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Introduction

On the 1st June 1966 special stamps are to be issued to mark the World Cup football competition which is to be played in England for the first time and we print details of the stamps and their designers in this edition. These stamps form the forty-third special issue since the first in 1924 and in next month's Bulletin we will give a full list.

The unaccepted designs printed this month are for the Robert Burns stamps and in view of their universal appeal and the affection for the poet himself we add a brief article on him.

Most of our readers will not know of the suggested change in pillar box design and we are sure they will be interested in our article 'The Square Look'.

Our ever popular postmark slogan feature and Bureau news completes this edition.

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ADDENDUM

PICTORIAL ISSUE - BIRDS

The Postmaster General has decided that these stamps will now be issued in blocks of four at 4d. each and NOT in blocks of six as stated on page 4 of the Bulletin. The first day of issue has been deferred to Monday 8th. August 1966.

Amended information about the full first day cover service to be provided by the Bureau and on the availability and price of the presentation packs will appear in the June issue of the Bulletin.

Application forms for first day cover service will be enclosed with the June issue.

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain

THE PARLIAMENT OF PHILATELY

Four attractive one-day hand-stamps designed, by E. F. Hugon for the 48th Philatelic Congress meeting at Brighton from 14-17th June will be used to cancel mail in connection with their special Congress Souvenir Envelopes issued for the occasion.

A temporary Post Office will be installed at the Grand Hotel for the four days and will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the sale of stamps and acceptance of registered mail.

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain holds the record of having been granted permission by the GPO for a special Post Office and Hand-Stamp since 1909.

Royal Patronage was granted by Her Majesty the Queen in 1949 to celebrate their Golden Jubilee.

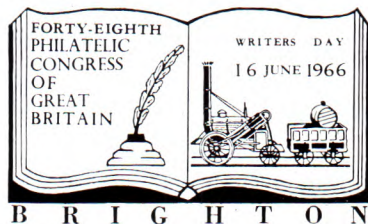
Congress has a membership of 160 Affiliated Societies in this country in addition to an individual membership.

The discussions at its Business Meetings, when society delegates and members cross swords on all manner of philatelic topics do, however, offer a platform for expression of opinions which reflect the trends of the day and enable majority views to be recorded and acted upon as necessary. In this sense, Congress is truly the Parliament of Philately and its resolutions are brought to the notice of the proper authorities when occasion demands. Quite apart from that, Congress is unique in philately as a social gathering of serious philatelists from every part of the country including overseas delegates who, for four days each year meet and discuss their mutual interests on a personal level which is sometimes more rewarding than public debate.

An exhibition of stamps and Postal History will be held during Congress and exhibits have been chosen from collections which have won awards at recent International Exhibitions. Three papers have been written for Congress and will be presented for discussion: 'Collecting Today', 'Reading and Writing' and 'Rules for Competitive Exhibitions.'

On this occasion a member of the GPO

Shown here are the four special handstamps to be used at Brighton during the occasion of the 48th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. Each handstamp will be used for one day only, between 14th and 17th June 1966



Philatelic Bureau Staff will be present to answer customers enquiries.

Any information required concerning The Congress, Souvenir Covers, Special Cancellations must be sent to the Secretary-General, The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, 3 The Woodlands, London Road, Withdean, Brighton 6, Sussex.

Pictorial Issue — Birds

The first day of issue of the second series of British pictorial stamps will be 15th July 1966. The stamps will be issued in blocks of 6 in a similar manner to the Battle of Britain series of 1965, and will be 4d each.

Full details of the designs and artists will be given in the June Bulletin.

The Bureau will again offer a full first day cover service on specially designed envelopes for an inclusive charge of 5s (80 c) and will service customers' order envelopes for 3s each (50 c).

The official first day envelope will be available in advance from the Bureau and the offices listed below, where philatelic posting boxes are being provided for the use of those who would rather prepare and post their own covers. The envelopes will cost 6d each. For bulk orders (from the Bureau only) the prices are:

250 £4 3s 4d	1,000 £15	5,000 £60
500 £8	2,500 £33	10,000 £104

(Plus 2s 6d handling charge)

Our very attractive presentation packs containing the six stamps will be on sale from the Bureau and the offices mentioned below. The packs will, in addition to the stamps, contain artistic details and particulars of the production processes.

Each pack will cost 3s (50c) plus the normal handling charge of 6d for orders under 10s and 2s 6d for orders of 10s and over. For orders of 100 or more from the Bureau the charge will be 1s 10d per pack plus 2s 6d handling charge.

