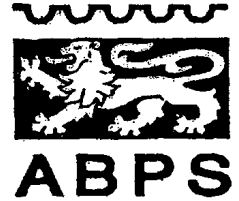


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## PERFIN SOCIETY AUCTIONS

Dave Hill

I bid in our auctions but my interest is usually limited to mixed lots of early GB stamps. My recent research in old auction lists has shown me what a wealth of other material and information is contained therein. Take for instance the Auction List No.5 (1998). The first page alone includes the following, which I now wish I had put in a bid.

**Lot 19** was an 1896 QV cover with a 1d Lilac perfin, BG/&/TF with the identity of Bankers Guarantee & Trust Fund and a modest reserve of £2 (*Selling price £8-50*).

Checking in the latest Tomkins Catalogue of Identified Perfins reveals this is a new identity. The only perfin known with this letter arrangement is B3160.

I apologise if the new owner of this cover intended to report it but so often these new identities are not reported.

**Lot 27** is a much-travelled QEII cover with the perfin GM and the identity of Clerical Medical & General Life Assurance. This perfin is not known with this identity. Did the GM stand for General & Medical?

At the bottom of the page is **Lot 40**, a GB 12/- Building & Civil Engineering Holiday Scheme stamp. It has a perfin SA/McA at only 30p. (*Selling price £1-10p*)

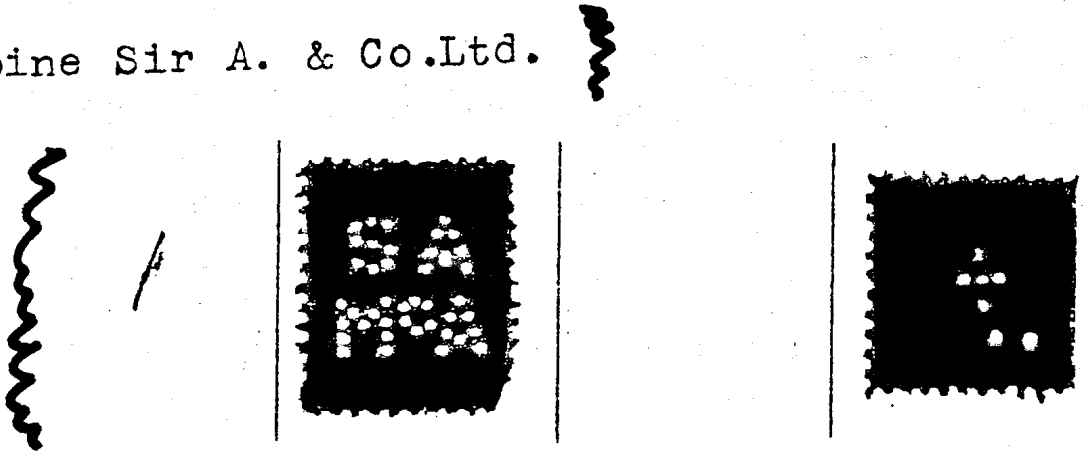
This letter arrangement is not known on postage stamps but I do have a copy of what we call Sloper's second ledger. This is a list of firms and their perfins which Sloper's used in their works. Sloper's had many thousands of dies and this ledger made sure they used the right ones. There are 3 columns and we think these were:- the perfins for postage stamps in the first column, overprints for receipt stamps in the second column and insurance and holiday stamps in the third.

Few of the insurance and holiday stamps are known and they are not my collecting field. These perfins were often numbers or strange patterns of

pins, perhaps formed by a "ballot" machine with removable pins.

I find in the ledger that this perfin is listed against the name of Sir A MacAlpine & Co Ltd (in the postage stamp column but these rules were often broken)

MacAlpine Sir A. & Co.Ltd.



The '1' before the first column shows a single die. Where a '12' is noted it means that the machine was a 12x1 multihead which would perforate a whole row of the sterling stamps. (Changed to 10 when decimalisation came in 1971)

So the plea goes out once again, if you buy a cover through the auction which has a new identity, please report it to the Catalogue Editor.

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**Editor's Comments** Rosemary Smith

By the time you read this I will probably be in South Carolina (hurricane permitting). My daughter and I will be visiting friends for three weeks. On November 19th my husband and I are away for another two weeks. The only reason for this revelation of our profligate habits is to beg that any contributions for the December Bulletin be sent as soon as possible. I have to prepare the Bulletin in between October 27th and November 12th which will not give me much time to fill empty pages myself. I have perhaps 7/8 pages in the pipeline but I need more copy please.

Once again there are various articles which beg for members' input. If your collection contains anything new to the information put forward in this issue, please write in: remember, the original name of our Society was *The GB Perfin Study Circle*.

## SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES to September 1999 Total Members 365

### New Members

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ALASTAIR WALTER

### Resigned

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## NOVEMBER LONDON MEETING

The date for the meeting at Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate, SW7, just off the Cromwell Road, next to the Natural History Museum and between South Kensington and Gloucester Road Tube Stations, is **NOVEMBER 13th - 1pm to 5pm.**

## EXCHANGE

Member Stan

asks if any members would like to write and trade used stamps.

## MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Postmark Proof of Perfin User Bulletin 300/25-25; 301/16-17

RICHARD SMOLNICKI reports 2/- blue (SG 118) Type 5 postmark.

HARRY SKINNER has carefully checked his holdings and adds these extra values for:- Type 5 - DS/F oval with fine lines

SG 43 QV 1d Plate 192  
SG 121 2/- Brown Plate 1  
SG143 3d Rose Plate 20  
SG 147 6d Grey Plate 15  
SG147 6d Grey Plate 16  
SGI 54 4d Brown Plate 17  
SG 168 2dRose  
SG 205a 4d Green & Brown  
SG 207a 5d Purple & Blue

Delete line under SG 191 3d - Harry has this too.

Type 6 DS/F heavy bars:- SG 208 6d

DL/B and DL/Z perfins Bull. 299 New Idents Pg 114; Bull. 300 Pg 9

IAN HAMILL puts another possibility into this equation. Whilst over in England, Ian picked up a pamphlet about the 175th Anniversary of the R.N.L.I. Inside was information about all the lifeboat stations and Station 12 was at Redcar. The following is information about this station:-

*"The RNLI ZETLAND LIFEBOAT MUSEUM, 5 KING ST, (01642 494311) has the oldest surviving lifeboat, Zetland, on display, plus other sea rescue exhibits".*

Ian wonders if the RNLI can explain the meaning and connection of Zetland with this area. Perhaps the connection might be lifeboats and the DL/B is connected to another, or class of, lifeboat.

