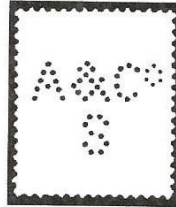
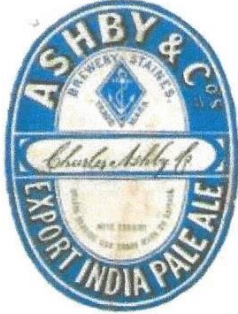


Brewery Perfins by Melvyn Green

A&Co/S **A1390.01** **Charles Ashby & Co (Ltd in 1887), Ashby's Export Pale Ale**
Brewery, Staines, Middlesex.



Single 1/2d yellow-green King Edward VII perforated stamp SG217 with circular Staines cancel dated September 7th 1908. Die in use 1871 to 1912.



Photo of Prince Arthur Pub in West Ealing, originally built for Charles Ashby & Co in the late Victorian era.

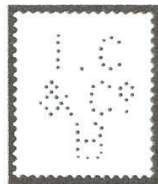
Brewery Perfins



Single Queen Victoria line engraved stamp 1d red SG43 plate 124, perfined F/BrS (F0490.01), used by Fremlin Brothers, Pale Ale Brewers, 5 Manchester Street, Brighton, also Maidstone and stores in Pimlico, London SW. Has unclear cancel. Perfin in use between 1870 and 1878.



Single Queen Victoria line engraved stamp 1d red SG43 plate 174, perfined I.C./& Co/B (I0370.01M), used by Ind, Coope & Co, Brewers, Burton-on-Trent. Has "15" cancel. Perfin in use between 1870 and 1880.



Single Queen Victoria line engraved stamp 1d red SG43 plate 206, perfined I.C./& Co./B (I0375.01), used by Ind, Coope & Co, Brewers, Burton-on-Trent. Has "15" cancel. Perfin in use between 1875 and 1879.

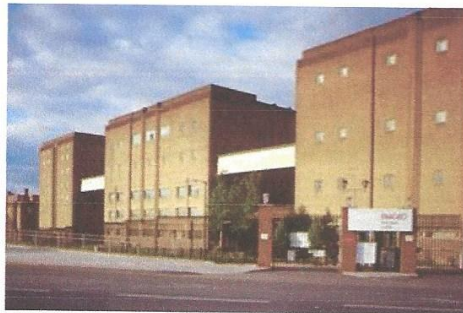


Single Queen Victoria line engraved stamp 1d red SG43 plate 222, perfined T.R./& Co. (T3837.01), used by Thomas Robinson & Co, Brewers, Union Street, Burton-on-Trent. Has "152" cancel. Perfin in use between 1879 and 1882.

Arthur Guinness Son & Co



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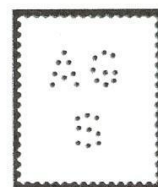
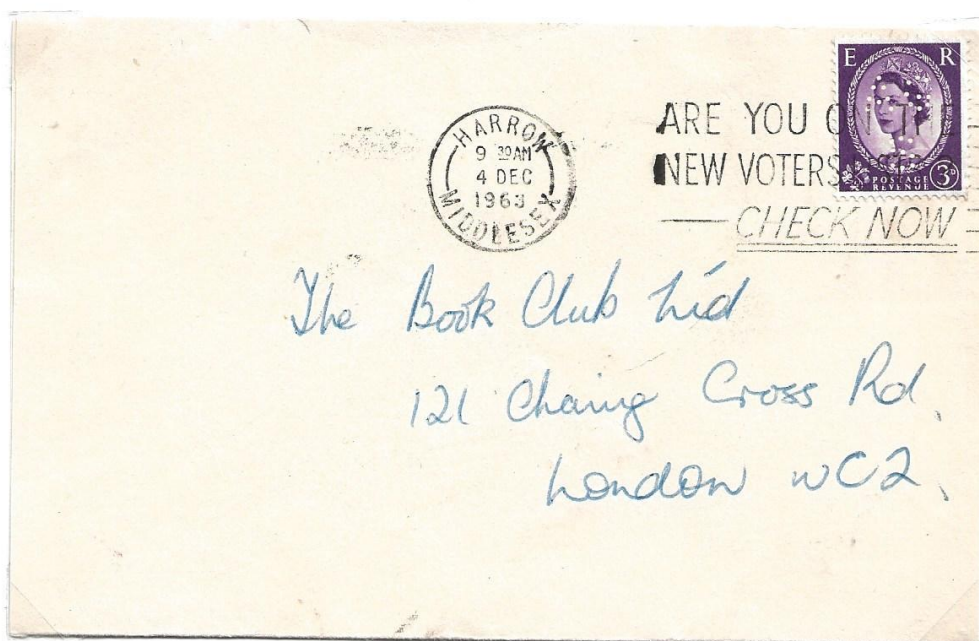
Park Royal factory

