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NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to report that another new member has joined our ranks,

Mr L.W. Bowen 27, Lambourne Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex.

MEMBERSHIP LIST CHANGES

1. Due to a typographical error the names and addresses of Mr J. W. Luft and Mr J. W. Prince were omitted from our membership list. Both these gentlemen are paid up members and we offer our apologies for the oversight. the addresses are,
Mr J. N. Luft 47, Brookside Glen, Chesterfield.
Mr J. W. Prince 45, Kennel Ride, Ascot, Berkshire.
2. Mr Pearce has moved to 3, Treadale Close, Tile Hill Village, Coventry, CV4 9HQ.
3. Mr Clinch's postal number should be DA1 IYG
4. Mr Litschke's address should read "Alte Celler Heerstr. 31, Postfach 3742, D-3000 Hannover 1, West Germany.
5. Mr P.C. Burgess now lives at 3, Glengyle Avenue, Blackwood, South Australia, 5051, Australia.
6. Mr H. Clarkson of Leeds and Mr V. Davis of Brooklyn, New York have both resigned from the Society.

SUBSCRIPTION 1971/72

At the time of going to press (20th November) a number of members had not renewed their subscription or had not sent in the outstanding amount due to make up the new rate of £1.00. If you are one of these members you will find the amount due marked alongside. Please let the Treasurer have your remittance right away.

Normally, any member who has not renewed by the end of December would be dropped from the membership roll, and whilst this will still apply to U.K. members, for members in the U.S.A. who are suffering from postal delays we will extend the period.

In practise, no one who renews before our next bulletin goes out at the end of January will suffer. However, anyone who has not renewed by then will not be sent a bulletin, and since we do not keep back bulletins, renewal later will probably mean that you will miss the Jan./Feb. issue entirely.

It is now up to you!

SOCIETY'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE

With this issue we are sending out a specimen page of the proposed catalogue which has been reproduced by the lithographic printing process. It should be pointed out that this is not fully representative of the final work. The identities would come opposite the illustrations, that is on the back of the next set of diagrams; blank spaces would not be left seemingly at random but in the bottom two lines, or extreme right hand line. Similarly, the white gaps in the black background would be painted out on the final artwork.

The cost to Society members is estimated to be about 1½p per sheet (printed both sides) and in order to finance the work we should require payment in instalments, in advance. £1 would cover the production of approximately 60 pages. When these have been completed a further remittance of £1 would be required.

Publication of the catalogue pages would be as fast as they can be got out and will be sent out separately from the bulletin, probably in batches of one or more letters at a time.

Comments and criticisms should be sent in to the Catalogue Editor, Basil Tomkins right now before ideas are firmed up. Similarly, if you wish to contribute to this work we would like your first remittance as soon as possible so that we may get under way.

We look forward to a great response to ensure that the project goes forward. Let Basil Tomkins have your order and comments, if any, as quickly as possible.

AMERICAN PERFINS CLUB BULLETIN

Dave Stump has asked us to point out that a prolonged strike among the longshoremen who unload ocean going vessels is holding up all mail except first class letters and airmail. This is the reason for the delay in U.K. residents getting their bulletins.

Bulletins are being saved however, and will be sent out as soon as possible. In fact, Dave is negotiating with someone to post them from Canada.

PERFINS FOR SALE

A non member, Mr Norman Eyre has 2lbs of Q.E.II perfins on paper and estimates that there is something in the order of 5,000 stamps. They are mostly low values, up to 5d or 3p and cover all three issues, Wilding, Machin pence and Machin decimal.

If any member is interested in these would they please write to Mr Eyre at 27, Middleborough Road, Coventry, CV1 4DD. He has suggested a price of £5 for the lot but is open to offers.

LONDON MEETING

Nine members attended the meeting in London on 16th October, Chris Barr, Gordon Clinch, Richard Husband, John Nelson, Fred Hewitt, Basil Tomkins, Doug Myall, A (?) Pritt, and Ron Bowman. Being an informal affair no proper minutes were recorded but the following briefly describes what took place at the meeting.

Richard Husband took the chair, and after welcoming those attending he handed over to Basil Tomkins who described the methods he used to obtain photographic reproductions of perfin. Some discussion then took place and Mr Pritt showed his own photographic reproductions obtained from a copying machine. As a result of the various comments, it was decided that illustrations should show the stamp in white with the punctured letters as black dots.

Various methods of producing the illustrated catalogue pages were discussed next, and the meeting finally decided that the offset lithographic printing process would be the most suitable.

On the question of financing the project, it was the feeling of the meeting that members should be asked to subscribe to this work separately from normal membership, and to request payment by instalments in advance. In this manner the work could go ahead as fast as the Catalogue Editor is able to cope.