Any members with a close association to the RNLI who could check out this idea?

## LITHUANIAN PERFIN

Rosemary Smith

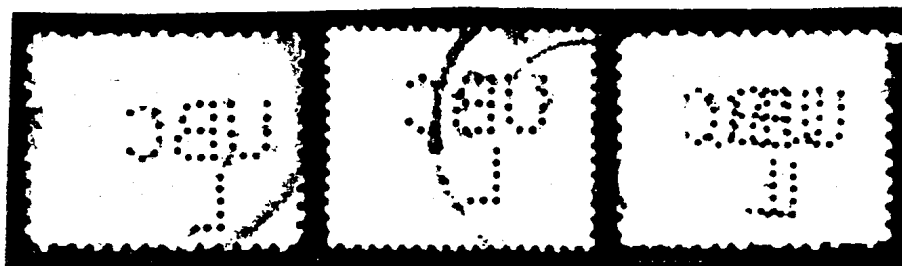
Philip Robinson of Sheffield has given me a copy of the June edition *PHILLIT*, the Bulletin of the Lithuanian Philatelic Club. The Bulletin is in English and Lithuanian which makes for easy understanding!!

One item is headed *Lithuanian Perfin?* by **Antanus Jankauskas**. The text reads,

*"A few years ago, when I was looking for material for my 50 sk. (Mi. 92) study, I found a few Lithuanian postage stamps of that period with interesting perforations on stamps. It was four letters "UBC/L". On one stamp the perfin was even doubled. (See illustration)*

*"Can somebody tell us more? The postage cover or card with such kind of stamp could explain to us who was the owner/author of this Lithuanian (?) perfin."*

If any of our members can help, please let me know and I can pass on the information to Philip.



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## ROMANIAN PERFINS CATALOGUE

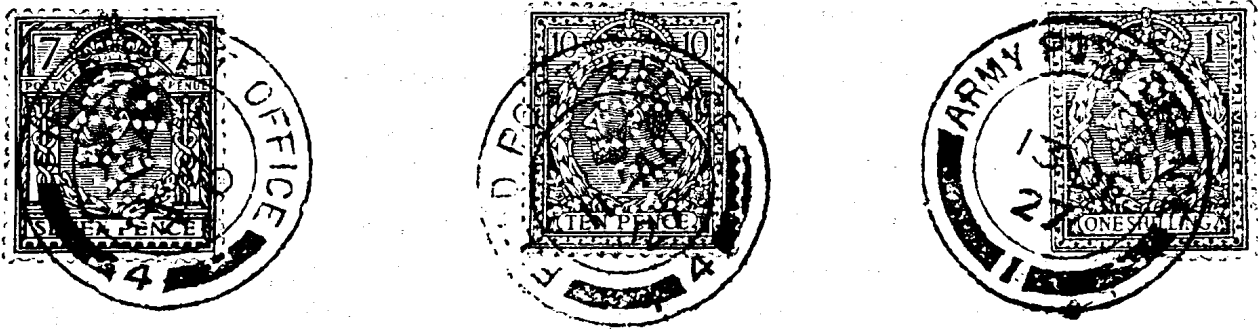
The current *"Catalogue of Romanian Perfins"* is now under revision. If any readers have information, corrections or additions which they would like to have include in this update, they should contact Tony Llewellyn-Edwards, our auctioneer.

## WHS Perfins and Postmarks - Another Angle

Dennis F. Collins

The note by Tony Llewellyn-Edwards in Bulletin 301 reminded me of three King George V WHS perfins in my collection but the postmarks are of Shanghai! All are on small cut-outs: the perfin is Cat. No. W3800.03. The illustrations show:-

- 7d postmarked Field Post Office 4 dated 16 NO 27
- 10d postmarked Field Post Office 4 dated 11 AU 27
- 1/- postmarked Army Post Office 1 dated 13 DE 27



FPO 4 was at YANGTSEPOO, Shanghai, from 3-7-27 to 16-10-27

APO 1 was at KALEE Hotel, Shanghai, from 26-2-27 to 1940

The question is why were these perfins used in Shanghai? The three are all of different dates and that suggests a genuine non-philatelic usage.

Many British firms had branches in Shanghai between the Wars but I cannot trace any branch of W. H. Smith there. Could W. H. Smith have had a circulating library for overseas troops (able to use G.B. stamps in FPOs or APOs) with an arrangement whereby a return package with G.B. stamps accompanied the borrowed book?

My main philatelic interest is the postal history of the foreign post offices and foreign troops in China and I have never come across any other WHS perfins used in China.

Perhaps members would look at W H Smith perfins to see if the postmarks would be FPO 4 or APO 1, especially the higher values.

## L.& Y. Newspaper Stamp with WHS/&S Perfin

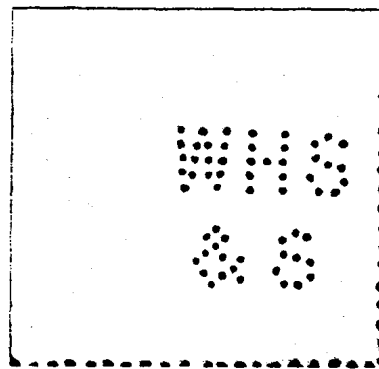
Paul Molyneux-Berry

This is taken from *RAILWAY PHILATELY*, Vol.33 No.4 September 1999.

In the March 1998 issue of *Railway Philately* (Vol.32 No.2) Tony Goodbody illustrated a Mersey Railway Newspaper stamp with the security perforations 'WHS/&S' which he suggested was probably produced by the newsagent W.H. Smith. [*See Bulletin 294 Page 16 for this article*]

The Mersey Railway was an extremely short line and it seems improbable that it could justify the issue of newspaper stamps. However examination of the route of this very short line reveals why it issued newspaper stamps. The railway crossed from one side of the Mersey to the other via a tunnel. The railway thus offered a quick and reliable method of transporting newspapers across the Mersey, hence the issue of the newspaper stamps.

