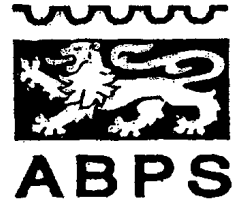


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New Members

MARCO PATIERNO

JOHN STRANGE

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Resigned

JOHN NEEFUS: TERRY MOUNCE: JOHN TAYLOR: KEN POLLARD

Died

ALAN BURKE

Lapsed

ABASSILI: W BAECKERS: M BEHM: D BREMNER: D CUTLER:
PELSTONE: T GEE: J GLERUM: A W R HUGHES: G MCGOWAN:
B MARTIN: DROWEN: M SCHEPERS: B WILLIAMS:
D J G WILSON.

London Meeting - May

Last reminder for our meeting on May 19th. 12:30 to 4:30 at The Independent Order of Oddfellows, 18/19 Warren Street, London W1P 5DB. Near to Warren Street & Euston Square tube stations. Fuller details in last Bulletin.

Your officers may report on progress in their particular sphere and answer your questions. Other members may wish to update you on their research (see notes on research elsewhere in the Bulletin) and ask for your help. Otherwise, we ask members to bring along a few sheets from their own collection to show or any item they think others may find interesting. Perhaps you have a cover on which you think the assembled brains may throw some light.

New members are especially welcome. A quiet chat with an experienced member will introduce you to perfin "lore". There is also the chance to trade, buy material or give away your duplicates.

My (secretary) stock of "freebies" for new members is becoming mundane. Some better perfins would improve it. I, personally, am not averse to a few damaged, better perfins. They are part of our hobby after all. Send to Dave Hill for recycling a small packet to each new member.

Please read and retain the enclosed sheet about Society Finances. It will help me and keep our bank charges down. It is particularly important if you pay from abroad. It may save you money!

Index To Bulletins Rosemary Smith

Maurice Harp has brought Bulletins 298 (Feb. 1999) to 309 (Dec.2000) into the Cumulative Index. I have the copy at the present time and before it goes to the Librarian I would like members' opinions. Maurice is quite happy to produce an Index just for Bulletins 298 to 309 which could go out with the next Bulletin. Is there enough interest to make the latter idea worth the money or let members buy the cumulative index from the librarian? Write or let me know at the London meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT

The library now has its own photocopier, which should speed up my response when members request copies. The price of photocopies is now reduced from 5p to **4p per A4 sheet**.

Some members have been sending payment with their request. This is fine, in fact if requesting photocopies it saves you having to pay postage again just to make payment. Advance payment can be made in cash or mint stamps, in which case I will give "change" in mint stamps, or you can pay by cheque, in which case the surplus will be credit on your account. If you already have sufficient credit with the society then you can let me know when you make your request and the cost can be deducted.

A couple of points about payment:

- If paying in stamps, please make sure they are valid decimal GB (**not** IOM or Channel Is.) stamps **with gum** (hinged OK). I would appreciate it if you could avoid values over £ 1.
- If taking the cost out of your credit with the society please be sure that you have a sufficient amount already owing to you, not just money expected in due course from possible auction sales etc.

The library index is now posted on the internet, courtesy of Joe Coulbourne, at www.perfins.com/soc-lib.htm. This index will be updated more frequently than new printed versions are produced.

New items

The library has recently acquired many new items, partly through purchases but mainly due to donations from members including Brian Birch, Kim Bjarnt, Tony Llewellyn-Edwards and Jeff Turnbull.

These donations include hundreds of articles, too numerous to list fully here, which will be included in the next published index. Many of these are contemporary reports from the early 20th century. The following are new books which can be borrowed:

- 2705 : A Catalogue of GB Commercial Overprints
 Part 2 - Banking and Insurance
 John Bonney & David Lane, 1990, pub. BCOSC
 (250g/8oz approx)
- 2706 : A Catalogue of GB Commercial Overprints
 Part 3 - Local Government
 John Bonney & David Lane, 1994
 (500g/lib approx)
- 2707 : Catalogue of United States Perfins
 Edited by John M. Randall, 1998, pub. Perfins Club
 (Over 2kg/41b+)
- 2708 : Italian Perfins Catalogue
 Enrico Bertazolli & Beppe Ermentini, 2000, pub. Vaccari.
 (500g/lib approx)

Vaccari, the publishers of the Italian Perfins Catalogue, have offered a discount if 10 or more members would like to buy their own copies. This book is a very professional publication with a detailed introduction (in English and Italian) with colour plates, total 253 pages. We can get a 10% discount and free postage, reducing the price from ITL 81,200 to ITL 63,000 (approx. £21). If you are interested, please get in touch with me and if I get sufficient response I'll organise it (you can already borrow the library copy if you want to see the book before committing!).

Thank you to all members who sent me a copy of the article in Gibbons Stamp Monthly, March 2000. It is gratifying to know that members do read the Bulletin so promptly - the copies came in within days of the Bulletin being sent out.

I was interested to read that the general tenor of the article was quite complimentary to the Perfin Society and the last paragraph stated:-

"The Perfin Society is obviously a band of very dedicated members who meticulously record their findings for the benefit of fellow members. This is vouchsafed by a list of no fewer than 35 society publications which appear in Bulletin 297. Each issue of the Bulletin also dedicates its centre pages to lists of new discoveries submitted to the Catalogue editor by numerous contributors."

To give more members the chance to join *"this band of very dedicated members"* I will mention the research which is on-going by various people within the society. Where possible, I will point to the Bulletin or publication where you will find the latest information about any research. This may help the many newer members who could have new data to add to that already known.

Current Perfins

This is an effort to pin point all the perfins which are in current use. The stamps used will all have elliptical cuts. It is at least 4 years since this topic was started and the original list of perfin users is out of date, with many up-dates in various Bulletins. If anyone has information about

current perfins, or would like a print out of the 70 to 80 present users, drop a S.A.E. to **Derek Ransom**

3 more new values to add to the existing list are on another page in this Bulletin.

Non-Perfined Stamps

As there are only 27 stamps not known perfined from 1868 to 1971 I will print the list here. This includes all definitives to the beginning of Machin decimal values and all commemoratives up to 1961. If you have any of these please let me, the editor, know and I will amend the list.

