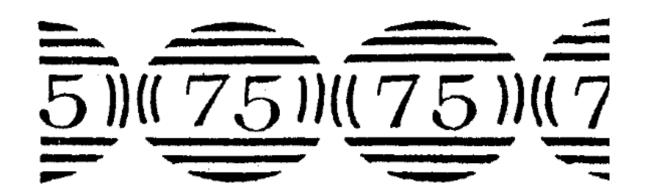
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### It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

### Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

### Status of the Offices

**Head Post Offices** / **Post Town** collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

**Independent Sub Offices** evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

### Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

Subordinate Offices The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

- i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)
- i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)
- i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

### LETTER BOXES.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/ Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

### THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

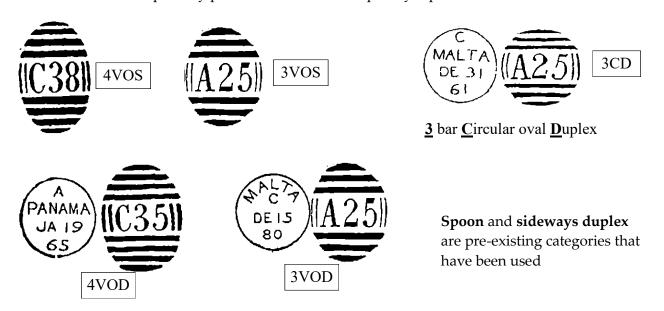
### 3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



## **4VOS** is a **4** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator **3VOS** is a **3** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



<u>4</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val Duplex <u>3</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val <u>D</u>uplex</u></u>

**3VODX** A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

### **ILLUSTRATIONS**

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

### **DATE OF ISSUE**

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked "sent" in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the "date of issue".

### **RARITY & PRICE**

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H\* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

### POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

The Official Lists that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall's book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the "1899" list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth's "1899" list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

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Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

Acocks Green 9

ALCESTER 755

Aston Manor 75AM

ATHERSTONE 33

**BIRMINGHAM 75** 

Birmingham, Eastern District Office 75B

Birmingham, Western District Office 75F

Blackheath 76

Bournville 109

Camp Hill 75CH

COLESHILL 213

**COVENTRY 223** 

**DUNCHURCH 264** 

Edgbaston 75E

Erdington 264

FIVE WAYS 75

Great Barr 75P

**Great Hampton Street** 

GT.HAMPTON ST. 75 & 75D

Hall Green 9A

Handsworth 75HA

Harborne 333

HENLEY IN ARDEN 78 & 756

Hockley 75H

**KENILWORTH 950** 

KINETON 417

Kings Norton 75K

Kitts Green 75KG

**KNOWLE 79 & 980** 

**LEAMINGTON 444** 

LONG COMPTON J23

Moseley 496 & 75M

Northfield 75N

**NUNEATON 957** 

Perry Barr 75P

Quinton 75Q

Rednal 981

RUGBY 659

Selly Oak 671

Shirley 777

**SMETHWICK 75** & 755 & 75S & 035B

**SOLIHULL 719** & 753

SOUTHAM 722

Stirchley 748

STRATFORD ON AVON 754

STUDLEY 141

Sutton Coldfield 765

WARWICK 848

Yardley 75Y

### 9 Acocks Green

Acocks Green was allocated number 9 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

9A Hall Green

Hall Green was allocated number 9A in the 1936 to 1962 lists.

### 33 ATHERSTONE

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Atherstone was allocated number 33 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS FEB1856



3HOS APR1858



3HOS **IUN1860** 



3HOS JUL1860

**1844** Used from 4 MAY1844 to 23 MAR1854 Price C £5

Early 1844's have 4 bars at the base and top.

3HOS Used from 18 APR1857 to 25 MAR1865 Price D £4



1844 APR1844



1844 APR1844

4VOS Used on 29 APR1873 Price H £50+

3VOS GPO



3CD OCT1861



4VODA OCT1865

**3CD** Used from 18 MAY1862 to 28 AUG1865 Code: D Price D £10 **4VODA (Round top three )** Used from 1 DEC1865 to 3 APR1872 Codes: C D Price D £10



4VODB MAR1873



4VODB AUG1876

**4VODB** (Flat top three ) Used from 4 DEC1873 to 4 DEC1875 Codes: D E Price E £15



3VOD DEC1878



3VOD FEB1882



3VOD JAN1885

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 15 MAR1879 to 7 SEP1893 Codes: B D E F H Price B £2 **3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 23 JUN1895 to 25 MAR1896

Codes: B\*P F\*P GF\*P IC\*P II\*P Price F £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 16 DEC1897 to 18 JUL1907 Times: 915AM 1015AM 1130AM 2PM 330PM 6PM 730PM 745PM 8PM 915PM 945PM 10PM Price A £3 Recut it 1904 with thinner bars

### **75 BIRMINGHAM**

Head Post Office 1844 to present

Birmingham was allocated number 75 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- 77 Halesowen 1844 to 1967, 78 Henley in Arden 1845 to 1956, 79 Knowle 1844 to 1956, 035 Oldbury 1844 to 1967, 75 Smethwick 1881 to 1967 and 719 Solihull 1855 to 1956.



1844 APR1844



1844 JAN1849

**1844** Used from 1 MAY1844 to 15 OCT1850 Price A £5

This is a very variable type.