I have in my collection a red 2d Railway Newspaper stamp inscribed 'LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE RLY.' which has been security perforated with the same initials 'WHS/&S' as seen on Tony's Newspaper stamp. Comparison with the perfin on the Mersey Railway stamp reveals that it is clearly from the same source.



*stamp rotated 90° with the design removed to show perfin*



*[Ed:-In Bulletin 294 I added that this die had no identity. In the new W section of the Gault Illustrated Catalogue with details, this die, W3890.01, is known from 1885-1939, no identity but Liverpool Pmks. The values known are:- B 1d; D 1d; E 3d; F ½d, 3d; H ½d; I 1½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d; M ½d, 3d; N ½d, 2½d; O ½d; Q 1½d, 2d]*

The stamp illustrated above, is numbered '239936' and is listed by Ewen\* as type 26 of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway. According to Ewen, the design was introduced in 1892 with two variations of inscription in the circle, either 'PREPAID SINGLE NEWSPAPER' or 'PREPAID NEWSPAPER PARCEL AT OWNERS RISK', surprisingly the 2d is recorded with both types of inscription. Subsequently issues had different inscriptions in the circle.

Perforators used for security perforations can be single or multiple headed to deal with either one stamp at a time or several in one strike. Multiple strikes could be a row of stamps, or part of or even a full sheet of stamps. Unfortunately it is not known if the 'WHS/&S' was from a single or multiple head perforator. The dimensions of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway newspaper stamp differ considerably from those of the Mersey Railway newspaper stamp and the sideways perfin on this 'L&Y' may indicate a multiple head was used.

Like the Mersey Railway the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway also had a terminus in the centre of Liverpool so these perfins may both have originated at W. H. Smith & Sons in Liverpool. It would be interesting to hear of other examples of this perfin.

*\* Priced Catalogue of the Newspaper and Parcel Stamps Issued by the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom. 1855-1906 -H.L 'Estrange Ewen.*

## MEMBER'S QUERIES

Perfin 'PB' from Stephen Steere

One of the identities for P0410.01M, PB, is the Petroleum Board, an 'Official' perfin. However the Sloper records show it as *The Petroleum Board Ltd*, at Esso House, Milton Hill, Abingdon, Berks. How can a Limited company be an 'official'?

**Ed:- Additional Information**

In *G.B.OFFICIAL PERFINS* by Edwards & Lucas, Page 30, we read the following:-

*"The Petroleum Board was established in May 1940 as part of the Board of Trade, and was absorbed into the Ministry of Power in June, 1942. Its perfin has been noted on the 1d, 1½d, 2d and 2½d light colour issues of George VI (SG 485 et seq.) which were in use during this period. The only recorded identifiable postmarks are "NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE" and "MANCHESTER".*

*A number of other firms use the same initials and the perfins used by Paddington Borough Council and the Borough and County of Poole are almost identical to those of the Petroleum Board.*

*Apart from dates of usage, only examples on identifiable entires can be easily identified. As a guide, the measurement between the stem of the 'P' and the 'B' is 6mm.*

*Although the Board was absorbed into the Ministry of Power in 1942, it maintained some separate existence and the authors have seen receipts from the Board dated 4/7/47 and 27/11/45 bearing 2d light orange (SG 488) with the Board's perfin. Both originated from Buckingham."*

By coincidence, 14 receipts from the Petroleum Board are to be sold through the Society on behalf of Bill Hanson's widow. These are all from the same source (Yellow Oak Farm, Ruabon), all have perfin on 2d light orange, all from Wrexham Depot and dates range from 10/3/43 to 17/3/48. There are also 28 receipts with perfin SM/BP (S4810.01M) on Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd Invoices, same farm, Ruabon or Stanlow Depot, 2d light orange from 18/1/49 to 28/4/51, 2d brown from 22/6/51 to 25/8/53.

In March this year (1999) I saw a piece in the business section of the Daily Mail, by David Morris, about the founder of BP. As is my wont I cut out the piece for future reference for my cover collection. I wrote to the Daily Mail asking permission to reprint the gist of the article but have had no reply. In view of the query by Stephen Steere, on the previous page of this Bulletin, it seems right to reprint here, having waited in vain for four months to hear from the Daily Mail.

"BP was founded in 1901 as the Anglo-Persian Oil Company by William Knox D'Arcy, an adventurer, who returned to his native Britain after making his fortune in the rough and tough goldfields of Australia.

"He had been asked by the Admiralty to find supplies of oil for the gigantic British fleet. He did a deal with the then Shah of Persia, who in exchange for £20,000 and a slice of the revenues, signed away most of his country's oil rights to Britain.

"Knox D'Arcy secured for Britain the oil it needed to fuel its World War I battleships - so that they could out-run and out-fight the Kaiser's coal-fired vessels.

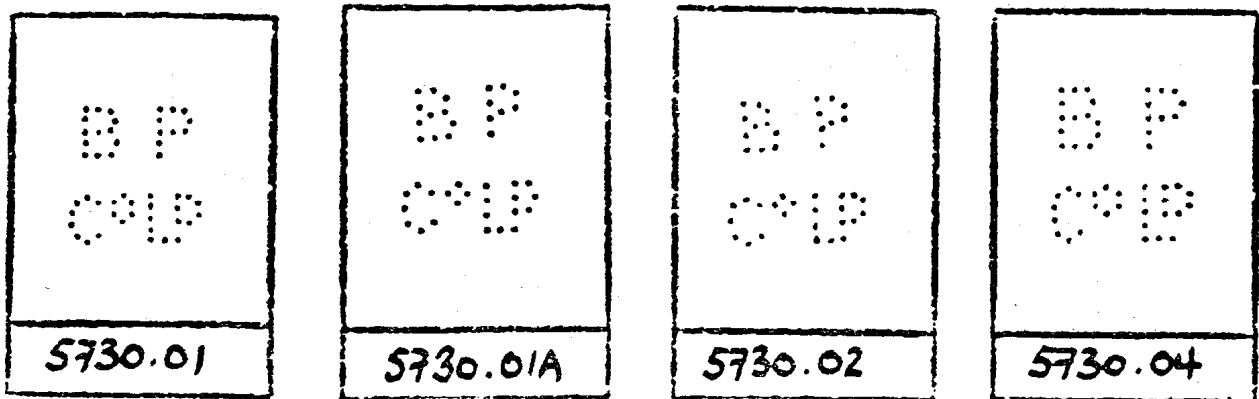
"The entrepreneur, with a taste for race horses and beautiful mistresses, was born in 1849, the son of a solicitor of modest means. At 17, he was in Australia prospecting for gold, and by the age of 40 he had returned to England with a £1 million, the equivalent of £50 million today.

