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Introduction

We give this month full details of two new issues of stamps and particulars of the first day cover services.

The first of the issues, on 28th February, is to commemorate the 900th Anniversary of the founding of Westminster Abbey and the second, on 30th April, is the new definitive issue from Muscat.

A further selection of unaccepted stamp designs is shown, this time those for the Post Office Tower, and we complete the issue with our postmark slogan feature, and the usual Bureau news.

New Stamps from Muscat and Oman

We mentioned in a recent issue that new stamps were to be issued by the Muscat government and that the GPO Philatelic Bureau would undertake the philatelic sales of them. They will be available on 30th April 1966.

Details of the stamps are as follows:

3, 5 and 10 baizas. Show a crest superimposed on a background of concentric circles and are printed in purple, brown and light brown respectively.

15, 20 and 25 baizas. A view of a harbour with inset of crest, and are printed in violet and black, blue and black, and orange and black respectively.

30 baizas. Nakhal fort with inset of crest printed in magenta and blue.

50 baizas. Samail fort with inset of crest, printed in blue, green and brown.

1 rupee. Sohar fort with inset of crest, printed in blue and orange.

2 rupees. Nizwar fort with inset of crest, printed in orange, brown and green.

5 rupees. Matrah fort with inset of crest, printed in reddish violet and scarlet.

10 rupees. Mirani fort with inset of crest, printed in carmine and reddish violet.

The crest in each case is that of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman.

The stamps are being produced by Messrs Harrison and Sons Ltd, on unwatermarked paper. The 3, 5 and 10 baiza stamps will be in sheets of 240 and the remainder in sheets of 120.

The designer is Mr. Lewis who also recently designed the new Bahrain issue and details of whom are shown in Volume 3 No. 3.

The new currency of Muscat is baizas and rupees, and when ordering Muscat stamps customers should calculate the total rupee/baiza value and convert it to sterling at the rate of:

64 baizas = 1 rupee = 1s 6d

A new air letter will be produced priced 20 baizas.

The stamps will be sent automatically to customers who have standing orders for them.

First Day Cover Services

For the new definitive issue on 30th April the Post Office in Muscat will provide a First Day Cover service.

Service provided and charges. The Service will provide: Class A. An official envelope bearing the full range of stamps i.e. 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 Bz. 1, 2, 5 and 10 rupees at a charge of:

£1 12s 0d sterling.

Class B. An official envelope bearing the full range of low value stamps, i.e. 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 Bz, at a charge of:

3s 0d.

Class C. An official envelope bearing the full range of high value stamps, i.e. 30 and 50 Bz and 1, 2, 5 and 10 rupees at a charge of:

£1 11s 0d sterling.

The charge in each case covers the envelope and servicing. If customers supply their own envelope the charge should be reduced by 8d in each case.

No variations other than those shown will be arranged.

Description of official cover. The official cover is a foolscap envelope measuring 9" long by 4" deep of a good quality white paper. On the left hand side it bears the crest of the Ruler and the words 'Commemorating the first definitive issue of Postage stamps by the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman on the 30th April 1966'. The crest is printed in red. The lettering is in black.

Preparation of Covers forwarded by Customers.

Covers supplied by customers should not be smaller than $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ and should leave a clear space the full width of the envelope and 3" deep for the stamps.

Commemorative Stamps available from Philatelic Bureau

Covers must be sealed and contain a stiffener of the same size as the order.

The covers must be fully addressed in ink, by typewriter or by printing.

Covers should be arranged with addresses all facing the same way and should be securely packed.

Forwarding of orders. The order should specify which service, A, B or C, is required. If official covers are wanted, the full postal address to which the covers are to be delivered should be given.

Each order should be accompanied by a remittance or advice that it has been sent and should be sent to 'The Postmaster, Muscat, to arrive not later than 23rd March.

Payment must be made by means of postal order or banker's draft made payable to The Treasury Officer, Muscat. Postage stamps will not be accepted.

General conditions. If specified on the order, covers will be dispatched by air.

Covers cannot be accepted for registration. If marked with any word or indication that they are to be sent by this service they will be refused.

All items, whether official or private covers, will be cancelled with a date stamp including a hand-stamped slogan bearing the words 'First Day of Issue'.

