

MIDLAND MAIL

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I have noticed on my travels around the country that in addition to Dunroamin, Honeysuckle Cottage etc., there is another contender for the title of Most Popular Housename. It is The Old Post Office. However therein lies a possible source of conflict which could destroy the calm of the English countryside. Some months ago I came across, in a Leicestershire village, a very desirable residence bearing that name. But my researches show, and this is true of more than one village, that there are at least two buildings in the village with an older claim to the title. What should they be called, The Older Old Post Office, The Even Older Old Post Office? Is there a possible source of extra income for postal historians in issuing a certificate to say that a particular building is truly The Oldest Old Post Office?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Our annual competitions will be held on 18th. February at Carrs Lane Church Centre, Birmingham at 1.30 p.m. A reminder that there are three competitions which are for nine sheet entries of:

- (a) predominantly pre-1840 material,
- (b) predominantly post-1840 material,
- (c) post-1938 material.

On 11th. March at Carrs Lane Church Centre the guest speaker will be Mr. R. Hall of Leamington who will give a talk on "The Roadside Letter Box". The meeting will begin at 1.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL AUCTION

Our Annual Auction will be held on 29th. April at Worcester. Details of any lots that members wish to enter will be required by Easter Saturday so that a catalogue can be produced and distributed in good time. Please send descriptions with an assessment of the condition based on "Poor", "Fine" or "Superb" to:

Mrs. E. Lewis, 27 Rathbone Road, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands B67 5JG. Indicate clearly the number of items in each lot together with a fair market valuation and your reserve price, if any. Lots may be brought to the March meeting or handed over on the day of the auction.

Also, donations of items to be sold for the funds of the Society will be greatly appreciated by your committee.

THE DECEMBER MEETING

Well over twenty members were present at our now traditional meeting at the Bass Museum, Burton on Trent. After a very good lunch our Chairman Richard Farman provided the afternoon's entertainment with a talk entitled "Beer". At a rough estimate, he showed us about 250 sheets during the afternoon, so it will be obvious that the following report can be no more than a mere half-pint drawn from a whole hogshead of material.

Richard began with a number of letters relating to beer. One sent from Appleby on 28th. December 1723 concerned a New Year's present - "...am sending a small vessel of Burton Ale by Wm Huskins wagon to the Old Castle, Smithfield." There was a letter of 1802 advertising beer colourings and one of 1809 about the opening up of the market in India. Later letters illustrated the routes and rates of mail between this country and India. One was from a man in Julpigory wishing to stock up with beer before the rainy season. His order for a variety of ales totalled 81 gallons. We were then shown a number of items of ephemera including a 1742 licence to brew beer, a 1747 notice of the bankruptcy of a brewery and an advertising card for the Trentham Inn on the back of which was a mailcoach timetable. One item which caught the Editor's eye was a 1786 trade-bill from the Three Cranes of Leicester which was a stopping point for the Manchester mailcoach. This was followed by a number of letter sheets of various breweries. A "comic" Valentine carried the verse:

Your Ale is very queer indeed
 Your Porter's adulterated
 And the presence of every impure drink
 In you is concentrated

Richard ended the first half with a preprinted postcard of Bass dated 6th. December 1870, a very early date for such an item and showing how quickly Bass made use of the new method of postal communication.

The second half began with a display of postcards showing the enormous range of activities in the brewing industry including the coopers trussing out an apprentice. Then there were cards acknowledging receipts or with orders. Of note was the clergyman who ordered 27 gallons of beer in a month. A preprinted card acknowledging a telegraphed order showed that such a method of ordering was not uncommon. Application of a "Contrary to Regulations" handstamp was the Post Office's reaction to a postcard with a Guinness label stuck to it. Another card with a Bass label received the same treatment. The seasonal nature of the brewing industry in the past was reflected in a letter advertising the new season's brewing in October. Those of us who thought that lager was a recent invention were proved wrong by a postcard of the opening of a lager brewery in 1899. Richard then finished by showing the "perfans" of a number of brewing companies.

In thanking Richard for a most entertaining display, Chris Beaver commented that it had shown the way in which postal history touches upon many facets of our everyday life.

I am indebted to Richard for permission to reproduce the document shown opposite. The interest for me lies in the description of the "Late Box". It is undated but other material from the same source is dated 1857.

POST OFFICE, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

DISPATCH OF MAILS.

					Time of dispch	Letter Box closed
					a. m.	a. m.
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,	...	1st.	...	...	3.30.	3.15
London,	...	1st.	...	...	10.30.	} a. m. 10.20
Birmingham,	...	1st.	...	...	10.30.	
Tamworth,	...	1st.	...	...	10.30.	
L. & N. W. Railway, (North)	...	1st.	...	...	10.30.	
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,	...	2nd.	...	...	10.30.	
Leicester,	..	1st.	...	...	10.30.	
					p. m.	
Rugby and Leeds,	...	...	...	...	12.20.	} 12 0
Derby,	...	1st.	...	...	12.20.	
Birmingham	...	2nd.	...	...	12.55.	} p. m. 12.45
London,	...	2nd.	...	...	9.55.	
Birmingham,	...	3rd.	...	...	9.55.	} p. m. 9.0
Tamworth,	...	2nd.	...	...	9.55.	
L. & N. W. Railway, (South)	...	...	...	...	9.55.	
Ditto,	...	(North)	...	...	9.55.	
Liverpool,	...	...	...	...	9.55.	
Manchester	...	...	...	...	9.55.	
Derby,	...	2nd.	...	...	9.55.	
London and Holyhead,	...	...	...	...	9.55.	
Shrewsbury and Tamworth Ry. P.O.	...	...	...	...	9.55.	

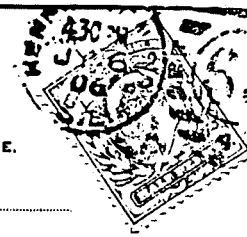
Whenever a mail is being made up, the slide is drawn up to show that fact, and presents two apertures (one over the other.) Letters posted in the bottom aperture or too-late letter box will not go by that mail—whether stamped with an extra stamp or not: therefore, all letters posted while the slide is drawn up, and which are intended to go by that mail must bear an extra stamp (as a late fee,) & posted in the *top aperture* or *Extra Stamp Box*.

THE JANUARY MEETING

The Post and Postcards was the topic for the meeting on 14th. January which was attended by fourteen members, not all of whom stuck to this title. Nevertheless it was a very enjoyable afternoon, with the displays reflecting the wide range of interests of the members.

The bulk of Trevor Clewley's display was devoted to mail passing between India and this country, illustrating a variety of rates and markings. Ted Coles showed us Field Service Postcards. He began with the stamped version issued in 1914, and then moved to the temporary cards issued in a range of colours before finishing with the unstamped cards. "Railways" was the theme of Chris Beaver's display. He started with an early Stafford Station duplex and continued with a number of Staffordshire items on postcard including the postmark of Cotes Heath, the only R.S.O. in the county. Eric Lewis produced a number of delightful Victorian illustrations of postmen and postboys. Our President opted to show pre-adhesive material including a letter sent from Bury to Banff with a "Too Late" applied in transit, and a number of Free Fronts showing infringements of the franking regulations. Photographs from the last century of the staff at a number of Worcestershire offices were shown by Mike Young. The staff at Evesham in 1883-4 was comprised entirely of ladies led by a very formidable looking postmistress. Elizabeth continued the theme of the Lewis household with more early prints, including one by George Cruickshank.