King George VI window envelope with 11/2d pale green SG505 perfined AG/S (A2610.01M) and identity of Arthur Guinness Son & Co (Park Royal) Ltd, Brewers, Park Royal, London NW10. "Park Royal" was added to the name circa 1952, probably when the Irish and U.K. establishments separated, but remained within the same group under a separate board. The Park Royal site opened in 1936 and closed in 2005. Envelope sent 8th August 1953 with single ring Manchester "F" and "Postage on Letters for Europe 4d", machine, cancels. Reverse shows name and address. This die was in use from 1941 to 1990.

The art deco brewery was designed by Alexander Gibb and Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, and was built between 1933 and 1936. Towards the end of its life, the large brewery was abandoned, and Guinness was brewed at a small modern brewery within the site. The production of Guinness ceased here by 2005, and there were attempts to list the buildings, but listing was turned down by the Secretary of State. The entire brewery was demolished in 2006.

All the Guinness sold in the UK, Ireland and North America is now brewed in Ireland at the historic St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin.

Arthur Guinness Son & Co (Park Royal)



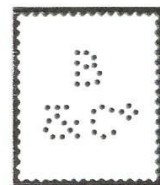
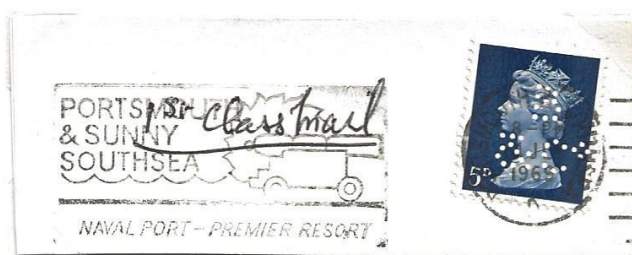
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Arthur Guinness 1725 to 1803

Queen Elizabeth II cover with 3d lilac SG575 perfined AG/S (A2610.01M) and identity of Arthur Guinness Son & Co (Park Royal) Ltd, Brewers, Park Royal, London NW10. Cover was sent 4th December 1963 to The Book Club Ltd, London WC2 with circular Harrow, Middlesex and "Are You On The New Voters List, Check Now", machine cancels. This die was in use from 1941 to 1990. Name and address of sender on reverse of envelope. Park Royal was added to the name circa 1952, probably when the Irish and U.K. establishments separated, but remained within the same group under a separate board. The Park Royal site opened in 1936 and closed in 2005.

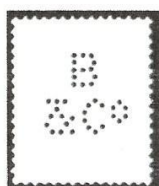
In 1759, during a financial crisis that created an abundance of affordable property, Guinness moved to Dublin and purchased an abandoned brewery from the Rainsford family. It was originally an ale brewery, but Guinness began producing porter in 1778, and by 1799, production of ale ceased with the popularity of his darker beer.

Brickwoods Ltd



Queen Elizabeth II piece with 5d blue SG735 perfined B/&Co (B1500.04bM) and identity of Brickwood & Co Ltd, (Brickwoods), Brewers, Portsmouth and Plymouth. Sent 4th June 1969 with circular and boxed advert for Portsmouth & Sunny Southsea, cancels. This perfin was in use from 1937 to 1941 and from 1945 to 1975.

Brickwood & Co became 'Ltd' in 1891. They acquired numerous brewery business's including 'Lion Brewery (Portsmouth) Ltd' in 1910. The name of the company was changed in 1953 from 'Brickwood & Co Ltd' to 'Brickwoods Ltd'. For other perfins used, see below.



B1500.05
1895 - 1937



B1500.04M
1941 - 1945



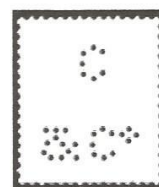
Charrington & Co



Queen Elizabeth II piece with 4d sepia SG731 perfined C/&Co (C1530.04M) and identity of Charrington & Co Ltd, Brewers, Anchor Brewery, Mile End, London E1. Sent 3rd July 1968 with circular London and wavy line, machine, cancels. This perfin was in use from 1942 to 1975. Bass Charrington Ltd was formed in 1967 when Charrington United Breweries Ltd merged with Bass and Mitchell & Butlers. Other perfin used 1941 - 1942 was C1530.03p, see below.



