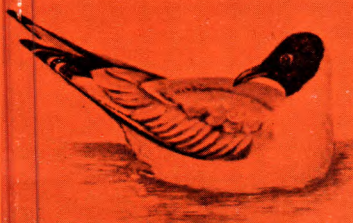


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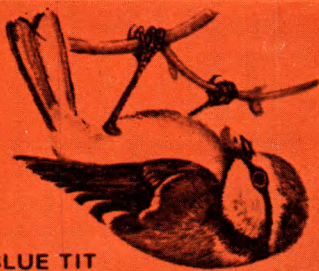


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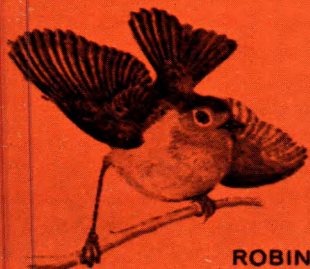


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Introduction

In addition to our unaccepted stamp design feature, we are able this month to show some of David Gentleman’s experimental designs, which were exhibited at the recent stamp seminar. A report of the meeting appears in this issue.

Full details about the forthcoming Pictorial Technology stamps is given together with some advance news of the Battle of Hastings stamps and first day cover services.

This issue is completed by our regular features and Bureau news.

British Stamp Seminar

A REVIEW OF BRITISH STAMP POLICY 1964-66

The former Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Wedgwood Benn chaired a meeting on 23rd June 1966 of British stamp designers, the Stamp Advisory Committee, stamp printers, national philatelic organisations and philatelic and art correspondents of the Press, at which there was a full discussion on the development of British stamp design.

The discussion centred around the fresh policy introduced in 1964 and developments which have taken place since then.

Prior to 1964 the subjects considered appropriate for special issues of stamps were limited to Royal anniversaries and occasions; postal anniversaries and occasions and events of outstanding national or international importance. At the end of 1964 when no new issues were planned this policy was reviewed and the criteria then became: to celebrate events of national and international importance; to commemorate important anniversaries; to reflect the British contribution to world affairs including the arts and science; and to extend public patronage to the arts by encouraging the development of miniscule art.

At the same time designers were invited to submit any suggestions they might have about the future development of design policy and in response to this invitation David Gentleman, the well known designer, submitted a long memorandum in which he outlined ways in which he thought British stamp policy might develop. He was later commissioned to illustrate his thesis by preparing an album of experimental designs in order that his ideas could be more closely studied while not

committing the Post Office to accepting what was submitted.

These experimental stamps were exhibited at the seminar and gave rise to much discussion. Many subjects were chosen for the designs – among them were famous racehorses, trees, aircraft, costumes, bridges, birds, fungi, British butterflies and British domestic architecture. Part of the experiment was to judge the effect of alternatives to the present Dorothy Wilding portrait of the Queen. In its place various royal crests and ciphers were used and the meeting had a lively discussion on these designs.

Also discussed was the proposed new definitive issue for which the Queen gave her consent in March 1965. The designs are not yet ready to show but it was learned that the Royal portrait would be the sole and dominating feature. Since this series will last for many years no effort is being spared to ensure that it will be the finest expression of British stamp design.

A further development mentioned was the appointment of Mr Andrew Restall to be Fellow in Miniscule Design at the Royal College of Art. Mr Wedgwood Benn described how, in the right atmosphere and surrounded by interested students, much intense and fundamental work is in progress. Many of the problems of the size, shape and printing processes for stamps are being studied, and a first look is being taken at the effect that the decimalisation of currency will have on our stamps. Mr Restall's work will be shown later and will, no doubt, have a profound influence on future issues.

Postage Revenue

Mr Wedgwood Benn then summarised the changes which have taken place:

1. New criteria have allowed a wider range of subjects to be used for special issues.
2. The number of stamp issues has been increased from the four of 1964.
3. Multiple stamps have been produced for the first time.
4. Pictorial issues have come out and more are planned.
5. Experiments with a cameo profile of the Queen have been tried on recent issues. There is some evidence to suggest that this is easier to integrate with designs than the Dorothy Wilding portrait.
6. New sizes of stamps have been issued.
7. To honour the artists' and printers' skill their names have been placed on recent issues.
8. Children have been invited to submit designs for a Christmas stamp.
9. Christmas airletters with special designs and stamps were issued in 1965 and will again be issued this year.

It was obvious from the many different opinions expressed that it is almost impossible to please everybody, no matter what design is chosen, but it was felt that public discussion brought many minds and skills to the task of guiding innovation.

We have been asked to explain why the words 'Postage' and 'Revenue' are printed on the definitive range of stamps and whether they and the special issues which do not bear the words, may both be used for postage and revenue purposes.

