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FRONT COVER

We show an 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee envelope, but not one stamped with the normal postmark; this cover was shown at "Stamp World 90" in 1990 and the handstamp is clearly different from the one normally seen; see page 18 (no.21) where the two are shown together

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Foreword

George Pearson passed away in 1989 at the tragically young age of 52. Prior to that, having given much of his energy and enthusiasm to producing the first two editions of this book, he had effectively handed over the reins to myself, and Alan Finch and I produced the Third Edition in 1984. George, if I say so myself, felt comfortable that the book was in good hands. For my part I am conscious of wanting to develop the book in the way George would have wanted it, since he is warmly remembered by the many of his close friends, many of whom are members of the British Postmark Society. George made no secret of his disapproval of the "philatelic" direction that modern special event postmarks had taken. I like to think George would therefore have approved of splitting the book into three volumes, with this one, volume I, thus covering the days of "real postmarks" before being taken over by the philatelic requirement for postmarks for which there was no genuine postal need: at least that's the way George would have viewed it and which gave rise to his own growing disenchantment of such postmarks in the 1970s. There is of course a case for collecting modern postmarks, and their popularity speaks for itself - and we made this contrast in producing our Third Edition covering the years to 1983.

In 1984 I never imagined that a Fourth Edition would be produced so quickly. There is no doubt that the arrival on the marketplace of George King's collection has been the single biggest influence on the information in this book. George King was an elderly gentleman who passed away in 1982 or thereabouts. His massive collection came on to the market in the mid 1980s and revealed many new special event marks, mainly the agricultural shows of 1920s and 1930s, on covers which had hitherto laid dormant for fifty years or so and had not been recorded - if only George King had communicated his knowledge at the time! Prior to the days of advance information for collectors, George King was "close to" Post Office officials who clearly kept him posted of forthcoming events, and we are grateful to him at least for producing neat covers largely with legible postmarks. We are grateful to all those who have helped report new data, whether from the "GK" collection, from PO archives or from (probably the most exciting!) envelopes they have found in the course of their researches. These changes have helped maintain our hobby as exciting and vibrant as it is - adjectives one could apply to the prices as well! Several influences have kept the price increases ahead of inflation for the "better items" at the upper end of the price bracket, which we hope we have reflected in this edition. John Swanborough is one such collector who has studiously searched for new material to develop his collection and he has provided much of the new data, including many of the illustrations, to enable the two of us to jointly produce this new edition. Nevertheless we are convinced there are still new discoveries to be made!

Our plans for the future are to produce :

Volume I - this volume covering the years 1851-1962, with updated valuations and much additional data - we have marked the left hand margin with | to show new or changed entries and a quick examination of this book will show how much data has changed. Illustrations are increased from 320 (up to 1962) to 550!

Volume II - the years 1963-83, the large growth period of special event postmarks, with over 5300 in this period - our Third Edition covers this period admirably and will for the foreseeable future serve as volume II

Volume III - the years from 1984 - this volume will be produced in similar fashion to volume II at an appropriate point in the 1990s - the listing already exceeds 8000 in total in 1991 - and who knows, there may be a volume IV to follow?

Colin Peachey Autumn 1991

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1 Introduction

DEFINITION

We start with an extract from George Pearson's Introduction to the Second Edition of this book :

"This catalogue covers all postmarks known to me which were specially inscribed for use on mail posted at events or for anniversaries. It should be emphasised that because a temporary post office was open it does not follow that a special postmark was used. Many such offices use an ordinary datestamp or perhaps a Mobile Post Office datestamp: these are not listed. The lists consist, for the most part, of specially inscribed marks from the inscription of which it is usually apparent for which event they were used and these are the marks that are generally referred to as "specials". Certain marks, particularly of the "skeleton" type, have an inscription such as "Showyard / Bournemouth", and in such cases I have indicated the particular event for which the mark was used where this is known.

In general the full inscription is given for most items up to about 1950, but from then on there has been a tendency for inscriptions to become somewhat lengthy and it has been necessary, therefore, to provide only sufficient detail to permit recognition. The dates shown are the known periods of use but is still likely that for the early period these could be extended from items in the collections of readers. For the earlier items, I have also shown the period that an exhibition was open where this is known (though it is possible to find "proof" impressions dated earlier than the exhibition). For these early events the postmark was sometimes not used for stamp cancelling (except for registered items) but was applied to the left of the cover, the stamp being cancelled at the Head Office; such items are indicated by a "+" before the reference number.

I have received a great deal of help from good friends in the completion and production of the present edition. It is therefore appropriate that I should express my sincere appreciation to the following for their co-operation and assistance : Michael Goodman, Patrick Harding, Frank Harwood, Cyril Parsons, Colin Peachey and Tim Richards".

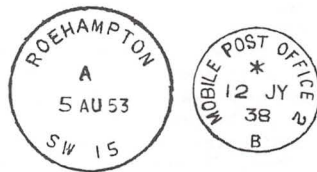
BORDERLINE CASES

As indicated above, a specially inscribed mark is not always used at an exhibition or agricultural show etc. The borderline cases come in several categories :

- those inscribed "Show yard" etc (as described above) which indicate an event without saying what it is - these we have included
- others which merely indicate a town name, usually "skeletons", but collectors knowing them to be from a special event nicely press to have them included in this book but, although they are most collectable, we have not done so, believing them contrary to George Pearson's definition - see above - even though a few other borderline cases eg Calshot Aerodrome, are included. We show here an example, a Roehampton skeleton used at the National Pony Show in 1953
- "Mobile Post Office" handstamps - there has been a programme of visits of up to three Mobile Post Offices from 1937, and the datestamps, which do not indicate the event at all, are outside the scope of this book, but we show a specimen here.

WHAT MAIL RECEIVED SPECIAL EVENT POSTMARKS?

Firstly one should be clear that these postmarks were used on mail ACTUALLY POSTED AT the event in question. There are many other postmarks that ADVERTISE an event



beforehand, and slogan postmarks are often the medium for such advertising, whereby possibly millions of letters can carry a message about a forthcoming event. These are outside the scope of this volume.

For letters and cards posted AT the event, as a rule of thumb :

- the 'specials' (Sp.) and machine postmarks were used on ordinary letters and postcards posted at the relevant event, but
- skeletons and single circle datestamps were counter handstamps and are only to be found on registered letters (or receipts, postal orders and other documents) at least from the 1920s onwards - thus many of the items listed in this book up to about 1958 are only to be found on registered letters (and this is just one factor affecting the valuation).

This means that ORDINARY letters and cards posted at many events did NOT receive a special event postmark at all - no doubt frustrating for the collector who posted items but realised this too late!

Exceptions, for some years, were British Industries Fairs and Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships where double circle handstamps were eventually supplied for use on normal mail, whereas the single circle handstamps usually remained in use for counter work (including registered letters) only. At the Mount Edgcumbe scout camp in 1936 two handstamps were supplied for the same two purposes, but both were of a double circle design. There are further exceptions to these guidelines, partly since earlier collectors obtained items stamped by favour, thus unregistered letters or pieces of paper can be found carrying impressions of special event marks in spite of the above remarks. The early Congress postmarks were of a double circle design but these were effectively 'specials'. Similarly, early exhibition postmarks - eg 1908 Edinburgh, 1908 Franco-British and 1911 Glasgow - were of a single-circle design but these too were effectively 'specials' and were struck on ordinary mail in large quantities.

DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPORARY POST OFFICES

The existence of a postmark at a special event implies the setting up of a temporary post office, and at most of the events referred to in this book this was indeed the case. This means (a) a post office counter where normal transactions could be carried out and a registered letter handed in (and a receipt collected) and (b) a posting box for "ordinary" letters. At larger events there were several eg at Wembley (1924) there were two post office counters and 22 posting boxes. A modern development, possibly applying to philatelic Conventions of 1962, was the provision of a posting box alone, so that ordinary (or philatelic) letters could be posted for the special postmark, with no provision for registered letters (except those sent in by collectors). Then came the use of a special postmark to celebrate an anniversary, with possibly no event at all though a posting box could still be provided. The Dover Packet Tercentenary of 7 May 1963 was the first such anniversary and there was probably a posting box provided at Dover. But by the 1980s, it certainly was often the case, partly for Post Office convenience and partly for security reasons, that no posting box at all was provided, and special postmarks were in these cases only available under the Post Office reposting service. This evolution has totally changed the character of special event postmarks from the days that the postmark was part of a genuine postal service designed primarily for attendees at an event, not for collectors!

CHANGES IN THIS EDITION

Although the additional entries have created further "A" and "B" numbers, we felt it would create even more problems if we changed the existing numbering; many collectors have their collections numbered accordingly and a wholesale change would not be appreciated!

We have made a substantial effort to increase the coverage of the illustrations in this book, and with a total of about 550 illustrations for about 680 entries - previously 320 illustrations over the same period - in the book we are as near 100% coverage as we can be allowing for repeats (such as BIFs, Church of Scotland

Assemblies and Chelsea Flower Shows). We have continued the work of the Third Edition in improving the quality of the illustrations. NO illustrations are now made by tracing, a form of reproduction we do not consider sufficiently accurate. All are now taken from photocopies and, with the careful use of "Tipp-ex" and Indian ink, traces of the adhesive stamp have been carefully removed. In some cases we have completed the lettering of skeleton handstamps to improve clarity eg shown here is the "original" of B16, see page 17 for the final result.

Special thanks are thus due to those who have kindly subjected to the photocopier valuable items from their collections, a task largely carried out by Patrick Harding and John Swanborough, also Michael Goodman, Frank Harwood, Roger Hudson, Douglas Loveday, Alan Sabey and David Canning.



COLOURS

All postmarks are struck in black unless otherwise mentioned. Although we have added some colour, at least up to page 32 (there are additional later "struck in violet" items), we cannot give accurate reproduction of the original ink colours.

STAMP ISSUE DAYS

In view of the collecting interest surrounding First Day Covers and the postmarks that go with them, we have particularly featured commemorative stamp issue dates in the main listings by emphasising the postmarks available on each such date. The "box" round each group of relevant postmarks highlights these entries. We have not highlighted definitive stamp issues in this way but first day covers of these too command a premium.

ANCILLIARY COLLECTING

There are many aspects of "special event" cover collecting apart from the postmarks themselves. Specially printed envelopes and relevant postcards, particular cachets on the envelopes, "cinderella" material and specially printed labels or vignettes are a few of the topics. Then there are the "ephemera" of event programmes, invitations, congress dinner menus, agricultural show rosettes, trophies, specially produced souvenirs, and photographs. There is plenty for the collector to search for!

Amongst the labels that are of particular interest to collectors are registration labels and parcel labels. Registration labels at special events are usually either of the local Head Office or the dumb style, with manuscript inscription, rubber stamp or datestamp on them. Events we know of that had their own identifiable printed labels were as follows (there may be others!):

- 1924-5 Wembley British Empire Exhibition
- 1933 Monetary & Economic Conference
- 1946 Philatelic Congress Brighton
- 1950-1 GATT Conference Torquay

Parcel labels are a popular collecting field, and shown here are attractive specimens from two special events.



ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Thanks to the additional reports received since the last Edition we have been able to add considerable data in this volume. Reports of further additions or extended dates are always welcome and should be sent to Colin Peachey at 19 Moorland Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1NH. For later years (post 1980) additional data should be sent in the same manner to Alan Finch, 8 Oxford Road, Canterbury Kent CT1 3QF.

New entries in this listing are as follows : EC.3A, 0.1 (old 0.1 renumbered as 0.1A), (AG2) and RS.2-3, and in the main listing : (B3 - previously included but not numbered), (A12), B16, A20, (A37), (A49), (D52), 53A, (A59), (64A), (A73), (A79), (83 reinstated), A89, B102, A112 (now confirmed), 120A, C124, D124, E124, A127, B127, C127, A129, (129A-B), A132, B132, 133A-B (previously 133), A134, A135, A136, B136, A138, B138, A147, A152, A154, B154, A160, B160, A167, A178, A187, A189, (200A), A202, A204, A225, A324, B229, A230, A271, A273, A401 and A470.

THEMATIC COLLECTING

We show below a categorisation of the special event marks up to 1962 by topic/theme. The '+' numbers indicate the additional variations possible eg BIF handstamp is shown as 1, but where three numbered handstamps are used this shows as '+2', or where codes A and B are used this shows as '+1' :

	<u>1862-89</u>	<u>1890-99</u>	<u>1900-09</u>	<u>1910-19</u>	<u>1920-29</u>	<u>1930-39</u>	<u>1940-49</u>	<u>1950-59</u>	<u>1960-62</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>EXHIBITIONS</u>	12 + 9	12 + 14	21 + 9	13 + 12	28 + 5	22 + 17	0 + 0	12 + 3	3 + 1	123 + 70 = 193
<u>AGRIC/HORTIC.</u> <u>SHOWS</u>	1 + 0	8 + 1	3 + 0	6 + 0	33 + 8	76 + 16	8 + 4	24 + 13	1 + 0	160 + 42 = 202
<u>BRITISH ASSOC.</u>			5 + 0		1 + 0	3 + 0	2 + 0			11 + 0 = 41
<u>CONGRESSES</u>			1 + 0	1 + 0	4 + 1	8 + 0	2 + 0	11 + 0	6 + 0	33 + 1 = 34
<u>PHILATELIC</u>			1 + 0	3 + 0	12 + 1	11 + 1	9 + 0	26 + 22	16 + 0	78 + 24 = 102
<u>CONFERENCES</u>				2 + 0		16 + 3	2 + 0	9 + 2	5 + 0	34 + 5 = 39
<u>AVIATION</u>				4 + 6		4 + 0		5 + 2		13 + 8 = 21
<u>BRIT.IND.FAIRS</u>					2 + 0	14 + 0	7 + 5	26 + 10		49 + 15 = 54
<u>WIMBLEDON LTC</u>							3 + 1	13 + 3	3 + 3	19 + 7 = 26
<u>SCOUTING</u>					1 + 1	2 + 1		6 + 2	1 + 0	10 + 4 = 14
<u>MARITIME</u>					1 + 0	2 + 0		5 + 5	4 + 0	12 + 5 = 17
<u>CHURCH SCOTLAND</u>						3 + 0	11 + 0	8 + 0		22 + 0 = 22
<u>OTHERS misc.</u>			1 + 0	2 + 0		2 + 2	1 + 7	15 + 12	6 + 2	27 + 23 = 50
<u>TOTALS</u> :-	13 + 9	20 + 15	31 + 9	31 + 18	86 + 16	163 + 40	45 + 17	160+74	45 + 6	591+204 = 795

Thus if you are intent on collecting all special event postmarks without variations, and you are just starting, you have 591 to collect, or with variations 795!

TYPES OF POSTMARKS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Duplex A two-part handstamp showing date in "datestamp" half, and code in "killer" half



Killer Similar to right-hand half of duplex



d/c Double-circle steel handstamp



s/c Single-circle steel handstamp



Ov. Oval steel handstamp (registered)



R.Ov Oval rubber handstamp (registered)



skel "Skeleton" handstamp made up from loose type

R. or pkt rubber handstamps of various types, including Climax and Blackwell, later known as packet handstamps

pcl rubber parcel handstamps of various types, initially circular (used on parcel labels) then rectangular but varying in design



m/c Machine postmark of the type used for normal stamp cancelling purposes, either Columbia or Universal type



Sp. Special design handstamp - steel, often with movable plugs for use on more than one day; also rubber stamps on two occasions (19 and 214, shown as R. in previous edition)



- and lastly, arguably not a postmark at all, we show here the TIM machine parcel label used at the Festival of Britain, see A346



VALUATIONS

The valuations shown are for complete and clean covers with clear postmarks, or for the parcel marks at least a large piece. Other postmarks on piece, or covers that are showing their age, or postcards with creases etc, should be discounted accordingly. Use of specific stamps of value means the cover would attract a premium, as would non-philatelic covers generally.

We show the valuations in "price bands", and in the listings that follow these are shown at the right hand side of each entry. The valuations have been revised since the third edition of our book (1984) and a new category G+ added to indicate the increasingly high prices of covers of exceptional rarity.

A	25p to 50p	Generally applies to modern (post-1957) items on plain covers, the era when events were pre-publicised and collectors were able to send covers for reposting
B	50p to £3	Older items, normally post-war, that were common at the time; also applies to postcards from the earlier well-attended White City exhibitions and more modern postmarks on special covers
C	£3 to £6	Older philatelic events and other well attended events
D	£6 to £15	Items generally becoming scarce
E	£15 to £40	Scarce; older registered items will fall into this category at minimum
F	£40 to £80	Very scarce older items
G	£80 to £200	Items of considerable scarcity, normally only a few known
G+	over £200	The most exceptional items of great rarity and appeal; items such as the scout camp postmarks attract several hundreds of pounds

OBTAINING OLDER SPECIAL POSTMARKS

The compilers of this volume are unable to supply older Special Event postmarks or covers (but see John Swanborough's advert on page 84). Collectors should contact the dealers who advertise in this volume or in the philatelic press, or who attend stamp fairs and exhibitions. The British Postmark Society operates an auction and sale, and provides a ready forum for contacting other collectors. Readers interested in enquiring about membership of the Society should refer to the details on page 2.

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

The National Postal Museum holds some of the handstamps and machine dies referred to in this volume. Occasionally, under strict control, these datestamps are used on (modern) postcards sold by the Museum and in colours that may differ from the original colour; see no.22 for an example of this.

QUOTING FROM THIS VOLUME

The information in this book is subject to copyright, and while we are happy that other philatelic writers may use the information in this book this is on the strict condition that the source is acknowledged. Also, we would, purely out of courtesy, like to hear from anyone planning use of any of the data. The same applies to the illustrations, and we would encourage writers to use pictures from the latest available edition at all times since we are constantly improving our standards. Full size illustrations can be provided on application though a small charge may be appropriate in this event.

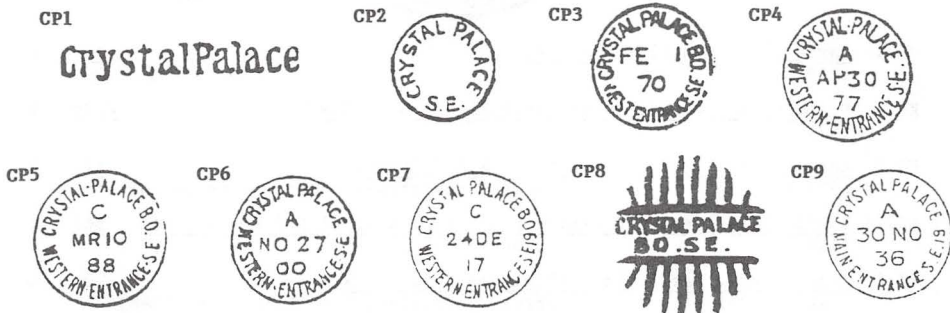
We hope to have included the latest editions of appropriate books in our Bibliography on page 4; we invite publishers to keep us informed of their latest productions.

2 Exhibition Sites

In this section we show marks regularly used at shows, exhibitions etc and though the location is shown the specific event is not. The majority of these items were used on registered mail or certificates of posting. Even now, after several editions of this book, the information is still regarded as incomplete, and reports of additional items or extensions to dates are welcome. EC.3A, O.1 (old O.1 is renumbered as O.1A), (AG2) and RS.2-3 are new entries; also SH.1 is renumbered since there were two SB.1 entries in the Third Edition.