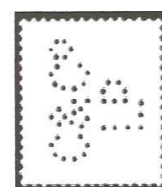
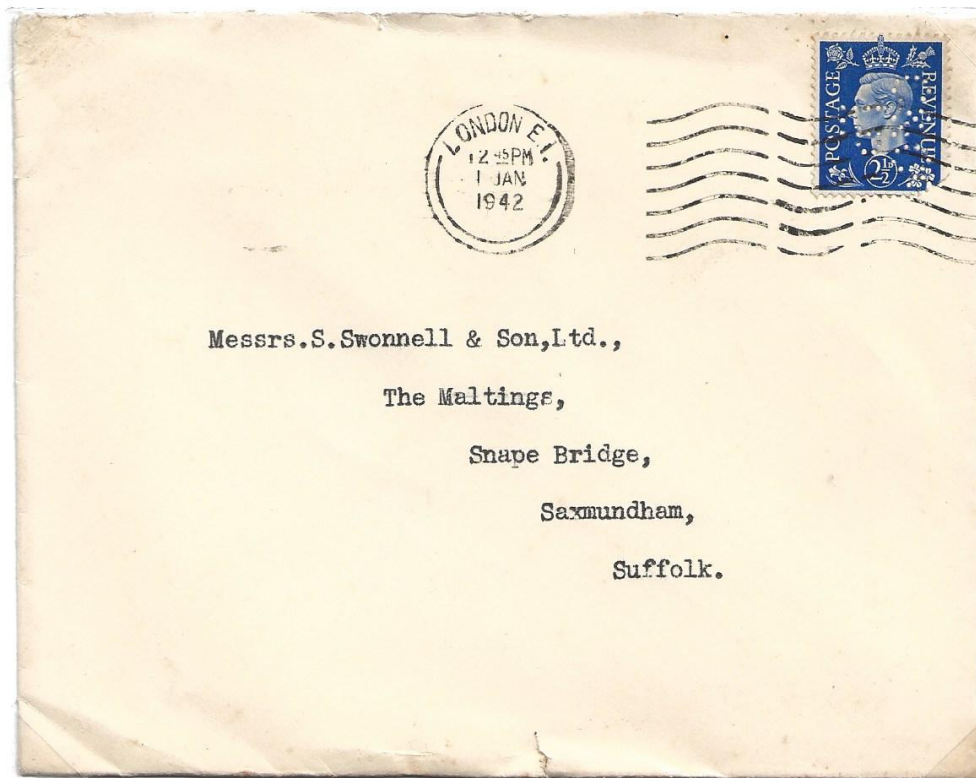
Charrington & Company



King George VI cover with 2½d blue SG466 perfined C/Co (C1530.03p) and identity of Charrington & Co, Anchor Brewery, Mile End, London E1. Cover sent to S. Swonnell, Maltsters, Saxmundham, Suffolk 4th September 1941 with circular London E1 and wavy line cancels. This provisional die was in use from 1941 to 1942 and currently this is earliest known date used.

Charrington Brewery was founded in Bethnal Green, London, in the early 18th century by Robert Westfield. In 1766, John Charrington joined the company, which then traded as Westfield, Moss & Charrington from the Anchor Brewery in Stepney. By 1783 after Westfield and Moss had retired, John Charrington and his brother Henry, were in full control of the business. In the 20th century, it merged with United Breweries of London in 1964 and with Bass Brewery in 1967, to become the largest UK brewing company, Bass Charrington.

Charrington & Company



King George VI cover with 2 1/2d blue SG466 perfined C&Co/Ld (C1600.02) and identity of Charrington & Co, Anchor Brewery, Mile End, London E1. Cover sent to S. Swonnell, Maltsters, Saxmundham, Suffolk 1st January 1942 with circular London E1 and wavy line cancels. This die was in use from 1935 to 1942. This is a proving cover and currently the latest known date used.

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Fremlins Ltd



In use 1940 to 1942



In use 1971 to 1974

King George VI censor cover with 1/2d green SG462 & 21/2d blue SG466, perfined FL (F2410.03) and (F0007.01M), respectively, and identity of Fremlins Ltd, Brewers, Maidstone, Kent. Sent 12th February 1942 to Red Cross Postal Message Scheme, Geneva, Switzerland with single ring Camberwell SE5 and wavy lines, machine cancels. Could be private usage as hand written.

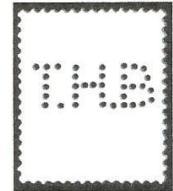
Fremlin's was a brewery in Maidstone, Kent, England. It was established by Ralph Fremlin in 1861, who eschewed the pub trade and focused on bottled beer, on religious grounds. The beer was known for the distinctive elephant logo on the bottles. The brewery expanded to become the largest in Kent, before going into decline after being purchased by Whitbread in 1967.

