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Society Calendar 2013

Details of the Programme for 2013 can be found in the Programme Card enclosed with this issue of the Journal. If you do not have a programme card please contact the Editor.

Postal Stationery Society's 21st Anniversary Celebrations.

The Society held its inaugural meeting at the Union Jack Club, London, in September 1992 and thus will be celebrating its 21st anniversary next year.

As part of these celebrations we are organising two major events. The first is an issue of Gibbons Stamp Monthly dedicated to postal stationery and to this society. The editor of this popular philatelic magazine has agreed to accept articles written by a number of Society members for this issue, which we expect will be published in the middle of 2013. The exact date will be given in a future issue of our Journal.

The second event celebrating our anniversary will be a joint meeting with the Great Britain Philatelic Society at the Royal Philatelic Society's headquarters in London, where we normally meet. This meeting will be held on Saturday 16th November 2013. Although it is a joint meeting between the two societies, only our members will be displaying. It is our intention to show the GBPS members how postal stationery played (and still plays) an important part in postal history. We also hope to show them that collecting material from around the world can be equally as satisfying as concentrating on Great Britain alone. Twelve of our members will give displays with a postal stationery theme, only some of which will include British issues. Many of the displays will feature postal stationery issued in foreign countries. All members of the Postal Stationery Society and their partners or a guest are invited to attend this meeting.

The meeting on 16th November will be followed by a dinner to be held that evening at the Union Jack Club, Sandwell Street, Waterloo, London SE1 8UJ. This is the venue where it all started and where the Society's inaugural meeting was held, so it is an appropriate venue for us in our 21st anniversary year. All members of the Postal Stationery Society are invited to participate in this dinner together with their spouse or guest. As we will have had a joint meeting with the Great Britain Philatelic Society that day, their members and guests will also be invited to the dinner. The cost of the dinner is expected to be £25 per head plus wine. Members will also be able to stay overnight at the Union Jack Club at a special price of about £70 single and £120 double, both single and double rooms having en suite facilities.

If you are a serving member of Great Britain's armed forces, or are an ex-serviceman or woman, you can join the Union Jack Club and receive a discount on the above room rates. If you are interested, you can apply direct to the Union Jack Club in London, or write to the Society's secretary who has information leaflets.

Finally, we want to emphasise that members are invited to attend either the joint meeting in the day, or the dinner at the Union Jack Club in the evening, or both events, as they wish.

Further details and booking forms will be sent out with the PS Journal next year.

Indonesia June 2012 FIP Exhibition

Congratulations to the following members on their achievements at Indonesia 2012:

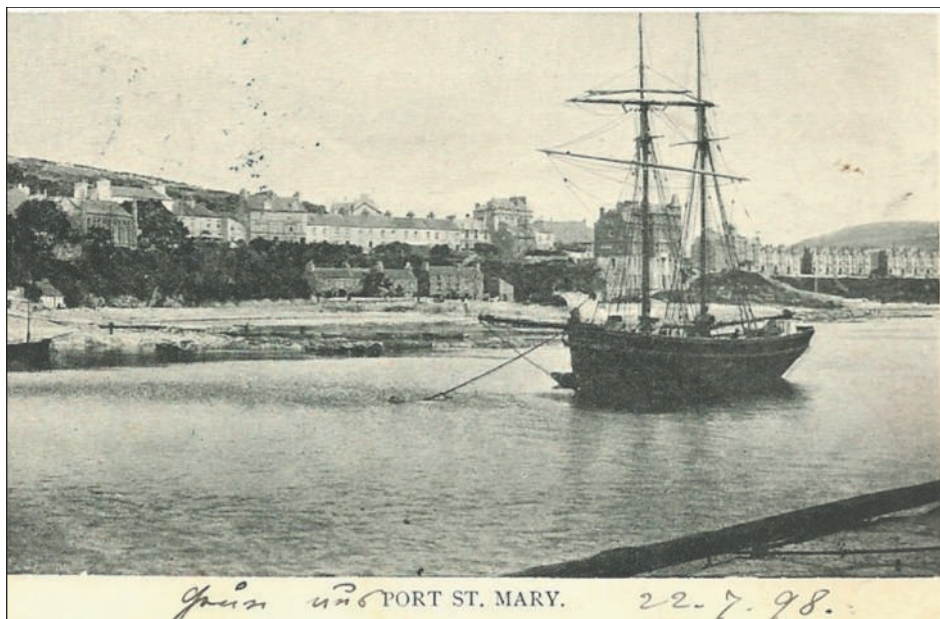
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|-------------------------|--|----------|
| Michael Smith | Postal Stationery of the Orange Free State | 95 LG SP |
| Alan Huggins | Mauritius Postal Stationery Prestamped Postcards | 93 G |
| Richard Wheatley | Netherlands East Indies King William III Postcards & Envelopes | 90 G |



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT - NOVEMBER 1012

Welcome to a new Chairman's Chat and can I say thank you to everyone for electing me as Chairman and I hope I can successfully follow Michael in the role. The spot has been used to reflect on an interesting or unusual piece of stationery and for the first issue I will follow that route. In the auction last month, a lot of interest was shown in 2 Victorian postcards that had pictures printed on the reverse. These were illustrated in the catalogue and were SWR sto cards illustrating regiments of the Army and

advertising the shortest route from London to Aldershot. I recently acquired a pair of illustrated cards, this time the 1892 1d overseas card. These are official PO cards and not sto and both have photographs of Port St Mary, Isle of Man printed on the reverse. Both are used in July 1898 to the same address in Munich. This card is one of my favourites, and unusual cards/usages continue to turn-up. The key being its what's on the back that often counts!



Neil Sargent

SECRETARY'S NOTES - NOVEMBER 2012

Email addresses.

We currently have email addresses for about a third of our members, but when we sent out emails recently quite a few were bounced back as the addresses were no longer valid.

We have asked members in the past to let us have their email addresses as this makes it much easier to get in touch if there is some important event to be organised or a sudden change to the arrangements - as happened recently in connection with the Society's 21st anniversary dinner. However there has not been much response to this request.

If you give us your email address we undertake not to pass this onto a third party and only to use it to contact you with important information regarding the Society's activities - it's part of our constitution not to divulge personal information outside the Society.

If you did not receive one of our emails recently concerning the 21st Anniversary Celebrations or offering

philatelic books for sale, it means we do not hold your current email address, so if you would like to be on the mailing list please let Edward Caesley know.

Please send an email to our Membership Secretary and he will then be able to add your address to his records. Sending out a mailing in between Journal issues is prohibitively expensive with inland second class postage rates at 50p plus the cost of envelopes and printing. Overseas costs are considerably higher. Nobody wants the Society subscription to go up simply due to unnecessary postage costs, so get onto that keyboard now and send Edward Caesley a short message - (caesley@btinternet.com)

Airgraphs

There has always been a bit of a mystery surrounding the reasons why the illustrated airgraph form for Christmas 1944 had an impressed 3d stamp to pay for

the service, whereas every other form had to be paid with an adhesive stamp. However, when I gave a display this year to the Bournemouth Philatelic Society (which included some airgraphs) one of the members gave me the following explanation.

During the Second World War paper was in short supply. The airgraph forms were given to the public by post offices and the 3d charge was only made when a completed form was handed in. Catching onto this, people asked for more forms than they intended to use and simply used the spare ones for other purposes. To overcome this, the Post Office decided to charge the fee for the form when it was first given out and an imprinted stamp seemed the simple way of doing this. But in 1945 the war was coming to an end, the airgraph service was being run down, and the idea of issuing non-illustrated forms with a stamp never came to fruition.

I cannot confirm or refute this story, but I can believe it to be true as it's such a simple explanation given to me by someone who is old enough to remember those times.

Tony Chilton Competition

There were 9 entries for this year's Tony Chilton Competition for sixteen sheets on any postal stationery theme. The competition was judged by **Mike Smith** who said all the entries were of a high standard, they made very good subjects for a 16 sheet (one frame) display and they contained many lovely items. He made the following awards.

| | |
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| First | Michael Lockton - QV Penny Pinks, Commercial Use |
| Second | Keith Hanman - Bahamas Postal Stationery |
| Third | Neil Sargent - Postal Stationery of Palestine |



Michael Lockton receives the Tony Chilton Salver from the Chairman, Neil Sargent.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27th OCTOBER 2012

The Society's AGM was held on Saturday 27th October 2012 at the Royal Philatelic Society's headquarters in London. Eighteen members were present.

The Chairman, **Michael Lockton**, opened the meeting by welcoming members. Apologies for absence had been received from **Tony Goldstone, John Fowler, Chris Howe, Lars Engelbrecht, Alan Huggins, Arthur Roberts, John Barker and Iain Stevenson**.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Chairman's Report - Michael Lockton. At the conclusion of my two years of office as your Chairman, I consider I hand over the Society in a very thriving condition thanks to the work of its committee members. I have enjoyed my two years and have met many members.

I must however draw attention to three members of the committee on whom I must give thanks.

Firstly our Secretary, Colin Baker, on whom I relied throughout my two years for keeping me informed of what I should be doing and in general making all the arrangements for the efficient running of meetings. He is indeed a stalwart of the Society.

Secondly, I must thank John Barker for his splendid production of the Journal. I think it is a quality production and a great showcase for the Society. The coloured illustrations add a new dimension to the Journal and make it an outstanding magazine.

Thirdly I wish to thank Neil Sargent for his auction catalogues. This, like the Journal, is also in colour. I am sure that the auction catalogues are much appreciated by all members and the auction is a great draw for the AGM, a meeting that could be a great "put-off" if it were not for them. And I must here thank all members who supply material for

the auction. The auctioneer needs a great deal of material if he is to produce an auction list of some 500 lots twice a year.

