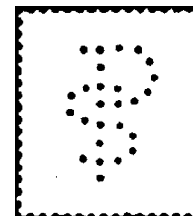


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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES To August 31st 1997 Total Members 350.

New Members

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KEN DEE

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Change of Address
STEVE LEGG

MEG BARRIE is now MEG ASPDEN

Resignation JIM WILSON

Death DON BADHAM

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S COMMENTS Dave Hill

An article on perfins by James Mackay in *The Philatelic Bulletin* has brought us at least 10 new members. James is a frequent writer in the philatelic press and has written books on postmarks.

Although James is not a member of our Society, the article on perfins is very well informed. Can anyone give me the address of James Mackay, please?

Thanks to the following members for letting me have their unwanted perfins. Each new member now receives 50 free perfins courtesy of the Society. *John Coles, Michael Rucklidge, Stephen Steere, Edward Smith, GaryShayler.*

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Swindon Philatelic Society have asked us if we want to hold a meeting and display at Swinpex '98 on June 13th 1998. Contact me if you are interested.

Last chance to be reminded of the November AGM in London. Saturday November 1st; Baden Powell House; 1:00 to 5:00.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Mike Burrows of Norfolk and/or his perfin collection? Mike was a well-known collector in other fields and a frequent contributor of well researched articles in our Bulletin; some of which have been reprinted or used to illustrate more recent research by other writers. His membership lapsed about 10 years ago and no more has been heard of him since that time.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS Rosemary Smith.

I would like to thank all the members who have sent in additional information about Perforated Postal Stationery items. Unless there is a query about some aspect of the information, I shall not write to each individual. Postage being what it is, it is falling heavily on the Society and I am all for saving money and recycling resources.

You will no doubt have noticed on the Obituary line the death of Don Badham. Don was a frequent attender at our London meetings despite his increasing difficulty with his voice and strength. He sent comments about Bulletin articles and answers to queries whenever he had any new information. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Sylvia.

You may have noted that the printing etc of much of the Bulletin is different, and hopefully better, than previous Bulletins. I have up-dated my Amstrad computer, on which it was not possible to produce the Bulletin. After a great deal of practice, I feel I can produce some of the pages of this issue on my new computer but I'm not sure if I can manage the pages with illustrations as yet. We will see. If I make silly mistakes I trust you will excuse me for a while.

General Information

Member Roy Cooper

has BULLETINS 246 to 288 (June 1990 to date) on offer. As they will be rather expensive to send through the post, if anyone living in the area wishes to make an offer to Roy for them please ring first rather than turning up on the doorstep.

On the same subject - back copies of the Bulletin - John Donner tells me he has a complete run of the Bulletins in our library and he can photocopy any of them on the society photocopier. Cost will be £1 including postage.

E-mail addresses. I, Editor, incorrectly copied one word of the e-mail address of John Mathews from Australia. I had put a 'c' on the end of 'edu' which should not have been there.

Check list booklet of perfined 2d Blues

Reading and Dusseldorf are twin towns and this year marks their Golden Jubilee link. Co-incidentally it is the Diamond Jubilee of the Reading and District Philatelic Society and Maurice Harp and Burkhart Beer have collaborated in marking the two occasions by producing a catalogue of 2d Blues which have been found with perfin.

This centre stapled 72 page catalogue is A5 size with blue card back. The book is titled, Pilfering, Protection and Perfins. The foreword, introduction, explanation and key is in German and English.

Each page has a first column of actual size illustrations of the dies, in alphabetical order, with our Society catalogue numbers beneath each one. Reading downwards in the next column, by the side of each illustration, are the words 'date', 'use', 'pins', 'user', 'cancel' and 'plates'. The third column then gives all the known details about the previous words.

It is a very clear and easily understood catalogue, the only omission being an explanation of the meaning of our catalogue numbers for anyone who is not a member of our Society.

The book is available from **Christian Schlachetzld, Rethelstr 133, 40237 Dusseldorf, Germany** and the cost is £5 including p & p. For anyone interested in the Line-Engraved perfins, and obviously a ready made list of some of the earliest perfin users, this book is excellent value.

MEMBERS' QUERIES

More Bute Docks Postmarks

DAVE HILL has an accumulation of 10 perfins BSN (B6700.01) on EVII stamps all with the Bute Docks, Cardiff postmark. The perfin is identified with the Bristol Steam Navigation Company. Did this company operate solely out of the Bute Docks on the opposite side of the Bristol Channel to Bristol itself?

He also has a copy of FP/C (F3235.01) with the same postmark, on a 1d lilac. Is this a clue to an identity?

A third query concerns the perfin CL/P/AC (C4570) on a KGVI stamp with a Liverpool postmark. Any idea about these initials?

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

½d Machin (Pre-decimal) Bulletin 272 Page 6.

In the October 1994 Bulletin it was noted that a ½d Machin had been found with perfin (LB/B). No more have been reported until now. **IAN HAMILL** has obtained two; CC (C1110.01M) and G (G0010.01bM).

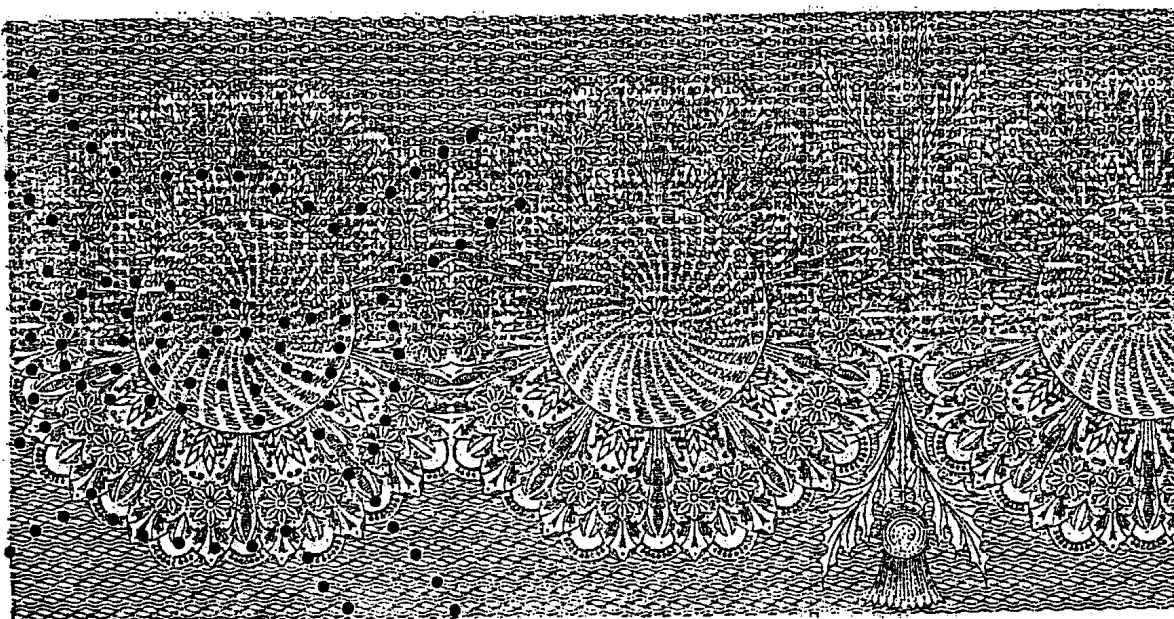
Ian thinks this stamp, perfined, may not be as rare as people think. The colour is very similar to the 10p early Machin and perhaps members have not looked too closely at their stamps whilst sorting. Any more turned up since 1994?

