

MIDLAND MAIL



THE BULLETIN OF THE MIDLAND (G.B.) POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY



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CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations are due to Elizabeth and Eric Lewis on being awarded the ABPS Award of Merit. This award is richly deserved as both Elizabeth and Eric have served this Society well over many years. A perusal of the front pages of *Midland Mail* will show, there is only one office, that of Editor, that either one or the other has not filled, and they have for a long time been a reliable presence "at the centre". Then, there is our annual auction which Elizabeth and Eric have run for some time, getting in the lots, describing them, typing and distributing the catalogue. Indeed, a great service to members, giving us all chance to buy and sell surplus material as well as keeping the subscriptions down. Also, it should not be forgotten that Eric is a very skilled maker of frames, as all of our meetings testify.

Eric and Elizabeth have also done much for philately in a wider sense throughout the Midlands, including producing *The Midlander*, the newsletter of the Midland Philatelic Federation. Well done to both of you.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a cordial welcome to Dr Max Johnson of Aldridge whose postal history interests include Southampton and Official Paid Mail, and to Dr C.J. Bowden of Colchester who collects Nottinghamshire postal history.

MIDLAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION COMPETITIONS

Our members met with success at the above competitions which were held at Rugby in May. Congratulations to Chris Jackson whose entry *Penny Posts of Worcester*, which was entered in the Society's name took first place in the postal history section. The runner up was Malcolm Allinson whose entry *The Bishopmark* was entered for the Redditch Society. Also from Redditch was Alan Godfrey's *Shackleton and the Antarctic* which took second place in the thematic section.

MIDPEX

This will be held on Saturday, 28th June from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Midlands Sports Centre for the disabled in Tile Hill, Coventry, adjacent to Tile Hill station. The previous events have been a resounding success. There will be a large number of dealers present and representatives of societies covering the whole spectrum of philately. It is definitely an occasion not to be missed.

UPDATED RULES

An updated set of rules for the Society is enclosed. This incorporates the changes made necessary by the division of the secretaryship. It also includes changes made at the last two or three Annual General Meetings.

TED BENNETT

By now, most members are probably aware that Ted Bennett died a while ago. While he was not a member of this Society, there can be few members whose collections do not contain material purchased from him. It seemed strange not to find him at the Worcester fair earlier this year.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting was held at St Germain's Church Hall on 12th April. After the usual preliminaries our Chairman, Derek Smeathers, gave his report. Derek commented that the season just ended had been another very successful one with an increasing membership which was a tribute to the officers and committee. However, there was no room for complacency as the numbers coming to meetings is still well below what it should be with a membership of over one hundred in the Society. Derek appealed to all members to make every effort to attend meetings and asked that if members wanted meetings to be different or had ideas for their improvement they should let the Committee know.

The past season had seen us meeting at a number of new venues: Kington St Michael in September; Great Barr in conjunction with the Streetly Society's fair; and the Worcester Society's fair on the outskirts of the city. Then, of course, we began using the former Scout Hut, near St Germain's Church for our Birmingham meetings. Perhaps the high point of the season was the Burton meeting when Gavin Littaur came to present his astounding Gold Medal collection of British Postal History, the crown of many highlights of our year.

Sadly, the latter part of the season was marred by the long illness and death of our most respected member, Reverend Christopher Beaver, a man who stood head and shoulders above most other postal historians and in whom we have lost a great friend and mentor. All of our published books owe much to his expertise and influence.

Derek thanked our Coordinating Editor for his hard work, over the last six years or more, on our latest project which is still on course for a publication date at the end of 2003 or early 2004. The Editor was thanked as was Eric Lewis for his latest stint of five years hard work in keeping our Society at the top of the tree. Some idea of the magnitude of Eric's work-load comes in the Committee's decision to split the job into three separate secretaries.

Elizabeth Lewis, our Treasurer, distributed copies of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2003. Elizabeth reported that the commission from the auction had been abnormally high while the cost of hiring rooms was up as we had chosen to hire the Worthington Suite at the Bass Museum and a deposit of £50 had been paid for the room at Northampton next September. A donation in memory of Chris Beaver had been sent to the hospice. It was agreed by the meeting that the annual subscription should remain at £8.

The Editor made his annual plea for articles for *Midland Mail* and thanked all those who had contributed during the past year. The Coordinating Editor reported that stocks of the Society's publications were very low. We were aiming to publish the book on Mileage Marks and Mail Routes at the December meeting. There had been a very good response to the appeal for updates to the usage data of the UDCs and consideration was being given as to how this information should be disseminated. Tom Poynton, our representative on the MPF and the ABPS said that the Spring Convention of the former would shortly be taking place at Rugby, and the AGM of the latter would be held at Midpex.

The Chairman when reporting that Eric Lewis had reached the end of his five year stint as Secretary listed all the jobs that Eric has done for the Society. This elicited a round of applause from those present. Consequently, the committee had proposed that the post be split three ways - a General Secretary, a Programme Secretary and an Auction Officer. The meeting gave permission for the rules to be changed. Mel Matthews was elected to the first two positions and Eric Lewis to the last of the three. All other officers and committee members were elected *en bloc*. David Hardwick was re-elected as Accounts Examiner.

Eric Lewis then gave provisional details of next season's programme. This will be distributed with the August edition of *Midland Mail*.

The Jon Baker trophy was then presented, for the best article appearing in *Midland Mail* in 2002, to John Soer. It is questionable whether the Editor should be the recipient of this award, but, nevertheless, he would like to thank all those concerned for this honour.

