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SUBSCRIPTIONS

As a result of the recent Questionnaire sent to each member, it was quite clear that the vast majority would support an increase in subscriptions. It was, therefore, left to the meeting to decide the final amount, having first considered the wishes of all those unable to be present (See report below).

The subscription is now 10/- per annum and is back-dated to September 1st.(One of the increased benefits for this subscription will be a monthly bulletin of slightly smaller size starting in January.)

The increase means that those members who remitted 5/- for 1961-62 are now only paid up until March 1st and the Secretary would be grateful if all concerned would remit a further 5/-. A red mark at the top of this page will remind those members.

Similarly, those members who have paid one or more years in advance will have their length of membership reduced accordingly. A card showing the revised date will be attached to this bulletin in the case of these people.

REPORT ON MEETING

The meeting took place in London on 18th November as arranged and was very well attended, Messrs. Carr, Coates, Cox, Eades, Holden, Muggleton, Nelson, Peach, Peedo, Smith, Tomkins, and Young being present. Mr Carr was representing the Secretary who was unable to make the 400 mile journey south.

The main business discussed was the subscription, and after much thought was given to the matter the Meeting agreed upon an increase to 10/- (\$1.50), to take effect from Sept, 1st 1961. As a result of the increase members asked if the New-Letter could be issued monthly instead of every two months as at present. Mr Carr agreed that this could be done although shortage of material may affect the number of pages in each issue.(It has been decided subsequent to the meeting that every attempt will be made to get out an issue of the News-Letter each month.)

It was also decided to launch a Duplicator fund to enable the Group to buy its own rotary duplicator. All profits from, auctions, the Exchange Packet, advertising etc., and any other excess of income over expenditure to be added to this fund. The Meeting suggested that members be asked to send their subscriptions in advance to give the Group more available funds.

The question of publishing a yearly membership list was

raised and it was agreed to issue such a list as soon as possible (see below).

Further suggestions put forward, were that, the Exchange Supt. be requested to accept perfins mounted in approval size booklets for circulation with 10% of proceeds going to the Group, and that an up-to-date library list be issued. In addition to this it was suggested that the Librarian should also hold any "non-perfin" book donated for members use. If members do not wish to borrow a book but only require information then a search fee of 6d should be charged. The Librarian agreed to adopt these suggestions.

A request for further meetings to be arranged next year was also made and the last Saturday of Stampex week suggested as a date for the first of these. It was also asked if organised displays could be arranged at these meetings with members who were unable to attend also contributing.

When all business had been dealt with those present displayed sheets from their own collections and discussed the various methods of mounting. In addition Mr Muggleton was able to show two small perforating machines which he had borrowed from the owners.

Finally, before the meeting was closed a collection was taken to pay for the room. This showed a 6/- surplus which was donated to the Duplicator Fund.

Secretary's Comments It appears that the meeting was a great success and I only regret that I was unable to be present. We shall certainly endeavour to adopt all the suggestions made, both at the meeting and in the returned Questionnaire forms. With a 10/- subscription our progress will be much more rapid and our standards can be raised. On the question of the increase I am sure that members will appreciate that we have tried to deal with it in the manner which is fair to everyone. An increase now is better than struggling through another year without any improvement in the status or activities of the Group.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

In response to many requests, it is intended to publish a full list of members and their philatelic interests. Mr Carr will handle the compiling of the list and members who want their interests made known are asked to write to him giving the following information,

- (1) Perfin interests.
- (2) Other philatelic interests.
- (3) Membership of specialist societies or groups.
- (4) Job or profession.

It must be emphasised that there is no obligation on the part of members to supply any of the above details, in which case only their name and address will be given. Similarly, if for any reason a member does not want his address quoted it will be omitted.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

Mr Smith sends the following information on a cover he has come across in the hope that someone can verify his conclusions and supply the missing information.

"In looking over some of my old covers I found one with a perfin on Q.V. 1d lilac, postmarked 'Bedford St. B.O., MY/3/93' The 'perfin' is partly off the stamp and reads I.A ; the I is , I am sure, a vertical of an H. The cover is from THEATRE ROYAL DRURY LANE AND ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COVENT GARDEN. Then appears the royal crown, and underneath LESSEE AND MANAGER SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS. I therefore deduce that the perfin is really A.H reversed. This die is included in our 'Simplified' list but I have never seen any identified listing. The "A" has 10 holes and is 6mm high. Perhaps some of our friends also have this perfin and could give us the number of holes in the "H" ."