**1844 in blue** Used from SEP1847 to NOV1850

1844 in green Used in NOV1850

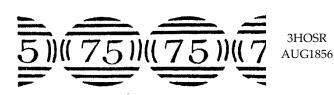


3HOS APR1851



3HOS APR1853

**3HOS** Used from 31 MAY1851 to 8 FEB1864 Price B £3 **3HOS in green** Used in JUL1854 Seen in blue



**3HOSR (Roller cancel)** Used from 7 MAR1857 to 17 MAR1859 Price H £300+ Made by Kirkwoods the makers of the Scottish handstamps.



4VOS MAY1867



4VOS FEB1870



4VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**4VOS** Used from 17 JUN1869 to 12 JUN1918 Price C £10+

**4VOS** in blue 16JUN1881 to 6MAR1882





3VOS MAR1876



3VOS FEB1886

**3VOS** Used on 28 AUG1874 Price H £30+



SPOON A MAR1854

**SPOON A (Serif letters)** Used from 1 APR1854 to 2 DEC1855 (Handstamp identification numbers 1 & 2) Codes: A C E F J K L M N O P Q Qinv R Price A £10 Only handstamp number 2 was proofed – no record of when no.1 was sent despite the date 30th Mar 1854 given in Arundel

Used in green on 20 NOV1854



SDWYS II MAY1854



SDWYS II AUG1857

**SDWYS II (Handstamp identification numbers 2 & 4)** Used from 18 JUN1854 to 1 DEC1857 Codes: A B C K L M N O P R S T 1 5 none Price A £6



SPOON B OCT1855

### SPOON B (Non serif) (Handstamp identification numbers 1 & 4)

Used from 1NOV1855 to 31JUL1858 Codes: A C D E F G J K L M N O P Q R S T none Price A £10



**SPOON C (Handstamp identification numbers 2 & 3)** Used from 19 JAN1855 to 22 MAY1858 Codes: B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q Qinv Qsdwys R S none Price A £10



**SPOON D (Handstamp identification numbers 5 & 6)** Used from 1 MAY1857 to 10 AUG1859 Codes: E F H K L M N O P R S T none Price A £10



**SDWYS VII** (Handstamp identification number 7) Used from 5 OCT1857 to 24 JUN1865 Codes: E F G I L M N O P R S T U Uinv V W Wsdwys X Y Price B £10



### SPOON E (B'ham straight) (Handstamp identification number 2)

Used from 18DEC1857 to 29APR1859 Codes: FGHILMNOPRSTY Price A £10



3CD with the handstamp identification numbers in brackets:

**3CD (1)** Used from 17 APR1858 to 22 MAR1867

Codes: DGKLNOPRSTUUinv W Wsdwys Winv XZ Price A £3

**3CD (2)** Used from 29 JUL1858 to 22 OCT1868

Codes: EFG Ginv HK Lsdwys MNOPSTUVWXY58 Price A£3



3CD3 APR1858



3CD4 APR1858



3CD5 JUL1859

**3CD** (3) Used from 8 MAY1858 to 28 DEC1870

Codes: C Cinv F G J L M N O P R S T Tinv U V W X Y 8 Price A £3

**3CD** (4) Used from 1 JUN1858 to 10 OCT1863 Codes: J K M O P S T U Uinv W Price C £2 Also occurs with the figure four above the date rather than at the base of the cds, seen used on 9JUL1861.

3CD (5) Used from 5 SEP1859 to 12 OCT1866 Codes: A I L Linv M N O P R T U W Wsdwys Z Price A £2



3CD6 MAR1859



3CD8 APR1858



3CD9 SEP1859

**3CD** (6) Used from 23 JUN1859 to 4 OCT1868

Codes: Gsdwys I Msdwys O P R S T Tinv U Uinv Usdwys V W X Price A £3

**3CD** (8) Used from 11 APR1858 to 21 APR1868

Codes: M N O P R Rinv Sinv T U Uinv W Wsdwys Price B £3

3CD (9) Used from 26 SEP1859 to 6 JUL1868

Codes: A H N P R S T Tinv U Uinv W Wsdwys Price A £3



3CD10 JUL1859



3CD11 SEP1859



3CD12 SEP1859

**3CD** (10) Used from 8 SEP1859 to 31 JAN1868 Codes: G P Pinv R S T U Uinv W Wsdyws Price A £3

**3CD (11)** Used from 23 SEP1862 to 15 JAN1868

Codes: I K Msdwys P R S T Tinv U V W Wsdwys Price A £3

3CD (12) Used from 25 FEB1860 to 27 SEP1867 Codes: K N Rinv Tinv W X Price C £3

A new handstamp was proofed almost each year for each handstamp number between 1858 and 1863 plus a few later.



4CD1 JUL1863



4CD3 MAR1864



4CD AUG1863

4CD with handstamp identification numbers in brackets:

A new handstamp was proofed on average every two years for each handstamp number between 1863 and 1867.

**4CD (1)** Used from 22 JUL1863 to 18 MAR1869 Codes: A G K M N P R S T Tinv U V W X Price A £3

**4CD (3)** Used from 30 OCT1863 to 9 APR1869 Codes: Finv S Ssdwys U V W Price E £6 First entered in the Proof Books on 31 MAR1864 it occurs earlier

4CD (4) Used from 12 OCT1863 to 23 MAY1867 Codes: Ginv P R S T U W Price C £3



4CD5 AUG1863



4CD7 AUG1863



4CD8 AUG1863

**4CD (5)** Used from 2 SEP1863 to 19 JAN1865 Codes: M U Price G £15

**4CD (7)** Used from 23 SEP1863 to 12 OCT1868

Codes: DHKPPinvRRsdwysSTUUinvUsdwysWPriceA£3

**4CD (8)** Used from 16 OCT1863 to 12 NOV1868 Codes: A G Ginv J O P R S T U Uinv W Winv Price C £3



5VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

5VOD Used from 9 AUG1866 to 26 NOV1866 Codes: MU MX Price H £250++

**4VODs** Five subtypes handstamp identification letter or number in brackets :



1/. Handstamp number and collection code in one line.