1858-64 1d ROSE-RED

Plates 82, 83, 87, 88

1858 2d BLUE

Plate 7

1865-67 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK EMBLEMS

3d ROSE - Plate 4

6d DEEP LILAC - Plates 5 & 6

9d STRAW - Plate 5

10d RED-BROWN - Plate 1

1/- GREEN - Plate 4

1865-73 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK GARTER

4d VERMILION - Plates 7, 8, 9, 10

1867-80 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK SPRAY

3d ROSE - Plate 4

10d RED-BROWN - Plate 2

1873-80 LARGE COLOURED LETTERS - WMK ANCHOR

2nd ROSE-BLUE - Plates 2, 3

1913 WMK MULT! ROYAL CYPHER

1/2d

1913

£1 SEAHORSE

1952-54 QEII TUDOR CROWN WMK SIDEWAYS

2½d

1958 REGIONALS

N.IRELAND:- 3d, 6d, 1/3d

WALES:- 1/3d

GUERNSEY:- 3d

QEII Commemoratives Without Perfin

❖ Alastair Walter, our Librarian, is the contact for this study. There are still a large number of unrecorded issues to look for. In Bulletin 302 Pages 22-24; 303 Pages 13-15 and 304 Page 20 you can find the full list of all QEII commemoratives not reported with perfin for issues 1961 to 1984. For issues 1981 to 1995 look in Bulletin 276 Pages 20-21; 277 Pages 19-24; 278 Pages 11-12 and 281 Pages 6-7. For issues after 1995 there are very few commemoratives used by businesses or councils. The majority found are used by the officers of this Society. If you do have perfined commemoratives after 1995, please report the issue **and the perfin** to Alastair.

❖ **Perfins on KGV Silver Jubilee Stamps.**

❖ George Greenhill, 25 Robinson Avenue, Off Tolby Lane, Alford, Lines LN13 OPW produced a booklet showing illustrations of all the perfins and details of the values found with the perfins. This booklet is still obtainable from Jeff Turnbull, the Publications Officer for £3-50 (UK). There have been various up-dates to the booklet in subsequent

Bulletins. Bulletin 287 Pages 14-15; 291 Pages 16-17; 297 Pages 17-19; 298 Pages 16-18 and 307 Pages 8-9. I occasionally find the odd new die or value for George so I know there are still new finds out there somewhere. Even if you do not have the booklet, and you have never reported before, George will be happy to see details of your Jubilee issues.

❖ **British Empire Exhibition Stamps Perfined**

❖ John Nelson, 69 Aperfield Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent TN16 3LX produced a booklet showing all the reported users of the 1d & 1½d 1924 and 1925 perfined British Empire Exhibition stamps. The dies are illustrated, the values known tabulated and, where possible, the user and details of their business are noted. There is a short historical note about the Exhibition on the first page. This booklet too can be obtained from the Publications Officer price £3-50p (UK). Since publication in 1993 there have been up-dates in Bulletin 269 Pages 18-19; 279 Pages 8-9 and 299 Pages 10-11. As with the Silver Jubilee stamps, even if you do not have the booklet, your oddments may be new to the survey. Send John your list now.

❖ **Perforated Postal Stationery**

❖ I, the editor, made a study of these and with the help of reported details from members, produced a series of articles in the Bulletin covering Perforated Postal Stationery Cards, Envelopes, Wrappers, Registered Envelopes, Air Letters and Telegraph Forms. These were in Bulletins 284 Pg.13-19; 285 Pg.14-20; 286 Pg.14-18; 288 Pg.16-23; 289 Pg. 18-21. Since that time, 1996, I have had many details reported which were not in the original articles. All this data is recorded but due to the work entailed in producing the Bulletin I have not had time to

collate all the new information into an up-date: or put out a booklet as I would prefer to do. Occasionally I hear from a member with new information and I would still like to see any more details of new finds on this topic.

❖ **Perforated Revenue Stamps**

❖ **Foreign Bill Stamps**

❖ ♦ Our Publications Officer, Jeff Turnbull is conducting this research. His booklet about the perforated Foreign Bill stamps only came out in April 2000. Since that time there has been a number of new reportings in the pages of the Bulletin. As Jeff puts these into the booklet for any new buyers, I do not propose to give Bulletin numbers and pages for these. As before, this book can be purchased through the Publications Officer.

❖ **Perforated Contract Note Stamps.**

❖ Jeff has just about finished collating all the reported information on perforated Contract Note stamps but before he prints the book he would like the members to have another look through their collections and report any Contract Note stamps which are perforated. This is to try to prevent the up-dating of so much new information as happened with the Foreign Bills book. Any new publication always brings in previously unknown data but it would be better to know about the data before publication if possible. So, if you have Contract Note stamps with perfin, please send details to Jeff.

❖ **New Dies and New Identities**

❖ Roy is always pleased to get details of any new identifying covers. This is a section of the research which involves quite a number of contributors. As Roy begins each new letter for the latest catalogue, send in any dies which do not appear in the Edwards catalogue.

AUCTION PRICES

This is a personal opinion: not a Society policy: you may disagree but I think some of our auction reserves may be misleading to new members.

Covers - Prices for covers are not too bad: a low price must reflect the condition/quality of the cover. An important consideration ought to be ease of display. One with the identity of the user on the front must win out. With it on the flap it is often inverted when opened out and no one wants to 'split' a cover. Monogram or coat of arms/trademark needs explanation in an exhibit or display. Common covers, especially modern ones, should be cheap. I do not like dear registered covers. The stamps are often high value, hence the high reserve, but many do not bear an identity because of security reasons. The ones with wax seals are usually very fragile.

Foreign perfins - again mostly OK for reserve. 10p per stamp is normal for all different dies except for the most common, damaged or partials.

GB perfins - I find the reserves differ quite a lot. Q.V. lilacs or jubilees never go for less than 10p a stamp, a reserve of anything lower is misleading. For all different undamaged dies they can realise 2 or 3 times this amount. Taking this pro rata reserves per stamp :- 8p for KEVII; 6p for KGV typo; 5p for KGV photogravure; 4p for KGVI; and 1 or 2p for QEII are more realistic.

Lots should be honestly described.

[Ed:- my guess is that this personal opinion from Dave will attract some correspondence]

CURRENT PERFINS

Derek Ransom

Three new reported for your lists.