CRYSTAL PALACE

Details of Crystal Palace postmarks from 1854 to 1936 are to be found in Maurice Bristow's "The Postal History of The Crystal Palace". We summarise below those known to have been used for postal purposes. We are grateful to the "London Postal History Group" for permission to use this information.



- | | | | |
|-------|--|--|--------|
| +CP.1 | <u>Crystal Palace</u>
1856 to 1858 | straight line mark
Struck on the reverse of covers seen | G+ |
| +CP.2 | <u>Crystal Palace / S.E.</u>
1859 to 1860 | Struck on the reverse of covers seen | s/c G+ |
| CP.3 | <u>Crystal Palace B.O. / West Entrance S.E.</u>
1875 (used earlier for telegraphic purposes) | | s/c ? |
| CP.4 | <u>Crystal Palace / Western Entrance S.E.</u>
1882 to 1885 (issued 1877) | | s/c ? |
| CP.5 | <u>Crystal Palace B.O. / Western Entrance S.E.</u>
1894 to 1914 (issued 1888)
There may have been two handstamps covering this period | | s/c E |
| CP.6 | <u>Crystal Palace / Western Entrance S.E.</u>
1900 | | s/c ? |
| CP.7 | <u>Crystal Palace B.O. / Western Entrance S.E. 19.</u>
1917 | | s/c ? |
| CP.8 | <u>Crystal Palace / BO. SE.</u>
1917 Used in conjunction with CP.7 and used on parcel post label | | pcl ? |
| CP.9 | <u>Crystal Palace / Main Entrance S.E. 19</u>
1936 Used examples not known, but apparently in use since the datestamp was recovered after the Crystal Palace fire, bearing the date 30 NO 36 which was the date of the fire | | s/c E |

EARL'S COURT EXHIBITION

EC1

EC2

EC3

EC3A



EC4 (two)

EC5



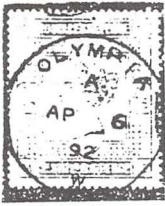
- EC.1 Earls Court Exhibition / S.W. 1893 to 1909 s/c E
- EC.2 Registered / Earl's Court Exhibition B.O. / S.W.5 1939 R.Ov D
- EC.3 Earl's Court Exhibition B.O. S.W.5 / (blank) 1937 to 1980 Several handstamps covered this period s/c C
- EC.3A London / Earl's Court Exhibition / B.O. S.W.5 / 1 / Parcel Post 1948 Struck in violet pcl ?
- EC.4 Registered / Earl's Ct. Exhibition B.O. / S.W.5 1948 to 1958 Struck in violet, at least in 1948; more than one handstamp used, one has "1" below "Registered" R.Ov D
- EC.5 Earl's Court Exhibition / B.O.S.W.5. 1980 s/c D

OLYMPIA WEST KENSINGTON

- O.1 Olympia / W 1892 skel F
Possibly used on telegrams
- O.1A Olympia / West Kensington.W 1894 to 1914 s/c D
Possibly more than one handstamp in this period; previously listed as O.1
- O.2 Olympia / West Kensington W.14 1926 to 1933 and 1963 to 1970 s/c C-D
- O.3 Olympia / W.Kensington W.14 1931 (16 Feb known) - date in one line skel F
- O.4 Olympia / W.Kensington W.14 1933 (1 Apr known) - date in two lines skel F
- O.5 Olympia. West Kensington. W.14 / (blank) 1947 to 1970 s/c C
Several handstamps used, with & without stop after Kensington
- O.6 Registered / Olympia, B.O. W.14 1948 to 1961 R.Ov D
Several handstamps used
- O.7 Olympia / -West Kensington.W.14- 1969 to 1970 d/c D

- 0.8 Olympia B.O. / W.Kensington / London W.14 / Parcel Post pcl E
 1961, 1962 and 1966 seen
 Probably used other years also, but not available at Philympia 1970

01



01A



02



03



04

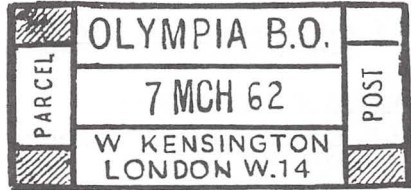


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07



AP1



SB1



AG1



AG2

ALEXANDRA PALACE (London N)

- AP.1 Alexandra-Palace / N. s/c ?
 1876

SHEPHERDS BUSH EXHIBITION (White City)

- SB.1 Shepherds-Bush / Exhibition.B.O.W s/c E
 1926 to 1937
 Used at least for BIFs (held at White City from 1922); two hand-stamps used (see 56 (1908)), with "dot" and "dash" after Shepherds

ATHLETIC GROUND RICHMOND SURREY and LEEDS

- AG.1 Athletic-Ground-Richmond / Surrey s/c D
 1900 to 1953
 Proof impression seen dated 1900, but postal specimens known dated 1951 to 1953 with a new datestamp without dot after Athletic
- (AG.2) Athletic-Ground / Leeds s/c
 1890
 Proof impression seen but confirmation of use required

AGRICULTURAL HALL

- AH.1 Agricultural-Hall / London.N. s/c F
 1894 to 1906
 Shown here are proof impressions of two datestamps, with & without dot after N; also known used in 1933 but may be a further handstamp

AH1 (two)



KH1



KH2



KH3



KELVIN HALL GLASGOW

- KH.1 Glasgow / Kelvin Hall skel F
1949 (1 to 6 Sep) Used at Scottish Industries Exhibition
- KH.2 Glasgow / Kelvin Hall s/c C
1949 to 1960
- KH.3 Kelvin Hall, Glasgow / (blank) s/c C
1927, 1936, and 1952 to 1969

SH1



BALMORAL SHOWGROUNDS BELFAST

- SH.1 Showgrounds, Belfast / (blank) s/c C
1937, and 1952 to 1969

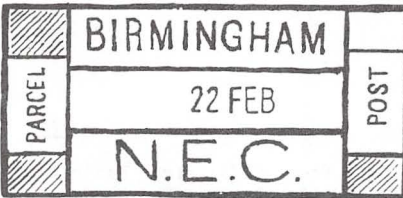
NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE BIRMINGHAM

- NE.1 Birmingham / N.E.C. s/c B
7 Dec 1976 to date
Two handstamps used, with 1 and 2 above date
- NE.2 Birmingham / N.E.C. / Parcel Post pcl C
probably used from same date as NE.1
Rubber handstamp used on parcels

NE1



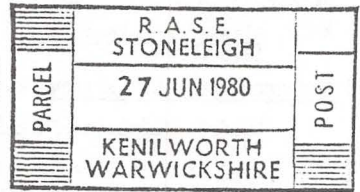
NE2 (used in 1989)



RS1



RS3



ROYAL SHOWGROUND NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTRE STONELEIGH KENILWORTH WARWICKSHIRE
(RASE = Royal Agricultural Society of England)

- RS.1 RASE Stoneleigh / Kenilworth Warwickshire s/c B
26 Jun 1980 to date (for duration of Royal Show each year)
Three handstamps used, with 1, 2 and 3 above date; see no.1681
(Vol 2) for first use of earlier handstamp
- RS.2 RASE Stoneleigh / Kenilworth, Works. pkt D
26 Jun 1980
(for duration of 1980 Royal Show, possibly later years also)
- RS.3 R.A.S.E. Stoneleigh/Kenilworth Warwickshire/ Parcel/Post pcl D
26 Jun 1980 to date
(for duration of Royal Show each year)

RS2



3 Main Listings

Valuations shown are for clear postmarks on entire covers; see page 10 for details. Vertical lines at left indicate changes since Third Edition (1984)

1851



1



A3



B3



1851 The Great International Exhibition (Hyde Park, London) s/c

An example in blue ink of what purports to be a postmark for this exhibition is known (as illustrated) but as its status is in doubt it is not given full listing. Indeed the existence of a datestamp is not borne out by any official records, and the impression shown is said to be little more than an idea of what might have been, and since the "district letters" were not allocated until 1857 the inclusion of "W" is quite inaccurate. This last point leads to the suggestion that it might have been adapted from an impression of a later datestamp, and it is of the same layout as B3 of 1871, see below, indeed it is a close match with the 22½mm diameter handstamp with code A used in 1871. We conclude that this is the most likely explanation of the 1851 impression.

A cover is known with a straight-line handstamp "Great Exhibition" applied in red at the top left of the cover, but it is likely to have been of private origin.

Similarly, another cover is known with a decorative 'banner' style handstamp reading "Great Exhibition 1851 of all Nations" applied in green on an envelope made at the Exhibition and postally used.

1862

1-A3 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HYDE PARK LONDON W (West)

The International Exhibition was open from 1 May to 15 Nov, and the extended period of use of 1 presumably results from the post office remaining open while the exhibition was being dismantled; 2 and A3 presumably used for similar dates

1 International/Exhibition.W and I E / W duplex G
 3 May - 28 Nov Probably five handstamps used, varying in spacing, and seen with codes 2, 3, 5, 12 and X above date (also 8 in proof impression)

2 International/Exhibition.W s/c G+
 Used in red for backstamping incoming mail to the exhibition

A3 I E / W (International Exhibition) killer G+
 Used only on registered packets

1871

(B3) International Exhibition / London.W s/c

Impressions are in Post Office proof books of what appear to be two almost identical handstamps (both with code A) of diameters 22½mm and 23mm (the former illustrated above), but it is not known if they were actually used. See above concerning 1851 postmark.

1877

- (3) Royal-Agricultural-Show / (blank) s/c
An impression is in Post Office proof books dated 30 Jun but confirmation of use required; the show was held in Liverpool

1879

- (4) The Agricultural Exhibition / Kilburn NW s/c
Reported by Stitt Dibden (proof impression dated 19 Jun) but confirmation of use required; exhibition open 30 Jun - 10 Jul

1883

- (5) Manchester Exhibition s/c
Although a Manchester exhibition opened in Oct 1882, Stitt Dibden records two handstamps (A and B) issued 16 March 1883, but this is believed to be an error for no.13 in 1887, see two illustrations dated 16 March 1887; this entry is thus in doubt

- +6 Fisheries Exhibition / S.W. (Hyde Park) s/c G+
26 Jun - 19 Sep
Used with code C; exhibition open 14 May - 31 Oct

1884

- +7 Health Exhibition / S.W. (Albert Hall) s/c G+
10 May - 29 Oct
Used with codes A, C; exhibition open 10 May - 30 Oct

1885

- +8 Inventions Exhibition / S.W. (Albert Hall) s/c G+
6 May - 24 Sep
Used with codes A, B, C; exhibition open 4 May - 9 Nov

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1886

- (9) Exhibition B.O. / Liverpool s/c
Proof impression seen, but confirmation of use required; thought to have been used at the Exhibition of Travelling, Commerce and Manufacturing, open 11 May - 8 Nov

- +10 Colonial & Indian Exhibition / S.W. (Albert Hall) s/c G+
9 Jun - 26 Nov
Used with codes B, C; exhibition open 4 May - 10 Nov

1887

- (11) Exhibition / Saltaire (near Shipley, Yorkshire) s/c
Proof impression seen but confirmation of use required; thought to have been used at the Yorkshire Jubilee Exhibition, which was open 6 May - 5 Nov

- (A12) Exhibition B.O. / Newcastle-on-Tyne s/c
Proof impression seen, but confirmation of use required; exhibition open 11 May - 29 Oct

+12 American Exhibition / London.S.W. (Earls Court) s/c G+
 18 May - 19 Oct
 Used with code A; exhibition opened 9 May

13 Manchester / Exhibition.B.O. s/c G
 12 Nov seen Two handstamps issued, with codes A6 and B3
 (illustrations are of proof impressions); perhaps these are
 movable codes ie the A and B are fixed, as 12 Nov impressions have
 code A1; used at Royal Exhibition which was open 3 May - 10 Nov

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A12

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13 (two)

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A16

B16

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1888

+14 Exhibition / Glasgow (Kelvingrove) s/c G
 25 Apr - 30 Jul
 Adhesives cancelled with d/c Glasgow/=159= handstamp with code '1E'
 (possibly indicating 'International Exhibition'); this was the
 largest exhibition since 1862 and it was open 8 May - 10 Nov, but
 the post office was open 20 March - 20 Nov

+15 Italian Exhibition / London.S.W. (Earls Court) s/c G+
 26 May - 2 Aug

A16 Irish Exhibition / W (London, probably Hyde Park) skel G+
 6 Oct known

1889

B16 Show Yard / Windsor (?Royal Agricultural Show) skel G+
 22 Jun known Possibly used on telegrams

1890

(16) French Exhibition / S.W. (Earls Court) s/c
 ? used May
 Proof impression seen (dated 14 May); confirmation of use required

+17 Royal Military Exhibition / S.W. (Chelsea Hospital) s/c G
 Jun - Oct Illustration is a proof impression of earlier
 date; exhibition open 7 May - 1 Nov

- 18-A20 PENNY POSTAGE JUBILEE GUILDHALL (London) 16, 17, 19 May
- 18 Steel "octagonal star" design with numbers 1-12 at centre, Sp. D
 these being hour time codes (codes used are shown below), at least five handstamps used with variable date, ie the same datestamps used on all three days; variations in style of letters/numbers in time, date and year, and month shown as MY; struck in black or violet (scarce) but also known in red (probably proof impression)
- Opening hours of the event were 6pm to midnight on 16 May and codes 6 to 10 were used; on 17 and 19 May the hours were 10am to 10pm and codes used were 10, 12 (no 11 used), and 1 to 9
- 19 Rubber "octagonal star" design without number at centre, Sp. D
 separate datestamp with fixed date used for each day, and month shown as MAY; struck in black or violet
- A20 "B. A / E" undated killer (British Army in Egypt) killer F
 used as a cachet on cards/covers at the Army Field tent at this event (see also 27)
- 20 Edin^r Intern^l / Exhibition (open 1 May - 30 Oct) s/c G
 9 May - 16 Jul Used at Edinburgh, with codes B, E, F

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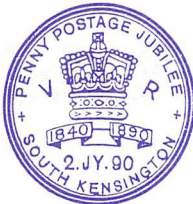
A20

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21 (two)

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- 21-27 PENNY POSTAGE JUBILEE SOUTH KENSINGTON (London) 2 Jul
 The event was held from 7pm to midnight at the South Kensington Museum (later to be renamed the Victoria & Albert Museum)

- 21 37mm diameter; usually struck in violet, but also Sp. C
 in black, blackish violet, blue (more unusual) or red (scarce)
- A version of this handstamp not previously seen was displayed in the "Court of Honour" at the "Stamp World 90" exhibition in 1990 at Alexandra Palace and is shown in the exhibition souvenir book. The handstamp is struck in black on a cover apparently postally used. It is similar to that normally seen but the date is smaller and there is no dot after "JY" (see illustration, also front cover)
- 22 32mm diameter; struck in violet (probably black also) Sp. D
 21-22 used to postmark adhesives or as "cachets" as 23-27 below; 22 also used in black as a cachet at a centenary dinner in 1990

Numbers 23-27 were not postmarks but were cachets applied to cards etc upon payment of a small fee at the Penny Post Jubilee Exhibition, and are often found together or in combination with 21/22 (which were also used as cachets). They are not described individually but are illustrated below, except for 27 which is the undated killer "B. A / E" (British Army in Egypt) struck in black, a repeat of A20 and thought to have been used for postal purposes in 1884. Numbers 23-24 were struck in blue or violet; 23 is dated 1790 and was used at a replica 18th century post office, and 24 (1990) at a post office of the future. Numbers 25-26 were struck in mauve or purple. Valuation "D" for each, but "E" for no.27.

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1891

- +28 German Exhibition B.O. / S.W. (Earls Court) s/c E
 27 May - 10 Oct
 Used with codes A, C (sideways, see illustration); exhibition open 9 May - 10 Oct; valuation is for philatelic use, normal use "F"

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- 29-30 ROYAL NAVAL EXHIBITION LONDON S.W. (Royal Hospital Chelsea)
 Exhibition open 2 May - 24 Oct

- 29 Royal Naval Exhibition London S.W. Sp. E
 30 May - 24 Oct Struck in shades of blue and, rarely, in violet

- 30 Royal Naval Exhibition B.O. / S.W. s/c G
 ? Jun - Oct Probably used only on registered mail

1892

- +31 Horticultural Exhibition / S.W. (Earls Court) s/c F
 9 Jun - 10 Oct
 Used with code C; exhibition open 7 May - 15 Oct

- 32 Show Yard / Warwick (?Royal Show) s/c G
 21 Jun known
 Used with code D; show open Jun/Jul

1893

- (33) Royal Agricultural Show / Chester s/c
 Proof impression seen (dated 9 Jun), but confirmation of use required; show open Jun/Jul

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A37



- 34 Gardening & Forestry Exhibition Earl's Court Sp. G+
17 Jun - 14 Oct
Exhibition open 13 May - 14 Oct; struck in violet

- 35 Bristol Exhibition / (blank) s/c G
2 Oct known Exhibition open 28 Aug - 31 Dec

1894

- 36 Royal Show Cambridge / (blank) skel G
28 - 30 Jun Codes A and B, probably two handstamps,
shown by Stitt Dibden as having 32½mm and 30½mm diameters

- (A37) Show Ground, / Gt. Yarmouth (?Norfolk Agric Show) R.
Proof impression seen (dated 3 Jul) but confirmation of use
required; possibly used only on telegrams

1895

- 37 Show Yard / Taunton skel G
31 May - 3 Jun Code A used, possibly others also; used
for Bath & West & Southern Counties Agricultural Show

- 38 Royal Agricultural Show / Darlington s/c G
25 - 28 Jun Possibly two handstamps; seen used with
time, but proof impression with no time (code P instead) is
slightly smaller but confirmation of use of this handstamp required

1899

- (39) Royal Agricultural Show / Windsor s/c
? used Jun
Illustration is a proof impression; confirmation of use required

- 40 Royal Agricultural Show / Maidstone s/c G
15 Jun known
Illustration is a proof impression showing an earlier date;
postally used specimen includes no time

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1900

- 41 Bradford / B A (70th Meeting of British Association) skel F
6 - 12 Sep

1901

- 42-A43 EXHIBITION / GLASGOW (International Exhibition, Kelvingrove)
Exhibition open 2 May - 9 Nov, post office open 1 Apr - 23 Nov
- 42 10 May - 9 Nov d/c D
- A43 23 May - 3 Nov Probably used only on registered mail s/c F
- 44 Intl Eng Cong / G W small skel G+
2 Sep known Used at International Engineering Congress
in Glasgow (held 30 Aug - 16 Sep); see note below
- 43 Brit Assn / G W (British Association Meeting Glasgow) small skel G+
16 Sep known Meeting held 16-20 Sep, and handstamp of
44 used but "altered", thus 43 and 44 reversed in this listing;
used for backstamping incoming and outgoing mail

