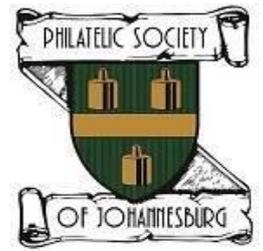


PS of J Newsletter

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Welcome to our September newsletter.

I trust you and yours are all keeping well and coping with these very difficult times.

Reducing the lockdown restrictions has seen the promise of Stamp Fairs returning this month. That certainly is good news.

It will be interesting to see how these are managed to make them safe and worthwhile attending. Hopefully we will soon hear from the organisers how they plan to do this. I guess you won't be able to just pitch up because of the restrictions limiting venues to 50 people.

WHAT ABOUT OUR SOCIETY MEETINGS?

I have been asked when we will recommence our society's meetings. That is a question I can't answer at the moment. Starting again will depend on a number of conditions being right. The most important will be members being willing to attend meetings while risks of infection remain.

It seems likely that it will be some time before our country is free of the COVID-19 virus. Should we commence before then? If you have any thoughts and ideas, please send them to me to share with our members.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Two members have responded to my request for items for the newsletter.

Ted Roberts, who usually has something different and interesting, sent us the following.

Thanks, Ted. For the humour too.

Seeing submissions to the last Newsletter by Robin and Rudi, has shamed me into also sending something.

See the letter below that was posted in 1914. Clearly, the Post Office in Newcastle, England, was not amused and the letter received the annotation in red ink "Contrary to Regulations".

Can you solve the puzzle and find out to whom and to where the letter was supposed to go? I am offering prizes for the first three correct entries:

FIRST PRIZE: 1 week's holiday in Putsonderwater*.

SECOND PRIZE: 2 weeks' holiday in Putsonderwater*.

THIRD PRIZE: 3 weeks' holiday in Putsonderwater*.

* (Always read the small print: All, and I mean all, expenses to be paid by the prizewinner.)

(If you can't solve the puzzle, don't be downhearted – You won't have to go to Putsonderwater.)

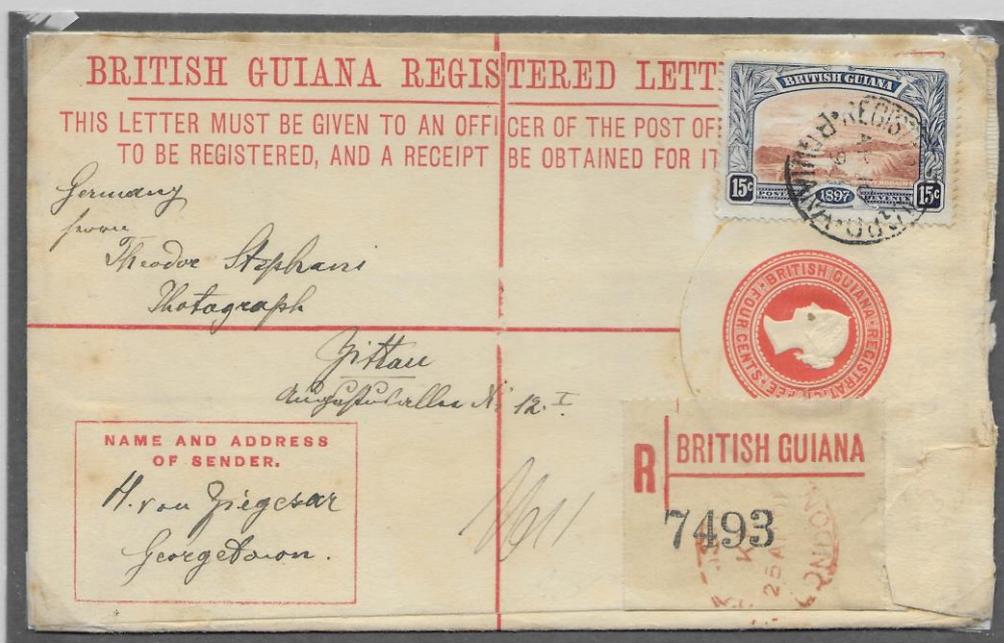


Chris Cordes has again kindly sent us two interesting items. Thanks, Chris.

Local Cover



The "OHMS" "Treasury" cover carries a "stamp" cancelled with a "P.B. Georgetown/B.Guiana" postmark. At first glance, the stamp seems to represent an example of the shifted surcharge variety. However, closer examination reveals that the stamp has been concocted from three pieces of two or three stamps. The enlarged scan shows a bottom "half" of a stamp mated with a truncated top portion, itself enhanced with a portion from the right side of a stamp carrying a "T" from what appears to have been a genuine shifted surcharge variety.



The 1881 design 4c Registered Envelope Pattern 2 is interesting in that it carries a 15c Jubilee value to prepay the triple U.P.U. rate for foreign mail. This rate appears to be possible as the cover seems to have contained one or more photograph. The stamp is cancelled with a "Registration G.P.O./B. Guiana" mark showing a date "AP 10/1901". It has a London transit strike of "25 AP 01" and a Zittau arrival of "26 4 01", (scan shown above).

Blast from the past

This could have been many of us some time ago. Surely a rare sight today of youngsters collecting stamps.



Stay safe, stay well and stay in touch.

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