Derek Smeathers began the second half with a new slant on philatelic literature. Surely this must be the only Society at which a Ladybird book has been displayed. It is far more instructive than some of the philatelic material on offer at the bookstalls. He then continued with a postman's badge and postmen on postcards. Denis Salt showed us three sheets on each of the three Irish Packets. These included an example of the extra charge on letters to and from Ireland for the Menai crossing as well as an example of the extra charge of 1/2d. levied in Wales on letters using the Milford Haven - Waterford route. Leicestershire post offices were shown by Paul Hill and John Soer, the former placing an appropriate postmark on cover alongside each photograph. A bookmark postcard began John Calladine's nine sheets. He continued with a variety of modern postcards and ended with one carried by Mr. Ron Burden on his final delivery at the village of Cranham, on 7th. January 1989, after fifty years in the Post Office of which thirty were connected with Cranham. The stamp was cancelled with a PED OFFICE GLOUCESTER MLO rubber handstamp. Does anyone know what a PED office is? Harold Wilson produced nine sheets of Derbyshire post offices which apart from Fritchley gave the date of opening. Our Chairman brought the proceedings to an end with nine sheets of postcards. Notable amongst these were one for a charity appeal in 1896 and an invitation card with a piece to be detached for the reply. All in all it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

For Halfpenny Postage Sender's Name and Address only allowed. From 246 Sherrington Park Rd G. E.	ROTARY PHOTOGRAPHIC SERIES	(IMPRIME)	
		BOOK POST CARD	
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN HERE.			
To		Miss E. Lane	
		37 Magdalen St.	
		Exeter.	

AND BY YOUR DOGS YE SHALL BE KNOWN

Eric and Elizabeth Lewis have contributed the following press-cutting and illustration which they found during the visit to P.O. Archives last January.

The Postmaster-General's annual reports have accustomed Londoners to the wonderful resources of our national post-office. To the many anecdotes, curious and extraordinary, it is our place to add a doggy one. It happened more than a year ago, but it has not been told before. An artist, a native of Norway, had been making a stay in London, and one day, while passing through Hyde Park, he espied a sight familiar enough to townsmen - Mr. J. Pratt, the well-known Skye Terrier exhibitor, accompanied by his string of Terriers. On his return to Norway the artist remembered the scene, and wished to purchase a specimen of the breed, but he knew neither the owner's name nor his address. So he made a call upon his artistic acquirements, and posted a letter with a direction that implied a tremendous compliment to our Post-Office, which this body thoroughly earned when the letter was in due course delivered to Mr. Pratt, at his address in Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park. This is a photographic sketch of the envelope. The contents were self-explanatory:-

Norway, August 25, 1885.

SIR, - When in London a short time ago I saw a very fine team of Skye Terriers in Hyde Park. I inquired of a policeman if he knew the owner. He said the owner lived near Paddington Station, and so I send this to that district. Should this find you, will you please inform me if such dogs can be purchased, and where? Please communicate to me here at once, and I will call on you on my return to London shortly.

I am, yours truly,
ALFRED STENHULZ.



The Society's New Book

Members who missed the December and January meetings may be unaware that the Society's second publication, "The Undated Straight Line and Numbered Receiving House Marks of the Midland Counties, 1840-60", is now on sale. The retail price will be £5.50 but the book is being made available to members at just £3.50, little more than its basic production cost. It can be forwarded by post for an extra £1. Please send orders to John Calladine, Dunley House, Cranham, Gloucester.

The new publication (ISBN: 0 9513311 0 8) is in a similar format to our UDC book, illustrates all the marks listed and includes a further 37 illustrations of examples on cover. Many of the stamps are very scarce and it is doubted that the task of listing them systematically has been attempted before. The book bridges the gap, so far as the Midland Counties are concerned, between the Willcocks & Jay volumes of "The British County Catalogue of Postal History" and the Society's UDC book, a third edition of which will appear in the Spring. It is hoped that members will spread the news of its publication to friends outside the Society and, perhaps, interest local libraries in our books.

THE INLAND POSTS (1392-1672)

Attention should have been drawn before this to Dr. J.W.M. Stone's compilation of source material, published in 1987 by Christies - Robson Lowe at £15. The sub-title is "A Calendar of Historical Documents with Appendices". It is a book to use rather than read. Some of the appendices, mostly long and full transcriptions, are familiar sources to the extent that they are often quoted from by the authorities; many will be unknown to most students. The "Calendar" is a summary, chronologically arranged as far as possible, of a very large number of letters and papers, some of considerable importance, many trivial, most reasonably intelligible, a few practically meaningless without effort and research. Here's a typical example:-

1638, 1 May. Petition of John Chew, postmaster of Bewdley, to Secs Coke and Windebank. He is above 90 years of age and has served as post above 30 years. There is due to him for his wages in his stage towards the Marches of Wales, begun 2nd June 1625, and ended this day, £471. 4s., and he prays relief. SP16.389.(4).

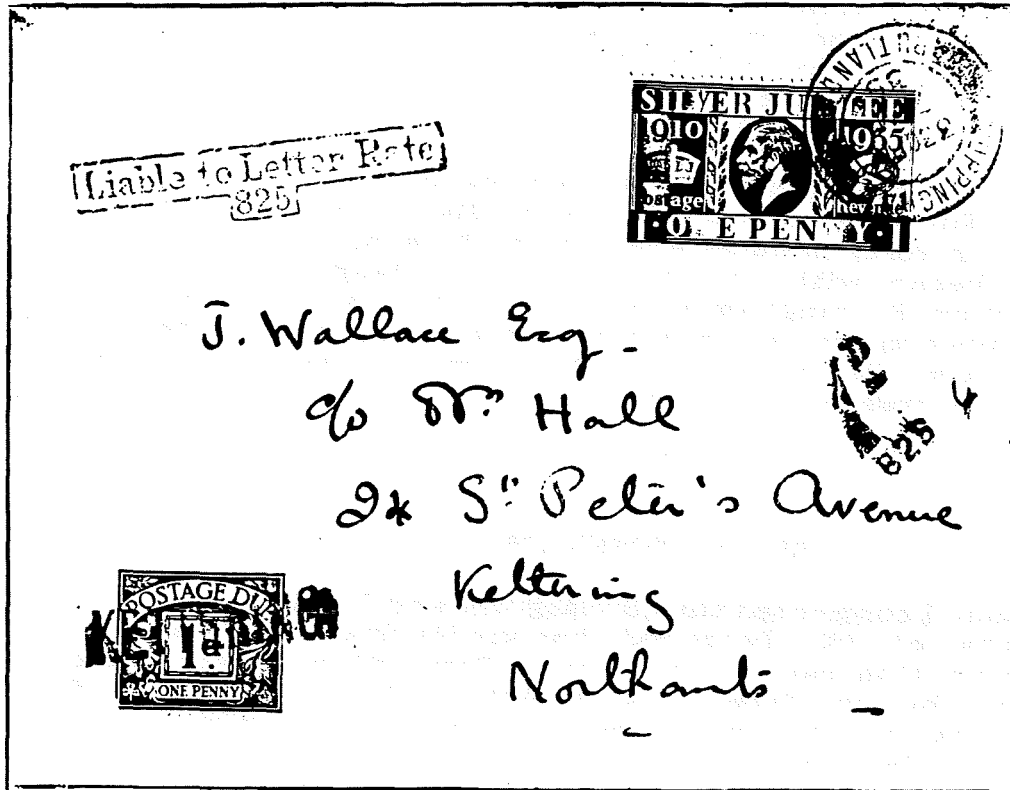
Reference to Bewdley in the Index (only eight to Worcestershire, three to Bewdley, five to Worcester) leads to a sequel but not the conclusion of the matter:-

1639, 10 May. Petition of John Chew, late post at Bewdley, to Council. At his entrance to the place he paid £100. He is behind in his pay £471.4.0 and is indebted. Being upwards of 90 years old his place about twelve months since was taken away without recompence. SP16.420.(128).

SP16 means the State Papers Domestic of the time of Charles I. Dr. Stone's Bibliography locates his sources, whether originals or in published collections. The introduction demonstrates that many more sources (particularly local ones) wait to be similarly searched and that the book needs to be used in conjunction with authoritative works covering both the historical background and the postal developments of the time. Members will realise that the concluding date coincides with the beginning of the Peover Papers (Post 94) from which Dr. Stone's precis in date order is being serialised in Cross Post for Friends of the National Postal Museum as well as (local allusions only) in Midland Mail. Virtually nothing earlier than 1672 is located at Post Office Archives.

