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EDITORIAL

It appears that a number of members did not receive their copy of Bulletin No. 1, for this I can only apologise and blame the G.P.O. for a copy was posted to each member. If any member who did not receive a copy wishes to have one, I have some copies left.

A.G.M.

This will take place on Saturday 3rd April 1976 at 2.00 PM at the Midland & Birmingham Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham. It is hoped that as many members as possible will make the effort to be there and make their views known. Please remember any society is only as good as its members. After the meeting there will be the usual displays but as the time will be shorter on this occasion will each member try to bring approximately 9 sheets.

LAST MEETING

This took place on Saturday 14 February 1976 at the Midland and Birmingham Institute and resulted in some very interesting displays from members attending, the highlights being as follows :-

Mrs Lewis Display of Worcester including maps of 1720 showing the 2 mail routes through the city, Hereford to Pershore and Hereford to Bromsgrove. Covers included 1741 WOR / CESTER, 1771 straight line WORCESTER, 1794 reverse horseshoe WORCESTER, 1824 & 1827 milage marks WORCESTER / 117, unframed WORCESTER PENNY POST No2 (Malvern Wells) framed WORCESTER PENNY POST No3 (Ombersley), 1835 map, 1855 Missent to Worcester in red, and 3 covers with original, 2nd recut and 5th recut Worcester Spoon cancels.

Mr. Lewis Display of Birmingham in 1830s & 1840s including a map of the period and covers showing straight line marks of ASHSTEAD ROW, ASTON ROAD, BRISTOL STREET, COLESHILL, DERITEND, DUDDESTON ROW, FIVE WAYS, HANDSWORTH, LANCASTER STREET, SANDPITS and SUTTON COLDFIELD.

Mr. Ferman Display of Burton On Trent including a copy of Cary's Map of the Chester Road on which Burton is not shown, and including covers among which were 1752 straight line BURTON, 1772 large straight line BURTON, 1791 two line BURTON ON TRENT, 1786 1st type milage, 1815 2nd type milage BURTON ON T. 132, 1827 2nd type milage BURTON ON T. 124, Burton on Trent Penny Post from Tutbury, and 1831 milage removed.

Mr. Gray Display of newspaper wrappers ith newspaper branch cancels of London, Glasgow and Cork.

Mr. Lloyd Display of Stafford with 1743 two line STAF/FORD, 1750 STAF/FORD (Large letters), 1785 1st type milage 136, 1786 STAF/FORD (intermediate size), 1788 & 1793 first straight line STAFFORD, 1811, 1823 and 1825 2nd type milage 141, 1829 STAFFORD PENNY POST (properly only recorded cover), 1831 milage removed, 1832 undated double-arc, dated double-arc, 2 July 1840 readressed Mulready, 1857 only recorded example on complete letter of the Stafford Spoon error.

Mr. Coles Display of Lichfield with 1772 LICHFIELD, 1788 LICHFIELD, 1785 1st type milage, 1800 reversed horseshoe, 1803 & 1804 2nd type milage, 1809 large circular milage in red, 1838 LICHFIELD PENNY POST and 1845 the only recorded example of the Lichfield "Travelling" handstamp.

Mr. Baxter Display of Birmingham with a series of 1844 type cancels, Birmingham Spoons, Duplex cancels and finishing with a series of "squared circles".

Mr. Parker Display of Atherstone including 1794 ATHER/STONE 1796 ATHERSTONE, 1803 & 1818 2nd type milage ATHERSTONE / 108, 1837 undated circle, 1844 large dated double-arc, 1840 ATHERSTONE PENNY POST No.1 (Sheepy), unframed APPLEBY LEICESTER PENNY POST of 1840, and parcel post slip of 1902 ATHERSTONE M.O. & S.B.

Mr. Ward Selection of Surrey village marks.

Mr. Paul Display of Official Mail & documents.

Mr. Stubbs A selection of unusual items of postal history most of which had a humorous connection.

Mr. Chester Display of Warwickshire postal history with maps and covers, mainly Coventry.