The wording printed on the low value definitive stamps $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 6d inclusive signify that the stamps may be used for either postage or for certain Inland Revenue stamp duties. The wording is not, however, printed on the regional issues of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man who have their own revenue arrangements.

Special stamps of denominations $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 6d may also be used for both purposes (except, of course, in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man). The reason why the words 'Postage' and 'Revenue' are excluded from these stamps is purely a matter of design since artists do not wish to be inhibited with too much lettering on their drawings.

Withdrawal of Bureau Stock Items

Bahrain Airletters (30 NP) are no longer available from the Philatelic Bureau.

Bureau Services

We quite often receive orders for stamps or First Day Covers issued by countries or territories outside the jurisdiction of the British Post Office. This applies also to local carriage labels which are sometimes issued within Great Britain, but which are not postage stamps.

The stamps or services which are available from the Bureau are always advertised before the issue date and we have to disappoint those customers who ask for non-GPO stamps or services, and return their remittances.

Pictorial Technology Issue

Four stamps showing the development of various aspects of British technology will be issued on 19th September 1966. The denominations are 4d, 6d, 1s 3d and 1s 6d.

The 4d stamp shows the Jodrell Bank radio telescope and will be printed in yellow and black.

The 6d design depicts two well known British cars – the Jaguar E Mk 2 and the Mini-minor and will be printed in orange, red and black. Both stamps were designed by David Gillespie and are his first successful attempts.

The SRN6 Hovercraft is featured on the 1s 3d design and is to be printed in orange, blue grey, blue and black.

The 1s 6d stamp shows the advanced gas cooled reactor at Windscale, and is to be in blue, olive green, yellow, black and purple.

The 1s 3d and 1s 6d stamps were both designed by Andrew Restall who is well known to Bulletin readers as the Fellow in Miniscule Art.

A profile of the Queen's head appears on the stamps which are to be printed by Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd., both with and without phosphor lines.

The designs are in accordance with the recommendations of the Postmaster General's Stamp Advisory Committee set up by the Council of Industrial Design. The present membership of the Committee is: Mr James Fitton, RA, FSIA (Chairman), The Lady

Sempill, ARCA, Mr Milner Gray, RDI, FSIA, Professor R. Guyatt, FSIA, ARCA, Mr Abram Games, OBE, FSIA, Sir John Wilson, Bart, KCVO and Mr F. H. K. Henrion, MBE, RDI.

Both of the Bureau's first day cover services will be available for this issue. The full service using the specially designed envelopes will cost 6s 6d per cover while customers' own envelopes will be serviced for 4s 6d per cover. As mentioned in the July Bulletin all covers will be stamped with the Edinburgh date stamp.

The special envelopes will be available in advance from the Bureau and from the offices listed below priced 6d each. For bulk orders (from the Bureau only) the prices are:

250 £4 3s 4d	1000 £15	5000 £60
500 £8	2500 £33	10000 £104

(plus 2s 6d handling charge).

The offices which sell the envelopes will also have available the attractive presentation packs each containing the set of mint stamps together with full information about the artists, the designs and the printing processes.

Each pack will cost 4s 6d. If obtained from the Bureau the normal handling charge should be added and we would like to remind our customers that we offer a discount of 6d per pack for orders of 100 or more. This discount service is available only from the Bureau.

Philatelic posting boxes will be provided at the same offices for those who prefer to prepare and post their own covers.

Special Handstamps

List of offices with philatelic posting boxes:
London ECDO (Chief Office).

Trafalgar Square BO, WC2.

London SWDO.

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
Eastbourne	Sheffield
Edinburgh	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	Worthing
Leeds	York

The following special handstamps will be used at the local events as shown.

'East Midlands Federation of Stamp Clubs' at Huntingdon on 1st October 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Huntingdon.

'Glossop Centenary Day Oct. 19 '66' at Glossop on 19th October 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Glossop.

'World Methodist Conference 18-26 Aug 1966' at Westminster Central Hall from 18th to 26th August 1966. Covers for reposting to District Postmaster SWDO SW1.

'Opening of Tay Road Bridge' at Dundee on 18th August 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Dundee.

'Poloniae Millenium Jamboree Lilford Park 6-15 8 1966' at Lilford Park, Oundle, Northants, from 6th to 15th August 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Peterborough.

'22nd Annual Convention AEPS Southend-on-Sea 1 October 1966 SPS Golden Jubilee 1916-66' at Southend-on-Sea on 1st October 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster Southend-on-Sea.

'Philatelic Society 21st Birthday Sidcup 26th October 1966. Founded 1945' at Sidcup on 26th October 1966. Covers for reposting to the Head Postmaster, Dartford.

'John of Eltham 1316-1966 Eltham 24.9.66' at Eltham on 24th September 1966. Covers for reposting to District Postmaster SEDO SE1.