Liverpool Cotton Association Bulletin 288 Page 8

JOHN MATHEWS says the '5' after 'CBB/78' would be for the month of May. The day would precede the letters 'CBB'. He adds that it is typical of the many date dies in the Sloper Workbooks. **JACK BRANDT** had the same idea.

'PAID' Cheque Cancellation Bulletin 236 (August 1988) Page 5.

Before Sloper began perforating stamps, he used perforating machines for many purposes. One of those purposes was to cancel cheques once payment had been made. There is an illustration of a 'Paid' cancel, used by the Bank of Scotland, in Bulletin 236: the date is quoted as 1899. This illustration of a similar 'Paid' cancel, used on a Bank of Scotland cheque, is dated Nov/27/1882. The illustration is true to size (I cannot speak for the one in Bulletin 236) and it would appear that from 1882 to 1899 some pins had been lost. The cheque was sent in by **KEVIN PARKHILL** who wondered if the two dies were the same despite the difference in size and missing pins.



GARY SHAYLER sent me two used perfined Telegraph stamps, but presumably from Telegraph Forms, to illustrate for the Bulletin.

The first is a SIXPENCE Grey, from Stanley Gibbons Specialised Volume 1 - Queen Victoria - the number is S.G. L229. The date is DE 10 77; pmk Hull; the perfin is B&L/H (B4390.02); identity is Bailey & Leetham Ltd, Hull. According to our Tomkins catalogue this perfin is only found on Queen Victoria pre 1880 stamps.

The second is a THREE SHILLING Slate-Blue, S.G. L232. The date is DE 12 77; pmk West Hartlepool; the perfin is W.H/Co/S.N (W3573.01); identity is West Hartlepool Steam Navigation Co. Tomkins gives no period of use for this perfin.

I, (ED.) have three of these perfined Telegraph stamps.

One is a TEN SHILLINGS Grey-Green, S.G. L234. The date is DE 1 77; pmk Water--- Liverpool; the perfin is BB&C^O [first B reversed] (B0640.01); identity is Blessig Braun & Co, Liverpool. Period of use - all Victoria issues.

The second is a SIXPENCE Grey, S.G. L229. The date is SP 22 ?; pmk Cardiff Docks; the perfin is CORY/C (C5620.01); identity is Wm Cory & Son Ltd, Cardiff. Period of use - all Victoria issues. [See Bulletin 286 about Cory & Son Ltd.]

The third is a THREE PENCE Carmine, S.G. L204. The date is DE 10 77; pmk Newcastle On Tyne Quayside; the perfin is F.B/&C^O (F0320.02); identity is not known but could be F Braby & Co. Ltd., as this firm are known using perfins from London, Glasgow and Falkirk.

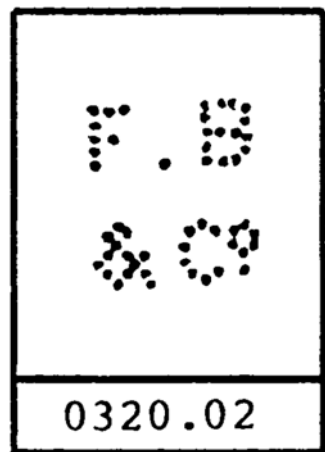
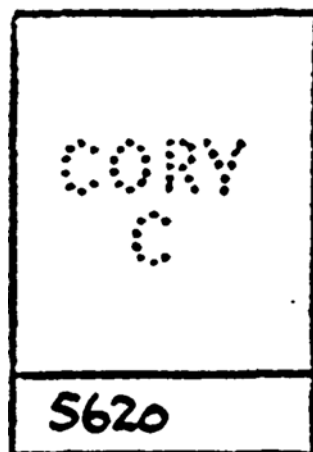
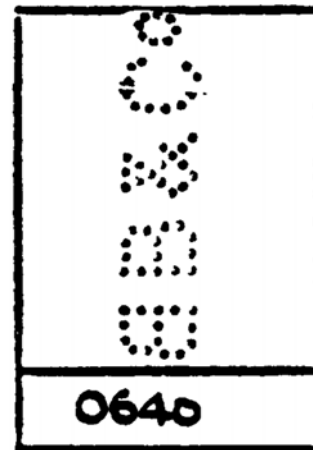
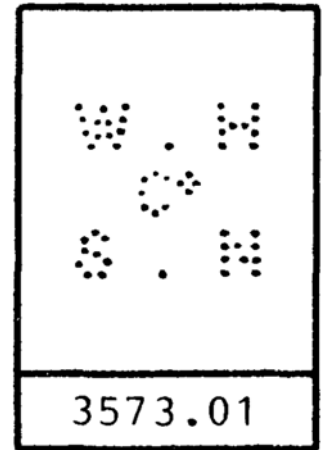
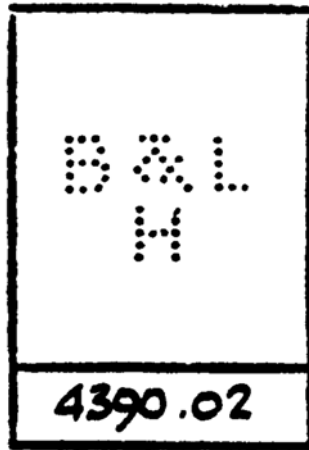
From a much later edition of Stanley Gibbons Specialised Catalogue - Volume 1 Queen Victoria - I have gleaned the following facts:-

Postal Fiscals (1d draft and receipt stamps) were authorised for postal use by the Act of 1882. Stamps which were inscribed for a particular purpose, such as bankruptcy, customs, foreign bill etc. [& presumably Telegraph stamps fell into this category] were not authorised for postage. However, examples of these stamps do exist on letters.