Richard Farman, as President, rounded off the meeting by thanking all the officers for their hard work.

We then proceeded to our Annual Auction the realisations for which appear on the next page. It should be noted that lot 293 proved to be a Hertford Uniform Penny Post item and not Hereford. It was yet another excellent auction with total realisations of approximately £4300 and very few unsold items. As a perusal of the list will show, there was very keen bidding for many of the more expensive lots.

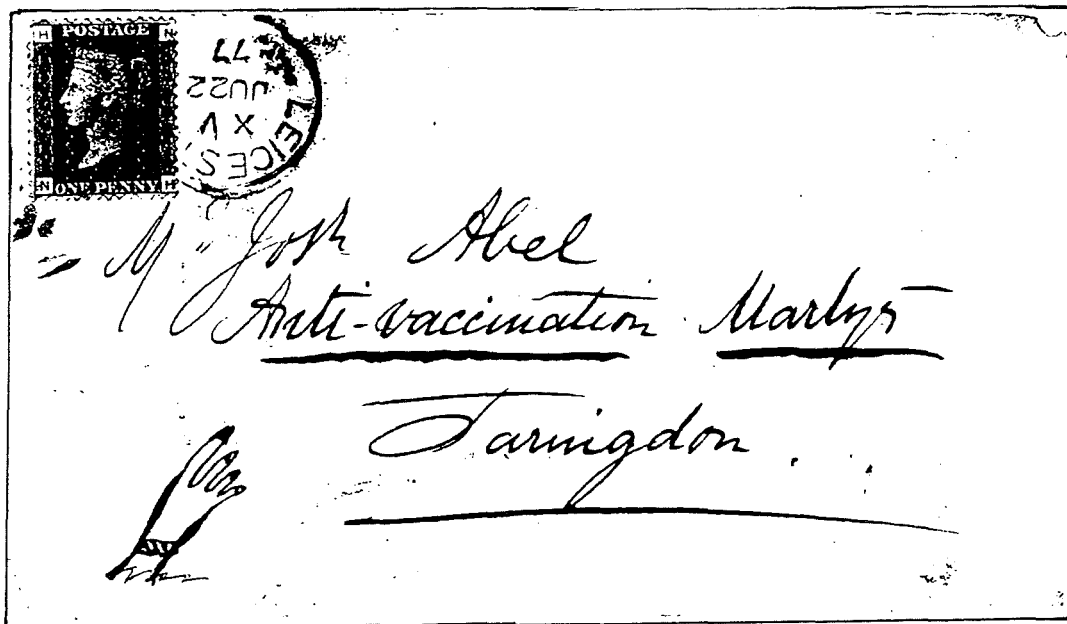
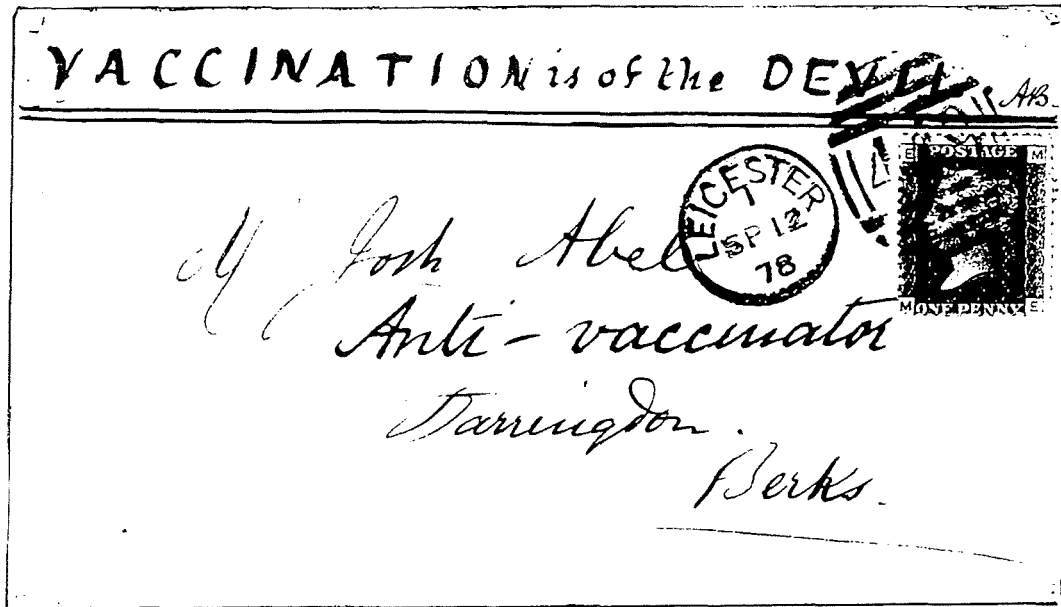
Our thanks are due once more to Eric and Elizabeth for not only their work in preparing the catalogue but also officiating on the day. Thanks also to our unflappable auctioneer, Chris Jackson.