Covers will be sent through the post for delivery as addressed. They cannot be sent under cover either in bundles or singly.

Applications for first day covers should be sent to the Postmaster Muscat and not to the GPO Philatelic Bureau.

Copies of the order form can be obtained from the Postmaster Muscat.

Joseph Lister Centenary	4d, 1s
Commonwealth Arts Festival	6d, 1s 6d
Battle of Britain	4d*, 9d, 1s 3d
Post Office Tower	3d, 1s 3d
20th Anniversary of the U.N.	3d, 1s 6d
I.T.U.	9d, 1s 6d
Robert Burns	4d, 1s 3d
All stamps are available with or without phosphor lines, except I.T.U. 1s 6d which is available in plain only.	

*in blocks of 6

First Day Cover Services

Some of our customers are confused by the entry on the first day cover application form relating to deposit accounts.

This is for the use of those of our customers who have opened accounts with the Bureau and should not be used for quoting Post Office Savings Bank accounts. We have, of course, no authority for making deductions from any Savings Bank accounts.

Corrections

In the unaccepted stamp design feature in Volume 3 No. 5 the first and third stamps in the right hand column were designed by M. C. Farrar-Bell and the second stamp by P. Gauld. We offer our apologies for the omission.

On page 3 of the same issue 3d at the foot of the second column should be amended to 4d.

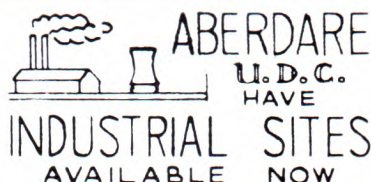
Withdrawal of Bureau Stock Items

The following issues will be withdrawn from sale on 15th April 1966.

Commonwealth Arts Festival
Joseph Lister
Christmas Air Letters

Postmark Slogans

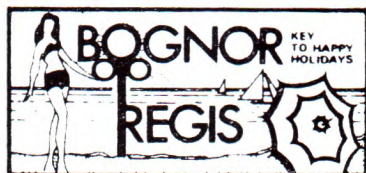
'Aberdare U.D.C. Industrial Sites Available Now' will be in use in the transposed position at Aberdare during the period 25th February 1966 to 24th February 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Aberdare.



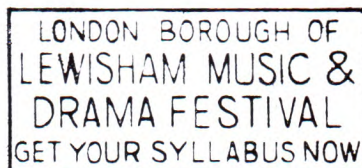
'Select Bexhill on Sea. Quiet, Clean, Good Music and Theatre. Free Colour Folders or P.O. 1/- For Town Guide to Publicity Dept. B.P.O. Bexhill on Sea, Sussex' will be in use in the transposed position at Bexhill on Sea during the period 23rd February to 31st March 1966. The present slogan 'Come to Bexhill on Sea' will now terminate on 22nd February 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Bexhill on Sea.



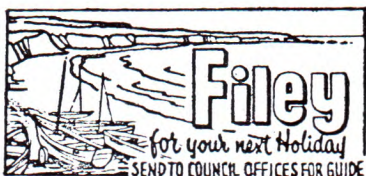
'Bognor Regis. Key to Happy Holidays' will be in use in the transposed position at Bognor Regis during the period 14th February 1966 to 13th February 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Bognor Regis.



'London Borough of Lewisham Music and Drama Festival. Get Your Syllabus Now' will be in use in the transposed position at Catford during the period 18th February to 31st March 1966. Covers for reposting to the District Postmaster at South Eastern District Office SE1.



'Filey For Your Next Holiday. Send to Council Offices For Guide' will be in use in the transposed position at Filey during the period 17th February to 31st May 1966. The present slogan in use at Filey, 'Filey for all the Family' will continue in use until 16th February 1966 and will be re-used during the period 1st June to 29th November 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Filey.



'Consett, Co. Durham. Industrial sites with all services available' has been in use in the transposed position at Consett since 14th December 1965 and will continue in use until 13th December 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Consett.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM
INDUSTRIAL SITES
WITH ALL
SERVICES AVAILABLE

'Happy Family Holidays. Cleethorpes' has been in use in the transposed position at Grimsby since 1st January and will continue in use until 31st March 1966. 'Marineland and Zoo. Cleethorpes' will be used in the transposed position at Grimsby from 1st April to 30th June 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Grimsby.