A further query is passed on to us by Miss M.E. Thornton. It originates from Mr Marceuse in the U.S.A., who writes, "I hope you can give me some information on postal stationery, of which I have no knowledge whatsoever. One of my correspondents in Germany has a postal stationery cover, Great Britain, A&N/C.S.L. postmarked London, S.W. - Since the perforation is only on the front part of the cover, he would like to know whether such perforations were made before the envelope was glued, or by what other means.

Has anyone any information?

ADDITION TO LIBRARY

The American Perfins Club has donated to us, for inclusion in our Library, the following copies of publications originally included in their bulletin.

1. LIST OF DANISH PERFINS Compiled by Messrs. V.J. Van Lint of U.S.A., and E. J. Enschede of Holland

This is a publication of 15 pages which lists 693 perfin types and identifies some 189 of them.

2. PERFINS OF NEW ZEALAND By R.M. Startup.

This is really two separate works which between them record just about everything there is to know about the perfins of New Zealand. The information was gathered from the Archives of New Zealand Parliament House and is completely factual. 30 perfin types are listed of which only one is not identified.

NEW ZEALAND PERFINS

An interesting feature mentioned in the above publication is that of the VACUUM OIL COMPANY perfin (VOCo or VO/Co) found on the stamps of New Zealand. It is believed that secret marks were used to distinguish the perfins of one branch office from another. It is also thought that these marks took the form of the addition of extra holes or the omission of certain holes from the various letters. Anyone owning copies is asked to write, giving details to Mr D Stump.

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GREAT BRITAIN

WE HAVE STOCKS OF MOST THINGS IN G.B., INCLUDING PERFINs ON 1d REDS, UNDERPRINTS, O.U.S., AND OTHER SIDELINES--AND, OF COURSE 90% OF STRAIGHT CATALOGUE LISTED STAMPS.

WE SHALL BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE SEND APPROVALS----PREFER-ABLY AGAINST A WANTS LIST ---- WE'LL HELP YOU IF WE CAN AND WE PROBABLY CAN.

WE BUY AS WELL; IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO SELL IN G.B. LET US KNOW OR SEND IT ALONG WITH YOUR PRICE.

JOHN AND MOLLY FOSBERY

MEMBERS WANTS

I will exchange perfins for coins, tokens, postcards registration labels, Victorian button hooks, tie pins etc.

Rev. W.West.

GROUP OFFICERS

It appears that we have been inadvertently causing confusion amongst a number of members in the manner in which we have been listing the Group's officers on the front page of each issue. The Secretary's name was given both against the post of Secretary and Editor, and it was not really clear that it was one and the same person.

Perhaps it will clarify the position if we give a brief resume of the work actually done by the Secretary and Editors.

The Secretary, of course, deals with all secretarial matters and handles the Group's finances. He also edits the 'News-Letter' and types the majority of the stencils. Considerable help is given from time to time by certain members compiling lists etc., and Mr Carr often lends a hand with the typing.

Printing and distribution of our bulletin is entirely handled by Mr Carr who also helps out in many other ways by organising meetings, running the auction etc.

It is, therefore, preferable that all letters concerning secretarial, financial and editorial matters be addressed to the secretary. The other Officers should be contacted direct for matters concerning them and for certain other matters appearing from time to time in the News-Letter.

RECAPITULATION

We have been asked to give a check-list of the catalogue pages issued to date. Including this issue it is as follows,
SIMPLIFIED LIST, Pages 1.- 29 inclusive. BOARD OF TRADE Pages 1-2
IDENTIFIED LIST (Revised listing) Pages, A1 - A3; B1 - B7; C1 - C5; D1 - D2; E1 - E3; F1 - F2; G1 - G2; H1 - H4; I1; J1 - J3; KI - K2, L1 - L4; M1 - M3, N1 - N2; O1; P1 - P3 (P3 includes Q); R1 - R3.

1st Perfin Auction of the G.B. Perfin Study Group.

Bids should be in sterling but any received in dollars will be converted at the rate of \$1 = 7/-. Purchasers to pay postage on lots bought, Great Britain.