AUCTION REALISATIONS

A	4.00	B	7.50	C	4.00	D	3.00	F	4.00	G	1.50
J	2.00	K	4.00	M	0.75						
1	260.00	2	410.00	3	40.00	4	38.00	5	220.00	6	5.50
7	12.50	8	3.00	9	11.00	10	4.75	11	24.00	12	4.50
13	2.00	14	1.25	15	13.00	16	6.00	17	6.50	18	12.00
19	5.50	20	ns	21	5.00	22	3.25	23	6.50	24	5.00
25	ns	26	5.50	27	2.00	28	4.00	29	11.00	30	2.75
31	5.50	32	2.00	33	3.00	34	3.50	35	3.00	36	8.50
37	4.00	38	4.50	39	2.50	40	ns	41	1.00	42	1.00
43	3.75	44	3.25	45	1.75	46	3.25	47	0.50	48	3.25
49	6.50	50	1.75	51	5.00	52	13.00	53	1.75	54	1.75
55	4.25	56	2.75	57	8.00	58	11.00	59	4.50	60	11.00
61	7.00	62	12.00	63	17.00	64	17.00	65	ns	66	9.00
67	10.00	68	ns	69	ns	70	22.00	71	4.50	72	4.75
73	4.25	74	2.00	75	9.00	76	12.00	77	2.25	78	4.50
79	6.50	80	1.75	81	2.00	82	11.00	83	17.00	84	3.00
85	8.50	86	5.00	87	22.00	88	ns	89	24.00	90	3.25
91	64.00	92	7.00	93	4.25	94	7.50	95	11.00	96	80.00
97	2.00	98	9.50	99	48.00	100	11.00	101	22.00	102	9.50
103	4.75	104	13.00	105	4.50	106	9.00	107	13.00	108	1.50
109	22.00	110	7.00	111	15.00	112	26.00	113	4.25	114	ns
115	7.00	116	9.50	117	2.00	118	8.50	119	4.50	120	8.00
121	20.00	122	17.00	123	9.00	124	9.50	125	12.00	126	14.00
127	2.00	128	4.25	129	2.25	130	7.50	131	2.25	132	12.00
133	22.00	134	4.50	135	1.00	136	7.00	137	3.50	138	13.00
139	0.75	140	8.50	141	12.00	142	22.00	143	2.25	144	4.25
145	3.50	146	8.00	147	6.00	148	2.50	149	1.75	150	0.75
151	0.50	152	11.00	153	6.00	154	3.00	155	11.00	156	6.00
157	1.25	158	2.25	159	6.50	160	5.50	161	6.00	162	4.50
163	1.50	164	0.75	165	5.50	166	6.50	167	4.00	168	1.50
169	3.25	170	0.50	171	0.50	172	5.00	173	2.50	174	3.25
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199	ns	200	3.50	201	2.00	202	6.50	203	10.00	204	55.00
205	19.00	206	10.00	207	ns	208	26.00	209	7.50	210	7.50
211	8.50	212	5.00	213	ns	214	ns	215	6.50	216	0.50
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223	1.75	224	4.50	225	5.00	226	2.25	227	4.75	228	11.00
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253	ns	254	110.00	255	85.00	256	65.00	257	70.00	258	55.00
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271	32.00	272	2.50	273	11.00	274	5.00	275	10.00	276	8.50
277	13.00	278	24.00	279	3.50	280	ns	281	12.00	282	ns
283	34.00	284	38.00	285	ns	286	17.00	287	38.00	288	13.00
289	55.00	290	42.00	291	11.00	292	34.00	293	28.00	294	24.00
295	15.00	296	65.00	297	22.00	298	13.00	299	80.00	300	24.00
301	10.00	302	11.00	303	3.50	304	32.00	305	6.50	306	7.50
307	6.00	308	40.00	309	17.00	310	2.50	311	1.25	312	1.50
313	1.25	314	1.25	315	ns	316	4.50	317	6.00	318	1.00
319	1.25	320	2.75	321	ns	322	4.25	323	1.00	324	2.00
325	7.00	326	5.50	327	1.00						

VACCINATION IS OF THE DEVIL

Such was the endorsement, made in red ink, on an envelope sent from Leicester in 1878 to a Josh Abel in Faringdon who was addressed, again in red ink, as an "Anti-vaccinator". On the reverse of the envelope was the crest of the National Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League. When another envelope addressed to the same person turned up, but in this case the addressee was described, with underlining in red ink, as an "Anti-vaccination Martyr", I decided a little research was necessary.



In the Leicester Reference Library I came across a book *Leicester: Sanitation v Vaccination* by H. Biggs and published by the Anti-Vaccination League in 1912. The book begins by stating that in Worth Matravers, Dorset there is a memorial to Benjamin Jesty who died on 16th April 1816, aged 70 and who was the first person known to have introduced cowpox by inoculation. This was some twenty-two years before Edward Jenner's experiments. While I was aware that the process of inoculation probably originated in the Far-East, I had not realised that anyone in this country had used vaccination before Jenner.

A search of the internet (www.thedorsetpage.com/history/smallpox) soon revealed that this was probably so. In 1774, Benjamin Jesty, a farmer, was living in Yetminster with his pregnant wife, Elizabeth, and two sons. During the spring and summer of that year there was an outbreak of the highly infectious disease of smallpox. Jesty was probably fully aware of the tradition that people who had earlier caught the mild disease of cowpox did not catch the potentially fatal smallpox. Jesty's two dairymaids, both of whom had previously had cowpox, had nursed family members with smallpox without catching that disease. It was this fact that possibly led Jesty to inoculate his wife and sons. This was done by taking infected pus from the udder of a cow, and with the point of a stocking needle scratching the arm just below the elbow and inserting the pus. Although the disease of cowpox ran its normal course in the two boys, Elizabeth became extremely ill. However she recovered and lived for another fifty years.