TWO UNUSUAL STRAIGHT-LINES

As I failed to persuade the Co-ordinating Editor that the two straight line marks, shown below, should be included in the Society's latest publication, I shall inflict them on readers of Midland Mail. The first is a KETTERING mark used to cancel a postage due. It looks rather like the cancellations I have seen on the adhesive stamps of various railway companies. At first I thought that the Lutterworth mark, on the registered letter receipt, had been produced by removal of the lower line from the penny post handstamp but after a closer inspection I am not so sure.



No. 54 P.O. Lutterworth the 12th day of April 1876
 Received a **REGISTERED LETTER** addressed to
 DATE STAMP. M^r James Bingley
Peatling Parva
Lutterworth
 Postmaster's Signature [Signature]

*Lutterworth
Penny Post*

GRANTHAM

In recent years the small town of Grantham has found fame (notoriety?), through the achievements of one its daughters. Back in 1835 its post office acquired an importance out of all proportion to the size of the town.

The times of the Edinburgh and Glasgow mails were such that Grantham was the only sorting office between London and York on the line of the former mail; and between London and Wetherby on the latter. Likewise when the Birmingham - Yarmouth mailcoach was introduced in 1835, it was the only sorting office between those two towns, apart from a small amount done at Leicester. There was also a branch mail from Nottingham. As a result Grantham, in addition to those for its penny posts and London, made up bags for and received them from over fifty towns, as far away as Boroughbridge, Yarmouth, Bury St. Edmunds, Barnet and Birmingham. It will no doubt interest the Rutland fans (honest, they do exist) that one of the "towns" was Greetham.

The sorting commenced at 6.15 a.m. on the arrival of the coach from Yarmouth followed by that to Edinburgh at 7.23 and that to Glasgow at 7.40. The latter two mails were sent on in forty minutes and that to Birmingham at 8 a.m. In the evening the duty began with the arrival of the Glasgow mail at 4.26 p.m., followed by that from Birmingham at 4.37., and the Edinburgh at 4.49. The Glasgow and Edinburgh mails were again dispatched in forty minutes, and that to Yarmouth at 6.30 p.m. What a glorious sight the main street in Grantham must have been in the early evening.

SIX-DAY TOWNS, 1768

In the last issue I commented that Bromsgrove and Evesham appeared in the 1755 list but not that of 1763. Denis Salt has kindly drawn my attention to the fact that the explanation can be found in a Post Office notice dated 24th. December 1757, which he reproduced in an article in Postal History No. 228. In brief this stated that the bye-night mail between London and Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury etc. was to be sent via Shipston, Stratford and Henley in Arden instead of Evesham, Worcester and Bromsgrove.

Of note on the 1768 list is the continued absence of Coleshill and Lichfield. New to the list are towns on the branch, erected by Ralph Allen in 1736, from Lynn to Norwich and Yarmouth. This is not the appropriate place for a full discussion but there are now six-day routes to Portsmouth and Southampton. If time permits I will produce a more detailed commentary when all the available lists have been reproduced.

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GENERAL-POST-OFFICE, September the 6th, 1768.

His Majesty's Postmaster-General having been pleased to establish a Daily Post, Sunday excepted, to and from hence, and the following Post Towns. All Persons within their respective Collections and Deliveries, may avail themselves thereof who may think proper to have their Letters fetched and carried to and from the said Towns.

Abingdon.	Doncaster.	Leicester.	Shipston upon Stower.
Annan.	Dover.	Lewis.	Shifnal.
Appleby.	Dumfries.	Liverpool.	Shrewsbury.
Ashburton.	Dunstable.	Loughborough.	Sittingbourn.
Attleborough.	Durham.	Lowestoff.	Southall.
		Lynn.	Southampton.
Banbury.	East-Grinstead.		Stafford.
Barnard's-Castle.	Endfield.	Maidstone.	Stilton.
Barnet.	Enstone.	Manchester.	Stoke in Norfolk.
Barnsley.	Epsom.	Mansfield.	Stone.
Bath.	Exeter.	Marnate, { from Midsummer to Michaelmas.	Stamford.
Bawtry.		Market Harborough.	Staines.
Beccles.		Marlow.	Stratford on Avon.
Beaconsfield.	Fairford.	Middlewich.	Stroud Gloucestershire.
Birmingham.	Fakenham.		
Biscester.	Farnham.	Namptwich.	Tadcaster.
Bradford in Yorkshire.	Farringdon.	Newark.	Taunton.
Bridgwater.	Ferrybridge.	Newcastle.	Tedbury.
Brightelmstone { from Midsummer to Michaelmas	Feverham.	Newmarket.	Thame.
Bristol.		Newport-Pagnel.	Thetford.
Bromley, { from Midsummer to Michaelmas	Garstang.	Northallerton.	Thorne.
Brough.	Gerrard's-Cross.	Northampton.	Tiverton.
Burntwood.	Gloucester.	Nottingham.	Tunbridge. { from Midsummer to Michaelmas
Burroughbridge.	Godalmin.	Northwich.	Tuxford.
Bury St. Edmonds.	Grantham.	Norwich.	
Burnham in Norfolk.	Gravefend.	Oakingham.	Uxbridge.
	Guildford.	Oxford.	
Cambridge.	Hallifax.		Wakefield.
Campden.	Hampton in Gloucesters.	Penrith.	Wallfall.
Canterbury.	Haslemere.	Petersfield.	Walsingham.
Carlisle.	Hertford.	Plymouth.	Ware.
Caxton.	Hereford.	Portsmouth.	Warrington.
Chatham.	High Wycombe.	Prestcot.	Warwick.
Chelmsford.	Holkham.	Preston.	Watford.
Chesterfield.	Holt.		Watton in Norfolk.
Chester.	Holyhead.	Queensborough.	Wells in Somerset.
Chipping-norton.	Howden.		Wells in Norfolk.
Chorley in Lancashire.	Hull.	Ramsgate, { from Midsummer to Michaelmas	Wellington in Somerset.
Cirencester.	Huntingdon.	Rawcliffe.	Wetherby.
Claremont.	Huthersfield.	Reading.	Whitehaven.
Clay.		Retford.	Wigan.
Cobham.	Ingatestone.	Ripley.	Wight Isle of.
Cockermouth.	Ipswich.	Rochdale.	Winchester.
Colchester.	Ireland, { by Holyhead and Port Patrick	Retheiter.	Windham in Norfolk.
Colterworth.	Illeworth.	Retheiter.	Windsor.
Coventry.		Rochester.	Wingham in Kent.
Croydon.		Roydon.	Witham in Essex.
	Kelvedon.	Rumsey.	Wolverhampton.
Darling.	Kendal.	Ryegate.	Worcester.
Darlington.	Keswick.		Workop.
Dartford.	Kingston.	Sandwich.	Workington.
Daventry.		Saxmundham.	Wooburn.
Deal.	Lancaster.	Sevenoake, { from Midsummer to Michaelmas	Woodstock.
Derby.	Leatherhead.	St. Albans.	Yarmouth in Norfolk.
Dereham.	Ledbury.	Sheffield.	York.
Donaghadee.	Leeds.		

A Mail is dispatched from London to Edinburgh, and from Edinburgh to London every Day, Wednesday and Sunday excepted. Also to and from Morpeth, Alnwick, Belford, and Berwick. A Post is likewise established Six Times a Week between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, Glasgow, Greenock, and other intermediate Towns in Scotland.

Letters are sent from hence on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for Arundel, Brightelmstone, Chichester, Grays, Midhurst, Penworth, Strenning, Shoreham and Wilsich, and return hither on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

A N T H. T O D D, Secretary.

1839 MAIL COACH ROUTES

Recently at a local sale of junk, woops sorry, Antique and Collectors Fair, I came across some pages, apparently from an old directory, which are reproduced on the following pages. That below is enlarged but the others are the same size as the originals. I do not know the title of the book from which they originate but the year 1839 is written in the top right-hand corner of the first page. From the contents this would appear to be correct, though the Halifax coach was withdrawn on 5th. April 1839. A comparison of the route of the Manchester coach with that of the one to Halifax reveals a slight difference in the distances from London to Redbourne and from Market Harborough to Leicester. Anyway they are offered in the hope that they might be of interest and use to members.

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MAIL COACH ROUTES

DIRECT FROM LONDON.