List of offices with philatelic posting boxes.

London E.C.D.O. (Chief Office).

Trafalgar Square B.O. WC2.

London S.W.D.O.

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

Any addition to this list will be printed in the June Bulletin.

The Square Look

Square is the likely shape for pillar boxes in 1966 and beyond. It is hoped that an order for 100 of them will be placed in the near future. They would be the first square pillar boxes to be sited on a British pavement since pillar boxes first came to London in 1855.

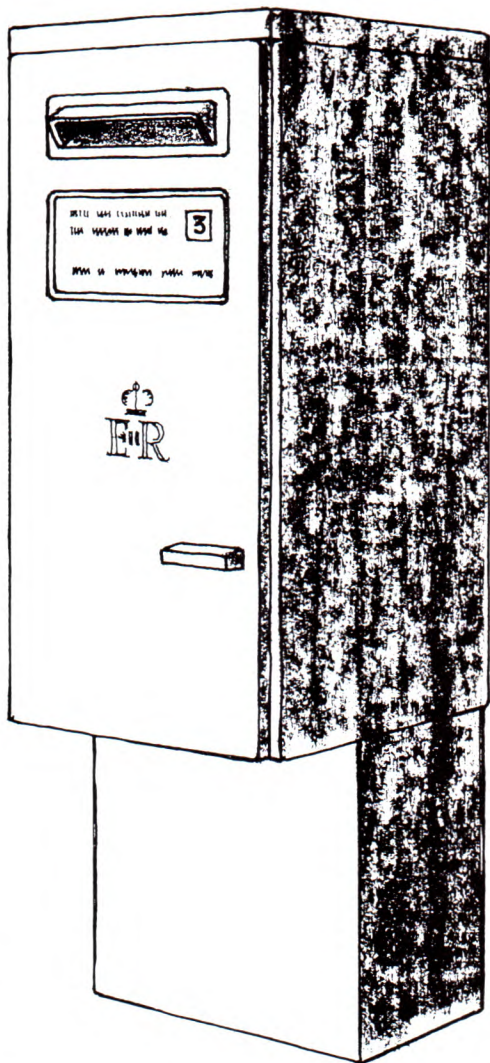
The work of industrial designer David Mellor, the new box is made up of rectangular panels which are easily replaceable, and can be made of a self-coloured material such as vitreous enamel. The shape also enables a quick-release lever mechanism to be incorporated inside the box for speedy emptying.

The Post Office is in touch with the staff associations and the Council of Industrial Design (who are consulted about street furniture) and, provided there are no unforeseen snags, square could well be the shape of things to come in British pillar boxes.

Although the first pillar boxes to be sited in London were square, they were also ugly and only a handful were sited before Victorian London had them replaced with a very ornate cylindrical box typical of the period. And apart from the short reign of the attractive eight-sided box designed by J. W. Penfold (1866 to 1879), cylindrical has been the shape ever since. The cylindrical box of today is basically the same as it was 90 years ago.

Designer David Mellor, who is also responsible for the modern 'K-type' case which holds two stamp machines, said that the square shape was governed by functional considerations. 'I like the traditional cylindrical shape very much, but the new box needs to be square to do its job efficiently. I think it is quite attractive and blends well into the mood of the sixties.

'One of the requirements', said Mr Mellor, 'was for a box that could be assembled in sections. This leads you to a square box as curved pieces don't fit together easily. The mechanism required to allow the box to empty easily also called for a square shape. And I think a square container is a more natural one for envelopes'.



Another big advantage of Mr Mellor's box is that two or more of them will fit easily together to provide double-aperture posting facilities as in central London, or simply to double or treble storage capacity at busy street corners.

For the Postman the most interesting features are inside the box. He simply hooks the mail bag underneath the letter container, presses a lever and the hinged floor of the container drops away to form a steep chute down which the letters cascade into the bag.

The secret of this operation lies in the fact that



Left: The new box with the two boxes it is designed to replace.

Below: A square London box of 1855. This last survivor was kept in the London Museum but was lost in the blitz 25 years ago.



the box protrudes beyond its stand so that the mail bag can be placed directly beneath the letter container. With the cylindrical box the chute is a much shallower affair and the letters have to be scooped into the bag.

Another feature of the square box is that the lever which releases the floor of the box also frees the wire grid at the front. This is hinged at the top and can be pulled out to increase the size of the hole through which the letters fall. The postman has a choice of two combinations of hooks on which to fasten his bag, his choice depending on how far out he wants to pull the wire grid.