In 1797, The Jesty family moved to Worth Matravers. In the church there is a tablet in memory of a Mary Brown which states that her mother, Abigail, was vaccinated by Benjamin Jesty. However, the inscription on the gravestone of the Jesty family clearly acknowledges that the widely known immunity to small pox may have inspired others to do the same, for it states that Jesty was "*the first person (known) that introduced the Cow Pox by inoculation*".

It appears that for some reason, fear or superstition possibly, vaccination was not taken up by a number of the population for in 1840 an Act was passed "to encourage" the practice of vaccination. This was followed by an "obligatory" Act in 1853, another in 1861, and by still more stringent compulsion in 1867 (The Principal Vaccination Act). Other Acts followed in 1871 and 1874.

The passing of the 1867 Act caused widespread opposition in Leicester with the result that in 1869 the Leicester Anti-Vaccination League was formed. As a consequence, whereas in 1867 over 94% of children born in Leicester were vaccinated, in 1897 the figure was only 1.3% despite many prosecutions.

Between 1868 and 1889 over six thousand summonses were issued against parents in Leicester. Sixty-four were sent to prison, including three mothers, for terms between seven and thirty days. Nearly two hundred homes were sold under distress warrants, and over £2400 levied in fines. Despite these measures, opposition continued and the Leicester papers report that on 23rd March 1885 there was a major demonstration in Leicester attended by 80,000 to 100,000 people. Those numbers must be suspect, but obviously the demonstration was well attended.

If Biggs is to be believed, the vaccination of the nineteenth century was not as effective as its modern counterpart. He states that in the smallpox epidemic of 1871-73 thousands of vaccinated persons contracted the disease and in Leicester there were over 360 deaths caused by smallpox in a population of 98,000. On the other hand in the epidemic of 1892-94, there were 21 deaths in a population of 182,000 in "unprotected" Leicester.

As regards the title of Biggs' book, I suppose this originates in a description of 1885 of the measures taken in Leicester: "*As soon as smallpox breaks out, the doctor and householder are compelled to report the outbreak to the Corporation. The sufferer is immediately taken to hospital in the "smallpox van". The family is placed in quarantine in "comfortable quarters" and the house thoroughly disinfected.*" Biggs claimed that it was this that caused the relatively low incidence of smallpox in Leicester despite the decrease in the numbers being vaccinated.

The so called "Conscience Clause" of the Act of 1898 did remove some of the rigid compulsion of previous Acts

While the postal history content of the two covers shown on the opposite page is minimal, they do reflect an interesting part of our social history which has resonances today in the MMR controversy. Is this what is meant by "*social philately*"?

PARCEL POST LABEL TYPES OF LEICESTERSHIRE

What follows is a summary of the main types of parcel post label carrying the name of the office that I have recorded from the post offices of Leicestershire. Other types do exist, particularly from the London offices, but I have not, as yet, recorded their use in Leicestershire. We must await the production of Bill Tøye's *magnus opus* for full details of all the various types of label. In future issues I hope to list, with dates of use, the labels used at each of the post offices in Leicestershire. Most members will probably be aware of the history of these labels, but for those who are not a few notes follow.

In 1843, Rowland Hill proposed that a parcel post service should be introduced but opposition from the railway companies and private carriers prevented it. An Act of Parliament of 1882 made provision for a parcel post service and met the objections of the railway companies by awarding them 55% of the postage paid on parcels which would be carried by rail. This service started on 1st August 1883.

It should be noted that whereas a notice of 31st July 1883 refers to the "Parcel Post", one of 3rd August speaks of the "Parcels Post". This change was made by order of the P.M.G., Henry Fawcett, but the misuse of the plural caused so many protests that in a Post Office Circular of 12th August 1883, he authorised the reversion to the term "Parcel Post".

To coincide with the start of the parcel post service, labels, designed to take the necessary stamps to prepay postage, were issued to all post offices. The idea was that the stamps should be stuck on the label, then cancelled, and the datestamp applied, before the label was affixed to the parcel the surface of which might have prevented legible datestamping.

The development of the Post Offices own distribution network of parcels by road led to an accounting problem as the railway companies were only entitled to 55% of the postage on parcels they actually carried. This led to the introduction of the so called X lists, kept at each post office, on which details of all parcels received, postage paid and their destination, were recorded. Each office was given a code number to save extensive entries.

In 1919, it was decided not to reprint the labels but use up the existing stock. By the mid-twenties stocks were almost exhausted but the latest recorded use was on 26th October 1946 at Porthyrhyd, a sub-office of Carmarthen.

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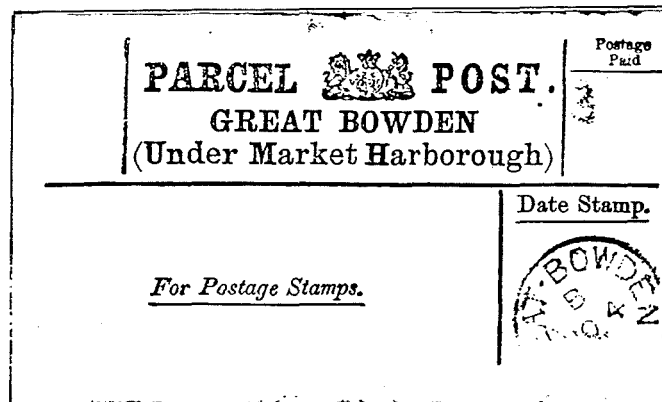
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TYPE 1