As regards layout, it was felt that ample space should be left for additions which could be published later as they became available. Similarly, it was considered that our present system of numbering identities be dropped in favour of one which described the position of the perfin on a page of illustrations.

The meeting then turned to other business and it was suggested by John Nelson that we might consider setting up an Exchange Packet again. This suggestion had a favourable reception and John Nelson undertook to get the thing under way providing he could hand over to a permanent Packet Superintendent later.

The meeting then closed with the feeling that it had been most successful but not really long enough. It was agreed that we should arrange another early in 1972.

THE BEIN COLLECTION

No doubt many of our members have heard of Charles Bein from one source or another. He was one of the pioneers of perfin collecting and wrote several articles on the subject in the 1940's. He was also accredited by Vallancey with having coined the term SPIFS which was an earlier word for perfin.

He formed one of the largest collections of perfin known in the hobby, and when he died some 15 years ago, no more was heard of it. There has been much speculation since his death about what had happened to the collection, and the most favoured suggestion was that it had been sold privately to some one overseas. In any event, it appeared to have disappeared completely from view and it seemed that any of the vast store of knowledge which must have been wrapped up in the collection was lost to us for ever.

BEIN COLLECTION Continued

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we are able to report that the collection has re-appeared, apparently intact.

Mr K Rymer Young tells us that he recently purchased all the material accumulated by Charles Bein, a collection of over 150,000 stamps, covers, pieces and literature. The main collection consists of some 80,000 stamps in 20 "albums" made up of loose leaves with stout cardboard ends and held together with elastic bands.

The collection contains no identity covers although there are a lot of pieces with the users name and address pasted on the front. It would appear that Mr Bein cut his covers down to smaller pieces, snipped out the users details from the flap of the envelope and pasted it on the front.

Mr Young reports that he has a great mass of unsorted material to go through and expects to come up with many 'new' identities as he goes through the collection. His first instalment of 20 "A's" has already gone off to Basil Tomkins.

We wish Mr Young many happy hours with this collection and look forward to ldarning everything of interest that he uncovers.

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Officials Catalogue additional information on - 1 sheet.

Sinkiang and Japan

Illustrated Catalogue sample page - 1 sheet.

EXCHANGE PACKET

It was agreed at the meeting on 16th October that a further effort should be made to run a worthwhile Exchange Packet for the benefit of S.E.P.S, members. For various reasons, particularly the high cost of postage to members abroad, we are afraid the Packet must be restricted to those resident in the United Kingdom.

The task of establishing a scheme which will work to the advantage of both vendors and purchaser, has been undertaken by John Nelson, who will hand over to a Packet Superintendent to be appointed once it is known if there is sufficient interest within the Society.

In order to obtain some idea as to the extent of the support which might be forthcoming, a form is enclosed with this bulletin to all U.K. members. If you wish to participate as vendor, purchaser, (or both), please complete the form and send it to John Nelson as soon as possible. Should there be insufficient indication of support within one month of receipt of this Bulletin then no further action will be taken.

The proposal is that the packet will not differ greatly from those run by other Societies. Our Society will provide booklets to vendors at nominal charge and these, when filled, will be circulated by the Packet Superintendent to purchasing members who will be responsible for posting them on to the next on the list, and finally back to the Packet Superintendent. The minimum price per stamp will be ½p and purchasers will account to the Packet Superintendent on demand or remit every time his account reaches £1. A commission of 10% payable to the Society will be deducted from all sales on behalf of vendors, the minimum charge in respect of each booklet circulated being 10p.

The precise Rules governing the scheme have yet to be prepared, but all members who are interested will receive a copy of these before they commit themselves to participate.

A "THANK YOU"

Some months back we carried a request from Mr J. W. Prince for assistance from overseas members in returning reply-paid postcards which he proposed to send them. It seems that members responded very well and we are pleased to give Mr Prince space to express his thanks. We quote,

"May I ask you to convey my sincere thanks to all those overseas member who returned my reply-paid postcards so promptly? (I must point out that I did not send one to every overseas member, as this would have required a further supply of cards which I did not possess.) The selection of postmarks I obtained was excellent. In one or two cases I sent a second card to the same member, where the latter expressed an interest in postal stationery, or where the postmark was very interesting. Anyway, to all who helped, thank you!"

NEXT MEETING

Due to the success of our last meeting we have booked the B.P.A. Board Room for a further meeting on 29th April 1972. The meeting is timed to start at 2pm so we hope to have ample time for members to compare notes and view any stamps brought along.

We realise that it is still some months away but make a note in your diary and do your best to attend if in striking distance of London.

WORKSHEET No. 9
GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY Continued

Die III

GWR

10,14,12

4½mm.

Stamps; Q.V. 1d lilac
Jubilee ½d. 3dKEVII : ½d, 1d
KGV (1912) : ½dPostmarks: Paddington, Frome, Plymouth, Tiverton,
Swansea, Brentford.