The grid also has the usual aperture with plastic flap at the bottom of the letter container to enable the box to be emptied by hand if there are only a few letters. The whole of the grid is lined with plastic to prevent letters catching in the wire.

David Mellor and the Post Office are still studying the mechanics of the new box and further modifications are quite likely.

The Postal Engineering Development Section of the Engineering Department has been working closely with Mr Mellor on the mechanics of the box, and the man chiefly concerned is Mr E. J. Castellano. He points out that al-

Postage Stamp Books

though the new square box may be slightly more expensive to make and install than some of the cast-iron cylindrical ones, the cylindrical box does not lend itself to modern methods of casting and would therefore become relatively more expensive.

Another important point was that the use of self-coloured panels did away with the costly business of repainting the box at frequent intervals.

'The cylindrical boxes are only at their best immediately after they have been painted', said Mr Castellano. 'We hope this new design will give us a pillar box that is smart all the year round'.

(Reprinted with acknowledgments to the Post Office Magazine).

A mock-up of the original design showing two boxes combined to give double aperture posting facilities.



The 2/- stamp book containing eight 3d stamps will be on sale at the offices listed below between 16 May and 30 September 1966. They will also, of course, be available from the Bureau. The book will comprise two panes of stamps, each pane of four 3d stamps. The interleaving will contain Post Office information.

Trafalgar Square B.O. London.

Aberystwyth	Minehead
Ayr	Morecambe
Bangor	Newquay
Barmouth	Newcastle Co. Down
Barry	North Berwick
Bath	Oban
Belfast	Oxford
Blackpool	Penzance
Bournemouth	Pitlochry
Bridlington	Porthcawl
Brighton	Pwllheli
Caernarvon	Portrush
Cardigan	Ramsgate
Cambridge	Rhyl
Canterbury	Rothsay
Cleethorpes	Ryde
Colwyn Bay	St. Andrews
Conway	St. Austell
Crieff	St. Ives
Douglas	Salisbury
Dover	Scarborough
Dunbar	Skegness
Eastbourne	Southport
Edinburgh	Stratford-upon-Avon
Falmouth	Tenby
Folkestone	Torquay
Fort William	Truro
Great Yarmouth	Ventnor
Harrogate	Wells
Hastings	Weston-super-Mare
Ilfracombe	Weymouth
Inverness	Whitby
Larne	Whitley Bay
Leamington Spa	Winchester
Llandudno	Windermere
Llangollen	Worcester
Llanrwyst	York
Londonderry	
Margate	

Postmark Slogans

'Royal Counties Show June 22-23-24 1967 Kingsclere Hampshire' will be used in the transposed position at Basingstoke and Newbury during the period 26th June 1966 to 24th June 1967. Covers for reposting to Head Postmasters, Basingstoke, Hants and Newbury, Berks.

Specimen not available

'Fly The Prestwick Way - The World O'er'; 'Prestwick' (Bathing Lake Design); 'Prestwick for Golf' and 'Prestwick Indoor Bowls' will be in use in the transposed position at Prestwick during the periods 1st April to 14th May, and 31st October 1966 to 31st March 1967; 16th to 30th May 1966; 25th July to 3rd September 1966; and 5th September to 29th October 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Ayr.



'17-25 May CBSO Birmingham International Wind Competition' will be used during the period 4-25th May as follows:

Office	No. of Dies	Position of Die
Birmingham	Three	Standard
Aston District Office	One	Transposed
Camp Hill District Office	One	Standard
Moseley District Office	One	Transposed
Smethwick District Office	One	Transposed
Western District Office	One	Transposed

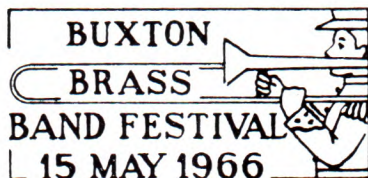
Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Birmingham.



'Visit Historic Newark' will be used in the transposed position at Newark during the period 8th May to 16th June 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Newark, Notts.



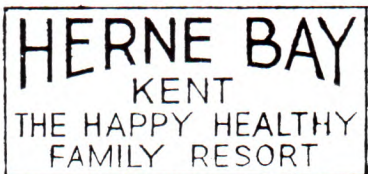
'Buxton Brass Band Festival 15th May 1966', 'Buxton Festival of Music 14-24 July', 'Buxton Centre of Peak District', 'Buxton Welcomes New Industries', and 'Buxton Send for Guide', will be used in the transposed position at Buxton during the periods 15th April to 14th May, 15th May to 23rd July, 24th July to 30th September, 1st October to 26th December 1966, and 27th December 1966 to 14th April 1967 respectively. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Buxton, Derbyshire.



