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NEW MEMBER

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LIBRARY

Mr Lord-Castle has tendered his resignation and is no longer guardian of our small library. However, we have been fortunate enough to have another member offer to take on the job and as soon as the transfer has been effected we shall be back in business again.

BULLETIN

Elsewhere in this issue you will see that it is proposed to reduce the number of bulletins issued per year to six. During the past six months our issues have gone out as combine two-monthly issues but the reasons for this are not the same as those which led us to take the decision of reducing future issues.

Apart from the usual lack of spare time, this year we have had a number minor disasters. In preparing our last issue our typewriter went sick and had to be nursed and coaxed to finish the job. Having finally completed the stencils with a note apologising for the delay, the timing belt on the duplicator broke on the first turn of the handle. This caused further seven days delay while we waited for a service engineer to call.

This month we still do not have our typewriter back. It seems that the factory have lost or mislaid the rollers which the local shop returned for re-surfacing. The shop eventually loaned us a typewriter in order to get this issue under way.

Hopefully, this issue will be a reasonable size but it will be limited by the amount that we can get done before going on holiday on 24th July. It must be in the mail by then.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION

In view of rising prices your Committee have decided that the subscription should be increased to £1.00 (\$2.40) per annum. This will be payable by all members wherever they live, and will take effect from 1st September 1971.

The Society's subscription was raised from 5/- to 10/- in November 1961, when bulletins were issued monthly instead of bi-monthly. The current subscription rate will have been in existence for about 10 years, but recent, and future, increases in the costs of paper and postage have made an increase

in subscription inevitable.

It is estimated that the cost of running the Society in the year 1971/72 will be in the region of 80p per member, if the number of bulletins issued were to remain the same as before. It is, however, further proposed that the bulletins should be produced every two months, but contain the same amount of information as previously, by being twice as big as those currently produced.

Your Committee hopes that members will appreciate the reasons for these steps being taken and not feel that it will result in a poorer service. This new arrangement, will help to reduce the work load on our Editor, who will have to dispatch only half the number of bulletins, and will also save approximately half our postage costs.

It is also felt that if the Society is to grow in stature, we should have sufficient reserves to finance the printing and publication of handbooks on various topics, such as Railway Perfers, Officials etc.

Although percentage wise the increase in subscription is large, an increase of some sort is long overdue. For over two years we have been relying upon the sale of back pages or Mr Jennings's book to supplement the subscription. This obviously could not continue. It is hoped that the new rate together with our proposed economies in postage will result in a stable subscription rate for a number of years.

IDENTITIES CATALOGUE

Attached to this bulletin is a sample page of possible illustrated catalogue. This is still very much experimental and we are not sure whether the quality is the best one can achieve by the particular method employed.

This sample was produced by an electronically cut stencil from an artwork prepared by Basil Tomkins.

Similarly, the final layout is still undecided although the feeling is that high production costs will dictate that a page containing illustrations should contain nothing but illustrations.

If any member has any suggestions on the form the catalogue should take, or can assist in any way on the artwork or printing perhaps they would contact Basil Tomkins. Any assistance will be welcome.

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6.7. URUGUAY

I have very little information about any Official perforations used in this country and can only quote the following paragraphs:

Scott "Since 1931 most of the used Official stamps have been punched with holes of various shapes in addition to the postal cancellations".

Stanley Gibbons (Part III)

"The majority of used official stamps in the issues from 1901 to 1928 are punched with holes in addition to being postmarked. Unused stamps of the 1901 issue were also punched after a stock had been stolen and the issue unused is scarce without the hole".

Yvert "Les timbres nos. 78 a 142 qui ont servi sont en general perces d'une etoile.- Certains timbres-post des dernieres emissions ont ete employes sans surcharge comme timbres de service. Ils sont alors perfores soit d'une ou de deux croix, sont d'une ou de deux etoiles suivant qu'ils out ete employes pour les services ordinaires ou seriens officiels".

Roughly translated this means - "The stamps no. 78 to 142 (Stanley Gibbons no. 084 to 0151) which have been used are generally perforated by a star. Certain stamps of the last issue have been used without overprint (the word "OFFICIAL") as official stamps. They are then perforated either by one or two crosses, or by one or two stars, depending upon whether they have been used for surface or air mail, post."

