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1 Commemorative stamps

1.1 As most readers will know, the revised programme for this years special issues of stamps was announced by the Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Wedgwood Benn on the 21st June. The revised dates are as follows:-

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Denomination</u>
Sir Winston Churchill	8 July	4d. and 1s.3d.
700th Anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament	19 July	6d. and 2s.6d.
Salvation Army Centenary	9 August	3d. and 1s.6d.
Joseph Lister Centenary	1 Sept.	4d. and 1s.0d.
Commonwealth Arts Festival	1 Sept.	6d. and 1s.6d.
25th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain	13 Sept.	4d., 9d., and 1s.3d.
Post Office Tower	8 Oct.	To be announced
20th Anniversary of the United Nations	25 Oct.	3d. and 1s.6d.
International Telecommunication Union Centenary	15 Nov.	9d. and 1s.6d.
Robert Burns	25 Jan. 66	4d. and 1s.3d.

All issues are available both as plain stamps or with phosphor lines with the exception of the Parliamentary 2/6d. stamp which will be issued as a plain stamp only

We very much regret the inconvenience caused to customers by the unfortunate postponement of the first few issues originally planned. The Bureau too has had its problems trying to cope with the re-arrangement of orders, and we would like to thank customers for their patience and forbearance during this difficult period.

1.2 With the exception of I.T.U. orders already placed which we are holding for despatch on November 15th, we hope that future issues will all run smoothly.

1.3 It is perhaps appropriate that the first special issue for 1965 is, after all, the stamp to commemorate the life of Sir Winston Churchill. Designed by David Gentleman and Rosalind Dease, both 4d. and 1s.3d. stamps feature an adaptation of the well-known photograph of Sir Winston by Karsh of Ottawa.

Presentation packs

A special presentation pack of the two mint stamps is on sale at the Bureau and at the Post Offices shown below. This handsome pack contains in addition to the two stamps an information leaflet giving details and pictures of the artists, the printing processes and a brief summary of events in the life of Sir Winston Churchill. The cost is 2s.6d. per pack, plus the usual handling charge of 6d, for orders up to 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 2s.0d. per pack plus 2s.6d. handling charge.

The packs are on sale at the following offices:-

Aberdeen	Edinburgh	Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
Aberystwyth	Exeter	Newport Mon
Belfast	Glasgow	Northampton
Birmingham	Gloucester	Norwich
Blackpool	Hastings	Nottingham
* Bladon	Hull	Oxford
Bournemouth	Ipswich	Plymouth
Bradford	Kingston-Upon-	Portsmouth
Brighton	Thames	Preston
Bristol	Llandudno	Reading
Cambridge	Londonderry	Romford
Cardiff	London S.W.D.O.	Sheffield
Chelmsford	London E.C.D.O.	Shrewsbury
Chester	(Chief Office)	Southend-on-Sea
Colwyn Bay	Trafalgar Sq.	Stoke-On-Trent
Croydon	B.O. W.C. 2	Stockport
Derby	Maidstone	York
Douglas Isle of Man	Manchester	
Dundee	Middlesbrough	

* For the Sir Winston Churchill issue only

1.4 The next of this year's special issues on the 19th July is the stamp to commemorate the 700th Anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament. Full particulars of this issue are given in paragraphs 1.4 - 1.11 of Bulletin Vol. II - No. 6.

1.5 First Day covers for later issues

It has not yet been decided which of the remaining issues this year will have G.P.O. first day covers. Details will however, be given as soon as the decisions have been taken

New Issues

2.1 6/- Booklet

A new stamp booklet for 6s.0d. containing 18 at 4d. Stamps was issued on 21st June, 1965. The booklet has a cover material in Pink and is available in both plain and phosphor printings.

2.2 General series phosphor We mentioned in the stop press to Bulletin No. 6 that the ½d. and 1d. phosphor-treated definitives are now available on white wove paper. Those customs who have standing orders for changes in paper will wish to know that these stamps will be included in their orders for the Salvation Army special issue on 9th August 1965. The Bureau's stock of ½d. and 1d. on cream paper has now been exhausted.

Weston-Super-Mare. Fine for Family
Holidays in Sunny Somerset"

27th March 1966

A second die bearing the same
slogan will come into use
during the period June 14th -
September 12th.

"Fly Direct Via Manchester to
Europe and America"

3rd June 1966

A new die for the above slogan is being prepared, and will be in
use on 3rd August, 1965.

"Sheppey for Holidays, Homes and
Industry - 50 miles from London
Kent's own Sunny Island"

5th August 1966

General

"Bexhill-on-Sea Desirable Residential Resort", "Bexhill-on-Sea For
Autumn Holidays" and "Come to Bexhill-on-Sea" will all be used
again in the transposed position during the periods August, 1st-
31st, September 1st-30th 1965 and October 1st, 1965 to March 31st,
1966.

Postmark Slogans

New Slogans:

Where used	Dates	Slogan
Enniskillen	23rd July - 21st Aug. 1965	"Crown Jazz Festival Fri. 27 August" (Transposed)
Kelso	1st August - 4th Sept. 1965	"National Exhibition Kelso Scottish Week" (Transposed)
The above slogan will replace, for this period, the slogan now in use at Kelso.		
Liverpool	15th July 1965 - 14th July 1966	"Liverpool the Heart of a Region" and "Liverpool pacemaker of the Sixties" (Both standard)

Extensions of Present slogans

Slogan

Extended to

<u>Date</u>	<u>Slogan</u>
12th July - 25th July 16th August - 5th September	"Manx Grand Prix"
26th July - 15th August 6th September - 19th September	"International Six Day Trial"
20th September - 3rd October 4th October - 26th October	"Happy Holiday" "Happy Retirement"

A new die is being prepared for the slogan "Ship Through the Port of Manchester" and should be in use on the 5th August, 1965.