The first Post Office Telegraph stamps were issued on 1 FEB 1876 and from 1 MAY 1876 ordinary stamps could no longer be used to pay for telegrams. On 26 AUG 1881 the use of Telegraph stamps was abolished but considerable stocks remained on hand and large quantities were destroyed. Those still in the hands of the

public could not be sold back over the counter but some were used as Postage stamps, although this was never officially authorised.

This could be the beginning of a check list of perfined Telegraph stamps: so if you have any in your collection, drop me a line please.



PERFIN 'S.S.' (S6420.03)

From Maurice Harp

In Bulletin 256 Page 11-12, Rosemary wrote an article about this perfin and I summarise the text as:- 'In Bulletin 231 Rosemary identified S.S (S6420.03) as Stubbs Mercantile Office. The die S.S (S6420.02) is also similarly identified in the Tilles Catalogue. Rosemary had bought a newspaper wrapper with contents still inside. This was a 24 page newspaper entitled *Stubbs' Guardian of Commerce Institute*. The back page stated that the paper was printed by *William Cate, 21 & 21½ Cursitor St., in the City of London*. On opening the paper there was a separate order cum advert for a book published by *Stevens & Sons Limited, Law Publishers, Booksellers & Exporters, Proprietors of the Law Journal Reports, 119 & 120 Chancery Lane, London WC*. Because of this, and other evidence mentioned, Roy was thinking of modifying the records to read 'Stevens & Sons (distributors of Stubbs' Mercantile Circular) for both S6420.02 and .03.'

Where is all this leading, you may ask? Well, I have been going through the 1877 Kelly's again and the story may be more complicated than we first thought. First I found the advert for Stubbs' Mercantile Offices, which is illustrated on the next page. The entry in Kelly's for this office reads as follows:

- Stubbs & Co. (Trade Auxilliary Co Ltd), mercantile agency, 12 Gresham St, EC; 21 College Green, Dublin; 21 St. Vincent PL Glasgow; 4 Cockbum St, Edinburgh; 20 Exchange Buildings, New St, Birmingham; 4 Bristol Chambers, Bristol; Avenue Chambers, East St, Brighton; 75 High St, Belfast; 70 South Mall, Cork; 16 Hackin's Hey, Liverpool; 1 East Par, Leeds; 6 Brown St, Manchester; 42 Mosley St, Newcastle; Post Office, Norwich; 85 Queen St, Sheffield; 23 High St, Southampton; with agencies in all the principal towns in Great Britain & Ireland & correspondents in almost all parts of the globe.

Note also the note at the bottom of the advertisement that states "No office using the name Stubbs in the city of London is in any way connected with this Establishment".

The entry immediately below this in Kelly's is as follows:

- Stubbs' Guardian of Commerce Institute (under the personal superintendence of Abraham Stubbs, brother of the late founder of Stubbs' system of Trade protection) (secretary, Joseph Cleaver), 27 Finsbury Pavement EC, next door to Moorgate Station; and 2 High St, Maidstone; with agencies in Glasgow; Edinburgh; Dublin; Liverpool; Manchester; Birmingham & other chief towns.

So you can see there were two rival companies carrying out a similar business under very similar names.

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ESTABLISHED 1836.

Stubbs' Mercantile Offices,

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75, HIGH STREET, BELFAST.

For SCOTLAND.
21, ST. VINCENT PLACE, GLASGOW.
4, COCKBURN STREET, EDINBURGH.

DISTRICT OFFICES.

IRMINGHAM: 20, Exchange Buildings.
BRISTOL: 4, BRISTOL CHAMBERS.
BRIGHTON: AVENUE CHAMBERS, EAST STREET.
CORK: 70, SOUTH MALL.
LEEDS: EAST PARADE.
LIVERPOOL: 71, LORD STREET.

MANCHESTER: 4, BROWN STREET.
NEWCASTLE: 42, MOSLEY STREET.
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With Agents and Correspondents throughout the Kingdom, on the Continent of Europe, and in the United States of America and the British Colonies.

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LONDON: THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.
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CAUTION.

No Office using the name of STUBBS, in the City of London, is in any way connected with the Establishment at No. 12, Gresham Street, corner of King Street, close to Guildhall.

Next I looked up die entry for Stevens & Sons:

- Stevens & Sons, law booksellers & publishers, 119 Chancery Lane WC (formerly 26 Bell Yard, Lincoln's Inn, London WC)

Lastly for completeness I looked up William Cate:

- Cate, Wm. steam machine printer, 21 & 2114 Curator St, Chancery Lane, WC and publisher, 7 Quality Court, Chancery Lane, WC.

I guess sometime later they divided the premises in two and it became 21¼.

Now in my collection (all line engraved) I have the die used in the following towns - West Hartlepool, Glasgow, London, Belfast, Birmingham, Sheffield, Liverpool i.e. throughout Britain. I suspect that this list could be extended by other members.

So what can we conclude? Firstly I see no link for this die with Stubbs Mercantile Office other than a similar name - is there any identification of S6420.02 or .03 with Stubbs Mercantile - I have a feeling that this might be an error that's spread to both dies. [There used to be a .02a and .02b in Edwards' but in the Gault New Illustrated all three are .02M] I wonder where this entry came from in the first place?

- [Ed:- I have a cover with letter enclosed for S6420.02. The date is 25/10/00; postmark is Birmingham; stamp is Id lilac; Letterhead states, *Stubbs' Mercantile Offices, 6 Corporation Street, Birmingham*. The newspaper inside wrapper with VA 1880 issue stamp, is dated December 14th 1882; perfin S6420.03; paper headed, *Stubbs' Mercantile Circular, issued by "Stubbs' Guardian of Commerce Institute"*; address 17 Finsbury Pavement, London EC]

I am of the opinion that the two companies, Stubbs' Mercantile Offices and Stubbs' Guardian of Commerce Institute, were rivals and distinct. I also find it hard to link the die directly with Stevens & Sons as the die was used throughout Britain, which would tie in with Stubbs' Guardian but would be unlikely for a printer simply based in London.

Clearly Stubbs' Guardian of Commerce was a big operation and would require a printer for its production to be distributed from its various offices throughout the UK - this printer was probably Stevens & Sons.

The real problem though is what S.S could stand for. My theory is that it is the initials of Abraham Stubbs' "late brother" who founded the firm - if we had access to an earlier Kelly's we could prove or disprove this theory. The use of initials at this date is not uncommon: S.C - Samson Copestake; J.S - Joseph Sloper etc.