C3577.01 C/I 2nda
 N1676.01 NH/ND 19p
 S8210.02 SW/S 2nd

EGYPTIAN PERFINS CATALOGUE

Vahe Varjabedian has sent the third update to his Catalogue. As it is a convenient size for a Bulletin page I print it whole. The original will then go into the Library for future reference.

NAME OF FIRM	PAGE	SEEN ON STAMPS (SG. NO.)
ABE	5	166
BCIE	7	148-154
BIE	8	230 - 276 - 277 - 278 - 420 429 -493 - 500 -560 - 629
BM	9	61
CLA	10	55-157A-250-252-254
CLA (FRENCH OFFIC.)	10	59-81
CLC	11	61-183-234-492
CN(8-13)	12	74 78 - 79
CN(13-19)	13	90-105
C&CO	15	54-56
IOB	18	90
K&HA	20	55
K&HC	21	55
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ARGENTINE - INUTILIZADO CARPET PERFORATION

Terry Wood

For some years I have wondered what was the significance of the carpet die found on Argentine stamps. I had parts of the die on a few individual stamps but in December 2000 I acquired a sheet of 20 pesos stamps.

From this sheet it appears that it was first folded in two and then perforated five times with a two wide die. The stamps were also cancelled across the width of the sheet by a single line.

There being no articles on the INUTILIZADO perforation in our Society Bulletins, our librarian found the information had been published in the American *Perfins Bulletin* in 1977. The information here is taken from an article by Walter B.L. Bose in their Bulletin, Nov-Dec 1977 and a previous article, writer unknown, in June 1977.

It seems that the perforation was used by the Postal Authorities of Argentina in Buenos Aires between 1900 and 1931. The rough translation of the word INUTILIZADO is 'rendered useless'. That is, stamps rendered useless for anything other than the purpose for which they had already been used. INUTILIZADO cannot be classed as a perfin - it being more a cancellation or annulation of postal stamps. These were postage stamps used for the payment of bulk mailing of newspapers. The stamps were affixed on the receipt document and the post office clerk "cancelled" them with the INUTILIZADO perforator. In this case, the perforation would be through the whole receipt. The whole sheets of stamps which were perforated would be bought by the newspaper proprietors and presented by the editors of newspapers and periodicals for payment of their duties - monthly postage at bulk rates.

The INUTILIZADO perforator was also used by the Post Office for Telegraphs and payment of rental of Post Office boxes.

On the documents of payment for bulk posting by the newspapers, the high values are common and the lower values are scarce. Payments in fractions of 'pesos' is rare.