Following Ralph Fremlin's death in 1910 and after World War I, company policy changed and a private limited company, Fremlin Bros Ltd was formed in 1920. The company reverted to the pub trade, buying up smaller breweries around Kent and Essex becoming Kent's largest brewery by the mid-20th century having acquired around 800 pubs and other licensed premises. In 1949, the company bought out George Beer & Rigden in Faversham, along with its production plant. It closed in 1954, with all brewing taking place in Maidstone, but reopened in 1961 to meet demand. In 1960, Fremlin's bought Frederick Leney & Sons of Watlingbury, taking over their brewery and 189 pubs. However in 1967, Fremlin's were bought out by Whitbread, who closed the Maidstone premises to brewing on 15 September 1972. It remained in use as a depot in the 1970s, before closing entirely in 1978.

Truman, Hanbury, Buxton & Co Ltd



Truman Brewery 1842

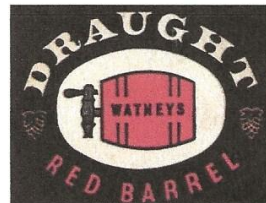
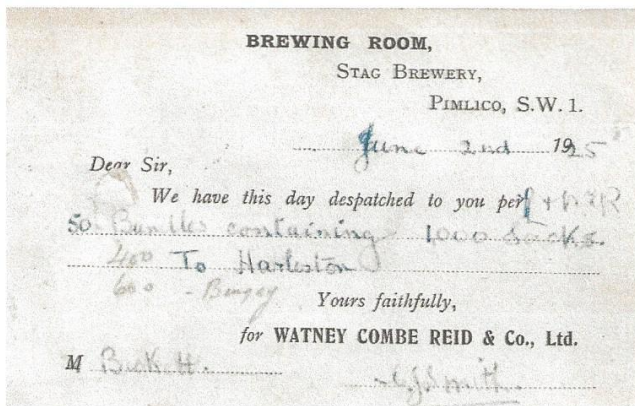
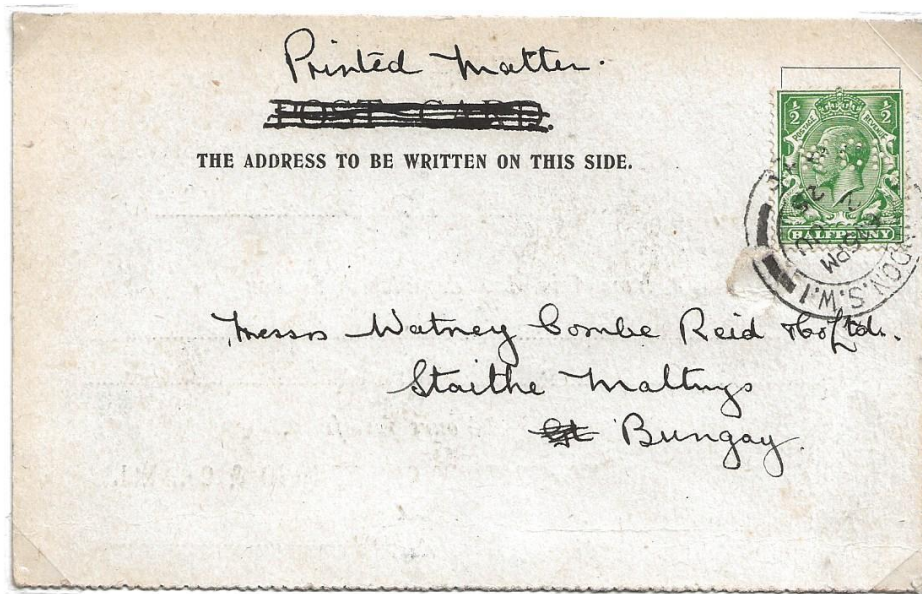


King Edward VII cover with 21/2d blue SG231 perfined T.H.B (T2095.03) and identity of Truman, Hanbury, Buxton & Co Ltd, Brewers, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, and Brick Lane, London E. {Became Ltd in 1888}. Sent to Grand Hotel, Caux, Switzerland, 22nd February 1910 with London E and straight lines machine cancels. Then forwarded to Munden, Watford in the UK on the 24th of February. This die was in use from 1881 to 1970.

Truman's Brewery was a large East London brewery and one of the largest brewers in the world at the end of the 19th century. Founded around 1666, the Black Eagle Brewery was established on a plot of land next to what is now Brick Lane in London, E1. It grew steadily until the 18th century when, under the management of Benjamin Truman, and driven by the demand for porter, it expanded rapidly and became one of the largest brewers in London. Its growth continued into and through the 19th century with the expansion of its brewery and pub estate. In 1873, it purchased Philips Brewery in Burton and became the largest brewery in the world.