[By permission of Messrs. CHARLES KNIGHT and Co., we are enabled to subjoin the following useful table of the Mails from the "British Almanac."]

THE following List, by the kindness of the Gentlemen connected with the Mail Coach Superintendent's Department at the Post Office, has been corrected according to the latest arrangements, and is of importance, as enabling persons to ascertain the time of receiving and delivering letters, as well as of forwarding parcels, and otherwise availing themselves of these conveyances. A very trifling computation will enable them also to ascertain the time of the mail passing any of the intermediate places. The first column gives the distance in miles from London, measured from the Post Office; the third is the time of the mails passing *from*, and the last its time of passing *to*, London. The mails leave the Post Office, London, every evening at 8, except on Sundays, when they are an hour earlier. The time mentioned is London time throughout, for the difference between which and the time at the different places, see the Companion for 1831. The Edinburgh and Glasgow mails arrive at the General Post Office at 5h. 30m. a.m.; the others arrive between 6 and 7 a.m., with the exception of the Liverpool and Leeds, which arrive in the evening at half-past 6 o'clock.

LONDON TO BIRMINGHAM. Railway.

From London.		From Birmingham.
11 0m	.	8 30m
8 30a	.	11 30a

BRIGHTON, from the *Spread Eagle*, Regent Circus. (Day Mail.)†

10 Croydon	.	11 38m	3 0a
12 Reigate	.	12 49m	1 46a
9 Crawley	.	1 44a	12 51m
9 Cuckfield	.	2 40a	11 55m
15 Brighton	.	4 15a	10 30m

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† The Night Mail leaves the Post Office at 8 30a. through the same route.

CARMARTHEN, GLOUCESTER, and CHELTENHAM, from the
Golden Cross, Charing Cross.

12	Hounslow	9	20a	5	30m
29	Maidenhead	11	8a	3	49m
49	Benson	1	20m	1	30m
61	Oxford	9	38m	12	19m
73	Witney	3	58m	11	0a
90	Northleach	5	43m	9	16a
102	CHELTENHAM	7	3m	7	47a
112	GLOUCESTER	8	0m	7	0a
129	Ross	10	8m	4	52a
139	Monmouth	11	11m	3	44a
147	Ragland	12	1a	2	59a
156	Abergavenny	12	53a	2	2a
176	Brecon	3	1a	11	54m
188	Treacastle	4	34a	10	46m
197	Llandovery	5	22a	9	48m
209	Llandillo	6	32a	8	33m
224	CARMARTHEN	8	0a	7	10m

LONDON and LIVERPOOL, per Railway.

Euston Grove	8	30a	5	36m
20 Watford	9	29a	4	37m
14 Tring	10	14a	3	52m
8 Leighton Buzzard	10	42a	3	24m
11 Wolverton	11	21a	2	45m
10 Blisworth	11	54a	2	12m
7 Weedon	12	17a	1	49m
14 Rugby	1	3m	1	3m
11 Coventry	1	38m	12	28m
18 Birmingham	2	38m	10	58a
14 Wolverhampton	3	50m	10	20a
15 Stafford	4	27m	9	32a
14 Whitmore	5	19m	8	53a
11 Crewe	5	40m	8	12a
12 Hartford	6	17m	7	37a
12 Warrington	6	54m	6	58a
19 LIVERPOOL	7	53m	5	58a

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DEVONPORT, EXETER, and BATH, from the Swan with
Two Necks, Lad Lane.

12	Hounslow	9	12a	5	26m
29	Maidenhead	10	40a	3	44m
47	Theale	12	40m	1	55m
58	Newbury	1	53m	12	42m
77	Marlborough	3	43m	10	49a
91	Devizes	5	6m	9	24a
101	Atworth	6	6m	8	24a
109	BATH	7	0m	7	30a
122	Old Down	8	50m	5	35a
129	Wells	9	27m	4	55a
137	Street	10	15m	4	7a
149	Bridgewater	11	30m	2	52a
160	Taunton	12	35a	1	37a
171	White Ball	1	46a	12	34a
180	Collumpton	2	42a	11	38m
193	EXETER	3	57a	12	40m
204	Chudleigh	6	58a	11	32a
210	Newton	7	36a	10	55a
218	Totness	8	28a	10	2a
230	Erne Bridge	9	45a	8	42a
243	DEVONPORT	11	8a	7	15a

DOVER, from the Golden Cross, Charing Cross, and the
Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

11	Welling	9	25a	4	44m
16	Dartford	10	0a	4	11m
30	Rochester	11	45a	2	34m
41	Sittingbourne	1	5m	1	17m
58	Canterbury	3	1m	11	25a
73	DOVER	4	57m	9	45a

FALMOUTH, DEVONPORT, and EXETER, from the Spread Eagle,
Gracechurch St. and the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

29	Bagshot	10	47a	4	2m
60	Whitechurch	1	41m	1	8m
67	Andover	2	20m	12	19m
80	Amesbury	3	39m	11	0a
90	Deptford Inn	4	34m	10	5a
97	Cricklade	5	15m	9	24a

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125	Ilchester	7	50m	6	49a
137	Ilminster	8	58m	5	41a
154	Honiton	11	0m	4	4a
170	EXETER	12	34a	2	0a
190	Ashburton	2	41a	12	3a
214	Plymouth	5	5a	9	39m
216	DEVONPORT	5	14a	9	30m
217	Torpoint	6	2a	8	42m
234	Liskeard	7	55a	6	52m
245	Lostwithiel	9	12a	5	36m
254	St. Austle	10	20a	4	20m
265	Truro	11	55a	2	55m
279	FALMOUTH	1	5m	1	45m

CARLISLE, and WETHERBY, from the Bull and Mouth,
St. Martin's-le-Grand.

11	Barnet	9	18a	3	55m
25	Welwyn	10	46a	2	24m
38	Baldock	12	6m	1	4m
47	Caldecot	1	2m	12	7m
65	Alconbury	2	59m	10	7a
75	Stilton	3	56m	9	8a
80	Stamford	5	28m	7	33a
97	Stretton	6	18m	6	31a
110	Grantham	7	40m	5	6a
116	Foxton	8	56m	3	44a
124	Newark	9	44m	2	54a
137	Ollerton	11	3m	1	35a
145	Worksop	11	52m	12	46a
154	Bagley	12	48a	11	58m
158	Wadworth	1	3a	11	35m
169	Doncaster	1	26a	11	12m
176	Pontefract	2	53a	9	45m
186	Aberford	3	52a	8	46m
193	WETHERBY	4	36a	7	22m
206	Boroughbridge	5	48a	6	10m
218	Leeming Lane	7	35a	4	58m
229	Catterick Bridge	8	41a	3	52m
242	Greta Bridge	10	2a	2	30m
252	New Spital	11	10a	1	24m
262	Brough	12	15m	12	14m
270	Appleby	1	7m	11	18a
283	Penrith	2	28m	9	53a
293	Hesketh	3	23m	8	56a
302	CARLISLE	4	17m	8	0a

HALIFAX, from the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane, and the
Bull and Mouth, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

24	Redburn	10	40a	4	15m
42	Woburn	12	20m	2	35m
50	Newport Pagnell	1	11m	1	44m
83	Market Harborough	4	23m	10	32a
98	Leicester	5	48m	9	7a
109	Loughborough	6	50m	8	5a
124	Nottingham	8	17m	6	8a
151	Chesterfield	11	17m	3	33a
163	Sheffield	12	30a	2	13a
188	Huddersfield	3	18a	11	32m
196	HALIFAX	4	5a	11	45m

St. LEONARD's, through HASTINGS, from the Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet
Street, and the Golden Cross, Charing Cross.