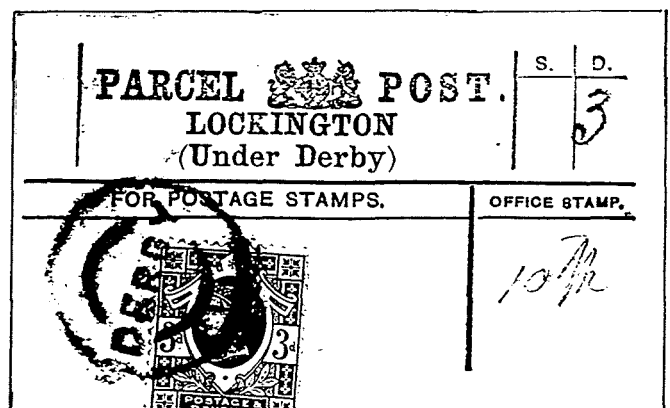
The Coat of Arms between the words "PARCELS POST"

**TYPE 2**

The 'S' of "PARCELS" deleted and boxes labelled "Postage Paid", "Date Stamp" and "For Postage Stamps" added.

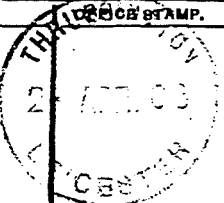
**TYPE 3**

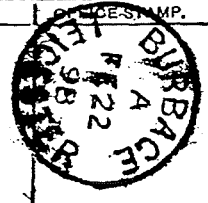
"Postage Paid" replaced by "S.D." "FOR POSTAGE STAMPS" and "OFFICE STAMP" placed between horizontal lines.



TYPE 4

A new Coat of Arms is used. A box for "X LIST./Letter & Number" is added.

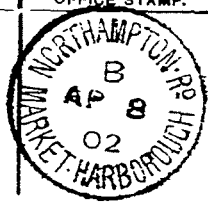
PARCEL POST.  THRUSSINGTON (Under Leicester)	X LIST. Letter & Number	S.	D.
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.			
			

PARCEL POST.  BURBAGE (Under Hinckley)	X LIST. Letter & Number	S.	D.
			78
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.			
			

TYPE 5

"X LIST./Letter and/Number is in three lines. Boxes for "Postge" and "Fee paid on/Registration.." added.

PARCEL POST.  WIGSTON (WIV) (Under Leicester)	X LIST. Letter and Number	S.	D.
			3
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		OFFICE STAMP.	
			

PARCEL POST.  NORTHAMPTON ROAD (Under Market Harboro')	X LIST. Letter and Number	S.	D.
			4
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		OFFICE STAMP.	
			

TYPE 6

As the previous type but with a new Coat of Arms.

PARCEL POST.  FRISBY-ON-THE-WREAKE (Under Leicester)	X LIST. Letter and Number	S.	D.
			4
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		OFFICE STAMP.	
			

PARCEL POST.  GREAT BOWDEN (GBD) (Under Market Harborough)	X LIST. Letter and Number	S.	D.
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		OFFICE STAMP.	
			

TYPE 7

The words "Registration and/Express Fees." replace "Fee paid on Registration."

PARCEL POST. DONISTHORPE (DNT) (Under Ashby-de-la-Zouch)		X LIST Letter and Number	S. D. Postage
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		Registration and Express Fees.	OFFICE STAMP.

PARCEL POST. LOUGHBOROUGH Park Road		X LIST Letter and Number	S. D. Postage
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		Registration and Express Fees.	OFFICE STAMP.

TYPE 8

As Type 7 but the letters "S.D." are smaller.

PARCEL POST. LEICESTER Narborough Road		X LIST Letter and Number	S. D. Postage
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		Registration and Express Fees.	OFFICE STAMP.

PARCEL POST. BURBAGE (BES) under Hinckley		X LIST Letter and Number	S. D. Postage
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		Registration and Express Fees.	OFFICE STAMP.

TYPE 9

The name of the office is in lower case letters. The word "POSTAGE" appears above the "S.D." column. "Registration and/Express/Fees." appears in three lines. A circle appears in the box for the date stamp.

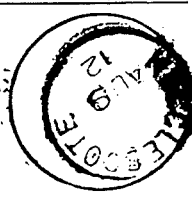
PARCEL POST. Blaby (under Leicester)		X LIST Letter and Number	POSTAGE. S. D.
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.	DATE STAMP.

PARCEL POST. Loughborough Bedford Square		X LIST Letter and Number	POSTAGE. S. D.
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.	DATE STAMP.

TYPE 10

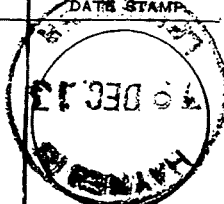
The word "Insurance" has been added before "Registration/or Express/Fee."

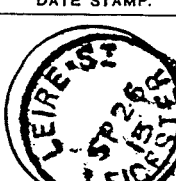
PARCEL POST. Leicester Newfield	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
		S.	D.
Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.			
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			

PARCEL POST. Hugglescote (under Leicester)	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
		S.	D.
Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.			
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			

TYPE 11

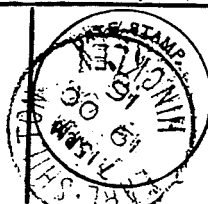
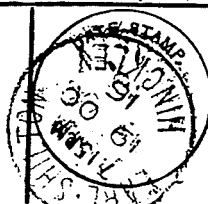
As Type 10 but with a new style of Coat of Arms.

