

SOCIETY OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORTS - 2022

The Society held its AGM at the YMCA in Cromer Street, London on Thursday 29th October. We chose a mid week meeting to tie in with Stampex, but Stampex proved to be disappointing as did the attendance at the meeting of only 10 members. A few members brought material for display and the regular AGM reports were presented by the officers (see below). A 10 page display shown by Melvyn Green on religious perfins has been posted on the Society website.

Presidents Report – Richard Husband

The past year has been one of considerable progress. In March, Sloper 154, the USB memory stick for the 2nd edition of the Gault Catalogue of Great British Perfins was published. Membership has increased slightly and we are having our customary two London meetings a year. Of enormous benefit too, is the very efficiently run postal auction, the new website, the library and the Bulletin, the latter now having twice as many pages as it used to. Thank you, Margaret for posting the Bulletins to members.

As new members often express an interest in gaining knowledge of perfins, I want to mention to everyone that this Society offers immense scope for serious study. All past Bulletins are also available on the new website which yields a lot of information including overseas perfin catalogues. The library is one other resource which should not be overlooked, a great deal of which has now been digitised.

I did receive one complaint against an Officer during the year which I am pleased to say was subsequently withdrawn.

Thank you very much to the members, who contributed to and took part in the auction, wrote articles for the Bulletin and contributed to the catalogues.

It just leaves me to place on record a big thank you to the other Society Officers for the enormous amount of productive time they have given in the last year. And particularly, when one or two of them were not in the best of health.

Bulletin Editor's Report – Maurice Harp

During the last year the Society issued 6, 64 page Bulletins – a total of 384 pages, the most issued in any one year by the Society. On top of this there was a further 44 pages of New Dies and Identities. As you may guess material for both the Bulletin and New Identities continues to come in on a regular basis. At the moment we have enough material for a 64 page Bulletin well into next year so it looks like we will have 64 page Bulletins throughout 2023. Although the larger Bulletin means additional printing costs these additional costs are currently being met out of the Society surplus funds.

I would also like to thank Margaret Harding for her sterling work in distributing the Bulletin and her fights with the local Post Office which have resulted in getting a decent cancellation of the postage.

We now have over half of the members receiving the Bulletin electronically and if any members would like to take up this service they only have to ask. Remember you can have paper & digital if you like.

Website Report – Alastair Walter

The past year has seen a big change for the website with the construction of a completely new site hosted by GoDaddy to replace the 20 year old website hosted by Angelfire.

It has been an unusually costly year because we have been paying two sets of hosting fees, although I have managed to move the old Angelfire site onto a cheaper hosting package.

It has taken longer than I expected to transfer all the material from the old website to the new. The main items still remaining on the old site are the library and the Sloper records, which I will move over as soon

as I can. Once that is done, I will be able to move what is left of the old website onto a free hosting package. It is not my intention to close down the old website altogether, but instead to leave it as a series of links to the corresponding pages on the new site, for the convenience of users who have bookmarked pages on the old site.

The new website has been successful in providing a more modern and reliable online presence for the Society. New content continues to be added regularly and I thank those members who provide this content. Suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

This year I also set up a Society account on Twitter with the handle @perfinsoc to help spread the word about perfins.

Catalogue Editor's Report - Roy Gault.

- The **current status** for GB Perfins is (27th Sep 2022) ...
25,044 DD, and **277,914 DDF**, with **15,829** (63.2%) having a confirmed/suspected user split 60/40.

We're adding **5 DD**, **350 DDF**, and **20 New Identities** every month.

- **'Sloper 154'** - Sales of the new black 'Twister' are encouraging with sixty-nine sold to date (27th Sep 2022). Projected sales ...
Rest of 2022 - 6; 2023 - 10; 2024 - 10; 2025 - 5. **Total 100.**

Four year 'Spring' plan

- **2023** - In collaboration with *Maurice Harp*, completion of the '*Line Engraved Catalogue*'. Projected 500 pages as an e-release. Currently 60% complete, although all modules in 'Gault' which will be used in it are 100% up to date. Completed letters are also kept up to date as new information comes in.
- **2024** - Completion of Ron Bowman's '*Railway Catalogue*'. Projected 130 pages as an e-release. Probably also 60% complete - again, all modules in 'Gault' are 100% up to date.
- **2025** - **2nd Edition** of '*Sloper's Wartime Provisionals*'. Initial estimates point to 350 pages as an e-release. Introduction written, but again, all modules in 'Gault' are 100% up to date.

- **2026 - 3rd Edition** of the ‘*Gault Catalogue of GB Perfins*’, along with updated versions of ‘*Tomkins*’, ‘*GB Coils*’, and the ‘*Gault Catalogue of Irish Perfins*’, all as an e-release. Based on the time taken in preparing S154, **December 2025 & January 2026** will be devoted entirely to producing the latest versions of all four catalogues. Please note that any update information received after 30th November 2025 *will not be included*.

Throughout the remainder of 2022, all of 2023 and 2024, and up to the end of November 2025, the various catalogues will be kept up to date as new information is reported. By **1st January 2026** I fully expect the overall GB Perfin figures to be ...

25,250 DD and 292,500 DDF, with 16,650 Identified (65.9%).

Librarian’s Report - Roy Gault.

There have been *no requests for Library material this year!* Requests for the last *six* years are as follows ...