The situation changed for Truman's in the 20th century as it had to come to terms with the rise of lager, cheaper competition from imports and the consolidation of the biggest names in British brewing through mergers. Attempts to come to terms with these changes through management restructures and rebranding failed, and in 1989 the brewery was closed. The Truman's brand was revived in 2010 and, since 2013, beer is again being brewed in East London under the Truman's name.

Watney, Combe, Reid & Co



King George V trade post card with 1/2d green SG418 perfined WCR (W1480.01M) and identity of Watney, Combe, Reid & Co Ltd, Stag Brewery, Pimlico, London SW1. Sent 2nd June 1925 to Watney, Combe, Reid & Co, Bungay with double ring London SW1 handstamp. This die was in use from 1925 to 1940.

Founded in 1837, it was a leading brewery in London. At its peak in the 1930s it was a constituent of the FT 30 index of leading companies on the London Stock Exchange. The company had an annual output of 39.5 million imperial gallons. When the Stag Brewery in Victoria was demolished in 1959 the name was transferred to Mortlake Brewery. The business acquired other brewers, including Wilsons of Manchester, Phipps NBC of Northampton, Samuel Webster & Sons of Halifax and Ushers of Trowbridge, before being taken over by Grand Metropolitan, a hotels and catering group, in 1972 and closed in 1979.

It was most famous for its "Watney's Red Barrel" brand which was a bitter which sold highly during the 1960s and 1970s.

Watney, Combe, Reid & Co



Queen Elizabeth II piece with 4d olive-brown SG732, perfined WCR (W1480.03), and identity of Watney, Combe, Reid & Co Ltd, Stag Brewery, Pimlico, London SW1. Sent 18^h June 1969 with circular Richmond & Twickenham "A" and wavy lines, machine, cancels. This perfin was in use from 1952 to 1972.

Watney Mann Ltd



Queen Elizabeth II piece with 5d blue SG735, perfined WM (W5160.03a), and identity of Watney Mann Ltd, Brewers, 10 Mackay Rd, Clapham, London SW4. Sent 20th October 1969 with circular Wandsworth SW18 and wavy lines, machine, cancel. This die was in use 1958 to 1980.

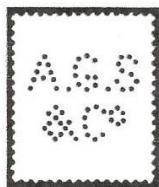
Watney Mann Ltd formed in 1958 by the merger of Watney, Combe, Reid & Co Ltd with Mann, Crossman & Paulin Ltd.

In 1971 Grand Metropolitan bought Truman, Hanbury, Buxton & Co after a bidding battle with Watney Mann Ltd.

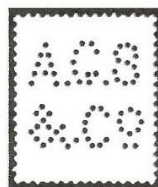
In 1972 Grand Metropolitan Hotels Ltd took over Watney Mann Ltd and merged the two breweries in 1974.

Arthur Guinness Son & Co

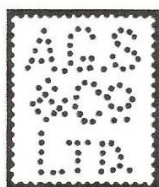
Brewers, originally of St James's Gate Brewery, Dublin and later also Park Royal, London NW10. 'Park Royal' was added to the name c1952, probably when the Irish and U.K. establishments separated, but remained within the same group, under a separate board. The Park Royal site opened in 1936 and closed in 2005. For Perfins used at both sites, see below.



Perfin die A.G.S/Co (A2625.01M),
used in Dublin between 1870 and 1880.



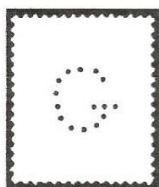
Perfin die A.G.S/Co.. (A2630.01M),
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Perfin die A.G.S/Co./Ltd. (A2650.01M),
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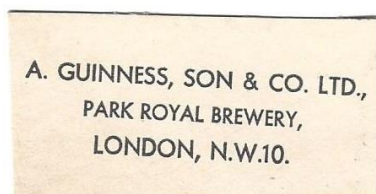
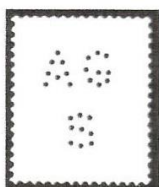
Perfin die G (G0019.01M),
used mainly in Dublin between 1903 and 1936.



Perfin die G (G0015.02M),
used mainly in Dublin between 1933 and 1971,
also stores in Liverpool.



Perfin die AG/S (A2610.03), wider-spaced "AG",
used in Park Royal between 1945 & 1950 also
1970 & 1975.



Perfin die AG/S (A2610.01M),
used in Park Royal between 1941 and 1990.