Lot.	Description.	Reserve.
1.	10 oz QE on strip or env. showing user.	
2.	103 stamps showing user, believed all diff. & QE	
3.	Over 500 QE on piece, mainly from Lancashire/Yorkshire area. Much duplication.	
4.	230 on strip or env, showing user. All QE & much dup.	
5.	4 oz on paper, mainly QE.	
6.	4 oz on paper, mainly QE.	
7.	Many 100's (5 oz gross) sorted by letters into envs. Much duplication & mainly common.	5/-
8.	1000 off paper, 1880 to QE inc. blocks & vals. to 1/6.	
9.	1000 mixed from a U,S, source	7/-
10.	150 all reigns representing over 50 diff. perfins.	
11.	528 diff. on 1d lilac 1881.	
12.	93 in booklet inc. KGV 2/6 1934 (F) 2-KGVI 5/- (H, HT/W) QE 10/- (B/Bk) & others mainly over 6d face.	12/6
13.	50 diff. Regionals, Commems & H.V. inc. KGVI 10/- dark blue (OB) and 2-1924 1½d Wembley (DM, PBL).	
14.	4d QV Plate 12 (HUTH) cat 20/-	2/6
15.	2½d QV 1883 (C&K)	
16.	2/6 QV 1883 (HUTH) cat 17/6	2/-
17.	7d KGV 1912 (M/Co)	
18.	5/- KGVI 1939 (JD)	
19.	10/- QE 1959 (MB)	
20.	---	
21.	---	
22.	197 diff starting with letters A to G. A-21, B-52, C-48, D-21, E-20, F-13, G-22.	
23.	44 diff. starting with letter S.	
24.	33 diff. starting with letter T.	
25.	22 diff. stamps with AA.	
26.	---	
27.	14 diff. stamps with CC.	
28.	12 diff. stamps with CWS.	
29.	1957 4d Parliamentary Conf. with M	2/-
30.	500 "seconds" all reigns & values to 2/6	
31.	Collection on 10 leaves cont. 246 stamps. Line engr. to KGVI with few QE inc. £1. It also inc. 16-1d reds, 4-2d blues, 2-6d QV. Plate 11 & 1-4d QV Plate 12.	50/-
Other Countries.		
32.	Austria (A.F., M.T., V.G.), Germany (Dr.B., GD, pair & block, G.W., K.Z,), Czech (P), Netherlands (RK/H).	
33.	Azores (B.B.), Belg (B.M., V.R,), Denmark (BT), Eire, France (G, SC, Lot in circle in triangle)	
34.	Australia (ACo), India, NZ (W&T/T), Victoria(P.W, RM/&C).	
35.	55 mixed all world.	

Lot.	Description.	Reserve.
36.	170 diff world from 37 countries (no GB or USA) cat 64/- . 1 stamp of India cat 10/ Full list of countries & quantities available	7/6
37.	24 Australia KGV Officials. Cat. at least 15/10d	
38.	39 Australia KGVI/QE Officials. Cat 8/7d	
39.	11 Australian Sates Officials. Cat 2/ld	
40.	14 Canada (7-C/N/R inc cover, 5-C/P/R, BT, PS)	
41.	13 Canada OH/MS cat 3/8d	
42.	11 Canada OH/MS cat 3/4d	
43.	7 Ecuador BOE on fiscals	
44.	11 France CTS cat 2/6d	
45.	12 Germany S&C. on Germania. 6 normal, 6 reversed.	
46.	3 Nigeria QE. 3d, 1/-, 5/- with E&F/Ltd <u>and</u> Tiko, Cameroons UUKT, postmark.	
47.	U.S. Schermack Coil, code 689 - Hill Publ. Co. NY.	7/-
48.	U.S. --- code 48 - Kabo Corset Co. Chicago	7/-
49.	U.S. --- code 13579 - J.L. Hawthorne Co. NY	7/-
50.	U.S. B/CE BE/NY N/G/S N/C/B So/R Y MLI, M, I in Map.	
51.	U.S. 1000 mixed from a U.S, source.	8/6
52.	15 Venezuela Officials (G.N) cat 16/11 & a further 5 diff slightly faulty "seconds" cat 19/5.	
53.	12 Venezuela G.N cat 13/8	
54.	---	
55.	Vert. marginal strip of 4 Venezuela 15c Bolivar on Security paper perf G.N showing shift of perfin between 2nd and 3rd stamps G.N G.N cat 3/- G.N G.N	
56.	6 Sudan Officials. 3-AS, 3-SG, all on "large Camel" cat 15/5	
57.	3 G.B. fancy MC (type 2 as descr. Sept/Oct News-sheet) on 1/0, 2/0 and 9/6 values.	
58.	A similar lot.	

Notes. Lots nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 30 and 35 have been donated to the Group, thank you very much.

Lots will be sent for viewing within U.K. on payment of postage & rec. del. fee except as below:

Lots 1 to 7, 9 & 51 are too bulky.
Lots 8, 11 & 30, postage etc 10½d
Lot 31, postage etc 1/3.

Further information will be gladly given on any lot, S.A.E. please.

All proceeds from this auction will be added to The Duplicator Fund.