I step down with a provisional programme for next year already advertised in this year's programme.

Your society is in very good hands, and I wish my successor every success in the coming year.

Secretary's Report - Colin Baker. We have had three good meetings during the year, two here in London and one at Swinpex. However I think it a shame that the meetings at Worpex have had to be cancelled due to a lack of support. I have nothing else to add that will not be a repeat what other committee members have to say.

Treasurer's Report - Alan Ginsberg. [Note; A summary of the Society's Income and Expenditure for the year was handed out to members present, and is reproduced in this Journal on p17.] The accounts for the year ending 31st August show that the society has ended the year with a deficit. I have identified that part of the subscription income is attributable to this financial year, thus enabling us to see clearly the true income and expenditure. This reveals a deficit of £2187.53 which includes money used to purchase the extra stamps for posting the Journal and Auction Catalogues which totalled £1891.50. So, aside from the purchase of extra stamps, there is an actual deficit of only £296.03.

We opened a Paypal account this year to facilitate the payment by members of amounts outstanding for membership as well as for purchases made on auction. This has only been open since November 2011. A few of our members have availed themselves of this new facility. It is of greatest benefit to our overseas members, as it makes

payment from anywhere in the world very straightforward. By the 31 August 2012, we had a credit of £309.59 in Paypal.

With the help of Ed Caesley who deals with membership of our Society, we have now increased our revenue from membership fees to £3114.47 for this year.

In early April, John Barker bought an extra stock of postage stamps prior to the rates going up steeply. By doing so we have thus avoided the substantial rate increase scheduled for stamps in April 2012. We spent £1891.50.

As soon as the cost of postage went up, our stock was valued at £1250.61 more than it cost us. In view of the miserable savings rates available to societies such as ours, this is a far better investment.

The auction results show that this service to members made profit this year. The March auction made £66.32 and the August auction made £284.33.

This profit is dependent on our auctioneer Neil receiving lots of sufficient value to enable us to cover the catalogue printing and postage costs. Neil has done a fantastic job using the colour facilities to greatly enhance the display of the lots being offered in our auction catalogue. Members are encouraged to offer their surplus material for auction through our Society.

May I take this opportunity to thank Colin Baker and John Barker for their help through the year as well as John Barker and Neil Sargent for their efforts in obtaining advertising revenue and auction commission.

Auctioneer's Report - Neil Sargent. Two auctions as usual were held during the year. The May 2012 postal auction was generally well received and contained some attractive GB items including a large range of rare QEII wrappers which sold very well. Highlight of the sale was a collection of rare mint Valentine envelopes from an original untouched source. Two sets of 6 different envelopes made £325 each, individual envelopes made £52/54 and a set of 10 envelopes including an original wrapper band made £430.

The October room and postal auction was relatively successful with good bidding in the room but postal bidders ensuring their share of the spoils. A scarce KEVII Admiralty Registered envelope made £170, a mint Mulready lettersheet made £80 and an interesting range of QV STO impressions individually struck on leaves made £105.

In conclusion I would ask members to try to provide more good material for future auctions so that we can continue to run two auctions a year.

Journal Editor's Report - John Barker. Through its pages, the Journal continues to provide a channel for members to publish 'works in progress' with a view to stimulating others to come forward with additional information to add to the initial work. I regard this as an important function of a Society Journal as it enables research to move forward by collective and collaborative effort leading to a better understanding and knowledge base of a particular topic.

2013 is the Society's 21st year and I would like to see more members contributing to the Journal to let others know something about **their** collecting interests. One of the objectives of the Postal Stationery Society is to cater for 'collectors of postal stationery worldwide'. If you have an area of interest, which has not appeared in the Journal, then please give us a taste!

Once again, I am indebted to all those members who have written articles and news items for publication in the Journal. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those dealers and auction houses who take advertising space, thereby defraying the cost of the Journal to members.

Please keep me supplied so that I can maintain the standard and improve the Journal even further.

Membership Secretary's Report - Edward Caesley. The Society has 228 paid up members, 12 members did not renew their membership fee last January, and since then 6 new members have joined the Society.

I would like to ask all members who have an e-mail address and have not notified of their e-mail address to please do so as it is easier to contact members by e-mail and is also cheaper than biro cancelled postage.

I would also urge members to notify me of any change to their contact details and not the Society's Secretary, as it is my responsibility to keep the membership records up to date.

Librarian's Report - Chris Howe I don't have much of a report. Borrowings remain steady but at a fairly low rate. H&G is still the most popular request but I do try to provide a scan where practical, either as hard copy or on a CD so the amount of H&G held on CD is slowly increasing. Offers of books and periodicals would be welcome as would suggestions for purchases.

I did not go ahead with the purchase of the books I mentioned earlier this year, as one of the members interested bought his own copy of one of them and I am able to get the others elsewhere.

Webmaster's Report - Lars Engelbrecht The society website www.postalstationery.org.uk has been updated with the list of content of the new issues of the PS Journal and information on the society meetings. The website continues to have more than 120 visitors per week.

I have been the Society's webmaster now for nearly 10 years, and I would like to hand over the website to anybody else who would like to take over this task. There is no hurry, but if somebody would like to take over, I will be more than happy to let go.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following Society officers were elected.

Chairman – Neil Sargent (and to act as **Auctioneer**)

Secretary – Colin Baker

Treasurer – Alan Ginsberg

The post of Deputy Chairman was not filled and it was left to the committee to find a suitable candidate. He/she would be formally proposed at the next AGM in 2013.

The following committee members were elected

John Barker (to act as **Journal Editor**)

Mike Smith (to act as **ABPS representative**)

Edward Caesley (to act as **Membership Secretary**)

Michael Lockton (as **retiring chairman**)

Note: The positions of Assistant Journal Editor, Publicity Officer and Programme Secretary (set by the committee) are currently unfilled.

The Honorary Auditor is arranged by the treasurer.

PROGRAMME FOR 2013

Colin Baker told members of the comprehensive programme arranged for the Society in 2013, including our 21st anniversary celebrations. See the enclosed programme card and elsewhere in this issue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter O'Keeffe queried two figures on the tabled accounts. The Treasurer was unable to explain these, having no books to hand. He promised to look into the matter so that an explanation could be given in a future issue of the Journal.

There being no more matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at approximately 12.10pm.

2. The Advertising Stamp Envelope Company.

Dating from 1877, the advertisers are from Birmingham and include a very interesting price list of coal per ton loaded onto trucks. Stamp is ES7; size is 300mm x 220mm

The only CRAPES which REALLY WILL NOT SPOT WITH RAIN, ARE STAMPED RAIN PROOF, AND GUARANTEED HEATED TO EVERY PIECE.

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The COMPANY send COAL by Railway in Trucks to all Stations, and load Canal Boats at their respective Wharves on the Anglesey Branch of the Birmingham Canal, adjoining the Colliery, and at Hednesford Basin, Cannock.

| Prices Loaded into Trucks | s. | d. |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Yard Coal | 11 | 0 |
| Best Deep Coal | 12 | 0 |
| Best Deep Cobble | 11 | 0 |
| Best Shallow Coal | 10 | 0 |
| Shallow (one way) | 10 | 0 |
| Best Shallow Cobble | 10 | 0 |
| Bright Sizers | 11 | 0 |
| Hard Steam | 9 | 0 |
| Best Kibbles | 9 | 0 |
| Old Bark | 6 | 0 |
| Small Shallow Coal | 6 | 0 |
| Seconds Steam | 6 | 0 |
| New Mix | 7 | 0 |
| Seasoned Nuts | 5 | 0 |
| Rough Slack | 6 | 0 |
| Flax Slack | 6 | 0 |
| Screenings | 3 | 0 |

1st Dec. 1877. JOHN N. BROWN.

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The surpassing progress and great achievements of this Office are the best proofs of the public confidence and the high esteem placed upon the Company's liberal dealings; especially in promptly settling claims and its peculiar feature of surrender Value.
The number of proposals received during the past year was 7,411 and 48,231 new Policies were issued. There was a net increase of £14,250 18s. 11d. in the annual premium income, making the total on April 30th, 1877, £37,378 6s. 8d.
After meeting all Claims and Expenses, and paying the usual interest of 7 1/2 per cent., the balance carried to the Reserve Fund was £2,685 7s. 6 1/2d., making the total £8,944 5s. 4d.
Through the Agency of the British Workman's Assurance Company the great principles and advantages of Life Assurance become universal in their application. The Company embrace all ages and all classes of healthy people.
Any Premium is now taken from One Penny per Week to Fifty Pounds per Year.
H. PORT, Manager.

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Manufacturers solicited to apply.

S. BARTON Manufacturer of every description of Gibbons', Pat's, Wilks', Duce's and other Patent Mortice in Elm Lock Barrels, Floor Plates, Hall and Front Door Knobs, in Ebony and other fancy woods; also Cornices and other Knobs, with Wood's Patent Screws; Bell & Curtain Cordage Pale Rings & Bells, and General Hard Wood Turnery, Davis's Mill, 31, Edgbury St., Birmingham.

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The simplest, safest and best Sporting Gun made. For prices and to view, apply to the Patentee and Manufacturer,
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MILTON HOUSE AGENCY,
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PRIZE MEDAL
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J. & S. LAWRENCE & Co.'s
PATENT POCKET APPARATUS FOR DATING, RECEIPTING, MARKING LINEN, HEADING NOTE-PAPEE, ENDORSING ENVELOPES, POSTAL CAHDS, &c.

CRESTS, MONAGRAMS, ADDRESSES OR OTHER DEVICES CUT TO ORDER.
May be obtained from the Patentee and Sole Manufacturers, **J. & S. LAWRENCE & Co., 125, Great Charles Street, Birmingham,** and through all Merchants, Stationers, Ironmongers, and other AGENTS WANTED.—Price Lists on application.