1902

- 45 Exhibition.B.O / Wolverhampton (Art & Industrial Exhibition) s/c F
9 May - 6 Jun Exhibition opened 1 May
- 46 International Exhibition / Cork s/c G
10 Jun - 23 Sep
Exhibition opened 1 May; although previously recorded as being used only on registered mail this postmark has now been seen used on a postally used ordinary postcard (even though cards from exhibition usually bear an ordinary Cork postmark) as well as on registered mail and parcel labels; used with time in one line eg. 8PM, as well as in two lines as shown in illustration
- 47 Botanic Gardens Bazaar / NW (Imperial Coronation Bazaar) skel G
10 & 11 Jul known
Code X used; probably held at Kilburn, states Stitt Dibden, in aid of Kew Gardens rather than at Kew Gardens
- 48 British Asscn / BE (British Association Meeting Belfast) d/c skel F
10 - 18 Sep

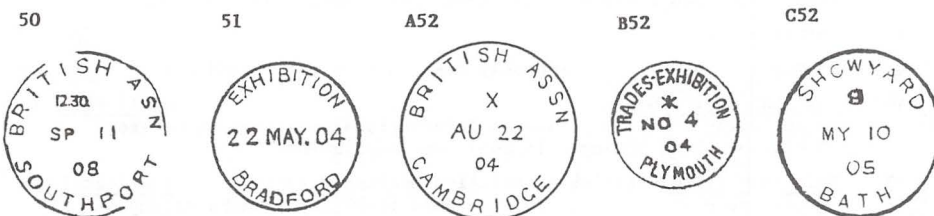
1903

- (A49) International Tel (telegraphic) Conference London R.
Recorded by Mackay (proof strike dated 24 May) but confirmation of use required

- 49 Henley / Regatta s/c G
7 Jul known Details of use not known
- A50 International Exhibition / Cork s/c G
27 Jul known Repeat of 46
- 50 British Assn / Southport (British Association Meeting) skel G
11 - 19 Sep Used with time above date
- A51 Trades Exhibition / Plymouth s/c G
7 - 18 Nov For illustration see B52 (repeat of A51)

1904

- 51 Exhibition / Bradford R. F
It would appear that this handstamp was used for documentation purposes and was used by favour on postal items as the only known example is on an unused postcard. A squared circle handstamp with code "BE" is reported but an example has not been seen. The exhibition was open May to Nov
- A52 British Assn / Cambridge (British Association Meeting) skel G
22 Aug known
- B52 Trades Exhibition / Plymouth s/c G
4 to 21 Nov Repeat of A51

1905

- C52 Showyard / Bath (probably Bath & West Show) skel G
10 May known
- (D52) Prestwick / Golf Club (Brit Amateur Golf Championship) small skel
20 May known Event started 9 May; used on telegrams with codes A to E; no postal usage known - see also A59 and A73
- 52 Trades Exhibition / Plymouth s/c G
20 Nov - 6 Dec Repeat of A51

1907

- 53-53A IRISH INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION DUBLIN Exhibition opened 4 May
- 53 Exhibition.B.O. Dublin / = = d/c C
14 May - 9 Nov
Three handstamps used, varying in spacing and lettering
- 53A Exhibition.B.O / Dublin s/c G
11 Jul and 14 Sep known
Probably only used on registered mail and for other counter work; recorded by Deacon, see article listed in bibliography
- A54 Newark / Agricultural Show skel G
15 May known

D52

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A54

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A57

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1908

- 54 Exhibition B.O. / 'Edinburgh' (Scottish National Exhibition) s/c D
16 May - 2 Nov
Two handstamps used, in the second handstamp the dot (almost a dash) after B.O. and the dot after Edinburgh are placed to almost form a colon; exhibition open 1 May - 31 Oct
- 55-58 FRANCO BRITISH EXHIBITION SHEPHERDS BUSH LONDON W (White City)
Exhibition open 14 May to 31 Oct, this being the first of the series of White City exhibitions in the 1908-14 period; post office open 11 May to 14 Nov. The Olympic Games were staged concurrently in the White City Stadium (chiefly) from 13 to 25 July
- 55 Franco-British-Exhibition / London s/c B
26 May - 2 Nov Two handstamps used, with slight differences in the "DO" of "London"; known 18-21 Sep with year plug "08" inverted. The handstamps were only issued on 26 May, mail prior to that receiving normal Shepherds Bush postmark; mail from letter boxes cleared after exhibitn closed on 31 Oct dated 2 Nov 12.15am
- 56 Shepherds-Bush / Exhibition.B.O. W s/c F
May - Oct Two handstamps used, with 'dot' and 'dash' between Shepherds and Bush; used on registered mail, parcel post labels and certificates of posting
- (A57) Stadium / Franco-British,Exhibition s/c
Proof impression known dated 9 Jul but handstamp probably never used since space for the post office was reallocated for Olympic Games purposes before the post office opened; see also 63
- 57 Shepherds Bush / Exhibition B.O. pcl F
May - Oct but undated Rubber handstamp used on parcels
- 58 BallymacClinton / Shepherds Bush,Exhibition.W s/c B
10 Jul - 2 Nov Two handstamps used, one with dot after Shepherds (see next page) and used on ordinary mail, the other without time used on certificates of posting etc and this one is scarce (valuation E). Used at the Irish Village (open from 10 Jul to 31 Oct) erected by the makers of McClinton's soap at the Franco-British Exhibition
- (A59) Prestwick / Golf Club (Open Golf Championship) small skel
15 Jul known but month shown as JU in specimen seen
Event held 15-24 Jul; used on telegrams, no postal usage known - see also D52 and A73

1909

- 59 Postage Stamp Exhibition & Congress Manchester Sp. D
18 - 20 Feb
Used at the First Philatelic Congress of Great Britain; also used without date (ie centre blank) on registration labels
- 60-64A IMPERIAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION SHEPHERDS BUSH LONDON W (White City)
Exhibition open 20 May to 25 Sep.
Note: 60-A61 include no indication as to location, not even "London"
- 60 Imperial International / -Exhibition- d/c C
21 May - 25 Sep
- A61 Imperial International Exhibition / . m/c G
1 Jun - Aug Columbia machine at Paddington District Office W
- 61 Ballymaclinton / Shepherds Bush Exhibition.W s/c C
31 May - 2 Oct
Repeat of 58, but only 'dot' handstamp seen; used at the Irish Village erected by the makers of McClinton's soap at the Imperial International Exhibition and open 1 Jun to 25 Sep
- 62 Ballymaclinton / Shepherds Bush Exhibition pc1 G
?Jun - Oct
Rubber handstamp used on parcels, see label shown on page 7
- (63) Stadium / Shepherds Bush Exhibition s/c
Confirmation of use required; probably used only on telegrams if at all; see also A57
- 64 Scottish Village / -Shepherds Bush Exhibn.W- d/c E
3 Jun - 14 Sep
Two handstamps issued to Scottish Village erected at the Imperial International Exhibition and open 4 Jun to 25 Sep; the two illustrations are of proof impressions (showing earlier dates) but show the different lettering and thickness of "bars" of the two handstamps, but the second one may have been held in reserve since not seen postally used
- (64A) Scottish Village / Shepherds Bush / Exhibition.W. pc1
Proof impression seen but confirmation of use required

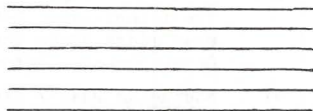
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A61



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64 (two)



64A



191065-66 JAPAN - BRITISH EXHIBITION LONDON (White City) (open 14 May - 29 Oct)

Note: 65-66 include no indication as to location, not even "London"

65 Japan - British / -Exhibition-
14 May - 29 Oct

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d/c

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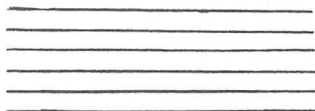
66 Japan - British / Exhibition
Jul - 17 OctColumbia machine at Paddington Distr Office W;
gap between town die and lines seems to vary,
possibly one town die was used in more than one
machine over the period, or more than one town
die used; known 7 Sep with inverted town diem/c

D

Pageant

Festival of EmpireThis exhibition was to have been held in 1910
but was postponed until 1911 because of the
death of King Edward VII. The mark illustrated
(shown as "Pageant") is a proof impression

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A68

67 Royal Agricultural Sh / LV (Royal Agric Show Liverpool)
21 Jun knownskel

G

A68 Show Ground / Spalding (probably Lincolnshire Agric Show)
15 Jul knownskel

G

68 Lanark / Grand Stand (Aviation meeting)
8 - 13 Augs/c

G

Included here though not strictly a 'special'

191169 Exhibition B.O. / Glasgow (Kelvingrove)
(Scottish National Exhibition, open 6 May - 4 Nov)
6 May - 1 Novs/c

D

Two handstamps used, one without time for counter transactions;
the 'Exhibition B.O' was open 25 Apr - 4 Nov70-71 FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE IMPERIAL EXHIBITION CRYSTAL PALACE
Exhibition open 12 May - 27 Oct70 Duplex 'flag' design
10 May - 28 OctSp.

D

Handstamps numbered 1 to 6, with slight differences in lettering;
numbers 2 and 3 are scarcer than 1, while 4 is rare (valuation F),
and 5 and 6 were probably held in reserve as no copies are known71 Circular design
10 May - ?26 OctSp.

F

Handstamps numbered 7 and 8; number 7 used on registered mail
(without 'time', though proof strikes show a 'time'), but 8
probably held in reserve as no copies are known

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- 72 Royal Horticultural Ex / SW (London) skel F
24 May known Exhibition held May - Jun, precise dates uncertain; see 82 for similar handstamp
- (A73) Golf Club / Prestwick (Brit Amateur Golf Championship) small skel
26 May Event held 16 May - 7 Jun; probably used on telegrams, and no postal usage known - see also D52 and A59
- 73 Postage Stamp Exhibition & Congress Birmingham Sp. E
7 - 9 Jun Used at Third Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (the 1910 Congress did not have a special postmark)
- 74 Coronation Exhibition Shepherds Bush W (White City) Sp. D
(exhibition open 18 May - 21 Oct)
31 May - 16 Oct
Two handstamps used, numbered 1 and 2, but seem to have started late; impressions of these large handstamps are often of poor quality and should be valued accordingly. See also 85 and 92
- 75 Royal Show BO Norwich / 1 skel G
27 Jun known C of Norwich inverted
- 76 St Andrews / Celeb (details of use required) small skel G
6 - 20 Sep
- (77) Showyard Inverness (probably Royal Highland Show) skel
Said to have been issued in July and returned in Aug, but precise period of use not known and confirmation of use required
- (78) Health Congress / Dublin d/c skel
Event date 3 Aug Confirmation of use required
- (A79) Assoc of Chambers of Commerce Dublin ?d/c skel
Event date 23 Aug; precise wording not known and confirmation of use required
- 79-80 FIRST UNITED KINGDOM AERIAL POST
These handstamps were used only on specially printed envelopes and cards, the colour and printing details being relevant to the valuation. Advertising cards carry a premium. Facilities for the purchase and posting the cards (cost 6½d including inland postage) or envelopes (cost 1/1d including inland postage) were provided at 12 locations, mainly London department stores. For fuller details see "The Coronation Aerial Post 1911" listed in the bibliography.
- 79 London - used for flights from Hendon to Windsor Sp. D-G
9 - 15 Sep
Six handstamps used, numbered 1-6, numbers 5,6 being the scarcest
- 80 Windsor - used for flights from Windsor to Hendon Sp. E-G
16 Sep
Two handstamps used, numbered 1,2, number 1 being more scarce

A73



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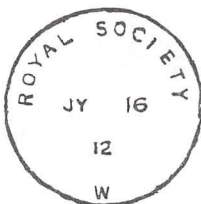
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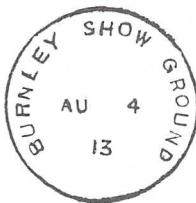
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A89



A90



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91 (four)



PARCEL  POST		D.
GHEENT INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION 1913 (BRITISH SECTION)		
Date		EXHIBITION LIST NUMBER

1912

- 81 Fourth Philatelic Congress (of Gt Britain) Margate Sp. E
1 - 3 May
- 82 Royal Horticultural Ex / SW (Chelsea) skel E
23 - 31 May Also known dated 23 May with E of Ex
misplaced sideways between Royal and Horticultural
- (83) International Radiotelegraphic Conference London (WC) Sp.
Jun
This mark was deleted from the previous edition since it is now known to have been used as a cachet, the stamp being cancelled by a London FS postmark; even though not a 'special', we illustrate here a proof impression since it is a Post Office marking and the datestamp was legitimately issued
- 84 Royal Society / W (London) skel F
(250th Anniversary of granting of Royal Charter to the Society)
16 Jul known
- 85 (blank) Exhibition Shepherds Bush W Sp. E
(Latin-British Exhibition, White City; exhib open 25 May to 19 Oct)
3 Sep - 19 Oct
This handstamp is the Coronation Exhibition handstamp (see 74) with '2' at base and with the word 'Coronation' removed, not clear why handstamp not used before Sep; also handstamp with '1' at base known used - valuation F (see 92). Most impressions are of poor quality and should be valued accordingly
- 86 Stamp Exhibition Jubilee International (London) SW Sp. C
14 - 19 Oct Two handstamps used, differing in spacing between words at foot; one used almost exclusively on registered mail and is scarcer (valuation E) while the other includes a 'time' and is slightly larger; also known used in red (valuation G)
- 1913
- 87 Fifth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Edinburgh 1913 Sp. E
23 - 26 Apr
- 88 Exhibition B.O / Liverpool (Liverpool Exhibition) s/c F
5 - 25 Jun Exhibition open May - Oct
- A89 Paisley / Grand.Stand (Royal Highland Show) s/c G
9 Jul known Show held 9-12 Jul
- (89) Show Ground / Aylesbury s/c
Reported by Stitt Dibden, but confirmation of use and details required
- A90 Burnley Show Ground / (blank) (probably Royal Lancs Show) skel G
4 Aug known
- 90 International Congress of Medicine London SW Sp. F
11 Aug known
- (91) Ghent International Exhibition British Section
Proof strikes exist in PO Archives of four postmarks used at a British PO at the International Exhibition held at Ghent Belgium, but confirmation of use is required. The four postmarks are :
(a) a 'special', (b) two rubber handstamps, one with time and one (a Climax) without time (c) a "roller" inscribed "G.I.E. 1913" between bars and (d) a large rubber parcel handstamp (pcl)

92

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A94

B94

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1914

- 92 (blank) Exhibition Shepherds Bush W Sp. E
 (Anglo-American Exposition, White City; open 16 May to 11 Aug)
 16 May - 18 Sep
 This handstamp is the Coronation Exhibition handstamp (see 74) with '1' at base and with the word 'Coronation' removed; a post-card dated 18 Sep (5 weeks after closing) seems genuine, thus possibly the exhibition dates were extended. Also handstamp with '2' at base (see 85) known used 1 Jun - valuation F. Most impressions are of poor quality and should be valued accordingly
- 93 Bristol International Exhibition / -1914- d/c F
 28 May - 11 Aug
- A94 UMC Conf / Redruth (United Methodist Church Conference) skel G
 14 - 18 Jul

1915

- B94 Show Yard / Worcester (Royal Bath & West Show) skel G
 21 (date unclear) May known Show held 20 - 25 May

1917

- (94) Royal Horticultural Exhibition / ? London 1917 ??
 Reported by Stitt Dibden but confirmation of use and details required
- 95 Irish Convention / Dublin s/c F
 30 Jul 1917 - 12 Apr 1918 but use was intermittent; majority of examples are 'philatelic'; commercial use valuation G

1918 Dated handstamps inscribed "Feed the Guns" or "W.S.A." were used on War Bonds Certificates but are known cancelling stamps by favour; they are not considered to be Special Event postmarks.

1919

- A96 London / 213 with R34 at centre above date d/c G+
 13 Jul Used on mail from return flight of airship R34 from New York to London (9-13 Jul); included here though not strictly a 'special'

96

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101

A102

B102

1920

- 96 Philatelic Congress / -Newcastle- (7th Philatelic Congress) d/c D
25 - 29 May
- 97 Cowes / Regatta skel G
2 - 6 Aug

1921

- 98 Philatelic Congress / -Harrogate- (8th Philatelic Congress) d/c D
3 - 6 May

1922

- 99 Philatelic Congress / -Bath- (9th Philatelic Congress) d/c D
20 - 23 Jun

1923

- 100 International Stamp Exhibition London SW1 Sp. C
14 - 26 May Two handstamps used, normally with codes
A and * above date, the latter used normally on registered mail

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1924

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|------|--|------|---|
| 101 | <u>Philatelic Congress / -Glasgow-</u> (11th Philatelic Congress)
3 - 6 Jun | d/c | E |
| A102 | <u>Royal Agricultural Show / Windsor</u>
5 - 7 Jun | s/c | F |
| | Repeat of 39 | | |
| B102 | <u>Royal Show / Leicester</u>
1 Jul known | skel | G |
| | Two handstamps used, with codes A and B | | |

STAMP ISSUE DAY 23 Apr - British Empire Exhibition

- 102-B112 EMPIRE EXHIBITION WEMBLEY PARK
The majority of these marks were in use for the duration of the Exhibition, 23 Apr - 1 Nov, but some are known later, presumably as maintenance work was carried out in readiness for 1925, and the latest known date is 22 Dec, see 104.
- The postmarks were used at six locations (not including Conference Hall): 102-6 were used at NW District Office, 104 and 106 also at the Wembley sub-office on outgoing mail.
- There were two post offices open to the public in the Palace of Engineering (the temporary Head Office) - see 108-109A - and the Palace of Industry - see 110-111 - then 107 was used at Paddington on registered items already stamped at one of these two offices; lastly A112 was used at the Stadium.
- Valuations of covers bearing these postmarks are dependent on the stamps used, which in most cases includes the 1d and 1½d commemoratives issued for the Exhibition

102



103



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|-----|---|-----|---|
| 102 | <u>Empire Exhibition Wembley Park 1924</u> (slogan)
Used at London NW Head Office on ordinary Exhibition mail | m/c | C |
| 103 | (same slogan as 102 but struck in red)
"Paid" marking used on bulk postings prepaid in cash, and used with values ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d; not in use at the start of the period, "paid" dies were ordered urgently in May | m/c | F |
| 104 | <u>Empire Exhibition Wembley Park / 1924</u>
Four handstamps used on ordinary mail at London NW Head Office, and a further two handstamps from July at Wembley sub-office, also known dated to 22 Dec; proof strikes are known with 1924.E. and 1924.F. at foot for use at London Inland Section but believed not to have been used, though F seen on cover, probably stamped by favour (valuation F); illustration of F is a proof impression | Sp. | D |
| 105 | <u>Empire Exhibition Wembley Park Gt Britain</u> (struck in red)
"Paid" marking used on bulk postings prepaid in cash, and not in use at the start of the period, as 103; known dated to 29 Nov; two handstamps used, numbered (1) & (2), and used with different value plugs similar to 103 | Sp. | F |

104



104(F)



105



106



107



108



110



109



109A



111



A112



B112



112 (additional town die on page 34)

113



106	<u>Empire Exhibition Wembley Park / * 1924 *</u> Two rubber handstamps used on packets at London NW Head Office, and one at Wembley sub-office; proof strike known in violet	<u>Sp./pkt</u>	F
107	<u>British Empire Exhibition / * Registered *</u> Double-framed rubber handstamp struck in purple used at Paddington D0 for backstamping registered letters; the 4 Jul date shown is a proof strike and the handstamp was presumably put into use soon after that date, and Mackay records 21 Jul but apparently little used in 1924 - 119 of 1925 more readily seen	<u>R.Ov</u>	F
108	<u>Empire Exhibition Wembley / Palace of Engineering</u> Used mainly on registered mail at Palace of Engineering	<u>Sp.</u>	E
109	<u>Parcel(EXN)Post/Empire Exhib Wembley/(Palace of Engineering)</u> Rubber handstamp used on parcels at Palace of Engineering and presumably replaced by 109A	<u>pcl</u>	F
109A	<u>Parcel(EXN)Post/Brit Empire Exhib/(Palace of Engineering B.O.)</u> Known used 23 Sep and presumably replacing 109	<u>pcl</u>	G
110	<u>Empire Exhibition Wembley / Palace of Industry</u> Used mainly on registered mail at Palace of Industry	<u>Sp.</u>	E
111	<u>Parcel(EXB)Post/Empire Exhib Wembley/(Palace of Industry)</u> Rubber handstamp used on parcels at Palace of Industry	<u>pcl</u>	F
A112	<u>Empire Exhibition Wembley / Stadium</u> Mainly used on telegrams at Stadium Office, the illustration is a proof impression; only postal use is recorded by Sabey (see note after B124), on a registered letter dated 29 April	<u>Sp.</u>	G+
(B112)	<u>Empire Exhibition Wembley / Conference Hall</u> Similar to A112 but not known used postally; confirmation of use required	<u>Sp.</u>	

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THE HISTORY OF THE EXHIBITIONS HELD THERE 1908 - 1914

1925 STAMP ISSUE DAY 9 May - British Empire Exhibition

112-B124

EMPIRE EXHIBITION WEMBLEY PARK

112-115 were in use for the duration of the Exhibition, 9 May - 31 Oct, but many of the others were in use both before and after these dates, thus 116 & A119 are known used on several April dates, and dates up to 19 Dec are known as the post offices remained open during the dismantling of the Exhibition.