'Sussex Philatelic Societies Convention Castellum at Hastings 1066-1966 Hastings' at Hastings on 15th October 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Hastings.

'North East Stampex Newcastle Sept. 1966' at Newcastle on 16th and 17th September 1966. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Postmark Slogans

'Bath the Georgian City' will continue in use in the transposed position until 21st August, 1966. A new slogan die 'Visit Roman Bath 2000 Years of History' will be used at Bath from 22nd August 1966 to 12th July 1967. Covers for reposting to Head Postmaster, Bath.



'Chesterfield For Industry and Countryside' will be in use in the transposed position at Chesterfield during the period 3rd August 1966 to 2nd August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Chesterfield.



'Dundee for Development Tay Road Bridge Opening 18th August 1966' and 'Dundee for Development Tay Road Bridge' will be in use in the transposed position at Dundee during the periods 1st August to 18th August 1966 and 19th August 1966 to 31st July 1967 respectively. Covers to Head Postmaster, Dundee.

Specimen not available

'Harlow Town Show Sat-Sun Aug. 27-8' has been in use in the transposed position at Harlow since 20th July and will continue until 27th August 1966. Covers to Head Postmaster, Harlow.

Specimen not available

The present slogan at Eastbourne 'Eastbourne Britain's Sunniest Mainland Resort 1961-62-63-64' is to finish on 9th August and a new die, 'Eastbourne Sun-Trap of the South' is to be used from 10th August to 23rd February 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Eastbourne.

Eastbourne

Britain's Sunniest Mainland Resort

1961-62-63-64

Eastbourne

*Sun-trap
of the South*



'Build Your New Factory at Grimsby Details of Sites from Town Clerk' has been in use in the transposed position since 1st July and will continue until 31st December 1966. 'Happy Family Holidays Cleethorpes' will be used from 1st January 1967 to 30th June 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Grimsby.

BUILD YOUR NEW
FACTORY AT GRIMSBY

Details of sites from
the Town Clerk

HAPPY FAMILY HOLIDAYS

CLEETHORPES

'Hartlepool Where Industry can Step on the Gas' will be used in the transposed position from 12th August 1966 to 11th August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, The Hartlepools.

Specimen not available

'Visit Tatton Park Knutsford Cheshire's Stately Home' has been in use since 12th June and will continue in use in the transposed position until 1st October 1966. Covers to Head Postmaster, Altrincham.



'Leeds International Pianoforte Competition Sept 22-Oct 1' will be in use on three dies in the standard position at Leeds during the period 1st to 28th September 1966. Covers to Head Postmaster, Leeds.

Specimen not available

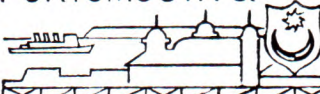
'Merthyr Tydfil Industrial Estate Building Sites Available direct Access From Heads of the Valleys Road. Application to Town Clerk Merthyr Tydfil, Glam' will be used in the transposed position during the period 15th August 1966 to 14th August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Merthyr Tydfil.

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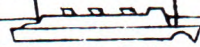
Two dies 'Ulster Week in Newcastle Sept. 19-24' will be used in the standard position during the period 14th to 24th September. Covers to Head Postmaster, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ULSTER WEEK
 *in Newcastle*
SEPT. 19 - 24

'Portsmouth and Sunny Southsea' at present in use at Cosham will continue in use from 9th August 1966 to 8th August 1967. The two differently designed dies 'Portsmouth and Sunny Southsea for the Holiday of a Lifetime' in use at present at Southampton will continue in use from 10th August 1966 to 9th August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Southampton.

PORTSMOUTH &

SUNNY SOUTHSEA

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**FOR THE HOLIDAY
 OF A LIFETIME!** 


**PORTSMOUTH
 AND
 SUNNY SOUTHSEA**
**FOR THE HOLIDAY
 OF A LIFETIME!**

'Choose Ryde Isle of Wight for Happy Holidays' will be used in the transposed position at Ryde from 24th August 1966 to 23rd August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Ryde.



'Southend Illuminations Aug 13th to Oct 16th' will continue in use in the transposed position from 6th August to 16th October 1966. 'Southend-on-Sea, Modern Centre for Business and Industry' will be used from 17th October 1966 to 30th June 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Southend-on-Sea.



'Ventnor I.O.W. for Leisure and Pleasure' will continue in use in the transposed position at Ventnor from 1st September 1966 to 29th August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Ventnor.



'Visit Historic Warwick in the Heart of England' will be used in the transposed position at Warwick and Leamington during the period 18th July to 31st August 1966. '7th Antiques Fair Kenilworth Sept. 27th-Oct. 1st' will be used 1st to 28th September 1966. Covers to Head Postmaster, Warwick and Leamington.



'Sheffield Students Rag Week Oct 21-29' will be used on three dies in the standard position at Sheffield during the period 4th September to 29th October 1966.