BELOW: Enlargement of the panel above with details of The Advertising Stamped Envelope Company's charges

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Our Advertising Stamped Envelopes are the best medium for your Advertisements. They are published in issues of 10,000, and are SOLD FOR THREE FARTHING'S EACH, INCLUDING THE EMBOSSED PENNY STAMP.

The system announced on every Envelope of selling Penny Stamps for Three Farthings is such a striking novelty, to most people, that they will be examined with great curiosity—to the evident advantage of Advertisers.

As a guarantee to Advertisers that the stated number of Envelopes are issued, our Printer (Mr. JOHN GATELEY, Weaman Street, Birmingham) gives with every issue a Certificate that he has printed 10,000 of that particular issue, and that every one was embossed with a Penny Postage Stamp. Further, as soon as each issue is Printed and Stamped, we send one of the 10,000 to every Advertiser whose Announcement appears thereon.

In case you should like to have any of the Envelopes, we shall be happy to book your order (for not less than 480, 30/-) and will supply them as soon as Advertisers and other earlier orders have been executed.—Your obedient Servant,
Secretary, EDWARD JAMES SALKELD.

Advertisements can be inserted at the rate of 21s. per inch space.
An Advertisement of £3 3s. 0d. carries with it a claim of 480 Stamps for 30/-

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| £3 2s. 0d. | " | " | 240 | 15/- |
| " | " | " | 120 | 7/6 |

Post Office Orders payable at General Post Office, Birmingham. Cross Cheques Worcester City and County Bank, Limited.
To insure insertion Advertisers in the country will please remit with order.

3. Anglo-Colonial Letter Co. Ltd

Dating from late 1888, but only lasting about one year. The sheets bears a 1d embossed die **ES.11**. Tower Tea was advertised at between 1/4d and 2 shillings per pound. Size was L shaped and 180mm x 123mm plus a side panel of 183mm x 120mm. The side flaps are not included.

An advert from the other side of the lettersheet

[Editor's Note: **Alan Cotton** has sent a scan of another example of an 'Anglo-Colonial Letter' advertising sheet. See p21]

THE Anglo-Colonial Letter Co. Limited
 1, SOUTH JOHN ST., LIVERPOOL.
 TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"COLONIAL," LIVERPOOL.
 Sold at the Offices of the Company, and in places Licensed for the Sale of Postage Stamps.
 NINEPENCE PER DOZEN.
 5th London Issue. Dated 25th June, 1889. (10,000 have been stamped at Somerset House.)
 Registered No. 108,473. BRANCH OFFICE: 5, AGAR STREET, STRAND, LONDON, W.C. TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"PROGREDIOR," LONDON.

WM. NEIL & CO.,
LAND, HOUSE & ESTATE AGENTS,
 87, FINSBURY PAVEMENT, LONDON, E.C.
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 Properties Bought and Sold.
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J. E. THORPE & Co.,
 PATENTEES & MANUFACTURERS,
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ANTI-SHINE! ANTI-SHINE!
 Ladies' Jackets, Gents' Coats, &c. Repairs and Alterations.
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 Price, 1/4, 1/8 and 2/- per lb.
 Every Packet bears the above Registered Trade Mark, and is signed "Tower Tea."

JOHN WARNER'S GREAT GOUT & RHEUMATIC CURE.
 JOHN WARNER'S GREAT ASTHMA CURE.
JOHN WARNER (late ASHTON), 20, 21 & 22, CHANCERY LANE, LONDON, W.C.

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Details of the publisher on the underside of the flap

THE Anglo-Colonial Letter Co. Limited
 1, SOUTH JOHN ST., LIVERPOOL.
 TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"COLONIAL," LIVERPOOL.
 Sold at the Offices of the Company, and in places Licensed for the Sale of Postage Stamps.
 NINEPENCE PER DOZEN.
 5th London Issue. Dated 25th June, 1889. (10,000 have been stamped at Somerset House.)
 Registered No. 108,473. BRANCH OFFICE: 5, AGAR STREET, STRAND, LONDON, W.C. TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"PROGREDIOR," LONDON.

4. The Halfpenny Letter Co. Ltd.

A very large sheet of double quarto size, some 408mm x 270mm bearing 1d embossed die ES11.

Unlike Jim Brown's copy, mine emanates from Dublin in the 1880s and not from Scotland. The agent is Wm. Hickey, 19a, Mary Street, Dublin.

TAAFFE & COLDWELL.

IRISH LINEN SHIRTS.
TAAFFE & COLDWELL'S
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 Have received their New Stock of WINTER MATERIALS, including all the Newest Styles in OVERCOATINGS, SUITINGS AND TROUSERINGS.
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IN HANDSOME GOLD FRAME.
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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
WRITE FOR CATALOGUE.
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THE HALF-PENNY LETTER Co., Ltd.
Patent Envelope,
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Works: GOLBORNE, LANCASHIRE & DUBLIN.

Patterns Free.

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ROOM PAPER MANUFACTURERS,
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BLINDS.

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LARGEST MANUFACTURERS OF
PICTURE FRAMES
IN IRELAND.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Estimates given for Framing of
SHOWCARDS.

One half, of one side, of this lettersheet

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5. The Halfpenny Closed Letter Co. Ltd.

This company published Henry Courts envelope, also bearing 1d ES11. It very interestingly has a coloured stick-in insertion showing the benefits of advertising through the scheme. The illustrator is George Cruikshank but this I think raises a problem!

George Cruikshank Senior died on 1st February 1878 and the envelope was issued early in 1890. His son, born in 1866 and died in 1894, was also called George and he too was an illustrator. He thus lived during the currency of this envelope. My copy was cancelled at Paddington on 27 June, 1891 and addressed to Northampton.



Detail of the publisher's 'offer' from the panel above

THE SUREST WAY TO BRING CUSTOM TO A CHEMIST'S SHOP
 IS TO BE LICENSED FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF

**A PENNY POSTAGE STAMP,
 A PATENT SAFETY ENVELOPE,
 AND A SHEET OF WRITING PAPER** } ALL FOR 1/2 D.

ENTERPRISING CHEMISTS
 desiring the **MONOPOLY** of this unique **AGENCY** -- in any District not having an Agent-- should address, by Letter only,

THE HALF-PRICE CLOSED LETTER COMPANY, LIMITED, 85, ACTON VALE, LONDON, W.
 A fair profit is allowed Agents for Selling, and a good commission on all Advertisements -- if they care to pursue this lucrative department -- which is, however, purely optional.

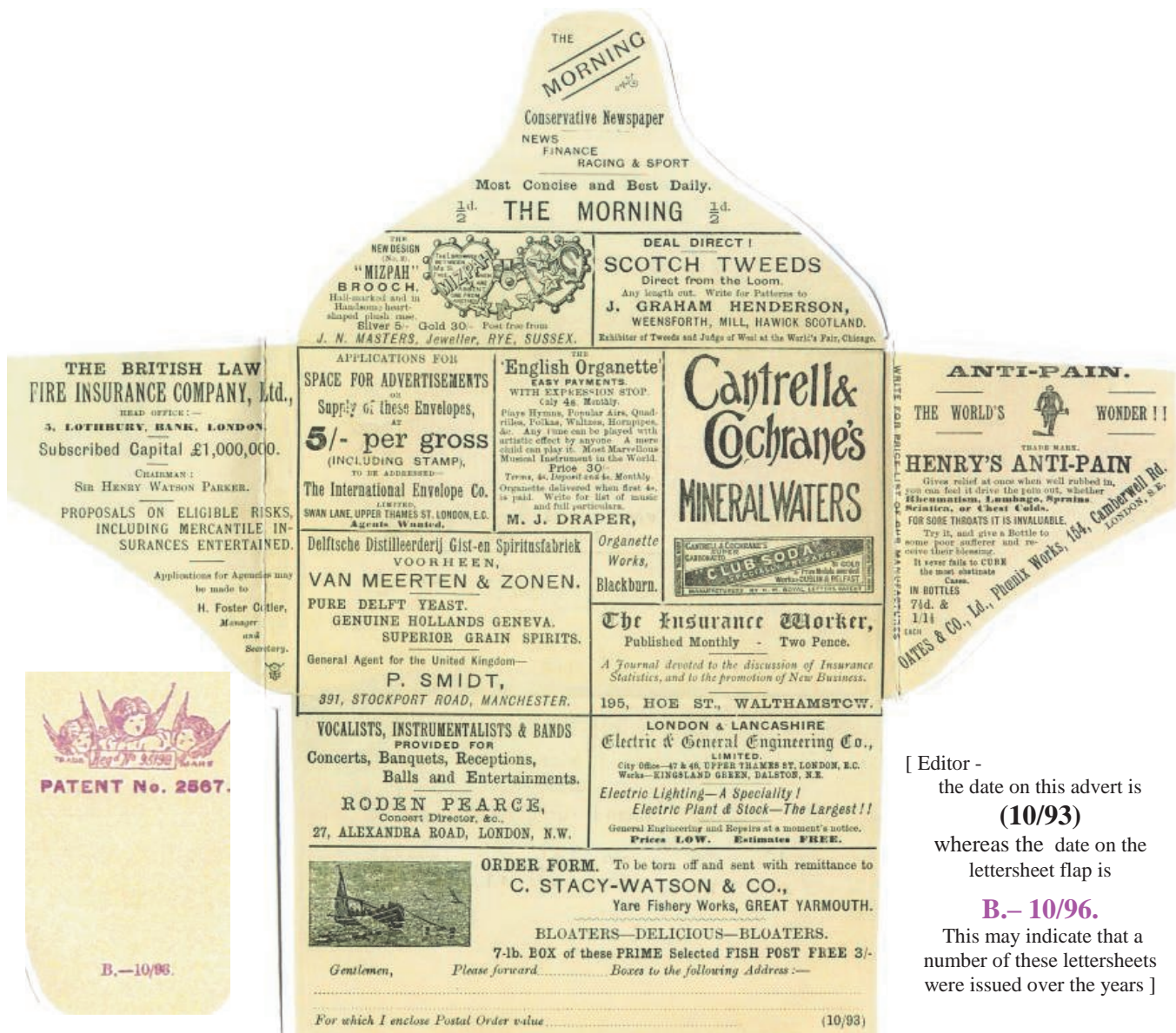
N. B. The SAFETY ENVELOPE COMBINATION now being worked by THIS COMPANY, and Patented by Mr. HENRY COURTS, is admitted on all hands to be VASTLY SUPERIOR to anything else yet invented, and the only one likely to afford the PUBLIC the permanent benefits of

A HALFPENNY CLOSED LETTER POST,
 It should, therefore, not be confounded with other complicated and useless devices, in which the POSTAGE STAMP can be readily separated from most of the Advertisements.