"But by 1908, Knox D'Arcy was down to his last £100,000 - due to his high living and huge oil exploration costs - and the British Government had to buy a minority stake in the company to bail him out. He died in 1917, aged 67, never having received the knighthood many believed he deserved.

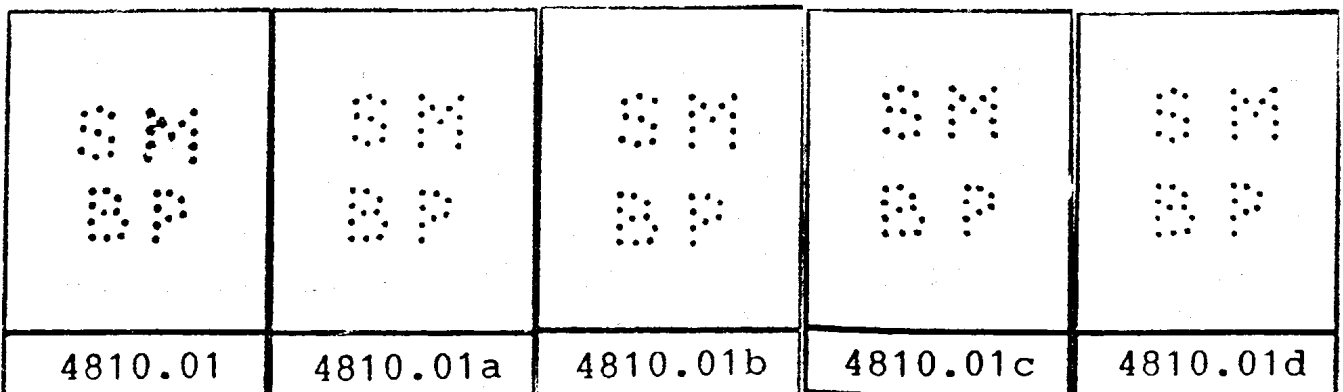
"Anglo-Persian became British Petroleum in 1922. It was later nationalised, but was privatised again in 1987. It faced a crisis in the early 90's, with plunging profits. But its bosses launched a major restructuring and pruning of jobs."

The reason for the interest in BP in March was because of its expected announcement, the next day, that BP was to take over a U.S. rival, Atlantic Richfield, only three months after acquiring Amoco, another U.S. giant. This would mean that BP Amoco would overtake the present leader, Exxon-Mobil, known in Britain as Esso, for daily crude oil production.

Esso of course had their own perfin but I will only detail those perfins with a BP connection. Our catalogues show 4 British Petroleum Company Limited perfins:- BP/C°Ld B5730.01, .01 A, .02 and .04. All known used in London but the last two also at Eccles, Manchester. There are three or four more possible dies used by BP and if you have a BP cover which does not fit these four, please send to Roy. .01 used 1905-25; .01A 1925-30; .02 c1925; .04 1920-25.



The perfin SM/BP has 3 positive identities with Shell-Mex & British Petroleum Ltd; S4810.01M, .01aM, .01c: .01bM is only a probable at the moment. .01M used 1945-65; .01aM 1930-39; .01bM 1930-39; .01c 1935-39. S4810.01d has no identity as yet. The S and M are slightly wider apart. Can you check your covers to see if this can be identified?



## SEEN IN AUCTION

GEOFF LONGBOTTOM reports from Wessex Philatelic Auction of 12th June the following two lots:-

- ❖ Lot 284 1867 S.G. 134 (DG) 5/- rose, Plate 4, Wmk large anchor. Well centred with good even perf. Perfined A/B&C. Normal Cat £1300+% £50-£60. **(Did not sell)**
- ❖ Lot 285 1884 S.G. 185 (FA) £1 brown lilac fine used. Very fresh colour being well centred with good even perms. Cancelled with two neat oval reg C.D.S. Perfined L/C&S. An attractive stamp. Normal Cat £1300+% £50-£60. **(Sold £100)**

**[Ed- the £1 brown-lilac still to be found with perfin is the 1867-83 Wmk Maltese Cross S.G. 129.]**

KEN DEE spotted the following;-from Bristol Stamp Auctions:

- ❖ Lot 246 1858-79 Id red Plates, duplicated range of PERFINS from an old accumulation, mixed condition (100) Reserve £80.

from M.A.T. Stamp Auctions:

- ❖ Lot 1025 Surface prints: the used 'throw-outs' from the 8 lots listed elsewhere, mainly acceptable faults with odd straight edge and a couple missing small chunks, catalogued about £1260 as all sound and including 1862 small letters 4d (2), 6d, 9d, & 1/-, 1867 large white letters 3d (4, incl. good plate 10), 9d & 10d, 1873 coloured letters V/A mauve scarce plate 17 **(perfin otherwise nice)**, 1880 5d indigo, 1883 6d On 6d, only fair 1883 5s, etc; 30 stamps in all. Estimate £80.

[Ed- perfins are STILL held in contempt by some.]

ALASTAIR WALTER offers, from Sandafayre 7/9/99:

- ❖ Lot 7193 1929 3x2½d PUC on CADBURY, BOURNVILLE envelope, each with CBB perfin. [?] Cancelled by fine B'ham Exhibition slogan, flown to their salesman in Bombay. Est. £45-£50.

from Vance Auctions 25/8/99

- ❖ Lot 3905 ONTARIO GOVT. PERFINS block 4 GB GV 1d, Scott #160 mint block with "ONT/GOV" perfins, u/m Very unusual Est. \$100 Canadian [=£40]

## Army & Navy Co-operative Society Limited

Rosemary Smith

Formed in 1871, on the initiative of Major F B McCrea, as *Army & Navy Co-operative Society Limited*, to supply members with goods for domestic consumption as cheaply as possible without profit. Membership was open to, '*officers, non-commissioned officers and petty officers, serving, or who had served, in the army, navy, militia or yeomanry; the widows of officers, the secretaries or other recognised officers of the military and naval clubs and representatives of regimental and naval messes and canteens*'.