15	Farnborough	9	50a	4	7m
24	Sevenoaks	11	5a	3	0m
36	Tunbridge Wells	12	34m	1	35m
38	Woodgate	12	44m	1	25m
47	Robertsbridge	2	29m	11	38a
59	Battle	3	11m	10	56a
67	HASTINGS	4	15m	9	42a
69	St. LEONARD'S	4	37m	9	30a

HULL, LINCOLN, and PETERBOROUGH, from the Spread Eagle,
Gracechurch St. and the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

12	Waltham Cross	9	25a	5	0m
27	Watton	11	0a	3	25m
39	Baldock	12	16m	2	9m
57	Eaton	2	4m	12	21m
70	Alconbury	3	24m	11	1a
83	PETERBOROUGH	44	6m	9	24a
90	Bourn	6	22m	7	48a
108	Folkingham	7	16m	6	54a
117	Sleaford	8	8m	5	57a
134	LINCOLN	10	22m	3	43a
143	Spittal	11	44m	2	31a
158	Brigg	12	54a	1	21a
172	New Holland	2	12a	12	15a
177	HULL, on the opposite side of the Humber, computed at 3 miles	2	40a	11	30m

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LEEDS, from the Bull and Mouth, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

11	Barnet	9	11a	5	3a
25	Welwyn	10	48a	3	40a
34	Hitchin	11	40a	2	44a
50	Bedford	1	24m	12	52a
65	Higham Ferrars	2	56m	11	20m
75	Kettering	3	56m	10	20m
89	Uppingham	5	20m	8	50m
96	Oakham	6	8m	8	11m
106	Melton	7	7m	6	44m
119	Plumtree	8	47m	5	21m
125	NOTTINGHAM	9	21m	4	37m
139	Mansfield	10	55m	3	13m
146	Heath	11	40m	2	25m
151	Chesterfield	12	3a	1	52m
157	Dronfield	12	49a	1	16m
164	SHEFFIELD	1	29a	12	26m
171	Hood's Hill	2	26a	11	44a
177	Barnsley	3	2a	11	5a
188	Wakefield	4	8a	10	2a
197	LEEDS	5	2a	9	6a

LOUTH and Boston, from the Bell and Crown, Holborn, and the Saracen's Head, Snow Hill.

12	Waltham Cross	9	25a	4	45m
21	Ware	10	30a	3	45m
35	Buckland	11	50a	2	21m
45	Arrington	12	53m	1	18m
50	Caxton	1	32m	12	30m
59	Huntingdon	2	26m	11	45a
69	Connington	3	34m	10	37a
77	Peterborough	4	24m	9	32a
86	James's Deeping	5	23m	8	39a
98	Spalding	6	34m	7	27a
108	Sutton	7	32m	6	29m
114	Boston	8	9m	5	37a
131	Spilsby	10	15m	3	54a
148	LOUTH	11	56m	2	15a

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LUDLOW and Worcester, from the Bull and Mouth, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

32	High Wycombe	11	25a	3	0m
57	Oxford	2	7m	12	7m
69	Kiddington	3	29m	10	47a
85	Moreton-in-the-Marsh	5	5m	9	7a
115	Worcester	8	20m	5	14a
126	Hundred House	10	2m	4	2a
136	Tenbury	11	27m	2	37a
146	LUDLOW	12	24a	1	40a

PEMBROKE, CAERMARTHEN, and BRISTOL, from the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

12	Hounslow	9	12a	5	47m
29	Maidenhead	10	50a	4	5m
47	Theale	12	32m	2	20m
59	Newbury	1	41m	1	10m
90	Calne	4	49m	10	2a
109	Bath	6	32m	8	15a
122	Bristol	7	45m	7	0a
134	Aust Passage	9	12m	3	57a
166	Cardiff	12	53m	12	16a
211	Swansea	5	18a	7	26m
238	Caermarthen	8	31a	4	33m
259	Cold Blow	10	51a	2	18m
273	Hobb's Point	12	34m	12	20m
275	PEMBROKE	1	9m	12	0m

NORWICH and Ipswich, from the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

24	Ingatestone	10	30a	4	13m
38	Witham	11	57a	2	46m
52	Colchester	1	23m	1	20m
64	Bentley	2	36m	12	7m
70	Ipswich	3	12m	11	21a
76	Barham	3	57m	10	46a
88	Stoke	5	9m	9	32a
103	Long Stratton	6	37m	8	1a
113	NORWICH	7	38m	7	0a

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NORWICH and NEWMARKET, from the Belle Sauvage, Ludgate Hill.

31	Bishop's Stortford	11	30a	2	50m
44	Littlebury	12	52m	1	31m
56	Six-Mile Bottom	2	14m	12	4m
62	NEWMARKET	2	54m	11	21a
76	Bury St. Edmund's	4	27m	9	35a
88	Thetford	5	52m	8	13a
103	Attleborough	7	27m	6	38a
118	NORWICH	9	5m	5	0a

PENZANCE, FALMOUTH, and EXETER, from the Bull and Mouth, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

19	Staines	10	2a	4	32m
29	Bagshot	11	0a	3	33m
38	Hartford-Bridge	12	10m	2	33m
56	Overton	1	55m	12	48m
66	Andover	3	2m	11	32a
84	Salisbury	4	52m	9	32a
95	Woodvates	6	6m	8	27a
107	Blandford	7	19m	7	9a
123	Dorchester	8	57m	5	2a
138	Bridport	10	53m	3	20a
150	Axminster	12	17a	1	53a
160	Honiton	1	21a	12	51a
176	EXETER	2	59a	8	10m
199	Okehampton	8	33a	6	24m
217	Launceston	10	53a	3	2m
238	Bodmin	1	31m	12	23m
261	Truro	4	35m	9	15a
271	FALMOUTH	5	55m	8	0a
296	PENZANCE	9	50m	4	10a

MANCHESTER, from the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

Same as Holyhead and Chester to					
25	Redburn	10	44a	3	42m
34	Dunstable	11	32a	2	50m
43	Woburn	12	27m	1	52m
52	Lathbury	1	25m	12	56m
67	Northampton	2	45m	11	18a

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85	Market Harborough	4	37m	9	28a
99	Leicester	6	3m	7	38a
118	Loughborough	7	35m	6	31a
116	Kegworth	8	9m	5	53a
127	Derby	9	12m	4	25a
135	Belper	10	15m	3	25a
144	Matlock	11	7m	2	27a
165	Buxton	1	29a	12	7a
190	MANCHESTER	4	0a	9	10m

PORTSMOUTH, from the White Horse, Fetter Lane, and the Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet Street.

13	Kingston	9	35a	4	55m
37	Mouthill	12	35m	1	55m
55	Petersfield	2	53m	11	40a
73	PORTSMOUTH	5	10m	9	30a

SOUTHAMPTON and POOLE, from the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane.

19	Staines	10	5a	4	20m
40	Farnham	12	22m	2	8m
50	Alton	1	22m	1	8m
80	SOUTHAMPTON	4	30m	9	18a
108	Ringwood	7	26m	6	52a
116	POOLE	9	18m	5	0a

STROUD, from the Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane, and the Golden Cross, Charing Cross.

29	Maidenhead	11	13a	3	24m
38	Henley	12	14m	2	23m
49	Benson	1	27m	1	10m
58	Abingdon	2	27m	12	0m
71	Farringdon	3	57m	10	0a
82	Fairford	5	2m	9	35a
91	Clarendon	5	57m	8	35a
105	STROUD	7	47m	6	50a

ABERDEEN, EDINBURGH, and YORK, from the Bull and Mouth, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

12	Waltham Cross	9	25a	4	12m
21	Ware	10	26a	3	10m
35	Buckland	11	52a	1	42m

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45	Arrington	12	57m	12	33m
59	Huntingdon	2	30m	10	53a
65	Alconbury	3	3m	10	20a
72	Stilton	3	45m	9	33a
86	Stamford	5	15m	7	45a
94	Stretton	6	3m	6	55a
108	Grantham	7	23m	4	45a
116	Bennington	8	53m	3	53a
122	Newark	9	30m	3	16a
135	Scarthing Moor	10	34m	2	9a
145	Barnby Moor	11	49m	12	50a
155	Rossington Bridge	12	47a	11	48m
169	Doncaster	1	12a	11	12m
174	Ferrybridge	2	44a	9	36m
186	Tadcaster	3	56a	8	16m
196	York	4	54a	6	31m
209	Easingwold	6	54a	5	7m
219	Thirsk	7	58a	3	59m
229	Northallerton	8	52a	3	1m
245	Darlington	10	28a	1	17m
263	Durham	12	23m	11	12a
278	Newcastle	1	50m	9	22a
292	Morpeth	3	23m	7	47a
302	Felton	4	23m	6	41a
313	Alnwick	5	17m	5	41a
327	Belford	6	47m	3	36a
342	Berwick	8	17m	2	1a
356	Houndwood	10	9m	12	33a
372	Dunbar	11	41m	10	55m
383	Haddington	12	45a	9	46m
399	EDINBURGH	2	23a	8	0m
411	South Queen's Ferry	5	0a	5	0m
413	North Ditto	5	30a	4	30m
429	Kinross	7	15a	2	47m
444	Perth	9	0a	12	52m
466	Dundee	11	15a	10	32a
483	Arbroath	1	0m	8	27a
496	Montrose	2	23m	7	3a
510	Bervie	3	47m	5	39a
519	Stonehaven	4	47m	4	37a
534	ABERDEEN	6	22m	3	0a

WELLS, LYNN, CAMBRIDGE, and LONDON, from the *Bell and Crown*,
Holborn, and the *Swan with Two Necks*, Lad Lane.