Arrangements were similar to 1924 but the Palace of Engineering was renamed Palace of Housing and Transport, and handstamps 118 and 121 were used there; in some cases eg 119 and 122, the same handstamps as 1924 could be used since the date not included in the fixed part of the handstamp. An additional location in 1925 was the Post Office exhibit in the Government Pavilion where nos 114-5 were used.

Valuations of covers bearing these postmarks are dependent on the stamps used, which in most cases includes the 1d and 1½d commemoratives issued for the Exhibition

- 112 Empire Exhibition Wembley Park 1925 (slogan similar to 102) m/c C
Four dies issued to London NW Head Office for use on ordinary Exhibition mail; town die inscribed 1925.D normally used (see page 32), also 1925 (scarce, shown below, smaller than town die of 113) while 1925.C & 1925.E held in reserve and probably not used
- 113 (same slogan as 112 but struck in red) (as 103) m/c F
"Paid" marking used on bulk postings prepaid in cash - see page 32
- 114 P.O. Exhibit Govt. Pavilion / Wembley Sp. G
Used mainly on special souvenir telegrams; valuation for both parts of telegram (ie the original handwritten version and the printed version at "office of receipt"). Also used on printed cards from Government Pavilion, without stamp, as 115 (valuation E)
- 115 Post Office Exhibit Government Pavilion Wembley (slogan) m/c E
Applied undated to cards by demonstration cancelling machine

112
("1925" town die)

114



115



POST OFFICE EXHIBIT.
GOVERNMENT PAVILION
— WEMBLEY. —

118



120



120A



(1926)



- 116 Empire Exhibition Wembley Park / 1925 Sp. D
Four handstamps used on ordinary mail at London NW Head Office, and a further two handstamps at Wembley sub-office (as 104); seen used in April, also seen struck in red in error (on 6 Oct) then overstamped in the correct (black) colour
- 117 Empire Exhibition Wembley Park Gt Britain (struck in red) Sp. F
"Paid" marking used on bulk postings prepaid in cash (as 105); four handstamps used numbered (1) to (4) and with several different value plugs as in 1924
- 118 British Empire Exhibition / * Wembley * Sp. F
Used on registered mail at the Palace of Housing & Transport; three handstamps issued - see also 120A
- A119 Empire Exhibition Wembley Park / * 1925 * (as 106) Sp./pkt E
Four rubber handstamps used on packets at London NW Head Office, and one at Wembley sub-office, and seen dated 21 April
- 119 British Empire Exhibition / * Registered * (as 107) R.Ov F
Double-framed rubber handstamp struck in purple used at Paddington DO for backstamping registered letters
- 120 British Empire / Exhibition R. F
Rubber handstamp described as being supplied "for miscellaneous work" but seen used on a registered letter, also on high value stamps probably from telegrams, possibly other functions also
- 120A British Empire / Exhibition see illustration
Also supplied "for miscellaneous work", this rubber handstamp is recorded by Sabey (see note after B124) used on the "dumb" registration labels of two registered letters in Aug, the adhesives being stamped with no.118. Also known on similar registration label of a cover posted in June, the adhesives being stamped with no. 122, ie the other post office. In summary 120A was probably used for stamping blank registration labels for use at either office on any occasion when supplies of printed ones were exhausted. Valuation not shown since dependent on other markings on the cover, and included though not strictly a postmark
- 121 British Empire / Exhibition / Wembley / Parcel Post pcl G
Rubber handstamp used on parcels at Palace of Housing & Transport
- 122 Empire Exhibition Wembley / Palace of Industry (as 110) Sp. F
Used mainly on registered mail at Palace of Industry; three handstamps issued
- 123 Parcel(EXB)Post/Empire Exhib Wembley/(Palace of Industry) pcl G
Used on parcels as 111, but the discovery of 123A brings into some doubt whether 123 was really used at all; confirmation of use required
- 123A Parcel(EXB)Post/British Empire Exhibition/(Palace of Industry) pcl G
Known used 18 Jul and presumably replacing 123
- (A124) Empire Exhibition Wembley / Stadium Sp.
Reported by Stitt Dibden as being issued but confirmation of use on postal items required, as A112
- (B124) Empire Exhibition Wembley / Conference Hall Sp.
Similar to A124; confirmation of use required, as B112

Note : a 1926 version of no.106/A119 was produced in the event that the exhibition ran for a third year; a proof impression is shown here.

Note: references to "Sabey" in the above Wembley listings refer to Mr Alan Sabey FRPSL, co-author of "The lion roars at Wembley" by D R Knight and A D Sabey, shown in the Bibliography on page 4, also advert on page 33

121



123A



C124

D124

E124

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A127

B127

C127



C124	<u>Show Ground / Watford Herts</u> (Royal Bath & West Show)	<u>skel</u>	G
	29 May known		Show held 25 - 29 May
D124	<u>Show Yard / Maidstone</u> (Kent County Show)	<u>skel</u>	G
	3 Jun known		Show held 27 May - 2 Jun
E124	<u>Portsmouth / Show Yard</u> (?Royal Counties Show)	<u>skel</u>	G
	6 Jun known		
124	<u>Philatelic Congress / -Cambridge-</u> (12th Philatelic Congress)	<u>d/c</u>	D
	22 - 25 Jun		
125	<u>The Internat'l Rly Congress / (blank)</u> (Railway Congress London)	<u>skel</u>	G+
	25 Jun known		
126	<u>Chester / Royal Show</u>	<u>skel</u>	F
	8 - 11 Jul		Two handstamps used, codes A and B
A127	<u>Show Yard / Newcastle on Tyne</u>	<u>skel</u>	G
	(Northumberland Agricultural Society Annual Show)		
	30 Jul known		
B127	<u>S Y Glasgow</u> (Royal Highland Show, SY=Show Yard)	<u>see illustration</u>	G
	17 Jul known		An unusual "thimble type" handstamp
C127	<u>Yorks Show / Bradford</u>	<u>skel</u>	G
	24 Jul known		

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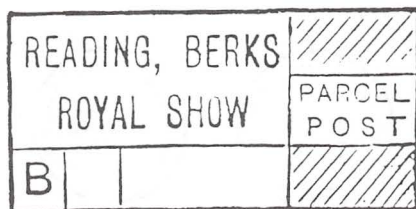
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- 127 Show Ground / Bournemouth (Royal Counties Agricultural Show) skel F
4 & 5 Jun
- 128 Philatelic Congress / Liverpool (13th Philatelic Congress) d/c D
14 - 18 Jun
- A129 Show Yard / Kelso (Royal Highland Show) skel G
1 Jul known
- 129 Reading Berks / Royal Show skel F
6 - 12 Jul Two handstamps used, lettered A and B
- (129A) Reading, Berks / Royal Show / A / Parcel Post pcl
 (129B) Reading, Berks / Royal Show / B / Parcel Post pcl
 Undated proof strikes of both rubber parcel handstamps seen, but no postal specimens known
- 130 Harrogate Yks / Show Ground (? Royal Yorkshire Show) skel F
17 - 23 Jul
- 131 Burnley / Show Ground (Royal Lancashire Agric Show) skel G
30 Jul known

1927

- A132 Show Yard / Bath Somerset (? Bath & West Show) skel G
31 May known

A132



B132



132



133A



A134



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A135



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A136



B136



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137A



A138



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| B132 | <u>Winchester Hants / Show</u> (? Royal Counties Show) | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 4 Jun known | | |
| 132 | <u>Philatelic Congress Nottingham</u> (14th Philatelic Congress) | <u>d/c</u> | D |
| | 20 - 24 Jun | | |
| 133A | <u>Newport Mon / Royal Show A</u> Date in one line | <u>skel</u> | G |
| 133B | <u>Newport Mon / Royal Show B</u> Date in two lines | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 5 - 8 Jul | | |
| | Two handstamps used, lettered A and B; show continued to 9 Jul | | |
| A134 | <u>Show Ground / Sevenoaks Kent</u> | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | (United Kent & Surrey Agric Societies Show, 'The Counties Show') | | |
| | 16 Jul known Show held 15 - 22 Jul | | |
| 134 | <u>Bolton Lincs / Show Ground</u> (Royal Lincs Agric Show) | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 29 Jul known | | |
| A135 | <u>Edinburgh / =16=</u> ('HS' above date = Royal Highland Show) | <u>d/c</u> | G |
| | 30 Jul known Similar layout used in 1931, see 170 | | |
| <u>1928</u> | | | |
| 135 | <u>Br Industries Fair / Bham</u> (Birmingham) | <u>skel</u> | E |
| | 25 Feb - 1 Mar | | |
| A136 | <u>Dorchester / Show</u> | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 25 May known | | |
| B136 | <u>Redhill / Surrey Show</u> (Surrey County Show) | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 31 May known | | |
| 136 | <u>Philatelic Congress London NW1</u> (15th Philatelic Congress) | <u>Sp.</u> | C |
| | 26 - 29 Jun | | |
| 137A | <u>Nottingham / Royal Show A</u> | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 137B | <u>Nottingham B / Royal Show</u> | <u>skel</u> | F |
| | 3 - 12 Jul Two handstamps used, lettered A and B; | | |
| | W of 'Show' inverted on 'A' handstamp on 3 Jul (see illustration) | | |
| A138 | <u>Agricultural Show / Folkestone</u> (Kent County Agric Show) | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 18 Jul known Show held 17 - 19 Jul | | |
| B138 | <u>Showyard / Aberdeen</u> (Royal Highland Show) | <u>skel</u> | G |
| | 25 Jul known | | |

B138

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- 138 Conference Hall / Glasgow (Meeting of British Association) skel E
 5 - 12 Sep
 Meeting held in Bute Hall, Glasgow University
- 139-140 LONDON STAMP EXHIBITION LONDON EC4 16 - 24 Nov
- 139 Used on ordinary mail Sp. C
- 140 Used on registered mail s/c D
- 1929
- 141 Brit Ind Fair / Birmingham (British Industries Fair) skel E
 18 - 22 Feb

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STAMP ISSUE DAY 10 May - Postal Union Congress

- 142-143 NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE EXHIBITION (North East Coast Exhibition)
 Exhibition open 14 May - Oct; no.142 seen used from 6 May
- 142 Used only on registered mail s/c F
- 143 Rubber handstamp used on parcels pcl G
- 144-146 POSTAL UNION CONGRESS LONDON
 Congress held 10 May - 3 Jul; no.146 seen used from 6 May
- 144 Used on ordinary mail; d/c C
 two handstamps used, differing in spacing
- 145 Rubber handstamp used on registered mail; struck in violet R.Ov E
- 146 Rubber handstamp used on packets; two handstamps used, pkt F
 and struck in violet
- A147 Southampton / Show Ground (Royal Counties Show) skel G
 1 Jun known Show held 29 May - 1 Jun
- 147 16th Philatelic Congress Birmingham Sp. C
 3 - 8 Jun

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A147



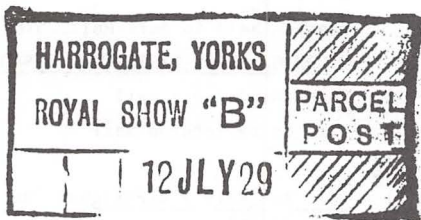
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148-151 HARROGATE ROYAL SHOW

148	<u>Royal Show A / Harrogate</u>	Used on registered mail	<u>skel</u>	F
149	<u>Harrogate, Yorks / Royal Show "A" / Parcel Post</u>		<u>pcl</u>	F
	2 - 13 Jul			
	148-9 used at main entrance to show			
150	<u>Royal Show B / Harrogate Yk</u>	Used on registered mail	<u>skel</u>	F
151	<u>Harrogate, Yorks / Royal Show "B" / Parcel Post</u>		<u>pcl</u>	F
	?2 - 13 Jul			
	150-1 used in grounds of show			
A152	<u>Folkestone / Agricult Show</u> (Kent County Agricultural Show)		<u>skel</u>	G
	20 Jul known			
152	<u>Showyard / Alloa</u> (Royal Highland Show)		<u>skel</u>	F
	24 - 27 Jul R in Showyard inverted at least on 27 Jul			
153	<u>Arrowepk Camp / Wirral Ches</u>		<u>skel</u>	G+
	(World Scout Jamboree Arrowe Park)			
	31 Jul - 17 Aug			
	Two handstamps used with slightly different settings; jamboree held from 31 Jul - 13 Aug, but post office open from 25 Jul - 20 Aug			
A154	<u>Ryl. Lancs Show / Blackburn</u>		<u>skel</u>	G
	3 Aug known Show held 31 Jul - 3 Aug			
B154	<u>Calshot Aerodrome / So'ton</u> (Schneider Trophy Air Race)		<u>skel</u>	G
	7 Sep known Similar handstamp used in 1931, see 180			

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- 154 London Naval Conference / (blank) s/c F
21 Jan - 22 Apr
- 155 Brit Industries Fair / Bham (Birmingham) skel E
17 Feb known
- 156 17th Philatelic Congress Torquay Devon Sp. D
23 - 27 Jun
- 157 Margate / Sanitary Congress skel F
(41st Congress of Royal Sanitary Institute)
23 - 30 Jun

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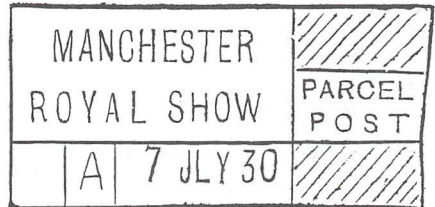
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159A

158-159 MANCHESTER ROYAL SHOW

- 158A Manchester / Royal Show (A above date) skel F
1 - 14 Jul Date in two lines
- 159A Manchester / Royal Show / Parcel Post / A pcl G
71 - 14 Jul Used in violet
158A-159A probably used at entrance to show
- 158B Manchester / Royal Show (B above date) skel F
7 - 12 Jul Date in one line
- (159B) Manchester / Royal Show / Parcel Post / B pcl
77 - 12 Jul Confirmation of use required
158B-159B probably used in grounds of show
- A160 Folkestone / Agricultural Show (Kent County Agricultural Show) skel G
19 Jul known Show held 16 - 18 Jul
- B160 Hull / Show Yard (Great Yorkshire Show) skel G
19 Jul known Show held 16 - 18 Jul
- 160 Show Yard / Dumfries (Royal Highland Show) skel F
22 - 25 Jul
- 161 Oxford / 22a / Kongreso de Esperanto skel E
(22nd International Esperanto Congress; 22a = 22nd)
2 - 8 Aug
- 162 S.A.T. Kongreso / London WC1 Sp. F
(Congress of Sennacia Asocio Tutmundo, a socialist movement)
4 - 7 Aug
- 163 Conference Hall / Bristol (Meeting of British Association) skel E
3 - 10 Sep

164 Indian Round Table Conference / (blank) (London) s/c F
2 Oct 1930 - 20 Jan 1931 See also 179 and 181

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A167



1931

- 165 Brit Industries Fair / Bham (Birmingham) skel E
14 - 27 Feb Date in two lines
- 166 Show Ground / Bristol (Bath & West & Southern Agric Show) skel F
20 - 23 May
- A167 Christian Endvr Covntn / SW1 skel G
26 May known Convention held 22-27 May
- 167 Showyard / Portsmouth (Royal Counties Agric Show) skel F
3 - 6 Jun
- 168 Show Ground / St Columb Cwll (Royal Cornwall Agric Show) skel G
10 & 11 Jun
- 169 Show Ground / Chippenham (Wiltshire Agricultural Show) skel F
11 & 12 Jun
- 170 Edinburgh / =19= ('HS' above date = Royal Highland Show) d/c E
23 - 26 Jun See also A135 but 170 is smaller
- 171 Three Bridges Show / Crawley (Sussex Agricultural Show) skel F
24 & 25 Jun
- 172 Lincs Agric Show / Lincoln (Lincolnshire Agricultural Show) skel F
24 - 26 Jun
- 173 18th Philatelic Congress Leicester Sp. C
23 - 26 Jun

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174A

174B
one line174B
two lines

175B



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174-175 WARWICK ROYAL SHOW

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|------|---|---|-------------|---|
| 174A | <u>Warwick Royal Show / A</u> | Date in one line | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 175A | <u>Warwick / Royal Show / A / Parcel Post</u> | Rubber handstamp used on parcels; ?struck in violet.
30 Jun - 13 Jul for both 174A-175A, used at main entrance to show | <u>pcl</u> | F |
| 174B | <u>Warwick Royal Show / B</u> | Two handstamps used, with date in one line (28½mm diameter) and in two lines (30mm diameter), as illustrated (both 'B') | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 175B | <u>Warwick / Royal Show / B / Parcel Post</u> | Rubber handstamp used on parcels; struck in violet.
6 - 11 Jul for both 174B-175B, used in grounds of show | <u>pcl</u> | F |
| 176 | <u>Canterbury / Agric Show</u> (Kent County Agric Show) | 13 - 17 Jul | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 177 | <u>The Show / Huddersfield Yks</u> (Huddersfield Agric Show) | 14 - 16 Jul | <u>skel</u> | F |
| A178 | <u>Liverpool / Show Ground</u> - though previously deleted since this rubber stamp was not used as a cancellation, it is included here since apparently a Post Office marking, and was stamped both on registration labels and also clear of both registration label and stamps. Seen on covers dated 3 Aug from Royal Lancs Agric Show with normal Liverpool postmark - show held 30 July to 3 Aug | | | ? |
| 178 | <u>Congress Hall / Bristol</u> (63rd Trades Union Congress) | 7 - 12 Sep | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 179 | <u>Indian Round Table Conference / S.W.1</u> | 2 - 19 Oct Possibly two handstamps used, see also 164 and 181; the second session of the conference was held from 7 Sep to 1 Dec, thus possibly 179 and 181 should be joined | <u>s/c</u> | F |
| 180 | <u>Calshot Aerodrome / Sthmptn</u> (Southampton) | 12 & 20 Aug & 12 Sep known
Used in connection with the Schneider Trophy Race at an aviation gathering at Southampton; included here though not strictly a 'special', see also B154 | <u>skel</u> | F |