Special Hand Stamps

"Convention of East Midlands Federation of Stamp Clubs" on October 20th at Rugby. Covers to Head Postmaster, Rugby, Warwickshire.

"Ballater" Highland Games", on August 19th at Ballater, Aberdeenshire

"Kelso, Roxburghshire National Society for Cancer Relief Day", will be used on 29th of August. Covers should be sent to Head Postmaster, Kelso.

General Remarks

3.1 Subscription accounts We would like to remind our subscription account customers, except those who have opened accounts in the last few weeks, that their requirements for the I.T.U. Issue have already been prepared and accounted for. In consequence, the credit figure shown on all invoices until the I.T.U. issue on 15th November will have taken into account the charges for those stamps.

3.2 Difficulties in dealing with orders We try wherever possible to meet our customers' requirements. Sometimes however, we have to disappoint them for reasons beyond our control. If the following points are borne in mind when ordering it will help us to achieve speed and efficiency when dealing with orders.

a Please send the correct remittance to cover stamp orders, including the requisite handling charge of 6d. For orders under 10s.0d. And 2/6d. for those 10s.0d. and over. When ordering more than one issue in advance, a handling fee for each issue should be enclosed. Stamped addressed reply envelopes need not be sent.

b In view of the extra number of commemorative stamps being issued this year customers are asked to ensure that sufficient remittance is sent to cover standing order requirements.

c There seems to be some confusion among our overseas customers concerning the value of International Reply Coupons. These coupons, whatever their purchase price, are exchangeable for the cost of return postage for a minimum weight letter sent by surface mail, which in the U.K. 1s 6d.

A Fortune in Stamps

£275,000 Collection for Postal Museum

4 Two great collections of historic stamps, neither of which have ever been fully shown to the public, will form the basis of a National Postal Museum which the Post Office is creating in London.

One of the collections is in the Post Office's own treasury of stamps, both British and foreign. The second is the private collection of Mr. Reginald Phillips, worth more than a quarter-of-a-million pounds, which he has handed over to the G.P.O for the purpose of establishing the museum.

Mr. Phillips, a retired property dealer, who spent 40 years creating his unique collection of nineteenth-century British stamps, has also made a gift of £50,000 towards the museum. It will be housed in the London Chief Post Office, King Edward Street, occupying about 2,000 square feet and will be confined to material associated with stamps. Other aspects of the postal service will not be covered. The museum will not be open until 1968, but selected pieces from the Phillips' collection will be on show early next year in a special exhibition room.

The Phillips' albums include the most comprehensive collection of nineteenth-century British stamps in existence. The collection is unique in that it documents the history of stamps in Britain, the country which gave the adhesive postage stamps to the world. The 46 volumes and 2,500 album sheets contain, apart from issued stamps in superb condition, a number of original drawings, official documents, design competition entries, proofs and colour trials. The original of Sir Rowland Hill's proposal for the uniform penny post and Corboulds drawings for the famous Penny Black of 1840, when the first adhesive stamps were introduced, are among the historic documents.

One of the items of issued stamps is an unused block of Penny Blacks of 1840 now estimated to be worth more than £10,000. The whole collection is stated to be worth £250,000 and a selection from it won for Mr Phillips the Grand Prix at the London International Stamp Exhibition in 1960 by unanimous vote of the jury.

Mr. Phillips, who first began collecting stamps in his teens, is now aged 78 and a millionaire. At his home in Brighton he personally handed over his collection to the Postmaster General, Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn and said: "I felt very strongly that everything possible should be done in the national interest to bring about the creation of a national home to provide a permanent and living record of Britain's pioneer work in postal communication."

"I was also concerned that my collection, and the history it is designed to portray of the various stages of the production and development of the stamps of this country, might one day be broken up and the wonderful story it tells of British ingenuity and foresight lost for ever."

Mr. Benn thanked Mr. Phillips for his "immense generosity" and said: "You take your place among many other philanthropists who have given great historic treasures to the nation."

The Post Office collection which is also to be shown at the new museum includes the registration sheets - the first off the press - of virtually every British stamp issued. Including a large number of specimen foreign stamps, there are well over a million items in the Post Office collection. It also contains the original dies from which the first stamps were printed.

A specialised account of the Phillips' collection is to be written by Mr. Robson Lowe, the postal historian. Colour slides of the items and lecture notes will be available to philatelic societies. The museum will include facilities for study - and a plaque will commemorate the part played in the project by Mr. Phillips. The Post Office is also to present him with colour photographs of all his collection.

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STOP PRESS

700th Anniversary of Parliament Stamps postponed

We regret we have to inform readers that because of the unofficial ban on overtime at Post Office Supplies Depots, it will not be possible for the special stamps to commemorate the 700th Anniversary of the Simon de Montfort Parliament to be put on sale on June 10th, as was planned.

In announcing this in Parliament on the 3rd June, 1965, the Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Wedgewood Benn, M.P., said that he would announce a new date as soon as possible.

Orders for these stamps and first-day covers which have been placed with the Bureau will be held until the new date of issue.

In view of the postponement of this special issue we are able to extend the date of acceptance of applications for our Parliamentary First Day Cover service. A new closing date for receipt of applications will be given when the new issue date is announced.

Other Items

General series phosphor

We have been informed by our Supplies Department that the ½d. and 1d. phosphor treated definitives will in future be printed on white wove paper instead of cream as at present. They will be on sale in the Bureau from June 21st onwards. Customers who have placed standing orders with us for such stamps will, of course, receive them automatically.

2/6d. Parliamentary stamp

The 2/6d. stamps are being plate printed and not rotary printed. We wish to inform customers that no plate numbers will appear on any sheets of these stamps.