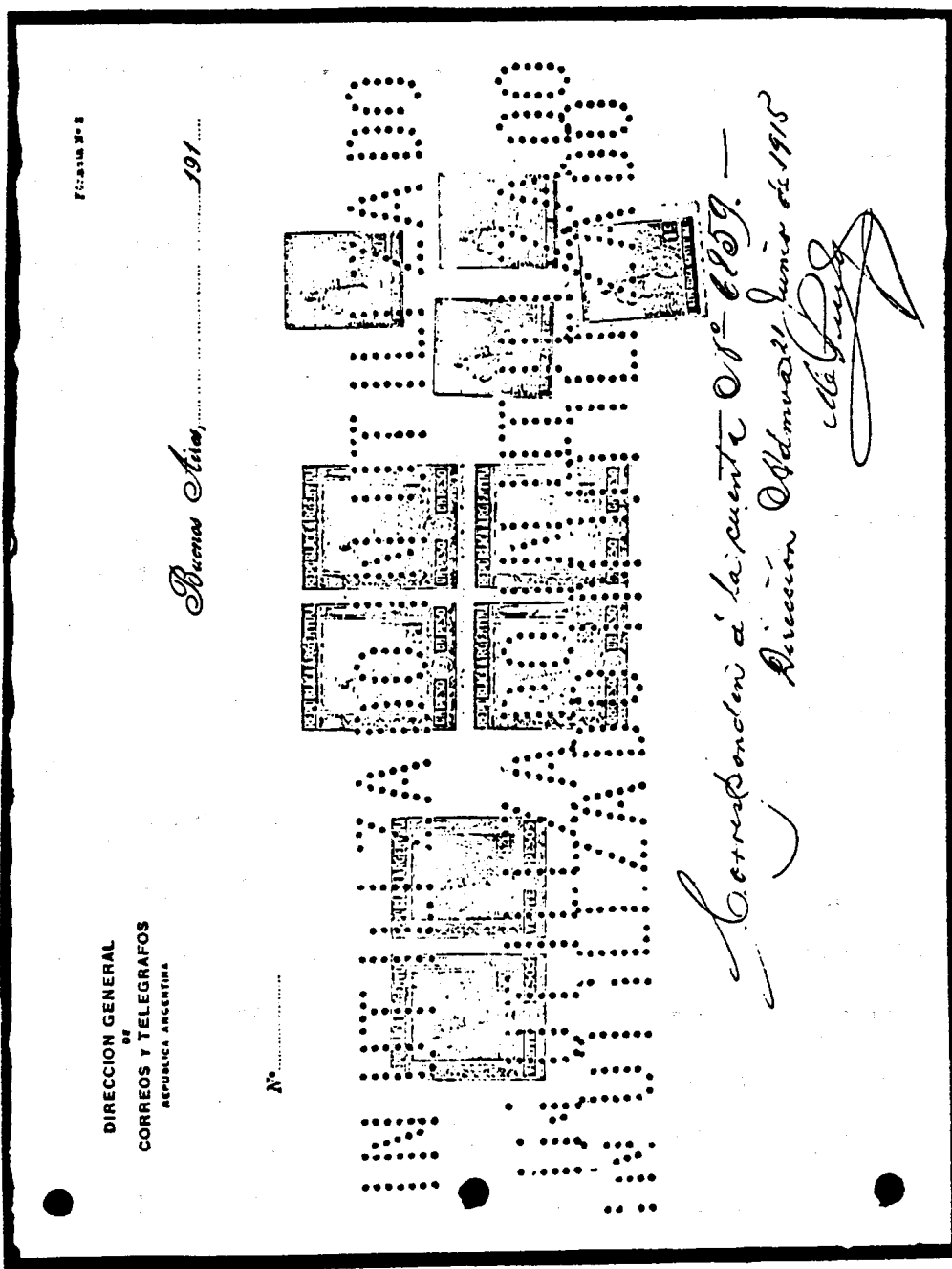
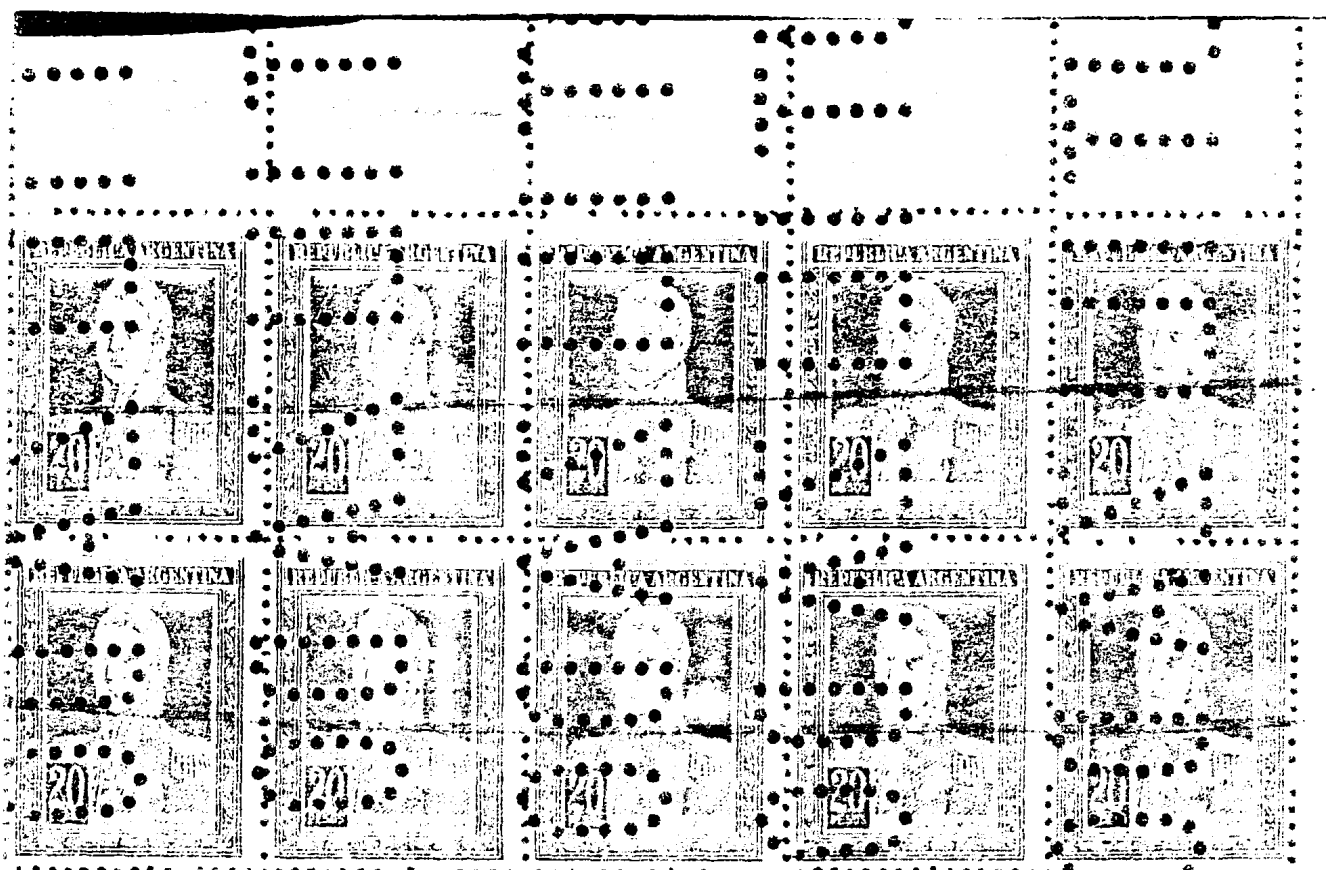
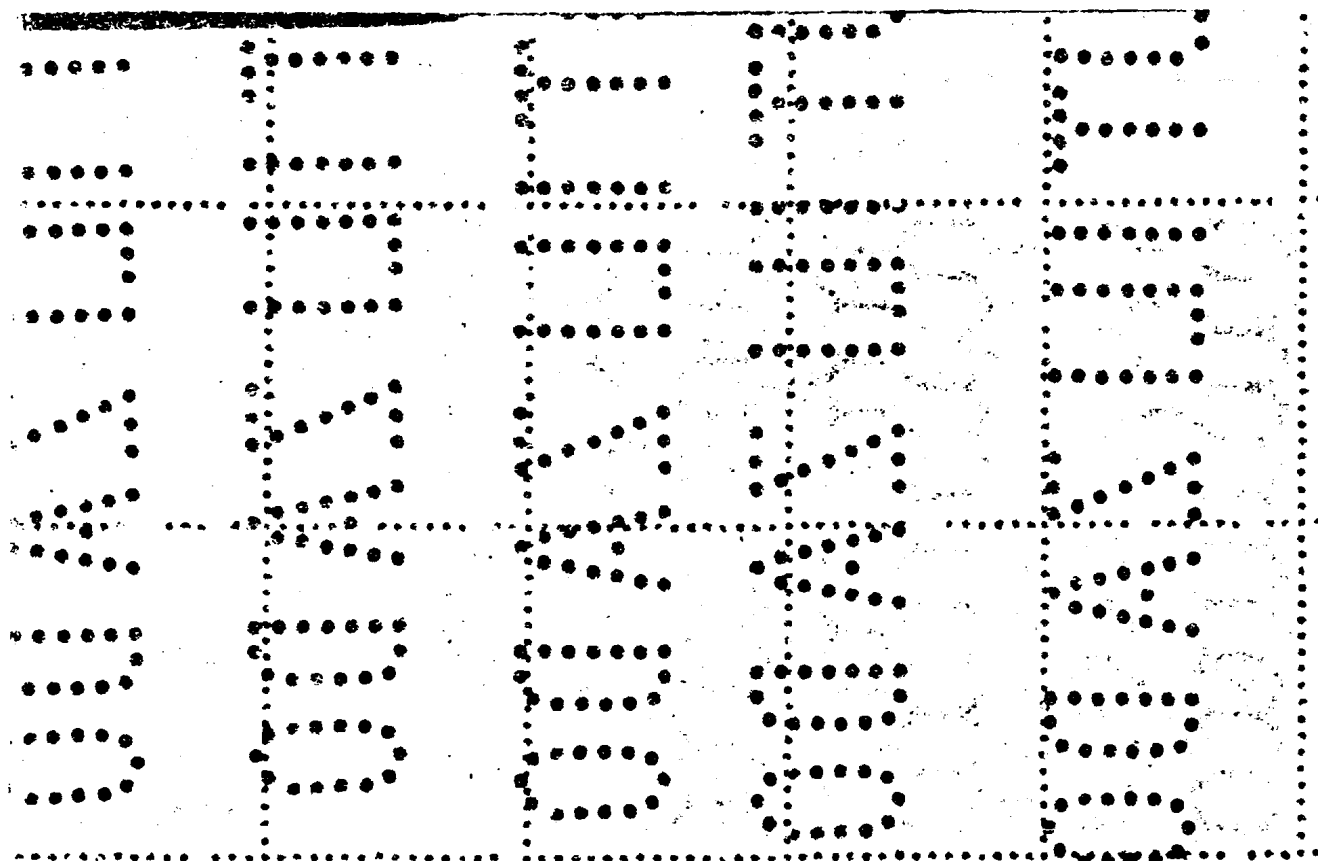