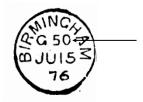




2/. Handstamp letter at base of the cds. collection number at the top

L is an exception where they are reversed





3/. Handstamp letter above date, before or after the collection number



4/.Collection code only, no handstamp letter

5/ When time in full came into use the handstamp number was cut into basal bars.



**4VOD1 (3)** Used from 31 AUG1865 to 11 FEB1869 Codes: L Pinv Rinv S Sdwys Tinv W Price D £4







4VOD2 (B) APR1868



4VOD2C) MAY1868

**4VOD2 (A)** Used from 28 NOV1867 to 12 NOV1873 Codes: 22 23 24 26 37 40 41 42 45 46 Price A £3

**4VOD2 (B)** Used from 14 JUL1868 to 2 JAN1871 Codes: 13 19 34 35 36 37 41 42 Price B £3 **4VOD2 (C)** Used from 25 SEP1868 to 10 JUL1874 Codes: 14 22 31 33 34 38 39 41 42 Price B £3



JUN1867



4VOD2 (E) OCT1868



4VOD2 (F) NOV1868

**4VOD2 (D)** Used from 3 SEP1867 to 4 MAY1871 Codes: 20 27 33 34 36 38 42 Price B £3

**4VOD2 (E)** Used from 2 DEC1868 to 3 MAR1871

**4VOD2 (F)** Used from 10 DEC1868 to 1 JUN1871

Codes: 1 29 30 36 37 39 41 42 Price B £3 Codes: 14 30 33 37 39 41 42 43 Price B £3



4VOD2 (H) NOV1868



4VOD2 (J) NOV1868



4VOD2 (K) MAR1869

**4VOD2 (H)** Used from 25 FEB1869 to 10 MAR1871 Codes: 21 22 34 36 41 42 45 Price B £3 **4VOD2 (J)** Used from 21 NOV1868 to 2 SEP1873 Codes: 11 13 17 21 28 30 31 34 38 41 42 Price A £3

**4VOD2 (K)** Used from 24 APR1869 to 7 OCT1873 Codes: 20 22 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 41 42 Price A £3







4VOD2 (M) NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS



4VOD2(N) APR1870

**4VOD2 (L)** Used from 2 DEC1868 to 25 MAR1873 15 22 32 33 34 35 36 42

Price C £3 Code L is above the date and the number at the base of the cds

**4VOD2 (M)** Used from 4 JAN1869 to 26 NOV1873 Codes: 21 23 24 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 45 46

Price A £3

**4VOD2 (N)** Used from 31 MAY1870 to 18 OCT1873 Codes: 21 31 35 39 42

Price F £15



4VOD2 (O) FEB1871



4VOD2 (P) FEB1871

**4VOD2 (O)** Used from 5 JUL1871 to 18 OCT1873 Codes: 22 26 38 42 Price D £4 **4VOD2 (P)** Used from 10 JUN1871 to 25 NOV1874 Codes: 31 38 42 Price F £15

### 3/.handstamp letter above date.



4VOD3 (A) JAN1878



4VOD3 (B) APR1871

**4VOD3 (A)** Used from 6 APR1878 to 21 AUG1880 Codes: 10 14 18 26 44 54 Price E £6 **4VOD3 (B)** Used from 17 AUG1871 to 12 APR1876 Codes: 13 17 27 31 36 38 42 44 Price C £3





**4VOD3 (D)** Used from 13 JUN1871 to 30 NOV1878

Codes: 15 18 21 22 28 31 35 36 37 38 42 44 46 Price A £3

The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.





4VOD3 (E) MAY1875

**4VOD3 (E)** Used from 12 JAN1872 to 27 MAY1885

Codes: 11 14 15 21 22 25 27 28 31 34 35 36 39 44 46 48 54 Price A £3

The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.



**4VOD3 (F)** Used from 6 JUL1871 to 22 OCT1877 Codes: 18 21 25 26 31 31inv 34 35 38 40 41 42 44 46 Price B £3





**4VOD3 (G)** Used from 28 APR1875 to 27 MAY1880 Codes: 26 27 33 34 35 41 42 44 51 52 Price B £3

The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.





**4VOD3 (H)** Used from 18 JUL1871 to 17 AUG1879

Codes: 10 14 15inv 22 33 35 38 40 41 42 44 45 Price A £3

The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.







4VOD3 (L) MAR1875 4VOD3 (M) NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**4VOD3 (K)** Used from 10 DEC1873 to 5 MAY1882

Codes: 17 18 21 22 27 32 36 37 38 40 41 42 44 54 Price B £3

**4VOD3 (L)** Used from 21 MAY1875 to 19 SEP1880 Codes: 16 18 27 32 36 38 40 41 42 44 Price B £3

**4VOD3 (M)** Used from 5 SEP1880 to 14 SEP1886 Codes: 16 54 Price F £15



4VOD3 (N) JUN1871



4VOD3 (O) OCT1876

4VOD3 (N) Used from 17 JUL1871 to 23 AUG1884

Codes: 12 14 22 28 31 35 36 37 38 42 44 45 50 Price A £3

**4VOD3 (O)** Used from 22 FEB1877 to 24 FEB1881 Codes: 15 27 32 34 37 41 42 44 45 Price C £3



4VOD3 (P) NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS



4VOD3 (P) JAN1876

**4VOD3 (P)** Used from 20 JAN1874 to 20 DEC1881 Codes: 23 38 44 54 Price F £15 The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.