Earliest date: 22 June 1895

Die IV

GWR

11,14,12

5½mm

Stamps: GV ½d

Postmarks:

Earliest date:

Die V

GWR

9,11,10

5mm

Stamps: KGV (1912) ½d, 1d

KGV (1921) ½d, 3d

Postmarks:

Earliest date:

Die VI

GWR

10,14,12

4½mm

Stamps: KGV(1921) 1d,

Letters more widely
spaced than in III.

KGV (1934) ½d

KEVIII 1½d

Postmarks:

Earliest date:

Please make returns direct
To the Editor

Name.

WORKSHEET No. 10
GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY Continued

11 & 12/71

Die VII

GWR 10,14,12 5mm. Stamps: KGV (1921) 1½d
KGV (1934) 3d
KEVIII ½d

Postmarks:

Earliest date:

Die VIII

GWR 9,12,10 5mm Stamps: KGV (1934) 2d
KGV1 Dark Colours: 2½d.

Postmarks: Reading.

Earliest date:

Die IX

GWR 9,12,10 4½mm Stamps: KGV1 Dark Colours : 1d
KGV1 Light Colours: 2½d

Postmarks:

Earliest date:

ANY OTHER DATA:

Please make returns direct
to the Editor,

Name

ADDITIONAL PERFIN IDENTITIES from Mr B.B.Coates

473.2	MR/CoLd	15,12/8,6,7,7	4½	May Roberts & Co.Ltd., Clerkenwell Rd. London E.C.1.
54.2	PB/C	10,14,8	6/5	Borough of Poplar, London E 14
591	RX	10,9	4½	Redex Ltd., Chiswick High Road, London W.4
505	T.W/GC°.	7,16/10,8,6	4½	Tunbridge Wells Gas Co.
283	WFL	12,7,6	4½	Whitbread Fremlins Ltd.
737.3	WTC	15,7,9	5	Western Telegraph Co.Ltd., London E.C.2.

From Mr E.Whitehead

583	RW/&S	12,16/12,10	5½/4½ (IIIa)	Richard Wheen & Sons, Deptford Creek, S.E.
370.5	F&S	8,14,10	4½ (I)	Fordham & Sons Ltd., York Rd., Kings Cross, London N.1.
257.1	C/FM	8/8,15	5½	Carr's Flour Mills Ltd., Carlisle.
446	PS/&S/Ld	10,11/12,11,6,7	4/4/3 (Ia)	Peter Spence & Sons Ltd., Manchester.
83	LB/RUT	6,11/10,6,6	4½	London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames.
46	K&C	9,12,7	4½	The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

CORRECTIONS TO THOSE NOTED IN OUR LAST ISSUE

108	D&C/RB	should be D&C/RA		
496	HM/C°.	12,15/9,4	should be HM/Co..	12,15/8,4

1.6 HER (HIS) MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

(Additional information from Miss M.E.Thornton)

On page 14 of the Officials Catalogue I put a footnote beginning with the query "Have there been two HM/SO dies I think there is now more information to suggest that a "Provisional" die was used at the time of the change over from S Crown O to HM/SO.

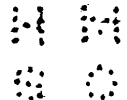

In my note I said that I had a 2½d blue K.G.VI stamp, with postmark date 31 Mch 1949 - that is one month after the new die came into use. In this example the holes are slightly larger than are seen in other examples and the lowest hole in the centre of the M is opposite the second holes of the outside strokes of the letter. The overall measurements of the complete die is a little wider.

Since this note was written in 1965, I have been informed that Mr Rymer Young has a similar example on a 2½d blue though it has no date.

In 1968 a letter was passed on to me, written by Mr Jan.C. Prins of The Perfins Club (USA), in which he says :-
"Miss Thornton has an example of the perfin (HM/SO) on a 2½d blue K.G.VI stamp, slightly different from the other die. I have the same perfin on a cover from the H.M. Stationery Office, Shepherders Walk, London N.1, dated 15 June 1949. The width is 13½mm and the height is 12mm against resp. 12½mm and 11½mm for the normal die"

Since that date another copy of the 2½d blue has come my way but it has no postmark date, and recently I received a copy of the 3d pale violet from a friend in Belgium, and this has the postmark date of 8 April 1949.

It now seems worthwhile to record the information I have to date.

	<u>HM/SO "PROVISIONAL" DIE</u>	
	On S.G. 489 2½d Light Ultram. 490 3d Pale Violet	

The tracing on the right is of the normal die and on the left the "provisional" die, but it is difficult to be exact with such reproductions.

CATALOGUE OF OFFICIAL PERFINs
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 by Miss M.E.Thornton.