It was based on the model of two earlier middle-class Co-operatives, the *Civil Service Supply Association*, [who used perfins not included in this study]and, *Civil Service Co-operative Society* [who did not use perfins]. Members were entitled to deal at the store, share in profits and have certain goods delivered free. Annual membership tickets were issued. The initial capital of £15,000 was divided into 15,000 £1 shares.

As profits increased, a gentleman's club, restaurants, reading rooms, travel agencies and a range of other services were soon offered. Premises in Victoria Street, London were leased and "*The Stores*", as these premises became known, opened on 15th February 1872 for the sale of groceries, stationery, drapery, perfumery, fancy goods, and Tailoring. During the first five months sales amounted to £38,787, the profit being over £6,000. Branches were opened in the provinces and the publication of an annual price list started a mail order business.

By early 1873 "*The Stores*" were regularly overcrowded and an adjacent property in Victoria Street was leased. Free membership tickets with share purchases was abandoned. By 1875 the Society was also running a banking department by holding member's money on deposit for interest. A Paris agency was also opened in this same year.

In 1876 the growing manufacturing activities of the Society outgrew their premises and new workshops were acquired. Tailoring, shirt making, printing and the making of portmanteaus were increased. In 1878, the premises in Victoria Street having been bought outright, a new building

was completed on the site. The sales were enormous and a huge cut in prices was ordered. As the general public could buy at "The Stores", middle-class shoppers flocked to buy their merchandise at 'real cost'. Other stores lobbied Parliament about unfair competition but a select committee set up to look into the trading ruled that there was no evidence to justify the closing of "The Stores". Some stores, like Harrods, adopted the co-operatives low-price policy and gained from their popularity.

In 1880 the *Army & Navy Auxiliary Co-operative Supply Ltd* was established to supply fresh provisions, boots, furniture and estate agency services. The "Supply" and the "Society" shared the same management and membership and the two organisations merged in 1919.

"The Stores" were always intent to serve the interests of the Army and Navy abroad and in 1891 a depot in Bombay, India was opened, followed by one at Karachi and in 1902 in Calcutta.

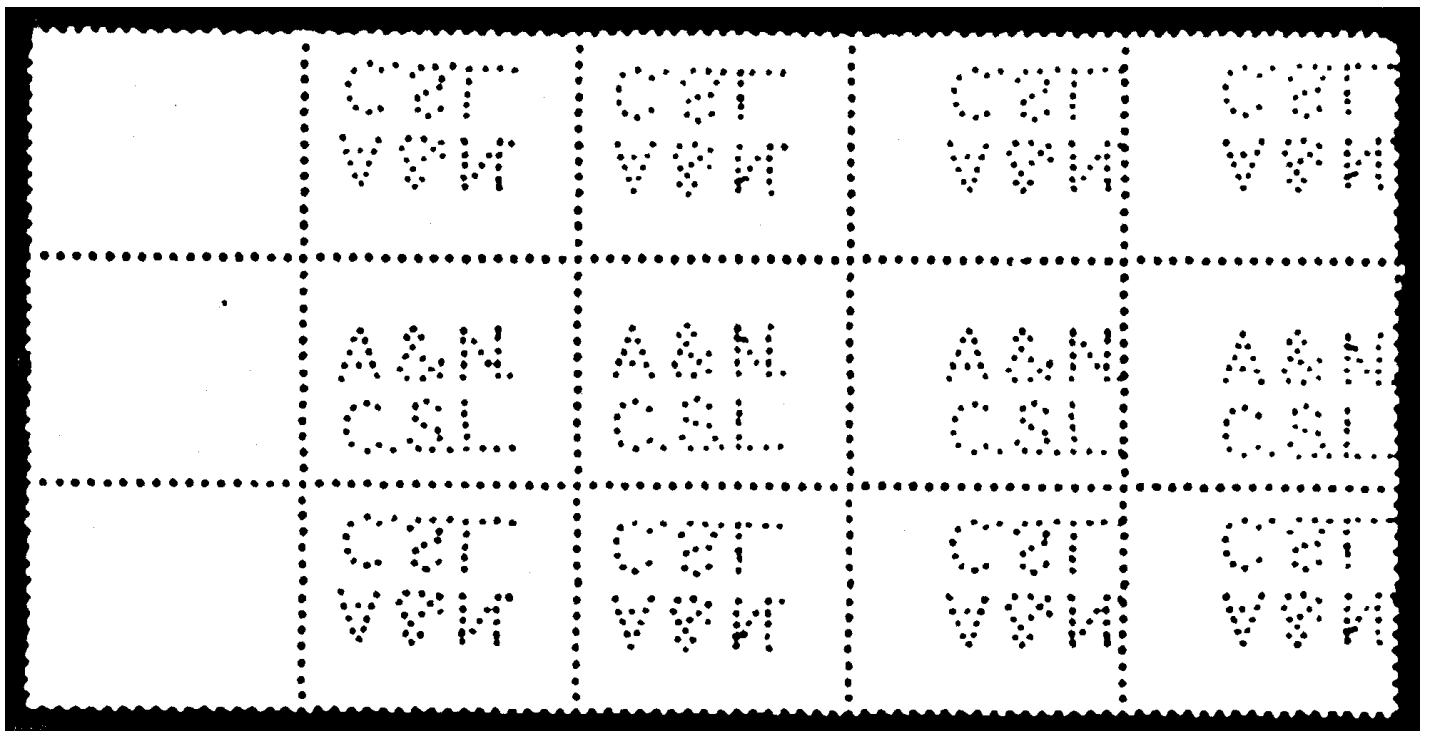
In 1934 the name was changed to *Army & Navy Stores Ltd*. The last branches in India were disposed of in 1952. The Army & Navy Stores Ltd was acquired in 1973 by House of Fraser Ltd.