PARCEL POST. Leicester Haynes Road	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
		S.	D.
Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.			
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			

PARCEL POST. Leicester Leire Street	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
		S.	D.
Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.			
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			

TYPE 12

The words "FOR POSTAGE STAMPS." have been moved to the centre of the box where the stamps are to be affixed and the words "DATE STAMP" have been moved to the top of the inside of the circle.

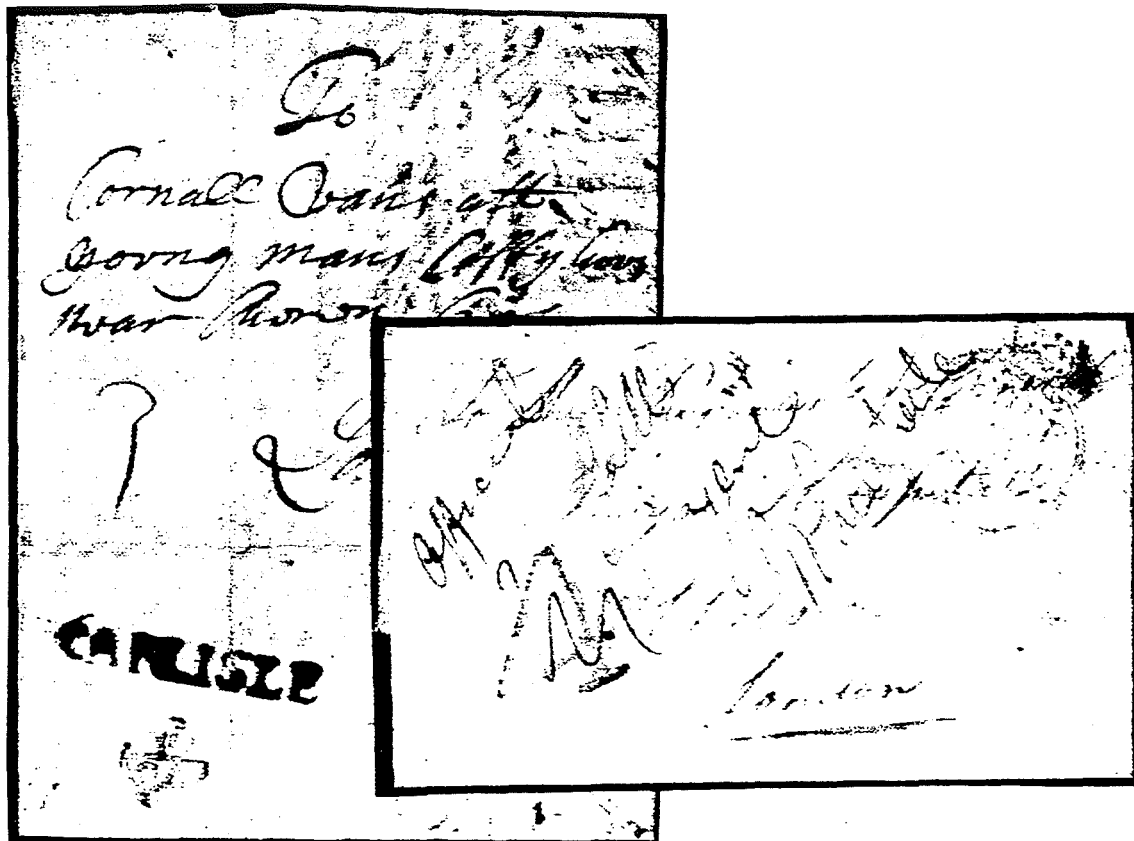
PARCEL POST. Earl Shilton (EAK) (under Hinckley)	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
		S.	D.
Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.			
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			

PARCEL POST. Great Bowden (GBD) (under Market Harborough)	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
		S.	D.
Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.			
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			

Over 50 Years of Philatelic Experience.

The Professor Paul Phillips Collection of Carlisle Postal History, 1660-1920. (19th July, 2003)

Rare early (1708) name-stamp on cover to "Young Man's Coffy House, London"