LIVERPOOL
SHOW GROUND

178



179



180



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183



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185



186



A187



187



- 181 Indian Round Table Conference / S.W.1. s/c F
 24 Nov - ?12 Dec Possibly two handstamps used, see also 164 and 179, and see also note after 179; report of ?12 Dec usage may be an erroneous report of 182, or of 164 dated 12 Dec 1930
- 182 Burma Round Table Conference / S.W.1 s/c F
 2 - 12 Dec
- 1932
- 183 Br. Industries Fair / B'ham (Birmingham) skel F
 22 Feb - 4 Mar Date in one line
- 184 Telephone Exhibition (town die) + Telephone slogan m/c D
 Jan & Apr Used with "Every Home needs a phone" slogan; applied to cards by demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibitions (the first was 9-31 Jan)
- 185 Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3 skel F
 25 & 26 May
- 186 Show Ground / Yeovil Somt (probably Bath & West & Southern Show) skel F
 25 - 28 May
- A187 Show Yard / Guildford Sy (probably Royal Counties Agric Show) skel G
 1 Jun known
- 187 Sutton Coldfield / Show (Warwickshire Agricultural Show) skel F
 1 Jun known
- 188 19th Philatelic Congress Brighton Sp. D
 13 - 17 Jun
- A189 Sussex County Show / Eastbourne skel G
 23 Jun known Show held 22 - 23 Jun
- 189 Showyard / Inverness (Royal Highland Show) skel F
 23 Jun known

- 190A Southampton / Royal Show (A above date) skel F
5 - 9 Jul
- 190B Southampton / Royal Show (B above date) skel F
5 - 9 Jul
Possibly A used at entrance to show, B inside grounds
- 1933
- 191 Telephone Exhibition (town die) + Telephone slogan m/c D
Feb Used with "Get the telephone habit"
slogan in demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition
- 192 Br. Industries Fair / B'ham (Birmingham) skel E
Feb & Mar Date shown in two lines
- 193 Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3 skel F
24 & 25 May
- A194 Bath - W. of Eng. Show / S.W.20 (Bath & West Show) skel F
24 - 26 May Show held 17 - 30 May
- 194 Show Ground / Bournemouth (Royal Counties Agric Show) skel F
31 May - 3 Jun

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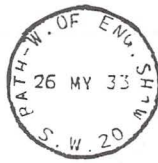
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- 195 20th Philatelic Congress London Sp. D
30 May - 2 Jun
- 196 Showyard / Worcester (Three Counties Show) skel F
7 - 9 Jun
- 197-200A MONETARY & ECONOMIC CONFERENCE LONDON SW7 12 Jun - 26 Jul
- 197 Used on ordinary mail; six handstamps issued Sp. E
- 198 Used on registered mail (see also 200A); s/c F
Four handstamps issued, seen with codes A, B (proof impressions of C and D also seen)
- 199 Rubber handstamp used on parcels; two handstamps issued pcl G
- 200 Rubber handstamp used on packets; four handstamps issued pkt G
- (200A) Large rubber handstamp for use on registered mail; R.Ov
two handstamps issued, undated proof strikes seen, confirmation
of use required - it appears as though the registered number is
required to be written in manuscript in the centre of the oval

- 201 Royal Nfk. Show / Kings Lynn (Royal Norfolk Show) skel G
21 Jun known
- A202 Showyard / Dundee (Royal Highland Show) skel G
24 Jun known Show held 20 - 24 Jun
- 202A Derby / Royal Show A skel G
27 Jun - 10 Jul
Probably used at entrance to show; A in Royal inverted on 8 July
- 202B Derby / Royal Show B skel G
3 - 8 Jul Probably used in grounds of show;
two handstamps used, with date in one line (28mm diameter) and
in two lines (30mm diameter), as illustrated (both 'B')
- A203 Telephone Exhib (town die) + wavy lines or Telephone slogan m/c D
Nov & Dec Used with (i) wavy lines,
(ii) "Get the telephone habit" slogan (23 Nov - 5 Dec reported),
(iii) "Every home needs a phone" slogan, in demonstration
cancelling machine at GPO Exhibitions

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- 203 Br. Industries Fair / B'ham (Birmingham) skel E
19 Feb - 2 Mar
- (A204) Olympia / Ideal Homes skel
27 Apr known Seen used on telegrams

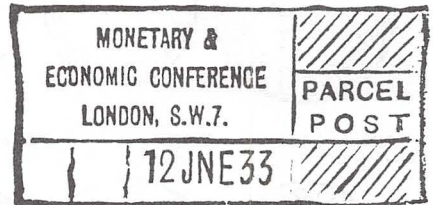
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one line



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two lines



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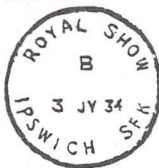
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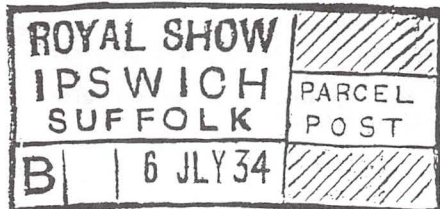
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211B



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- 204 Air Post Exhibition London SW1 Sp. C
7 - 12 May
- 205 21st Philatelic Congress Manchester Sp. C
22 - 25 May "Time" shown or -L- code or both (see above)
- 206 Chelsea Flower Show / SW,3. skel E
29 May - 1 Jun
- 207 Ryl. Co.'s Show / Salisbury (Royal Counties Show) skel F
5 - 9 Jun
- 208 Three Co. Show / Hereford (Three Counties Show) skel F
12 - 14 Jun
- 209 Peterborough / Showyard (?Peterborough Show) skel F
26 - 28 Jun
- 210-211 ROYAL SHOW IPSWICH SUFFOLK
- 210A Royal Show / Ipswich Sfk (A above date) Used on registered mail skel F
- 211A Royal Show / Ipswich / Suffolk / A / Parcel Post pcl F
26 Jun - 9 Jul Probably used at main entrance to show
- 210B Royal Show / Ipswich Sfk (B above date) Used on registered mail skel F
- 211B Royal Show / Ipswich / Suffolk / B / Parcel Post pcl F
2 - 7 Jul for both 210B-211B, probably used in grounds of show;
two handstamps of 210B used (see 202B) with date in one line and
two lines (see illustrations above)

- 212 Yorkshire Show / Bradford (Yorkshire Agric Show) skel F
10 - 12 Jul
- 213 Show Ground / Bolton Lancs. (Royal Lancashire Agric Show) skel F
2 - 4 Aug
- 214 British Association Aberdeen Sp. E
5 - 12 Sep Clearly a rubber stamp, and unusually for
a "special", this is of the form of an operational rubber stamp
- 215 Mildenhall A'dme / Bury St.E. skel D-G
16 - 20 Oct
Used at Bury St Edmunds in connection with the air race
from UK to Australia sponsored by Sir Macpherson
Robertson; the date of the race was 20 Oct. Code letters
A and B used, and flown covers are worth considerably
more; such items can form a specialist collection, with
covers endorsed with details of plane and pilot, also
these often carry Australian adhesives with a second
postmark. The Mildenhall post office was open from 13 to
20 Oct, and race mail was stamped between 18 and 20 Oct.
Items dated 16 and 17 Oct are considerably scarcer, and
no items are known with earlier dates; see also B229
- 216 Opening of Mount Pleasant (slogan) m/c G+
2 Nov Used on about 400 items only, probably
all addressed to "VIP"s and not used on any "ordinary" mail. Used
both with London/-A- town die and, apparently in error, with
square "Paid" die (in black)(see illustration)

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216 (two)



OPENING OF MOUNT
PLEASANT SORTING
OFFICE BY TR.H. THE
DUKE & DUCHESS OF YORK



OPENING OF MOUNT
PLEASANT SORTING
OFFICE BY TR.H. THE
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- 217 Telephone Exhibition (town die) + Telephone slogan m/c D
Mar & Apr Used with "Get the telephone habit"
slogan in demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition
- 218 Rotary Conference / Margate skel G+
13 May known
- 219 British Ind. Fair / B'ham (Birmingham) skel E
20 - 31 May
- 220 Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3 skel F
21 - 24 May
- 221 Bath and West Show / Taunton skel F
29 May - 1 Jun
- 222 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel F
2 May known
- 223 Show Ground / Weymouth (Royal Counties Agric Show) skel F
5 - 8 Jun
- 224 Gloucester / Show Ground (Three Counties Agric Show) skel F
11 - 13 Jun

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A225	<u>Show Ground / Ashford Kent</u> (?Kent County Show) 13 Jun known	<u>skel</u>	G
225	<u>22nd Philatelic Congress Bath</u> 18 - 21 Jun	<u>Sp.</u>	C
226	<u>Show Yard / Aberdeen</u> (Royal Highland Show) 18 - 22 Jun	<u>skel</u>	F
227	<u>Showground / Peterborough</u> (?Peterborough Show) 26 - 28 Jun	<u>skel</u>	F
228A	<u>Royal Show.A / N'ctle on T.</u> Date in one line	<u>skel</u>	F
228B	<u>Royal Show.B / N'ctle on T.</u> Date in two lines 1 - 6 Jul 'A' probably used at show entrance, 'B' probably used in grounds	<u>skel</u>	F
(A229)	<u>P.O. Exhibition / Blackpool</u> 4 Jul known Seen used on telegram; confirmation of postal use required	<u>skel</u>	
B229	<u>Mildenhall A'dme/ Bury St.E.</u> 6 Jul Used on occasion of "Royal Review", visit of King George V and part of Silver Jubilee celebrations; see 215 for use of similar datestamp	<u>skel</u>	F
229	<u>Central Hall / Bristol</u> (Methodist Conference) 17 - 27 Jul	<u>skel</u>	F
A230	<u>I.C.S.M. / Central Hall SW1.</u> (6th International Congress of Scientific Management) 18 Jul known Congress held 16 - 18 Jul	<u>skel</u>	G
230	<u>Showground / Burnley Lancs</u> (Royal Lancashire Agric Show) 5 - 7 Aug	<u>skel</u>	F
231	<u>Tde. Union Congress / Margate</u> (Trades Union Congress) 2 - 7 Sep	<u>skel</u>	G
1936			
232-233	<u>BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM</u> 17 - 29 Feb		
232	Used on ordinary mail	<u>s/c</u>	D
233	Used on registered mail	<u>Ov.</u>	D
234	<u>Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3.</u> 20 - 23 May	<u>skel</u>	D
A235	<u>Telephone Exhibition (town die) + wavy lines</u> 5 Jun seen Exhibition open 25 May - 13 Jun; applied to cards by demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition in London	<u>m/c</u>	D
235	<u>Paignton 23rd Philatelic Congress</u> 9 - 13 Jun Codes A to D used for the four collections per day, used from collection "D" on 9 Jun to "A" on 13 Jun; seen with inverted "B" on 12 Jun	<u>Sp.</u>	C
236	<u>Show Ground / Worcester</u> (Three Counties Agric Show) 10 - 12 Jun	<u>skel</u>	F
237	<u>Showyard / Melrose</u> (Royal Highland Show) 23 - 26 Jun	<u>skel</u>	F
238	<u>Royal Cts Show / Worthing</u> (Royal Counties Agric Show) 17 - 20 Jun	<u>skel</u>	F

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A243



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239 Showground / Peterborough (?Peterborough Show) skel F
24 - 26 Jun

240 Royal Show / Bristol skel F
23 Jun - 3 Jul Used with codes A and B

241 Mount Edgumbe Camp / Plymouth, Devon d/c G+
(West Country Scout Jamboree)
30 Jul - 11 Aug

Two handstamps used (see illustrations); one (comma after Plymouth) has short 'spacers' before Plymouth and after Devon, and carries a 'time' and was used on ordinary mail.

The second (no comma after Plymouth) has circular spacers, carries A or B code and was used for counter work including registered letters; it was applied to ordinary letters (probably those handed in) alongside the stamp, not on it (stamp cancelled with ordinary Plymouth postmark), and only by favour actually on the stamp

- A242 Bath Som. / P.O. Exhibition s/c F
 15 Jul - 8 Aug Exhibition open 14 Jul - 8 Aug; used on telegrams but also seen on a postally used postcard
- B242 G.P.O. Exhibition (town die) + Telephone slogan m/c D
 Aug Used with "Get the telephone habit" slogan in demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition
- 242 S A T Esperanto Kongreso Manchester Sp. D
 (Congress of Sennacia Associo Tutmundo)
 1 - 7 Aug
- A243 Jamboree Camp / Darlington skel G+
 5 - 9 Aug Used at Northern Counties Scout Jamboree which was held 1-9 Aug at Raby Castle near Staindrop, and the handstamp was used at Staindrop post office apparently on all mail from the camp
- 243 Conference Hall / Blackpool (Meeting of British Association) skel E
 2 - 16 Sep
- 244 The Stamp Exhibition London 1936 (Dorland Hall Lwr Regent St W1) Sp. C
 17 - 24 Oct
- 245 Post Office Young People's Exhibition (slogan) m/c D
 Dec 1936 - Jan 1937 Used with "G.P.O. Exhibition" town die and applied to cards by demonstration cancelling machine

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POST OFFICE
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXHIBITION

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- A246 G.P.O. Exhibition (town die) + "Post Early" slogan m/c D
 Feb - May Applied to cards by demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition
- 246-247 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 15 - 26 Feb
- 246 Used on ordinary mail s/c C
- 247 Used on registered mail Ov. D
- A248 Agricultural Show / Newark (probably Newark & Notts Show) skel F
 14 May known
- B248 Paignton Devon / Showground (probably Devon County Show) skel F
 21 May known
- 248 Chelsea Flower Show / SW3 skel E
 22 - 27 May
- 249 Shrewsbury / Showyard (Shropshire & W Midland Agric Show) skel F
 ?24 - 26 May
- 250 24th Philatelic Congress Folkestone Sp. B
 9 - 12 Jun Used with code letters A to E
- A250 Showground / Wadebridge Cw1 (Royal Cornwall Agric Show) skel F
 10 Jun known
- A251 Show Ground / Fakenham Nfk (?Royal Norfolk Show) skel F
 17 Jun known
- 251 Alloa / Showyard (Royal Highland Show) skel E
 22 - 25 Jun

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A252



A252 Showground / Peterborough (?Peterborough Show) skel F
29 Jun - 1 Jul On 29 Jun the W was inverted

252 Henley / Regatta s/c F
30 Jun - 2 Jul Used on registration labels, while stamps cancelled with "Mobile Post Office" postmark; event dates were 30 Jun - 3 Jul

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253-254 ROYAL SHOW WOLVERHAMPTON

253A



253B



254B



- 253A Royal Show / Wolverhampton ('A' above date) skel F
Date shown in two lines; used on registered mail, also on ordinary mail (stamped by favour)
- 254A Wolverhampton / Staffs. / Royal Show / A / Parcel Post pcl F
Rubber stamp used on parcels; struck in violet
2 - 10 Jul for both 253A-254A, probably used at main entrance to show
- 253B Royal Show / Wolverhampton ('B' above date) skel F
Date shown in one line; used on registered mail, also on ordinary mail (stamped by favour); known dated 5 JU in error for 5 JY
- 254B Wolverhampton / Staffs. / Royal Show / B / Parcel Post pcl F
Rubber stamp used on parcels; struck in violet
5 - 10 Jul for both 253B-254B, probably used in grounds of show
- A255 Canterbury / Agric'tl Show (Kent County Show) skel F
14 Jul known
- B255 Warwick / Show (Warwickshire County Show) skel F
23 Jul known

C255 Royal Welsh Show / Monmouth
22 Jul known

skel F

Edinburgh / Mobile PO

From late-1936 Mobile Post Offices were used at a variety of events with their own "Mobile PO" datestamps; we have not listed these since neither location or event is normally shown. However we mention here an interesting skeleton showing the location, Edinburgh, used at "The Mound" on 31 Aug when the Mobile PO was being publicised

D255 G.P.O. Exhibition (town die) + "Post Early" slogan

m/c D

Nov Applied to cards by demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition; known cancelling adhesives probably by favour

E255 Birmingham / Dog Show
17 Nov known

skel F

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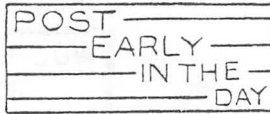
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- 255 G.P.O. Exhibition (town die) + "Post Early" slogan m/c D
 Apr Applied to cards by demonstration
 cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition
- 256-257 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM
- 256 21 Feb - 4 Mar Used on ordinary mail s/c D
- 257 21 Feb - 4 Mar Used on registered mail Ov. D
- 258 N.U.T. Conference / Margate (Nat Union of Teachers Conference) skel F
 18 Apr known
- 259-265 EMPIRE EXHIBITION GLASGOW (Bellahouston Park)
 Exhibition open 3 May - 29 Oct, but post office open 25 Apr - 5 Nov
- 259 Exhibition P.O. (town die) + Empire Exhibition slogan m/c B
 25 Apr - 28 Oct Two dies, one at the Exhibition, and one
 at Head Office Glasgow for use on Exhibition collections after
 5.30pm (timed 8.30pm and 11.15pm) - the evening collections were
 presumably only from 3 May onwards; for 28 Oct see 260. Mackay
 records a replacement die at the Exhibition from late May.
- The above slogan was also used countrywide, and this entry should
 not be confused with the same slogan used with ordinary Glasgow
 town dies, this of course not being on mail posted at the
 exhibition. However, for the 8.30pm and 11.15pm collections
 mentioned above, the Exhibition P.O. town die at Glasgow Head
 Head Office was fitted to any of the machines carrying the slogan,
 thus it can be found with different dies of the slogan including
 two that developed breaks at the corners.
- The slogan was used in red in error with the Exhibition P.O. town
 die at 8.30pm on 4 Aug on covers bearing adhesive stamps; this was
 probably caused by the town die being fitted to a machine used for
 paid mail with red ink at Glasgow HO. Reports that paid mail was
 stamped with the Exhibition P.O. town die (cf Wembley Exhibition
 nos 103 and 113) are probably mistaken reports of this error. Also
 used in red by favour at the Exhibition post office
- 260 Exhibition P.O. (town die) + wavy lines m/c C
 28 Oct (evening, 10pm seen) and 29 Oct only
 Used at end of Exhibition when use of slogan was inappropriate; it
 is possible that all 29 Oct Exhib'n mail was stamped at Glasgow HO
- 261 Exhibition P.O. Glasgow / number s/c C
 25 Apr - 5 Nov Four handstamps, numbered 1 to 4, used
 on registered mail; ordinary mail probably stamped by favour
- 262 Exhibition P.O. Glasgow / -number- d/c C
 25 Apr - 5 Nov Two handstamps, numbered 5 and 6, used
 at Head Office Glasgow and at the Exhibition respectively
 (presumably '5' started 3 May and ended 29 Oct)
- 263 Exhibition P.O. / Glasgow / Parcel Post pel E
 25 Apr - 29 Oct Rubber handstamp struck in violet and
 used on parcels; also known in black
- 264 Exhibition P.O. / Glasgow pkt D
 10 Jun - 29 Oct Rubber handstamp struck in violet and
 used on packets; also known in black
- 265 Post Office Pavilion Empire Exhibition Glasgow (slogan) m/c D
 3 May - 29 Oct
 Applied to souvenir cards (also plain covers stamped by favour) by
 demonstration cancelling machine at Exhibition