HAPPY FAMILY HOLIDAYS
CLEETHORPES

MARINELAND & ZOO
CLEETHORPES

'Isle of Man International TT Races'; 'Isle of Man International Cycle Races' and 'Manx Grand Prix' will each be used in the transposed position at Douglas and Ramsey during the periods 4th April to 15th May 1966: 16th May to 12th June 1966 and 13th to 30th June 1966 respectively. The slogan 'For Happy Holidays, Isle of Man' has been in use since 27th December 1965 and will continue in use until 3rd April 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Douglas, Isle of Man.

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JUNE • ISLE OF MAN

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JUNE • ISLE OF MAN

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SEPTEMBER • ISLE OF MAN

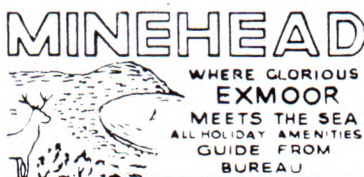
'Lively, Lovely Llandudno' has been extended a further year in the transposed position at Llandudno from 3rd January to 12th December 1966 and from 27th to 31st December 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Llandudno.



'Manchester University Shrove Carnival' will be in use on two dies in the standard position at Manchester (Newton Street) during the period 9th to 22nd February 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Manchester.



'Minehead Where Glorious Exmoor Meets the Sea. All Holiday Amenities. Guide from Bureau.' has been extended a further year in the transposed position at Minehead from 4th January 1966 to 3rd January 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Minehead.



'Stratford upon Avon. Visit Shakespeare's Town' in use in the transposed position at Stratford upon Avon will be extended a further year during the period 1st April 1966 to 31st March 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Stratford upon Avon.



'Yorkshire's Super Sunshine Resort. Whitby for Holidays' has been extended a further year until 6th December 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Whitby.



'Tees-Side Means Business' will be in use in the transposed position on three dies, two dies at Middlesbrough and one die at Stockton on Tees, during the period 25th February 1966 to 24th February 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Middlesbrough.



'Widnes' in use at present in the transposed position at Widnes will be extended for a further year during the period 8th March 1966 to 7th March 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Widnes.



'Stranraer in Bonnie Galloway' and 'Stranraer Welcomes New Industry' will be in use in the transposed position at Stranraer during the periods 1st February to 31st July 1966 and 1st August 1966 to 31st January 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Stranraer.



'Bedford Charter Celebrations Charter Year 1166-1966 March-September' will be in use in the transposed position on two dies at Bedford from 28th February. The termination date has not yet been decided. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Bedford. Specimens not available.

'Bromsgrove Festival 23rd April - 7th May' will be in use in the transposed position at Bromsgrove during the period 20th February to 7th May 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster at Bromsgrove. Specimens not available.

Unaccepted Stamp Designs

Dennis Bailey

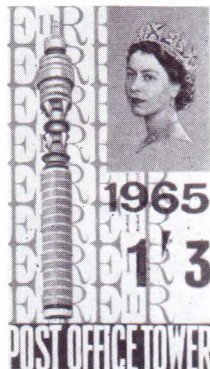


Harrison & Sons Ltd



Unaccepted Stamp Designs

Bradbury Wilkinson & Co.



Derek Birdsall



Andrew
Restall



The 900th Anniversary of the Consecration of Westminster Abbey

It is almost impossible to separate tradition and legend from historical fact and so establish when a Christian Church was first built upon the island of Thorney that in earlier times was situated in the Thames. But we are reasonably sure that by the 10th century a church, with a small monastery attached to it, had already been established for some time on this small island.