'Filey for all the Family' will not now be used at Filey during the period 1st June to 29th November '66. The present slogan 'Filey For Your Next Holiday Send to Council Offices for Guide' will continue in use until 3rd December 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Scarborough, Yorkshire.



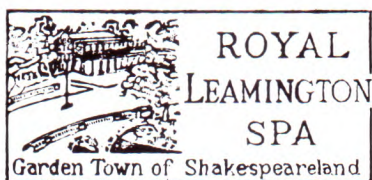
'Herne Bay Kent The Happy Healthy Family Resort', has been in use in the transposed position at Herne Bay since 4th March 1966 and will continue in use until 3rd March 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Canterbury, Kent.



'York Races 1-2nd July' and 'York Races 15-16th July' will be used in the transposed position at York during the periods 9-29th June and 30th June to 13th July 1966 respectively. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, York.

Specimen not available

'Royal Leamington Spa, Garden Town of Shakespeareland', as announced in Volume 3 No. 7, will now finish on 15th May 1966. A new slogan, 'Royal Leamington Spa Host Town For Royal Show 5-8 July', will be used in the transposed position at Leamington from 16th May 1966 to 27th February 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Leamington, Warwickshire.



'The Dairy Festival - Time For Sport' will be used in the standard and transposed positions at 15 offices during the period 31st May to 31st July 1966. The offices include Bradford (Standard), Manchester (Standard), Sunderland (Transposed) and Swindon (Transposed). Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster concerned.



'Oswestry Welcomes Industry With Space for Work and Leisure' has been extended a further year from 14th April 1966 to 13th April 1967. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Oswestry, Salop.



'Weston-Super-Mare Fine For Family Holidays In Sunny Somerset' has been extended a further year from 28th March 1966 to 27th March 1967. A second die, to the same design, will be used during the period 13th June 1966 to 11th September 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset.



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'Visit United Counties Show Carmarthen 11-12th August 1966, will be in use in the transposed position as follows:

	No. of	
Office	Dies	Period
Carmarthen	One	1st May to 17th July and 1-12th August 1966
Cardigan	One	1st May - 12th August
Haverfordwest	One	1st May - 12th August
Swansea	One	1st May - 17th July and 1-12th August 1966

Covers for reposting to the Head Postmasters concerned.



'Shrewsbury Carnival Day 2nd Saturday in September', 'Shrewsbury Historical Centre Brochure from Information Bureau Shrewsbury Salop' and 'Christmas Shopping Illuminations Shrewsbury December and January' will be in use in the transposed position at Shrewsbury during the periods 19th August to 11th September; 12th September to 4th December and 2nd January 1967 to 26th February 1967; and 5th December 1966 to 1st January 1967 respectively. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Shrewsbury, Salop.

"SHREWSBURY CARNIVAL DAY" SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER



'Let's All Go To The Suffolk Show Ipswich 1-2nd June' will be in use at Ipswich, Lowestoft and Bury St. Edmunds during the period 4-31st May 1966. The dies will be used in the transposed position except for one at Ipswich. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster concerned.

Lets all go to the
SUFFOLK SHOW
IPSWICH 1.. & 2.. JUNE

'See You At The County Show Stafford May 25-26th' will be used in the standard position at Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford, Lichfield, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton-on-Trent and Leek during the period 9-22nd May 1966. Covers for reposting should be sent to the Head Postmasters concerned.

Specimen not available

'Learn To Swim Week - Scotland 30th May-4th June 1966' will be in use in the transposed position at nine offices and in the standard position at one office (Glasgow) during the period 30th May to 4th June 1966. The ten offices are as follows: Edinburgh North Western District Office, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, Dumfries, Dumfermline, Falkirk, Motherwell, Paisley and Perth. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmasters concerned.

Specimen not available

'1916 Coventry 1966 Jubilee Exhibition Earl Street, 1-30th June' and '1916 Coventry 1966 Savings Year Join A Savings Group' will be used in the transposed position at Coventry during the periods 1-30th June and 1st September to 31st October 1966 respectively. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Coventry, Warwickshire.