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| 266 | <u>U.P.W. Conference / Margate</u> (Union of Postal Workers)
4 May known | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 267 | <u>Oddfellows C'fce / Margate</u> (Ancient Order of Oddfellows)
6 Jun known | <u>skel</u> | F |
| 268 | <u>Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3</u>
21 - 27 May | <u>skel</u> | D |
| 269 | <u>Edinburgh / CS</u> (Church of Scotland Assembly)
26 May known | <u>skel</u> | E |
| 270 | <u>Royal Co. Show / Bournemouth</u> (Royal Counties Show)
2 - 4 Jun | <u>skel</u> | F |
| A271 | <u>Town Moor / Newcastle on T.</u>
17 Jun known
Used at "The Hoppings", an annual gathering and fun fair (which had originally been a Temperance Festival) held during race week; may have been used in other years also | <u>skel</u> | G |
| 271 | <u>25th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Cambridge</u>
21 - 24 Jun Used with time codes A and B | <u>Sp.</u> | C |
| 272 | <u>Showyard / Dumfries</u> (Royal Highland Show)
21 - 24 Jun | <u>skel</u> | D |
| A273 | <u>Kent Agric Show / Folkestone</u> (Kent County Agric Show)
13 Jul known Show held 13-15 Jul; wording of handstamp not clear, probably 'AGRIC' but possibly 'AGRI.' | <u>skel</u> | G |
| 273 | <u>30a Univ Kongreso de Esperanto London</u>
(30th Universal Esperanto Congress)
30 Jul - 6 Aug | <u>Sp.</u> | E |
| 274 | <u>Governing Body ILO London W1</u> (Burlington House W1)
24 & 25 Oct
Used for 85th Session of International Labour Organisation which was held from 24 to 27 Oct; handstamp also known stamping non-postal items on ILO notepaper, dated 3 days early, 21 Oct | <u>Sp.</u> | G |
| 275 | <u>Birmingham / Dog Show</u>
8 & 9 Nov | <u>skel</u> | F |

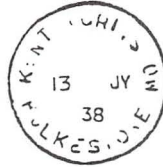
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- 276 "Solid" town die + "Post early in the day" slogan m/c D
 Jan "Solid" town die as 265 used with "Post
 Early in the day" slogan applied to cards by demonstration
 cancelling machine probably at GPO Exhibition
- 277-278 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM
- 277 20 Feb - ?1 Mar Used on ordinary mail s/c D
- 278 20 Feb - 1 Mar Used on registered mail Ov. E
- A279 G.P.O. Exhibition (town die) + "Post early" slogan m/c D
 Apr
 Used in demonstration cancelling machine at GPO Exhibition
- 279 Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3 skel E
 15 - 19 May
- 280 Edinburgh. C.S. / (blank) (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
 23 - 26 May
- 281 Showyard / Portsmouth (Royal Counties Show) skel F
 3 Jun known
- 282 26th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Liverpool Sp. C
 13 - 17 Jun
- 283 Showyard / Edinburgh 11 (Royal Highland Show) skel E
 20 - 22 Jun
- 284A Windsor / Royal Show / A see illustration E
 27 Jun - 8 Jul
 Struck in violet but known used in black 27 Jun; probably used at
 main entrance; see note following 284B
- 284B Windsor / Royal Show / B as 'A' E
 ?27 Jun - 8 Jul
 Struck in violet; probably used in grounds of show
- Mackay notes 284A-B as being "telegraphic handstamps" but records
 use on parcels, which probably explains the violet ink; certainly
 they were also used on covers and cards, though usually philatelic

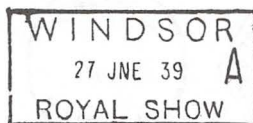
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- 285 Henley / Regatta s/c F
 5 Jul known Used on registration labels, with the adhesives cancelled with a "Mobile Post Office" postmark; event dates were 5-8 Jul
- 286 Dundee Angus BA / (blank) (British Association Meeting) skel F
 1 Sep known Meeting held 1-8 Sep

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STAMP ISSUE DAY 6 May - Centenary of 1st adhesive postage stamps
 Nos 287, 288, 289 are often to be found on First Day Covers bearing full sets of the Centenary stamp issue and the valuations are influenced accordingly

- 287 27th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Bournemouth Sp. B
 3 - 6 May
- 288 Adhesive Stamp Centenary Exhibition Bournemouth Sp. B
 6 - 14 May
- A289 Pavilion / Bournemouth skel F
 6 - 9 May Probably used in connection with Adhesive Stamp Centenary celebrations; included here though not strictly a 'special'

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See page 9

- 289 Stamp Centenary (Red Cross) Exhibn London Sp. B
 6 - 14 May Struck in red
- 290 Edinburgh CS / (blank) (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
 23 - 26 May

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- 291 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
 23 May known C instead of G in Edinburgh
- 292 Edinburgh / TUC (Trades Union Congress) skel F
 1 - 3 Sep

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293 C of S / Edinburgh (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel F
19 May only, since inscription was changed on first day to :

294 Edinburgh / C of S skel E
19 - 25 May

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295 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
18 - 24 May

1944

296 Edinburgh CS / E (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
11 - 24 May

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297 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
22 - 29 May

298 London S.W.1. / C.C.I.F. (Internat Telephone Conference) s/c G
22 - 30 Oct CCIF = Comite Consultatif International Telephonique
but meaning of "F" unclear

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299 28th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Brighton Sp. B
14 - 17 May

300 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
21 - 25 May

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301-302 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 5 - 16 May

- 301 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c D
Handstamps numbered 2 and 3 used, possibly 1 also
- 302 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Struck in violet R.Ov. E

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- 303 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
20 & 21 May
- 304 Chelsea Flower Show / S.W.3 skel E
21 - 24 May
- A305 Wimbledon SW19 / All England LTC (Lawn Tennis Championships) skel E
3 Jul known
- 305 British Assn / Dundee Angus (British Association Meeting) skel E
25 Aug - 3 Sep
- A306 Royal Show / Lincoln skel F
1 - 4 Jul Code 1 above date
- 306 29th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Birmingham Sp. B
9 - 12 Sep

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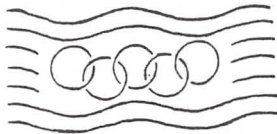


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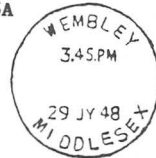
- 307-308 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 3 - 10 May (Fair open to 14 May)
- 307 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c D
Handstamps numbered 1, 2 and 3
- 308 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Struck in violet R.Ov. E
- 309 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
18 - 20 May
- 310 30th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Bournemouth Sp. B
25 - 28 May
- 311 Chelsea Flower Show / SW3 skel E
27 May known
- 312 Three Co Show / Gloucester (Three Counties Show) skel E
8 - 10 Jun
- 313 All England LTC/Wimbledon SW19 (Lawn Tennis Championships) skel E
21 - 29 Jun
Two settings of lettering, possibly two handstamps
- 314 Showyard / Inverness (Royal Highland Show) skel E
23 - 25 Jun
- A315 Royal Show / York skel F
6 - 8 Jul Two handstamps used, codes 1 and 2 above date

STAMP ISSUE DAY 29 Jul - Olympic Games315-315A OLYMPIC GAMES WEMBLEY 29 Jul - 14 Aug

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- 315 Olympic Games Wembley Gt Brit (town die) + 'Olympic Rings' m/c B
Two dies used at Wembley Head Office on ordinary mail posted at the Games; most 29 Jul copies are found on complete First Day Covers of Olympic Games stamps and this enhances the valuation

- 315A Wembley / Middlesex skel D-E
Three skeleton handstamps (diameters 28-30mm) were provided for cancelling stamps that missed the machine postmark at Head Office (also a rubber packet stamp, specimen strike seen). Copies are usually found on complete First Day Covers of Olympic Games stamps and this influences valuation; accordingly the handstamps were probably only used on 29 Jul. Also known with inverted 'M', hence 'Widdlesex'. Included here though not strictly a 'special'.

It is strange that for this major event no special event handstamp was supplied since, with four stamps issued and many first day covers serviced, a machine postmark (see 315) was hardly likely to be suitable on its own, hence the necessity for the skeleton handstamps. Moreover a "special" could have been used on registered mail; as it was, s/c handstamps were used but, like the skeletons, only carrying a "Wembley Middlesex" inscription. However these are identifiable in that they carry the serial numbers (at foot of datestamp) 11 to 16.

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- A316-317 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 2 - 6 May (Fair open to 13 May)
 A316 British Industries Fair, B'ham. / - Used on ordinary mail d/c D
 316 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c D
 Handstamps numbered 1, 2 and 3; mostly used on registered mail
 317 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Used on registered mail R.Ov. E

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- 318 31st Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Manchester Sp. B
 24 - 27 May
- 319 Chelsea Flower / Show skel D
 24 - 26 May Known with MY to left and to right (see illustration) and with no "MY" at all
- 320 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel E
 24 - 26 May
- 321 Wimbledon, S.W.19 / All England, L.T.C. (Lawn Tennis Champs) s/c D
 20 - 29 Jun
- 322 Royal Highland Show / Dundee skel E
 21 - 23 Jun This was the first year that the "RHS" inscription was included in the datestamp
- 323 Royal Show / Shrewsbury skel F
 5 - 8 Jul Used with codes A and B
- A324 Convention / Keswick Cumbd skel G
 22 Jul known The "Keswick Convention" is an annual Christian event, the dates of the 1949 event being 16 to 23 Jul
- 324 34a Kongreso / De Esperanto (34th Esperanto Congress) skel F
 6 - 13 Aug Event took place at Bournemouth though town not included in handstamp
- A325 Brit Assn Con / Ncle O Tyne skel F
 (British Association Conference, Newcastle upon Tyne)
 1 - 7 Sep
- Scottish Industries Exhibition
 - see Kelvin Hall KH.1 in "Exhibition Sites" section

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325-327 LONDON INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 1950 6 - 13 May
(Grosvenor House London W1)

- 325 Machine-applied design with wide setting between circle and cross and including time (12.45pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm or 8.15pm); used on ordinary mail and applied at London Western District Office. Numbers 6-13 at centre of cross changed daily to correspond to date m/c B
- 326 Handstamp version of similar design but narrow setting between circle and cross and without time; used on registered mail and bearing numbers 6-13 at centre of cross as 325. Sp. C
- 327 Handstamp version of similar design to 326 but with time; used at WDO on aerogrammes and covers with misplaced stamps, or covers where stamps missed by machine (325). Numbers 6-13 as 325-6. Sp. C
- 328 32nd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Tunbridge Wells 16 - 19 May Sp. B

329-331 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 11 - 15 May (Fair open 8 - 19 May)

- 329 British Industries Fair. B'ham. / - Used on ordinary mail d/c D
- 330 Brit. Industries Fair. Birmingham / (number) s/c D
Handstamps numbered 1 & 2 (?3 also); mostly used on registered mail
- 331 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Used on registered mail R.Ov. E
- 332 Chelsea Flower Show / (blank) 23 - 25 May skel E
- 333 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) 23 - 31 May skel D
- 334 Industrial Exhibn / Gloucester 19 - 24 Jun skel E
- 335 Registered / Royal Highland Show Paisley 20 - 23 Jun Ov. E
- 336-336A WIMBLEDON S.W.19 / ALL ENGLAND L.T.C.
- 336 16 & 17 Jun Used for Wightman Cup Championship s/c D
- 336A 26 Jun - 5 Jul Used for All England Lawn Tennis Championship s/c D
- 337 Royal Show / Oxford 26 Jun - 7 Jul Used with codes A, B and C skel D
- A338 International Marine Insurance Conference Eastbourne 25 - 28 Sep Sp. F

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338-339 GATT CONFERENCE BO TORQUAY Oct 1950 - Apr 1951
(General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade Conference)

338 G.A.T.T. Conference B.O / Torquay
Handstamps numbered 1 and 2; used on registered mail

s/c E

339 Registered / G.A.T.T. Conference B.O. Torquay
Used on registered mail

R.Ov. E

1951

STAMP ISSUE DAY 3 May - Festival of Britain

(note that, while the Festival consisted of a countrywide series of events, the London "South Bank" Festival events started on 4 May, thus 343-A346 were not in use on stamp issue day)

- 340-342 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 30 Apr - 10 May (Fair open to 11 May)
- 340 British Industries Fair, B'ham. / - Used on ordinary mail d/c D
- 341 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c D
Handstamps numbered 1, 2 and 3; mostly used on registered mail
- 342 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham R.Ov. E
Used on registered mail; struck in violet

- 343-A346 FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN LONDON SE1 4 May - 30 Sep
(see note above, before 340)

- 343 Festival of Britain (town die) + 'Festival symbol' slogan m/c B
Used at London SE District Office on ordinary Festival mail
- 344 Festival of Britain B.O. London S.E.1. Sp. C
Several handstamps used at the Festival BO on registered mail (and used on ordinary mail, probably on envelopes handed over the counter), and one similar handstamp used at SEDO for cancelling stamps missed by the machine (see 343) and for packets

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- 345 London S.E.1 / Festival of Britain B.O. / Parcel Post pcl E
Rubber handstamp used at the Festival BO on parcels
- A346 Festival of Britain / -B.O.- / London S.E.1. (see page 9) E
TIM machine-issued parcel labels, values 9d to 1/10 in 1d steps; valuation is for mint label printed in red
- 346 Wimbledon, S.W.19 / All England L.T.C. (Davis Cup Championship) s/c D
19 - 22 May
- 347 Chelsea Flower Show / SW3 skel D
21 - 25 May
- 348 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel D
22 - 24 May

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- 349 33rd Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Felixstowe 29 May - 1 Jun Sp. B
- 350 Registered / Royal Highland Show Aberdeen 18 - 22 Jun Ov. D
- 351 Wimbledon, S.W.19 / All England L.T.C. (Lawn Tennis Championships) 25 Jun - 4 Jul s/c D
- 352 Royal Show / Cambridge 2 - 6 Jul skel E
Three handstamps used, codes A, B and C
- 353 Henley Regatta 4 & 5 Jul s/c F
Known 4 Jul cancelling adhesives, but 5 Jul only on registration label, with adhesives cancelled by "Mobile Post Office" postmark
- 354 Edinburgh / BAAS 8 - 13 Aug skel E
(British Association for Advancement of Science)
On 8 Aug the '8' was inverted
- 355 International Air Transport Association 7th AGM London 11 - 15 Sep Sp. E
- 356-358 FARNBOROUGH AIR DISPLAY 10 - 16 Sep
(SBAC = Society of British Aircraft Constructors)
- 356 Farnborough SBAC / Hts Ex skel F
- 357 SBAC Ex / Farnborough Hants skel F
- 358 SBAC Ex / Farnborough Hts skel E

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- 359-362 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 5 - 13 May (Fair open to 16 May)
- 359 British Industries Fair, B'ham. / - Used on ordinary mail d/c C
- 360 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c C
Handstamps numbered 1 and 2 (possibly 3 also); used mostly on registered mail
- 361 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Used on registered mail R.Ov. D
- 362 B.I.F. / Birmingham / Parcel Post pcl E
Rubber handstamp struck in violet on parcels
- 363 Chelsea Flower Show / SW3 skel D
19 - 23 May
- 364 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel D
20 - 23 May
- 365 The 34th Philatelic Congress of G: Britain Southampton Sp. B
20 - 24 May
- 366 Bath Assembly Postal History Exhibition Sp. B
22 - 31 May
- A367 Show Ground / Redruth (probably Royal Cornwall Show) skel F
10 Jun known
- 367 Royal Highland Show / Kelso skel E
16 - 21 Jun Two handstamps used, with code '1'
(above date) and with time (below date)
- 368 Wimbledon.S.W.19 / All England.L.T.C. (Lawn Tennis Championships) s/c D
22 Jun - 5 Jul
- 369 Royal Show / Newton Abbot skel D
30 Jun - 4 Jul
Three handstamps used, codes A and C 31mm diameter, code B 29mm diameter; code B used 1 Jul with first 'B' of Abbot inverted
- 370 XIth International Dental Congress London Sp. E
19 - 28 Jul

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- 371 SBAC / Farnborough Hants (Farnborough Air Display) skel E
2 - 7 Sep SBAC = Society of British Aircraft Constructors
- 372 Belfast / BAAS (Brit Association for Advancement of Science) skel E
3 - 10 Sep

1953

- 373 Coronation Year National Stamp Exhibition London (Central Hall) Sp. B
10 - 17 Jan
- 374-376 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 29 Apr-8 May (Fair open from 27 Apr)
- 374 British Industries Fair, B'ham. / - Used on ordinary mail d/c D
- 375 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c D
Handstamps numbered 1, 2 and 3; mostly used on registered mail
- 376 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Used on registered mail R.Ov. D
- 377 Chelsea Flower Show / (blank) skel D
18 - 22 May
- 378 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) skel D
19 - 22 May
- A379 37a Brita Esperanto Kongreso (37th British Esperanto Congress) s/c F
23 - 25 May
Event at Bournemouth though town not included in handstamp; not to be confused with a cachet which was used in green to advertise the event, seen as early as March
- 379 35th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Whitley Bay Sp. B
9 - 12 Jun
- 380 Wimbledon.S.W.19 / All England.L.T.C. (Lawn Tennis Champs) s/c C
22 - 30 Jun
- 381 Royal Highland Show / Alloa skel D
22 - 26 Jun
- 382 Royal Show / Blackpool skel D
4 - 9 Jul Three handstamps used, codes A, B and C
- 383 Liverpool Show / Liverpool skel E
18 Jul known