Until Roy Gault begins to work on the 'A' section of the New Illustrated Catalogue, the following A&N/CSL are the range of dies known to date. These illustrations come from Roy and after comparing your own examples with these, if you have any different dies, either put on one side until the 'A' letter is started or send to Roy for photocopying.

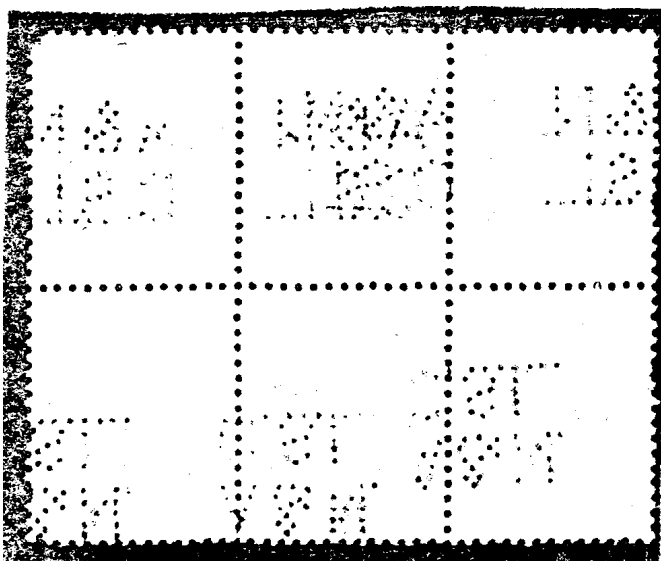
In Bulletin 302 I will give details of the C/AN/S dies, the line/AUX/line dies and the AN dies which were used by the Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd.

My first observation about these perfins is that I believe the identity is incorrect. In Tomkins IC8 the identity for the A&N/C.S.L. perfins is *Army & Navy Civil Supply Co Ltd*. In all my research and on all my identified covers this name does NOT appear. The name is always **ARMY & NAVY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED**. As mentioned in the above text, the Civil Supply Association was in business before the Army & Navy Co-op Soc. Ltd but they were not associated with each other.

My second observation is that there is likely to be a number of these dies put together as 'M' for 'multi-headed die' when Roy looks at them in greater detail as he comes to study the 'A' section. My reason for saying this is the following illustration of a block of 15 1d lilacs showing two different dies, A4510.01a + an unlisted die, and a block of 6 1d lilacs showing A4510.01a and 4510.01b in the block. Stephen Steere sent the block of 6 but the holes of the die were not clear cut, hence the poor photocopy. Again, if you have multiples of this very common perfin, please check for different dies.



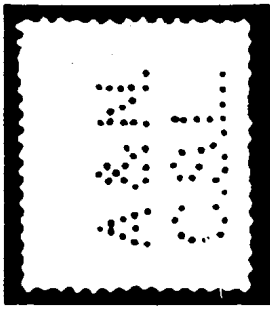
Block of 15 showing evidence for a 2x1 multiheaded die. Unlisted + A4510 .01a  
 Piece is postmarked South West District/Parcel Post/Depot and dated 18/9/1890.



Thanks go to The Archives & Business Record Centre at The University of Glasgow who hold the archives for The Army & Navy Stores. Miss Vanora Skelley, Manager of the Business Record Centre, proved most helpful and it is from the photocopies of various papers I received that I extracted the "bones" of this history. Thanks to Roy Gault for the perfin die illustrations and Stephen Steere for his block of 1d lilacs

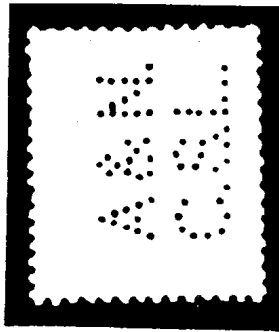


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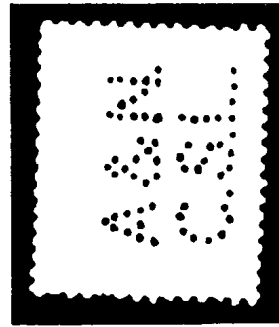
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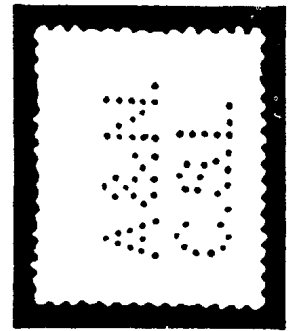
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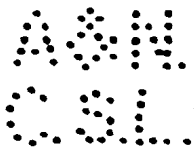
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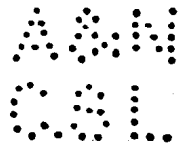


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Tall, Pointed 'C'  
1d Lilac

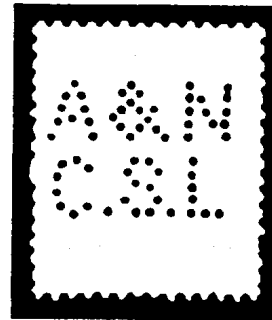
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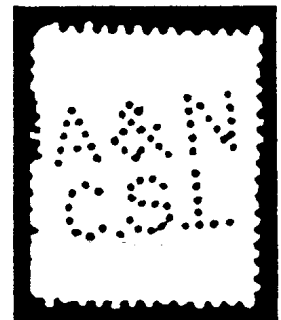


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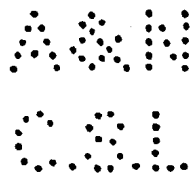


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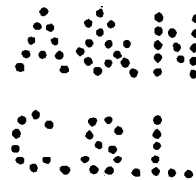
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A4205.03



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Ex S Steere  
1d E7 PStat



A4205.05  
Ex K Parkhill  
1d E7 P Stat  
Sloper m/c No.6084  
DD 18/4/1908.

## Dave Hill's Queries

Once again Dave has been trawling through the Catalogue and the Bulletin and asks these questions. Answers to Dave or Editor for inclusion in a future Bulletin.