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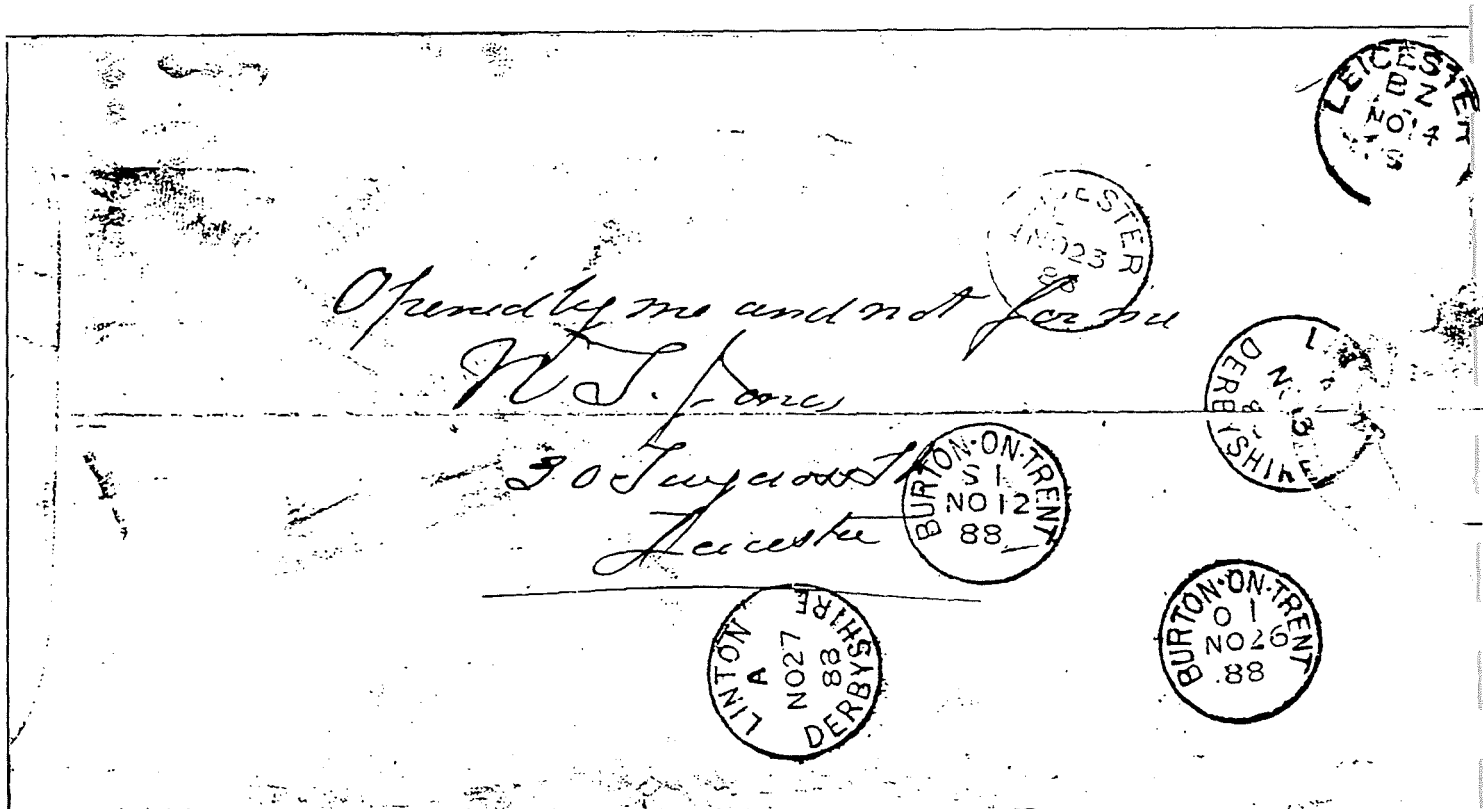
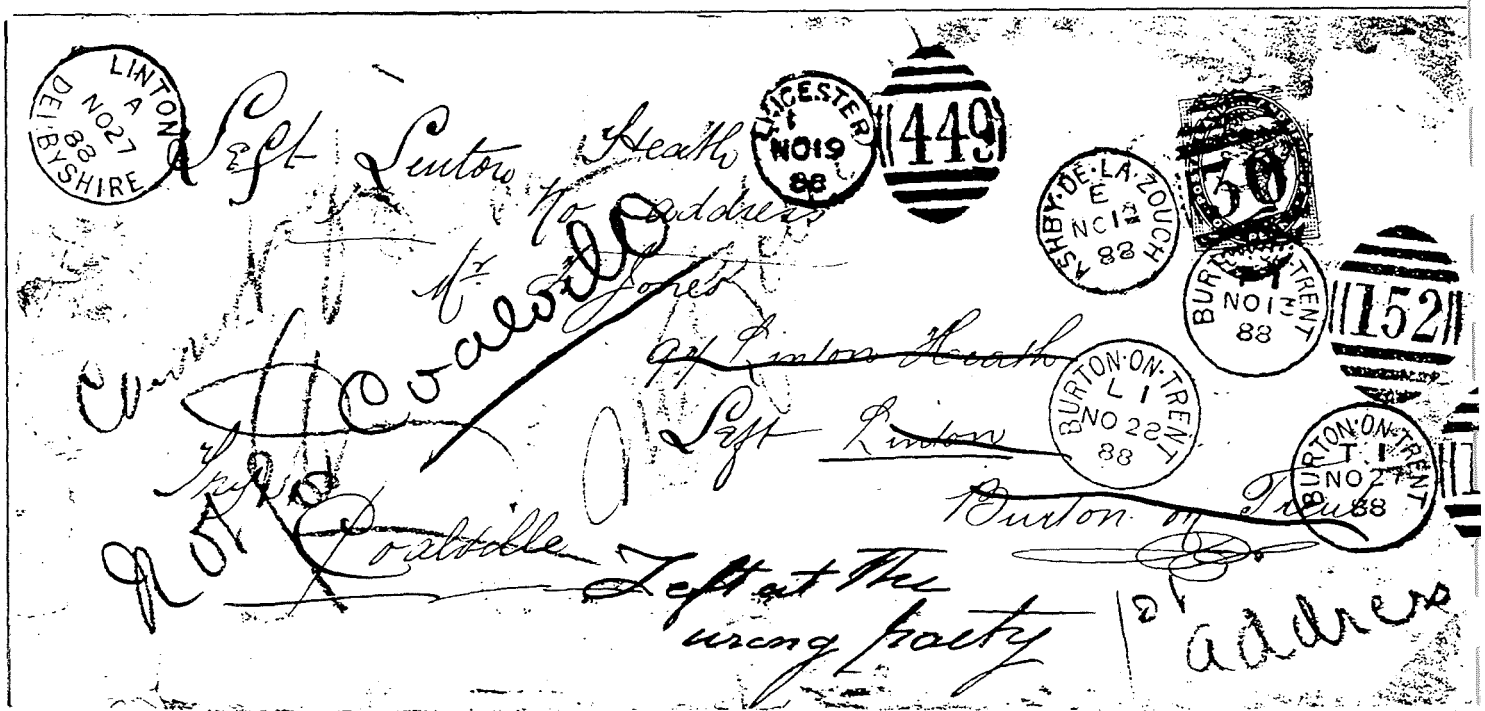
AN UNDELIVERABLE ITEM?