Mr Macuse reports the following :

Punched with round hole 4mm diameter

Scott E6

Two stars 5mm high. 5 points

Scott O 127

Two stars 3mm high. 4 points

Scott O 84

19.23 WEST BROMWICH (CB) STAFFORDSHIRE

West Bromwich received its Charter of Corporation as a Borough in 1882 and six years later, in 1888, it was created a County Borough. It is largely an industrial town with major industries in coal and metal working.

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|---------------|------|----|---------|-----|
| Perfins : (1) | WBC | H | 14,14,8 | (5) |
| (11) | WB/C | 2H | 12,17/7 | (4) |

Perfins were first introduced over a half century ago. The exact date is unknown but it was at least as early as 1916.

Die (1) is not confirmed but is only offered as a "possible" since it is known with postmarks thought to be from West Bromwich.

Die (11) is in current use and is supplied by Slopers.

19.24 WEST HARTLEPOOL (CB) COUNTY DURHAM

In 1844, Ralph Ward Jackson decided to construct his own Dock on waste-land near the old town and within 20 yrs these had grown to one of the largest on the North East Coast.

The town prospered with the Docks and in 1887 was incorporated as a Borough. By 1902 it had grown large enough to be created a County Borough.

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| Perfins : (1) | CB/WH | 2H | 7,11/12,10 | (4½) |
| (11) | CB/H | 2H | 7,11/10 | (4½) |

The date of introduction of perfins is not known but they were in use prior to 1920.

In view of the period during which perfins have been used a die earlier than Die (1) probably existed. Die (1) has only been noted on KGV1 and QE11 stamps.

Die (11) was introduced on 1st April 1967 when the name of the County Borough was changes to Hartlepool.

As far as it is known perfins have always been supplied by Slopers.

20.1 YEOVIL (B) SOMERSET

Yeovil owes its origins to the Romans who formed a settlement on a ridge between two streams feeding the River Yeo.

Its first charter bearing the seal of the "free borough of Yeovil" was granted in 1305 and allowed the townspeople to make a free election of the office of the town provost.

Although the district is largely agricultural, it has been a centre of leather and glove making for several hundred years.

Perfin : YC H 6,7 (4½)

Perfins which are obtained from Slopers are believed to have been introduced in the early 1930's.

20.2 YORK (CB) YORKSHIRE

York, which has had a very turbulent history began as the Roman city EBURACUM and by the middle ages it became almost as important as London and was known as the Capital of the North.

In 1396, Richard II made the City a County of itself free from the Ridings of Yorkshire.

Perfin: YK/C 2H 8,10/8 (4½)

Perfins are produced in the Council Offices on a 6 die machine of unknown make and age which is thought to have been purchased prior to 1900.

At the present time only two pins are missing, both in the K in the lower right hand die.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVEDFROM Mr R. Husband

| | | | | |
|-------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 251.2 | RH/&S | 13,12/14,10 | 4½ (III) | R. Hornsby & Sons Ltd Grantham. |
| 1.34 | B | 23 | 13 | Bamfords, Uttoxeter, Staffs. |
| 388 | LMC | 6,11,7 | 5½ | Linoleum Manufacturing Co, Ltd. London, E.C. |
| 375 | F.S/&C°.. | 8,11/13,8,6 | 5½ (III) | F. Steiner & Co., Ltd.. Manchester. |
| 36.2 | T/B | 7/14 | 4½ | Tangye (Brothers?) Birmingham, |
| | JK/&S | 7,10/12,10 | 4½ (I) | James Keiller & Son Ltd. Silvertown, London,E. |
| 1.1 | D | 9 | 4½ | G.W. Dray & Son Limited Barking, Essex, |
| 260 | SE/LS | 9,9/6,9 | 4½ | Siemens Electric Lamps & Supplies Limited Manchester. |
| 318.1 | HHC | 10,10,7 | 4½ | H. Haeffner & Co., Ltd. Redhill, Surrey |

From Mr M.O. Welch

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| 1.1 | B | 11 | 4½ | Burroughs Adding Machine Ltd. London, W.1. |
| 1.8 | J | 10 | 5½ | Jaeger Company Limited London, E.C.1. |
| 1.2 | W | 12 | 4½ | W. Wood & Son Limited Chiswick, London W.4. |

From Mrs I.M. Sharpin

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| 640 | H&S(Monogram) | 17,13,10 | H=15 S=5 | Harrison & Sons Limited London. |
| 337 | BH/G | 14,12/11 | 4½ | Ø Brighton & Hove Gas Company |
| 286.2 | MK | 15,12 | 4½ | The Middlesex Hospital London, W.1. |

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