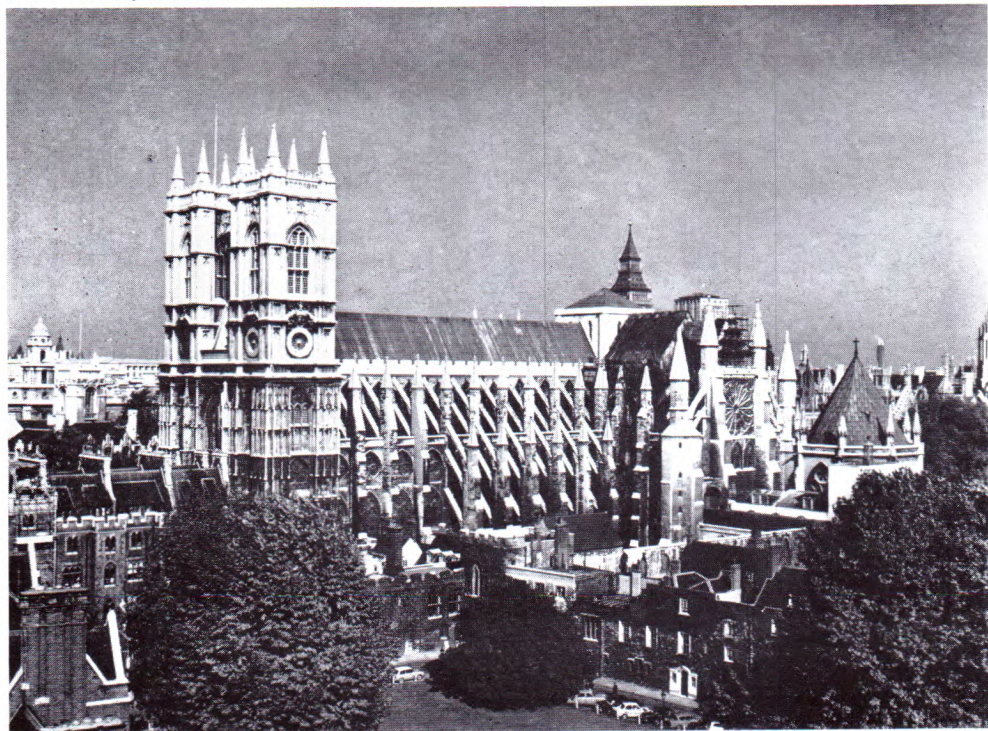
The event we are commemorating this year is the 900th anniversary of the consecration, on 28th December 1065, of the Abbey Church of Edward the Confessor who is rightly regarded as its founder. Edward died a few days after the consecration of the Abbey that

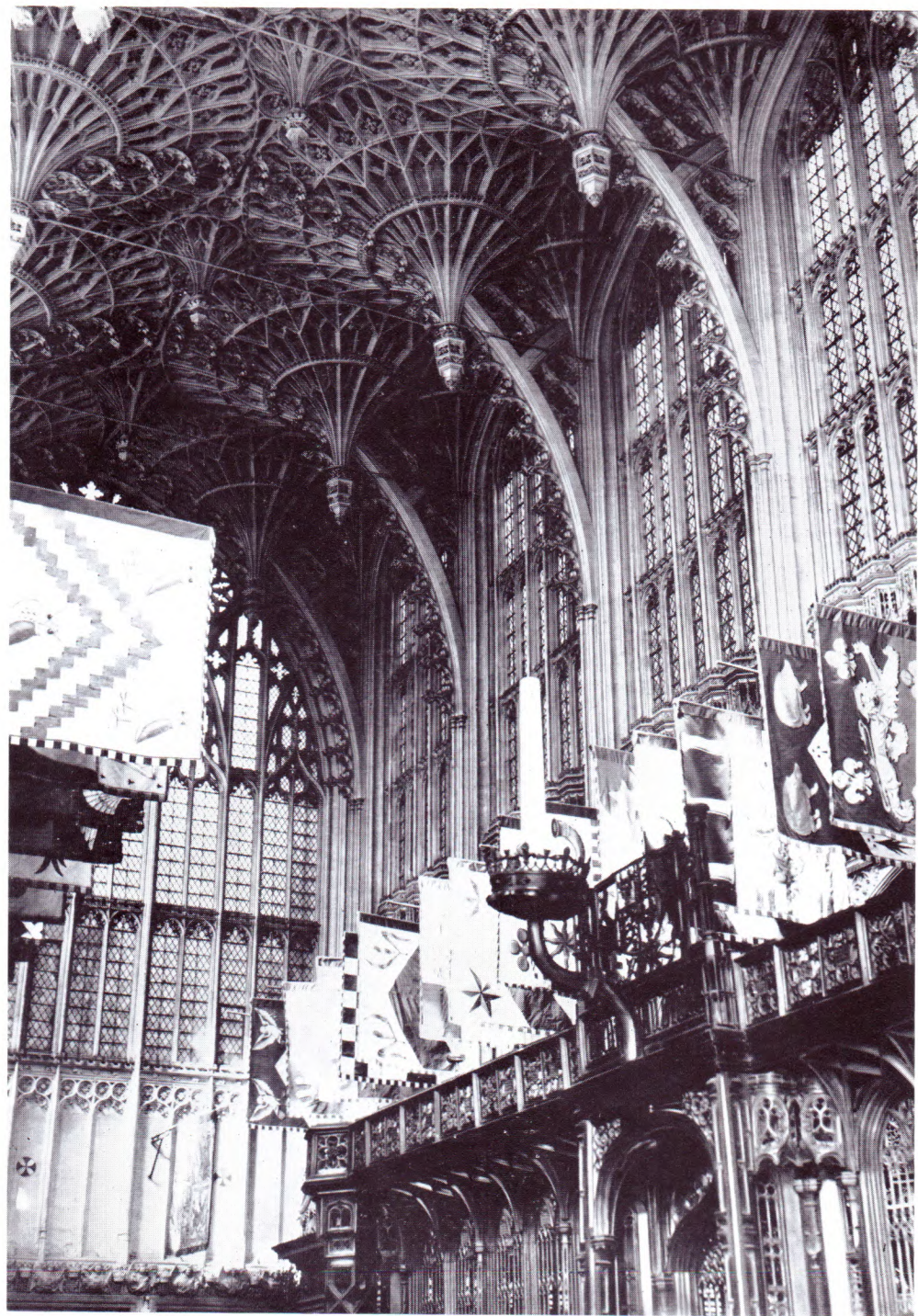
he had built and he was buried within its walls.