4VOD3 (S) OCT1875

**4VOD3 (S)** Used from 21 JAN1872 to 21 JAN1885 Codes: 23 24 27 42 44 52 54 Price B £3

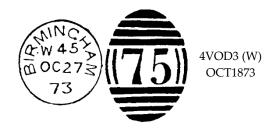




**4VOD3 (T)** Used from 13 AUG1872 to 6 SEP1880 Codes: 10 20 21 31 37 38 40 42 44 50 54 Price C £3

The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.





**4VOD3 (V)** Used from 11 JUL1874 to 19 JUN1879

Codes: 12 16 17inv 19 23 32 33 35 36 38 41 42 44 Price D £3

**4VOD3 (W)** Used from 26 NOV1873 to 14 APR1882

Codes: 10 17 30 31 32 34 35 36 37 38 40 42 44 49 50 54 Price C £3





4VOD3 (X) JAN1877

**4VOD3 (X)** Used from 10 MAR1875 to 24 DEC1884 Codes: 28 30 33 42 43 44 56 Price E £6 The later issue has the handstamp identification letter after the collection number.



**4VOD3 (Z)** Used from 11 MAR1874 to 17 JAN1878 Codes: 24 27 28 31 37 38 40 44 Price D £4



4VOD4 Used from 28 APR1872 to 22 DEC1879 Codes: 22 27 42 44 54 Price D £6

Time in full with the handstamp number in (), cut in basal bars.

**4VOD5 (80)** Used from 24 DEC1903 to 1 FEB1908

Times: 530AM 1PM 330PM 915PM 920PM 1140PM NONE Price D £4

**4VOD5 (85)** Used from 25 MAR1901 to 19 DEC1908

Times: 330PM 530PM 6PM 915PM 920PM 1130PM none(xmas) Price E £6

**4VOD5 (93)** Used on 23 OCT1897 Time: 845pm Price H £15





3VODX MAY1873





3VODX MAY1873

**3VOD X (cds at angle)** Used from 14 FEB1873 to 6 JUN1878 Price D £35

The early date is prior to the first entry in the Proof Books Handstmp identification letters Y and Z.

All codes:-

Handstamp Y- 36 38 39 40 41 42 44 45

Handstamp Z- 24 34 36 38 39 42 43 44

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3VOD MAY1878

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 8 NOV1878 to 7 NOV1896 Price A £3

The first normal 3VOD was sent on 8MAY1878 various handstamp letters were proofed, see below. They were sent a few days after the date in the cds.









































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D / 27 54 O / 49 68 76 X / 50 79

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 19 JUN1893 to 26 OCT1895

Codes: F\* 54invB\* 68F\* 81\*F 89invF\* Price G £30

**3VOD Numbers cut in basal bars:** 

C / 14 24 27 41 56

**3VOD62** Used on 6 AUG1907 Time: 630PM Price H£15

**3VOD81** Used from 16 SEP1903 to 11 JAN1910

Times: 1030AM 530PM 630PM 7PM 8PM 11PM Price E £6

**3VOD82** Used from 8 MAR1899 to 6 OCT1909

Times: 1030AM 1045AM 1PM 530PM 7PM 8PM 915PM 1130PM 1145PM none(xmas)

Price C £3

**3VOD83** Used from 4 JAN1902 to 1 FEB1908

Times: 5PM 530PM 7PM 1130PM Price F £8 3VOD84 Used from 24 JAN1900 to 30 APR1910

Times: 1215AM 1115AM 330PM 415PM 530PM 645PM 7PM 8PM 915PM 920PM none

Price B £3

**3VOD86** Used from 12 AUG1901 to 25 MAR1911

Times: 1PM 115PM 3PM 330PM 530PM 615PM 8PM 915PM Price D £4

**3VOD87** Used from 19 SEP1900 to 22 JUL1908

Times: 11AM 1115AM 1.1245PM 530PM 7PM 8PM 915PM 920PM 1130PM Price C £3

**3VOD88** Used from 1 DEC1903 to 29 JAN1905

Times: 530PM 8PM 920PM Price E £6 **3VOD89** Used from 7 APR1902 to 14 FEB1910

Times: 530AM 1045AM 5PM 530PM 7PM 920PM 1020PM Price E £6

**3VOD90** Used from 2 JAN1897 to 22 DEC1905

Times: 1PM 145PM 330PM 530PM 915PM 920PM 1130PM Price E £6

**3VOD91** Used from 6 APR1899 24 DEC1907

Times: 115AM 1PM 330PM 530PM 630PM 730PM 915PM 920PM 930PM 1130PM Price C £3

**3VOD92** Used from 4JUL1902 to 4MAR1904 Times: 1PM 530PM 8PM 920PM 1140PM

Price B £3

### **75 FIVE WAYS**

Town Receiving House under Birmingham 1844 to present.











MAR1883



3VOD MAR1883

**3VOD** Used from 5 JUN1883 14 JUN1895 Handstamp letters A to D and H.

Codes: A1 A4 A5 A8 A10 B1 B3 B4 B5 B9 C1 C3 C4 C9 D1 D3 D4 D6 D7 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E8

E10 H1 Price A £3

Numbers cut in basal bars:

**3VOD2** Used from 3 OCT1895 to 8 DEC1897

Times: 1015AM 1030AM 1035AM 110PM 330PM 530PM Price E £8

**3VOD3** Used on 4 SEP1897 Time 1030AM Price H £20

**3VOD4** Used from 18 JAN1896 to 22 JAN1901

Times: 1PM 110PM 330PM 345PM 535PM 645PM 830PM Price C £3

1896/7 the figure 4 is 2mm high, later it is 3mm high

**3VOD5** Used from 6 NOV1895 to 28 JUN1898 Times: 330PM 530PM 535PM Price G £10

### 75 GT.HAMPTON ST.

Town Receiving House under Birmingham 1844 to present.