Specimen not available

In Bulletin No. 7 Vol. 3, it was announced that the slogan 'Beautiful Healthy Eastbourne, Sun Trap of the South' had been extended for a further year from 24th February 1966 to 23rd February 1967. This information was incorrect. The slogan extended and in use at the present time is 'Eastbourne Britain's Sunniest Mainland Resort 1961-62-63-64.' We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the publication of this wrong announcement.

Specimen not available

Special Handstamps

'Solihull Ju 4 1966 719' at Solihull on 4th June. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Birmingham.

'1000 Years of Polish Christianity' at London W.12 on 22nd May. Covers for reposting to the District Postmaster, London Paddington District Office, London W.2.

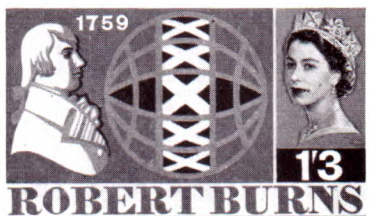
'Polish Millenary of Christianity' at Fawley Court, Henley-on-Thames on 29th May. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

'Royal Counties Agricultural Show' at Wolverton, Basingstoke during the period 23-25 June. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Basingstoke, Hants.

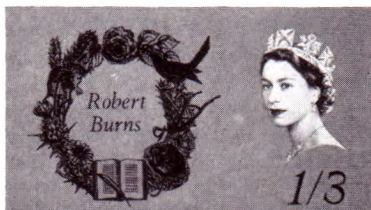
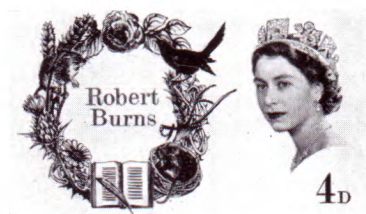
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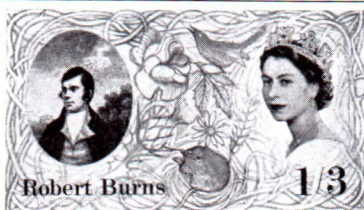
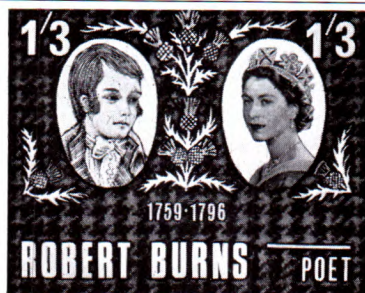
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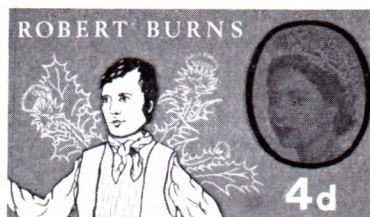
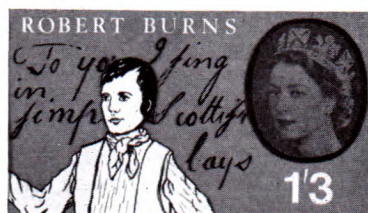
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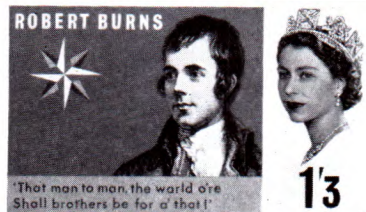
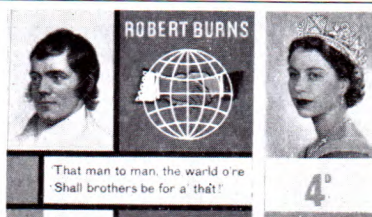
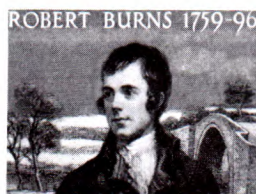
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Stamp Orders

It sometimes happens that we are unable to meet customers orders, especially when our stocks of certain items are exhausted. We are then faced with the problem of how to deal with the remittance sent with the order.

We are happy to refund the amount by cheque, money order or to substitute other stamps of up to 5s in value; alternatively we will open an account provided the sum available is over 10s.

It would be a help to us if our customers would, whenever possible, indicate which of these alternatives they would prefer.

Correspondence with Bureau

We would appreciate it if any enquiries about orders from the Bureau were made as early as possible after receipt. We regret that we cannot deal with enquiries placed more than six months from the original order date.

Stop Press

World Cup 1966 Stamps

In addition to the list of Philatelic Posting Boxes shown on page 3 of the April Bulletin, a box will be available, for this issue only, at the following office:

WEMBLEY, MIDDXX.

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 watermark.

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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