Illustration of front and back of part of the sheet of perfined Argentine stamps.



THE PERFINED REVENUE STAMPS OF G.B.

From Jeff Turnbull

These 9 dies are the last of the up-dates to the Revenues Book. Since publication much new information has been reported. All these new dies will be included in any book bought from the Publications Department.

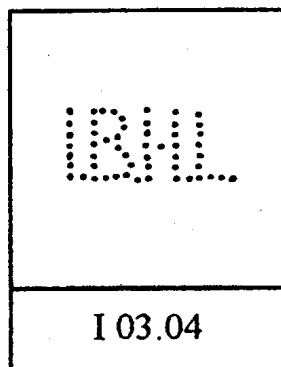
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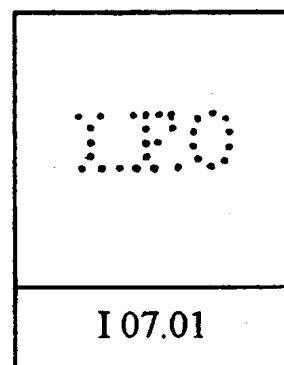
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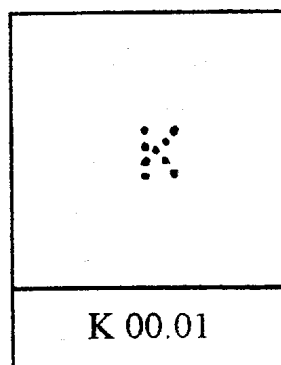
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(Bankers) 20 Fenchurch Street
London EC 3.

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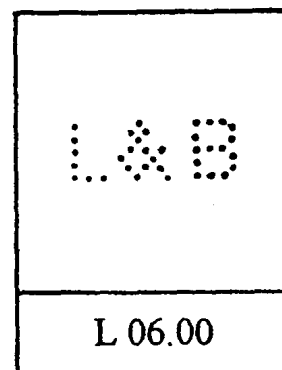
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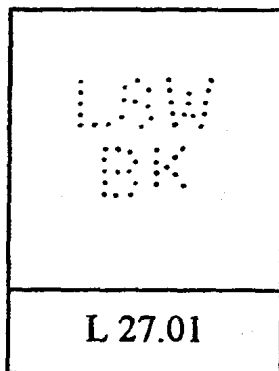
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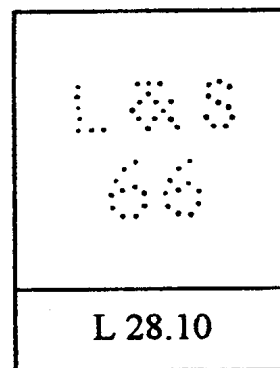
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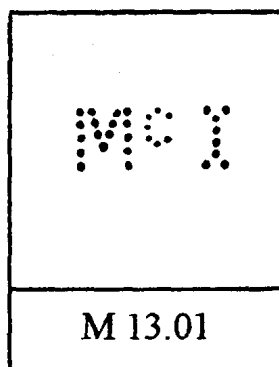
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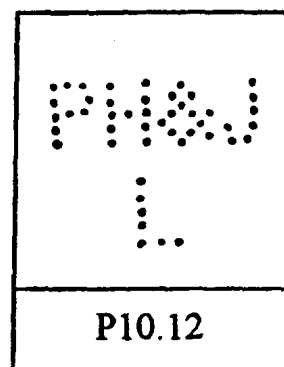
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66 Mark Lane London EC.
(Merchants)
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Dates: 26-10-1910 Late?
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Malcolm McIntyre & Co
London EC.
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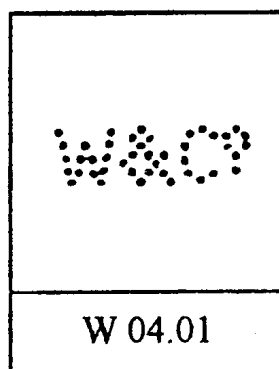
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In use:
Dates:
Issues: Qvic,£1,

Ident: -

New Illustrated
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HISTORY OF FIRMS USING PERFINS

THE TIMES NEWSPAPER

Elsewhere in the Bulletin is the article from an 1870 *Times* which was being sold at auction by Phillips. I thought this an appropriate time to give a small outline of the beginning of *The Times*. It is taken from the book **London As It Is Today: Where To Go, And What To See, During The Great Exhibition** - printed in 1851. This was the book given to me by a previous member, Terence Barnes, and from its pages have come some interesting articles in past Bulletins.