The item illustrated below (reduced in size to fit the page) was sent from Ashby-de-la-Zouch on 12th November 1888.
Then:

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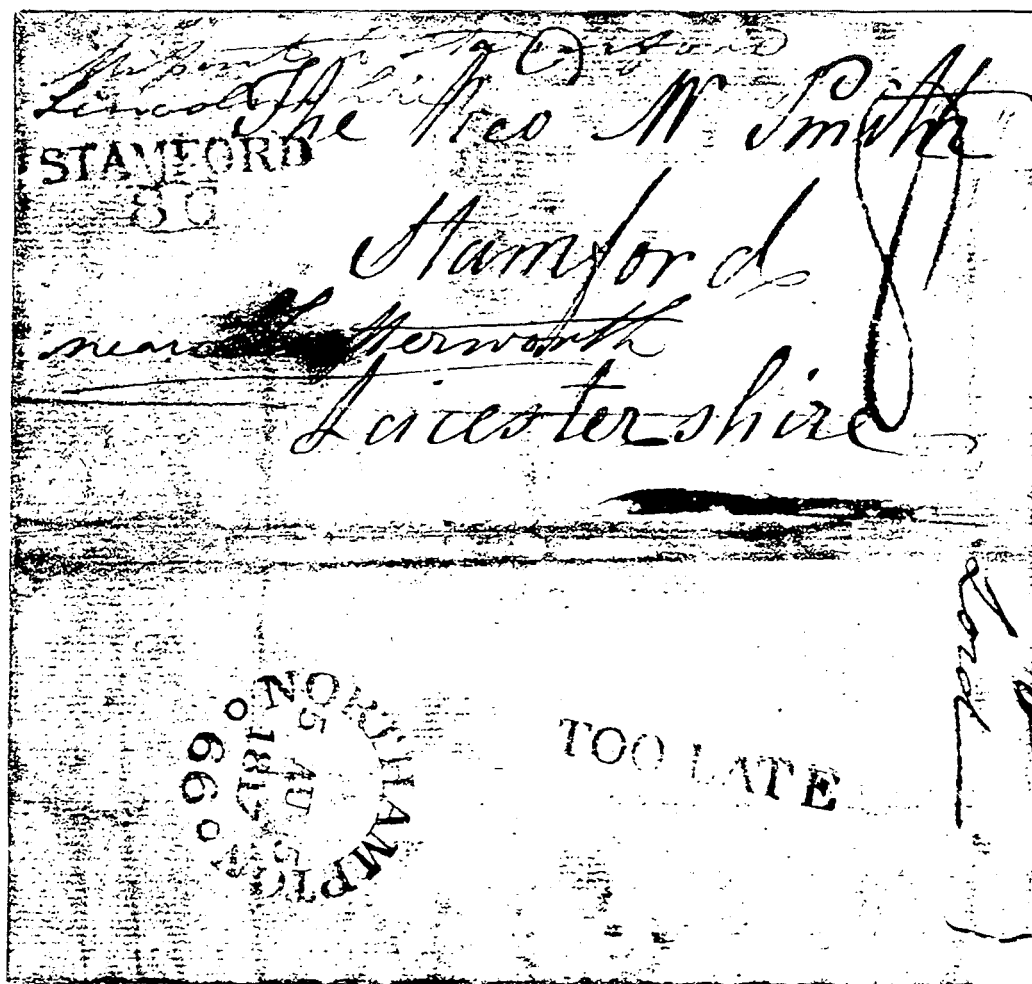
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23rd November, Leicester backstamp;
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27th November, Burton-on-Trent duplex.

Did it eventually find the addressee?



TOO LATE AND MISSENT

The cover illustrated below was sent from Northampton in August 1817, apparently addressed to Stamford, Leicestershire. Now, there is no Stamford in Leicestershire so, understandably, the letter was sent to the town of that name in Lincolnshire. There someone realised that the letter should have been directed to Stamford near Lutterworth which is actually in Northamptonshire. Had the address on the letter been written as "Stanford", there was the possibility that it could have been sent to Stanford-on-Soar, near Loughborough which, again, is not in Leicestershire but is in Nottinghamshire.



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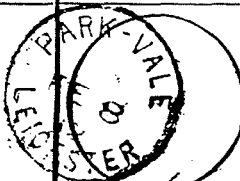
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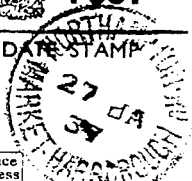
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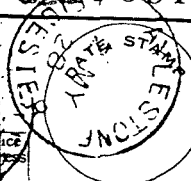
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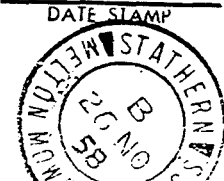
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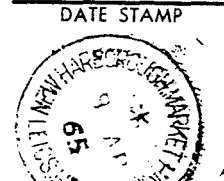
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POSTAGE S. D.	DATE STAMP
	
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THE NEXT MIDLAND MAIL

I hope that this will appear in the latter half of August. I shall be "out of action" for a spell at the start of that month but will endeavour to produce the next edition well before the date of the Northampton meeting. There is an urgent need for articles, long or short, to be sent to:

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