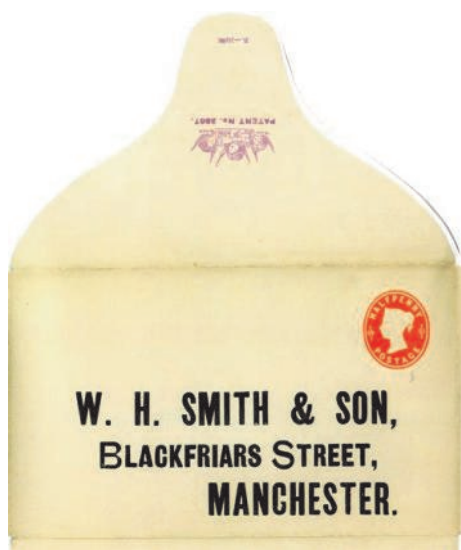
No one having a **POST OFFICE**, or residing close to a "Receiving Post Office", can hold this **AGENCY**. All Agents will have to subscribe for a £10 Debenture as an earnest of their complying with the terms of their appointment. This Debenture is amply secured, will have Five per cent. Interest, payable quarterly, and receive a **BONUS** of 25 per cent. when paid off -- which must be within six years;-- thus forming a most desirable Investment, exclusively created for the Company's Agents, so that they may be interested in the success of this long wished for **REVOLUTION IN POSTAGE**.

6. The International Envelope Co. Ltd.

This has a 1/2d embossed stamp die **ES18a** (issued 1892) struck on this envelope and is one of the few with a 1/2d stamp. The copy I have is dated 1893 and is addressed to W.H.Smith and Son, Blackfriars Street, Manchester. These were sent to newsagents who sent in orders and invoices for advertisers.



[Editor -
 the date on this advert is
 (10/93)
 whereas the date on the
 lettersheet flap is
 B.- 10/96.
 This may indicate that a
 number of these lettersheets
 were issued over the years]



These envelopes give a very interesting window on the social customs and habits of the period to which much of our postal stationery belongs. When found at a reasonable price and in moderate to good condition, I think they should be acquired.

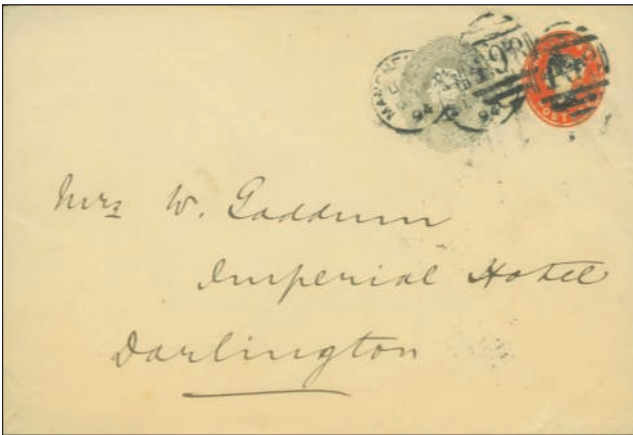
More information can be found in an excellent series of articles in
G.B. Journal 1972 Vol. 10. A.N.WELSH: Advertising Lettersheets: p62, 89 and 108
G.B. Journal 1973 Vol. 11. Advertising Lettersheets: p 14, 25,56,71 and 96.

GB POSTAL STATIONERY NEWS

Alan Huggins

Envelopes - Stamped to Order Issues

Queen Victoria - The following have now been recorded (Courtesy **Wayne Menuz**)



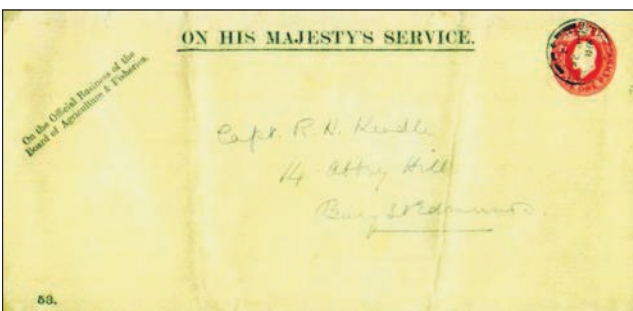
New item **ESC106** ½d + 2½d grey- blue (18+16) used



ESC330 10d+ 4d (17+ 23) unused-change NR **** to **** ****

Envelopes - Official Issues

King Edward VII - Board of Agriculture & Fisheries Wayne Menuz reports a new variation of **EO50** without the words '(Animals Division)' and with '53.' in lower left hand corner- see illustration, used on 24.9.1912. This



envelope, designated **EO50A**, is clearly a later version of **EO50** on buff paper, and the addition of '53.' matches the corresponding King George V envelope. Please note that the numbering of the King George V section needs to be adjusted to run from **E063-69** instead of **E062-68**. This change takes account of the previous amendments made in February 2010).

Postcards Stamped to Order Issues

Queen Elizabeth II - In a recently published list entitled 'Machin Mania' Rushstamps report the find of a holding of Machin decimal STO reply paid cards created by Tony Piffero a cancellation enthusiast who utilised the reply half of these cards to get examples of cancellations from overseas countries. As a result of this find a number of additions and amendments to this section are required as follows:-

1971-73 Octagonal Machin design, reply cards, various rates without arms, size f or g

CSP259A 2p + 2p green stamps L52 + L52, size f

CSP259B 2p + 2p green stamps L52 + L52, size g

CSP259C 2½p + 2½p rose pink stamps L53 + L53, size f

CSP259D 3p + 3p blue stamps L54 + L54, size f

CSP259E 3½p + 3½p greenish grey stamps L55 + L55, size f

CSP259F* 4p + 4p bistre stamps L56 + L56, size f

CSP259G 5p + 5p pale violet stamps L57 + L57, size f

* Examples of **CSP259F** are known with text for outward or reply half printed on both halves

Compound stampings, reply cards, various rates without arms, size f

CSP260 1p purple lake+4p bistre +1p+4p stamps L50+L56+L50+L56, size f

CSP260A 2½p rose pink+½p turquoise+2½p+½p stamps L53+L49+L53+L49, size f

CSP260B 3p blue + 3p blue + 3p+3p stamps L54+L54+L54+L54, size f

CSP260C 3p blue + 2½p rose pink + 3p+2½p stamps L54+L53+L54+L53, size f

1971 Post Office postcards uprated with additional stamps Renumber as follows :-

CSP282 to **CSP282A**;

CSP283 to **CSP283A**;

Insert new items and numbers as follows:-

CSP282B 2½p rose pink **CP119** + 1d lake stamp L50

CSP283B 2½p rose pink **CP119** + 2p green stamp L52

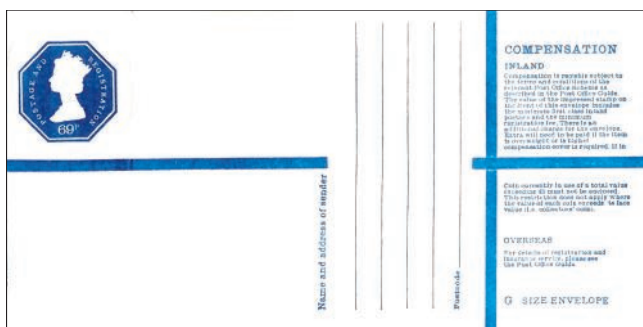
CSP283C 2½p rose pink **CP119** + 2½p stamp L53



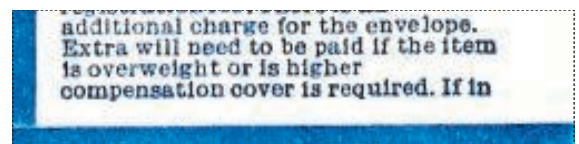


Registration Envelopes - Post Office Issues

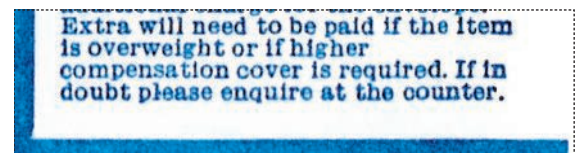
Queen Elizabeth II - 1979 69p blue size G (RP111G) - the first supplies of this registration envelope (released on 9 July 1979) which has the additional word 'Postcode' in the fifth line under 'Name and address of sender' on the reverse had an error in the text on the reverse in that the last line of the first paragraph under 'INLAND' was omitted - see illustration.