### S0340.01 SAWERS known used c1905

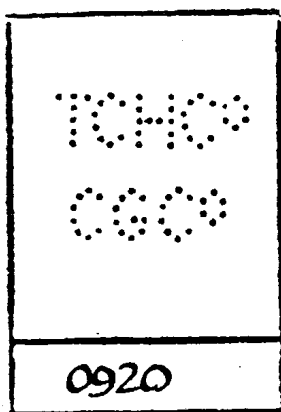
An unusual name. I can find a number in Glasgow in a 1919 directory as directors of Sawers Ltd, 27 Jamaica Street. Has any member a copy postmarked Glasgow?

### Design 0600.01

Des.0600.01 lines of holes perforated at respectively 1.75 and 2mm pitch, known postmarked the West Country.

Can members confirm by copies on piece that this perforation was applied before the stamp was put on the cover? Or was it perfined on cover for some reason? By missing pins or irregularities can we establish how wide the machine was? Was it a multi-die or just a machine usually used, to perforate paper for separation? Members with multiples or accumulations of these dies may be able to help.

### T0920 TCHC/CCC



I have a Picture Postcard, dated June 1909, with this perfin on a KEVII 1d stamp. It is from Great Dover Street, London SE to a Gr. (General?) Dobson in India. There is a purple Cachet at the top of the card above the message. The Cachet is - International Order of Good Templars/ George Thorneloe Lodge/ No.2281.

The message reads, *"Dear Brother, Many thanks for card received in time for our P.P.Card night. Please accept my personal greetings and*

*greetings from Geo Thorneloe Lodge. We have two members in this lodge who recently returned from India. We are pleased to hear of the Good work being done by our soldier brethren. May you go forward and prosper and may all your efforts be crowned with success. Yours fraternally, ?&G Dyer LD.*

As this is the next part of the 'T' Worksheets for the New Illustrated Catalogue, do we have any member who has any knowledge of the possible meaning of these very unusual letters. Two 'C°'s' in one perfin is odd. Rosemary has a 1d Downey Head with this perfin.

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## **COUNCILS**     Stephen Steere

I am still amassing information on Councils that used perfins, and have a couple of queries that members may be able to help with.

❖ **B1110.05**     **BC** is shown for both Burnley & Blackpool Councils. It would appear that Burnley had a perforator in use between 1902-1963, so I suspect that Blackpool is not a user of this die. Has anyone any evidence to support the use of this perfin in Blackpool?

❖ **B1200.01**     **BC/BC** is shown for both Bury & Brighton Councils. Once again Bury had a perforator in use between 1960-1985. Brighton is known to be using die B1110.03/.03A (BC) during this period. Has anyone got evidence for Brighton using this die?

❖ **C4130.01**     **C&K** is shown as Chelsea & Kensington Corporation as one of three identities. The Sloper records only show Chelsea HMC or Chelsea & Kensington HMC. The council has only been known as Kensington & Chelsea. Has anyone evidence to the contrary?

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## **Answers to Member's Queries**

In answer to Dave Hill's enquiry about Nathaniel Pegg (Bulletin 300 Pg.7) Stephen Steere says that Nathaniel Pegg were in Bickley & Bromley in 1899-1902. By 1930 they were a Limited Company. Information from **Kelly's Directory**.

Edward Hulton & Co  
Perfin E1960.02 EH/&C<sup>o</sup>/Ltd

DAVE HILL sent this photocopy of a delightful postcard and the following historical details. It is an officially printed birthday postcard to a young lady in Bournemouth from "*Uncle Oojah*". The card bear the perfin E1960.02 - EH/&Co/Ltd of the publishers of The Daily Sketch, Edward Hulton & Co.

Hulton's was founded in Manchester in 1909, moved to London and sold out to Beaverbrook in 1924. The Daily Sketch merged with The Daily Graphic in 1946.

Only older members will remember *Oojah the Elephant* - I think his surname was *Kerpiffle*.

[Ed:- I have similar birthday cards which were sent to myself and brother from The Daily Mail. In most newspapers there was a children's club and if parents registered their children in the club, a card was sent each birthday. Unfortunately mine do not have the Daily Mail perfin.]

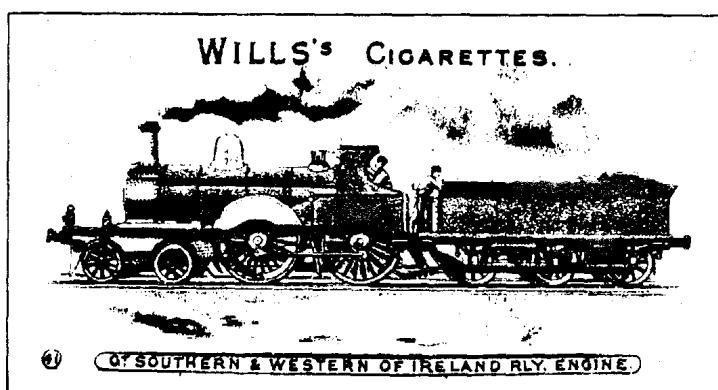
The card gives a new identity and will be appearing in a future auction. Watch out for *Uncle Ooojah!!*



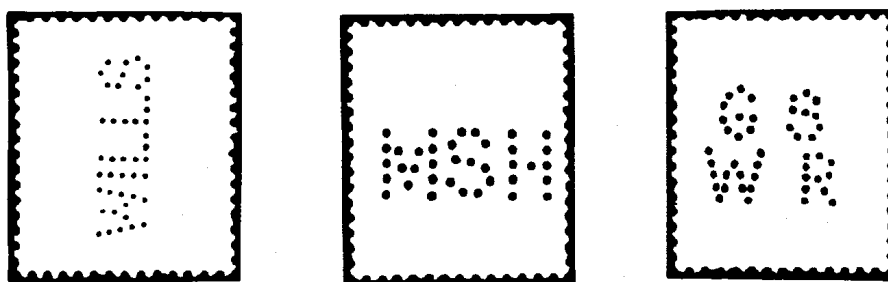
## A PERSONAL PERFIN CONNECTION.

Roy Gault

When I was a lad - almost back to the time when the world was thought to be flat - it was the little things that entertained us children. For me, I was never happier than when I was collecting things - marbles, cigarette cards, birds eggs, butterflies, postage stamps, steam engine numbers - you mention it and I probably collected it. While most of these activities are now a thing of the past for me, even illegal in some cases, I recently came across an old Cigarette Card at a local "Antique and Collectors Fair". Almost immediately I realised that this single item brought together three perfin users.