**3VOD** Used from 17 OCT1883 to 7 MAR1896

Codes: A1 A3 A4 A5 A8 A9 B1 B2 B4 B9 C3 C4 C8 C9 D4 D5 D6 D7 D8 D9 D10 DX E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E9 E10 H4 H5 H6 H7 H8 H9 H10 H11 Price A £3 (letter F is a broken E) Handstamp letters A to E and H were proofed.

### Numbers cut in basal bars:-

**3VOD1** Used from 10 DEC1895 to 3 NOV1897

Times: 110PM 330PM 630PM 830PM Price E £6

**3VOD2** Used from 7 JUL1896 to 27 NOV1909

Times: 1145AM 110PM 245PM 330PM 445PM 530PM 845PM Price D £3

**3VOD3** Used from 10 SEP1897 to 21 DEC1909 Times: 1030AM 1PM 110PM Price E £6 **3VOD4** Used from 8 JAN1897 to 6 FEB1903

Times: 9AM 110PM 330PM 530PM 10PM 1100PM Price C £3

1897/8 figure 4 is 2mm high, later it is 3mm high.

**3VOD5** Used from 23 JAN1899 to 7 APR1899

Times: 1030AM 110PM Price H £12

### **75 SMETHWICK BIRMINGHAM**

Smethwick was allocated number 034 in the lists from 1855 to 1902, then 75S from 1924 to 1962, 755 from 1963 to 1967 and finally 035B in 1967.

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1855. Head Post Office 1855 to 1881. Sub Office of Birmingham 1881 to 1967. Sub Office of Warley 1967 to present.

Smethwick was allocated number 034 in the lists from 1855 to 1902, 75S from 1924 to 1962, 755 from 1963 to 1967 and 035B when moved to in Worcestershire in 1967.

Smethwick was not allocated number 75 in any list.

Used duplexes with 75 Smethwick Birmingham and 035 Smethwick at the same time.

Smethwick moved from Staffordshire to Warwickshire in 1891 and to Worcestershire in 1966.



3VOD Used from 9 SEP1886 to 4 MAR1897 Codes: C D E Finv G I J K L Price D £8

### Numbers cut in basal bars:

**3VOD1** Used from 25 MAY1897 to 15 SEP1905

Times: 245AM 645AM 1015AM 1245PM 245PM 515PM 530PM 710PM 845PM 930PM 945PM Price A £3

**3VOD2 S (Small 2)** Used from 19 OCT1899 to 19 NOV1903

Times: 910AM 1245PM 110PM 215PM 245PM 530PM 710PM 845PM 930PM Price A £3

**3VOD2 L (Large 2)** Used from 26 NOV1903 to 31 AUG1907

Times: 1245AM 645AM 1245PM 245PM 530PM 645PM 845PM 910PM 930PM Price A £3

75AM Aston Manor

Aston Manor was allocated number 75AM in the 1925 to 1962 lists.

75B Eastern District Office, Birmingham

Birmingham EDO was allocated number 75B in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

75CH Camp Hill

Camp Hill was allocated number 75CH in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

75D Great Hampton Street, Birmingham

Great Hampton Street was allocated number 75D in the 1929 to 1954 lists.

75E Edgbaston

Edgbaston was allocated number 75E in the 1925 to 1954 lists.

75F Western District Office, Birmingham

Birmingham WDO was allocated number 75F in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

75H Hockley

Hockley was allocated number 75H in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

75HA Handsworth

Handsworth was allocated number 75HA in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

75K Kings Norton

Kings Norton was allocated number 75K in the 1938 to 1962 lists.

75KG Kitts Green

Kitts Green was allocated number 75 in the 1959 list.

75M Moseley

Moseley was allocated number 75M in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

75N Northfield

Northfield was allocated number 75N in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

75P Perry Barr

Perry Barr was allocated number 75 in the 1938 to 1954 lists.

75P Great Barr

Great Barr was allocated number 75P in the 1959 list.

75Q Quinton

Quinton was allocated number 75Q in the 1938 to 1962 lists.

75S Smethwick

See 75

75Y Yardley

Yardley was allocated number 75Y in the 1937 to 1962 lists.

### **78 HENLEY IN ARDEN**

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1956, Sub Office of Solihull 1956 to present.

Henley in Arden was allocated both numbers 78 and 756 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

Number 78 was later allocated to Aldershot (Hants) in the 1874 to 1962 lists.

### **1844** Used from 19 NOV1844???? to 8 SEP1858 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Henley in Arden cud and Birmingham transit cds Number 756 was used at Budleigh Salterton, Devon from JAN 1845.?????

A cover has been seen dated MAY 1844 that might be 756 used in Henley in Arden – see 756



1844 APR1844

MUST CONFIRM THIS 1844 DATE

### 79 KNOWLE

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1956, Sub Office of Solihull 1956 to present.

Last cancellation recorded in Dec1856, despite being in all the lists to 1906. Knowle was allocated number 79 in the 1844 to 1906 lists and 980 from 1954 to 1962.

Number 79 was later allocated to Beaminster (Dor) in the 1924 to 1962 lists



1844 APR1844

**1844** Used from 29 JUN1844 to 12 DEC1856 Price F £50

Occurs with a Knowle straight line mark and Birmingham cds Also with a Knowle cud. and Birmingham transit cds

### 109 Bournville

Bournville was allocated number 109 in the 1924 to 1938 lists.