Error in the text



Correct version of the text



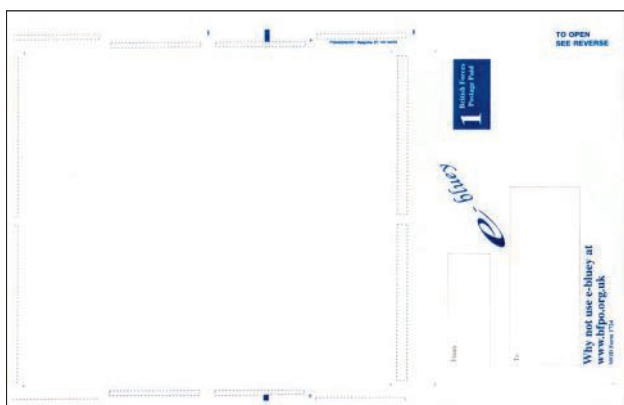
Although this error was commented on in the September 1979 issue of Philatelic Magazine it appears to have escaped notice until now. At the present time no examples with this omission corrected have been reported, if anyone has one please send details with an illustration.

[Editor's note: another error exists in the text: 'Extra will need to be paid if the item is overweight or *is* higher compensation is required' The correct version of the text reads: 'Extra will need to be paid if the item is overweight or *if* higher compensation is required']

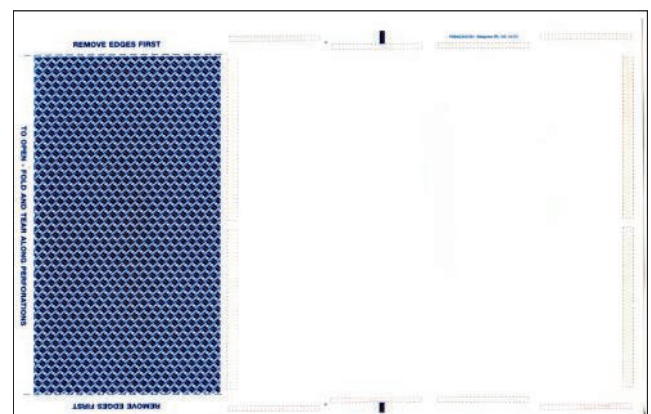
Forces 'e - bluey' (MOD Form 1724) available in the Falkland Islands

Edward Caesley obtained the 'e - bluey' illustrated during a visit to the Falkland Islands in February 2005 and wonders whether anyone else has examples from other locations. Clearly the size and layout differs from previous Forces Air Letter forms available via Post Offices in the UK and has the print code PS640343/001(F) 100 04/03 on both the front and reverse along the tear off edging.

Further enquiries by Edward have elicited that these forms were used to print out incoming e-blues prior to their being forwarded via local Forces postal service. The forms measure 356 x 217 mm.

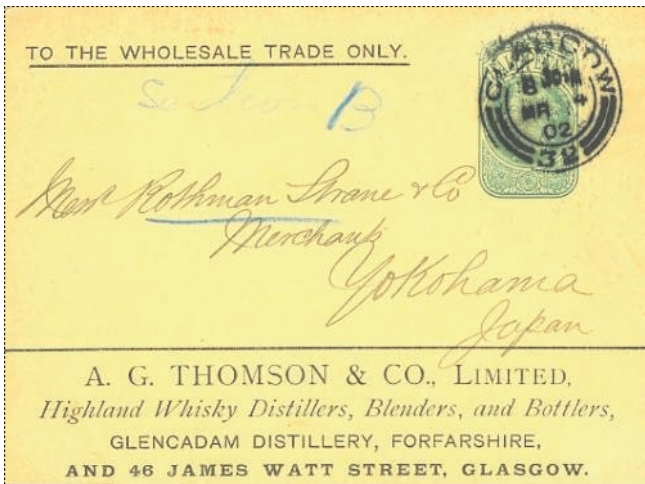


**Why not use e-bluey at
www.bfpo.org.uk
MOD Form 1724**



PS640343/001 Bespoke (F) 100 04/03

ILLUSTRATED AND ADVERTISING POSTAL STATIONERY in the period up to the First World War - QV Wrappers part 2



A.G. Thomson & CO., Limited, Glasgow

STO wrapper. 'To the wholesale trade only' Highland whisky distillers.

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u:

Latest d/u:

Stamp QV 1/2d green type LW4

Earliest d/u: March 1902

Latest d/u:



G. Harding & Sons.

STO wrapper with advert for 'The Competition Guide' with date 18/2/92, 14/6/92 or 25/8/92 at bottom left.

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 29 October 1892

Latest d/u:

(A similar wrapper with 1d brown stamp type LW3 was listed on p16 of PSSJ No. 62)

With different printing on the flaps to the above and no dates

Stamp QV 2d blue type 9a

Earliest d/u:

Latest d/u:

Stamp QV 1 1/2d brown type 6b

Earliest d/u:

Latest d/u:



Baxendale & Co, Miller Street, Manchester

STO wrapper advertising gas heating stoves and fires.

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 19 December 1899

Latest d/u:



Jevons & Mellor, Wool Merchants

STO wrapper with illustration of 'Berlin House' premises in Birmingham.

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 3 February 1896?

Latest d/u:



STO wrapper advertising the "Champion" gas iron.

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u:

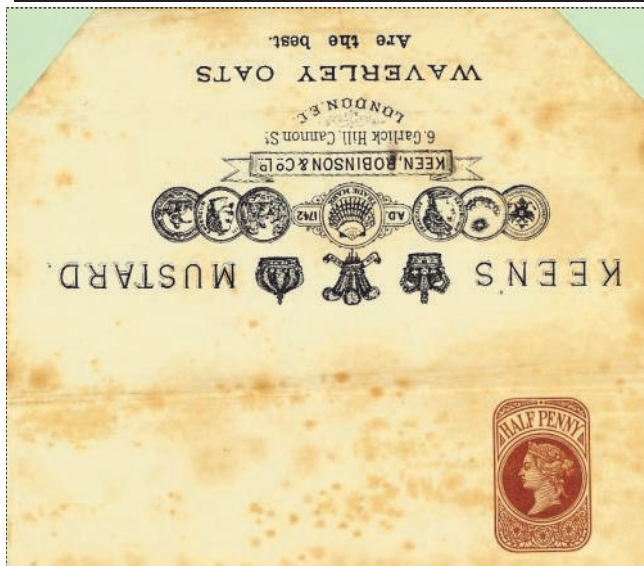
Latest d/u:



Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u:

Latest d/u:



Keen, Robinson & Co. Ltd

Post Office wrapper WP17 with advert for Keen's Mustard and Waverley Oats.

Stamp QV ½d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____



Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.

STO wrapper with 'Milkmaid Brand' trade mark and '227' in lower left hand corner.

Stamp QV ½d brown type LW3

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____



Oil & Colourman's Journal

STO wrapper with note of subscription '7/6 per Ann. post free'

Stamp QV 2½d lake ES10

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____

Subscription '5/6 per Ann. post free'

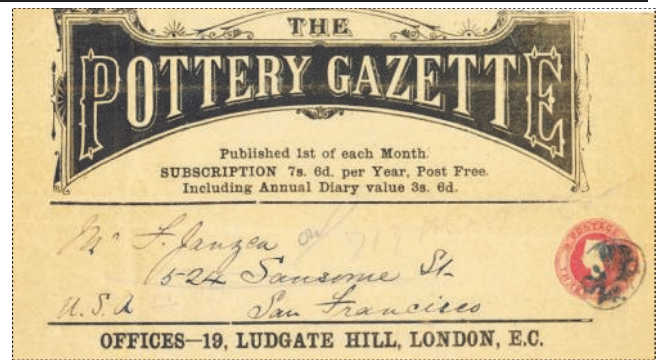
Stamp QV 1½d brown ES9

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____

No note of subscription, 'Published 1st each month' beneath 'Journal'

Stamp QV 3d carmine

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____



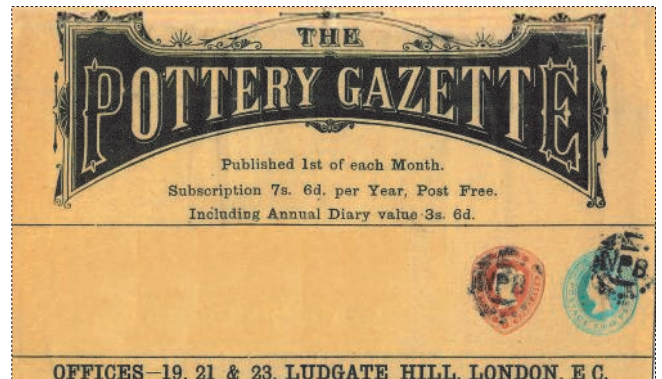
Pottery Gazette

STO wrapper 'Offices—19, Ludgate Hill'

Stamp QV 3d carmine ES3

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____

STO wrapper 'Offices—19,21 & 23, Ludgate Hill'



Stamp QV 2d blue + 1½ brown ESC34

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____

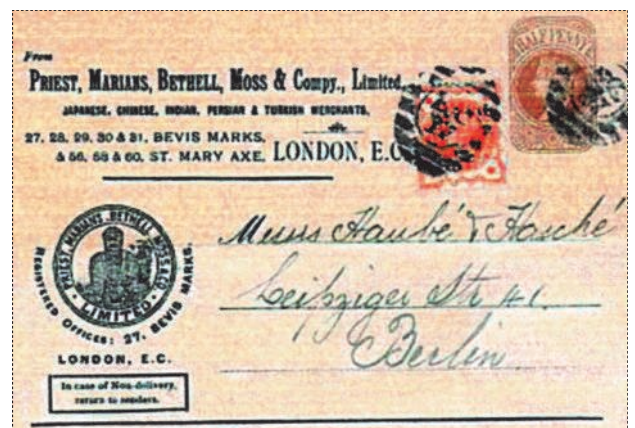


Phillips' Monthly Register

STO wrapper ½d green

Stamp QV ½d green type LW2

Earliest d/u: 3 December 1878 Latest d/u: _____



Priest, Marians, Bethell, Moss & Company Limited

STO wrapper with company name encircling a Buddha.