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| 384 | <u>S.A.T. Esperanto Kongreso. Sheffield / (blank)</u>
(Congress of Sennacia Associo Tutmundo, a socialist movement)
27 Jul - 1 Aug | <u>s/c</u> | F |
| 385 | <u>St John Cadet Coronation Camp Upminster Essex</u>
31 Jul - 7 Aug | <u>Sp.</u> | D |
| 386 | <u>VIII ICHE / Edinburgh</u>
(8th International Congress of Home Economics)
14 Aug known | <u>skel</u> | E |
| 387 | <u>BAAS / Liverpool</u> (Brit Association for Advancement of Science)
2 - 7 Sep | <u>skel</u> | D |
| 388 | <u>TUC Conference / Douglas</u> (Trades Union Congress Conference)
7 - 11 Sep | <u>skel</u> | G |
| 389 | <u>VIIth Plenary Assembly C.C.I.R. London</u>
(CCIR = Consultative Committee on International Radio)
4 Sep - 8 Oct | <u>Sp.</u> | E |
| 390 | <u>Canadian PS of GB Convention & Exhibition Glasgow</u>
9 - 24 Oct | <u>Sp.</u> | B |
| <u>1954</u> | | | |
| 391 | <u>National Stamp Exhibition London</u> (Central Hall)
9 - 16 Jan | <u>Sp.</u> | B |
| 392 | <u>21st World Table Tennis Championships Wembley Middx</u>
5 - 14 Apr | <u>Sp.</u> | E |
| 393-395 | <u>BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM</u> 3 - 11 May (Fair open to 14 May) | | |
| 393 | <u>British Industries Fair. B'ham. / -</u> Used on ordinary mail | <u>d/c</u> | C |
| 394 | <u>Brit. Industries Fair. Birmingham / (number)</u>
Handstamps numbered 1, 2 and 3; mostly used on registered mail | <u>s/c</u> | C |
| 395 | <u>Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham</u> Used on registered mail | <u>R.Ov.</u> | D |
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| 391 |  | 392 |  |
| |  | 398 |  |
| 396 | <u>Edinburgh / CS</u> (Church of Scotland Assembly)
15 - 20 May | <u>skel</u> | D |
| 397 | <u>International Railway Congress London</u>
17 - 26 May | <u>Sp.</u> | D |

398	<u>The 36th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Eastbourne</u> 25 - 28 May	<u>Sp.</u>	B
399-399A	<u>WIMBLEDON.S.W.19 / ALL ENGLAND.L.T.C.</u>		
399	11 & 12 Jun Used for Wightman Cup Championships	<u>s/c</u>	C
399A	21 Jun - 1 Jul Used for All England Lawn Tennis Championships	<u>s/c</u>	C
400	<u>Registered / Royal Highland Show Dumfries</u> 22 - 25 Jun	<u>Ov.</u>	D
A401	<u>Windsor / Royal Show / A</u> as 284A (1939) 7 Jul known Probably repeat of 284A, and seen stamped clear of adhesives which were cancelled with "Mobile Post Office" postmark		?
401	<u>The Liverpool Show / (blank)</u> 15 Jul known '1' of '15' written in manuscript	<u>skel</u>	D
402	<u>International Transport Workers' Congress London</u> 15 - 24 Jul	<u>Sp.</u>	E
403	<u>Edinburgh / IFHTP</u> (Meeting of Internat Federation of Housing and Town Planners) 23 - 25 Sep	<u>skel</u>	E
404	<u>Postal History Exhibition Brighton Sussex</u> 27 Sep - 9 Oct	<u>Sp.</u>	B
<u>1955</u>			
405	<u>National Stamp Exhibition London</u> (Central Hall) 8 - 15 Jan	<u>Sp.</u>	B
406-407	<u>IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION OLYMPIA LONDON W14</u> 3 - 26 Mar		
406	With time - used on ordinary mail	<u>Sp.</u>	C
407	Without time - used on registered mail, but on ordinary mail also There are numerous differences between the two handstamps - in one the lettering is different and the date is larger, also there is a comma after Olympia in one not the other	<u>Sp.</u>	C
408	<u>Rotary's Golden Anniversary Celebration London</u> 15 - 18 Apr	<u>Sp.</u>	C
409	<u>RSI Health Congress Bournemouth Hants</u> 26 & 27 Apr RSI = Royal Sanitary Institute	<u>Sp.</u>	C
410-412	<u>BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM</u> 2 - 11 May (Fair open to 13 May)		
410	<u>British Industries Fair. B'ham. / -</u> Used on ordinary mail	<u>d/c</u>	C
411	<u>Brit. Industries Fair. Birmingham / (number)</u> Handstamps numbered 1 and 2 (possibly 3 also); mostly used on registered mail	<u>s/c</u>	C
412	<u>Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham</u> Used on registered mail	<u>R.Ov.</u>	D
413	<u>Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain (37th) Norwich</u> 17 - 20 May	<u>Sp.</u>	B
414	<u>Edinburgh / CS</u> (Church of Scotland Assembly) 24 - 26 May	<u>skel</u>	D
415-416	<u>ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW EDINBURGH</u> 21 - 24 Jun		
415	Handstamps with codes 1, 2 and 3 above date (for 3 see page 9); mostly used on registered mail	<u>skel</u>	D
416	Rubber handstamp used on parcels (RHAS = Royal Highland Agricultural Society)	<u>pcl</u>	E

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- 417 Abergeldie Castle / Aberdeen skel F
20 Aug only, from 2 to 6pm
Used at "sale of work" in aid of Craithie Church; included though
this mark is not strictly a 'special'
- 418 8th International Banking Summer School Oxford Sp. B
3 - 17 Sep
- 419 Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique London Sp. C
18 - 22 Sep
- 1956
- 420 Stampex London (Central Hall) Sp. B
7 - 14 Jan
- 421 Jubilee Exhibition Caledonian PS Glasgow Sp. B
27 Feb - 11 Mar

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422-423 IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION OLYMPIA LONDON W14 6 - 28 Mar

- 422 With time - used on ordinary mail (see note below) Sp. C
- 423 Without time - used on registered mail Sp. C

As with 406-407 the two handstamps have various differences; they were apparently changed over during the period as both are reported used on ordinary mail

- A424 S.S. Empress of Britain / Maiden Voyage d/c E
Dated "April 1956" with no precise date, though reported as being used on at least 19 Apr; used on mail posted on board the vessel during maiden voyage

424-426 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 23 Apr - 4 May

- 424 British Industries Fair, B'ham. / - Used on ordinary mail d/c C
- 425 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c C
Handstamp numbered 2 only known, possibly numbers 1 and 3 also used; mostly used on registered mail
- 426 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Used on registered mail R.Ov. D

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- 427 R.S.H. Health Congress Blackpool Sp. B
24 - 27 Apr RSH = Royal Society of Health (prev RSI, see 409)
- 428 Edinburgh / CS (Church of Scotland Assembly) Sp. B
22 - 26 May
- A429 S.S. Reina del Mar / Maiden Voyage d/c E
14 May, 25 May and 6 Jun known
Used only on mail posted on board the vessel during maiden voyage
- 429 38th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Brighton Sp. B
5 - 8 Jun
- A430 Showgrounds Helston / Cwll (Royal Cornwall Show) skel G
6 Jun known
- 430 RHAS / Inverness (Royal Highland Show) skel D
19 - 22 Jun
- 431 Wimbledon, S.W.19 / All England, L.T.C. (Lawn Tennis Champs) s/c C
25 Jun - 3 Jul
- 432 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's Study Conference Oxford Sp. B
9 - 28 Jul
- 433 Fish Docks Centenary Exhibition Grimsby Sp. B
1 - 8 Sep
- 434 I.A.T.A. 12th A.G.M. Edinburgh Sp. C
18 - 21 Sep IATA = International Air Transport Assoc
- 435 Pier Pavilion / Llandudno (Conservative Party Conference) skel D
11 - 13 Oct

A440



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- 436 International Gifts & Fancy Goods Fair Blackpool Sp. D
4 - 8 Feb
- 437-438 IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION OLYMPIA LONDON W14 2 - 26 Mar
- 437 With time - used on ordinary mail (see note below) Sp. C
- 438 Without time - used on registered mail Sp. C
- As with 406-407 the two handstamps have various differences; they were apparently changed over during the period as both are reported used on ordinary mail
- 439 Stampex London 1957 (Central Hall) Sp. B
16 - 23 Mar
Additionally a 31mm double circle "cachet" - probably not a Post Office mark - has been seen stamping a postcard, probably by favour
- A440 S.S. Empress of England / Maiden Voyage d/c E
Date shown as "April 1957"; two handstamps, codes A and B, used; used only on mail posted on board the vessel during maiden voyage
- 440 Royal Society of Health Congress Folkestone Kent Sp. B
30 Apr - 3 May
- A441 Mayflower II / Maiden Voyage d/c B
Date shown as "Apr-Jly" (see illustration) with * or codes A to F above date; used only on mail posted on board the vessel during maiden voyage
- 441-444 BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR BIRMINGHAM 6 - 14 May (Fair open to 17 May)
- 441 British Industries Fair, B'ham / - Used on ordinary mail d/c C
- 442 Brit. Industries Fair, Birmingham / (number) s/c C
Handstamps numbered 1 and 2 (possibly 3 also); mostly used on registered mail
- 443 Registered / B.I.F. Birmingham Used on registered mail R.Ov. C
- 444 B.I.F. / Birmingham / Parcel Post pcl E
Rubber handstamp used on parcels
- 445 39th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Harrogate Sp. B
14 - 17 May
- 446 Edinburgh / CS skel D
(Church of Scotland Assembly) 452
21 - 29 May
- 447 Festival of Women Wembley
Middx Sp. C
6 - 29 Jun
- 448 RHAS / Dundee Angus skel D
(Royal Highland Show) Code C
18 - 21 Jun
- 449-450 LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON SW19 24 Jun - 5 Jul
- 449 Used mainly on ordinary mail d/c C
- 450 Used on registered mail; seen clearly dated with year '27' in error (thus 24 JU 27) by using day plug '27' as the year s/c C
- 451 Anglo-Danish Festival Hull Sp. B
6 - 13 Jul



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454A



STAMP ISSUE DAY 1 Aug - World Scout Jubilee Jamboree

452-455 WORLD SCOUT JUBILEE JAMBOREE SUTTON COLDFIELD 1 - 12 Aug
(post office open 29 Jul - 17 Aug)

- 452 World Scout Jubilee Jamboree (slogan) (used 1 to 12 Aug) m/c B
(a) Three dies of the slogan were used in two machines at the sorting office at Sutton Park station, fitted, unusually, with fixed date Sutton Coldfield town dies inscribed 2-PM 1 AUG 1957, and these were for use on the first day covers serviced with full sets of Jamboree stamps, valuation D
(b) additionally, four dies were used with normal variable date town dies and used in rotation in one machine at the same sorting office for stamping ordinary jamboree mail for the duration of the jamboree (bulky mail requiring handstamping received a d/c Sutton Coldfield handstamp with -4- serial number)

- 453 Sutton Coldfield J / Wks skel E
453A Sutton Coldfield / Wks J skel E
454 Sutton Coldfield J / 1 Wks skel F
454A Sutton Coldfield J / 2 Wks skel F

Eight handstamps used on registered mail and for other counter transactions at the Jamboree post office; four handstamps of 453, with slight differences in position of date, and one with * above date (this one only used to 2 Aug), also one exists with W of Wks before J, and another with J inverted after Sutton; two handstamps of 453A, once again with differences in date position, and both with * above date, and one with U inverted; one handstamp each of 454 and 454A. Three of the handstamps were withdrawn after 2 Aug (one of 453, plus 454 and 454A), then one of 453 and both 453A handstamps were withdrawn after 14 Aug, leaving only two of 453 in use for the last three days. Generally strikes were poor and valuations are for clear impressions.

- 455 Sutton Coldfield 'J' / Warwickshire / Parcel Post pcl F
Rubber handstamp used on parcels posted at Jamboree

STAMP ISSUE DAY 12 Sep - 46th Parliamentary Conference

456-456A 46th PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE LONDON SW1 12 - 19 Sep

- 456 With time - used on ordinary mail Sp. C
456A Without time - used on registered mail Sp. D

456-456A are often found on First Day Covers of 4d Parliamentary Conference stamp, and this influences valuation of covers.

Presumably because of the value of such First Day Covers, a forgery of this handstamp (456) was produced, but it was crudely executed, it carries no "Big Ben" and is inscribed W1 instead of SW1 (see illustration)

457 North of Ireland PS Jubilee Exhibition Belfast
9 Oct

Sp. B

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1958

458 International Gifts & Fancy Goods Fair Blackpool
3 - 7 Feb Repeat of 436

Sp. B

459 Stampex '58 London SW1 (Central Hall)
15 - 22 Mar

Sp. A

460 Royal Society of Health Congress Eastbourne Sussex
28 Apr - 2 May

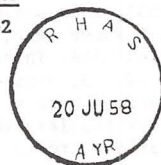
Sp. A

461 40th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Folkestone
27 - 30 May

Sp. A

462 RHAS / Ayr (Royal Highland Show)
16 - 20 Jun
RHAS closely or widely spaced, probably two
handstamps

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skel C

463-463A THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON SW19 23 Jun - 5 Jul

463 With time (see note below) - used on ordinary mail

Sp. B

463A Without time - used mainly on registered mail

Sp. B

The "with time" handstamp was used at Wimbledon Head Office on ordinary mail, while the "without time" handstamp was used at the Mobile PO at the Championships on registered and express items, and on ordinary mail from late collections on Saturdays. There do seem, however, to be exceptions, and "with time" can be found on registered mail and "without time" on ordinary mail other than on Saturdays. These remarks apply not just to 1958 but also to later years up to 1964, and to the use of the replacement pair of handstamps from 1965 to 1971. The two 1958-1964 handstamps (which were 38mm in diameter) have discernible differences including "dot" and "no dot" after S.W.19.

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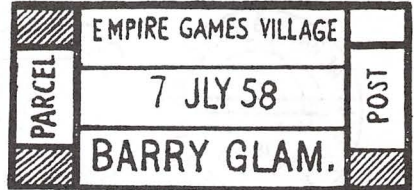


STAMP ISSUE DAY 18 Jul - With Empire & Commonwealth Games464-469 EMPIRE GAMES VILLAGE BARRY GLAM 7 - 28 Jul

- 464 Empire Games Village Barry (town die) m/c B
 Used on ordinary mail; from 18-26 Jul this town die was used with Empire Games slogan (see illustration) but otherwise wavy lines; often used on first day covers bearing the full set of Games stamps and the valuation is thus enhanced
 Note : the slogan mentioned above was also used at Cardiff (two dies) and Llanberis; the Games water sports were held at Llanberis where the stamp cancelling machine was installed for the duration of the Games, but the postmark was not confined to mail posted at the "event"
- 465 Used on ordinary mail d/c C
- 466 Used mainly on registered mail; six handstamps used, with codes A to F; handstamp C has lettering style slightly different from the others, and has no dot after "Glam" s/c C
- 467 Rubber handstamp used on packets pkt F
- 468 Two handstamps of rubber "hooded" design reg.pkt E
 used on registered packets, but also used on other registered mail
- 469 Rubber handstamp used on parcels pcl E

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1959

- 4470 Alloway / -Ayr- (bicentenary of Robert Burns' birth) A470 d/c B
 25 Jan All mail from street posting boxes in Alloway, as well as ordinary and registered mail handed in at Alloway post office or sent in by collectors, was handstamped on this date only, to commemorate the anniversary (the post office was open exceptionally, the date being a Sunday); included here though not strictly a 'special'
- 470 International Gifts & Fancy Goods Fair Blackpool Sp. B
 2 - 6 Feb Repeat of 436



- 471 Stampex Central Hall London SW1 Sp. A
13 - 21 Mar
- 472 RSH (= Royal Society for Health) Congress Harrogate Yks Sp. A
27 Apr - 1 May
- 473 41st Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Torquay Sp. A
9 - 12 Jun
- 474 RHAS / Aberdeen (Royal Highland Show) skel C
22 - 26 Jun
RHAS closely or widely spaced, probably two handstamps
- 475-475A THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON SW19 22 Jun - 4 Jul
- 475 With time - used mainly on ordinary mail Sp. B
- 475A Without time - used mainly on registered mail Sp. B
Repeat of 463/463A; see note after 463/463A regarding use of these two handstamps
- 476 10th I.A.F. Congress London SW1 Sp. B
(International Astronautical Congress)
27 Aug - 5 Sep
- 477 Olympex Brighton Sussex Sp. A
(Exhibition of Olympic Games philatelic material)
3 - 11 Oct

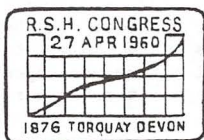
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- 478 International Gifts & Fancy Goods Fair Blackpool Sp. A
1 - 5 Feb Repeat of 436
- 479 Seaborne Mail Exhibition 1960 National Maritime Museum SE10 Sp. A
6 - 13 Apr
- 480 RSH (= Royal Society of Health) Congress Torquay Devon Sp. A
25 - 29 Apr
- 481 35th Annual Conference Rotary International Douglas IOM Sp. E
28 - 30 Apr
- 482-482A THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON SW19 20 Jun - 2 Jul
- 482 With time - used mainly on ordinary mail Sp. B
- 482A Without time - used mainly on registered mail Sp. B
Repeat of 463/463A; see note after 463/463A for details of use
Royal Highland Show - see note after 511
- 483-485 LONDON INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 1960 (Royal Festival Hall)
- 483 London International Stamp Exhibition 1960 (slogan) m/c A
9 - 16 Jul (except 14, see 485)
Two dies used at London SE District Office on ordinary mail posted at the Exhibition; one die used throughout in "F" machine, but second used 9 Jul only in "C" machine
- 484 London International Stamp Exhibition 1960 Sp. C
9 - 16 Jul Four handstamps used, three at the Exhibition for registered and express mail, the other at London SE District Office for packets and items missed by machine; express cover seen with day missing ie blank below JY
- 485 42nd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (slogan) m/c A
14 Jul only
Used on ordinary mail posted at the Exhibition

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LONDON
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STAMP
EXHIBITION
1960

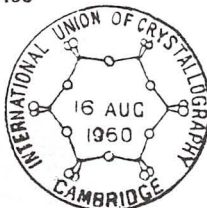
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A490 (two)



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- 486 International Union of Crystallography Cambridge Sp. B
15 - 20 Aug
- 487 International Scientific Radio Union London WC1 Sp. B
5 - 15 Sep
- 488 British Railways Electrification Conference London SW1 Sp. B
3 - 10 Oct
- 489 World ORT Congress London SW1 Sp. B
24 - 27 Oct Used at Congress of the World
Organisation for the Rehabilitation of Jews through Training
- A490 "Arlanza" / -Maiden Voyage- d/c F
Oct - Nov Previously recorded as "Nov" but dates
of 10-23 Oct since recorded, thus confirmation of other dates
required. Used only on mail posted on board the vessel during its
maiden voyage; proof impressions known of two handstamps, codes A
and *, and in the * handstamp the arcs are longer and the "quotes"
appear to have been added afterwards (see illustration of proof
impression without date)
- 1961
- 490 International Gifts & Fancy Goods Fair Blackpool Sp. A
30 Jan - 5 Feb Repeat of 436
- 491 Stampex Central Hall Westminster London SW1 Sp. A
17 - 25 Mar
- A492 Empress of Canada / -Maiden Voyage- d/c D
25 - 30 Apr known, possibly other dates also
Used only on mail posted on board the vessel during maiden voyage;
proof impressions of two handstamps known, with codes A and B
- 492 RSH (= Royal Society of Health) Health Congress Blackpool Sp. A
24 - 28 Apr
- 493 Essex Philatelic Convention and Exhibition Wanstead Sp. A
29 Apr
- 494 43rd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Blackpool Sp. A
6 - 9 Jun
Royal Highland Show - see note after 511
- 495-495A THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON SW19 25 Jun - 8 Jul
- 495 With time - used mainly on ordinary mail Sp. A
- 495A Without time - used mainly on registered mail Sp. B
Repeat of 463/463A; see note after 463/463A for details of use
- 496 Opening of New Chapel Ratcliffe College Leicester Sp. A
2 & 3 Jul
- 497 14th International Banking Summer School Oxford Sp. A
18 - 29 Jul
- 498 46a Universala Kongreso de Esperanto Harrogate Sp. A
(Universal Esperanto Congress)
5 - 12 Aug Examples in green applied by favour
- 499 35th Annual Reunion Scout Training Centre Gilwell Park E4 Sp. A
29 Aug - 3 Sep
- 500 Midland Stampex Birmingham 1 Sp. A
7 - 9 Sep
- 501 Surrey Philatelic Convention and Exhibition Woking Sp. A
28 Oct

1962

- 502 International Gifts Fair Blackpool Sp. A
5 - 9 Feb
- 503 Polphilex 62 London SW7 Sp. A
(Exhibition of Polish philatelic material)
9 - 12 Mar
- 504 Stampex 1962 London SW1 (Central Hall) Sp. A
16 - 24 Mar Two handstamps used, with wide & narrow MAR
- 505 RSH (= Royal Society of Health) Health Congress Scarborough Sp. A
9 - 13 Apr
- 506 Assn Scottish Philatelic Societies Scotex Glasgow Sp. A
12 - 14 Apr

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- 507 Philatelic Convention Rayleigh Essex Sp. A
14 Apr
- 508 37th Annual Conference Rotary International Blackpool Sp. A
3 - 6 May
- 509 Yorkshire Philatelic Association XVI Convention Hull Sp. A
5 May
- 510 44th Philatelic Congress of Gt Britain Worthing Sp. A
12 - 15 Jun
- 511 Royal Highland Show Ingliston Newbridge Midlothian Sp. A
19 - 21 Jun

The day and year (ie the last two digits) are movable, and the handstamp was to be used again in subsequent years.