Nothing now remains above ground of this church built in the Norman style, but we know from existing foundations that the ground plan had an internal length of 322 feet; only slightly shorter than the present building.

Except for the addition of a Lady Chapel in 1220 the Confessor's Church stood untouched for nearly two hundred years. In 1245 Henry III, stimulated by the beauty and splendour of the Gothic cathedrals being built in Amiens, Rheims, Chartres and elsewhere, resolved to mark the canonisation of Edward the Confessor by building anew.

Below: The Abbey as seen from the south, across Dean's Yard





900th Anniversary of Westminster Abbey

It is this Abbey, begun by Henry III and completed by his successors in later centuries substantially to the original design, that we see today. It was not until the time of Henry VII, who so greatly enriched the Abbey Church by building the noble chapel that bears his name and is widely acknowledged as a masterpiece, that the western end of the Abbey was substantially completed. The two western towers were added in the 18th century from designs by Christopher Wren.

It is interesting to recall that the Abbey is a 'Royal Peculiar', with the Sovereign as Visitor. The Abbey, therefore, does not form part of the Diocese of London or of the Province of Canterbury. On Christmas Day 1066 William the Conqueror had himself crowned at the Abbey, near to the Confessor's tomb. From that time forward every sovereign has been crowned at Westminster with the exception of Edward V.

At Westminster Abbey or to give the correct title, The Collegiate Church of St Peter in Westminster, the Nongentenary Year is being marked by a festival of music to be performed by leading orchestras, choirs and instrumentalists. Special services are to be held and exhibitions given. The Abbey will be floodlit. The occasion has also been celebrated by the minting of commemorative medals in gold, silver and bronze, and a commemorative book of great interest and lavishly illustrated has been written.

The commemorative year ends with a special service at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 28th December.

To mark the 900th anniversary of the founding of Westminster Abbey two stamps value 3d and 2s 6d will be issued on 28th February 1966.

The 3d stamp shows an exterior view of the Abbey against a blue background and is printed in brown, black and blue. The 2s 6d stamp is printed in black and depicts the delicate fan vaulting in the Henry VII Chapel. Both stamps will be horizontal, the 3d denomination will be twice normal size and the 2s 6d the same size as the general high value definitive stamps.

The 3d stamp was designed by Miss Sheila Robinson who was born in 1925. She has studied at Nottingham Art School and the Royal College of Art. Since completing her studies Miss Robinson has done freelance work, mostly illustrations and prints, and has exhibited at the Royal Academy and other London galleries. Since September 1965 she has been teaching at the Royal College of Art. This is her first attempt at stamp design for the Post Office.