### 141 STUDLEY

Sub Office of Bromsgrove 1844 to 1867, Sub Office of Redditch 1867 to 1894, Railway Sub Office 1894 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present. Last cancellation recorded in Nov1858, despite being in all the lists to 1906. Number 141 was allocated to Studley in the 1844 to 1906 lists and later to Brighouse (Yorks) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 APR1844

**1844** Used from 18 MAY1845 to 23 NOV1858 Price H £100+

### 213 COLESHILL

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Coventry 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Birmingham 1856 to present. Rural to Town Sub Office in 1974

Coleshill was allocated 213 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 And later number 109 from 1949 to 1962

Number 213 was late allocated to Woodville (Derbys) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and later to Cranleigh, Surrey from 1924 to 1962

1844 APR1844

**1844** Used from 31 JAN1845 to 2 AUG1854 Price F £50

**1844 in blue** Used in NOV1850

### 223 COVENTRY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 223 was allocated to Coventry in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. *Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 957 Nuneaton 1844 to 1847.* 



1844 APR1844



3HOS FEB1856



3HOS DEC1861

**1844** Used from 4 MAY1844 to 23 APR1855 Price B £5 Seen in blue **3HOS** Used from 6 MAY1854 to 13 SEP1884 Price B £3





**3VOS** Used on 25 AUG1881 to 22 FEB1882 Price H £50 The 22 FEB1882 example is in blue





**SDWYS Vb** Used from 18 SEP1857 to 16 MAY1861 Codes: A Cinv Csdwys D G Ginv Price C £8





3CD Used from 10 JUN1861 to 25 NOV1863 Codes: A C D E Price A £3
4CD Used from 14 FEB1864 to 27 AUG1880 Codes: A D F G H J K L M N O none Price A £3
Five proofed (1 duplicate) between DEC1863 and MAR1869



**4VOD** Used from 8 MAR1865 to 9 MAR1882 Codes: H I J K L M N none Price B £3 Five proofed (1 duplicate) between JAN1865 and APR1870.



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 26 SEP1878 to 16 FEB1895 Codes: D F H I J K L M N P W X Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 31MAR1895 to 7 AUG1908

Times: 1245AM 6AM 830AM 11AM 1115AM 130PM 2PM 315PM 545PM 630PM 645PM 830PM 845PM 930PM 1030PM 1045PM none Price A £3

### 264 DUNCHURCH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Rugby 1855 to present. Dunchurch was allocated number 264 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 Number 264 was later allocated to Woolwich, Kent in the 1882 to 1906 lists and then Erdington (Wwks) 1924 to 1962



1844 APR1844

**1844** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover) Seen in blue

264 Erdington

Erdington was allocated number 264 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

333 Harborne

Harborne was allocated number 333 in the 1924 to 1959 lists.

### **417 KINETON**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1848, Sub Office of Stratford 1848 to 1851, Sub Office of Warwick 1851 to 1909, Post Town 1909 to present. Kineton was allocated number 417 in the 1844 to 1857 lists. Number 417 was later allocated to Hucknall Torkard (Notts) in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and later to Ilford, Essex from 1928 to 1962.



APR1844

**1844** Used from 5 MAY1844 to 29 JUN1858 Price H £100+

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

**444 LEAMINGTON** 

Changed to Leamington Spa in July 1885.

Leamington was allocated number 444 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. *Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 722 Southam 1849 to 1851.* 



1844 APR1844



1844 DEC1848

**1844** Used from 9 MAY1844 to 22 JUN1854 Price A £5 **1844 in blue** Used from JAN1847 to SEP1847



3HOS DEC1854

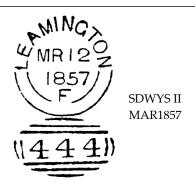


3HOS JUL1859

3HOS Used from 29 DEC1854 to 17 NOV1856 Price B £3



**SPOON** Used from 13 APR1856 to 17 MAR1858 Codes: A B C Cinv D E F G Price E £50 Seen in green and blue



SDWYS II Used from 24 MAR1858 to 24 MAY1858 Codes: C D E F Price E £30





3CD FEB1863

**3CD** Used from 9 APR1859 to 23 SEP1878 Codes: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Price A £3

Nine proofed (1 duplicate) between MAY1858 and JAN1870. Several later subtypes were not proofed.







NOV1872

4VOD Used from 15 JUL1868 to 20 JUN1880 Codes: A B C F G H I J K L M N O P Price A £3



3VOD NOV1879

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 31 DEC1879 to 1 DEC1880 Codes: B G L M W 1 Price E £10 3VODS has Leamington Spa in the cds as do all the late duplexes **3VODS Time in code** Used on 10 JUL1894 Code: Y Price H £20 **3VODS Time in asterisk code** Used from 6 NOV1894 to 30 APR1895 Codes: FL\*P HG\*P Price H £25

3VODS 6 (6 cut in basal bars) Used from 27 AUG1896 to 27 AUG1904 Times: 10AM 1115AM 145PM 245PM 315PM 5PM 645PM 730PM 745PM 8PM 830PM 9PM 930PM 10PM Price A £3

496 Moseley

Moseley was allocated number 496 in the 1924 list.