24 Wadesmill 10 32a 3 30m

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35	Buckland	11	43a	9	25m
42	Melburn	12	31m	1	37m
52	CAMBRIDGE	1	30m	12	22m
69	Ely	3	31m	10	22a
78	Brandon Creek	4	27m	9	26a
87	Downham	5	21m	8	32a
99	LYNN	6	33m	6	60a
110	Snettisham	8	13m	5	35a
116	Hunstanton	8	46m	5	12a
121	Titchwell	9	28m	4	20a
127	Burnham Market	10	5m	3	43a
133	WELLS	10	43m	3	5a

YARMOUTH and IPSWICH, from the *White Horse*, Fetter Lane.
Same as Norwich and Ipswich.

82	Wickham Market	4	57m	9	41a
94	Yoxford	6	15m	8	23a
124	YARMOUTH	9	30m	5	0a

CROSS MAILS.

A Mail from					
Abergavenny to Merthyr	1	25a	8	0m	
Bangor to Pwllhell	5	30m	2	30a	
Barnstaple to Ilfracombe	5	40m	7	0m	
" to Launceston	4	0a	4	0m	
Bath to Devizes	7	30m	2	30a	
Birmingham to Worcester	5	0m	7	30a	
" to Yarmouth	7	45m	4	30a	
" to Leamington	8	30m	1	10a	
" to Sheffield	3	30m	3	15a	
" to Holyhead	3	30m	3	35m	
" to Stourport	5	0m	7	30a	
Brighton to Southampton	10	0m	10	0m	
Bridport to Taunton	6	27m	4	15a	
Bristol through Taunton to Bideford	8	10m	5	25a	
" to Portsmouth	7	0a	7	0a	
" to Shrewsbury	7	5a	11	30a	
" to Southampton	9	40m	7	30m	
" to Hereford	2	30a	5	20m	
" to Bath	9	15m	4	0a	
Bristol and Birmingham	4	58a	11	50a	
Cambridge to Holbeach	7	30m	10	0m	
Canterbury to Deal	4	0m	6	30a	

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A Mail from					
Cardiff to Merthyr	1	45a	8	0m	
Carlisle to Edinburgh	9	11m	6	11m	
" Ditto	6	49a	9	11a	
" to Glasgow	9	11m	6	49m	
" Ditto	6	49a	10	4a	
" to Portpatrick	4	30a	2	9a	
Caermarthen and Cardigan	5	15m	3	15a	
Caernarvon and Barmouth	7	0m	9	0m	
Chalford to Wotton	8	0m	5	15a	
Cheltenham to Abergavenny	7	20m	5	45m	
" to Bath	7	0m	1	0a	
Chester to Hartford	5	10a	6	30m	
Cold Blow and Haverfordwest	11	0a	10	30a	
Devizes to Wells	5	50m	4	45a	
Devonport to Launceston	5	24a	5	30m	
Exeter to Dartmouth	1	15a	7	30m	
" to Budleigh Salterton	6	0a	5	50m	
" to Bideford	1	0a	9	0m	
" to Bristol	8	40m	9	30m	
Gloucester to Chepstow	6	0m	3	35a	
Grantham to Nottingham	8	0m	1	30a	
Hartford to Holyhead	8	30a	4	15a	
Hereford to Shrewsbury	6	0m	3	0a	
Hull to Patrington	3	0a	8	15m	
" to Doncaster	4	30m	2	0a	
" to Scarborough	2	53a	4	30m	
Kingsbridge to Ashburton	8	55m	3	0a	
Kendall to Whitehaven	3	54a	3	15m	
Lancaster to Clapham	6	0m	5	0a	
Leeds to Halifax	5	20a	5	45m	
" to Pontefract	2	53a	8	0m	
Leicester to Burton	6	30m	3	0a	
Liverpool to Shrewsbury	6	30a	1	0a	
" to Preston	1	45a	8	0m	
" to Lancaster	8	15m	11	30m	
Louth to Grimsby	12	30a	10	0m	
" to Sheffield	5	15m	8	45m	
Manchester to York	9	10m	9	0m	
" Ditto	8	0a	9	0a	
" to Carlisle	7	50a	4	19a	
" to Colne	9	0m	1	0a	
" to Blackburn	12	15a	9	0m	
" to Staley Bridge	4	45a	8	0a	
" to Glossop	9	0m	2	30a	

CROSS MAILS.

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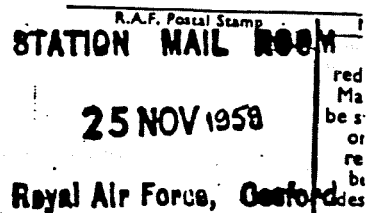
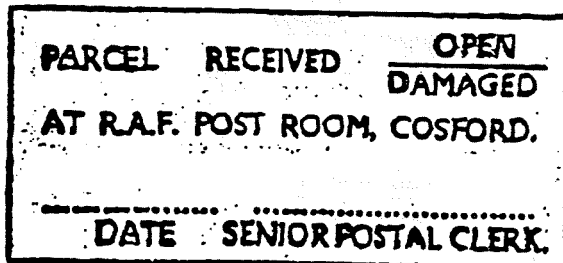
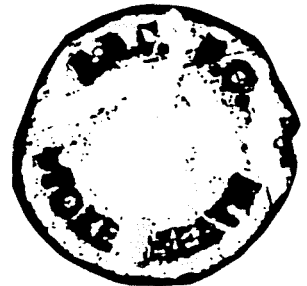
A Mail from					
Newport to Abergavenny	1	45a	8	0m	
Norwich to Yarmouth	9	30m	1	45a	
" to Cromer	9	30m	1	40a	
Preston to Carlisle	9	19m	7	34m	
Rochdale to Bolton	6	0m	5	0a	
Salisbury to Christchurch	5	0m	5	30a	
Shrewsbury to Newtown	8	15m	1	30a	
Southampton to Lymington	6	15m	5	30a	
Swansea to Merthyr	8	10m	5	0a	
Taunton to Minehead	2	15a	7	45m	
" to Sidmouth	2	0a	8	15m	
" to Exeter	10	45m	10	45m	
Tiverton to Barnstaple	1	30a	9	0m	
Worcester to Leominster	8	50m	2	20a	
York to Hull	7	0m	4	0a	
" Ditto	7	30a	11	30m	
York to Scarborough	7	0m	3	0a	

SCOTLAND.

Aberdeen to Ballater	10	30m	8	30m	
" to Inverness	10	30m	1	15m	
" to Peterhead	10	30m	9	45m	
Dumfries to Portpatrick	1	3m	12	37m	
Edinburgh to Aberdeen	7	40a	3	0a	
" to Dumfries	1	50a	6	0m	
" Ditto	9	30a	6	30m	
" to Stirling	7	0m	1	8a	
" to Dundee	7	15m	11	50a	
" to Perth	5	0m	3	14a	
Fraserburgh to Burness	7	40m	1	45a	
Glasgow to Perth	1	0a	1	9m	
" to Portpatrick	5	0a	3	0a	
Inverness to Thurso	1	20m	3	10m	
Perth to Inverness	10	36m	12	41m	
Newton to Stranraer	4	0a	6	0m	
Stranraer to Newton Stewart	5	30m	12	30a	

R.A.F. STATION POSTMARKS

Unfortunately Steph Stobbs was not able to obtain photocopies of the postmarks to go with his listing in the last issue for which he apologises. They did in fact arrive shortly after MM57 had been posted and are shown below. In addition some marks from other stations in the Midlands are shown. Mr. de Rousset-Hall reports an earlier use of the Ternhill S/R - 18.4.44.