Now it also may be that at a later date Stevens took over the operations of Stubbs. It could also be that S6420.02M was used by Stubbs' Mercantile and that S6420.03 by Stubbs' Guardian - but I think it highly unlikely! These theories are only conjecture but may give rise to someone looking in the Guildhall Library or earlier Directories

Whatever the outcome, Roy has for the present time catalogued both dies in the New Illustrated as, "Stubbs' Mercantile Offices."

PRATTS INSURANCE OFFICE

Perfin PI/O (P2565.01M)

By DAVE HILL

An article in my old local paper, The Uxbridge Gazette, caught my eye. It explained that until recently, Pratts were still running their business in the same way they had when it was founded in 1932. This included manual typewriters, adding machines and files dating back to the firms founding. No doubt part of these old practices was the use of perfins.

However, all this has changed and Pratts are finally in the computer age. It will be interesting to see if they have stopped using perfins as well: another victim of the franking machine.

A SLOPER MULREADY ADVERT

By DAVE HILL

Members may know that the Mulready Letter Sheet, introduced with the 1d Black, was not very popular. It seems many were sold off in 1841 to printers who then printed adverts on them and sent them through the post.

These are listed in a book by Malcolm-Lowe, published in the US, and mention of *Slopers Commercial Postage Advertiser* caught my eye. Thanks to member DEREK PILKINGTON who provided me with this information from the book in the National Philatelic Society Library.

This Sloper is Thomas Sloper of 19 High Street, Marylebone, North West London and is about 25 years before the appearance of Joseph Sloper.

Thomas Sloper advertises his own brand of stationery and fancy goods like travelling writing and dressing cases as well as the manufactured goods of other firms, mostly his neighbours.

I do not believe there is any link with Joseph. I think if there was Joseph, would have used it in his own advertising, i.e. founded in 1840 or something like that.

Sloper is not a common name so do members know of any possible relation? On a slightly different note I seem to remember a comic character called Ally Sloper. Can you tell me anything about him? I don't think Joseph Sloper would have enjoyed being associated with a comic but would it tell us any more about the man?

COMPANY HISTORY REFERENCE BOOKS

A very new member, KEN DEE, adds some more titles to books which give details of perfins users.

1. *Garretts of Leiston* (Agricultural Engineers) by R. A. Whitehead, MAP, Argus Books Ltd, Station Road, King's Langley, Herts c.1964.
In Bulletin 182 MIKE J BURROWS wrote a 3 page article about the companies which made up the Agricultural & General Engineers Limited.
2. *The Tottenham & District Gas Company* (incorporating The Enfield Gas Company in 1914) Ponders End Works, Official inauguration 21-4-1949.
(Closed down a few years ago.)
- 3,4 *Official Guides to the Boroughs of: Enfield; Edmonton; and Tottenham* c. 1950 & 5.
These three give lists of local businesses and brief histories of some of them.
Ken also has many local newspaper cuttings of local firms. Enfield was once well known for a great number of familiar companies i.e. *Ediswans, Reeves, Sangamo Weston, Berkel, Belling etc.*

Now Ken has retired he has more time (that's a laugh) for his perfins and he is willing to research any particular firm in the above books. If you think he can help you with the history of a company, a SAE would be appreciated. For the normal 5p he can photocopy any page of these books.

WANTS

A non-member has been pointed in our direction by a Dutch member. **JACQUES MATTHYS** is a thematic collector. His theme is **Cycling** and he has only recently discovered the possibility of adding perfins to a thematic collection.

He has been given BSA; HCM; C.M.C^o; but knows of others such as DR/C; DR/C^o; E.C.C.; G/T/C; & NR/C which are associated with rubber or tyres etc.

If you know of other perfins which will add to this theme, or have spare perfins to send, please write direct to Jacques

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CUMBRIAN PERFINs

The following paper is an edited version of an article written by member **ERIC WHITEHEAD** for "The Cumbrian Post", the magazine of the Cumbrian Postal History Society. This was in January 1995 and there was a second article in May 1997 which covered all the information which Eric had added to his original research. The notes after each die are from Eric. (If I [Ed.] have any further information from my cover collection, I have added it in bold type.)


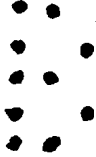





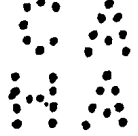

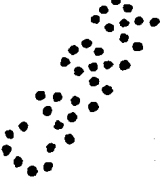
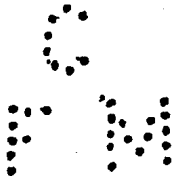
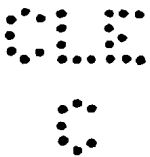
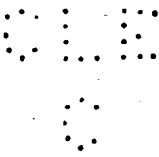



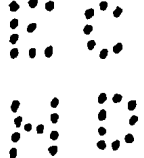
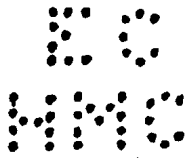

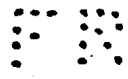
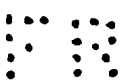
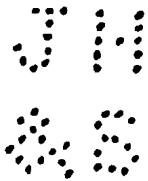
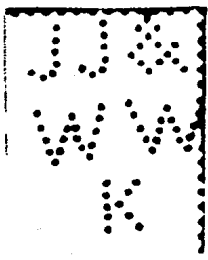
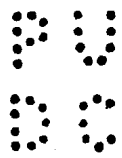
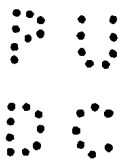

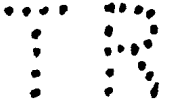
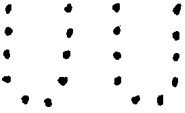
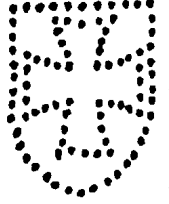
If anyone is interested in looking at the original articles, they are lodged with our Librarian.

