.*

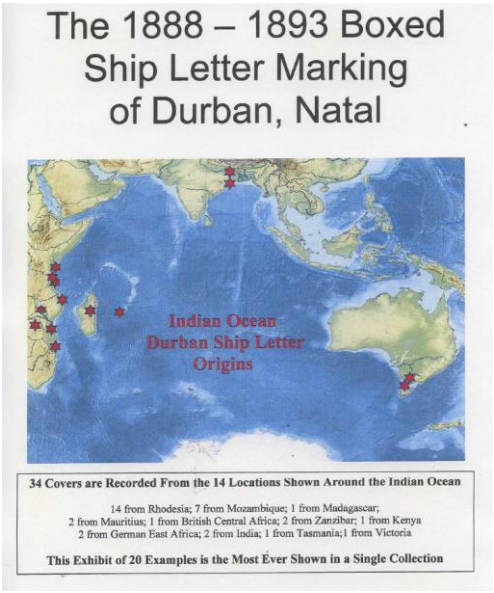
Ted Roberts showed 15 pages of some postmark history of WWII





Keith Klugman sent us this message and a1frame exhibit: -

I miss not being able to show at your meetings so thought I would send you this pdf of my favorite frame – it's all covers that show the unique "Ship Letter" boxed marking used in Durban from 1888-93 – we don't know what postal role it played as there was no associated ship letter fee, but it's really hard to find on cover – no example new to me has emerged in the past 10 years.



Letters arrived in Durban from all over the Indian ocean as shown – 34 are recorded and 20 are shown in my one frame.

1888 – 1893 Durban Boxed Ship Letter Mark **Mauritius**

The Only 2 Recorded Durban Ship Letters with Origin in Mauritius.

12 Dec 1889. Mauritius 25c postal stationery cancelled B53 pays postage to the newly created gold rush mining town of Johannesburg. Endorsed "Per Conway Castle" the letter was advertised with "GEPUBLICEERD" purple handstamp applied. Carried via Durban on 24th Dec 1889 with boxed Ship Letter marking applied in transit, and arrival Witwatersrand backstamp on 27th Dec 1889.

22 Jul 1891. Mauritius 1883 25c stamp pays registered postage via Durban with boxed Ship Letter Jul 30th to Orange Free State. Endorsed by "Lismore Castle".

1888 – 1893 Durban Boxed Ship Letter Mark **Umtali, Rhodesia via Moçambique Newbolt Correspondence**

One of 2 Recorded Stampless Covers from Rhodesia with Durban Ship Letter Mark

Carried on the 5th of the Seven Recorded Depatches by the Eastern Route

Illustrated on page 114 of Rhodesian Philately to 1924 by Trotter, Hoffman and Flanagan, RPSL, 2021 and on page 63 of Mashonaland, A Postal History by Drysdall and Collis, Rhodesian Study Circle and Robson Lowe, 1990.

11 March 1892. Umtali **5th mailing via Eastern route** with BSAC and Moçambique postage paid in cash with 50 Reis paid in cash (manuscript on handstamp of Secretaria, Governo do Districto, Manica). Both recorded letters from the 5th Despatch are from the Newbolt correspondence and are endorsed "Via Beira & East Coast. Addressed to Bedford, England with Umtali code G frontstamp and Durban transit plus Durban boxed ship letter marking on 12th April 1892.

1888 – 1893 Durban Boxed Ship Letter Mark **Kopje (Salisbury), Rhodesia via Moçambique**

Second of the Only Four Recorded Rhodesia / Moçambique Combination Covers

Carried on the 2nd of the Seven Recorded Depatches by the Eastern Route

Illustrated on page 112 of Rhodesian Philately to 1924 by Trotter, Hoffman and Flanagan, RPSL, 2021 and on page 59 of Mashonaland, A Postal History by Drysdall and Collis, Rhodesian Study Circle and Robson Lowe, 1990.

17 Jan 1892. 5d British South Africa Company franking of 4d plus 1d cancelled barred diamond obliterator "K" of Kopje (later Salisbury), with Umtali "G" transit of Jan 27th, 2nd mailing via Eastern route to Macequece, Moçambique; BSAC stamps also pay 3d for 50 Reis Moçambique (1886 40 plus 10 Reis postage) to be supplied at Umtali and pay postage via Beira to Durban March 7th. Boxed Durban Ship Letter Mark; Port Elizabeth March 7th arrival. Scan (reduced) of reverse with Moçambique stamps. Cover faults repaired.

Our next meeting

Our November meeting on Wednesday 18th will have the theme **As You Like It.** This is a completely open theme for members to show whatever they like or wish to share.

This will be followed, just three days later by our Music Quiz on Saturday 21st November starting at 5pm. Terry & Anne-Marie's address is 96a Eccleston Crescent, Bryanston. Terry is on 082 563 7034.

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