### 659 RUGBY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Rugby was allocated number 659 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- G49 Long Buckby 1859 to 1973,

511 Market Harborough 1860 to 1865, 722 Southam 1851 to 1882 and 857 Welford 1853 to 1973.



**1844** Used from 18 SEP1844 to 23 MAY1854 Price A £5 **1844 in blue** Used from 13 FEB1847 to NOV1851



3HOS SEP1855



3HOS MAY1856



3HOS AUG1859



3HOS APR1862



3HOS JAN1867

**3HOS** Used from 31 DEC1855 to 12 MAY1867 Price A £3



4VOS DEC1866



4VOS MAY1871

**4VOS** Used from 20 APR1867 to 17 MAY1875 Price D £15

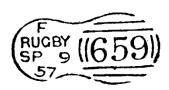


3VOS JUN1873



3VOS NOV1877

**3VOS** Used from 23 APR1878 to 30 NOV1883 Price G £40



SHOE A SEP1857



SHOE A MAR1859

SHOE A (Used in 1850's) Used from 28 SEP1857 to 8 FEB1859 Codes: C D L Price D £80 All three proofed Shoes are now illustrated.



SHOE B JAN1869

SHOE B (Used in 1860's) Used from 26 JAN1869 to 13 OCT1869 Code: L Price G £100



3HOS FEB1859



3CD OC-T1859



3CD APR1870

3CD Used from 17 AUG1859 to 4 NOV1869 Codes: CDEFIJKL Price A £3





4VODA JUN1866





4VODA MAR1870

**4VODA (Straight Rugby)** Used from 15 NOV1866 to 28 MAR1872 Codes: K L Price A £3 Six proofed of which five are identical to the JUN1866 issue illustrated in the catalogue.



4VODB JUN1872



4VODB JUN1872

**4VODB (Curved Rugby)** Used from 19 OCT1872 to 30 JAN1889 Codes: D H K L M Price A £3



3VOD JUN1873



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 23 JUN1873 to 22 APR1893 Codes: B C H K L M N none Price B £3 From DEC1892 onwards they all have single side arcs

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 15 JUN1894 22 OCT1898

Codes: M\*A BD\*P C\*P IC\*P IF\*P IG\*P M\*P Price F £12

Later examples are smaller with double or single side arcs—as illustrated above.

### **Rugby Station Sorting Office**

From c.1883 to? Probably had no public counter.





**3VODS** (Rugby Station in cds) Time in code Used from 23 AUG1883 to 7 JUN1895

Codes: CFHKL Price A£10

**3VODS** (Rugby Station in cds) Time in asterisk code Used from 6 OCT1894 to 15 JUL1900 Codes: IC\*P LC\*P Price F £12

3VODS (Rugby Station in cds) Time in full Used from 17 JUL1896 to 10 AUG1910 Times: 1AM 10AM 145PM 230PM 530PM 730PM 830PM 930PM 1030PM 11PM 12PM 1145 none Price A £10

671 Selly Oak

Selly Oak was allocated number 671 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

### 719 SOLIHULL

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Birmingham 1855 to 1956, Post Town 1956 to present.

Solihull was allocated number 719 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and 753 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 719 was later allocated to Fourstones (Northumb) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Shepperton (Middx) in 1924 to 1962.

1844

APR1844

**1844** Used from 16 MAY1844 to 26 OCT1858 Price D £20.

### **722 SOUTHAM**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Leamington Spa 1849 to 1851, Sub Office of Rugby 1851 to 1882, Independent Sub Office 1882 to 1920, Sub Office of Rugby 1920 to c.1955, Sub Office of Leamington Spa c.1955 to present.

Last cancellation recorded in May 1855, despite being in all the lists to 1906

Southam was allocated number 722 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 722 was later allocated to Seaton, Devon in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 17 AUG1845 to 14 MAY1855 Price G £80+



1844 APR1844

748 Stirchley

Stirchley was allocated number 748 in the 1934 to 1938 lists.

753 Solihull

Solihull was allocated number 719 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and 753 from 1924 to 1962.

### 754 STRATFORD ON AVON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Stratford was allocated number 754 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 755 Alcester 1844 to 1850 and 417 Kineton 1848 to 1851.



1844 APR1844



1844 Used from 3 DEC1844 to 25 AUG1863 Price A £5 Seen in blue Used on 30 JAN1850

4VOS GPO



3CD MAY1862

**3CD** Used from 13 NOV1862 to 15 APR1901 Codes: A B Binv C Csdwys D Dinv E F N P 5 6 Price A £3



4VOD APR1866



4VOD OCT1867

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 1 MAY1866 to 2 NOV1889 Codes: B C D E F 5 Price B £2 **4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 24 OCT1894 to 23 AUG1895

Codes: DE\*P DL\*A E\*P G\*P HC\*P Price F £12



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 7 DEC1893 to 25 MAY1894 Codes: A F G L N Price G £12 **3VOD Time in full** Used from 16 JUN1896 to 25 APR1907

Times: 445AM 545AM 11AM 1115AM 145PM 2PM 230PM 315PM 415PM 445PM 615PM 630PM 7PM 715PM 8PM 630 Price A £3

### **755 ALCESTER**

Sub Office of Stratford 1844 to 1851, Sub Office of Bromsgrove 1851 to 1867, Sub Office of Redditch 1867 to 1894, Railway Sub Office 1894 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Although in the lists from 1844 to 1962, only used numerals from 1844 to 1858.

Alcester was allocated number 755 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. Number 755 was later allocated to Smethwick in the 1963 to 1967 lists.

**1844** Used from 16 DEC1844 to 16 DEC1858 Price G £80+

1844 in brown Used in FEB1847



1844 APR1844

755 Smethwick see 75

### **756 HENLEY IN ARDEN**

756 used at Budleigh Salterton Devon from 1845, used in Henley in Arden in 1844. Henley in Arden was allocated numbers 78 and 756 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

Number 756 was later allocated to Budleigh Salterton, Devon in the 1874 to 1962 lists.