The 'fag' card in question was issued around 1902/3 by W D & H O Wills, Bristol, a founder member of the Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain & Ireland) Ltd. The perfin used by Wills at this time was WILLS (W4370.02), a long lived die in use 1885-1953.



The second perfin connection is that the card was printed in full colour by Mardon, Son & Hall, Bristol, who also printed the cigarette packets for Wills. They used the perfin MSH (M5190.01), in use from 1905-1939.

And finally, the third connection is the Railway Company whose engine was depicted - a 4-4-0 tender locomotive (No.54) belonging to the Great Southern & Western Railway of Ireland. I've illustrated one of their dies, **GS/WR** (G4870.01), which was in use 1895-1922.

## Update to Modern Perfins      Derek Ransom

New entries for the 'Modern Perfins', courtesy of Dave Hill.

L0960.02    LC      2nda

S1210.01    SC      2 4

L2207.01    LF/CD      This is the die with wide setting between the  
rows. Delete toto

L2207.02    LF/CD      The rows on this die are much closer together.  
1 19 25 29 2nd 1<sup>st</sup>

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## QEII COMMEMORATIVES WITHOUT PERFIN

In the last Bulletin I mentioned the possibility of up-dating the list of Commemoratives not found with perfin. KEN DEE sent me a list of his perfined commemorative stamps and I found a number which were not on the previous lists in Bulletin 271 onwards. These I forwarded to Alastair Walter, who had collated the previous reportings. Alastair sent me a list of reportings over the last couple of years and, after removing these from my records, we are left with the following to 1975.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SGN<sup>o</sup></u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1961	C.E.P.T	628	10d
1965	I.T.U. Centenary	684	1/6d
1966	World Cup	695	1/3d
1966	England Winners	700	4d
1966	Technology	704	1/6d
1966	Battle of Hastings	711	6d
1967	Paintings	749	1/6d
		750	1/9d
1968	British Bridges	764	9d
		766	1/9d
1968	Anniversaries	769	1/-
		770	1/9d

1968	Paintings	774	1/9d
1968	Xmas	776	9d
		777	1/6d
1969	Ships (Galleon)	779	9d
	(East Indiaman)	780	9d
	(Cutty Sark)	781	9d
	(Great Britain)	782	1/-
	(Mauretania)	783	1/-
1969	Concorde	785	9d
		786	1/6d
1969	Anniversaries	794	1/6d
		795	1/9d
1969	Architecture (Durham)	796	5d
	(St.Giles)	798	5d
	(Canterbury)	799	5d
		801	1/6d
1969	Prince of Wales Investiture		
	(King's Gate)	802	5d
	(Eleanor Gate)	804	5d
1969	Post Office Technology	811	1/6d
1970	Rural Architecture	816	9d
		818	1/6d
1970	Anniversaries	820	9d
		823	1/9d
1970	Literary Anniversaries		
	(Micawber)	825	5d
	(Copperfield)	826	5d
		828	1/6d
1970	Commonwealth Games	833	1/6d
		834	1/9d
1970	'Philympia '70'	836	9d
1970	Xmas	840	1/6d
1971	Paintings	881-3	3,7½,9p
1971	Literary Anniversaries	885-6	5,7½p
1971	British Anniversaries	888-9	7½,9p
1971	Architecture	893	9p
1971	Xmas	896	7½p
1972	Polar Explorers	899-900	7½,9p
1972	Anniversaries	903	9p

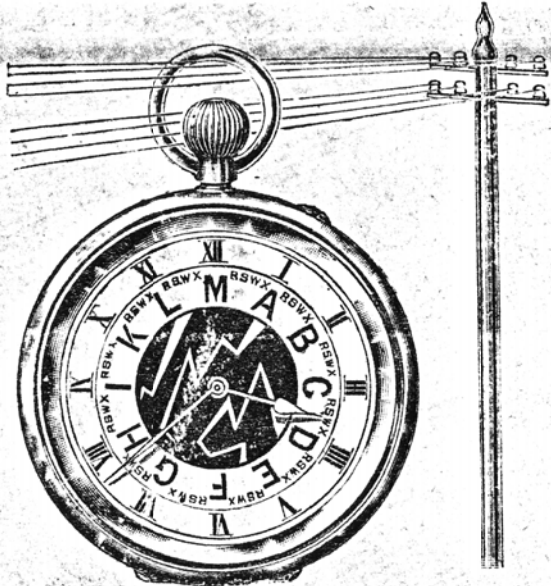
1972	Architecture	905-8	4,5,7½,9p
1972	B.B.C. Anniversaries	911-12	7½,9p
1972	Xmas	914-5	3,7½p
1972	Silver Wedding	918	20p
1973	E.E.C.	920-21	5p
1973	Tree	922	9p,
1973	Explorers (Stanley)	924	3p
		925-7	5,7½,9p
1973	Cricket	929-30	7½,9p
1973	Paintings	933-4	7½,9p
1973	Inigo Jones (Covent Garden)	936	3p
		937-8	5p
1973	Xmas (King at Window)	943	3p
	(King Outside)	946	3p
	(King at house)	947	3p
1974	Tree	949	10p
1974	Fire Engines	950-3	All 4
1974	U.P.U. Centenary	955-7	5½,8,10p
1974	Medieval Warriors	959-61	4½,8,10p
1974	Churchill	964	8p
1974	Christmas	968-9	8,10p
1975	Handicap Charity	970	4½p+1½p
1975	Turner	971-4	All 4
1975	Architecture	977-9	8,10,12p
1975	Sailing	980-3	All 4
1975	Railways	985-7	7,10,12p
1975	Jane Austin	990-2	10,11,13p
1975	Xmas	994-6	8½,11,13p

Looking at these dates, it will be obvious that with decimalisation, and the increase in commemorative issues, there are many values to look for. I have stopped before 1976 for two reasons. One because this list was getting too long for one Bulletin and two, to give you the chance to look for the ones in this list but also to note the later values in your collection. If you can report any from this list to Alastair, and perhaps report any from 1976 onwards so I will not have to type out such a long list next time

If you do not know the SG numbers, I am sure Alastair can guess from a description of issue and value.



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