Incidentally there was no "special" in 1960-1 (the first two years at the new permanent showground at Ingliston), but an Edinburgh s/c (not the same one each year) was used on registered covers and, by favour, on ordinary covers also

Unusually the Sp. handstamp is also known with "missing year" and no day, thus it shows as " June 19 " on a registered cover dated 18 Jun, but this is believed to be have been used in 1963 (when the event started on 18 Jun) although the s/c handstamp on the registration label shows, apparently erroneously, the year as 1962, as though a stock of 1962 registration labels was held until 1963

- 512-512A THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON SW19 25 Jun - 7 Jul
- 512 With time - used mainly on ordinary mail Sp. A
- 512A Without time - used mainly on registered mail Sp. B
Repeat of 463/463A; see note after 463/463A for details of use
- 513 Catholic Doctors Congress London SW1 Sp. A
9 - 13 Jul

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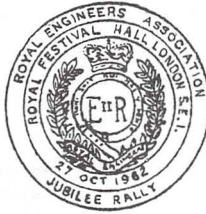
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514-515 INAUGURATION OF RHYL-WALLASEY HOVERCRAFT SERVICE 20 Jul

514 Rhyll

Sp. B

515 Wallasey

Sp. B

A small quantity of mail was carried on the initial hovercraft flights, though no cachets were applied and it is not easy to ascertain whether covers bearing these postmarks were actually flown. Those selected for the flight included the special covers and those for local addresses either in the Wirral or in the Rhyll area and posted sufficiently early on 20 Jul; flown covers are worth more, particularly registered covers of which a small number were accepted. For further details see book listed in bibliography

516 6th Internat Congress of Genealogy & Heraldry Edinburgh
8 - 14 SepSp. A517 Pier Pavilion / Llandudno (Liberal Party Conference)
19 - 22 Sepskel D517A Pier Pavilion / Llandudno (Conservative Party Conference)
10 - 13 Octskel D518 Redhill Philatelic Society Silver Jubilee Redhill
26 & 27 OctSp. A519 Royal Engineers Association Jubilee Rally London SE1
27 OctSp. A520 London Stamp Exhibition Eurostamp 1962 London SW1
1 - 8 DecSp. A

For listings for the years 1963-1983 the reader is directed to "Special Event Postmarks of the UK" (third edition) published 1984, which now constitutes volume 2 of the fourth edition. We list below amendments to those listings.

590 Correction - add * - valuation "E"
 667 Used to 29 Jul
 947 Correction - dates should be 23 & 24 Nov
 949 valuation "E"
 page 84 STAMP ISSUE DAY 1 Jul - add : (see also 1058, 1064/A)
 1182 add (variable date but used one day only)
 1625 Correction - Duthie Park Aberdeen
 1716 Correction - add Minehead
 1856 spelling error in handstamp, should be Wolseley
 2626 Correction - amend date to 16 Jul
 page 179, add before 3911 :
 *A3911 12-14 Jul 50th Kent County Show Maidstone Sp.R
 page 195, add (omitted in error) :
 4382 22 Aug v England Prudential Trophy Birmingham Sp.R
 4852 Used to 7 Aug
 page 219, add (omitted in error) :
 5058 10 Feb Charles Darwin Centenary Man of Vision London SW7 Sp.R
 5067 add : (used in conjunction with PO postcard)
 5484 Correction - East Knoyle Salisbury

SPECIAL EVENT POSTMARKS OF THE UK – by George R Pearson.
 AMENDMENTS TO VOLUME 1 (Fourth Edition published 1991)

Supplement 1

This volume covers the years 1851-1962. Some of these amendments were shown in volume 3 (published 1994, also in BPS Bulletin 1994) but the list is brought up to date at December 2006. Note : all the new additions are “skel” except AA52 and all are valuation G.

Page 6 – TEMPORARY POST OFFICES – there was no temporary PO at the Seaborne Mail Exhibition Greenwich SE10 in 1960 (no.479): this may have been the first such event, and increasingly thereafter postmarks were NOT applied at the actual events

Page 11 - EXHIBITION SITES CP.7 – extend to 1921

Page 12 EC.1 – seen used 1912

Page 13 AH.1 – also known used 1922 (the second of those illustrated, the 1933 use may be the same one)

Page 14 SH.1 – extend dates to 1937 and 1951-75; NE1/2 - post office closed 2005

RS.1 ended 1996, RS.3 ended probably some years earlier

MAIN LISTING 1 – also known with codes 8MG (8 in the Morning) and Z

+6 – 21 May seen

+7 – add code B

+10 – add code A

13 – Royal Jubilee Exhibition (insert Jubilee) – code A3 also seen

+15 – dates 25 Apr -16 Oct

(16) – also seen 9 May (codes E & F), possibly 14 May was a genuine postal usage

18 – seen with ‘10’ time code sideways 19 – also known struck in blue

23 - also known struck in black

27 – possibly not used, believed to be listed in error for A20 (used at Guildhall Exhibition May 1890)

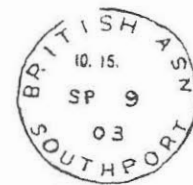
29 – amend start date to 8 May

36 – delete “probably” as this info is correct

45 – amend start date to 6 May

50 – amend start date to 9 Sep; picture should show year 03 not 08

add AA52 (before A52)(1904) Henley / Regatta 5 Jul, code A,



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(probably repeat of 49) appears to be same handstamp as later used in 1937, see 252 s/c

52 – amend start date to 18 Nov

60 – latest date seen 14 Oct, Exhibition thought to have continued to Oct (see 61 below)

61 – latest date seen 6 Oct 62 – struck in purple, seen also on registered letter

64 – earliest seen 31 May (before Village opened)

68 – amend start date to 6 Aug

71 – handstamp 8 (no time) seen used on a postal order & registered letter, used to 28 Oct (valuation G for 7, G+ for 8)

74 – extend end date to 18 Oct

75 – dates 20 Jun – 4 Jul, two different h/s used, “1” as illustrated (36mm) has inverted C at least on

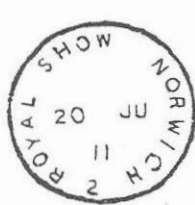
27 Jun and seen 26 Jun – 4 Jul, also Royal Show (no BO) Norwich/2 (31½mm) seen 20 Jun – 3 Jul

79 – also used on plain postcards, two specimens known (valuation G+)

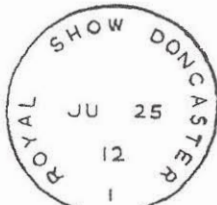
80 – also used exceptionally on 17 Sep (valuation G+)

add A84 (after 83) Royal Show Doncaster/ 1 (36mm diameter) – 25 Jun seen – and 2 (33mm) 6 Jul seen

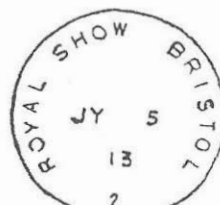
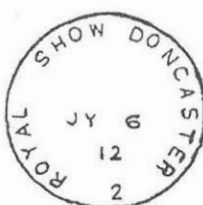
86 – one handstamp reported used a few days early on official correspondence



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A84 (two)



AA89



AA94



AB94



BB94



BC94



C94

87 – centre blank in impression on registered label, as 59

88 – also seen 29 Sep

add AA89 (before A89) Royal Show Bristol / 2 (presumably 1 also) – 5 Jul seen

add AA94 (after 93) Showyard/ Portsmouth 12 Jun seen

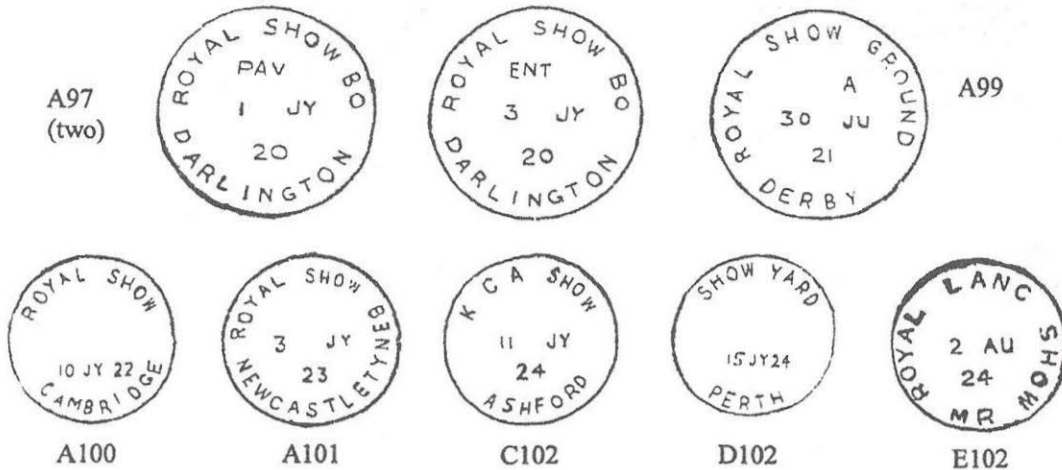
add AB94 (after AA94) Royal Show BO/ Shrewsbury – 30 Jun seen

add BB94 (after A94) Show Yard/ Hawick – 16 Jul seen

add BC94 (after BB94) Yorks Show/ Bradford – 23 Jul seen

B94 – dates 21-24 May

add C94 (after B94) Royal Show/ Nottingham – 22 Jun seen (1915)



add A97 (after 96) Royal Show BO/ Darlington, two h/s seen with PAV (Pavilion) – 1-3 Jul seen – and ENT (Entrance) – 3 Jul seen – above date

add A99 (after 98) Royal Show Ground/ Derby (1921) – 30 Jun seen, with A above date, also dated 31 Jun (error but clear) – 2 Jul

add A100 (after 99) Royal Show/ Cambridge (1922) – 8-10 Jul seen

add A101 (after 100) Royal Show B/ Newcastle Tyne (A probably also exists) (1923) – 3 Jul seen

add C102 (after B102) K C A (Kent County Agricultural) Show/Ashford (1924) – 11 Jul seen

add D102 (after C102) Show Yard/ Perth – 15 Jul seen

add E102 (after D102) Royal Lanc Show/MR (Manchester) – 2 Aug seen (most of frame missing)

116 – also proof strikes with 1925.E and 1925.F, similar to 104 in 1924

121 – also proof strike dated 23 Sep 1924 (ie the previous year)

123 – use confirmed, seen dated 13 Jun 25

133A/B – amend end date to 11 Jul

137A – amend end date to 14 Jul; W inverted at least on 2 and 3 Jul

153 – three h/s used, one is 30mm, two are 28½mm diam, one of which has space between Arrowe & Pk

160 – used to 26 Jul

161 – used to 9 Aug: Sp.R not skel

162 – amend start date to 3 Aug

add AA167 (before A167) Chelsea Flower Show/ SW3 (1931) – 22 May seen

180 – also seen used 14 Aug and 4 Sep

184 – also seen used 30 Mar

185 – used to 27 May

190A-B – 190A is 30mm diameter, 190B is 29½mm diameter

add A191 (at end of 1932) Show Yard/ Leeds - 11 Jul seen (Gt Yorkshire Show 12-14 Jul)

193 – date shown as 24 MY & inverted 23, presumably year removed when day changed

197 – used to 29 Jul

209 – "Show Yard" two words

209, 227, 239, A252 – confirm used at Peterborough Agricultural Show

218 – used to 14 May 225 – used to 22 Jun

(A229) – dates 4-6 Jul

add C229 (after B229) Duxford Aerodrome/ Cambridge - 6 Jul (1935) - similar to B229, King George V visited both locations as part of the Review

A230 – amend dates to 15-18 Jul (Congress held 16-18 Jul)

234 – amend start date to 19 May

238 – used from 16 Jun (Show dates were 15-18 Jun)

AA167



A191



241 – there is a comma after Plymouth on second handstamp, probably both codes A and B used in this handstamp, and this handstamp is a fraction larger than the first
(Note : Scout & Guide Stamp Collectors Club claim A and B were separate handstamps but there is no reason to believe this to be the case, thus 2 handstamps in total not 3)

A243 – amend start date to 2 Aug

add 247A (after 247) GPO/ Olympia - 14 Apr (1937) - used on telegram from Ideal Homes Exhib'n, probably not used postally

B248 - confirm Devon County Show, held 19-22 May

add AA252 (before A252) Town Moor/ Newcastle-o-T.2 - 26 Jun seen (1937)(used 'The Hoppings', for details see A271)

252 – probably repeat of AA52

257 – 21 Feb confirmed, delete “?”

268 – dates 21-28 May

add note after 275 (1938) – Difficult to allocate number to CCIF handstamp illustrated since undated
A279 – also 4 May

add A283 (before 283) Diss Norfolk/ Showground - 14 Jun seen (1939)(Norfolk Show, held 14-15 Jun)

285 – used 5-8 Jul

303 – dates 20-23 May

A306 – dates 1-5 Jul

307-308 – used 3-14 May

309 – used to 21 May

311 – dates 26-27 May

314 – code A above date

A315 – dates 6-9 Jul

See
above



A283



AB316

add AA316 (at end of 1948) County Agric Show / Ncle-Ty- - 21 Aug seen; news of a poor specimen was reported in the NEPA newsletter in 1961, no other details known, possibly apostrophe after N; there is a space before the final “-“, thus possibly inscribed “-Tyne”

add AB316 (after AA316) Edinburgh AOF (Ancient Order of Foresters)(Conference) – 24 Sep seen

319 – used to 27 May

323 – two handstamps used, with codes A and B

334 – amend start date to 17 Jun

337 – known with A of Royal inverted; also used with code B sideways

338-9 – known used on 2 Oct, probably opening day

343 – 1952 year plug used (mysteriously!) on 12 Jun and part of 13, Jun

A346 – seen dated before opening of PO, earliest 1 May

380 – used to 2 Jul

382 – used to 10 Jul

383 – also 16 Jul with inverted Es in both Liverpools

385 – event held at Stubbers, North Ockendon

387 – used to 8 Sep

389 – used to 9 Oct

401 – also seen 16 Jul; event held 15-17 Jul

409 – dates 26-28 Apr

428 – add skel, valuation D

A429 – 17,21 May also known

431 – used to 5 Jul

432 – not used 13-20 Jul

443 – used in purple

449-450 – used to 6 Jul

A490 – for 10-23 Oct now read 10-26 Oct; confirmation of “Nov” still required

A492 – add 1 May

498 – green ink used for items dated Sunday 6 Aug when conference was closed

499 – event ended 2 Sep, items dated 3 Sep may not exist

520 – event held at Tea Centre, Regent Street, SW1

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THIS LIST SHOWS FURTHER AMENDMENTS FROM 2007 to 2015

Page 11 - EXHIBITION SITES

Crystal Palace CP.5 amend start date to 1892

Olympia O.1 confirm used 1892 on registered letter , O.2 also used 1935

add O.2A parcel postmark London/Olympia B.O./W.14/1 seen used 1935, valuation F

MAIN LISTING

1-A3 change location, South Kensington not Hyde Park (but 1851 Exhibition was in Hyde Park)

+8 – also with “no code”

21 – the “second type” shown on page 18 and used in black (36mm diameter) does have a dot after JY after all, but the lettering and spacing are as shown in the illustration (both on page 18 and on front cover)

A51 – dates extended to 23 Nov

52 – amend start date to 16 Nov

66 – earliest date seen 18 Jun

71 – (see supplement 1) handstamp 8 also seen used on reverse of letter incoming to exhibition

75 – (see supplement 1) confirm “1” used on 20 Jun (with C upright)

86 – the item reported as “used a few days early” (see supplement 1) was in fact 7 Oct (no time shown)

add AA89 (before A89) (see supplement 1) Royal Show Bristol/2 - now Royal Show B/ Bristol also to be added, both 36½mm diameter and both 5 Jul (1913) seen (possibly 1 and A as well?), valuation G

BB94 (see supplement 1) – seen used 14 Jul (with time 10.AM) and 16 Jul (no time)

add B100 (after A100, 1922, in Supplement 1) Brit Indust Fair/Birmingham (event 19 Feb – 2 Mar 1923) seen dated 1 Mar 1923 (29mm)(5 years earlier than previously recorded earliest BIF), valuation G skel

107 – seen dated 30 Jul (1924) on registered letter “posted out of course”

add 111A Parcel (EXB)Post/British Empire Exhibition/(Palace of Industry) –

parcel datestamp with revised wording (similar to 109/109A) earliest seen 15 Sep (1924), valuation G

116 - also proof strikes with 1925.E and 1925.F (similar to 104 in 1924) (shown in supplement 1), also 1925.E used on postcard dated 9 May

179 – seen dated 24 Oct, reinforcing theory that 179 and 181 should be joined

199 – struck in violet

240 – three handstamps used, one code A handstamp is 30mm diameter, date shown in 2 lines; two code B handstamps both 28½mm diameter, with date in 1 line, have different settings of lettering

253A - seen dated 30 Jun (used by favour on postcard)

301 – confirm i used

A306 - codes 1 and 2 above date

315A – one handstamp seen used 7 Aug

332 – used to 26 May

383 – (see supplement 1) dates 16-18 Jul, seen dated 18 Jul with E’s inverted in both Liverpools, also impression with both E’s upright on same cover, probably two handstamps used throughout

425 – confirm 1 used

A429 – 2 Jun also seen

448 – used from 17 Jun (show open 18-21 Jun)

478 – for “Repeat of 436” read “Design as 436 but replacement handstamp used” – 490 similar

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