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One member has expressed interest in the list of towns for which the distance from London differed from that shown on the mileage mark, (Post 40/117/1829) which was mentioned in the MM58. Since others may be interested, I have extracted the details of those which may be of interest to members.

	Stamp	Actual		Stamp	Actual
Alfreton	140	141	Ashbourne	139	140
Bakewell	152	154	Bishops C'le	166	167
Broadway	96	93	Buxton	178	166
Campden	100	92	Cheltenham	101	102
Cirencester	93	91	Coleshill	104	103
Dunchurch	87	86	Dursley	114	115
Evesham	102	99	Fairford	85	82
Gloucester	111	112	Grantham	107	108
Hay	161	162	H. Ferrers	65	66
Holyhead	275	261	Kettering	76	75
Kidderminster	131	132	Kineton	89	108
Ledbury	133?	125	Leek	154	155
Leicester	97	99	Leominster	142	141
Loughborough	109	110	Ludlow	148	147
Mansfield	138	139	Mkt Drayton	156	159
Mkt Harboro'	83	85	Moreton/Marsh	88	85
Nantwich	168	171	Newark	121	122
Northampton	66	67	Northleach	85	90
Oundle	87	86	Presteigne	156	155
Retford	141	142	Ross	127	129
Shipstone	86	88	Stafford	141	140
Stourbridge	124	125	Stourport	134	138
Stroud	109	105	Tamworth	116	117
Tetbury	104	111	Tewkesbury	107	111
Thrapstone	86	85	Uppingham	90	89
Warwick	107	97	Wellingboro'	71	78
Wirksworth	139	141	Wotton/Edge	114	112
Worcester	117	115	Worksop	146	151

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"A plan is in contemplation, and has been brought under the consideration of the General Post Office, for effecting a regular communication by letter between the metropolis and the great manufacturing and commercial towns of Yorkshire and Lancashire in one day. It is we understand, proposed that light carriages, just of sufficient capacity to accommodate the coachman and guard (without any passengers), and to contain the letter-bags, shall be constructed for this purpose; and that they shall be drawn by two horses of good action, and run by short stages 11 miles an hour including the time spent in changes, which will not exceed 15 minutes in the whole distance. According to the arrangements, the coaches will not be more than 18 hours on the road, and letters despatched from London after 'Change time in the afternoon of one day, will arrive in Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool, in the forenoon of the following day; and letters put into the country post-offices up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, will be delivered in London in the forenoon of the following day; thus occupying, with the communication down and up, two days instead of four. The expense of this facility of communication it is proposed to pay by an extra charge for postage on the letters sent by the Fly Mail; and, for the present at least, letters and newspapers requiring no extraordinary despatch will be sent by regular mails as usual."

Quoted from "Leeds Mercury" in "The Times" of 9 June 1819. Contributed by Chris Beaver.

TOLLS TO BE PAID?

Gay Parker has submitted the photograph of the table of tolls for the famous Iron Bridge in Shropshire, and asks for comments. He thought that mailcoaches travelled free of tolls. Or is it a case of bluff? It is possible that no member of the Royal Family ever crossed the bridge. No doubt our Salopians will tell us if the same was true of mailcoaches.

TABLE of TOLLS.	
For every time they pass over this BRIDGE.	
For every Coach, Landau, Hearse, Chaise, Chair, or such like	s d
Carriages drawn by Six Horses, Mares, Geldings, or Mules. —	2.0
Ditto — by Four. Ditto —	1.0
Ditto — by Two. Ditto —	1.0
Ditto — by One. Ditto —	0.6
For every Horse, Mule, Ass, pair of Oxen, Drawing or Harness'd	
to draw any Waggon, Cart, or such like carriage, for each Horse &c	0.3
For a Horse, Mule, or Ass, laden or unladen and not drawing,	0.1½
For a Horse, Mule, or Ass carrying double,	0.2
For an Ox, Cow, or neat cattle	0.1
For a Calf, Pig, Sheep, or lamb	0.0½
For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or carriage going on the roads	
and not over the Bridge, half the said tolls.	
For every Foot passenger, going over the Bridge	0.0½
<i>N.B. This Bridge being private property, every Officer or Soldier, whether on duty or not, is liable to pay toll for passing over, as well as any baggage waggon, Bail-coach or the Royal Family.</i>	

HEREFORD RURAL POSTS

The following posts are those listed in a revision of the rural posts at Hereford - Post 14, Ref. 224, p.528ff.

Hereford - Holm Lacey

Lower Bullingham, Rotherwas, Dinedor, Holm Lacy.

Hereford - Dewsall Circular Post

Ross Road, Upper Bullingham, Dinedor Cross, Callow, Dewsall, The Haywoods, Grafton, Merry Hill, Hunderlow.

(This walk to be offered to either of the Kentchurch branch messengers who will be thrown out of work by this revision.)

Hereford - Allensmore

Allensmore, Thruxton, Whitfield House, Treville.

Bag conveyed by Kentchurch mailcart. Delivery by sub-pmr Allensmore.

Hereford - Wormbridge

Wormbridge. Bag conveyed by Kentchurch mailcart.

Hereford - Pontrilas

Pontrilas, Ewyas Harold, Abbeydore, Bacton.

Bag conveyed by Kentchurch mailcart. Delivery by sub-pmr Pontrilas.

Hereford - Kentchurch

Kentchurch, Grossmount. Bag sent by mailcart. Delivery by sub-pmr Kentchurch.

Monmouth - Skenfrith

Skenfrith, Blackbrook House. The Newcastle messenger to receive an extra 2/- for delivering at Skenfrith.

Hereford - Madley

Wye Bridge, Black Marston, Newton, Belmont, Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Madley.

Madley - Kingstown Circular Post

Paraquay (Parkway?), The Bramptons, Webton, Coldwell, Bridge Court, Cagebrook, Cagedale.

Hereford - Bishopstone

Friars Gate, Broomey Hill, Warham, Breinton, Sugwas Pool, Bishopstone.

Hereford - Credenhill

King's Acre, Stretton Sugwas, Credenhill, Brinsop, Mansel Lacy, Foxley, Yazer.

Bag to be conveyed by Hay coach to Kingsacre and thence by messenger.

Hereford - Portway

Portway, Mannington, Staunton on Wye, Mansell Gamage. Bag conveyed by Hay coach. Delivery by sub-pmr Portway.

Hereford - Letton

Letton. Bag conveyed daily by Hay coach.

Letton - Peterchurch

Bredwardine (Moccas, Blackmere, Tyberton, Preston), Dorstone, Peterchurch.

Peterchurch - Michaelchurch (Four days a week)

Crossway, Poston, Vowchurch, Whitehouse, St. Margarets, Michaelchurch.

Willersley Crossroad - Eardisley

Eardisley, Lower Moor, Almeley, Kinnersley. Sub-pmr Eardisley to meet Hay coach and deliver at all the places.

Hereford - Whitney

Whitney. Bag conveyed by Hay coach.

Hereford - Clifford

Clifford. Bag conveyed by Hay coach.

Hereford - Weobley

Norton Canon, Garnstone, Weobley, Weobley Marsh, Kings Pyon, Bush Bank. Bag conveyed to Norton Canon by Aberystwyth mailcoach.

Hereford - Woonton

Woonton, Sarnesfield. Bag conveyed by Aberystwyth mailcoach.

Hereford - Lionshall

Lionshall. Bag conveyed by Aberystwyth mailcoach.

Hereford - Aylestone

Aylestone Hill, Wolsey Cottage, Canal Office, Widemarsh, The Moor, Hay Road, Whitecross. (The Withington and Holmer messenger to have this walk.)