Specimen not available

'Public Works and Municipal Services Congress and Exhibition Olympia London 14-19 Nov. 1966' will be used in the standard position on five dies during the period 17th October to 15th November 1966. The offices using the dies are Hammersmith, Mount Pleasant (2 dies), East Central and West Central District Offices.

Specimen not available

'Aberystwyth Record Sunshine' is to continue for a further year from 1st September 1966 to 31st August 1967. Covers to Head Postmaster, Aberystwyth.



'Stop Accidents' will be used on 15 dies throughout Northern Ireland during the period 16th September to 14th October 1966. The Offices include (dies transposed) Armagh, Cookstown, Lisburn and Omagh.



There have been occasions when details of new slogans have been out-of-date when published. This happens usually when requests for their use are received at very short notice. We do try, however, to publish our most up-to-date news at the earliest opportunity. We realize how annoying it is to collectors to read of the existence of slogans too late to obtain specimens and we

are therefore trying to release Press and Broadcast Notices more frequently in future. These Notices will contain all available, current information about new slogans.

Correction:

The slogan die 'Fly Direct via Manchester Airport to Europe and America' as announced in the June Bulletin is being used in the transposed and not the standard position.

British domestic architecture



Edinburgh International Festival

Our customers who reside in Scotland or who are visiting Edinburgh during the 20th International Festival between 21st August and 10th September 1966, will be interested to learn that a special Philatelic Sales Point will be in operation at the Edinburgh Head Post Office during that period.

Hours of business will be from 9.0 a.m.–5.0 p.m. Monday–Friday and 9.0 a.m.–1.0 p.m. on Saturdays.

The full range of British definitive and Commemorative stamps currently held by the Bureau will be on sale.

Battle of Hastings Stamps

To commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, there will be a special issue of stamps on the 14th October next. Customers are reminded that the 4d denominations will be issued as a strip of six separate designs; these with a 6d and a 1/3d stamp, will make up the complete set to a total value of 3/9d. Full details of the stamps will appear in the September Bulletin.

Application forms for the first day cover service for this issue are enclosed and attention is drawn to the notice about the treatment of the covers by the Edinburgh Bureau.

Phosphor Lined Stamps

In our article on page 5 of the July Bulletin, we said that phosphor lined stamps are on sale at offices in the London S.W.1. area. This should read London W.1. and we apologise for any difficulty this may have caused.

Philatelic Bureau Move

We referred in our last issue to the move of the Bureau to the Edinburgh Head Post Office later this year.

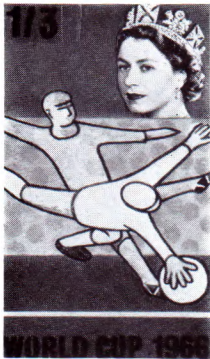
To ensure a smooth hand-over and to minimize any possible disruption to the service to our customers, the transfer of the work will be carried out in stages beginning with the first day cover service. Our readers will see that the enclosed application forms for the service associated with the special issue of stamps on the 14th October to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings are returnable to the Philatelic Bureau at Edinburgh. Completed application forms, remittances, correspondence and enquiries relating to the first day cover service provided for this and all future special issues must be sent to Edinburgh and not to the London Bureau.

The Edinburgh Bureau will also be handling all mail orders with effect from Tuesday 20th September and customers should therefore send their orders and remittances to the Philatelic Bureau, 2-4 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh 1 from that date. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY ORDERS FOR STAMPS BE SENT TO EDINBURGH BEFORE TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER.**

Deposit account customers will continue to be served by the London Bureau up to and including the Battle of Hastings commemorative issue on the 14th October next, but their first day covers will bear the Edinburgh postmark. The Edinburgh Bureau will thereafter be responsible for operating their accounts and the despatch of all future orders.

Unaccepted Stamp Designs
World Cup Issue

Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd.



Harrison & Sons Ltd.



Veteran Pillar Boxes

In the May issue of the Bulletin we printed an article on the new look for British pillar boxes. As a contrast we show a Victorian box at Mudeford Green, Christchurch, Hants. The box was made by Messrs Smith and Hawkes of Birmingham during the period of 1856-60 and is one of eight of this design still in use.



Commemorative Stamps available from Philatelic Bureau

Westminster Abbey	3d				
Pictorial Landscapes	4d	6d	1s 3d	1s 6d	
World Cup	4d	6d	1s 3d		
Pictorial Birds	4d		(blocks of 4)		

All stamps are available with or without phosphor lines.

Children's Christmas Stamp Competition

The competition announced in the Press and the June issue of the Bulletin has proved extremely popular. Nearly 4,500 entries were received, many of which were of a high standard. The entries are being judged and we will print the details of the successful designs and the winners' names in the next Bulletin.

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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