1. AD A1610.01 Allerdale District Council, Cumbria.
Allerdale District was not created until the decimal stamp era so this die is only found on those stamps. It was used at the Headquarters at Workington. I only have examples of stamps for the then current second class postage rate.
2. B B0010.03 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.
A new identification from the Perfin Society. Known on KGV light colours.
3. B.C B1130.04 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.
Two recent acquisitions - receipts; 2d KGV; dates 15/3/24 & 11/5/29
4. B.C. B1150.01 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.
This was the replacement die for the single die hand machine which was in use until 1961. My examples are all sterling Machins. The die occurs normal, inverted and reversed, suggesting local production by folding the sheet into quarters to increase efficiency - probably also from a single strike machine.
I have Wildings, sterling Machins and decimal Machins. Cover dated 11/4/75 with 5½p Machin postmarked Barrow-in-Furness but no identity.
5. B.C. B1150.02 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.
This die was in use until 1961. In its later years the second full-stop was often missing. I have no example of either variant.
6. B.C. B1150.06 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation
Eileen Bennett has this on a KE7 cover dated 29/10/04 with identity on the flap.
7. C C0010.37 Carr's of Carlisle
The die was held by the company and a block of four stamps was hand struck at one operation. It was usually used sideways so that it appears on the stamp as a

horseshoe either upright or inverted. By the kindness of a friend who used to work there, I have a specimen strike of the block on plain paper. My earliest issue is KGV photogravure.

I have 2 Advertising Picture Post Cards from CARR & CO.LTD. Dates are 6/8/10 and 10/9/10; stamp KEVII ½d; postmarks Carlisle; pictures of Waterhead, Ambleside and Grasmere.

8. CA/HA C0187.01 Cumbria Area Health Authority
This die has been confirmed as used by both Cumbria A.H.A and Cheshire A.H.A. It obviously is only found on decimal stamps, since Area Health Authorities have only recently taken over from Hospital Management Committees.
9. CARR C0280.01 Carr's Biscuits of Carlisle.
10. CARR C0280.02 Carr's Biscuits of Carlisle.
These two dies have the same letter count but are 16mm & 17mm in length respectively. Both dies are always found diagonally on the stamp. I have only examples of the first of these to date on a KGV ½d.
My cover for the die .01 is from James W.Carr & Co., Ltd., Queen Victoria Street, London EC; the stamps are 2x1d + ½d KGV Typo; date 12/2/17; postmark London EC; cover a censor cover to Sweden. I therefore question this identity. I have neither stamp or cover for .02.
11. C/FM C2570.01 Carr's Hour Mills, Carlisle.
On a 1d KEVII used to up-rate a 1d P.S. envelope to Rotterdam on 12/3/12.
12. CLE/C C4470.01M Carlisle Corporation
Known on KGV 6d and 1942 light colours to Machin decimals.
13. CLE/C C4470.01b City of Carlisle Health Dept, 22 Fisher Street, Carlisle.
This is a slightly wider die than .01M and it is a fairly recent addition to our catalogue. Perhaps it was a Carlisle Corporation die used by the Health Department within the Public Offices. Eric could perhaps research this.
14. CLE/C C4470.02 Carlisle Corporation.
This die is known from KGV Block Cipher wmk. to KGV dark colours.
15. C/OF/W C5530.02 Workington Corporation.
This is not mentioned in Eric's article but it is in the Society catalogue. I have a cover dated 10/8/25; GV Typo 1½d; postmarked Workington. There is a coat of arms on the back of the envelope which has the Latin motto "*Floreat Castellum Et Oppidum*" which may help with identity.

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16. CW C8260.02M Borough of Workington Corporation.
Tudor wmk Wildings to decimal Machins. Wolverhampton, Winchester, Willesden and Westminster pmks seen so this is a multi-user die from Slopers.
17. EC/HD E0685.01M East Cumbria Health Department.
Decimal Machins with Carlisle postmarks from 1975.
18. EC/HMC E0690.01M East Cumberland Hospital Management Committee.
Wilding crowns to Machin sterling.
19. FR F3460.02 Furness Railway (Die 1)
I have a strip of three KEVII 1d paying the registered rate on an official Furness Railway envelope, postmarked 20/8/07, from Barrow to Penrith, which provided the first proof of this identity. The perfin is irregular, inverted and reversed, suggesting that it was hand done on a single machine used at the Railway's Barrow Office (or Station).
I have 2 Trade Cards with this die:- ½d orange Jubilee; dated 28/10/96; pmk Barrow-in-Furness-B71 Duplex; and ½d green Jubilee; dated 23-3-01; pmk double ring Barrow-in-Furness.
20. FR F3460.04 Furness Railway.
It was due to checking my covers against Eric's information that I realised this next cover was not .06 (see below) but a new identity. The cover is a ½d KEVII Postal Stationery envelope with added non-perfin ½d KEVII; dated 15/2/11; pmk Barrow-in-Furness; on the front is the embossed Furness Railway Coat of Arms and Latin motto; lilac handstamp "*If undelivered return to Furness Railway Co., Barrow*"; addressee *TAFF VALE RAIL WA Y CO., CARDIFF*
21. FR F3460.06 Furness Railway (Die 2)
This is die 2 of the Furness Railway dies and the measurement of the illustration in the Perfin Society's Book, "Railway Perfins Of Great Britain", by R. Bowman shows that the 'R' is slightly smaller than the 'F'. Known on KEVII 1d and 1d Postal Stationery cut-outs.
22. JH/&S J3830.03 Jonathan Harris & Sons Ltd., Derwent Mills, Cockermouth
This identity comes from a Trade Card with ½d orange Jubilee; dated 24/11/96; pmk Cockermouth.

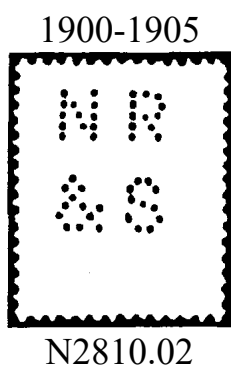
The company were flax and lace thread manufacturers.

23. JJ&/WW/K J4510.01 J J & W Wilson, Castle Mills, Kendal.
(Woollen manufacturer)
This was reported by myself to the Perfin Society. My cover is a 1d lilac; dated 18/3/87; pmk Kendal. Thought to be in use from 1885 to 1890.
24. PU/DC P4870.01M Penrith Urban District Council
25. PU/DC P4870.01bM Penrith Urban District Council
- These two dies are known used by Penrith UDC but there are two similar dies of PU/DC yet to be identified. Paignton, Penge and Pontypridd also used these same dies.
26. SB S0460.03bM Somervell Brothers Ltd., Kendal. (Shoe Manufacturers)
Known used on most issues from the 1d lilac to Wildings. Dates known between 4/11/98 to 8/4/55.
27. TR T3760.02 T.Rigg, Solicitors, Wigton.
I have this on a 1d lilac cover; dated 18/12/00; pmk Wigton; no identity on cover.
I have a receipt dated 8/11/04 from T.Rigg, Solicitor, Wigton with KEVII 1d used as a receipt stamp. Also a loose 1d KEVII dated 16/7/04.
28. UU U?? User unknown.
Eileen Bennett has this on a 1d lilac; dated 24/7/01 and a 1d KEVII; dated 24/4/??; pmk Ulverston. The die is not previously recorded and one guesses that one of the 'U's could stand for Ulverston. It may be part of UU/DC standing for Ulverston Urban District Council. Such lettered dies are known, with and without stops after all letters, but only 4½mm high, not 9mm.
29. Shield & Cross Des. 0130.01 Carlisle Corporation.
I have it on a KEVII 1d stamp; dated 26/4/12. In use until 1920.
I have 2 envelopes with Town Clerk's Office, Carlisle, on flap. Both 1d lilac 1 dated 18/8/91 with Carlisle 165 Duplex; 1 dated 2/11/01 double ring Carlisle. I also have 2 receipts; 1 from *Carlisle Urban Sanitary Authority*, 1d lilac, dated 4/9/96; 1 for *Receipt For Poor and General District Rate*, KEVII 1d, dated 5/6/03.