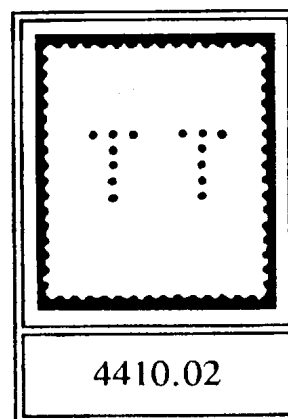
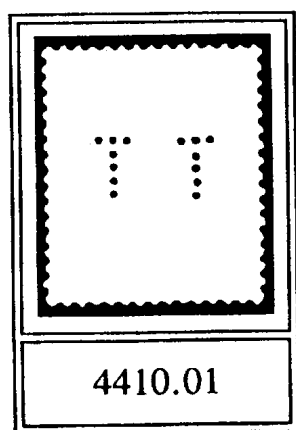
Situated in Printing House Square, Blackfriars. Established 1788. The Times has long enjoyed the proud distinction of being the leading journal in Europe, an appellation to which it is fully entitled, as well from the accuracy and copiousness of its information, as from the vigour and originality of its leading articles, and the unparalleled extent of its daily circulation, now verging on 40,000. From its commencement its course has been one of entire self-reliance and of thorough independence, and it may with truth be said to be the only paper which men of all parties, and of all classes, read and speak of, for although in turn abused by all, it is still read and feared by all.

This celebrated paper, which finds daily employment on the premises for nearly three hundred persons, was the first work ever printed by machinery: The Times of Tuesday, November 29th, 1814, having been the first newspaper printed by steam. A machine has recently been erected, by Mr. Applegarth, which throws off 10,000 sheets an hour. A visit to this establishment will afford high gratification to the admirer of mechanical skill.

In order to give the reader some idea of the commercial magnitude of this establishment, we may state that the taxes paid annually by the proprietors of The Times, amount to rather more than £16,000, for the paper; £60,000 for the stamps; and £19,000 for advertisements; being a total of £95,000 a year; an enormous sum truly, and a highly interesting illustration of the extent to which successful enterprise is taxed, in a country professing to adopt the principles of Free Trade.

The charge for a column of advertisements is £18, and during the railway mania, in 1845, a newspaper and double supplement contained no less than 1706 advertisements.

As far as I am aware, The Times only used two perfin dies: both 'TT'. T4410.01 is only known used C1905-1906 and only reported on a KEVII ½d ye-gn. The larger 'TT\ T4410.02, is known used 1904-1918 and seen on issues 'F' ½d-2½d; 'H' ½d 1d; 'I' ½d-4d & 6d. If anyone can extend these dates or add to the issues, please report to Roy Gault. The information could be in time to be included in the 'T' section of the New Catalogue with Details which is due out very shortly. The 'TT' data will be in part 2 of the 'T' catalogue.



SEEN IN AUCTION - 1870 Newspaper Cutting

Rosemary Smith

DAVID SCOTT & TONY LOVELL sent me a Phillips Auction Catalogue for the Feb.22nd 2001 sale. A section of the auction was for complete examples of *The Times Newspaper with interesting philatelic references.*

One lot offered was The Times for Oct. 14th 1870. The lot is described thus:-

On Page 11 col.3: An important article entitled 'Stealing Postage Stamps'. It is suggested to the Postmaster, that stamps with initials perforated into them should be sold to ensure security. However, firms with identical letters should be avoided. These were the beginning of the introduction of perfins. Est £600-700.

This estimate does not include Buyers Premium or VAT.

[Since typing out the above, I have been informed that the selling price was £500. Presumably Buyers Premium and VAT on top.]

In the auction catalogue is a photocopy of the article in the newspaper of Oct. 14th 1870. As I have been unable to find a copy of this article in a past Bulletin, despite the use of the excellent Index produced by Maurice Harp, I will produce it here as it makes interesting reading. I am conversant with this article and annoyed that I cannot put my hand on the source of my knowledge. It does not appear in Vallancey's 1933 booklet, in Slopers 5 Reign's booklet of 1939 nor in John Nelson's 1967 'Handbook of British Perfins'. (The latter two still obtainable from the Publications Officer.)

The article is headed, "*STEALING POSTAGE STAMPS*".

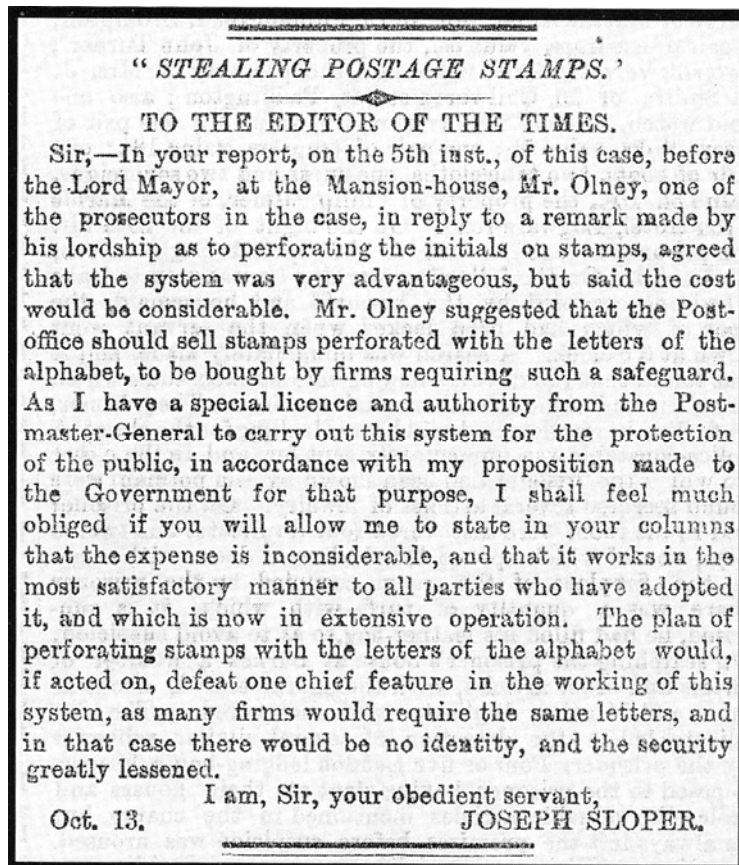
TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - In your report, on the 5th inst, of this case, before the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion-house, Mr. Olney, one of the prosecutors in the case, in reply to a remark made by his lordship as to perforating the initials on stamps, agreed that the system was very advantageous, but said the cost would be considerable. Mr Olney suggested that the Post-Office should sell stamps perforated with the letters of the alphabet, to be bought by firms requiring such a safeguard. As I have a special licence and authority from the Post-master General to carry out this system for the protection of the public, in accordance with my proposition made to the Government for that purpose, I shall feel much obliged if you will allow me to state in your columns that the expense is inconsiderable, and that it works in the most satisfactory manner to all parties who have adopted it, and which is now in extensive operation. The plan of perforating the stamps with the letters of the alphabet would, if acted upon, defeat one chief feature in the working of this system, as many firms would require the same letters, and in that case there would be no identity, and the security greatly lessened.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Oct. 13.

