

WHEN IS A PERFIN NOT A PERFIN? Rosemary Smith.

This article has come about because I loaned KEVIN PAKKHILL some back numbers of THE PERFIN CLUB BULLETIN. In The Perfins Bulletin Vol.XLIII No.7 Whole Number 432, July/August 1990 Page 163, Tony Llewellyn-Edwards had written an article with the title as above. Part of the article deals with U.K. stamps used for fiscal duty and the 'cancel' was to tie a stamp to a document, which when removed from the document could be taken for a perfin.

Tony then went on to say that some cancels are more obvious than others and showed a pane from a booklet (1d GVI stamps) which not only had a "CANCELLED" overprint but were perforated with a large hole. It was the picture of the booklet pane which caught Kevin's eye. He has a similar pane but of the ½d GV, unmounted mint, with inverted watermark (S.G.418i).

From this booklet pane (Fig. 1) one can see very clearly how the large hole was 'punched'. Down the centre of each stamp is a slight crease and if one folds the pane into three down the perforations (Fig.2), there is a clear outline of the "whole hole". Fold again down the centre of the stamps (Fig.3) and it can be seen that the hole must have been made with some kind of ticket clipper: thus illustrating most effectively that this "perfin is not a perfin".



Fig.1.



Fig.2.

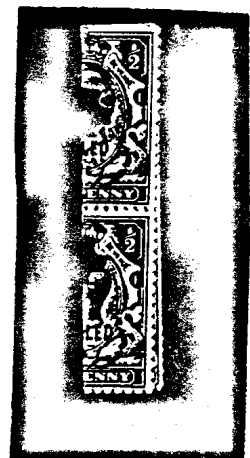


Fig.3.