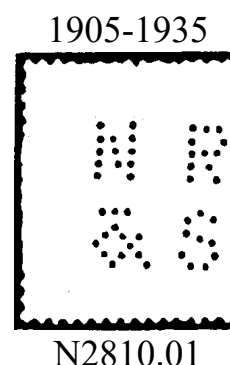
If anyone has any new Cumbria Perfins, or added information of any kind to the above details, please write to Eric Whitehead

The correct answer is "When it's a "G"! However, I admit to not yet knowing quite why, but this is the story so far.

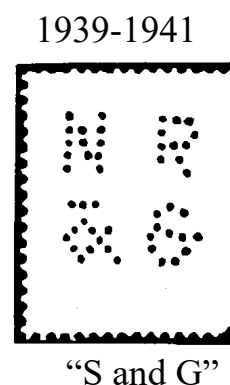
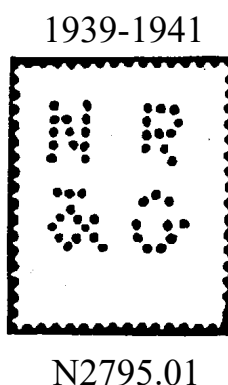
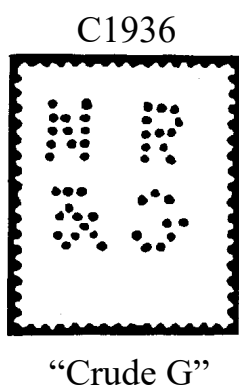
Trade directories record that Noah Rees was a Corn & Hay Dealer working in Cardiff from at least 1891. At the turn of the century his sons became involved and the name naturally changed to Noah Rees & Sons. It is from this period that perfins first appear to have been used.



The earlier NR/&S die (N2810.02) is only a suspected identity based on Cardiff postmarks, but its replacement around 1905 is confirmed. Furthermore, it is now known to have been a Sloper single headed die.

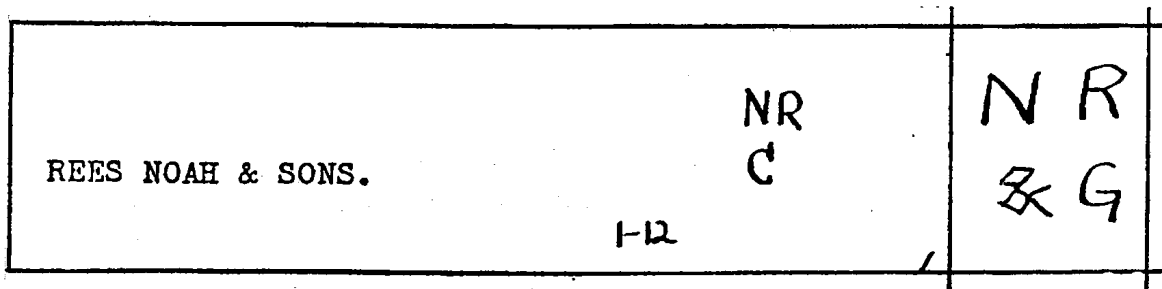


However, sometime around 1935/6 the 'S' was mysteriously modified making it look like a crude 'G'. The 'full G' shown in the illustration below of NR/&G (N2795.01) is unusual as the die is generally found with various pins missing looking more like the left hand illustration.



Colin Fountain reported to me, way back in 1994, an unusual example he has on a 2½d issue 'Q' which shows both the original 'S' and the two additional pins making up the 'G'. At the time I had no idea how to interpret it, but now at least it can be seen to be part of a larger story. The dates quoted above the dies are based in part on the mid-range of the issues involved.

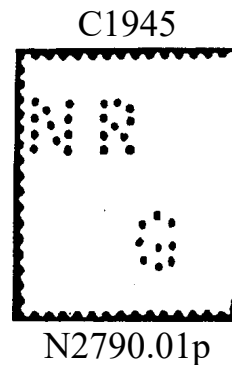
Confirmation of the deliberate nature of the 'G' can be seen in the illustration of the 'Noah Rees & Sons' entry taken from the Sloper 'manuscript' ledger



The die NR/&G (N2795.01) was presumably destroyed in the Blitz on Sloper's premises in May 1941. The date is as yet unconfirmed but fits in well with known perfin material.

c1945

The ledger entry shows that the 'Emergency Replacement', was to be NR/G. The small figures '1-12' alongside NR/G are instructions for the operator to use a single headed 'NR' die (as yet unrecorded) in combination with a 12 headed 'G' (probably G0010.01M) to produce NR/G which we catalogue as N2790.01p.



Cat. No.	Letters	Die in Use	Issues involved	Earliest Date	Latest Date
N2810.02	NR/&S	1900-1905	E, F	30/12/00	5/3/03
N2810.01 (S)	NR/&S	1905-1935	F, I(RC), M	28/8/10	
'Crude G' (S)	NR/&G	c1936	O Q Q		
N2795.01 (S)	NR/&G	1939-1941			
'G&S' (S)	NR/&G	1939-1941			
N2790.01p (S)	NR/G	c1945	R		

(S) Sloper die - single headed. The Wartime Provisional N2790.01p was '1-12'

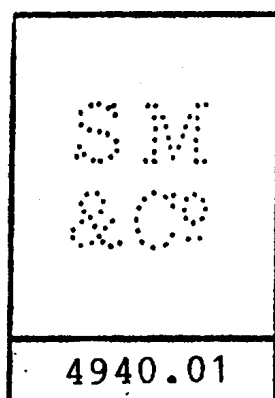
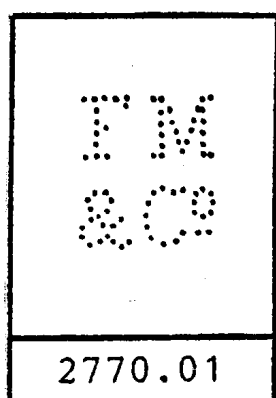
Can you help fill out the above table by sending me any additional information you may have regarding issues, values and dates? Above all, I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has access to Cardiff Trade Directories 1935-1945!