2017 - 7, 2018 - 3, 2019 - 1, 2020 - 2, 2021 - 2, 2022 - 0

This dwindling demand is no doubt due to the sterling work *Maurice Harp* has undertaken in the past in scanning many of the documents held in the Library, which *Alastair Walter* has made readily available via the Perfin Society website.

Recent donations gratefully received ...
Bulgarian Perfins (Dr sc Georgi Popov (2009)
The Danish Catalogue (2022).

Auctioneers Report – William Hall

Another busy year with many members continuing to rationalise their collections. This has produced enough material for what will be a total of four auctions by the end of the year. Given the steady supply of material, I have been able to expand the total number of lots per auction to around 500. Pleasingly, there are very few unsold lots at the end of each auction. Overseas postal deliveries have on the whole improved, but please bid early or better still bid by email if possible.

More material is always welcome. Great Britain and other countries' perfins sell equally well.

Secretary/Treasurers Report – Steve Steere

Membership continues to rise having forty-one members join us in this past Society year. Our Society Website and the ability to join online on it using PayPal is obviously attractive to those interested in Perfins. The subscription income whilst higher now reflects actual postal charges where paper members pay the membership charge of £10.00 plus actual postage for six standard rate postings (2nd class in UK). The Society continues to fund the extra postage between standard and large letter for our extra large Bulletins. The decrease in postal costs is due to more members on Email subscriptions, now one hundred and thirty five, an increase of thirty two from last year.

Due to rising charges imposed by PayPal to receive money in the ordinary payment method we have now raised the Society fee to 6% on amounts due of £20.01 and above but continue to charge £1.00 on amounts up to and including £20.00. Members do have the option (not always easy to find on the PayPal site) of sending money by Friends & Family (permitted by PayPal as we are not a business). Members in the UK usually do not have to pay anything up front but PayPal will charge a currency conversion fee to overseas members unless their account has a balance in Sterling. Please remember to notify the Auctioneer if offering to pay by PayPal whether you are using the standard method or Friends & Family. No Society PayPal fee is added if you use Friends & Family.

Just to recap the Society has one Current Account and one PayPal account. Payments must not be sent to any officer other than myself as Treasurer and should always be payable to The Perfin Society. I will not accept cheques made payable personally to me nor will I accept foreign currency unless by previous arrangement and sent at own risk.

The post of Publications Officer was abolished when Terry Comper retired and Roy Gault now deals with Sloper 154 & Email orders once you have paid the Society. At present the postal charges incurred for

the Sloper 154 are incorporated together with the normal Catalogue Editor's postage within Officer Expenses. Members do remit the actual postage when purchasing the Sloper 154 but are not charged for the envelope.

This year would have no doubt ended with us showing a deficit if not for the additional revenue brought in by the Sloper 154 sales and increased income from the Auction. I want to thank all my fellow Officers for devoting the time and effort to make the Society as successful as it is and our members for supporting us.

THE PERFIN SOCIETY

Statement of Accounts 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022

<u>SOCIETY INCOME & EXPENSES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET</u>
	<u>2021 - 2022</u>	<u>2021 - 2022</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
			<u>2020 - 2021</u>
AUCTION	£1,767.57	(£704.53)	£1,248.35
BULLETIN PRINTING		(£3,216.00)	(£2,733.00)
NEW IDENTITIES PRINTING ^[1]		(£0.00)	(£116.00)
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£0.00	(£0.00)	(£0.00)
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£319.20		£292.10
POSTAGE (Auction & Bulletin) ^[2]		(£2,468.50)	(£2,685.00)
LIBRARY		(£0.00)	(£0.00)
PUBLICATIONS ^[3]	£2,331.68	(£1,065.12)	£332.38
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£3,954.66		£3,404.52
WEB SITE		(£250.24)	(£91.13)
OFFICERS EXPENSES ^[4]		(£225.29)	(£95.22)
MEETINGS		(£100.00)	(£0.00)
STATIONERY		(£59.00)	(£45.48)
ADVERTISING		(£0.00)	(£0.00)
OTHER COMMISSION ^[5]	£261.81		£91.65
DONATIONS ^[6]	£375.76		£262.75
TOTALS	£9,010.68	(£8,088.68)	(£134.08)
TOTAL SURPLUS	£922.00		
TOTAL DEFICIT			(£134.08)

Notes

- [1] New identities are now solely published on the Society Website.
- [2] Postage costs are for six large letter rate Bulletins and three Auctions.
- [3] Expenditure for unsuccessful repair on M20 printer & Sloper 154 production costs.
- [4] For Secretary/Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, Catalogue Editor, Bulletin dispatcher - mainly postal costs.
- [5] Thanks to Rosemary Smith & Bob Allard whose sales through the Bulletin account for this figure.
- [6] Thanks to Brian Birch, Waltraud Kokot, Brian Coates, Neville Hayward, Gustav Hansen, Joseph Morris and 22 others who donated smaller amounts.

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As of 31st August 2022

BANK ACCOUNTS

<u>CREDIT</u>	31 August 2022	31 August 2021
CURRENT ACCOUNT (Lloyds Bank)	£6,115.70	£5,717.59
SOCIETY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (Cambridge & Counties Bank)	£33,275.90	£32,956.70
PAYPAL INTERNET BANK	£5,242.72	£697.43
TOTAL CREDIT	£44,634.32	£39,371.72
LESS MEMBERS CREDIT	£12,429.25	£8,088.65
TOTAL SOCIETY CREDIT	£32,205.07	£31,283.07

ASSETS

The Society owns:

- (1) The Society owns an Epson GT15000 A3 Scanner value about £75.00