A cover has been seen dated 21 MAY 1844 from Henley in Arden (with a cud) to Handsworth cancelled by an 1844 type with the number 756 or 755, 756 seems more likely Price H £100++

765 Sutton Coldfield

Sutton Coldfield was allocated number 765 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

777 Shirley

Shirley was allocated number 777 in the 1938 to 1954 lists.

### 848 WARWICK

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Warwick was allocated number 33 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 417 Kineton 1851 to 1921.



1844 APR1844



3HOS APR1856



3HOS MAY1856



3HOS APR1858

**1844** Used from 25 APR1845 to 22 JUN1855 Price D £10 **3HOS** Used from 20 MAY1856 to 3 MAR1881 Price E £10



3CD JUL1858



3CD SEP1862

3CD Used from 31JUL1858 to 21APR1892 Codes: CDEFGHIJKLP Price A £3



**4VOD Time in code** Used from 25 AUG1867 to 29 DEC1890

Codes: CEFHKLMN Price A £3

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used on 17 JUN1898 Codes: DL\*A HC\*P Price H £25



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 21 MAY1891 to 22 JAN1894 Codes: F L O Price F £6 **3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 5 APR1894 to 5 JUN1895

Codes: LC\*A CB\*P GB\*P GE\*P GF\*P ID\*P Price D £8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 22 OCT1896 to 10 JUN1903

Times: 345AM 745AM 815AM 1130AM 12PM 215PM 230PM 5PM 7PM 730PM 815PM

915PM 1145PM Price A £3

936 Bedworth

Bedworth was allocated number 936 in the 1935 to 1949 lists.

### 950 KENILWORTH

Sub Office of Warwick 1844, Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1995.

Kenilworth was allocated number 950 in the 1847 to 1962 lists.



1844 JUL1845



3HOS JUL1856

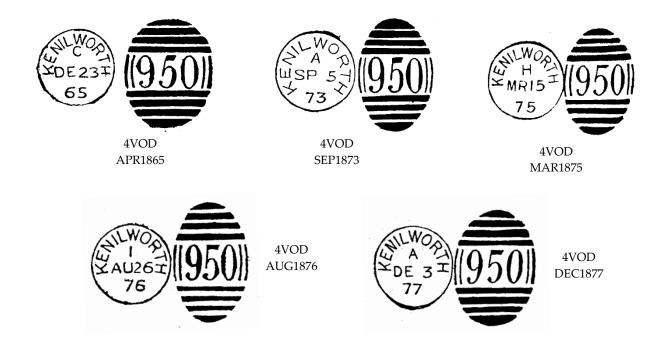


3HOS MAR1860

**1844** Used from 18 MAY1846 to 25 APR1854 Price H £40 **3HOS** Used from 23 OCT1860 to 22 JUN1869 Price E £15



4CD Used from 22 NOV1868 to 28 JUL1873 Codes: E F Price H £50



**4VOD Time in code** Used from 22 MAR1868 to 29 AUG1894

Codes: C D E F G H I J Price D £5

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 2 SEP1903 to 16 SEP1904

Times: 545AM 1130AM 25PM 330PM 530PM 630PM 815PM Price D £5

Recut with thinner bars in 1904



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 22 JUL1887 to 31 JUL1896

Codes: CDFHIJ Price D£5

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 7 FEB1899 to 6 NOV1907

Times: 545AM 915AM 930AM 945AM 1045AM 1130AM 1145AM 1215PM 330PM 615PM

630PM 8PM 815PM 830PM 845PM none(xmas) Price A £3

### 957 NUNEATON

Sub Office of Coventry 1844 to 1847, Head Post Office 1847 to present.

Nuneaton was allocated number 957 in the 1847 to 1962 lists.



1844 SEP1846



3HOS JUN1856

**1844** Used from 1 APR1849 to 25 SEP1852 Price G £35 **3HOS** Used from 11 SEP1856 to 24 JUL1865 Price C £5





**4VOS** Used from 18 MAR1867 to 24 SEP1874 Price F £30

3CD Used from 29 MAY1862 to 25 JUL1872 Codes: Cinv none Price G £40





**4VOD** Used from 11 FEB1876 to 3 JAN1896 Codes: B C E H K L M 4 Price B £2 **3VOD Time in code** Used from 9 MAY1881 to 7 MAR1895 Codes: H K L Price E £15

### Numbers cut in basal bars:-

**3VOD1** Used from 14 AUG1902 to 19 MAR1912

Times: 1215AM 10AM 1145AM 1215PM 215PM 445PM 645PM 715PM 9PM 930PM Price B £3 In 1902/5 the 1 is 2.5mm high, in 1909/12 it is 4mm high.

**3VOD2S (Small 2)** Used from 8 APR1900 to 15 DEC1903

Times: 215PM 315PM 445PM 645PM 715PM 8PM 9PM 930PM Price C £3

**3VOD2L (Large 2)** Used from 26 OCT1906 to 2 FEB1908

Times: 1215AM 1215PM 2PM 215PM 315PM 445PM 545PM 645PM 715PM 9PM 930PM

Price A £3

### 980 Knowle

Knowle was allocated numbers 79 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and 980 from 1954 to 1962.

981 Rednal

Rednal was allocated number 981 in the 1959 list.

035B Smethwick

Smethwick was allocated number 035B in the 1967 lists

### **J23 LONG COMPTON**

Sub Office of Chipping Norton 1844 to 1857, Sub Office of Shipston on Stour 1857 to 1886, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1886 to 1897, Sub Office of Shipston on Stour 1897 to present.

Long Compton was allocated number J23 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

No obliterators recorded.