ANOTHER MYSTERY PAIR - MORE HELP WANTED

By MAURICE HARP.

Here is another strange pair of perfin dies that must be linked in some way. As can be seen, both have a particularly unusual alphabet with many pins, ampersand IVab and serifs to the letters. In fact as far as I can ascertain these are the only two dies that have been identified so far with these particular characteristics.

Both dies are early, being used on line engraved, die S4940.01 is recorded on plates 122-202 and in the new catalogue as being used from 1870-1890. Die F2770.01 was probably used from 1876 to at least 1880 and probably later and is known on plates 189-217. So here we have two dies being used concurrently - not one die superseding the other. Die S4940.01 is known used in London EC and Dulwich whereas die F2770.01 is known in London, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Manchester.



So the only link between the two is the similar style of the dies and the fact that both have been recorded used in London. From here it is conjecture. There are two companies appearing in the trade directories of the time that could fit the letter combination. Their entries in Kelly's directory of 1877 are as follows:-

Francis Mordan & Co. - patentees & manufacturers of gold pens, sealing wax, writing, copying, ruling inks, liquid gums, dyes etc. Albion works, 326 City Road, London EC.

Sampson Mordan & Co. - patentees of the ever-pointed pencils; patent oblique steel pens; manufacturer of seven guard & improved detector locks; cedar drawing pencils of pure Cumberland lead; penholders; portable quill pens; correct letter balances; every description of glass & leather inkstands; copying & seal presses & fire resisting safes & boxes; manufactory, 41 City Road, Finsbury Square, EC & warehouse, 72 Cheapside, EC.

Note that both companies traded in the same type of business and both were based in City Road. Sampson Mordan in fact went on in 1879 to produce its own perforating machines. Was there any link between these two companies - maybe a family offshoot. Were there any links for Francis Mordan with Newcastle and Manchester. Any information on the use of these two dies that could help shed light on this mystery pair would be appreciated - cancellations, dates of use, possible identities etc.

HISTORY OF PERFIN USERS

N.S.P.C.C.

From Terence Barnes

The NSPCC came into being after a series of smaller steps were taken.

On visiting New York, a Liverpool banker, T F Agnew, discovered that a Society had been formed there to prevent further harm to children who were being abused and neglected. In 1883 he formed *The Liverpool Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children*. He was invited to go and speak to other interested humanitarians in London.

In 1884, *The London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children* was formed with Lord Shaftesbury as President and the Reverend Benjamin Waugh the Honorary Secretary. Waugh was a Congregational Minister, born in Settle in North Yorkshire, whose ministry finally led him to the slums of East Greenwich in London. The utter deprivation and degradation of the little children there had a profound effect on him.

31 'Aid Committees' had sprung up throughout the country with similar aims to the Liverpool and London Societies. In 1889, at the Annual Meeting of these bodies, it was resolved that all the committees be amalgamated under one banner - *The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children* - with Queen Victoria herself becoming a Patron. The Liverpool Society remained independent until 1953 when its work was taken over by the National Society.

The same year, 1889, the first Act of Parliament for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was passed. This Bill became known as The Children's Charter and gave the police powers to arrest anyone ill-treating a child and to obtain a warrant to enter premises if it was suspected ill-treatment was occurring in the home.

In 1904 an Act of Parliament gave the NSPCC 'authorised person' status i.e. the right to remove children from the home without the police but with the consent of a Justice of the Peace. The foundations of Child Protection was in place.

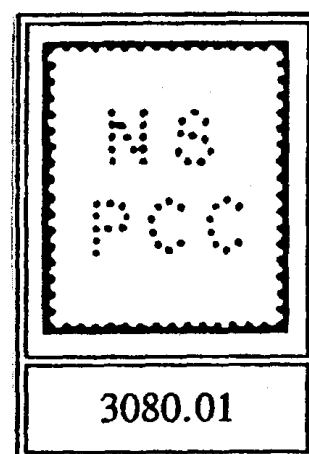
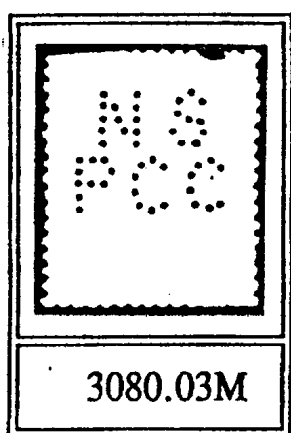
Since the turn of the century one would have hoped that the need for such an organisation as the NSPCC would have gradually diminished. To the country's shame this has not happened. The officers of the Society still struggle to cope with the case loads with which they have to deal.

The NSPCC is a voluntary organisation dependent for 89% of its income on public donations.

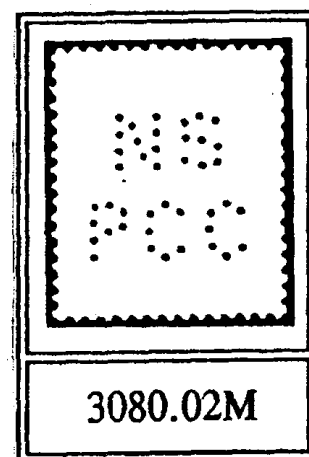
Perfins Used by the N.S.P.C.C.

The perfins used by the NSPCC cannot be mistaken for any other: these initials are famous world wide.

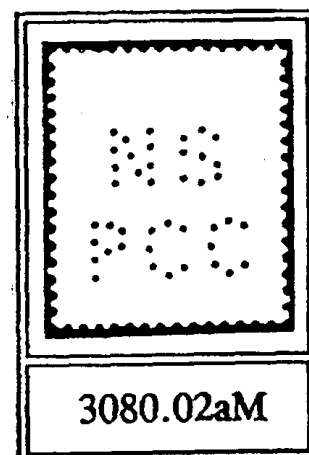
There are four known dies spanning almost 100 years. The first - N3080.03M - is known on the 1d lilac through to the lower values of KGV Typo issues. The latest information for dates of use is September 1897 to 23 Nov 1918. Postmarks are National. There is evidence that this was a multi-headed die: note the horizontal pair with distorted 'P'.