Stamp QV ½d brown WS5

Earliest d/u: _____ Latest d/u: _____



Price's Palmitine Candles

Post Office wrapper **WP16** with picture of a candle and manufacturer's name in a framed mauve rectangular box.

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 26 May 1890 Latest d/u: 29 January 1897

Post Office wrapper **WP17** as above

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: Latest d/u:

STO wrapper **WS4** as above

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: Latest d/u:



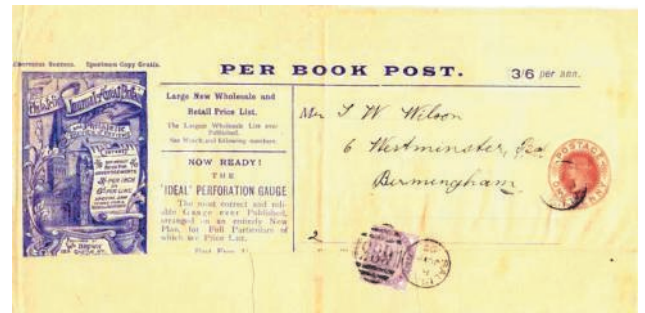
Redrawn candle flame and 'glow'.

Post Office wrapper **WP17**

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: Latest d/u:

[Editor's note: could any member supply dates for used copies of the latter three wrapper types?]



Philatelic Journal of Great Britain Wm Brown

STO wrapper **WS3** with ornate panel and adverts. 'Per Book Post'
Stamp QV 1d brown LW3

Earliest d/u: 8 July 1892

Latest d/u:



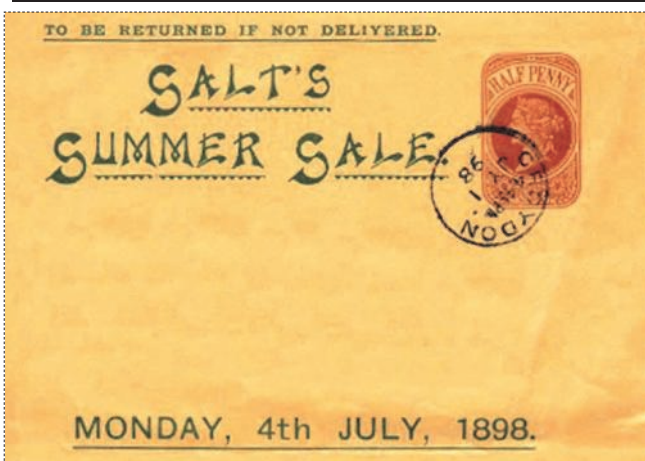
Thomas Wreford

STO wrapper **WS4** with coat of arms and Latin inscription .

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 26 May 1890

Latest d/u:



Salt's Summer Sale

Post Office wrapper **WP16**

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 1 July 1898

Latest d/u:



Turners' Company

Post Office wrapper **WP14** with coat of arms and 'Prize Competition 1886'

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW2

Earliest d/u:

Latest d/u:

Post Office wrapper **W15** with coat of arms and 'Prize Competition 1886'

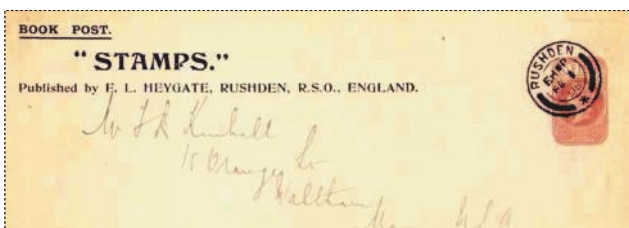
Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u:

Latest d/u:

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I propose to continue this series moving on to K.E. VII advertising stationery, starting with envelopes. Before doing so, I would like to update the envelopes, postal cards and wrappers of Q.V. If you have any information to add to the series so far (published in Journals No. 50, 52, 55, 56, 57, 61, 62 and 64) please let me know by the end of the year so that I can compile an update for the February Journal. By means of a cooperative effort we can all benefit from a wide knowledge base.



"Stamps" F.L. Heygate, Rushden, R.S.O., England

STO wrapper marked **'BOOK POST'**

Stamp QV 1/2d brown type LW4

Earliest d/u: 1 February 1898

Latest d/u:

POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY - ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31st August 2012

INCOME

| | 2011/12 | 2010/11 |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| Balance b/f from 2009/10 <i>of which Publications Fund</i> | £10,518.28 | £9,388.76 |
| <i>of which General Fund</i> | (£4,878.00) | (£4,568.00) |
| <i>of which Publicity Fund</i> | (£4,640.28) | (£4,465.30) |
| <i>of overstated liabilities</i> | (£1000.00) | (£355.46) |
| Subscriptions | £ 3,114.47 | £ 2,887.30 |
| October Auction (nett) | £ 66.32 | £ 122.38 |
| May Auction (nett) | £ 284.33 | £ 345.00 |
| Advertising | £ 555.00 | £ 340.00 |
| Sale of monographs etc. | £ 15.00 | £ 19.25 |
| Profit share on catalogue | £ - | £ 310.00 |
| Donation | | £ 1,000.00 |
| Paypal Credit Balance | £ 309.59 | |
| Personal | | £ 158.30 |
| Bank Interest | £ 2.34 | £ 3.02 |
| | £14,865.33 | £14,574.01 |

EXPENDITURE

| | 2011/12 | 2010/11 |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Journal printing | £1,880.00 | £1,902.33 |
| Journal postage | £1,100.97 | £814.24 |
| Journal envelopes | | £52.75 |
| Auction Insurance | £23.20 | |
| Stamps bought | £1,891.50 | |
| Personal | £15.97 | £15.40 |
| Room Hire | £689.00 | £611.88 |
| Refreshments | £15.00 | £51.10 |
| Bank Charges | £15.00 | |
| ABPS subscription | £285.90 | £170.00 |
| Miscellaneous | £13.70 | £18.49 |
| General postage | £272.74 | £159.79 |
| General printing | £50.20 | £95.84 |
| General stationery | £148.20 | £16.04 |
| London 2010 frames | | |
| Books for library | | £87.87 |
| Advertising | £133.20 | £60.00 |
| Balance | £8,330.75 | £10,518.28 |
| | £14,865.33 | £14,574.01 |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total income | £ 4,347.05 | Deficit -£2187.53 | Total expenses | £6,534.58 | £4,055.73 |
| Subscriptions for 2012 | £ 3,114.47 | | | | |
| Other income above | £ 1,232.58 | | | | |

| | Balance represented by:- | 31/08/2012 | 31/08/2011 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Publications Fund balance as at 31/8/2011 £4,878.00 | Cash at Bank-Invest A/C | £6,760.84 | £6,891.25 |
| Publicity Fund balance as at 31/8/2011 £1,000.00 | Cash at Bank-Cheque A/C | £445.16 | £1,003.06 |
| General Fund balance as at 31/8/2011 £4,640.28 | Cash in hand | £0.00 | £15.66 |
| | Paypal Credit Balance | £309.59 | £100.00 |
| | Postage float for Journal (at cost) | £4,418.13 | £2,539.88 |
| | Members' balances held | £20.37 | -£31.57 |
| | | £11,954.09 | £10,518.28 |

The deficit is based on the subscriptions attributable to 2012, whenever paid.

I have examined the records, receipts and bank statements of the Postal Stationery Society, and find the above Accounts to be a true and accurate reflection of the Society's financial position at 31 August 2012.

Alan Ginsberg - Hon. Treasurer

REVENUES ON GB STATIONERY

George King

Among the curiosities of British Postal Stationery, and which overlaps with Revenue collecting, are the varieties of G. B. stationery with added revenue stamps on the back.

Patent Stamps

There are five British Official Post Cards with Patent Office stamps on the back, which are well documented in 'Collect British Postal Stationery', by Alan Huggins and Colin Baker. The Queen Victoria ½d brown postcard has the brown QV 7½d Patents Revenue [Huggins C02].



The other 4 all have a brown King Edward VII 7½d Patents Revenue stamp, with KE VII blue-green ½d [C08], two versions with KE VII yellow green ½d [C09 & C10], and one with a King George V ¾ head [C12].

1d Orange Revenue

However the 1d orange embossed dated revenue stamp is also found on British Postal Stationery, and has been variously displayed at Society meetings. Almost all relate to company proxy forms for use as legal documents nominating someone to vote as proxy at Company General meetings, under section 80 of an 1891 act (54 & 55 Vic C39).

