

c) Festival of Stamps Perfins Gordon Clinch brought to our notice two commemorative type perfins which have passed by relatively unpublicized to-date. These were produced by the Stamp Collecting Promotion Council for sale at the "Festival of Stamps" exhibitions of 1975 and 1976. They were intended for use on the special souvenir cover which was cancelled by the "National Stamp Day" postmark.

The following notes are compiled from the material purchased by Gordon Clinch at the exhibition and from subsequent correspondence with the S.C.P.C.

NSD/1975 Perforated through the se-tenant pair of 7p Architectural Heritage stamps and were available in two forms, in strips of 10 maximum (i.e. 5 pairs) or as blocks of four. The panes of four were included in special souvenir booklets with the stitching, either in white or black, through the selvedge edge of the stamps.

Slopers produced the perfin with a total quantity of 80,000 being perforated.

NSD/1976 For 1976 only the 8½p Telephone Commemorative stamp was used, again being produced by Slopers but this year the quantity was reduced to 20,000.

It is of interest to note that while the lettering used for both years is the 'standard' 4-hole 'Sloper alphabet, the numbers are quite different. In 1975 the rounded style found on most recent numeral perfins used by Hospitals etc., was used whereas, the 1976 perfin has numerals based on a 15 pin matrix similar to that described by Mike Burrows elsewhere in this issue.