The second die to be used was N 3080.01: in use from 1918 to 1939: with known dates of use as 3 Jan 1924 to 15 July 1937. Issues range from KGV through to KGVII dark colours. Thought to be a single headed die.



The third die is N3080.02M: in use 1939 to 1941: with known dates of use as 29 Jan 1939 to 22 Mar 1941. Issues only found as yet on KGVII dark colours. This was a Sloper 12x1 multi-headed die which is thought to have been destroyed in the 'Blitz'. No KGVII 'light' or 'changed' colours have been reported.

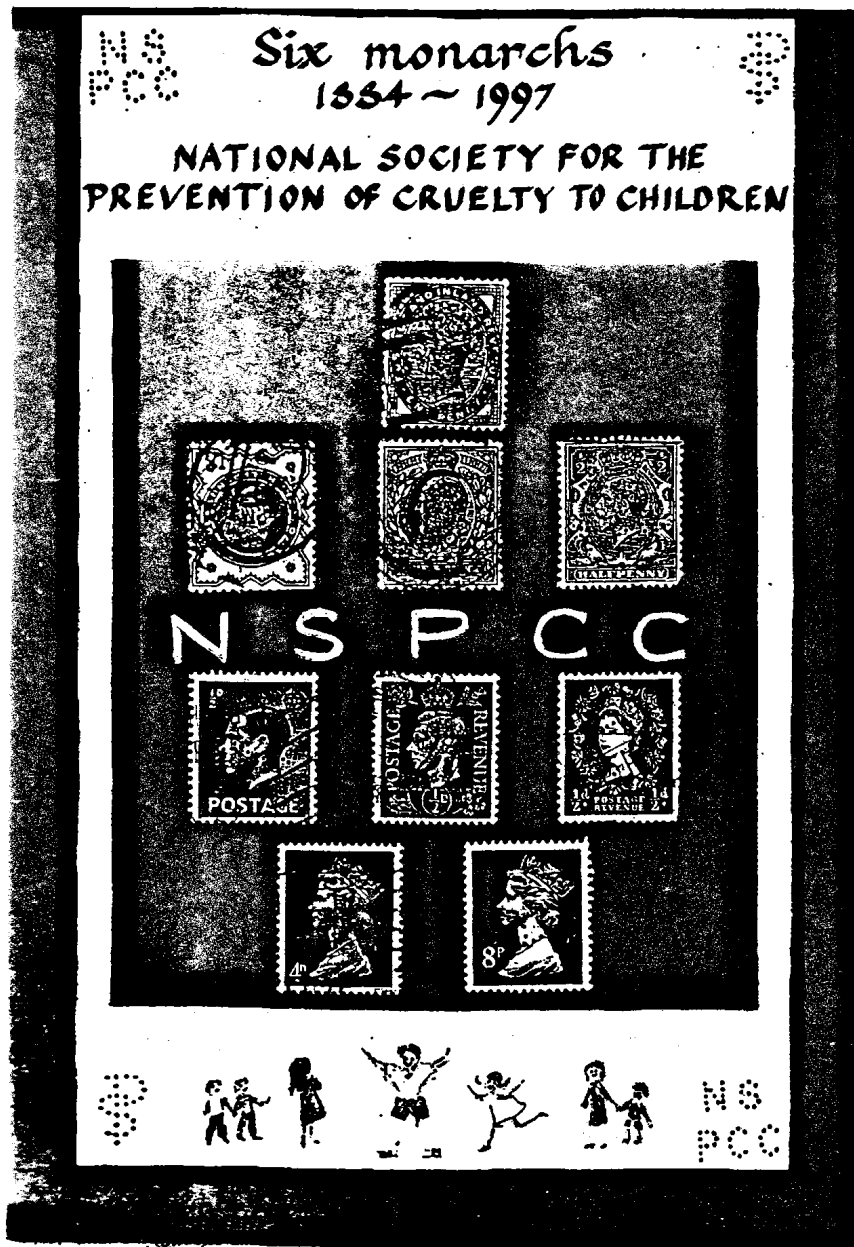


The fourth die is N3080.02aM: in use 1957 to 1985: with known dates of use as 23 Nov 1959 to 26 Sept 1985. Issues range from Wilding St Edward Crown Watermark through to 20p Decimal Machins. This is a Sloper 12x1 multi-headed die. Top of 'S' is different to N3080.02M

N.S.P.CC Greetings Card

The NSPCC may be the only charity to have had its stamps perfinned for a hundred years and over a period of six monarchs. It was this thought which reminded me of the Sloper 'Through Five Reigns' card which was illustrated in Bulletin 248.

I toyed with the idea of designing a greetings card which incorporated the perfin of me NSPCC, the format of the Sloper card and our own perfin. The following is a reduced copy of the card. I intend to offer the idea to the NSPCC as a possible fund raiser. Even if members of the public have no knowledge of perfins, cards which include stamps seem to be quite popular. If the idea is used by the fund raising committee of the NSPCC I trust our members will buy the card.



Members' Queries Answered

JACK BRANDT has sent the following information.

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1. The 'GT' fits a 'GTR' (Grand Trunk Railway of Canada) perfin in my collection. It is on a 1d KEVII. (Photocopy was enclosed)
3. I believe this third query represents a double strike of L0010.25. By coincidence, two holes from each coincide.
4. The fourth illustration is D0010.32. The Tomkins Catalogue gives S & C W Dixon as an identity.

Further Comments On Bulletin Articles

Railway Newspaper Parcel Stamps Bulletin 288 Page 14.

JACK BRANDT has sent this photocopy of another Railway Newspaper Parcel Stamp. This one is from *THE MIDLAND RAILWAY*: a 3d value: perfin is a partial of JF/&C: it would seem to be a new die.

Leeds was on this route and John Fowler & Co (Leeds) Ltd., Engineers, Leeds and London may be the user. Why would an engineering firm be sending newspapers though?



'BP' Design on 1957 Scout Stamps Last mentioned Bulletin 281 Pg.18/20.

It has been brought to our notice that these perfined stamps are once again being advertised for sale. The vendor is Rushstamps and the price for one each of the three values (with different design on each value) is £7-50p or for blocks of 4 of the three values it is £25; unmounted mint.

As stressed in previous Bulletins, these perfins appear to be of doubtful provenance. Obviously this does not preclude them being added to a collection but a note should be attached to describe these as questionable.

In years to come they could be seen as genuine whereas at the present time there is no proof of their origins.

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