The table lists the postal stationery items known to me with an embossed revenue. The earliest revenue is listed from those known to me. I have been collecting them for some years now, and I have indicated the number of each which I have, which may give some idea of the relative scarcity. Prices paid vary from £2—£55, but there appears to be no consistency in the market place.



| Revenues on G.B. Postal Stationery | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1d orange red embossed oval revenue impression with date on Proxy Forms | | | | | | | | |
| Lettersheets | | | | | | | | |
| | Postage Impression | | H & B No. | Size | revenue date | Popul- ation | Company | |
| Reign | | | | w. x h. mm. | | | | |
| QV | 1d | pink dated 1.7.80, solid bunch, embossed | ES7 | | 2. 7.80 | 1 | Dublin Tramways Company | |
| | ½d | vermillion embossed | ES18 | | 24. 7.94 | 8 | The North Metropolitan Tramways Company | |
| | ½d | green embossed | ES18 | | 24. 7.94 | 1 | Col Hon Wm Le Poer Trench RE JP (a petition to the General Medical Council) | |
| KE7 | ½d | blue green embossed | ES30 | | 11. 4.02 | 6 | Army & Navy Co-operative Society Limited | |
| | ½d | yellow green embossed | ES40 | | 12.10.04 | 9 | Grand Trunk Railway of Canada | |
| KG5 | ½d | green embossed | ES42 | | 1. 5.13 | 20 | Harrod's Store Limited | |
| | 1d | red embossed | ES43 | | 8.10.21 | 2 | Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway Company Limited | |
| | ½d | green, sideface letterpress | WS21 | | 21. 3.33 | 3 | Dorman, Long & Co. Limited | |
| KG6 | 1d | red embossed | ES61 | | 28. 4.44 | 6 | The Associated Portland Cement Manufactures Ltd | |
| | 1d | red letterpress | WS30 | | 10. 2.41 | 8 | Great Western Railway | |
| The revenue on the ES7 is albino. Variously known on white, blue, grey and red-orange paper. Some papers dark enough to have been rejected perhaps, by the stamping office. | | | | | | | | |
| Postcards - Post Office | | | | | | | | |
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| KG5 | ½d | green ¾ face die II | CP58b | f | 139 x 89 thin | 12. 2.13 | 1 | The British South Africa Company |
| | ½d | green ¾ face die III | CP58c | f | 139 x 89 thin | 4.12.14 | 1 | The British South Africa Company |
| | ½d | green ¾ face die IV | CP58d | f | 139 x 89 thin | 5.12.14 | 1 | The British South Africa Company |
| | ½d | green ¾ face die II | CP59b | d | 114 x 89 stout | 4.12.14 | 1 | United African Lands Ltd |
| | ½d | green sideface | CP68 | d | 114 x 89 thin | 3. 1.18 | 2 | Slaters Limited |
| | 1d | red sideface | CP73 | d | 114 x 89 thin | 2.11.18 | 6 | The Oceana Consolidated Company |

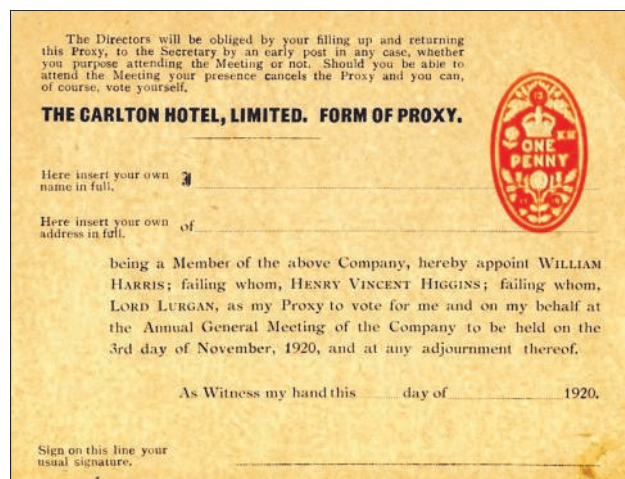
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| KG5 | ½d | green embossed | CS43b | d | 114 x 89 | 16. 4.26 | 3 | Rhodesia Exploration Company Limited |
| | ½d | green embossed | CS44 | f | 139 x 89 | 30. 6.15 | 90 | The Neuchatel Asphalte Company Limited |
| | ½d | green embossed | CS45 | g | 152 x 96 | 24.11.28 | 5 | The Lydenburg Platinum Areas Limited |
| | ½d | green embossed | CS46 | u | various | 13.10.22 | 7 | United Dairies Limited |
| | ½d | green embossed | CS46 | u | various | # 4. 5.28 | 2 | The Merlina Rubber Estates Limited |
| | 1d | red embossed | CS54 | d | 114 x 89 | 14.12.21 | 2 | The Ewana M'Kubwa Copper Mining Company Limited |
| | 1d | red embossed | CS55 | f | 139 x 89 | 8. 7. 18 | 9 | Canada Land and Irrigation Company Limited |
| | 1d | red embossed | CS56 | u | various | 14.12.21 | 2 | Messrs Weldons Limited |
| | ½d | green ¾ face die IV | CS38b | f | 139 x 89 | 23.7.14 | 10 | The Petoong Java Rubber Estates Limited |
| | ½d | green sideface | CS60 | d | 119 x 89 | 15.8.22 | 2 | J Lyons and Company Ltd |
| | ½d | green sideface | CS61 | g | 152 x 100 | 10.2.34 | 93 | Harrod's Limited |
| | ½d | green sideface | CS62 | f | 139 x 89 | 26.11.34 | 2 | The Aerated Bread Co Ltd |
| | ½d | green sideface | CS63 | u | various | 24.5.27 | 3 | British Celanese |
| | 1d | red sideface with arms | CS51 | f | 139 x 89 | 23.7.21 | 4 | The Ebbw Vale Steel Iron & Coal Company Ltd |
| | 1d | red sideface no arms | CS69 | f | 139 x 89 | 15.1.19 | 1 | Schweppes Limited |
| | | | | | | | | |
| KG6 | 1d | red embossed | CS96 | f | 139 x 89 | 3.2.44 | 4 | The United Velvet Cutters Association |
| | 1d | red embossed | CS97 | g | 149 x 104 | 13.5.48 | 1 | Rolls-Royce Limited |
| | 1d | red letterpress | CS99 | a | 124 x 76 | 20.3.44 | 2 | Pinchin Johnson & Co Ltd |
| | 1d | red letterpress | CS100 | d | 113 x 88 | 10.7.41 | 2 | The Mexican Railway Co Ltd |
| | 1d | red letterpress | CS101 | f | 139 x 88 | 3.4.42 | 42 | Pease and Partners Ltd |
| | 1d | red letterpress | CS102 | g | 152 x 95 | 24.1.49 | 2 | The Colombo Commercial Company Limited |
| | 1d | red letterpress | CS103 | u | various | 6.3.46 | 3 | Associated Electrical Industries Ltd |

Variouly known on blue, purple, grey, pink, & orange card, and printed in black, red, blue, green and orange ink. The STO cards come with a various headings:- 'Postcard' 'Printed Matter', 'Printed Paper', 'Printed Paper Rate'; or - left blank. Many companies produced them every year, and some in different colours for different classes of shareholder, and type of meeting. I have Harrods (Buenos Aires) Ltd cards for each year from 1920-1934. Proxy cards with revenues ceased with the cessation of the signature tax in the finance act of 1949. Some cards have perforated edges, presumably where they were separated from larger sheets in the company's accounts and AGM notice. Proxy cards as such continued until the late sixties.

Blank forms and cards with just the revenue stamp are known, as are cards printed using the Business Reply Service.

I have seen a photocopy (from **Peter O'Keefe**) of a proxy card **CS101**, Alvis Ltd, December 1944 where the standard KG6 STO 1d red letterpress stamp was used as the proxy stamp as well as for postage on the other side.

I would be interested to know of any Revenue stamps on other items of British Stationery, or of earlier dates. I know there are the equivalent Irish revenues on Irish cards.



70 NOT OUT

Tony Goldstone

In the final paragraph of my article “The King Is Dead (or is he?)” - May 2012, I mentioned that Royal Mail had ceased producing new aerogrammes (nowadays known by their original name of “airletters”), and the 2010 issue was the final one, a shade short of 70years since the first issue in 1941.

However I spoke (wrote!) too soon. Recently Arthur Roberts, the well known expert on GB postal stationery information, informed me of a new discovery; a revised Forces aerogramme with a printing code of 02/11. He had tracked down a few examples in some post offices. The revised issue had been necessitated due to changes to the web address of BFPO. One can only wonder in these days of email and skype, how many military personnel in far

flung regions of the globe or their families back home are likely to avail themselves of this airletter Service that requires old fashioned pen-to-paper skills! In my own school days one period a week was set aside for teaching letter writing techniques!

During a visit to Llandudno in early August I was fortunate to find Arthur's discovery in their main post office.

So GB has managed to scrape past the 70th year anniversary. It is to be noted that both the first issue (Fig. 1), designated to be sent to POWs in German hands, and this (Fig. 2) latest and no doubt final (?) Forces issue are both military in nature.