Hereford - Canon Pyon

Huntington, Burghill, Tillington, Canon Pyon (Dernsdale).

Hereford - Wellington

Wellington. Bag to be conveyed by the Ludlow coach.

Hereford - Marden

Oxford Terrace, Priory Terrace, Holmer (Lower Lyde, Moreton on Lug, Upper Lyde, Pipe), The Suttons, Marden.

Hereford - West Hyde

Eauwithington, Wythington, West Hyde (Ocle Pychard as far as the church.)

Hereford - Bartestree

Tupsley, Lugwardine, Longworth, Bartestree, Dormington.

Hereford - Fownhope

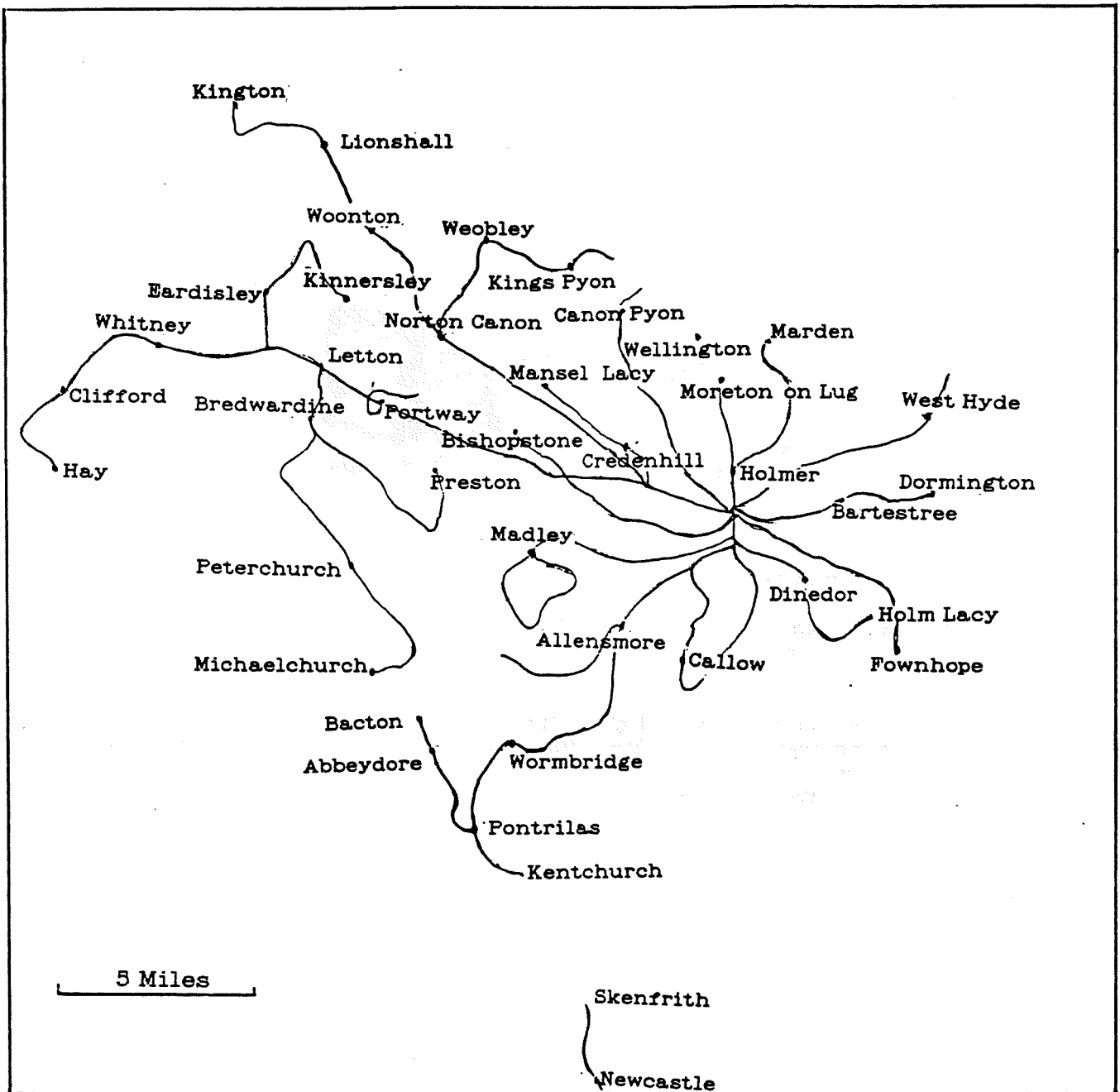
Eign, Litley, Hampton Bishop, Mordisford, Fownhope.

Hereford - Tarrington

Tarrington, Stoke Edith, Ashperton, Mainstone, The Trumpet.

The bag to be conveyed by the Gloucester, Hereford and Aberystwyth Mail. But a footnote reads: "It is not deemed expedient to disturb the existing post to Tarrington.....as proposed by Mr. Trollope."

In a further revision, which came into operation on 1st. January 1858, Lionshall, Woonton and Sarnesford were served by footpost from Kington. There were a number of other changes which saw some offices in Wales coming under Hereford but for details of those you will have to wait for the new version of the UDC book.



G.B. COVERS

Do you see my lists of GB cover material? If you don't and are a member of The Midland (GB) Postal History Society, you should! They contain a wide selection of interesting and unusual items - county material, difficult values and rates- from 1840 to date. Send for a copy of my latest list today. All 'Wants Lists' for specific items or county material will receive my personal attention.

ROGER HUDSON

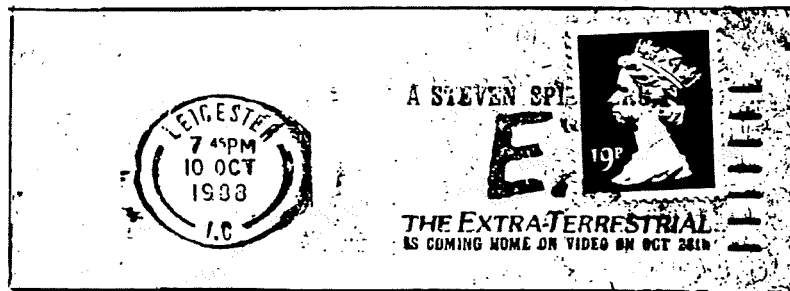


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A CHANGE OF POLICY?

A short time ago, John Calladine showed me a slogan cancellation from Cheltenham apparently advertising a fast-food shop under the guise of exorting the people of Cheltenham not to drop litter. I see that in early January the same office was due to use the slogan KEEP CHELTENHAM TIDY WITH KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN. This prompted me to look again at a Leicester slogan which came in the post last autumn and is shown below. Surely that must rank as commercial advertising. I was under the impression that the Post Office did not allow commercial advertising as in the case, in the late sixties of the Mole Wrench from Newport. Has the Post Office changed its policy?

TAILPIECE or Plus ça change!

The following is taken from the "Report on the Manuscripts of the late Reginald Rawdon Hastings..." (HMSO 1928). It was sent from Daylesford House, near Moreton-in-Marsh on 22nd. August 1805, to Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

"Your last letter, though dated the 17th., did not reach me till this morning. We shall be happy to receive you, Mrs. Hastings and your son on Monday, and shall expect you with impatience. I answered your former letter on the 16th. I hope you received it: for taking my instructions from the town annexed to the date of yours, I directed it to Atherstone, but afterwards seeing Ashby-de-la-Zouch stamped on the cover, I added Ashby-de-la-Zouch to the direction of mine; so that I foolishly gave the postmasters two chances to commit a blunder, which they are too apt to do with only one."

THE NEXT MIDLAND MAIL

The early Easter makes the date of this somewhat uncertain but it will reach you well before the meeting at Worcester of which it will contain full details. There should be something on the dangers of travelling by mailcoach as well as more rural posts. Contributions please to:

John Soer, 51D, Barkham Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 2RG.

G.B. POSTAL HISTORY

ALSO: Some Foreign, Ephemera, Post Boxes - etc.

Wants Lists - for specific items or for general
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