The stamp will be printed by Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd by photogravure and will be issued both with and without phosphor lines. The 2s 6d stamp was designed by Messrs Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co Ltd, and will be engraved and printed by them directly from steel plates on special rotary presses. There will not be a phosphor variant for this value. This stamp will be produced in sheets of 40. Both stamps show the Dorothy Wilding portrait of the Queen and the legend '900th Anniversary Westminster Abbey'.

The accepted designs were recommended by the Postmaster General's Advisory Committee set up by the Council of Industrial Design. The members of the Committee are: James Fitton R.A., F.S.I.A. (chairman), The Lady Sempill, A.R.C.A., Milner Gray, R.D.I. F.S.I.A., Professor R. Guyatt, F.S.I.A., A.R.C.A., Abram Games, O.B.E., F.S.I.A., and Sir John Wilson Bt, K.C.V.O.

Left: Example of fan vaulting in roof above the standards of the Knights of the Bath

First Day Cover Service Westminster Abbey

A full first day cover service on specially designed envelopes will be provided by the Philatelic Bureau for the Westminster Abbey issue

The cover was designed by Messrs Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co Ltd, and measures $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$. The inclusive charge for the Bureau's service will be 5s 9d per cover. The Bureau will also service customers' own envelopes for 3s 9d each.

Customers are reminded that as the 2s 6d stamp will not be produced with phosphor lines. Only plain stamped covers will be serviced.

For those who prefer to prepare and post their own covers, the official first day envelope will be available in advance from the Bureau and the Offices shown hereunder where philatelic posting boxes are being provided. The price of the envelopes will be 6d each. For bulk orders the prices are:

250 £4 3s 4d	2,500 £33
500 £8	5,000 £60
1000 £15	10,000 £104

List of offices with philatelic posting boxes:

London Chief Office, King Edward Street, London, ECI.

London S.W.D.O., Howick Place, London SW1.

London, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2.

Aberdeen	Lincoln
Aberystwyth	Liverpool
Belfast	Llandudno
Birmingham	Londonderry
Blackpool	Luton
Bournemouth	Maidstone
Bradford	Manchester
Brighton	Middlesbrough
Bristol	Newcastle upon Tyne
Cambridge	Newport, Mon.
Cardiff	Northampton
Carlisle	Norwich
Chelmsford,	Nottingham
Chester	Oxford
Colchester	Peterborough
Colwyn Bay	Plymouth
Croydon	Portsmouth
Derby	Preston
Douglas, Isle of Man	Reading
Dundee	Romford
Edinburgh	Sheffield
Exeter	Shrewsbury
Glasgow	Skegness
Gloucester	Southampton
Grimsby	Southend on Sea
Guernsey	Stockport
Harrow	Stockton on Tees
Harrogate	Stoke on Trent
Hastings	Swansea
Hull	Swindon
Ipswich	Taunton
Jersey	Tunbridge Wells
Kingston on Thames	Wolverhampton
Leeds	Worcester
Leicester	York

Presentation Packs

A special presentation pack containing the two mint stamps will be on sale at the Bureau and the offices shown above. In addition to the two stamps the pack will contain information about the artistic and technical details of the stamps, the production processes and the designers.

Each pack will cost 3s 9d plus the handling charge of 6d for orders under 10s and 2s 6d

for orders of 10s and over if ordered from the Bureau. For orders of 100 or more the charge will be 3s 3d per pack plus 2s 6d handling charge.

There will be no need for customers who have placed standing orders for commemorative stamps or first day covers to apply for these items, as they will be dispatched in accordance with their standing instructions.

Conditions

The Philatelic Bureau will be pleased to supply any number of stamps shown on its current stock list, subject to stocks being available, in mint condition only. For stamps not shown on the list, inquiries should be made of a stamp dealer.

We do not guarantee to supply stamps from particular cylinders or plates, position or cylinder blocks, particular editions of books or books with selected watermarks.

Stamps are NOT supplied cancelled to order.

Remittances, which *must* be sent with orders should be made payable to 'GPO Philatelic Bureau' and should include a handling charge of 6d for orders under 10s, and 2s 6d for orders of 10s and over. For orders to be sent by Air Mail the cost of the airmail postage should be added. Stamps are not accepted as payment for orders.

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