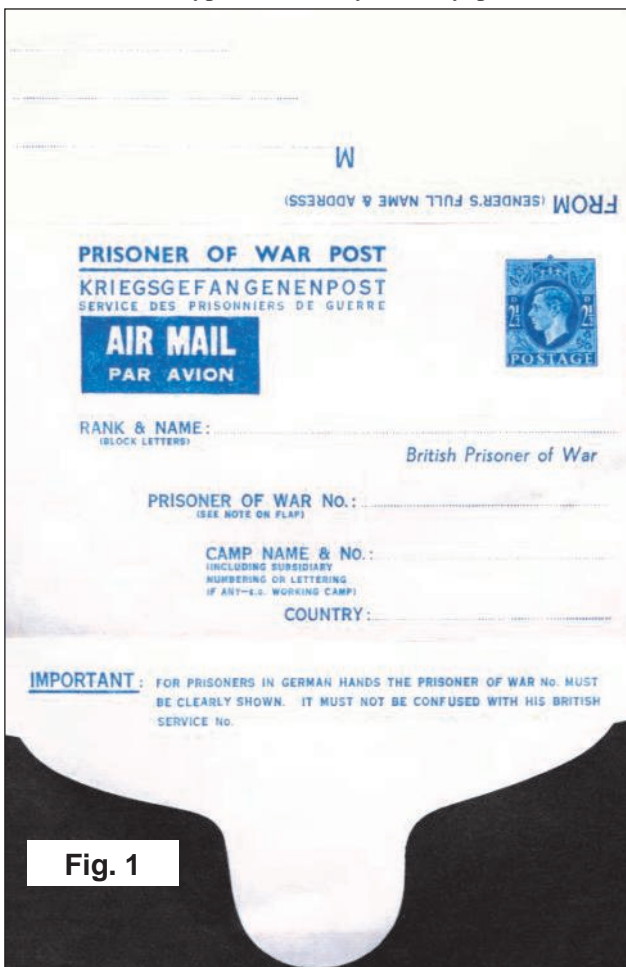


Fig. 1

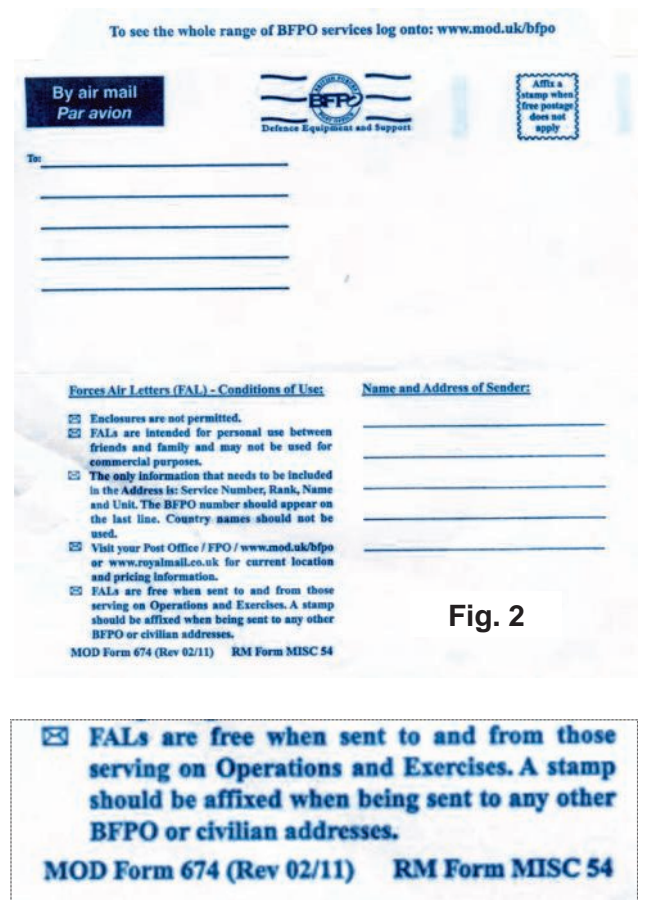


Fig. 2

Printing Code detail in bottom L H corner

London 2015 gets FEPA patronage



London 2015 Europhilex, the international stamp exhibition to be held on Wednesday, 13 May to Saturday, 16 May 2015, has been granted patronage by FEPA, the European Federation of Philatelic Associations. The exhibition has also received recognition from the International Federation of Philately, FIP.

The exhibition will be held at the Business Design Centre in London's Islington, a familiar venue for those who visited the highly successful London 2010, and Stampex staged there twice a year.

Already many leading names in the philatelic world have booked stands, and there will be a major presence by Royal Mail.

There will be 1,400 frames of competitive exhibits. Countries across Europe are being invited to nominate Commissioners who will bring a wide variety of fascinating material to be shown at the event.

More details can be found by visiting www.london2015.net

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Alan Cotton has sent this scan of an 'Anglo Colonial Letter' advertising sheet. The adverts all relate to Bradford. This item complements the example given by Tony Hitchcock on p 8.



Articles Noted Recently in the Philatelic Press

- Gibbons Stamp Monthly** September 2012
- “Postal Stationery Matters” Peter van Gelder
- Stamp Magazine** October 2012
- “Everything Falls into Place” Bosnia & Herzegovina 1906
- Pictorial Issue—Douglas Muir
- Postal Stationery** May/June (USA)
- Liberia’s First Postal Card
- Use of Mails to Defraud—The Sterling debenture Corporation on USA S26
- Non-issued German Picture Postcards 1934 1-1941
- British East Africa Archival Stationery
- Postal Stationery** July/August (USA)
- Expanding the Space on a Swiss Postal Card
- St Lucia’s “Lion Brand” Postal Stationery
- A New Liberian Postal Card?
- New Nesbitt Discoveries
- The Knife Shapes of Recent Envelopes (44c Seabiscuit envelopes)
- “Folded Forensics” on U.S. Postal Cards—Part II
- More USA Postal Card S-8 Printing and Plate Varieties
- Postal Stationery** September/October (USA)
- Southern Rhodesia King George V “Admiral” 1½d Letter Card
- An 1881 North Bridgton, Marine Precancel
- Postal Rate Reduction (USA) of 1883
- UPS First Day Digital Colour Postmarks on Picture Postal Cards
- The Mystery of the 1942 Burma Moulmein Triangle
- Colour and Other Varieties of the 34¢ Eagle Envelope

Postal Stationery Collector August 2012(Australia)

- Australia’s First Postal Stationery Airletter
- Use of King George VI Cut-out
- Australia Private Licence Aerogrammes Post 1969
- Canadian Miscellanea
- Specimen Wrappers: An Assortment of Analyses
- Postal Stationery Collector** November 2012(Australia)
- Centenary of Postal Stationery Pre-Stamped Envelope
- Treatment of Air Letters/Aerogrammes by the French Post Office
- Kangaroo and Map OS Two Pence Grey
- Recent Canadian Postal Stationery
- “Professor” Holloway Wrappers Reveal Advertising Tentacles
- Ganzsachensammler** Nr.101 (Switzerland)
- Verschnittene Postkarten
- La Poste execute les collectionneurs d’entires postaux
- Die Privat-Postkarten der Seifenfabrik Steifels in Zurich
- L’Entire Postal** May 2012 (France)
- Elections aux Chambres d’Agriculture 2007
- Monaco: La carte postale Louis II à 1F50 et les tarifs postaux
- A propos de la date d’emission s’entire de la poste pneumatique de Paris (1880-1881)

Wayne Menuz writes to clarify a point in my article “Postal Stationery for a Purpose” in the PSSJ No. 62 (August 2012) concerning the 1930 Guatemala “letter sheet”.

‘It is implied this was an item of postal stationery because the article states it “was issued” by the Guatemala. The

following is abridged from "Postal Stationery" magazine of May-June, 2007 from an article I wrote titled "Pseudo Stationery"

There is a Guatemala letter sheet, listed in H&G as FG1. It depicts, in full colour, the six airmail stamps ordered in 1930. (Only the 6c denomination was actually produced.) The stamps all depict a three-engine Fokker F-VII plane flying over Agua volcano. The back side depicts a blue line drawing of the plane, upside down compared to the front when the letter sheet is unfolded. On the inside is printed text that mimics a typewritten one, announcing the forthcoming airmail services, together with a table of postal rates to different countries. There is a top, gummed flap, but the sides are open. There were 1000 copies of this lettersheet produced.

It was designed and used as official mail, and as such, required no franking postage. Thus, the "stamps" printed on this letter sheet carried no franking value. The sheet was sent to local officials, and such items, though cancelled, are just examples of government free-frank mail. The mint letter sheet was also given out locally and abroad, for free. So, this item is both an example of government free franking, and an example of a souvenir, and so it falls into the class of pseudo stationery.

I might add that the item, even when sent as a government free-frank, was NOT sent airmail. So, in reality, this item is not a precursor to aerograms, as it is a letter sheet intended for non-air conveyance, a common type of stationery dating back to the 1840's.

Roy Maltson writes:

Twenty Years ago I acquired this card and ever since my mind has puzzled over its period of use and scarcity. I have learned that stamps overprinted 'Iraq in British Occupation' were issued in September 1918 and in May 1920 Britain was granted a League of Nations mandate to govern Iraq. This lasted until 1923 when the country became an independent Kingdom.



Editor: This is one of a number of postal stationery items issued for use in Iraq during the period of the Mandate. The first items were the ¼ Anna and the 1 Anna postalcards of India and their respective reply paid counterparts overprinted as the example above but without any surcharge value. These were superseded in 1921 with overprints on the 10 Para and 20 Para postalcards of Turkey and their respective reply paid counterparts. These contained a surcharge, as on the card shown above,

however, the local rate had increased from ¼ Anna to ½ Anna. Other stationery was issued, all items of Turkish postal stationery with overprints as on the card illustrated. 1Anna on 20 Para envelope in 1920; 2½ Anna on 1 Piaster Registered envelope in 1919; a ½ Anna on 10 Para wrapper and most interestingly in 1920 a reply paid lettercard 1Anna + 1 Anna on 20 Para + 20 Para (illustrated below).



Austin Davis writes: "GB/Belgium Express Mail" The card (Illustrated below) is a Belgium 10cents Postal Card uprated to pay for Express Delivery to London 3 December 1892. This is an early use of the International service established by agreement with several UPU member countries on the 1st August 1892.



Society Auction

With this issue of the Journal members will find a copy of the prices realised for the May Postal Auction.

Please keep the Auctioneer supplied with good material for the Auctions planned for next year. Many of us have items which we have acquired over the years and not got round to doing anything with them. Now is the time to commit to a new year resolution - If you have items which are 'waiting' for you to do something with, then incorporate them into your collection; if they don't really fit in anywhere then put them in the auction. Some other member may have been waiting for such an item turn up!

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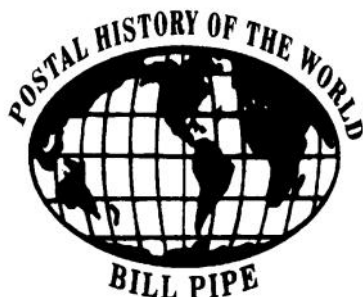
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