H.M.STATIONERY OFFICE

In September 1970 a non-member, Mr D.Tomkinson, kindly wrote to say that he could give some additions to our list, as printed in the 1967 Catalogue of Official Perfin's. These are as follows: All S CROWN O

1934-36 K.G.V

Although our list includes the 1d and 1½d values Mr Tomkinson points out that he has these in 2 sizes each of the basic stamp.

NOTE : Some of the stamps of this issue were printed in three sizes: Large Format - approx. 18¼ x 22¼mm; 1d and 1½d. Intermediate Format - approx. 18 x 22mm: ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d. Small Format - approx. 17½ x 21½mm: all values to 1/-.

1936 K.E. VIII

S.G.457 1d green

1937-48 K.G.VI

In this issue Mr Tomkinson reports the ½d with the perfin reversed & the 2/6 with the perfin inverted.

Up until now the only commemorative stamp reported with the S Crown O was the K.G.VI "Victory" 3d. Mr Tomkinson adds the following:

Postal Union Congress

S.G.435 1d scarlet

Silver Jubilee

S.G.454 1d scarlet

455 1½d red-brown

Mr Jan C.Prins (USA) reports having the HM/SO die on S.G.568 6d Commonwealth Games

Miss M.E.Thornton has the HM/SO die on the Machins - 2/6, 5/-, and 10/- values.

CATALOGUE OF OFFICIAL PERFINs

Additional Information - Great Britain
by Miss M.E.Thornton.
NEW ZEALAND COMMISSIONER IN LONDON

Add to Section S.5

- Type 1 K.G.VI
S.G.476 2/6 Brown
Postmark London E.C. Date not clear.
- Type 2 K.G.VI
S.G.476 2/6 Brown
Postmark London E.C. 6 JU 41
- Type 2 Q.E.II Watermark Crowns
Probably S.G. 597 Bradbury Wilkinson 10/-
Postmark London S.E. 16 SEP 64

NOTE : Use extended to at least 1964.

Information from Mr J.Nelson.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IN LONDON

On stamps of K.G.V with Royal Cypher Watermark
S.G.357 etc. 1d scarlet
362 etc. 1½d brown
2d orange

Information from Mr E.J.Enschede.

Mr J.Brandt, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is able to give a little more information about this perfin. He has another value to add to our short list, and his examples extend the known date of use up to June 22, 1921.

S.G.368 and/or 369 2d orange (Die I)

OFFICIAL PERFINs ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information has been supplied by
Mr E.J. Enschede,

SINKIANG (Chinese Turkestan)

Tracing from front of stamp.

JAPAN - Anchor Perfins

(A)



Series 1937/40
30s blue green
50s olive

38 holes 16½mm.

(B)



Series 1914/19
33s rose

Series 1942/46
10s red

31 holes 13½mm

(C)



Series 1919 (No watermark)
5s violet Date- 4.12.26.

59 holes 17½mm.

	1		3		5		7
1	B P		B P	BP	B&P	B&P	B&P
	B&P	B&P	B&P	B&P	B&P B&P		
3	B P	B&P	B P C	B C	BP CN	B P C	B P C
	BP C	BP C	BP C	BP C	BP C	B P C Ld	
5	BP C	BP C	BP C	BP C	B P C Ld	B P C Ld	
	BP D	BP D		B P E	BP E		
7	BPH		B.P. Ld	B&P Ld	B P N	B P N	B P N
	B&P P	B&P P	B P C	B P S	B P S A	B P S Co	
9	BP P	BP P					

Perfin No.	Identity	Issues
B 15.11	1. Beck & Pollitzer Ltd., London 2. Burne Philip & Co.Ltd.9 London	Db
B 15.16	Beck & Pollitzer London SE1	E1
B.15.25	Brown & Polsen Ltd., Norwich	Ca, Ce
B.15.32	Burbridge Pritchard & Bartleat, London	
B.15.35	British Portland Cement Co., London	
B.15.61	Boots Pure Drug Co., Nottingham	Db, De
B.15.62	do. do.	Cd, Db
B.15.75	Bridgend Paper Mills Ltd., Glamorgan	E1a, E1, E16, E32
B.15.77	Birmingham Post & Mail	Db
B.15 81	Barford & Perkins Ztd., Peterborough	B, Ca
B.15.91	Ø Bath & Portland Stone Firms Ltd.,	Db
B.15.92	Ø ditto.	Cx

NOTE : B 15.11, B 15.31 & B 15.75
also found as provisionals
Page B 15.

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- a) A list of issue codes would be included in the introduction (see Column 3)
 - b) Perfin details written in are believed to exist but no stamp available for reproduction.
 - c) Blank spaces for use of new discoveries and new perfins.
 - d) Reproductions for items (b) and (o) above would be circulated as available for affixing by members.
 - e) The particulars of identities etc. would be arranged OPPOSITE the appropriate Illustrations and NOT on the reverse as in this specimen.