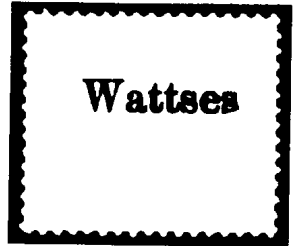
JOSEPH SLOPER



Members' Comments on Previous Articles

A Morocco Connection Bulletin 310 Page 8-9.

Jeff Turnbull has had contact with two people about this item. The first call he had was from a member, **PETER THORNTON**, who was practically sure that this cover was once in his possession but sold some time ago amongst a collection of Morocco Agencies. He said that on close inspection of the perfined stamp, a barely discernible British cancel could be seen under the Tangier cancel. Jeff then got in touch with David Stotter, the writer of the original article in *The Journal of the GB Overprints Society*, by e-mail in Thailand where Stotter is working. He confirmed that there is a faint trace of a British cancel beneath the Tangier cancel. So, even in far flung parts of the world in 1944, GB stamps were being soaked off British letters and used again!! [What cheek, say I, with tongue firmly fixed in mine!!]



Everetts & Wattses Bulletin 310 Page 10-11.

JACK BRANDT has the S4110.01a on a ½d KEVII cancelled LEEDS JY-17-02: plus a 3d KEVII with parcel cancel. However, the most interesting item is a tracing of S4110.01/.01a (?). The tracing shows 5 holes missing, one in the ampersand - not particularly relevant - but 4 missing from the 'W'. The second from the bottom of the right hand upright and the bottom 3 of the holes in-between the uprights. Jack says this die now fits both .01 and .01a. It is a 3d KEVII but parcel cancel. Was it repaired from one and became the other? In the original article Dave asked for reports of dated copies of either of these perfins. Now we have this information from Jack it is more important than ever that postmark details are reported. The tracing will be forwarded to the Catalogue Editor.

JACK BRANDT reports that he has C0520.02 with a 1907 cancel and C6835.01 with 1974 and 1979 cancels. In his own mind he had wondered how C0530.01 could exist to 1990 after the 'B' became an 'S'. He has a note in his album that the change took place about 1975 but must be 1974.

He has no dated copies of C0530.01 out of the range noted in the article (1965-1990) but he has a 1958 Commemorative (SG567) and two 1961 Commemoratives (SG629 & 630) plus the ½d graphite (SG561) from the 1957 issue. So this die is probably pre 1965. So, we need more information on dated copies of these two dies - the C0530.01 and the C6835.01.

This brings into question the date for the start of Cadbury's as 'Cadbury Schweppes'. The information in the original article was from an old Readers Digest but the date mentioned for 'Cadbury Schweppes' was from Tomkins Identified Catalogue. Can we find a correct date?

MEMBERS' WANTS

MARCO PATIERNO wants Italian Perfins on and off cover. He offers GB perfins in exchange.

JAN BRINKMAN wants Dutch or German perfins. He offers GB or world in exchange.

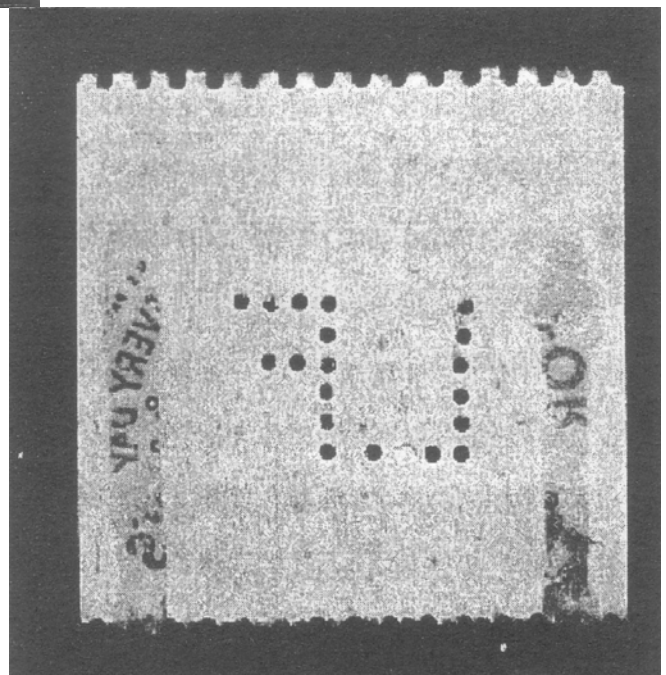
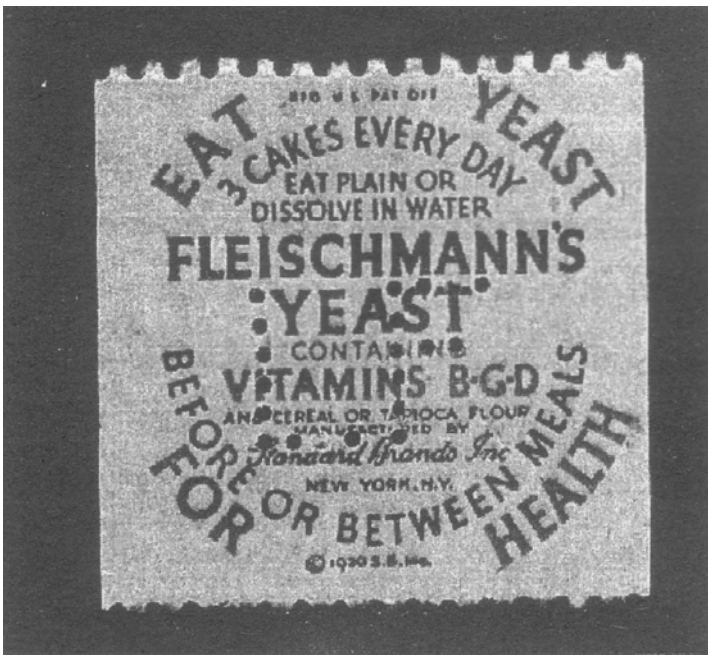
ROBERT ROWE is interested in Designs and Numeral perfins

KEN DORE is interested in Belgium Perfins.

VLADIMIR MUNZBERGER edits "Perfyny" which deals with perfins of Eastern Europe. Drop him a line if you are interested in this area of perfin collecting.

An American Perforated Coil Label

This item was sent by JOHN MATHEWS from Australia. He spotted it on the Internet. As there is no monetary value mentioned on the label perhaps it's purpose was for advertising. It is for FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST, manufactured by *Standard Brands Inc, New York*. It would appear to have the date '1930' at the bottom. The label is perforated with the letters 'LF' but there is no way of knowing the correct size of the label. It looks as if it was 'blown-up' for the internet. Our American readers may be able to say whether this is a common or unusual collectable.



From time to time there appears in the Bulletin advice to members about payment, etc. and how I run the finances of the Society. I thought to avoid repetition, I would collect these together. Perhaps members would retain these for reference. (It also avoids wasting valuable space in the Bulletin and leaves it free for more interesting things!)

IMPORTANT. In letters to me **DO NOT** address the envelope Secretary/Treasurer. To the Auctioneer do **not** mention auction or stamps in the address.

MEMBERSHIP

£5 in the United Kingdom, Bulletin sent second class post.

£7 Airmail to Europe, surface mail to rest of the world.

£10 Airmail to rest of the world (from 1/9/01)

Due 1st September: if you have enough credit with the Society I will deduct it. If you pay before 20th September your membership card should be with the October Bulletin. If you pay before 20th November, it will be with the December Bulletin but if nothing paid the amount you owe in £ will be written in red on the envelope.

I write individually to the few members who have still not paid by January. Unpaid members will be lapsed in the April Bulletin.

You may pay 2 or more years in advance: any excess is held to your credit. At any time the Society holds £1000 of members' credit.

Over the years these methods have been found to be the cheapest for the Society and easiest for myself and John Luft, who posts the Bulletin. Please, all membership changes to me as I maintain the membership database and print the labels for the Bulletin.

PAYMENT BY STAMPS

GB stamps are accepted for small payments like membership subs. Mint stamps of the current rates (19, 27, 33, 36 & 45p) are accepted at face value. Other values add 10% as I can get these at less than face myself. For mint without gum add 20% to make up for the time taken gluing them to the envelopes!

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

Made out to the **Perfin Society** and drawn on a London Bank, if from abroad. We have a new account and I hope it will work out cheaper. It is with **Girobank Bootle sort code 72 00 00 a/c No. 189 4366.**

The old account is **TSB Lloyds sort 77 09 17 a/c No. 0917 912 801 68.** The old **Girobank a/c is 53 907 6708** but made out to me, **Dave Hill**, not the Society. If they want an address, give Girobank, Bootle. This will find the account.

You can use these last two until I announce otherwise.

There are charges for Eurogiros. The Giro service covers Europe (and Japan!)

Transfers between Girobank accounts are free, otherwise paying in cheques costs the Society 13p each and paying out 65p.

Eurocheques are being withdrawn eventually, meanwhile they are not accepted for small amounts. It is better to use the Giro accounts above (Eurogiro and Postgiro). I think the charges are £10.

US \$ cheques will be credited at the rate I get from the bank, less any charges (now £10), so they are not worthwhile for small amounts.

US \$ bills: I sell at the then current rate when I have about \$100 less £3 to the buyer for Special Delivery. I round down to pence, it speeds

accounting. The best protection for bills and bank notes going through the post is to wrap them in carbon copy paper but they are sent to me entirely at the member's risk.

Jeff Turnbull can accept sterling cheques for publications, but not dollars - send those to me. I would prefer you not to send money for the Society to other officers, they only have to forward it to me.

AUCTION PAYMENTS

Payments should be received by me within 14 days (UK) or 28 days (overseas) but see below.

More lots sent overseas are being lost; the UK Post Office is trustworthy, but not it seems foreign ones. We are given only a short period to claim on the insurance, so I must ask overseas members to pay as soon as they receive lots. If there is a dispute please notify **the** auctioneer who will tell me you have received the lots. I do not think I can leave it for 28 days.

I generally pay out at the end of the month in which the auction closes, as long as the auctioneer has been able to deal promptly with the paperwork. I do not write cheques for under £5, small sales are credited to your account and a cheque sent when sales are over £5. Or your credit can be used to pay your subs. If I know overseas members have more sales in future auctions, I will credit sales and send one cheque when all are sold.

Once you have established sales in the auction, if you ask, I will credit your sales to your account and you can use this to buy in the auction or pay subs or buy publications. I will write sterling cheques to third parties if you ask and have credit. You cannot use credit from future auctions.

If asked I will transfer credit from one member to another, if they make some private arrangement or deal but the Society takes no responsibility for the arrangement. Reciprocal arrangements are to be Issued with

encouraged if it avoids bank charges and allows payment from abroad, especially of small amounts.

Remember to pay the amount at the bottom of your invoice including postage. Remember when calculating your sales we deduct 15% commission, plus postage and packing.

I will deduct unpaid bills from your sales.

The fewer cheques I receive or pay out, the less will be our bank charges.

EXCHANGES

Members may arrange exchanges by asking the editor to insert notices in the Bulletin. Please make it clear what you want and what you are offering. It is not the responsibility of the Society but we would expect members to deal fairly with one another. Remember it is almost impossible to supply perfins "to order" - we are not Gibbons.

PRIVATE TREATY

Occasionally a collection may be offered for sale by private treaty. There may be a charge for this service but the Society has no responsibility to the buyer or seller.

CLOSED ALBUMS

I encourage deceased members' families to take up perfin collecting themselves or sell the collection through the Society auction. Both gain from this arrangement, perfins are not correctly valued outside our circle.

INCORRECTLY PRINTED BULLETINS

Do not inform the editor, she has no spare copies. Let me know if a page has been missed in the printing etc and I will send a further copy.